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Memories of flickering candlelight and sweet fragrances stored in the mind of a child endure long after beautiful toys have been put aside. Here, sister and brother preview the family dinner table transformed for a holiday party. Table and chairs, A. Stair & Co. Silver, Robert Ensko. Linen, Marghab Shop, Georg Jensen. Glasses, Baccarat & Porthault. Bathrobes, Lord & Taylor. Photograph Frances McLaughlin.

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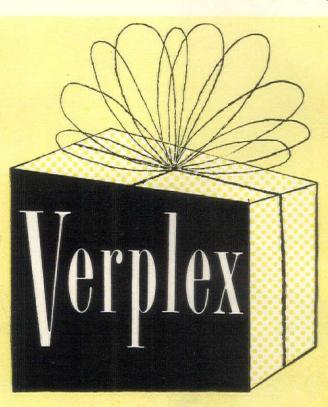
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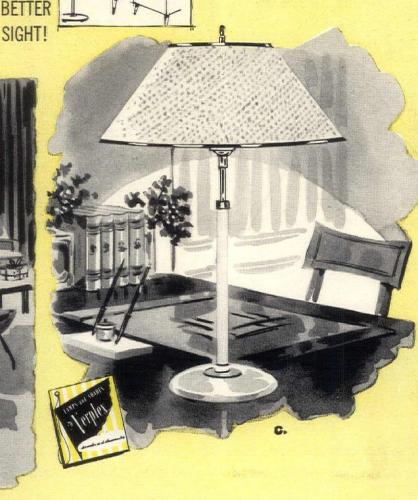
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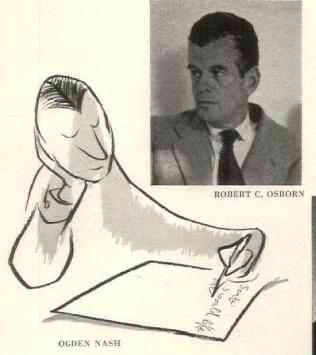
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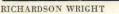
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• Ogden Nash, whose hilarious gymnastics in verse have delighted us for years, pleads to Santa Claus for a return of spacious living, on page 96. Humorist Nash's true love is verse, but he also is a song writer, theatre lyricist, and panelist on TV's weekly Masquerade Party. • Robert C. Osborn, artist and cartoonist, lovingly limns both O. Nash and S. Claus in wonderfully zany illustrations for the Nash verses, page 96. He has studied and painted in Wisconsin, the Chicago Art Institute, Yale, and in Paris, Rome and Spain. Early inspirations: Cézanne, Christian mosaics, bull fights. He received the Legion of Merit for war drawings, has published five cartoon books, and is a nationally known illustrator. • Richardson Wright's editorial How Still the Night! (page 90) appeared in 1945, the first Christmas after the war. Clipped and treasured by a generation of readers, it is affectionately reprinted for those who missed it. Mr. Wright, editor of H&G from 1914-1950 and a noted horticulturist, has written some 35 books. O Composer, author, critic and radio commentator Deems Taylor begins our music portfolio with The Rising Sound of Music in Our Homes, page 121. His works include three grand operas, orchestral suites, choral and symphonic pieces, music for stage and screen. • Yehudi Menuhin, master-virtuoso of the violin, has played to spellbound standing room for 25 years, in Europe, India, Japan, North and South Africa,

Israel, Australia, New Zealand, the U.S. and South America. On page 122 he gives encouraging advice to amateurs on how to choose a musical instrument. • Few American artists have captured the haunting color of the Southwest as has Peter Hurd. From his brush comes what playwright Paul Horgan calls "the pour and clash of light in his marvelous skies, the grand, arrested tumble of earth forms " From Mr. Hurd's pen comes a painter's appreciation of his native New Mexico, on page 85. • George Hickey III, architect of a new kind of traditional house (page 135), remodeled his grandparents' carriage house at the age of 16. His current record is over 40 houses in ten years. His aim: a balance of dignity and classicism, combined with modern materials and a livable indoor-outdoor plan. Of antiques he says: "they are at home in today's houses, particularly if the house has a suggestion of period detail."

When scenic designer Bill Riva and his actress wife Maria apply their talents to yuletide decorations around the house, the result is fabulous. The Rivas' creations to surprise their sons on Christmas day are described on page 92. • Myra Waldo, author of The Complete Champagne Cook Book, page 111, proves that the addition of this golden froth lifts party dishes to Lucullan heights. An unflagging traveler, she tasted her way around the globe to compile her Round-The-World Cook Book, published by Doubleday.



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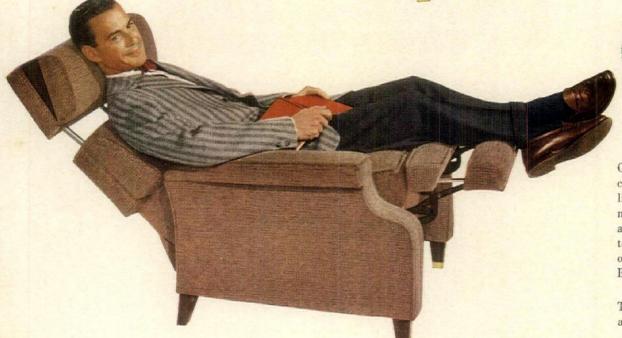
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In the beribboned gifts beneath it are magic symbols that stir glorious wonder and excitement in the eyes of children. Yet there are pleasures of the season that are exclusively adult. Some are named The Mull, The Eggnog, The Bishop, The Negus—mouth-watering potions that induce warmth and good fellowship during the time between the night before Christmas and the stroke of midnight on Twelfth Night. These traditional Holiday drinks, invented by our ancestors in many lands, are among the particularly special rewards of being grown up.

THE MULL. Probably the oldest of the holiday drinks is the Mull, usually a wine that has been spiced, sweetened and heated. A traditional recipe calls for heating a bottle of wine with a little water just to the boiling point. While it is cooking, separate the yolks and whites of 9 eggs. Beat the yolks with 2 to 4 teaspoonfuls of sugar—depending on your sweet tooth—until creamy, and beat the whites until stiff. Then beat the yolks and whites together with a cup of water. Add this mixture to the hot wine slowly, beating it in. This recipe was originally in verse and the last lines gave this sage advice:

"Then pour it off into a pitcher, Grate nutmeg in to make it richer, Then drink it hot, for he's a fool Who lets such precious liquor cool."

THE NEGUS. Colonel Francis Negus who lived in the 18th century was a gentleman of definite ideas concerning drink. He did not favor strong spirits after dinner. For evening sipping he concocted a drink that bears his name. Heat fine port with nutmeg to taste and a bit of lemon rind. Add a little hot water if you wish.

THE BISHOP. This is another hot spicy drink, but more complicated than the Negus or Mull. Stud 2 oranges with as many cloves as you can, and bake them in a 350 degree oven until the cloves start to turn white and powdery, about 30 to 40 minutes. Meanwhile heat 2 quarts of good red wine with a cheesecloth bag containing a small piece of cinnamon bark, 4 allspice berries and a piece of ginger root (or pinch of ginger). When the oranges are done, place them in a bowl and pour 1 cup of slightly heated cognac over them. Ignite the cognac and then add the hot wine. You can refill the bowl with more cognac and hot wine.

