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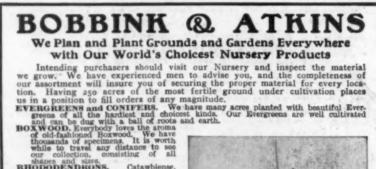
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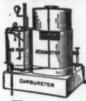


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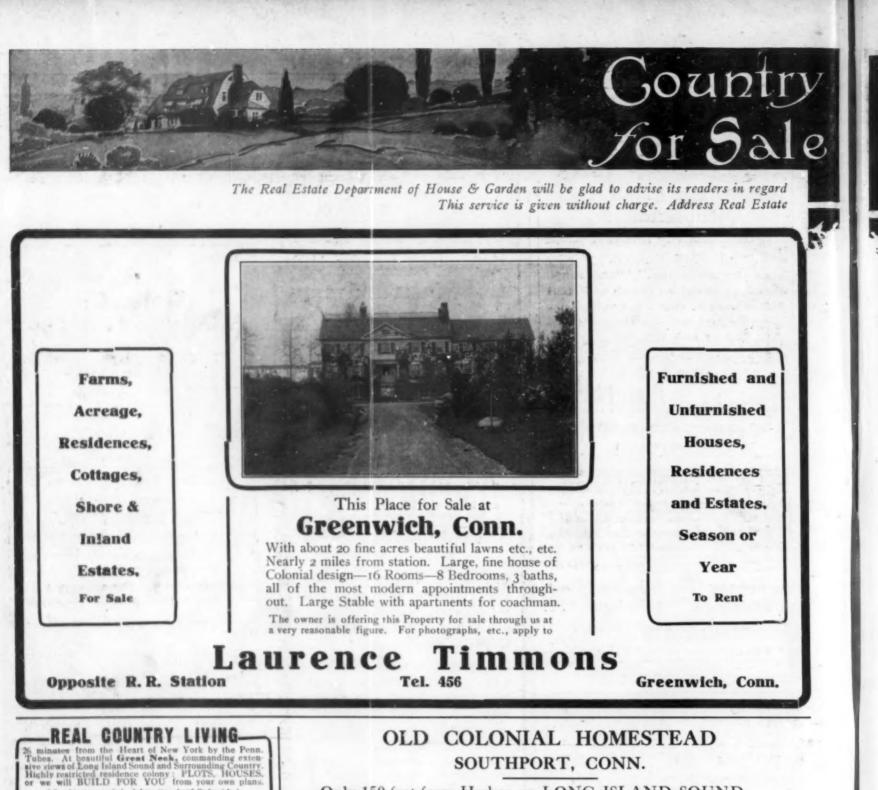
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The Dog's Ration **P** ROBABLY nine out of ten people who purchase a dog know little or nothing about his proper feeding. One thing that complicates matters is that the dog's food supply must be governed both in character and in quantity by the particular breed chosen. It is impossible, of course, to go so deeply here into the matter as to name the proper ration for each of the more common breeds. It might be helpful, however, to mention a few of the fundamental principles in all cases.

One good meal a day, served preferably in the evening, is sufficient for an adult dog if a dry dog-biscuit is given for breakfast, with perhaps a large bone to gnaw. Have a supply of clean, cold water within the dog's reach in all weathers—a requirement that is far too often neglected. Some authorities advocate an occasional drink of milk, colored with tea. Goat's milk, it may be interesting to know, is particularly suitable for the dog; some of the English breeders maintain goats about the kennels in order to have a supply.

It is an exploded theory that a meat diet brings on eczema and other skin troubles; in fact, the contrary is the case. The dog is by nature a carnivorous animal, and wholesome flesh, either cooked or raw, should form the main part of his diet. A little liver given occasionally is an aperient food which most dogs relish. When it can be afforded-and when a household has but one or two pets the expense is of little consequence-butchers' meat is without question the proper food. Oatmeal, porridge, rice, barley, linseed meal and bone meal should be only occasional additions to the usual meat diet, and these are not necessary when dog-biscuits are regularly supplied. There is no harm in giving well boiled green vegetables, such as cabbage, turnip-tops, etc., mixed with meat; potatoes are of doubtful value.

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If your puppy is clearly out of sort, or listless, try a worm expeller on general principles. Worms are the ban of puppyhood. You can obtain these vermifuges at any dog supply store. When giving medicine in liquid form, such as castor oil, pour the liquid into the mouth through the space behind the teeth, grip his muzzle for a moment to check his breathing when the medicine will be gulped down. It is easier to administer in capsule form, secreting the capsule in a dainty tid-bit.

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Poultry Queries

W^E are contemplating making some changes in our poultry house and yard. Have decided not to raise any more chickens-buying pullets each year for egg supply only. Have had always Plymouth Rocks (barred), but they are such inveterate setters that we would like to try some other breed

Please answer the questions given below, for which accept our thanks in advance:

(1) What size house for 30 or 40 hens? (at present 8 x 17 ft.).

(2) What size yard (two yards to be used alternately)?

(3) What breed for best layers?

(4) Is it better to feed grain in summer in troughs or scattered on ground? (Latter method feeds sparrows and all the doves in the neighborhood.)

(5) Is a drinking-fountain better than a two-quart pail?

(6) How many nests required for 30-40 hens?

(7) Should ground oyster-shells, charcoal, grit and salt be kept before hens all the time? (8) What actually is grit?

(1) A house 8 x 17 feet should give ample roosting and nesting room for a flock of thirty or forty hens. One used by the writer is 7 feet wide, 15 feet long and 10 feet high from peak to floor, and is satisfactory during spring, summer and fall. In winter, however, a scratching shed of equal area is desirable. It need not be higher than three feet. It should adjoin the hennery, and a section of its roof should be movable to allow a change of litter. The sunlight should be freely admitted to this through glass.

(2) For the active-laying breeds, three runs, about 10 x 40 feet, to be used al-ternately by the flock of forty hens, are advisable. Where two are used the diadvisable. Where two are used the di-mensions should be greater---say 10 x 60.

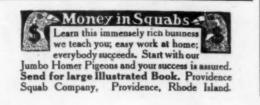
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Of the general-purpose breeds, the White Wyandottes are very satisfactory if stock is selected from a good-laying strain. If one does not care to do his own hatching, he may have eggs from his own prolific layers hatched for him. (Continued on page 27.)

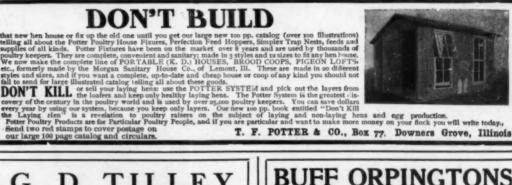
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Cocks, in the proportion of one to ten hens, should be associated with the flock for six weeks prior to selection of eggs for hatching.

(4) Grain scattered among clean grass or clover keeps the fowls busy for a long time. Where ground is soggy and trampled, however, grain should be fed from troughs.

(5) Any device which will prevent the fowls from getting into a two-quart pail will render it as satisfactory as a fountain.

(6) I would supply a laying flock of forty hens with about twenty nests.(7) Ground oyster-shell and other

(7) Ground oyster-shell and other grit should be kept always before the fowls. Salt may be supplied with mashes, and charcoal may be given frequently, either in the feed or in the gritbox. Where fowls are healthy, the constant supply of the latter material is not essential.

(8) Grit is any hard substance made available by being pounded or ground into small particles. It must be hard enough to maintain a cutting edge in the gizzard of the fowl. As it is constantly wearing smooth by the natural and continuous grinding motion therein, fresh supplies are vital to the well-being of the bird. Ranging fowls swallow gravel stones, bits of crackery, shell and particles of coal. It is safe to supply these substances proportionately. M. ROBERTS CONOVER



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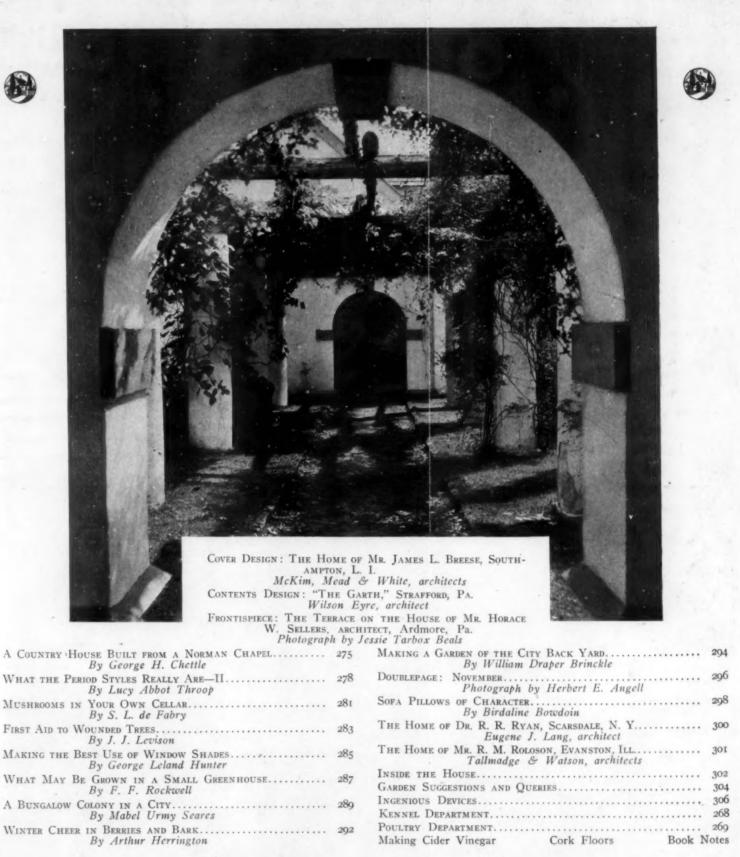
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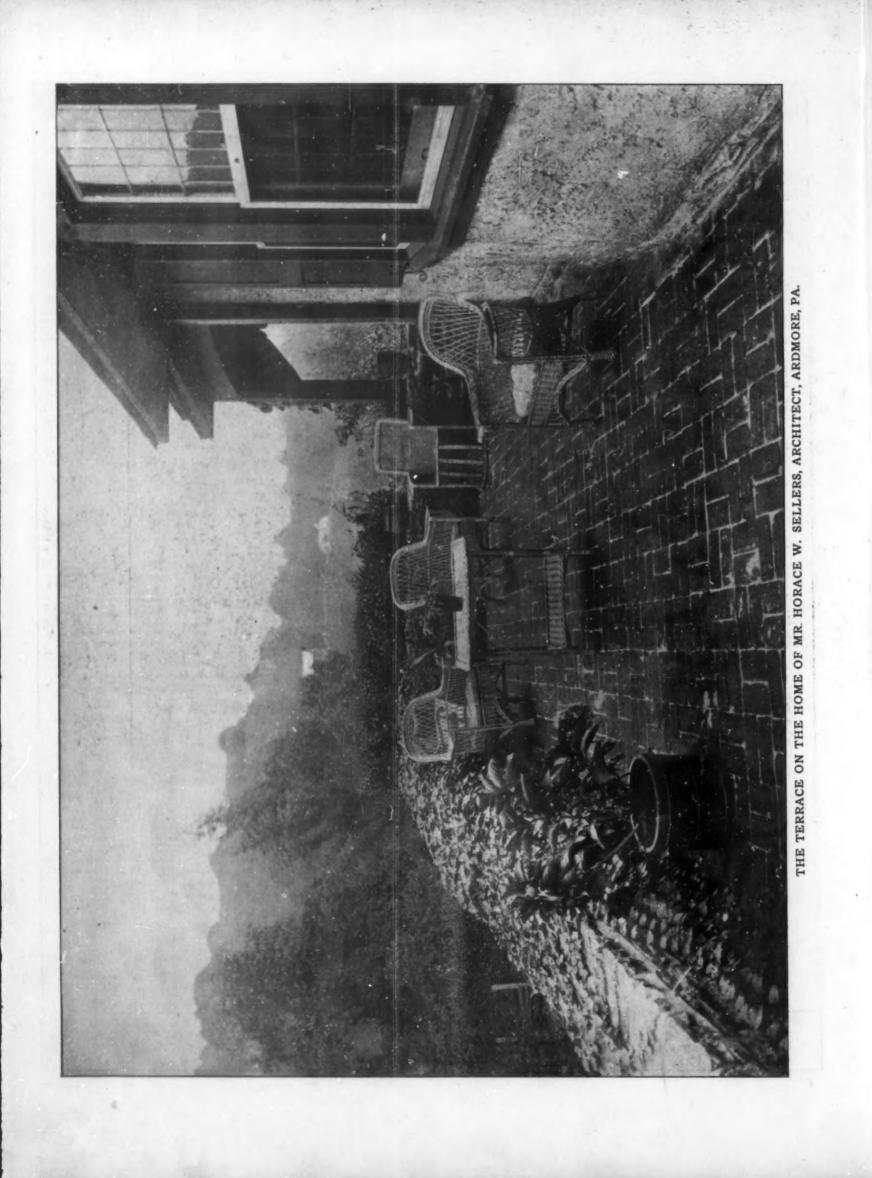
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Windows and the fireplace were inserted in the upper part of the Chapel in the 14th century, and from this time also dates a part of the splendid oak ceiling. The restoration is by Mr. C. R. Ashbee, architect

A Country House Built from a Norman Chapel

THE RECLAMATION OF A STONE STRUCTURE DATING FROM EARLY IN THE TWELFTH CENTURY-FIVE YEARS AGO ITS ONLY INHABITANTS WERE A SOW AND HER LITTER

BY GEORGE H. CHETTLE

THERE are few districts in England so beautiful as the Cotswolds, or so full of interest for the lover of the beautiful in architecture; and yet, to the majority of Englishmen, they are unknown. A modern poet has called the Evenlode

- "A lovely river, all alone,
- She lingers in the hills, and holds
- A hundred little towns of stone
- Forgotten in the western wolds."

And we who love the Cotswold towns for their charm of untouched beauty, whose good fortune it has been to leave the rush of a great city and live "forgotten in the western wolds," treasure the memory of an ideal retreat.

Where the last spur of the hills looks down over the fertile valley of the Avon, from Stratford on the one side to the Welsh Hills on the other, lies the once prosperous town of Chipping

Campden. In the Middle Ages this was the center of the English wool trade; now the inhabitants are indeed of those for whom "time stands still withal," and the splendid tower of the parish church looks down on a sleeping village.

A mile and a half away is a little hamlet grouped around what was, five years ago, a ruin, locally known as "the Norman Chapel." It was built early in the twelfth century, yet of written history of the building there is none. Old documents refer to five chantries founded at different times in the manor of Chipping Campden, yet with none of these can we definitely connect the church of Broad Campden. The earliest portion of the group of buildings, shown in black on the plans, was the Norman church. It consisted of a nave, 40 ft. long, and a chancel, but all trace of the latter has vanished. The semi-circular chancel arch and a fragment of corbelling remain to show that once it did exist, and there is a tradition in the village, told to me by

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The south terrace and its 12th century doorway. At the left the wing, excepting the new bay, dates from the 14th or 15th century



Another view of the south terrace. The long line of windows opens from the library

an old mason of over seventy years of age, who worked lustily in the reconstruction of the building, that the traceried windows of the chancel had been transported to some great house and there rebuilt. Was this perhaps in the first days of the Gothic revival?

This old mason typified the vitality of the traditions of good craftsmanship in the Cotswold towns. His fathers for generations before him, his sons at the present time, worked the local stone and used instinctively the Gothic moldings of chimney-caps and string-courses. The influence of the modern "jerry-builder"

has passed them by. But this very vitality of tradition created a difficulty for the archeologist. Where the buldings are so simple in design, and the craftsmen so conservative, one cannot be quite certain of dating work correctly from the evidence of the stones alone. Yet the main outlines of the history of the Norman chapel are clear.

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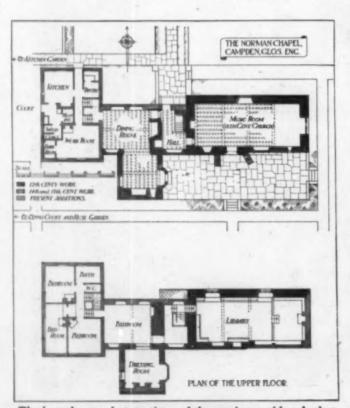
In the reign of Richard II, long before the Reformation destroyed some of the finest ecclesiastical work in England, the church was desecrated. At that time the "Black Death" swept away half the population of the country; yet at that time, too, the neighoring town of Chipping Campden was at the height of its prosperity. William Grevel, the richest of the woolstaplers, built his beautiful town house in 1396, built probably the "hall of the merchants of the staple," which still stands in the High Street, and added the most beautiful portions of the parish church.

The reason for the desecration of the Norman chapel is lost-we can only tell the changes that were made in the building. Late in the 14th century a floor was inserted across the nave, cutting through the upper portion of the chancel arch, and through a thirteenth century window, traces of which remain. Windows and a fireplace were inserted in the upper room thus formed, and it was ceiled with a splendid oak ceiling. How the chancel was treated we cannot tell; but at the western end a new wing was added, containing a stone staircase and two chambers, which have become the present dining-room and the bedroom above it. Each of these rooms contains a stone fireplace, the upper one being a

> very simple but very beautiful piece of work. The door connecting the lower room with the staircase must have been moved from another portion of the building; the moldings, the lancethead and the stone-work, revealed when the present reconstruction was made, point to a date some hundred years earlier than the fourteenth century work around it.

