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$\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{T}}$$\Gamma$ is surprising to see how dreary the dooryards of many farmers are when they might be bright and beautiful with flowers of every kind. It is true, perhaps, that some farmers do not have a minute's time to spend in caring for flowers, and the "women folks" are equally busy. They could not do it all even if they had the time, for it takes a man's strength to get the beds ready. But these big, barren, rural dooryards are more often the result of indifference on the part of their owners, who deem it a waste of time to raise flowers and a "fooling away of money" to buy a few flower seeds.

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Had Lady Curzon lived it is doubtful whether the public would have had this opportunity of examining what is undoubtedly the finest private collection of Oriental art and industry in existence. For she as well as her husband would have naturally been anxious to use these treasures to adorn their homes in London and in the country. But Lord Curzon is so broken-hearted over the death of his wife, and his health has been so severely affected by the exhaustion of his seven years of arduous labor in the trying climate of India, that several years will probably elapse before he settles
down. In fact, he proposes to spend, at any rate, the next two years in travel, for the sake of change of scene and climate, and has intimated as much to those who have been anxious to secure his support in certain political movements in England. That he should be ready to have this collection formed by his wife and himself shown in this country must be regarded in the light of a tribute to the memory of his beautiful wife, a native of America. New York Tribune Review.

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If the International Building Society knows what it is talking about, which seems probable, fireproof construction for protecting buildings from injury by fire is something of a delusion. As a matter of fact, however, the first purpose of fireproof construction is the protection of the inmates of the building rather than the building itself.

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THE OLYMPIC MOUNTAINS-A GLIMPSE INTO "THE STATES" FROM VANCOUVER

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# VANCOUVER THE GOLDEN ISLAND OF THE PACIFIC 

By Katherine Louise smith

LYING off the Western coast of Canada and washed by the waters of Queen Charlotte Sound, the Straits of Georgia and of Juan de Fuca, is an island known to the world for 115 years yet unknown, for its possibilities and resources have yet to be discovered by the people at large. Yet this island bears the same geographical relation to this continent as England does to Europe. When the gallant navigator, George Vancouver, traveled its shores, he opened up a world that artists and scientific men are at last beginning to appreciate, for the grandeur of its scenery and the salubrity of its climate. Juan de Fuca had sailed the straits which bear his name and probably was the first white man to set foot on the island, but Vancouver was the first to discover it was not a part of the mainland.

Its geological formation has led to the conclusion that the island forms part of a submerged mountain range, detached from the continent by some great
convulsion of Nature, and its length of 285 miles and breadth of eighty miles is an area of wild highlands, rugged mountains and peaceful lowlands, one third of which has never been explored. A cruise around this island in a staunch boat is a delightful summer outing and the photographer, angler, hunter, botanist and naturalist are seeking this new-old land for a world of interesting subjects, including a rich field of research among the Indians, whose quaint villages dot the shores.
Out in the golden West lies this island of Vancouver, rich in gold, silver, copper, mighty forests and fertile valleys, yet on its expanse, which is as large as Switzerland, are only three cities, Victoria, Nanaimo, Ladysmith and a few small centers of population, such as Duncan, Chemainus, and Cumberland. Hundreds and hundreds of acres of coast land and interior are wholly uninhabited - a terra incognita, holding the finest timber in the world,


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One who has sailed from Seattle or Vancouver to Victoria, the provincial seat of government and largest city on this island, can never forget the beauty of the voyage nor the dignity of the approach to the beautiful city of Victoria. The harbor lies in front of the Parliament buildings, and if the first sight of a place is an index to its beauties, Victoria will be pronounced by all travelers one of the most enchanting towns on the American continent. The inhabitants of this


Strawberries Grow to Immense Size on Vancouver Island They are Sold by the Pound
beautiful city claim that with the multiplication of tributary interests in various parts of the island, it will become a large and wonderful depot for shipbuilding, the equal of Naples or Liverpool and full of life and charm. Whether this be so or not, it is the distributing point for the island, and a town which is already the real outlet to the Orient.

Vancouver Island, owing to the Japan Current, enjoys one of the pleasantest climates in North America and as a result, the flowers and vegetation are luxuriant. Victoria has become a great shipping place for flowers. Plant life thrives with astonishing vigor, and on near-by farms tulip beds have been started, which may sometime become as large as those in Holland. On the Southern portion of the island are grown


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immense quantities of carnations, rhubarb, lettuce and tomatoes and these are shipped as far as Winnipeg in such quantities that the Victoria flowers and vegetables are always in demand. Every Christmas this town supplies the California trade with laurel and holly. Strawberries from Vancouver Island are among the largest on the coast, immense and luscious, for they are grown in the richest of black loam.

Perhaps no better idea can be obtained of the resources of this island than by a ride around Victoria, past the homes of wealth and refinement, the English country homes, with wide lawns, a wealth of flowers, and hedges deep and high. Nowhere in America is there such an English setting to the residential section. Just a glimpse at these estates reveals a glory of flowers around villas in picturesque situations, for it is seldom that the roses are not in bloom on Christmas day. Here live the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, the Admiral of the Fleet, the Military Commander of the Garrison and retired naval and military officers who appreciate a climate free from the
extremes of heat and cold. Victoria seems first and last an English city, and with a frontage of fully fifteen miles upon the Pacific it can boast many lovely beaches besides being the North Pacific depot for His Majesty's navy. Fast cruisers are always in the harbor and at Macauley Point, at the entrance to the harbor, is the strongest fort on the Pacific. An outpost of empire is this beautiful city with its 30,000 people, a gem in an emeraldlike ocean, with a canopy of blue sky overhead.

From this charmingly situated city are shipped the swans that fill the waters in the parks of the effete East and in the Parliament Buildings are three museums, one containing a collection of Indian curios and specimens of natural history unsurpassed on this continent, for one of the attractions of Vancouver Island is its game for the sports--man and naturalist. In certain parts are found elk (wapiti) bears, wolves, ptarmigan and on the inland hills and waters are pheasants (descendants of those brought from England), quail, duck and geese.
The salmon industries are among the largest in the world, and one of the sights in Victoria is
the pelagic sealing vessels, lying in the harbor, waiting for the annual trip to the Northern Pacific and Behring Sea. Millions of dollars have been brought to this city yearly through these sealing vessels and Victoria is the greatest center of the industry. In January a fleet of vessels leaves with white and Indian hunters for a cruise of nine months or so, and they always come home treasure laden.

Undoubtedly the chief charm to Vancouver Island lies in her forests, her Douglas fir, spruce, cedar, hemlock and balsam. Some of this is used for pulp purposes and many large mills give employment to artisans. Trees twelve feet in diameter are common and often the topmost branches spread two hundred feet from Mother Earth. Some of these magnificent trees are in Victoria's parks and surrounding drives, for the outskirts of this town are a good index of the island's resources.

Very conspicuous is the Scotch broom plant, whose golden glow strikes a distinct note in the landscape, all the more interesting because the immense quantities of the shrubs are said to have come from one tiny plant, brought over from the "Auld Countrie" a few years ago.

There is much coal upon Vancouver Island, and this is worked in the vicinity of Nanaimo, Ladysmith and Cumberland. Generally it is bituminous and a large industry has sprung up in these places, which are also interested in herring fisheries. The waters around the island abound in whales, and the giant sulphur and sperm are plentiful. A profitable whaling industry has just been established with the village of Sechart as headquarters. Reduction works have been started, a specially equipped steamer fitted out and the business is lucrative and growing.

To add to her resources, Vancouver Island
possesses three of the best harbors in the world, that of Victoria, without rock or shoal, Barclay Sound and Quatseenough Sound. Any of these are nearer than any other Western port to Yokohama, and if a railroad is ever built from the mainland a tremendous amount of Oriental traffic will go that way. Many contend the time is not far distant when an unbroken line of railway will reach across the water space between the island and the mainland.

Seven bridges would be required and two of them would be 1000 feet in length, but by using the series of islands that almost block the channel at Bute Inlet, it can be accomplished. It would be a great undertaking but undoubtedly will be accomplished. Vancouver Island already has local railroads leading inland, and a large ferry system, and the amount of trans-Pacific commerce that would turn toward this prolific island cannot be estimated.

The city of Vancouver is now the terminus of the trans-Atlantic railroad, but beyond is a city on an island capable of sustaining a good sized nation from its own wealth. It is safe to predict that beautiful as Victoria now is, in years to come she will not only be chosen as the home of the prosperous on account of her picturesque setting, but will become the outlet for a trade little dreamed of now because the island's resources have not been fully developed. With mining, smelting, agriculture, fishing, dairying and ship-building, Victoria, already an industrial and commercial center, will be more clearly recognized as the gateway to the Pacific. She will always be one of the most picturesquely situated cities on this continent, on an island of ever varied scenery, and blessed by Nature with such a profusion of resources that there is yet a wealth of forest, mines and field to be discovered by the world at large.


Provincial Museum-Victoria

# Byth House, Aberdeenshire 

By THE HONOURABLE MRS. FORBES

BYTH House, Turriff, Aberdeenshire, is a quaint old Jacobean house which, although now in the possession of the Urquhart family, was built in 1593 by Deacon Forbes. Little is known of him; but that he must have been a near relation of Lord Forbes, head of the Forbes Clan and premier Baron of Scotland is certain, as the three bears' heads, the Forbes coat of arms, without any quarterings, are carved in stone over the old doorway. The initials D. F. are also carved on each side of the coat of arms and above it, also in stone, stands the legend "Welcum Freends" in the homely old Scotch spelling of the day. The kitchen, built out to the right, is of course a modern addition and is incongruous enough, but its outlines are now softened by thickly clustering ivy, and a great elm tree, the edge only of which is visible in the picture, softens its angles and in autumn gives a wonderful glow of colour, red and golden, as the branches change the coolness of their summer garb for the rich warmth of October tints. Almost opposite the elm tree a copper beech flings it a challenge, as to wealth of colour, and at the farther end of the house where a path slopes upward to the garden, another spreads its richly laden branches keeping perhaps more sun than is desirable from the windows looking out upon it; but gladly pardoned for its beauty's sake. The garden itself slopes ever upward, seeking the sun, and huge box hedges form sheltering ramparts, beneath which flowers and vegetables push their noses courageously through the cold surface of the ground to face an air chill and clear as only northern air can be. Against the thick walls of the box hedges the hardy scarlet tropæolum, which refuses to bloom in a soft southern air, riots like a weed, and a deep orange variety, somewhat bell-like in shape, flowers as luxuriantly as the common scarlet, with which it wages constant battle for supremacy. According to the old Scotch custom, use and beauty rub their noses in friendly rivalry. Behind a border of rose bushes are strawberry beds, rich in early summer with the scarlet berries which in Scotland grow with almost reckless profusion. A hedge of sweet peas screens the onion bed and shadows the potatoes; and carnations, rose colour, yellow, white and red, are near neighbours of parsley, burrage, rosemary and thyme. Of course, too, there are beds of kale, for every one who knows anything of Scotland is aware that kale, the curly green of England, is an essential factor in a Scotsman's food.

- Not every one, however, knows how excellent a substitute for spinach it makes in winter, if treated as

French cooks treat that vegetable, rubbed through a sieve and mixed with cream. Cooked thus it is both delicate and delicious, though scarcely so satisfying as is the kale brose beloved by the country people; a thick and somewhat stodgy mixture this, wherein, with kale boiled and passed through a sieve, oatmeal and a little cream are blended. This is a staple dish amongst the poorer classes, but such details belong rather to the kitchen than to the kitchengarden, wherein the flower side has other treasures to show us e'er we go. Two great bushes of a curious looking plant of the bamboo species, the crimson Leycesteria are especially dear to the hearts of those who love lasting qualities in the flowers plucked for house decoration, and although the crimson of the bunch-like blooms, which droop like grapes and suddenly break at their tips into tiny starlike blossoms, are scarcely vivid enough to make much colour in the mass of leaves, such lengthy, graceful bunches can be culled that high vases of it are a welcome addition to any room. Another plant which has lasting qualities is the white heather brought from the moor, the way to which lies up the hill behind the house and stables. This flower too is closely allied with love and luck, and it is said that any woman finding its bloom on the moor will receive an offer of marriage before the year is out, while a sprig given by man to maid says plainly, "Will you marry me?" The question whether marriage means luck is of course a very mooted one, but those made under the white heather's auspices should surely be so, as the finding of it means luck to the finder and to whomsoever it may be given. In one of the photographs the back of Byth House is shown, and here it is curious to remark that it is built in the shape of an E; a form which in England is always supposed to stand for Elizabeth. Here, however, in the land where her memory is execrated, it is curious to find her initial carved in the irrevocable form of architecture, and one must fain conclude that the E form belonged to the Stuart period and was later ascribed by the flattery of Southern tongues to the Queen whose reign was England's glory.

The walls of the house are of great thickness and the quaint old windows cut in them, with their deep window-seats, do not let too much light filter into the low ceiled rooms in the early darkening autumn days, while in the walls dividing room from room huge hanging cupboards bring joy to the heart of the woman of many clothes. At each end of the letter E's two longer limbs is an outside staircase of stone which leads to the second story. In its roof bees


BYTH HOUSE-ENTRANCE FRONT


BYTH HOUSE-REAR VIEW
have swarmed and left a wealth of honey for whomsoever has the skill and courage to take it.

Facing this side of the house runs a tiny burn on the other side of which the Byth woods stretch away into the distance. The walks through them are beautiful in summer when the trees and grass show the fresh, cool green which never knows the jaundiced look induced by the fervour of a Southern sun.

Here patches of gorgeous purple burst suddenly upon the explorer's sight, as at a bend in the gradually rising path, he comes suddenly from dense wood upon some clearing where the heather has had room to take root and spread. In autumn too the woods are glorious in colouring and when the purple of the heatler wanes another royal colour is there to replace it, for the trees that grow in the clearing are mostly rowans covered with uncounted wealth of crimson berries. Returning to the back of the house and walking around the base of the farther stairway, we find ourselves before the windows of what in olden days must have been the kitchen, but is now degraded to the rank of scullery; and a few yards farther on a great stack of peat faces us, cut from the
moss upon the moor. A somewhat rough path takes us to a grass-plot levelled originally for a croquet lawn, but now given up to hutches for the rearing of young pheasants. Thence we move on till we face the front door once more, and looking through the dining-room windows see the light from the peat fire, glowing on the hearth, shine fitfully on the white panelled walls and old brass locks set high upon the doors.

The table is laid for dinner; it surely must be time to go. We feel for our watch, only to find it has been left at home. Turning round vexedly, we find ourselves confronted with an ancient sun-dial. The oldworld air has entered into us: we are bitten with old-world ways, and crossing the grass-plot ask council of the old grey dial, which bears the date of 1775 and is dedicated to "James Urquhart Esq. of Byth by his most humble servt., John Mains."
The shadows warn us that it is indeed time to leave this old-world place, and hie us back to the haunts of men, so we climb into our motor and are whirled rapidly away bearing with us memories of olden days, as fragrant in their subtlety as lavender and potpourri.

# A Woman's Profession 

By ROBERT ANDERSON POPE

THE Social and economic conditions found in our country to-day are so continually tending toincrease and diversify the scope of woman's activity, that it has ceased to be an unusual occurrence for women to achieve distinction in the arts, in science and in business.

Such a tendency points to the eventual complete removal of the prejudice against the practice by women of most of the means of self-support open to men, and to a greater tolerance of the pursuit by women of whatever occupation they may feel themselves best fitted for or inclined to undertake.

A specific result of these conditions is that another profession seems now to await the advent of the woman whose inherent ability and proper training fit her for pr. cticing the art of interior decoration.

One of the many important reasons in favor of women entering this field of work is to be found in the earlier recognition of their aptitude and ability in art; in evidence of which may be cited the recognition accorded such famous artists as Madame Le Brun and Rosa Bonheur.

This earlier recognition, together with the resulting achievement, seems then to show that women
have a greater talent for art than for other branches of human activity, and on account of this larger predisposition in favor of the sex in professional art, the conditions to-day lend a still more encouraging atmosphere for further achievement. ${ }^{-}$

Another evidence or proof of woman's fitness for the profession of interior decoration may be found in her very evident love, and propensity for the art of home-making.

An examination of the present status of the profession shows that nearly every interior decorator in this country to-day is also a dealer. This state of affairs prevents, in most cases, the attaining of the best results, either from the artistic or the financial standpoint. It is to be expected that in executing a commission a decorator, who is also a dealer, will be prejudiced in favor of those materials which he may have in the stock of his own establishment. Of course, this at once limits, usually in a serious way, the choice of materials, since the dealer will obviously not compete with himself, in order to furnish the materials at the minimum price. The result is that the client pays more and receives less than that to which he is entitled. This undesirable
situation which is equivalent to being an agent for both parties in the same transaction, finds a parallel in the case of the architect who accepts commissions from the brick manufacturer or the lumber dealer; or, again, in the nursery firms which so often undertake landscape work, and by means of it dispose of surplus stock. The result of this is always evident, and usually most deplorable. In fact, such an arrangement can seldom result satisfactorily if a high standard of work is desired. \On account of this state of affairs there is emphatic need of the interior decorator who is without business connection with dealers.
Most of the present dealers, moreover, are scarcely better trained or fitted for the work of the profession of interior decoration, than nurserymen or civil engineers for the work of landscape architecture, nor is it to be expected that they should be, since the public are only just awakening to the possibilities of the profession, and consequently have not as yet created the demand for superior service.
The opportunity from the standpoint of the competition to be met is far more favorable than is to be found in almost any of the other professions for trained women, since there are only a very few interior decorators besides the dealers themselves.
There is, further, a great possibility for the interior decorator through co-operation with the architect. This co-operation will be certainly brought about when the trained woman can show satisfactory examples of her work. After this stage has been reached we may expect that the best architects will work with these efficient women, just as now the best architects work with the efficient landscape architect. A recent instance of such co-operation is a case where a prominent New York architect formed a temporary arrangement with an interior decorator, who is a woman, which proved so much to his advantage that he has now made it permanent.
Such an expenditure of time and money as the proper preparation demands, and the high standard of ability it requires, makes it seem evident that the remuneration should not be less than that received for corresponding work in the allied professions of architecture and landscape architecture. This means at present something approximate to a five per cent fee for work involving large expenditure, twenty-five dollars or more for consultation and additional charges for executing the commission.
There is still another aspect of the opportunity and need of the trained woman in this profession, which is broader and more philanthropic. It is to the need of lifting the American people to a higher plane of artistic appreciation. One of the great deficiencies of Americans is their lack of the artistic sense. Of this there are abundant examples on every hand. Consider the architecture of our homes, our churches, indeed our cities as a whole: is it not
exceptional when it is found satisfactory? And is it not the rule rather than the exception, that the homes of the rich, as well as the poor, are simply museums of heterogeneous furniture, draperies, rugs and pictures, without any color scheme except, perhaps, the combative?
It would be beyond the scope of this article to discuss the effect of a generally increased esthetic sense, but it is believed that a higher plane of living, a purer and more lasting kind of happiness would result. Is there not here, then, a great need and a great opportunity for woman to join hands with the artist, the sculptor, the architect, to hasten these better conditions? The part to be played by women through this profession ought to be a large one, since in the work for the homes they could constantly be cultivating an appreciation of the really beautiful.
The less wealthy who could not employ the interior decorator would be influenced through examples of this art in public buildings and through articles of an educational nature in current literature.
So far an effort has been made to show the desirability of this profession for women, the great opportunity and the need for more beautiful homes, and the great possibilities for a useful life-work. Let us now consider what qualifications are necessary for a woman in order that she may achieve success as an interior decorator. On account of the specialization necessary to the best preparation, this profession demands that the prospective student have the requisite ability and inclination to acquit herself with credit at college.
The second qualification is an enthusiastic love of nature and all that is acknowledged beautiful in the arts. Without this qualification the ability to create the beautiful would be lacking.
A third qualification is the power of imagination, which is found essential to all forms of creative art, of which interior decoration must be considered one.
The fourth qualification is the ability to draw and to use colors, so that the student may show a good sense of proportion and an appreciation of the harmonious in color.
A fifth qualification is executive ability which is necessary to all large undertakings, if they are to be successfully carried out.
During her college course a student should not attempt much specialization, since to do so would tend to defeat the broadening influence of her general education. There are, however, certain subjects that should be elected. She should, for example, have enough French and German to read easily, and enough English to write well. Italian also would prove useful.
After graduating from college the student should take a post-graduate course in some college especially equipped for the study of fine arts, and, if possible, in one where good art museums are available. As a

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rule, it would be preferable that this post-graduate work should be undertaken in some college other than the one from which the student has just graduated.

Here the prospective interior decorator ought to elect all those courses which deal with the fine arts, and should supplement them with work in the practice of freehand and architectural drawing, and also in the use of water-colors.

A thesis might finally be offered for the degree of Master of Arts, on some such subject as the interior decoration of a historic period, its characteristics, its value, the influence which the example should have on present-day work. In some colleges two years could be profitably spent in this work. Having reached this stage in preparation it would be advisable for some to commence at once to serve an apprenticeship with the best interior decorator in whose service a position may be obtained. Many, from financial reasons, would find this course more desirable than going abroad for further study on completion of post-graduate work, and others would find it desirable to serve first such an apprenticeship in order that they may become more familiar with the nature of the work and thus better understand what is desirable to see and learn when abroad. An apprenticeship with an architect who makes a specialty of interior designing would be a very valuable and almost necessary experience. A few months, with a designer of furniture, would familiarize the student with the method, the draughting, and the materials used. This is important since the profession will demand occasionally that certain obsolete styles of furniture be reproduced, and it becomes the function of the interior decorator to furnish the drawings and specifications for its manufacture.

At least a year should then be spent abroad before
attempting independent practice, as it would only be possible through study of foreign examples to become familiar with what is best and most characteristic of the different periods and the historical development of the art. Such work could be accomplished through research in libraries and museums, and through a study of the interiors of numerous public buildings and private mansions. This work should go hand in hand with a study of available materials, new and old, to be obtained through dealers.

This includes learning quality, types, and durability, as well as the artistic value of prints, drawings, paintings, sculpture, tapestries, rugs, draperies, tiles, woodwork, in fact, every kind of artistic material that might find a proper place in some interior. On return from the work abroad the student will have opportunity to serve further apprenticeship with an established decorator, or by securing the co-operation of some architect, begin practice independently. Others by co-operation with a partner of business ability who could secure commissions, would find independent practice possible at once. While still others may find, without solicitation, work enough to begin alone the practice of this fascinating profession.

Here, then, is a life's work peculiarly adapted to women for which there is a great demand, and probably a greater opportunity than in any other profession available to them to-day. It should be an opportunity particularly welcome to the increasing number of trained women who are now obliged to largely confine themselves to the poorly paid profession of teaching. To those women, then, who are inherently qualified, and who will thoroughly train themselves for the practice of interior decoration, there will come an inevitable success in a profession which is as delightful as it is remunerative.



THE WOODS IN WINTER

# FORMAL vs. NATURAL <br> A Question of Importance in Landscape Gardening 

By HUGO ERICHSEN

A$T$ the beginning of the planting season every garden-maker is confronted by a question that is almost as old as the art of gardening itself. Since the middle of the eighteenth century the comparative advantages and drawbacks of the formal and natural styles of gardening have been thoroughly discussed, but the controversy is not yet ended. We owe the formal garden to the idealists of the old school whose well-balanced plan included a number of plants surrounded by a hedge or trellis, while not infrequently, a tree was planted at each corner to give point and expression to the design. These ancient landscape architects have much to answer for that is neither compatible with art nor common sense, and yet they have taken a notable part in the history of gardening, and have bequeathed us a rich legacy in their stately avenues, sparkling fountains, quaint hedges and unbroken lawns. The absurdities for which they were responsible, such as the training of trees and shrubs into regular and often grotesque forms and the trimming of evergreens into a resemblance of some animal or bird, have passed away, and only that which was masterly in their style remains as an evidence that their garden schemes were not wholly without merit.

They erred in relying entirely upon design for power of expression to the same extent to which the realists among the landscape gardeners of the present day go astray when they assert that the perfection of the art of garden-making consists exclusively in the imitation of nature. As usual, the truth of the matter lies midway between these two extremes and is aptly expressed by Thomas H. Mawson in "The Art and Craft of Garden Making" (London, 1901), as follows: "The stronger a man's love of art is, the more will he appreciate nature, it is only when he tries to mimic her that the artists quarrel


A VISTA IN THE WOODS

## "AIRLIE"

## THE ESTATE OF H. C. GROOME, ESQ.

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CLOSE to the foot-hills of the Blue Ridge, in the Piedmont region of Virginia, is the town of Warrenton, a place of some historic interest during the Civil War. Here the peaceful rural landscape is shadowed by the surrounding hills and watered by the streams that flow from hillside springs. In a delta formed by the confluence of two such streams a few miles north of the town the grass lands and grain fields of "Airlie" lie. The Mansion House is built on a bit of rising ground close to the stream which flows through the park between the public road and the house. A belt of fine oak timber borders the stream on the east, and the grass covered bottom on its west bank extends to a piece of rolling land at the edge of which winds the entrance drive. As one approaches the house an apple orchard is passed on the right, divided from the
flower gardens by a stone wall. The grounds and gardens were laid out by the owner of the property after the completion of the Mansion House in igon, the present arrangement having been reached by a process of evolution.

The site chosen for the house was the north slope of a knoll near the stream, the house facing north, and the land, falling abruptly in every direction, lent itself to a variety of treatments. On the north two terraces rise from the driveway, which itself practically constitutes a third terrace, being at one point ten feet above the bottom-land of the stream and supported by a huge retaining wall which, as it rises above the drive, forms a parapet bordering the drive on the north, the house side being bordered by the retaining wall of the first terrace. The driveway after passing the house crosses the stream


NORTH FRONT OF THE HOUSE FROM THE LOWER TERRACE


THE EVERGREEN GARDEN


THE FORMAL GARDEN FROM THE VERANDA


THE HERBACEOUS GARDEN, SHOWING SUN-DIAL


THE HERBACEOUS GARDEN FROM THE SUNKEN ROSE GARDEN


THE HOUSE FROM THE ROSE GARDEN IN WINTER


A WINTER SCENE IN THE PARK

## "Airlie"

on a picturesque bridge and continues through the belt of woodland to the coach stables, some 300 yards distant. On the east side of the house the terraces are continued, finding their natural termination at the ? north end of the : wing, from which a stone wall runs to the bridge.

Behind this wall and hidden by a row of cedars, a characteristic native tree, the servants' entrances of the house are situated.
The rear porch, on the south side of the house and in winter enclosed in glass, is on the natural level of the crest of the knoll on which the house is built. The south slope of the knoll as it falls away to the adjoining pasture land offers a


THE HOUSE FROM THE FORMAL GARDEN
charming effect; the surface of the ground is broken byoutcroppings of rock and matted with a dense growth of honeysuckle, which in this climate is practically evergreen and through which in the spring daffodils raise their cheerful heads. On the west side of the house, below the terraces and overlooked by a broad veranda, lie the flower gardens. A pergola extends from the end of the veranda southward and passing through this and down several flights of stone steps one enters the gardens, surrounded by stone walls and lying between two rows of Lombardy poplars. Before one stretches a straight path, ending in a mass of shrubbery under an arbor,


THE DINING-ROOM



THE CHIMNEY PIECE IN THE LIBRARY

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with the white gleam of an Italian bird-basin relieving the heavy green of the arbor-vitæ hedges which lead to it. On one's right, but hidden by the hedge, is the herbaceous garden with its boxedged walks and old-fashioned luxuriance of bloom, beyond it an evergreen garden, very restful to the eye in this land of sunshine. On one's left, seen over a low wall completely covered by the interlacing branches of a wichuraiana rose, is the sunken rose garden. Beyond this is a small fruit garden with apricots and plums growing against the wall.

In the center of the herbaceous garden stands the sun-dial, an old iron dial face set on a stone pedestal of simple but graceful design, bearing the motto Lux et umbra vicissim sed semper fortitudo. On a summer afternoon when the setting sun throws long shadows across the grass and the red paths, the gardens of "Airlie" are at their best,

[^0]M. G.
"A Rail Fence"

## EARLY AMERICAN-MADE FURNITURE

MANY of the most beautiful pieces of furniture in use in America prior to the Colonial days were made in this country.

Grinling Gibbons did much toward forming aright the taste of the public, and near the close of the seventeenth century there came an influx of wood carvers to this country, and also many cabinet makers such as Chippendale, who were carvers as well.

Esther Singleton in her delightful book, "Social New York Under the Georges," tells of one, John Brinner, who advertised himself as Cabinet and Chair Maker from London He opened his shop at "The Sign of the Chair opposite Flatten Barrack Hill on the Broad-way." His announcement reading as follows:
"Every article in the Cabinet, Chair-making, Carving and Gilding Business, is enacted on the most Reasonable Terms, with the Utmost Neatness and Punctuality. He carves all sorts of Architectural, Gothic and Chinese Chimney Pieces, and all Kinds of Mouldings and Frontispieces, etc., etc. Desk and Book Cases, Library Book Cases, Writing- and Read-ing-Tables, Study Tables, China Shelves and Cases, Commode and Plain Chest of Drawers, Gothic and Chinese Chairs, all sorts of plain or ornamental Chairs, Sofa Beds, Sofa Settees, Couch and Easy Chairs, Frames, all Kinds of Field Bedsteads.
"N. B. He has brought over from London six Artificers, well skilled in the above branches."

# Characteristic Decoration of the Twentieth Century 

By MARGARET GREENLEAF

THE question, has the present day any distinctive style of decoration and of furniture characteristic of this period, is one of much interest. The Arts and Crafts worker will perhaps in time answer it for us. The straight simple lines, conventional ornamentation, and frank unshaded, though often neutral coloring as expressed in their work, may go down in history as the accepted period decoration of the latter end of the nineteenth and the early twentieth centuries. There is much of dignity and real beauty produced by this treatment, when handled by such masters as Koernig and Laenger. Examples of the work of these leading craftsmen and decorators were shown at the Exposition held in St. Louis, in 1904. Here the general public had an opportunity to study this school through the medium of the rooms in the German Exhibit. The restfulness of the scheme, the quaint and sturdy fashioning of the furniture, and, most of all, the marvelous treatment of the carefully selected woods used for walls as well as standing woodwork, appealed to one at once. The bold and striking combinations of colors and materials one found were interesting and worthy of the most careful study. The real color motif of the room in every case was established by the woodwork. One particularly charming reception room had its walls panelled high with white maple which had been treated with a faint green stain, the color effect produced being the crystal green of the sea. The panelled walls reaching to the ceiling line were of this wood, inlaid about the top in a small conventional design. Maple was also used for this inlay, though it had been stained black, brown, and jacaranda green. The great rug was of one tone, deep gray, much darker than the walls. The substantially built, quaintly shaped furniture, of gray stained maple, was upholstered in dull brown suede, the beauty of the frames enhanced by the delicate inlay of a single line of lighter wood. The ornaments in the room, of which there were but few, were of bronze, the only departure being a great brass jardiniere placed on a black teak-wood stand and holding a luxuriant and spreading palm. The heavy bronze chandelier was overlaid with copper in a very striking design. This was set quite at one side of the room. The inset glasses of the shade showed dull green, brown and yellow. The drapery used at the large window,
which completely filled one end of the room, was of a most interesting material, a sort of rough silken madras, combining all the neutral tints of the room deepened and intensified.
Another room by Laenger was rather miscalled "a lady's boudoir." As a reception room in a woman's club or hotel, it would meet every requirement from an artistic standpoint; simple to severity, yet beautiful and restful to a degree. The walls were panelled and inlaid with wood, brown and black walnut being used for the ground wood. The inlay forming the low frieze was of ivory and black and green stained maple. The furniture of brown walnut, the upholstering and rug showing in color dull transparent blues and greens which deepened to the changing hues of the peacock's breast.
Since the time of this exposition many rooms such as these described have been used in American homes, either in their entirety, that is, holding absolutely to the simplicity as exploited in this German school, or in more or less modified degree. Where a house in architectural detail is suited to this somewhat exacting style, such rooms may be introduced singly with the adjoining apartments fitted in a modified style of the same school. Where an entire house is finished in this fashion, one feels the almost strenuous simplicity would be oppressive.
A manufacturing company in the West makes an especial feature now of supplying wood stains and dull finishes which rival those made by the Germans. A soft gray blue on oak, showing white graining, the dull rich green and silver gray of birch, and sea green and gray of maple are among their most pronounced successes.
The designing and placing of the lighting fixtures of a room have been much affected by the work of these craftsmen. The objectionable long shank of the ordinary inexpensive fixture is rapidly being displaced by graceful swinging cords or chains, holding a fringe covered drop-light; or a curiously twisted spiral in circle or triangle is made to hold the wire, and all this at small cost. No longer is the exact center of the room considered the only appropriate spot from which to suspend the chandelier.

Where to draw the line in period furnishing is a matter deserving more serious consideration than it always receives. It must be understood that

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strictly correct period furnishing is costly and very difficult to carry out unless one is prepared to begin at the beginning, that is, with the size, shape and architectural detail of the room; otherwise, the better plan is to attempt but the modified reproduction. In any case, certain points must be carefully observed. Where the furniture in a reception room is of the ornate Marie Antoinette style, no less rich fabric than silk brocade should be used for draperies and wall covering. Where a bedroom is furnished in this style, the walls may have a paper substituted for the ornamental panels of silk and satin brocades, which were in vogue in the days of the dainty beribboned and garlanded queen. The design of these papers must show something suggestive of the favored form of the decoration of her day.

The Empire and Directoire periods show furniture and hangings that are on simpler lines with less variety and daintiness of color. What cupids and quivers, garlands and bow-knots and delicate hues were to the period of Les Louis, the laurel wreath, eagle, and golden bee mean to the time of Napoleon. There is a rich, clear emerald green known as Empire Green, which, when showing a gold brocade, is a very usual fabric for hangings and draperies' in a room of this period. The woodwork in rooms finished after the style of Les Louis, or of the Empire time, is most often of white enamel. In the earlier days much of ornamental carving and applied plaster decoration was used.

The English designers, Chippendale and Sheraton, in their work, following closely these periods, show a mingling of the two that in some instances is very beautiful, and again seems almost mongrel. Where one is the fortunate possessor of certain pieces of good furniture, characteristic of any of these periods, the general setting of the room must be made to harmonize. One must not feel, however, that a single gold chair, though an exact reproduction of one used by Marie Antoinette, and a carved cabinet of the same period, absolutely necessitate following the frivolities of this style throughout the room. These two pieces can be effectively featured by using them in a room where delicate decoration in wall-paper and satin brocaded draperies are used. With these, pieces of mahogany furniture built on more substantial lines, but showing some carving, may be combined appropriately. Oriental rugs in soft dull tones make a most acceptable floor covering.

It is quite possible to make for the Colonial house an extremely uninviting interior, even when entirely correct in every detail. When the amateur begins to live up to this style of furnishing it requires much careful study and discretion to prevent the period idea from overcoming the comfort of the home. Our great-grandmothers were strait-laced dames,
to whom the easy enjoyment of a chaise-lounge would have seemed a shocking departure from "correct deportment," but to-day when the sense of comfort that such pieces of furniture stand for is lacking, the whole effect is cold and uninviting, therefore, a happy mingling of yesterday and to-day is advised. Where the architectural design of the room is Colonial, a wall covering of undoubted Colonial character should be chosen. Paper in two tones, in broad or narrow stripes, or large conventionalized floral designs in flock paper, showing two tones, are safe to select for such a room. Many of the fine old mahogany pieces of furniture seem to call for hair-cloth as a covering and this should be chosen; it can be found in any of the rich, soft colors which the harmonious scheme of the room requires. This fabric shows a slight brocaded effect in the same color and is most attractive; it comes in widths of twenty-four and twentyeight inches, and costs two dollars and fifty cents and three dollars and twenty-five cents a yard. In a room where furniture of this type is used, a piece or two of wicker, or East Indian chairs and footstools may be introduced. A wing chair, or any of the heavy upholstered pieces of which every American family has its share, may also be utilized in a modified Colonial room. Closely woven tapestry showing an agreeable mingling of dull reds, greens, tans and old blue is easily found and will make a suitable covering for these pieces of furniture and will harmonize with almost any wall color. It may also be effectively used as door curtains, or for upholstering the window seat in the same room.

When one wishes to improve an unsatisfactory room without going to the expense of redecoration, much can be accomplished by simply changing the coloring and covering of furniture, and pieces apparently at utter variance may be so made to "pull together" to the entire success of the room.

To many women is vouchsafed this special gift of grace, this ability to bring beauty and livableness into a room, which, while apparently completely furnished, has lacked the one great charm. This charm is indefinable and nearly impossible to grasp or classify, so many and varied are the qualities that go toward its composition, but it produces a whole that stands for beauty as well as comfort and spells "home" to the least artistic one within its walls. A rearrangement of the furniture, a new grouping of pictures, a restful plain expanse of color introduced either in wall, floor covering or curtains, will go far toward improving an apparently hopeless room. This has been successfully done in a house which was furnished in the early seventies, and with the wholly ugly furniture of that period. Every corner of the house was completely and much too fully furnished.

## House and Garden

The sitting-room had hangings of mahogany colored plush at doors and windows; handsome lace curtains draped the windows next the glass, and the plush which was festooned across the top in a lambrequin was edged about, as were the curtains themselves, with gimp and parti-colored ball fringe. The woodwork of the room was of walnut. The mantelpiece of black marble wore also a lambrequin of plush, trimmed with the fringe. The wall-paper showed baskets of brownish tan roses on a slate colored ground picked out in gold. The carpet was fortunately of inoffensive design and dark red brown color. The furniture of walnut was covered with crushed plush, in colors moss green and old gold, the chairs and divans dividing the colors equally. A glass enclosed cabinet held some terra-cotta statuettes, a few pieces of Parian marble, and many souvenirs from the Centennial Exhibition of 1876. Anoval table with a white marble top stood in the center of the room. There were vases set in every available spot on mantel and table; these were of the kind that showed decorations of highly colored flowers upon the porcelain and much burnished gold. As specimens of the decorative work of a certain period they were interesting, but they were not becoming to roses and violets. The rooms had four great windows, but the heavy draperies and drooping lambrequins shut out much of the light.

The drawing-room, dining-room and hall were equally hopeless and unattractive.

When these rooms were taken in hand by the wife of one of the younger generation of the family to whom this home belonged, the task seemed stupendous. "I did not want his mother to feel I was putting all of her things in the attic," this politic young woman said when the rooms were finished, "so as far as I could, I have used them." The old furniture was recovered, and the carpet was retained. The door curtains were of the dull mahogany velour, but the ball fringe was removed and the curtains hanging in straight folds and lengths, took on new lights and shades, together with dignity and unexpected beauty; they were remade without interlining, and run directly on a brass pole by a loose casing at the top; they toned perfectly with the carpet. A portion of the window drapery was utilized in upholstering a corner seat.
The exposure of the room was north and east, so she selected a wall-paper having a soft yellow ground, on which was a conventional design of tulips in a deeper shade, outlined in brown and gold. The ceiling tint, which dropped to the picture mold, was a clear, pale yellow. As the spring season was approaching, this clever woman said, "I selected a flowered linen taffeta for the window hangings and some of the furniture cov-
ering, as we will be at home much of the time this summer, and we do not wish to go heavily into brown holland." Tulips in shades of yellow and golden brown with green stems and leaves, showing on the yellow tan colored ground of the linen taffeta, accorded perfectly with the design on the wall-paper, and harmonized well with the coloring of the room. The impossible ornaments from the cabinet were banished, and the shelves filled with bits of Venetian glass, some quaint fans and miniatures. Glass vases, some low and widemouthed, and others tall and slender, were substituted for most of the decorated porcelain ones, and many growing plants were set about.

The black marble mantel was uncovered and a feature made of it; back of it was placed a long mirror, and at either end one of the vases was placed, together with other old-fashioned ornaments. A new bronze lamp with a spreading shade of pastel green silk trimmed with a crystal fringe of the same color was on the table, under it was a square of old brocade edged about with gold galloon.

The room with these changes is so attractive that all who enter it feel at once its charm.

Great dusty bunches of pink stocks gave a charming effect in decorating here. Two or three easy chairs and some soft-toned pillows for the corner seat were the only other things purchased beside the curtains and furniture covering. The rich coloring of the tulips on the curtains and chair covers brought out and accentuated the faintly colored ones on the wall.

Where an apartment is to be "done over" and the expenditure must be small, the wise woman will set herself to carefully study the points one by one, of her familiar room. She can then see things as they are and decide definitely what it is impossible to retain, and what can be used. It may be that the wall-paper, if used with new window draperies, will take on unsuspected qualities of beauty, or the curtains which may be costly and therefore of necessity retained, may be made to suit the room by the substitution of a plain wall covering of proper tone, which will prove all that is required to show these for the handsome and decorative draperies that they are. It is quite probable that these curtains must be remade, as in the case of the woman described. Unfortunately, many beautiful fabrics are often quite spoiled by the manner in which they are handled. Simple narrow gimps or quarter inch moss edgings of silk can be made to order quite inexpensively and supplied in any color desired. Either of these gives an excellent finish to the edge of curtains and portieres. Where the fabric is heavy, no interlining should be used, as the beautiful soft folds of the material under this treatment would be quite lost.

## "WILDHURST"

## A NEW YORK BUSINESS MAN'S FARM

By L. W. BROWNELL

SITUATED in the Hackensack Valley, some twenty odd miles from New York and within easy access, by train, of that city, lies one of the most charming country homes that it has been the writer's good fortune to visit.

It is owned by a New York business man, who travels to and from the city almost daily and who considers the journey no hardship, or too much to pay for the pleasures and comfort which he derives from living in the country.

Why many more people do not live in this way is a source of wonderment, for it is only by escaping the sordid life of a great city that one can really live as it was intended man should. In the country, life is fuller, more rounded and perfect, filled with a never ending succession of new and healthy interests; while in the city it is necessarily narrow, limited as it is by the everlasting brick walls and asphalt pavements. Of late years, however, many have had their eyes opened to the beauties and pleasures of country
life and numbers of those who once thought the city the only place in which to live have become converted and are gladly calling themselves country residents.

The country which lies between the upper end of the Palisades and the Ramapo Mountains is not only beautiful, but extremely fertile. The towns a re all small, set here and there among the farm lands. The view in all directions from any eminence shows a rolling country dotted with houses and interspersed by patches of woodland, and field after field of standing crops, for the farmer of this section often raises two or even three crops from the same piece of land, and patches of bare ground are rare. It is also a good fruit growing section and orchards of peach, apple and pear trees are plentiful.

In the midst of this lies "Wildhurst," and of all situations of this charming section of the country its site is the most beautiful.

This farm is not a plaything or merely the country place of a man whose entire interests are centered


THE ENTRANCE TO THE FARM


THE HALL, " WILDHURST "-THE STAIRS


THE HALL, "WILDHURST"-THE FIREPLACE AND GALLERY

"WILDHURST"--THE DINING-ROOM

" WILDHURST"-THE MUSIC-ROOM AND LIBRARY
elsewhere, but it is the real home of a man and his wife who love the country and the freedom and naturalness of the life there, and who intend the place shall at least pay for its own keep. It is a farm of about sixty acres, fifteen of which are wooded.

Of the remainder fully one-half is devoted to the raising of crops and the rest, outside of the immediate surroundings of the house, is composed of orchards and pasture lands.

The farm supplies itself with everything (outside of coal) that is necessary to its maintenance. Sufficient hay is cut and grain raised each year for the needs of the live stock; the wooded sections furnish wood and logs for the open fireplaces; a large and continuously flowing spring, which is protected by a spring-house, supplies the purest and clearest water, the overflow from which feeds a pond where ice is cut in the winter. An ice-house, capable of holding thirty tons of ice, stands near the stables and enough ice is stored in this each winter forall refrigerating and cooling purposes during the summer. The barns, stables and carriage-houses are large and airy, with stabling room for ten horses and half a dozen cows. They are thoroughly up to date in all respects, insuring the greatest amount of comfort for the live stock under the care of an efficient man.

Separated by a fence from the stables are the chicken yards and houses. These are commodious and comfortable and in them are only the best breeds of poultry. The lower parts of the houses are made of concrete, thus enabling them to be constantly and easily cleansed.

A short distance from the chicken yards is the laundry, with ample facilities for both washing and drying clothes without leaving the building.

But the crowning glory of the place is the dwelling house. It can hardly be called a typical farmhouse; it is too luxurious for that. Entirely simple, it is unpretentiously elegant with that elegance that is only found in homes of refinement and culture and which is conducive to the greatest amount of comfort.

It is situated at the top of a slight rise some hundred yards from the main country road. Between it and the road is a sloping, well-kept lawn. On three sides of the house runs a broad veranda which is shaded from the sun's rays at all times of the day by locust and cherry trees, making it a delightfully cool and airy place at any hour.
The driveway leading from this road between stone gate-posts, passes to the north of the house and approaches it in the rear, passing under a portecochère.
The hall runs directly through the center of the house, with large heavy doors at either end. It is about sixty feet long by forty wide and extends up to the third story, giving one the impression of extreme airiness, which is carried out by the white finish to the woodwork; and this impression is not misleading as every room in the house is large and well ventilated. The house was built, primarily, for comfort, but beauty and artistic results were not lost sight of, as is evidenced on every side.

On the south side of the hall is a large open fireplace with andirons, crane and kettle; flanked on one side by an oldfashioned settle hinged to the wall. On the north side a wide stairway leads up to a gallery which extends entirely around the hall and from which the sleeping rooms open. These sleeping rooms are all large, the smallest being about twenty feet square, with immense windows reaching almost from the ceiling to the floor through which the sweet, health-giving country air can pour.

There are three bath-rooms on this floor, all well appointed and finished in white tilings. The third floor is occupied entirely by servants' quarters and store rooms.

A doorway from the entrance hall at the left of the fireplace leads directly into the dining-room, from which double French windows open on two sides on the porch and when they are ajar one can enjoy the pleasure of practically dining out-of-doors with none of its disadvantages.

Directly across the hall is the library and musicroom combined, a room twenty feet broad, which extends the whole depth of the house.

The entire house is well lighted with gas supplied by an acetylene plant which is situated at the back between the house and the stables. Lamps and candles are also used for the purpose of decoration.
Approached through a short covered passage from the porch at the south end of the house is the billiard room and bowling alley, over which is a large room fitted up as a sort of dormitory for the overflow of guests, for these hospitable folk believe in sharing their charming home with as many of their friends as they can and as often as possible. It is seldom that they have not from one to half a dozen guests with them, and their invitations never go a-begging.

This house throughout is most substantially built, combining those qualities which give the greatest warmth in winter and the greatest coolness in summer. The floorings of the main floor and the second floor are of hard wood, covered with rugs; the walls are thick and well sealed; the doors are heavy and tight fitting. On a winter's night, though the thermometer drop to zero, and the wind howls its best, one can laugh at it as he sits in front of a roaring fire in the great open fireplace of the cheery hall and be perfectly content to let it do its worst. Yet,
on a summer's day when the mercury is climbing up into the eighties and nineties one may still be comfortable in that same hallway, with both front and back doors open, allowing a breeze to circulate freely through the length of it.

The writer's pen, even with the assistance given by the photographs, seems inadequate to convey a complete idea of the beauties and comforts of this most homelike, delightful and practically successful farm and the home life of its occupants. What this man has so perfectly accomplished may be emulated on even less expensive lines, as farmhouses and farm lands can be bought for from two to ten thousand dollars. The house may require to be somewhat remodelled to suit the taste of the purchaser and to make an ideal home. That a farm can, with little trouble, be made to pay for itself in a short time has been proven, and, with proper management, may even pay a very respectable interest on the original investment, and this while the owner is devoting most of his time to other business interests. The same cannot be said of a home in the city.

Is this not better than passing one's life shut between brick walls in the city? The writer, at least, thinks it is.



FRONT ELEVATION


VERANDA DINING-ROOM
A HOUSE FOR ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

# A House for One Thousand Dollars 

By HELEN LUKENS GAUT

NO style of architecture lends itself so amiably to all conditions of pocketbook, as that known as the box-house. In moderate climates it adapts itself to every season, and makes an acceptable all-the-year-round home. These houses of one story, and occasionally one story and a half, may be fashioned according to the ideas of the builder, hence they are of almost innumerable and original designs.

The accompanying illustrations are of a house the cost of which was but $\$ 1000$. The place was built by a woman who wanted a "rest home," a country place, yet because of many duties, realized it was out of the question to have it far from her city home, as too much time would be consumed in going and coming. She looked about, finding a cheap, but sightly bit of land within five miles of the town, and easily reached by electric cars. It required but twenty minutes to make the trip from city home to country place, and at least once a week, on Saturday and Sunday, the family had an outing, enjoying entire change of air and scene in this cozy rest house in the lap of the Sierra Madre foot-hills.
This idea may be helpful to those who long for a country home yet think it should be located many miles from a city in order to be desirable. On the outskirts of every city are possible site opportunities, unpromising lots which can often be bought very cheaply, and which, now that electric roads vein our country like arteries, can be reached in a few minutes. These sites are just as comforting and restgiving as the more costly suburban lot or those located hundreds of miles away, in the latter case more so in fact, because one avoids the fatigue of long dusty travel.

The foundation of this house is of posts, set on blocks of cement, and is enclosed by planed boards placed horizontally. The walls are made of boards a foot wide, which are planed on the inside and rough on the outside. These are nailed to the framework at top and bottom. Battens of unplaned wood two inches wide are used to cover the cracks between the boards on the outside.


The roof has forty inch projecting eaves, and is shingled. Shakes are cheaper than shingles, and are frequently used for roofing, but such roofs often leak and prove unsatisfactory in other ways, thus shingles are advisable.

The house is unplastered. The inside finish is simple, consisting only of the planed side of the boards, which form the main walls. The cracks are covered with planed battens, two inches wide and three-quarters of an inch thick. The effect is that of a wainscoting running from floor to ceiling. Handsomely grained wood adds greatly to the artistic effect, for the stains now so popular for finishing woodwork, and which often take the place of paint and varnish, bring out each detail of natural beauty in the wood. Ceilings are constructed in the same way as the walls, excepting that beams, two by four, are used. These are both artistic and substantial in effect. A brace, one by three, circles each room about four feet from the floor. No other braces are necessary in these light-weight houses, for roof and floors strengthen and brace the structure sufficiently.

The best thing about this house is the veranda dining-room, which in sunny California can be used almost every day in the year. The outer edge of the porch floor on the north is close to the ground. This porch is ten by twenty-six feet. At one end is a low, wide railing for plants. Three-quarter inch gas-pipe makes a frame work for an adjustable awning, which, however, is seldom used, as the roof of blue sky is much pleasanter.

The house is complete and modern in every way, having the best of plumbing throughout, and is an excellent example of what can be done for $\$ 1000$. Most of the furniture in the house is hand-made from Arts and Crafts designs, and corresponds admirably with the rustic interior. Indian blankets, gay pillows, dainty curtains, and attractive pictures make the place an oasis of rest.

In cold climates such houses are especially adapted for summer homes for beach and mountain, but are not suitable for winter use, owing to the lightness of the structure.


SIDE ELEVATION


A COZY CORNER
A HOUSE FOR ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

# Home Surroundings 

By W. C. EGAN

ONE has not always built himself a home when his house is finished. He has found the pearl and must furnish the setting. He has endeavored to have his house artistic and homelike, but it will stand bleak and desolate unless its environments are pleasing. Lawn, shrub, tree and vine are, in the main, the pigments that may be blended into a coloring that, while enhancing the beauty of the house, will add the mystic charm of a home feeling. What to plant is a matter of personal selection restricted only by want of space and climatic conditions. How to plant is a question to be considered. My experience is that the average man building himself a house, does not know many of the simplest requirements of plant life, and they are all simple.
The lawn is the most important feature, as on it depends mainly the dignity and repose so essential. The condition of the soil is a paramount question here as elsewhere. The main part of it may be in a suitable condition for seeding, but that part of it (except, perhaps, the top foot) taken out in excavating for the cellar, is seldom fit for immediate use. Unless desired for filling in deep depressions, or for forming the base of a terrace, where a foot of good soil may be placed over it, it is better to pile it away in some corner where a few winters' frosts may mellow it and prepare the, now inert, plant food it contains. Composted with fresh manure hastens its cure and, of course, enriches it. If the main body of the soil is hard and unfit for immediate seeding it should be spaded up, or plowed deeply, harrowed and leveled before seeding.

A goodplan to pursue, where one has a lot he does not intend to build on for a year or so, is to have it manured and plowed at once, and planted to corn or potatoes or any crop easily hoed. This will put the


A STANDARD SNOWBALL
soil in prime condition for a lawn. Cultivate even where the house is to stand, as in this instance the top eighteen inches is available for leveling or tree holes. Do not allow the weeds to mature and seed or you will have a weedy lawn at the start. Do not plow nearer any tree intended to remain than the spread of its branches as the feeding roots extend out that far. The space within this circle may be carefully dug up with a spade or garden fork. The edges of walks or roadways and any limited area near the house had better be sodded. In planting, keep your lawn open in the center, confining it to the border walks and drives, retaining pleasant vistas and shutting out unpleasant views. If you desire formal plantings, keep them near the house. The house is formal and its immediate surroundings may be so.

The matter of landscape gardening is a too voluminous one to be included in this article, and unless one feels capable and desirous of making his home and its surroundings reflect his individuality he had better engage the services of a competent landscape gardener. A good carpenter may not be a good architect, and a good florist or gardener may not know how to lay out a place, therefore be careful in your selection. The first laying out is the foundation and if wrong, all is wrong and correcting a foundation error is expensive work. A great many people engage a competent person to lay out and plant their grounds. He does so with an eye to the future. He anticipates the size the material will reach in time and make the picture he is striving for. He has left open stretches of lawns to give breadth and dignity and effect. He is justly proud of his work and is willing that it may be pointed out as an example of his handicraft if the owner will only let it alone. Here is where


LOOKING THROUGH THE ROSE ARCHES

Its flowers are inconspicuous and not considered in it s attractiveness. In the fall its foliage assumes most brilliant tones of red, and as it gradually falls, discloses numerous bright coral berries in pendent rows all along the under side of the slightly arching branches. These remain all winter, furnishing a welcome feast for the early spring birds. It forms a compact, spreading hedge that never should be clipped, for then it loses its beauty both in form and berry. I have seen
many owners err, they don't let it alone. They see a tree or shrub they do not seem to have and get it. They naturally seek an open space, and down it goes, destroying the harmony and effect originally intended. This is often repeated until the open spaces are cluttered up and a thing of beauty becomes a tangled wilderness. Do not overplant. In small yards one tree is often enough. One good specimen standing alone, monarch of all it surveys, exhibits its individuality and is imposing in its grandeur. In your drives along the country roads you have often admired some stately tree, and if you look back a moment you will remember that it stood alone with all its glories outlined against the sky. On large grounds, crowding may be admissible where a background of foliage or a windbreak is wanted.

I am going to mention only a few desirable plants, all of which are hardy in our climate. If a deciduous hedge not higher than five feet is desired, there is nothing finer, hardier, or more satisfactory than the Japanese Berberis Thunbergii. It is saying a good deal when I state that I consider it, all told, the finest shrub introduced within the past fifty years. It is one of the earliest to put forth its leaves in the spring, a pleasing green all summer.


A ROSEMARY WILLOW

Rosa rugosa, if cut back quite severely each spring, in order to keep the foliage close to the ground will be acceptable. They come in two colors, one pink and one white and should be mixed indiscriminately, and may be planted two and a half feet from the walk. The large cherry-like heps in generous clusters are prominent features in the late summer and fall months.

For porch vines, the Clematis paniculata, and a somewhat similar, but earlier blooming

Clematis Flammula, are indispensable, and with them, if one is willing to run the chance of disappointment, the large flowered hybrids may be used. Clematis Fackmani (blue) and its white form, with the white Henryi are probably the most reliable. A little understood disease attacks them, causing a sudden dying back of a seemingly healthy vine. Once in a while one escapes and then you have a treasure. All of them should be cut back in the fall to within a foot or so of the ground.


A FALL-BLOOMING GROUP

Where a permanent woody twiner is favored the Akebia quinata is excellent. It is a dainty vine with five-fingered leaflets that when silhouetted against a moonlit sky is exceedingly attractive. Its dark purple, small, quaint looking, but spicy scented flowers are not very conspicuous, while its habit of retaining its leafage until almost Christmas makes it a favorite. Some vines are subject to the visits of intruding worms and caterpillars, whose gymnastic feats, when disturbed, often shoot them down one's neck, but the Akebia has no charms for them and is free from their visits.

The bitter-sweet of our woods, $\mathrm{Ce}_{\mathrm{e}}$ lastrus scandens, makes a pretty winter picture when trained up a threeinch iron pipe, having at its top a four-spoked iron wheel about twenty inches in diameter for the vine to run up into and droop over. Make a good deep hole for the vine and fill with rich soil, then dig out, in the center, enough soil to allow the insertion of a topless and bottomless box, eighteen inches square and as high. Set it so that the top is some six inches below the level of the surrounding soil, set the pipe in the center a foot below the bottom of the box, and then fill the box with cement. The pipe will then be three feet


BITTER-SWEET ON POST
below the surface and on account of the cement block will never be tipped over by storms. Plant the vine close to the box, which will decay in time, and help it along whenever its top is inclined to wander from its support.
My vine is a glorious sight in winter where we are sure to see it three times a day, for it is in full view from our dining-room window. Mine is eighteen feet high, the vine drooping freely from the wheel at the top.

While the best landscape gardeners decry the use of colored foliage in shrubs and trees and it is true that the use alone of the varied tones of green afforded by the planting of normal forms, produce


ENTRANCE FROM REAR TO FRONT GROUNDS
the most quieting and peaceful effect, some use may be made of those having a transitory flame of color, which disappears or is much modified as the foliage matures.

The flow and ebb of the season's growth is marked by brilliant colorings. In the spring the unfolding buds of the oaks and many others are brilliant in their colorings, and in the fall, color runs riot among the maples and sumachs. Between these periods the colors are normal.

I have a bit of fleeting color to be seen from my windows and porch in the spring. At the extreme left is a young specimen of Rivers' purple beech, the only one in the group holding its color all the season. Next to it is a Camperdown weeping elm, always green, and above it a scarlet maple, conspicuous in its bright fruit in late spring. To the right of the elm and close to the bordering ravine trees is a Schwedler maple whose foliage unfolds a dark red, gradually assuming a bronze tone and eventually becoming a dark green. Next to it and much smaller is a Worleei maple, a light yellow at first gradually fading to a slightly yellowish green. Next, but nearer, is a young specimen of the European weeping beech, that has not yet attained that age when its foliage hangs in weeping folds enabling it to be compared to a tumbling cascade.

Sometimes one has situations too damp for many ornamental forms that like a dry, well-drained soil, such as the flowering cherries, plums, etc. Here the Japanese Cercidiphyllum or the laurel-leaved willow will be at home.

A glance at the trees in the illustrations will disclose one fact; namely, that the foliage of all is carried down to the ground, enhancing their beauty. Street trees or those lining walks should have their lower branches taken off, but lawn trees, never. To have them thus branched one must plant small thrifty stock. One nurseryman will quote you certain trees, five, six, or perhaps eight feet high, while another quotes but three feet, and all at the same price. The chances are that the latter are the best, the taller ones having been longer in the nursery rows are apt to have been crowded and the lower branches dead.

Trees in good soil grow fast enough. Those lining the avenues
of Washington, D. C., were raised from seed sown by the present Curator of the Botanical Gardens when he was well advanced in years.

One word about the "home" of the tree or shrub. You are to transplant them from congenial soil and conditions. You want them to thrive and become a joy forever. So they will if you treat them well. The act of transplanting destroys the feeding roots. New and tender ones must be formed to penetrate the surrounding soil in search of food and moisture. The tree, in its enfeebled condition, suffering from amputation, cannot succeed unless the surrounding soil is loose and friable and contains a fair amount of plant food. If your ground has been plowed fairly deep and cultivated as suggested, but little further work is needed, although care must be taken to have that part that comes in contact with the roots friable and easily worked. If not plowed or loosened up, holes six or more feet in diameter and two deep, filled with good soil, should be provided. Shrub and vine holes may be four feet in diameter. Never place wet, lumpy soil near the roots. Work the soil well among, and under the roots, and when they are covered, tamp hard, or flush in with a hose. In dry weather soak thoroughly once in a while.

In moving into one's new home why not celebrate the event by planting a tree? Or why not celebrate the birthday of the baby of the family in this way? That the event occurs at an improper season need not deter you, if time is taken by the forelock. If the event occurs in the winter, prepare the hole in the fall, filling it in with good soil and dump over


SHRUB GROUPING
it a load or two of fresh manure to keep free from frost. Get your tree, also in the fall, and plant it in a bushel basket, which may be kept in a barn or cellar or any place not warm enough to incite growth. When the day arrives, remove the manure, plant basket and all and cover well with part of the manure. The method for summer ison the same principle, only no manure is needed and the tree, obtained in the spring, is planted with its basket in some spare space until wanted, when basket and all is moved.

A proper metal tag, containing a record, should be attached to a limb by a copper ring, say six inches in diameter, that may be removed from time to time to prevent it growing into the wood.



## FURNISHING A BEDROOM

A. B. C. writes: I have a bedroom the walls of which are covered with an expensive paper, this shows clusters of pink roses shading to a deep old rose. I have window draperies of cretonne which have also a rose design, but the roses are smaller than those on my wall. These curtains have never been satisfactory as they seem stiff; they have been carefully made with an interlining, and a lining next the glass of sateen, and are trimmed with a balled fringe. They are caught back with cords matching the pink and green of the design on the curtains; the ground is deep cream, I may add that the background of my wall-paper is purely white. The furniture of the room is mahogany and I have used a pink cover with lace over-cover on my bed. The tiles in my fireplace are pink and green. Kindly give me some suggestions as the room is highly unsatisfactory. The exposure of the room is south.

Answer: It is very evident that you must change either your wall covering or your curtains. If the paper is an attractive one I suggest that you retain this. The difficulty lies in the lack of harmony in your window draperies and wall covering, not to speak of the introduction of the lace bed cover which is a bad feature.

Remove your curtains which, by the way, should be made without interlining, and reserve these for use in some room where the wall covering will be plain. Hang white embroidered muslin curtains next the glass of your window; these should be made with frills across the bottom and up the front edges; these frills to be about three inches in width; the curtains to be tied back on either side with strips of muslin three inches in width; over draperies of crinkled thin silk in a shade of green exactly matching the green of the leaves of the foliage shown on your wall-paper. These over draperies should be run on a slender brass rod set on the frame of the window; they should be run by a casing on the rod, and finished at the window sill with a three-inch hem; this silk is called Priscilla silk, it is 34 inches wide and sells for 90 cents a yard. These curtains should be well pushed back on either side, simply forming an outline for your window. Change your tiles if possible to unglazed dull green ones.

Keep your bed purely white, using a good quality of Marseilles spread with white linen slips for your pillows.

You do not mention your floor covering: since your wall is covered with a figured paper showing a variety of color your best choice in floor covering would be a two-toned rug in shades of green.

With these changes I think you will find your room much more to your satisfaction.

## DECORATION OF A DRAWING-ROOM

A Western woman writes: Will you kindly give me some suggestions for decorating my drawing-room, $18 \times 28$ feet? It has three windows facing north, two facing east, and a large double door opening into a room, the walls of which are covered in old blue. I would like to have the wall-paper, furniture covering and hangings correspond with a set of old-fashioned rosewood furniture if this can be done without having too stiff an effect; what would you suggest for the woodwork in this room? It has been painted and must be done over again. The floor is of hard wood.

Answer: Choose a paper showing on a creamy ground formal bouquets or baskets of flowers of pastel tones; roses and forget-me-nots would look well in your drawing-room where the woodwork should be enameled ivory white. This will make an excellent setting for the rosewood furniture, and have a pleasing effect in contrast with the adjoining room papered in the old blue. The paper you choose must be of a formal design. Use draped lace curtains next the glass of your windows and over drapery of dull pale blue brocade. Choose a brocade that will be firm enough for upholstering purposes and use this for your chairs also. An oval framed mirror in gilt, and sconces to match upon your wall, will add to the charm of a room of this kind, which, when completed, should suggest a delicate water-color. Use Oriental rugs upon your floor which should be kept light in tone.

## INTERIOR DECORATION OF A HOUSE

Colonial says: Please give suggestions for interior decoration of a house which we are now building. The house is medium sized, Colonial style, the hall in the center. The parlor is on one side and is quite small; the dining-room back of that but not connected. On the other side of the hall is the living-room with one end arched off for a den, and a fireplace at the back of the den with a brick chimney in dull red. There is a bay window in the front of the living-room and two side windows. I would appreciate a color scheme including woodwork and furnishings for this first floor. The standing woodwork is all of yellow pine.

Answer: I would be able to help you much more practically had you given me the exposure of your house. Lacking this knowledge I would advise you as follows: In your small parlor use ivory eggshel white enamel for the woodwork, choosing a French Colonial paper for the walls. Formal drawing-room pieces of furniture, light in line and of mahogany or Italian walnut would look well.

The dining-room, if well lighted, could be done in strong blue fiber paper, matching the brightest shade of blue to be found in Delft china. Your woodwork here could be stained in weathered oak effect. Draperies of blue and white satin damask, or if something less expensive is desired, a blue and white Chinese crepe could be used at your windows; these to hang straight, over curtains of clear white fish-net. All curtains to end at the window sill. The central hall should be papered with the two-toned yellow striped paper. The furniture to be of mahogany. All ceilings should be tinted the shade of ivory used for your woodwork. Oriental rugs are advised for the floors.

## JAPANESE FURIISHINGS

Mrs. G. B. writes: I am anxious to know where I can obtain the Japanese furnishings for a tea-room modeled upon the one you have described recently in the Correspondence Department of House and Garden. Will you kindly supply me with the address of the firms carrying these goods.

Answer: We regret that you failed to send a self-addressed envelope, in which case we would have been pleased to supply you with the addresses requested. As no firm names are mentioned in the columns of House and Garden it is impossible to comply. If you will write me later it will be sent you promptly.

## FURNISHING A MAN'S ROOM

"A Man" writes: I wish to furnish a room and bath for my own occupancy. The size of the room is $16 \times 18$ and of southwestern exposure. There is a small alcove where the three-quarter bed may be set. Across the arch I could use a curtain if you think it advisable; as this room must be my sitting-room as well as my sleeping-room, this perhaps would be a good thing to do. The woodwork in this room, of which there is not a great deal, is of oak which has been stained and finished to look like golden oak; this, I will say, I do not like, but fear I cannot afford to change it. I have no predilection for color and will leave the whole matter in your hands, only saying that it must not be too expensive. I cannot afford carved mahogany furniture, for instance, but would like something good and substantial. The floor is of hard wood but needs refinishing. The bath-room has been finished with hard cement marked off into tiles; these have been painted with a white paint. I should like to use something to give a gloss like porcelain tiles. The wall above is rough plaster left in the natural color. The woodwork is of oak, but I should prefer a white effect, if possible. I would be glad to hear from you as early as possible.

Answer: The proportions and exposure of your room are most favorable. I would suggest that you cover the wall from baseboard to picture rail with a two-tone golden brown paper. The figure on this paper is small and darker than the ground; it makes a most pleasing wall and one which harmonizes well with the golden oak of your woodwork. By thus meeting the woodwork with the proper color, you can make it entirely satisfactory. Above the picture rail to the ceiling line, use a frieze which is rather poster in effect and shows wind-blown trees in shades of green and brown against a yellow sky line. Your furniture may be suggestive of Mission in style. You can obtain this furniture in an unfinished state and have it stained in any shade you wish. I would advise an English oak which will be much darker in tone than the oak of your woodwork and yet harmonize perfectly with it and the wall covering. I show two cuts of pieces of furniture for use here. This furniture is made of oak, and is extremely moderate in price. The bed, which is shown in the picture, costs but $\$ 9.00$. The bachelor's chiffonier, a most useful and complete article of furniture, as it takes the place of a closet and bureau, costs $\$ 36.00$. A Morris chair on the same substantial lines should be used and this can be obtained upholstered in russet-brown leather for less than $\$ 20.00$. If you care to go to the expense of Oriental rugs, I would


A COTTAGE BEDSTEAD


## A BACHELOR'S CHIFFONIER

suggest a chocolate brown Khiva Bokhara. If you wish to use a rug of domestic weave, I would recommend one in size $12 \times 14$. This can be obtained in a Wilton velvet in two shades of brown with bits of ivory and black introduced in the coloring. This rug would cost you about $\$ 60.00$ and would look handsome and comfortable as well as being entirely harmonious with the wall covering and furniture. Next the glass of your windows, use raw silk curtains in shade of dull yellow which must harmonize perfectly with the yellow in the golden oak woodwork. The curtains should be run on small brass rods by a casing at the top and set quite close to the glass of your windows. They should extend only to the sill and be finished with a three-inch hem, hanging straight. For over-draperies, I would suggest that you use the upholsterers' velveteen in a shade of yellow-brown, a trifle darker than the silk next the glass. These curtains should be lined with a single lining of sateen in the same color and hang from brass rods straight against the trim of the window. They should run on the rod by a wide casing and they slip readily. A moss edging will finish these. This velveteen is $\$ \mathrm{I} .90$ per yard and 50 inches wide. The moss edging is 25 cents per yard. You can readily calculate the amount required. The raw silk, which is recommended for the curtains next the glass, is $\$ 1.50$ per yard and 36 inches wide. Some Hong Kong or East Indian chairs and a chaise-lounge, with pillows covered in raw silk will add to the comfort of the room.

The colors chosen for the covers of these pillows should be in pastel tones of green, rose and old blue, together with some of brown exactly matching the wall covering. The heavy central table, some built-in bookcases, and a lamp of bronze with spreading green shade will go far toward making a very livable and attractive room.
For your bath, I would suggest that you paint the rough plaster in oils in shade of dull green, rather light in tone. For the cement tiles, I recommend Supreme Wall Enamel, which makes the best finish that can be used on a bath-room, as it is impervious to heat and moisture. The woodwork should all be treated with an enamel finish also in ivory white. The floors in both rooms to be treated with a floor finish which shows a soft polish and resembles wax. The bath rug should be in shades of green and white. The curtains at your bath-room window should be of green raw silk matching the color of the walls.


## THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

THE ambition and intention of the Editorial Department of House and Garden for 1907 is, that the magazine shall prove itself the most helpful and practical monthly in America. Nothing short of this will satisfy us. The high standard of artistic merit will be equaled by the entirely practical and serviceable suggestions offered.

The man who is about to build himself a home will find in these pages a selection of plans, with photographs of the completed house and general estimate of cost. This applies equally to the mansion and to the simplest cottage. The proper and suitable setting of these houses will be considered by leading authorities on Landscape Gardening and Garden Culture. The needs of the woman with little money to spend on her house will be as fully canvassed as the requisites for the decoration of the most costly residence.
Among other good things, the February number will contain the following articles:

## A CALIFORNIA HOME AND ITS GARDEN

Mr. Charles Frederick Holder, author of "Life in the Open," "Among the Florida Reefs," "Isle of Summer," and many other delightful books, supplies an article descriptive of a characteristic Southern California home and its surroundings. Since California has evolved an architectural style of its own in the past few years, which is being largely copied (though in modified form) in other parts of the country, the text and illustrations of this will be especially timely. The houses in this semi-tropic land are necessarily of a style which compose well with the beautiful setting of fowers and shrubs and also meet the climatic conditions of the country though adaptable to other localities.

## A ROLAND PARK MANSION

The stately Ellicott House, Roland Fark, Baltimore, Maryland, will appear in this number beautifully illustrated as to the house and its formal gardens. This will be the first number of a series presenting residences of leading architects in America which will appear from time to time in the magazine. The home of Mr . William Ellicott, of the firm of Ellicott \& Emmart, Architects, Baltimore, is in Roland Park, and in offering it, we feel it represents the best type of its kind.

## AN ECONOMICAL SUMMER HOUSE

Mabel Tuke Priestman will tell interestingly of "A Farm House Economically Furnished for a Summer Home." In this article she describes that which has been actually accomplished and supplies interesting photographs, together with practical directions as to how the attractive results have been obtained.

## WALL DECORATION

In compliance with many requests, it has been decided to publish in full an address delivered in September at the Conference on Home Economics held at the Lake Placid Club. This paper treats of wall decoration in all it means to a successful house. As presented at the Conference, this was illustrated with samples of wall covering harmoniously combined. An attractive plan of a small house was shown and the wall covering and wood finish for each room fully illustrated by the combined materials to be used. The proper sequence of color used in adjoining apartments was
carefully considered. Reproductions of these schemes with full description of each will be given in the February number.

## QUAINT SOUTHERN HOUSES

Throughout our Southern States in sections often out of the beaten track of travel, are very many beautiful old homes of antebellum days. Under the caption of "Quaint Homes in the South," fully illustrated descriptions of the choicest of these will be published. Many will have historic interest and all present a type of architecture peculiar to that time, and the Southern States; these will be of extreme interest.

## PLANNING A COUNTRY HOUSE

To the man interested in the planning and laying out of a private country estate, the article from Richard Schermerhorn, Jr., Civil Engineer and Landscape Architect, will be of inestimable value. The entire work on the estate from the beginning to its completion is covered in this article which is written in a style entirely free from technicalities. In concluding his paper Mr. Schermerhorn says: "It has been the writer's object to describe as briefly as possible the most important of actual conditions encountered in the development of the average country estate, and the practical considerations to bear in mind."

## AN ENGLISH CASTLE

Fanny Acland Hood contributes a description of " Dunster Castie," one of the most beautifully and romantically situated places in England. "There are few places in England which contain so much of antique material with so much natural beauty of situation and scenery and where the old and new are so harmoniously brought together."

## GARDEN CORRESPONDENCE

We feel that our readers will be pleased to know that W. C. Egan will have charge of the Garden Correspondence. Mr. Egan's articles, which have appeared from time to time in these pages, have aroused very general interest. He will answer fully and practically all questions as to the planning, planting and successful growing of a garden, together with all that pertains to the cultivation of fowers, shrubs and trees. A correspondent writes from Wyoming in regard to the help he has received from Mr. Egan: "In trenching this fall, I followed Mr. Egan's method and have found it easier than any way I have ever tried before, and I want to say right here that his letters have been of more use and value to me than anything I have been able to get from books, and I have a great many on the subject of gardening. I have always been able to read between the lines of his letters and they give me those little things which in the total make successful gardening knowledge. The books tell all about the big things which have no place in the small property. The rich man of the large estate can afford a competent person to lay out and maintain his premises. Therefore, I think I am of the great class who need such help as Mr. Egan gives."

All correspondence concerning architectural matters, the interior decoration and furnishing of the house or of gardening will be answered fully in the Correspondence column. Address all such communications to the Editor. These letters and the solving of the problems they offer will make interesting reading for all.

# "A Personal Word of Warning to the Public" 

## BY

## J. WALTER THOMPSON

Against the unscrupulous attempts of dealers to substitute something else or something "just as good" for an advertised standard article in dealing with their patrons.
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## NOTES AND REVIEWS

## ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE <br> Workmen Needed to Rush San Francisco to Completion

THE promotion committee and other bodies have been active in spreading throughout the East news that San Francisco to-day offers the best market for skilled labor in this country. Various trade unions, however, have counteracted the influence of this advertisement by declaring that the high cost of living more than counterbalances the advance in wages. The secretary of the Building Trades Association has even declared that the increased cost of building is due far more to the advance in the cost of building material than to the rise in wages. Any contractor would have told him to the contrary. Contractors are refusing work every week because they cannot be sure of skilled mechanics, even at present high prices, and they can't tell when the men may strike for higher wages.