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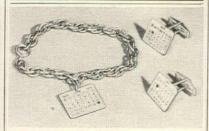


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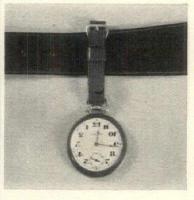
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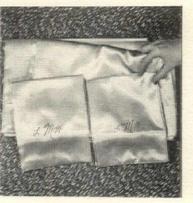
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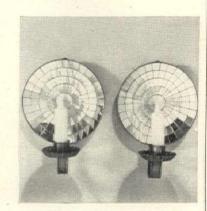


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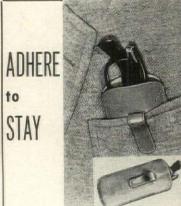
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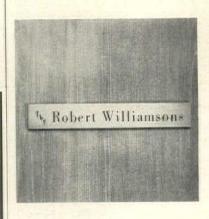


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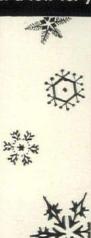
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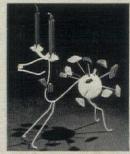


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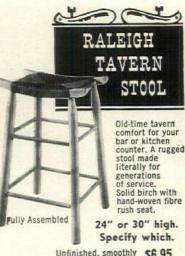




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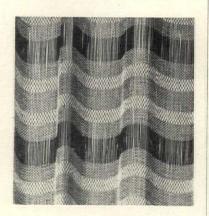
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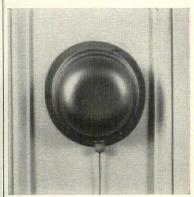
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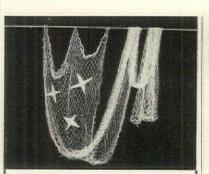




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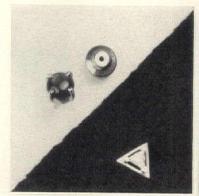
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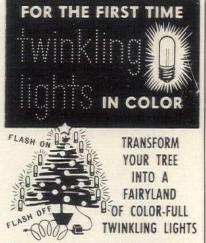
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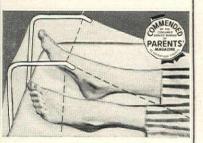
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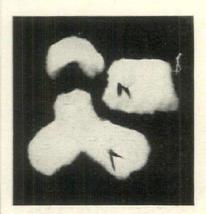
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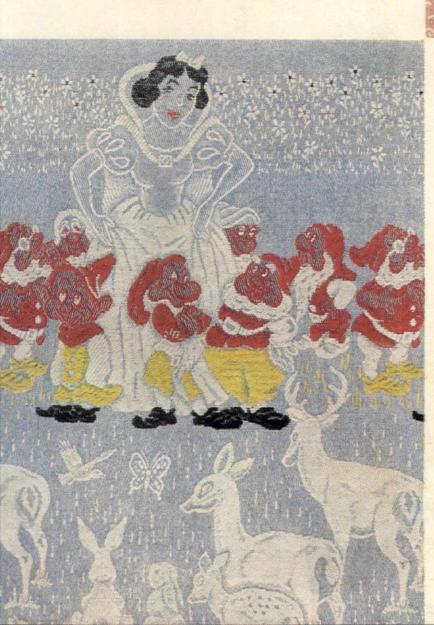


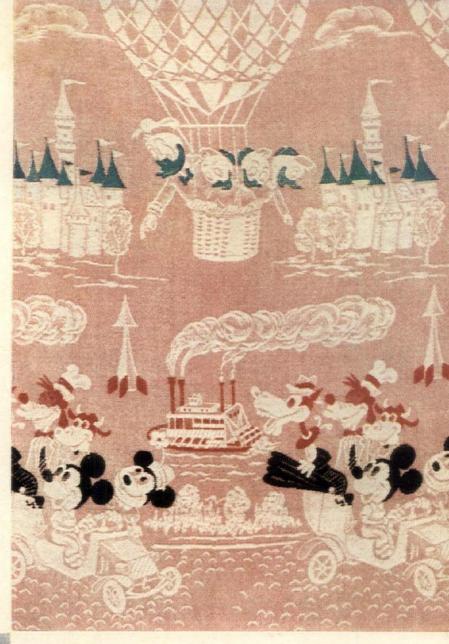
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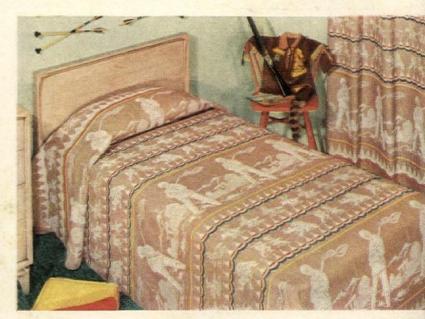


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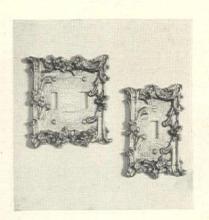
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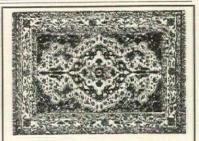
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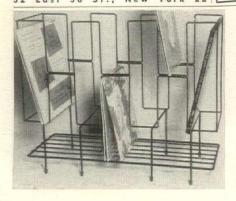
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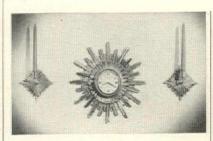




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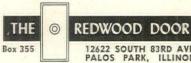
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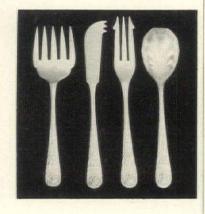
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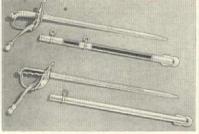
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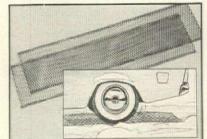




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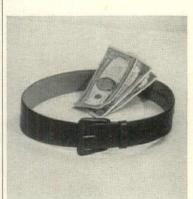
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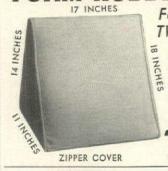


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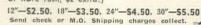
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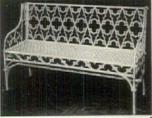
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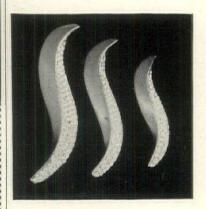
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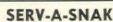




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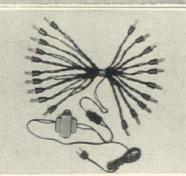
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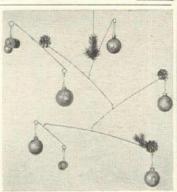
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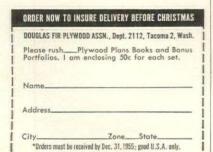


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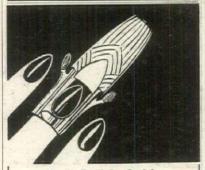
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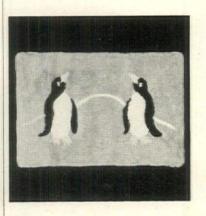
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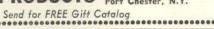
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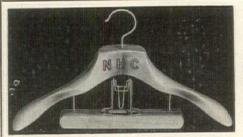