In the western wall of this portion of the building we found another curious fragment of stonework—a little two-light window with traceried head, unglazed, apparently from a tower or belfry. This had been built into the outer face of the wall and was completely covered with ivy, and, as the wall was too ruinous to be left standing, the window was transferred to the present dressing-room, to the south.

Five years ago, when the reconstruction of the building was taken in hand by Mr. C. R. Ashbee, it was almost entirely roof-



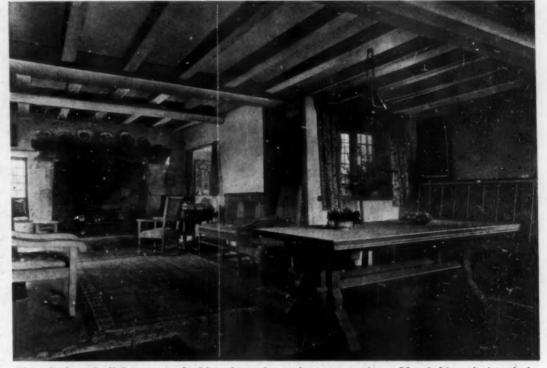
The key shows what portions of the work are old and what additions Mr. Ashbee has made

less. For years it had been used as a laborers' cottage, then it sank to a stable; finally its only inhabitants were a few antiquated hens and an old sow with her litter! The Norman walls were still sound, in spite of rain and snow, except at the east end. Two bays of the oak ceiling were intact, though the thatched roof above had fallen. The north wall of the diningroom was past repair, and had to be rebuilt from the ground, while the roof over this portion of the building had sunk on one side. The south wing was also badly damaged.

Above the south door of the church the twelfth century wall had sunk and been rebuilt in the fourteenth century; but as it was nearly eight inches out of the perpendicular an iron tie was run through under the library floor and buttresses added on each side of the Norman doorway. The little north or "devil's" door remainssealed up. At the southeast corner the line of the wall was carried up by a long oak window looking out to a low line of wooded hills, and the mid-

day sun makes the library comfortably warm and cheerful.

This portion of the building presented a further problem. The medieval builders had carried their floor across the chancel arch. But the lower room, even when a new window had been opened in the south wall, was too dark, and it was decided to open the arch. So the last bay of the music-room ceiling was raised, a wooden cove was made, and bosses of oak at the intersection of the ribs were carved and gilded. On the upper floor this bay forms a small study, raised above the library by four



The ell-shaped dining-room, looking into the 14th century wing. Mr. Ashbee designed the furniture also, which is of English oak

steps. The ceilings in all the old rooms are formed of solid oak beams and joists, left exposed, and all the fittings are of oak windows, doors, paneling, etc.—left in its natural color. For the most part the architect was fortunate in finding old wood, dark and well seasoned.

The question of light and sun led to the construction of an oak bay in the south portion of the dining-room, leading out upon the terrace. The kitchen, offices, bedrooms and heating chambers are in the new wing, which was kept as simple as

possible, so as not to compete in any way with the old building. The roof is covered with stone slates from a local quarry, which take a beautiful color, and are laid in the traditional manner; that is, graduated from eaves to ridge. The present owner has a splendid collection of tapestries and embroideries; and also many of the Kelmscott Press books, printed by William Morris, and the Essex House Press books, printed by Mr. Ashbee. For these the house makes an ideal setting, and some beautiful Cingalese metal-work has also been used.

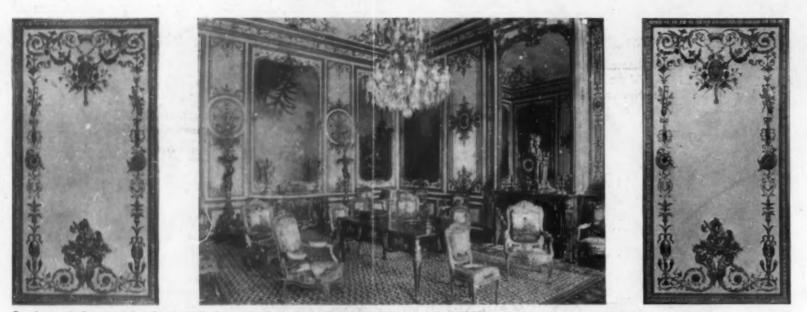
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The house is surrounded by an orchard, which has been left practically untouched, and in spring it is a mass of blossoms. To the west is the kitchen garden, bounded by a high stone wall, and from it, descending in terraces round the south of the orchard, are reached the tennis-court, rose garden, rock garden; and finally, where a stream runs through the property, a little water garden has been formed. Some day it is hoped to construct here a swimming-pool, but the making of a garden takes time, and in the Cotswolds there is no such word as "hustle."



In the main bedroom, situated over the dining-room in the 14th century wing, the old framing of the roof timbers has been carefully preserved

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In the period named for Louis XV there is much that is beautiful, but excess in the use of ornament and a bewildering abundance of curved lines finally brought satiety even to the French, and during the latter part of this monarch's reign a reaction began to make itself felt. The flanking panels above show the greater restraint manifested in the period of Louis XVI

What the Period Styles Really Are

11. THE DEVELOPMENT AND CHARACTERISTICS OF FURNITURE AND INTERIOR DECORA-TION IN FRANCE FROM THE REGENCY THROUGH LOUIS XV, LOUIS XVI AND THE EMPIRE

BY LUCY ABBOTT THROOP

[Modern usage of furniture and fittings for the interiors of American homes would seem to indicate that we have but two available and distinct styles—"Colonial" and Craftsman or so-called "Mission." For a long time the historic period styles were so ignorantly and tastelessly employed as to bring about a revulsion of feeling and their almost complete abandonment. There are signs that the pendulum is swinging back again now, and that a really sincere appreciation of the best that has been done in the past will reveal new possibilities for beauty in the homes of to-day. Miss Throop's series of articles will aim to give an understanding of the period styles and how they may be intelligently used.—EDITOR.]

I T is often a really difficult matter to decide the exact boundary lines between one period and another, for the new style shows its beginnings before the old one is passed, and the old style still appears during the early years of the new one. It is an overlapping process and the years of transition are ones of great interest. As one period follows another it usually shows a reaction from the previous one; a sombre period is followed by a gay one; the excess of ornament in one is followed by restraint in the next. It is the same law that makes us want cake when we have had too much bread and butter.

The world has changed so much since the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries that it seems almost impossible that we should ever again have great periods of decoration like those of Louis XIV, Louis XV and Louis XVI. Then the monarch was supreme. "L'état c'est moi," said Louis XIV, and it was true. He established the great Gobelin works on a basis that made France the authority of the world and firmly imposed his taste and his will on the country. Now that this absolute power of one man is a thing of the past, we have the influence of many men forming and moulding something that will probably turn into a beautiful epoch of decoration, one that will have in it more of the feeling that brought the French Renaissance to its height, though not like it, for we have the same respect for individuality working within the laws of beauty that they had. The style that takes its name from Louis XIV was one of great magnificence and beauty with dignity and a certain solidity in its splendor. It was really the foundation of the styles that followed, and a great many people look upon the periods of Louis XIV, the Regency, Louis XV and Louis XVI as one great period with variations, or

ups and downs-the complete swing and return of the pendulum.

The last years of the reign of Louis XIV were marked by a certain austerity, as the influence of Madame de Maintenon was paramount, but even then a promise of what was to come was in the air. When Louis died, in 1715, Louis XV, his greatgrandson, was only five years old, and the Duc d'Orleans became Regent. The spirit changed and more gaiety at once appeared in all the decorations, and the magnificent and stately extravagance of Louis XIV turned into the daintier but no less extravagant and rich decoration of the Regency and Louis XV. One of the noticable changes was that rooms were smaller, and the reign of the boudoir began. It has been truly said that after the death of Louis XIV "came the substitution of the finery of coquetry for the worship of the great in style." . There was greater variety in the designs of furniture and a greater use of carved metal ornament and gilt bronze, beautifully chased. The ornaments took many shapes, such as shells, shaped foliage, roses, seaweed, strings of pearls, etc., and at its best there was great beauty in the treatment.

It was during the Regency that the great artist and sculptor in metal, Charles Cressant, flourished. He was made *ébeniste* of the Regent, and his influence was always to keep up the traditions when the reaction against the severe might easily have lead to degeneration. There are beautiful examples of his work in many of the great collections of furniture, notably the wonderful commode in the Wallace collection. The dragon mounts of ormolu on it show the strong influence the Orient had at the time. He often used the figures of women with great delicacy on the corners of his furniture, and he also used tortoise-shell

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and many colored woods in marquetrie, but his most wonderful work was done in brass and gilded bronze.

The great influence of the Orient at this time is very noticable. There had been a beginning of it in the previous reign, but during the Regency and the reign of Louis XV it became very marked. "Singerie" and "Chinoiserie" were the rage, and gay little monkeys clambered and climbed over walls and furniture with a careless abandon that had a certain fascination and charm in spite of their being monkeys. The "Salon des Singes" in the Chateau de Chantilly gives one a good idea

of this. The style was easily overdone and did not last a great while.

During this time of Oriental influence lacquer was much used and beautiful lacquer panels became one of the great features of French furniture. Pieces of furniture were sent to China and Japan to be lacquered and this, combined with the expense of importing it, led many men in France to try to find out the Oriental secret. Le Sieur Dagly was supposed to have imported the secret and was established at the Gobelin works where he made what was called "vernis de Gobelin." The Martin family evolved a most characteristically French style of decoration from the Chinese and Japanese lacquers. The varnish they made, called "Vernis Martin," gave its name to the furniture deco-rated by them, which was well suited to the dainty boudoirs of the day. All kinds of furniture were decorated in this waysedan chairs and even snuff-boxes, until at last the supply became so great that the fashion died. There are many charming examples of it to be seen in museums and private collections, but the modern garish copies of it in many shops give no idea of the

charm of the original. Watteau's delightful decorations also give the true spirit of the time, with their gaiety and frivolity showing the Arcadian affectations—the fad of the moment.

As time passed decoration grew more and more ornate, and the followers of Cressant exaggerated his traits. One of these was Jules Aurèle Meissonier, an Italian by birth, who brought with him to France the decadent Italian taste. He had a most marvelous power of invention and lavished ornament on everything, carrying the rocaille style to its utmost limit. He broke up all straight lines, put curves and convolutions everywhere, and rarely had two sides alike, for symmetry had no charms for him. The curved endive decoration was used in architraves, in the panels of overdoors and panel moldings, everywhere it possibly could be used, in fact. His work was in great demand by the king and nobility. He designed furniture of all kinds, altars, sledges, candelabra and a great amount of silversmith's work, and also published a book of designs. It is this rocaille style that is usually meant



A large desk now in the Louvre representing the Regency. The furniture of the Regency developed from that of Louis XIV into a greater suppleness and more frequent use of sculptures in metal for the applied decoration, with the introduction of the shell as a motive

when one speaks of the style of Louis XV.

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Furniture as well as wall decoration showed its influence. Chairs were carved and gilded, or painted, or lacquered, and also beautiful natural woods were used. The sofas and chairs had a general square appearance, but the framework was much curved and carved and gilded. They were upholstered in silks, brocades, velvets, damasks in flowered designs, edged with braid. Gobelin, Aubusson and Beauvais tapestry, with Watteau designs, were also used. One attractive little chair that might be well copied nowadays and be most

popular, was called "fauteuil de commodité." It had a little desk attached to it, with sconces for candles at the side. Desks were much used and were conveniently arranged with drawers, pigeon-holes and shelves, and roll-top desks were made at this time. Commodes were painted, or richly ornamented with lacquer panels, or panels of rosewood or violet wood, and all were embellished with wonderful bronze or ormolu. Many pieces of furniture were inlaid with lovely Sèvres plaques. There were many different and elaborate kinds of beds, taking their names from their form and draping. "Lit d'anglaise" had a back, headboard and foot-board, and could be used as a sofa. "Lit a Romaine" had a canopy and four festooned curtains, and so on.

The most common form of salon was rectangular, with proportions of 4 to 3, or 2 to 1. There were also many square, round, octagonal and oval salons, these last being among the most beautiful. They all were decorated with great richness, the walls being paneled with carved and gilded—or partially gilded—wood. Tapestry and brocade and painted panels were used. Large mirrors with elaborate frames were placed over



During the Regency and the reign of Louis XV a curious Oriental influence became marked. "Singerie" and "Chinoiserie" became the rage, and monkeys were used with a careless abandon throughout the decoration, as in this Salon des Singes in the Chateau de Chantilly

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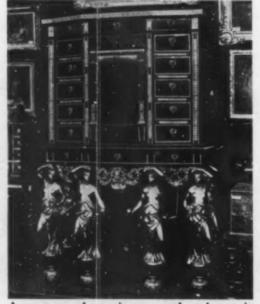
the mantels, with panels above reaching to the cornice or cove of the ceiling, and large mirrors were also used over console tables and as panels. The paneled overdoors reached to the cornice, and windows were also treated in this way. Windows and doors were not looked upon merely as openings to admit air and light and human beings, but formed a part of the scheme of decoration of the room. There were beautiful brackets and candelabra of ormolu to light the rooms, and the boudoirs and salons, with their white and gold and beautifully decorated walls and gilded furniture, gave an air of gaiety and richness, extravagance and beauty.

An apartment in the time of Louis XV usually had a vestibule, rather severely decorated with columns or pilasters and often statues in niches. The first ante-room was a waiting-room for servants and was plainly treated, the woodwork being the chief decoration. The second ante-room had mirrors, console tables, carved and gilded woodwork, and sometimes tapestry was used above a wainscot. Dining-rooms were elaborate, often having fountains and plants in the niches near the buffet.

alcove, was an exact square. The bed faced the windows and eling was usually of oak, painted in soft colors or white and a large mirror over a console table was just opposite it. The

chimney faced the principle entrance. A "chambre en niche" was a room where the bed space was not so large as an alcove. The designs for sides of rooms by Meissonnier, Blondel, Briseux, Cuilles and others give a good idea of the arrangement and proportions of the different rooms. The cabinets or studies, and the garde robes or wardrobes, were entered usually from doors near the alcove. The ceilings were painted by Boucher and others in soft and charming colors, with cupids playing in the clouds, and subjects of that kind. Great attention was given to clocks and they formed an important and beautiful part in the decoration of the room.

There is much in the style of Louis XV that is beautiful and truly artistic, but the period of excessive rococo was often in the worst of taste, with its superabundance of curves and ornament, and the natural consequence was that, during the last years of Louis's reign, the reaction slowly began to make itself felt.



A corner of Marie Antoinette's boudoir at Fontainebleau. The

decorated panels show the influence of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Greater restraint characterizes the period of Louis XVI

A pronounced massiveness and a change in colors from the light gay ones to deep browns, blues, etc., are distinguishing char-acteristics of the Empire style, together with a great deal of metal ornament

There was no sudden change to the use of the straight line, but people were tired of so much lavishness and motion in their decoration, and the more sober influence of the Dauphin and Marie Antoinette made itself felt. Marie Antoinette disliked the great pomp of court functions and liked to play at the simple life, so shepherdesses, shepherd's crooks, hats, wreaths of roses, watering-pots and many other rustic symbols became the fashion. Architecture became more simple and interior decoration followed suit. The restfulness and beauty of the straight line appeared again, and ornament took its proper place as a decoration of the construction, and was subordinate to its design. The influence of the discoveries of Herculaneum and Pompeii, although made many years before the reign of Louis XVI, appeared in many of the wall decorations and ornaments of the time. The beautiful little boudoir of the Marquise de Serilly is an example of its adaptation.

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During the period of Louis XVI the rooms had rectangular panels formed by simpler moldings than in the previous reign, with pilasters of delicate design between the panels. The

Bedrooms usually had an alcove, and the room, not counting the overdoors and mantels were carried to the cornice and the pangilded. Walls were also covered with tapestry and brocade.

Some of the most characteristic marks of the style are the straight tapering legs of the furniture, usually fluted, with some carving. Fluted columns and pilasters often had metal quills filling them. for a part of the distance at top and bottom, leaving a plain channel between. The laurel leaf was used in wreath form, and bell flowers were used on the legs of furniture. Oval medallions, surmounted by a wreath of flowers and a bow-knot, appear very often, and in about 1780 round medallions were used. Furniture was covered with brocade or tapestry, with shepherds and shepherdesses or pastoral scenes for the design. The gayest kinds of designs were used in the silks and brocades; ribbons and bow-knots and interlacing stripes with flowers and rustic symbols scattered over them. Curtains were less festooned and cut with great exactness. The canopies of beds became smaller, until often only a ring or crown held the draperies, and

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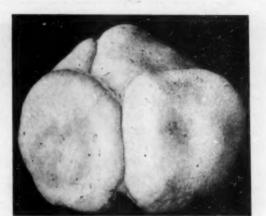
Agaricus villaticus, a promising market mushroom, large and solid, of good flavor and prolific

Mushrooms in Your Own Cellar

GATHERING THIS INTERESTING EDIBLE PLANT OUTDOORS IS A TASK FOR THE STUDENT EN-THUSIAST, BUT RAISING MUSH-ROOMS FROM SELECTED SPAWN INDOORS REQUIRES LITTLE JUDGMENT AND LITTLE SPACE

BY S. L. DE FABRY

Illustrations by the author and others



A home-grown, four-plant cluster of Agaricus villaticus which weighed about two and a half pounds

G ROWING mushrooms, or "champignons," as the French containing too much straw. The manure cannot be used as it comes from the stable, as the fermentation would be too great,

and watch them grow, very fascinating for anyone who undertakes their culture. Any member of the family can, with a little judgment, accomplish results which will reward one well for the work, especially in winter, when fresh vegetables are scarce and expensive.