In most lines of materials top prices have been paid, but there seems to be no top in wages. In many trades there is a great scarcity of competent men. Master plumbers complain that though they are paying $\$ 6$ a day to journeymen, with $\$ 2$ a day to helpers, they cannot get men to finish their contracts. Scores of good plumbers can get steady work there, and the demand is sure to increase as big buildings are begun.

What property owners object to strongly is the ardent desire of labor unions to continue present conditions of shortage and high prices. Men who wish to build say that unions should abolish Saturday half-holidays and permit Sunday or night work at a small advance over regular wages, instead of exacting double pay as at present. Others are in favor of abolishing the strict rules for an eight-hour day and permitting men to work ten or twelve hours at the regular hour rate. These men claim that there is sure to be more work in San Francisco than men to perform it for at least two or three years, and it is folly to adhere to ordinary union rules made for natural conditions. What is needed here is to rebuild the city as speedily as possible. If work that would ordinarily require five years can be done in three years, then night work and Sunday work should be


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permitted to any one desiring to do it. The total increased cost of living is largely exaggerated. The only difficulty is for workingmen to find houses, but by going across the bay to Oakland moderate rents may be paid and the cost of reaching Oakland is little more than to reach the districts near Golden Gate Park. New York Tribune Review.

## ENGLISH COUNTRY HOUSES

$\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{r}}$R. WILSON EYRE, Jr., in an article in $\mathcal{T}$ be Architectural $R_{e}-$ view, speaks as follows of English domestic architecture:
"There is much to be seen from the railroad in the way of long, rambling farmhouses and country houses of the modest kind, and there is much to be gained by studying these for use in our own domestic architecture; their average work is so much less pretentious, so much more homelike than ours; their surroundings are studied so carefully, the garden forming as much a part of the house as the roof, and great pains being taken that the garden wall, hedges, terraces, the little tea-houses, in fact all the immediate surroundings, should form a harmonious effect. Photographs and measured drawings of the well-known and monumental buildings are at hand whenever we need them, but no idea can be gained, except from personal study, of the completeness and fitness of the country houses and farmhouses and of their surroundings, their "flocks of gables," the grouping and composition which through the most careful study arrive at the entirely unstudied and almost haphazard effect, and above all the impression produced that the building belongs to the spot upon which it is built, and to no other. This is what makes the English domestic work better, to my mind, than any I have seen, and so well worthy of study, especially by our American architects.",
The one distinguishing characteristic upon which all observers agree when comparing the houses of England with those of any other country is the importance given to the idea of a "home." This idea of the family life, more fully carried out by the Anglo-Saxon race than by any other, has given rise to conditions differing essentially from those governing the domestic architecture of other races. As pointed out in the last


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issue in speaking of the country houses of France, the impulse to associate in communities has been a stronger power in molding the domestic architecture of France than the desire to have an independent home. In England the isolated house is the type. The social unit is the family, and consequently the architectural unit is the "home." The English character has given to the family an independence and privacy, a permanence and sacredness which are all reflected in the English houses, and it is this which makes them homes. The evidence of these characteristics is what has attracted Mr. Eyre and many other Americans besides, and will continue to do so for years to come.

## POETRY OF CLIMBING IVY FOR PROSAIC ARCHITECTURE

THERE is no one touch of nature that has done more to beautify New York City streets than the graceful vines which cover many of the houses and churches. New York City is so narrow that the houses are deplorably crowded, and the time has already been predicted when there will no longer be a residential section on Manhattan Island. Economizing of space has left but little room for trees, shrubs or verdure, and, as the city is undergoing a constant transformation from private dwellings to business houses, the refreshing touches of nature have been almost wholly obliterated.
A few of the old residences, however, remain clothed in bright green raiment, waving in little ripples in the summer breeze, and here and there one recognizes an old landmark tree as a token of days gone by. Around some of the gardens, where the house stands back a little distance from the street, the oldtime hedge still remains a thing of beauty, but, although the trees and hedges have practically been eliminated, there still remain in some sections many buildings effectively covered with ivy. The bright green foliage as it gracefully clings to the dull red of the brick and brown stone stands out in rich contrast, softening the bold outlines of many houses, adorning the windows and cornices with effective festoons of charming verdure. In this way much of the unattractive and inartistic architecture is hidden, while the good architecture in many instances is improved by its presence.

It is claimed by botanists that the temperature of leaves is generally about fiftyfour degrees, therefore, the clusters of country green have a considerable cooling influence as well as beautifying the city architecture. Ampelopsis, or Boston ivy, as it is popularly known, is a native of Japan and is the most useful of all hardy clinging vines for the crowded city, as it will grow luxuriantly under the most unfavorable conditions. Out of the stone paved gardens, with only an inch or so of hard baked earth exposed, it sends forth its stems and clinging tendrils, which rapidly clothe the wall, covering even the high pinnacles of church spires. English ivy, though admired as an extremely effective dark leafed climber, and with the advantag of being green ail the year, is not nearly so desirable, as it is a very slow grower and is not so reliable in this climate. Wistaria is, perhaps, the second best vine for effective and rapid results. These tall, twining climbers also thrive luxuriantly under the adversity of city conditions. It will be seen on many oldtime residences with its great rope-like stems covering the façades, reminding one of a weeping tree, and in the spring, when hanging thickly with long racemes of purple and white bloom, perfuming the atmosphere with its grateful odor, is unequalled as a decorative vine.

A row of dwellings facing Gramercy Park probably picture to the best advantage the striking contrast between the vine adorned and unadorned house; but rarely will there be seen a more picturesque effect than that of the Princeton Club, on the southwest corner of Thirtyfourth street and Fourth avenue, where nature has so artistically covered the walls and draped the windows as to completely transform man's handiwork into a thing of rural beauty. All along Madison avenue will be seen many dwellings almost hidden by ivy, which for years has been a joy to those who live there. The elegant residence of J. Pierpont Morgan, on the northeast corner of Madison avenue and Thirty-sixth street, is one of the most attractive, being almost completely enwrapped with graceful foliage.

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About Washington Square will be seen a number of interesting houses still beautified in this manner, and another section well known for its ivy covered residences is along Amsterdam avenue, between the Seventies and Eighties. The remarkably pleasing effect of ivy covered houses along the streets, where the eye longs for something more restful than avenues of brick and stone, especially during the hot midsummer days, becomes one of the most redeeming features of a great and crowded city, and there are many rows of houses in the city where the hardy ampelopsis can be trained most effectively, giving an added touch of beauty to the residence sections. New York Herald.

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## SPURIOUS WORKS OF ART BEGAN EARLY

T$\Gamma_{\text {Apelles and Pre sham pictures of }}^{\mathrm{HAT}}$ Apelles and Protogenes, spurious marbles of Phidias or Lysippus, and false gems of Pyrgoteles in old Greek times is more than probable. It is certain, indeed, that an infinite number of copies and imitations of the works of these immortals, on which, nevertheless, their names were shamelessly painted or graven, as the case might be, abounded in antiquity, and are now often enough unearthed. Every evidence goes to show, in short, that art frauds were as rife and universal in the Classic Ages of Greece and Rome as in our own. I shall not begin so far back. I forget where the charming anecdote of the irate country 'Squire and his Rubens is to be found-most likely in the Tatler or the Spectator; in any case, it illustrates a state of mind and a condition of things which doubtless prevailed just as much in the days of Mrcenas as in those of Queen Anne. "Come and see my Rubens. So and so says it is not a

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Rubens. Damme! I'll kick anybody out of the house who says it isn't. What do you say, sir." The credulity and obstinacy of amateurs and the craft and cunning of purveyors is doubtless quite as rife now as then. There have, however, been golden ages of art fraud, and we are, I think, living in one of them at present. The art frauds that have taken shape and substance, which remain to incumber the world as false coin, ever circulating from hand to hand, are then, of all times and periods. The archæology of fraud, even, has become a science; some of the overt and acknowledged frauds themselves have attained the status of precious and coveted works, more valuable in the strange gyrations of the wheel of time than the originals they simulated. Michael Angelo's marble Cupid, for instance, which he made in secret, broke and mutilated, buried in a vineyard, and dug up again himself, all for the express "taking-in" of a certain cardinal, collector of antique marbles and contemner of modern art, is a case in point. If this particular Cupid could now be identified it would probably be worth more than the most beautiful genuine antique work of its kind which Italian soil still enshrouds. At all periods there have been men of true genius who have prostituted their talents in this service, but the rank and file of art impostors have been mostly vulgar workmen rather than artists -ignorant, half-informed mechanical drudges, veritable slaves held in bondage, worked remorselessly by the astute dealers, their taskmasters. Here, as in all branches of trade, the middleman takes the gross profits; the forger is of small account. The utterer of the fraud, he who plants the vulgar sham on the unwary amateur, is the really important player in the game.

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About fifty varieties have been introduced into North America. The most valuable and best known of these is the Eucalyptus globulus or blue gum. This is the tree most commonly met in California. It is also known there, as in its native home, as the "fever tree." On the ranch of Elwood Cooper, near Pasadena, Cal., blue gums twenty-five years old have attained a growth equal to that of oaks from two hundred to three hundred years old. The blue gum is the fastest growing tree in the world. In various parts of California trees thirty years old range from three to six feet in diameter and from 150 feet in height up. The wood is hard and strong and adapted to most any use to which hickory or oak can be put. It is used for lumber, fuel, telegraph poles, piles and wharves on the Pacific Coast, while in the manufacture of agricultural implements and handles it is rapidly supplanting hickory.

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The blue gum thrives in moist, warm regions and in those that are moderately hot and dry; on fertile lowlands and on the stony soil of the mountains. In addition to the uses named it is valuable for forest covers for mountain, hill and plain, for windbreaks and for shade trees. It is also a source of many gums and resins, and its blossoms afford honey for the bees.
The sudden cold waves of Florida and the great heat and lack of moisture in the southern valleys of Arizona have proved fatal to the blue gum, but experiment has shown that other species of eucalyptus scarcely less valuable will do well in these regions. Those best adapted to the climate of Arizona are the red box, red gum and Eucalyptus rudis. On the Bartlett-Heard Land and Cattle Company's $7,000-$ acre ranch near Phœenix are numerous groves of eucalyptus cultivated like those of California. Many other up-to-date ranches are planting them, and in the parks and along the streets of Phœenix they are much used for ornament. The value of the eucalyptus in this treeless region can hardly be overestimated. Up to this time the principal use to which the trees have been put is that of fence posts and fuel. The posts last well in the ground and for burning the wood far excels the gnarled mesquite and the cottonwood, which hitherto have been about the sole source of supply.
All species of eucalypts are evergreen. The leaves of most varieties are long and slender, like those of the willow. The bark is in most cases smooth, but in
some is quite rough. The wood of all species is hard, varying in color from white to rich brown. 'I he foliage runs from bluish and light grayish to very dark green. The leaves of all have a pronounced but not disagreeable odor. The bloom of the eucalypts is usually greenish or yellowish white. The seeds are quite small and very numerous.

In the coast region of California all varieties of eucalypts flourish best. The climate of Southern Arizona, part of Southern California, New Mexico and the valleys of Texas is too hot and dry for most species, but some have been found that grow to perfection there. Florida, and the states of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts are too exposed to sudden cold spells of weather to make a congenial home for any but a few varieties of eucalypts. The trees can stand temperatures as low as are recorded there, but it is the suddenness of the change that does the damage. In other parts of the United States not mentioned here eucalypts will not grow at all. New York Tribune Review.

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Molière in the verses which he consecrated to Val de Grace was the interpreter of the general sentiment of his time:
"*** le fade,"gout des ornaments gothiques, Ces monstres odieux des siecles ignorants Ine de la barbarie ont produits les torrents Inand leux cours, inondant presque toute la terre, Fit a la politesse une mortelle guerre
Et de la grande Rome abattant les remparts, Vint avec son empire etouffer les beaux-arts."

The very word Gothic was synonymous with ugly, and Voltaire in the eighteenth century spoke of la bassesse gothique which sentiment reflected the spirit of his time, which had nothing in sympathy with the serious, we might say religious, art of the Middle Ages. It was the appearance of Victor Hugo's "Notre Dame de Paris" which was the signal for the rehabilitation of a condemned art, for immediately the eyes of the world were directed toward that noble and ancient monument, and although a few isolated voices protested the general public became as unanimous in its commendation as it had been in its reprobation.

The most pronounced feature of the Gothic style is the pointed arch, and this is supposed by many to be of Oriental origin and to have been introduced by the Crusaders. However this may be, the carvers of the thirteenth century under the encouragement of Saint Louis (Louis IX) brought it to such perfection that it became a veritable lacework in wood, and with slight modification, including the introduction of figures in the ornamentation of the panels, which occurred during the second half of the fifteenth century, it maintained its identity until the time of the taking of Constantinople by the Turk, Mahomet II., in 1453 , when the so-called mediæval age came to an end and was succeeded by the Renaissance.
*The Renaissance commenced in Italy some fifty years before it crossed the Alps and was introduced into France
following the wars and expeditions into Italy by Charles VIII., Louis XII. and Francis I. The Greek artists, the guardians of the great classic tradition, were forced by the invasion of the Turks to take refuge in Western Europe, where they revealed new horizons to a people who had been preparing for enlightenment. The lute of Luther had sounded against the Papacy the call of spiritual liberty of conscience, the discovery of America and the invention of printingall this spread the sciences and letters and created an intellectual fraternity. The courts of the kings of France and of England, Francis I. and Henry VIII., were the acme of luxury, and woman's influence became manifest.

The ideal of life changed entirely and from a society which had constantly before its eyes the thoughts of an after life there succeeded a world of beings who sought their paradise here below, and there ensued an absolute adoration for the beautiful. Paganism re-entered triumphantly into art, whence Christianity had banished it. Francis I. invited from Italy Benvenuto Cellini and Leonardo da Vinci, and what men! The universe of arts and sciences was not too large for the amplitude of their genius. The same man was artist, architect, sculptor, musician and poet, but preserved in each his power and his originality. The sixteenth century saw the triumph of wood carving; the impression is one of abundant life, all the beings of the animal and vegetable kingdoms playing an important part.

The discovery of the Baths of Titus in Rome gave birth to the arabesque, which is a decorative composition, in which are mingled all sorts of ornamental motives; one might call it an ærial world, suspended without regard to the laws of gravity. There are draperies and garlands of flowers and fruit beneath lambrequins, which are held up by nothing in a fairy architecture, with a world of grotesque and extraordinary creatures, grimacing faces; animals, real and imaginary, and human beings emerging from sheaths of foliage. The most fantastic liberty is given to these creations, in which the animal and vegetable life seem to forget the boundary which divides them, but nevertheless a rigorous symmetry dominates the apparent disorder, certain rules are respected and generally the design of one

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end is repeated at the other. The revival of the arabesque renewed the classic tradition which had foliage for its principal element with the ancients. The fantastic quality of the arabesque irritated the severe tastes of the Latin architect Vitruve (first century before Christ), and in his treatise on architecture he protested against it. "What they paint in these arabesques," said he, "are nothing but monsters; one sees all sorts of things which have never been, are not and could not be." These words of Vitruve are at once a criticism and a definition of the arabesque. In Mr. Taylor's collection the two Renaissance panels carved in arabesque are exquisite examples of this art, and are the exact counterpart of the panels which Mr. J. P. Morgan presented a year ago to the Metropolitan Museum, and probably formed part of the same panelling.

The seventeenth century banished the arabesque from mural decoration; the marqueterie of Boule, with its fine inlay work, left no room for detached figures standing out in relief or in half relief; Bérain created an original world in which Turks, Indians, monkeys and dogs played their part in a sort of fairyland. The eighteenth century, so capricious in all else, showed itself less friendly toward the arabesque than one would have supposed, and little by little a sort of rural allegory decorated the panels. The Louis XVI. style is from its very simplicity the easiest to recognize; a bouquet of flowers, a bow of ribbon, a pair of mating doves, a garden implement, all show the tendency of that epoch which was at once pastoral and classical; calmer and easier to decipher, it no longer had anything in common with the fantastic and heathen character of the Renaissance decoration.

New York Herald.

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Leaving that theory for what it may be worth, certainly archæologists of today are unable to grope far enough into antiquity definitely to decide upon the time and origins of the lost civilizations of the American Continent. To readers of to-day, unless of the antiquarian and archæological kind, even the names of Tikal and Chichen Itza-"respectively the Rome and Athens of ancient Amer-ica"-are unknown and so completely have the records of their greatness and fame passed from the memories of men that the first explorer of them-first, that is, according to our comparatively modern records - Bishop Diego de Landa, of Yucatan, about four centuries ago, had also been almost forgotten, while the chronicle of his researches slumbered for hundreds of years undisturbed in a Spanish monastery. Yet it is to the honor of the spirit of inquiry among scholars of today that this old and almost forgotten record of the ruins of the Mayan metropolis has served Professors Maudslay and Maler, of the Peabody Museum of Harvard, and Count Maurice de Peregny, the French archæologist, as their guide in explorations, which when ccmpleted and published in full, bid fair to outdo the wonders of romance and awaken a new interest in the anteColumbian period of American history.

The reader who may care for these things and who may desire to know what has already been accomplished, as well as to get an idea by photographic reproductions of the earliest American skyscrapers, temples and pyramids, should read Mr. Griffith's article in a current number of "The Craftsman." The ruins of Tikal and its contemporary cities are now believed to be those in part recently explored by the archæologists referred to, and lie
in the Usumatsintla Valley, on the borders of Mexico, Guatemala and Yucatan. More than twelve massive pyramids, some of them more than two hundred feet high, and suggestive in architecture and presumable astronomical purposes of those of Egypt, have been explored. Each of these pyramids, however, unlike those of Egypt, is topped by a temple, which also shows the religious aspect of their construction. In addition, there are in this region other buildings of the Mayan metropolis, one at least of which clearly suggests our modern skyscrapers in its height and in the audacity of its builders. These ruins by their number, stability and rude grandeur attest the genius of the masons and architects of the Mayan period and prove them worthy to be regarded in this respect as the Egyptians of the New World.

That even this rediscovery of these ruined cities will be anything more than an episode in the history of exploration is not probable. The wonderful luxuriance of Central American forests makes it almost certain that in a decade or two the jungle will again encroach upon them with its rank vegetation and cover up ruins which have survived the memory of their builders-unless in the mean time what may be called in its broadest sense American interest may be awakened and a combined attempt made by the different American governments to preserve these impressive remains of a lost civilization.

New York Tribune Review.

## POLISHING OLD PEWTER

SNCE the craze for collecting old pewter has developed, many women have spent hours in their endeavor to try to polish the pieces into something approaching their former brightness but, generally speaking, without marked success. Some, of course, prefer that the pieces retain the dull, leaden appearance indicative of old age, while others fancy the brighter pewter.

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Another effective way of removing the discolorations is by using a mixture of kerosene and ordinary seashore sand, adding just enough of the oil to moisten the sand. With a coarse piece of canvas apply this to the metal and rub until the surface becomes bright. Any polish containing grease should be avoided if a brilliant finish is desired. Emery cloth or sand paper should not be used, as they will scratch the metal. In order to remove any dents which may have appeared take a wooden mallet covered with leather, with two or three pieces of curved wood to get into the crevices. Pewter is soft, and a gentle hammering will be all that is necessary to remove the hollows.

New York Evening Telegram.

## WHAT IS A HORSE-POWER

WHEN men first begin to become familiar with the methods of measuring mechanical power they often speculate on where the breed of horses is to be found that can keep at work raising 33,000 pounds one foot per minute, or the equivalent, which is more familiar to some mechanics, of raising 330 pounds 100 feet per minute. Since 33,000 pounds raised one foot per minute is called one horse-power, it is natural that people should think the engineers who established that unit of measurement based it on what horses could really do. But the horse that can do this work does not exist. The horsepower unit was established by James Watt about a century ago, and the figures were fixed in a curious way. Watt found that the average horse of his district could raise 22,000 pounds one

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foot per minute. This, then, was an actual horse-power. At that time Watt was employed in the manufacture of engines, and customers were so hard to find that all kinds of artificial inducements were necessary to induce power users to buy steam engines. As a method of encouraging them, Watt offered to sell engines reckoning 33,000 foot-pounds to a horse-power. And thus he was the means of giving a false unit to one of the most important measurements in the world.

> New York Times.

## AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE next Convention of the American Institute of Architects to be held in Washington City, January 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1907, will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Institute, founded in 1857 . A bronze tablet containing the names of the founders of the Institute will be unveiled in The Octagon House, commemorating the occasion. During this meeting the Institute will inaugurate the custom of presenting a Gold Medal for distinguished merit in architecture. The first medal will be presented to Sir Aston Webb, the architect of the Victoria Memorial, London, who received the Gold Medal of the Royal Institute of British Architects and knighthood during the past year. This meeting will also be the occasion of a formal banquet at which will gather those distinguished in the fine arts, prominent Government officials, representatives of educational institutions, and men of literary fame. As ceremonial and sociable events will occupy the time of this meeting, no formal papers will be read, but the routine business and commemorative exercises will occupy the time of the delegates. It is proposed to make this a notable meeting.

## JARRAH WOOD

THE last number of the Kew Bulletin contains a note on the properties and uses of the jarrah wood, a species of eucalyptus, native to Western Australia. The main difficulties in connection with its use in this country are the cost of freight for such heavy timber from Australia and its intense hardness, which makes it difficult for ordinary English carpenters' tools to work it. The tree which produces it grows generally to a height of 100 feet, and sometimes 150

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Fournal of the Society of Arts.

## METCHNIKOF AGAINST RAW FRUIT <br> PROFESSOR METCHNIKOF, the

noted bacteriologist, has just announced in Paris that raw fruit should never be eaten, condemning it beyond remission. He was asked whether grape pips cause appendicitis, and replied that they might, but were to be considered a detail.
The essential point is that microbes swarm on all fruit. Persons harbor quite enough bacteria as it is, he says, therefore raw fruit should be absolutely forbidden. The professor has long since prohibited it in his own home. On the other hand, he warmly recommends stewed fruit, because, he says, it is palatable, wholesome, and sterilized by boiling.

New York Times.

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## A FOREST GIANT

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Victoria Colonist.
PLANTS UNDER CHLOROFORM
VERY curious announcement is reported in a recent issue of "The English American," to the effect that one of the professors of the University of Copenhagen has been making a number of experiments with plants subjected to the narcotizing influence of ether and chloroform. The professor's plan appears to be as follows: He first sends the plants into a condition which is described as being in all respects analogous to lethargic sleep, wherein they remain for a considerable period, during which time they are laid aside. When they ultimately revive from this condition of sleep they are said to begin to bud and flourish in remarkable profusion. It is further remarked that the known physiology of plants does not explain the phenomenon, but that those who have seen the results of the experiments testify to their reality. It will surprise most people to hear that the word "anæsthesia" can be applied to plants at all, and it is not easy to conjure up a vision of a plant in a lethargic sleep or to realize the nature of its awakening. The whole report is so very curious that we await with interest the arrival of further particulars. Perhaps, however, they will not come.

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## TO REDEEM WASTE LANDS

Plans for Converting Long Island Forests Into Productive Dairy Farms

$\mathrm{R}^{\mathrm{E}}$ECENT experiments on Long Island have proved that the so-called waste land is really very fertile. The Long Island Railroad Company, believing that the future welfare of the island and its people depends on the use and cultivation of these lands, established an experimental farm at Wading River, Long Island. The wild forest growth was cut away, the stumps were blasted out with dynamite, the ten acres so cleared were ploughed and sowed with winter rye; fruit trees and berry plants were set out and the farm was made ready for the winter.

The first work was done September 7, 1905. In sixty-four working days the ten acres were cleared, ploughed, harrowed and rye was planted. As soon as possible in the spring all sorts and varieties of vegetables were planted. Native wood ashes, Canada wood ashes and manure (ten tons to the acre) were the only fertilizers used. The vegetable products proved that the land was good for the purpose of market gardening.

Years ago Long Island was a milkproducing territory; to-day there is little or no milk shipped to New York dairies. This is a deplorable state of affairs, and it seems that some use should be made of the twenty thousand acres of land now lying idle sixty miles from Manhattan for raising fodder, feeding cows and shipping milk of the best quality to the near-by markets.

The success with the fodder crops has been even more marked than that with the vegetables. Alfalfa planted lateon June 1 -when it began to bloom and reached a height of 26 inches and cut at the rate of 3,700 pounds to the acre. Alfalfa growers and experts who have visited Experimental Station No. I have said it was 'way beyond any other growth of alfalfa in the United States, both as to size of stalk, stand, color and height. The usual growth is 4 and in exceptional cases 8 inches the first year, I 8 inches the second year and about 34 inches, its normal height, the third year. This crop is of the greatest value for cows. An established alfalfa field can be cut from three to four times a year, and is good for at least twenty years. It requires an alkali soil, hence if the
soil upon which alfalfa is to be grown is "sour" it should be sweetened by the use of lime, and to be sure that it is in an alkali condition a handful of moistened litmus paper, which can be bought at any drug store, applied to it is a sure test. This paper is blue, but turns pink or red if there is any acid present; it is cheap and absolutely reliable. Teostine is a very thrifty and wide-leaved grass. In appearance it is similar to corn, but having much leaf and little stalk. It has been cut on Long Island four times in the season; both cows and horses are very fond of it. Millet made splendid growth, and, while there is a difference of opinion regarding the fondness of cattle for this food, the experience of those having given it a thorough test is in favor of this crop. Although White Flint and the tall Virginia Horse Tooth corn were grown for fodder alone, there is a very large yield of ears. Sorghum also did splendidly.

Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railroad Company, fully realizing the importance of the success attained in the production of this wonderful alfalfa yield, determined to interest the large milk interests in the Long Island country. With this in mind, he invited officials of the companies to be his guests on a special train to visit Wading River, to see what had been accomplished and to give their opinion as to the practicability of dairy farming there.

The officials of the dairy companies marvelled at the success enjoyed with alfalfa and other fodder crops, and seemed quite favorable to the project of starting a farm on Long Island to partially serve their customers. They voted the trip a success, and it is believed that the idea is a step in the right direc-tion.-New York Tribune Farmer.

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and for smoothness and solidity is thought by many to exceed anything in use. Oak is largely used for fine floors, especially those which are to be covered with rugs instead of carpets. Pacific coast fir is to become an important competitor of the other woods in the flooring line. There is another wood that is making little stir, and is not obtrusive, neither is its praises much sounded abroad. We mention gum with confidence, but fully aware that some will sneer at the name. Yet gum flooring is making headway, and a larger quantity of it is being manufactured and going into use than many are aware. Gum, or hazel as it is called in some portions of Missouri and Arkansas, is a wood eminently adapted to a smooth, solid and durable flooring. The genuine red gum of the lower Mississippi bottoms runs well to heart wood, and is less liable to warp than the white gum which abounds farther north. When sawed into narrow strips, rightly piled and dried, it is handled without much trouble from warping. George Prentiss told how it could be done in an issue of the Lumberman. There is apparently no reason in the world why gum should not be extensively utilized for flooring. It presents a rich colortone, and is susceptible of high polish, if that is desired. It can be used plain or quarter-sawed. Mr. Prentiss prefers the plain sawed strips for flooring. The whole $\log$ can be converted into flooring, as it runs largely clear of knots or other defects. When plain-sawed, both heart and sap can be used for flooring. In price it can compete with any wood extant.

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F M. CARROLL of Chicago, says the [. "Drovers' Journal," is showing the possibilities of city farming on a half-acre lot, corner of South Park avenue and Twenty-third street. Several rows of corn planted last June matured early. Potatoes are ready to be gathered after ninety days instead of the usual ino. Tomatoes are ready in ninety days, squashes in 110. His plants are neither cultivated nor irrigated. In the fall an 18 inch mulch of horse manure is placed on the soil and allowed to settle during the winter. This lasts for four years, and prevents evaporation of moisture. Lettuce and radishes are planted on the surface, corn, potatoes and tomatoes in the earth beneath the mulch. When a small piece of the mulched earth was scraped bare and left so, the stunting effect on the nearest vegetables was plainly visible.

The Country Gentleman.

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## "SUNNYCREST"

## A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOME AND ITS GARDEN

By CHARLES FREDERICK HOLDER

THE traveler in the United States, particularly in the country and in many suburban districts of the Middle West, often wonders at the lack of originality in the homes and gardens of the people. The architecture is ornate, tremendous, commonplace, and there is little in the average small town, East or West, to commend itself to the
artistic mind. The writer has wondered at this and considers it can hardly be prevented. In new towns, settled by pioneers, there is often a lack of taste and money. Every man is his own architect and crude ideas run riot. In towns of a better class the evidence of the carpenter, who imagines he is an architect, is found, and it is only when these towns


A SCREEN OF FLAME AND SKELETON TREES


ALL THE WORLD SEEMS TO HAVE BROUGHT TRIBUTE TO "SUNNYCREST"
grow and attain age and artistic settlers that the effect of the landscape artist and the real artist architect begins to be felt. Nature always lends herself as an aid to the artist, this being especially true in Southern California where peculiar conditions hold, particularly in the fast-growing city of Pasadena, at the head of the San Gabriel valley.

This city is hardly thirty years old. The locality was a semi-desert in summer, covered with greasewood and chaparral; to-day it is one of the most beautiful places in the country, having all the evidence of age and maturity which a remarkably rapid growth can bring. The beautiful photographs, by Hance, of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, which illustrate this paper, emphasize this, as twenty-one years ago "Sunnycrest" was a barren, weed-grown hill, given over to gophers, tumbleweed and native grasses. Then it became an orange grove, and a fashionable and attractive avenue crept through the groves at its feet, and the hill in the course of its evolution became too valuable to raise oranges upon, and finally became the home place of Mrs. Burdette, whose taste and originality are seen in all its beautiful lines and in its many nooks and corners.

Few places in America have an architecture that is sui generis, and throughout the land Colonial, French, Old English, Flemish and Dutch fancies are combined to make the towns and cities what they are; but in Southern California it is different. Here is a pronounced and peculiar architecture. The old Mission Fathers blazed the way into its valley from the South, and their ideas being purely Moorish, they built all the missions along these graceful and beautiful lines; arches, red and yellow splashes of color, tiles suggestive of Spain and the Moors, features restful to the eye and senses.

The architecture is not for the eye alone, but is pre-eminently practical. Southern California is a semi-tropic country, so far as its flora is concerned. Warm weather may be expected from July to October, though it can be said not so disagreeable nor intense as the humid weather of the East. In winter the nights are cool, with occasional frost, therefore it is necessary to keep both cool and warm, hence the adobe, which the early Mexicans conceived out of the exigencies of the situation. The adobe mud, found in various parts of the country, is made into bricks and houses built with walls often over two feet in thickness. The roof is of tiling, and the result is a cool house in summer and a warm one in winter; in a word, heat and cold are shut out and kept out.

The old missions were all built of adobe, and the modern Moorish or mission house of Southern California is a practical adaptation of the idea, eminently satisfactory. Instead of adobe, stucco or plaster is used, and when painted in rich yellow,
orange or red hues it adapts itself in a remarkable way to the bright sunlight, the blaze of color that is a characteristic feature of Southern California.
"Sunnycrest" is a typical home of this kind. The house is essentially Moorish in its design, is an adaptation of the so-called mission style, the Moorish, with a very important addition, "American comforts." It stands on a sightly hill commanding the San Gabriel valley, and has an outlook, a setting which gives it scenic rank among the most beautiful spots in America. The house faces the west ridge of the San Gabriel valley, which is environed by low spurs from the main Sierras. It overlooks a deep cañon-the Arroyo Seco,-a river of fragrant verdure, which sweeps down from the mountains, bringing the breath of the forest and its trees into the very city. To the north and east rise the Sierra Madre, a grim wall of peaks and ranges, rising from six thousand feet at Pasadena in Mount Wilson to eleven thousand feet in Mount San Antonio, thirty-five miles distant. This range is thirty or forty miles wide, a marvelous jumble of ranges and peaks, cut by myriads of cañons which pour their brooks and streams down into the San Gabriel valley and across it in winter to the sea.

In summer from "Sunnycrest" the range lies in a golden haze, the peaks bare, but in winter, when the valley runs riot with flowers, when the slopes are aflame with the golden Eschscholtzia and countless flowers, the range is often white with snow down to the three thousand-foot level, and one of the most remarkable panoramas to be seen in any land is presented-winter and semi-tropic summer face to face. Yet the valley is redolent with the perfume of flowers and the harsh breath of winter rarely gains the ascendency. So from "Sunnycrest" the eye rests on banks of snow, great trees bowing beneath its weight; sees it rolling up the north slope of San Antonio to the summit, then in gigantic wraiths, whirled off over the valleys with their groves of orange, lemon, grapefruit, olive and numerous other trees. The eye rises to snow banks, and drops upon flowers; it encompasses all zones. Yet in the gardens of "Sunnycrest" on this winter day it is snowing; but the snowflakes which cover the ground are orange petals, whose fragrance blends with the perfume of California violets and fills the air. Winter is there, not five miles away, and one may reach it on the mountain road in an hour and don snow-shoes and enjoy the delights of winter even to a sleigh ride up the trail to the summit. But to reach it one is forced to pass through groves of ripening oranges, strawberry patches, and a region that is the garden spot of the world in the luxuriance of its growth, the splendor of its floral offerings.

As I write, the gardens of "Sunnycrest" are before me, being but a stone's throw from my own



CHARMING VISTAS THROUGH THE ARCHES


SMALL PLANTS AND ORANGE TREES OF MANY VARIETIES

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home. The house, with its red-tiled roof, its wide and extensive verandas, its picture-like windows and succession of Moorish arches, surmounts the hill, and reaching away from it in several terraces and sloping gently to the avenue on the east, and to the Arroyo to the west, is the garden, truly a modern Hesperides, and one to delight the eye of garden lovers of all degrees and tastes. Its strong feature is its variety. You may rest the eye on portions that are in strict alignment, while beyond in the opening, flowers run riot of their own will. I see nodding over the fence, formed of countless roses, the Eastern goldenrod, in tints of burnished gold, ten feet high, here a giant, and in vivid contrast clumps of South American pampas grass, cream-like and beautiful.
In the south series of terraces are flowers and plants from almost every land; splendid masses of rare cannas in tints of gold, yellow and vermilion, and all the minor plants, seen in hothouses in the East. Near the porte-cochère are beds of the large California violet and all known varieties. Here a second fence protects the drive and is made of the sweet pea, back of which is the rose garden; not the seasonal garden of the East, but a perennial one in which roses bloom the year around and where the choicest varieties can be found.

Perhaps the feature that would make the strongest impression upon the stranger who might stroll through the "Sunnycrest" garden in winter, would be the variety of plants; forms which represent almost every clime. On the lawn are two fine specimens of Sequoia gigantea, five hundred miles from their home in the Sierra Nevada, where the only grove of this tree in the world is to be seen. These two trees attract immediate attention. Their trunks are sturdy, pillar-like, the tree having a pyramidal shape suggestive of great age and the power to resist the elements. Near-by is the redwood, Sequoia sempervirens, which forms the great forests of the Coast Range, and with it are firs, pines, larches, and cedars, from many different localities.
Beautiful in its mathematical precision is the Norfolk Island Pine of the South Pacific, the whirls of branches being thrown out at certain distances, the tree ornamental in every way. Not a stone's throw away is an English holly with its bright berries; graceful trees from the Nile, the famous thorn tree from Palestine, in fact, almost every known land is represented by trees, from the eucalyptus of Australia to the Indian bamboo, and from the cork of South America to the pine of Norway. Reaching down to the avenue are orange trees of many varieties: the Washington navel, seedling, the pomelo, lemon, lime and Japanese oranges or cumquats, and the thin-skinned oranges from Tangier. Here are walnuts, pecans, chestnuts from

Italy, figs from Smyrna, loquats from Japan, Chinese nuts; trees that hail from Africa and the Nile, and everywhere palms of great beauty, ranging from the giant fan palm of the American desert to the date from Cairo, and many more famed for their grace and beauty.

The palms of "Sunnycrest" give it an essentially tropical appearance, which the big South American and Abyssinian banana trees, the dragoon palm or yuccas intensify, yet but a few feet distant are American apples, pears, cherry trees; in fact, were it possible for trees of all climes to meet in convention, the assemblage on this hill would well represent it.

Near the large trees are numerous small plants of variety and beauty, huge African lilies, the great wild tiger lilies of the Sierra Madre, wild shrubs of various kinds, century plants, some in bloom, with gigantic spikes twenty or more feet in air, rows of yuccas or Spanish bayonets, which bloom in the summer and dot the Sierra Madre with their pure white clusters which fill the air with perfume.

Leaving the front lawn, which is of Lepia, a new lawn plant, the stroller enters the front of the terraces, along which the pathway extends, environed by myrtle, honeysuckle, ivy, and flowering plants, which shut out the house and grounds, rare roses, scores of flowering shrubs, azaleas, masses of delicate ferns from Hawaii, China, Japan and the Orient, massed with giant brakes from the California Sierras, but from which rise graceful palms, which find congenial surroundings in Southern California.

There is a constant change with which to regale the eye and other senses, and everywhere roses, for this is, par excellence, the land of roses, from the huge Paul Neyron to the delicate and diminutive forms, and from these of delicate tint to the blazing splendors of the Gold of Ophir which covers trees, and forms literal bowers of color; indeed, the north line of "Sunnycrest" is a fence of red roses that alone in almost any land would create a sensation.

Climbing to the next terrace the eye rests upon masses of white and red oleanders, azaleas, clumps of brakes and rare roses, forming a maze of fragrant verdure from which rise sago and other palms, whose leaves rustle musically in the soft wind, while from the adjacent pines of Oregon comes music of another kind-the laughing of the wind through the needles, the moaning of the distant sea.

All the world seems to have brought tribute to "Sunnycrest" in fruits and flowers, and in the center at the summit, above the last floral terrace, staged between great trees-pines, eucalyptus and acacias,-stands the house with its spacious verandas on two sides, large wide out-door rooms, after the agreeable fashion of the country, suggestive of the genial hospitality of the home. From here one

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looks through Moorish arches, and obtains a new and charming vista from every point of view. Perhaps it is beneath the old Mission bell; out through the eucalyptus trees, or through the branches of the flame and skeleton trees, or over the breadfruit and Irish buckthorn. Everywhere lofty snowcapped mountains, orange groves, ridges of green hills, stretch away, completing a picture, rare in any land beneath the sun.

It can be imagined that "Sunnycrest" has interior charms as well. It is one of the purest Spanish houses in the valley, its lines attractive and to it the mistress has lent her artistic tastes. The living-
room suggests the orange, the deep yellow of the lower walls gradually paling as it ascends. In the reception room the idea of the apricot is carried out with delicate tints. The guest rooms have other schemes, while the library is perfect in its splendid Moorish finish and ornate decoration. The diningroom is modern Spanish, if the term can be used, being furnished in Santa Barbara Spanish leather work. Withal, "Sunnycrest" is essentially homelike; this charm is nowhere absent. It has the formality of a great place, yet its garden softens the lines, and as a whole, it is the embodiment of all that would seem desirable in this land of the afternoon.

# Practical Features in the Development of a Country Estate 

By RICHARD SCHERMERHORN, Jr.,<br>Civil Engineer and Landscape Architect

THE esthetics of country estate development have been treated in numerous articles, recent and long past; as also there have been exceptionally thorough accounts of the work accomplished through horticultural aids in the rendering of landscape effects and general pleasing conditions. It is, however, particularly noteworthy that there has been little space given to the practical points concerned in the building of a private estate, and it is the purpose of this article to dwell upon the subject mainly from this latter standpoint.
We have to consider a tract of say 500 acres, of rough and undeveloped land except for a portion which has been used for farming purposes. The country is hilly and fairly wooded. The owner engages a landscape specialist and arrangements are made for the immediate use of his services. We may now follow the successive steps and important points toward the object in view, i. e., to make of this wild tract of land a property which shall in the first place be habitable and with all means furnished for personal convenience; in the second place, which shall be rendered attractive and pleasing to the eye; and in the third place, which shall contain all requisites for amusement and recreation.
The boundary lines of the property are first carefally surveyed and the building of a substantial fence following these lines is commenced at the earliest practicable moment. This provides a barrier against all trespassers, many of whom, however
uninterested they may have been in the property in its former condition, are always greatly delighted to pry into matters concerning the actual work of construction. A careful topographical survey is next in progress, and if the landscape man can personally participate in this, so much to his advantage in the matter of a careful study of the property. The survey gives at the outset a chart of the land, every feature of which can be studied in detail. Plans can thus be drawn intelligently and a full economy provided for, while artistic features can be studied thoroughly instead of half-way guessed at. An economy derived from the proper planning of even a few hundred feet of roadway through the use of such a survey plan will often save in excavation the cost of the entire survey.

The first step toward the actual execution of the work will consist in establishing the correct location of the house. It is by all means wise to set the house at the highest elevation for purposes of wide range of view, but other considerations must also be observed. It is often the case that a house will be placed upon an extremely high ridge without ever considering the proper means of approach, and as a result the driveway is constructed with grades which necessitate not only an enormous expenditure for excavation, but the roadway will furnish, from an artistic standpoint, an ugly and unprepossessing appearance. Care must be taken also to locate the house with due regard to its position governed by the

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actual boundary of the estate. While it is not necessary to place it in the exact center of the property, its location should not be fixed so that it is at extremely unequal and varying distances from the main highways and the principal points of interest on the estate. Also while it is satisfactory to observe an unobstructed view of the countryside from all sides of the house, it should be remembered that a house thus situated is exposed and open to all the elements. Therefore, if the house has a southerly exposure and the view is fairly open on the east and west, it would be more satisfactory on the whole if it were set somewhat below the crest of the hill on the north, as the side being the most severely affected by the weather.

It is not an unusual practice when having selected the site for a house to cut and clear away everything around it within a very considerable radius, and then to create an entirely new condition by planting and grading to certain carefully defined lines. In many cases this idea can be carried to the extreme. As stated, a house should not be left entirely exposed to the weather, even if plans will ultimately develop means of protection. If the house is located in a forest or thick grove of trees, it is generally sufficient to clear away only a portion of the timber leaving certain portions to act as windbreaks on the sides most exposed. Then when the newly planted trees have matured, the older ones can be destroyed as may be seen fit. This matter of windbreaks is very important and can be considered on other portions of the estate as well. The success of a garden or cultivated fields may often depend upon the proper protection of the same against the elements.

Assuming that it is necessary to locate the house also with some relation to the main driveway, the latter becomes the next subject for consideration. By studying the topographical plan, the course of this road is determined and it is preferable to build this as soon as work on the house is in progress. It is unwise, however, to do more at first than to place the road in just such a condition as will serve for ordinary use as the constant heavy traffic during construction periods will necessitate a refinishing of the road at the end of the work in any case. At the same time, a spot can be selected for the establishment of a nursery, as during the road construction and the work of clearing for the house, it will probably be necessary to remove much material which would be desirable for planting purposes in different parts of the estate. It is always well to save such hardy forest trees as dogwood, oak, hickory, spruce, pine, etc., of such sizes as can be transplanted readily and are of proper proportions. This nursery can be added to considerably during the course of further construction and much use can be made out of other material which otherwise would have been destroyed.
Progress ${ }^{\top}$ thus far, the development of the estate is now considered in a general light and the remain-
ing features are studied out carefully. A service road is planned with an entrance and course quite distinct from that of the main approach. Intersecting and branch driveways may be constructed traversing other parts of the estate. Means for a water supply are developed. A mountain. brook will often furnish a satisfactory source for this latter, with hydraulic rams delivering to a tank set at an elevation sufficient to furnish adequate pressure for the requirements of the house. Under different conditions a deep pipe well, connected to a windmill or a small steam or hot air pump, will afford other means of supply. A complete pipe system can then be instituted to reach all points of the estate.

While the practical points are being considered, it will be necessary also to give attention to the drainage system. The roads will be failures unless careful drainage is provided for, while the territory in the vicinity of the house must be just as carefully treated. Lowlands or bogs in the neighborhood of the dwelling should all be drained as far as possible as the annoyance or sickness which is apt to arise from the presence of such makes an expenditure in this direction very worthy. By careful study of the plan as a whole, the drainage from all these parts may often be combined, and delivering to some particular location it is often possible to use this surface water to form a lake and thus add to the attractive features of the property. In districts where there is no drainage to brooks and streams, ravines and hollows in the woods are serviceable for collection areas if located at a sufficient distance from the roads and dwellings.

In matters of sewage disposal; a man of moderate means may be excused for not going any further than the construction of a cesspool, but in the case of those who can afford a large enough house to make the question of sewage a considerable item it is shortsighted not to arrange for a system which can be made wholly unobjectionable. There are several different methods of sewage disposal entailing varied cost, but one which is simple and very satisfactory is that generally known as the Waring system, which provides for the collection of the waste in a septic tank located at a short distance from the dwelling, the liquid matter being siphoned off automatically into a disposal field through open-jointed tile pipe, where it is allowed to filter through the soil and is also partially absorbed by the atmosphere. What material is not siphoned off in this manner is drawn off through another pipe line whenever necessary. The disposal field requires only a very small area, depending upon the size of the house and character of the soil, and a suitable location for this can generally be chosen with little difficulty. The appearance of the soil is not affected other than that a richer verdure is produced. The settling tanks can be screened from view by thick planting, thus rendering
them unobtrusive. The cost of such a system amounts to a very small item compared to the general expenditures required on an estate of substantial character, and it obviates an objectionable feature which would otherwise be in distinct evidence.

The location and building of the stable is probably the next object of interest. It is found convenient to place this at a distance far enough from the house to do away with the undesirable features arising therefrom, but not so far as to destroy the continuity of relation which should exist between these two buildings. It may also be found necessary to remodel and improve the entire group of farm buildings and this is provided for at an early date. The lodge house and entrance gateway have been designed with their fitting relation in architectural features to the other important buildings although their location has been decided at the time of the planning of the main driveway.

Having thus disposed of the principal features requiring attention from the actual standpoint of health and comfort, plans are now made to cover the requirements for amusement and recreation. The character of these accessories will depend upon the taste and pocketbook of the owner. He may be of a domestic nature and take particular interest in a superior dairy, chicken farm, cattle raising or in a flock of sheep. He may otherwise possess sporting proclivities and keep a stable of thoroughbreds and build a private race-course on his grounds. He can also establish kennels and rear prize-winning dogs, can enclose a portion of his estate and stock it with deer and game. He can build a fish-pond and use this to his heart's content. A golf course, polo field, tennis courts and the like will appeal to the athletic side of his nature. The construction and development of these particular sources of recreation all play their part in the building of a substantial country estate. As they call for work of a very special character and as they are probably not in sufficient general use to command popular interest, they may be omitted from this discussion. The gardening and horticultural features of the estate, however, will always claim consideration second only to those of the actual needs, but these have been treated upon so frequently through other sources that there is probably little information concerning them which can be brought forth to suit the ends of this article.
There are a few points, however, which are particularly important in connection with landscape effects, which should not be omitted. Probably the most important is the development of the grounds in the immediate neighborhood of the house. It is safe to say that this treatment should depend almost entirely upon the character or design of the house. Some houses are so executed architecturally that a formal garden is actually a part of the design rather than an accessory, at least in some cases it should be.

Other houses are so planned that a garden with straight lines and clipped hedges in close connection with it, is entirely out of place, and a broad rolling lawn with well-judged plantings of trees and shrubbery in commanding places, furnishes the most satisfactory solution.

The successful architect or landscape architect is one who can merge the house into its natural surroundings in such a manner that one may practically seem to "grow into" the other. Most estates are deemed incomplete however without this formal garden, and if the character of the house does not justify the building of one in connection with it, there are certainly other parts of the estate which may be suitably adapted for the purpose.
In the case of driveways, there are numerous points to consider from the landscape point of view in the construction of these. The standard methods of highway construction should only be observed in connection with the durability of these roads. It is preferable that the general course of the road be curved and irregular and it is better to avoid geometric lines. The lines of the most successful of these driveways have probably been laid out by means of the eye alone, although this is apt to cause some embarrassment if it is necessary that the work be executed by contract. Attention should also be given to the banks and side slopes of these roads. While it is an expensive method to grade these slopes so that they may appear to coincide as nearly as possible with the adjoining contours, the effect obtained by attending to this is well worth the extra cost. Sometimes this can be accomplished in too harsh a manner and the sides of the road will present too strong a contrast in regard to their smoothness and lack of forest vegetation as compared with the territory beyond.

This can be overcome to some extent by means of judicious planting. There is another point to consider in developing the profiles of the roads. Standard highways are generally built with little attention given to abrupt changes of grade at any one point; as, for instance, the condition which may be encountered when a grade of $1 \%$ intersects a grade of $6 \%$. These grades may be merged and the abrupt angular deflection obviated by planning an easy connecting vertical curve at the proper points of tangency. The appearance of the road is improved greatly by careful attention to these features.

It is frequently found necessary to build retaining walls along the course of roads where steep side hills are encountered. It is probably best to avoid the construction of these retaining walls where possible, and to cut and fill to an even slope, but this cannot always be regarded on account of cost of same. Masonry walls are apt to assume a harsh appearance against a generally quiet landscape, but this appearance may be softened considerably by planting
trailing vines and creepers at their base so that in time they will be entirely covered. It is often very desirable to build a bridge over some stream or intervening gully. It is particularly necessary in designing this bridge to pay close attention to its appearance as well as its rigidity. If the country is rocky, it is very effective to construct the bridge out of this local stone. If none of this is to be obtained, a bridge of rough-dressed timber will serve the purpose as well, if it is designed in a most informal manner. As the road nears the main dwelling, it is particularly important that the approach shall conform in character to the surroundings of the house. If the house is formal and stately, a straight avenue leading in a rectangular direction to the main axis and planted on both sides with symmetrical trees and shrubs will lead to the best results. On a great many estates an attractive effect is obtained by planning an abrupt curve in the road at the beginning of this straight avenue so that the house shall appear in the distance, only after this turn is made. In the case of a less pretentious mansion, the road should follow the contours of the land as nearly as possible and be constructed with the greatest tendency to natural effect. Take also in consideration a road which is built through a continuous stretch of woodland. Such a drive will often become monotonous, but if it is possible without unreasonable expense to clear away portions of the forest at varied intervals so that occasional open spaces or meadows may be produced, a much pleasanter drive is afforded. At least it should be possible to cut through certain portions of the woodland so that vistas are obtained leading to the open or to objects of particular interest. Similar principles may be followed in developing the estate in general. Scenery can be planned technically so that well-defined attractive results can be realized.

Some owners enter in upon the project of building their estate with the idea of hastening its completion so that they may have it to enjoy in full without long intermediate delays and interruptions. Others prefer to render it, in the first place, merely habitable and then to work out the details at their leisure for their amusement. Considerable embarrassment is often encountered from the elaborate orders given by the owners for accomplishing a certain piece of work within a certain time and toward a certain result
without considering the actual cost. Further embarrassment is also caused by the frequent haphazard mixing of the labor accounts so that the owner is unable to ascertain whether his expenses for a certain period cover, for instance, the construction of a road or the shearing of his sheep. This can only be remedied by utilizing a complete bookkeeping system in which every man's time is allotted to the actual class of work he is employed upon and all materials are charged against their actual account. When the labor and materials are supplied by the owner direct, this arrangement is distinctly to his advantage; when the work is let on percentage basis it is absolutely necessary and even when the work is contracted out in bulk it will pay the owner to keep in touch with the work in this manner. In the first case, he is enabled to ascertain just how much the individual portions of the work are costing and where to apply his attention if any of the costs are running to excess. In the second case, it is necessary as a check on the preliminary estimates and as a safeguard against careless handling of the work or presumption on the part of the contractor. In the third case, work of this character generally requires a considerable amount of per diem labor whether the work is contracted out as a whole or not. Unless the owner is prepared to follow this up closely, his accounts are not apt to be economically managed. In short, let the owner be advised that he know exactly what the different branches of the work are costing him, no matter what system of payments is employed. Otherwise, it is likely he will eventually realize how much of trouble and dispute might have been avoided.

It has been the writer's object to describe as briefly as possible the most important of actual conditions encountered in the development of the average country estate, and the way to treat them. Many of these are so well known, at least to those of actual experience in the work, that it has seemed almost unnecessary to mention them, but at the same time it is surprising to note in actual work how many of these conditions are totally ignored. Therefore, it is hoped that the general reader of this article will find at least a few suggestions which may be of value to him, and it is to this end that the article has been written.


# Houses with a History <br> DUNSTER CASTLE 

By F. ACLAND HOOD

DUNSTER Castle is one of the most interesting, as it is certainly one of the most beautifully and romantically situated places in England. It stands on a wooded, isolated hill or tor, about 200 feet high, rising from the level plain, which extends between it and the Bristol Channel and it is backed by higher hills, some wild and heather-covered, others beautifully wooded. At its foot lies the picturesque little town, with its whitewashed and timbered houses, and projecting tiled roofs and dormer windows, with the old Luttrell Arms Inn, now somewhat modernized outside but still preserving its fine oak room and gabled porch, and with the very quaint octagonal market place, built as a yarn market by George Luttrell about 1590 and still bearing the
marks of a cannonball, fired from the castle during the siege of 1646 .

The castle was one of the most important fortresses in the West of England. It consisted of two parts, the upper and the lower ward, due to the two natural platforms into which the hill was divided. On the flat, oval summit of the hill stood the Keep; the naturally steep sides were made so smooth that a direct attack by an enemy was almost impossible. The lower platform, about 50 feet beneath, on which was built the lower ward, is semicircular in form, the ground on the east side falling suddenly in a low cliff supported by a retaining wall, below which the slope, now terraced by paths and clothed with trees, descends to the foot of the hill. A cleverly engineered drive,


DUNSTER CASTLE FROM THE TOWN

## Dunster Castle

He also added to the outer wall a wing and a porch tower. The chief room of interest inside the castle is the gallery with its polished oak floor and cornice of the date of 1620 , its fine Chippendale settees and chairs and its walls hung with very curious Italian, probably Venetian, painted leather of the seventeenth century, the skins being covered with silver leaf and in some parts glazed over with transparent color giving the effect of gold and representing the history of Cleopatra. She appears as a golden haired, fair complexioned Venetian beauty in the rich dress of the seventeenth century and we see her marriage with Antony, their riding together at the head of their troops, the death of Antony, Cleopatra's interview with Octavius Cæsar and the death of the Queen surrounded by her maidens and holding the asp to her breast. Tradition says that the ship which was bringing these hangings to England was wrecked off the coast, opposite Dunster, and the Lord of Dunster having a right to all that was cast on the foreshore, these panels became his property. On the right hand side of the gallery a door leads into a bedroom, known as King Charles's room, from its having been occupied by Charles II. when, as Prince of Wales, he resided for some time at Dunster after the battle of Naseby "to encourage the new levies." He was probably given this room as it contains a secret cupboard in the thickness of the wall with a stone seat at the further end, in which he could conceal himself should occasion arise. The last royal personage who stayed at Dunster was the present King, Edward VII., who, when Prince of Wales, came there for some stag hunting with the Devon and Somerset hounds. It must not be forgotten that Dunster Castle underwent a siege in the days of Charles I. The then owner, George Luttrell, sympathized with the Parliamentary party and held the castle for them, but when the Royalist successes seemed to promise that party ultimate victory, he thought it wiser to deliver up the castle to Colonel Windham
for the King. When the tide turned and all the surrounding country submitted to the Parliament, Colonel Blake was sent with a large force to retake Dunster. For one hundred and sixty days, in spite of lack of provisions and water, did Colonel Windham gallantly hold out. A mine was sprung and a breach made in the wall but the subsequent attack failed. It was only when reduced by privation and weakness and finding that all hopes of relief by the King's troops was at an end that he surrendered and marched out with full honors of war. After that the Parliamentary garrison held the castle for five years, and during that time Thomas Prynne was imprisoned there for eight months for seditious writings, by Cromwell's orders. Eventually it was decided to dismantle the castle as a fortress, the Keep was pulled down and only the domestic buildings


THE STAIRCASE-DUNSTER CASTLE

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THE GALLERY-DUNSTER CASTLE
and the gatehouse and a ruined tower remain. The castle was largely added to in 1869, when the present owner, George L. Luttrell, Esq., succeeded, the architect he employed being Mr. Salvin, a man of great experience in such work. He added the large tower on the right hand side of the entrance, which contains offices and bedrooms, and also the central tower on the southeast terrace, but it is all so carefully and judiciously done that it is difficult to say where the old work ends and the new begins and a
few more years' exposure to the weather will make it still less apparent.

While preserving the ancient character and irregular outline of the building he has not neglected the modern requirements of comfort, light and air. There are few places in England which combine so much of antiquarian interest with so much natural beauty of situation and scenery and where the old and new are so harmoniously brought together.


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# Quaint Houses of the South-I COLONIAL HOMES OF NATCHEZ 

By E. E. RONIM

SURROUNDING the town of Natchez, set high above the "Great River," in the wooded hills of Mississippi, are many Colonial houses, most beautiful in situation and architectural detail, which are attractive alike in picturesque beauty and in historic interest, woven in romance and "tradition, the elder sister of history."

Settled in 1700 the Chevalier Du Ponti founded this "City of the Bluffs." There ensued years of conflict with the Indians of the Natchez tribe, sunworshipers, vigorous and well equipped. The ruins of old Fort Rosalie, in the peace of to-day, crumble and fall to the "Father of Waters," gurgling and eddying at its base, giving no sign of the fearful massacre from which so few of the white settlers escaped. As time passed the country was occupied by the French and Spanish governments alternately, and this locality began to develop and to assume a social and ethical character that distinguished it in early days and left its imprint upon the homes that followed and still exist.

In 1789 the

"CONCORD"

Spanish governor, Grand Pré, built the first mansion of the locality as the post of government, signifying by its name, "Concord," the kindly feeling existing between the citizens and the officials; but showing by its feudal plan that the possibilities of attack had been considered, all possessions being placed under one roof to make them invulnerable to the enemy, the stables being on the ground floor, while the government and domestic apartments were above. As necessity for such a stronghold passed, the succeeding governors made additions to the massive structure. Circular flights of stone steps were erected leading to the second floor, colonnades supported the addition of a wide overhanging roof and gallery-the new style of architecture introduced from the colonies and well adapted"to this climate.

Afew yearslater the house known as "The Forest" was built and following in rapid succession there grew in the now prosperous country a circlet of beautiful homes immediately outside the township of Natchez;

"STANTON HALL"


DRAWING-ROOM-"STANTON HALL"

"ROSALIE"

"MONTEBELLO"

"MONMOUTH"
situated in extensive parks, each owner trying in good-natured rivalry to have more of the beauties of nature and cultivation than his neighbor, resulting in grounds laid out in formal groves, hedges and gardens rioting in azaleas, camellias and cape jessamine for outdoor luxuriance and in hothouses for less hardy flowers and fruits under glass.
The most notable features of the stately Colonial mansions are great brick columns of Doric, Ionic and Corinthian mould, and as no two of the buildings are on exactly the same plan, Concord, Arlington, Auburn, Melrose, Montebello, Rosalie, Monmouth, Devereux, Dunleith, Homewood, Gloster, Richmond,' Stanton Hall, etc., have the distinctive charm of individuality, only the general effect being somewhat similar, like people of the same generation.
"Arlington," of brick, with stone facings, that were imported, having been brought to Virginia and then here, is one of the earliest, the spacious entrance hall is used as art gallery


DETAIL-"STANTON HALL" PORCH

"STANTON HALL"
and ballroom, the beautifully carved doorways and fantail transoms, giving quaint effect, the walls hung with old-world paintings, bronzes and brass armor plates, making a picture-setting for a ball. At the right is a drawing-room in sunlight brocade, lit with myriad candles in brackets on the side walls, that shed a soft light on the objects of art in marble and bric-a-brac. Beyond the drawing-room is the library of eight thousand volumes, the book shelves running from floor to ceiling in this spacious room, lighted by windows set between the book shelves. Across the hall is the din-ing-room, a morning-room and side hall, where the stairway runs to the floor above, planned on the same broad lines in hallway and off-lying bedrooms.

At "Auburn" the spiral stairway is a unique feature of that period of architecture, as are the cross halls at "Homewood." Only the brick pillars of "Montebello" are left to give outline of the vast dwelling that burned several years

" DUNLEITH"

"DEVEREUX"

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ago, three rooms deep, with immense galleries running on the four sides of the building, supported by the usual white columns. Filled with art treasures as it was, it is now in ruins.
"Monmouth" has a square effect of columns in striking contrast to the round pillars of this vicinity; these and the façade of the west front and slate floored porticos are uncommon here and suggest Spanish origin and may have been adapted by the hero general, who owned Monmouth, from the buildings of Mexico where he won distinction in the war. Here the well-filled library is of interest. Situated in a separate wing, uninterrupted quiet is secured the student.
"Stanton Hall" is a splendid specimen of the more modern of these homes, the immense space of the halls, music-room, and living-rooms, the high ceiling and great doorways with carved facing, the carved marble mantels and bronze chandeliers give perfect finishing and impressive dignity to this great edifice, situated, unlike the other homes described, in the heart of the town and together with its surrounding park of live-oaks and shrubberies, occupies a "city block," the approach through enormous iron gateways making an appropriate setting.

No less interesting are the furnishings of these homes, lavish and beautiful, though differing more in periods than in the architectural designs. The
straight lines and plain surfaces of Colonial mahogany giving place to carved mahogany, Sheraton and Hippelwhite, followed by modern French carved and gilded settings of the late fifties. Blended with these in some instances were tables of inlaid Italian marbles, Doge's chairs, paintings, marbles, old brocades, Turkish carpets, mirrors and Venetian glass collected in the old-world of art, in travels abroad, by these home makers. Family portraits by Gilbert Stuart, Pope, Bush and West hang upon the walls. Silver services wrought in a fashion that is passed, massive race cups in the form of epergnes, tankards and bowls attest the love of sports that existed, and paintings of their thoroughbred horses and foxhounds hang beside the family portraits. Driveways between the estates and overlooking the winding river were a noticeable part of this favored spot, shaded with magnolias, catalpas and oaks and edged with hedges of Cherokee roses that bloom in garlands along the way. The drives extend for miles, going now through deep cuts formed by the rolling hills and sandy soil, and now through shady lanes. The most striking of these overlooks the river, where the soft loam has been worn into gigantic chasms, breaking away almost from the pathway hundreds of feet of soil to the water's edge, and known as the Devil's punch'bowls.

"ARLINGTON"
"The Spacious Entrance Hall is used as Art Gallery and Ballroom "

# Harmony in Decoration 

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#### Abstract

The following article is published in response to many requests. This address was delivered before the Conference on Home Economics, held at Lake Placid during the latter part of September. The illustrations used are made from photographs showing wall coverings and combinations advised for the various rooms of the small house, a floor plan of which is also reproduced. The color effect of these rooms, singly and relatively, has been carefully considered. The selection of the wall coverings has been almost entirely confined to those of English make.-Editor.


NOT very many years ago the careful housewife held the all-too-prevalent idea that beauty was of necessity, extravagance. In the furnishing and fitting up of her house, this seemed especially true. She turned her eyes reluctantly from the pretty light papers which attracted her and which would bring sunshine into a northern room and selected paper of snuff brown and stone gray picked out with flecks of gilt and lines of red, which from the day of putting in place would give the room a more somber and unlovely aspect than the lighter one would have done after years of use.

When William Morris advised his followers to "have nothing in their houses which they did not know to be useful and believe to be beautiful," he opened the door to an entirely new thought and found many followers, to whom this idea that the useful could be beautiful as well, was acceptable. To the man or woman with a true sense of beauty, this maxim is a safe guide. Where this sense is lacking, the last state of decoration of his house may be worse than the first.

In the last decade there has been so strong and decided a movement along the lines of good interior decoration that the veriest amateur, who desires to learn, may read and consult authorities upon these matters, and is sure to find sufficiently clear and helpful suggestions to guide him from the shoals.

Suitability is the great fundamental principle to recognize in the decoration and furnishing of a house. In the earliest consideration of a properly designed house, it must be planned to suit the plot of ground on which it stands. The house that suits the city lot would seem highly inappropriate, surrounded with great trees and set upon a

sloping lawn. This, of course, is the architect's care. Several years ago I was engaged upon syndicate newspaper work, which presented articles on practical house furnishing, together with a correspondence department, in Sunday newspapers. As these articles appeared simultaneously in thirty-seven cities of the United States, you may readily imagine that my mail was large. I received letters from women in cities, towns and villages, from the country and from far Western ranches. The scope of these inquiries was great. There was the woman who had turned her house over to some upholsterer firm, allowing them carte blanche for the whole. There was the Eastern woman who had gone West to live and found it difficult to adjust her artistic ideas to the crude environments of the Western town. There was the woman, suffering from the large figured wall-paper and the carpet in glowing colors and pronounced design, who realized that something was wrong in her best room, but did not know what; and there was the woman who went in for period furnishing, who, when she found her $l$ 'art nouveau dining-room did not satisfy her when seen from her Louis XV. drawing-room, plaintively asked, why? She had had the best talent of the Western city in which she lived to furnish this house, and the result was chaos. To the solving of each problem, the single word "suitability" could be brought. That was what was lacking.

The wood finish and treatment of the walls of a room must be considered of first importance to its completed beauty. These form the background of the picture. It is essential that these colors be entirely in accord, not only one with the other, but they must be carefully considered in

Original from
conjunction with the coloring of each adjoining room, thus insuring a harmonious whole. While very many people lean toward a plain color for their walls, this treatment, when used throughout the house, is less pleasing than where the monotony of such treatment is varied by the introduction of figured upper thirds of wall paper, or of friezes.

Where it is deemed advisable to use sand-finish plaster, this may be either treated with water-color wash of the desired tone, or it may be finished in oil. This latter is a thoroughly durable and hygienic treatment, and one which does not require renewal in many years. The priming, or first coat, on a sand-finish wall is of the highest importance. This is especially so when the subsequent finish is to be of enamel, such as is used in bathrooms and kitchen.

What is termed "oil sizing," is accepted as practically the best, with the argument that the plaster absorbs the oil and drying it becomes a perfect binder for the plaster as well, and forms an impervious surface for the subsequent treatment. This oil sizing is made of two-thirds raw linseed oil and one-sixth each spirits of turpentine and a good Japan drier. To this add bolted gilder's whiting to prevent the oil from running, and also, help in smoothing the surface. Ample time must be given this coating for drying before the final finish is put on. Three coats of oil paint should then be given the wall. To insure the last coat drying evenly and smoothly to a dead eggshel gloss, a small quantity of pure beeswax, melted in turpentine, should be added to the paint, the quantity of wax necessary to be determined by the luster desired. This simplifies the application tremendously as any workman could manage this perfectly and there is no danger of the demottled effect that often results where one workman only is employed in finishing a large wall space.

Before mixing the color for water-color tints supply your workman with a sample showing the exact


DEN.-Upper third of wall conventional design paper in mahogany, copper and olive green, lower edge cut out and applied to Japanese grass-cloth
shade you desire. The best plan is to have the color mixed and applied to a piece of sandpaper and dried out thoroughly. You can then get the effect of the color as it will appear on the finished wall. Whiting is the base of all water-color tinting and the dry colors are procurable in very beautiful tones. The proper mixing of these with the whiting will enable you to obtain any shade you desire. It is best to have the ground color mixed with the whiting before the glue is added.

For the walls of the summer cottage, bungalow, or mountain camp, a three-inch tongue-andgroove sheathing may be used throughout, continuing this same effect in the ceiling showing between exposed joists or rafters. A variety in color may be given to the walls by the selection of the stain used upon them. Where yellow pine forms this woodwork, the ceiling between the rafters could be finished in the natural color, giving it two coats of a clear varnish. For the side walls a slightly darker stain which harmonizes may be used, this darker stain also to be used on the rafters. In rooms of this style I have successfully used friezes of figured cotton material; something of East India design, or Japanese crape, or Chinese calico may be selected. These materials run from eighteen to twenty inches in width. They should be set at the ceiling angle, stretched tautly, and held in place also at the lower edge by a picture molding.

A paneled effect is also good. At regular spaces upright pieces of half round molding may be set, extending from the picture mold to the ceiling line. The same cotton fabrics should be used for window draperies in a room where this treatment is brought out. By carefully selecting the stains a delightful variety of color effect may be obtained and one that is entirely harmonious. This is a very inexpensive treatment, but artistic and practical.

Too great care cannot be exercised in the selection of the materials for the interior finish of a house.


HALL.- Side wall, rich light golden brown felt paper; narrow hand-blocked frieze showing shades of olive and lighter green with bits of red in poster effect. Woodwork, golden brown.


NORTHERN BEDROOM.-Lower wall covered with soft old ose fabric paper, capped by frieze, of English make hand-blocked design, designated "the birches," showing varying tones of old rose, with special stain showing faint suggestion of old rose color.


LIVING-ROOM.-Side wall covering two-tone cold green felt paper with poplar frieze of hand-blocked design, poster effect, trees against yellowish sky line. Woodwork, dark oak stain.


DINING-ROOM. - Upper wall covered with paper in shades of green, yellow, ivory and brown, the lower edge cut out and applied over clear, s covering. Woodwork, green stain on ash, showing yellow graining
of wood.

The best quality should always be bought as it is much the cheaper in the end. This applies to wall covering, wood stain and finish, and floor finishes. Also, in choosing the exterior stain, or paint, for the house, the best in the market should be purchased. I believe all reliable firms making these products send with them a careful specification of application, thus insuring in the most out-of-the-way place, a satisfactory job, provided the workman is faithful and honest and carefully follows the directions. There are many wall stains and tints on the market ready mixed. Some of these I know to be satisfactory from the point of smoothness of surface and good wearing qualities; the great trouble lies in the selection of colors offered. These are nearly always of an unpleasant tone. Why this should be so I have never been able to understand, as it would seem quite as easy to obtain a soft and attractive color as the ugly ones shown on the color cards.
From the variety of wall treatments to which I have referred, you will see that the selection of the appropriate finish will be easily made for the walls of the simplest cottage or the most expensive residence. The proportion and architectural detail of the room will naturally strike the key-note for the selection.

My own method in deciding upon the color scheme for the interior of a house is, (after carefully studying the plans, which give me exposure and the dimensions of the rooms and their relative positions,) to decide upon the finish (stain or enamel) for the woodwork. I then take sample panels of the wood, finished exactly as they will be in the completed house, and with these try various colors and designs in wall-paper, grass-cloth, fabric, or whatever I have determined to use as wall covering. Japanese grass-cloth, burlap and the decorative cloths are much used for plain wall covering. Both the burlap and decorative cloth are susceptible to restaining or painting, and when painted with oil,


GUEST CHAMBER.-Side wall covering of paper showing dull soft blue, green and yellow on clear ivory ground. Ceiling to picture rail tinted in_shade green and yellow on clear ivory ground. Ceiling to
of ivory. Woodwork, ivory eggshel-white enamel.
the last coat well flatted with turpentine, they present a very good wall surface. I would never advise a water-color wash as being desirable for either of these.

I have brought with me to show you some color schemes which will serve to illustrate what I have said. One set of these shows a complete scheme for a small modern house of thoroughly artistic design. The architecture of this house is pronouncedly of the twentieth century. The wallpaper and wood finish selected for use throughout, show a slight suggestion of the modified $l$ 'art nouveau, so modified indeed, as to have eliminated all that is objectionable in that much over-done style. The woodiwork throughout the first floor is of oak and ash. This latter wood is one which is becoming more and more used in houses of this character, and even in more expensive residences, as it lends itself beautifully to the wood stains which are now favored. The German exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition which showed special effects in the fitting and furnishing of rooms, aroused a wonderful interest and admiration in this special treatment of wood, most of the tones being neutral:
It is possible to obtain furniture of ash, chestnut, and oak in an unfinished state, and have this stained to match the woodwork of your room. Where this effect can be carried out in detail, it is, of course, most attractive. In the scheme suggested for walls and woodwork in this house, however, it would be possible to use furniture of any wood and finish, provided it is built on simple, substantial lines, as only that style would be suitable to this setting. Where the woodwork and walls are in complete harmony the woodwork becomes practically a part of the wall treatment, as for instance, in a yellow dining-room with the yellow and green upper third, the woodwork is stained to show a combination of both colors. In this room, ash furniture would be best stained a darker shade of green, or a
rich brown. If, however, one must use mahoganybirch, or even golden oak, the effect would not be inharmonious.

The walls of a nursery may be painted in oil, or covered with paper, fabric, or grass-cloth, as in the scheme I show. Should it seem desirable to paint the walls, the color should be taken from the paper, upper third, or frieze, which should be used in any case. There are very many charming friezes now gotten out for nurseries, and this treatment gives a much more cheerful aspect to the room.

If you will refer again to the scheme for the small house, you will notice the carefully considered sequence of color. I have a rough draft of the floor plan of this house, to show you that you may realize how the rooms open one from the other. The almost neutral yellowbrown tone selected for the hall is entirely harmonious with the adjoining rooms of both the upper and lower floor and serves to bring them together.

The floor in a house of this kind should be stained or left in the natural color, as desired, and finished with a dull, soft polish, if I may be allowed the apparent paradox. Too high a polish for the floor in the living-rooms of a house is objectionable. Where an unbroken effect in floor color can be preserved throughout, it is best. Rugs of very soft colors, preferably in two-tone effects, should be used here.

In a room having a fireplace, properly treated, this becomes a most important decorative feature. The selection of tile, brick or stone for the facing and hearth should be carefully made. The color should harmonize with the wall color and woodwork. So much that is truly dreadful is put out as artistic tiling, that many rooms are spoiled by this disconcordant feature. Where a too ornate mantel is chosen, or the hideous mantel tile is used (which looks like nothing so much as imitation castile soap) an otherwise perfect room would ${ }^{\text {b }}$ be ruined. One of the, to my mind, unsolved mys-
teries of to-day, is why these fearful color combinations of green and yellow, salmon pink and olive green, crude blue and yellow brown are foisted upon the unknowing but ambitious homemaker as the most artistic thing in tiles, when it would be quite as easy and bring quite as good financial returns to the maker to offer only those which are good. Lovely soft glazed tile in pastel shades or deep rich colors may be obtained at the same cost as these others, and carefully chosen they strike the note of color in the room, which can often be made the dominant one with excellent result. Pressed brick in a soft shade of café-au-lait, or yellow, or chrome makes an effective mantel facing, or the rough red brick, the culls from a brickyard carefully selected with a view to their roughness, may be used with a cement hearth stained to match their color.

In a room of simple dignified lines, suggestive of Arts and Crafts furnishing, this treatment would accord well. The mantel shelf should be a single heavy plank like the standing woodwork of the room, stained and finished in the same way, supported by wrought iron brackets, the plain heavy andirons also of iron. This would seem entirely suitable and therefore good.

The fixtures and hardware in' a room are also most important considerations. In such a roomas we have just considered these should, of course, be of the wrought iron, or the simulated wrought iron, which is much less expensive and an excellent substitute, that is, the brass fixtures may be treated with dull black paint and obtain the same effect. The general style of the room must be carefully considered in selecting fixtures and hardware, as for instance, the simple Colonial designs would not be at all suitable, used in a room where rococo period furnishing was even mildly suggested. Again, you will see that it is the suitable thing which is the correct thing.