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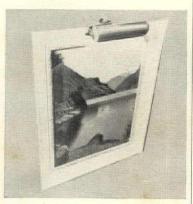
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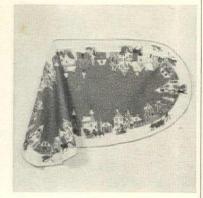
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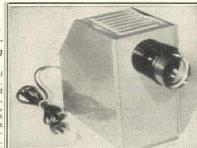
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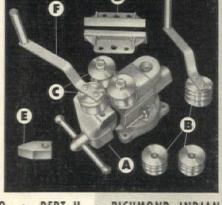
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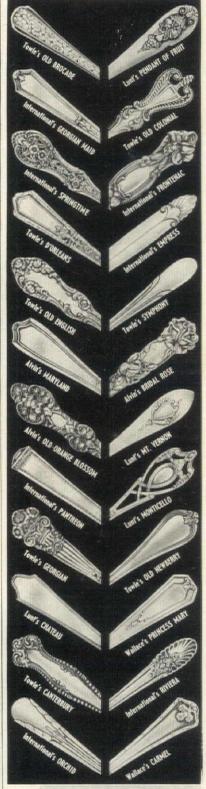
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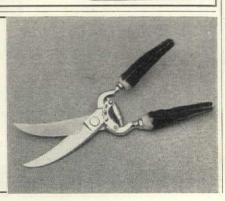
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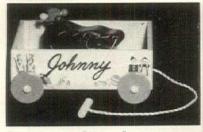
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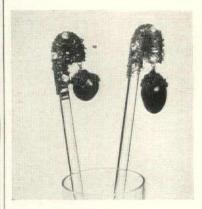
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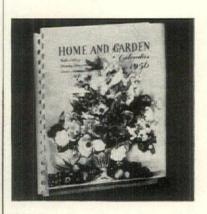
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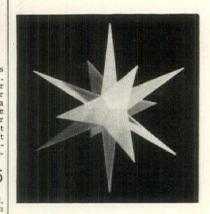
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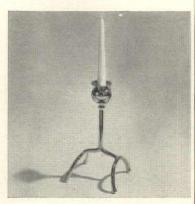
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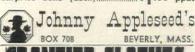
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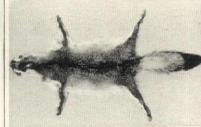
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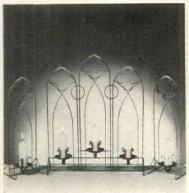
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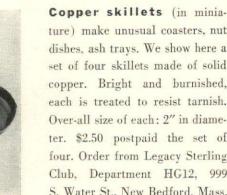
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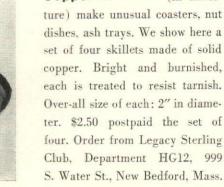
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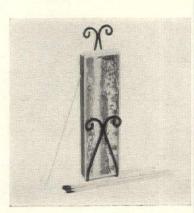
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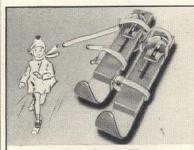
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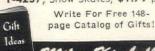
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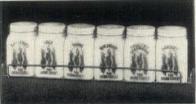


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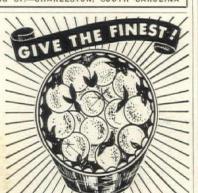
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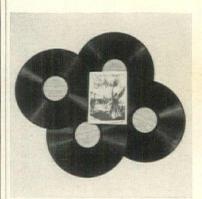
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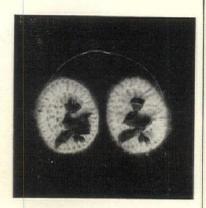


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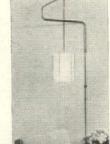
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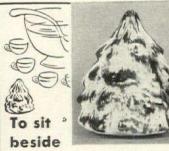


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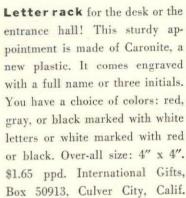
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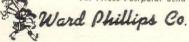
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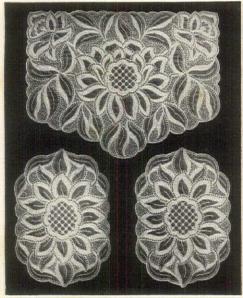
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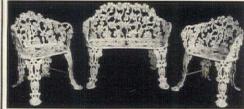
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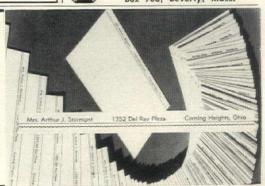


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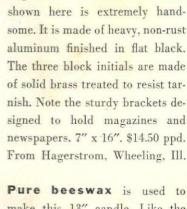
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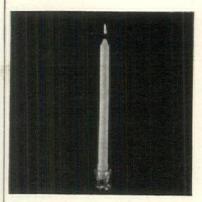
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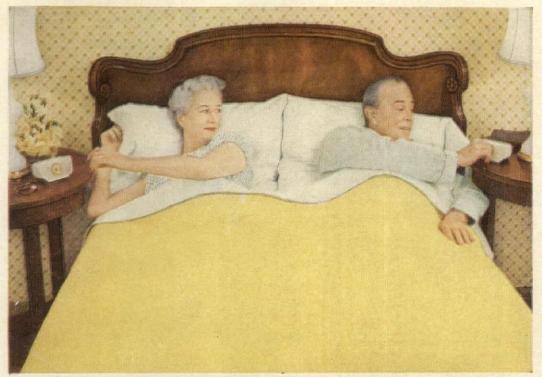


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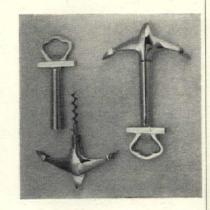


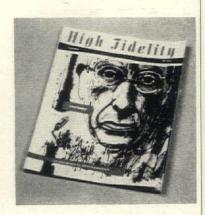
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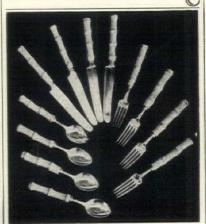


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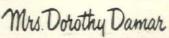
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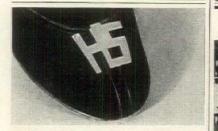
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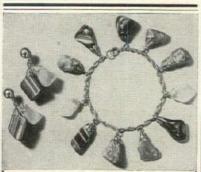
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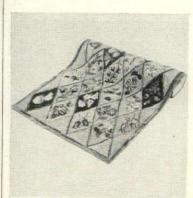
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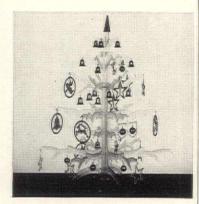
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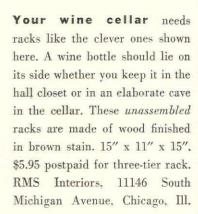
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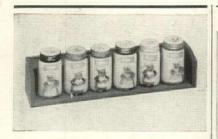