They can be grown anywhere, provided the temperature is above freezing and somewhere between fifty and sixty degrees. The cellar, not too light, with some moisture on the walls, is the ideal place, although good results can be obtained by growing them in small quantities in a barrel sawed in half, in tubs, or even on shelves placed against the wall in some room, stable or outhouse, where the temperature is not permitted to fall low enough to injure them by freezing.

A movable bed, which can be carried

about at one's convenience, can easily be constructed by nailing one-inch boards together, making the bottom three feet long and two and one-quarter feet wide. A bed of this kind will have to be built up with earth in pyramidal form, about six inches wider at the base than on top, with the advantage that, besides the top, all four sides can be used to spawn mushrooms. These toy beds are largely used in France where champignons are grown for family use, and a pleasant surprise awaits the interested amateur here, as it is astonishing how many mushrooms can be produced in so small a place.

In making the bed, the indispensable ingredient is fresh horse manure, not



A specimen of the almond-flavored mushroom. The persistent veil is a very desirable quality. A. fabaceus

, as the fermentation would be too great, giving out too much heat; it must, therefore, be tempered down by mixing it with a fifth part of good garden soil.

When this is done, the beds are made at once, giving now a moderate heat, resulting from a slow, even fermentation of the compost. The ground where the beds are made should be well drained, free of standing water and kept clean, and free from all rubbish and litter.

Some cultural directions advise the use of pure manure in forming mushroom beds. This is not recommended to the amateur. It involves a great deal of labor in making heaps of fresh manure about a yard high, allowing them to heat; then they are taken down and rebuilt twice, sometimes oftener, until the manure becomes brown, elastic and greasy.

In the first place a large supply of manure is essential; then excellent judg-

ment, backed by long experience, is necessary to accomplish good results, otherwise the manure will either be burnt up or too cold for the purpose in view.

After mixing the fresh manure with soil as stated, the beds are made twenty to twenty-four inches high, and about as wide at the base, and sloping on both sides; if they are made up against the wall, which is the easier way, the width of the base should be less than the height.

If small beds are contemplated, to be made in part of a barrel, tub, or an easily movable bed on boards, they can be made up in the yard and brought into the house finished, thus avoiding carrying in the raw manure.



A mushroom bed coming into bearing under suitable conditions. Notice the solidity of the buttons and shortness of the stems

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The beds are made by hand. The manure must be mellow and well divided, with all hard lumps crushed. It should be placed in layers a few inches high, each layer well trodden down, so that the whole will be of equal texture. All projecting straw is removed and the surface made level and firm. This is of great importance for satisfactory results.

After the beds are made it is well to wait a few days and watch the fermentation of the compost. This can be best accomplished by thrusting a thermometer deep into the manure. As long as the bed is over eighty-five degrees it is too hot and must be allowed to cool down. To do this, make a few holes at intervals with a stick and allow the heat to escape. When the bed remains steadily at about seventy-eight to eighty degrees it is time to put the spawn in.

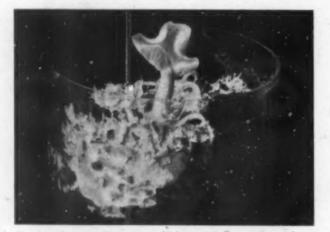
Mushrooms are propagated by planting spawn. There are three different kinds in the market-French, English and, of late, American "Pure Culture." They cost about fifteen cents per pound for the French and English varieties, and twenty cents for the American. Mushroom spawn is commercially sold in blocks or bricks, weighing a little over a pound, and can be

Before using these blocks of spawn they are moistened with tepid water on both sides, and kept in a moderately warm place for a few days; this will insure rapid growth when planted. They are broken up in pieces about two inches square, and openings in the surface of the bed are made by hand, about nine inches apart each way, to insert these pieces of spawn. Care must be taken to have the pieces placed at an even depth below the surface of the bed; and when this is accomplished, the compost is pressed down around them carefully and snug. This will finish the work of planting,



A brown form of Agaricus arvensis, the "horse mushroom" of autumn pastures

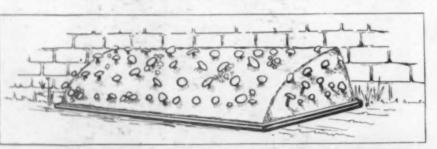
In about three weeks the spawn should have spread throughout the entire surface of the bed. Now the pieces of spawn are



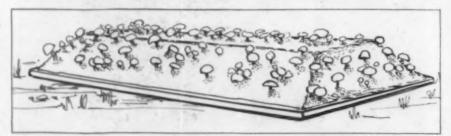
cultures of many edible mushrooms have been Pure made by the "tissue culture" method. Some of these develop mushrooms in small glass vessels. Pleurotus ostreatus, the oyster mushroom

One pound will suffice to spawn eight square feet of bed. a few weeks you will reap the harvest from your efforts, ac-

procured at any reliable seed store or from the spawn specialists. cautiously, otherwise the mushrooms will become mouldy. In



One convenient shape of mushroom bed resembles a curved-glass showcase, the compost being piled on a board in the cellar with its vertical edge against a wall. By sloping the ends, as well as the front, more space is available



Another convenient form of mushroom bed is the truncated pyramid, which may be piled on a board outdoors and carried into' the cellar

or spawning, as it is called.

In about eight days the spawn should commence to grow. The beds are examined, and any piece which has failed to germinate is replaced with fresh spawn. The propergermination can be easily judged by the presence of white. threads in the manure surrounding each piece of spawn.

withdrawn, as they are apt to become mouldy and infect the mushrooms, the empty openings are filled with soil from the bed, and the surface made smooth.

All decaying matter must be removed and the nearby surroundings kept clean and sweet, and free from rubbish.

The entire bed is now covered with a thin layer-not more than onehalf inch deep-of good virgin soil. preferably mixed with a little lime or land plaster. Moisten this before applying, but do not get it too wet, and press down so that it covers and adheres firmly to the surface of the bed. When the surface becomes dry, sprinkle lightly with tepid water.

This sprinkling should be done

cording to the temperature, and the mushrooms will begin to appear.

In gathering them, the cavities left by their removal should be filled with soil from the bed. The beds will continue to yield for two or three months - longer if watered sparingly with liquid chicken manure, heated to seventy - five degrees before the application is made. If this is decided upon, be careful to avoid splashing the mushrooms with the manurial water.

The one difficulty is to get the right kind of spawn. It often degenerates and is infected with bacterial organisms

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which will produce diseased mushrooms. Of late, many improvements have been made in raising healthy, virgin spawn. The present culture is on the pedigree system —only spawn from spores of the healthiest, largest mushrooms being used, and this is sterilized, which renders it less liable to diseases common to this plant.

As to the lucrative side of the experiment, the surplus, not used for the family table, always finds a ready local market. Hotels and restaurants of the better kind are

large consumers of mushrooms in the winter months.

Wholesale prices range from twenty-five cents to one dollar per pound, according to the locality, season and demand. Large cities are naturally the poorest markets, as commercial growers ship to them in large quantities, often glutting the markets.

A hand-basket, holding about a half bushel, lined and covered with thick, brown paper, securely fastened, is the usual pack-

to the living quarters of the house as its cellar. Where there is a stable, greenhouse or other convenient place that will meet the requirements of moisture and temperature, such a place should by all means be chosen. If the cellar alone remains available, however, whatever slight inconvenience may be caused by the character of the mushroom bed will be more than offset by its productiveness.

First Aid to Wounded Trees

SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE METHODS OF PREVENTING THE COMMON WOUNDS, WITH DIRECTIONS FOR THEIR TREATMENT WHEN PREVENTIVE MEASURES FAIL

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T HE matter of shielding the bark of a tree from the bites of horses and from other forms of injury, and the subsequent handling of the wound where injury has already been incurred, are two of the most important problems in the care of trees. They both are far too generally overlooked in almost every part of the country.

A tree like the one pictured in the accompanying photograph is a most common sight in the streets of almost every city or village. In one section of Brooklyn I once counted fifty-one per cent. of the trees ruined in this manner. In New Haven four hundred and eight such mutilated trees were selected from a total of eleven hundred and forty-three, while in Washington, D. C., where the trees have been systematically protected for a great many years, I could hardly find a bruised specimen.

With the bark thus injured, a tree can no longer produce the proper amount of foliage or remain in a healthy condition very long. The reason of this becomes very apparent when one looks into the



This is the result of leaving unprotected a tree that is planted in front of a city or suburban home

nature of the living or active tissue of a tree and notes how it becomes affected by such injury. The live portion of a tree is the "cambium layer," which is a thin tissue situated immediately under the bark. It must completely envelop the stem, root and branches of the tree. The outer bark is a protective covering to this living layer, while the entire interior wood tissue is composed of dead cells and merely serves as a skeleton or support for the tree. The cambium layer is the real active part of the tree. It is the part which transmits the sap from the base of the tree to its crown; it is the part which causes the tree to grow by the formation of new cells, piled up in the form of rings around the heart of the tree; and it is also the part which prevents the entrance of insects and disease to the inner wood. From this it is quite evident that any injury to the bark, and consequently to this cambium layer alongside of it, will not only cut off a portion of the sap supply and hinder the growth of the tree to an extent proportional to the size of

Agaricus villaticus, showing the unusually solid stem which, when young, is quite as good to eat as the cap

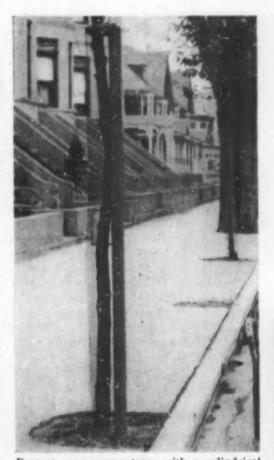
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age, if shipping to a distance is contemplated.

Anyone with a country home and a good cellar can grow large enough quantities for home use, and a good surplus to sell. It is, altogether, an interesting, paying and, if the beds are once made, clean culture, and does not require any more skill or care than growing ordinary vegetables under good cultivation.

There are those who may object to having a mushroom bed, composed chiefly of manure, in such close proximity

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Protect very young trees with a cylindrical guard of one-sixteenth-inch mesh wirenetting, fastened to a tall stake

dition that could have been easily and cheaply prevented by a suitable guard or by a little dressing applied to the wound before the latter had developed too far.

The most serviceable guard is made of ordinary wire netting, cut to a height of at least seven feet and passed around the tree. In case of a very young tree, the wire may be nailed to a stake placed alongside of the tree as a support; and with larger trees, the two perpendicular ends of the wire are fastened together and the guard allowed to stand on the ground loosely around the stem. Wire netting of one-sixteenth-inch mesh is preferable for young trees and that of HOUSE AND GARDEN

the wound, but will also expose the inner wood to the action of decay. The wound may at first appear insignificant, but if neglected it will soon commence to decay and carry disease and insects into the tree. The tree then becomes hollow and dangerous and its life is doomed. It requires a large expenditure to care for a diseased con-

bruises sometimes will occur, and in all such cases the wound must receive immediate and careful attention. The bruised bark should be removed; it will never adhere to the tree again. The rough edges should be cut smooth and the exposed wood covered with coal tar. The coal tar has a sort of antiseptic as well as protective influence. It becomes absorbed into the wood tissue of the tree to a depth of an eighth to a quarter of an inch and destroys every fungus spore or disease germ with which it comes in contact. Tar is preferable to paint for wound dressing, not only because of its absorbent and antiseptic qualities, but also because it lasts longer and never peels in later years as does the paint.

The usual method of bandaging wounds with burlap or cloth is very hurtful to the tree, because underneath the bandage the fungus spores will find the ideal conditions for their development. There the disease germs will find darkness, moisture and warmth, all of which are wanted for their rapid growth and so, wherever I have seen a bandage applied to a tree wound, I have invariably found disease breeding on the wood underneath. To

discard all bandages, to treat the wound and expose it freely to sun and wind should be the method of caring for all abrasions of the bark.

When you consider the matter, does it not seem as if we had gotten into the habit of expecting a very great deal from those trees that we plant along our suburban and city streets? They have a long, hard struggle for existence, at the best. We plant them at the edge of the sidewalk, close by a deep-set curbstone, with the brick or cement of the paving brought almost as close to the trunk as it possibly can come. Perhaps, in addition, the street surface is paved



A wound, now become dangerous, that could easily have been cured at once by a dressing of coal tar; the latter is better than paint for the purpose

one-half-inch for older specimens. Wire guards around young trees, the bark of which is always more or less tender, should have a piece of rubber hose, or some other soft material, line the interior of their upper edges, in order to prevent chafing of the bark.

There is a great variety of more elaborate and expensive iron tree guards on the market, all differing in style and usefulness. Some of these may look better than the wire guard but none are more efficient. If any of them, however, are used, it should be seen that they are sufficiently tall to prevent horses from reaching over them, and that the bars composing the guard are sufficiently close to each other to prevent easy access to the bark.

As the tree grows in diameter, the guard must also be loosened proportionately or else it will become so binding that it will sever the very tissue which it is supposed to protect. The wire guard is better adapted to such changes in diameter than the more expensive iron guard.

In spite of our many efforts to protect the bark of trees,

that is impervious to water. Little chance, indeed, does the root-mass have of getting a fair supply of water-as essential to the tree's life as it is to our own. Left to draw its food from hard-packed clay, deprived of even the natural rainfall by surface drainage, nibbled by horses, how do any survive?

with a material

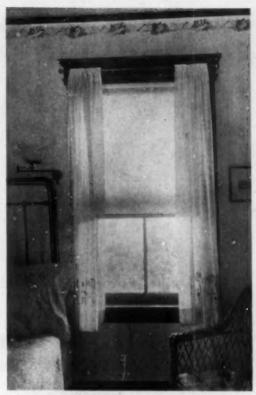


Even after the tree has attained a fair size it should be protected in this manner from nibbling horses, but do not let the guard become too tight

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A single, dark, opaque shade gives too much contrast inside with light walls



A single white shade is better, but it is im-possible to cut off much light with it



The best combination-an opaque shade outside and an inside translucent shade

Making the Best Use of Window Shades

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SUCCESSFUL REGULATION OF THE LIGHT THROUGH WINDOWS, IN-DOORS AND OUT, BY DAY AND BY NIGHT, WITH SOME CONSIDERATION OF COLOR HARMONY

BY GEORGE LELAND HUNTER

Photographs by Henry Fuerman, H. H. S., and others

HE decorative effect of window shades is often disreof purchaser or salesman. Almost without exception parsimony

shadow above bright light. For during the day shades are comgarded, the selection depending on the momentary whim monly rolled up to leave the lower half or two-thirds of the window exposed. But if the shades are light in color and semitranslucent, the contrast is

is practiced, even when the rest of the furnishing is on a generous scale. Yet the window dressing of a house has everything to do with the appearance of both interior and exterior. And of window dressing, except in metropolitan mansions, where draperies are elaborate, with lace next the glass and overhanging of tapestry, damask or brocade, the shades are one of the most obvious features.

In all decoration an important law is: "Avoid violent contrasts." If the shades are very dark or densely opaque, the contrast between the shaded and unshaded parts of a window, seen from the interior, is extreme-deep



For those who prefer no shades at all, some such device as this must be employed-sash curtains, above and below, with inside draperies

gentle and pleasing. The color of the room is an important factor. Green shades in a red room, or red shades in a green room are an abomination, as are dark shades in a light room. But while the shades in a room with dark walls and furniture should correspond in tone, the contrast with the outdoor light must be kept in mind, and the shades should be lighter than the other furnishings. If the windows have small panes, or leaded and colored glass, the brilliancy of the light that comes through them is less, and there is less danger of too violent contrast with the shades and

interior walls

The night effect of the shades (when the source of illumination is inside the room) is economically as well as decoratively important. Dark shades and shades rough of texture reflect little light, so that if the windows are many and the shades completely lowered, the necessary cost of gas or electricity may be half as much again as with light, smooth shades. To leave the shades up only aggravates the evil, for clear window glass lets out practically all of the illumination that strikes it, and the windows are then black boxes against lighted walls - the most unpleasant kind of contrast.

Extreme contrast is also the most common fault in the exterior appearance of shades. From outside the house, light shades against dark walls, and dark shades against light walls, are equally distasteful. Unshaded windows are black boxes when seen from the outside - too black even by contrast with a house that has been painted dark, and aggressively ugly against



The French window is a problem in itself. Shades on the doors are awk-ward. The best solution perhaps is something like this, with over-cur-tains on a rod across the top. This rod should allow the curtains to be pushed far enough back so that they will not interfere with the doors

light paint, as may be seen in the illustration below.

In hue the shades should harmonize with the exterior, red with red, green with green, and yellow with yellow, but as a rule, should be lighter in tone. Shades darker in tone look opaque and stand out against their background.

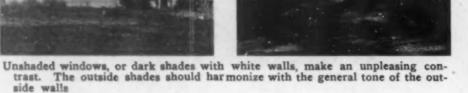
Some attention should be paid to the environment of the building. The colors and tones that dominate in the landscape invite representation and re-

flection in the shades, especially if their presence has already been appreciated by the house painter.