The treatment of bath-room walls is necessarily
limited. Either tiles, or tiling effect is desirable for use in a bath-room to the height of five to seven feet. Above this the wall may be painted in oil, the ceiling to be given a lighter tint. Many careful housewives prefer the simulated tile in bath-room and kitchen, to the real article. Where adamantine plaster is used, it may be marked off into tiles of any size desired; these to be given three coats of flat lead and followed by some good enamel.

This treatment can also be used on kitchen walls to any desired height. It is not at all expensive and gives not only an attractive effect, but one which is practical and absolutely sanitary.

I have in mind a kitchen which is altogether charming, where this treatment has been used.

The tile effect extends five feet from the baseboard and is finished by a plate rail of yellow pine like the standing woodwork of the room. This wood is left in the natural color and given three coats of high gloss varnish which is impervious to heat and moisture. The wall above the simulated tile is painted in oil as I have described, in a shade of soft yellow. At the casement windows are hung curtains of blue and white linen toweling, simply outlining the windows. On the wide sills of each window are placed three little red flower pots of exactly the same size and shape, holding blossoming red geraniums growing in them. The blue-andwhite linoleum used on the floor completes the color scheme.

# Talks About Hardy Perennials I. PLANTAIN-LEAVED DAY LILY 

By W. C. EGAN

THERE is an increasing interest being taken in herbaceous perennials. Flower-lovers are awakening to the fact that a well-selected group of perennials will give a longer succession of bloom than one of annuals, are less expensive in the end, and become more appreciated as the years roll on. Many, like the gas plant, last through several generations, and one may care for, and enjoy the identical plants their grandmothers cherished and admired.

It is like greeting an old friend to find each spring the reappearance of a favorite plant, starting up to take its place in the summer gaiety. Some are so strong and vigorous that they outgrow the bounds afforded them and may be divided, and the surplus exchanged with those of kindred tastes, and those thus received are constant mementoes of many dear friends.

The list of perennials worth growing is long and varied and is constantly increasing in number, furnishing plants that bloom with the coming of the bluebirds, and those that welcome even the belated frosts of fall.
I propose to call attention in the columns of this magazine to some of the most reliable and attractive forms, many of them already friends to the brotherhood of flower-lovers.

One of the earliest importations from Japan, 1830 , was the plantain-leaved day lily, Funkia subcordata.

It belongs to the lily family and often bears the simple name of day lily, but that is a dangerous one
to order by, as it is more often applied to the lemonscented day lily, Hemerocallis flava.

I had a friend, not over-posted in floral nomenclature, who upon admiring a group of these Funkia, asked its name and was told "day lily." The following spring he ordered twenty-five "day lilies" and received Hemerocallis flava of which he was over-stocked already. The flowers of the Funkia and Hemerocallis last but one day hence their common names. The term plantainleaved day lily fully describes it, as the foliage somewhat resembles that of the plantain-being six to nine inches long, and five broad, over-lapping each other, giving the appearance of a shingled dome eighteen to twenty inches high and sometimes, in old plants, three to four feet wide. Out of this light green foliage appears, in August, the flowering stalks each bearing nine to fifteen tubular, white, orange scented flowers only one or two to a stem open at a time.

This plant loves deep, moist, rich soil, and it deserves it, and prefers a somewhat shaded situation. In grouping them they should be planted four feet apart, and in time their foliage will meet. This foliage dies back in winter and as each crown occupies but a foot or so of surface space, there is, in early spring, quite a vacant area. This is an ideal situation for spring flowering bulbs-snowdrops, crocuses, squills, chionodoxas and narcissus, all of which will bloom and be out of the way before the Funkia wants the space. The foliage of these spring bulbs dies back after the blooming period is

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over and the extending leaves of the Funkia hide their ragged appearance. By making this combination you are economizing space and making two gardens out of one.

There are several species of the genus Funkia, all hardy and all liking the same method of cultivation. Funkia grandiflora has fragrant white flowers, blooming in July, and is somewhat like Funkia subcordata. Funkia ovata has smaller flowers of a bluishlilac tint and is the species most commonly grown and its variety, marginately is sometimes used as a bedding plant, its foliage being


THE PLANTAIN-LEAVED DAY LILY margined by a white band.

Funkia Sieboldii has white flowers with pale lilac tinge.
These plants look well and do well in angles caused by bay windows or side wings, and will stand the shade of the house even on the north side. Often a roadway runs moderately close to a house, leaving but a small margin between the two for planting purposes. Perhaps the surroundings are such that a plain run of grass would look monotonous, and the requirement of light for cellar windows precludes the planting of shrubs. Here this
plant offers itself as a proper subject for the situation. However, one should remember that this plant requires good soil, and good soil is seldom found near the cellar wall. It is generally composed of the excavations from within, together with donations of brick and mortar from the mason and chips and shavings from the carpenter. A hole two or three feet deep and of the same width should be made for each plant and filled with good soil.
Where Funkias are grown in groups, set four feet apart, lilies may be used in


A PERENNIAL BORDER-GERMAN IRIS AT THE RIGHT between them, either alone or in addition to any springblooming bulbs. The shade at their roots, afforded by the Funkias' foliage, reproduces the same conditions surrounding them in their habitat, where the natural grasses protect their roots from the direct rays of the sun.

Some lilies seem to like to grow amidst a tangled mass of roots. I have an old plant of the Inula glandulosa out of which grows a single plant of Lilium elegans, a strong, vigorous specimen. It has been there several years, but how it got there is a mystery. The dwarfer forms should not be used but those like Lilium bulbiferum, Canadense, etc.


FRONT OF THE ELLICOTT HOUSE TOWARD THE PARK DRIVE

# The Ellicott House 

## AN ATTRACTIVE HOME NEAR BALTIMORE, MD.

By ELIZABETH KING ELLICOTT

THE house is one of a group of buildings by Ellicott \& Emmart carried out in white cement in Italian and in Colonial styles. It faces the north on a pentagonal lot with its short side, about in 2 feet, toward the road. The house has a frontage of 90 feet and the kitchen wing on the east is balanced by the loggia on the west. Across the south end is an open cement terrace, 60 feet long by 17 feet wide.
The hall is $12 \times 35$ feet, opening through under the stair landing to the south terrace. It is furnished in old mahogany and the woodwork is painted green to accord with the forest paper on the walls. To the right is the French drawing-room, paneled and painted in Trianon grey and furnished in antique French and Italian furniture. It opens into the library, $17 \times 24$ feet. This room is furnished in
dark oak and has a leather paper which carries the green of the hall while introducing a note of red. The French windows to the south and west open out on the loggia and terrace and overlook a distant view.

Across the hall are the den and dining-room. The latter is a Colonial room, furnished in old mahogany, repeating the green of the hall modified into peacock tints, and it has a mass of flowers and plants in the windows looking east and south.
The pantries, kitchen and servants' dining-room are grouped in the eastern wing. The second story contains four family bedrooms and two baths; the hall extends through the house and is used as a sitting-room instead of a fifth bedroom, which otherwise might be had. The servants' bedrooms and bath-room are located in the third story.


THE STAIR HALL IN THE ELLICOTT HOUSE


VIEW FROM THE GARDEN TERRACE OF THE ELLICOTT HOUSE

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THE ELLICOTT GARDEN


THE DINING-ROOM IN THE ELLICOTT HOUSE

## House and Garden

Although only an acre in extent, the lot, by its southern slope and bit of forest land, has made it possible to develop an unusual garden scheme. Descending the flight of steps in the middle of the southern terrace a semicircular grass terrace is reached which is bordered by an arbor vitæ hedge and a simple arrangement of columns, connected by chains, which are festooned by wistaria, and show masses of purple in the spring against the white dogwood below. In the center is a pool of water, the resort of all the birds in the neighborhood who fearlessly drink and bathe. To the left is the kitchen yard behind a privet hedge. On the west side, the loggia is protected by a concrete wall across the strip of green and the side steps lead to the grass terrace level and into a perennial garden enclosed partly by the wall and partly by a privet hedge, in which some successful topiary work with arch and columns has been begun. In the central grass plot of this little enclosure is a sun-dial wreathed in coral honeysuckle where small birds love to nest. Again, descending steps from this garden on the extreme right the rose
garden is reached, flanked on the right by a high treillage covered with roses and serving as a windbreak and a screen. A grass walk runs through the middle, lined with cedar posts wreathed with climbing roses to a rose arch and a Rosa rugosa hedge, through which the lower part of the place is approached. This lower southern and eastern part has been kept in all its primitive wildness with one exception. Centering from the pool on the upper terrace, and reached by a second middle flight of steps, a vista has been cut through to the lowest end and lined by junipers, which, though still young, give promise of a green wall, and at the end of this diminutive tapis vert, stands the Diana of Labia on a high pedestal, flanked by evergreens. For the rest, the lower place is a primitive copse. Tall chestnut and oak trees still shelter birds and rabbits; wild violets and roses, windflowers, native azaleas and hardy ferns are left to flourish at their own sweet will and are only helped by being fertilized and protected from the gardener. Dogwood, wild hawthorn, wild grape vines, and blackberry bushes are coaxed


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## PLAN OF THE GROUNDS

to yield their fullest beauty in tangles formed by Nature.

Every pains has been taken to leave a bit of wild woodland to tell its own story and to contrast with the formal gardens on the upper levels and the results have been a never-ceasing delight to its owners and an apparently constant surprise and pleasure to visitors.

The only innovation has been to plant irregular but
close groups of white pines and hemlocks along the boundaries of the lot in order to secure seclusion; these evergreens are flourishing under the tall forest trees and are rapidly becoming an attractive screen and a background for the dogwood.

At the risk of prolixity, its designers would say, save your wild bits, fertilize them and give them every encouragement and let Nature and art contrast harmoniously.

"EDGEWOOD FARM"


THE LIVING-ROOM, LARGE AND CHEERFUL, FURNISHED IN THE SIMPLEST MANNER
A FARMHOUSE ECONOMICALLY FURNISHED

# A Farmhouse Economically Furnished 

By MABEL TUKE PRIESTMAN

IN Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, many quaint little farmhouses may be seen nestling amongst clumps of trees, or situated on rising ground. These farms have descended from father to son for over two centuries. One of these, "Edgewood Farm," formerly belonged to the Kirk family, who owned all the land to the Delaware.
The charm and simplicity of the old rambling structure have been retained, and the stone house, with its whitewashed walls, green shingle roof, and green painted shutters, stands sentinel on the roadside, where it is within easy distance of the stockfarm of thoroughbred Jersey cattle, which also bears the name of "Edgewood," and was sold with the old farmhouse. The present owner lives at the farmhouse during the summer months, and stays there at odd times in the spring and fall, and many a pleasant week end is enjoyed under its hospitable roof.
Simplicity is the key-note of "Edgewood Farm," and all is in keeping with the surroundings. The rooms are of good proportion and are well lighted, as there are windows on two sides, the house being the width of each room. As you enter, the sittingroom is on the right, and is furnished with inexpensive, white painted furniture and comfortable wicker chairs, cushioned with gay chintz. A roomy sofa, piled high with pillows, invites you to rest a while. A look of uniformity is given, by all the floors being covered with green and white matting, while white skin rugs give here and there an added touch. The windows are all recessed, and are curtained alike with dainty ruffled swiss curtains, giving a fresh, cool appearance to each room. The woodwork is well designed and painted white. Open fireplaces with wooden mantelpieces are in all the rooms, as well as chair rails which also match the rest of the woodwork, except in the hall, where mahogany is used, corresponding to the hand - rail of the balusters.
Crossing the hall, you enter a charming little dining-room papered with a delft paper, costing'only


THE FARM BUILDINGS
fifteen cents a roll. The motif is an orange tree in a tub, and is a particularly happy choice for this quaint little room. Kitchen chairs painted white, and a serving table, also white with brass knobs, are the only furniture necessary, combined with a good-sized extension table. Closets may be found opening out of the chimneypiece and serve in place of glass closets.

Folding doors lead into what was once the old farmhouse kitchen, where master and servants ate together. It contains one of the old-time fireplaces, with a crane. A delightful old dresser suggests willow ware and pewter; as there is another kitchen beyond, what is now used as a kitchen will eventually be turned into a dining-room, making another sittingroom out of the present dining-room. The fireplace reaching almost to the ceiling terminates in a corner, giving a fine opportunity for an old-time high-back settle against the wall.

Upstairs we find the same white woodwork, furniture, and mantelpieces. Discarded chairs from the winter home were pressed into service, and willing hands tacked new chintz covers on the seats, converting them into things of beauty. Old kitchen tables were made to do duty alike for washstands and dressing tables; white dimity with ball trimmings was utilized for one of these tables, and transformed it into a useful and beautiful washstand, which, with its old-time pitcher and basin, left nothing to be desired. A petticoat of gay chintz disguised another table, while above it hung an old mirror in a mahogany frame.

If I remember rightly, there were six bedrooms, not including those in the servants' quarters in the extension to the house at the back, yet each possessed some clever, economical contrivance, that added to its charm, and cost almost nothing to supply. A small outlay on furniture, matting, curtains and skin rugs, many visits to the garret at home, cans of paint, chintz, nails, a hammer and a few willing hands, and the result, a quaint old-world farmhouse.


THE REAR OF THE FARMHOUSE


THE BEDROOM OVER THE LIVING-ROOM
A FARMHOUSE ECONOMICALLY FURNISHED


A DELFT DINING-ROOM IN WHITE AND BLUE


SIMPLICITY THE KEY-NOTE OF THE FARM
A FARMHOUSE ECONOMICALLY FURNISHED


## TREATMENT OF ROUGH PLASTER WALLS

Mrs. A. B., of Kansas City, writes:
What do you advise as the best treatment for walls where the side walls are of rough plaster and the ceiling to picture rail is of plain hard plaster? I have tried certain mixed tints, which are largely advertised, in one small room, but thought it most unsatisfactory as the color is not clear.
Answer:
I would suggest that you tint your lower wall with a color mixed under your own supervision-you can have the color added to the whiting and obtain the exact shade you desire; your workman, if efficient, should be able to do this successfully. Have him try out the mixed color on a piece of sandpaper and dry thoroughly, you can then get the effect that the finished wall would show. Vary the monotony of your wall by introducing friezes in some of the rooms from picture rail to ceiling line; there are many most attractive ones now of conventionalized design showing wind-blown trees against a sky line and many other equally decorative effects. The ceiling should be tinted a lighter shade than your side walls show, or in some instances, an ivory white.

## FINISH FOR WOODWORK AND WALLS

Mrs. M. B. L., of Pittsburgh, writes:
Could you tell me how to best treat the woodwork of a room in which I must use the much despised golden oak furniture. I have a dining-room set of this of excellent design, a table, chairs, sideboard, glass closet, all heavily carved. I have used it in my town house, where the woodwork is also golden oak, and the walls are covered with crimson fabric, but even used in that way I did not care for it. Please suggest some finish for woodwork and walls in my country house dining-room that will look well with this furniture. The standing woodwork is of chestnut, the floor maple; there are three French windows and two small high windows over the sideboard. The room is of southeastern exposure, and there is an alcove which I should like to use as a small conservatory; it opens off of the hall where the standing woodwork-including five foot wainscot-is of oak. I would like to use yellow as a wall covering in the hall. Kindly tell me what to do with the woodwork.

## Answer:

I would suggest that you stain the woodwork of your diningroom with Mission oak wood tint; this stain on chestnut gives a beautiful soft brown shade showing much darker in the open grain of the wood. This makes an excellent setting for the golden oak. Cover your walls with Japanese grass-cloth in a shade of yellow brown, which will combine perfectly with the furniture and standing woodwork. Tint the ceiling to picture rail a harmonious shade of cafe-au-lait. For door curtains use raw silk draperies of the same tone as at your windows. Upholster the seats of your chairs with a figured tapestry, showing shades of tan, dark brown, golden yellow, dull blue and red, in fruit and flower design. By this treatment you will compose a setting for your furniture which
will render it entirely unobjectionable, in fact, its color will be an important part of the decorative scheme.
On your French windows you should set small brass rods at the top and bottom, running the silk on these rods by a narrow casing at the top and drawing it tautly in place. At the small upper windows this same silk should be used, run on a single rod at the top and finished with hem at the sill. These curtains should be well pushed back on either side of the window, simply framing and outlining it.

For the oak of your hall I would suggest English oak wood tint as being most desirable; this will show several shades darker than the Mission oak, but will harmonize. Select a yellow, two-toned striped flock paper for use above the wainscot to ceiling line, tint your ceiling a much lighter shade. Draperies of the same tapestry as you use in your dining-room might prove acceptable in the doorways of this hall and serve as a medium to bring these rooms together.

If this department can be of further service to you, it is hoped that you will not hesitate to write again.

## FURNISHING A LIVING-ROOM

## A Western woman writes:

I have determined to refurnish the living-room of my house in a way that is correct and artistic as well as durable, therefore I appeal to House and Garden for advice. I have thrown two rooms into one and am changing the woodwork, putting in ash and using beams on the ceiling. The room is $18 \times 26$. The detail of the wood trim is heavy and simple. The height of the ceiling is ten feet. The exposure southern and western with a square bay at the southern end, with leaded glass in the upper part of the window and the lower part single panes. One large center window and two small ones on each side, over the window seat, and two single windows on the western side, light the room fully. The floor is of oak and I wish to keep it in the natural color. I have a number of good Oriental rugs in rich, rather dark shades. In the large one, purplish crimson predominates. It is called a Khiva, I think. The hardware and fixtures are in dull brass. The mantel is heavy, plain and rather low. The tiles a dull finish, ecru in color. I wish to use some over mantel decoration that will be appropriate to the room and yet not too costly. I do not wish a mirror. I would appreciate full description and price of furniture you would recommend, and other suggestions for wall decoration, etc.

## Answer:

Your letter has stated so clearly the requirements of your room that I think I shall be able to help you practically. To begin with the woodwork, I would suggest a medium brown stain for this, finished with dead-lac, which presents a quite dull surface. Over your mantel I advise you to set a portion of a plaster frieze, something showing figures in action in bas-relief. The plaster can be treated with wax and some brownish stain, so that it is softened in color. It should be framed heavily in the ash and treated as the woodwork of the room, taking the top of the frame

## Correspondence

as a line for your wall treatment. I would suggest that you cover the lower wall with a dull purplish red Japanese grass-cloth. The wall from the top of the mantel frame to the cornice at ceiling angle to be covered with a paper, showing but little of ivory background, and against this a large conventionalized crimson blossom and dull green leaves. The lower edge of this paper can be cut out and applied over the grass-cloth or the joining of the two may be covered with the plate rail. The ceiling tint should be the shade of the background of paper which is so dark a cream as to be almost ecru. This will harmonize with your tiling.
I am glad to be able to reproduce for you some cuts of furniture such as I would advise you to use in this room. The Chesterfield sofa, price $\$ 125.00$, can be used in duplicate, one placed on either side of the fireplace and extending into the room. The army club chair, price $\$ 40.00$, is also a good model for use in this room.


CHESTERFIELD SOFA
These pieces should be covered with dull green, cut velour and tufted as shown in the cuts. Wicker Hong Kong chairs will look well here with these. Use loose cushions, covered in any of the soft pastel shades shown in your rugs. Raw silk should be used for these coverings. For your window draperies I would suggest ecru net next the glass with over-draperies of raw silk brocade, in the shade of mulberry, matching the lower wall. The price of this silk is $\$ 3.25$ a yard, and it is fifty inches wide, is firmly woven and holds the color well. The material suggested for covering the furniture also wears well and sells for $\$ 2.15$ a yard. It is also fifty inches wide. The
 Pickwick arm chair, price $\$ 20.00$, can be used singly or in duplicate in this room and should be covered with a tapestry of soft colors. The frame of the chair is of oak, and in color a trifle lighter than your woodwork will show.

There is a floor finish on the market which is entirely satisfactory and which closely resembles wax. It is more lasting, however, and easier to take care of. It is clear and shows the beautiful grain of the wood very clearly.

## SELECTING RUGS

Rugs asks:
Can you tell me how to select Oriental rugs? I wish to purchase several for a large livingroom and I am afraid to rely entirely on my own taste in the matter as I have never studied the question. The walls of the room in which I wish to use these are rich mulberry red in color.

Answer
There are some entirely reliable houses which specialize on rugs and where you will receive the most careful consideration and advice when you are dealing with them. There is a firm who makes purchases of rugs for clients. This firm is well recommended, and charges a very small commission for its services. There are many reliable books which have recently appeared on this subject which it might be well for you to look into. If you desire it I will be pleased to send you the addresses of the firms to which I have referred, and the names of these books. Send me a self-addressed envelope for this purpose.

## REDECORATING AN OLD HOUSE

## Redecorating states:

I have purchased an old house, and wish to make it livable by the expenditure of but little money. The problem which is confronting me now is what to do with the walls. These are somewhat cracked, but otherwise in fairly good condition. I like a plain wall surface and would prefer to paint or tint these, but I know that any filling I may use in cracks will show through the paint or tint. What would you advise me to do ?
Answer:
There are excellent strong materials to be purchased which will meet your requirements exactly. I particularly favor a heavy cloth like the material used for the binding of books. This comes in good colors, and sells for fifty cents per square yard. It has a surface like crash and can at any time be recolored should you desire to change the decoration of your house, and it is not difficult to hang properly. This particular material does not hold dust as some other fabrics for walls are said to do.

## ENGLISH WALL-PAPERS

Boston writes:
Can you recommend to me a shop where I can obtain the best selection of English papers. I am particularly well disposed toward the hand-block, large conventional designs. I enclose a self-addressed envelope.
Also, please suggest best wall color for room $18 \times 20$ of northeastern exposure. This room is to be treated as a half formal living-room. Would it be practical to use a deep frieze of rich, dark effect and a lighter lower wall?
Answer:
The address requested has been forwarded to you; that is the address of the wholesale house located in New York. They will doubtless supply you with the names of firms carrying their goods in your own city.
I would recommend that you use a wall-paper showing conventional design in shades of yellows and browns, running from rich brown to greenish brown. This can be used for the wall covering of the upper third of your room. This paper shows a design which it is possible to cut out and apply to the lower wall, obtaining a very unusual and striking effect with very little additional effort. The grass-cloth which is recommended for the wall covering with this will afford you a fairly light wall and one which will make an excellent setting for your furniture. The number of this paper is 93150 . Should you desire to see it I would suggest your writing to the address I have furnished you. The Japanese grass-cloth is a most satisfactory wall covering; the price of it is seventy-five cents a square yard. This is carried by most wall-paper houses in large cities, as it has come to be an important factor in house decoration.

## CURTAINS FOR WINDOWS AND DOORS

There have been several unsigned letters sent to this department asking advice in regard to making and hanging curtains for windows and doors. There will, in the early spring be published an article treating these questions fully and specifically.


## A HARDY PERENNIAL HEDGE

I have just finished a house, Colonial in style, having a low terrace at one side, some forty feet long and twenty wide, divided in the center by a brick walk leading from the house. The situation is too bleak and exposed for box, but I am anxious for a rather low hedge effect. It is a summer home and only summer effect is desired. Is there some hardy perennial that might be used?

## J. B. B.

The nearest approach to a hedge-like effect, without artificial training and unusual cultivation, to be found among the hardy perennials is in the gas plant or burning bush, Dictamnus albus, sometimes called Fraxinella, an Asiatic plant of unquestioned hardiness and very long-lived. The flowers are white in showy racemes held well above the foliage. It is slow to increase in size but finally attains a height of three feet and nearly as broad. The plant is densely covered to the base with dark green leathery leaves, holding their color until severe frosts, and standing up against storms, without staking. Unless the soil on your terrace is good, you should dig out and refit with good soil a trench two feet deep and wide. Buy both the white and rosy purple form and plant together indiscriminately. Cut back in the fall and cover the crowns with manure and the plants will outlive your generation and the next.

## MAKING BEDS FOR PERENNIALS

I want to make a bed for some perennials. How shall I go to work about it ? The natural soil is a clay loam. I can get quite a quantity of manure chips from a neighboring cow pasture if necessary.
J. C. H.

The chances are that your soil is rich in plant food, but this plant food is not immediately available, for want of the action of air and frost upon it-and it also probably lacks humus.

A thorough trenching, with the addition of manure, will put the soil in proper condition.
The cow chips you speak of have but little manurial value, its substance having been washed out by the rains. When pulverized it may be used to lighten up the soil. Were you making the bed in the fall, and planting in the spring, we would advise the use of fresh strawy manure all through the bed, as you thus retain all its original strength, and by the time the plants reached it, it would be decayed enough not to injure them.

We presume you intend planting as soon as the bed is made, in which case you had better use well-rotted manure in the first foot of depth. Horse manure is better where the soil is of a clayey nature and cow manure-which is a cold manure-where sand predominates.
Stake out your bed, then dig out to the depth of one foot a space clear across the bed and four to six feet wide, and carry it to the other end. Call this pile No. I.
Then dig out at the bottom of this space, one foot deep and two to three wide. Take this also to the other end and put it in another pile, called No. 2. You now have a space four to six feet wide of the top soil removed and two to three of the bottom.
Now place some strawy fresh manure in the bottom, close to the
end where you commenced to dig, then add some soil from the bottom layer that has been uncovered, then more manure, trying to lay the manure in a slanting position so as to reach from the bottom to the top of this one foot layer, the object being to allow the air to pass down through this spongy layer and act upon the mineral elements in the soil. Continue making alternate layers, say six inches thick, until you have exhausted the uncovered lower foot of soil. You now commence again upon the surface soil, digging it again one foot deep, throwing it upon the mixture of soil and manure, but incorporating with it well-rotted manure. You need not use so much manure here and may lay it in horizontal layers; you are thus keeping the original top soil at the top, which is better than that below, only because of the presence of some humus from decaying vegetable matter and the action of frost and air.

Continue until you come to the end, when pile number two is placed at the bottom and number one at the top.
Your bed will be much higher than its surroundings, but will settle in time.
If you have reason to believe that the lower foot of soil is very poor and you can obtain good soil at a reasonable figure-corn field soil is good-cart all or part of the lower foot away, and replace with new soil; but in this case use the original top soil for the bottom. If you are making the bed in the lawn and have no use for the sod removed, chop it up and put it in the bottom. This makes a rich bed, but perennials remain in one place a long time and opportunities of remanuring do not often occur. However, when any space of a perennial bed is empty through death of the plants or removal for division, it is best to add more manure, and if the plants have been in place several years and especially if the same kind is growing back again, it is advisable to remove some of the soil entirely and replace with fresh.

## A HARDY CLEMATIS

What vine is it that has small, sweet scented white flowers exactly like the Clematis paniculata, but blooms much earlier. Is it a variety ?

Mrs. S. E.
No it is Clematis flammula, from Southern Europe, perfectly hardy but not as strong a grower as the Japanese Clematis paniculata.

## MAN-OF-THE-EARTH-A HARDY VINE

A neighbor has a moon-vine that is a hardy perennial, bearing white flowers. I want to get one but don't know what to order as she does not know its name. Can you help me?
R. R. B.

It is probably I pomoea panduratus, often called Man-of-the-earth, on account of the shape of its roots. It is a native of the United States.

## A SCREEN FOR A CATCH-BASIN COVER

What can I do to hide an ugly-looking catch-basin cover on my lawn?
K. A.

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## DISCOVERY OF THE ANCIENT TEMPLE OF DIONYSOS

T${ }^{\top}$ HE British Architect gives an interesting account of the discovery at Athens of the ancient Temple of Dionysos. It will be remembered that Dr. Dörpfeld, basing his opinion on the actual present topography of the ground, rather than on the interpretations given by the learned to certain Greek texts, recently traced a line for the Sacred Way very different from that ordinarily laid down by the archæologists, and, on excavating, found it where he expected; and he seems to have met with even greater success in divining the position of the Dionysos Temple. Nearly all archæologists suppose that this must have been situated near the great Theatre of Dionysos, which still exists at the southeast of the Acropolis; but Dr. Dörpfeld, again, apparently relying on the actual topography, predicted that the temple, which was known to the ancients as the Temple in the Marshes, would be found on the west slope of the Acropolis hill. Excavations made under his direction have placed the correctness of his surmise beyond a doubt. On exploring the ground indicated by him, traces were found of a three-aisled hall, of Roman date. Such a building might be for any purpose, but an inscription was soon uncovered, containing the rules and by-laws of the Iobacchoi, evidently a religious association under the patronage of the god. Besides this, altars and votive reliefs were found, all showing their connection with the worship of Bacchus, or Dionysos. All these things indicated that the spot, although far from the great theatre, was sacred to Dionysos. Dr. Dörpfeld dug farther, and, more than twenty feet below the Roman hall, came to a triangular enclosure, walled-in by polygonal masonry, of the sort known to our youth as Pelasgic, or Cyclopean. At the corner of this enclosure was the foundation of a small temple, of very archaic type; and in the middle was the base of an altar, by the side of which were two deep slits, or mortises, evidently intended to hold an upright slab. What this was used for is indicated by a passage of Demosthenes, who says that, in his time, a slab was set up beside the altar of Dionysos, on which could be distinctly seen, inscribed in archaic letters, the sacred oath of the Gerairai, or maiden priestesses of Dionysos. He
says, further, that the sacred enclosure was only opened once a year, on the twelfth day of the month Anthesterion, when the festival of the marriage of Dionysos was celebrated. As Dr. Dörpfeld, predicted before the excavation was begun, no votive offerings were found in or about the ancient temple, it being obvious that a temple opened only once a year would not attract the ordinary crowd of worshippers. Within the enclosure was, however, found something of far greater interest, in the shape of the sacred wine-press of the god, consisting, so far as it remained perfect, of a raised floor, covered with hard cement, and laid with a considerable inclination toward a spout, under the outlet of which was placed a large earthen vessel. To this day winepresses of exactly the same form and construction are in use in many a Greek village, so that there can be no doubt as to the identity of the consecrated spot around which was celebrated, from the very earliest time, the annual Flower and Wine festival of the Anthesteria, and in front of which, on the marshy ground where Aristophanes heard the frogs croak their witty chorus, were played the first Greek dramas, ages before the theatre was built on the other side of the Acropolis.

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Professor R. K. Duncan, in Harper's Magazine.

## BATTLE OF THE TREES

Their Seemingly Peaceful Lives One Constant Struggle for Existence Against Destructive Forces

$\mathrm{H}^{\circ}$OW many of us think of trees almost as we do of rocks, as all but inanimate objects, standing in the same relation to the earth as the furry coat of an animal to its owner; but Darwin has taught us that a relentless battle for existence is ever going on around us, and though this is most evident to our eyes in a death struggle between two beasts of prey yet it is no less real and intense in the case of trees. A monarch of the forest has only gained his supremacy by a life-long battle with his own kind and a horde of enemies, watching night and day, year after year, for the slightest sign of weakness.


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Far to the North we sometimes find groves of young balsam, of fir, or of spruce--hundreds of brother and sister saplings growing so close together that a rabbit may scarcely pass between. The slender trunks, almost touching each other, are bare of branches. Only at the top is there light and air, and the race is ever upward. One year some slight advantage may come to a certain young tree, and that fortunate individual instantly responds, reaching several slender side branches over the heads of his brethren. They as quickly show the effects of lessened light, and forthwith the race is virtually won. The victor shoots up tall and straight, stamping and choking out the lives at his side as surely as if his weapons were teeth and claws, instead of delicate root fibres and soughing foliage.

The contest with its fellows is but one of many. The same elements which help to give it life and being are ever ready to catch it unawares and rend it limb from limb, or by patient, long continued attack bring it crashing to the very dust, whence it sprang from the seed.
We see a mighty spruce, whose black foliage has for a century or more waved above its fellows paying for its supremacy by the distortion of every branch. Such are to be seen clinging to the rocky shores of Fundy, every branch and twig curved toward the land, showing the result of years of battling with constant gales and blizzards. Like giant weather vanes they stand, and although in their limbs there is no elasticity, and although they are gnarled and scarred, yet one's heart warms in admiration of their decades of patient watching over the troubled waters. For years to come they will defy every blast the storm god


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Further inland, sheltered in a narrov. valley, stands a sister tree, seeded from the same cone as the storm-conquered spruce. The wind shrieks and howls above the little valley which it cannot enter, but the law of compensation brings to bear another element, silent, gentle, but as deadly as the howling blast of the gale. All through the long winter the snow sifts softly down, finding easy lodgment on the dense foliaged branches. From the surrounding heights the white crystals pour down until the tree groans with the massive weight. Her sister above is battling with the storm and hardly a feather's weight of snow clings to her waving limbs.

The distorted branches of the valley spruce soon become permanently bent, and great is the strain on the trunk fibres. At last, with a despairing crash, one huge limb gives way and is torn bodily from its place of growth. The very vitals of the tree are exposed, and immediately every splintered cell is filled with the sifting snow. Helpless the tree stands, and early in the spring, at the first quickening of summer's growth, a salve of curative rosin is poured upon the wound. But it is too late. The invading water has done its work and the elements have begun to rot the heart of the tree. How much more to be desired is the life and death of the first spruce, battling to the very last!

A beech seedling which takes root close to the bank of a stream has a good chance of surviving, since on the water side there will be no competitors, and moisture and air will never fail. But look at some ancient beeches growing thus, whose smooth, whitened bole incloses a century of growth rings. To off set its advantages, little by little the stream has undermined its maze of roots, and the force of annual freshets has turned them all in a down-stream direction. It is an inverted reminder of the windmoulded spruce. Although the stout beech props itself by great roots thrown landward, yet sooner or later the ripples will filter in beyond the center of gravity, and the mighty tree will topple and

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Thus we find that, while without moisture no tree could exist, yet the same element often brings death. In the mysterious depths of our Southern swamps we find the strangely picturesque cypresses, which defy the waters about them. One cannot say where trunk ends and root begins, but up from the stagnant slime rise great arched buttresses, so that the tree seems to be supported on giant six or eight legged stools, between the arches of which the water flows and finds no chance to use its power. Here in these lonely solitudes, heron haunted, snake infested, the hanging moss and orchids search out every dead limb and cover it with an unnatural greenness. Here great lichens grow, and myriad tropical insects bore and tunnel their way from bark to heart of the tree and back again. Here, in the blackness of night, when the air is heavy with hot, swampy odors, and only the occasional cry of a heron is heard, a rending, grinding crash breaks suddenly upon the stillness, a distant boom and splash, awakening every living creature. Then silence again closes down, and we know that a cypress, linking perhaps a trio of centuries, has yielded up its life.

Leaving the hundred other mysteries which the trees of the tropics might unfold let us consider for a moment the danger which the tall, successful tree invites, the penalty which it pays for having surpassed all its brethren. It alone attracts the lightning, and with a blinding flash, a rending of heart wood, the tree, before perfect in trunk, limbs and foliage, is now only a heap of charred splinters.

Many a great willow overhanging the banks of a wide river could tell interesting tales of the scars on its trunk. That lower wound was a deep gash cut by some Indian, perhaps, to direct a war party making its way through the untrodden wilderness; that bare, unsightly patch was burned out by the signal fire of one of our forefather pioneers. And so on and on the story would unfold, until the topmost freshly sawed off limb had for its purpose only the desire of the present owner for a clearer view of the water beyond.
Let us then give more thought to the trees about us, straighten the bent
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New York Tribune Farmer.

## AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PARKS

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"My main idea in going to Europe," said Mr. Parsons, in recalling his trip, "was to visit the park and gardens of Prince Puckler, especially at Muskau, his estate in Silesia. The Prince was a man of genius who created a distinct style in landscape gardening which has had a remarkable influence throughout Europe, and which will become more marked as time goes on. The German park, though far out of the line of travel, is doubtless the finest in Europe. Imagine my surprise to find it in many respects a counterpart of Central Parkthe same harmony, the same natural appearance, no crowding of flowers as in the formal parks, only splendid big trees, a few attractive flowers and everywhere plenty of green grass.
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various methods employed have become a tradition over there and the responsibility has been handed down from one generation to another like an inheritance. There are no changes in political administrations over there to upset their plans.
"The park comprises some five thousand acres, divided by a river of good size, with low hills rising on either side. There are several hundred old oaks, dating back perhaps over a thousand years-invaluable material. The Prince spent thirty years in manipulating this material in accordance with his ideas of landscape gardening or park making. He made in addition many plans for buildings, bridges and summer-houses, which fortunately were never carried out, since they bore the marks of a bad period of architectural art. His ideas in landscape gardening, however, were always in their final working-out true and fine.
"In describing the park effects in this German masterpiece you will recognize doubtless many similar scenes much nearer home. A stream of water artificially brought from the river some distance away has been made to flow past the old castle. Great elms and beeches and a large variety of trees grow on its banks, and groups of shrubs are disposed of so simply as to make the whole scene perfectly natural, as if it had just happened there, or had always been there; nor is it overcrowded with foliage or the surface of the water covered with lilies, according to the usual practice. I was strongly reminded of the shores of our lakes in Central Park.
"In almost every direction beautiful pictures present themselves. The trees are big and old to a remarkable degree. One comes across broad lawns planted with beeches, elms, maples and lindens, which have been so grouped as to make a charming landscape picture, such as any painter might well long to study, and every way he looked he would find pictures if possible still more charming. The stream is lined with groups of shrubs, drooping over its banks in so natural a manner that you would never suspect it was accidental. In the garden territory, shut in by masses of great trees and with beds of flowers, especially roses, are broad expanses of turf. It was a garden with plenty of flowers and decorative effects of many kinds, but its designs are simple and expansive, not made for mere show, as most formal gardens are, but for enjoyment in abso-

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lute seclusion, for one could find his way only if you were shown. One comes upon it suddenly, like some enchanted nook that had been lost to mankind.
"There are other instances of good landscape gardening in Germany, notably in Berlin. Perhaps the best of these is the Berlin park named Trepton, designed by Meyer, a contemporary of Prince Puckler, of whom he was a disciple, although later he came directly under the influence of an older landscape gardener, Linne. Trepton is a park for the poor on the outskirts of Berlin. In the middle of this park is a thoroughly formal arrangement for a children's playground. On each side of this great playground extends malls, with double rows of European elms. The space between these rows "of elm trees is too exclusively given over to gravel to suit my taste, but probably it is necessary for the benefit of the people. Berlin was suffering from a drought when I visited it and groups of men were busily engaged watering the old elms by stripping the earth from the roots and watering and restoring them. It is noteworthy that in all the parks of Europe they use water in larger quantities and more systematically than in America, and this although our need for water is usually greater than in Europe.
"Extending away in every direction from the central mall and playgrounds there are lawns arranged in the most picturesque and artistic manner. The great spaces of grass are enclosed with borders of trees and shrubs, showing promontories and bays and long vistas in the best manner of the natural styles of architecture.
"The general maintenance of the park is excellent as to roads, walks and lawns, far better, I must confess, than that of the American parks and even of the Paris parks. It is a good model in many ways. I believe the police are able to enforce the laws better there, and it must be admitted that the European public, taken as a whole, is more careful than the average American public and works much less harm to the parks. Our own Central Park suffers from the carelessness, to use no more severe term, of the public.
"There is, however, wonderful skill displayed in the contrivance and multiplication of landscape pictures on every side as one wanders from height to height. Probably real nature does not
appeal to a certain exalted personage in Germany as do his stiff, formal and daring scarlet geranium beds drawn up in line in front of his palace. The small parks, the flowered borders, the stiff walks of the Tiergarten are kept in apple pie order, indeed as no other parks in Europe are kept. It is to be hoped that some time some members of the Emperor's household may come to realize the preciousness of this possession and restore it to its former glory. There is much to say to the advantage of the great city of Berlin in the great improvement of all the parks and their maintenance, which is on the whole as good as, if not better, than anything in Europe, certainly better than anything I have seen.
"The parks of Vienna as compared with those of New York are fine, but not great. They are conventionally treated and there are many fine trees and beautiful pieces of lawn, but everywhere is the shrub group of evergreen, everything is crowded, and the glaring flower beds of geraniums are everywhere in evidence. It is Paris over again, and more or less every city of the Continent, of course excepting Moscow. One thing I noticed here as in every park and tree bordered place in Europe, and that is the presence at the choicest point of a beer hall, with hundreds of chairs scattered about. This may be all right in the eyes of those who patronize it, but how about the others? A charming rural effect it makes. In America we do things better than that. Remember, one must buy beer if one wishes to sit down and enjoy the scenery, otherwise you must depart, and this although the situation is probably the best to be found. We may spend money less economically on our parks, and the maintenance may be more nearly perfect in Europe, but our administration of parks is better adjusted to the needs of the public than in Europe.
"In Paris my impressions were that she is not maintaining her parks as she should. The trees on the boulevards were well maintained, but Versailles is in an almost ruinous condition, especially the famous Trianon gardens. The art of this place is so artificial that unless it be kept up perfectly it looks particularly bad. I was impressed as never before by the beauty of the piece of water visible from the windows of the château of Fontainebleau called the Carp Park.


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Its treatment is simple and fine, with a good vista of trees well designed. Most of this is probably very old. There are no flower beds here, though in other parks of the grounds of Fontainebleau they abound. Fontainebleau is a fine old place, with many stately avenues of trees. The public places and avenues of Paris are excellent in design, but its parks are not satisfying. The high value of their designs is doubtful, and the French, for all their cleverness, have not emancipated themselves from the artificial notion of the past."-New rork Herald.

## AN AFRICAN OASIS

AN oasis is usually about a mile and a quarter in length and about five-eighths of a mile in breadth. In nearly every case it occupies the bottom of some ravine, which shelters it in every direction. It is enclosed in a mud or stone wall about eight feet in height and about a foot in thickness. At regular intervals about this wall are found stone towers; these are sentry-boxes, on the flat roofs of which are stationed nightly guards to protect the place from pillage. The gardens of the oasis lie against this outer wall, and are divided into small inclosures, each of which is the property of one person. Next to the gardens, towards the center are fields of corn, barley and onions, divided into parts as in the gardens, which are watered and tended like our favorite flower-beds; in the center is a little rivulet, which runs from springs near one of the extreme ends. The inhabitants of this oasis do not live each family in a separate dwelling, but in one large house called a ksar, which is usually built of stone, giving it the appearance of a solid mass, perforated here and there with a small window, and diversified with jutting angles. The halls are narrow, dark, ill-smelling, uneven passages, winding about the building. The apartments are low-ceiled, filthy places, lighted by a single aperture in the wall. The whole place reminds one more of a dogkennel than a human habitation: In some of the ksars about 300 or 400 men, women and children, a sickly, scrofulous generation, are huddled together in a building which would seem to an European hardly able to contain more than a hundred. The only interesting thing about the whole oasis is the marabet or sepulchral chapel, which stands outside


THE SPRING NUMBERS OF HOUSE AND GARDEN

THE coming Spring Numbers of House and Garden will teem with suggestive articles along the lines our title indicates. In going over the manuscripts in the editorial drawer, we feel with Stevenson, "The world is so full of a number of things, I am sure we should all be as happy as kings." There is so much that is good to choose from in our particular field that it is not a matter of finding the right thing to include in our pages, but the real difficulty is to decide among so many suitable and available articles which appeal to us and which we feel would appeal to our readers also. Even under these conditions, however, we are continually looking for more and better things and a careful reading and consideration is assured all manuscripts sent to us.

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## AMERICAN COUNTRY CLUBS

The leading article in the March number will also be the initial one of a series on "American Country Clubs." Wellknown clubs throughout the country will be considered in turn during the year. This first article deals with the Germantown Cricket or Manheim Country Club, and is written in a delightful vein by Mabel Tuke Priestman; its growth and success is followed not only in the text, but by the many beautiful photographs with which it is illustrated. The Germantown Cricket Club, of which the present club is the outgrowth, was originally founded in 1852 .

## ORCHID CULTURE FOR AMATEURS

Orchid Culture for Amateurs, by Wm. S. Rice, is an article eminently practical and also sufficiently free from technicalities to enable the amateur to profit by it. A careful reading of this and following of the lines laid down will enable the veriest tyro in fower growing to produce for himself these exquisite aristocrats of the flower world, as it lays fully before the reader Mr. Rice's own efforts and successes in bringing to perfection the growing of these wonderful plants. The illustrations are made from photographs taken from the flowers in his own greenhouse.

He says: "One feels instinctively their noble birth when ushered into their presence from the crude, fresh, invigorating air of out-ofdoors to the soft, humid, perfumed atmosphere of the greenhouse, where are gathered these titled foreigners from every tropic land."

Also he contends that it is an erroneous idea, that owing to the rarity and high cost of some varieties of orchids, people of moderate means cannot engage in the culture. There are many varieties, and in a family so extensive there is no difficulty in obtaining and growing many beautiful specimens.

## TWO RARE PIECES OF OLD SEVRES

Two rare pieces of old Sévres are daintily written of in a manner entirely befitting the subject. In this little article, illustrated by photographs of these exquisite picces, are woven some fascinating and interesting bits of history and of romance.

## THE USE OF ELECTRICITY IN THE HOUSE

Under the above caption C. D. Wood, Heating Engineer of the New York Edison Company, presents in a clear and convincing manner a brief enumeration and description of the many conveniences possible in the modern house through the agency of electricity.

Whatever tends to better our home surroundings, and render less arduous the labors of those upon whose shoulders fall the cares of the household, becomes at once a matter of interest to the world at large, and a positive factor in the progress of our domestic economies.

Under the new conditions as he outlines them, housework ceases to be a drudgery and almost every branch of it becomes a genuine pleasure. Surely a partial solution of the servant question has been made.

Mr. Wood has avoided all technical terms and his suggestions will undoubtedly convince many women that a servant so willing to serve her, and one so easily controlled, must be installed without further delay in her establishmeert
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## A COLONIAL RESIDENCE AT CHESTNUT HILL

A type of Colonial house with walls of stone, an unusual departure in this day, as it is the first of its kind erected for seventyfive years. The architect, George T. Pearson, says of it: "The style was chosen with a view of expressing quiet dignity and substantiality of structure to which an ample site contributes. The interior finish is white enamel and the high panellings, doorways, chimney pieces and stairway follow closely in detail a style suggested by the stateliness of woodwork in the provincial mansions of the South." The house is beautifully illustráted in half-tones, showing both exterior and interior, together with the floor plans.

## GARDEN NOTES

Mr. Eben E. Rexford gives some timely advice on garden practice and tells of ferns, geraniums, chrysanthemums, begonias, etc., and of how to grow and care for them to obtain the most satisfactory results.

This is the time when preparation for the spring planting is being made. Upon the careful selection of varieties largely depends the artistic success of the year's work. The suggestions given are sure to be useful.

## GARDENING IN A CITY LOT

Frank Glover Heaton successfully demonstrates the proposition that a kitchen garden can be profitably made in a back yard, such as is available in the residence district of almost any city, and that a supply of crisp, fresh vegetables, sufficient in quantity for the needs of a family of four, with some to spare for less fortunate neighbors, can be grown on the available space left in such a yard after deducting the requirements for walks, driveway and a tool and coal shed.

All this work can be done, and most gratifying results obtained by one professional man in his spare time in the morning and evening. Mr. Heaton calls this "intensive farming" or "vest pocket gardening." The results he obtained and describes seem almost marvelous.

## TWO HOUSES AT WYOMING, NEW JERSEY

Two English cottages in New Jersey. These two cottages, built by J. W. Dow, Architect, in Wyoming, New Jersey, are distinctly of the English type. They are as substantially built, as those of our forefathers. They present also extremely well arranged floor plans and charmingly artistic exteriors. Mr. Dow has written interestingly of these. Half-tones show the exteriors, and some interior views are provided which are full of suggestive hints to the prospective builder of the small house.

## PERENNIALS AND GARDEN CORRESPONDENCE

W. C. Egan's "Talks on Hardy Perennials," together with the Garden Correspondence, will be found timely and interesting.

## CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT

The Correspondence Department on Interior Decoration will solve the puzzling problems of many women and incidentally furnish entertaining and instructive matter to all who are interested in the art of decoration as applied by the amateur.

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the walls. It is generally square, surmounted by a cupola, the whole being built of stone or brick, executed by artisans brought from Morocco for that express purpose. Occasionally the principal cupola is flanked by four smaller ones, the interior presenting a court, surrounded by a gallery, supported on Moorish arcades. In most cases the ostrich egg crowns the summit of the cupola, but occasionally a stone or metal ball may be found occupying the exalted position. The inhabitants of the oasis choose to reserve all the luxury and magnificence of their architecture to adorn the little temple around which they excavate their resting places. They are not, like the habitations of the living, subject to the ravages of foes, but are universally held sacred, and the conqueror, covered with blood, approaches here with reverence and prostrates himself in a lowly worship. Life is so uncertain, when the arms of the enemy combine with the elements of nature to threaten its existence, that it is no wonder the inhabitant of the oasis cares to lavish all his wealth, not on the dwelling which will probably shelter him but a day, but on the place which will shelter him forever from the storms of life.-Boston Commonwealth.

## NERO AS A BUILDER

T${ }^{\top} \mathrm{HE}$ architects employed by Nero, after the great conflagration of Rome, in the construction of his Golden House, which surpassed all that was stupendous and beautiful in Italy, and proclaims the extravagance of the emperor as much as anything else he undertook, were Celer and Severus. Nero's statue, 120 feet high, stood in a court ornamented with porticos of three files of lofty columns, each file a mile long; the gardens were of vast extent, with vineyards, meadows and woods, filled with every sort of domestic and wild animals; a pond was converted into a sea surrounded by a sufficient number of edifices to form a city; pearls, gems and the most precious materials were used everywhere, and especially gold, the great profusion of which within and without, and even on the roofs, caused it to be called the Golden House; the essences and perfumes continually shed around showed the extreme extravagance of this inhuman monster, who for the purpose of gratifying his pleasures seized
on the wealth of others. Among other curiosities was an eating-room, in which was represented the firmament constantly revolving, imitative of the motion of the heavenly bodies; from it was showered down every sort of odoriferous water. Nero did not complete this palace, as the first order of Otho was the sum of ninety millions of sesterces for the finishing it. The ground not occupied by it was left to the inhabitants of Rome to build their houses on, which were not rebuilt in the same manner as after the conflagration by the Gauls; the streets were made more spacious, the squares widened and surrounded by porticos. The emperor published many wise regulations to prevent the repetition of a misfortune which some imputed to him. At a certain height wood was not permitted to be used, but stone from Alba or Galba, as the most likely to resist fire; reservoirs were provided, and persons constantly ready to render the most prompt assistance in case of accident; the houses were to be a certain distance from each other, and they were to have no wall in common. These regulations rendered the city more beautiful, more commodious and more secure; nevertheless, the wide streets were objected to as not affording sufficient shelter from the sun.

But it is usual to condemn all that is new, particularly if the projector is disliked, as if the vicious could not do anything that was good. Suetonius assures us that Nero intended to extend the walls of Rome to Ostia, and afterwards by means of a canal, conduct the sea to the Seven Hills, an idea very likely suggested by these two architects, who were great projectors, and who undertook to make a canal from Lake Avernus to the Tiber. This canal was to be 160 miles long and sufficiently wide to admit of two vessels abreast; all the prisoners were collected, immense treasures were exhausted in cutting through mountains, but the obstacles they met with dispirited them, and the work was relinquished; the motive was ridiculous, being only to prevent vessels from doubling Cape Misenus. His great palace was but of short duration.

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T
HE Living-Room shown in the picture tuifies much that is best in house furnishing of to-day where no particular period is represented. The standing woodwork, that is, the doors, windows, ceiling beams and mouldings are all of white birch, an inexpensive wood. I is stained a dull gray-green and finished with soft polish which brings out the full beauty o the grain of the wood. This effective and pleasing treatment is accomplished in a most simple manner by first using one coat of STAIN No. 335 followed by one coat of WHITE SHELL.AC, and one coat of EGGSHEL-LAC, the last coat to be lightly rubbed with pumice and oil.
The floor of oak has first been given a coat of ENGLISH OAK WOOD TINT No. 254 and finished with FLORSATIN, which produces an effect fully equaling the best wax finish.
Careful note should be made by the reader of the exact names of these finishes mentioned, there being many articles sold of somewhat similar names. The wall covering is hand-blocked paper, showing two tones of green in almost pastel shades, harmonizing perfectly with the woodwork. A tan-grey is used for the ceiling tint between the beams and the heavy velour over-curtains at the windows repeat these tones, while the fine net hung next to the glass shows a lighter shade of the same color
The grate open-fireplace is faced about with black marble, showing green veining.
In combination, the woodwork, marble, wall treatment and hangings form an excellent setting for the mahogany furniture with which the room i! furnished. Much of the upholstery is of tapestry introducing dull, soft reds, tans and old blue which colors are repeated in the particularly beantiful Oriental rugs
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## NOTES AND REVIEWS

## THE VASTNESS OF BLENHEIM

IN the home of the Duke of Marlborongh there are said to be twenty staircuses leading from the main floor to the second. And so complicated is the arrangement of the rooms that people can visit for weeks without ever meeting each other except at dinner. It is said that a former Duke, famed for hospitality, was frequently imposed upon by scapegraces of good family, who would put up at Blenheim for weeks at a time, dining princely, using the horses in the stable, and occupying with valet a good suite of rooms, and all without the master's knowledge. So vast is Blenheim.Westminster Gazette.

## WATER-PRESSURE AT TWO HUNDRED FEET

ACRUSHED mass of metal now lying in a scrap yard at Pittsburg, demonstrates the tremendous pressure of water at a great depth. It was constructed for a diving-bell, and was intended for use in Lake Michigan.

As originally constructed it was a cube about six feet square, tapering slightly at both ends. The material was phosporbronze, five-eighths of an inch thick. Each plate was cast with a flange, and they were bolted together, the bolts being placed as closely together as was consistent with strength. The side plates were further strengthened by ribs an inch thick and two inches wide, and the entire structure was strongly braced. The windows, intended to be used as outlooks by the divers inside, were three inches square, fortified with iron bars and set with glass plates one inch thick. The entire weight of the bell was 23,000 pounds. When completed it was sent to Milwaukee and towed out into the lake about twelve miles, where there was over two hundred feet of water, and was sent down for a test. The manufacturer of the bell was so confident of its strength that he

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Indianapolis Journal.

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The great inventor has moments of exceeding amiability, and he rarely has time to make contradictions, so that when it was announced last year that a vehicle could be driven from New York to Philadelphia and back at a speed of thirty-three miles an hour without recharging the storage batteries, he did not deny it till long after the public mind was satisfied that it was true. Then he quietly told some one

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## TO PAINT THE LANDSCAPE O'ER

THE leading article in the April number of House and Garden is from the pen of Marie von Tschudi. Its title "To Paint the Landscape O'er" is charmingly suggestive. It embodies a description of Overleigh, the beautiful country estate of Mr. John M. Dillon, where the most careful and pictorial arrangement of trees and shrubs has been made. The author in her description, paints a word picture, showing both form and color. Among well known trees, are set others little known in decorative groups. The proper planting and treatment of each of these is taken up in this article. The floral growth about this place is but lightly touched upon, although the photographs show that much has been done that is beautiful in this line.

## AN ARTIST'S HOME

"An Artist's Home." The evolution of an attractive and livable house designed and built by an artist is entertainingly presented in an article by George Bertrand Mitchell. This house will be fully illustrated with excellent views of exterior and interior, together with floor plans. To the builders of other homes now in process of planning, this article will supply some original ideas of arrangement and also decorative effects which may be obtained at little cost.

## THE HERB GARDEN

Helen R. Morris presents a quaint paper on "The Herb Garden." Many timely hints to the amateur who desires to unite the useful and the ornamental in his garden, will be found in this article, together with excerpts and pictures from a remarkable old folio on the subject, published by John Gerard, 1597 to 1633.

## EDGING PLANTS

"Edging Plants," by Ida D. Bennett, treats of those that may be increased by root division and is coupled with excellent advice to the amateur, which is practical and helpful.

## THE SMALL HOUSE WHICH IS GOOD

The April number of House and Garden will see the inauguration of a series of articles long contemplated and studiously planned, under a general title of "The Small House Which is Good." The first number will treat of the small house built for all the year's occupancy. The cost of these houses does not exceed $\$ 6,000$. All sections have been drawn upon for material to be used in this series. Architects have furnished us with plans of their designing, together with photagraphs of the completed houses. Each plan will be explained in a bit of descriptive text by the architect. It will readily be seen that this series will be invaluable. Houses of all styles will be presented later-the Country house, the Seaside cottage, and the Bungalow will be exploited in turn.

## a LaNDSCAPE GARDEN ON A SMALL SCALE

"A Landscape Garden on a Small Scale," by Myrtle H. Darling, shows what can be done towards securing effects at once beautiful and striking when a little well directed thought is given the subject. Plantations must be made with an ultimate result in view and not alone for this year or next.

## THE GARDEN OF HARDY FLOWERS

"The Garden of Hardy Flowers," by Eben E. Rexford. Mr. Rexford's advice and information are welcomed by floriculturists everywhere and this article will prove to be no exception to the rule. Topics appropriate to the season are succinctly treated.

TALKS ABOUT HARDY PERENNIALS
William C. Egan's interesting "Talks About Hardy Perennials," together with his "Garden Correspondence," will be of especial and timely interest in this number.

## CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT

The Complete Furnishing of a room in Mission style, together with other matters of like interest, is noted in the "Correspondence Department."

that a light vehicle might, under favorable circumstances, be made to run at twenty miles an hour, on one charge, for 150 miles. At that time vehicles of the Adams Express Company were using the storage batteries, and they have been doing so ever since. Any other inventor than Edison would have been quite satisfied with this solution, and would have put these batteries on the market, but his commercial genius is no less remarkable than his scientific intuition, for he has refused many applications to make these batteries for public use.
"A practical theory," says Edison, "is a good lead, but it is not a sure thing."
"Last year you were sure that you had solved this problem," he was reminded by a Times reporter.
"Yes, last year I was sure," replied Mr. Edison, " but now I am dead sure. There is a difference between the two. It's one thing, for instance, to be sure, and another thing to be-Wall Street sure!"-New York Times.

## ANCESTOR FOR TWO

AGENTLEMAN in London, having a portrait of a man claimed to be by Sir Joshua Reynolds, wrote to an art-dealer in Washington asking whether there was a possibility of its sale in this city. The latter thought it was likely and asked the owner to send it over. A few days after it arrived he invited a worthy gentleman, who is famous for his wit, to inspect it, explained the artistic merits of the work and its great value, and suggested that he might hang it in his house as the portrait of one of his ancestors. After a few days of reflection the offer was declined, and the artdealer sought a well-known multi-millionaire, who was immediately captured by the ancestor idea, and paid $\$ 15,000$ for the portrait. Soon after the purchase was made customer No.I was invited to dine with customer No. 2 and recognized the picture hanging on the wall opposite him in the diningroom. "Ah," he said to his host, "you have a remarkable work of art there. It is evidently a masterpiece. Who is the artist?" "Sir Joshua Reynolds," was the reply. "It is a portrait of one of my ancestors." "He came very near being one of my ancestors," was the tart retort "only I was hard up just then and could not afford him."

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# AMERICAN COUNTRY CLUBS <br> I. THE GERMANTOWN CRICKET CLUB 

By MABEL TUKE PRIESTMAN

TWENTY-FIVE years ago there were no country clubs in America. In fact it is only within the last twenty years that they have come into existence. The first home of the real country club was at Clyde Park near Boston. The estate was leased in 1882, and a building over one hundred and twenty-five years old was remodeled, and here were held the first social gatherings of the club. The grounds, at that time, consisted of over one hundred and fifty acres and possessed every facility for sports. The club was named "The Country Club," showing as no other appellation would, its priority.
In 1898 there were comparatively few country clubs, but since that time their increase has been really remarkable. In the spring of 1895 there were about forty clubs, where golf was played; this included all hunt and country clubs. Before the
summer was over the number had increased to over one hundred.

Golf has been a great factor in the growth of the country club, but the greatest impetus it has yet received, is in the fact of the half holiday on Saturday having become general.

The influence of the country club is a good one. It has made men into boys again, by inducing a love of play, and it has brought renewed health into the lives of many who were allowing the cares of business to monopolize all their time and energy.
The women, too, have benefited by its existence. It has brought new interests into their lives and the active outdoor life has improved the physique of the American girl.

The country club is now a recognized social center, where men and women may meet on an equal footing


THE MEN'S CLUB HOUSE


THE MEN'S CLUB HOUSE FROM THE REAR

The entrances to the Club are well worthy of notice; those on Manheim Street being the most beautiful; the high walls interspersed with iron railings not only act as a boundary to the Club but allow delightful glimpses of the club life to be seen by the passers-by.
The Germantown Cricket Club was founded in 1854, and at that time it was purely a cricket club, situated at Nicetown on the site of what is now the Midvale Steel Works. Cricket was first played in Mr. William Wister's pasture, and in 1856 on the Duy's Lane grounds. During the war for the Union in 1861 to 1865 so many members enlisted that the
and where pleasant functions bring them together under intimate and natural conditions.
Philadelphia is fortunate in possessing several good country clubs, which have become famous according to the prominence given to their respective games. As Philadelphia is the home of American cricket, it seems only natural to write first about one of its several cricket clubs.
The Germantown Cricket Club is the leading cricket club in America, cricket taking precedence of all other games, although generous provision is made for other sports, while the social element plays a prominent part in club life.
The Club is beautifully situated on the west side of Germantown, within a few minutes' walk of Queen Lane Station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad. It is on the Manheim estate, which is surrounded by Morris Street, Hansbury Street and Manheim Street on three sides, while the fourth side adjoins the country places on Wissahickon Avenue. The Club is more often spoken of as "Manheim" than by its proper name.

Old trees have been carefully preserved, and shrubs have been planted and massed affording a beautiful background for the lawns.


VIEW FROM THE PERGOLA

## The Germantown Cricket Club

the Young America Club was amalgamated and absorbed by the Germantown Cricket Club, so it will be seen we have to thank the enthusiasm of these original members for the present beautiful Club.

New buildings have been gradually added with the increased membership. One of the original buildings of the property was used as the Men's Club House, consisting principally of dressingrooms. This building has since been used for the servants' quarters.
The Ladies' Club House was originally the principal house of the estate, and has been moved to its present location. It is extremely picturesque with its wide veranda entirely surrounding it, and is Colonial in character with its yellow painted walls and white trims.

The colors of the Club are dark blue and white, and the Ladies' Club House is furnished throughout in this color scheme. Wide arches take the place of doorways, and on each floor vistas from one end of the house to the other can be obtained. Low ceilings, French windows, and old mahogany furniture serve to give a quaint and attractive appearance to the house. At one end is a large tea-room, which is used for informal receptions which are held there in


ENTRANCE TO THE ENGLISH GARDEN


THE LADIES' CLUB HOUSE
summer every Tuesday afternoon. The Ladies' Committee receive in turn, aided by their daughters and friends.
On the second floor are the dressing-rooms, and a well-appointed dining-room which can be used when any of the ladies wish to give a luncheon. The piazza is a favorite meeting place, and great interest is taken in cricket, especially on Saturday afternoons, when cup matches are played. On Saturday evenings a good band plays in the grounds.
A little to the left of this building is the Junior Club House, which was originally the stable. The outside has been greatly improved by the addition of a wide balcony on the second floor. The welldesigned settles placed against the wall of the club house improve its appearance from below. A weather-vane resembling a young goat has caused the building to be familiarly known as the "Kid's Club House." As Manheim is essentially a cricket club everything is done to encourage the juniors to become good cricketers. A nominal fee of $\$ 2.00$ is charged for their annual dues. Their railway fares are paid when cricket matches are played at other clubs. The best professional coach obtainable is on the grounds to train the


A SITTING-ROOM IN THE LADIES' CLUB HOUSE


A READING-ROOM IN THE MEN'S CLUB HOUSE


THE PRIVATE DINING-ROOM IN THE LADIES' CLUB HOUSE


HALL IN THE MEN'S CLUB HOUSE


THE UPPER BALCONY OF THE MEN'S CLUB HOUSE


THE ENGLISH GARDEN

## The Germantown Cricket Club

boys in cricket. The trophy room in the club house contains cricket magazines and newspapers, thus sustaining the interest of the young members. The walls are paneled in oak and have the names of juniors who have played on International matches, and the names of winners of batting and bowling averages, engraved upon them. An inscription on the walls of the trophy room reads as follows:-"This trophy room, dedicated to the Junior members of the Germantown Cricket Club, was built A. D. MDCCCXCVI
 by the children of Edward M. Davis, Jr., as a memorial of their father who was twenty years president of the Young America Cricket Club of Germantown, the first club in the United States to establish junior membership A. D. MDCCCLXVI."

Every year the seniors give a dinner in the main club house to all junior members who have played on first or second junior elevens. These dinners are eagerly looked forward to and speeches are made by the original founders of the Club, encoura-


THE BOWLING ALLEY

## THE BALLROOM

ging the juniors to become famous cricketers. The older members give their experiences, and tell anecdotes about cricket as they played it. when boys. After dinner the prizes of bats and balls are awarded, with a few words of encouragement to each recipient. On these occasions the balconies are filled by the mothers and sisters, who watch the juniors busily putting away the dainties placed before them, and after the speeches receive their laurels.

On the Wissahickon side of the grounds a wellproportioned grand stand given by Mr. Thomas Pratt McKean is always well-filled at International cricket matches and Interacademic football games. The largest crowds were in attendance when Lord Hawks and Prince Ranjitsinhji brought their teams over from England. Before the Franklin Field was used for football, PennsylvaniaPrinceton football games were played at Manheim. In the last few years Association football has taken hold in America, and Manheim has
an Association football team which plays every Saturday afternoon during the season.

The Men's Club House was built some sixteen years ago, and was designed by the New York architect, Mr. McKim, of the firm of McKim, Mead and White, and is a perfect example of Colonial architecture. The first floor is devoted entirely to the use of the men, and contains card, smoking and reading-rooms, and also has a large billiard-room. On the second floor is a beautiful ballroom, where dinner dances, club concerts, smokers, private dances, banquets and dancing classes are held. The dance on New Year's day is always well attended and affords a favorite opportunity for meeting other club members. The ballroom contains a good stage, and amateur actors make use of it for presenting their attractive plays. Special dinners are served in the ballroom, and the adjoining loggia. In the winter this is glassed in and heated. In the summer months meals are served in the loggia almost entirely, and the beautiful views obtained from the piazza add no little to the pleasure of dining there.

A new wing has been added to the main club house. It contains dressing-rooms on three floors, and is said to be one of the best equipped dressing houses in any of the Philadelphia clubs. The dressing-rooms on each floor have expanded metal lockers and up-to-date shower baths. Behind the new wing is another addition to the Club, which contains a good sized swimming pool, which is much used throughout the summer. In winter the pool is emptied and boarded over and used for cricket practice. In this building are some squash tennis courts, much in demand during the winter


THE LOVERS' WALK
months. Good bowling alleys are also provided in the basement, and many bowling parties are given by members, who have to engage the alleys weeks ahead, in order to obtain them for a certain date.

The reception hall is very attractive with its Colonial staircase and well-designed mantelpiece. The ladies make use of this hall for bridge parties in the winter.

On the right of this new building is an English garden, extremely picturesque with its quaint, high-backed chairs, pergolas and sun-dial, and it is one of the most charming spots at Manheim. On either side of the grounds is a beautiful avenue of trees planted to hide the houses on Hansbury Street. It is known as "Lovers' Walk" and is raised above a terrace, flanked on either side by poplars and oaks. Poplars were planted, as they grow very quickly.

Every fourth tree is an oak, and when these have reached maturity the poplars will gradually be removed.

More land has been bought behind the grand stand for new tennis courts, as the grounds were found inadequate for the number of courts required by the ever increasing membership.
The bowling lawn is situated behind the Ladies' Club House, and it is a most picturesque sight to see the older members playing on the well-kept lawn.
Keen interest is taken by every member in all that appertains to club life. This is due to the thoroughness of the work done by the officers and their committees. They make the Club cater to every class of its membership. The result is that old and young, men and women, all feel they have an ownership in the Club, and each becomes a factor in its success.


A Cricket Field, Ladies' Club House, Junior Club House and the Grand Stand


Phalanopsis Schilleriana

# Orchid Culture for Amateurs 

By WILLIAM S. RICE

ORCHIDS are Nature's aristocrats, from their delicate, silken or velvety petals to the exquisite perfume that lurks in the heart of them. This mark of high distinction is indelibly stamped upon their crinkled petals in dainty shades of cream, yellow, pink, rose, mauve, purple and in virgin white.
One feels instinctively their noble birth when ushered into their presence from the crude, fresh, invigorating air of out-of-doors to the soft, humid, perfumed atmosphere of the greenhouse, where are gathered these titled foreigners from every tropic land.
Among many the erroneous idea prevails that because of the rarity and high price of orchids, people of moderate means cannot afford to buy such luxuries. A little intelligent investigation in the matter, however, throws a very different light on the subject. The orchid family is such an extensive one that there are many species that are comparatively easy to grow. In fact, these same species are quite as beautiful and many of them are more beautiful than the higher priced ones; for,
the standards set by collectors depend quite as much on the rarity of the species as on size or peculiar coloring. Those who are at all familiar with the orchid regard it purely as a highly developed and rarely beautiful flower with an individuality so marked as to be almost human. As such it is known and loved by many amateurs throughout America, who are far from being in the millionaire class.
The earliest importation of orchid plants cost as much as $\$ 1000$ each for rare kinds. Importations being now larger than formerly, and the product secured being more widely distributed, has forced down the prices of many varieties.
The orchid was introduced in the greenhouses of England little more than a century ago, the first specimens having been brought from the tropics by returning missionaries and officers. Later, many new and striking species were introduced on account of the extravagant sums of money offered for novelties. Stimulated by these prizes, hunters scoured every part of the tropics, risking and often sacrificing their lives in the mountains, jungles and fever-breeding


PHALENOPSIS
swamps in quest of the finest specimens. So great is the danger from wild animals that collectors are often forced to urge their native helpers on at the point of a brace of pistols.
It must not, however, be inferred that the orchid is an unusual plant in its native haunts. On the contrary it outstrips all others there, taking and holding the best positions; swinging airily from the trunks of lofty trees which must be felled, in order to secure it, clambering over dripping rocks in shady places, clinging daringly to mountain sides at points as high as 14,000 feet, and planting itself with reckless abandon in the midst of jungle depths where the foot of man dares not go.
A friend of the writer is an enthusiastic cultivator of these rare blossoms, and, while his greenhouse is only a small $8 \times$ ro affair, and though his collection is not a large one, he finds the care of it during his leisure hours, between banking hours, a congenial and elevating kind of recreation.
"Instead of finding it a task," he says, "a visit to my little orchid conservatory, where the scene is like some glowing picture, executed by the Master's hand, invariably acts as a panacea and gives me new inspiration."
He tells me that he finds it especially interesting to
watch the development of the flower buds, as they push up through their sheath and swell, then unfold, and finally reveal all their loveliness. The lip, which is carefully tucked away inside the bud, slowly opens, unrolling its beautifully fluted and ruffled edge. The average orchid is at first of a greenish hue; but this soon changes to a purple or a rose pink.

Is it not remarkable how few, of all the many who express themselves as being fond of flowers, care enough to themselves undertake their cultivation? Such people do not realize what pleasure this affords nor what a pleasant relaxation it offers to one after being shut up all day in an office. Who shall say that such time and labor is misspent even though one prefers to share his cut orchids with friends rather than ship them to the city florist who often pays as high as a dollar apiece for them ?

While there are several varieties that may be grown in the ordinary greenhouse the cultivation of the Cattleya varieties have been found to be the best, the most interesting and likewise the most profitable to grow.

Ordinarily propagation is effected by dividing the bulbs, or by taking young growths from the base of


LELIA PURPURATA
the stem. Except for hybridizing, few growers care to take the trouble to grow orchids from seed.

One of the most pleasing features of orchid culture is the fact that the plants bloom at various seasons of the year; so when purchasing them, it will be wise to include in your collection those that flower in the four seasons. During the winter months, when the days are dark and dreary, the Cattleya Percivaliana and $C$. Triance are to be found in bloom. The reader can better imagine than I can describe the pleasure of plucking these flowers and bringing them into the living-room. After the dark days have passed and the days grow longer comes a most enjoyable time when the Cattleya Mossia, C. Mendelii, and C. Warneri are in flower. At this season no flowers are to be found outdoors in the garden.

The lasting quality of the orchid varies, some lasting as long as four weeks after cutting from the plant; but to retain them so long the water must be changed twice daily and the flowers placed outdoors to receive fresh air; also a small section of the stem should be cut off each day.

Orchids may be grown side by side with other greenhouse plants; and the idea that they will only


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flourish in a house built expressly for them is erroneous. Some of the finest varieties can be successfully grown in a greenhouse used for all kinds of plants.

Maidenhair fern makes a pretty background for the orchids and looks well when added to the cut flowers.

Years of practical experience in cultivating orchids have demonstrated that, when once their natural wants are thoroughly understood, they require less attention, and, their requirements being so simple, they encroach less upon the gardener's time than is generally supposed.
Some orchids thrive best in the shade while others require more light. Some do best when suspended from the roof, and all delight in air-abundance of fresh air.

Orchids will endure more in the way of deprivation than any other plant, yet much time and patience is necessary to coax the tender shoots into full life and growth when freshly imported.
Some rare specimens are found in newly imported orchids; after having been freshly potted the first


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step in their cultivation is to place them in the greenhouse best suited in temperature and moisture to properly develop them. Some years ago a shipment of plants was received by an amateur collector from South America. They had been floated down a river on a raft over two thousand miles, passing through two revolutions en route, were shipped to New York, thence to the collector, and flowered the next season.
It is not advisable to croud the plants in the greenhouse, and cleanliness is a great point to be observed.

Some of the insect pests that infest the plants are wood-lice, slugs and the common house-fly. The Cattleya fly found on freshly imported plants is a much dreaded insect; its larva is deposited in the center of the young growth, and its presence is detected when the young grouth about an inch high becomes abnormally thick at the base and tapers to a point; the growth making but little progress. The only method of extermination is to cut out the infested young growth and destroy it. Too much moisture in the orchid


CATTLEYA TRIAN $\boldsymbol{E}$
a beautiful flower and a lovely decoration for this festival season. In shape it resembles the Trianæ; its color is white, sometimes a delicate rose blush with a blotch of orange yellow in the throat. Everyone cultivating this plant will find great pleasure in its beauty and growth.

Phalanopsis Schilleriana, a native of the Philippines, blooms during the winter months. Springing from the center of the plant is a slender, wiry stem that branches freely, each branch bearing numerous blossoms. It is a prolific bloomer, as many as 170 flowers having been produced on a single plant. It is one of the most desirable orchids, the flowers being lavender purple, while the foliage itself is quite decorative. The long oval leaves attain a length of eighteen inches with their upper surface a dark green, mottled with profuse and irregular spots of grayish green, while the under surface is a rich purplish hue.

The Oncidium Papilio, called commonly the butterfly orchid, bears a striking resemblance to an insect of that character. It blooms during all seasons of the year and is extremely curious and unique. Its flower spikes, which are long and slender, are produced from the base of the pseudobulb and the flowers are at the apex, one following the other in succession for several years.

During the spring


CATTLEYA MOSSI压
season we have a variety of the Lalia purpurata which resembles the Cattleya; the petals and sepals are white, sometimes a rosy blush, the lips a very dark shade of purple with yellow veins.

This plant, though requiring a great deal of room on account of its height, is worthy of cultivation.