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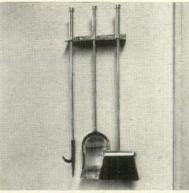
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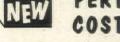
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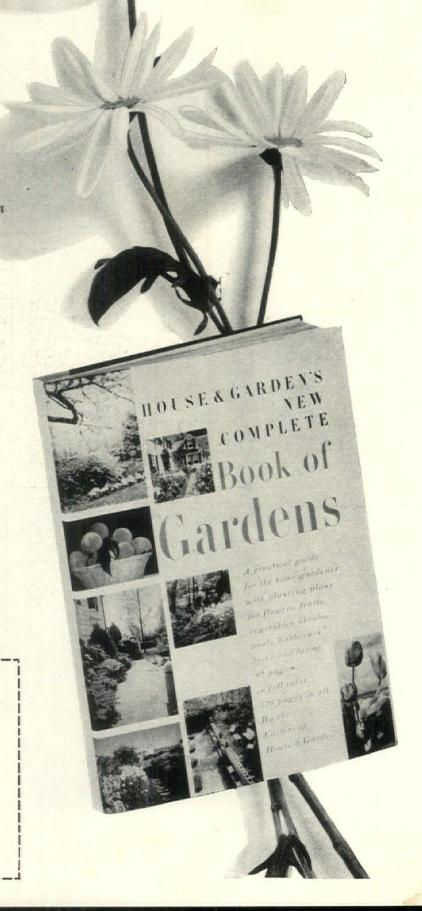
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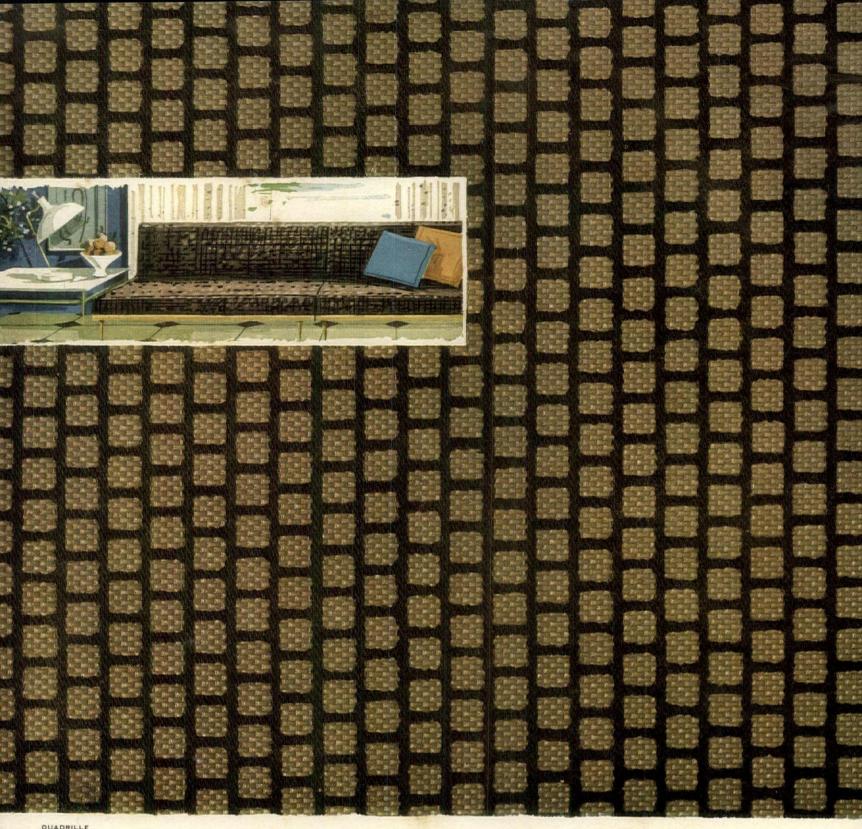
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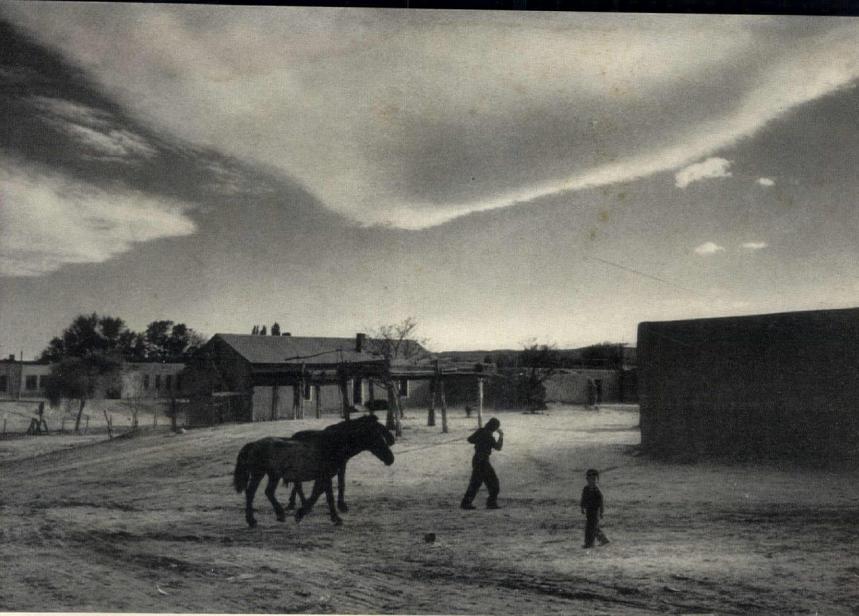
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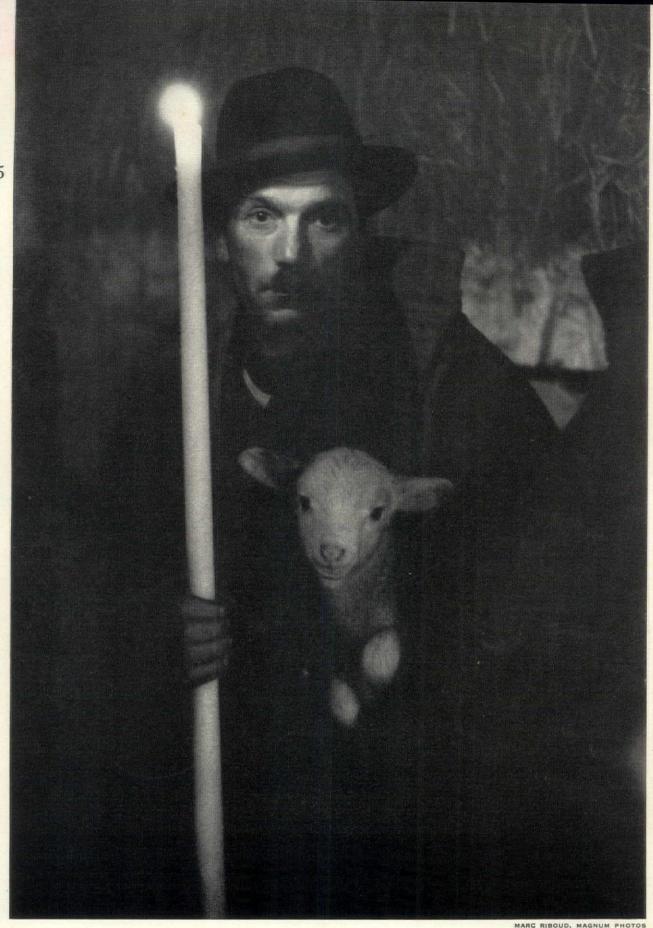


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- nd there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field,

keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them,

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke II

1945

How still the night! By RICHARDSON WRIGHT

One of these days we thriving, bustling, hurrying people of the West may learn the value of quiet, of what happens when we sit still. For many centuries the East has known that solitude and silence bring their own measures of enjoyment and healing. Their way of enjoying music, for example. We enjoy it while the music is playing; their richest moments are when it is over and they can think about it.

When first this was told me my mind flashed back to a picture I had seen in my own home. Seven children made daytime hours fairly strenuous for my mother. All of us put to bed and the house quieted down, she would go into her room and sit alone for a while. Once finding her there I asked, "What are you doing here all alone in the dark?" She answered, "Skip back to bed. This is my time. I'm luxuriating in silence."

During the past few years we have had little chance either to be alone or luxuriate in silence. Wars are fought by regimented men and women. They are crowded close together. Many newly inducted soldiers found this constant pressure of others hard to take. They never had a chance to be alone. There were rows and rows, too, of regimented men and women working away in Red Cross rooms and factories, fitting themselves into a pattern and a routine.