At this point some reader asks: "How reconcile the decorative demands of the exterior with those of the interi-What shall be ors? done when the exterior is dark red and the interior is light green?" There is the rub. Duplex shades with red outside and green inside are sometimes suggested trast between light red and light green is pleasing. For in both the hue has been softened and toned down by the addition of white or gray. The addition of red to the green or of green to the red, or of some third color to both, also brings them together. Of these facts the reader can assure himself by personal ob-

servation-unless he is color-blind. It is not necessary to accept the dictum of the decorator or the epigram of the faddist. It is possible by practice and experiment to acquire a working knowledge of light and color.

The use of two sets of shades - the outer set opaque to shut out the light completely, the inner set translucent to tone the light agreeably-is the best solution of the whole problem. And if the light be also modified by leaded glass, or latticed sashes, or by net curtains next the glass, glare and shadow will be entirely avoided.



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and used. This makes it possible to have shades that correspond on the inside with the different colors of half a dozen different rooms, and are all the same color on the outside. But duplex shades are necessarily opaque, and usually offensive. They are an attempt to solve a difficulty that should never have been created. In other words, the contrasts between interiors and exterior should never be so strong as to call for shades of double face. If these contrasts are gentle, it is easy to find shading of intermediate color and tone. When in doubt, use gray, brown or light yellow.

I have emphasized the disagreement between reds and greens because it is the one that most often troubles, yet it is one that is regarded by many persons as harmony. However, reds and greens do not always disagree violently. They can be reconciled by toning them together. Light red against dark green is hideous, as is dark red against light green. Yet the con-



There is no common winter flowering plant of so much value in all ways as the cyclamen



The only way in which you can raise the large-flowering chrysanthemums is in a greenhouse



Cineraria is another winter treasure that you can grow in even the smallest greenhouse

What May Be Grown In a Small Greenhouse

THE POSSIBILITIES IN RAISING FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES FOR THE AMATEUR GARDENER WHO HAS EVEN THE SMALLEST SPACE UNDER GLASS—TEMPERATURES AND METHODS

BY F. F. ROCKWELL

Photographs by Nathan R. Graves and others

THERE are a number of "special" greenhouse crops which are easily within the reach of the amateur who has at his disposal a small glass structure, such as described in the August number of this magazine. One is apt to feel that something much more elaborate than the simple means at his hands are required to produce the handsome flowers or beautiful ferns which may be seen in the florist's window. It is true that many things are beyond his achievement. He cannot grow gigantic American Beauties on stems several feet long, nor present his friends at Christmas with the most delicate orchids; but he can

very easily have carnations more beautiful, because they will be fresher, if not quite so large, than any which can be had at the glass-fronted shops, and cyclamen as beautiful, and much more servicable, than any orchid that ever hung from a precarious basket. To accomplish such results requires not so much elaborate equipment as unremitting *care* —and not eternal "fussing" but regular thought and attention.

There is, for instance, no more well beloved flower than the carnation, which entirely deserves the place it has won in flower-lovers' hearts beside, if not actually ahead of, the rose. As a plant it will stand all kinds of abuse, and yet, under the care which any amateur can give it, will produce an abundance of most beautiful bloom. Within a comparatively few years the carnation, as indeed a number of other flowers, has been developed to nearly twice its former size, and the number of beautiful shades obtainable has also increased many times.

To be grown at its best the carnation

should have a rather cool temperature and plenty of ventilation, and these two requirements help to place it within reach of the small greenhouse operator. If only a few plants are to be grown, they may be purchased from a local florist, or obtained by mail from a seed house. If as few as two or three dozen plants are to be kept—and a surprising number of blooms may be had from a single dozen—they may be kept in pots. Use five- or six-inch pots and rich earth, with frequent applications of liquid manure, as described later. If, however, part of a bench can be given to them, the results will be more satisfactory.



Growing tomatoes under glass is not difficult. The plants can be forced in pots and a later group started for bearing outside

house heating and management in the September House & GARDEN. If it is too late to compose a soil of this kind, use any rich garden loam and well rotted manure, in the proportions of five or six to one. For plants to begin blooming in the early winter, they should be put in during August, but for one's own use a later planting will do. For this year, if you are too late, get a few plants and keep them in pots. Next year buy before March a hundred or so rooted cuttings, or in April small plants, and set them out before the middle of May. Cultivate well during the summer, being sure to keep all flower buds pinched off, and have a nice supply of your own plants ready for next fall.

The bench should be well drained and

contain four or five inches of rich soil, such as described in the article on green-

In putting the plants into the bench (or pots) select a cloudy day, and then keep them shaded for a few days, with frequent syringing of the foliage, until they become established. Keep the night



The August issue shows how well within the reach of everyone is a small greenhouse. This shows what you can do with it

temperature very little above fifty degrees, and not above seventyfive in the day time, while sixty will do in cloudy weather. As to the watering, they should be well soaked when put in, and

thereafter only as the ground becomes dry, when it should again be wet *clear through*, care being taken to wet the foliage as little as possible. In the mornings, and on bright days, syringing the foliage will be beneficial, but never in dull weather, and the leaves should never be wet over night.

As the flower stems begin to shoot up they will need support. If you can get one of the many forms of wire supports used by commercial florists, so much the better; but if these are not obtainable the old method of stakes and strings (or preferably "raffia") will do very well. To obtain large flowers the flower stems must be "disbudded"-that is, all but the end bud on each stalk should be pinched off, thus throwing all the strength into one large flower. If, on the other hand, the terminal bud is taken off, and several of the side buds left, the result will be a beautiful cluster of blooms, more pleasing, to my mind, than the single large flowers, though not so valuable commercially.

There are any number of wonderful new varieties, but the white, pink and light pink "Enchantress," and one of the standard red sorts will give satisfaction.

Requiring even less heat than the carnation is the old-time and all-time favorite, the violet. With no greenhouse at all, these can be grown beautifully, simply with the aid of a coldframe. But where a house is to be had, the season of blooming is, of course, much longer. The essential thing is to get strong, healthy plants. As with the carnations, if only a few are wanted, they may be grown in pots, using the six-inch size. The soil, whether for pots or benches, should be somewhat heavier than that prepared for carnations, using one-fourth to one-fifth cow manure added to the loam or rotted sod. If a bench is used, select one as near the glass as you can. Take in the plants with as little disturbance as possible, and keep them shaded for a few days, as with carnations. The plants will require to be about eight inches apart. As for care, apply water only when the bed has begun to dry, and then until the bench is soaked through. Pots will, of course, require more frequent attention in this matter than a bench. Keep all old leaves picked off and the soil stirred about the plants, with syringing and fu-

migating as suggested in the September number. The temperature will be best as low as forty-five degrees at night, and as little above fifteen more in the daytime as possible. Where no artificial heat can be had, a fine crop through the spring months may be had by making a smaller frame inside the regular coldframe, and packing this space with fine dry manure, as well as banking the outer frame. This arrangement, with two sash and mats in the coldest weather, will keep the plants growing most of the winter, and certainly the abundance of fragrant blooms at a season when flowers are most scarce will amply repay you for the trouble. Some prefer the single to the double blossoms. Marie Louise and Lady Hume Campbell (double blue); Swanley White, and California and Princess de Galles (single blue) are the best varieties. Plants may be purchased of most large florists or from the leading seedsmen.

Many of the decorative ferns may also be grown to perfection in the small house, at a moderate temperature, fifty to sixty degrees, the nearer sixty the better. The Boston Fern (*Nephrolepis exaltata Bostoniensis*) and its improved form, Scottic, are two of the best for house use, and if grown in the greenhouse until

of good size and form, they will make unusual and very acceptable holiday or birthday gifts. A few small plants obtained from the florist and kept where they do not get a direct glare of light, watered frequently enough so that the soil is always moist (but never "sopping"), and plenty of fresh air in bright weather, will rapidly make fine plants. If you happen to have a few old plants on hand, they may be increased readily by division. Separate the old crowns into a few small plants. Don't make them very small or they will not renew as readily. Keep them, if possible, a little above sixty degrees, with plenty of moisture. Loam and sand, to which is added about the same amount of leaf-mould, will make a proper soil.

Asparagus "ferns" will also respond to about the same care, though thriving in an even lower temperature. Asparagus plumosus nanus, the "lace-fern," is especially delicate and graceful and makes an ideal small table plant to use with flowers.

You propably will not want to give up the whole house to lettuce, but a small portion of a bench or even a few pots will keep your table supplied throughout the winter

Lettuce also is a low-temperature plant, and there is no reason why the small greenhouse owner should not be able with ease to supply his table constantly (Continued on page 309)



With a greenhouse it is the easiest thing in the world to start ferns and bulbs of all kinds, so that they may be brought into the livingroom when at their best, or used as holiday gifts



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A wall, four feet high, of arroyo stones capped with clinker brick, broken by plant-bearing posts and central entrance gateway, bounds the western boundary line of the property

A Bungalow Colony in a City

AN INGENIOUS AND ATTRACTIVE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO SECURE SPACIOUS-NESS IN SETTING AND LOW-COST BUILDINGS OF GOOD DESIGN ON RATHER EXPENSIVE LAND

BY MABEL URMY SEARES

Photographs by H. A. Parker and F. W. Martin

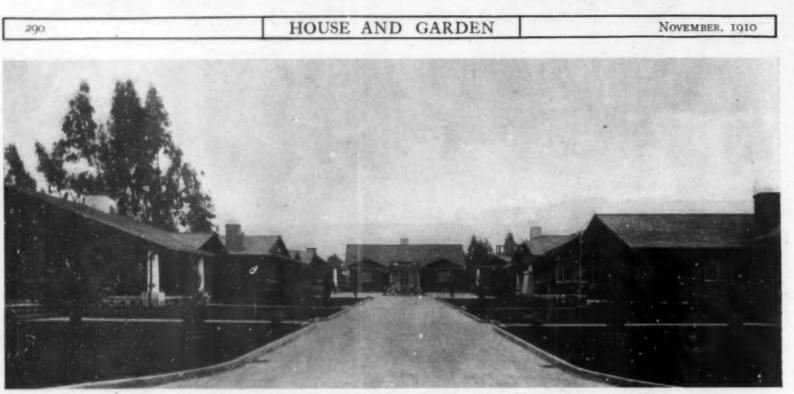
O^{NE} of the perplexing problems of a growing suburban town or city is to make the best use of those pieces of property which, though lying conveniently close to the business district, are still left vacant or partially deserted by the moving of residents to more attractive portions of the place.

The inability of most business men to make beauty of architecture and environment one of the assets of a business center, works both negatively and positively as a discourager of trade. For beautiful surroundings and good architecture in a group of stores not only attract business to the fortunate occupants, but the reverse of these conditions aids materially in the depreciation of nearby property and drives toward other centers what should be the closest circle of constant buyers.

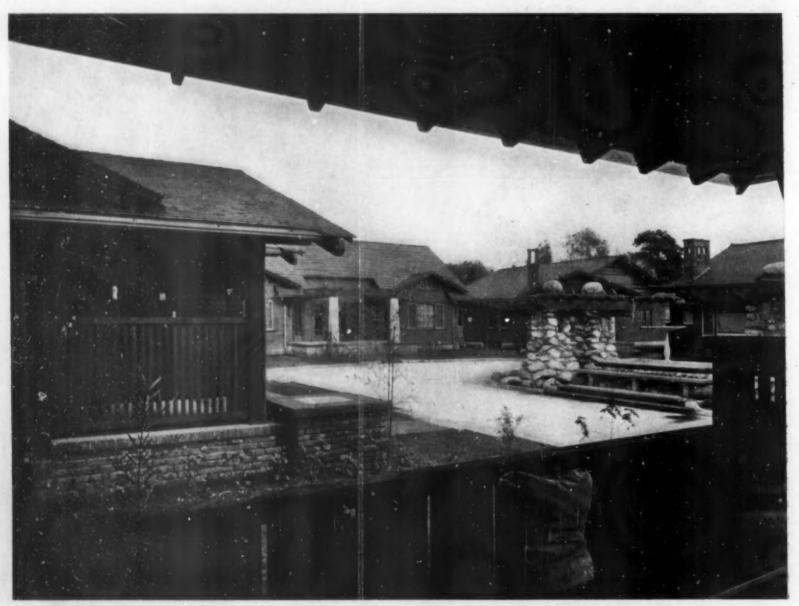
When, however, all the conditions are favorable; when clean streets, artistic signs and an interesting skyline are enhanced by flowering plants and shade trees, there will still remain near the civic center, or near the university in a college town, a certain amount of property deemed too valuable for a single house and

yet not needed for a business block. The ordinary solution of this problem is the apartment house. And, if we study in this connection the cities of Europe which have for generations consisted largely of apartment houses, we shall find interesting and very livable structures built around garden courts and developed to a high state of comfort and convenience. But, excepting as temporary quarters, or in a large city, the apartment or flat does not appeal to the American family. Even a tiny house, all her own, has more attraction for the ordinary home-maker than a more or less well defined portion of some other person's house. Knowing this, the owner of such holdings hesitates to decide in favor of an expensive building which may stand idle much of the time and which must be very large indeed to use all of the property to advantage.

A study of these conditions and of the additional fact that a deserted house may already stand upon the lot near which business has slowly crept, has often led to the remodeling of old houses and barns into small apartments and the addition of other



A central macadam driveway serves as the approach to the eleven bungalows on a plot 176 x 305 ft.



At the inside end of the lot the roadway widens and circles around a central fountain sheltered by a pergola-like structure

cottages to form a residence court. In some of the college towns and health resorts of California, where climatic conditions and a large number. of transient renters make little houses near the center of town a profitable investment, there is much building of bungalows in back-yards. Numerous old gardens have been converted into courts, where ancient trees and immense rose vines make a pleasant shade and remind one of the walled gardens hidden in the heart of old Paris. But not until lately has any one taken the bull by the horns and deliberately planned for a large piece of property a court of entirely new bungalows.

St. Francis Court, opening off the main street of Pasadena, California, is such a solution of our problem. The larger questions of appearance, outlook and relation to adjoining property have in this instance been so admirably met that they merit especial description.

The lot itself is situated far enough from business

buildings not to be overshadowed by them. Between it and the shopping district are homes and offices of professional men, churches and one of the attractive hotels of the tourist city.

No old garden was here ready to be adapted to the needs of the court. The lot, 176 x 305 ft., was practically bare when building was begun. But the trees of neighboring gardens formed a setting for the bungalows, though neither high enough nor thick enough to cut off a fine outlook toward the mountains lying back of the city.

The natural slope of the ground was not used, for, by placing a retaining wall four feet high on the western boundary the whole could easily be brought to a good drainage level without loss of picturesque effect and with a gain in appearance.

Opening on a wide, well built street, and with no old buildings to crowd or deface it. this lot had exceptional advantages in the making of a sunny open space upon which to face eleven cottages. Its attractiveness from the point of view of the passerby was emphasized by a low wall of split arroyo stones capped with clinker brick, and rising at the central and ser-





One of the entrances to the path along the rear of a row of the bun-galows, through which the tradesmen make their deliveries

vice openings into interesting gateways decorated with dark wooden crosspieces, slabs of green Catalina marble and lines of the purple brick. At intervals along the wall, hollows in the posts form places for growing plants, and at the gates well designed metal lanterns enclose the electric lights. The bungalows were plac-

ed as close as possible to the side lines, leaving just room for a service walk back of each row of houses around the inside circuit of the lot.

Several expedients were employed to give this rectangular piece of ground the appearance of widening out toward the rear. A singlewide pathway leads up from the main gateway and past one half the houses, then widening and dividing, it circles. an interesting combination of pergola and fountain at angles which give ample room for the turning of a large motor car. This in itself gives a feeling of space, which is heightened by the clever way in which the architect,

Mr. Sylvanus Marston, has planned the two corner bungalows tofill advantageously the space left for them. But more subtle devices have been used in giving an aspect of cheerful roominess tothe interior of the court. The bungalows nearest the street have been kept very quiet in tone and in decoration. The soft colors. of the stains used on their exteriors grow lighter in tone as the houses go back, thus counteracting the effect of increasing shadows and distance and brightening the interior where the houses. seem thickest. The light color of the arroyo stone in the pergola posts, and the white macadam of the driveway add to this cheerful effect, which is carried up to the houses by certain well placed white porch pillars, an occasional concrete chimney, and by a variety of delightful white plaster panels set in the chimneys of

green and purpleclinker brick.

The same versatility and good taste which characterizes the exterior of these bungalows is shown in their ground plans. No two are alike, yet every one is a model one - floor Certain cottage. vital points are, therefore, common to all. Each has a large living-room with unique and (Continued on

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Winter Cheer

in

Berries and Bark Photographs by N. R. Graves

Euonymus Europæus is a species that assumes especially brilliant fall coloring. It will grow in almost any soil and it is occasionally used

as a hedge plant

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The winterberry or black alder (*llex verticillata*) makes a brilliant show in the winter landscape, yet it is very seldom planted in our gardens. The bright red berries remain on the branches until midwinter and are not eaten by birds



The euonymus or spindle tree is also a brilliant spot in a bleak winter landscape, with its bright pink fruits remaining on the branches long after the leaves fall. Most of the deciduous species, except those from the Himalayas, are hardy north



The Pyracantha is an evergreen thorn of which far too little use is made in the winter garden. It is also a good shrub to train against a wall. Var. Lœlandi is most fruitful

T HE impression is far too common that the garden must necessarily be a bleak spot after the flowers have gone. It is an idea that is entirely erroneous, for there are many small trees and shrubs of which it may be said that their flowering is only a passing incident, while their fruits have the necessary color and stability to brighten the winter landscape after all the foliage has gone. A little studied effort in the selection and disposition of certain small trees and shrubs that possess beauty of berry and bark will go far toward making a garden "a very pleasant spot" in

winter.