Cattleya Warneri and C. Mossia, flowering late in spring, are very beautiful with petals and sepals a rosy purple and gorgeously colored lips. Cattleya Mendelii, another flower of rare beauty, has petals and sepals of a light pink, sometimes pure white, with a dark purple lip.

During the summer months we have the Cattleya Gaskelliana and the Cattleya gigas, both very handsome. During the autumn months we have the Cattleya labiata, a free bloomer, the flowers are a beautiful mauve with richly colored lips.
The orchid is a native of the tropics, coming to us from East India, Australia, the Philippines, China, New Granada, Brazil, Peru, Hawaii, Central America and Mexico; and quite a number of this large family's poor relations may be found growing wild in the United States.
To insure success in the hothouse an effort must be made to secure the same conditions of heat and moisture that the plant has known in its native haunts. For this reason a large orchid house is divided into several compartments so
that the East India and Philippine varieties requiring great heat may be nearest the stove (or boiler when a steam heater is used); those from Brazil and other intermediate zones may come next, and varieties from greater altitudes or cooler climes last. The temperature of the orchid house should be 60 degrees at night and 75 degrees to 80 degrees in the daytime. Some plants from Peru and Mexico require plenty of sunlight as well as heat. To other varieties, the direct rays of the sun through the glass roof would be very injurious, so the panes are treated to a coat of white lead and gasolene. To insure moisture the tables, the floor, the moss and lichen covered walls are showered with water several times a day; for moisture there must be -not too much but enough. Climatic conditions without must also be reckoned with. The plants require plenty of fresh air, therefore a hot blast through the greenhouse would be fatal; as would a cold, wet gust. For this reason ventilators are placed near the ground, that the generous supply of fresh air may pass over the pipes and so be warmed, and take up moisture from the damp earthen floors before reaching the plants. Top ventilators are used to let the excess heat escape.

The orchid is not, as many suppose, parasitic in its nature, although the larger class, the epiphytes, cling to trees or fasten their roots to cracks of the bark. It does not subsist upon the sap, but uses the tree merely as a support and feeds delicately


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upon the air. To this class belong the beautiful Cattleya and Phalænopsis, the Ærides, Dendrobium, Saccolabium, Oncidium, Stanhopea and others. Even the earth growers (terrestrials) ask for but a light, rich, mossy loam in which to thrust their roots, from which they spring spritelike into the air or swing head downward as in imitation of animal or insect friends of the jungle. Of these very handsome and well known, are different species of Cypripedium, Odontoglossum, Calanthe, Neottia, etc.

Fastidious in all its habits, the orchid demands and is grateful for frequent shower baths. It belongs literally to the leisure class.

As a seed it lies in its well-warmed bed of moss often a year before deigning to peep out even the tiniest leaflet to show that it means to be up and doing, by and by.

At the end of another year, if the conditions suit, it will have made, perhaps, three quarters of an inch of growth in its two blade-like leaflets. At the end of two years, with its two leaves grown two inches, and its tiny pseudobulb predicting bloom, it is possible to call it a plant, but not by any sort of coaxing or forcing will it condescend to flower before the fourth or sixth or seventh year. When it does put forth its blooms one is reminded that all highly organized life is slow in maturing, but that the results are often worth while. In its endurance it also gives proof of its being well bred.

A visit to an orchid house when the plants are at their best is a surprise and delight to all nature lovers.



Royal Cup with Crested Saucer

# Two Fine Specimens of Old Sèvres 

By ENID LOCKE

THE Royal Manufactory of Sèvres has been called "the extravagant plaything of kings." But it was more than that for its place in the history of art is a very high one. It was started in a riding school at Vincennes in 1740 by two runaway rogues under the patronage of a generous marquis who loved the beautiful and was jealous for France of the success achieved at Meissen.

He interested the King and the factory was put in proper hands. Only after nine years of experiments, however, was a piece turned out that was thought worthy to be presented to the unhappy wife of Louis XV., Queen Marie Leczinska. All trace of this vase has been lost but it has been described in some contemporaneous memoirs as being a white vase three feet high, surrounded by figures and having in it a bouquet of four hundred and eighty tinted porcelain flowers.

Such an impression did this remarkable work produce on the young Dauphine that she ordered a similar one to send to her father, the King of Poland, to show him that her husband's country had created something as beautiful as had ever been turned out of Germany's pride,-Meissen.

From this point in its history the artistic success of the factory was assured and immeasurably did it advance. With the advent of Boileau as director the financial condition improved also. During his twenty years of skilled management painters of note, sculptors to design shapes for the vases, distinguished chemists, were all employed to get perfect results,
while the secrets of the factory were carefully guarded from its rivals.
Boileau died leaving about 500,000 livres in the coffers; his successor unfortunately squandered this sum and was put in prison for his mismanagement. The factory was once more put under safe directorship and it thrived so that it needed larger quarters. It was then installed at Sèvres, as being conveniently located between the residence of the King, Versailles, and Paris.
During the many changes of government, the factory was regarded as a glory to France and was always financed and protected. The ability and honesty of Brongniait for forty-seven years held the confidence of the successive powers in France and did wonders to keep its work undisturbed. We are indebted to him for the invaluable Musée de Sèvres, founded 1823 .
Every household has in it some piece from this historic factory, either modern or old, so that this short sketch may not be amiss. .

Below are described two examples of old Sèvres which have been brought to America.
Like a pale blue scarabee found in an Egyptian tomb seems this tiny royal cup with its crested saucer. It belongs to a collector in New York who values it highly because of its intrinsic beauty and because it belonged to the service of Louis XV., having the crown and royal initials in gold on the saucer. It came from the Sèvres factory when it was under the management of Boileau. It is of the softest blue and the porcelain is very thin. There are three medallions
bordered by dull gold scrollwork. The center medallion on the cup has in it a gay little rooster, and the saucer medallions have in them two pink tailed pheasants. The markings on the bottom of the cup and saucer indicate the date as before 1753, and the decorator is simply known as "L. F.," his work of flowers and birds on fine ware being famous but his name has been forgotten. Poor, unknown artist who painted for France's monarch! It seems incredible that this little blue cup and saucer has so long outlived its maker and his king. If it could but tell us who "L. F." was and how it came that this frail shell passed through those years of terror in France when every sign of royalty was detested! Its beauty was its only defence but it was enough to preserve it without even a nick for more than a century and a half.
In the same collection as the above is to be found a cup and saucer of the famous bleu turquoise, also from the Sèvres factory. The date is 1768 , fifteen years later than the little cup of "L. F." The artist is Viellard whose paintings on porcelain of figures, trophies and graceful borders were much admired. The ground color is a sharp blue and very beautiful. It was just at this time that the bleu turquoise was discovered by use of copper. The chemists created other colors equally good, among which is the flesh tinted pink called after the Marquise de Pompadour that fair critic and patroness of the

Sèvres factory. This pink has sometimes been called "Rose Dubarry" but incorrectly so. Fonquille, an exquisite yellow, violet pensée and vert pomme all appeared in this period.

The portrait pieces of porcelain are always valued most highly as can be readily understood, and this cup has on it a veritable miniature of Madame Dubarry surrounded by enameled white dots giving the effect of a pearl frame. This is the period when enamel was first used in combination with porcelain. The saucer and main part of the cup have dull gold looped garlands and small gold medallion effects with scrollwork about them. In the center of the saucer is a charming clustering of flowers, a shepherdess' hat and crook and a shepherd's pipe.

Madame Dubarry's face is delightfully dainty and one cannot wonder that Louis XV. said "she is the only woman in France." The mouth is very curved and small and the eyes pale blue. Her powdered hair is arranged in curls with a pink rose tucked in the right side and she wears another on the left side of her corsage.
As one handles this piece of delicate faience a wave of pity for the coquettish woman on the cup, comes over one. She is smiling out from her pretty surroundings, and where Viellard has painted the string of pearls about the curve of her neck, fell the guillotine as vengeance for a king's favor and a reckless, thoughless extravagance.

# The Use of Electricity in the House 

Heating Engineer of the New rork Edison Company

NEVER in all the centuries that woman has "kept house" for man has her task been so attractive and so easily performed as at the present day. With the aid of the electric current, housework no longer spells drudgery, but genuine pleasure.

It is a far call from the fagot fire of the savage in the open to the electrical range in a modern kitchen. In every intermediate stage of culinary progress, - the log blaze before which the roast was turned on a huge spit, the "Dutch oven," the wood stove, coal range, oil stove, gas range,-each of these in its turn and time has seemed the very acme


Electric Cigar Lighter
of convenience and utility. But now that electricity has appeared, appealing to every true housewife with its cleanliness, safety, and absolute reliability, it threatens soon to drive all rivals from the field.

Not for cooking alone is this new agent becoming indispensable, but for numberless other household purposes. Whether the mistress of an establishment "does her own work" or has a retinue of servants to do it for her, she is more comfortable and better served if her home is equipped with those electrical appliances which lighten all domestic labor.

Perhaps the reader would find it interesting to make a tour of investigation

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through a modern electric house and see for himself the extent to which electricity has become the housekeeper's ally.

Upon entering the basement we discover that the heating of the whole house is regulated by an automatic electric device which maintains the proper temperature in each room; ashes from the furnace are brought up from the sub-cellar to the street level by means of an elevator operated by an electric motor. As we pass along the basement hall a slight chill in the air is perceptible in the vicinity of the electric ice machine which is capable of refrigeration equal to 200 pounds of ice in every twentyfour hours, so that an "ice famine" has no terrors for the dwellers in the electric house.

Just beyond the electric refrigerator is the ideal laundry of the up-to-date housewife, fitted up with the newest electrical contrivances for facilitating the work incident to "wash-day." Here is the clotheswasher attached to a motor; while this is quietly and thoroughly doing its part the big wash-boiler with its electric heating coil stands ready to receive the clothes as they drop from the electric wringer, and the electric clothes-drier does away with anxious watching of the weather on a cloudy day. Electric flat-irons of various weights and sizes will quickly complete the laundering of the family wash without
the heat and annoyance of a coal fire. Next we come to the cook's domain, the kitchen, and are bewildered by the number and variety of things electrical which await inspection. The electric range has a capacious oven in which the monster turkey can be roasted to a turn, or the lightest bread and flakiest pastry baked. By turning a switch three different degrees of heat may be obtained, according to how quickly or how slowly food is to be cooked. On the table-like top of the range are several discs, each with its individual switch for the three degrees of heat, whereon are placed the cooking utensils with their contents; besides there is a gridiron, a broiler, a cereal cooker and water-boiler. An electric platewarmer keeps viands warm in their transit on the dumb-waiter from kitchen to dining-room above. A little motor can be attached to either the metal-polisher and knife-sharpener, the coffee-grinder or meat-chopper, as required. The cook who reigns over an electric kitchen beats all the eggs she uses by electricity and the electric dish-washer relieves her of the most monotonous of her duties. If the house should be a very large establishment, she is provided with an electric potato-peeler as well. Indeed, an electric kitchen is a paradise for cooks, especially when on hot summer days the place is kept cool by a whirring electric fan. With some


ELECTRIC WAFFLE IRONS
slight preparations the night before, the cook need only turn a switch in her room on rising to find water boiling and cereal cooking when she goes into the kitchen to prepare breakfast. The housemaid has an electric treasure stowed away in the cupboard under the kitchen stairs, viz., an electric carpet sweeper, which can be connected by a flexible cord to a lamp socket and used in any room. It draws all dust up within itself as it moves along over rugs and carpets, and is therefore a health-saver as well as a time-saver.

In the dining-room attention is immediately attracted to the daintily spread table with an electric chafing-dish set upon it, and an electric toaster is on the buffet. The electric cigar lighter dangling from the chandelier contributes to the enjoyment of


ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRIER the men of the house. An electric coffee percolator is also on the buffet. In the parlor madame at her tea-table may dispense cheering, uninebriating cups to callers, assuring them that this beverage brewed in the electric tea-pot before her is entirely free from tannin and cannot affect the most susceptible nerves.

Across the hall is the cosy library. A ruddy cheerful glow emanates from a luminous electric radiator set on the tiles of the hearth. Within reach of the easy chair drawn up to the library table is another cigar lighter, and an incandescent drop-light concentrates a clear, steady radiance which would fall agreeably upon the pages of the reader's book. In inspecting the upper floors, we take the liberty before ascending the stairs, of touching the electric button concealed in


WATER HEATER the carving of the newelpost, and instantly the electric lamps on the second floor spring into brightness. In the several sleeping-rooms is electrical equipment suitable for each apartment. Examining one bedroom in detail we observe lying on the foot of the bed an electric heatingpad, which is a vast improvement over the leaky, bulky hot-water bag. One of these pads on a much larger scale provides the light, warm coverlet thrown across the bed. At a convenient height and angle on the wall is fixed an electric reading light. Within arm's length of the bed is a push button which reaches all of the service departments.


COFFEE PERCOLATOR

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ELECTRIC CHAFING-DISH
A small telephone is also here, communicating with all parts of the house. On each side of the dressing bureau is a miniature adjustable electric lamp where can be heated the electric curling irons. When the wardrobe door is opened, an electric closet light floods every nook with its rays. On a little table in a far corner is the nursery electric milk-warmer ready for instant use at any hour of the night. For early autumn days a portable radiator stands ready to remove any chill from the room. Adjoining the bedroom is the bath-room with its electric bath, heater for shaving water, massage vibrator and radi-ator,-the epitome of luxury.
At the end of the corridor a good sized room is devoted to the use of the family seamstress. Electric pressing irons and sewing machines run by a motor are a blessing, saving unnecessary exertion.

Located on the third floor is the children's play room. Ascending we look through an open door into a roomy apartment where games are in progress. On the floor is spread a complicated system of railroad tracks and a toy train is traveling over it, drawn by a toy locomotive propelled by


CEREAL COOKER AND EGG BOILER
electricity supplied through a long, flexible wire from a lamp socket on the wall. On a table at the side of the room is a complete magic lantern outfit with which is used an incandescent lamp of considerable power.

On this floor are located the servan'ts' sleeping quarters, which are equipped with electric lights like the rest of the house, electric alarm clocks and return call push buttons.
While the average housewife protests loudly against the comparatively high cost of electric cooking utensils, if she would bear in mind that such utensils are made from the best and strongest materials and outlast many supplies of the ordinary sort, she would perceive the ultimate economy of buying the best.

It is but a short time since electricity has become a recognized factor in luxurious and comfortable living and has found its way into many households, where it is esteemed a necessity and not a luxury. Undoubtedly the near future will see it in its new forms as universally used as is the telephone and electricity for lighting.


Electrical Flat-Irons


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# A Colonial Residence at Chestnut Hill Philadelphia 

GEORGE T. PEARSON, Architect

THIS house, the residence of $\mathrm{H} . \mathrm{H}$. Kingston, Esq., is on St. Martins Lane, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, and its walls are of Chestnut Hill stone, with squared and dressed faces, being the first new house of such as are known as "Colonial" to be made with such walls, and it is probable that none of this character have been built for about seventy-five years.
The exterior trim detail is most satisfying. It follows closely examples of such work constructed almost a century ago which are still to be seen.
The wide projecting eaves and gables with the shaped consoles under the soffit of the cornice, the frieze with its correct members, the carefully drawn columns and balustrades of porch and veranda, the white window trim and sash, the small panes of glass,-all go to perfect the impression that it is a remarkably well-preserved "original specimen."

The style was chosen with a view of expressing quiet dignity and substantiality of structure, to which an ample site contributes. The interior wood finish in the living-rooms throughout the house is painted white. The stair hall is panel wainscoted to a height of about seven feet, and has wooden cornice and paneled beams. The newel-post and hand-
rail of stairway, and the treads and risers are of mahogany.

The library has ample bookcases with leaded glass doors, a charming mantel and fireplace, low paneled wainscot, and a finely modeled wooden cornice.

The dining-room has beamed ceilings, a high platerail, commodious china closets and a large fireplace.


FIRST FLOOR PLAN-KINGSTON HOUSE


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# Talks About Hardy Perennials 

II. THE GIANT KNOT-WEED

By W. C. EGAN

THIS bold and striking plant, Polygonum Siebold $i$, the best of the genus when grown as an isolated specimen on the lawn, is a native of Japan, introduced to European cultivation in 1825, and, like most of the species, spreads rapidly at the roots, especially if disturbed.
Growing it in a group with other plants is almost out of the question, as it would soon preempt all the bed, and an attempt to eradicate it seems futile, as each little point of a broken root will make a plant even if buried deeply. It is so imposing in its bold and graceful habit, that it is worth some trouble and expense to grow it. The plant illustrated is some four years old, planted in a square, bottomless box made out of two-inch plank, two and a half feet wide at the top and one foot wider at the bottom, and three feet deep. This is sunk into the earth so that the top rim is about two inches lower than the sod.

So far no roots have escaped confinement. Cement or brick would be more lasting, and would have been used had not the wooden box been on hand at time of planting. This plant is also known as Polygonum cuspidatum.

A somewhat similar species, growing perhaps a little taller and differing mainly in its angular and striated stems, is $P$. Sachalinense, a native of the Island of Sachalin, north of Japan. It is hardy beyond question, as is also $P$. Sieboldi, and while unusually persistent when once established, may


THE GIANT KNOT-WEED

## SPRAY OF THE GIANT KNOT-WEED

be used to advantage in rough places where a strong growing plant is desired.
P. Baldschuanicum, from Turkey, of questionable hardiness, and first described in 1884 , may be classed as a shrubby climber, growing, it is said, twenty feet tall. It should prove a valuable acquisition in a more favorable climate than that proportioned to the suburbs of Chicago. It is a perennial whose stems become woody at the base. The small white or rose colored flowers on terminal, drooping panicles, are extremely numerous and very effective when in their prime.

There is another climber, more slender than the above, in Thunberg's $P$. multiflorum, a tuberous rooted species climbing some eighteen feet, and blooming in September. The flowers are a fleecy white on small laterals, along the upper three or more feet of the vine. This species is somewhat tender and only successful with me when wintered in a cold frame. The sprays of $P$. multiflorum are suitable for decorative purposes.
$P$. compactum is a low growing species, somewhat like $P$. Siebold $i$ except in height, but lacks its stateliness and is a much inferior plant.

The above comprises about all of the one hundred and fifty known species worth growing. Once in a while we run across a collection of "old-fashioned flowers" and in it is found P. Orientale, an East Indian annual, in cultivation since 1707 , known as "Princess feather," "Tear thumb," and "Kiss-me-over-the-garden-gate." The latter curious name was probably given it because it grew up and over the garden fence, it generally being grown as a back plant lining a fence. The genus is very closely related to the buckwheat and is often classed as belonging to that family.

# Two Cottages at Wyoming, N. J. 

J. W. DOW, Architect

THAT the leaning of the present generation of American house builders is toward English cottage architecture is evidenced by the two modern cottages at Wyoming, New Jersey, from which some illustrations are herewith presented. This cottage architecture is not the kind of English cottage advocated by John Ruskin, and extensively exploited during our dark transitional period of 1845 or thereabouts, nor is it selected solely because it is English cottage architecture in contradistinction to what we call "Colonial," for cottage architecture in England to-day is nearly if not quite as faulty as our own, and stands in need of quite as general an uplift. It is almost unnecessary to say that there are English cottages and English cottages.

The brick and stucco house built by Miss Goodchild and the stone cottage of Eldred Bates are pretty cottages, in fact they are beautiful. And to encourage the building of such cottages, that is, cottages considered by competent judges of architecture to be up to a certain standard in the subtle domain of esthetics, every town committee would do well to exempt them from local taxation for a limited period, at least. In Greece, during what we call its

Pagan not to say heathen history, they would have exempted all such commendable exploits from taxation altogether, and more than likely paid off and caused to be canceled of record any mortgage or other encumbrance the owners found necessary to place upon them to help defray the cost of construction.

The United States government does offer certain free grants of land to pioneers in the wilderness to encourage them to settle and cultivate farms and build homes. Why not extend some concessions to those who in the wilderness of bad cottage architecture (and that means nearly everywhere in the country) conscientiously try to improve the landscape with architectural embellishment which is suitable to it, and which tends to idealize the picture rather than commercialize it.

The town committee of Wyoming, very probably, have no intention of canceling the local tax upon either of these two cottages, beautiful as they are, much less assuming the payment of any possible mortgages upon record against them. Indeed, the average town committee man and tax assessor would be very apt to look upon them more in a spirit of


THE GOODCHILD HOUSE


THE DINING-ROOM OF THE BATES COTTAGE
jealousy than anything else, and raise the tax rates of their respective owners rather than lower them.

Mr. J. W. Dow, the architect of the houses, writes as follows concerning them:
"They were both built by the day as the local contractors did not care to figure on work so unusual, having so much of English architectural detail. Houses of this type, while being hardly suitable for the real estate speculator, are eminently desirable


First Floor Plan
THE GOODCHILD HOUSE


Second Floor Plan

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## Two Cottages at Wyoming, N. J.



THE LIVING-ROOM-BATES COTTAGE
"Of course, the owners of the cottages have places to sit out-of-doors, and in both cases, this reservation


THE DINING-ROOM-BATES COTTAGE
for home comfort and respectable privacy is attained by walled terraces facing the east, which happens to

dINING-ROOM WINDOW SEAT-BATES COTTAGE


FIREPLACE AND MANTEL-BATES COTTAGE
be the rear of the house. The regulation American veranda is the drop of poison which unfailingly spoils the solution of any cottage problem, and the sooner the American house builder comes to realize it, the less his progress toward better home architecture will be impeded.
"The small panes of glass which show particularly in the pictures of the Goodchild house are not much used as yet for the principal windows of a modern cottage, not in the lower sash; but in the words of an enthusiastic visitor to Miss Resique who lives in the delightful and ancient Hooker house at Ridgefield, Connecticut, 'How these small panes of glass


FIRST FLOOR PLAN-BATES COTTAGE
do furnish a room!' More than this their historic value is immense. Historic values, however, are not much discussed in modern cottage architecture.
"The two cottages illustrated have rather low ceilings, eight feet six inches and eight feet for the first and second stories respectively. They are inexpensively finished in soft woods. There is a


SECOND FLOOR PLAN-BATES COTTAGE
little exposed and heavy timbering in the living-room of the Goodchild house, and the kitchen of the Bates cottage has a tiled floor. They have practically all the modern conveniences, such as hot water heating appliances, electricity, gas, water, sanitary plumbing and sewer connection; but in their design the straight and narrow path of lealty to art in the country and Anglo-Saxon home traditions has been faithfully pursued in spite of the clamor of modern selfishness which ruthlessly levels city dwellinghouses to make room for the hideous skyscrapers, the evil of modern congestion."


STONE COTTAGE OF ELDRED BATES, ESQ.

# GARDEN NOTES FERNS, CHRYSANTHEMUMS, GERANIUMS, ETC. 

By EBEN E. REXFORD

PLANT-GROWERS have fads, the same as other people. One that a great many amateurs get a good deal of pleasure out of is that of making collections of ferns, native and foreign.

Some of our native ferns are quite as beautiful as any of foreign origin, and it is an easy matter to make a shady corner of the home-grounds attractive by planting them there. It will take a season or two for them to become fully domesticated, but after that they will flourish as luxuriantly as in their native habitat, provided-and this is important,-they are given the same kind of soil as that in which they originally grew. If you transplant a fern from the woods, where it has had almost pure leaf-mold to grow in, to a place where there is no leaf-mold, you ought not to expect it to do well. It certainly will not, though it may live on indefinitely, for ferns are not nearly as delicate plants as people imagine. But go to the trouble of bringing a few loads of native soil, and you will be able to make your fern-corner one of the most attractive features of the home-grounds.

In bringing ferns from the woods, be careful not to expose their roots. Lift them with considerable soil attached, and put them at once in a basket with a layer of damp moss in it. If you are going to remain long, it is a good plan to give the basket an occasional dip in water, to make sure that the moss is kept sufficiently wet to impart moisture to the soil above it. Let a fern-root get dry, before planting, and it is labor thrown away to plant it.

Do not let the beauty of a fine, large specimen, as seen growing in its native quarters, get the upper hand of your good judgment, and lead you to choose it for removal in preference to the smaller specimens growing all about it. The small plants will be almost sure tollive, if properly set out and cared for until they become established in your fern-corner, but the large


AN AMATEUR'S FERN-CORNER
plant will almost as certainly die. After setting out your plants, water them well, and keep them shaded. If there is not much dew-fall, shower them well at night. Keep up this treatment until they begin to grow, after that, they will take care of themselves.
One of the illustrations accompanying this article was taken from a friend's fern-corner located in the north side of the dwelling. Here wild ferns grew in the border along the path as luxuriantly as in their native haunts, and here she kept her potted ones throughout the summer, along with other shade-loving plants. I want to call particular attention to the fine specimen of Boston fern, growing on the bracket at the left of the picture. This, she told me, was a young plant in March. She had potted it in rich woods'-earth, and kept it well supplied with water throughout the hot, dry midsummer season. I counted twenty-seven fully developed fronds on it, and a dozen or more new ones were peering up from the center of the plant. Those who have large, old plants of this variety, will do well to copy her treatment, and divide them in the spring, making each division the basis of a new plant. Such a treatment gives strong, vigorous plants for winter use, preferable in every way to old plants.
Did you store the roots of any of last year's chrysanthemums in the cellar, over winter? If so, start them into growth as soon as possible. When young shoots appear, all over the surface of the soil,-as they soon will after you put the pot in the light, and apply water, -cut them away from the old plant in such a manner as to leave a bit of root attached, and put them into small pots of rich soil. Keep them well watered. Leave them in the little pots until the soil is well filled with roots, then shift to pots two or three sizes larger, using, always, a soil that is rich in nutriment.


CHRYSANTHEMUMS
Few plants require as much food as this one. It is impossible to grow it well without the liberal use of good fertilizers. And it must be kept well watered. If grown in pots, an application of water may be needed morning and evening, during midsummer.
Be always on the lookout for the black beetle, which is the chrysanthemum's worst enemy. As soon as one is seen, make an infusion of ivory soap, from the kitchen-a five cent cake, melted, and added to a pailful of water-and apply it all over the plants, with a sprayer. If this is done promptly, and thoroughly, the insects will soon leave, but neglect to attend to it for a day or two and your plants may be ruined.
Those who grow chrysanthemums for homepleasure are discarding the fantastic sorts, for the class of which "Ivory" and "Timothy Eaton" are good representatives. The fluffy, twisted-petal kinds are interesting, as freaks, but they are not good plants for house-culture. The variety shown in the illustration gives a very good idea of the class

I would advise the amateur to depend on for satisfactory flowers. There is enough irregularity of outline to take away any suggestion of primness, and the flowers are far more beautiful as flowers, than the ragged kinds which people wonder at, at the fall flowershows, but do not greatly admire.
I would never advise the amateur to attempt growing the great-flowered chrysanthemums that are seen at the fall exhibitions. What are they but floral monstrosities! They show what can be done by skill, but the real beauty of the flower is lost in them. Who would care to make use of them as ornaments of the home! The mediumsized flowers, grown in clusters, as they always are when the plant is allowed to follow out its natural instincts, are the really enjoyable ones. And the most satisfactory plant, so far as shape is concerned, is the one that has been trained in bush form.
Spring is not too early to begin the growing of plants for next winter's use. We generally neglect this until midsummer, and the consequence is that we have only small specimens when winter comes. By beginning early, we give our plants a chance to make full development in advance of the season Therefore, decide on what plants you want for next winter. and start them now.
But if you have geraniums that have been carried through the winter, and they are such as you would care to make use of another season, do not discard them for young plants. Cut them back until each plant is simply a mass of stubby branches, three or four inches long. In a little while these "stubs" will produce many new branches, and by fall you will have a bushy, compact plant with scores of blossoming points. Young plants, grown from cuttings this season, would have but few. Here is where the old plant has the advantage over a young one. By giving it a rich soil, and not allowing it to bloom in summer, it will be as strong and healthy a specimen in the fall as any young plant could possibly be, and you will get a score of trusses from it to every one you would secure from the plant grown from a cutting. The person who tells you to always depend on young geraniums for winter bloom has never given old ones a good trial. The old ones that refuse to bloom in winter are those which have been allowed to exhaust themselves by blooming all summer.

Another plant that should be given an early
start if you want it at its best in winter, is the rex begonia and its hybrids, of which we now have so many magnificent sorts. These hybrids are better adapted to amateur culture than the ordinary rex section, as they are sturdier in every way, and quite as fine in foliage. Some of them are of bushy habit, while others seldom grow to a height of more than five or six inches above the pot. Some persons tell me that these begonias cannot be grown in the living-room. I know better than that, for I have grown them there, successfully, and I have in mind as I write, two magnificent specimens, grown by amateurs, under the conditions which prevail in the ordinary sitting-room. When asked how they managed to grow such plants, their owners said that they were not aware of having given them any special treatment. They simply gave them a light, spongy soil, and kept them rather dry at the roots. Not really dry, perhaps, but never wet. Years ago, I learned that most begonias, and especially those of the rex section, were greatly injured by keeping the soil too moist. It seems that these women had learned the same thing I did, and when they found that their plants flourished with but little moisture in the soil they were wise enough not to use a good deal of it simply because their friends told them "begonias need lots of water."

This gives me the opportunity of saying that I would advise every amateur to experiment with his or her plants, and be governed by the knowledge that results from these experiments. Study things out for yourselves, instead of depending on second-hand knowledge. Quite frequently one discovers new methods of floriculture by simply keeping his or her eyes open. Watch your plants. Learn their peculiarities. Don't attempt to make the same treatment answer for all of them. Vary it as you do that which you apply to your children. And don't be afraid to try a new method simply because you have never heard of any one else's trying it.

The Marguerite carnation deserves a place in every garden. It blooms in September if started early in the season, and is at its prime when cold weather comes. Those who appreciate a beautiful flower will prize it then, when the garden has little of bloom left in it. Not all the plants produce double flowers, but more than half do, I think, and the single ones are quite as pretty as the oldfashioned "grass pink" which they greatly resemble. The double ones are as fine in shape as any greenhouse
carnation, and often more fragrant, but they are never as large. However, they are quite as perfect in form, and come in almost as wide a range of colors.

For several years past I have potted the best of my Marguerite carnations in the fall, and from them I have had large crops of flowers throughout the entire winter. They are much freer bloomers than their aristocratic relatives of the greenhouse.

One of our best annuals for use as a screen is the zinnia. This plant grows to a height of three and four feet, and branches so freely that it forms a thick mass from the ground up. It blooms with great freedom throughout the entire season. It comes in rich shades of red, yellow, and salmon. Its flowers are, for the most part, quite double, and nearly the size of the smaller dahlias, which they greatly resemble in form and general appearance. The illustration shows one end of a mass of this plant in bloom, fully four feet in height, used to mark the division line between the flower and vegetable gardens, bordered with sweet alyssum.


REX BEGONIA


SWEET ALYSSUM AND ZINNIA

A lady writes: "I wonder if you can tell me what ails my geraniums and begonias. The edges of their leaves turn brown, and become so dry that they crumble at a touch. This condition finally extends over the whole leaf. Sometimes I find leaves spotted with pale green, or yellow. These look, at first, as if an insect might have bitten them, but a little later the spot becomes a hole, as if the tissue of the leaf had broken down under the disease. For disease I am confident it is, rather than the work of any insect, as I cannot find an aphis or scale about my plants. Many of my geraniums are almost skeletons, and some of my begonias have died. Soap-washes, tobacco teas, and fumigation do no good. Some of my friends have plants affected in the same way. What is the matter ?-and can anything be done to check or put an end to the trouble ?"

Similar complaints come to me from all over the country. Hundreds of correspondents have sent specimens of foliage, showing the ravages of the
disease, for disease it is, as the correspondent infers. It is of fungoid character, propagated by spores which are given off from the affected foliage. These spores float about in the air, and when they come in contact with another plant they lodge there, and in this manner infection is communicated to an entire collection. There is no use of trying to end the difficulty by the application of insecticides, as no insect is responsible for it. The proper thing to use is a fungicide, like Bordeaux mixture. This, if applied promptly, and used persistently, will, in time, rid one's plants of the disease. But if your plants are neglected until their constitutions seem undermined by the trouble, it would be advisable to throw them away and start a new collection. It is an easy matter to tell the difference between diseased foliage and ripened foliage, for the latter will be yellow throughout, as a general thing, while leaves attacked by the disease will look green except at the edges, or in spots. Pick these off and burn them as soon as discovered, and provide yourself with some of the remedy mentioned as soon as possible.

It can be procured of nearly all florists, in both paste and dry form, needing only the addition of water to put it in shape for use. This is the only remedy I have any knowledge of. I have given it a thorough trial, and know it to be effective. But one application will not be sufficient. You will have to continue its use until the older foliage of your plants has been replaced by new. Even then the disease is likely to break out afresh, at any time, therefore it will be found necessary to make frequent applications of the fungicide to prevent a recurrence of the trouble.


# Gardening in a City Lot 

By FRANK G. HEATON

THAT a garden of kitchen vegetables can profitably be made in a city back yard such as is available in the residence district of a large city seems, on its face, to be a proposition too absurd for serious contemplation.

But such a garden, grown under such conditions, is a demonstrable possibility, that a supply of crisp, fresh vegetables, sufficient in quantity for the needs of a family of four-with some to spare for less fortunate neighbors-can be grown on the available space left in a small back yard after deducting the required room for walks, a seven-foot driveway and a coal house, and that the work can be done, and amazing results secured, by one who has only a few hours of daylight in which to do it, is a fact. Add to this the obstacle of practically no knowledge of the proper methods of planting, cultivating and bringing to maturity a vegetable garden, and the total forms a combination of unpropitious circumstances that would seem totally unsurmountable. This is the story of how such a garden was grown, under exactly such handicaps; and if it shall lead others similarly situated to try this kind of "intensive farming"-


Tomato Vines on Trellis. Bush Wax Beans in Foreground. Stalks of Stowell's Evergreen Corn Fourteen Feet High
vest pocket gardening-it will have been well worth the telling.

The writer has always had a fondness for out-ofdoor work and yearly labors with flower beds and similar tasks that approach gardening in a way. Lack of time, lack of space and lack of a knowledge of how it is done, however, have always, heretofore, prevented an attempt at growing vegetables. In the very early spring of 1906, however, he determined that, notwithstanding all the drawbacks, he would make an effort to plant and grow a few things in the vegetable line, and this is how the determination was carried to fulfilment.

Careful measurements of the back yard showed that spaces of the following dimensions could be utilized: A strip four feet six inches by eighteen feet, between the walk from the back steps to the coal house, and the division fence; two strips ten feet long, and a foot wide, at either side of the same walk; a strip one foot by seven feet at the back of the rear enclosed porch; strips one by nine feet and one by ten feet, at the front and end of the coal house; another strip, four by ten feet between the end of


Tomato Growth so Luxuriant that Trellis had to be Extended Upward as Shown


The End of the Cornfield -"Stowell's Evergreen Corn"
the coal house and the doorway; three sections, each nine by fifteen feet, between the outside of the driveway and the next lot; and strips one by ten, two by twenty, two by nine and two by nine feet, these four being reserved for sweet peas. As this is the story of a Lilliputian vegetable garden, no account will be taken of the sweet peas. The utilization of the spaces enumerated left a tiny grass plot in the back yard, and provided for the use of every foot of available space in the yard.

It was seen, even by an amateur who, of course, wanted to buy and plant some of everything listed by the seedsmen, that only by careful selection and, afterward, careful cultivation, could any real good be derived from a garden of vegetables confined to a space so limited. It was finally decided that only those vegetables that are liked by all members of the family of four should be tried-and not all of these, by a good deal, was there room for. Green beans and sweet corn at once suggested themselves, as did tomatoes; lettuce, radishes, and onions for early spring use seemed a matter of course; and a tiny plot for blood beets was planned for. Suggestion followed suggestion, but the list finally narrowed down to the vegetables named, and the order for seeds went in like this:

Head lettuce, one packet, ten cents; radishes, the tiny scarlet sort, ten cents; bush wax beans, one packet, ten cents; "Kentucky Wonder" (pole) beans, one packet, ten cents; "Lazy Wife" (pole), beans, one
packet, ten cents; "Golden Bantam" sweet corn, one packet, ten cents; "Stowell's Evergreen" sweet corn, one packet, ten cents.

For the onions, the sort known as "Silver Skin" were purchased, ten cents' worth of sets being sufficient; tomato plants, a kind known, locally at least, as "beefsteak," were also bought, seven of the plants, large, vigorous and well-started, costing a dime.

To begin, all the space available for gardening was spaded up and the ground worked as thoroughly as was possible. This was done as soon as the frost was out of the ground in the early spring. As the soil is a tough, hard, nurtureless yellow clay, the work was somewhat difficult. Before spading up the plots a quantity of well-decayed barnyard manure equal to about two wagon-loads was hauled, wheelbarrow load at a time, from a neighboring stable, and the most of this was spread over the spaces that were to be used, the manure being spaded into the soil and thoroughly mixed.

As soon as it was thought the danger of frost was past the work of planting the garden commenced. Lettuce, radishes and onions were the first to go into the ground. A space in the V of the rear walk was prepared for the lettuce and the radishes. The earth was again spaded and raked, and additional manure was worked into it. When ready for planting there was hardly a clod the size of a bean in the bed. Rows were marked off about six inches apart, in which the lettuce seed was drilled; between these rows other rows were sowed with radishes. The onions (sets) were planted in half of the four by ten strip at the end of the coal house, the remaining half of the strip being reserved for beets.

A few days later the two one by ten foot strips along the rear walk were re-spaded, raked and mellowed, and made ready for the bush beans. A trench four or five inches deep was dug in each space, and about two inches of the manure was spread in the bottom of each trench-these being not more than six inches in width. The beans were planted about three inches apart in these trenches, care being taken to place each seed with the eye down. The trenches were then filled with a mixture of manure and the original soil and the earth pressed rather firmly over the seeds. These beans, being a very early variety, were intended for the earliest use.
The early beans planted, it was time to "put in" the sweet corn. The nine by fifteen foot plots were given to the corn, and in two of them the earth was spaded and raked again, as in the other spaces, and put into the very best condition possible. Rows of holes were dug about six inches deep, and into each hole half a shovelful of manure was thrown. The holes were spaced in rows two feet apart each way. In one plot the "Golden Bantam" corn was planted. This was said to be the very earliest, as
well as the very best, sweet corn known; and it was found to bear out its reputation in both respects. In the second nine by fifteen foot space, prepared the same as the first, the "Stowell's Evergreen" corn was planted, the treatment being exactly the same as that given the "Golden Bantam." The "Evergreen" is a larger sort, maturing two or three weeks later than the "Bantam." The third of the nine by fifteen foot plots was reserved for a later planting of the "Evergreen" corn.

As soon as the corn was in, the one by seven, one by nine and one by ten foot spaces, at the back of the porch and the front and end of the coal house, were given a second working-over. In these places it was decided the pole beans should be grown, the purpose being to train the vines up on strong twine, instead of the poles they grow on in larger gardens. Stout pegs were driven into the ground to a depth of perhaps ten inches, at each end of the spaces, and a strong wire was tightly stretched from peg to peg. The beans were planted in shallow trenches partly filled with manure, and again care was taken to place each seed eye down. The mixture of earth and manure, as in the case of the wax beans, was pressed closely down on the seeds, so that, in case of a heavy rain, they would not wash out of the ground. This done, heavy twine, such as is used in wrapping large parcels, was run from the wires at the bottom to points about six and a half feet above. Rows of small nails were driven into the weather-boarding of the coal house and the strings for the beans planted there were fastened to the nails. For the beans planted at the rear of the porch the strings were taken up and drawn through the openings in the latticework, where they were fastened at the height of about six and a half feet.

Late in May, when it seemed absolutely safe, the four and a half by eighteen foot plot was spaded and raked, and prepared for tomatoes. In the space we figured there was room for seven plants. Holes were dug at regular intervals, about a foot across and eight or ten inches deep; these were partly filled with manure, and the tomato plants were set in. The holes were filled to the top with a mixture of soil and manure, the plants were given a good water-ing-they were set out in the evening-and for a few days were shaded from the sun by spreading doubled newspapers over them, the paper being held up by means of short bits of lath. The plants were extremely vigorous and well-started, being fifteen inches high when set out, and all grew uninterruptedly. It was the intention to train them up in the English fashion, on a sort of trellis arrangement slanting against the division fence and facing south. By the use of this sort of support the vines are held up, the fruits are kept off the earth, and a free circulation of air below keeps both plants and fruits free from blight and decay.

"Kentucky Wonder" Pole Beans Grown upon Strings Making a Handsome Rear Porch Screen

When the tomatoes had been set out the garden was completed, with the exception of the latest planting of sweet corn, which was made late in June. All that was left to do was to keep the plots clear of weeds-which must not be permitted to gain a foothold (or perhaps roothold would be better) -and to keep the soil well worked and hoed up about the roots of the growing things. A dry spell in June caused us to turn the lawn hose on the garden, and for some time the entire space was given a thorough soaking twice or three times a week, in the evening.

The beans, both bush and pole, under the stimulus of heavy fertilization, frequent watering and a special treatment given the seed, made a growth that was amazing. The special treatment referred to was the wetting of the seed in a solution of nitro-culture, a single twenty-five cent package of which was sufficient. The bush beans were all treated with the solution, made and used according to directions accompanying the packets; the seven foot row of "Kentucky Wonders," at the back of the porch, and the ten foot row of "Lazy Wife," at the end of the coal house, were similarly treated, the nine foot row of "Kentucky Wonders" at the front of the coal house being left untreated for the sake of comparison. The wax beans made a handsome, heavy, bushy growth, reaching a height of about fifteen inches, and the plants were positively loaded with clusters of full,
brittle, juicy pods. The pole beans that were treated did equally as well, the vines running to the tops of the strings that were provided for them and making a growth of two to four feet above, falling over in heavy masses from lack of additional supporting strings. The yield of beans from the treated plants was from four to five times that of the row left untreated; and, taking everything into consideration, it seems safe to say, from the writer's experience, that the nitro-culture will increase the productiveness of a given space planted with beans at least three or fourfold.

Liberal fertilization and frequent waterings, aided by careful weeding and cultivation, also worked wonders with the tomatoes. Early in the summer the plants outgrew the original trellis made for them-and which, it was thought, would prove amply large-and a makeshift addition was necessary. A little later a second addition was required, the final structure being decidedly ragged and patchy in appearance. The trellis, however rude, achieved its purpose, which was to keep the plants trained up off the ground, and it does not seem possible that finer tomatoes could possibly be grown than these vines produced. Three of the fruits were simply mammoth in size; two of these had a combined weight of two pounds ten ounces, and the other, alone, weighed two pounds eight ounces.

The total cash outlay for the garden described here was $\$ 1.25$; one dollar of this was for seeds, plants and sets, and the remaining twenty-five cents was for one package of nitro-culture. The tools neededmattock, spade, hoe and rake-were already on hand, having been used before in making flower beds. The garden produced vegetables in the following quantities and to the following values:

Lettuce, radishes, onions and beets (estimated), $\$ 1.50$; wax beans, from June 26 to July 3I, nine and one-half pecks, the market price ranging from forty cents per peck, early in the season, to fifteen cents per peck at the close, and the total value of wax beans picked being

"Lazy Wife" Pole Beans on Strings Forming a Mask for Coal House \$2.27. Pole beans-first July i, last September 26-eighteen and onehalf pecks, from thirtyfive cents per peck down to fifteen cents and up again to thirty cents at the close of the season; total value, $\$ 3.94$. Sweet corn, both sorts, early and late, 192 ears, market price from thirty cents per dozen ears at time of first picking, July 3, to fifteen cents per dozen when last was picked, September 2; total value, $\$$ I.98. Tomatoes-first picked July i 8, when market price was twentyfive cents per basket of six to eight; total picked* five and a half bushels; value, $\$ 4.70$. Total for garden \$14.39. The photographs accompanying this article, while not made in the height of the garden's midsummer luxuriance, indicate in a manner the results that were secured. Until the pole beans herein described were trained to climb strings the writer had never heard of this manner of growing them; and he has not yet met anyone who ever tried the experiment.

The lack of gardening experience, as has in this instance been proven, need be no hindrance to the making of a handsome, enjoyable and profitable little kitchen garden; and the out-otdoor work-digging and delving in the earth, planting seeds and watching the plants grow and produce -is a means of exercise for office men and desk workers than which none more pleasant and beneficial has ever been found.

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## FURNISHING A ROOM IN MISSION STYLE

Western subscriber writes: Would you consider it unwise to furnish a room in Mission style at this time? Is the fancy for this line of furniture departing? The room which I wish to treat is long and rather low, has a five and one half foot wainscot in oak which has been stained a dark brown and given a dull finish. I have a heavy Mission davenport upholstered with loose cushions in dull blue velveteen. If it is correct to use this furniture, I would like a good desk of similar lines not to exceed fifty dollars in price. The woodwork of the room I have had stained a rich brown; the davenport is a trifie lighter in color. I would like to have the writing table stained to match if possible. How can I manage this?


RADCLYFFE WRITING TABLE
Answer: Mission furniture is still very much used and that of the best type will always be suitable and artistic for rooms of a certain character. I suggest a desk similar to the cut shown. It is of ash and the price is forty dollars. I will furnish you with the address of the firm from whom this can be obtained. It is known as the Radclyffe table. You can write to the maker and find out if they would stain this as you desire. I can also furnish you with the address of a firm who make furniture to order and will stain it as desired. This firm will supply you with cuts upon request.

## PLANIING AN INEXPENSIVE HOUSE

Suburban writes: In planning an inexpensive house which we purpose building in the early spring, I have made the point with my architect that much of the artistic success of the house depends upon the kind of doors and windows used also upon the hardware selected. I have been told that there are stock doors made by
certain companies which are thoroughly artistic and can be purchased at very reasonable rates. If you can tell me anything about these, I will appreciate it. Also I should be glad to have you recommend to me the kind of hardware to use throughout. The plan is very simple; it will be a square house with a central hall, the two front rooms being utilized for parlor and dining-room; the room back of the parlor to be library and general sitting-room; back of the dining-room, the kitchen and service department; four bedrooms and two baths on the upper floor. This plan may be misleading, as the house is not at all Colonial in its style or detail. I wish to use wood showing the grain finished in some soft stain with an unglazed surface for the trim. Can I obtain these ready-made doors in any wood desired? In my living-room I wish to have an exposed brick chimney breast; the room is $16 \times 18$ in size. Would you advise a brick mantel, or shelf of wood like the standing woodwork of the room? Later I shall appeal to you for a full color scheme for the house. I enclose a self-addressed envelope asking that you will send me the names of any firms to whom I can apply for printed matter in regard to doors and fixtures.
Answer: You are quite right in your feeling of the importance of doors and windows to the exterior and interior of the house. I am glad to send you the addresses requested. Also I feel that the selection of fixtures should be most carefully made for all rooms. There are very many new and artistic designs in fixtures and hardware on the market, and they should be entirely harmonious with the other fixtures of the room. The cost even of the better class of designs is not necessarily exorbitant, and a careful selection should be made from cuts furnished by the manufacturers. Your idea for your fireplace is very good. I would advise the wood shelf by all means in preference to the brick mantel. If you use wrought iron fixtures and hardware in this room I would suggest that this shelf be supported by wrought iron brackets roughly made and fastened to the brick of the chimney. I will be pleased to receive the plan of your house from you and give you any information you may desire.

## PAINTING A PORCH

Artistic writes: I am putting a new porch to my house. What color shall I paint it? The house is dark green with ivory white trim. The ceiling of porch is finished in pine. Shall I paint it sky blue? I have seen one finished in that manner.

Answer: By no means paint your porch ceiling. Finish the natural pine with a good exterior varnish. A good color for the porch floor is a warm tan. This is less likely to show dust than is the grey, which is so often used, and with the white trim, the soft $\tan$ will be particularly effective.

Mantel:
Answer: I would suggest that you send me a self-addressed envelope, in which case I would be glad to send you addresses of firms to whom you may write for the information desired.


Conducted by W. C. EGAN.


#### Abstract

DAFLIAS I had grown tired of the old-fashioned quilled dahlias on account of their lumpy appearance when used for decorative purposes, and grew some of the so-called "cactus" varieties last summer, but was disappointed in the result. I do not know the names of those I grew. They were given me by a friend. The blooms were few in number and on short stems, being almost hidden by the foliage. I manured the ground heavily before planting. Is there some trick in getting plenty of blooms of this class of dahlias? If so, please advise me in your magazine. Are there other varieties besides the cactus and the old-fashioned quilled, that are worth growing? I am limited in room.

> J. L. D., Chicago, Ill.


Last year was a very poor one for dahlias in the Middle West. The hot drying winds caused many varieties to be so late in blooming that the frost caught them before they could perfect their flowers. As such seasons are apt to occur again, it is therefore a good plan to select only those varieties that may be depended upon. Perhaps you had one of the earlier introductions which had the serious fault of blooming down in the foliage. In the newer varieties this fault has been overcome.
In order to be able to pluck a sufficient number of blooms of one color for a large effective bouquet, it is best to grow at least three plants of each variety desired. The following list is selected from a field of sixty named varieties, each one given having bloomed "early and often" while many of the remaining ones never gave a flower.

Among the cactus group, "Countess of Lonsdale" stands preeminent, and no one should be without it. It is far ahead of any in the number and earliness of bloom and length of stem. It is so prolific in blooms that if a longer stem than seems natural is desired, the lateral branches and buds may be cut off, quite away down and not be missed. In fact the disbudding is good for the plants. I will not attempt to give the color, I have never been able to describe it, and will therefore state that it is described in two prominent catalogues as "a delicate apricot, shading towards the edges of the petals to a carmine pink," and "a pleasing blending of amber and salmon pink." Under the electric light its color is fascinating and the flowers when cut are good keepers.
"Clara J. Stredwick," a salmon-flesh color; "Floradora," a dark velvety crimson with long stems and a good keeper; "Strahlein Krone," a cardinal red; and "Winsome," a pure white, will give quite a choice of colors.
The decorative type is midway between the quilled and cactus, and as its name indicates is quite effective in bouquet work. The best and earliest bloomers with me were "Mrs. Roosevelt," a very large flower of a delicate shade of pink, and a good laster when cut, "Clifford W. Bruton," a standard florist's flower of a canary yellow color and " Perle d'Or," a pure white with long stiff stems.
Of late years there has been a great improvement in the single dahlias, especially since the advent of the " 20 th Century" dahlia and its seedlings. These produce large, saucer-shaped flowers, generally of pure self colors. One cannot go amiss in growing
almost any of them. Among them is "Harvard," color an intense glistening crimson, with long stems and an unusually good keeper; "Gorgeous," a dazzling scarlet with occasionally a stripe of white down a petal; "Pink Century," "Crimson Century," and one called "The Record." Among those producing smaller single flowers but equally as attractive are "Alba Superba" and "Anemone," both pure whites, "Black Bird," a dark maroon and "Gaillardia," almost a counterpart of the improved forms of Gaillardia atistata.

It is not advisable to plant dahlias in rich ground. It induces a tall, rank growth, a prey to the winds, and produces too large a percentage of foliage. Plant in ordinary ground, placing the crowns some six inches below the surface, over which put, say three inches of soil; early in the season hill up around the plant so as to leave a basin nearly two feet in diameter around each plant. This allows watering frequently without much trouble during dry seasons.
When the plants show buds, water once a week with diluted manure water. If you have no manure water at hand, collect the pure fresh droppings of the cow or horse, and place them in the basin all around the plant, and then water. One good filling of manure will last the season, some soot or finely powdered bone meal or dried blood, added to the manure will be beneficial. When the plant is forming its bloom buds is when it wants stimulants, if in ordinary soil it will have made its growth in height and be intent on flowering. Dahlias are at their best when the cool nights of early autumn come and some varieties, even if they flower before then reserve their best efforts for the autumn show.

## COLD FRAMES AND HOTBEDS

What is the difference between a cold frame and a hotbed?
J. W. D.

A cold frame is for keeping semi-tender plants over winter and a hotbed is for raising seedlings in the spring.

In the case of the former, the frame is sunken into the earth, or placed on the ground and earth ridged up against the sides, covered with a sash, over which is placed a wooden shutter, and in very cold climates straw or mats are placed over all. Everything is removed on bright warm days to air the contents.

A hotbed is a frame set up the same way-but is made deeper and contains at the bottom heated manure, over which a few inches of soil is placed in which the seeds are started. Sash are used to cover it and on cold nights shutters or mats are added.

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## NOTES AND REVIEWS

## THE AGE OF TREES

GERICKE, the great German forester, writes that the greatest ages to which trees in Germany are positively known to have lived are from 500 to 570 years. For instance, the pine in Bohemia and the pine in Norway and Sweden have lived to the latter age. Next comes the silver fir, which in the Bohemian forests has stood and thrived for upward of 400 years. In Bavaria, the larch has reached the age of 275 years. Of foliage trees the oak appears to have survived the longest. The best example is the evergreen oak at Aschaffenburg, which reached the age of 4 IO years. Other oaks in Germany have lived to be from 315 to 320 years old. At Aschaffenburg, the red beech has lived to the age of 245 years, and at other points to the age of 225 years. Of other trees, the highest known are ash, 170 years; birch, 160 to 200 years; aspen, 220 years; mountain maple, 225 years; elm, 130 years, and red alder, 145 years.-London Public Opinion.

## TESTS FOR THE QUALITY AND QUAN-

 TITY OF SAND IN MORTARSOME one writes to the Builder to ask what practical test can be applied to mortar, to see whether the contractor has put in too much sand, and whether he has used sharp sand. As this is a question which probably occurs to a good many young architects, the answer to it is of some importance. The Builder gives two methods of making the test. One is to have a thin section of a piece of the hardened mortar cut and examined by polarized light through a microscope, which will show the shape of the grains, as well as their proportion to the mass. The other method is to dissolve some of the mortar in hydrochloric acid, which will attack the lime, leaving the sand; but, where cement is used in the mortar, clay from the cement may be left with the sand. A third test which it suggests, but does not recommend, is to pulverize some of the mortar, and throw the powder into a specific gravity solution, in which the lime will be held in suspension, while the sand will sink. While all these methods have their value, we will suggest that a readier and better test consists in rub-

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| bing a bit of the hardened mortar with the fingers. If the sand is easily rubbed out, too much has been used. In good mortar, hardened as it hardens in the wall, without the rapid drying which destroys the properties of loose bits exposed to wind and sun, the sand should be firmly held by the mortar. A few trials will enable a young architect to make this test with sufficient accuracy. He will soon find that cement mortar is far more likely to be over-sanded than mortar containing lime. There is a strange superstition among masons, which leads them to suppose, as they claim, that cement will take more sand than lime, whereas, for making mortar, as distinguished from well-compressed concrete, the case is exactly the reverse, few cements, as used for mortar, bearing so much as three parts of sand, while mortar made with good lime is all the better for having five parts of sand to one of the dry lime. The sharpness of the sand is shown to a certain degree by the same test, as mortar will hold firmly a considerably larger proportion of sharp than of water-worn sand; but by putting a few particles of the sand in the palm of the hand, and rubbing it with the finger, the difference between sharp and rounded grains may be immediately detected.-American Architect.

## JAPANESE MAPLES

NEARLY everyone admires the Japanese maples. They are particularly attractive when their leaves first unfold; in fact that is the time of year when they seem even more beautiful than when the foliage is changing in the autumn. At these times Japanese maples are at their best, although they are attractive throughout the season. Japanese maples vary in height from four to eight feet, when they are shrublike in character, to small trees attaining a height of twenty or twenty-five feet.
In landscape gardening their value is appreciated as testified by the frequency with which they are met. A favorite location for them seems to be near the dwelling or in some of the more favored parts of the grounds. Not only is the foliage attractive but they have a wide range of leaf forms, varying from broad, palmate leaves to the nearly dissected leaves. The color also varies from light yellow to a deep wine red.

The nomenclature of Japanese maples is somewhat mixed, but the varieties are
easily distinguished by the character of the leaves. For instance, what many know as Acer Faponicum is really $A$. palmatum and this again is frequently called $A$. polymorphum. A. Faponicum has from eleven to thirteen lobes in the leaves and includes one or two varieties, as variety aureum and macrophyllum. A. palmatum, however, has from five to seven lobes in the leaf and includes a number of varieties of great merit, some of the best of which are atropurpureum, atrolineare, dissectum, ornatum and sanguineum, all of which are reliably hardy as far north as Massachusetts. Such varieties as reticulatum, crispum, and versicolor are too tender to be satisfactory. Japanese maples are well adapted to planting as individual specimens, but it is, perhaps, in a group that they are more appreciated, as the contrast of color and diversity of foliage are more pronounced. They give the grounds and house an atmosphere of privacy, but will never attain sufficient height to cut off the view or air. Give them good soil, stir the ground about them until they are well established, encourage them in their earlier stages and enjoy the results.-The American Florist.

## THE LAST OF THE LONDON HALFTIMBER WORK

ON the south side of Wych Street, Strand, may be seen a couple of old timber houses, with their gabled upper stories projecting over the footpath, still picturesque in their squalor and desertion, though by no means so interesting as the contemporary relics of bygone London which are piously preserved in Holborn. These ancient structures are condemned by the County Council, and will soon be swept away unless some enterprising American cares to buy them for bodily exportation to the United States. A rumor is current that one of the tenements was occupied by Mr. Wood, to whom Jack Sheppard served apprentice as a carpenter. If that legend were substantiated, Mrs. Keeley, perhaps, might plead with the destroyers, and the Society of Arts might affix a commemorative tablet on the tumble-down façade. As a matter of fact, we do not believe that there is any real ground for connecting the criminal hero with this particular residence. Mr. Wood's place of business, according to


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## THE SENSE ORGANS OF PLANTS

THE sundew (Drosera) is a pretty little plant of the swamps. At the time of flowering, July and August, it consists of a stalk from four to eight inches high, crowned with a cluster of small white flowers and surrounded at the base by a compact rosette of leaves. These leaves are thickly covered with long and coarse red hairs, and each hair bears at its tip a drop of colorless viscous liquid by which insects alighting on the leaf are caught and held fast. For the sundew is a carnivorous plant, and its leaves are organs both of prehension and of digestion. These facts have long been known, but it has been discovered only recently that the sundew also possesses organs of feeling that aid it in catching its prey. Each of the little glands which are borne on the tips of the hairs and secrete the adhesive fluid contains a number of cells which are sensitive to pressure. When touched by an insect, these cells transmit impulses (by means of the protruding tongues of protoplasm which connect neighboring cells in plants as well as in
animals) through the hairs to cells in the leaf, which instantly undergo changes that cause the hairs to bend toward each other and entrap the insect.

Another plant possessed of organs of feeling and a sort of nervous system for the transmission of impulses is the aldrovandia, an aquatic carnivorous plant nearly related to the sundew. With its inflated, bladderlike leaves it captures small aquatic animals which come into contact with peculiar, sensitive bristles on each side of the leaf stalk.
A third plant of the same family, the Venus's fly-trap (Dianaa), of the Carolina swamps, catches insects by suddenly folding its leaf in the manner of a steel trap. The edges of the leaf are fringed with ordinary bristles, which interlock when the leaf closes, and there are six sensitive bristles in the middle of the leaf. The base of each of these six bristles is surrounded by a ring of sensitive cells which, when compressed by the bending of the bristle by an insect, transmit impulses to other cells which cause the halves of the leaf to snap together.

Organs of sense, however, are not confined to the sundew family, but exist in many plants. We find species belonging to widely dissimilar families provided with such organs, if these happen to be necessary to the welfare of the species. The stamens of the cornflower (centaurea) have sensitive hairs, and those of the barberry (berbens) have sensitive papillae, contact with which causes a shedding of pollen. The tendrils of various climbing vines are furnished with numerous tactile cells, which in some cases are so exquisitely sensitive that they are effectively stimulated by the touch of a light thread or a grain of dust weighing less than the one hundredthousandth part of a grain. The most sensitive portions of the human skin barely feel a stimulus ten times as strong as this.

Certain peculiar and commonly ignored sense organs, which may be called organs of equilibrium exist in plants and animals in almost identical forms. In many animals this organ is a cavity filled with fluid, in the center of which a grain of carbonate of lime or some similar material is kept in suspension by the presence of bristles which radiate to every part of the wall of the cavity. As the position of the body changes this granule presses one or another of the bristles and thus informs the brain of the
change. In man this organ is situated in the "labyrinth," or inner ear. About ten years ago, a botanist ventured the conjecture that plants must also possess organs for the perception of gravity, or weight, inasmuch as they align their main stems and roots in the direction of gravitation and the new growth takes that direction, even when the plant has been forcibly wrenched out of a vertical line. These suspected gravitation organs have now been discovered. They consist of cells containing starch grains which press on that part of the surrounding envelope of protoplasm which happens to be uppermost. When the plant is bent from its normal position the starch grains are thrown to the sides of the cells and in some way they set up actions or variations in growth that bring the stem back to the vertical.
r. By a similar process plants move their leaves into the most favorable positions with regard to sunlight. Movements of this kind are very common and have long been known, and the recent discovery that they are directed by special organs sensitive to light-it is hardly a figure of speech to call them "eyes"is not very surprising, in view of what we have learned of other sense organs of plants. In many species, indeed, the entire upper surface of the leaf may be compared to the compound eye of an insect.-New York Times.

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THE school garden idea is steadily growing and in many of the large cities the work has succeeded beyond the expectations of even the most sanguine enthusiast. Last year 389,985 one cent packages of seed were sold in Cleveland to children living in all parts of the city, including those districts where beauty is almost unknown and yards and vacant lots are most unattractive, and as a result running vines are beginning to cover ugly fences and outhouses, common flowers as well as shrubs beautify the yards, and potted plants decorate porches and balconies.

In one small city the work began with stereopticon lectures, for which the children sold tickets. The procseds were spent for flower seeds, plants and hardy bulbs, which were given to the children with the understanding that a flower show would be held in the fall. The entire town became interested in flower culture and the five thousand aster beds became one of the "sights" to show strangers, while the exhibit enlisted the interest and admiration of the surrounding country.-The Home Magazine.

## SOUTH AFRICAN RUINS

$I^{T}$T would seem that, at some far distant date, a people more civilized than any of the present Kafir tribes had penetrated into the region we now call Mashonaland, and had maintained itself there for a considerable period. Remains of gold-workings are found in many parts of that country, and even as far as the southwestern part of Matabeleland-remains which show that mining must have been carried on, by primitive methods, no doubt, but still upon a scale larger than we can well deem within the capabilities of the Kafir tribes as we now see them. There are, moreover, in these regions, and usually not far from some old gold-working, pieces of ancient building, executed with a neatness and finish as well as with an attempt at artistic effect, which are entirely absent from the rough walls, sometimes of loose stones, sometimes plastered with mud, which the Kafirs build to-day. These old buildings are, with one exception, bits of wall inclosing forts or residences. They are constructed of small blocks of the granite of the country, carefully trimmed to be of one size, and are usually ornamented with a simple pattern, such as the socalled "herring-bone" pattern. The one exception is to be found in the ruins of Zimbabwe, in southern Mashonaland. Here a wall thirty feet high, and from six to twelve or fourteen feet thick, incloses a large elliptical space, filled with other buildings, some of which apparently were intended for the purposes of worship. There are no inscriptions of any kind, and few objects, except some rudely carved heads of birds, to supply any indication as to the ethnological affinities of the people who erected this building, ${ }^{\text {or }}$ or as to the nature of their

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worship. Such indications as we have, however, suggest that it was some form of nature worship, including the worship of the sun. We know from other sources (including the Egyptian monuments and the Old Testament) that there was from very early times a trade between the Red Sea and some part of East Africa; and as we know also that the worship of natural forces and the sun prevailed among the early Semites, the view that the builders of Zimbabwe were of Arab or some other Semitic stock, is at least highly plausible. Two things are quite clear to every one who examines the ruins, and compares them with the smaller fragments of ancient building already mentioned. Those who built Zimbabwe were a race much superior to the Bantu tribes, whose mud huts are now to be found not far from these still strong and solid walls; and those other remains scattered through the country were either the work of that same superior race, or, at any rate, were built in imitation of their style and under the influence they had left. But whether this race was driven out, or peaceably withdrew, or became by degrees absorbed and lost in the surrounding Bantu population, we have no data for conjecture. If they came from Arabia they must have come more than twelve centuries ago, before the days of Mohammed; for they were evidently not Mussulmans, and it is just as easy to suppose that they came in the days of Solomon, fifteen centuries earlier."Impressions of South Africa," by Fames Bryce, M. P., in the Century.

## A PIECE OF OLD LONDON

LOVERS of antiquity and romance were afforded an exceptional opportunity of indulging their weakness recently when the ancient crypt of St. John's Church, Clerkenwell, eight hundred years old, was thrown open to the public for a few hours.

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This Order of Knights Hospitallers came to Clerkenwell about the year 1100 . Here they built their Priory, the church of which was consecrated by Heraclius of Jerusalam, on March 4, 1 185. Until the time of Henry VIII the Prior of St. John's reigned here in great splendor, he ranking among his peers as the First Baron of England; but at the dissolution of the monasteries this grand establishment was utterly broken up, the property being seized by the King, and soon nothing was remaining but the choir of the old church, with the crypt beneath and the ancient principal gateway.
The next we learn of the church is that it was bought in 1721 by Simon Mitchell, who had built Red Lion Street, close by, and who restored and refitted the church with galleries, and afterwards sold it to the commissioners appointed under an act of Queen Anne for building fifty new churches in London.
It remained in its then condition until 1889, when the Rev. William Dawson, who was then rector, completely restored it, the architect being Mr. John Oldrid Scott. The chief work was the replacing of the old pews with the great handsome benches and choir-stalls and the restoration of the east windows-these had been the work of the Prior Docwra, about 1500 -as they had become very ruinous, the tracery in the side windows having entirely. disappeared. The church still contains many traces of the ancient work. The east and south walls are walls of the original church, and the bases of the columns can yet be seen between the seats.
The crypt, which recently has been cleared of a large quantity of human remains and accumulation of earth and debris, can now be seen in almost its original condition. It is, with the exception of the White Tower of London and the Confessor's work at Westminster, probably the earliest specimen of architectural work in London. Here may be seen the spot where lay the coffin of "Scratching Fanny," the wellknown Cocklane Ghost of 1763 .
Up to 1853 the crypt was used for burials, and in this manner the whole of the north aisle and south transept was filled with human remains. These, in the course of years, became most offensive and dangerous to health. In 1893 the Rev. T. W. Wood, rector, and the churchwardens obtained an Order in Council for their removal. After con-
siderable difficulty and opposition the work was carried out, and the remains reverently re-interred in consecrated ground at Woking Cemetery. There were about three hundred and twentyfive bodies, which had been interred between the years 1738 and 1853. The great gateway across St. John's lane on the south side of the square, so well known as St. John's Gate, formed the principal entrance to the original Priory, and was built by Prior Docwra in 1504 upon the site of an earlier gate. In later years the east side became a tavern, and the west side was occupied by Edward Cave as a printing office. Here it was that he published the first number of the Gentleman's Magazine in 1731, and it continued to be issued from St. John's Gate for the next fifty years. Dr. Johnson, the great lexicographer, was a frequent visitor to Cave at the Gate. In the room over the arch it was that David Garrick made his début as an actor.

In 1871 the Gate passed into the hands of Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart, M. P., the Secretary General of the revived Order of the Knights of St. John, and it is now the property of the Order itself.-Westminster Gazette.

## THE TEA-TABLE

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$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{F}}$FTERNOON tea was an established and fashionable custom in the American colonies at andearly date. From 1730 to 1740 , the newspapers were filled with sarcastic allusions to the intemperate habit of drinking tea; but the ladies of the period cared no more for these attacks than they did for the ridicule of their spreading hoops and enormous head-dresses.

One contributor to a New York paper, admitting that he was in the habit of seeking "a dish of tea with some one of my female acquaintance after the busy hours of the day are over," was surprised, when calling one afternoon upon a lady to find "a large company of agreeable women between the ages of fifteen and fifty." Another, speaking of the "ceremony of the tea-table," thought that men "ought to collect among themselves as much money as will buy a set of china, or, if they should be less extravagant, earthenware, such as cups, saucers,


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Tea was so universally drunk that in rich houses a tea-table always set with the tea equipage, as the service was frequently called, stood in every room, including the bedrooms. Sometimes it was adorned with silver but more generally with china, and for those who could not afford the latter, with earthenware. Some, if not most, of the earthenware, however, was very fine; for it must be remembered that the English potteries were in the full tide of prosperity during the eighteenth century. Some of the tea-tables were set with Queen's ware, Lowestoft, Wedgwood, English Delft, Portobello ware, India China, Delft, and the decorated and painted ware from Liverpool, Chelsea, Worcester, and Battersea. The tea-pot often appeared in the form and colors of the cauliflower, made by those potters who especially prided themselves on their green glaze and cream colored body. The pineapple, also, served as a popular model for the tea-pot, and the lettuce for jugs and bowls. "Quilted china" was also in vogue. "Elegant sets of Dresden tea-table china" and "very handsome red china tea-pots, Wedgwood's" advertised in 1775 and 1778, show that the tea-table preserved its splendors even during the stormy days of the revolution. In the early part of the century, the tea-table was usually made of oak or walnut, and in later years the japanned, the India and the mahogany came into use, the latter in time driving everything else out of vogue. Sometimes the tea-table is mentioned in the inventories as tea-board and furniture, and is often appraised at an astonishingly high figure, which fact proves the value of the china or silver service used upon it.

As an example, a handsome India teatable in a wealthy New England home is described in 1748 as set with china tea cups and saucers and five handle cups, a slop-basin and plate beneath, milk pot, tea-pot, and plate, and a boat for
spoons. There were silver spoons and silver tea-tongs, and the table and china, not including the silver, were worth no less than forty pounds ( $\$ 200$ !) The tea was kept in a shagreen tea-chest, which contained three silver canisters, two for tea and one for sugar. This handsome leather case and its contents was valued at a hundred pounds ( $\$ 500$.)-Vogue.

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"Pewter has been in general use in most countries of the Old World for at least two thousand years. It was the substitute for silver and was to be found upon the tables of the well-to-do-classes of the Middle Ages. Later it took the place of "treene"-wooden dishes, platters and bowls-in the homes of the peasantry, and it was in general use until superseded through the adoption of cheaper materials, china, earthenware and Britannia metal. Like silver, fine pewter oxidizes slowly, and unlike those of copper or brass, its oxides are harmless. Tin forms the greater part of pewter, the finest varieties, sometimes called "tin and temper," being simply hardened by a small portion of copper.
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usual, but it quickly shows signs of wear.
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"In the present collection are several specimens of the so-called 'food bottles' or 'carriers,' octagonal, flat and round, with screw tops, and, in one case, a spout, probably for milk, spoons of various shapes (but no forks), ewers, tankards, flagons, jugs, porringers, écuelles, dishes, platters and chargers are all represented.
"The two time lamps with glass reservoirs and metal bands divided into numbered spaces show how time was measured during the night hours of the seventeenth century. Interesting also are the candlesticks, barber's bowl, cisterns-one wholly of lead-beakers, spoon stands, saltcellars, coffee urn and stand, coffee, tea and chocolate pots, pepper casters, salt boxes, etc. Church pewter is represented by a baptismal basin, cruets with tray, bénitiers for holding holy water, and alms basins; Jewish ceremonial, by seder dishes and a lamp.-New York Herald.

## TURNER'S COTTAGE

Chelsea Home of Great Painter is "To be Let or Sold"

TURNER'S cottage in Cheyne walk is empty. It has come under the modernizing influence of the house agent, whose newly painted board in the front garden, bearing the legend "To Be Let or Sold," greets the eye.

The exterior has not changed much since Turner's day. The quaint little rail on the roof where he used to watch the sun rise still remains. An inscription above the doorway informs the visitor that Turner lived and died there. The cool way in which the great painter drove a bargain when taking a cottage is a reminder of the fact that the ways of landlords have not altered since his time.

The landlady demanded a reference and an agreement with Turner, and the story goes that he flourished a bunch of banknotes in her face, remarking that he would "buy the house all right." At
ast she demanded his name. "What!" he exclaimed; "my name?" for he wished to keep it a secret. "Pray, what's your name?" "My name is Mrs. Booth." "Well, I am Mr. Booth" and as Mr. Booth, Puggy Booth, or the Admiral he was known among the neighbors.

The interior of the cottage has been slightly altered. There are two staircases, and some of the rooms are oak panelled. The old brick floor in the basement still remains intact, but in the kitchen and studio wood blocks have been put down. Since 1851, the year Turner died, the surroundings have become less picturesque. Huge chimney stacks loom on the other side of the river-eyesores that would have driven the great painter out of his home. Residential flats are slowly creeping along the embankment, and unless some of Turner's influential admirers come to the rescue the historic cottage will be swallowed up in the sea of bricks and mortar.

The window through which Turner is said to have watched the sun an hour before his death can just be seen above the trees in the tiny front garden. Of the painter's death Ruskin wrote:
"Cut off a great part from all society, at first by labor and at last by sickness, hunted to his grave by the malignities of critics and jealousies of hopeless rivalry, he died in the house of a stranger, one companion of his life, and one only sitting with him to the last. The window of his death chamber was turned toward the west, and the sun shone upon his face in its setting and rested there as he expired."

His last words were: "The sun is God." In 1845, when his health began to fail, he remarked to a friend: "A man may be weak in his old age, but you should not tell him so." Like many men of genius, Turner had the knack of getting out of bed at any time he had fixed upon the night before, and with a notebook in his hand he is said to have crawled up to the roof many a time to greet the morning sun.

While he lived in Cheyne walk he rose with the sun winter and summer, and nearly always watched it set.

A caretaker lived in the lower rooms of the cottage. Mr. Maxwell Balfour, the artist who last lived in the place, has left it for a sylvan retreat at Haslemere, Surrey.-London Daily News.

## LONDON BRIDGE <br> It was over Seven Years in Building and Cost \$10,000,000

ON August i, i831, London bridge, substantially the structure that we know, was opened in state by William IV. and Queen Adelaide. The opening was made the occasion of a great water pageant, the king and queen coming to the bridge by water in a resplendent royal barge. They lunched on the bridge itself in a special pavilion. The building of the bridge occupied more than seven years, the first pile being driven on March 15, 1824, and the first stone laid about a year later. The cost was almost $£ 2,000,000$. This bridge was built 180 yards farther west than the old London bridge, which had been in existence almost a thousand years.

It is believed that in early Roman times there was a bridge of boats over the Thames. This gave place to a strong narrow structure built by the Roman occupiers on wooden piles. The remains of this Roman bridge were discovered when the present bridge was built. The Roman bridge was burned in 1136 , but was repaired. In 1167 the Norman London bridge was begun by Peter, rector of Colechurch, in the reign of King Henry II. It was not completed until 1209, a period of fortytwo years. In 1282 there was a terrible fire on the bridge, both ends burning furiously, while 3,000 persons were caught between the two fires and either burned to death or drowned. In the fifteenth century there were houses on both sides of the bridge, just as there are on the Ponte Vecchio, in Florence, at the present time. In Tudor times the heads of political offenders were stuck over the gates of the bridge. One traveler has recorded the fact that he witnessed no fewer than 300 of these terrible trophies impaled at various parts of London bridge.