Scarcely had peace come than our economy was disrupted by strikes, by regimented efforts of men demanding to better their lot. They held conferences with other regimented men whose thinking and arguments were guided by preconceived and statistically-supported rules, euphemistically known as "the sound principles of business."

How many of them, soldiers, factory workers, Red Cross women, strikers and employers, how many of them knew the peace that comes after din, could sit still alone, be themselves and think what it was all about? Some may have sought it on a solitary walk. Many found it at home. Home, if we respect each other, is one of the places where we should be able to throw off regimented thinking.

Now luxuriating in silence has a way of revealing many things to us. It shows where we've made mistakes, where our thinking and acts were wrong. It also has a compelling way of convincing us that we cannot, of ourselves, do it all alone. Nor can mere mobs of people marching and working shoulder to shoulder do it. There's got to be something else, something that doesn't come from us. What that dear child-ridden mother was seeking there alone in the dark was the rich and enveloping light and aid which came not from herself.

That, when we realize it, is what Christmas is all about. "Silent night, holy night," we sing. "Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse," we teach our children. The shepherds were sleeping. The din of day's work had fled. Not a lamb bleated nor a cow lowed. Silence, solitude. How still the night! Then the song of the angel proclaiming that help had come, that what we could not do of ourselves was to be done for us, that the promise of the ages was to be fulfilled, that to those of good will, peace was given.

Many times before and since then the world had heard proclamations of peace, but this was a different kind of peace: it passes human understanding. It was brought, not by a returning warrior resplendent and glowing from his conquests, but by a helpless Babe born in a lowly stable and cradled in a manger from which dumb beasts fed.

And yet, in His hand He held the orb of the world and was destined to release it from the clamor, confusion and evil ways that brought suffering. He gave peace that we might live in peace, that troubled men and women struggling through the dark night be brought to light. That a solitary mother sitting there alone could be certain all those about her were well and cared for and whatever the next day brought forth she would be ready to cope with.

The strange fact about this peace the Christmas angel heralded is that we can't keep it unless we share it. We have to give it away to have it. That's what makes it past man's understanding here on earth. The best we can do is to symbolize it. Our Christmas gifts are symbols of that peace—if, of course, we are men of good will. Merely to exchange gifts because of social and commercial obligations only debases a heavenly endowment. Those who have no truly good will can never know truly good peace. So we wrap up our gifts in gay paper and tie them with giddy ribbons, because good will and peace are joyous.

This year, more than ever before, empty hands reach out to us from all the world. The appeals seem overwhelming. We must give widely and to the limit.

Writing cheques is rather a dull way to extend our charities, yet it, too, can be made gay and joyous. Go off by yourself to write them. Write them slowly—and as you sign your name, say, "I share my peace with you."

1955

A time for splendor by William H. Lowe, Jr.

Ten times Christmas has come and gone since, at the end of World War II, Richardson Wright, then Editor-in-chief of this magazine, wrote the words on the opposite page. In those years, Americans have gladly given their plenty and their peace into the empty hands and the hungry hearts of a world wounded by war and still only half free.

In this season which the Christian world celebrates in recollection and in rededication, we reprint Mr. Wright's words for those who may not have read them; we believe that the values his words evoke are eternal ones.

Although the big guns are stilled throughout the world this Christmas, our personal need for stillness has never been greater. (The level of man-made noise now has reached a near-deafening peak which seriously threatens our physical well-being.) In the past ten busy years, Americans, rich as never before in leisure, have given too little time to solitude—to the silent replenishment of intellect and spirit without which human beings are only half alive.

The kind of faith that was born in the innocence of a stable and that has since been most fully nurtured in thoughtful solitude, is more widely sought in our land today than it was even in the peril of war. The reward the seekers after faith yearn for is the God-given peace that passes human understanding.

We seek also another kind of peace—a man-made peace among nations. It, too, rests on faith—faith in man. The progress we seem to have made in the past year towards temporal peace in our divided world rests significantly on the faith the leaders of one side are willing to place in the sincerity of those on the other.

On this Christmas of peace in our land, we would do well to think in the stillness of our homes about the uses of peace. For unlike divine peace which is an end in itself, human peace is a means to an end: a climate in which we may create something of value.

Throughout recorded time man, like other animals, has been compelled to devote most of his waking hours to the struggle for survival. We have worked for our living, and we have fought for our freedom. Now there is reason to hope that we may have entered a new era: an age of relative plenty and of relative peace in which there is leisure for the soul and mind that distinguish us as human beings.

Of course there has always been leisure in the world. Otherwise there would have been little or no civilization of enduring value. But historically we have thought of the "leisure class" as a small group with the resources and the time to appreciate, to support and to pursue the arts, science and philosophy. In America, at least, this is no longer the case. A provocative book published last fall, *Time for Living*, by George Soule, describes the challenge of our day this way:

"For the first time in the history of mankind there is well on the way not a civilization topped by a leisure class, but a civilization characterized by universal leisure . . ."

"Technology has mastered the art of saving time, but not the art of spending it . . ."

For the most part, home is where Americans spend their leisure. In a very real sense, it is therefore at the heart of our culture and of our civilization. It is a good place to seek answers to the challenge of our age.

We in America are rich indeed in opportunities for the worthy use of leisure. Ours is surely a time for splendor. If we can make a significant contribution to the sum of man's knowledge of his world and of himself; if we can quicken his awareness of beauty; enlarge his capacity to create beauty in words, in color, in line, in shape and in sound—and his ability to enjoy it—we shall deserve our fortune.

As a magazine devoted to the arts of living we believe that the value of a home depends in the end on the people and on the ideas that live in it. The materials, equipment, furnishings and gadgets that we put in our houses have lasting value only when they are made to serve our pursuit of knowledge or thought or beauty.

To further the pursuit, some time must be given over to thinking, to listening, to conversation and to learning in the home. Living should never become a solemn business, but to use up leisure in escape and amusement alone is to waste it. The noblest use of leisure is the creative: to write, to paint, to carve, to photograph, to compose, to weave, to plant—to make something of meaning and of beauty.

This year we Americans face an obligation to share with the world, not our plenty and our peace alone, but a new humanistic culture that may serve mankind at least as well as our technology.

A memorable Christmas at home

Shared joys within the home make Christmas memorable for children and adults.

Here is a Christmas tale about one young family who create a fabulous fantasy at their New York

home to the delight of their children, their friends and even the passers-by

or one particular day of the year, one particular buff-colored brick house on 95th Street, New York, becomes a wonderland. As far as the others are concerned, the red and gray and brown houses, they show no visible sign of Christmas. But Mr. and Mrs. William Riva and their two children, 71/2year-old Michael and 51/2-year-old Peter, believe that Christmas is a season to be enjoyed and shared. Mr. Riva is a scenic designer, and his wife, actress Maria Riva, shares his enthusiasm for designing and creating their own fabulous Christmas decorating project. Before Christmas they concentrate on the tree, the living room, entrance door and windows; the day after Christmas, they decorate the rest of the house in preparation for New Year's Eve. The tree itself remains up until February 2nd, Candlemas, the traditional day for winter greenery to come down.

In the neighborhood of 95th Street there is a delicatessen which sells, in addition to pickles and pumpernickel, big, beautiful trees at Christmastime. On the opposite page is a typical one. It is a 15-foot spruce which, with two feet removed from the trunk, reaches to the ceiling of the orange study in the Riva home. Raising and trimming it is a three-day labor of love.