Try grouping together a few specimens of shrubs of berry-bearing character, as, for example, the bayberry or wax myrtle, with its shoots thickly clustered with wax - like masses of fruit, contrasting strongly with the



The common barberry (Berberis vulgaris) is among the better known plants for winter effect, its orange-red berries hanging in rich clusters on the branches throughout the winter

Our native thorns (Cratagus) make small neat trees that are particularly well adapted to the suburban plot of average size

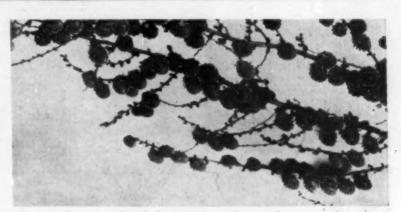
common barberry with its orange-red berries in rich clusters. With these two for the back of our group we could add to the foreground that most useful shrub, Thunberg's barberry a shrub having probably more attractions throughout the year than any other single specimen. Add to this the snowberry, whose great white fruits hang persistently all through the winter, and its red-fruited relative, the Indian currant, and you have a group that can be carried out on any scale, according to the available space—on the large estate or suburban lot.

Another group might well be made of the viburnums— V. prunifolium, which grows to the size of a respectable tree and covers itself with deep blue-black berries; V. opulus, most attractive in fruit until hard frost destroys the berries; V. lantana and V. Sie-

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The Snowberry or waxberry (Symphoricarpos racemesus) gives a gorgeous display of brilliant white fruits that hang persistently to the branches all through the winter. Plant it in front of the common barberry for color contrast



Among the trees that help to give variety and tone to the winter landscape is the larch, with its numberless cones. Unfortunately the tree is troubled by several enemies. The most beautiful of the species is Larix leptolepis, whose fall foliage is bright yellow



The Indian current (Symphoricarpos vulgaris) is a red-fruited relative of the snowberry, but having a more compact form

BY ARTHUR HERRINGTON Landscape architect

AS SELECTED



Our native holly (*Ilex opaca*) is entirely worthy of the special care needed to get it established in the garden. To secure the ornamental fruits plant a staminate bush among pistillate ones

boldi, with, for the foreground, V. cassinoides and V. acerifolium, covered with clusters of black berries that hang long after the foliage has fallen.

Our native thorns (*Crataegus*) must not be overlooked for their beauty and fruit. They make small neat trees and should be far more frequently planted in the small suburban gardens.

The euonymus or spindle tree is also a brilliant spot when smothered with its bright fruits long after the leaves have fallen. *Ilex verticillata*, appropriately named winterberry, makes an-

other brilliant spot of color against the snow, and our native holly, too, is worthy of the special care needed to establish it in the garden.

The Pyracantha is an evergreen thorn of which far too little use is made by gardeners. It will train well against a



Thunberg's barberry (Berberis Thunbergi), than which there is probably no shrub more variably attractive throughout the year. It should by all means be included in the all-year garden



A group of virburnums will improve any winter garden. V. prunifolium, V. opulus, V. lantana, V. Sieboldi, V. cassinoides and V. acerifolium are all good varieties

wall, making an admirable cover and a brilliant mass of color when bearing its great clusters of orange-red berries.

A few shrubs have bright-colored bark that will help greatly to give life and brilliancy to the winter landscape—the birches, the red-barked dogwood, the Jew's mallow, with its bark of a deep uniform green that is particularly effective in connection with the red-barked dogwood. Then there are the willows—the cardinal and the yellow-barked willow. Both are well worth growing, and they may be cut down severely so as to bring them

into scale with the small garden.

In planning to make your shrubbery groups more nearly ideal, keep in mind this essential principle: do not let the factor of flower bloom obscure the necessity for some shrubs that will prolong the garden into the winter.

Making a Garden of the City Back Yard

RECLAIMING IN A VERY SIMPLE AND ECONOMICAL MANNER THE USUALLY HOPELESS EXPANSE OF BAKED DIRT AND BRICK PAVING BACK OF THE HOUSE-IN-A-BLOCK

BY WILLIAM DRAPER BRINCKLÉ

Illustrations from the author's designs

even the most ordinary back yard?

No, not any feeble insipidities-screening the garbage-cans by rows of sunflowers, veneering of back fences with morning glories-but the possibility of a well studied bit of garden design;

ID it ever occur to you that there is a latent potentiality in drying-yard, children's playground, servant's breathing space and the many similar needs that have grown up around our present-day existence. It is not only sheer nonsense to disregard these things, but it is false art, too. In all times, beauty has always been reached by working with existing conditionsnever by working against

some quiet, strong scheme, increasing many-fold the comfort and charm of your Have you ever home. thought of it?

Let us assume that you have an ordinary city lot; thirty feet wide, perhaps, with all its fore part covered by the spreading skirts of the yellow-and-white Colonial front, in which you live for three quarters of the year. A few feet wider or narrower? No matter: the argument will still hold.

If a Japanese has even so much as five square feet of soil behind his house, he will have a garden-a wondrous, exquisite bit of beauty, with tiny mountains, dwarfed pine trees, rustic bridges, and all only a few paces, in actual fact, from some seething city street, yet giving one the sense of far-away rest and seclusion.

Now, I do not advise a Japanese garden in an American backyard, but I do indorse again the old Colonial doctrine (in reality as old as Rome itself), that the true front of a home should be the back : that there is more to life than to pose on a front porch, where glittering shoe-buckles may cover out-at-heel socks. Nearly always behind century - old houses, one finds traces of a carefully planned formal garden, with box alleys leading to some little summerhouse; a place for the family, with a select friend or so - not a place for the



The typical city house has an ell-shaped rear end into which it is an easy matter to fit the longer axis of a formal garden

whole neighborhood. No matter how narrow the lot, this formal garden was still provided.

answer where there is heavy and continuous travel to keep them packed; gravel is unpleasant to tread on with thin summer shoes. and wood is undesirable for many reasons. The best way of all is to lay a concrete foundation, and pave the bricks on top of this; a sand base, such as is used in ordinary sidewalk paving,

But we cannot slavishly copy an old Colonial house-plan; we must modify it with bathrooms and other things of our modern life. So with a garden, the Colonial scheme left no place for

them.

Now to go at it. The basic idea in landscape work is the vista and the most elaborate formal garden ever planned is only a collection of vistas, with more or less of sun-dials, pools and casinos threaded upon them. So let us take some window or door from dining-room or library, and, in line with this, run a walk straight through to the back fence. Let us terminate this in a summer-house, to give a stopping point to the eye, but before we get quite so far back, we shall set some other point of interest-a little pond, perhaps, to hold the eve a moment and, as it were, prolong the vista. Bright masses of flower-color edge the path, and high hedges of privet frame the whole, shutting out all unsightly things.

So much in general; now for the definite details.

The path should be not less than five feet wide, so that two persons may walk abreast. The paving should abreast. The paving should be brick, though a very fair substitute may be had by using ordinary coal ashes. In such cases, dig out a couple of inches, and fill in the ashes, edging them with brick. After a good rain, rake them down, taking out the clinkers; and later on give them a second raking. It is not at all necessary to roll them.

No other walk-material is very satisfactory. Cement is too hard and cold in its effect ; steam cinders will only

will do fairly well, but the bricks must be relaid every few years.

Down near the summerhouse let us make a little plateau about a foot high with the earth taken off the walks; the plan shows the size. Three steps, each four inches high, brick on edge, lead up, and three similar ones lead down. In the center, set half a whiskey barrel, digging out for it until the rim is four inches below the pla-

teau; then border it with brick on edge. Lay a small water-pipe to supply this tiny pond, with a little waste pipe opening just below the rim.

Build a summer-house as shown by the drawings; use 12-in. Colonial columns, 7 feet high, set on concrete foundations; with lintels made of two 3×10 -in. joists, planed smooth and blocked apart with 3-in. blocks. The slats on top will be 2×3 in., spaced about a foot apart. Paint the whole cream-white.

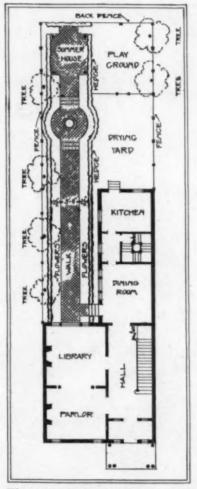
On either side of the walk, make your flower borders, 21/2 ft. wide. Spade them up in the fall, cover thickly with good stable manure and let them stand over winter. Then in the spring turn the manure under, working it well in, and you are ready to plant the flowers. The hedge should be planted in the spring ; evergreen privet is as good as anything for this. It can be had of any nurseryman, and costs from \$14 to \$15 per hundred plants, according to size. These plants should be set 6 inches apart. It is best to arrange to have the nurseryman set them out, paying him a small additional sum for the work. Clip the privet back to within 6 inches of the ground after planting. When it shoots up, cut it again 12 inches from ground, and keep it at this height for a year; after that let it grow up, a foot at a clipping until it is 6 feet high. Keep it at this height, except at the summerhouse, where it should be clipped off level with the tops of the columns.

And by the way, remember that the summer-house is 3 feet inside the rear fence, but the hedge is set all the way back to form a



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A section taken through the .ly-pool, showing the steps leading up to it from the path



The typical city house plan and the formal garden, leaving a playground and a drying-yard

screen, with two small openings, one on either side, to give access to the other parts of the backyard.

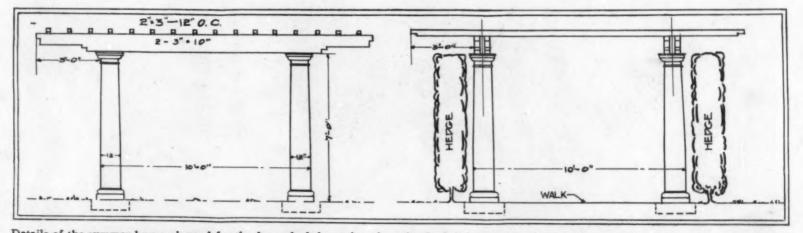
Now for the flowers. As soon as all danger from frost is over, get a few pounds of dwarf nasturtium seed; sow this in a little furrow or drill, on each side of the walk and about 4 inches from the bricks. This runs all the way back, curving up and around the plateau and

stopping only at the summer-house. Dwarf nasturtiums are probably the most satisfactory flowers an amateur can have; they are a blazing mosaic of color from May until frost, require no care and flower more profusely the more they are picked. They are, however, annuals, and one must sow them again each spring.

The rest of the flower-beds may be planted as you choose. Put in a good many clumps of daffodils, crocus and hyacinths for early spring effect; a quantity of Iris, of different colors, to follow up these, with plenty of cosmos for late summer and fall. Plant roses on the sunny side of the walk (cornazaleas, asters, rhododendrons, flowers, Shasta daisies, etc., can stand more shade). Snapdragon, larkspur, dahlias and clove pinks, poppies, scarlet sage, stocks, sweet williams, phlox and ladyslipper are all very desirable, but the colors should be very carefully studied before any seeds are purchased. The dwarf nasturtiums will range from dark vermillion to pale yellow. Be sure you have no magentas or light crimsons among your other things, to make color discords. Blues, yellows, whites and scarlets are all very good. And by the way, get the tallest varieties of everything, else they will be hopelessly lost behind the vigorous spread of the nasturtiums.

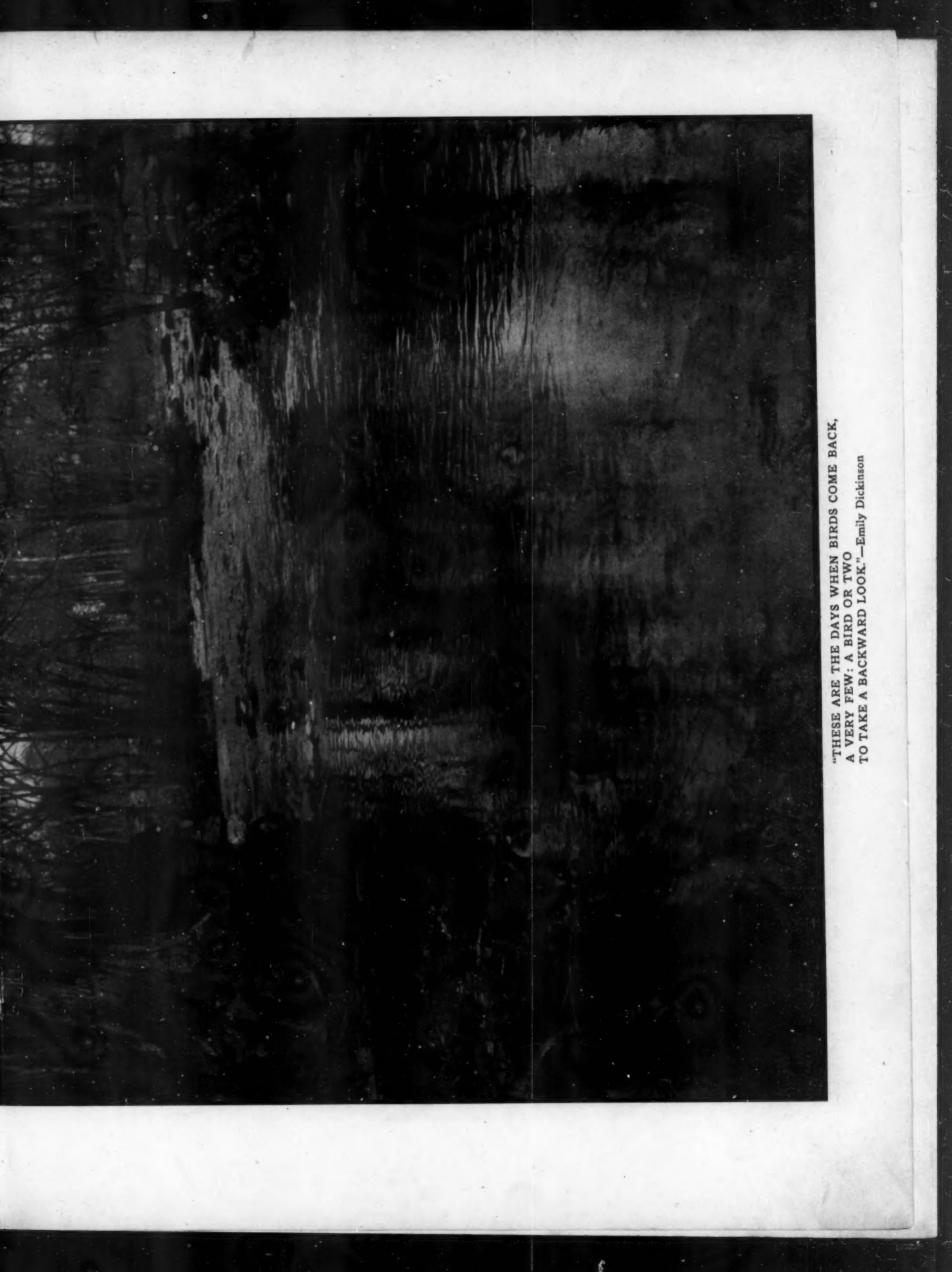
For the "pondlet" fill the half-barrel onethird full of sand and marsh mud; put several cat-tail roots in this, with some water lilies; then add the water and a few gold-fish and tadpoles.

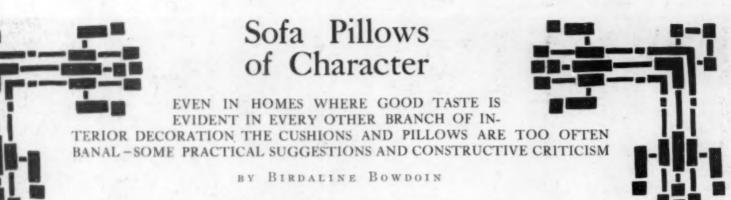
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Details of the summer-house planned for the far end of the main axis. At the left is the side view, at the right the front view along the path. These built-up wood columns may be bought in well designed stock sizes







Photographs by the author and others

A ROW of sofa pillows leaned against the window. From the coverings of intensest blue, red, yellow, green, violet, looked out upon those who passed in the street, a "Christy girl" in golf clothes, a "Gibson girl" with tennis racquet, Holland's Queen in Friesland head-dress with real gold design, a still-life group of briar-wood pipes floating through gray clouds of embroidered smoke, the burning cinders bright with reddest silk, a box of safety matches following in its wake with a few cigarettes sprinkled here and there to fill in, with words of playful encouragement to smokers. For the rest the wearied observer only caught a glimpse of bunches of violets and interminable fluttering ribbons with bows and ends.

What of inappropriate inconsistency awaited the visitor with temerity to venture within, who can tell?

And yet it is not always safe to judge by the sofa pillows, as

to what the room contains, because often people who have good taste in all other things will allow the sofa cushions to proclaim in loudest terms of discord that here the owner has lost all sense of harmony, order or fitness, and accepts whatever the trade-designer offered.