In the days of James I. the bridge had become the haunt of jewelers and other small merchants, as we see them on the old bridge over the Arno to-day. They succeeded the astrologers and fortune tellers who had settled there in Tudor days. The bridge suffered heavily in the great fire of London. In the eighteenth century all the old houses which stood upon it were removed for reasons of safety. Finally, the cost of the con-


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## LEVENS HALL AND ITS GARDENS

Edward Thomas describes "Levens Hall and its Gardens." The wonderful old gardens of Levens Hall are the best examples extant of topiary work. The quaint and curious fancy for producing fantastic shapes in the shrubbery of the garden originated with Pliny. In 1701 the gardens illustrated in this article were laid out by Beaumont who was the Court gardener and designed the gardens of Hampton Court.

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## GREEK MOTIVES IN HISTORIC DOORWAYS

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## WHAT TO DO WITH THE WALLS

The question how to treat the walls is always one of great interest to the woman of the house, and when the deed is done and the walls are covered for good or ill, it is of extreme importance to the other members of the household. In the article under this caption Leila Mechlin gives good advice. The point is made by the writer that the walls are primarily a background and should be treated accordingly. They must be "considered a part of a single composition and not as an independent unit. They should supplement the furnishings but never intrude upon them. As in a picture the background should never be most noticeable, so in a room the walls should never be conspicuous." Pictures are also considered, together with their framing and suitable disposal.

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## THE GARDEN IN THE TEMPORARY HOME

"The Garden in the Temporary Home," by Ida D. Bennett, is an article which teems with useful suggestions. What seeds and bulbs to -procure; where to obtain them; when and where to plant, and how to treat them, are matters of infinite interest that will largely appeal to the amateur gardener and to the great army of dwellers in temporary homes, particularly summer homes.

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THE PRESERVATION OF ANTIQUITIES Three Departments to Control Excavation of Historic Ruins

BRIGADIER General George B. Davis, Judge Advocate General of the army, has been designated by the Secretary of War as the representative of the War Department on a commission which is to frame regulations for the preservation of antiquities in this country, in accordance with the provisions of a law enacted by the last Congress.

The chief purpose of the bill is to prevent excavation and exploration in Aztec villages and other historic ruins without permits from the government. It is provided in the bill that the War Department, the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture are to co-operate in preserving ruins.

These three departments are preparing to frame regulations under which scientific explorers and investigators may carry on their work, and they have decided to appoint a commission for this purpose. W. Bertrand Acker and Frank Bond, chiefs of divisions in the Department of the Interior, have been designated as the representatives of that department on the commission.-New York Tribune.

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PLATE I.- "OVERLEIGH," THE COUNTRY HOUSE OF JOHN M. DILLON, ESQ., FAR HILLS, NEW JERSEY

# House and Garden 

## To Paint the Landscape O'er

# To Find a New and Subtle Charm in Tree and Shrub Celebrated in Song and Story, in Music and in Rhyme 

By MARIE von TSCHUDI

ANY one who had passed along the Far Hills, New Jersey, highroad less than seven years ago, would have many a surprise in store for him were he to return now, provided he was a lover of Nature, keen to recognize her varied beauties and quick to appreciate her forms and colors, for has not the poet said:
" To him who in the love of Nature holds
Communion with her visible forms, she speaks
A various language."
About a ten minutes' drive from the Far Hills railroad station is "Overleigh," the country home of Mr. John M. Dillon and his family, lawyer, artist and a writer of no little prominence, he has devoted much_of his time to the cultivation of his land.

His place, laid out and designed by himself, offers eloquent testimony to his skill and taste. For from a small and in no way different farm from those originally surrounding it, he has converted this former sandy hill and indifferently cultivated slope into a picture of loveliness most interesting. Nothing now remains of the original house, and with the exception of a few old trees, no tree, shrub or flower has been allowed to remain or been chosen and placed without first considering its beauty and relative value to the whole effect. The two hundred and fifty acres are not laid out with any attempt at formal landscape gardening as perhaps Solomon, in his day and generation understood it nor according to the strict rules of French and Italian formal styles,

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plate il.-VIEW from the terrace showing mountains in the distance

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though one can see how an intelligent and artistic purpose has been followed in order to accomplish all this harmonious general result, for here one will discover how carefully and with what rare taste the design, symmetry, order, balance, contrast, group and ornament have been united in this charming landscape.

To paint in glowing colors a living, ever changing and ever renewing picture has been the great, dominant idea. Here will be found trees of distinct shape and color, vines and shrubs massed to bloom at different times of the year following each other from month to month as fast as those that bloom first, change and fade, and the eye is constantly seeking and enjoying this varied moving panorama with an always renewed pleasure. It is not the purpose of this article to give a full and complete record of all the surprises in reserve for one who would thus paint his landscape o'er, but to him who has a pied à terre, to any one of limited means and resources these suggestions and hints taken from the beauties of "Overleigh" will be of service and their simplicity, their practicability will appeal to all lovers of color and sympathetic suggestion in his surroundings. Most people observe only that the whole general color scheme of nature is of green, the sky is blue, the earth brown, anything intermediary in the way of shade and tint is lost upon such indifference, and the subtle beauties of a landscape's varied color would be undiscovered, existing not,
because they see them not. But the camera in all these pictures taken at "Overleigh" has been sensitive to the various gradations of color and one can easily recognize the different shades and tints of green as he studies them.

Plate No. I is the terrace in front of the house, and along the wall on which the pergola stands and along all the walls that surround the house are planted retinosporas, Japanese evergreens or cypress, among other trees of a like dwarf character of nearly one hundred varieties and about one thousand in all. Among these are trailing and erect junipers of all kinds. The junipers are of striking color tints of bluish green, straight and graceful in shapes and some of the trailing varieties, Funiperus Virginiana var. glauca and funiperus venusta, show the bluest of evergreens and are lovely in June as well as in winter. Here also are cedars of golden yellow, cedars of dark green and light green and cedars red, with those cedars known as creeping junipers, 7. prostrata, 7 . squamata, 7. tamariscifolia. Interspersed among these are dwarf concolor spruce of a peculiar blue green, and the Colorado blue spruce, light blue green and delightfully resinous, has a capacity also for variations of color at different seasons. It is attractive in winter and as pleasing as the Japanese spruce, its neighbor here, known as Alcock's spruce, that shows gradations of yellow, silver and green hues. Here is found the American black dwarf spruce of striking form and compact


PLATE III.-A GROUP OF TREES AND SHRUBS
Planted Conspicuously in the Foreground for Color Effect and Variety of Form


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masses, leading some to regard its appearance as eccentric. Its young growths have pleasing color tints and altogether the tree is attractive as well as hardy. Likewise, also is seen the American white spruce, so admired as to be called "The glory of all spruces." Its blue, older growths show warm golden hues in the spring, when its young growth is light green.
But my tapestry of trees, with its varied shades of color, its figures, its threads of gold and silver hung as it were on the outer walls, is not yet fully suggested for there are still the yew trees to fill it in. One of the finest evergreens in its summer effect, when its deep, rich, golden foliage glows with life and beauty, is the golden yew. It is also a most patient and hardy tree when subjected to topiary or formal clipping. The silver shaded English yew is planted here as is also the Irish variety. Both English and Irish yews though beautiful in effect and color scheme are not easily grown unless sheltered from the north winds and protected from the direct rays of a March sun striking them when the foliage is full of frost. For this reason to raise them successfully, great care must be given when selecting a place for them and nothing, so far as their characteristics and habits are understood, left to chance. These various varieties of dwarf trees, that space does not allow to more fully describe, are at times thinned out and clipped, so as not to interfere with each other's growth or become obtrusive. Beyond the pergola are two red swamp maples, separated by a common American ash by way of contrast. In April, the swamp maples are full of bright red tufts, enfolded flowers, that later develop into samara or winged seed fruit. This effect is most striking and beautiful. The young leaves soon appear and are of a delicate, semi-transparent green. These maples are also remarkable for their vivid red color in autumn, gowned like stately cardinals, and all maples of every variety are attractive in their summer green. But the ash tree is one of the glories of the American autumn, and grouped with these maples in their sensuous, autumnal symphony of red, the ash serves by contrast to make a chromatic harmony of different and lighter color tones. Its foliage is translucent, creating a soft mysterious atmosphere about it and at this time it has various shades and tints of yellow, greyish mauve and blue, blending into a decided but soft purple. Standing alone, this beautiful American ash might suggest to a composer of the romantic school of music, the motif for a sonata, a nocturn, a song, complete in itself. In these varying hues, this variety of native ash differs greatly from its English brothers that assume what the celebrated arboriculturist, William Gilpin, described as a "muddy, displeasing shade."
Returning to the picture we see elm trees with their Gothic lines in the foreground that are stately
and majestic in their summer as well as their winter aspect. Standing now on the right hand side of the terrace by the bay tree, Plate No. II. is before us, and if studied closely it reveals the art used in the arrangement and grouping of the trees with regard to foreground, middle distance and background effects and relations. The two trees Nos. I on either side of the entrance to the terrace are dwarf Japanese evergreens, Retinospora plumosa. They are of a light yellowish green, turning to a rich bronze in the autumn. In the winter the retinosporas are even more attractive than in the summer, and their winter dress differs considerably in shades and tints, when their blues darken and their yellow green grows yellower and mingles with their brown, bronze masses. The retinospora family of Japan is of ancient, aristocratic lineage, but so numerous that none other than a Japanese arboriculturist, with the patience of a Burke, could describe them and trace the family titles and lofty pedigree. The golden or yellow variety of retinospora takes on a pure yellow in winter and furnishes a pleasing contrast to the monotony of the neutral colored landscape at this time of the year. If these are planted with a green and a blue variety of the retinosporas or spruces, these will supply the half-tones and intermediate shades in the landscape and are very decorative with their delightful variety of yellow or golden and blue and brown. By the side of one of these retinosporas No. I is No. 2, a blue Jackmanii spruce, grouped to produce this half-toned effect, and it also has a charm and varied winter color. Not far off are two large specimens of dwarf boxwoods, No. 3, eighty years old. They have a dark green appearance, and in winter are of a darker, yellower green, different in shade from Nos. I and 2.

On either side of the electric lamp, are two golden bronze trees, No. 4, Biota elegantissima aurea belonging to the arbor-vitæ family. Here then, in the grouping of dwarf trees from Nos. I to 5 inclusive, which is another variety of retinospora, $R$. squarrosa Veitchii, we have a strong suggestion of figures in the scene. They appear very much like people would, dressed in stiff hooped brocades of mediæval design, and as the winds stir them gently, one might not be surprised much if they were to change their attitudes and positions as guests at a lawn party and dance a stately measure or minuet. Thus, the picture here given has variety, life and romance depicted to enhance its charm as well as color and arrangement. In Nos. 7 and 11, Japanese maples, No. 10, Japanese retinospora, No. 12, Douglas spruce, No. 13, dwarf retinospora, No. 14, American larch, we are again happily reminded of living figures. The Douglas spruce, Pseudotsuga Douglasii, is an attractive tree, feathery in appearance; the long drooping branches and needles make it look like a bunch of graceful plumes. Its color is

plate iv.-ANOTHER VIEW of the terrace--A continuation of plate iif.

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glaucous, a dull sea-green, passing into a greyish blue, on the under side of the needles and green on the upper side. This peculiarity makes it a desirable tree to plant on a hill. It is easily transplanted, of rapid growth and pleasing shape, and it is surprising that a tree of so many merits is so seldom seen in this country.

June is the perfect time of the year for all kinds of maples, their foliage then becomes solid in masses, and rich in green and at no time of the year are the Japanese varieties more satisfactory. It is well also to know that nothing is lovelier in color than these Japanese maples in June, except their autumnal color and they are, during the entire year, always an interesting feature in any landscape. The young growths in early summer show a delicate, almost transparent red effect, prophetic of their riper and more resplendent charm and these tints mingle refreshingly with the green of their older foliage. The later summer tints are every variation of green, gold, silver and red, a red in certain varieties, Acer polymorphum, that gives it prismatic colors, shading off in another variety into purple, Acer polymorphum purpurea. As these trees are fairly hardy their decorative qualities are unsurpassed. In the selection and grouping of the trees at "Overleigh," we readily perceive that attention has been given to the choice of those trees, rich in spring beauty, some for summer charm and perfection and others chosen and grouped to show to advantage their great autumnal climax of color as well as those for their winter attractiveness and variety. Then aside from individual qualities, when considered as a whole, each becomes
an important factor in the entire general effect. For great spring attractiveness, when their tender soft green is never so lovely, the larches of all varieties are at their best. They grow rusty and brown in summer and are not desirable near the house, so that No. I4 is perfectly placed on the outlying lower slope of the lawn. A tree that is lovely at all times and at all hours of the year is "The Lady of the Woods," the birch. Nothing adds more grace to a summer landscape, nor more beauty to a winter scene than its silvery form and its delicate branches. In spring the tree has a slender, refined appearance, the exquisite beauty of its young leaves is revealed only to a close observer and these trees have always a distinction most striking. Personality is great among trees and strength, beauty, ruggedness, grace, refinement of form and spirituality, so to speak, are as distinctly displayed as such characteristics are among people. In figure No. 6 is a tall, slender American birch, its leaves " tittering," dance to the music of the slightest wind, while almost opposite is a weeping birch, No. 8. This tree, known as Young's weeping birch, is about twenty-five years old. In early autumn its leaves are of a soft, not very dark green and later they turn yellow. This variety of birch seems well named, "A Niobe all in tears," its graceful and drooping branches, despairingly relaxed, suggest grief and nothing could better recall to the mind Shakespeare's line, "that some must weep while some must play," than the relative position of these two trees of such distinctive and contrasted character.

One finds now in the landscape besides color, form,


KEY PLAN Of PLATE IV.
arrangement and romance, poetry here revealed to give it added charm. We reach now the most wonderful of trees for color in the entire picture, a liquid ambar or sweet gum tree, No. 9. Here is a tree that commends itself for its ornamental value at all times of the year. In summer its star-like leaves are light green, and it is round of head, sturdy of trunk and straight of stem. The fruit or seed of the liquid ambar resembles somewhat the round button-ball of the sycamore tree; its bark is peculiar and corrugated, corky in places, giving it a unique character; it has great hollows in its trunk when old, and as its sweet gum was considered by the opossum and raccoon families a delicacy worth climbing for, the ante-bellum negroes in the South used to hunt them up this tree, and it became celebrated in the line of the old slave song:

> " 'Possum up the gum tree, Coony in the hollah, Shake 'em down to me, sah, Give you quatah dollah."

It is smaller in size than the maple, oak or tulip trees, but it is one among only a half dozen trees remarkable for their vivid, varied fall appearance. Then its leaves show grades of color from almost a jet black and purple to vivid green, yellow, orange, browns, red, crimson and flaming scarlet, presenting a kaleidoscope of shapes and shades,-a tree in motley. This is a hardy tree and although a native of the South, it grows well in the latitude of New Jersey. Care, however, must be"exercised if they should be moved at any time, for they are difficult to transplant successfully.

Celebrated in song and romance and history, the inspiration of poet and painter, trees and flowers after a closer acquaintance become objects of our deepest interest. In group No. 26, as shown in Plate No. II, and larger in No. III, will be found a most interesting arrangement of trees and shrubs that help to paint the landscape. In the background, and massed also back of several of these glowing palettes of color are various groups and lines of trees of wild or native cherry, pin-oak, sassafras and chestnut trees, Nos. 15 to 20 and 23 to 25 and 28 inclusive. This entire group occupies a space of 250 feet long by 75 feet wide. In front of the group, No. 27 is an American ash. No. I is a silver maple, by the side of No. 2, a Tartarian maple. This latter tree is hardy and among other peculiarities differing from the swamp maple, it is shrubby in form rather than tall and treelike; it is seldom seen with a single stem or trunk but is branching in character. Under favorable conditions it may grow in time to a height of 15 to 20 feet, but they are rarely seen so high. The leaf is pointed and arrowy in shape, unlike the well-known many pointed maple leaf. It turns a fiery red in the fall, hence its suggestive and classic name. The Lombardy poplars, Nos. 4 and 6, slender and graceful shafts of green, as quaint as old village church spires, are here advantageously placed and in time will grow to break the skyline and give it irregularity. With these poplars are grouped Nos. 3 and 5, sassafras trees and also a ginkgo tree, Salisburia adiantifolia or maidenhair tree, for it resembles that


PLATE V.-A TOPIARY HEDGE OF CALIFORNIA PRIVET
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PLATE VI.-WEEPING MULBERRY TREES
fern variety. It pales yellow at the approach of cold weather. It grows a soft, unperfected, pulpy fruit in this part of the United States that makes it objectionable as it drops and leaves a purple stain, so that they are only desirable planted away from walks and driveways. It is a native of Japan, where its fruit is much prized.

Most people know the beauties of the sassafras tree. It has a dark, rich green color in summer, than which no green is lovelier, not even the green of the oak, and its vivid autumnal change of leaf color is only rivaled by the beauty of its seed that look like rare alexandrites of red and green upheld in long stemmed enameled chalices of red and green and blue, so that beautiful in its light green spring and dark green summer leafage it also joins the group of trees remarkable for brilliant colored autumnal fruit. No. 7 is a dwarf Catalpa Bungei. It has broad, shadowy foliage and retains its green color late in the season. Unfortunately it is too tender to stand the severe winter of New Jersey's latitude unprotected and the brittleness of the wood is a serious drawback to its general usefulness. No. 8 includes a mass of Berberis Thunbergii. This shrub becomes a veritable dwarf Mephisto in its brilliant scarlet autumn dress and later, when the leaves fall,
and during the winter its red berries hang on its bare, brown branches like clusters of coral, and are especially conspicuous and attractive when the snow is on the ground. Rosa rugosa, No. 9, a hardy flowering plant, does well in almost any situation. It has crinkled, dark green leaves, is very ornamental and has showy red fruit or haws in the fall. In this group of shrubs and trees Nos. 9 and 13 are two varieties of Japanese Rosa rugosa, one having red and the other white flowers that bloom from May to October. No. io contains shrubs not yet very widely known or cultivated in this country, called Desmodium penduliflorum. This variety has rosy, purple or violet shaded flowers in great abundance in September and early October.

Another variety, D. Faponicum, has white blossoms and is of a more dwarf habit than the first named, flowering also about the same time as it. In Nos. II and 15 is a group of sassafras, hawthorn and dogwood trees. The thorns, together with Nos. 12 and 16, are of two varieties, pink and white. The rich colors of the hawthorn blossoms coming as they do in the spring, make it one of the choicest trees to plant with this object in view and the month of May sees it in all its perfection. It is to be regretted, however, that


PLATE VII.-MASSES OF RHODODENDRONS
Arbor Covered with Crimson Rambler Roses
spruce, Picea aurea. Both trees suitable for middle distances in the landscape. No. 3 dwarf boxwood, No. 4 lindens, Tilia Americana, one of the most satisfactory trees to transplant, and while .the European lindens are more graceful, they are not so hardy, the blossoms in spring are pale yellow, in drooping fragrant clusters and pleasing to look at. This variety of linden holds its green foliage until late in October, and this makes a striking effect against its yellow bark.
it has a most destructive enemy in the San José scale which selects this charming tree for its first devastating ravages. Dogwoods, too, are resplendent in white in May. They have a small insignificant blossom surrounded by a white involucre covering that together look like an immense flower from four to five inches in diameter, of four petals, and the tree at the time in its white robe is as beautiful as a bride or a young girl dressed for her first communion in "the month of May." Its leaves arrange themselves in broad strata-like masses, turning various shades of red in the fall; later it has red and purple berries that add to its autumnal attractiveness.

The golden elder, No. 14, is ornamental and so named for its really golden yellow foliage. Striking as its color is in spring when showers are frequent, it grows more yellow and glowing even in dry weather. It has flat cymes three to five inches in diameter, composed of small fragrant flowers in spring, each flower turning to a berry and the white cymes become purple with their color when ripe; these make it attractive and the shrub is always satisfactory the entire year. Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora, Nos. 17 and 18, bloom from August to September. They have white flowers that grow in trusses in summer and have varied tints of pink, changing to crimson just before frost. Plate No. IV is another part of the panorama before us as we descend the terrace onto the lawn. In detail, No. i, is Picea Engelmanni, one of the bluest of blue evergreens, the parent of the blue spruce, No. 2 golden

No. 5 Carolina poplar, attractive in spring leaf buds. No. 6 white pine. No. 7 group of poplars, sassafras and other trees. No. 8 American white birch. No. 9 golden elder. No. 10 Prunus Pissardii, a Japanese plum tree with purple foliage, not recommended as it is ravaged by the San José scale. No. in sycamore, Acer pseudo-platanus, rich in silver, gold and reddish purple tints, while No. 12 poplar, No. 13 sycamore, No. 14 chestnut, No. 15 pine tree, No. 16 chestnut, Nos. 17,18 , 19 wild cherry trees and No. 20 dogwood are arranged for general decorative and background effects. Nos. 21 and 24, Biota elegantissima aurea, a golden arborvitæ is a native of China, rich golden bronze in color, grows well if protected from the cold. No. 22 Retinospora squarrosa Veitchii; this shrub has a glaucous color with feathery foliage, is fairly hardy after it has been well established, but unless protected it is apt to be cut by severe winter winds. No. 23 Weigela rosea, a dwarf variety, useful where low shrubbery is required. It grows in compact masses, is vigorous, quick growing, rich in golden leaf tints, has abundant red flowers and this dwarf variety is the most satisfactory of the weigelas. No. 25 under the trees Nos. 13 to 19 inclusive, is a mass of hydrangeas and pink and white azaleas placed in this position that the trees may not only shelter them from the north winds but serve also as a background for them at all times.

It is not necessary to go into a more detailed account of the trees composing this group as most of
them have been described before, and the picture is given as another example to follow for group, form and color effect, as well as artistic combination. Plate No. V is given to show a hedge of California privet of topiary work, with individual trees of the same kind uncut, and with a row of Catalpa Bungei, well sheltered by a group of trees on the opposite side of the road to reveal their graceful ornamental possibilities, that could not be recognized from the position of one in group Plate No. III. In Plate No. VI are two weeping mulberries (Tea's) considered the finest of small growing weeping trees, a good specimen being a veritable fountain of brilliant green foliage, a foliage so massed and sheltering that if this was the variety Thisbe saw when she waited for Pyramus, one does not wonder she took refuge under it to hide from the roaring lion.

These trees are easily transplanted, bear fruit and are of rapid hardy growth; they remain green until very late in the season and the leaves of this variety may be fed to silk worms. Between these two mulberries, again for contrast, is another beautiful American ash tree, already described as to its color changes.

A golden honeysuckle is on the left side of the picture ${ }^{\text {d }}$ draping the windows; it is green almost all winter and aside from its decorative qualities is planted in this position that its perfume may fill the house when it blooms. Plate No. VII is a pleasing group of plants and vines readily distinguished. Under the elm tree are rhododendrons, on porte cochére and piazza wall is Ampelopsis Veitchii, rapid
in growth and in various shades of scarlet, before and just after the first light frost of autumn. An arbor entirely concealed by a crimson rambler rose growing over it is in the group among the rhododendrons, and when in full bloom is conspicuous and strikingly attractive. There are many more rare trees and shrubs of interest at "Overleigh," separate and in groups, that are planted for their leaf as well as for their varied fruit color in the autumn, and to any one interested in developing the color shades and tints of a landscape, to say nothing of romantic or poetic suggestion, the subject is fascinating and instructive in its revelations and full of magical and wonderful surprises.

One can make for himself, out of a careful choice of trees and flowering shrubs judiciously grouped, a garden or a setting for his home that will amply repay in beauty all the time and money expended. The attempt may not be on a large or even a grand scale, but the object sought should be beauty in all its relative phases as here suggested. To plant something and see it grow is a simple pleasure, but when that something is grown to perfection, and is part of a well laid out plan, then one may take flatering unction to his soul.

For in a landscape wisely laid out, one has created the visible form of poetry. He has painted his picture from Nature's color box. He has suggested the theme and supplied the motif for music ; he has raised temples for the birds to sing in. Here in this little realm he is a creator, a genius and some have preferred the delights of a garden "to the dominion of a world."


THE ENTRANCE GATE


By G. BERTRAND MITCHELL

Mr. Mitchell is by profession illustrator, figure painter and interior decorator. He claims little knowledge of architectural detail and wishes it stated that while no architect was employed in supervising the construction of the house described below, assistance was received from a competent source on many of its features and in the delineation of the plans and in the preparation of the specifications.-Editor.

YOU have heard, perhaps, of the lady who cut a hole through the roof to make room for an oldfashioned high posted bedstead. It was highly important, apparently, that the bedstead should be set up at whatever cost it might be to the house.
Some such problem faced us in planning our little suburban home. Not only must the house be complete in itself as a comfortable and practical establishment, but it must contain a working room or studio of suitable dimensions, and yet cover in itself no more space than that of the usual cottage house.

At first, we decided to have the studio as an extension or ell, and plans were prepared and submitted to the local contractors, but the bids ran far beyond
what we had planned to expend. We tried builders from adjoining towns, and still the studio figured almost an extra half to the cost of the house.

Disappointed but not? discouraged, we allowed the matter to rest until after the summer vacation. By that time we felt convinced that the problem had been solved and plans were again submitted in which the great working room was a part of the second floor of the house. We commenced building in the fall of 1903 with a carpenter's contract that was within our proposed expenditure.

Of course there were many other things to be taken into consideration. One of these was to plan a style of architecture that would be in keeping with


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the surroundings. Our plot of landwas in New Jersey, on the summit of a ridge that overlooked the Hackensack Valley. Rugged trees and rocks abounded, therefore the house must fit in with these and look as far as possible as if it had stood for many years.

What more fitting then than the simple lines of the Dutch Colonial, with its gambrel roof and walls of brick or stone! In place of these materials, stucco was substituted, it being less expensive, yet giving a firm durable surface and resembling grey rock in color.

Over a galvanized woven wire secured to furring strips, two coats of Portland cement were applied, mixed equally with sand and fine gravel. This gave the whole exterior from the ground to the eaves an even thickness of about one inch, and has proven to be a substance more impervious to heat and cold than clapboards or shingles.

Boston ivy (Ampelopsis Veitchii) planted close to the base in two years' time grew up over the surface to the very eaves, its leaves and tendrils rich green through spring and summer, and golden yellow and red in the fall. Nature herself seemed to second our
efforts, and woodbine and other wild plants sought resting place here, adding bright clusters of berries in harmonious spots of color.

Soon after the house was completed a street was laid around the hill and to meet this, a roadway graded at a slight incline, passed around the rear of the house and ended in a circle, the center of which was planted with raspberry vines and shrubs. Beyond this, the land formed a square and was laid out, a kitchen garden on one side, on the other, beds of roses and garden flowers.

Experience gained from several years in city apartments, where sunlight and good ventilation were a secondary consideration, resulted in plans not only for a spacious porch, but for rooms that should be well lighted and that would admit of sufficient fresh air.
When we came to design this "spacious porch," the solution of the studio problem here proved a joy, for the extra floor space required up-stairs necessitated a considerable overhang,-and so our porch made itself,-open on three sides to the summer breezes. A jog in the design of the house, further

helped, forming the front portion into a sort of room, connecting directly with the living-room by low French windows.

The "possibility" of mosquitoes in a New Jersey town suggested screening this space, and the fact that the house is set seventy-five feet from the street makes it so delightfully secluded that many times in the summer lunch is served here, and even the table is laid for dinner in the cool of the evening. A scheme of the future when carried out, for enclosing this space in glass, will give the luxury of a sun room.


SECOND FLOOR PLAN

The eaves of the house extend eighteen inches beyond the walls, the under surface being ceiled with matched and beaded North Carolina pine and varnished. Under the projecting floor of the studio on the north side are set heavy brackets stained the same as the shingles, porch posts and balustrade, a weathered brown, which combined with the stone gray of the stucco, and a light yellow gray of the second floor window trim, is the exterior color scheme.

On the first floor, opening from the porch or south side, is the living-room, sixteen feet by twenty-four feet in dimensions and connecting by a square arched doorway with the dining-room. A butler's pantry separates the kitchen, out of which leads the large pantry, servant's stairway, cellar and back porch.

The outer door opens directly into the living-room, so arranged that the main stairway leads from the front. This is of Gothic design, with a newel post of simple pattern. The casing is built in and paneled. Between the uprights on each step are narrow openings with Tudor arches. Above the landing square balusters are arranged in groups of three. But the architectural feature of this room is a massive fireplace built in the inner wall. The face


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is of Roman brick, a soft yellow gray, the opening set with semi-regular blocks of gray sandstone with keystone, and forming a slightly pointed or Tudor arch. The heavy wooden mantel that extends beyond each side, as well as the paneling above, is Gothic. In the large center panel, intended for a bas-relief, a pastoral scene was painted on the plaster.

On the opposite side the wall space is broken by a cluster of three windows. Three broad false beams cross the ceiling, their ends supported by a six-inch flat moulding.

The fun now came in planning a color scheme for the living-room. The woodwork was of cypress, selected because of its beautiful grain and adaptability to even staining. We wanted the room to be cool, airy, and spacious in effect. The soft gray green suggested by old Japanese temple doors and screens we found could be produced by an inexpensive preparation of coal tar and turpentine to which was added a little blue. When applied with a brush and wiped, this gave an extremely soft effect, ranging from a delicate green tone to an orange where the grain of the wood was exposed. The walls were
tinted a light warm yellow gray, and the ceiling between the false beams the same shade, but of lighter tone.
On the floor, stained a gray brown with a preparation made of tar, umber and hard oil, were spread a large cashmere rug with tones of dull yellow, Turkey red, and deep purple, and other smaller Oriental rugs of the same blending.
The andirons, fire set and screen, lamps and gas fixtures were of old brass. It might be of interest to state that we had made to order by a small manufacturing company, and at an expense no greater than that of ordinary fixtures of stock pattern, gas sconces of our own design.
With a scheme of soft yellow and green grays in wall and woodwork as a background, we arranged to advantage old studio furnishings, straight-back and arm chairs of dead black, tables of old mahogany, a Chinese lantern of teak, bits of porcelain, Russian copper and dull brass urns, and vases of mellow Satsuma. A bit of antique Persian embroidery, carelessly thrown over a grand piano in one corner, broke the too great expanse of ebony. Hangings in

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THE DINING-ROOM, SHOWING THE OLD ENGLISH WINDOW
soft yellow, old gold and purple as well as the tapestry back and seat of an odd chair add a pleasing note of color, but perhaps the key-note of the room, is a small glazed vase of bright lemon color.

In strong and yet harmonious contrast to the living-room, is the deeper and richer coloring of the dining-room. Here the woodwork is stained a weathered oak and given a dead-lac finish. Between the open paneled wainscoting to the height of the plate rack, the plaster is tinted a maroon to correspond with the brick of the fireplace. The roughcast plaster in the intermediate panels is a light terracotta and above the narrow panels of the frieze and the spaces between the false beaming, a pale warm yellow. The fireplace built in a recess or inglenook to the left of the entrance, is cei'ed over somewhat lower than the rest of the room, and has an arched lintel of wood. High backed settles are built in and with the brick hearth extend out to the dining-room wall. A Delft tile above the fireplace mantel, a representation of historic old New York, set in a two by six foot panel, lends a bright note in
the color harmony, and, combined with the Dutch steins and candlesticks on the mantel, a long rifle underneath, as well as a quaint iron fluid lamp suspended from the ceiling, gives this corner a comfortable suggestion of bygone times.

The dining-room set is of heavy English oak, somewhat darker in tone than the woodwork, each chair having seats and back of dull red leather studded with brass headed nails. The other pieces, a San Domingo mahogany sideboard, Sheraton serving table and cabinet for china, most useful articles in themselves, while not of the same character as the rest of the room, are rich in color and do not openly conflict. On the plate rack and sideboard are displayed our New England heirlooms-odd plates of Staffordshire and English pastoral scenes, teapots and bowls of flowing blue, pewter platters and dishes of copper. A thick Afghanistan rug of deep maroon and dark blue covers the floor leaving a narrow margin only of the stained flooring.

Beyond doubt, however, the greatest delight of the dining-room is the English window through which

The adjoining bedroom, or guests' room, is furnished in old Colonial mahogany. A bureau with swell front and legs supporting heavy columns occupies the center of one wall, while over it hangs a curiously carved mirror with painted landscape in the upper panel. A large bed placed opposite, wash-stand with bowl and pitcher of mulberry, a drop leaf sewing-table, chairs and quaint rocker complete the room.
The studio on the right, with its ample proportions and height, in so seemingly a small house, never ceases to impress the visitor.
Twenty-eight feet in length, with a width of sixteen feet, the gambrel roof sheathed on the inside with matched and beaded North Carolina pine, forms the end walls. These rise to a height of fourteen feet where the ceiling is sheathed in the same manner, allowing for an air-well or storeroom above. This space ventilated by a latticed window opens into the third floor hallway and casement windows set high in the studio wall also open on this landing.

Four large swinging windows six feet in height, jo:ned together, admit the north light, which can be regulated by opaque shades that raise from the sills. On the inner wall is an enormous fireplace made of rough brick, with a square four foot opening, extending into the room and capped with a heavy oaken mantel, six feet above the floor. This fireplace rests on doubled floor timbers and in addition is supported by a turned brick arch between the floors. To carry out the Colonial scheme there is suspended from a wrought iron crane, in one side of the opening, an antique iron kettle. The andirons also of iron, made from a simple pattern by the local blacksmith, are massive enough to permit of the use of heavy logs.
The wide plastered chimney breast above the mantel gradually tapers back to the chimney itself, which is exposed several feet below the ceiling. Built out with the breast, a little higher than the mantel, is an enclosed space with wooden cap and plastered wall; the upper surface forming a sort of gallery used as a receptacle for studio traps, but its real purpose is to enclose a back stairway, the

across the rear wall and supported by a sing̀le square post not only gives' room underneath for a full size divan, but breaks an otherwise bare wall space. Old spinning and flax wheels placed here out of the way show to advantage.

It was an easy matter to stain the cypress trim of windows, doors and closets a light weathered brown made from coal tar and turpentine, but the extensive sheathing of the ceiling and two sides required heavy ladders and staging. The day the painters arrived at this point in their contract in which they had already met with a number of surprises in the combining of pigments to produce wall tints somewhat softer and more subtle than the conventional color cards, the owner was called out of town. Returning in the early afternoon, expecting to find the work well under way, he was astonished to find the men, bedaubed with tar, scratching their heads in sore perplexity and actually on a strike. They had refused to go on with the work when they found that pine would not take an even stain. The result which they had obtained and which had so discouraged them, was the very effect desired, that of a loft with timbers stained by weather and age.

It is not necessary to say that all studios are much alike in their furnishings of rugs, bric-a-brac, arms, weapons, and hangings. The main point is to have plenty of room, good light, and to be undisturbed. This room possesses these if nothing more.

To give an idea of the capacity of the studio, one evening when some forty persons assembled in the room, a belated guest upon entering the deserted living-room, apologized profusely for being the first arrival, and looked his astonishment when it was explained to him that the other members of the party would be found on the next floor.

From the hall an open stair with plain rail and pin balusters leads to the third floor, on which are the servants' rooms and storerooms.

The house is heated by steam. In the larger rooms two radiators of different sizes allow for a greater or less degree of heat. The studio heats as easily as the smallest room in the house. Three fireplaces in the same chimney naturally require that it be large enough for several flues, and that the base be broad and well supported.

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# The Garden of Hardy Flowers 

By EBEN E. REXFORD

MANY a woman loves flowers, but goes without a garden, because she has not time to care for it properly. But the woman who does this has in mind, nine times out of ten, a garden of annual flowers. She thinks of the labor and time involved in spading up the soil, in making beds, in seedsowing, and weed-pulling. But she does not think of the garden of hardy flowers which calls for but a fraction of the time and labor that must be expended on annuals. Were she to do that, and give the matter a little thought, she would soon understand the advantage of such a garden, and she would set about the making of one at once-this very season, in fact.

The fact is, hardy plants-and by this is meant those which are sufficiently strong to endure a Northern winter with but little attention in the way of protection, -require very littlecare. Plant them in good soil, and keep grass and weeds from encroaching on them, and robbing them of the nutriment they need, and they will afford you pleasure for years. By and by it may be necessary to divide old plants, or to re-set them, but this is easy work, and something that will not have to be done oftener than once in three or four years. Each spring the plants ought to have all grass removed from about their roots, and some good fertilizer should be dug into the soil, in liberal quantity. It will not take ten minutes' time, to a plant, to do this. And when it is done, about all it will be necessary to do each season is done. Possibly weeds


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may get a start about the plants, but the use of the hoe for a few minutes, once a week, during the early part of the season, will clear the ground of these intruders. Compare this with the amount of work that must be done among annuals, and one will readily see that all the arguments are on the side of the hardy plant.

A collection of hardy plants, once well established, will increase in beauty for years. Indeed, if wellcared for, it is good for an indefinite period. We frequently find old houses which have been deserted for years about which some of the old-fashioned flowers still grow and flourish, fighting for their lives, and keeping weed and grass at bay. An annual is satisfactory, as long as it lasts, but its beauty is for a season only, and next year the work of starting it and caring for it must all be done over. And this work, which is hard, and much of it unpleasant, cannot be disposed of in a short time, early in the season, but must be continued throughout many weeks. It must be given, or your garden will prove a failure, for annuals cannot take care of themselves, but hardy plants can, to a great degree, do this. I am not overstating it when I say that the amount of care required by a large collection of hardy plants will not equal that demanded by one small bed of annuals. When the reader grasps the full significance of that assertion, she will begin to see how much more satisfactory a


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collection of hardy plants can be made for the woman of limited time for garden work, than even a small garden of annuals.

The impression prevails to a considerable extent that from hardy plants one gets but few flowers. That is, in the aggregate. There may be quite a profuse crop, at some time during the season, but after that, none. The fact is, most of our perennials bloom for weeks, and it is an easy matter to make a selection that will cover the entire season. Some come into bloom weeks before the annuals begin, and some are in their prime after many of the annuals are gone. And when one comes to consider that the hollyhock, the Rudbeckia, the peony, and the perennial phlox belong to this class of plants, it will be readily understood what grand displays of color can be depended on from them. No annual can equal some of them.

Spring is the proper season in which to plant a collection of these flowers. The florists can furnish last-year's seedlings, which will bloom the present season, but not with the profusion characteristic of older plants, or they can send you old, strong roots from which immediate effects of a satisfactory nature
can be expected. Personally, my preference would be for two-year-old plants. These will be large and strong enough to bloom well, and you will not run the risk of getting stock made by dividing old clumps whose vitality may have been on the wane.

Have the soil in which you set them made fine and rich, and be sure it is spaded up to the depth of at least a foot. When the roots are put in place, press the soil firmly about them, and then water well.

I would never advise planting these,-or any other plants, for that matter-in rows. Do everything possible to avoid primness and formality. Group your plants, taking care to so arrange them that there will be no conflict of colors, and making sure that the low-growing sorts have places in the foreground. You can tell about these things by studying your catalogues carefully. No greater mistake can be made than planting them in a haphazard way, for by following that method you are sure to get colors together that will be utterly discordant, and your tall plants may entirely hide the low ones. A good location for a collection of hardy plants is along the sides of the lot, where it joins your neighbor's. If possible, coax him to supplement

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your work of the improvement of the home grounds by planting a similar collection on his side of the fence. A partnership border of this kind will be found vastly more effective than a one-sided one, such as yours will be if there is nothing to balance it on the other side of the fence.

Among the taller-growing plants, which should be given places in the back row, and which every collection ought to include, are the hollyhocks, both single and double, the delphiniums, and the "golden glow," Rudbeckia. The hollyhocks come in a wide range of brilliant, as well as delicate colors. The double sorts are the most showy, but the single kinds are stateliest. The delphiniums in intense blue, and white, are extremely showy, if well supported. Unless they are provided with some substantial support, the wind is likely to break down their tall, heavily-laden stalks, and when this happens, the plants are ruined. Rudbeckia, "golden glow," is one of our most valuable plants, because its profuse crops of rich yellow flowers light up the garden like a burst of sunshine. It is extremely valuable for cutting.

Among our earliest bloomers is the convallaria, or lily-of-the-valley, one of the loveliest and sweetest


PURPLE AND WHITE IRIS


## PYRETHRUM OR GIANT DAISY

of all flowers. This is a low grower, and should be given a place in the immediate foreground, and where it can have shade if possible.

The aquilegias are early bloomers. They come in pure white, purple, dark and light blue, scarlet, pink, and yellow. In some varieties two or more of these colors are combined. They are very profuse bloomers. They grow in large clumps of very attractive foliage, from which their long flowerstalks are sent up in great quantities, all laden with flowers of most peculiar shape. We have both double and single sorts.

The dicentra is another early bloomer. It sends up scores of long, gracefully arching stalks, bearing foliage almost as attractive as that of a fern, and terminated with sprays of drooping pink and white flowers of exquisite loveliness. This plant is popularly known as "bleeding heart," because of the shape of its pendant blossoms.

The peony is too well known to need special mention here. No garden can be considered complete if it does not include at least half a dozen of the most distinct varieties. Next to the rose, this is one of our most valuable flowers, either for garden decoration, or for cutting. The iris is the orchid of the garden. Its colors are wonderful in variety, and so


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brilliant and delicate that one never tires of the flower, as we are likely to of commoner sorts. It makes a most magnificent display during June and July. Be sure to plant it.

It is not generally known by the amateur florist that we have a class of chrysanthemums sufficiently hardy to stand a Northern winter, but such is the case. They are not as large or rich in color as the more popular varieties grown in pots, but they are delightful flowers, for all that, and deserve a place in every border.

So do the Funkias, better known as day lilies. These are as attractive in foliage as in flower, their rich green leaves, with deep indentations, forming an excellent groundwork against which to display their lovely pure white blossoms.

If I were asked to name the best perennial, all things considered, I think my decision would be in favor of the hardy phlox. Such rich colors, such great masses of bloom, such luxuriance of growth is found in no other plant of its class. For six weeks or two months it makes the garden gay with its crimsons and carmines, its pale rose, lilac,
mauve, and pure white bloom. Anybody can grow it. Do not overlook it.
We have several excellent lilies that are at home in the border. Prominent among these is the old tiger lily, in tawny orange, spotted with brown, the candelabrum lily, soft yellow, and the dear old annunciation lilies, of purest white and most perfect shape. These are to the garden what the Bermuda lily is to the florist's collection of Easter flowers.
Coreopsis lanceolata is a most excellent bloomer, of rich yellow. It is valuable for cutting, having long flower-stalks. Phlox subulata-the "moss pink"-is one of our best hardy plants for edging beds and groups. Achillea rosea and $A$. aurea, rose and yellow,-are free and constant bloomers, well adapted for locations in the front row.

Pyrethrum uliginosum,-the "giant daisy"-is, what its popular name would indicate, an overgrown daisy of rampant habit and wonderful freedom of bloom. It is a late bloomer. The new claimant for popular favor, Burbank's Shasta daisy, ought to be given a place in all collections, as it blooms throughout the season, and is extremely valuable for cutting.

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Spirca palmata and $S$. alba are lovely flowers, the first-named a soft pink, the other a cream white. The individual blossoms are very small, but there is such a multitude of them in a panicle that the effect is quite that of a great pink or white plume, held well above the lovely, dark green foliage, which grows in such profusion at the base of the plant.

The perennial asters are superb plants for garden use. These are our native wild asters domesticated or varieties grown from seed of the most satisfactory kinds. Some of them grow to a height of eight feet, others four and five, and some are dainty little things admirably adapted to front-row planting. These small sorts are generally blue and white, with yellow centers, and are really the loveliest of the entire family, though the tall growers are grand decorative plants, with purple, rosy-violet, and lavender flowers, always effective if properly placed.

Of course it would be impossible to mention all desirable hardy plants in an article of this length. I have spoken of a few of the kinds I consider best adapted to general culture.

Those the amateur may feel justified in undertaking to grow. They are kinds which succeed in most soils, and are entirely hardy throughout the North. Protection is not absolutely necessary for any of them, but it is always advisable, for if it is given, heaving of the soil from the action of frost is prevented, and that means prevention of broken and loosened rootsa condition almost certain to result when the soil about a plant is not covered with several inches of litter in the fall.

Bear in mind that success in the growing of flowers depends largely upon the intimate relations existing between the gardener and his plants. Each plant should be studied individually.


A Stately Row of Annunciation Lilies


Ponderosa and Golden Sunrise Tomatoes

## Good Tomatoes for the Garden

By I. M. ANGELL

HE amateur gardener will make no mistake if he plants Ponderosa and Golden Sunrise tomatoes for home use. He will search through many catalogues before he will find their equals. The Ponderosa is, of course, well known. It is famous for its size and other good qualities. In an ordinary garden, with no special care, it reaches a pound and a half, and its solidity and seedlessness are remarkable. The flavor is all that could be desired.

A good mate to Ponderosa, among the large yellow sorts, is Golden Sunrise. It is nearly as large and the flavor is excellent. The color is a beautiful yellow, so fair and perfect that we always regret having to cut one.

These two kinds are desirable for either slicing or cooking. There may be earlier sorts, but the home gardener would do better to wait for these than fill his ground with inferior varieties, simply for the sake of their earliness.


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# The Small House Which is Good <br> I. A DUTCH COLONIAL HOUSE 

walter P. CRABTREE, Architect

THE house illustrated and described herewith was completed last July, and comes very near being all the owner and architect expected it to be. It stands in the center of the lot, facing west, with a brick walk leading to the front porch.

The brickwork of the first story was laid in flemish bond, with headers of "niggerheads," with window and door sills of pink granite in keeping with the design of house, with the second story and gables shingled.

The cellar wall is of rubble-stone masonry, twenty inches thick, pointed both inside and out, and the underpinning wall above is of brick twelve inches thick.

The cellar contains coal bins, servants' toilet, laundry with set tubs and stove, vegetable cellar and heater. The cellar floor was cemented.

All exterior finishing wood was of the best white pine, shingles of red cedar and flooring of porch and terrace was of white pine $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch by $2 \frac{1}{2}$ inches laid with white lead in all joints.

The construction and material throughout were of the best, the idea being to save by economical planning.

Entering the staircase hall from the roomy covered porch, the two main rooms are on either side and are entered through large trimmed openings, throwing the master portion of the house open, giving a cheerful and inviting appearance to the whole. Directly opposite the entrance door is the main staircase with seat at the base with hinged lids, which is used for rubbers and overshoes. On the first landing is a door leading to the den, this making a combination staircase for servants. From the staircase hall is a small passage to kitchen and to cellar stairway so arranged that the master may care for the furnace without going through the kitchen.

The dining-room was planned for a square table, it being nearly square with the large bay at the front. The living-room, just across the hall, is especially attractive; the rear of this room is arranged in a nook with large open fireplace at one end and seat at the other.

The second floor arrangement is very simple. The staircase hall is in the center and is well lighted through the large opening to sewing-room which is on the front of house. The doors to the four chambers are grouped around this hall. The bathroom is placed convenient to all chambers and also connects with the family chamber. The side walls
of the bath-room to a height of five feet are plastered with a finishing coat of Keene's cement and then marked off to imitate tile work. Each chamber has ample closet room and the space of overhang of roof is used for low closets and drawers.

The attic was arranged for two bedrooms, with a finished hallway connecting the two.

The terrace is mostly covered by the overhang of the eaves, which was so designed that all rooms in the second story would be full height. The terrace was carried around the southwest corner so as to secure the summer breezes.

The interior trim, while the best of their several kinds and of special form, is very simple in outline. Kitchen, pantry and attic hall and rooms are finished in North Carolina pine and finished natural. The chambers, bath-room and den are finished in the same material but stained, the colors being tobacco brown for family chamber, white enamel for little girl's and bath-room, dark brown wood tint for boy's room and colonial oak for guest chamber. The den is stained bog oak; quartered white oak flooring of narrow width was used in staircase hall, living and dining-rooms, filled and waxed.

The hall and sewing-room on second floor are finished in cypress, stained in color to match the oak finish in lower hall.

Both the living and dining-rooms are finished in brown ash, while the staircase and hall are finished in quartered oak.
All hardware throughout is of solid bronze; old brass finish, and all plumbing fixtures are of the best. Windows on front and sides are glazed with plate glass, the balance being of common glass, double thick.

The fireplaces, one in living-room and one in den, are of special design laid up with pressed brick, and all flues are lined with fire clay flue liners.

The heating is by a tubular hot air heater, with registers of stamped steel, old brass finish to match lighting fixtures and hardware.

The leading idea throughout the construction of the house was to spend no money on things not essential to the comfort of the owner's family but to . spend all that was demanded to make a house of thorough construction and good appearance.

The cost, $\$ 5,500$, was for the building complete, ready for occupancy, and, considering the amount of room it contains and general appearance, was a very reasonable figure.


The Hall


The Living-Room


Front View of the Housei


First Floor Plan
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# II. A New House on Old Lines 

CHARLES E. PATCH, Architect

# III. A Comfortable House 

SEYMOUR E. LOCKE, Architect

THERE is nothing of novelty in this design as the house represents a deliberate return to old models, with such modifications, however, as would better suit with the conveniences of to-day.
The house is thoroughly well built and the work was all done by local workmen. The lumber and all other woodwork mentioned in the first item was contracted for with a large firm in Maine. The doors are of red cedar, the finish is partly Gulf cypress and partly whitewood, the whitewood portion being painted and the cypress stained. The heating is hot water, and the floors hard pine throughout, rift sawed in the principal rooms and halls.

Towards the east is a piazza with columns (the end one showing in the photograph) looking eastward to the shore, Ipswich Bay and the sea in the distance. The plans will show other features, such as the vista from end to end of the front rooms and from front to back of the rooms on the right hand side.

It should be noted also, that all the finish, both exterior and interior, was made to order from detail as were also of course, the mantels. Old-fashioned brass hardware and brass thumb latches were used throughout.

These plans and items of cost are contributed to show that, even with labor as high as it is to-day, a good type of simple house with rooms of good size, may yet be well built at reasonable cost. The following schedule of cost of this residence at Ipswich, Mass., will be of interest:


TTHE site of this house demanded a building whose greatest length would be parallel with the street. It is located on an avenue in Pasadena, California, which runs parallel with and overlooks the Arroyo Seco and the San Rafael Hills.

The combination of shingles and the rough granite boulders from the beds of the mountain streams is a favorite one in that section and produces effects, taken in conjunction with the general setting of the place, at once picturesque and artistic.

The extreme dimensions of the building are approximately thirty-eight feet by sixty-one feet. A commodious cellar for the necessary heating apparatus, and the other usual purposes to which a cellar is put, is provided with a portion of it exposed to the outside light, the house being built on the edge of a bluff.

The first floor, by reference to the plans, will be seen to contain a good living-room and den at the front of the house, connected by a hall which in itself is a delightful lounging-room. The stairway leads up from this hall to a very spacious landing from the circular bay window of which charming views of valley and mountains may be had. The diningroom and kitchen at the rear are connected by the butler's pantry, which is under the stairway landing.
The second floor has sleeping rooms for family and servants; also bath-room, linen closet, etc. The floors throughout the house are double, sound proofed and laid with first quality vertical grained Oregon pine, planed, scraped and sandpapered and finished in best wax finish.

The standing trim of the first floor, except the kitchen department, is of Shasta pine, a beautiful wood with satin-like grain, growing in the high Sierras, which when varnished and rubbed to a dull gloss surface is particularly attractive. The stairway and upper hall were finished with the same wood. The plastering of the walls and ceilings of all livingrooms was finished with a rough sand coat and was tinted in strong but harmonious colors.

The woodwork of the chambers was painted with egg-shel white, and the walls covered with papers of artistic design. The plumbing fixtures were of the best sanitary type, the hardware as good as is made for wear, and the electric fixtures artistic and appropriate, matching the hardware finish in the several rooms. The construction throughout was substantial and honest.
The building was erected under contract at a total cost of about $\$ 5800$. This, however, was at a time when materials and labor were probably at least ten per cent. less than they are to-day.

# Edging Plants that May be Increased by Root Division 

By IDA D. BENNETT

TTHE use of plants as an edging or border to the flower beds doubles its blooming capacity and, where the area of one's garden is restricted, is of value from an economic as well as an esthetic point of view. There are few, if any, beds but what are improved by the addition of some low growing plant around the edge, bringing the flower bed into relation with the sod without any intervening strip of bare soil. If a plant that gives bloom in harmony with the taller occupant of the bed, so much the better.

I remember seeing once in Eastern New York a garden, a vegetable garden, where the vegetables were grown in well-a rranged beds each of which was edged with a plant of lower growth and contrasting color such as parsley, a lcw growing blood-red beet, bronzy lettuce or the like and the effect of the lettuce with the purple foliage of the egg plants, of the parsley with the deep red of the beet, was something to be remembered as an evidence of artistic faculty not often applied to the common things of life. One looks for artistic effects in the lawn and flower garden, but the one who conceives and carries out the possibilities in the common kitchen garden is a genius; and yet how simple and practical it is; no space wasted, no plants grown but what would have ordinarily been required, but the ability to recognize the beautiful amid lowly surroundings and deftly place it in artistic combinations.

From an economic standpoint, taking the question of labor involved in the annual setting of borders, the hardy perennial border is greatly to be preferred to the annual one. Fortunately there is a goodly array of plants to choose from so that much individual taste may be indulged in their selection. One of the most easily started and grown is the Phlox subulata, or moss pink as it is sometimes called. Planted in early spring, setting the plants a few inches apart, it will by fall have closed up the gap and early in May, the following spring, be a mass of bloom, completely covering the foliage from sight. This comes in pink and in white and the only care it requires is to keep it trimmed close to the boundaries assigned to it as it has a penchant for carpeting everything in sight. All dead growth should be promptly removed as a straggly, ill-kept border is a disfigurement in place of an adornment.

The plants may be increased by dividing the branches, as they will root wherever they touch the ground and in this fact consists their great value for carpet
bedding, covering graves and the like, as from their multiplicity of roots they are able to extract more nourishment from the soil than plants with only one root. The plants may be divided at any time after they are through flowering or very early in the spring.
No daintier, more cheerful plant for the border can be desired than the English daisy, Bellis perennis. Easily started from seed in the spring it forms small rosette-shaped plants that by fall may be divided into several plants, or as many as there are crowns, and in this way soon furnish a long border. The seed may be started in boxes in the house, in the hotbed, or in the open ground. In purchasing seed care should be taken to secure a good strain of the large flowered, double variety and as the flowers come into bloom all single or semi-double plants should be weeded out. The English daisy seeds very freely and plants are constantly coming up in unexpected places that greatly increase one's stock.

They may be divided in the spring or in the fall. Lift the plants and taking hold of each crown, of which there will be several, pull gently apart and set the new plants three or four inches apart. Each plant will yield from five to seven new plants. Plants which have not bloomed too freely during summer may be lifted, potted and grown in a cool north window in winter if desired.

Under the head of primroses many hardy border plants are classified, chief of which are the auriculas, polyanthus of our grandmother's garden and the English cowslip. All are easily raised from seed and will gladden the garden in early spring with a wealth of bright blossoms. The English cowslip comes in pale yellow not unlike our native cowslip of the bogs and marshes and is always the source of tender, homesick memories to those who have watched it grow in English lanes and Irish meadows. The polyanthus comes in various shades of red and orange, the double cups being usually a bright red or scarlet with yellow throat and present a brilliant appearance in the spring sunshine. It should have protection in the winter which should not be removed entirely until all danger of frost is past as the cold is liable to affect the color of the blossoms rendering them duller. All the varieties of primroses may be divided by pulling apart the crowns and resetting them after they are through flowering in the spring; they will then become established before cold weather. Seed may be sown in the house, hotbed or cold frame and the plants transplanted into permanent position when

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large enough and the plants will bloom the following spring.

English violets make an attractive border for a bed of hardy perennials, although their season of bloom is confined to the spring months. They may be purchased of the florist in the spring or started from seed sown in the fall in the house or cold frame.

As violet seed cannot be depended to come up the same season that it is sown it is, perhaps, better to purchase a dozen plants of the florist and by repeated root division increase them to the desired number. Violets are heavy feeders and should be supplied during the growing season with abundant moisture and liquid manure. To yield large and abundant blooms during the flowering season they must not be neglected during the remainder of the year and for this reason are to be recommended as a border for a bed of plants requiring abundant moisture as in this way they are apt to receive the attention they might be deprived of were they in a bed by themselves.

One of the very daintiest plants for the hardy border in spring is the hepatica or liverwort. Although its blossoms remain for but a few days the foliage, which comes after the blossoms, is very attractive and drooping, suiting well for a border plant. If one is fortunate enough to be in the secret of their haunts one may bring from the woods these firstlings of the spring and establish them where they may be enjoyed as it is difficult to catch these early bloomers. No matter how early one visits their haunts in
the first warm days of spring we are apt to find the treasures flown and only the empty calyx held aloft to greet us. In the garden all this is changed and we may watch the lifting of the first little downy head and the unfolding of the dainty cups of pink and white and lavender. They make very desirable borders for beds of ferns or wild flowers, and may be increased by root division or propagated from seed.
The golden yellow saxatile is a very desirable plant where a yellow border is desired, blooming freely the second season from seed, and afterwards may be increased by root division. It is own cousin to the sweet alyssum but blooms in the spring time. There is an attractive double form of the flower.
The centaureas, although not of the plants which may be increased by root division are so easily raised from cuttings stuck in the ground that they may be considered in the same general class.
The silver leaved and fern leaved are the best. Centaurea candidissima being of a more trailing habit than $C$. gymnocarpa is more desirable, but should be kept closely trimmed or it will grow straggly. The pieces cut away may be used for cuttings, merely sticking them in the ground an equal distance apart, where they are to remain, when they will root and grow without further trouble.
Seed should be started in the spring in the house or hotbed and transplanted to the open ground when the weather is warm.

# The Herb Garden 

By H. R. MORRIS

HERBS are rather difficult to raise. They require a very rich, light soil, and much moisture, while the seeds are in the ground. When the little plants are once established, however, they grow well, and more than repay the care spent on them. The seeds should be gotten from a reliable seedsman and as they soon lose their germinating power, they should be fresh as possible. Cultural directions are on all the packets of seeds.

Most herbs bloom late in the summer, and they should be gathered in the first stage of bloom. The leaves of sage should be clipped and dried. The plant is perennial. The plants of thyme, sweet marjoram and summer savory should be cut at the root and hung up to dry. The leaves and blossoms may be rubbed off when they are quite dry. Parsley and chervil are used in fresh leaf. They are perennial,
and grow well in boxes during the winter. A flourishing herb garden is more than satisfactory to both the family gardener and the family cook.
That the uses of herbs have been much restricted in these times is shown by the descriptions of some of our most cherished ones from "The Herball" of John Gerard, published in 1597 and 1633. This great folio is based on the work of the earlier herbalists, who were the pharmacists of their time, and to whom we owe the knowledge of our vegetable medicines. Even in Gerard's day herbs seem to have been used more for physic than for the savor for which we prize them, and their effect on the body had been carefully noted, as can be seen from his minute accounts of the plants themselves. The following illustrations and descriptions are reproduced from "The Herball" of 1633 .


TIME is so well knowne that it needeth no description; because there is not any which are ignorant what Thymum durius is, I meane our common garden Time.

## THE vertues.

Time boyled in water and hony drunken, is good against the cough and shortnes of the breath. . . and dissolues clotted or congealed bloud in the body. The same drunke with vinegre and salt purgeth flegme.

Made into pouder, and taken in the weight of three drams with Mede or honied vinegre, called Oxymel, and a little salt, it. . . is good against the Sciatica, the paine in the side and brest. . . and is profitable also for such as are fearefull, melancholicke, and troubled in minde.


CWEET Marjerome is a low and shrubbie plant, of a whitish colour, and maruellous sweet smell, a foot or somwhat more high.

THE VERTUES.
Sweet Marjerome is a remedy against cold diseases of the braine and head, being taken any way to your best liking; put vp into the nosthrils it prouokes sneesing, and draweth forth much baggage flegme; it easeth the toothache, being chewed in the mouth . . . and is used in medicines against poyson. . The leaues are excellent good to be put into all odoriferous ointments. . . There is an excellent oyle to be drawne forth of these herbes, good against ... all aches proceeding of a colde cause.


WINTER Sauorie . . bringeth forth very many branches, compassed on euery side with narrow and sharpe pointed leaues.

Summer Sauorie groweth with a slender brittle stalke of a foot high, diuided into little branches. . . The floures stand hard to the branches, of a light purple, tending to whitenesse.

## the vertues.

Winter Sauorie. . . maketh thinne, cutteth, it clenseth the passages.

Summer Sauorie ... maketh thinne and doth maruellously preuaile against winde; therefore it is with good successe boyled and eaten with beanes, peason and other windie pulses.


THE leaues of garden Parsley are of a beautifull greene, consisting of many little ones fastned together, diuided most commonly into three parts, and also snipt round about the edges. . . Parsley is delighted with water, and therefore it naturally commeth vp neere to fountaines or springs.

## the vertues.

The leaues are pleasant in sauces and broth, in which besides that they giue a pleasant tast, they be also singular good to take away stoppings. .. The seeds are more profitable for medicine. . they be commended also against the cough. .. The roots or the seeds of any of them boiled in ale and drunken, cast forth strong venom or poison, but the seed is the strongest part of the herbe.


COMMON CHERUILL

T${ }^{1}$ HE leaues of Cheruill are slender, and diuersly cut, something hairy, of a whitish greene . . . the stalkes be short, slender, round, and hollow within . . . the floures be white, and grow vpon scattered tufts . . . The root is full of strings.

THE VERTUES.
The leaues of sweet Cheruill are exceeding good, wholesome and pleasant among other sallad herbs, giuing the taste of Anise seed vnto the rest. .. The seeds eaten as a sallad whiles they are yet green, with oile, vinegar, and pepper, exceed all othersallads by many degrees, both in pleasantnesse of taste, sweetnesse of smell, and wholsomnesse for the cold and feeble stomacke. The roots are likewise most excellent in a sallad.


THE Great Sage is very full of stalkes, foure square, of a wooddy substance, parted into branches, about the which grow broad leaues, long, wrinkled, rough, whitish. . . the floures stand forked in the tops of the branches. . . of a purple blew colour.

## THE VERTUES.

Sage is singular good for the head and braine, it quickneth the sences and memory, strengthneth the sinewes, restoreth health to those that haue the palsie vpon a moist cause, takes away shaking or trembling of the members; and being put vp into the nosthrils, it draweth thin flegme out of the head.
It is likewise commended against the spitting of bloud, the cough, and paines of the sides, and bitings of Serpents.

# A Landscape Garden on a Small Scale 

By MYRTLE HYDE DARLING

AFARM about a mile from Nashua, New Hampshire, was purchased for a suburban residence as an electric car route passes it with frequent service. At first the farmhouse was used as a home, but later was removed to the rear of the grounds at the extreme right, and a modern house was built. The farmhouse was finally destroyed by fire, and by the wishes of the owner's wife, a building to accord in design with the new house, intended for use as a tea and reading-room, was erected on the second site of the old house. It is situated on a slight rise of ground and in summer, even on the hottest day, a breeze clings about it so that the lodge is popular with all the members of the family.

The beautiful garden, laid out with a particular view to the most attractive results from landscape gardening, has many visitors. The hedges surrounding it on three sides are different. That in front of the house is the Japanese burberry (the corrupted form is "barberry"). This shrub, with pendent foliage, is a more delicate, slower grower than our native wild shrub, and the yellow blooms, followed by the red fruit, hang singly on the stem, and not in clusters, like our native plant.

On the left of the grounds a white posted, modern fence marks the boundary line, and is partially hidden by a rose hedge. The other hedge on the right of the estate is of lilacs, of which there are ninety varieties and which display superb masses of color in May. Lilacs, whether the Persian, villosa, or the late-blooming tree species, as Pekinsensis or Japonica, do not require pruning, except for suckers from the old stocks if they have been grafted. These growths should be removed as soon as seen. A garden needs study to train it as it should be, in order to make excellent effects and harmonies.
Two old apple trees which were on the farm still stand in front of the house, retained for the beauty of their spring blossoms. At the left is the garden of annuals, where stocks, marigolds, asters, and other garden posies fill the beds. (The China aster or Reine Marguerite was first known in 173I.) In front of the house grows a dwarf mulberry tree, a Japanese shrub. The piazza is partially shaded by a half canopy of the Clematis paniculata, which shows in early autumn fine clusters of feathery flowers like snowflakes, and the fruit of this vine is attractive as well as the flower.


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A HOUSE AT NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE


PHLOX BORDERING THE PATH TO THE LODGE


## THE LODGE ON A SLIGHT RISE OF GROUND

The garden-borders along the walks have been arranged with a regard to the tasteful mixture of leaf-forms, just irregular enough to blend pleasantly into the surroundings. Healthy selected plants for this purpose should be set in the earth as soon as received. The leek known as "hen and chickens" is used as a firm edge to keep the border from breaking away. Back of these grow the purple-crowned Funkias, known as day-lilies in olden times. These do not belong to the genus Lilium, but are placed by botanists under the genus Hemerocallis. They are native to Europe and Asia, and have probably been in cultivation in this country ever since the first flower gardens. In the rear of the day-lilies are abundant plants of phlox, of which there are sixteen varieties, the whites, pinks, and reds showing well in mass displays. The perennial phlox is useful from its long blooming season. It dates as far back as 1731. The annual or Drummond phlox was sent over from Texas in 1835, and has a large range of tints. It needs plenty of room and thorough watering. Interspersed amongst the garden beds are the Japanese striped corn, tiger lilies, and richly glowing dahlias, the last a favorite flower in this garden and very different from the older forms of the plant, which date back to 1802 . Dwarf evergreens and rhododendrons are set out on the estate in tasteful grouping, some of them along the path to the lodge. The bane of
rhododendron culture in this country is the Rhododendron Ponticum which is not sufficiently hardy for the Northern States, but is largely advertised by the catalogues giving foreign specimens. Many plants named after individuals, as "Sir Robert Peel," have this variety in them and thousands of dollars have been wasted in their culture. The two native species which are best are the $R$. Catawbiensis and $R$. maximum.

Where the ground slopes low in a sunny spot lies a water-garden, a crescent shaped basin holding aquatic plants, the lotus (Nelumbium speciosum), and the water-lily (varieties of hardy nymphæa). As a border plant, and spreading into the basin, Japanese rice is growing. Beyond this at the back of the basin are banana plants, and the purple Japanese iris (Iris lavigata), so popular as a background for aquatic gardens.
One of the gardeners, a German, built a picturesque bridge over the brook which flows through the grounds. A hedge of untrained rambler roses, allowed to grow in riotous profusion, separates the flower garden from the field beyond. The rambler rose is free-blooming, and in winter serves as a windguard to protect low growing plants. Velvety pansies have been found in the garden as late as November. The pansy is a plant which was born in 1613 .

# Talks About Hardy Perennials III. THE GOLDEN-FLOWERED COLUMBINE 

By W. C. EGAN

AUTHORITIES disagree as to the derivation of the generic name of the plant Aquilegia chrysantha. In Nicholson's Dictionary of Gardening, the English authority, it states that it is derived from aquila, eagle, in reference to the form of its petals, while our American authority, Cyclopedia of American Horticulture, gives it as from aquilegus, water-drawer. It is singular, however, that a plant so universally grown should have but few common names, columbine, the best known of them all, red bells, and dove plants, comprising the list. Red bells is suggested bythe most common American form Aquilegia Canadensis, and the appellation dove plant is applied on account of the resemblance of its nectaries to the heads of pigeons in a ring around a dish, a favorite device of ancient artists. Lady Wilkinson compares the flowers to "the figure of a hovering dove, with expanded wings, which we obtain by pulling off a single petal with its attached sepals."

In the language of flowers it represents


COLUMBINES
which is an error, as the form was introduced some years ago and fell flat upon public patronage, on account of its unattractiveness.

There are many species and innumerable forms and hybrids. Saving one's own seeds, where any great variety is grown, is very unsatisfactory, if species true to name is desired, as they hybridize so readily. Those most apt to come true are $A$. vulgaris, the European species; A. Canadensis, our Eastern native; A. chrysantha, a Southwestern species, and A. Sibirica, from Eastern Siberia.

All are readily grown from seed either in a hotbed or in the open, but are slow to germinate and it is best to keep a light covering of moss or cotton over the seed bed so as to retain the moisture, until the plants are up. They make fairly strong plants the first season, if sown in the spring and bloom early the following spring.
Some species, especially A. Canadensis, if in a favorable position, will last for years but as a rule it is best to treat them as triennials, sowing often in order to keepup a stock. Should one possess an unusually fine plant and desire an increase, it may be divided at the roots just after flowering or early in the fall. Partial shade suits them well, although they will grow in full sun and I have some plants of A. Canadensis growing in almost dense shade that seem happy. They like good, well-drained soil. Those who know our native form only in its stony habitat would be surprised to see the same plant in rich soil. One of the loveliest of all the species is the fickle Rocky Mountain columbine, A. carulea, the daintiest of blues, but alas! its weak constitution often causes it to die back, even before blooming and as for a second season's bloom it cannot be depended upon with me. Luckily, however, there is a substitute for it in A. Helena said to be a hybrid between


A ROCKERY OF "AQUILEGIA CHRYSANTHA"
A. corulea and A. glandulosa, dwarf and early flowering. It lasts for several years, and bears numerous flowers of a lovely shade of blue and white, holding them well up to view.

Among the best of the older forms are A . Sibirica, lilac blue and yellow, an early bloomer; A. Olympica, blue and white, from Mt. Olympus; Munsted white, a robust form of $A$. vulgaris; $A$. Formosa, red and $A$. chrysantha, a yellow, the latest to bloom.
A batch of seedlings from seed offered as "longspurred hybrids" will produce a varied combination of colors running from lavender into blue, associated with yellow and red. Many beautiful forms may
be thus obtained. Sometimes stray seedlings spring up amid the shrubs in the wild part of my grounds and seem more at home and more natural than in any other situation. When the colors are good, I encourage the formation of a group by shaking the ripened seed around the parent plant. They may be utilized by being set in among newly planted shrubs, that, if planted properly in order to allow for future development, naturally have open spaces between them, casting some shade, or in receding bays in large shrub plant ngs, and in the rockery where they are at home. For cut flowers they are indispensable, being good keepers and admitting of open and airy arrangements.


LONG-SPURRED HYBRID COLUMBINES


The editor wishes to extend a personal invitation to all readers of House and Garden to send into this department, inquiries on any matter pertaining to house finishing and furnishing. Careful consideration is given each inquiry, the letter and answer being published in due time as matters of interest to other readers. Where an early reply is desired if a stamp and self-addressed envelope are enclosed, the answer will be sent. No charge whatever is made for any advice given. Beginning with the June number, a short talk by the editor will be given each month in connection with this department. The interior of the house will be first considered, the houses to vary in price from $\$ 2,500$ to $\$ 8,000$.

## REMODELING A RESIDENCE

Physician writes: I am remodeling my residence and desire to make a feature of one room any way, although I cannot go to much expense. The dining-room and possibly the parlor I should like to make especially attractive. My architect has suggested panels in the dining-room to the height of seven feet, with false beams on the ceiling, running one way. The wood, I will say, is whitewood and the floors of maple. Would mahogany be too heavy a tone for such a small room? For the parlor I had thought of using white paint or enamel. What would you suggest for wall coloring in dining-room and parlor; there will be sliding doors between, although mostly kept open ?

Answer: The combination of ivory white and mahogany stain is always attractive so you would make no mistake in using the treatment suggested. There is a stain now on the market which closely resembles the real San Domingo mahogany in color and when finished with a finishing varnish, which is inexpensive because it requires but little rubbing, the effect is wonderfully like the more costly wood treated with rubbed wax. Therefore, I feel that you would be wise in using this for your dining-room, the beams to be treated in the same way. The ivory white in your parlor will look well leading from this room and the doors of mahogany will add to the Colonial effect. The plan you supply me shows the rooms of sufficiently good proportions to bear the treatment suggested. I would advise for your parlor walls a covering of wall-paper in French Colonial design in two tones of green. This is almost silvery in effect and most attractive in combination with the ivory woodwork; it also makes an excellent setting for mahogany furniture. For your dining-room, since this is of southern exposure. I would suggest the Japanese grass-cloth in coppery shades, to extend to the ceiling line. This harmonizes beautifully with the mahogany stain. The drapery here should be of tapestry, showing a mingling of fruit and flowers in shades of mahogany, dull blue, tan and olive green. This same tapestry should be used to upholster the seats of your chairs. The foor covering to be a rug $9 \times 12$ in size, showing some of this copper brown mahogany and lighter shades of tan. The ceiling to be in tan with a suggestion of copper. The door curtain between these two rooms should be of pastel green cut velour on the parlor side, the silvery high lights of which will be found to harmonize well with the wall coloring. The fixtures in the parlor to be of the dull silver, this also carried out in the hardware. In the dining-room, bronze fixtures and hardware should be used. The central lights over the table to have a spreading shade in art glass in tones of green and gold. For the parlor fioor, Oriental rugs should be used and your furniture should be of mahogany. Leave your floors in the natural color of the maple, treating them with some
good floor finish, something that does not show too much gloss. The color of the maple will be an attractive feature in the decoration of your room and will give you a much better effect than a stained floor.

## FINISH FOR A SUBURBAN HOUSE

"Country" writes: I send you by this post, plans of a small house which we are building in the suburbs of Milwaukee. I would like some suggestions for the finish of woodwork and floors, for tiles, hardware, mantels, etc., from you. You will note that the dining-room shows a six foot wainscot. This is to be of ash. Unfortunately my dining-room furniture is of mahogany of good design and much too handsome to be dispensed with. What can I do about this? I would like to cover the upper wall in my dining-room with fabric if you can suggest something suitable. I shall not be ready for the full color scheme for the house until much later. I will, however, appreciate it if you will make suggestions for the dining-room, as requested. The estimated cost of the house will be about $\$ 12,000.00$. I am enclosing a selfaddressed envelope and would appreciate a reply by post to some of my questions.

Answer: I wish to congratulate you upon the very attractive plan of your country house. It is quite ideal. The plans, however, fail to show the character of the wood used in the various rooms. I note that you mention ash for the dining-room. I therefore, would suggest that you write to a firm whose address I am sending you by post, asking them to supply you with a special stain for use here. This gives the ash a grayish color which is almost blue in some lights. It is most artistic and attractive. I send you a sample of fabric which I would advise you to use with this for wall covering. This is tapestry showing bluish green trees against a gray ground. It is exquisitely harmonious with the woodwork of which I speak. Your ceiling should be tinted a shade of gray lighter than the gray in the woodwork. The fixtures in this room should be of bronze. Your door curtains and overdraperies should be of the same tapestry as I have advised for wall covering. Next the glass of your windows hang heavy raw silk draperies in a shade of dull blue. If your mahogany chairs could be re-seated, I would advise dull blue morocco of the same shade. The shades of your electric lights should be in dull blue-green favrile glass effects. You will find that a room so treated as to color will make a most excellent setting for your mahogany furniture. The floor should be stained with English oak wood tint and finished with a dull gloss. I will be glad to send you a full color scheme for the other rooms of your house should you desire it, when you have supplied me with the information I request.


Conducted by W. C. EGAN

## CLIMBING NASTURTIUMS

I am thinking of using the climbing nasturtiums for covering some arches over a garden path. The arches are seven feet high. Will they climb tall enough?
M. P. H.

Yes, if you will keep the leaders tied as fast as they gain a foot or so. When once started, if in a sunny situation, it will keep you quite busy.

## DWARF PETUNIAS

The enticing and confusing seed catalogues are now in and as each succeeding description portrays qualifications superior to all others, one is bewildered and led to exclaim "How happy could I be with either were t'other dear charmer away." I want to grow some dwarf petunias, and, having had no experience with them, request you to advise me what seeds to get.
W. J. M.