Any bare spots among the branches of the tree are filled in by drilling a hole in the trunk and inserting an extra branch. Each branch is lightly weighted with a book tied on a string. Thin black fishing line (not wire) is tied from each branch to the trunk. When the books are removed, the branches spring back up, but as they begin to sag later, from the weight of the ornaments, the lines hold them in place. During the holidays, the water in the con-

tainer at the foot of the tree is constantly refreshed, and the room is aired each night to cool off the tree after the lights are turned out.

The first ornaments are the lights. The Rivas are convinced that Christmas tree lights must be (a) all of one color and (b) concealed. They paint each bulb with fingernail enamel. For this gold, pink and silver tree, the bulbs were painted yellow. Red polish is equally effective for a warm, rosy glow. Any spot on the bulb that glares can easily be touched out with more polish. To avoid a sparse pinpoint effect, the Rivas use three dozen strings of lights, winding them round and round on the innermost parts of the branches.

The tree is divided visually into three sections and the ornaments graduated in size from small balls at the top to large balls at the bottom. The stepladder section is Mr. Riva's province. Atop the tree goes a German star-sweeper, a perennial favorite as far back as either Mr. or Mrs. Riva can remember. The rest of the branches are hung with balls of silver, red and pink, toys from different countries, angels, candies and apples. Three or four fireballs filled with chemical extinguisher are included as a safeguard. The ornaments are tied deep into the branches, but they are not buried because there is so much light from within the tree. Each piece, from the tiniest trumpet to the largest, shiniest ball, is painstakingly tied on with a slip of ribbon instead of hung with a hook. Strands of beads festoon the tree, and extra-wide tinsel is draped over the branches as a finishing touch. New tinsel is purchased for the tree every year; the old tinsel, tarnished to a golden yellow, is used over again in progression from living room to outdoors.

In the European tradition, the tree is trimmed entirely

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Opposite: Tiny golden lights set the Christmas tree on fire with color







SQUIRREL IN A TREE HOUSE

Opposite Under the spell of Christmas, a child's bedroom

turns into an enchanted forest

by adults and kept as a surprise for the children. Reflecting on his own childhood, Mr. Riva says, "My father was probably better at decorating a tree than I am. We never knew where our tree would be until Christmas day, but we knew it was somewhere in the house because we could smell it." He is firmly convinced that his boys do not really want to know what the tree looks like until it is finished. They would just as soon not be around under foot to be told, "don't touch" and "look out." Taking down the tree is another matter. Michael and Peter, like most children, love to sort things, and they are permitted to join in packing away the well-loved ornaments.

Although the tree is started three days before Christmas, the big push comes the night before Christmas Eve. Friends usually drop in, and it has become the custom to play a record of a famous play, in past seasons Fry's The Lady's Not for Burning, Shaw's Don Juan in Hell. Stepladder, ribbons and extra ornaments are available for anyone who has an urge to get into the act. On a console table at the other end of the study, the symbol of hospitality is a wicker cornucopia spilling over with candies, fruits, candied peel, nuts and cookies. The Rivas' spirit of sharing extends outdoors as well. On the front stoop on 95th Street, they place a tray of refreshments for passers-by, a basket of cookies and paper cups filled with fruit juice.

Christmas morning belongs to the children. The unveiling of the tree and unwrapping the presents are big events. In addition to their new toys in gay wrapping, each boy has a special stuffed toy, one of the Lencci dolls, which is brought out to play with during Christmas season and then put away again until the following year. Michael's lion and Peter's fox have become old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Riva recall with mixed emotions the year the boys beat them to the presents. The clock had reached noon and all through the house it was quiet as a mouse. The parents arose with alarm, only to (Continued on page 174)



BIRD IN A FELT NEST



MOUSE IN A SHOEBOX



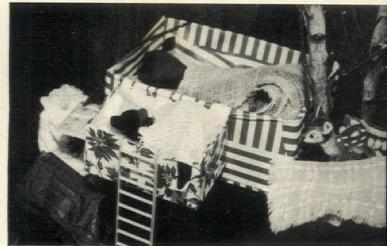
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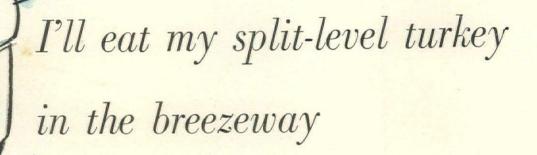
WITCH ON A BALCONY



CHICKEN IN A CRADLE



KANGAROOS BEDDING DOWN IN A BOX



By OGDEN NASH

A lady I know disapproves of the vulgarization of Christmas, she believes that Christmas should be governed purely by spiritual and romantic laws,

She says all she wants for Christmas is no more suggestive songs about Santa Claus.

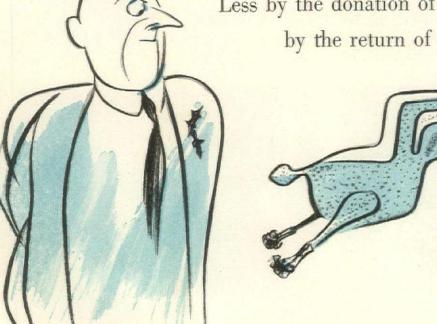
Myself, I am more greedy if less cuddley,

And being of '02 vintage I am perforce greedy fuddy-duddily,

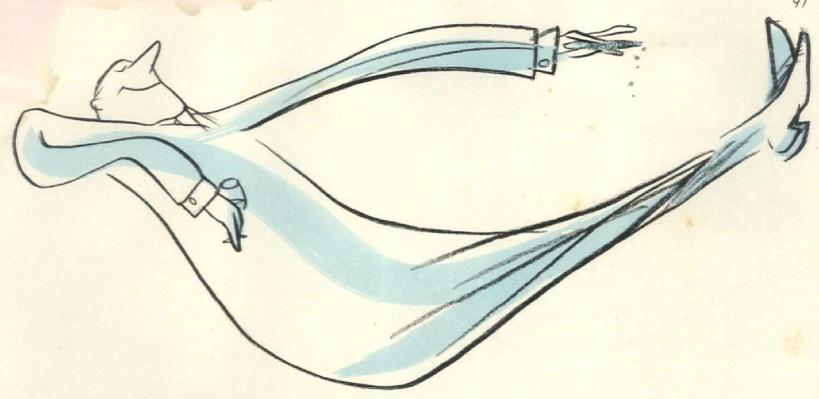
So my own Christmas could be made glad

Less by the donation of anything new than just

by the return of a few things I once had.







Some people strive for gracious living; I have recurrent dreams of spacious living. Not that I believe retrogression to be the be-all and the end-all,

Not that I wish to spend the holidays sitting in a Turkish corner smoking Sweet Caps and reading Le Rouge et le Noir by Stendhal,

Nor do I long for a castle with a portcullis, But I would like a house with a porte-cochère so the guests wouldn't get wet if it rained the evening of my party for Mr. John Foster Dulles.



Also, instead of an alcove I'd like a dining room that there wasn't any doubt of,
And a bathtub that you didn't have to send
\$7.98 to Wisconsin for a device that enables you to hoist yourself out of,

And if there is one thought at which every cockle of my heart perks up and warms, It is that of an attic in which to pile old toys and magazines and fancy dress costumes and suitcases with the handle off and dressmaker's forms.

Above all, I'd like a house with lots of rooms all with doors that shut so that every member of the family could have a modicum of privacy,

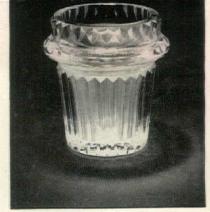
Because I'm weary of all this efficient functional Lady Godivacy.