In this one small thing art suffers more abuse than in any other part of the house furnishings.

The sofa pillow! A room may be perfect in every other particular, but glance at its sofa pillows, and generally speaking, what a jumble of inharmonious colors, what execrable designs, what scrappy materials abound even upon one small divan!

One vital law of design that ought never to be lost sight of, but which so often is disregarded in building sofa pillows, is this:— No realistic motif (as birds, butterflies, flowers, human beings, animals) should ever be used where, if it were as real as it looks, it would be hurt, broken, crushed or killed; or where in its turn it would cause any discomfort whatever.

To paint natural butterflies upon a tile where a hot tea-pot is to stand, to have human beings, too frail to hold upon their shoulders heavy masonry, placed as columns to buildings, to have animals or flowers on carpets where heavy furniture would crush them, to have golf balls and clubs, lighted pipes, sharp-pointed or hot things on places where one wishes comfortably to rest one's head—and many others, are all instances where this law is ruthlessly broken.

Any of these motifs could, however, be used if they were so conventionalized that the real feeling of life and throbbing vitality is overcome. The queer square animals and men and flowers the rug people use in their designs never would cause anyone to feel that they are aught but amusing flat masses. Even their coloring is conventional, for the color and the form are considered so closely together that one departs from nature in just proportion to the other.

• Sofa pillows are very important factors for comfort in the informal rooms. In these contradictory days of hardest en-

deavor and welcomed relaxation, when we sink gladly into the soft depths of a cushion-covered divan, the sofa pillow can hardly be too much emphasized.

The ideal divan should contain one or more long, firm cushions, enough to extend along the back for a substantial prop. These would hardly need decoration, but might be simply covered like the divan itself. Then have the softer cushions, stuffed with feathers, to pile under the head and elbows; and finally, the soft down pillows of various sizes to just fit under the back of the head or wherever weariness or indulgent luxuriousness suggests.

For those who love sweet or strong odors the pine-stuffed pillows, not too large and not too tightly filled, lend an added charm connected with the memories of the past summer and dreams of the woods.

Or there are moments when, only partly reclining upon the divan, one wishes a foot-rest, and here the floor cushion is more than appreciative. Round or square, made of a beautiful tapestry or heavy upholstery material, and stuffed firmly with hair or excelsior, felt or cotton, these are beautiful and of the greatest comfort. The side which rests on the floor is made of

Choose your sofa pillows with a studied regard for what is suitable in design and harmonious in color with the setting, not forgetting also to select material that will be durable

For variety, try one or two pillows with a border across two parallel sides, securing an oblong effect

closely woven canvass, leather or any dust repelling material. Moreover, they are charming to sit upon before an open fire, informally to sip tea or coffee taken from the low tabourette standing near at hand.

For the other rooms, beginning with the bedrooms, there are the dainty little odd pillows of soft, light, filmy material for daytime use on the bed. These may be as frivolous as one could wish-lace and silk, batiste or mull and in delicate light colors. They should be of the dominant color of the room, however, and sometimes even bedrooms are quiet and restrained in color and furnishings and low in key.

For the smoking-room, where the furniture is leather-covered, the cushions might well be made of leather with tooled surface or border pattern in conventional or geometric design and wondrous color, or leather appliqué, or strong firm stitches of heavy silk; again broadcloth or tapestry in plain colors with leather border or appliqué. Some should be very heavy, firm pillows, while others can be softer. Of greatest comfort are the long, narrow, quite flat cushions to be used on the foot-rest. How is it possible to generalize in speaking of the cushions for the rest of the house?

Any material may be used, any method employed, any size, shape or weight made, provided that the finished pillow is in harmony with the room and is beautiful.

As they are only a completion of the sofa or couch or divan, the material used should so harmonize that the pillow takes its place and does not obtrude upon the eye of the beholder. The safest thing would be to use the same material as that used in the rest of the room, and where variety is wanted the design

might be different upon each one, provided it is the same type of design and if the contrast is not too strong between background and motif. Sometimes, however, in the room, great need may be felt for one or even several strong notes of contrast to repeat a color found in the lamps or vases or even in the rug, and these may be supplied by the color of the pillow itself or by its decorations. The rest of the pillows would be the same as the hangings or upholstery of the room.

We do not wish to have the pillows look as though they were bought one by one without reference to the room they belong in, but as though they were integral parts of one great unit.

Care should be taken in selecting





A design of irregularly spaced spots for an ob-long pillow; one of the pillows illustrated at the right shows the design as executed



pillow must be square?

Designing a pillow is no easy matter. It is a problem, this pillow. Yet it offers wide opportunities for originality in motif and treatment. It may have a small conventional all-over pattern delicately woven into its surface, here and there bright threads balancing masses of more neutral tones. Or a border may be richly embroidered, forming an enclosing frame for the plain center where the head may lie. The border may be plain with a diaper pattern in the central square. The border may run across two parallel sides, giving the pillow an oblong effect; indeed, the pillow may be oblong as well as square. Irregular spots of pleasing proportions placed at exactly the right distance from each other, stiff formal masses symmetrically

placed, or graceful curves traced in outline-all are permissible. and to gain as an end a thing of artistic merit, any method is right which will give the result. Embroidery gives an opportunity for the play of color that

so delights the eye; by appliqué larger masses of flat beautiful color and surface may be contrasted with the stitches used to hold it together. With block print or stencil, variations of dull colors may be applied to bright ones, darker to lighter, more intense to neutral and a certain mystery of effect may be gained thereby. With these two last, certain spots may be accented with silks which give a sparkle and zest to the otherwise too obvious result. With the loom or tapestry frame the whole material may be woven, as an expression of one's own idea.

The final step in a sofa pillow is the finish for its edge. Cord and perfectly plain seams give a severe formality of which one never could tire. A flat hem, from one and one-half to two inches beyond the cushion, adds to its size, and is simple enough. Couching stitches hold the pillow in place. Lacing, where narrow material is used, with the hems at two ends, even wider than two inches, gives a variety of finish.

> Ruffles, fringes, bows of ribbon, rosettes and all things of like nature are frivolous, and only suitable in rooms whose character is in harmony with such trifles.

> Look over your pillows; do they truly represent your taste and best judgment, or have you, too, been careless of this important matter?

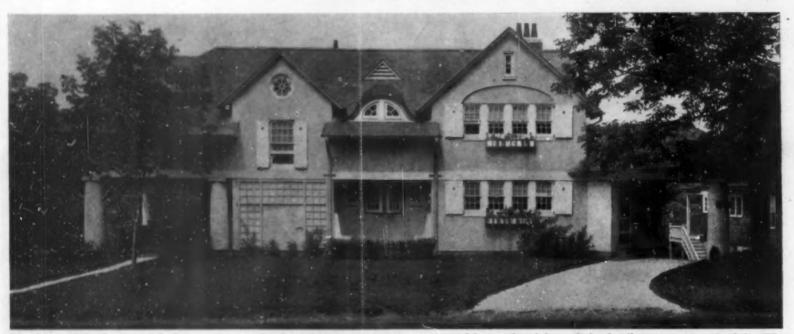
A cushion cover in Greek lace, designed and ex-ecuted by an English craftsworker



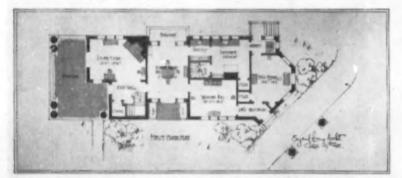
With block print, stencil or appliqué, dull colors may be applied to bright ones or vice versa

the material even as in selecting the upholstery stuff, for its durability and its possibility of being cleaned. Nothing is so uninviting as a pillow that looks faded or used or soiled!

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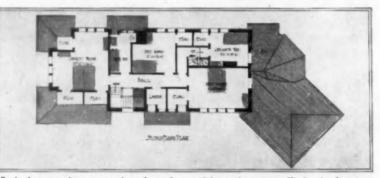


The front of the house, with the entrance to the doctor's office under the porte-cochére at the right and the family entrance at the left. The land originally sloped sharply away from the highway shown in the foreground, but by filling in the front of it and making the house a story higher in the back, a rather unpromising site has been reclaimed



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Skilful planning has given the doctor's office a well lighted end, with its vestibule and waiting-room isolated from the living quarters



It is interesting to notice that the architect has put all the bedrooms but one at the rear so as to get the view over the valley



The central feature on the highway side is the recess at the end of the dining-room. It serves as a substitute for a front porch

THE HOME OF DR. R. R. RYAN AT SCARSDALE NEW YORK Eugene J. Lang, architect



A warm gray stucco is used for the walls, with natural shingles and white woodwork, excepting a dull blue belt-course

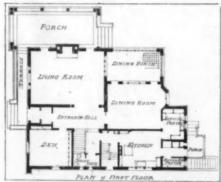


A light and accessible basement is entirely above ground at the rear. The central balcony opens from the dining-room

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Mr. Roloson's home on the Lake Shore Boulevard is an example of the so-called "Chicago School" of architecture discussed in the October issue. Ignoring precedent, the designers work for a rational expression of their floor plan and the materials to be used



A dining-porch secluded from the street is a feature of the first story



A recess was left in the cement terrace wall for a row of geraniums and trailing plants

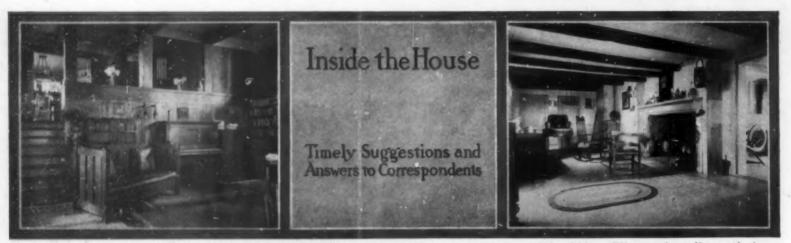


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A sleeping-porch is reached from the owner's and boys' bedrooms



Leaded glass has been extensively used throughout the interior. On the right the dining-porch is shown, made bright with ingenious flowerboxes.on castors THE HOME OF MR. R. M. ROLOSON, EVANSTON, ILL. Tallmadge & Watson, Architects.



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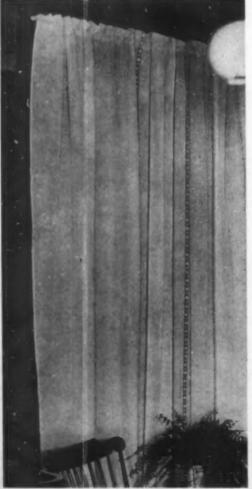
A Suggestion for Colonial House Furnishing

THE dark red Colonial house with green shutters and white facings, described by Mrs. J. B. K., Jr., in her recent inquiry, can surely be made attractive and livable at a moderate cost with not a touch of the stiffness and formality which is dreaded. The home in the country town, where one lives all the year round, should carry an air of permanency in its furnishings which is not always found in the formal winter house or in the summer bungalow.

The yellow-toned striped and blindfigured papers in this house are wellchosen but limit the hangings and coverings to the duller tones of yellow, gold, ecru and brown. From the description of the house we could almost have wished for the walls of one room at least—say the living-room—to be covered with one of the reproductions of the old Colonial large-figured and dim-toned paper, with a little bright color.

The Colonial hall running through the center of the house should be made livable if wide enough, with an old settle, a wing armchair, a mahogany table, a mahogany mirror hung crosswise, and a few small chairs. The white woodwork and the yellow paper will bring plenty of sunshine and light, and the fan lights and side windows of the front door may be curtained with light ecru net or scrim.

The east room or living-room should make a very attractive family gathering place, with its large and small windows on one side, the old brick fireplace and white painted mantel, and the French window-also with fan-light-opening on the piazza. The French window, if curtained with a soft plain or fancy ecru net, should have this fastened close to the window at both top and bottom. The heavier curtains, arranged in Dutch - Colonial style, hang full at each side, with valance at top; these may be of heavy mercerized linen, or buff with green and brownish figures. It is desirable to cover the furniture with heavier material than the curtain stuff, because of the wear and tear. The couch and chairs to be re-covered would tone in well with dark golden brown wool tapestry or velveteen. The Oriental rug, with old rose, black, dark brown, blue and tan, will have sufficient color without using rose color in the hangings, which would not tone in well with the yellow paper. Excellent rugs at moderate cost are of domestic make, with Oriental colorings, and should be selected to harmonize with the general ecru tone of the room.



Scrim is one of the most effective as well as one of the least expensive materials for curtain material. A pair three yards long and forty-eight inches wide, with drawn-work and hemstitching, can be bought for \$4.50

For library hangings, which should not darken the green-papered room too much, ecru challie with large green conventional rose, is effective. In the small bedroom with white and yellow striped paper, and yellow and pink border, a striped and flowered cretonne or linen should be used for the hangings, with ecru or coffee background. If the white furniture has a smooth surface it could be handpainted with delicate garlands of flowers, or treated with decalcomania transfers or stencil work. The larger bedroom, with wide satin-stripe yellow paper and ribbon and pink rose border, with its brass beds and mahogany furniture, needs a small figured chintz in soft yellows and green. Use a rag rug in brown tones for this room; and a light hand-woven washable rug in yellow and white for the small room. K. N. B.

Scrim for Window Curtains

S CRIM is now much in vogue for window curtains. It is not, however, just a passing fad, as it has gained its popularity on its merits. For many years scrim has been advocated by authorities on home decoration, but it is only recently that ready-made scrim curtains have been sold in the shops. Scrim not only has a charming texture and appearance, but also possesses that important requisite durability.

Perhaps the art of stenciling is in some measure to be credited with the increased sale of scrim, as the material adapts itself particularly well to stencil treatment. In my own bedroom hang curtains of cream-colored scrim, stenciled with a design of Tudor roses in green and pink. These curtains I stenciled eight years ago; they have been in constant use ever since, and have stood repeated washings—a fact which speaks volumes in favor of both scrim and stenciling.

Formerly scrim was made only as a plain material in several grades, but now the manufacturers are bringing out novelties in barred scrim, mercerized striped scrim, etc. Many of these new materials are charming indeed.

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Plain scrim curtains, thirty inches wide and two and a half yards long, can be bought in the shops for \$1.65 a pair. Scrim curtains with drawn-work and hemstitching can be bought for \$4.50; these are three yards long and forty-eight inches wide. They are suited both to costly and inexpensive rooms.

Some of the ready-made curtains are trimmed with a cotton lace edging which makes an effective finish. Pretty edgings may be bought for as little as three cents a yard and are to be recommended for home-made curtains.

Scrim can be bought by the yard for twenty cents. An excellent quality, forty-eight inches wide, sells for forty cents a yard. Most of the novelty scrims sell for about forty-five cents a yard.

DOROTHY TUKE PRIESTMAN

An Effective Stair Landing

I N the living-room of Mrs. R. H. Hillis' attractive house at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., Graham King, architect, a heptagonal jog forming a five-sided bay-window, which juts out over a cobble foundation, makes a landing and turning-place for the stairs, which would otherwise either have to encroach on the space of the living-room or else make a short, sharp turn. The expanse acquired by the sweep of the stairs into the bay-window adds much to the apparent size of the living-room, in addition to furnishing a flood of light in the room as well as on the stairs. There are three casement windows opening outwards, and two blank wall spaces reserved for bookcases. The other two sides of the heptangle are oc-The cupied by the two stair sections.



Exterior and interior views of a corner bay that lights the landing of the main stairway and makes an attractive feature of the interior

wide window seats are especially inviting, and the unusual shape of the landing makes a space large enough for a couple of chairs. The tradition of serves as an awning. K. N. BIRDSALL of chairs. The wide overhang of the

An Instantaneous Hot Bath for a Cent

THE writer, going from a New York **1** suburb where a trip had to be made to the kitchen to "light the boiler," followed by a wait of fifteen minutes before the water would be hot, visited in a small West Virginia town where the progressive host supplied instantaneous hot baths from a boiler installed in the bathroom. The only labor was the lighting

of a match; in a second the hot water was pouring from the faucet; and when the faucet was turned off, so was the gas, and there was no danger of escaping gas nor any waste of water. The boiler is not unsightly; it does not occupy any floor space; it is made of copper, with brass valves, nickelplated and highly polished, and rests on a white enameled steel shelf. With gas at 80 cents a thousand, it takes but one cent to heat twelve gallons of water—a plentiful bath for anyone. If you have natural gas in your house, the cost of heating water is much less. If you happen to be one of those unfortunates who never can get enough hot water here is a solution of your problem. The cost of installation is from K. N. B. \$23.50 to \$52.

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Some of the new curtain materials. On the left, a net trimmed with braid and buttons, in white and in arabe, called "Colonial Marie An-toinette," 3 yds. long, \$3.50 a pair. The middle illustration is from one of a number of Austrian prints that come in many colors and are washable; 50 ins. wide, 3½ yds. long, \$5.75 to \$7.25 a pair. The last illustration shows a colored madras that is 40 to 50 ins. wide, 3 to 3½ yds. long, and costs from \$3.75 to \$12.50 a pair, according to quality



The Editor will be glad to answer subscribers' queries pertaining to individual problems connected with the garden and grounds. When a direct personal reply is desired please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

WITH the current issue, this department falls into new hands, so with your permission the new editor is going to drop the attitude of the honored "we," and for a few minutes, at least, talk right out in meeting.