You do not mention the color you desire, but are naturally limited to white, pink and different shades of red petunias.

I think that "Rosy Morn," lately introduced, is one of the handsomest of the group for bedding out. The plant is comparatively dwarf, a free bloomer belonging to the small flowered section. The color is a brilliant rosy pink, with a white throat.
"Snowball" is a fine dwarf white, and the old "Inimitable" with its cherry red star on a white ground is good.

Howard's "Star" petunia, while growing taller, where it can gain support, is a good bedder, as its long stems lie on the ground and send up erect, short flowering branches. The ground color is a rich velvety maroon on which is depicted a rosy white five pointed star.

## SUITABLE SOIL FOR A LAWN

I am about finishing a new cottage and wish to have a fine grass lawn around it. I allowed the contractor to fill the earth excavated on top of what seemed to be good top soil so that the finished grade will be about 18 or 24 inches above the old top soil. The earth excavated is mostly sand from serpentine stone, with some red clay in it. The reason I allowed the contractor to fill the earth over it, was to retain the good soil on this steep slope. Was I right in doing this? Is there any disadvantage in having the top soil so far beneath the surface to get a good lawn? What kind of evergreen trees or shrubs will thrive well in such sandy and clayey soil ? Reader.
All top soils, if not denuded, are generally in a proper condition for plant growth, having had the action of air and frost, and have been enriched by a deposit of humus from decaying vegetation. The fertile layer seldom exceeds a foot in depth, six to eight inches probably being the average unless the soil is an alluvial deposit, in which case it may be much deeper. As you have a "steep slope" your surface soil is probably not very deep. If you wanted to save the expense of a top dressing of good soil, you should have had some six or more inches taken off from that part to be covered, returning it to the top when the excavated soil was in place. Your best plan now is to scrape off six inches and use it further down the slope, then put on a thin layer of well-rotted cow manure and
cover it all with good soil. Filled in soil settles and perhaps you need not scrape any soil away, but place the manure and good soil over it as it now stands.
A combination of sand and clay generally makes a good loamy soil, and most any of the ornamental trees and shrubs will grow in it. If you are in doubt, see what your neighbors are having success with and choose accordingly, or consult some reliable nuseryman who is familiar with your neighborhood. The following will grow in a very poor sandy soil: Prunus maritima, beach plum; Prunus pumila, dwarf sand plum; Tamarix, three varieties; Spiraa salicifolia, willow leaved spiræa; Myrica cerifera, candleberry, wax myrtle; Colutea arborescens, bladder senna; dwarf sumachs; Amorpha fragrans; Amorpha fruticosa, false indigo; Rosa rugosa, Japanese rose; Symphoricarpus vulgaris, coral berry; scarlet maple, white birch, red pine, Scotch pine, pitch pine.

## HARDY ANNUALS REQUIRING LITTLE CARE

I have a large flower bed in full sun on a sloping lawn bordering a roadway, and desire to plant in it some hardy annual that will require but little care, and bloom all summer. I don't want one that will be ragged looking towards fall. I have generally grown the, Tom Thumb nasturtium, but want a change.

Mrs. E. L. B.
There are several flowering plants that would do well in the situation you describe. One of the annuals most easily grown that will flower until frost is the Sanvitalia procumbens, flore pleno. Sow the seeds as soon as the ground is fairly warm, say May 15 th, in rows one foot apart, eventually thinning them out to a foot apart, or sow in "spots," each "spot" a foot apart, and then thin out to one strong plant. Those left will soon cover the ground and present a mass of handsome foliage, profusely dotted with interesting, small, double, rich yellow flowers. Some will come semi-double and exhibit a black center when they somewhat resemble miniature black-eyed Susans.

These plants will bloom all summer and shed their faded flowers so deftly that one is seldom seen, thus keeping the plants always looking neat and tidy. The dense foliage, which remains fresh looking until the last, crowds out all weeds, except a few stronger ones easily pulled out, which with the fact that it requires no staking, and where the drainage is good seems to do as well during a dry season as a wet one, makes it easily grown and easily cared for.

If you have a greenhouse where you can start Vinca rosea, the Madagascar periwinkle, after the middle of February, growing them on in pots, and planting out when all danger of frost is past, you will have a plant that will bloom until frost and always look neat. It is a dwarf plant, the individual flower resembling that of the hardy garden phlox. The variety alba, being white with a pink eye, is my favorite. The bedding lobelias, especially Lobelia teniour, L. neterophylla major, and some others, grown in the same manner as recommended for the vinca, will bloom all summer and give a fine coloring of blue.

Zinnias are long bloomers where they do well, but their faded flowers require removal.


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## NOTES AND REVIEWS

## HOUSES AND GARDENS

HOUSES AND GARDENS,* by H. M. Baillie Scott is a volume filled with beautiful and practical suggestions to the makers of houses and gardens. The excellent illustrations, many of them reproduced in color from exquisite water-color drawings, serve to point the description in the text. Chapter first treats of "Houses as they are and as they might be" and is meant to clear the mind of the reader of any misconception he may hold of the real meaning of the artistic in houses. The author says "That conception is not without a basis in fact, must be admitted and the demand for spurious art which the little knowledge of modern art education so readily inculcates, is met on all sides by those who cater to the wants and whims of the public."

While the general feeling of these interiors is for la moderne, it is in no sense aggressively put forward. Beautiful exteriors and gardens, together with well arranged floor plans of various types of cottages are offered, while those of England are most pleasing and most numerous. It is interesting to contrast this style of small house with those of Switzerland, Poland, Germany and even America.

## MODERN PLUMBING ILLUSTRATED

WE are in receipt of a volume entitled, "Modern Plumbing Illustrated," $\dagger$ by R. M. Starbuck. This is a most comprehensive and thoroughly practical work on modern and most approved methods of plumbing construction. The author in his preface says, "There is possibly no branch of construction work which has undergone within the same given time such great changes of a far-reaching nature as plumbing construction. These changes look to the betterment of sanitary conditions, and are going on continually.
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The early spring days were busy ones. Each child spaded and raked and prepared the soil in the individual gardens, and they all worked together over the "house garden," as it was called. A portion of each small garden was devoted to a favorite flower and
to the saucer-grown cuttings, while in another section radishes, lettuce, young onions and delicate herbs were planted.

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## OLD DUTCH FARMS <br> Some of the Oddities of Life in the Netherlands

$\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{F}}$the manner of life in 7ealand, Netherlands, an observer writes: "The Dutch farmhouse is usually built after a uniform model. The living-room usually occupies the whole of the ground floor and is a sitting-room, bedroom and kitchen rolled into one. The bedsteads are screened by green curtains or hidden away like cupboards, but what is called the show bedstead-pronk-beddenalways occupies a prominent place in the room. But, then, it is never used; it is kept exclusively for the purpose of proving the high respectability of the family by the fineness of its linen sheets and the richness of the counterpane.

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as the bier chamber. In some farmhouses a wing has been added to the original building, and in such cases it is divided into two or three small bedrooms.
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## THE AMERICAN TOAD

THAT the common toad, nocturnal, of quiet habit and appearance, is a valuable friend to farmers and gardeners in the destruction of harmful insects, has been demonstrated by many experiments according to the entomologist of the Department of Agriculture.

To many the worth of the toad is still unknown, while to others it is an object of disgust, if not fear. No one will insist that it is an attractive animal; on the contrary it does not possess even the sinuous beauty of some of its reptilian relatives. But judging by the standard of good works, however, it does not suffer by comparison with any of the lower animals.

The ancient savants, while doing much to establish the study of nature, had the failing of confounding fancy with fact, and the American people adopted the European traditions concerning the toad. In consequence, it has always borne the burden of ludicrous misrepresentation.

Following the early writings, there are popular superstitions, curiously interwoven, as to the toad's venomous qualities, medicinal virtues and the valuable toadstone to be found in its head. Coupled with these traditions, the ability of the toad to produce warts on the hand, to poison infants by its breath, to bring good fortune to the house in whose new made cellar it establishes its domicile, and to cause bloody milk in cows if killed by accident or otherwise, is even now heard.

But getting away from superstition and false impressions and considering the toad in its adaptability and capacity for the destruction of noxious insects, it
is found to accomplish an inconspicuous but effective work.
By careful examination of the contents of a sufficiently large number of stomachs collected at different dates and over diversified range of territory, it has been established that the toad feeds on noxious rather than beneficial insects. At all times it feeds on moving insects, and dead or motionless food presents no attraction, no matter how ravenous the appetite. The toad will sit motionless beside a bread crust, soaked in molasses, but when it has attracted flies, ants, beetles, etc., the work of destruction begins immediately. Ninety-eight per cent of a toad's food is of animal origin, the remaining two per cent being composed of bits of grass, leaves or gravel, evidently swept into the stomach by accident while gathering the insect food.

The destruction of cut worms is of specific importance. They feed by night and the grower only learns of their presence through the loss of his plants. During a season, examination disclosed that twenty-eight per cent of the contents of a toad's stomach was of this destructive worm. Likewise injurious beetles, of which the plum curculio is a good type, have been found to the extent of eighteen per cent. Sow bugs, myriapods, etc., especially destructive to flowers, such as orchids, violets, pansies and roses are known to have constituted thirteen per cent. Three per cent of the grasshopper, of the hay field species, has been shown.

While accomplishing a destruction of sixty-two per cent of injurious insects the toad destroys twenty-two per cent of neutrals in the consumption of ants, worms, vegetable and mineral matter. Against the toad must be charged the destruction of beneficial species to the extent of eleven per cent in ground and carrion beetles, and spiders. The five per cent unidentified has been excluded from the calculation.

English gardeners, realizing the value of the toad often pay as high as twenty-five dollars per hundred for them for colonizing purposes. The well-known authoress, Celia Thaxter, at one time found her beautiful gardens at the Isles of Shoals overrun by insects and snails. She imported a considerable number of toads from the mainland with the result that in a short time the

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are defects not easy to remedy, for it is out of the question that Japanese potters could have, even in combination, command of an adequate amount of funds. The second difficulty is equally beyond immediate cure, for the artisans at present engaged in the work are in most cases men of the old school and are not qualified to be benefited by the recent progress of science. That will be possible only after the boys now being educated at the various apprentice schools shall have been turned out sufficiently equipped for the purpose, with scientific knowledge, further strengthened by practical training at the workshops. But, in regard to this question of how to promote the ceramic industry, the authorities should contribute their due share. It is necessary that greater encouragement should be accorded it, as is the case in the principal ceramic countries of the world, such as Germany and France.-Fapan Weekly Times.

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## THE SIERRA SEQUOIAS

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## TIBERIUS' PLEASURE GALLEY

NEWS comes from Nemi, near Albano, that by private enterprise two divers are exploring the bottom of the Lake of Nemi, where lies the pleasure galley which served as a retreat for the Emperor Tiberius during his orgies. Our Rome correspondent says: "In the fifteenth century Cardinal Colonna, owner of the Castle of Nemi, now the property of the Orsini, tried to recover the galley, but without success. At the beginning of our century, the effort was again made and some large bronze nails were brought up from the lake. The present explorers have seen the galley, called the Palace of Tiberius, at about eighty feet from the bank, and although damaged by age, it still appears much decorated with bronze and mosaics. Heads of bronze, a wolf and lion, targets adorned with inscriptions, rings for docks, and other objects of immense archæological value have already come to light."-London Daily News.

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## A NEW DUST LAYER

WITH the coming of another automobile season many people, especially householders who live near automobile thoroughfares, as well as the automobilists themselves, will look forward with dread to the summer dust nuisance.

Many automobiles are nowadays so designed that the occupants are not bothered by the dust of their own machines, but they cannot escape that of other vehicles on the road. As for the inhabitants of the neighborhood, they suffer constantly, and the coming of the automobile in such localities has depreciated instead of increasing the value of property in many cases. Everybody has seen such roads where clouds of dust hang for many minutes in the air after the passage of a single automobile. Sprinkling is expensive, and instead of decreasing the nuisance actually increases it. The constant use of water on the road breaks up the natural bond of the top dressing so that mud is formed, which soon becomes dust again in the hot sun. Roads which are regularly sprinkled require re-surfacing much oftener than roads which can be left to themselves.

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LUTHER Burbank, the plant wizard of the Golden West, has offered $\$ 1,000$ to any man who will bring him an ounce of horseradish seed. This remarkable offer was made while Mr. Burbank was delivering a lecture on plant evolution at the Stanford University at San Francisco, Cal. He said he had spent ten years in fruitless effort to cultivate the seed.

Inquiry among some of the New York forists and plant breeders disclosed the fact that horseradish seed is an unknown quantity. Like the egg and the chick, nobody seems to know which started first, the root or the germ.

Hundreds of tons of horseradish are devoured every year by New Yorkers, and hardly one out of the countless many who use it as a relish know that if some unseen force would suddenly destroy all the horseradishes there would be no more horseradish sauce.

Mr. Burbank has spent considerable time and money in trying to cultivate the seed. He has succeeded in growing blue roses and producing apples of peculiar color and taste, with one-half red and sweet, and the other half yellow and sour, and many other strange feats in plant development, but vulgarly speaking, he is "up against it" in trying to get at the primitive source of the horseradish.

There are many hundreds of acres around New York City where horseradish is grown for market consumption. The roots are planted between the rows of cabbage or beets, as a rule, and there are two crops every season-in the early summer and late fall. The root was first brought to this country from England, where it is a native, and where it

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Mr. Burbank will not give up his efforts to cultivate the seed, and some day the world may be amazed to hear that the wizard has touched his wand to the radish and caused seed to fall. Of course the world may be just as startled to learn that there never was any horseradish seed, but the $\$ 1,000$ is waiting the man who will produce it and produce it quick.-New York World.

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THE leading article in the June Number of House and Garden is from the pen of Mary Hodges. The writer deals delightfully with her subject, "Ashland Past and Present," once the home of Kentucky's greatest statesman, Henry Clay, and now occupied by his direct descendants. The views of the house, as it was in the days of Mr. Clay and as it is at the present time, are extremely interesting, for to-day as in the long past, "Ashland" stands as a type of all that is best in a Kentucky blue-grass estate and home.

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The French House will be treated of in the July issue by one entirely familiar with the subject, and fully illustrated.
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## SOME COUNTRY CLUBS ABOUT BOSTON

The Country Clubs about Boston are entertainingly talked of and illustrated in the article by Livingston Wright. The fact that Boston may claim the first Country Club in America is brought out in this article.

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The proper placement and selection of the trees and shrubs around the detached house in the suburban town, with reference to their flowering succession, habits of growth and general characteristics, are outlined by Elizabeth H. Fairley. She presents typical plans, with lists of varieties, and schedules of the number and cost of plants to complete the schemes as laid out, which will prove useful to the honebuilder who is entering upon that feature of his investment.

THE PICTURE QUALITY IN ENGLISH COTTAGES
"The Picture Quality in English Cottages" is delightfully written of by Millicent Olmsted. The fascination of it fills one with the desire to traverse the charmingly described lanes and by-ways. The reproductions of photographs accompanying, fully illustrate the subject.

## THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PLASTER CAST

"The Possibility of the Plaster Cast as a Decorative Factor" is interestingly handled by George B. Mitchell in a paper under that title. How to stain and finish in wax, what colors to choose for the widely differing subjects is told with practical directions for application. The uses to which Mr. Mitchell has put the quaint little gargoyles in making them seem to be a part of the wood finish of his home is an idea as new as it is clever.

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## THE SMALL HOUSE WHICH IS GOOD

To the above series Mr. A. G. Richardson of Boston, Mass., contributes a most pleasing description of a new Colonial House he has recently completed in Salem, Mass., the home of much that has claim to relationship with the early New England Colonial period. The opportunities for comparison are therefore plentiful and his design does not suffer by such a test.
Mr. George T. Pearson of Philadelphia, Pa., shows a charming cottage built in a New Jersey village, The "home feeling" seems to be written all over it and the plans indicate a house designed for refined comfort.

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Under the above title May Ellis Nichols describes a garden venture, where late planting under ordinary conditions would certainly have spelled failure. By overcoming the existing drawbacks and bringing intelligence into the situation, her success was pronounced.

She attests the same with indisputable facts and figures.

THE SMALLEST CHURCH IN ENGLAND WHILE abroad, Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbot visited the smallest church in England, at Nast Dale Head. And the parson's wife gave him some facts about the church which Dr. Abbot labels "important if true," such as that the age of the church is unknown; that its endowment fund is two shillings and a bottle of wine and a loaf of bread for the communion, which carries back the age of the church, she opines, to the year Iooo at least; that the entire population of the parish is fifty-two, men, women and children, and the average attendance fifty-two; that the vicar's wife is organist and bell-ringer, and sweeps and dusts and performs in general all the Levitical functions of the temple, which is $42 \times 16$ feet in size; that the vicar's salary-stipend, they call it-is $£ 65$ ( $\$ 325$ ), paid out of the missionary funds of the Established Church; that the previous vicars have been drinking men and no honor to their cloth; and that the total contributions of the worshippers in the parish amounted, for the three years of the present vicar's charge, to less than two shillings.-New York Tribune.

## WORKMEN AS CONTRACTORS

ASYSTEM of public work that has much to commend it is that of "Co-operative Contract" in vogue in New Zealand. Under that system a public work is divided into small sections by the engineer in charge, and an estimate is made of its cost. Each section is then let out to a group of workmen, who do the work under a foreman of their own choosing, but who receives no more than his fellows. They obtain the full profit which would otherwise go to professional contractors, and they share the payment equally. Each worker is interested in seeing that his companions do their full amount of work and the sooner the job is performed the greater the return for a day's work. If any tools are needed which the men do not own, the Government supplies them at a moderate rental. The adoption of this system should provide a method whereby direct employment by the Government would be consistent with a full return for the money expended, giving to the community an advantage in the economical execution of public enterprises.-Review of Reviews.

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# Some American and English Gardens THE IMPRESSIONS OF AN ENGLISHWOMAN 

Illustrations from "Garden Portraits" by Mary H. Carlisle

IT seemed to the writer after a summer spent at Newport, Rhode Island, that the question of a good succession of flowering plants was the most difficult one to handle in American gardens. The Newport climate is moist for the States, and lawns are prevalent and are of almost as vivid
a green as those in the Emerald Isle. Hydrangeas do wonderfully well for the same reason, but if you comment on it, almost any resident of the place will say, "you should see my garden in June when the roses are out," and are apparently astounded when you mildly suggest that the garden should be lovely


THE ASTER WALK-GARDEN OF T. M. DAVIS, ESQ., NEWPORT
at every stage until the frost comes. The gardeners are often Scotch and this leads to rather a similarity of design and it is really only when the possessor knows about plants and tries experiments for him or herself that the garden carries out the English idea of being beautiful at every season. To the English mind, the fact that everything grows with such marvellous rapidity, seems a perfect delight until it is discovered that the rapidity in growth has the drawback of rapidity of maturing, as for instance, a border of Michaelmas
of nymphæa, from the lovely large Nile lotus to the little common wild water-lily, was entirely designed by the owner. Every stone and rock in the making of this miniature garden was placed in position at the owner's direction. She told me that her great difficulty was preventing the rocks from being overgrown; she was always pulling up and cutting out, the luxuriance of growth was so tremendous. This lady has a good gardener yet she finds it necessary to keep a daily eye on everything; dead branches of trees to be lopped off and the wounds cauterized or


THE WILD GARDEN OF MRS. C. B. ALEXANDER, TUXEDO PARK
daisies which in England would under ordinary climatic conditions remain in perfect beauty for three weeks or a month, here, is over in a week. This, of course, makes the question of proper succession much more difficult than in the older country. Also, the same rapid growth here makes an herbaceous border a hard thing to cope with as everything grows so big and it is not easy to keep things in flower near the soil; they seem to want to rush up to the sun. The most successful gardens as as I have said are those in which the owner really worked. One was a rock garden with a small pond, which, in spite of its tiny size shows a variety
the fatal damp frost would mean a dead tree in the winter. This garden was rather near the sea and therefore the plants in it had to be guarded from the salt mists.

Another delightful though not a large garden is the joy of a husband and wife. Both work in it with their hands, although keeping a staff of gardeners, for, as the wife told me, every day during the rapid growth of summer, there is much that she can do herself. It was on account of their real love for their garden, that this small spot was a series of pictures all through the summer. I saw it from July to the end of October and during all that time

Some American and English Gardens


ROCK AND WATER GARDEN OF MAJOR GIBBS, NEWPORT
there was a constant succession of colour; after the roses came a mass of Dubarry pink hollyhocks behind an avenue of juniper yews, alternating with bay trees in boxes; these faced two larger borders
filled with phloxes of the right tones of pinky reds (this matter of colours no professional gardener seems able really to grasp) and white and yellow coreopsis mingled with the deep browny red of the
dear old-fashioned bee-balm of Shakespeare's day. In this case a border of dwarf pink and white begonias keeps the bloom near the ground and heliotrope, or to use the old- Cashioned English name "cherry pie," coming next prevented the straggling coreopsis and other growing things from breaking the formal line; later the hollyhocks were succeeded by golden glow and scarlet salvias in rather dangerous proximity, as in this case the white daisy planted to act as a buffer and break the crudity of colour failed to appear punctually. In October, masses of pink and white Japanese anemones, growing six feet high, came to again brighten the garden and these, owing to mild weather, lasted until the end of the month.

Another garden on a point of land jutting out into the sea and exposed to all the winds of heaven had never grown a thing until a relative of the owner suggested taking it in hand and it stood a beautiful proof of the ingenuity of a woman in overcon:ing the elements. This patient gardener planted rows of firs; as these grew they became windscreens and on the weather side of these she grew practically everything that her neighbors in less exposed situations had produced. Winding grass paths were used here with great effect and the unexpected glimpses of colors against the dark green of the firs made delightful pictures. In England nothing would have grown so near firs, owing to lack of sufficient sunlight. The Italian garden lends itself admirably to Newport scenery as the formal borders of yews and box being so prominent a feature of the design,
possess the great advantage of looking well until late in the year. From the amateur's point of view, however, the garden growing the old-fashioned flowers is the most pleasant. There are few of these in Newport and the border where one can cut and come again exists in only a few gardens, but the resident tells the visitor that the idea is to keep the grounds surrounding the houses as park-like as possible, and certainly there is a large assortment of trees of beautiful shape, and the hydrangeas are the great feature of the place. They are most wonderful in size, colour and variety, ranging from the lovely single Japanese, a very tender bush treated with the greatest care by the few happy possessors, through the heavy blue and pink to the Hydrangea paniculata which here grows into a young tree and turns from a lovely creamy white into a delicious blush rose colour, ending in a deep crimson when the frost touches it. The grass borders to the roads, which in England would be left to run wild, are here often mown and watered by the owner of the adjoining property and to the stranger the notices asking one not to ride on these shaven borders seems quaint, but on the whole the quantity of lawns and lovely growing trees, and tell it not in Gath!-the climate - of Newport suggest the older country more than any other place visited by the writer in this country.

One of the interesting small gardens of England is that of the late Augustus Hare. This is at St. Leonards on Sea, Sussex, England, but it lies back


FOUNTAIN AT "THE ELMS"—GARDEN OF E. J. BERWIND, ESQ., NEWPORT


THE YEW WALK-GARDEN OF DE LANCEY KANE, ESQ., NEWPORT

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from the sea of which only a glimpse is caught over parks and the town. Mr. Hare was a bachelor and fond of all kinds of gardens. As he grew old and infirm he was unable to leave the house very much and he devised a miniature Italian garden which he could see and enjoy from his study window. It was built on a terrace sixty feet in length and twenty-five in width and consisted of yellow pebble paths, in the center of these stood a small, rather high fountain of carved stone, grey with age. The water from this overflowed into a larger basin raised a foot from the ground. In the basin were placed a few favorite water plants set in baskets so that they could be easily lifted and weeded. There were six beds for flowers, each surrounded by a coping of grey stone eight inches in height and varying slightly in proportion, but keeping to straight lines; contrary to the usual idea of Italian gardens these beds were a mass of colour, but only dwarf plants were used with the exception of Madonna lilies
which, planted in clumps and deliciously fragrant, gave the white note so necessary and beautiful. At the corners of the beds, to give the dark accent of colour, also characteristic of these gardens, were planted small conical juniper yews and box bushes against the low balustrade of the terrace, the colour effect of this was most beautiful. The garden faced south and was the pet of its owner, who was so often unable to go beyond its small borders. He had brought all the stone pieces from Italy at different intervals and there were charming memories connected with each fragment of old coping and each small bust or figure. From the center of the south side a flight of twelve stone steps, wide and easy, and graduating outwards, led into the park. These steps had been quarried and carved on the estate and were in keeping, except in colour, with the old carving of the terrace itself.

From the west end of this sunny spot one wandered down into the Elizabethan garden; this was a great


FOXGLOVES-GARDEN OF MRS. HERBERT PELL, TUXEDO PARK

levens hall-main walk from the barrister's wig

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## LEVENS HALL

## AN OLD-WORLD GARDEN

By EDWARD THOMAS

IN the southern edge of the Western Marches, whose condition in the Middle Ages has been so graphically described by Crockett in his "Raiders" and "Men of the Moss Hagg," stands Levens Hall celebrated far and wide for its notable gardens. The river Kent flows past the Hall and through the park and five miles higher up the river is Kendal, a quaint old border town famous as the home of Kendal green in which Robin Hood and his men were clad. In Kendal castle was born Catherine Parr, the last wife of Henry VIII. Eight miles beyond Kendal is Windermere, a famous summer resort of the lake district; twenty miles to the south lies the city of Lancaster, whose history dates from the time of the Roman occupation. Forty miles beyond Lancaster is Liverpool. Though the face of the country has been much changed in the course of centuries, the neighborhood of Levens Hall is so picturesque and romantic that it
is still well worth a visit. The Hall itself forms an important link with the past for portions of the building clearly date from Saxon times, though the first recorded mention of it is found in the Domesday Book of William the Conqueror. This portion of the building, which forms the nucleus of the later structure, was at that time probably a small pele or stronghold against the Scottish raiders. Remodeled at various times its present form dates from the time of Elizabeth. The gardens are more recent, having been laid out in the year 1701 by Beaumont, the court gardener, who designed those at Hampton Court as well.
The gardens at Levens are beyond question the finest surviving example of the topiary work which became so fashionable in Europe with the spread of learning, first introduced at Florence by the Medici family in the early years of the sixteenth century. The fashion spread rapidly through Western Europe


THE BOX AND YEW GARDENS


THE WALK SEPARATING THE ORCHARD AND THE TOPIARY GARDEN


THE BAGOT " b" A MODERN EXAMPLE


THE HOUSE FROM THE GARDEN
and soon the best examples equaled, if they did not surpass, the famous garden of Pliny of which we have a minute description by the hand of that celebrated author, and in imitation of which these topiary gardens were designed. The accompanying illustrations will give a far better idea of the effect of this work in general, and of the Levens Gardens in particular, than can any amount of description however detailed. The various trees are usually surrounded by flowers set out in neat beds with an edge of clipped box for the border. Walking along the well-kept gravel paths, the visitor first notices among the more striking forms a peacock of box only slightly larger than life, again a lion with a crown on his head, and further along a figure of the king also crowned. In another corner stands the queen with her arms akimbo, while near by is a colossal helmet and an umbrella. Sometimes the paths pass beneath box archways. Opening vistas are forms interesting for their picturesque fantasy rather than because they are copies of any natural objects. To many visitors the " judge's wig" is most amusing; a graphic though gigantic copy of the official, and to American eyes, half grotesque, wig worn by the English judges while on the bench. This particular wig stands some six feet high beside the walk, and many a cup of afternoon tea has been served under its shelter, even in rainy weather, for the thick interlacing branches of
the clipped yew afford ample protection from the wet. Tradition has laid here the scene of many a courtship, but, unfortunately, there are two concealed entrances from the back, which, if the legend may be believed, have more than once caused serious interruption by an eavesdropper. The dark foliage of the yew, unfortunately, makes it difficult to bring out the best characteristics of this popular piece of scenic gardening. Beyond the topiary gardens are the fruit gardens and bowling-green, both enclosed by thick hedges of clipped beech more than twelve feet high and so dense that they afford as much shelter and protection as a stone wall. The bowling-green is especially attractive with its splendid turf and high smooth walls of green. From here a path across the grass leads between high walls of greenery to a circular space, itself sheltered with hedges, from which smaller walks radiate in all directions.

To the visiting foreigner, the house is of exceeding interest. One tower has on it a clock with a single hand to tell the time, and within are rich windows, tapestries, embossed leather and other decorations from every period of English art, all combined together to make a very harmonious effect well worthy of careful study. . On the stable wall is an ancient sun-dial, and against high stone walls are everywhere trained fruit trees or roses after the English fashion. The gardens contain about seven
acres and have nine miles of box hedges along the beds. In the seclusion there is a most delightful feeling of restfulness and shelter from the turmoil without.

Just a few steps up the main road from Levens gate is Levens bridge, a survival of the old days when all traffic was carried on by pack-horses. Those who will take the trouble to walk along the bank below the bridge can easily see where the width has been more than doubled to accommodate the wagons of to-day, though to an American eye it still seems far too narrow. Above and below the bridge on both sides of the road stretches Levens park, one of the oldest deer parks in England, enclosed in a yew fence, dating certainly since 1360 and still preserving its original limits. In it there are beautiful stretches of woodland, and green pastures, a combination so unusual.

The gardens harmonize well with the Hall, the interior of which is extremely interesting. The carved woodwork is very elaborate, the south drawing-room in particular being exceedingly rich. Three of Lely's best portraits hang in the house, the entrance hall has a fine collection of armor and one of the rooms is hung with some splendid pieces of tapestry after the Italian manner. Taken altogether, Levens represents the best attainments of domestic life among the well-to-do English. The letter " $B$ " noticed in one of the photographs of the garden is the initial of Captain Bagot, the owner of Levens park whose courteous attention in throwing open his grounds to the people of the neighborhood is most heartily appreciated, not only by them, but by all travelers as well.
We are indebted to Mr. Hogg, photographer, for the photographs which are
here reproduced.

# THE SUBURBAN GARDEN 

By JOHN W. HALL

NOTHING can produce a more bountiful source of quiet pleasure to the suburban dweller than a little garden. The suburban home is usually built upon a plot ranging in size from onehalf to an acre. In either instance there is ample space for a home garden where practically all the lighter vegetables can be grown in sufficient quantities for the use of a family of ordinary size. Besides supplying the table with absolutely fresh vegetables, gathered while crisp with the morning dew, an hour, in the late afternoon, spent among the plants by the business or professional man is more conducive to health and real enjoyment than most any other diversion.

Supposing that there is available for garden purposes on the suburban home lot the quarter or the half of an acre, the question of primary importance as how best to prepare and make it, on an economical and practical basis, is presented.
The size and place of the garden having been determined, it should be enclosed with a fence made of wire netting and of sufficient height to prevent depredation by chickens or otherwise.

## HOW TO PREPARE THE GROUND

The soil should be broken fine as deep as the plant roots may be expected to grow. This is from fifteen to twenty inches, and more effective results are obtained by spading than by plowing on a limited area. The earth is left fine, loose, and
mellow far down, so the tender roots may grow through it freely. It then holds moisture and lies close to the roots, so as to supply them readily with food. After the ground is thoroughly broken it should be fertilized and harrowed or rolled. Where the harrow or roller is not at hand, good work can be done with a heavy rake. Let the soil be well prepared before planting; neglect of this will be felt all through the season. After the plants are growing it is too late to attempt to work the ground beneath them. It is also of the greatest importance that in preparing the soil it should be in proper condition to be worked. What the proper condition is can be easily determined by squeezing a little of the soil in the hand. If it makes a ball, and sticks to the hand, it is too wet; if it breaks hard, it is too dry. To work well it should crumble easily and finely, and leave very little dirt on the hands.

## fertilizing

Too much care cannot be given to the supply of the necessary plant food, of which the chief essentials are nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. Any fertilizer used to supply these elements should be thoroughly distributed through all the soil to be reached by the roots of the plants, and this distribution must be made before planting. Turning and re-turning the ground, and harrowing or raking, are useful for this purpose. There is no rule by which a wise selection of fertilizer can be made. It is often

## The Suburban Garden

found that a sandy soil is deficient in the essentials of plant food; that a clayey soil contains them in abundance, and a limestone soil is likely to contain a considerable proportion of phosphoric acid. Therefore, what is a good fertilizer on a given soil for one crop may be very unsatisfactory for another; the matter of fertilization must after all be very largely a matter of experience from observing results.
As a general rule lime may be applied to a soil with good results. It corrects acidity, makes clay soil more friable and holds sand closer together. Nor is it possible to go far wrong in the application of humus, a name applied to any thoroughly rotted vegetable or animal matter. Humus forms the richness of nearly all good land, and rarely is there too much of it. In close-grained, sticky soils, which have a tendency to bake, the humus produces a looser texture and a better balance in the retention of moisture. On a loose and leachy soil it brings the grains closer together and promotes cherrical activity and at the same time supplies plant food.

Leaves, garden refuse, and barnyard manure made into a compost and allowed to decay make good humus. Wood ashes are a common and ready source of potash, and in addition improve the mechanical condition of most soils. The lime in them tends to correct sourness and to promote the important chemical process of nitrification. Ashes are usually found to render light, sandy soils more moist. Cotton-hull ashes are also very useful, furnishing potash and phosphoric acid. In the use of commerical fertilizers care must be taken that a wrong use is not made of them. Chemical fertilizers may be applied much nearer the time at which they are to be used by the plant. A French authority says for deep rooted plants, fertilizers should be put on before breaking the ground; for shallow rooted plants, after breaking.

## SEED AND TIME OF PLANTING

The ground prepared and fertilized, then comes the selection of seed and planting.
It is usually considered enough to buy seed of some reputable dealer and depend upon him for quality. But it is so important to have good seed, and mistakes are so easy, that careful examination of the seed some time before planting is advisable. Large, heavy seeds produce stronger plants than do small, light seed. It is a mistake to plant old seed.

The time for planting in any locality is only known by experience, if early vegetables in the open air are sought. The blooming of the peach is assigned as a time for seeds that will germinate in a cold soil and resist a slight frost. Among these are peas, spinach, and onion. When the oak leaf breaks from the bud is suggested for beets, turnips, corn and tomato.

Seeds that thrive only in warmer soil, as beans, cucumber, cantaloupe, watermelon, squash, and okra, may be planted when the blackberry is in bloom. The planting must be made, of course, with due consideration of the date when the vegetable is expected to be ready for use, and if a continuous supply is desired through the season, several plantings at different dates must be made. These are known as successional plantings.

## MAKING THE ROWS

Wheel tools will be found of great advantage in cultivation and for this reason the rows should be long and continuous. If enough of one kind of vegetable to make a row across the garden is not wanted, several kinds may be put in the same row.

Let the rows run east and west when practicable, so as to obtain the best sun effects. A line should be used to keep the rows straight and parallel to each other. But little extra time will be consumed in using the line and the better results, aside from the appearance, will more than repay the additional trouble.

## CONDITION OF THE SOIL

The soil should be moist when the seed are put in. The earth should be firmed above the seed by patting it lightly with a hoe. This is to make sure that the soil is brought close against the seed. Small, weak seeds must not be put in ground that is not thoroughly prepared. It is well to sow some large seed of vigorous growth, such as radish or turnip, with celery and other small, weak seeds. The added seed come up, breaking any crust which may have formed. The radish or turnips must be pulled out as soon as the other plants appear. Sow the seed much thicker than the plants can be successfully grown and when the first true leaves appear, thin to the proper distance and avoid loosening the roots of plants that are left.

## DEPTH OF PLANTING

The depth of cover depends upon the size and strength of the seed, its habits of germination and early growth, the soil, and the season of planting. Planting too deep is frequently a cause of failure to come up. Warmth, air and moisture are necessary to germination. In the early spring moisture is usually abundant, while warmth is lacking. The soil is warmest near the surface, hence the cover should be shallower than in summer, when warmth is abundant and moisture is lacking in the surface soil. Weak seeds should have less cover than vigorous seeds. As a general rule the depth of planting is indicated on the original package by the seedsman, and it is safe to follow his directions in that respect.

## TRANSPLANTING

Plants from the hotbed or cold frame should be transplanted soon after the formation of the first true leaves. The ground into which the plants are to be set should be in the best of condition and the weather cloudy. The earth should be pressed closely about the roots of the plants in their new place. In removing plants from place to place preserve as near unbroken as possible the mass of dirt about the roots. If the leaves of the young plants are clipped off about half-way back from the tips, the evaporation from them will be lessened that much and the roots will have an opportunity to establish connection with the soil and secure ample moisture before the full demand from the leaves is renewed. By this process the plants' chances for living will be materially increased.

## CULTIVATION

The chief purposes of cultivation are to keep down the weeds and to maintain in the soil a supply of air and moisture favorable to plant growth. The moisture in the soil about a vigorous plant is rapidly carried away by evaporation from the leaves. As long as the ground contains an ordinary water supply for several feet below the surface a steady flow of moisture goes upward through the minute spaces between the soil grains. The upper layers of soil are kept from becoming dry by this flow. But when the rainfall is scant the moisture in the lower soil also becomes exhausted and the plant curls up and dwindles. The gardener must provide against the occurrence of this condition. It is not enough to remedy it; he must prevent it. One of the most efficient means is a mulch, which is most conveniently made of the surface soil.

## TIME FOR THE SOIL MULCH

Usually as soon as a rain is over the atmosphere is free of moisture, and evaporation from the soil sets in. The water that has just soaked in comes up through the little pores between the soil grains and passes off from the surface of the soil into the air.

The gardener's aim with the mulch is to save this moisture and send it through his plants. If the little pipes or tubes formed by the pores of the soil are broken, the flow through them is checked and evaporation from the ground is much lessened. It is only necessary then in order to save the moisture for the plants, to break up the surface of the soil with a rake or other implement.

It is a serious mistake to suppose that so long as the surface remains moist the soil below is well
supplied with water. A damp surface may mean only that moisture is rapidly evaporating into the air. As often as the surface becomes solid it should be stirred with a rake or hoe. As a rain or even a shower compacts the soil at the surface, the common notion that it renders raking or shallow plowing less necessary is precisely contrary to the fact. It is then especially that the surface should be broken. The same is true after irrigation. The raking or plowing should be done as soon as the soil will not cake when squeezed in the hand.

## IRRIGATION

Frequently dry weather continues so long that it is impossible to preserve sufficient moisture by tillage or any sort of mulching. It then becomes necessary to water the garden. Where there is connection with city water works the supply is ample and easily reached. In other locations various forms of cisterns and reservoirs are employed.

In watering, the earth should be thoroughly wet, so that the moisture will get to the lower and outer roots of the plants. In order to check evaporation after sprinkling, the surface should be broken as soon as dry enough to work. The watering should be repeated when it is evident, upon careful watching, that more moisture is necessary. It must be remembered that the small, active roots, which take up moisture and plant food, are most numerous at the extremities of the large roots and at a distance from the stem.

The water must be so given as to reach these small roots. Water at any time when the plants need it, and water thoroughly. It may be well to keep in mind, however, that in the spring the best results are obtained by watering in the middle of the day, because the mornings and evenings are cool; in the summer, at evening because the days are hot and a great part of the water given would be evaporated immediately.

## CONCLUSION

There doesn't appear to be any reason why the suburban dweller should not have a home garden affording at once both healthful exercise and profit. An instance is in mind where a quarter acre garden in a suburb of Washington City was made to supply a family of six persons with fresh vegetables all through the season, and in addition to which was sold to neighbors, at current market prices, vegetables to the approximate amount of sixty dollars. The amount received from the sales alone more than doubled the cost of the work hired done, the fertilizers, and seed used in making the garden.

# Greek Motives in Historic Doorways 

By MYRTLE HYDE DARLING

GREEK architectural details have been scattered widely through modern house-building. We are so accustomed to the Greek form that a difficulty arises in realizing its presence. The Greek methods in use in our period date from the later eighteenth century, and were not known to be copied before then. While their art was free and spontaneous, modern copies are generally formal, rigid, and correct. Some old New England cities and towns have many dwellings which show some motive from the Greek as decoration. Style is character, and while the people of the Middle Ages never thought of it as such in adapting the beautiful and simple lines of their columns and temples, they had one, the purest and most interesting type of architecture, which now enters in modified form into the Colonial, (or eighteenth! century Renaissance) and modern Colonial buildings. The most interesting survivals of Greek detail are seen in the old dwelling-houses in the Eastern States, where the Grecian influence is of ten limited to the treatm.ent of a porch, a doorway, or a façade. The buildings of these times were honest and intelligent, and the classic detail well adapted to use in wood, because of its simplicity, beauty and power.

There seems to be in the ordinary modern house as little character, real character, in the entrance and doorway, as there is beauty in that feature of the human face, the nose. Most doorways are ugly things at best, and a really


PICKMAN-LORING-EMERTON HOUSE, SALEM, MASS. Erected 1818
beautiful entrance is rare. There was once a precise New England lady who asserted she could place any family by the look of its hallway, and if most of us are to be judged by our doorways, we should be found sadly lacking, at least in good taste.

In the quaint old city of Salem, Massachusetts, are some of the most fascinating doorways, all of them doubly interesting in that they belong to houses of historic association and ownership. That of the Cabot-Endicott house, erected in 1745, shows a remnant of the surmounting gable-roof form of the Greek temple, underlaid with carving, and the depressed or simulated Doric column. This is the earliest of the Greek designs. The shaft of the columns had no base but rose directly from the smooth pavement or stylobate, and the Doric capital was plain. The glass in the door is protected by extraordinarily beautiful wrought iron panels. Some of the romantic historic points of interest connected with the house is that of the famous Cabot garden of Colonial days, and its collection of seven hundred varieties of tulips, when a grand reception was held to exhibit the flowers n bloom. Later it was owned by the Honorable William Endicott, Secretary of War during the Cleveland administration, a descendant of that stern Puritan, Governor Endicott. In this house was born Mary Endicott, who fmarried the Right Honorable Joseph Chamberlain. The house has now passed into other


SHREVE HOUSE-ERECTED I8I4
Doorway Considered One of the Best Architectural Effects in Salem


PICKMAN-SHREVE-LITTLE HOUSE-ERECTED I8I4
One of the Finest Architectural Doorways in Salem
hands, but the doorway is preserved in its pristine condition. The mansion known as the Pickman-Loring-Emerton house is a brick structure of typical form, but possessing much exquisite detail. It was formerly owned by Mr. George B. Loring. It was built in i8, 8 , a n'd remodeled by Little \& Brown, architects, in 1885 The detail of the pillars is Ionic The Ionic order lengthens the shaft, and possesses some degree of ornament, yet preserves much simplicity. The volutes, ordouble scrolls of the capital, are said to have been copied from ringlets of hair, or perhaps from the horns of Jupiter Ammon The cornice shows a row of dentils or square teeth. The designs of the leaded glass lights on each side and above the door, and in the beautiful depressed window over the door, are the most exquisite patterns known in modern house building. So far their effect has never been equaled. This house, like the Cabot-EndicottLow house, is on Essex Street, the main thoroughfare running through the length of the city.

Chestnut Street in Salem shows some of the most delightful and stately houses, and amongst its beautiful doorways are two especially noteworthy, known
as the Shreve doorways. That of Dr. O. B. Shreve, built in 1814, shows exquisite Corinthian columns, and is classed among the best architectural effects there. The Corinthian is the lightest and most highly


CABOT-ENDICOTT-LOW HOUSE-ERECTED I745 decorated of the Greek patterns. The base of the column resemblesthe Ionic, but is more complicated. The capital is shaped like an inverted bell, covered on the outside by two rows of acanthus leaves, and above them, eight small volutes. It is said to have been suggested to the mind of Cal limachus, the celebrated sculptor, by seeing a basket covered with a tile and overgrown with the leaves of the acanthus. Under the cornices were a row of oblong projections bearing a leaf, or scroll, called modillions. Like the Emerton house, this has a depressed window above the doorway, with Corinthian column details. The other Shreve doorway, belonging to what is known as the Pickman-Shreve-Little house, which was built of brick laid in Flemish bond, in I8I4, also shows Corinthian columns. The glass lights about the door are in simple, beautiful and impressive Colonial design. The small decorative columns on each side of the front door and the window above are very dainty and interesting.

# The Small House Which is Good I. A HOUSE ON A SIXTY FOOT LOT 

W. P. R. PEMBER, Architect

IN very many of our American cities the beauty of the residential sections is marred by the huddling together of the houses on narrow lots, 30 feet, 35 feet, 40 feet wide. While this condition is undesirable, in many cases it seems unavoidable owing to inflation of land values and so must be accepted as a condition of city building.

In a dwelling of this class the difficulties of the problem are doubled by the fact that light can be relied on only from the front and rear, as rooms lighted from the sides with neighbors but a few feet away are at best in a sort of semi-darkness and certainly lack every element of privacy. It is the object of this article to show that a house can be built economically on a lot 60 feet wide and 150 feet deep, taking the maximum advantage of both front and rear light and securing airiness, convenience and privacy to the occupant. In brief, to accomplish this end a house has been designed that gives to all the living-rooms of the house either a back or a front exposure and does not allow the kitchen, pantry and sheds to monopolize all the rear light, of ten the best attainable in the house. There are no important windows in either side in any of the larger rooms.
The house is located well back from the street and about centrally between the side lines of the lot. A straight path leads from the sidewalk to the entrance porch in the corner between the main house and the kitchen wing and from it one steps into a commodious vestibule. On the left is a passage leading to the kitchen, also to a toilet and to the cellar stairs. This passage allows the maid to answer the door directly without passing through any other room.

From the vestibule also opens the hall. To the left is the staircase, to the right the living-room and ahead is a glimpse across the veranda and right down the garden.
The living-room is large and comfortable, with windows on the sides affording cross ventilation and coolness in summer. A generous fireplace is opposite the entrance, flanked on either side by built-in bookcases. Towards the street is a convenient window seat, while on the garden side a French window opens from the room out to the veranda.

Across from the living-room is the dining-room, also large and airy, with bay windows for flowers at one end and a French window opening onto the veranda. On one side of the fireplace is a built-in china closet, on the other a door leads through the
pantry to the kitchen. The range, sink and table are all compactly arranged; while a nook of the kitchen with a casement window opening towards the street affords cross ventilation and a pleasant sitting place for the maid-a place seldom found in houses where there is no servants' room down-stairs. Connected with the kitchen is a rear hall containing space for a refrigerator and leading to a lattice enclosed rear porch. On the opposite side access is also gained to the stairs, thus avoiding the expense of second stair.

Up-stairs are four bedrooms, bath and dressingroom, all with ample closets and two of the rooms with fireplaces, On the third floor are two servants' rooms and ample storage.

The veranda is an intimate part of the house, connecting for summer use dining-room, hall, and livingroom and forming an outdoor sitting and diningroom for summer; the table may be set here and meals served through the dining-room.

From the veranda stretches the garden joined to the house by a low terrace. This garden is designed to make the rear portion of the lot appear at its very largest. The central feature is a long simple panel of turf centering on the veranda and entirely surrounded by a panel walk. To right and left of the panel are generous flower borders for annuals and perennials, while at the end is a simple pergola with plastered posts and hewn beams supporting a trellis for grapes, clematis, wistaria, etc. This pergola is semicircular in plan and surrounds a simple little pool for aquatica. Backing up the flower borders and the pergola is a border of hardy shrubs, massed to give pleasing effects in bloom and foliage and interspersed with a row of Bolleana poplars or Norway maples, which form a background to the garden and cut off the unpleasant features of neighboring backyards without giving undue shade. Space is arranged at the side for a bed for cut flowers and a laundry yard, and at the extreme rear for vegetables and cold frames.

The house is designed to be executed in a warm gray plaster with all trim painted white, the roof of shingles stained a dark moss green, all chimneys plastered on the brick, blinds painted a dark olive green.

In the interior all finish is very simple: of white wood painted, the floors of No. I maple, stairs of oak with cherry rail, simple brick and tile fireplaces and hearths.

House and Garden


FRONT PERSPECTIVE



A HOUSE WITH INDIVIDUALITY
E. G. W. Dietrich, Architect


FIRST FLOOR PLAN


SECOND FLOOR PLAN

The following is an estimate of the cost of the house on a sixty foot lot:

| Excavation | \$62 40 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Foundation | 27750 |
| Cement floor. | 3000 |
| Cut stone. | 82 00 |
| Brick pavement( veranda). | 3120 |
| Frame. | 854 00 |
| Boarding | 31650 |
| Shingles. | 4500 |
| Exterior plaster | 560 00 |
| Frames, sash and exterior finish | . 63500 |
| Glazing. | 5000 |
| Flashing | 7500 |
| Interior plaster. | . 31000 |
| Brick work | . 26500 |
| Flue linings. | 4600 |
| Inside finish. | . 41000 |
| Floors. | 26000 |
| Painting. | . 21000 |
| Hardware | .32000 |
| Plumbing. | . 26000 |
| Heating. | 31000 |


| Garden: |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Plowing and clearing | \$10 00 |
| Rough grading | 2000 |
| Good soil and manure | 8750 |
| Spreading soil and manure | 2400 |
| Seeding, rolling, raking | 5000 |
| Sodding borders | 1000 |
| Shrubs | 4500 |
| Hedge around front of lot | 1200 |
| Perennials for flower borders | 2000 |
| Trees. | 3000 |
| Shipping and planting stock. | 2500 |
| Walks, etc.: |  |
| Cinders (6 inches deep) | \$ 600 |
| Gravel (4 inches deep) | 880 |
| Spading and rolling. | 250 |
| Granolithic . | 2650 |

## Pool:

Excavation ................................... $\$ 500$
Concrete foundations. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3300
Cement basin. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2000
Coping......................................... . . . 5000

Plumbing. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2500

## Steps to terrace:

Excavation and brick work .................. . \$20 00
Foundation......................................... . . . 1650
Trellis at end of terrace:
Pergola:

| Excavation and foundation | \$600 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Carpentry. | 75 00 |  |
| Plaster. | 2000 |  |
| Stain. | 1000 |  |
|  | - - | 11100 |
|  |  | 867280 |
| Total house. |  | \$5409 60 |
| Total garden |  | 67280 |
|  |  | \$6082 40 |

# II. A House With Individuality 

E. G. W. DIETRICH, Architect

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HOUSE possessing in emphatic measure charming individuality is the residence of Mr. W. H. Clark at Jamestown, N. Y.
The Dutch Colonial style has been followed with marked success. The first story is laid up with a gray sandstone of coursed ashlar, while the gables and second story are shingled, and stained. The setting of the house among trees and beautiful lawns completes a very satisfying picture.

Reference to the plans will show on the first floor: a central hall, large and airy, with a delightful inglenook and fireplace. Wide low seats are built in under the windows in the arc of the bay. The parlor and dining-room, each with generous fireplaces and built-in seats, are located on either side of the central hall and give the effect of even greater spaciousness when opened up.

The kitchen department and butler's pantry are complete in all respects.

The wood finish in the central hall and stairway is painted white except the hand rail which is of mahogany.

The floors throughout the house are of hard woods, finished natural, on which well-selected rugs are used.

On the second floor five sleeping rooms and bath are provided, also linen closet and housemaid's closet. Additional space is available in the attic for servants' rooms and storage.

In the decoration of the rooms the architect has used simple color effects in harmonious shades.

In the rugs and hangings a certain freshness of tone has been secured, with broad spaces of wall surfaces of colors, best suited for displaying pictures with proper effect. There has been no effort in this house to elaborate the decorations, but on the contrary, natural wood finishes have been appliedproducing in the woodwork beautiful tones of color, harmonizing with the color scheme of walls and furnishings.

Extreme care and good taste have been displayed in the selection of the furniture and each piece seems as if made for the place it occupies and to be particularly happy in fulfilling the use for which it was intended.

We have all heard of the artist who obtained his best effects by erasures. So in this instance it seems that a process of elimination had been inaugurated at the outset by restricting any desire for that which was not truly and consistently artistic.

The household gods are few, but very choice, and make no demand for a troop of slaves to labor in their service.

# What to Do With the Walls SOME HINTS ON INTERIOR DECORATION 

By LEILA MECHLIN

ONE of the most vexing questions of interior decoration is what to do with the walls-how to treat them, what to put on them. The prevailing impression seems to be that they are racks upon which pictures and all manner of flat objects can be hung, either as a matter of convenience or for the purpose of exhibition; but this is all wrong. Walls are primarily the background of the room and should be treated accordingly. They must be considered a part of a single composition, not as an independent unit. They should supplement the furnishings but never intrude upon them. As in a picture the background should never be most noticeable, so in a room the walls should never be conspicuous. If one is furnishing as well as decorating, the problem is comparatively simple, for then a scheme of color can be determined upon and carried out with consistency, but in the other event it is sometimes necessary to call a compromise. There are certain hard and fast rules, however, which will be found applicable to all conditions, chief among which is the axiom of simplicity-the common use of plain, low-toned colors. For north rooms with little or no sunshine warm tints should be employed, the varying shades of pink and red, of buff and yellow; whereas, in south rooms, flooded with light, cool colors, such as blues, greens and grays, are best suited. These must be selected with reference to the woodwork. It is as incongruous to combine red wall covering with cherry or mahogany doors and window frames, as to trim a crimson gown with terra-cotta velvet; and yet this is something which few decorators seem to comprehend, though one, who was reasoned with once, was known to declare that he himself did prefer "'armony to contrast."

As to the kinds of wall covering there is an endless variety, from silk tapestry down to fifteen cent paper. Japanese grass-cloth, decorative linen crash and burlap are being much used to-day and in many cases with excellent effect, and common calcimine, or water-color wash, is not to be despised. These, unless the ceilings are high, can be put on without a border, being finished by a moulding like the standing woodwork, the ceiling tint being carried to this mould. Cartridge paper of course is good, and some excellent effects can be produced with two-toned papers. Figured patterns are not bad for bedrooms, but great care should be exercised in the choice of these; spotted devices should be eschewed and con-
ventional rather than naturalistic arrangements chosen. A very awful effect in wall covering is a paper simulating a bright colored tapestry, hanging in folds. It was a clever imitation and the result is, that upon inspection the entire room takes on an undulating motion which in time proves very disconcerting. Small bedrooms papered with large flaring peony, chrysanthemum and rose designs are also apt to prove extremely annoying. These sometimes in combination with plain papers, used as a deep border, have been made effective in rooms remittently occupied; such, for example, as a guest's chamber, but even they conflict with the use of pictures or other decorations.

An interesting effect is produced by the use of a plain paper with a cut-out, figured border. A charming bedroom, for instance, was made by placing as a finish to pearl gray walls a festooned border, a foot in width, of roses and green-gray garlands cut out along the lower margin. A dining-room in another tasteful home gave equally pleasing effect in green walls with a foliage border treated after the same manner.

Rooms with little furniture, or for use on gala occasions, will stand more elaborate decoration than living-rooms, commonly well filled; and likewise the choice and arrangement of pictures should be made with a view to their environment making qualities.

All pictures to be agreeable companions should have a decorative motive; they should adapt themselves or be adaptable to the general scheme of decoration and not be individually insistent. This is a day when pictures-good pictures-can be had very cheaply; when excellent reproductions of the world's masterpieces are within the reach of the most humble. These in photographs and half-tone prints, neatly framed and tastefully hung, are infinitely preferable to the more costly, highly colored, commercial products. It is reported that millionaire Blank paid $\$ 75,000$ for a painting by Rembrandt; that Tompkins, the railroad magnate, purchased a Romney for two thirds that sum; but it is not noted that John Smith, the lumber dealer, bought a clever little landscape by a local painter, which will bring him lasting pleasure, for $\$ 75$; or that architect Jones was lucky enough to possess himself of an admirable little water-color, made by a brother artist, during his summer holiday, for a crisp twenty dollar note. Rembrandts and Rubens and Romneys are undoubtedly enviable possessions, but the present
day painters produce much work which is, through its merit, very satisfactory to live with. Good things are not always the most expensive; a twenty dollar water-color may be as good of its kind as a thousand dollar oil; just as a piece of lawn is as commendable as the same length of silk or velvet. It is not the price but the intrinsic merit, and its suitability to its surroundings.
A picture to be a lasting pleasure should have something more than superficial charm. It should be something more than a copy; it should not always tell the same story, or repeat its story with too much insistence. A rabbit and a game bag on a barn door, so lifelike that the eye at first is deceived, will grow very tiresome unless it has something more than its realism to commend it; as will also a ballet girl gracefully balanced on the tip of a dainty foot. Alma Tadema is said to have grown so weary of one of his own paintings once, that he invited his friends to his studio and induced them to jump through it, himself leading the way; and there are many pictures which after considerable acquaintance give rise to the same inclination. A landscape true to nature, atmospheric, luminous, low-toned or colorful will, however, wear well, as will also a portrait, or a genre wherein the values are successfully sustained and the pigment made subservient to the thought, or theme. As one would not care to remain long in the room with a self-playing musical instrument, or an endless talker', neither does one ceaselessly enjoy flagrant color, or extravagant technique.

But very different pictures are suitable for different rooms. One excellent arrangement that I call to mind was in a home where high keyed, decorative water-colors were placed in the drawing-room; etchings in the music-room; and rich, colorful oils in library and living-rooms. If pictures are hung at all in a hallway, they should be of a much more formal order than those in other parts of the housearchitectural compositions, decorative schemes and the like.
A wall should never be overcrowded with pictures. Too many are worse so far as general effect goes than too few. Each should be given a fair space and as good a light as possible. This matter of space is often most vexing as nothing is more awkward than an unbalanced arrangement-a heavy picture in a small space. There was a time when everything came in pairs; when the mantel had a vase at each end; an identical frame on either side. That was overdoing the balance principle; but at present the pendulum has swung too far the other way, and many walls and mantels look as though the pictures
and ornaments had been thrown at them indiscriminately. As always there is a happy medium, but it must be discovered by the householders' own judgment and sense of proportion.

The framing of pictures is another all important question, and one too often overlooked. While a conspicuous frame is exceedingly objectionable, a handsome and appropriate one greatly adds to the charm of a meritorious work. Gilt is good, but it should be of a subdued tone rather than freshly shining. Wood for etchings and engravings is very suitable and more durable than gilt. A picture should never be overweighted by its frame, and even for a large oil painting a four inch moulding is usually sufficient. For small works one or two inches will be found enough. Water-colors are sometimes framed without mats, but in most cases a border of gold, gray or green adds to their attractiveness. Etchings and engravings should almost invariably be matted in white. Plain frames are in better taste than ornate ones and at the same time less costly; and flat ones commonly more effective than those that flare. So also the pictures should be hung from eye screws near the top of the frame and not allowed to swing sharply forward, though a slight slant is not always objectionable.

There are other things besides pictures which make excellent wall decorations, such for example as Japanese embroideries, pieces of tapestry, decorative pieces of china, plaster casts, and mosaics. Mirrors may be used but only where a vista is to be specially desired, and never where they will continually confront the occupants of the room with their own reflections. The Japanese keep, customarily, their pictures in cases, and display upon the walls of a room but one at a time and the idea in the abstract is not a bad one. Familiarity not only sometimes "breeds contempt" but often produces psychic blindness. We rarely note those things which continually surround us, and for this reason a change is often profitable as well as pleasant. An old picture in a new light is often a fresh revelation of merit. This is, of course, most applicable to living-rooms, and to those who possess many pictures.

The danger of overcrowding the walls is always to be regarded; the possibility of forming unbalanced and inharmonious arrangements ever to be feared. Remembering, however, the background theory, conforming the walls and their decorations to a single scheme, and restricting the choice to simple, substantial colors, materials and objects, even these will be readily avoided, and the most difficult problems prove easily solved.

# The Japanese Tree Lilac 

(Syringa Japonica)

By W. C. EGAN

IN the nomenclature of our gardens many confusing names appear, and often many plants of varied genera bear the same common name.
The name daisy is applied to over eleven distinct plants, all of different genera, but all bearing a daisy-like flower.
The queerest mix up, however, in common names is that the well-known mock orange (Pbiladelphus coronarius) has for one of its common names the word syringa, which in reality is the botanical name
of the lilac. It is also singular, when one takes into consideration the world-wide cultivation of the lilac since it was introduced to cultivation from Hungary and Persia in 1597, that it possesses so few common names. Where the word lilac sprang from, or what it means, I have been unable to ascertain, but the one additional name, pipe tree, comes from the fact that its long straight stems filled with medulla are easily converted into pipe stems, in fact the generic term syringa means a pipe.

Up to within a

the Japanese tree lilac comparatively few years we had to content ourselves with the old-fashioned li lac, Syringa vulgaris, and the Persian form; but of late many new forms of Syringa vulgaris, in various tints, have appeared, as well as many new , species.

One of the best of the latter is Syringa Faponica, the Japanese tree lilac.

The common lilac may be grown in tree form by proper manipulation, but this species grows naturally, forming a low spreading tree eventually reaching a height of thirty feet, bearing in late summer creamy white panicles often a foot long and as broad.
In buying new varieties of the common form get them "" on their own roots," as then the natural increase by suckers will be true to name. They are often grafted on the common lilac or the privet.

# An Up-to-Date Nursery LATEST PRODUCTS AND METHODS OF RAISING SHRUBS AND FLOWERING PLANTS 

By G. BERTRAND MITCHELL

TTHE traveler who has journeyed at this season of the year along the old brick paved road which winds itself from Leyden to Haarlem, will never forget the gorgeous stretches of hyacinths, tulips, anemones, crocuses and lilies that line the roadway on either side. These fields, really nothing more than countless small enclosed gardens, are the famous nurseries of Holland, where, centuries ago, capitalists and merchants traded in bulbs and plants, making and losing fortunes in a single day.

Yet, within eight miles of New York's City Hall, across the North River, on the New Jersey side, one single firm has to-day almost as great an area devoted to the cultivation of shrubs and flowering plants.

Characteristic of American enterprise, this vast business, established only as many years as it is miles
distant from the metropolis, has grown as rapidly, aye, far more rapidly, than many a wonderful plant which the casual visitor may notice here, that has been nurtured and forced by modern methods of cultivation. These nurseries lie along the historic old Plank Road and are at all times of the year an objective point for excursionists and local visitors.
From the first day of its incorporation it has been the policy of this concern to have, not an output for the spring and summer alone, but for the four seasons of the year. "We plan for 365 days in the year, barring Sundays if you will," said one of the men. "This enables us to employ our experienced gardeners with no possibility of their being laid off for lack of business and in consequence not to be found when needed on some unexpected order, one


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of the great detriments to many of our competing nurseries."

The main entrance from the street leads up a broad flight of steps to a wide avenue that is lined with shapely linden trees whose branches grow close to a latticed frame work, and form two unbroken rows of green as perfectly aligned as the ranks of a regiment on dress parade.

Each of these unusual trees, imported from a European nursery, has been so pruned and trained that its limbs evenly balance, and bear a striking resemblance to the seven branched candelabra of the Hebrews.

Between the tree trunks to the left one catches glimpses of long lines of dwarf evergreens and other choice ornamental stock, while to the right extend parallel rows of plants in blossom, and shade and fruit trees.

At the end of the avenue are the office buildings. A graveled roadway leads past numerous storehouses where several trucks are unloading a consignment of tall shrubs, all with their roots and leaves carefully wrapped, and which have been lightered around to the nearest dock from some trans-Atlantic steamship.
A modest farmhouse that nestles under a gigantic weeping willow at the turn of the road, seems to belie the actual age of this establishment.
The broad, green velvety lawn in front with its semiformal arrangement, with potted bay trees of round
and pyramidal shape, causes one to feel that it is the growth of a century at least.

Of course the house and willow tree stood here long before the nurseries were opened, and the line of beautiful pyramidal bays that extends on the other side toward a grove in the rear, has long since passed the age of voting. These trees, which are thirty years old and until recently owed their allegiance to Holland, are worth three hundred dollars a pair, an attendant tells you.

Not far distant are many long rows of the standard bay tree, a-semi-hardy plant, graceful in shape, rich green in color, now used extensively for house decoration in the winter and for formal and Italian garden features through the warmer months.

This magnificent collection of 1500 trees includes some of the largest specimens that have ever been imported. The smaller trees, worth in the market ten years ago about $\$ 100$ apiece, may to-day-because of the immense shipments received by this concern-be purchased for about one-tenth of that price.

In marked contrast to many American business concerns, one encounters here only courteous and obliging employees. The managers encourage inspection by visitors and are ready to give full and complete information about the care and growth of the various plants. There are no secrets to be carefully guarded from the public and those owning


## An Up-to-Date Nursery

even the smallest plots of land, can learn here much that may be utilized.
"Very little care, if any, is needed for hardy herbaceous plants," a gardener explains. "By these we mean such plants as may be allowed to remain permanently in the open ground. Of course the foliage dies down each fall, but comes forth again each spring. A fairly good soil to begin with, occasional enrichings, a little cultivation to eradicate the weeds, the cutting down of the old dead tops and a slight covering for a few of the varieties in choice collections are all that is necessary.
"Naturally some judgment is required in the planning of effective borders or beds. The low growing varieties should be selected for planting near the edge and the taller sorts graded up toward the center or back. One may also increase the stocks in various groups and beds by lifting up the plants and dividing the roots."

To get at the master minds of this institution, one is ushered through a series of offices, arranged for the corps of assistants, stenographers, topographical draftsmen, and landscape gardeners, to the private office, a room far from being small in actual proportions, and yet with desks, tables and shelves so piled with papers and correspondence as to suggest the editorial rooms of a city newspaper on the night of a close election.

The senior member, small in stature, swarthy of skin, active, keen, alert, traces a long line of ancestors devoted to Dutch horticulture. The junior partner,
in direct contrast, stalwart, broad shouldered, of florid complexion, sandy hair and moustache, remembers with pride a youth spent on a great English estate of which his father was superintendent.
We are told by horticulturists that the grafting, or hybridization of heterogeneous plant life, produces more perfect specimens, choicer fruits, and more hardy varieties. Even the most unenlightened layman realizes the effect of this grafting or union of Teuton and Anglo-Saxon intellect. Photographs hanging on the office walls show great quantities of shrubs, plants and trees which adorn the beautiful country places of Newport, Tuxedo, Lakewood and elsewhere, telling graphically of the estimation in which these experts are held by many of the leading financiers, professional and business men of the country. One group of six photographs shows several hundred magnificent bay trees alone, that have been purchased for the approaches of the National Capitol.

Under the guidance of the junior partner, we first visit the evergreen section, conceded to be the most magnificent collection ever made in America. This section, devoted to hardy evergreens and conifers, comprises many acres of land. It is astonishing to note the number of shades of green among the 150 varieties planted here: golden, bronze, bright tones, dull tones, blue greens, gray greens, orange greens, and greens so dark as to seem almost black. Beautiful specimens of the hemlock, juniper, cypress,


PYRAMIDAL BAY TREES FOURTEEN FEET HIGH

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English yew, retinospora, a Japanese cedar, the thuya or arbor-vitæ, and hosts of others too numerous to mention. We are told that the Japanese dwarf evergreen is one of the most valuable decorative plants, because it can be used where others would grow too large in a few years, and so destroy the original effect planned when they were set out.

Amongst the conifer family are varieties of the Abies, (both spruce and hemlock, the Picea, or silver firs, and the pines, several of the latter being of the dwarf variety, while others are broad and compact. All these trees are constantly trimmed and are transplanted several times a year.

A collection of 3,500 beautiful Colorado blue spruce trees, demands attention as much for their remarkable grayish blue green color as for their healthy appearance and thrifty growth. These are worth from two and a half to twenty-five dollars apiece, according to their size and perfection.

Next we visit the rhododendrons, classed under large leaf and hardy evergreen shrubs, so our guide informs us. In a delightfully romantic spot, beneath a beautiful grove of stately trees that covers several acres, are planted thousands of these plants, both of the hybrid or English and the maximum or American varieties, their flowers varying from pure white to delicate pink.

Thousands of the hybrid variety are imported each year and these rhododendrons, both foreign and domestic, are shipped by the carload to every part of the United States.

Two entire hothouses, $165 \times 25$ feet in dimensions, were given up to "tender" azaleas, for the Christmas and Easter trade, thirty-five thousand plants in all, forced by artificial methods to flower at the proper time. A loss of some 1,500 plants, that were accidentally killed by frost during the holiday season, enough to cripple many another concern, scarcely affected the output of this place.

One may procure many varieties of the hardy azalea: the Azalea amœna, a superb low growing evergreen shrub, with foliage of a bronze tint and flowers that blossom in a bright rosy purple mass in May; the exquisite Azalea mollis, a Chinese hybrid, which can be forced for an indoor plant; the Baccharis halimifolia, which grows well at the seashore and in salt marshes, giving forth white fluffy clusters of seed vessels and lasting from September until after frost; and several Japanese dwarf plants, notably the Azalea amona of the scarlet variety, the Indica alba with its pure white flower, the Indica rosea and the Indica rosea, flore pleno, the latter a double flowered form. All are the product of years of careful nurture and are unexcelled for border decoration.

The hothouses devoted to ferns and palms now invite inspection. Here are thousands of beautiful tropical plants. As we enter, the frail stalks of the palms gently sway and the clusters of long leaves rustle softly in the current of air caused by the opened door. Of these, the Kentia and the Phœnix or date
f palm are most used for decoration, the latter being espe-
 cially adapted for lawns as it is not affected by the sun of the northern latitudes. But if the palms suggest tropical islands and azure skies, how much more suggestive is the next enclosure filled to overflowing with orange trees! Now it is the sense of smell as well as vision that wafts one to the Indies and the Florida Keys. White waxy blossoms and ripe golden fruit make the air heavy with their perfume. These

English Laurel are all of the dwarf variety. Another year and all these several thousands of trees will be replaced by an entirely new shipment.
At the entrance to one storehouse, a group of truckmen are loading their teams with an immense consignment of the kalmia, or mountain laurel, each plant about five feet high, the leaves broad, glossy green. These, all of native growth, will be used for lawns, and probably associated with the rhododendrons in some decorative scheme. It is somewhat too early for their flowering season, but by June they will be covered with large, wonderfully tinted clusters of blossoms. Several carloads of these plants at from five to seven dollars apiece suggest a problem in multiplication that will run into several figures.

From the small holly trees, still laden with their scarlet berries, we go to the boxwoods. There is a greatly increased demand for this old-fashioned shrub

## An Up-to-Date Nursery

brought over first by the early Dutch settlers. It is claimed that it was introduced in some way from Japan into Europe centuries ago. Of twenty-five varieties in stock, only three have been so perfected as to be practical for commercial purposes. These are planted in imported wicker baskets, that when dug up encase and protect the roots.

But here let us take a glance at the cooper shop, from which are turned out annually many thousand strong wooden tubs. Every fine plant, especially of the bay tree variety, that is sent away to grace the vestibules and dining-rooms of great city hotels, or the approaches or salons of a beautiful residence, is carefully potted in an iron-bound tub of plain or ornamental shape, and made from the heart of cypress. These are then painted a dark green or red. The management here believe that it is as essential to have a shrub properly potted as to procure an appropriate frame for a good picture. They decry what they claim is very commonly done, even where the surroundings are costly and luxurious, the utilization for this purpose of butter tubs and cut-down whiskey barrels. The boxwood is not only a factor employed here in the decorative scheme of a formal garden, but is used by landscape gardeners in the reproductions of old-fashioned gardens for which they find a const antly increasing demand. The different species vary in size from low may be used for grouping, edging walks, planting against house foundations, for hedges, and in tubs to be placed on terraces and porches. Like the bay tree, we find them in the standard, pyramid and bush form, as well as globe-shaped, and they may be purchased from twenty-five cents to fifteen dollars apiece, according to size and condition. Dwarf Orange Tree

Close at hand are several acres devoted to
old-fashioned flowers. One may see here just such a scene as one's memory holds of childhood days on some old farm or estate. A straggling patch of phlox, next, tall hollyhocks, tiger lilies, white lilies, clove pinks, then a bed of peonies, rows of geraniums, asters, pansies, lilies-of-the-valley and many other old and new varieties of the hardy perennials. With a slight knowledge of plants and their requirements, here is material for the humblest plot of land.

How often we see in the arrangement of flower beds in the cottage garden a total disregard for color harmony, an assemblage of plants placed together haphazard, or if there is any apparent intention, it is the arrangement of the most violent contrasts! And yet competent, helpful advice may be had for the mere asking.

Undoubtedly, the most beautiful sight that meets one's vision here is an immense stretch of white lilies in full bloom, a dazzling field of white, offset by the dense green of the woodland background. Certainly, Bermuda could never have offered a greater inducement to the seeker of natural beauty than her fields of lilies. Since the great scourge that has practically destroyed this pride of the Western isles, these nurseries send out from their hothouses for the Easter trade countless numbers of this exquisite plant. Other varieties there are here of many sorts and colors, and sold in bulb form or potted plant to be used as a shrub border, for a wild garden, or for interior decoration.

But what shall we say about the great section devoted to roses? At every short turn we have come upon new storehouses, new hothouses, new sections planted with almost every plant that is grown.

Roses, in hybrid perpetuals, hybrid teas, Bengal, Polyantha and climbing varieties are seen by the tens of thousands. During the spring season, more than 100,000 bushes of every known variety are sent out. Each year 100 new species, or hybrids, are produced here or are received from sources the world over.

Ninety-five per cent of these roses are handled in a dormant condition, but for the accommodation of those who have waited until too late to set out dormant plants, several thousand are potted and placed in the hothouses as early as the middle of January. These will be disposed of to retail customers principally after the first or middle of May. The rose gardeners claim that large quantities of the roses shipped away in a perfectly healthy condition are destroyed through unintentional negligence of course, but the blame falls on the nurserymen. The trouble comes from the fact that the roots which are extremely sensitive to exposure to the air, have been allowed to become dry and shriveled at the stem.

The packing moss should be retained about the roots, and kept moist until such time as one is prepared to plant, and then one plant exposed at a time and dipped in water just before it is put in the

ground. One form of rose bush particularly strikes the visitor as being worthy of mention, a product of the experimental departments here. It is the standard or rose tree. Of the hybrid, there are 100 varieties alone.

Originally, rose trees were grafted on the English briar, but were extremely susceptible to frost. The standard rose is grafted on the Rosa rugosa and cinnamon stalk, is cut back to four or five eyes, and is perpetual.

Trained linden trees were mentioned as forming the decorative feature of the shaded avenue through which we entered from the street. The trees we find in stock, trained specially for forming arched avenues, natural pergolas, gateways or formal garden effects, the idea being introduced and copied from old European estates. No extra skill seems
 to be necessary in keeping them in the original shape. The trained fruit trees, however, form the great bulk of the unusual output. One remembers with delight the curious little gardens in France and Belgium, where the most luscious apples, plums and pears were grown on trees which were outstretched so closely to the white plastered stone walls, with their red tile copings, that it seemed as if their limbs must have been flattened out by some gigantic press.

Plucked for the premier déjeuner by a rosy cheeked maid, the fruit from these quaint gardens, where every tree had been so planted that the sun's warm rays could reach every twig and leaf, was far finer in flower, far sweeter to the taste than the fruit procured in the village market. This arrangement called a cordon can be seen here as well as the palmette horizontal and palmette double branched forms of pear and apple trees.


Standard Bay Tree

Then, too, for limited space, here is the globe, dwarf and the pyramidal form. Apples, apricots, cherries, figs, nectarines, plums, quinces, peach trees in pots for forcing, in fact every kind of fruit that can be grown. Of the pears, there are varieties, which bear fruit, a variety for each month of the year.