Please find me such a relic, dear Santa Claus, and when you've done it,

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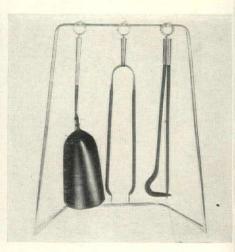
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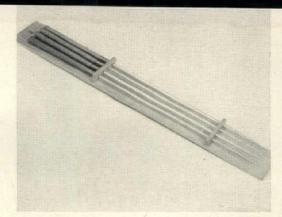
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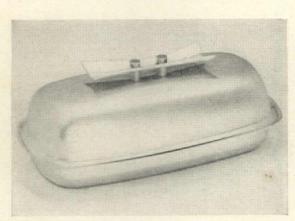
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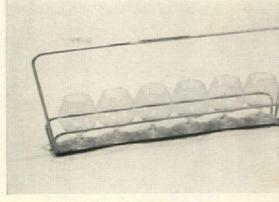
BROWNIE MOVIE CAMERA has 3-lens turret, takes standard, wide-angle, telephoto shots. \$79.50. By Eastman.



BUTTER DISH in three parts has sterling top, base, removable black ceramic dish. Handle is green enamel on silver. 7" long. \$25. By Towle.



TRAVELER'S PENCIL, chrome-plated, is topped by compass and map measure for kilometers, miles. Case clips to car visor. \$3. Camalier & Buckley.



PORTABLE BRANDY STAND with six small snifters is good for terrace or indoor entertaining. Brass with peeled cane. 18" long. \$18. Black, Starr & Gorham.



LIQUOR CASE has 12-ounce decanters for rye, bourbon or Scotch, 4 jiggers. In cowhide, \$9. Kaufmann's.



BRASS CANDLE HOLDER with shield, German import. \$15. Extra candles \$2.50 each. Black, Starr & Gorham.



PEWTER WINE PITCHER, made in Switzerland, holds 1½ qts. \$65. Black, Starr & Gorham.



KITCHEN CANISTERS in pink or white enamel on steel have herb designs in natural colors. In 2-qt. size, \$6, and 4-qt. size, \$7. Neusteter's.

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The art of gift wrapping

Gaily wrapped gifts under the Christmas tree are symbols of the season.

Here are dozens of ideas for designing memorable packages

t Christmas, creating the gift wrapping is almost as important as selecting the gift itself. It makes no difference whether the present is an expensive tribute or a dime-store remembrance; it is the way it is presented that makes a lasting impression. That breathtaking moment when the final package is placed beneath the tree and the Christmas lights turned on is the high point of the season. If you wish to be complimented for the individuality of your gift wrappings, start looking now for out-of-the-ordinary papers and ribbons. Don't wait until Christmas Eve. Give yourself enough time to work out the designs, the color combinations and the finishing touches. Remember that gifts topped off with elaborate pompons or dusted with metallic glitter are apt to lose their magic when they are stacked under a tree. Contrive amusing motifs for your packages with colored paper, sticking tape, seals and labels or decorate with small ornaments that can be hung up on the tree afterward and used again season after season. One of the top secrets of the art of gift wrapping is a smooth, neat closing. Here is a way to seal the closing with tape that does not show: Fold a piece of tape, sticky side out, and place it, with the fold at the outer edge, between the wrapping paper ends to be joined. When you press it down, the doubled adhesive will hold, but the tape will be invisible. Rubber cement will solve the problem of sealing tissue paper packages. Another type of glue called Sobo, which comes in a handy plastic squeeze bottle at art stores, is excellent for sticking colored paper decorations on packages. With patience and imagination, anyone can make an art of gift wrapping. And like everything else about Christmas, the more you give of yourself, the more memorable your gift packages will be.

Creating a colorful package

Would you like to be able to wrap a gift that looks too pretty to open? Color is the key.

Try a bright new shade of gift paper, such as deep fuchsia, electric blue or yellow-green.

If you have a child's toy to wrap, cover the box in fire-engine red paper and letter it like an outsize alphabet block with white masking tape. For a round box, use a striking green and white striped paper, pleating it into a pinwheel at the center. An uninteresting flat package can be covered in plain white paper and decorated with a brilliant Indian kite. There is no end to the variety of designs you can create with color and imagination. For more gift wrapping ideas, please turn the page.

All wrappings designed by Jerome Kuhl. Photo by Richard Jeffery





Above

Fancy imported ribbons call attention to small packages. Wrap the ribbon once around the box and secure it with a dot of glue or a seal, or hang a small Swedish star or other ornament from it. Attach a tin whistle (danger signal) to a purse sized flacon of perfume or nest the flacon in a box of Christmas tree ornaments. Using materials from the stationers, invent motifs: sticking tape fashioned into an asterisk, small gummed labels applied like the markings on dice, legal seals pasted to plain paper. Metallic corrugated paper makes an inviting disguise for a bottle of cologne or a book; so does a miniature Swedish match box for a ring.

Below

Some presents are fun even before you unwrap them. Decorate a children's book with a paper pussy cat whose whiskers and tail were snipped from a ball of twine. Cut a musical instrument out of paper to decorate a record, a skillet and fried egg for a gourmet gift, swag and tassels to festoon a tin of biscuits, a pale blue reindeer with pine antlers for a Christmas touch. Advertisements from old magazines make quaint labels for the grown ups' packages, a Japanese airplane puzzle for a child's gift. Use self-adhesive transparent paper (Zipatone, available at art supply stores), sealing wax, straw stars, tape measure to create artistic whimsies.





into a drum. Wrap a bottle of wine either in white paper with a glass tied to its neck or in brown corrugated paper tied with orange ribbon. Toy nesting eggs are tantalizing containers for earrings. Hide an umbrella in a mailing tube. A ukelele? Put a ribbon on its neck and paste paper hands in playing position.

Below

Decorative papers from different countries can transform boxes of all shapes. From Japan come brilliantly colored papers spattered with gold and printed papers in soft earth tones, magenta and striking combinations of brown or navy and black. Italian paper designs range from fine all-over figures in gold or silver to rococo motifs in subtle colors. England produces handsome book papers, including marbleized designs. Among the newest American papers are foils and velours of unusual depth of color, and tissues in decorator shades. A box wrapped in a travel poster or road map makes a conversation piece beneath the tree.



A season for rejoicing all around the world

Each country celebrates Christmas in a different way. Each has its special music, foods and customs. Yet all share the immemorial spirit of the season; generosity and good will, open house and open heart, a welcome to everyone who crosses the threshold

hristmas, the great festival of the world, has its roots A deep in the past. This is the time of the winter solstice when the sun turns on its course and the days lengthen, promising the departure of winter and the renewal of light and life. This miracle man has celebrated since the beginning of time. The festivities of today are a blend of more than 4,000 years of ritual and belief, both pagan and Christian. When the Roman's wild Saturnalia, the savage Nordic Yule and the Mithraic sun-worshipping ceremonies of the Persians were assimilated by the Christian church into the compassionate, family feast of Christmas, old traditions took on a new form. Christmas as we know it today is a patchwork of many observances, many centuries. The exchange of gifts, the Yule log, the hanging mistletoe bough and the cheerful clangor with which we speed the dark and dying year are all residues of ancient customs. Santa Claus derives from St. Nicholas, a 4th century bishop of Asia Minor. Carols stem from the carolla, a lively song and dance of 12th century Spain. The Christmas tree originated in 16th century Germany. The turkey is a native American.