I want to say, to begin with, that the people who are getting their recreation from the sort of things that this magazine talks about are having more fun and having it more days in the year than all the hunters, fishers, golf-cranks, aviators, baseball fans, automobilists and post-card collectors that ever looked forward to a two weeks' super-heated and mosquitopunctured vacation. Because they have ever before them that most entrancing of all possibilities—the possibility of *creating* something. Even the camera fiends haven't as great a field of possible enjoyment.

Therefore, to every reader of this magazine I am going to suggest at the outset, and as *the* one big thing not to be forgotten for a moment—The Making of an Individual Home. Have you ever gone along a street in a residence section and noticed how many houses you didn't notice? And then suddenly you would happen upon one that would make you stop short. The magic touch of individuality was upon it. You stared until you feared the police would get suspicious, and from the next corner turned to look again. It may have been but the arrangement of a few shrubs, or the way the white Clematis was trained along the porch, but the great thing had been achieved; and I can imagine how the owner anticipated getting sight of it every night as he swung off the car at his cross-ing, instead of plodding along to look up for his "number.

That is the thing to aim at—a home every corner of which, outside and in, will mean something to you, because you have *made* it. The great thing is to get the idea, to paint the picture in imagination first. Let it be an impressionistic one to begin with, and soon you will find yourself turning every opportunity to the filling in of the details, the discovering of formerly unforseen possibilities.

But dreaming alone, of course, will not put the paint on the canvas. Even at this dull season of the year there is much to be done outside. The chances are, too, that some things have been left undone, from the last two months.

Work in the Vegetable Garden

A S freezing weather is likely to set in in earnest any time now, all vegetables to be stored for winter should be attended to. The squashes have of course been taken in under cover, but should now be put in some place where there will be no possibility of the frost's getting at them, and where they will be perfectly dry. Store carrots and beets, if not already attended to, after being dug and dried off, in boxes of clean dry sand, also some of the salsify and parsnips, though these will not be hurt by frost, and those not dug will be ready for use in spring. On a dry day, if the celery has not been stored for the the winter, attend to this, as directed in the September issue in the article "Grow Your Own Vegetables."



An amateur gardener who doesn't like the way sweet alyssum droops over the edge of a border upon the lawn, getting in the way of the mower, asks for a good substitute. Here it is: get a dwarf variety of Ageratum, such as Little Gem. It makes a trim, stiff edging plant and blooms all summer.

If you can get a few wheelbarrows full of old manure, mulch your rhubarb plants and asparagus beds. This protection will enable them to make an earlier start in the spring. Also, if you have a small greenhouse, or warm cellar, dig around a few clumps of the former with the spade, leaving them so that they may be lifted out conveniently when frozen, and taken in about January 1st. If done at once, seeds of kale and spinach for next spring may be put in, if the weather permits.

Spade up and sow to rye every bare spot of ground.

In the Flower Garden

SEEDS of all annuals which may be wanted again should be gathered; and of hardy herbaceous plants, if this has not been attended to. See that all bulbs, such as gladioli, cannas and dahlias, are cut back to within a few inches of the ground before frosts get them.

Be sure to note, if you have not al-ready done so, what plants you do not want in the same places next year, and take out or transplant them now. If you have neglected to make a plan of your garden, do it now; and if there are any spots which can be improved upon, indicate where they are. Also see to it that any plants or vines needing winter pro-tection are not neglected too long. Many of the roses will do better with a manure mulching, and some need tying up with straw. If there are any garden plants you wish to save, that are not yet frozen but seem too big to take into the house, remember that most of them can be severely cut back and potted, and will bloom again freely upon new growth at just the time of year when flowers are hardest to get. Except where plants have been frozen, you may also save some by taking cuttings, which are rooted more easily in October and the first part of November than at any other time. Select new growth firm enough to snap when bent.

About the Grounds

I F you have not yet in your possession a good nursery catalogue, get one at once, for there is undoubtedly a place for a few shrubs about your home; and con-

a few shrubs about your home; and, considering the number of years they last, the expense is practically nothing. Hydrangea paniculata, var. grandiflora and some of the other hardy shrubs should receive your attention this month. There is no mystery about planting them. Get a few. The same may be said of the hardy lilies-especially the Japanese lilies (auratums); they cost little or nothing, require no care, except planting, and are a joy forever.

There's a big chance that some spot about your house would be improved one hundred per cent. by a few dollars spent for grading or draining. Don't put it off till next spring, for it's better done now. A few ordinary land-tile, to be had from the masons' supply house, or even from the lumber yard, laid without cement, end to end, under any part of your land upon which the water settles, will do wonders toward making it earlier in the spring.

Then any dead wood in your shrubs, es or trees should be cut out. If the vines or trees should be cut out. branch was a big one, paint over the stub, which should be close against the trunk, and kept smooth. Rake up all trash, dead leaves, etc., but instead of burning them, put them where they will rot down, and they may be mixed with old lime, rotted sod or anything else that will rot and serve as manure next spring.

Remember that it costs you nothing to make your grounds beautiful on paper: and that the more planning and studying you do, the further what you spend will go. The florists' and nurserymen's catalogues are not expensive and contain lots of good stuff. Send for a few, and study up on the subject of making your home a Place Individual. You can't do anything that will give you in the end more satisfaction than this.

Keeping Azaleas in Flower Indoors

IKE many others I have found it almost impossible to keep azaleas and rose plants in flower, in good condition while in the house. I have had many wonderfully beautiful plants, but the result has always been the same until I had about given up all hope of ever being able to keep them in the house. By good chance I happened into a greenhouse while they were potting azaleas, and my difficulties were quickly solved by the gar-dener. As a practical demonstration he showed me an azalea plant. I noticed that the roots were in a hard, compact mass, quite large in proportion to the plant. When he put the plant in the pot he rammed the earth about the roots with a stick. Not with gentle taps, but with considerable strength. "These plants," he said, "have been thoroughly soaked before potting, otherwise it would take a long watering to enable the water to reach the roots. Improper watering is the cause of azaleas and roses failing to do well in the house. Sprinkling on water every day may answer for some plants, but you can readily see that with an azalea, in its

The only way to get water to the compact roots of azaleas is to soak the whole pot occasionally in a bucket of water

tightly packed earth, it will take something more than a sprinkling to do any good. As a plant in full flower sometimes carries hundred of flowers, the amount of water that can be absorbed is considerable. Don't sprinkle your plants. Soak them; and do this by putting the pots in a pail of water and leaving them there until thoroughly soaked. The time to do this soaking is when you first receive the plants. Don't wait until there are indications of trouble, evidenced by falling and discolored leaves. At such a time the harm will have started, but even then a

thorough soaking will check further dam-age. If you will water your plants as

they should be you will have no further trouble with them. After your plant has finished flowering, just pinch off all the old flower buds and plunge the plant in the ground outside during the summer months. Water it and keep it syringed, and in the fall it will be ready for another season.

I followed his advice and since that time I have never lost a leaf on either my azaleas or rose plants while in the house.

An Erect Edging Plant

WAS very much interested in the article, "Making the Vegetable Garden Beautiful" in your valuable magazine, and in formulating a plan for my next year's garden I write to ask what I can edge my grass paths with. I have sweet alyssum in my flower garden, but it lays over on the grass paths, and is very troublesome when the paths are mowed. Dwarf nasturtium is equally annoying. It seems as though it needed an edging plant that was stiff and wiry. Thanking you in advance for any information.

C. B. H.

Your objection to the use of sweet alyssum as an edging plant, excepting along a gravel or brick paved path, is a natural one, for it is a rather laborious matter to keep the plant sufficiently restrained to keep out of the way of the lawn-mower.

We would suggest that you use hardy candytuft (Iberis sempervirens). It is a perennial and nearly evergreen, growing about eight or ten inches high in a very trim and neat manner. Another variety which is lower is called "Little Gem." If you want an annual we would suggest ageratum, the variety "Blanche" for white or "Stella Gurney" for blue. This blooms all summer.



One hears a lot about the value of a compost heap, but they are too frequently more un-sightly piles of brush, plant tops, etc. On this Philadelphia suburban place a stone-walled excavation was made behind a clump of shrubbery



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Sticky Paint

TROLLEY LINE

DOUBTLESS many women have painted something about the house, as I have done, only to have it refuse utterly to dry. As our old colored man says, "Dat's de stuff dey sells you alls, so you hab to hire a man whut knows paint to do it ober."

His sarcasm goaded me to one more effort. Before sand-papering it off and trying *their* paint, as a dealer advised, I coated the sticky green paint with common varnish, and lo, my porch chairs were as dry and glossy as new.

This may not work over some amateur painting, but don't send for the "man whut knows paint" until you have at least



Along the rear of a rather large country estate runs an electric car line. To afford a place of shelter and rest while waiting for the car this structure, which has in it a practical suggestion for a summer-house in any locality, was erected on the fence line, with a pair of gates and seats. Oswald C. Hering, architect

given the varnish expedient a trial. L. McC.

Don't Close Faucets Tightly

"N EVER close your faucets tightly, as so many people do, by screwing them down after the water has ceased to run," a veteran plumber told me. "It will ruin the washers in a short time, and then the faucets will continually drip." I have followed his suggestions with the best of success, and think that it is thoughtlessness or simple ignorance that makes so many people handle them in the other manner. F.

Winter Window-Boxes

M ANY people leave up their outside window-boxes during the winter for lack of place to store them. I recently saw a beautiful effect produced by filling the boxes with hemlock branches set upright in the soil like miniature trees. The ugly effect of the empty boxes was rectified, the glimpse of green from the windows within was very pleasing, and their burden of feathery flakes during a snowstorm was most beautiful. The house remained attractive all winter. A. M. A.

Keeping Silverware Bright

S ILVER will keep bright much longer if kept in cases made of canton flannel. If pieces of gum camphor are placed in a box with silverware that is in daily use, it will prevent the articles from tarnishing. It may also be used in the canton flannel cases. C.

Loose Electric Lamps

NEVER use an electric lamp which has become loose in its metal socket. The writer was carefully removing such a bulb when it went to pieces, throwing the glass around and making a violent report. The lamp-shade, fortunately, protected the writer's eyes, and although his hand was covered with glass, it was not cut. Undoubtedly the glass bulb broke because of its becoming loose; when any lamp becomes so, discard it at once.

C. K. F.

Electric Torchlight Batteries

W HEN buying new batteries for the "flashlights" bring along your case containing the lamp itself. Then you may purchase any battery that lights it the *brightest*. Remember that there is a wide variation in these batteries, and it is the best economy to purchase only the ones that have the greatest lighting power at the start, for that indicates that they are "fresh." Some stores now have a lamp which they use to test each battery sold, giving the customer only perfect ones. unless you open wide a faucet at the far end of the pipe. This is because the water is held in place by a vacuum which can be broken only by letting in the air at the upper end. It is always best to leave a faucet open

It is always best to leave a faucet open when shutting off the water for any reason, even in the summertime. This permits the air in the pipes to pass out when the water is turned on again. C. K. F.

To Clean a Table Pad

T O clean a dining-table pad, dissolve half a bar of some good white soap in hot water, and when cool add two tablespoonsful of gasoline. Add this mixture to enough warm water to cover the pad and let it soak two or three hours. Then wash in a solution the same as above and rinse well. This is especially good for removing spots made by cream and it leaves the pad clean and white.

O'C.

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But as many stores do not have such a device it is well to take your case each time. F.

Draining the Water Pipes

WAS much surprised to find the water pipes frozen after I had carefully shut the water off the night before and at the same time opened the way for the water to drain out. through the combination stop-cock and drain-cock. As everyone knows, it necessary to 15 drain off the water that is in the pipes after shutting off the main supply. The trou-ble is that the water in the pipes will not always drain off through the opening at the main supply stop - cock

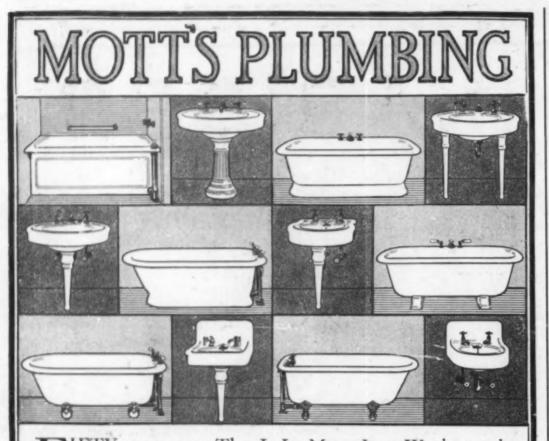
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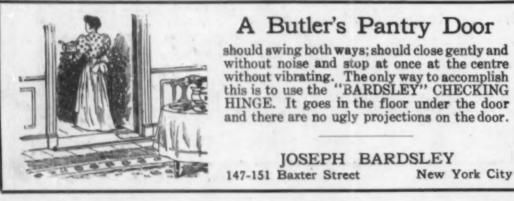


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A Bungalow Colony in a City

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Making a Garden of the City Back Yard

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At the corners of the summer-house plant grape-vines, enriching the soil very Draw up the shoots with strongly. strings until they reach the top; and it will be only a few weeks before they have spread a thick shade of broad leaves over the open rafters.

Down one or both sides of the garden, outside the hedge, plant small thin-foli-aged trees; a row of dogwood or redbud, for example, will be joyous enough in early spring, but peaches with their clear pink blooms and bright fruit, are pleasing to more than one sense.

Of course one may make many variations on this simple design. For instance, the water pipe may be omitted, and an occasional dash of the hose depended on to keep the pond fresh; or, indeed, pond and all can be left out and a sun-dial or birdbath substituted. Again, arborvitæ, treebox or holly might be used instead of privet for the hedges, though these will not give you the desirable height in so short a time. One could go on endlessly to suggest possible changes. But keep always the main thought in mind: the little garden-walk, stretching away between green walls that shut in the flowers and sunshine and shut out the world.

Undergrowth for Evergreens

HEATHS form a family of plants especially adapted for use in connection with planting as an undergrowth for Evergreens (conifers), especially around

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Pines. As every experienced landscape gardener knows, grass growing right up to the very tree-trunk robs the tree of the moisture its soil would otherwise furnish it. On the other hand, an undergrowth of broad-leaved saxifrages, dwarf Andromedas (Pieris) or the like will shade the soil and be welcome neighbors to conifers.

What May Be Grown in a Small Greenhouse

(Continued from page 288) with this delicious salad. As with the carnations, and violets, if there is no part of a bench that can be devoted to the lettuce, a few plants can be grown in pots. If this method is used, the seedlings should be pricked off (see September ar-ticle) into small pots. When these begin to crowd they will have to be given six to eight inches of room, and the pots plunged in soil to their full depth. But it will be more satisfactory to devote a part of a bench, a solid one if possible and in the coldest part of the house, to the lettuce plants. Well rotted manure, either horse or mixed, and a sandy loam, will make the right soil. The first sowing of seed should be made about August first, in a shaded bed out-of-doors; the seedlings transplanted, as with spring lettuce, to flats or another bed. By the last week in September these will be ready to go into the beds prepared for them, setting them about six inches apart for the loosehead, and eight for the cabbage-head va-The bed should be well drained, rieties. so that the soil will never stay soggy after watering. The soil should be kept fairly dry, as too much moisture is apt to cause rot, especially with the heading sorts. Syringe occasionally on the brightest days, in the morning. Keep the surface of the bed stirred until the leaves cover it. Keep the temperature below fifty at night, especially just after planting, and while maturing. And watch sharply for the green aphis, which is the most dangerous insect pest. If tobacco fumigation is used as a preventative, as suggested in the September article, they will not put in an appear-The first heads will be ready by ance. Thanksgiving, and a succession of plants should be had by making small sowings of seed every two or three weeks. If the same bed is used for the new crops, li-quid manure, with a little dissolved soda nitrate, will be helpful. If a night temperature of sixty degrees

If a night temperature of sixty degrees can be assured in part of the house; tomatoes and cucumbers may also be had all winter. If the house is only a generalpurpose one, held at a lower temperature than that, they may still be had months before the crop outside by starting them so as to follow the last crop of lettuce, which should be out of the way by the first of April. The seeds of either need a high temperature to germinate well, and may be started on the return heating pipes, care being taken to remove them before they are injured by too much



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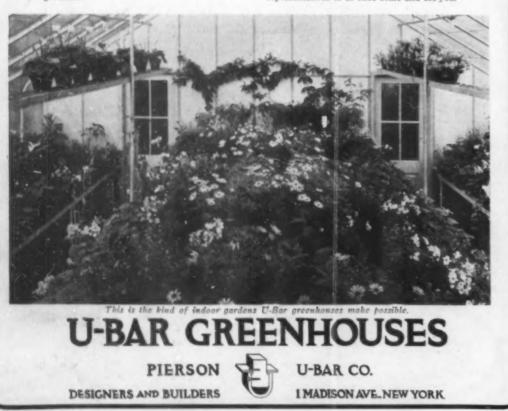
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shade or by drying out. In sowing the cucumber seeds, pots or small boxes, filled about half-full of a light sandy compost, may be used, these to be filled in, leaving only two plants in each, as the plants get large enough, with a rich compost. If there is a solid bed available, a trench filled with horse manure, well packed in, will act as a hotbed and help out the temperature required for rapid growth. If fruits are wanted for the winter, the tomatoes should be started in July and the cucum-bers early in August. They should be given a very rich and sandy soil, and the day temperature may run up to eighty degrees. Until the latter part of spring, when the ventilators are opened and bees have ready access, it is necessary to use artificial fertilization in order to get the fruit to set. With a small soft brush, dust the pollen over the pistils. With the English forcing cucumbers, this will not be necessary. While fruit is setting, the houses should be kept especially dry and warm.