Passing down a rustic bridle path, lined with evergreens and many plants in bloom, we come upon a long line of laborers, who, under the guidance of superintendents, are cultivating long rows of various plants. From here we see on the western limits of the nursery grounds, the attractive roomy residences,

blue spruce in nursery rows side by side, of the firm members, surrounded by evergreens and plants that have been nurtured by their own hands. Pleasant indeed to live amidst one's life-work, especially when it is the sort that brings one so close to nature.

Neither time nor space can be given to visiting and enumerating the other beds of plants or the hothouses where the less hardy varieties are confined.

One can but imagine the chromatic display when the great beds of peonies bloom forth in all their glory.

There are also the beds of hardy iris of which the Iris Kompferi is considered the most beautiful of all the summer flowering plants, the beds of stately golden glow, hybrid pansies, chrysanthemums for the late fall, and the poppies of which there are alone twenty varieties.

Outside of the trained fruit and shade trees already mentioned, the importation of which amounts to many thousand dollars a year, there are fifteen acres devoted to common shade trees. These are allowed to grow until the trunks are from two to three and a half inches in diameter. They undergo several transplantings when they are carefully pruned so as to cause more fibrous roots to break out, thus ensuring their future success when planted amid new scenes and new surroundings.

In conclusion, let us say that what most impresses the visitor at these nurseries is the great care displayed in the handling of all the shrubs and plants. Every shrub dug has a ball of earth, to which the roots are attached. Of the two orders that we noted being made up for shipment, one was for Southern Louisiana and the other for California. One would naturally wonder what condition live plants would be in after days spent in transportation.
"When these consignments are received," said the junior partner, "all these shrubs will be found to be in perfect condition, but no time should be lost in unpacking, unless they arrive in a wind storm. In that case they. should be covered from the wind until it moderates so as not to let the roots dry out. At the time they are planted the dimension of the hole dug should be from three to four times larger than the ball, and eight inches to a foot deeper, so as to allow the soil for a foot around the plant to be loosened or cultivated.
"If the soil is poor, clay or well decayed manure should be used, mixed about one to four, in proportion with the "soil replaced. Fresh or half decomposed fertilizer will impair the vitality of the plant. Where the ground is dry, a space about six inches deep and filled with water should be
allowed to remain until the following day, when the remaining soil can be filled in. When planting, do not forget the importance of pressing the soil down firmly around the boll of earth so that the plant will be solid in the ground and not easily blown over by any sudden wind. One should also spray the trees every evening until the roots begin to work, which will be indicated by a new growth on the tops of every branch.
"The individual beauty and perfection of form of each evergreen may be maintained by a slight clipping early in the spring before the new growth commences.
"The junipers, retinosporas, and the arbor-vitæ require a heavier trimming which can be done with absolute safety as late as early summer.
"During protracted periods of drought a slight spraying of the surface will not be sufficient to retain the freshness of transplanted shrubs, there must then be a thorough soaking of the roots.
"We are able to plant successfully any of our productions in this line in mid-summer or during the winter months, and it is a curious fact, too, that a garden sheltered by evergreens will produce vegetables two weeks earlier than an open field. But if the simple rules just given are carried out, we are sure of satisfactory results," he concluded as we walked back to the ma'i $n$ offices.
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# The Garden in the Temporary Home 

By IDA D. BENNETT

WHILE the hardy perennial garden is admirable in itself and appeals to us along the lines of utility and sentiment, it loses its peculiar attractiveness when viewed from the standpoint of the temporary dweller in a summer home whose future movements may be uncertain. Naturally, when confronted by the possibility of change one hesitates to invest largely of money, time or strength in a garden which requires more than the present year to come to its best estate and which another summer may see sadly divorced from our interests.

Under these circumstances one seeks for those plants which yield quick returns and pass with the passing of summer. Fortunately, the floral calendar is rich in flowers suitable for the temporary home and includes both annuals, which come into bloom from spring sown seeds early in the summer, and those bulbs which may be started either in the house or open ground and planted out when danger of frost is past and lifted again in the fall and stored for future planting, either in the same garden or in some distant home. And so much beauty is possible from a garden arranged from these sources that one need not regret the more permanent forms of gardens.

For effective sub-tropical gardening there is nothing better than the canna, tritoma and ricinus. These give both color and foliage effect and are of the easiest culture. The ricinus, of which there are many varieties with rich colored leaves, should be started in the house by planting seed in pots placed in a warm, sunny window early in April and transplanting to the open ground when all danger of frost is past. Cannas, too, may be easily grown from seed if the precaution is taken to sandpaper the seed on one side until the white shows and then soak in hot water for twenty-four hours before sowing; treated thus they will germinate in about three days, while unsandpapered and unsoaked they will remain in the ground two or three weeks before germination takes place.

Seeds of the best of the large flowered orchid varieties may now be obtained of most seedsmen and these with the tall ornamental kinds will give excellent results for so small a sum that one may leave them in the ground with a clear conscience when frost or moving time comes, a thing we hesitate to do with the high priced florist's stock.

Beautiful dahlias may be grown from seed and will give better results than plants grown from tubers, blooming much earlier and more freely as a general
thing. Seeds of most of the best varieties may now be procured of the seedsmen including the show and cactus dahlias, but for cut flowers the single ones are far more effective.
It is a question if there is a more popular bedding plant than the scarlet salvia; this, also, is an easily grown plant, coming quickly from seed and blooming from early in July until cut down by frost. It combines beautifully with the Nicotiana sylvestris and $N$. affinis, and a bed composed of these is a sight worth seeing. Nicotiana sylvestris grows some six feet high, has great tropical looking leaves and is crowned all summer and long after the early frosts with a wealth of snow white flowers which, unlike $N$. affinis, remain open all day. It should be grown in the center of a bed of scarlet salvia and the salvias may have a border of Arctotis grandis, another thrifty annual with daisy-like flowers of white with a blue eye, which stands much frost and is a sure and persistent bloomer.

The dwarf Phlox Drummondii are admirable for oordering beds of other flowers and if the seeds are kept off will bloom as persistently as those already cited. They should be sown early in hotbed or window-box and set out when large enough to handle, setting the plants four or six inches apart each way.

These are the more ornamental of the annuals or those plants which may be grown as annuals and may be given a conspicuous place on the lawn if desired and will be effective from early summer to late fall. They each require practically the same culture, good soil, well enriched with old manure, which should be kept well cultivated and free from weeds and given an abundance of water during the growing season.
Among the summer flowering bulbs the gladioli will always be one of the most popular. Its cheapness, freedom of bloom and ease of culture are attributes that appeal to the amateur gardener. Of late years the size and color of the flowers have been greatly improved and immense blossoms, five and six inches in diameter, are by no means uncommon, and strange, weird shades of gray, blue and smoke are mingled with the scarlets and pinks and reds so long familiar. Their culture is the simplest,-good soil and an occasional watering is about all they require. If the bulbs are planted deep enough, about nine inches, the plants will require no staking.

There is a long list of bulbous plants not usually seen in the summer garden that should be extensively cultivated. Among these the most beautiful by far is the snowy Ismene with its curiously fringed petals,
green throat and delightful fragrance. It is easily grown by starting the bulbs in pots of soil in March or April and planting out in the open ground late in May or early in June; they come into flower very soon after planting out and challenge the admiration of all who behold them.
Tigridias are other worthy summer flowering bulbous plants of curious shape and striking colors. They should be planted in masses for best effect and the large flowered California hybrids will be a good selection and cost somewhat less than the named sorts; these, too, should be started indoors and planted out when the weather is warm, or if the ground is warm enough they may be planted at once in the open ground.

Then there are many flowering bulbs of the great amaryllis family, among them Amaryllis Formosissima, and the Belladonna lily, Amaryllis Belladonna, and the various zephyranthes or fairy lilies. Milla biflora, Bessera elegans and Cooperia Drummondii are charming bulbs for summer planting. They should be planted in quantities, and may be used to border beds of the larger bulbs.
Vines will be needed for the temporary garden and those of quick growth should be selected. For this purpose there is nothing better than the Cobaa scandens; this is a rapid grower, quickly producing a dense mass of foliage, which from early summer until late fall is covered with its beautiful gloxinia-like flowers of various shades of mauve. The flowers, when first opened, are a greenish white but change from day to day from delicate shades of lavender through all the shades of purple and deepest wine, the commingling of shades on the vines at one time producing a beautiful effect.

Another desirable vine for immediate effect is the lophospermum. This also makes a quick and vigorous growth; the foliage is not as fine as that of the Cobaa scandens, being somewhat coarse and fuzzy, but it is a good and effective vine and is covered with large, gloxinia-like flowers of a soft rose color. It blooms very freely and its culture is easy. Start seed in hotbed or flat and transplant when all danger of frost is passed. The cobæa is also raised from seed, the seed requiring rather more care as they decay easily and for this reason they should be placed on edge when planting them; they require two weeks or more to germinate, but grow on rapidly when once up. The tips of the leaf sprays are supplied with tendrils which cling to any object with
which they come in contact, making them self-supporting and for this reason may be grown on rough stone or brick walls or on dead trees. They like a warm situation and plenty of water, but will do well in almost any position.

The wild cucumber is valuable for quick effects and will grow in any position and with any treatment. The Japanese morning-glory at its best is a joy to the flower lover. To really enjoy it, it should be planted on the west side of the house that the blooms may remain open as long as possible. It must have abundance of water during its blooming season; this is imperative if the blooms are to be of fine size. I do not know of any vine or plants the quality of whose flowers depends so greatly upon the water supply as do these. Let them be only moderately moist and the flowers will be little better than the common morning-glory, but soak them in water and liquid manure night and day and the plant will reward you with blossoms five and six inches in diameter and of colors that are marvelous.

Of course, one will wish for pansies and asters and sweet peas, stock and verbenas and all the common garden treasures which may be achieved in one short summer. Roses, too, may not be unattainable now that so many teas and hybrid teas suitable for summer bedding are offered by the florists at so reasonable a price. I have found that the small mail order sizes really respond more readily to culture in the open ground the first summer than the older plants and they may be planted with confidence by the dweller in the temporary home.

Where the yard space or absence of any yard at all makes futile the idea of an outdoor garden, the window and porch box affords opportunity for no small amount of plant culture and one may gratify his taste for many of the low growing summer annuals, verbenas, phlox, ageratums, candytuft, antirrhinums, geraniums, fuchsias, ferns, begonias, tea roses and a host of other plants too numerous to mention. Nasturtiums, Alleghania vine, maurandia, thunbergias, wild cucumber and many other annual vines, as well as the more ornamental greenhouse vines, may be grown here, and the Japanese morningglory will often prove at its best when entrusted to the intensive culture of the window-box. The Cobra scandens when grown in the window-garden, if given a string or netting to run on, will quickly climb to the second story window and blossom every step of the way.

# Talks About Hardy Perennials IV. THE THREE-LOBED CONE-FLOWER 

By W. C. EGAN

THE common Black-eyed-Susan, Rudbeckia hirta, of our fields, is far surpassed as a garden plant by Rudbeckia triloba, the threelobed cone-flower. I know of but one common name applied to it, not a very elegant one at that, viz: "nigger heads." It is a biennial, but selfsows itselt freely. Seed sown in June produce stronger plants than those found around the parent. It is one of my favorites, not only on account of its decorative and lasting qualities when cut, but I consider it one of the most cheerful appearing flowers in the garden. A few moments' view of the group will cure the worst case of blues extant.

Last summer when decorating for an entertainment at the Exmoor Golf Club I took up a welldeveloped plant, roots and all, and placed the roots in a tub of water, where it remained over an hour. Then a hose was played upon the roots to rinse off the soil and it was carried in an open surrey to the club house, some three quarters of a mile distant, where sun and wind is apt to induce a plant to wilt, and then placed in water in a vase. Not a leaf wilted and it remained in good condition for a week. No human hand could have arranged the
flower as Dame Nature had and the bouquet was extremely graceful and imposing.

Canterbury bells and the annual asters may be taken up when in bloom, potted, set in the shade and away from drafts for a day or so, and remain in good condition, but this was my first experience in freeing the roots from soil and immersing them in water.

In full sun, and room to develop, this Rudbeckia makes a very symmetrical plant three to four feet tall and about three wide, carrying thousands of blooms, each held well to view. The flower is somewhat smaller than that of the Black-eyed-Susan, but vastly more numerous, the ray-florets, being eight in number, are a rich deep yellow and the disk a blackish purple. It is one of the most accommodating plants I know of, growing almost anywhere. It may be used to advantage under standard shrubs, or any open place in the shrubbery, even if there is overhanging foliage, provided, however, that there is head room for them. They are splendid as a border to a large bed of hybrid delphiniums, as the latter will tower over them when in bloom, and be hidden by the Rudbeckias when cut down after flowering.

Just ten years ago, Rudbeckia Golden Glow made

"RUDBECKIA TRILOBA"

" CORONILLA VARIA"
its debut, and marked an epoch in plant introduction. It is a double form of $R$. laciniata. There is probably no plant so universally grown, both here and abroad, and when one stops to think that the millions of plants now in cultivation are the offshoots of a single plant all produced within a decade he is apt to be dumfounded.

In all probability the original plant appeared on the prairies west of Chicago, was observed and transplanted to some plant-lover's garden. And while its beauties were appreciated the importance of the find was not. Once in a while nature changes its usual method of procedure and produces what would be called a "freak" in animals and termed a "sport" in plants, being a departure from the type.

In the cone flowers, as also in the sun-flower and many of the composites, the ray-florets are what produce the dominating tone of color, but the true flowers, those being perfect and capable of reproduction, are minute and are situated in the Rudbeckias in the cone. The golden glow is a case where the true flowers in the cone have been changed into rayflorets, and hence a double flower, generally not capable of producing seed.

An authentic history from the time of discovery to its introduction to the public does not exist.

In "Gardening," April 15, 1895, Mr. William Falconer, then its editor, under the heading "A New Double Sun-flower," calls attention to it, saying, "It is a new double sun-flower, or rather a Rudbeckia -whence it came no one knows." The florist having it stated that "somebody sent it, but who sent it or where it came from we haven't the least recollection." The following spring, 1896 , it was sent out as a novelty under the name of golden glow. In the fall of 1895 Mr . James Jensen, superintendent of one of the West Side Parks at Chicago, sent me three plants
saying that they were a double form of Rudbeckia laciniata that he had found growing in a German garden on the west side. I heeled them in over winter.
In the spring John Lewis Childs brought out his novelty, golden glow. I obtained three plants from him, and being satisfied these plants and those sent me by Mr. Jensen were identical in species, I planted the six in one group and in the September 15, 1896, issue of "Gardening" I illustrated the group and as a prophecy said: "I imagine this flower will become as popular as the dahlia sunflower (Helianthus multiflorus plenus). This Rudbeckia likes good soil and plenty of moisture and should be taken up and replanted every second year.

## The Rosy-Flowered Crown Vetch

THE illustration shows a group of this rampant, hardy trailer, Coronilla varia, that has been growing in a most trying situation for over ten years and been replanted but once. Immediately behind the bed is a deep ravine, which, in addition to the fact that the bed is full of the feeding roots of neighboring trees, causes the situation to be an unusually dry one. It is seldom artificially watered. The flowers and foliage are handsome, the flowers being pink and white in umbels containing from sixteen to twenty flowers of pea-shaped form, arranged in the manner of a crown. It is a long bloomer, especially in half shade, my plants being in bloom from June almost to frost. It is a good ground cover for hard, dry situations where hardly anything else would grow, but is too rampant a grower to place among the general run of perennials.


## REDECORATING A COUNTRY HOUSE

Mrs. W. W. G., writes: This spring we are to move into an old-fashioned country house to be entirely redecorated and so appeal to you for assistance in ideas. The ceilings are all very low, will hardly permit of any frieze work, although I feel I must have it in the dining-room which is a very long room facing south and west with a large southern bay window; the furniture is of the Mission and can use either a red or green rug. Would this mean either red or green paper and what color stain for wood finish ? Would like plate shelf and very narrow strip for paneling. Hall is nine feet wide and extends from front to rear doors; have grass furniture and think plain green cartridge paper with woodwork painted white; have plain green carpet for hall and stairs; hall extends through center of house. Living-room faces west and north with four windows; furniture all mahogany. I have old rose velour draperies I would like to use, colors of rug in harmony with same. How would old rose cartridge or figured paper do with either mahogany finish wood or painted plain white, or what do you suggest? Den or library with a great many books. This room faces north and east, has two or three windows, furniture of leather and Mission, with rugs; floors all to be stained a dark mahogany. This room has a double doorway to the living-room with tapestry lining of velour drapery facing this room; what do you think of plain green cartridge paper ? We have many Christy, Remington, etc., pictures for this room and hall and think they look better hung over the plain red or green papers. Any ideas or suggestions you may give me through your paper would be very much appreciated I assure you.

Answer: There are many possibilities for good treatment in the old-fashioned country house you describe. To begin with I would advise your using an ivory enamel for the finish of woodwork throughout. You will find it quite a simple matter to have an effective frieze and yet keep an unbroken wall surface, making your angle mold serve as picture rail. Taking your rooms as you give them in your letter, I would say in regard to the dining-room that you would obtain an excellent effect by using the stag frieze about your upper wall, covering the lower wall with the soft green cartridge paper or with paper showing a two-tone stripe. This will harmonize well with the ivory woodwork and also be in keeping with your rug as described. Since your ceilings are very low, your plate shelf could be set at the joining of frieze and wall covering. For your hall I would suggest a tan paper showing two tones in stripe effect. Here you will not require any effect of frieze. The woodwork to be treated with the ivory white enamel. Your green carpet for stair and hall will look well with the paper suggested. For your living-room facing west and north, I would suggest an English paper, showing a large conventional design in poppies in pale shades of old rose and green leaves. This paper cuts out admirably giving an attractive edge, which can lap over the paper on lower wall. For this lower wall, I recommend a soft green paper of solid color. This will make a good setting for your mahogany furniture and harmonize with your drapery and rugs. The price of the English block paper is eighty cents per roll of eight yards; the lower wall-paper is fifty cents per roll
of eight yards. For the library it would be perhaps an attractive variety to stain the standing woodwork. You have not mentioned, however, the character of the wood, therefore I am unable to suggest a definite treatment. If this is cleansed of its present finish I would suggest that you treat it with a rich brown stain, finished with a dull surface. Cover your wall with yellow tan paper, choosing a shade to harmonize with the hall covering. Since the room is of northern and eastern exposure this will be preferable to the green you suggest. The ceiling tint should be of the yellow. This scheme of decoration will make a good setting for the Mission furniture. I would advise you against staining your floors mahogany, as it is quite impossible to get good service from a floor so treated. A rich brown stain would be preferable, finished with a good floor finish. If you had mentioned the coloring of your tapestry, I could have helped you more advantageously in the decoration of this room. You will find that the yellow-tan background will be effective for your Christy and Remington pictures. These should be framed in flat, dark wood frames, matching the finish of the woodwork, if you use a stain here. However, even if the woodwork is of white, these frames must be dark.

## FIXTURES AND HARDWARE

B. says: In planning my house, I feel that the fixtures and hardware are a very important part of the decorative scheme. Will you furnish me with some information in regard to where I can send for cuts and prices? I live in a small town and am out of line with this sort of thing.

Answer: If you will send a self-addressed envelope, I will forward you the name and addresses of firms who will supply you with information that you desire. You are quite right in your thought that fixtures and hardware are important items in the decorative scheme of a room.

## JAPANESE FURNISHINGS

Mrs. L. of New Orleans, writes: I always read your answers and enjoy them; they have helped me out of many problems, so I come to you personally with some questions. First, would you send me the address of the firms carrying the Japanese furnishings and where could I get a soft cover for a Japanese couch; it has puzzled me so much to know what kind of material to use ?
My living-room and dining-room are papered in the shade of yellow I enclose and the furniture I have is all old Mission in the weathered oak, and I want to ask you about the color of my curtains. My dining-room has one window on the side, and three leaded high windows at the end with china closet built below; now I have some pretty cream curtain material (see sample enclosed) which I had thought of using and appliqueing brown designs on the hem in Arts and Crafts figures (could you tell me where I could get any, or of what material to use) and then at the high windows use peacock blue in raw silk. My living-room has a casement window, a side window and a double front door with two

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Conducted by W. C. EGAN

## VINES FOR TABLE DECORATION

I spend my summers in the country and often give entertaitiments to my friends. As I am a lover of flowers and grow quite a quantity, I find pleasure in decorating the table and rooms myself with material from my garden, but I often find occasions where some vines would be of great help. Would you kindly give me a list of those most suitable for the purpose, and their special requirements, if any.
I. C. H.

If you are willing to go to a little trouble in preparing the proper trellis or frame on which to grow it, you will find the cinnamon vine, Dioscorea batatas, one of the most useful vines to be found for the purpose, that can be grown out-of-doors in a northern climate. The tubers are inexpensive and may be obtained of any seedsman. The vines will grow from fifteen to eighteen feet and in order to obtain "good strings" the tubers should be planted eighteen inches to two feet apart. Discarded telephone poles, long enough to allow cross-bars placed say twenty feet high, should be set firmly in the ground. Plant the tubers in a line immediately under the bars and run a strong, but thin string from each plant to the cross-bar. The string may be fastened at the ground end to a forked peg, brick, or an old piece of gas-pipe may be laid along the row and take all the strings. Young vines, while not growing as tall as older ones, are best as they are more symmetrical and the foliage glossier, the older ones throwing out laterals and producing seed. The flowers, which are sweet scented, are inconspicuous.
It is the lustrous, heart-shaped foliage that is attractive. When wanted, cut the vine at the bottom, and with a knife fastened to a long pole cut the string above the vine. The vine hides all the string except near the top where it is readily removed. It is good, if there is time for the vine to dry off before wanted, to lay it on the grass and sprinkle it, as wetting closes the evaporating valves on the under sides of the leaves and thus lessens the tendency to wilt. I have known this vine to remain fresh for two days after being cut, although its stems were not in water. A situation where there is a strong draft, such as the opening to a chimney will wilt plants more quickly than when placed in corners of a room. It is a good plan to keep the room darkened after being decorated, until wanted, as the evaporating pores above referred to close in the dark and the natural moisture is somewhat retained.
Melothria punctata, a tuberous plant, easily grown from seed in a hotbed will grow fifteen or more feet in a season if well watered, and may be grown in a similar manner as above described, but a very effective way is to grow it for a special decoration where a canopy, table cover, or a starry green curtain is desired. Take an old fish-net twelve feet square and fasten it to a wooden frame set up against a wall or house, the object being to cause each leaf and flower to turn one way for light. Plant the vines one foot apart in rich, rather light soil and if an occasional dose of manure water is given it so much the better. During the summer numerous sweet scented, minute star shaped flowers appear in charming confusion. This is the time to use it, cut the vine at the bottom and the string
or net at the sides and top and you can take out a handsome green rug, curtain, or canopy. This will last in fair condition for two days at least. If used as a canopy over a table, it can be fastened to the chandelier at the center and at each corner fasten a cinnamon vine and carry them to the corners of the room. The flowers will look like small stars and their scent fill the room. It is a singular thing that plants raised from seed, produce seed, while those raised from cuttings do not, at least do not during the season of growth allowed in northern climates.
The flowering sprays of most of the Polygonums, especially Polygonum multiflorum, are fine if used within a few hours of cutting, but it is well to remove their foliage and depend upon some other green. Branches of Hamamelis Virginiana, the common witch-hazel, is splendid to use for decorative purposes and to furnish green for the Polygonums, Clematis paniculata, or any plant where it is best to defoliate it. Any time after the leaves are well matured, say from the first of August on, especially when cut from open spaces, the foliage of the witch-hazel will stand without wilting a long time. Its flat, spreading manner of growth makes it an admirable plant for decorative purposes, as it will lie flat against a wall and not look stiff.
Asparagus verticillatus, is a hardy climbing form attaining a height of twelve to fifteen feet and while not as slender and graceful as the tender greenhouse forms, may be used to advantage. It keeps in good condition for a week after being cut. I have two plants growing side by side which form a curtain four by twelve feet, very decorative when in berry.

## A SCREEN FOR UNSIGHTLY BUILDINGS

How can I hide some unsightly outbuildings from a lawn view ? A narrow roadway passes within ten feet of them, thus preventing the use of ordinary trees and I do not care for vines.
M. F. A.

Populus Bolleana, a variety from Turkestan of Populus alba, may be grown in the ten feet allowed and not intrude upon the roadway. It is a rapid grower, fastigiate in habit, being an improvement upon the Lombardy poplar, which it somewhat resembles. For a shield, plant them six feet apart.

## A HARDY ROSE FOR CUTTING

What rose can I plant that is fairly hardy that will give me plenty of bloom for cutting?
W.

The rather dwarf Bourbon rose "Hermosa," a bright pink, will bloom all summer long, and while it lacks fragrance, is considered one of the best bedding roses in cultivation.

While reasonably hardy, it is best, if your winters are severe, to grow them in rows in a situation where, about the middle of November, they may be bent over, tied down, and earth ridged over them. They will winter safely, but should be cut back severely in the spring.

## NOTES AND REVIEWS

## MY GARDEN RECORD

UNDOUBTEDLY one learns more from his experience in working his own ground and watering his own plants than from reading of many books devoted to such subjects.

But it is hard to remember from one season to another just what was successful and why it was found to be so; what experimental treatment (culture, fertilizer, fungicide) was satisfactory and what was otherwise.
"My Garden Record,"* just issued, is intended to be a help to the memory and supplies a form in which to record the successes and failures of the past. It should meet with popular favor.

## TRANSPLANTING RHODODENDRONS

## F. Maude Smith

THERE is no reason why any person who has the opportunity should not transplant rhododendrons from their mountain strongholds to his or her own lawn. Yet, those who dwell near the mountains wherein flourish these splendid members of the heath family and most magnificent of our native shrubs, are the first to inform would-be "transplanters" that it cannot be done. This is unfortunate since there are many who have the opportunity (every year in many instances), if not the ability, to collect these splendid shrubs. And it is all the more deplorable when it deters such persons as depend upon economical means for planting their grounds. Of course when a landscape gardener is given carte blanche no instructions are necessary.
Even such persons as live within sight of the mountainsides upon which these flourish, and on which they form gloriously rosy visions in June and July (that is the time in the Pennsylvania Alleghanies) never think of transplanting them.

They have tried it, and they have failed. Therefore it cannot be done. Such was the invariable attitude, till officials of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, approached various persons with an idea of collecting directly these plants for the Botanic Garden and campus. Naturally the idea was scouted. All that had been tried in vain over and over again, yet, the

[^7]rhododendrons were transplanted from the regions round Tamaqua, and they all lived. Who that has visited Hamilton Walk or the Botanic Garden of the University of Pennsylvania will forget the rich evergreen masses that are even healthier now than when planted, or rather transplanted, seven years ago.

Here is the secret-disturb none of the roots. Simply set the rhododendron on the well prepared surface. Do not "plant it."

The average person makes the mistake of digging deep and taking up a weighty mass of soil, more or less globe-shaped (some experts have actually advised this), quite ignorant of the fact that the broad-spreading roots of the rhododendron do not penetrate far into the ground. For the first move the "transplanter" goes around the plant with a garden fork, and then feels for the roots. Once the tip ends are located, the soil that holds them is loosened up with the fingers. After going all around the roots of the plant thus, the same cautious tactics are persevered in until the whole network has been freed from Mother Earth. The entire mass must be moved with as little disturbance of the roots as possible.

Little preparation is required for their future home. The ground should be dug up, then pressed down, and over, and raked when it is ready to receive the homesick mountaineer, which should be placed carefully on the prepared surface-not sunk into a hole. The edges of the mass only should be covered with earth, and that slightly.

The time to transplant rhododendrons is the moment the frost leaves the ground. As a rule, in the Tamaqua region, this is in the third or fourth week in April. Though that is "the" time, such transplanting has been successfully accomplished up to the third week of May. The fact that the rhododendron is in bud matters not. It is nearly always in bud or blossom, as the buds that will burst into bloom in June are set in the preceding August.

## PROFITS ON VEGETABLES UNDER GLASS

GREENHOUSE work, particularly when confined to vegetable raising, is a good deal of a mystery to the uninitiated. The fancy prices which hothouse fruits always bring naturally

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## CORRESPONDENCE

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## JAPANESE FURNISHINGS

plain glass panels; what would you use in this room? I have enough of the curtain material for this room also; would you carry out the brown in this room, as they open into each other?

Answer: I regret that the great number of letters ahead of yours has prevented sending you the required information earlier.

Your rooms, as described, sound very attractive and I thoroughly concur with your ideas. If you will write the firms whose addresses I send, they will furnish you with prices and cuts of Japanese furniture. For the couch cover in your room I would recommend a cotton velvet. While this is not Japanese, the color is excellent and would harmonise with the furnishing of your room. Since the Japanese do not use couches at all, there could be no objection to this further inconsistency. Wherever Japanese furnishing is adapted to our homes, it is necessary to modify it to make it livable. The paper shows good color, and I would suggest that the scrim curtains be worked with dull blue and brown wool in cross stitch, choosing some very conventional design. The work should be rapid and will be much more decorative than the stencil could be. This for your dining-room. Over-draperies of raw silk in a shade of dull greenish blue in preference to the peacock blue, may be used. These curtains should be hung on either side of the window trim, outlining the scrim draperies. At your small upper window, the silk could be used alone. All curtains should extend to the sill only and should be run by a casing on small brass rods.

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I am very glad indeed to give you the suggestions and forward you the requested addresses.

## DECORATING A RECEPTION-ROOM

Mrs. W. J. P. of Nebraska, writes: I am a new subscriber, having received my first copy of your magazine yesterday. I am sure I am going to enjoy it immensely, and am writing for your help the first thing. I send a stamped, self-addressed envelope, asking a personal reply. We want you to tell us how to decorate our reception-room. It really is two rooms, a hall and a reception-room, but they are only separated by eight-inch pillars, so we want to decorate them alike. The receptionroom has two windows facing east, and one south, all three on the porch; it is a room about fourteen feet square, the hall is on the north of this room, the library opens from this room (that is from reception-room) with big folding doors on the west.

The library is decorated in dark green and browns, dark green predominating; in all the other rooms on the first floor either dark green or brown predominates and they all have cream moire ceilings. The hall is about six and one-half feet wide including staircase which is three and onehalf feet wide, so you see the hall is not wide, the stairway starts with two steps facing south, then a landing; over this landing is a small ground-glass window; then the steps go to the west to another landing then turn south. The newels are all perfectly round, six-inch post; I think they are a trifle larger at bottom than top; they set on square bases; at top of stairs is a column which runs to the ceiling from second floor; this column is exactly like those between hall and reception-room. The staircase is all paneled, as is also the wall by the stairs, all the way up, it is paneled in rectangles. The west end of hall is also paneled, the piano will set there; above the stairs on the north is a large window eight and one-half feet by about seven and one-half composed of three windows; this is as near as I can picture them; the doors are in the east end of hall and are the old-fashioned double doors.
The woodwork, posts, panels, floors are all in yellow pine, but of very pretty grain. We do not want to stain or change the woodwork or floors; the furniture for these two rooms is all mahogany, with the exception of one Verne-Martin chair. The electric fixtures in these rooms consist of a large chandelier of brush brass; it is a large ball from which droops six opalescent balls,-a side wall light in brush brass over the piano, a newel


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} top and four folding glass doors opening on to side porch which will be enclosed with screen in summer and glass in winter. Our idea is to furnish both rooms with "Crafters" inlaid Mission furniture and have window seats made by the same people to match; wainscot beamed ceiling and all woodwork to be finished dark green dull Mission finish. Would like your ideas regarding this way of furnishing also wall finish, electric light fixtures, rugs, curtains, etc. Will be very glad to hear from you if you can consistently go into detail.

Answer: The rooms you describe are interesting and will allow of most attractive treatment. I am sending you some samples of wall covering and drapery materials which I would recommend for use, also the ceiling tint. For your woodwork,

I recommend a green stain such as shown on the panel I send. The scheme embodied will make an excellent setting for the "Crafters" furniture, which you desire to use. For the living-room I recommend the light golden brown Japanese grasscloth, door curtains and upholstery material to be of the tapestry which shows conventional figures in tans, greens, old red, and dull blue. This will harmonize with the red brick of your fireplace. For window draperies, the dull green raw silk is recommended. These curtains should be run on small brass rods by a casing at the top and hang straight, reaching only to the window sill. The same window treatment is recommended for the dining-room windows, save that golden brown raw silk be used here. The wall from wainscot to ceiling line to be covered with the trellis pattern paper showing soft green leaves against golden bronze ground. The ceiling tint is attached. Plain golden brown velour should be used for the door curtain.

For electric light fixtures, I would recommend the bronze finish, showing greenish shades. The rugs to be two-tone Saxony or Wilton. You could, however, use Oriental rugs of soft rich colors if you desire.

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## A GLANCE AT THE DECORATIVE QUALITY IN GLASS

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The next in date is the greenish glass found at Nineveh, and supposed to date back to 722 B. C. It is curious to note that even in these early examples we find an appreciation of the decorative value of the material, since the glass found at Nineveh is described as bearing lions and other characters, and again also the names of the rulers at that time. But more plentiful and accessible to us who live on this outer edge of the art world is the glass found at Pompeii and


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at Herculaneum, in Roman and Cypriote tombs. Before these splendid specimens of iridescence we stand in baffled wonder, conscious of the utter failure of language to describe their beauty.
And yet all their charm is but decay; it is the song of the dying swan, the glow of a closing day, the falling of the autumn leaf, the passing away of a lovely spirit. Much controversy as to the method of obtaining such effects, and much bewailing a "lost art," was caused on the first discovery of these iridescent vessels, until it was proved beyond a doubt that their peculiar property was really the prismatic breaking of the light by minute scales on the surface of the glass caused by the action of time and the elements. This is a fact which any one can establish for himself by dipping a specimen in water, when the spaces between the scales will be filled and the iridescence will disappear, to return when the water has evaporated.
Another form of decorative glass, of Roman make, was the so-called mosaic cane. The Romans had many colors of glass, and in these canes many colored threads of glass were tied together so as to make a design in their end view or sectional face, when welded together by heat. These canes were then broken into slices, which were fused with other glass into vessels of various forms. The canes were made of large threads, and by drawing them out the mosaic could be reduced in fineness to any degree.
Still another method of decoration was the cameo glass, usually a figure cut out of white glass, with a blue ground all or partly exposed. Of this the celebrated Barberini or Portland vase is the most noted example existing, a style which evidently suggested the modern "Wedgwood" ware in pottery; in fact, Wedgwood was commissioned to reproduce the Portland vase. Many smaller pieces and fragments in this method are to be seen in museums, and are even now being discovered. Enameled glass was also well known among the Romans but more especially among a few of the Eastern nations. Still, Oriental specimens are extremely rare-which reminds one that to the present day the Eastern people in general have hardly anything to show in glass work.
[From an Address by Mr. Otto Heinigke before the Rembrandt Club of Brooklyn.]

## AMERICAN LOVE OF HOME

APROPOS of the peripatetic habits , of the well-to-do American, "an Idler" tells the following stories in the "New York Evening Post":
"I was taken through a very large and handsome residence lately, with the thoroughness that only the owner of a new house has the cruelty to inflict on his defenceless victims. One is not allowed to pass a closet or an electricbell without having its particular use and convenience explained, is forced to look up coal-slides and down air-shafts, and every secret place, from the cellar to the fire-escape, is revealed to him. I noticed that a certain arrangement of the rooms seemed to repeat itself on each floor, and even several times on a floor.
"I remarked this to my host. 'You notice it,' he said, with a blush of pride, 'it is my wife's idea. The truth is, my daughters are of a marrying age, and my sons are starting out for themselves, and as this house is a great deal too big for us two old people to live in alone, we have planned it so that at any time it can be changed into an apartment house, at a nominal expense. It is even wired, and plumbed with that in view.'
"This answer positively took my breath away. I looked at my host in amazement. It was hard to believe that a man past middle age, who after years of the hardest toil could afford to put half a million into a house for himself and his children, and store it with costly and beautiful things, could have the courage to look so far into the future as to see all his work undone, his home turned into another use, and himself and his wife afloat in the world without a roof over their wealthy old heads. Surely this was the 'Spirit of the Age' in its purest expression, the more strikingly so that he seemed to feel rather pride than anything else in his ingenious combination. He liked the city well enough now, but nothing proved to him that he would like it in ten years. He and his wife had lived in twenty cities since they began their brave fight with fortune, far away in a little Eastern town. They had since changed their skin with each ascending rung of the ladder of success, and beyond a faded daguerreotype of two of 'the children' and a few modest pieces of jewelry stored away with the wedding-ring, it is doubtful if they

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When something of a deciduous nature is in mind there is nothing better than the good old althæa, the rose of Sharon, as it is called, but the tamarisk is also a very good shrub to use.

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The standing woodwork has been treated with Ivory Eggshel-White Enamel, which harmoniously combines with the birch hand rail and treads of the stair which have been stained with one coat of Chicago Varnish Company Mahogany Stain. The treatment here has been one coat of stain, one coat of Orange Shellac, and one coat of Eggshel-Lac. In this case, the last coat has been lightly rubbed to give the effect of the rubbed wax finish used in the old Colonial houses.
In the old days labor was cheap, and a semiweekly waxing and rubbing of mahogany was part of the routine of the housework. In these present days of the strenuous life, there is no time for this, and gladly the housewife welcomes the finish for woodwork and furniture which, once properly applied, requires no further care other than the regular cleaning. Eggshel-Lac does not spot with water, and is a durable and does not spot
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The walls in this hall are covered with paper of true Colonial design in two tones of yellow. Yellow raw silk over-draperies hang at the windows, reaching only to the sill; next the glass, white net curtains are set. The ceiling is ivory white, matching the woodwork.
A bedroom will be the topic for next month, and should prove very interesting.
It will be noticed that each month we are endeavoring to give our readers some good, practical information.- These "Little Talks" by Margaret Greenleaf, the Consulting Decorator, must necessarily be somewhat brief, so arrangements have been made whereby anyone wishing to obtain suggestions for the decoration of their homes or special rooms may receive same by writing to Miss Greenleaf. at 32 Vesey Street, New York, and she will, without charge of any kind, work out a plan for you, giving full details of just what you should do, sending samples of the various wood finishes, papers anl draperies.

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CCOMPARATIVELY few annual plants can be brought into blossom successfully from seed sown in pots or window-boxes. Of these few the Japanese or Imperial morning-glories are among the most interesting and beautiful as well as among the easiest to grow. As is well known these are the most attractive of all the morningglories. They were introduced from Japan a few years ago and have become popular for outdoor planting on account of their ease of culture and the size and beauty of their blossoms. The latter vary greatly in their form and color and are among the most gorgeous of all garden flowers.

The commonest reason for failure with these flowers is due to the fact that the outer covering of the seed is very hard. In order to insure germination a corner of the seed-coat should be notched with a file that the moisture of the soil may get access to the interior and enable the miniature seedling to break through the surrounding wall. I have found it worth while to notch the seeds and then place them in a shallow dish holding a little water. As fast as the seeds became swollen I took them out and planted them.
For growing these plants indoors window-boxes have some advantages over single flower pots. They hold the moisture better, are more even in temperature and give more room for root growths in proportion to the space occupied. I have had good success in growing them in zinc window-boxes, containing good garden soil, about four inches deep and five inches wide, the box running the length of a good sized window. The seeds were planted about four inches apart and came up quickly. The plants were vigorous and began


Japanese Imperial Morning-Glory
blossoming within a few weeks, when only six or eight inches high. They continued to grow and blossom throughout the spring making a very attractive display.

The only pests that attacked them were the ever-present plant-lice or greenflies. These may be discouraged by frequent sprayings with some insecticide, soap-suds or some tobacco solution, such as may be obtained at the florists' shops.

## THE MESA ENCANTADA

F.W. HODGE, of the Bureau of Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution, has recently returned from an expedition to the Enchanted Mesa of New Mexico, which has excited the interest of scientists and the daring of exploring parties. It was brought into prominence a few months ago by the expedition of Professor William Libbey, of Princeton University, who took ropethrowing mortars, huge kites, balloons, and tons of apparatus to scale this hitherto inaccessible table-land.
Professor Libbey reported no evidences of early occupancy. Mr. Hodge's explorations have brought different results, however, for after scaling the mesa he spent some time on the summit, found a number of fragments of pottery, shell bracelets, and stoneaxes, establishing conclusively that the top of the mesa was at one time inhabited.
Mr. Hodge was sent by the Bureau of Ethnology to examine a series of ruins in Western New Mexico and to attend the "snake dance" of the Moki Indians. This done, he was directed to proceed to the Mesa Encantada and scale its precipitous walls in any way he saw fit.
'He procured an extension ladder
comprising six sections of six feet each, together with an ample supply of rope, and proceeded to the mesa on September 3 d , accompanied by Major George H. Pradt, Deputy United States Surveyor at Laguna, New Mexico, who is familiar with that section, A. C. Vroman of Pasadena, Cal., who acted as photographer of the expedition, Mr. H. C. Hayt of Chicago, and two Laguna Indians.

The mesa was determined to be 431 feet from the western plain to the top of the highest pinnacle above the cleft, and the talus at the base of the cleft 224 feet above the plain. The climb was without any serious difficulty, until the party reached a great sand stone. The ladders were hauled section by section to this point by means of the ropes, then fitted together and raised against the cliff. Mr. Hodge ascended to the top and climbing over the slope immediately above succeeded in lashing the top of the ladder to a huge boulder that had fallen from above and lodged on the terrace some twenty feet from the summit. The ladder was then ascended by the remainder of the party and the top easily reached. The ascent to the summit took exactly two hours and a quarter.

The explorers had not been on the summit of the mesa five minutes before Major Pradt picked up a fragment of ancient pottery.

During the afternoon and the next day Mr. Hodge examined the ground critically, while Major Pradt made a survey of the mesa and Mr. Vroman secured a number of photographs. Two potsherds, two stone axes (broken), a fragment of a shell bracelet, and a stone arrow-point were the chief evidences of former occupancy found on the narrow storm-swept crest; but abundant potsherds, etc., were found in the talus swept down from the summit. All vestiges of the ancient trail ascending the talus and continued thence to the summit by hand and footholds in the solid rock have been obliterated, but some traces of the holes remain. This verification of an Indian tradition notable for inherent evidence of accuracy is peculiarly gratifying to the students of anthropology.

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T${ }^{\top} H E R E$ has been considerable discussion lately in some of the horticultural trade papers about a proceeding that may be of interest to your readers.

It appears that last spring a gentleman who had built a house in a suburban village was called upon by a man claiming to be a landscape gardener. This man offered to plan and lay out the grounds free of charge, provided the owner bought the material from him, he claiming that he could buy at wholesale prices and that the difference between and what the owner would have to pay compensated him for his trouble. He agreed to furnish plans and a list, which he did, the list embracing 350 plants. In the meantime the owner called in a friend who was familiar with laying out plans and requested him to furnish a list of what would be required to properly plant the place. This was done and the list included only forty plants. Fortunately, he was in time to prevent this pseudo landscape gardener from cluttering up the grounds with an undue number of shrubs. The scheme was readily apparent-the more plants he could force upon his unsuspecting customer, the larger his commissions.
The art of landscape gardening is obtainable only after a long and expensive preparation and is as much of an art as that of medicine, architecture or any in the list, and the ability to conceive and prepare plans is as much a part of that art as the diagnosis of a case of illness is to the physician and no landscape gardener of any reputation would any sooner think of donating that part of his services than a physician would agree to diagnose a case free of charge if you would pay him to prescribe for it. There are tricks in all trades and rogues in all professions and one should be on the lookout for them. The art of landscaping requires a special training and the more naturally fitted the man is for the calling the more proficient he becomes. Some men are born artists,


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## MOUNDS OF MYSTERY

The Legacy Left by the Ancient Tribes of New Mexico

APUZZLING enigma for scientists is the "hundred mile city of the dead," with its haunted ruins, peopled with skeletons. Much has been written of the cliff dwellers; vast volumes have been compiled concerning the ancient tribes of Anahuac, the Toltecs, the vanished descendants of "the fair god" of ancient Mexico, and all the long gone tribes of the great Southwest have had their place in fictitious and historic narrative. But who has heard of the mysterious "lost Atlantis" of New Mexico, the vanished people of the mound, whose tribes were once as the autumn leaves and who perished-not individually, but as a race-at one fell swoop, as from the avenging wrath of God ?

The attention of the archæologist has been centered upon the hazy history of the cliff dwellers, upon their homes and their habits, forgetting that there exists in peculiar proximity a field of more attractive mystery. The cliff dwellers have drawn our attention because they
left us their homes. The vanished race of Socorro county, N. M., has failed to interest us for the reason that it left us nothing - nothing, not even a wall intact or a ruin unplundered. Yet stay! Have you ever been along the Tule Rosa in the wild piñon clad regions of the San Francisco mountains? Are you familiar with that "hundred mile city of the dead," so strangely like the lost city of Quivera, yet far, far larger and more wonderful? Have you ever entered the great excavation of the prehistoric pueblo to the south of Luna, east of the barren peaks of the Elk mountains?

The ruinas encantadas or "haunted ruins," as we would call them in English, are but a few miles north of San Francisco, not the San Francisco of California, but the San Francisco of Socorro county, N. M., a Mexican and Indian pueblo older than the quaint village of Acoma, "the citadel of the clouds," which was young when the Spanish priests and explorers first ventured into that desert wilderness, to be slaughtered as they attempted the daring ascent to the summit of the great Acoma mesa.

The pueblo of San Francisco was crumbling into decay when Acoma-so called "oldest city in America"-was young and flourishing with the blanket weaving hosts of the Aztec. Her quaint adobe "house of penates" was fast disintegrating when Montezuma in his youth looked down in all his pride and semi-savage hauteur from the gorgeous but barbaric palace of Chapultepec. So say the people of the present pueblo, whose generations have lived and perished within its narrow boundaries.

The "haunted ruins," they tell us, are peopled yet with grim and ghostly gods of other days and with specters that still stride threateningly along the subterranean corridors. But we of today are too enlightened to accept this savage superstition, so we will look at the ruinas encantadas only as they are. There is but little left of them.

In 1867 the first white man, whose name was Smith, ventured into the forbidding fastnesses of the land of Tule Rosa.

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of the "hundred mile city of the dead" which Smith would fear. Geronimo nor the Apache Kid was yet in his reign of terror, but the Apaches were out for blood, and the country was a formidable one. But Smith pressed on. A hundred miles beyond the village of Magdalena, beyond the famous Horse springs, later the scene of two never-to-be-forgotten massacres-beyond the old, historic Turkey mountain and the land of piñons, where the silvery Tule Rosa winds and has wound its way for centuries untold-this valiant pioneer of the West ventured with his burro train and trusty knife and rifle.

Smith, whom the author had the pleasure of meeting shortly before his death, was by nature intended as an archæologist, for his love of the rare and curious, the mysterious and antique, was directly responsible for his final determination to reside in that land of ruins and relics. Until the day of his death he never left the "hundred mile city of the dead," but remained for over thirty years to explore its mounds and caverns.
To the tireless efforts of this sturdy pioneer the Smithsonian Institution owes some of its most valuable New Mexican antiquities. It was he who excavated the ruinas encantadas; he who first brought to light the many mysteries of its grim and ghostly grottoes.

Shortly before Smith died he took me through an excavated mound not far from the "Mound of Mystery." In its several apartments, arranged on crude piñon-limb shelves, I viewed hundreds of the relics and skulls of the vanished people. There were arrows, quoits, beads, meal grinders, bowls, burned and figured pottery, strange shapes of earthenware, stone tablets covered with indecipherable hieroglyphics, implements of agriculture, a great granite plow, ducks, birds, earthen penates and weird idols, bones, skulls, vases and countless little trinkets whose names I could not guess. There were lumps of copper, zinc, iron and lead, all of which possessed no tangible shape, but which revealed the knowledge of minerals that had been acquired by the vanished people.

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The "Mound of Mystery" is not the only one in Socorro county which contains such things, but is more rife with treasures than the rest. Scarcely a mound in all that "hundred mile city of the dead" is without its skull, its pottery or penates. But the "Mound of Mystery" is like a palace among huts, a great labyrinth of grottoes among the lesser cells.


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History tells us that the tribes of Chichimec "came down from the North," and it is known that to the North went the victim gatherers for the sacrifices of Huitzilopochtli. From the North, too, according to Prescott, came Quetzalcoatl and the later Aztecs.

The mystery of the haunted ruin can never be positively dispelled. Neither will we ever know the cause of the terrible and far sweeping death that came so simultaneously upon that people of the "hundred mile city" of Socorro county.

Scientists still speculate. Archæologists are offering us many and conflicting explanations, but the "Mound of Mystery" still stands there, grim with its grinning skulls and ancient, storyless relics-its grottoes somber with its gloom and stillness of the centuries-its walls frowning down upon the silvery waters of the Tule Rosa, at the edge of the sandy desert waste, like a sphinx of the great Southwest Sahara.-San Francisco Chronicle.

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FOR i7I years the "Old Red House" has remained in the Colton family of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, a reminder not only of Revolutionary days but of events forty years previous to that time. Now the house has been sold to T. W. Leete, a prominent business man of Springfield, but who lives in Longmeadow, having purchased it to preserve it for the town. It is very likely that it will eventually become a museum for the town and that interesting mementoes several centuries old will be given to start a historical collection. Just what Mr. Leete's plans are have not been made public, but it is very likely that the Historical Society will be given rooms in the old house.
The house is the oldest in town preserved in its entirety. There are several other houses with small sections which antedate the "Old Red House," but these houses have been so changed and added to that they can hardly be classed with the Colton homestead.

The "Old Red House" was built by Captain Simon Colton in 1735. He was a prominent man in the affairs of the place and was a soldier in the French and Indian wars that preceded the Revolution. He kept the house as a tavern before and during the Revolution, and the old tin lantern, perforated with holes, which Captain Colton swung nightly from the elm tree overshadowing the house to direct the travellers is still in existence and highly prized.
Captain Colton lived in the house six-ty-one years, dying in 1796 . He left the property to his fourth son, Major Luther Colton, who was also a man of importance in the community and had served in the revolutionary war. The Major was married twice, his second wife being a widow, Mrs. Mehitable Deming, of Wethersfield, Conn. She was a remarkable woman, and after Major Colton died, in 1803, she lived on in the house for fifty-three years, dying at the age of ninety-three. She was known as "the Widow Major."

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## A BIT OF THE MAINE COAST

"Islesboro, A Bit of the Maine Coast," is charmingly written of by Elizabeth Prescott Lawrence, the article being fully illustrated from photographs. Miss Lawrence knows her shore and sea, and fills one with a desire to look for oneself upon the original of the word-picture so fascinatingly described. Among the illustrations, are shown the homes of many well-known people who summer there.

## THE HOME OF A NOTED AUTHOR IN CALIFORNIA

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In the same number the residence of Mr. John Williams, near Hartford, Conn., is described by Mr. E. G. W. Dietrich, the architect. This is a very attractive suburban house, having a shingled exterior, with a background of trees and flanked by an old-fashioned garden. From.these two houses persons contemplating building may secure many ideas, or by consulting the architects, secure such modifications of these plans as will fit more closely their particular requirements.

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## QUAINT HOUSES OF THE SOUTH

The third article under the above caption is contributed by Edith Dabney, who takes for her theme the great country place on the Eastern shore of Maryland,-"Wye House,"for generations the home of the Maryland Lloyds. The description of the mansion, of the miniature park, the old sun-dial, the remaining cabins in the old slave quarters, the majestic sweep of lawns fading away into the flowing river in the distance, all tell between the lines of wealth and luxury. The old family graveyard, surrounded by heavy brick walls and still well preserved, shows many well-known armorial bearings and queer epitaphs. The writer in summing up, says: "From a view-point of beauty and sentiment, of history and romance, "Wye House" stands proudly first and foremost among the wonderful old places left to tell the tale of what life used to be."

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## "ASHLAND"

By MARY HODGES

IN the blue-grass of Kentucky at the extreme eastern end of Lexington, where the old Richmond road broadens into the new Boulevard, lies "Ashland," the home of Henry Clay, and for that reason perhaps, the most interesting of the many charming homes of that well-known country.

Built in 1809, in a veritable land of ash trees, the old house possessed a charm-a savor of another century-not found in the present house, ivy-covered and charming though it be.

In 1854 such serious defects were found in the masonry of the house that rebuilding was necessary; the same materials were used, however, and the original plan of architecture adhered to. The architect, Major Lewinski, a Polish refugee, was a man of great intellect and ability.

For a time "Ashland" passed out of the hands of the Clay family, being sold to the Kentucky University, but was purchased by the late Henry C. McDowell, whose wife is a granddaughter of Henry Clay. Since coming again into their possession, it has assumed once more its former prestige. The present owner of "Ashland" uses it for the breeding of blooded stock, and the distinguished visitor of to-day may be taken out to

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Throughout Mr. Clay's correspondence with his friend Governor Brooke, is a recurring reference to his fondness for his home and agricultural pursuits, and an inventory of the stock at that time, much of which was imported from England and Spain, shows a knowledge and love of things pastoral.

To the same friend Mr. Clay writes, "I assure you most sincerely that I feel myself more and more weaned from public affairs. My attachment to rural occupation every day acquires more and more strength, and if it continues to increase another year as it has in the last, I shall be fully prepared to renounce forever the strifes of public life."

Very pretty stories are told of Henry Clay's love for home and domestic life. A neighbor upon being asked how Mr. Clay stood as a farmer, replied: "Oh! none rank higher, unless, indeed, it be Mrs. Clay."
In 1850 when Clay returned for the last time from Washington, he was met on the outskirts of the town by admiring constituents who took the horses from the carriage and

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with eager hands carried the statesman to the Phoenix Hotel, then Postlethwaite's Tavern. The crowd in the street clamored impatiently for a speech and the traveler appeared on the balcony to comply with their wishes. After thanking them briefly, he said, "And now, I must ask you to excuse me, for strange as it may seem to you, there is an old lady at 'Ashland' whom I would rather see than all of you."

In approaching "Ashland," with its sloping park of blue-grass, its well-kept drives and winding footpaths of tan-bark, bordered with periwinkle and canopied by interlacing walnut and ash trees, one feels a sense of restful seclusion and well-appointed comfort, and that this was its atmosphere in olden days is plainly written in all one reads of the domestic life there.

The front door with its Doric columns and semicircular transom of white glass opens into a square hall which has been greatly modified by the present owners.

The arrangement of the house is not an unusual one in houses of that period, and is quite convenient and attractive. To the left of the front door is a small room used by Mr. Clay as an office; this room
in rebuilding was very carefully modeled after the original. On the right is the stairway which is entirely modern, the old stairway being a narrow, awkward affair, intersecting doors and windows as it wound close to the front wall of the hallway. Directly opposite the front entrance are doors leading into the drawing-room and dining-room; these apartments open by French windows into the conservatory.

In the north wing, through which runs a narrow hall, are the library, billiard-room and sleeping apartments. The south wing is entirely devoted to domestic uses. Throughout the woodwork is of beautifully finished ash.

In the dining-room are found many interesting pieces of furniture; two serving tables, one of which shows in the photograph, were brought over the Alleghany Mountains one hundred and fifty years ago by the McDowell ancestors. The heavy claw feet show an Empire feeling in the winged effect and applied brass; the dining-table is equally interesting and is also an heirloom.

Over the safe in this room hangs the portrait (painted by Jouett) of James B. Clay, the hero of Buena Vista, and beneath it the sword he used. The


THE LIVING-ROOM


THE LIBRARY-AN OCTAGONAL ROOM, PANELED IN ASH CUT ON THE ESTATE

Sheffield plate and silver at "Ashland," are charming examples of the best art.

Beyond the drawing-room-in the north wingis the library, which is a small octagonal room, paneled with ash cut from the estate. The bookcases built in the wall are finished at the top by deep lunette embrasures, in one of which is a bust of Henry Clay. The high vaulted ceiling gives dignity and proportion to this room which might otherwise be insignificant. The table and chair-which is done in buffed leather-are heirlooms of those early days; the inkstand on the small desk is the one Mr. Clay used.

Much of the furniture which belonged to "Ashland" is now in the possession of Mrs. John M. Clay, who lives on an adjoining estate. The charming old four-post bed with a tester, done so simply in a thin figured silk, is the one Henry Clay slept in at "Ashland." The group of furniture, wearing still the black haircloth covering it wore in those early days, is strong and symmetrical-the swan armchair being particularly fine.

This sofa recalls one in the famous portrait of Madame Récamier by David, which hangs in the Louvre; some of its lines are distinctly those of the
chaise longue, though its counterpart almost, appears in Lockwood's "Colonial Furniture in America" as an "Empire sofa." The bust of Mr. Clay is by his famous sculptor friend, Joel T. Hart.

In the hall over the drawing-room door is a portrait of Henry Clay done when he was forty-three years old. This portrait is also the work of the Kentucky artist, Matthew H. Jouett; latterly these portraits by Jouett are much appreciated; this one, being a particularly pleasing likeness, has been often photographed.
The view from "Ashland"-commanding as it does a wide sweep of undulating blue-grass meadows and surrounded as it is by splendid forest trees-is one of great beauty.

The pathway of tan-bark, where Mr. Clay's biographers love to picture him walking with bowed head deeply engrossed in affairs of state, is left intact. It wanders off to the left of the house, an enticing avenue with the periwinkle growing saucily over the edges, and the sun peeping through the pines and cedars, with here and there a redbud or flowering dogwood.
The garden and dairy which were Mrs. Clay's especial care, ranked in those days among the best,


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in a land too, where such a high standard exists in these matters.

Near the south wing of the house is the kitchen garden, where the daffodils and snowdrops, which tentatively thrust out their early blossoms to greet the first warm day of spring, are those planted by Mrs. Clay's own hands.

Now, as nearly a century ago, "Ashland" receives many distinguished visitors who are welcomed with a simplicity and elegance for which it is as conspicuous now, as it was then. Lafayette, with whom Mr. Clay maintained an unbroken correspondence for many years, was once a guest there. Daniel Webster, Captain Marryat, Harriet Martineau, His |Excellency Baronide Marechal, at one time Austrian Minister at Washington, and many others were numbered among its honored guests.

One fancies, even though it be only a fancy perhaps, that there still lingers in these historic environs an influence of the extraordinary magnetism of its founder. The personality of the man who built and made "Ashland" famous is of no little interest. That the genius of success is still the genius of labor, is an observation that is always apparent in reading the lives of great men.

Born in 1777 in a place in Hanover County, Virginia, called the "Slashes"-one of seven childrenHenry Clay's early life was not one of luxury. His widowed mother was a hard working woman whose high courage and energy colored his whole life.

Carl Schurz writes of Mr. Clay: "Few public characters in American history have been the subject of more heated controversy. There was no measure
of detraction and obloquy to which during his lifetime his opponents would not resort, and there seemed to be no limit to the admiration and attachment of his friends. The animosities against him have naturally long ago disappeared, but even now we may hear old men, who knew him in the days of his strength, speak of him with an enthusiasm and affection so warm and fresh as to convince us that the recollection of having followed his leadership is among the dearest treasures of their memory. The remarkable fascination he exercised seemed to have
reached even


HENRY CLAY'S BEDSTEAD beyond his living existence."
In 1828 , when Mr. Clay was defeated for the Presidency, Horace Greeley wrote of him: "Men shed tears at his defeat and women went to bed sick from pure sympathy with $h$ is disappointment."
Mr. Clay then retired to private life, and of his journey from Washington to "Ashland" he wrote: "My progress has been marked by every token of attachment and heartfelt demonstrations. I never experienced more testimonies of respect and confidence, nor more enthusiasm -dinners, suppers, balls, etc. I have had literally a free passage-taverns, stages, toll gates have been literally thrown open to me."

It has been said that in the last thirty years of his life Henry Clay could not travel, but only make progresses.
When he left his home the public seized him and bore him along over the land, the committee of one State passing him along to another, and the cheers of one town dying away as those of the next caught his ear.

# The Planting and Care of Roses 

By JOHN W. HALL

THE gardener who has at command only limited space on which to grow roses is at once concerned as to how to get the best results in quantity and quality of blooms.

It is of primary importance that the ground where rose bushes are to be set should be well prepared, spaded and carefully pulverized to a depth of from twelve to twenty inches, and mixed with well-rotted compost, to which has been added, while in the heap, a small quantity of air-slacked lime. Roses require a rich soil and if the ground is not naturally fertile, the quality lacking must be supplied.

Rose bushes should not be set where the ground is low or the drainage bad, but if this cannot be avoided place a layer of broken brick, cinders or similar material at the bottom of the bed to act as a sub-drain.

Having the ground in good condition set the rose bushes just as near as possible to the way they stood in the nursery; i.e., spread out the roots naturally and put the bush in the ground a depth sufficient to bring a dark line which will be shown on the stem, even with the surface. Fill in around the plant with fine soil, mixed with sand if convenient, and press it down firmly with the hand or foot; keep well watered, and shade if the weather is warm or sunny. Budded and grafted bushes should be set so that the junction of stock and graft is two inches below the surface of the soil. Let the habit of growth of the rose determine the distance at which they are set. A distance of three feet is not too much for strong growers.
Equally important with the preparation of the soil and the planting of the bushes is the care and cultivation of them. At the time of planting all roses should be cut back. If the bushes are already established they should be pruned during the first spring month. Cut out weak and decayed parts and such growth as crowds the plant and prevents light and air from having free access.

A safe rule is to prune growing, delicate plants severely, and for strong plants shorten the branches but little, but thin them out well. Prune for shapeliness of plant and promotion of bloom buds. To cause hybrid perpetuals to bloom twice in summer, give them a second pruning after the first bloom in June.

Stir the soil about the roots of the roses frequently, and do not plant annuals among them. To do their best, the plants should have all the nourishment the soil can furnish. Avoid an excessive blooming during the first year of the plant; rather let them take strength into the root and stem for the second
season when results will be much more satisfactory. Vigilance is the price of healthy plants and fine blooms. In the autumn mulch heavily with manure and in the winter provide some protection by wrapping or covering; evergreen boughs make a good covering, and may be stacked about tall bushes which is better than bending them. During the summer make an application of a light straw manure. This will prevent the soil from drying out too rapidly, and at the same time the rains will wash its nutriment to the roots of the plants.

By liberal fertilization and thorough cultivation the plants may be kept healthy and in good growing condition. Such roses are not likely to be attacked by insects, or if attacked not easily injured. If insects appear apply the proper remedies promptly and vigorously and keep the ground stirred about. the bushes. As a rule a strong stream of water from a hose applied once a day will keep the roses free from insects. But if this is not effective, insecticides must be resorted to.

The rose bug is at times very troublesome as well as destructive to the buds. It can be effectively disposed of by a kerosene emulsion made and applied as follows: Shave up one fourth pound of hard laundry soap and dissolve in two quarts of boiling water; add one pint of kerosene oil and stir briskly for four or five minutes, until thoroughly mixed. Dilute to twice its bulk with water and sprinkle it on the bushes with a spraying syringe or a whisk broom. Repeat as often as required to keep the plants clear of the bugs.

About the time the leaves are fairly well developed, there usually appears the rose caterpillar. It glues the leaves together to form a shelter and its presence cannot be mistaken. The only effective remedy is to go over the bushes and remove and destroy the leaves inhabited, thereby destroying the pests.

Saw-fly larva, and other insects appear at a later season than do caterpillars, unless prevented by an occasional spraying. If they should, however, make their appearance destroy and dispose of them by sprinkling the plants lavishly with powdered white hellebore. It is well to moisten the bushes before applying the hellebore as the moisture will cause it to stick to the foliage.

Mildew on the plants is best cured by an application of sulphur or soot. As with the application of hellebore, the bushes should be first sprinkled.

The observance of these suggestions will in practically every instance insure healthy plants and blooms of the greatest perfection.

# Furnishing and Decorating Houses of Moderate Cost 

By Kate greenleaf locke

$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{s}}$$S$ the typical American is the man of moderate means so the typical American home is the one which strikes the happy mean between that which is artificially gorgeous and showy and the one in which the limitations of embarrassed circumstances prevent an attempt at decorative effects or any distinct line of furnishing. The home which is designed for the enjoyment of living, which is created to minister to the individual tastes of its occupants, is the one which is to be described in this article; fortunately this class of building is growing in popularity and spreading far afield in its exemplifications. Its ofttimes quaint simplicity and undoubted artistic completeness attracts the rich man who is tired of living for show, and he builds a house of modest pretensions simply because it appeals to his artistic instincts and because of its "home" suggestion. On the other hand, there are also recruits from the poorer classes as very few men or women are, in these prosperous days, too poor to cherish ideals in the matter of home-building and furnishing. Thus it is that the house of this class (that is the house of moderate cost) has come to represent the typical dwelling of the majority of the American people.

Out of this concrete desire among people of culture to express themselves artistically in building, has sprung some distinct types of architecture and with the architect a style of furnishing which befits it. When we would classify the types of furnishing among those which are purely American we begin with the Colonial. Formed of a selection from the English, French and Flemish furniture of the period when the European colonists settled and became communities in this country, it represented the taste of those communities rather than of individuals. So well was the selection made that we have never improved upon it, and to-day the "Colonial" stands for the best and most refined taste in furnishing and decorating a house as well as in its architectural construction. Colonial architecture, as well as Colonial furniture, has been so thoroughly exploited since we have returned (after a lapse of threescore years) to a sincere appreciation of it, that it would be superfluous to describe it here and yet it would be impossible to enumerate the types of houses and furnishing which have grown out of the needs and tastes of America without alluding to it. There are two styles of Colonial houses in the United States-the Northern


THE EDDY BUNGALOW AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA


THE LIVING-ROOM OF THE EDDY BUNGALOW-DINING-ROOM AT END CAN BE SEPARATED BY CURTAINS


THE LIBRARY IN THE EDDY BUNGALOW
and Southern ; they differ simply through the fact that the South in Colonial days was more generally settled by a wealthy class of English and French people than was New England and that they were, aside from the consideration of means, less frugal in their style of living. Hence, in the furniture as in the houses, there is less that is prim and Puritanic, more that is French and fanciful. The markets on which we draw for the richest and most elaborate Colonial furniture today are in Charleston, Natchez and New Orleans; the ones which furnish us with the purest and most exquisite of the simpler Chippendale, Sheraton and Heppelwhite pieces are in New England. The Colonial house in the South spreads over more ground than it does in the North. As has been said of this type of house, "it may upon occasion be made to spread its wings and porticos over much ground, but it never rambles, and it should always show a front elevation of imposing height; a squat Colonial house is as monstrous as a three-storied bungalow." Also the grace and dignity

an exterior covered with " shakes"


THE DINING-ROOM IN THE EDDY BUNGALOW
of classic simplicity should invest it, it should be cheerful and spacious, its front entrance offering welcome to a spacious hall and its porches, porticos and balconies removing effectually every touch of stiffness from an outline singularly pure and unworried with trifling details. Again, it has been said that New England offers in her typical architecture an analogy to the Puritan maiden of early days who did not wear frills upon her frock nor carry her heart upon her sleeve.

In the wall-papers which are fit for use in a Colonial house there is sufficient variety to render it an interesting matter to select that which best carries out the idea of the room itself.

Stripes are always appropriate, as are large, flowered designs. Tiny Dresden sprigs of flowers and bunches of buds are particularly effective in Colonial bedrooms where Sheraton furniture is used, while with the four-post bedstead and heavy Chippendale chairs, sprawling fowers and glazed chintzes are fascinating. A Colonial hall may be arched and pillared, or
it may be merely a wide passageway through the house, in either case it is a most important feature of a Colonial house and must in all instances show a fine stairway.

The characteristic points which mark a Colonial stairway are: the broad and easy "treads," these may be painted white and carpeted or of polished mahogany - the mahogany hand-rail with white spindles; the "goose-neck" turn of the baluster; the graceful spiral at the foot, replacing the heavy "newel" of the English stairway. In many of the oldest and handsomest houses in America spiral stairways are to be seen and for airy grace and perfection of finish it would be hard to find an analogy in the building of our modern houses.

The Colonial house which is properly furnished and decorated must in resultant effect be cool, clean and airy. In tone and quality it may be exquisitely dainty and if so desired, enormously expensive, but


A COTTAGE DINING-ROOM WITH SOME COLONIAL FURNITURE

an attractive cottage stairway
it must be an expensive simplicity. How very costly such simplicity may be is known only to the collector of antique mahogany.

Therefore we may safely say that the Colonial house while purely a product of American taste should not be classed as the characteristic style which predominates, and this is simply because it does not easily fall within the reach of all classes.

There is, however, a style of building and furnishing which fits snugly into the small purse and yet permits a scope artistically, and this is the "bungalow," so called, which has recently appeared amongst us. That it has come to stay is proved by the fact that where ten years ago one bungalow stood alone an object of curiosity and a subject of jests and much derision, hundreds, nay thousands of houses which are slight variations on this original theme, are now to be seen.

This bungalow was built in Pasadena, California, and cost eight

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hundred dollars. The bungalow which is illustrated in this article stands also in Pasadena and is said to have cost fifteen thousand dollars. As it is finished inside with costly woods, and as it is as spacious within as many an imposing mansion which has cost fifty thousand dollars, this may well be believed; on the other hand, that first little bungalow with all its modesty and lack of pretension set the fashion which has been so widely followed. True, its foundations were but redwood mudsills laid on the surface of the ground, its walls were of perpendicular boards, and its roof laid with "shakes." There was no plaster in the building, the paper being hung on muslin which was carefully stretched and tacked on the walls and ceilings. There were no open fireplaces, but a hot-air furnace in the cellar kept the entire house $\mathrm{com}^{\text {cortable. }}$ Its windows and doors were quaint and nothing was lacking in artistic beauty or in one single comfort and convenience of living. Thus it will be seen that this style of architecture covers easily a wider field than any other. In the matter of furnishing, a bungalow permits more license than any other kind of house-it calls for nothing arbitrarily.

You may put everything into it in the way of rich and luxurious furnishings or you may leave nearly everything out, and if you go to either of these extremes with taste and discrimination your house remains unspoiled and still suggestive of all things artistic.

It is my belief that this adaptiveness accounts largely for its popularity. A bungalow which holds Oriental rugs, chairs richly covered with glowing brocades, whose walls are hung with priceless Chinese and Japanese embroideries, and which is filled with teak-wood, ebony or mahogany furniture may be made to appear appropriately furnished, and one which has grass mats on the floor, rustic furniture, Navajo blankets in its doorways and cheese-
cloth at the windows may be made delightfully attractive.

It would be difficult to devise a scheme for putting fifteen thousand dollars to better use than in the building of the house shown in the illustration and it is a beautiful exposition of a style of architecture and finishing which though it has come to us but recently has already fitted itself into our necessities and tastes. It appeals to a wide circle and several classes because when it is furnished luxuriously and used conventionally there is yet in its atmosphere a delightful flavor of Bohemianism and the liberty and originality that camp life and studio life permits, and yet when it is furnished with extreme simplicity it may (if sufficiently artistic in its treatment) outrank the most expensive conventional house.
The house which is built of "shakes," the elongated shingles of the West, is another outgrowth of the artistic and practical needs of California life. The effect of these long, overlapping shingles on the roof and the side walls of a house is not unlike the "thatch" of an English cottage or the palm houses of tropical countries.

It is picturesque in the extreme, and this style of cottage is also setting the fashion. For summer homes at the seashore or in the mountains these two styles are being followed and adopted throughout the United States.

As the illustrations of these two latter types of houses show, plain walls are preferred to those hung with figured papers-and when these walls have a sand-finish and are calcimined in dull tones of strong colors they are most effective. Pale, elusive tints are always to be avoided in the bungalow or rustic cottage, and wainscoting and heavily beamed ceilings are appropriate. The bedchambers are sometimes papered with flowered effects but the woodwork should always remain unpainted and looks best when stained.


THE EDDY BUNGALOW AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, FROM THE NORTHEAST

# American Country Clubs II. SOME COUNTRY CLUBS ABOUT BOSTON 

By LIVINGSTON WRIGHT

OUT at Brookline, over toward the Dedham line, but within six miles of the State House and Beacon Hill, in a location to be reached by drives over as fine boulevards and highways as are to be found anywhere in the world, the Brookline Country Club was established in 1882. The innovation was largely due to the determination of Mr. J. Murray Forbes, a gentleman widely known for his interest in riding and driving, to create a permanent headquarters for the Boston residents who were able and disposed to back high-class out-of-doors recreation, especially those amusements in which the horse was a feature. The estate originally taken has been enlarged, until now over one hundred acres of picturesque and attractive field, woodland and dale belong to the Country Club. The old mansion that became the club house has been repeatedly altered and added to until the present convenient and tasteful structure stands as practically ideal for the purpose for which it is used. Prior to the inception of the Country Club, its elder rival, the Myopia Hunt, used to hold steeplechase meets on the grounds which are now a part of the former's property. The club house stands in a picturesque location and from its veranda the guests may look off over the broad lawns to the race course and the sporting field. The track is a
half mile and in the center is a splendid polo field. The essential arrangements and facilities for driving exhibitions, coaching meets and parades, polo, pony racing, steeplechases, drag hounds and the horsey sports generally have been added to by the laying out of golf links, and the making of tennis courts.

There is a shooting box where experts at trap shooting are wont to test their skill; a toboggan slide has furnished its peculiar winter delights and in the club house, aside from the rooms and conveniences for members who may wish to stop at the place for a somewhat extended length of time, there are diningrooms, a ballroom, and in brief, all the facilities for recreation and comfort. Besides, the constant use of the club house and grounds for members who drive over for a brief rest and a luncheon, or the private parties that are given, keep the Country Club gay and well filled. The members, of whom there are now some eight hundred, arrange early each' autumn a week's carnival of sport. The occasion is a great event of society, and lovers of horsemanship are over in force from New York and Philadelphia. During this festal celebration the four or five days of races, exhibitions and parades bring out thousands of spectators. The coaching parade, the exhibition of fine carriage horses and


THE BROOKLINE COUNTRY CLUB-ONE OF THE FIRST COUNTRY CLUBS IN THE UNITED STATES


THE DEDHAM COUNTRY CLUB-HOUNDS GOING TO THE MEET


THE MYOPIA HUNT CLUB-HOUNDS AFIELD


THE MYOPIA HUNT CLUB-HOUNDS IN KENNEL
skilled driving, the steeplechase, pony racing and polo, fill the programme with interesting events. This kind of enterprise has spread the fame of the Brookline Country Club. Winter's approach does not witness any decline in the gaiety and popularity of the club house. Sleighing parties frequent it, and the Country Club's informal dances have their especial devotees.

The tremendous development of the North Shore as a place of residence, particularly summer headquarters for society people, has caused genuine enthusiasm among real estate speculators. The jagged and picturesque shore-line that skirts the coast north of Boston has attracted during the past few years throngs of fashionable settlers and as a monument to country life amid this combination of beauty and wealth, we find at Hamilton the famed Myopia Hunt Club, noted for dignity of years, as well as aristocracy of membership.

At Manchester-by-the-Sea is located the Essex County Club. Each institution has its generous estate and its spacious club house. Many of the members make their summer residence at the club headquarters and thus derive the full benefit of its advantages.