The vines of both tomatoes and cucumbers will have to be tied up to stakes or wires with raffia. They should be pinched off at about six feet, and, for the best fruit, all suckers kept off the tomatoes.

The best varieties of tomatoes for forcing are Lorillard, Stirling Castle and Bonnie Best Early; of the cucumbers, Arlington White Spine, Davis Perfected and the English forcing varieties.

If you do not like to stop having lettuce in time to give up space to cucumbers or tomatoes, start some plants about January first, and have a hotbed ready to receive them from the pots before March first. With a little care as to ventilation and watering, they will come along just after the last of the greenhouse crops.

A point not to be overlooked in connection with all the above suggestions is that any surplus of these fresh out-of-season things may be disposed of among your vegetable-hungry friends at the same stepladder prices they are paying the butcher for wilted, shipped-about products.

And don't get discouraged if some of your experiments do not succeed the first Keep on planning, studying and time. practising until you are getting the maximum returns and pleasure from your glass house.

Making Cider Vinegar

A NY kind of apple juice will make cider of some kind if given time, but to make good cider vinegar it is necessary to observe are in the making from the time the cider is extracted until ready for use. In the first place, no matter what variety of apples, they should be nearly ripe but not mellow or dry. Some of the early watery kinds make a poor quality of vinegar, but if helped along by the use of old vinegar in the last stages of making, it is much better than-what is usually sold in the stores for pure cider vinegar. The apples should be

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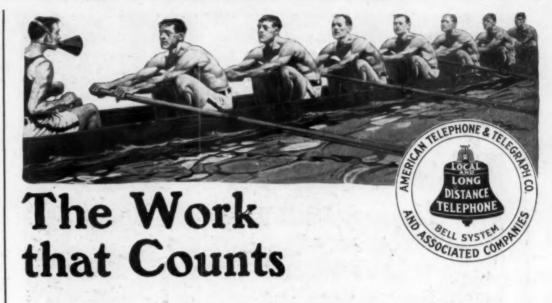
clean, but it destroys some of the necessary germs to wash the n, and to produce a good grade of vinegar no water should be used, though in order to get all the juice, it is a common practice to pour in a gallon of water and press the pomace again.

The process of making begins as soon as the juice leaves the apple, the first stage being called the alcohol fermentation. If the cider is made in the summer or early fall and yeast added, fermentation will be completed in about three months. If yeast is used, it will take a common penny cake for each five gallons of cider. When this fermentation has been completed, when the bitter taste disappears and it begins to turn sour, pour off the juice and put in a clean barrel, or wash out the same one and return it. It is well to say here that barrels should not be quite full, and the bung should be left out during the entire time of vinegar making. A piece of cloth may be tacked over the hole to keep out flies and dirt. After the alcohol fermen-tation is completed some old vinegar and a piece of "mother" may be added to hasten making, and in some instances, where the apples contained but little sugar, the addition of molasses and water would make stronger vinegar; but this is rarely advisable.

By following these directions good vinegar may be made in six to twelve months, though if the cider is put in barrels, stored in cellars and allowed to remain without attention it will require from a year and a half to two years to complete the process and make a good grade of vinegar. As soon as the vinegar has reached the proper stage of acidity the bung should be driven in place and the barrel kept tightly closed or the vinegar will deteriorate through evaporation. If one is making several barrels, some of the vinegar should be poured from one of them into the others until they are quite full. H. F. G.

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This convenient book is a popular study of the life histories of our garden flowers, their structural affiliations, their native lands, set forth in a clear and thorough manner, combined with a charming style. It is, however, more a volume of matter for the garden-maker who has a botanical curiosity, than for the abstract gardenlover, or lover of flowers independent of their life-histories. There are no practical cultural matters included.

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The plants suggested are hardy, and ordinarily can be depended upon, except in instances noted, to grow, with moderate care. Many of them are flowers that grew in the gardens of our forefathers and hence are hardy throughout the country, being as valuable for the East and North as for the Southwest.

A lack of appreciation of the differences between our winter and spring, and our summer growing seasons is responsible for the failure of many plants, particularly flowers, to make any growth whatever when planted. Too often we are sowing sweet peas and poppy seeds when we should be planting petunias and zinnias. Some of us endeavor to grow the same varieties of flowers here in the summer season that we did in the States farther north and east, and in this we almost invariably fail.

Species growing remarkably well during our winter and spring months are seldom able to make any headway in the summer season. In fact, such plants usually die at the beginning of the hot, dry foresummer, or at least cease growth and production of flowers and seeds, even with moderate irrigation. Witness, for example, the fruitless attempts at our lower altitudes to grow sweet peas, ten-weeks stock, candytuft, crimson flax, or even California poppies in the summer. And the reverse is likewise true for such varieties as flourish during the hot weather. Seldom do they make any growth worthy of note in the winter season, and usually they are not at all in evidence, having been cut down by the frosts of late fall.

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(Continued from page 314) largely of such well-known plants as mignonette, candytuft, sweet alyssum, sweet peas, sweet sultan, ten-weeks stock, snapdragon, pot marigold, common parsley, annual or rocket larkspur, and corn and opium poppies. To these may be added also the equally hardy Arctotis grandis, crimson flax, perennial flax, blue lupine, annual phlox, Mexican evening primrose, California poppy, and the gaillardias, the last six of which are indigenous to the Southwest. Along with these should be planted for spring and early summer flowering the biennial foxglove, Canterbury bells, and the ever-present and hardy hollyhock.

Seeds of the above plants may be sown any time in September or early October in ordinary, well-prepared garden soil. When sown in September the young plants grow to some size by late fall, and are less subject to injury from birds and grasshoppers. The plants require only moderate irrigation during much of their growing season by virtue of moderate temperatures, and of the winter rainfall which at times is sufficient to supplement a considerable part of the watering. With a few exceptions including the biennial species, the growth of these varieties is at an end by the middle of May when the hot weather sets in, after which most of us have little inclination to look after beds of flowers, while still others seek cooler climates. These winter and spring growing plants are accordingly well suited to our country and with the perennial species to be noted next should come to be widely grown. It is to them that we must look for cut flowers and diversity of color during our festive winter seasons when the landscapes in other countries are bleak and sere

In addition to Canterbury bells, foxgloves, hollyhocks, and gaillardias, certain of the annuals, as phlox and larkspur, will continue, with cultivation and frequent watering, to blossom well into the summer season. No other of our winter growing plants supply so many flowers for cutting, nor so wide a range of color as the sweet pea. They should be given deep, rich soil and moderate irrigation, the latter in particular, after the first flower buds appear. Excellent results follow planting them in trenches a few inches below the level of the ground, and gradually filling these in with soil and rotted material as the plants attain some size. This insures deep root-ing during the dry spring, with the result that the flowers continue of good quality for a much longer time.

There are a few perennial species blossoming in winter and early spring that should be planted at the same time as the annual flowers just noted. Of these the well known sweet or English violet is one of the most satisfactory. Besides blossoming freely during the winter, with moderate watering it remains green throughout the year, and even if allowed to go unirrigated two or three months in the sum-(Continued on page 318)

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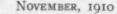
mer a fresh growth starts up in the early fall, from the underground stems. Violets should be re-set about every second year to keep the roots from becoming too matted, and also to renew the soil.

The various kinds of narcissus furnish excellent cut flowers for winter and early spring, though they are often shy bloom-The more common of these are the ers. Chinese sacred lily, poets' narcissus, trumpet narcissus, paper white narcissus, common daffodils, and jonquils, though several others of the group do equally well. September and October are also good months to set out such other bulbous plants as the star of Bethlehem, Roman hyacinths, the several varieties of oxalis, and the Asiatic ranunculus. The latter furnishes an abundance of bright-colored, daisy-like flowers in the spring, being considerably grown in the Salt River Valley. Irises represent another group of valuable spring bloomers. The German iris is planted more than any other, and always with good results. A clump of these plants is a feature in any spring landscape. Though remarkably tolerant to arid conditions the German iris does best in deep soil with an abundance of moisture. A somewhat similar though less showy plant, is the sweet flag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*), quite common about Phœnix. The little Spanish iris (Iris xiphium) also does well here. Bulbous species like the above, and perennials in general need little attention when once established, but continue flowering in season year after year.

Carnations, verbenas, and periwinkle or trailing myrtle, likewise are best planted in the early fall. Carnations in particular, should be given a moderately well enriched, sandy loam. These and verbenas are nearly continuous bloomers with us, while the varieties of periwinkle are evergreen trailers, with blue, bell-shaped flowers appearing in the spring. Periwinkle is a general purpose plant, growing almost wherever planted, and thriving in both poor and rich soil, and in shade and sunlight.

On account of heat and aridity, only the hardiest garden plants will grow through the summer season with any degree of success, and even these require frequent or moderate irrigation. Of the annuals the following have been found to be the most successful: zinnias, globe amaranth; prince's feather; cockscomb; hyacinth and scarlet runner beans; golden feather: summer chrysanthemums; cosmos: China asters; four-o'clock or marvel of Peru; castor beans; garden sunflower; balsam apple (Momordica); cypress vine; and the various morning glories, including scarlet, blue and purple flowered varieties, also Japanese morning glory and the moon flower. The seeds of the above should be sown by the middle of April, and preferably two weeks earlier, in order to give the young plants a good start before the beginning of the hot weather.

Of the above, China asters and cosmos (Continued on page 320)

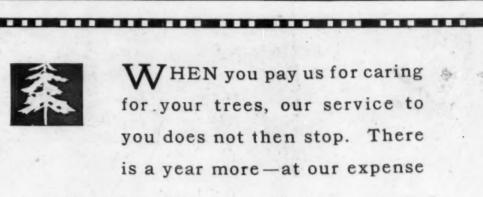


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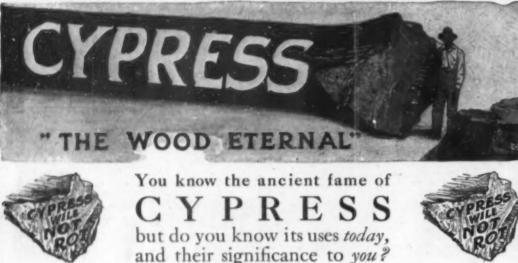
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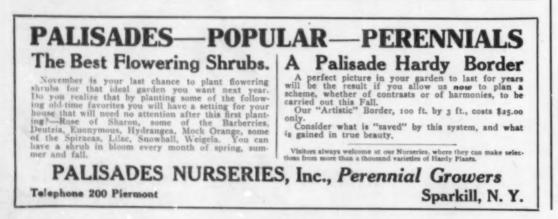
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are the most desirable for cut flowers, while for color and display, zinnias, globe amaranths, and four-o-clocks rank among the first. China asters, summer chrysanthemums, golden feather, cosmos, castor beans, and the morning glories are least resistant to drought and should be watered twice a week during the drier parts of the summer; the others are robust, deep-rooting plants succeeding with ordinary care, e., irrigation once a week or thereabouts. Morning glories are very much at home in this country and may be sown any time from April to August. As herbaceous climbers they have few equals. They range from low bloomers with scarlet or sky-blue flowers to the tall-climbing moonflower. There are at least six native morning glories in Arizona in addition to the introduced ones mentioned. Balsam apple is a rapid growing, neat vine of the gourd family, with delicate green leaves and orange fruits. The castor bean, like other rapacious growers and heavy feeders, requires deep, rich soil and frequent irrigation.

Among the hardier of the rather few perennial summer and fall bloomers that grow successfully at our lower altitudes. are cannas, chrysanthemums, yellow, white, orange and rose-colored lantanas, madeira vine, the native golden columbine, white and rose fairy lilies (Zephyranthes), and the so-called crown imperial (Crinum amabile), besides asparagus and lavender. Cannas are among the plants par excel-lence for display. Without fail, they lence for display. should be re-set each year in early spring. Together with chrysanthemums and the crown imperial, cannas require good culture and frequent irrigation, otherwise it were best not to try to grow such plants. Columbines succeed only with partial shade and abundant moisture, while asparagus and lavender are among the hardiest of the list. When once established, fairy lilies need no further attention, and altogether are very satisfactory plants. Their lily-like flowers appear from June to October. Lantanas are unexcelled for southwestern planting, being continuous and profuse bloomers, though they should be cut back and given some protection during the winter season. The above perennials should be set out in the early spring-the earlier the better.

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well defined growing season, spring plant-ing is the rule. The conditions of growth are simpler here than elsewhere, approximating in a measure those of the prairie States to the northeast. As would be expected hardy annuals succeed best at these altitudes, since the growing seasons are invariably cool, though robust summer grow-ers like zinnias do well. On the other hand, such varieties as cosmos, chrysanthemums, cannas, and castor beans are often frozen back in early September a short time after beginning to flower. In a va-riety flower garden in Flagstaff, the writer noted growing very luxuriantly the fol-lowing plants: hollyhocks; sweet peas; sweet alyssum; candytuft; mignonette; snapdragon; foxglove; pot marigold; French marigold; China asters; Canterbury bells; sweet sultan; bachelor's buttons; coreopsis; gaillardias; corn, opium and California poppies; petunias, annual phlox; nasturtiums and morning glories, besides a goodly number of perennials. It is interesting to note that such perennial flowers as bouncing Bet, sweet-william, grass and bunch pinks, Shasta daisies, phlox, larkspur, golden glow, dahlias, costmary or rosemary, tansy, gladiolus, and day lilies, blue grass and white clover appear entirely at home with the cool, moist growing season of the higher elevations, while at the lower altitudes the growth of these is practically impossible without pro-J. J. THORNBER tection.

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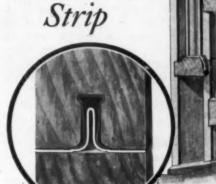
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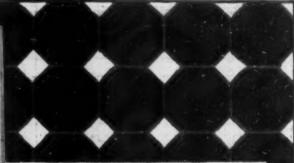
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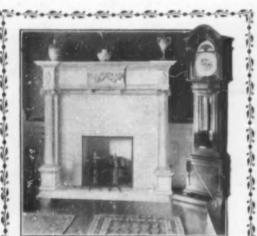
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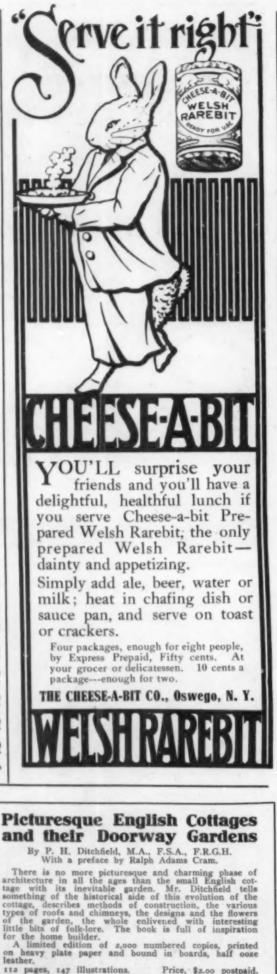
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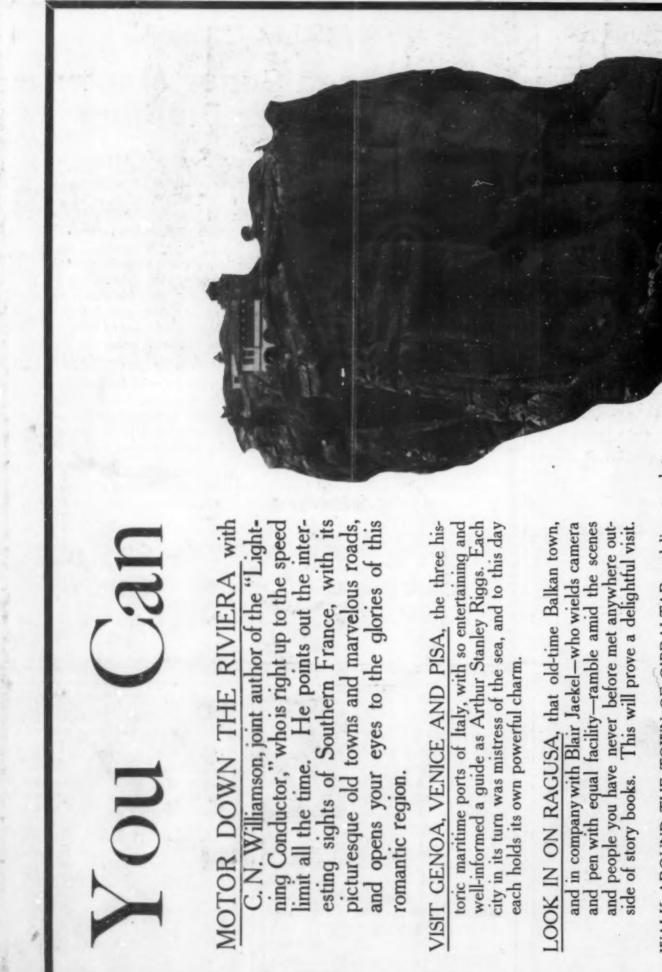
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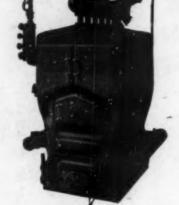
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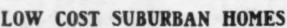
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