South of Boston, out Dedham way, are the noted Norfolk Hunt Club, the Dedham Country Club and the Dedham Polo Club. In fact, suburban to Boston,
turn where you will you find important hunt or country clubs. In Watertown is the Bay State Driving Club, occupying a $\$ 90,000$ mansion house on School Street, possessing a fine estate and a membership of seven hundred and fifty. One of the newest of such organizations, it is already one of the most popular. Westward toward Worcester is the Worcester County Club. Swinging into the northeast, we find the Middlesex Hunt Club, which gives successful horse shows and carnivals each year on the Middlesex meadows near Lincoln.

One of the newest, the Commonwealth Country Club, is located at Chestnut Hill and overlooks a beautiful view of the Brookline "Reservoir" region.

While the Myopia has been the pioneer in Boston Country Club life and has sought to most influentially and enthusiastically follow out the edict conveyed in its name, it must be confessed that Bostonians have actually to do most of their cross countrying in quest of the anise-seed-bag rather than that of the strategic fox. This same is true with reference to other noted hunt clubs of this country.

As many of the members are busy men, it means much for the Boston business man to be able to remain at his office until two o'clock and yet get his afternoon of cross-country riding. It is a matter of pride to the Bostonian that the first Country Club of America was established there.


THE COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY CLUB

# The Small House Which is Good 

I. A New Colonial House in Salem-A. C. Richardson, Architect<br>II. A Cottage in a New Jersey Village-Geo. T. Pearson, Architect

## A New Colonial House in Salem

THE accompanying illustrations, etc., show a house recently erected at Salem, Mass., the ancient Puritanical city so well known the world over for its past history and especially for its many fine examples of Colonial architecture.

Probably no city in the country has better representative types of the Colonial period than the city in which Hawthorne was born. For its refinement of mouldings, delicacy of detail, proportions, etc., it stands distinctively apart.

Thoroughly appreciating the beauty of the old and realizing that any new work should conform to the spirit of the past and be harmonious with the surroundings, the architect has followed throughout, both outside and inside the detail, proportions, etc., abounding in the city.

The house is fortunate in being placed on a large and beautifully located lot, overlooking the harbor from which many a ship and bark has sailed in times past to the remote corners of the earth bringing back cargoes, the value of which made possible the erection of the many fine mansions.

It is set back about one hundred and seventy-five feet from the street named in honor of General Lafayette after his visit and entertainment at the home of one of the old Salem families.

The exterior is of wood and the walls are clapboarded excepting the front, the central portion of which is of plain matched sheathing and on each side there is rusticated sheathing with a sinkage, not beveled, but at right angles.

The columns are square instead of round and the balustrades are of an exceptionally interesting design; the roof balustrade has the old time blind or fan ornament in the center.

The front entrance is enriched by the sidelights of leaded glass painted white, as is the entire house; the pilaster caps have been carefully modeled after an old example, having a partially opened rosebud in place of the common rosette, etc.

Entrance to the house is through a vestibule (at each side of which are coat closets) into the liv-ing-room, off of which opens the library with its book-cases, seat and fireplace; between living and dining-room there is a sun and flower bay, a large built-in elliptical settle opposite a fireplace of red brick with wide white mortar joints; a wooden grille fills in space between the columns at ends of settle.

A side entrance leads to hall and back stairs, cellar stairs are most accessible both from kitchen and main hall; both butler's and kitchen pantry are conveniently located between kitchen and diningroom, and the latter is provided with a buffet with glazed doors, shelves, drawers, etc.

The main staircase goes to a landing from which entrance is obtained to the loggia; the second floor has five chambers all of which have ample and roomy closets. Owners' bath has bay for sun baths as an additional feature. A sewing-room fitted up with flap shelves, drawers, etc., is also provided for. The attic has space for four bedrooms.

The interior, excepting the service portion, is finished entirely in white with mahogany doors and is simple but effective; the floors are of hardwood throughout. The landscape plan shows the scheme for beautifying the grounds about the house to the best advantage.

## A Cottage in a New Jersey Village

THE result sought in the plan of this cottagewhich has been built in a southern New Jersey village-was the arrangement, within the limits of a small rectangle, of an effect somewhat rambling, with attractive nooks, to utilize every square foot of space to advantage, and to give an interior of apparently greater scope than the size would indicate. To this end, vistas through the house are lengthened by placing windows and doors on axial lines so that the view is continuous to some point of interest from the main rooms.

The walls are of plain and header bricks first story, with second story of frame, white pebble-dashed between timbering, the roof of shingles, and a cellar is under the entire house.

The third story has two bedrooms, and trunk closets. Main hall has chestnut wood finish, in silver gray stain, and the remaining rooms painted wood finish. Simple and appropriate detail marks the designs of mantels, stairway, arch to hall alcove and china closets. The floors throughout are of narrow boards, oil finished; the construction of all portions substantial, and the utilities of the house such as plumbing, heating and cooking appliances all of the best class. When built the cost was $\$ 5,700$, but under existing conditions of labor, etc., would represent a value of about $\$ 6,500$ complete in a suburb not dominated by city prices.




THE DOORWAY OF "WESTOVER," ON THE JAMES RIVER

# Quaint Houses of the South <br> "WESTOVER" <br> An Historic Virginia Mansion 

By DAY ALLEN WILLEY

W"HEN we think of Virginia we associate this State with the many homes of Colonial days which fortunately are still preserved to such an extent that the architecture of the houses and to a certain degree the original arrangement of the gardens and lawns surrounding, can be studied. Of the interesting manor-houses, however, "Westover" house is perhaps the most interesting because it is not only so well preserved to-day but because of its great historic interest and the fact that it was owned by a man who not only had the wealth but the ability to make it a center of culture.

Upon the shores of the James river still stand a number of mansions which were built in the eighteenth century. Among them all, however, "Westover" is conspicuous both for its size and design. A mere glance at the exterior of the house impresses the visitor with its generous proportions-generous for the times when it was built, as the bricks and so much of the material composing it were brought from the Old World. The main building, three stories in height, is surmounted by one of the familiar steep hipped roofs which is relieved by a row of dormer windows. This portion of the building seems modern in contrast with the lower portion with its picturesque entrance reached by a series of threesided stone steps. The remarkably broad façade of red brick is especially noticeable as well as the excellent condition of the exterior of the main building. The same may be said, however, of the wings which are connected by colonnades with the house proper.

Stepping inside the main entrance, attention is first attracted to the spacious

hallway which was elaborately carved and paneled by the builder even for the Colonial period when this form of decoration was so popular. The hall is about ten feet in width and is further adorned with very wide and ornamental cornices. At the left of the hall are the library and diningroom, each of which still contains the decorations of walls and ceiling with which they were originally ornamented. It may be said here that the Library at "Westover" originally contained the finest and largest private collection of books owned in America, at the time aggregating nearly four thousand volumes. Some of the furniture of the last century also remains in these rooms as well as excellent examples of Colonial chairs and tables in the parlor which is, of course, located opposite.

The elaborate stairway, reaching from the front hall to the upper portion of the house, is also worthy of mention. It can truly be called artistic in its design and finish. Divided into two sections these are joined at nearly right angles. While the staircase is of remarkable width, considering the period when it was constructed, its twisted balusters carved out of solid mahogany arouse the admiration of the visitor who appreciates the quality of its material and workmanship. The chambers above are finished and decorated with the same elegance and refinement which marks the interior of the lower rooms.
Possibly the most notable feature of the interior of the building is the mantel in the drawing-room. The owner secured this in Italy, paying an equivalent of twenty-five hundred dollars in American money for it, a very large
sum for the time when it was carved. The pediment and borders of the mantel are of very fine white marble, of exquisitely wrought design. The background of the mantel is of black veined marble, which forms a striking contrast to the white framework in which it is set.

A very conspicuous object on the grounds surrounding the building is the splendid oak which stands in front of the main entrance near enough to afford shade to the building, but the tulip poplars about the lawn are also Nature's contribution to the
century ago, are in such condition that they have needed little or no repair. The statuary with which the grounds were adorned was supported by strong capped buttresses some of which are still to be seen. The estate, however, passed through several wars, the Civil War being waged in this part of Virginia with great destruction to its property. On several occasions soldiers camped at "Westover" and the left corridor and wing were destroyed during the sixties. Fortunately, the balance of the buildings was left intact. But the history of "Westover" dates away


THE MAIN HALL
landscape which should not be omitted in such a description. Even when merely in leaf they are beautiful, but when in flower their beauty is almost indescribable. The extensive lawn in front of the house is of proportions in keeping with the size of the building itself. Fortunately, the estate has fallen into hands that have carefully preserved, as far as possible, its natural surroundings and the lawn is kept in as good condition as when it was the pride of its owner. Sloping down to the water's edge, it is protected from the encroachment of the river by massive walls of masonry which, although they were built over a
back to the time when hostile Indians descended upon it in the seventeenth century and massacred no less than thirty-three of the white people who were upon the estate.

Running here and there beneath the even sod of the lawn are underground passages, all of them large enough to admit a man and some are lined with masonry. When and why these were built has been a subject for discussion among investigators, but a passage in the history of Virginia refers to places made for concealment from enemies. It is believed that some of these passages were built for a refuge
after the massacre referred to and that they date back to the early days of "Westover." The house grounds are entered through a pair of gates which are among the best examples of hammered iron work of this kind to be found in the United States. An excellent view of this gateway is to be seen from the main hallway of the house as it has been placed directly in front of it. The gates, which were made in England, are supported by two massive stone pillars still in good condition. These pillars have been surmounted by eagles made out of lead. The
"Westover," it remained for his second son to make of it what was at that time probably the most noted home of the Colonies, since it was not only a salon where gathered the gentry and beauty of the South, but was a model for the agriculturist while it was a resort of the gentleman and sportsman as well as the patron of art and literature and had among its guests the most noted statesmen of the day. Spacious as was the house and ample as were its grounds, "Westover" was not too large for the brilliant company which so frequently gathered beneath its roof.


THE DINING-ROOM
gates themselves are ornamented with the crest of the Byrd family which represents the martlet.

It may be needless to say that the deeply interesting history of "Westover" is brought to mind wherever the visitor treads, either in-doors or out-of-doors, the massive walls of the house bringing to mind the home of the founder of the Byrd family who at "Belvidere" resided in a literal stronghold with his wife and children, guarded by a garrison of fifty men from the attacks of the savages. "Belvidere" was located in what is now the suburbs of the city of Richmond. While he built the original house at

While the younger Byrd spent his childhood in Virginia, his education was completed in England and on the Continent both in school and by travel. When the death of his father in 1704 placed him in possession of "Westover," Colonel Byrd, though but thirty years old, had that education and refinement which justly gained for him the title of "William Byrd, Gentleman," which clung to him until his death in I744. During the forty years which he was the master of "Westover," he gratified his tastes by collecting objects of art, not only for the decoration of his home but for beautifying the grounds.


THE DRAWING-ROOM


THE MAIN STAIRWAY

## "Westover"

It was one of the first estates in America to be adorned with statuary. Having a fondness for flowers and the means to gratify it, the owner of "Westover" had elaborate conservatories, traces of which are still to be seen. He built drives and walks both from the interior highways and from the river, marking the entrance to the grounds with ornamental gates such as we have mentioned. His ideas were far broader than those of the usual country gentleman, but that he was very practical in his views was shown by his success in the various branches of agriculture, since his fields formed an object-lesson to the settlers of the country round about.

It is also interesting to recall that he really founded the cities of Richmond and Petersburg, selecting these sites in the belief that they were the proper locations for important communities.

The pathetic romance of "Westover" through the life and death of the beautiful Evelyn Byrd, one of the owner's daughters, is familiar to readers of
history. But her father's plans for making the old mansion an ideal home from the standpoint of art and beauty as well as in other respects, undoubtedly had her cordial assistance. Educated also in England, where she acquired all of the accomplishments of the polished gentlewoman, her taste and ideas were displayed in various ways both in and out of the house.
Consequently, the tombs of the master of "Westover" and his favorite daughter, which are located but a short distance from the house, form objects of melancholy interest to the visitor. It may be added that five years after Colonel Byrd's death the house was partly destroyed by fire, but was at once rebuilt according to the original design and of the same proportions, so that the "Westover" house of to-day is but little changed in appearance since the eighteenth century. Until I8I4 it was held by descendants of Colonel Byrd, but after that date passed out of the family.


THE NORTH GATE

# My July Garden 

By MAY ELLIS NICHOLS

WE did not go to the country last year till almost the middle of July-the tenth, to be definite-and every one said it was entirely too late to plant a garden. So, indeed, it seemed to me, but the difficulty of catering for a family table with the nearest green grocer more than a mile away tempted me to give the doubt the benefit.

There was plenty of land,-sod-with such a luxuriant growth of clover that there could be no doubt of its fertility. A plot thirty by forty feet was plowed and harrowed, three loads of barn-yard fertilizer were added and all was ready for the seed.

I repaired to a local seed store, but here discouragement awaited me. The stock of seed was depleted, indeed some kinds quite exhausted. After much opening of drawers, emptying of envelopes, discussion and delay, I departed with five cents worth each of the following seeds:

Spinach, improved, thick leaves; radishes, early long scarlet; parsley, fine triple curled; beets, Crosby's Egyptian; lettuce, Ferry's early prize head; cucumbers, white spine; beans, golden wax; corn, country gentleman. To these I afterward added ten anemic tomato plants, derelicts of the stock raised for the spring planting. I tried to get onion "sets," also, but these were not to be found at all.

On the advice of the farmer, who plowed the land for me, the garden was planted in rows three feet apart so that it could be tilled by a horse cultivator; this was never done, however. On the twelfth of July, 1906, at noon, the last seed was covered, the last tomato plant set, and the period of waiting began.

It was hot and dry, and I so feared that my seeds would not germinate that for three nights I carried water and thoroughly moistened them. On the fifth day, however, my fears were set at rest. A filmy green line penciled the whole length of the lettuce row, and the radishes were also above the ground; while in less than a week the tiny red stems of the beets were visible. In the meantime the tomato plants were feasting on the rich soil and holding themselves straight and strong. The parsley was the last thing to come up and the only thing-to anticipate a little-that we had no use of in any way.

Four or five days after the garden was planted there was abundant rain and after that there were almost daily showers, so that the goddess who helps the brave this time seemed to include the presumptuous in her favors. The conditions were ideal, and such as could not, of course, be counted on, but the results were ideal too. How that garden grew!

What a thing of beauty it was! Three weeks from the day it was planted the lettuce, crisp, juicy, perfect was on our table; and from that time till we reluctantly left it on the eighth of September, we picked all we could use beside distributing it generously to our friends. On the same day that we began to use the lettuce, August 2d, I pulled a radish five inches long and as large around as my thumb, a pearl of its kind. The radishes, too, lasted for several weeks, providing a relish, not only for our own table, but for the lunch of the workmen who were building a near-by summer cottage.
The third vegetable ready for use was the beet, in the form of greens. These were picked August I4th and the spinach was ready August 21st. The cucumbers were tasted first August 23d, though they might have been used some time before; and August 24th we ate delicious butter beans from our own garden. None of the tomatoes ripened till the first week in September, but we had fried the green ones and made chow-chow and pickles for a week or two previous. From about the 20th of August we were independent of the green grocer, except for potatoes and things we bought to make a variety. We did not stay late enough in September to get the benefit of the corn. Beside the vegetables we used on the table, I put up my winter supply of pickles, both tomato and cucumber, extravagantly using the tiny little cucumbers, 200 of which I once picked in three days.
As some one is likely to insist that I "count the cost," the items of my garden are as follows:
Work with team—plowing, etc............. \$315
Three loads of fertilizer at 25 cents per load... 75
Seven and one-half hours raking and planting I II
Seeds. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 40
Tomato Plants . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 20
Total....................................... . . \$5 61
So much for the debit side. In return we had all the vegetables we could use for more than three weeks and might have had for six, could we have stayed to enjoy them. I was relieved of the anxiety of making sure of our supply from the grocer, and had, in addition, my winter's store of pickles. If the debit side still seems to weigh up the credit, put in the other side of the balance all the delight of really owning a garden and seeing it grow; the satisfaction of viewing the discomfiture of the skeptics; the summer's experience; add this and who will not agree with me that the experiment was a successthat my garden really paid.

## The Picture Quality of English Village Cottages <br> By MILLICENT OLMSTED <br> (Photographs by Martha Olmsted Winsor.)

THE picture quality of the English village is not equaled by anything in our own country. There is nothing that clings more persistently and pleasantly to the memory after a trip through England, no matter how hurried, than this incontrovertible charm of the English villages. One needs not the artistic bias to perceive, to recognize and to love their quaint loveliness. They are so homely, so domestic, so peaceful, so holy-seeming, the culminating point ever being the Gothic tower or modern spire of God's house brooding gently over the blessed acre of the dead.

To analyze the component parts of this acknowledged charm is like pulling to pieces the sweet scented blossom. We may see its color and shape and count its petals and stamens, but its perfume we cannot find and it perishes on the air as we investigate.

Naturally, their most conspicuous quality has been and will be yet for decades, age. Time has rubbed off the angles and hard lines of youth and crudity, and left the soft tones, the delicate shadows, the tempered strength of deep experience, so that the merest passer-by is impressed by the romance and history manifolded upon the ancient, ivy grown walls.
Does ever ivy grow so luxuriantly as up their old stone or brick faces? Do moss and lichen ever cling


A TYPICAL VILLAGE POST OFFICE
more tenaciously than to their thick gray tiles or their brown straw thatches?

No Americans attempt to deny the picturesque charm for them in the thatch. However plain a house, a thatch lends to it a physiognomy, a character. Whether it be straggly and thin, or smooth and thick, patched and weather stained or adorned with splotches of green and yellow moss, it always pleases. Find the little windows pushed up under its overhanging fringe! See the roses wandering over its springy surface!

The thatches are rapidly disappearing, modern building methods and hygienic,'laws having read their death sentence. Thank fortune, that we who have seen them have that joy to remember, even if when we go again square, hard-edged tiles are set where the thick thatch used to cast its shadow!
Then there is the whimsicality of arrangement that excites the imagination of the stranger. Why, why, why, we wonder. Up on a knoll, down in the dell stand the cottages, immutable, while straight on, diagonally, round the corner skirmish the roads, and little lanes and by-paths


CHARMING SPECIMENS OF TIMBER AND PLASTER
smile invitingly and unexpectedly at us when we are least looking for them. We can trace every small impetus or growth by these queer, cranky little arrangements that have no relation apparently to one another and yet make up a whole more fascinating in its degree than is the great metropolis.

And the roads! Saw we ever such smooth, clean kept parkways? Wouldn't their yellow or gray ribbons of crushed stone, bordered with grass and shrubs, hedges or stone walls, make even a little treeless, frame cottage town fairly paradisiacal ?

After all, it is the cottages themselves that make the village. There are those of the gray sandstone that on exposure to the air turn a soft ochre yellow. There are also the red brick ones that have little rustic archways, overrun with roses over the doors and bits of gables over the windows. They all beam with love. Love for you or me or for themselves? Well, perhaps reflexively for us all, but chiefly love for flowers.

The small patch of front garden as big as a counterpane or less, throws out color and blossoms that would shame the tropics. The procession of flowers starts before apple blossom time with the snow-drops, tulips, narcissi and hyacinths and never halts through the brave detachments of iris, peonies, alyssum, phlox, dahlias and gladioli until the arrival of the asters and the Michaelmas daisies. And all this time over the doorway and up the walls clamber the roses, huge yellow-gold balls, or pink puffs of blossoms or those of mad crimson.

The poorest cottagers have their gardens. If
their street door opens on the sidewalk, behold, close to our noses, as we pass the tiny window with its Nottingham lace sash curtains, eight or ten inches deep, are gay red geraniums and pot plants rare and luxuriant. Can we manage to steal a peep into the back garden as well? Through this dim, brickpaved passage, at the far end, in a square of sunlight lies the garden where tall spikes of hollyhocks, poppies and vetches mingle with the gray-green pomp of the lordly cabbage.

The perennials live all winter in the ground untouched by frosts, and when spring comes and summer, with their bountiful soft rains, what can the plants do but make haste and bloom in their utmost profusion for all the blessings so abundantly bestowed upon them?

According to most of the prevailing building laws in England, dwellings, barns and stables are chiefly constructed of non-combustible materials, stone, brick or cement. Thanks to these laws, the buildings do not go up in smoke every quarter century or so and the plain little stone or brick houses are much prettier than similar plain little frame houses such as we build over here.

The old row of cottages in Warwick at the foot of Mill Street, now dedicated to tourists' teas and artists' studios, is a good example of what is left of the past. Even the modern cottages in the villages are blessed with a certain dignified grace of conception unlike our ugly little barn-like homes. The double cottage shown here with its inset porch, latticed windows and group chimneys is a sightly and


"MOLLY'S LODGE"


A PICTURESQUE TURN IN THE ROAD

cottages at the foot of mill street, warwick
pretty pair of modest residences. Their gardens are found at the back.

A characteristic example of the lodges of large estates that add to the beauty of rural England is "Molly's Lodge," with its stately sentinel larch and hawthorn trees in pink and white bloom about it.

Dividing honors with the stone and thatch cottages are the enchanting specimens of timber


A SIGHTLY PAIR OF HOMES
white plaster that still remain in many parts of England for the artistic rapture of the traveler.

Many ideas might practically be adopted from the English village architecture for village buildings here at home, if to substantial and simple effects were sacrificed some speed and many gimcracks, and expense put into material rather than size. When we read i571, i626, i 750 on tablets over the doors of these well-built English cottages, we realize that a solid sense of economy always has been an especially underlying feature of this picturesque beauty. Oak beams, stone, brick and slate are exceedingly slow to deteriorate when compared with pine, lath, plaster and shingles.


THE SPRING AND PILLAR BOX

# Three Garden Plans 

# Suggestions for Selecting Flowers, Shrubs, and Trees, and the Laying Out of Small Suburban Lots 

By ELIZABETH H. FAIRLEY

PLAN NO. I

THIS lot of moderate dimensions does not permit of a wide or varied landscape effect, but by careful grouping and selection, a variety of color effects can be obtained throughout the year.

The trees are chosen for their handsome foliage, flowers and brilliant autumn coloring. Shrubs and hardy plants in the boundaries will give flowers during the spring, summer and autumn months, and the various colored evergreens will enliven the garden in winter.

The flower beds at the back of the house are for annuals which will supply cut flowers and give a cheerful aspect to the back of the house.

Plant along the fence between the two shrubberies crimson rambler roses and the small flowering Clematis paniculata. They will transform the picket or iron fence into a thing of beauty.
The fruit and kitchen gardens will supply an ordinary family if the most is made of the allotted space by planting successive crops throughout the season.
The fruits I have mentioned are only a guide to selection. They embrace early, mid-season, and late varieties. Individual taste will no doubt suggest other varieties. The prices quoted for stock will be found the ruling ones at the leading nurseries.

PLAN NO. II
Plan the grounds of the suburban or country home, with the object of having pleasure from them at all seasons of the year. In substituting small evergreens, borders of flowering shrubs and hardy plants, for the flower beds of geraniums and coleus so often seen, you will have something permanently beautiful which will increase in value with age. In the border gardens sow seeds of the annuals named, or others equally good which will not destroy the harmony of color, to fill in during the first season, until the hardy plants get established. The prices given are for large plants; one large clump of phlox will make a
much better display than several small ones. When possible, plant in the autumn, September or October; which gives the plants a chance to get established before winter, and they will come up in the spring more vigorously than if they had just been planted.

Have the posts for the rose arches made of red cedar with bark left on. They will look more artistic than a wire trellis, or iron posts. In the country they can be bought from some farmer who generally has a quantity of cedars growing on his land. The laundry yard has been placed where it will be least conspicuous and screened with the privet hedge and bush honeysuckles.
Instead of giving up part of the kitchen garden to small fruits it may all be devoted to growing vegetables.

PLAN NO. III
This small plot has been planned to give as much lawn as possible surrounding the house.

The shrubs are grouped at the end of the lawn and so form a screen for the vegetable garden-as well as being ornamental to the lawn.

The fence is to be covered with the small flowering white clematis, and the Virginia creeper which grows rapidly and its brilliant autumn coloring makes it very welcome during the days when the flowers are becoming few and far between.

Hardy plants are to occupy the border at the side of the house. Sow seeds of mignonette and sweet alyssum between the plants to fill in during the first season, until the permanent plants have become stocky.

The above mentioned annuals will not destroy the harmony of color.
The grape arbor, after the vines have covered it with their leaves, will afford a cool retreat on hot summer days.

The kitchen garden, and laundry yard, are necessities to all suburban homes. In the vegetable garden have the walks wide enough to allow a man with a wheelbarrow to pass freely around.





By GEORGE B. MITCHELL

WHILE the beauty of the plaster cast when considered alone appeals to every one as a decorative feature, it is found difficult to reconcile it to its surroundings when placed in a room, because it is so glaringly white and lifeless.

In visiting art stores and plaster shops one often finds remarkable reproductions from famous sculpture in European museums and bits of architectural detail, the originals of which adorn the façades and portals of various cathedrals and palaces. It is interesting, however, to the amateur decorator to realize that any of these pieces which he may fancy for beauty of line or detail, may be treated in a way to harmonize perfectly with any setting, as they are as easily stained and waxed as a woodcarving. For instance, the head of the "Unknown Woman," that beautiful example of Italian sculpture whose subtle charm has ever baffled the crayon of the "antique class" student, can be stained a soft ivory that is almost yellow, or a delicate gray green. This treatment, however, would unquestionably be bad taste


Cast of a Florentine frame treated with gold bronze and green and rich enough for the daintiest sketch
for the bust of Wagner or of Mozart. Discretion, therefore, must be used in the selection of tint and finish. A preparation of oil and paraffin applied with a cloth will transform the cold white of the cast to the soft mellow tone of ivory and greatly enhance its beauty. The well known reproduction of the Venus de Milo when treated in this way, allowing the oil to settle well into the folds of drapery and indentations of the figure, has all the quality of an antique marble. Raised semi-modeled figures, such as the "Three Cherub Heads," lend themselves charmingly to this treatment. Basreliefs may be used most effectively for wall panels or to fill a frame space over a wood or marble mantel. Also an exceedingly pleasing effect may be obtained by framing such casts as the St. Cecilia and the Madonna by Donatello, or the "Choir Boys" by della Robbia. For the frames, natural wood should be used stained a rich dark brown, or mahogany.

In order to meet the increasing demand for bas-reliefs, a New York firm has recently produced in plaster the Triumphal Entry
of Alexander into Babylon. This famous masterpiece, executed by Thorwaldsen and originally intended for Napoleon's summer residence in the Quirinal, Rome, was placed in the villa of the Count of Sommariva, on the Lake of Como. In 1829 the sculptor repeated the frieze in marble for the royal palace at Copenhagen.

There are twentytwo slabs in the new reproduction, twentyfour inches in height, and they vary from twenty-seven inches to sixty-three and a half inches in length. Many of these slabs a re admirably adapted for wall decoration.

The beautiful pastoral scene, including two of the slabs in this series, would form a panel twentyfour inches by ninetysix inches for the space over a mantel. The composition is a shepherd and flock of sheep. In the background are the walls of Babylon, overshadowed by palms and cypress trees. At the right is a group of women and a warrior that balances the figure of the shepherd on the extreme left. The last group of warriors and horses in the reproduction is a superb composition, five feet, three and a half inches in length, and well adapted for an ivory tone or an effect in bronze.

There are two reliefs, one a band of youthful musicians, the other a group of Babylonian maidens strewing flowers and wreaths on the path of the triumphator, that are suitable for a music room or space over a piano.

The complete series is eighty feet in length and if used as a frieze, they would require a room of large proportions, but the effect obtained would be exceedingly rich and would cost about one hundred dollars. Mr. William Dodge, a successful mural decorator, made use several years ago of the reproduction of the Parthenon groups for a panel effect on the gallery leading


Gargoyles give a certain dignity and accent to the architectural lines of a room
into his study located in the rue Vaugirard, Paris. These famous groups are reproduced on small slabs and so arranged that they form a long line of Grecian warriors, horses, chariots, vestal virgins, priests, and musicians extending completely around the room. Set just above the wainscot, they were held in place by a molding covering the upper edge. When stained with a preparation made from permanent green or other tube color mixed with turpentine, these little plaster figures become the most fascinating antique bronzes. A bit of gold bronze applied with a brush and allowed to show here and there after the color was partly wiped from the figures, completed the effect of metal.
A reproduction is presented here of a Florentine frame, an imitation plaster from some beautiful woodcarving. Twenty-five cents purchased the cast, a coat of gold paint was applied with a brush and a little green brushed into the recesses of the scrolls. The result was delightfully effective. Among the most charming reproductions of architectural detail are the casts in miniature of Gothic niches with the enclosed figure of some saint or holy personage. These may be stained with artists' colors (using burnt umber, Vandyke brown, a little white to make the stain opaque, and mixed with turpentine) so as to closely resemble old worm-eaten wood. After the surface coat is applied and wiped to get the weathered wood tone, the grain of the wood is easily indicated by drawing faint uneven lines in a slightly darker color with a small sable-hair brush. The lines must run up and down with the length of the Gothic ornament and figure. White mixed with ivory black and a little yellow ochre will give the effect of stone.


A reproduction of an old Gothic ornament stained to resemble weathered wood

But the most curious casts are those of the gargoyles from the Notre Dame de Paris. These quaint waterspouts which project from the eaves of Gothic churches and whose name originated from the gurgling sound of the water that issued from their ungainly throats, assumed, to quote a writer in the "Bulletin of the Metropolitan Museum of Art," "strange grotesque shapes reflecting as it were some of the dark and terrible beliefs of the time in demons halfanimal, half-human, forever hovering about ready to assault the unwary soul." These uncouth conceptions first originated in the minds of pious monks and were depicted by them on the illuminated margins of missals and hour books.

As an example a pair of gargoyles is shown used as a decorative feature over a mantel and hanging suspended from their open mouths by chains small lamps and incense burners. These casts were toned to represent stone, but may be successfully stained any color to correspond with the woodwork. It is claimed that much of the vigor of Gothic buildings is concentrated in these hideous beasts. Gargoyles used as a part of the decoration of a fireplace or suspended close to the ceiling on a plain wall, give a certain dignity and accent to the architectural lines of a room.

A droll little figure reproduced commonly in this country from the celebrated Lincoln cathedral, England, makes a decorative acquisition in a library or study, though bizarre and diabolical as is this little "Lincoln Imp" in appearance.

The story goes that through the misadvertence of one of the workmen, the original block of stone which was to have been carved into a good little angel, like the host of other little angels that decorate the cathedral, became a wicked imp.

Frequently in the construction of an inexpensive house, false beams or rafters are introduced, and these should be carefully made and finished to obtain the excellent and decorative effect which is to be expected of them. In a certain house, however, just outside of New York, through the carelessness or avarice of the contractor, these beams were not properly finished but had been carried across the ceiling and the ends had been cut too short to reach the plaster. The effect was incomplete; the room seemed unfinished and the beams apparently lacked support. The owner, an artist by profession, not caring to go to the expense of having woodwork fitted in almost at the ends of the rafters, selected a plaster bracket of scroll design in one of the little Italian plaster shops. He ordered at fifteen cents apiece the number of brackets necessary ; then he stained them a dark oak color to match the woodwork and nailed them to the wall directly under the awkward rafters' ends. As he stepped away to view the result, the transformation astonished him. Immediately the room had assumed the stately appearance of an English manor-hall. The brackets were to all appearance the work of a skilful wood-carver, and had they been actually carved in wood would have represented an outlay of several hundred dollars.


# Talks About Hardy Perennials V. THE WHITE GIANT TOBACCO PLANT 

By W. C. EGAN

IN the early part of the sixteenth century John Nicot, French Ambassador to Portugal, introduced the tobacco plant into his native country and also widely declaimed its virtues as a narcotic. For these services the plant received his name and was called Nicotiana.

The species cultivated for commercial purposes is Nicotiana tabacum, a native.
The species most grown for ornamental purposes is $N$. alala better known as $N$. affinis, bearing a long tubular shaped white flower, sweet scented towards evening. A few years ago an allied form, but bearing red flowers, came much heralded under the name of $N$. Sandera, which caused much dissatisfaction on account of not understanding its requirements.
When grown in full sun the colors of the flowers were weak and on hot sunshiny days they closed and wilted and looked unhappy, but where planted in open, semi-shady situations they stood up well and were quite attractive. Since this introduction hybrids of it have appeared but in all I have seen, the colors are weak and unattractive.

The more robust species $N$. glauca, $N$. tomentosa, and $N$. tabacum, are often grown for sub-tropical effect. N. mirabilis alba, here illustrated, is certainly a very handsome plant, easily raised from seed, in fact self-sown plants often bloom the same season, but are comparatively small in stature. They should be started in a hotbed and transplanted when danger of frost is passed. In good soil (wood-ashes is a good stimulant) they will attain a height of six to seven feet with large light green leaves occupying a
diameter of three or more feet. The illustration shows them in a situation that does not do them justice, they being used temporarily to fill up some gaps in a peony bed. It may be interesting to intending planters if I state how I intend growing them next season.

I have chosen a bay of the lawn bounded on the closed in sides by a wooded ravine. The ravine trees will form the background and the bed will receive full sun up to noon. The bay is much broader than deep, and is flanked on both sides, on the border of the ravine, with plantings of spring flowering bulbs and the early blooming wood phlox, $P$. divaricata. I shall use a dozen plants of Mirabilis alba, planted three feet apart and border them on the lawn side with Rudbeckia triloba, also placed three feet apart. At the back of the bed, but coming out also in between the tobacco plants I have planted sixty Virginian cowslips, Mertensia Virginica, that handsome, early blooming, blue-flowered beauty. A space one foot in diameter is left for each tobacco plant and the Mertensia is then planted in between them and about one foot apart. Then in front of them and running in between the spaces left and between the Rudbeckias are planted eight hundred chionodoxas. About on the same line with the chionodoxas, to the right, and near the ravine edge is a group of some thirty plants of the handsome dwarf blue columbine, Aquilegia Helena. On the corresponding side, at the left is a group of the wood Iphlox above mentioned. All of these are planted in irregular groups, as informal as possible, but continuous so as to form mass effect. The Rudbeckias


THE WHITE GIANT TOBACCO PLANT

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are planted, but the tobacco plants will not be set out until June.

Now here is what I expect to obtain. Early in the spring, just as the blue-birds come, over eight hundred sprays of the lovely blue chionodoxas will herald the coming spring and remain in bloom until the Mertensias take up the refrain, and about the time they commence to fade the exquisite blue of the columbines will appear and before they are gone the wood phlox sends out its lilac blue flowers. This carries the bloom well into July and for the last month the ripening, disappearing foliage of the chionodoxas and the Mertensias present rather a
ragged appearance, but by this time the foliage of a bed of peonies, situated some fifteen feet in front of the group, hides from the general view all of this short period of untidiness.

Before the growth of the peonies and when the bulbs were in their prime, the view was unobstructed. About the middle of June the tobacco plants will be set out and by the time the peonies have done flowering, both the Rudbeckias and tobaccos will be in bloom and remain in flower until frost cuts them down. This group makes a garden in itself, flowering from early spring almost uninterruptedly until frost.

" GERANIUM SANGUINEUM, VAR. ALBA"

## THE WHITE CRANE'S BILL

GERANIUMS are represented by over one hundred species distributed over the temperate regions of the whole world, but few of them being worthy of cultivation. The name is an old one used by Dioscorides, derived from geranos, a crane, referring to the long beak which terminates the carpels. This same feature suggested the only common name the plant seems to possess, viz., crane's bill.

The geraniums used by florists for bedding out and for porch boxes, etc., are not geraniums, but properly speaking, Pelargoniums, and are not included in this article. One of the best known is Geranium sanguineum, a native of Europe, growing some eighteen inches high but rather spreading and decumbent in its habit, bearing single crimsonpurple flowers about an inch in diameter, flowering for a long period. Its white form, here illustrated, is one of the most charming of our garden friends,
especially when planted on a slight elevation and allowed to spread over and drop down from a rock.
The only variety I grow in addition to the above is our native G. maculatum, that grows so freely in slightly moist open places in the woods. When collected, brought into one's grounds and massed it produces a much admired effect.
A splendid companion to the white geranium above mentioned, for rock work or dry banks, is Stellaria Holostea, reveling in a host of common names, a mong them being all bone, bird's tongue, breakbones, Easter bell, great star-wort, and snap-stalk.

It is a British hedge plant belonging to the chickweed family, blooming early and profusely. Flowers white, star-shaped, three quarters of an inch in diameter. The foliage is light and airy and decumbent in habit, a hardy perennial well able to take care of itself, even in dry banks.

## THE EDITOR'S TALKS AND CORRESPONDENCE




#### Abstract

The editor wishes to extend a personal invitation to all readers of House and Garden to send to the Correspondence Department, inquiries on any matter pertaining to house finishing and furnishing. Careful consideration is given each inquiry, the letter and answer being published in due time as matters of interest to other readers. Where an early reply is desired if a stamp and self-addressed envelope are enclosed, the answer will be sent. No charge whatever is made for any advice given.


MANY of the letters received by the Editor of House and Garden are made up of inquiries as to the best way to obtain satisfactory results in building a house at comparatively small cost. Many others refer to houses already erected which have proven disappointments to their owners, the exterior color is not what they expected it would be, the finish of standing woodwork and floors is not wearing well, or does not harmonize with the furniture; the tiles, the hardware, the fixtures, the heating and the plumbing of the house are one or all unsatisfactory. In these latter cases either the owner must make up his mind to do his work over again at great expense and trouble, or live with incongruous and unpleasing effects about him. It is intended that in these papers which will appear from month to month, the question of harmonious color for the exterior and interior of the houses be fully treated, and full and practical advice given on the choice of the various materials which go to make the interior complete and livable. The suggestive help offered will be applicable to houses of all styles and prices.

Suggestive is a word advisedly chosen, as there are probably few who will wish to follow in its entirety, the interior finishing and decorating of the houses as described. We hold, and have practical experience to back the statement, that it is not essential to spend a great deal of money to obtain attractive as well as comfortable results in house building. The house chosen to describe in this first talk cost but $\$ 3,000$ and while this particular house has been built for summer occupancy, it could readily be adapted to the needs of a small family for all-the-year-round uses. The plans are from the boards of a young architect to whom each success however small, counts for much. The woman who planned it says she gives her architect full credit for carrying out her ideas exactly, and also, with the generosity which is somewhat unusual with the woman who "plans" her home, admitted that many of his ideas were good, in truth there was no bed space in any of the bedrooms as her drawing showed it, so anxious was she for windows and closets. The little drawing-room could only be reached through the dining-room, and the kitchen had no place for a stove! These, however, were mere details which the patient architect set right. The square house was shingled and clapboarded and held a central living-room which answered for a hall and drawing-room as well, a dining-room, two chambers, and a bath, good pantries and kitchen. The space above was lighted from an eyebrow window and was utilized for trunks and general storage,-the stairway leading up from the kitchen. Back of the kitchen was the maid's room with a door opening on the side porch. Simple indeed, but wholly practical, compact and livable. The exterior of the house in color showed two shades of soft brown, a difference in tone produced by the stain on rough shingles, and the smooth paint of the clapboarding. The trim, including the railing and
columns (the latter supporting the extending eaves of the roof), was deep ivory in tone.

In selecting the exterior color, the site and surroundings are of extreme importance; whether these be houses, trees or arid plains, they must point the decision. To make the best of unpromising settings, to have complete color harmony with the neighboring houses, and fit easily into the picture are the requisites for success. I have seen on the desert of Arizona a little four room cottage near the railroad track, made to appear inviting and cool. The house was built of adobe, the sun-baked bricks of the country; the exterior walls had been treated to a wash of soft green and in the deep recesses of the windows were set window-boxes in which were green things growing. Over each window an awning was stretched protecting the plants from the fierce rays of the sun.

The awnings were made of split bamboo and painted a darker shade of green than the house. The gray tiles of the roof completed the exquisitely restful color scheme of this little home in the desert. Some distance in the rear of the house stood a row of tall gray-green cacti like great sentinels against the line of sand-red foot-hills which were sharply outlined, and over all the wonderful blue sky.

A more perfect object lesson could scarcely be found than by comparing this little house with others to be seen along the same road, the rough frame structures which house the section hands and also the yellow-brown houses of the native Indian, which latter, while picturesque, are most uninviting to live in.

Where the cottage to be built is one of several in the shady street, the colors of the neighboring buildings must be considered. The brown stain previously referred to is always good, as are shades of moss and dark green picked out by the deep cream used for the trim. A soft yellow is often found effective, particularly when the simple lines of the house suggest the Colonial even in a very modified degree. There are conditions and surroundings in the real country which make a white painted house attractive and inviting, particularly where green shutters and much lattice work is part of the scheme.

Every detail of the color of the exterior must be given careful consideration. If the foundation is of stone or brick or concrete, its color must be entirely harmonious, not only with the walls which rise from it, but also with the roof and trim. The choice of color for the paint of the porch floor and the finish of the ceiled roof are equally important. The hardware used on the front door, and the style and finish of the door itself are factors in the completed beauty of the house.
All of the colors to be used should be tried together to insure the absence of any jarring note. There are excellent shingle stains now on the market and a request to the manufacturer will bring a

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supply of sample shingles. A reliable paint house will send samples from which to select a harmonious shade for clapboarding and porch as well as trim. Extremely effective doors can be purchased ready to be used if one so desires and hardware may be selected from cuts if one is unable to find something suitable in their own town. Even before the foundation is started, the entire color scheme for the exterior of the house may be settled and all who have noted the jarring and unpleasant color effects one so often finds in the small house, will realize the advantage of settling these points for themselves in the beginning.

## FURNITURE MATCHING WOODWORK

R. D. writes: Where can I have furniture made to match the wood trim in the rooms of my house? I want something unique in design and also absolutely simple. Do you approve of the long narrow dining-tables, which one sees occasionally with benches instead of chairs ?

Answer: If you will send me a self-addressed envelope I will send you the addresses of firms from whom you can obtain the desired furniture. In regard to the long dining-table and benches for seats, these can only be successfully used in rooms where the architectural detail is entirely in keeping with this. Sometime in the near future House and Garden will contain an article on the refectories of some old-world monasteries. In the illustrations, these tables will be seen in their proper settings.

## REMODELING A LIBRARY AND DINING-ROOM

W. A. R., writes: We are thinking of doing over the library and dining-room of our old-fashioned square house, the hall running through and dividing the drawing-rooms from the library and dining-room, and we are looking for pretty and suitable designs. My idea of an effective dining-room is one with a very high wainscot and beamed or coffered ceiling, the three feet of the side-walls covered with imitation of leather or tapestry. The room is quite large. My idea of a library is one that is severely plain but rich, with low bookcases, hardwood floor, rugs, etc. Woodwork of oak except in drawing-rooms.

Answer: Your ideas in regard to effective treatment for diningroom and library are very good, and the suggestions I offer you will be on these lines. I note that your hall divides the drawingrooms from library and dining-room; also that the woodwork, except in drawing-rooms, is of oak. In these latter rooms I imagine you will use an ivory enamel, as this will give you the most elegant effect. The hall should have the oak woodwork stained with weathered oak, which is rather gray in tone. Cover the side walls with Japanese grass-cloth in a shade of gray-green, which will harmonize perfectly with the weathered oak. Use tapestries against this as wall decoration, and door curtains of rich velour in dull Gobelin blue. The drawing-rooms should have the walls covered in a brocaded silk, showing French Colonial design of baskets of flowers in two tones, a pale shade of yellow would be effective. Drape your windows with Brussels lace curtains with over-draperies of brocade, the ground work to be the same as the wall covering, but the garlands and bow-knots to be in pastel colors of the natural flowers. The rugs should be Oriental in this room, the furniture, Italian walnut, the seats and backs of chairs of gilded wicker, some with loose cushions. For your dining-room with the high wainscot, a rich brown stain, like old English oak, is suggested. The side wall from wainscot to ceiling line to be covered in a tapestry fabric, showing a suggestion of foliage against a blue gray ground. The tint of the rough plaster between the heavy beams in this room should be taken from the background of this tapestry. Door curtains and overdraperies should be of this same tapestry. Next the glass, curtains of Arabian net and lace should hang. The furniture should match the wood finish and be heavily carved. The upholstered
chairs should have high backs, the seats and backs covered with the tapestry. A Wilton velvet rug in shades of dull blue, brown and gray, should be used on the floor. For the library a gilded burlap is suggested for the wall covering, this to be finished by a frieze, showing a stag hunt, with dogs and stags, and trees against a gold sky line. This is hand-blocked and very beautiful, its price being one dollar per yard. The draperies should match the green of the foliage in the frieze, the same color to be carried out in rugs, lamp shades, cushions, etc.

## SAMPLES OF MATERIALS

R. L. asks: Is it out of order for me to ask the favor of some samples of material. I am refurnishing my library and wish to retain my portières. I need new window draperies to go with these. The portières are red and dull green in color and of cut velour.
Answer: If you will send me a sample of your door curtain and a self-addressed envelope, I will forward you samples of fabric suitable for window curtains. It is quite in order to ask this service of this department.

## REDECORATING A SITTING-ROOM

Mrs. J. L. writes: Being a subscriber to your paper I feel very much interested in the correspondence on remodeling a residence. I enclose a plan of my room and a self-addressed envelope; kindly help me to make a pretty room. The room at present has a paper of delft blue ground with large white embossed figures on it; the carpet is a white ground with large blue designs; the woodwork, which is very handsome, is cherry; the room is extremely sunny, having the sun all day and on account of the bay window it is a very handsome, light room, but all the above things are faded and I would like to ask what you would advise me. The house is three story and basement and this is the second floor front room which I would like to use as a sitting-room. I don't want a hard wood floor, I have several already, and would get a carpet and draperies to match the decoration.
In the rear of this room is my bedroom, at present in two-tone yellow with cherry wood. The sun never shines in this room; what would you advise for the wall covering. I have a very handsome red velvet carpet in here and would want to use it again.
Also, could you tell me in what manner to decorate a room for a boy of seven, a hall room; what color would look best; the room is very sunny. If I have asked too much kindly pardon me, but the answers in the April number are so fascinating that I thought I would ask you before I consulted any one else.
I like blue very much and if you think you could use it in the front room, you can let me know. The present blue is very deep, but everything fades in that room; perhaps we could try something else.

Answer: If you desire a decided change in your sittingroom, I would advise a dull, silvery green lower wall of Japanese grass-cloth which sells for eighty-five cents a square yard; or of fibre paper in similar color, which costs $\$ 1.00$ a roll of eight yards. The upper third of wall to ceiling line to be covered with a figured paper showing dull and light mahogany colored conventionalized poppies on a dull green ground formed of the leaves in tapestry effect. This will look well with your cherry woodwork. The carpet could be in several tones of green, or show a very small pattern in dull reds and black on a green ground. Use ecru net at your windows with over draperies of green raw silk, the latter costs $\$ 1.50$ per yard, thirty-six inches wide. Door curtains, if required, should be of cut velour, matching the wall covering in color; this material costs $\$ 2.35$ a yard and is fifty inches wide.
For your own room of northern exposure, the yellow walls should give you an effect of brightness. With cherry woodwork and crimson carpet it would be impossible to achieve a satisfactory
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## A TREE ARBOR

I want a tree arbor or something of its character, on a point of land that commands a fair view. I do not want a formally constructed summer-house as I do not think it would look well there, but I want something that will cast a shade under which I can place a rustic seat.
I. C. H.

The Camperdown elm, grafted six to eight feet high would do, provided the situation is favorable to its growth. In a dry, hilly location it would not grow luxuriously enough unless it received unusual care and cultivation.

The weeping ash also makes a good arbor but it does not do well in all sections.
The Norway maple would in time form a broad spreading head, giving a dense shade.

If you could secure from the woods a selected specimen of a quite common native thorn, Cratagus punctata, you would probably get just what you want. This species is easily recognized by its fruit, which is either a dull red or a yellow, each apple being minutely dotted or specked, hence its specific name, punctata. This small tree forms a low, flat-topped head, its branches arranged in a stratified manner standing out at almost right angles from the main trunk. It makes an ideal arbor and is very effective standing on a point or knoll where its striated foliage may be silhouetted against the sky or water. It would be necessary to obtain a tree of considerable age, but one yet vigorous in growth to allow considerable thinning out among the branches. In cutting back of the branches of most all trees, to compensate for loss of roots by removal, the extremities are cut back and new growth soon obliterates the disfigurement, but the thorns that are of any age are permanently disfigured by cutting the extremities of their branches to any great length, especially this species.

The proper way is first to cut out all interfering branches; those that cut and rub against each other-all those that run up straight through the head-endeavoring all the time to maintain a well balanced head and to preserve the striated character of growth. The amount to be removed depends somewhat upon how much the roots have been mutilated or disturbed. If you think more should come out, see if you can't spare some of the main branches where they may be too thick, cutting them back to the main trunk. The tree should be moved with a frozen ball. I know of several treated in this way that were five to six inches in diameter, a foot from the ground, which did not seem to feel the shock of removal.

## SCALE ON PALMS

There seems to be a scaly insect or something on the stems and leaves of some palms in my window. Will they injure them? How can I get rid of them ? L. B. W.

Your plants are infected with scale, which will injure them in time if allowed to remain.

The only way to eradicate them is a mechanical one. Use a strong soapy water and a stiff tooth brush and scrub stems and
foliage. Also have a small pointed stick which will dislodge any that stick tight to the ribs of the leaves. Repeated washings will eventually get rid of them. Kerosene emulsion, fire-tree oil, and other decoctions are all right but liable to do damage.

## GROWING ROSES AGAINST THE HOUSE

I want to grow some roses against the wooden wall at the rear end of my house. Heretofore I have used wooden trellises, but they rot in a few years. What is the best method to employ, not expensive, yet lasting in its structure?
W. A. M.

If there is a brick basement causing a wooden water table to project at some distance above the ground, drive staples into water table six inches apart. Then at the top of the wall, under the eaves, if a single story, spike into the wall a piece of $2 \times 4$ edgeways, painting it the color of the house; put staples into it, as below, and run galvanized wire-the grade used for clothes-lines-from staple to staple. Don't run any cross wires unless one or two to stiffen them, because when taking the rose down for winter protection or painting the house, the long vines get caught in the cross wires and are hard to untangle. Tie the vine to the upright wires.

## LARGE BLOOMS ON CHRYSANTHEMUMS

How do the florists get such large blooms of chrysanthemums that one sees in their windows ? E. O.

It is the result of cultivation. The plants are propagated from cuttings in the spring, planted in rich soil and only one stem to each plant allowed to develop. When the bloom buds show themselves all but one, generally, but not always, the terminal one, are pinched off. Thus the whole strength of one plant is concentrated in one bloom instead of a dozen or more if allowed to grow naturally.

## BLACK BLISTER-BEETLE ON CLEMATIS VINES

Can you tell me how to destroy the long black beetle that is such a deadly enemy to my clematis vines? I have three kinds, the common wild clematis, always a lovely vine, the kind that produces fringed seed pods that are ornamental, and the beautiful Clematis paniculata. Just at the time when they are covered with beautiful starry blooms and long sprays of buds, this abominable pest comes and eats every fower, bud, and leaf. I have a wire trellis about one hundred feet long, and they eat all but stems. I will indeed be obliged if you can tell me how to kill them. Mrs. N. A. S.

The insect you mention is most probably the black blister-beetle, Epicauta Pennsylvanica (De Geer) which, with its allied form, the striped blister-beetle, will defoliate a clematis vine in short order. In some sections they are very destructive to the China aster. Hand picking or "dropping" is the most effective remedy. This should be done when first noticed, so as to prevent, as far as possible, the laying of eggs and hatching of a second crop. Early in the morning when they are apt to be sluggish, take a pan eight (Continued on page 9, Advertising Section)

## NOTES AND REVIEWS <br> ORIGIN OF GARGOYLES <br> Stone Effigy Used as Roof Spout on Cathedral of Rouen

ONE of the earliest of the more elaborate attempts to transform roof spouts seems to have been at the Cathedral of Rouen, where the figure of a great dragon was adopted for one of them, though whether it was intended as an object of terror to the hobgoblin fraternity of the seventh century or a symbol of the Church's triumph over a public foe can only be conjectured.

This fearsome wild fowl terrorized both banks of the Seine and terribly ravaged the city of Rouen until he was gallantly slain by St. Rominus, Bishop of the Cathedral there. Probably in sheer jubilation of spirits and in compliment to the valorous Bishop the carcass of the mischievous beast was embodied in stone and set up aloft as a warning to all depredators and any evil spirits by which they might be actuated, says the "London Globe." The name given to this unlucky animal is said to have been gargouille, and hence the name given to his efffigy, according to some authorities,

Others, however, derived the appellation from gargoille the weazand of the throat, or from gargale a disease to which swine are liable, and which causes a gurgling sound in the throat, like that which water makes in passing through a pipe. We are all at liberty to choose a derivation, since nobody can speak with authority.

If gargouille really was the name given to some more or less fabulous beast whose carcass was imitated by some fanciful sculptor in the making of an ornamental spout, then the probability is that we have here the origin not only of "gargoyle" but of the French word for the weazand, as well as of the English words "guggle" and "gargle."

One ugly creature having been adopted for a stone effigy on so famous a church as that at Rouen in the seventh century, may easily be conceived to have set the fashion for other churches, and the superfluous hideousness of so many of these objects certainly supports the notion that in part their sculptors were actuated by the idea of frightening the uncanny folk from the sacred edifices and the worshippers. - good nature in the nineteenth century sculptor who, in the course of the resto-
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headpiece of Mr. Gladstone.

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PPLE growers in the Wenatchee valley, west of Spokane, have adopted a plan which probably could be followed with a profit by orchardists all over the United States. It is to raise apples for the Australian market, where the top prices in the world are paid for red fruit.

One grower, who recently disposed of a shipment of 3,100 forty-pound boxes of Central Washington apples in the land of the Kangaroo, where he discovered the market, declares the following varieties are good shippers and command high prices on the Australian market: Spitzenburg, Winesap, Rome Beauties and Missouri Pippins. The Jonathan apple is not wanted, he declared recently on his return from Sydney, adding: "The people want red apples and they are ready and willing to pay top prices.

I did not have the least trouble in selling the red varieties, but they would not take the white ones as gifts. That is a 'tip' to growers all over the United States."

THE United States department of agriculture has sent a new variety of oranges to Kennewick, southwest of Spokane, Washington, for experiment purposes.

The trees are cold-resisting citranges recently developed by the department, and it is believed by experienced orchardists that they will thrive in the Kennewick country which has a mild winter climate and early spring. Growers all over the State are watching the outcome with interest and if the tests are successful more trees will be planted next year.

Thus on many of the finest churches in Christendom we find not only almost every kind of bird and beast real and legendary, but everything uncanny and diabolical, in human form. It must be allowed that it showed an exceptional originality and an uncommon power of

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## THE FIFTEENTH NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS

T${ }^{4} H E$ Fifteenth National Irrigation Congress which will be held in Sacramento, California, September 2-7 next, will be a very important and valuable session.
The plans for the event include an Interstate Exposition of irrigated-land products and forestry in which all States having irrigation and forestry interests have been invited to participate. It is announced that handsome trophies and prizes will be offered for State and individual exhibits of all kinds of irrigated products, also for exhibits of forest products and minerals.
The purpose of the Irrigation Congress is to promote the development of wise and beneficial national irrigation and forestry policies, as well as to provide for discussions of practical details of irrigation and forestry. Great and valuable results have followed the work of the Congress in the past, and with the growing importance of, and increasing interest in, national irrigation and national forestry still greater importance attaches to each succeeding session.

## CORRESPONDENCE <br> (Continued from Page 25I)

## REDECORATING A SITTING-ROOM

room. Remove the varnish from the standing woodwork and treat with a good ivory enamel, of which I will send you the name. Use a paper showing crimson roses against a deep cream ground to cover the side walls, the ceiling to be tinted the same shade of background and extend to the picture rail. Muslin curtains of ecru with rose silk over-draperies should complete an attractive room, always provided the shade of rose harmonizes with the color of your carpet. I send you samples of all goods hoping this will be of service to you.

In the small boy's room, you might carry out the blue and white idea. I send you a sample of paper showing Japanese trees in blue on a white ground. Cover the upper third of wall with this, and use the blue fabric paper for lower wall. White muslin curtains with blue dots are advised for window drapery.

## A HOUSE OF MODERATE COST

A man writing: I am about to build a house of ten rooms. I wish it practical, comfortable and if possible, pleasing in its exterior and interior. It must not exceed in cost $\$ 7,000$. I am still undetermined as to style, whether brick, concrete, or frame. I want a square house with nice large rooms, nothing fancy. Could you recommend a book on the subject of such houses to me. I note you are kind in giving full answers to questions and offer help in all directions. Now I wish to ask if when, with your kind assistance, I have selected

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my plans, you will fill in the specifications for interior finish for me. This seems to be a large favor but with your knowledge of the best to recommend in the way of materials, (this to include wood finish, tiles, plumbing, fixtures,) you could help me greatly. I enclose self-addressed envelope. You see, I live in Iowa and am somewhat out of touch with what is best. Don't hesitate to tell me if I have overstepped in asking this.

Answer. This department is entirely at the service of its correspondents and takes pleasure in giving practical help. We are sending you the address of a firm who have gotten out a book on concrete houses, showing plans, and fully illustrated. You may find this exactly what you want. Also we send the address of firms from whom you can obtain several architectural books which may help you. When you are ready for the specifications we will take pleasure in having these properly filled in for you, and will serve you in any other way you may desire.

## LIGHTING FIXTURES

Kansas City says: I am most desirous of your kind assistance in the selection of proper lighting fixtures for my new home. The house is well under way and will cost, exclusive of fixtures and mantels, $\$ 12,000$. Also would you help me on deciding the kind of mantels I should use. I will need four styles,-one for large hall; one for drawing-room; one for dining-room; one for bedrooms. I enclose addressed and stamped envelope for reply.

Answer: We will be glad to assist you in selecting the fixtures and mantels for your house, and if you will send the plans of same with detail of interior, we can help you practically, as of course, the selections made must be in perfect harmony with the architectural styles of the rooms for which they are chosen.

## GARDEN CORRESPONDENCE

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## BLACK BLISTER-BEETLE ON CLEMATIS

 VINESor ten inches in diameter partially filled with water, having kerosene oil added, and which will foat on top. Hold this under portions of the vine containing beetles and shake the vine, or touch it with your hand, and the beetles will drop into the oil. Try this several times a day and for several days, as fresh numbers may arrive. I employ this method with success. If, in your vicinity they are so numerous as to defoliate a hundred feet of vine, this method would not do, but you can save your vines by first spraying them thoroughly with water using so fine a spray and force as not to wash off the insects, the object being to get them wet-then with a "powder gun" dust them well with fresh Dalmatian insect powder. When spraying with water, also wet the ground underneath and powder it also.

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## CHANGES OF STYLE IN ARCHITECTURE, DECORATION AND FURNITURE

SOME interesting observations on the changes of style in architecture, and, particularly, in decoration and furniture, are made by La Construction Moderne. Every architect must have noticed how rapidly fashions succeed each other, in respect to these last matters, at least. Even a tolerably young man can remember the "Eastlake" movement, the abandonment of "shaped" furniture for combinations of boards and bits of joist; the substitution of stopped chamfers for mouldings, and the appearance of tenons and pins on the outside of chairs and sofas. This was accompanied by a revolution in the ethics of furnishing which, as it was supposed, put away veneering and glue forever; and the person who owned a dining-table weighing a quarter of a ton, and supported by timbers with the corners simply bevelled, thought that his soul was in a much more satisfactory condition than that of his neighbors. Notwithstanding the spiritual advantages of stopped chamfers and visible tenons, the regenerate style of woodwork lost its popularity with astonishing rapidity, and the seeker after moral furniture must now look for his specimens mainly in the kindling-wood pile. Next followed the craze for "Chippendale" and other furniture in the style of the last century, which also died away in a few


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This curious succession of fancies in furniture, which has had its parallel in architectural fashions, leads M. Planat to remark that the rapidity with which fashions in such things change is probably due to the increased use of machinery, and the invention of laborsaving processes, by which almost any sort of work can be approximately imitated at small cost. In consequence of this industrial development, the rich amateur who sets the fashion by purchasing, or having made for him, a set of furniture, let us say, of buhl work, glowing with delicate inlays of gilded brass on a ground of tortoise-shell, soon sees in the windows of the cheap furniture stores glaring imitations of his treasures, covered with coarse, jig-sawed brass ornaments on a ground of celluloid, or of horn, stained with nitrate of silver, and marked at prices representing a small fraction of the cost of his own furniture. Some of his acquaintances fit up their rooms with articles of this kind, which, as they assure him, are indistinguishable from his genuine pieces, and, before long, disgusted with what he has been innocently instrumental in bringing about, he and others like him take up another fancy, with a similar result. In this way, the community is successively surfeited with coarsely cast Empire ormolu, Colonial "mahogany" made out of stained whitewood, and Brobdignagian marquetry in glaring colors, and will, apparently, be sickened in the same


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way of every fashion that it takes up. M. Planat thinks that there is no remedy for this condition of things, or for the similar situation in architectural matters; but there is, as least, a possibility that when all the known styles have been exhausted, a refuge may be found in a return to nature, through the medium of sculpture and painting. No matter how much machinery may be perfected, it can never produce satisfactory carving or painting; and no builder would ever be able to make a cheap imitation of the Parthenon, or the Monument of Lysicrates, which would impose on his least-cultivated customers.

Of course, by a return to nature we do not mean the adornment of our architecture with cast iron rose bushes, or the imitation of tree trunks in our columns, or even the abandonment of the architectural forms which twenty centuries have perfected; but it may be well to remember occasionally that the best architecture was invented-not copiedby the men who understood and represented the human form better than any others that ever lived, and that every great architectural period has been one of remarkable success in the representation of nature in sculpture and painting while the greatest architects have generally been skilled in one or both of the representative arts.

## SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS OF LUTHER BURBANK'S WORK

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attention to plant life. Professor Kellogg says:
"Mr. Burbank has so far not formulated any new or additional laws of species-change, nor do his observations and results justify any such formulation, and we may rest in the belief that he has no new fundamental laws to reveal. He has indeed the right to formulate, if he cares to, some valuable and significant special conclusions touching certain already recognized evolution factors, in particular the influence on variability of the two long-known variation-producing factors of hybridization and modification of environment. His reliance on the marked increase in variability to be got after a crossing in the second and third generations over that obvious in the first will come as a surprise to most men first getting acquainted with his work. He has got more starts for his new things from these generations than in any other way. He is wholly clear and convinced in his own mind as to the inheritance of acquired characters; 'acquired characters are inherited or I know nothing of plant life,' he says; and also convinced that the only unit in organic nature is the individual not the species; that the socalled species are wholly mutable and dependent for their apparent fixity solely on the length of time through which their so-called phyletic characters have been ontogenetically repeated. He does not agree at all with De Vries that mutations in plants occur only at certain periodic times in the history of the species, but rather that, if they occur at all, they do so whenever the special stimulus derived from unusual nutrition or general environment can be brought to bear on them. He finds in his breeding work no prepotency of either sex as such in inheritance, though any character or group of characters may be prepotent in either sex. He believes that no sharp line can be drawn between the fluctuating or so-called Darwinian variations and those less usual, large, discontinuous ones called sports. Ordinary fluctuation variation goes on under ordinary conditions of nutrition, but with extraordinary environmental conditions come about extraordinary variation results, namely discontinuous sport or mutational variation. These variations are the effects of past environment also, having remained latent until opportunity for their development occurs. Starvation causes (Continued on Page 15)

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N the eighteenth century, the stuffed chair was generally, though not always, known as the French chair, and the open-back chair as the English. With the exception of elaborately handsome houses, where gilt, painted, and japanned (lacquered), rosewood, satinwood, carved and painted furniture adorned the luxurious drawing-rooms, the mahogany, or walnut open back and carved chair was the one chosen to furnish the living-rooms of English and Colonial homes.

The chair with the open splat seems to have been introduced in the time of William and Mary. Its characteristics consist of the cabriole leg, with or without stretchers, the hoof or club-foot, and the solid, curved, and unornamented splat, which frequently has the shape of a jar. The next novelty was the claw-and-ball foot, with and without stretchers, and both with and without carving on the knee. The back of the chair passed through many changes, from the round crown shape to the embowed; and the splat, or central panel, starting as a simple jar, unpierced and uncarved, finally showed a great variety of Gothic tracery, interlaced strap-work, Chinese frets, and other devices, such as scrolls; ribbons twisted into bows and loops; cords and tassels; lyres; foliage; banisters; bars; swags of drapery; urns; feathers, etc.

A set of open-backed chairs generally included, as most sets do, two sofas, or settees, and during this long period these were in the form of double chairs.

The double-chair was not a novelty. The visible framework was of oak, painted black, and consisted of four short legs in front, with projecting scrolled knees and feet, joined by carved and pierced rails. The back was very high, and had a wavy curve that outlined the two separate chairs. The arms curved downward freely, somewhat in the shape
of wings. The covering was frequently of tapestry.

A double chair of the Queen Anne period, had plain jar-shaped splats, curved arms, and cabriole legs with hoof feet. It is interesting to note that this piece stood on six legs, the back ones being continuations of the side rails. The legs were connected by straining rails; the lower one placed in the center, and the back one nearer the seat. These chairs were often covered with cut velvet.

Another double chair was of mahogany, dating from the middle of the eighteenth century. The backs were finished with a wavy top, carved with leaf ornaments, and the sides were straight and fluted. The central splats were graceful arrangements of interlaced strap work, lightly carved. The back legs were continuations of the sides, while the front legs were slender cabriole, ending in the claw-and-ball foot, the claw, in this case, that of a bird. A little leaf carving similar to that on the top of the arm, appeared at the spring of the knee, and the arm also ended in the claw-and-ball. The seat was stuffed and covered with green figured velvet, finished with fringe, put on with small brass-headed nails.

A Sheraton piece, with four turned legs and stuffed seat, was made of satinwood, and had floral designs painted on the oval backs, which were open and of which the central splats had a pattern which suggested the old oval fish-scale model. This piece dates from about 1800 .

The set of chairs was sometimes accompanied by a settee that had four backs instead of two, as in a handsome specimen attributed to Chippendale. In this the backs of four chairs were easily seen.

The top rail was wavy, and the four panels were pierced and carved with knotted or interlacing bands, ornamented with rosettes and scrolls of tiny eagles' heads. The elbow rests were hollowed, with scroll ends and curved supports; the two back legs were terminations of the side rails, and the front legs were cabriole, carved with the acanthus leaf on the knee and ending in the claw-and-ball.

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## A HOME FOR OLD HORSES

Red Acre Farm at Stow, Mass.-Humane Work of the Institution

$\mathrm{Y}^{\mathrm{E}}$EARS ago a little girl, filled with a great love for animals, and especially for horses, saddened frequently by the sight of cruelty to old and disabled horses, made up her mind to establish some day a home for worn-out or sick horses where they could be treated wich kindness and consideration, and where they could spend their last years in peace and comfort. A beautiful thought for a child to originate, and remarkably realized about three years ago in the now famous Red Acre Farm at Stow.
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## TABLET AT M'GOWN'S PASS

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The unveiling was under the auspices of the Department of Parks, the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society and the City History Club. Mr. Jefferson Seligman presided and gave a brief address of welcome. Bishop Potter read the invocation, and Edward H. Hall, secretary of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, delivered a short historical address.

Mrs. Robert Abbe, president of the City History Club, made the presentation address, and Master Henry D. McGown and Miss Dorothy Joyce McGown performed the unveiling ceremony. The tablet was accepted in the name of the city by Moses Herrman, president of the Park Commission. The ceremony closed with prayer by the Rev. William K. McGown, rector of Grace Emmanuel Church, Harlem. -New York Sun.


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And seen the happy souls, from earth withdrawn, Quiescent there,
In the pure langour of the expectant air.
The place is all a garden, as you know,
Greenness and graciousness and color and scent; Blossoming trees of gold and fire and snow,
To blossoming earth with their dear burden bent; And filmy spray
Of fountains chiming in the shadows gray;
And flowers whose very splendor cries aloud, And flowers in dark recesses burning deep, And lesser loveliness in starry crowd, Head laid to head like little ones asleep,And vistas dim,
Of branches pencilled on the horizon's rim.
But in a region by the westward wall, In sunny ways and less frequented lands,
There I have found some gardens, very small, Tended, for sure, by small and artless hands: Quaint plots that lie
All disarranged in sweet asymmetry.
There weeds and seeds are held in equal worth,
The tall herbs and the groundlings grow together, Rising, like Ilium, to such music-mirth
As brooklets babble in the blue May weather; And round each border
Are pebbles set in careless careful order.
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With serious eyes waiting an outcome fit,
The little exquisite folk, they have no skill To dig and sow, to prune and water it. They do their best, With toil pathetic; chance supplies the rest.

And none there is to hinder or to aid:
Birds of a feather, all these doves take flight, Through the still sunshine or the tranquil shade, Fluttering around their gardens of delight; They kneel, they bend,
They labor gayly till the day's rose-end.
And I have heard the baby footsteps run,-
Along the pathways they have pattered by,-
That sound which whoso hears, henceforth has done
With all that earth can proffer or deny,Whose echo veers
Down the void loneliness of silent years.
And I have seen your tiny fingers touch,
Heart of my heart! each slim and dainty stem;
Those puny flowers whereof you make so much,
O God, how I have looked and envied them! Watching your smile,
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Not so costly was one built in Bombay for a native ruler some years ago, and which is still in use. At the four corners were full-size figures of Grecian maidens, the ones at the top holding stringed instruments, while those at the foot bore in their hands huge fans.

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\section*{INCINERATION OF GARBAGE}

WHEN garbage is incinerated, for the sole purpose of destroying it as quickly as possible, it is usual to throw it by regulated quantities into a very hot furnace, which burns it so quickly that there is little of the nuisance incident to the slow stewing of such substances by a feeble fire; and the main object of the operation-to get rid of an offensive material with as little inconvenience and danger as possibleis satisfactorily accomplished. There is an idea, which is by no means well founded, that the ashes of the burnt garbage are valuable as a fertilizer. If the work is properly done, such ashes would not be worth carting away.

It should not be forgotten that to utilize garbage, and to incinerate it, are two different processes. For preparing fertilizer from such matters, they are first treated cold, with naphtha, which extracts the grease, and the residue is then dried and ground. The garbage, without separating the grease, would not do for a fertilizer, while the grease itself is used by soap-makers; so that the separation of the two products increases the value of both; and the pulverized "tankage," or residue from the tanks in which the grease is extracted, is always in demand, at good prices. In fact, utilization is, in many cases, a profitable operation, and incineration, which involves simply expense, without any return in the way of salable product, is desirable only where the character of the garbage is such as to unfit it for economical utilization.

> American Architect.

\section*{WILLIAM MORRIS A NON-PRACTISING SOCIALIST}

WILLIAM MORRIS left a personal estate that has been officially valued at \(£ 55,069\). His will, which was made less than a month before the poet's death, appointed as executors, Mrs. Morris, Sydney Carlyle Cockerell and Frederick Startridge Ellis. To the latter Morris bequeathed the manuscripts of his published works, and the trustees are to hold and retain as a part of the estate, all copyrights and other interests in books, manuscripts, and things of a like nature. Not a penny of the fortune goes to charity or to any association for furthering Morris's socialistic doctrines, but all of it, will be divided ultimately between the poet's two daughters. 'This is a continuation of the singular inconsistency which many observers thought they saw in Morris's whole life. Himself a capitalist and an employer of labor on strictly business principles, he preached in the streets, or anywhere else that he could find an audience, the iniquity of private ownership, and with bitterness and vehemence attacked the class of which, by birth and practice, he was a typical representative. And, dying, he has provided, so far as he could, for the continuance of the system he denounced. Yet, of Morris's absolute sincerity probably no one had any doubt at all.New York Times.

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\section*{A FOX-HUNT FENCE}

WHEN on Alleghany Street, Roxbury, recently I was rooted to the spot as I chanced to turn my head and saw seven hunting dogs racing up over a rise of land after one poor fox. In a moment I saw that the race begun was never done. Years ago when Thomas Thacher built his great, Colonial house on Alleghany Street it was one of the grandest houses in town. At that time he was president of one of the railroads and was connected with the Fulton Iron Foundry in South Boston. Mr. Thacher thought it would be a fine idea to have a continual fox-hunt on his grounds and he conceived the idea of having the fence running up over the terrace in front of the conservatory represent the chase. One of the men at the foundry followed out his suggestion, and the result was the
most unique fence in the world. The fence is of iron painted in natural colors and consists of low running vines and branches which just brush the backs of seven hunters racing for dear life up the hill. The dogs are about five feet apart. The last dog is still a little distance from the fox, which has looked back for a moment to see how near his enemies are. Boston Advertiser.

\section*{TEN ACRES ENOUGH}

MANY a man who has gone into business with the notion that he must have an extensive plant in order to succeed has found that he has undertaken too much. This was the experience of an Arkansas farmer, who for many years fitfully tilled a farm of 200 acres without making at any time a comfortable living. At last he sold the land to five Italian families, who took forty acres each. A Northern traveler who passed that way and was attracted by the neatness and evident prosperity of the small farms entered into conversation with one of the proprietors.
"How much land have you?" he asked.
"Forty acres," said the Italian.
"Is it all in tillage?"
"No, indeed!" exclaimed the farmer. "Ten acres are all one man can attend to. I bought the rest for my sons."

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\section*{ANOTHER WREN BUILDING IN PERIL}

\(I^{T}\)T is gratifying to the archæological instinct to find that the proposals of the Trinity Brethren to pull down a fine Wren building in the East End has become one of the leading topics of the day for the London press. The London spirit is not always so vigilant or so wisely conservative as in this instance. This time it has proclaimed itself at the eleventh hour, but still when there is a chance of stopping the ruinous work. The building condemned by the Trinity Brethren has been in use as a hospital for pensioned seamen and their wives since the days of James II. It is a beautiful and most characteristic bit of architecture, yet the Trinity House thinks it may very well make way for a brewery which covets the site.
The plea of the Brethren is childish. It is that the London County Council requires that the drains shall be put in order, and that they have no funds with which to do the work. This was at first understood to mean that the building was'in a thoroughly insanitary condition, and that the only practical way
of dealing with it was to pull it down. It turns out, however, that the inspectors' demands go no farther than the expenditure of \(£ 150\). If the impecunious brethren cannot find that sum out of their \(£ 300,000\) a year, it is to be presented to them by public subscription.
-The Scotsman.

\section*{THE PANTHEON AT GUANAJUATO}

GUANAJUATO is a city of Mexico built in a hollow where three gorges dip and meet. It is noted for the Pantheon and its fine buildings, built with variegated stone which seem to have all the colors of the rainbow. The Pantheon covers over ten acres of grounds, which are inclosed by walls perhaps ten feet high, and there bodies are laid in chambers, as in the vaults of other cemeteries. Below is an immense sub-cemetery, where the bones are carried at the expiration of the chamber leases, or when nothing remains of the dead but whitened bones. A winding stairway descends into this great charnelhouse, which is nearly 900 feet long, twenty feet wide and more than twenty feet high. The bones and skulls of over 30,000 Mexicans are piled up at either end of this "storehouse," indiscriminately without reference to ownership. The Pantheon was at one time said by archæologists to contain the tombs of kings, but without doubt the notion of burial in caverns was taken from the historical facts surrounding the catacombs beneath the basilicas in Rome, the city of traditions and noble men.Providence Fournal.

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