Yet wherever Christmas is celebrated, in sunny, color-drenched Brazil or the white wastes of Iceland, its spirit is gentle and universal. This is the time for family feasts, for little children, for prayer and for gifts. Many European and Latin countries have chosen Christmas Eve as the occasion for the big dinner, preceded or followed by a church service or midnight mass (the French Reveillon and the Spanish Noche Buena are (Continued on the next page)

Opposite:

The perchtenlauf, a centuries-old Austrian ritual

In Austria, near Bad Gastein, the peasants play hereditary roles in an ancient ceremony of the winter solstice, the perchtenlauf. The wicked perchten, dressed as animals and birds, are opposed by the good perchten, who wear towering flowered headdresses and ribbon-trimmed clothes. They engage in a mock battle, representing the defeat of winter and the hastening on of summer.





famous examples). Christmas Day is mainly for family celebrations; the following day (Boxing Day in England, St. Stephen's Day in Ireland) is for visiting friends. In Holland, Belgium and Switzerland, lucky children receive their presents on St. Nicholas' Day, December 6th, but Latin children may wait until January 6th to have their shoes filled by the Three Kings or, in Italy, an old woman called Befana, who missed accompanying the Magi on their Journey and has been trying to make amends ever since. Mexican boys and girls have an added delight, the piñata. This is a clay pot, filled with candies and gifts and covered with paper and tinsel to represent a lamb, chicken or baby burro. It is suspended from the ceiling, and blindfolded children take turns swinging at it with a stick until the piñata breaks and the good things shower down. Russian children enjoy a riotous ten-day Christmas with a tree, parties and presents distributed by whitegowned Grandfather Frost and his daughter the Snow Maiden.

It is hardly surprising that the Scandinavian countries, where winter is long and hard, like to extend their festive season. Sweden launches a month of Christmas on December 13th, the day of St. Lucia, an early Christian martyr. The youngest daughter of the house takes the part of Lucia, bringing her family coffee and freshly baked buns for breakfast in bed. Each town and city chooses a Lucia or Queen of Light. Dressed in white and crowned with a holly-and-candle wreath, she offers hospitality to visitors and heads a charity drive for the sick and needy. Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland all follow the same hospitable pattern. Houses are swept and decorated with evergreens, the tree is readied for the Christmas Eve unveiling and a mound of Christmas foods prepared for the friendly season of open house. (In Denmark if you leave a friend's house without eating you are said to have taken Christmas away.) The creatures of the air and the fields are not forgotten. On Christmas Eve, sheaves of grain are hoisted on poles for country birds; bread is put on window sills for their town cousins, and all farm animals get double rations. In certain country districts, a portion of the traditional Christmas Eve porridge (it contains a hidden almond that means a gift to the finder) is left in the barn for the Nisse or Christmas goblin, who replaces Santa Claus as the bringer of gifts to Norwegian and Danish children. January 6th sees the last gay festival (though the Christmas season often lasts until the 13th) with processions of Star boys singing carols in a re-enactment of the journey of the Wise Men. Processions and pageantry, simple ceremonies and old customs are woven into the pattern of Christmas around the world. In Zurich a mitred, white-bearded Saint Nicholas heads a children's street parade. In Amsterdam, as Sinterklaas, he arrives by steamer on December 6th with his servant, the blackamoor Peter, and leads a cavalcade to the Royal Palace. There he greets the small princesses and gives them candy. High in the Andes, masked dancers celebrate in the streets on Christmas Day. Colombians disguise themselves and crowd the streets on Christmas Eve, meeting friends, guessing each other's identity and exchanging gifts. The Mexicans hold posada parties on the nine nights preceding Christmas. Pilgrims with lighted candles act out the weary journey of Mary and Joseph, singing and begging for shelter outside their host's house. Finally, they are admitted and the party begins. In Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic children in groups of three, representing the Wise Men, sing carols to the rhythm of guitars and maracas. English children, unaccompanied, play waits (an old name for strolling singers), piping carols in the frosty night air until they are given money and candies. In Southern Italy, the shepherds are the serenaders. They come down from the hills in their goatskin trousers to hail the Christ Child with the sweet, high music of flutes and pipes. One of the most tender of all Christmas Eve ceremonies is the Shepherds' Mass in the tiny church of Les Baux, a French village. To the sound of tambourines, the peasants bring offerings to (Continued on page 174)

Opposite:

Candlelight and wine help to make a holiday dinner a memorable occasion

Christmas calls for gala dinners with all the trimmings: fine china, crystal and silver, candlelight and champagne. With beautiful place settings, you need a minimum of table decoration. Here Spode plates with a rich Oriental design are set off by Siamese silk place mats and napkins in two shades of blue. The sterling pattern is simple, the bell-shaped goblets without ornaments. For a festive touch, glass hurricanes are circled by gold foil lanterns. Gauzy saris form a backdrop. Lunt's "Starfire" silver. Spode's "India Tree" plates. Lobmeyr's "Patrician" glass. Place mats, napkins, saris by Far Eastern Fabrics Inc. Shopping information, p. 162.

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The complete

Champagne cook book

The French fine art of cooking with champagne is making its debut in American kitchens. We introduce you to this new gastronomic experience with original recipes created for H&G by MYRA WALDO.

hampagne, the world's most famous wine, sparkles with festivity. It launches ships and marriages, heralds new lives and new years. It is famed as a drink for celebrations, but its quality as a table wine is often overlooked. Champagne is the only wine that can accompany any food at any time, the one wine that can be served successfully with every course of a meal. The problem of what to do with an unfinished bottle of champagne does not exist for the venturesome cook. For years the great French chefs have used it freely to concoct the kind of dishes an epicure dreams about. By simmering meat, fish, fowl or vegetable in champagne, or enriching them with a delicate champagne sauce, you can turn out food fit for the gods. Opened champagne will retain its effervescence for twenty-four hours if it is re-sealed and kept in the refrigerator. It can be used for cooking for a further one or two weeks, even after the bubbles have disappeared. Re-cork the bottle by paring the cork down with a sharp knife to make it fit, or re-cap with one of the standard gadgets for soda bottles. The thing you want to do is hold the flavor. Once champagne turns sour and vinegary it should be discarded; always taste critically before adding stored wine to food. Vintage, the familiar word most of us look for when buying wine, is applied only to French champagne which is made from grapes grown in a small area around Rheims and Epernay. The French make a distinction between vintage champagnes, which are mainly the product of one particular harvest and the less expensive non-vintage champagnes which are made from a blend of two or more years. In the United States, the domestic champagnes of California, New York State and Ohio are not classified by vintage (Californians claim that in their equable climate every year is the same; the French wine growers retort that although this may be true, California has never had a great year) but the main difference between imported and domestic champagnes is in the process of fermentation. All French champagne is matured in the bottle, a complicated process taking from six months to four years. Domestic champagnes, apart from some New York State brands, are fermented in bulk. Experts say that the larger the bottle, the better the wine. It follows that if you are shopping for a champagne party, it is wiser (and more impressive) to invest in magnums rather than the 26-ounce bottle. Afterward, lay aside what is left for a wonderful fondue or lobster farci and let champagne turn an ordinary meal into a tour de force.

Opposite:

A champagne buffet captures the spirit and sparkle of the holiday season

Why not have a champagne supper, reminiscent of Maxim's and the Gay Nineties, as the high spot of your holiday entertaining? Golden, frothy champagne is the inspiration for this buffet table setting. Decoration simulates vines with garlands of laurel leaves, gilded and stapled to ribbon, gold and blue Christmas ornaments bunched like grapes. Around the table are accents of glitter and gold: a brass candle-warmer casserole and coffee pot, gold-on-white china and flatware of golden alloy. For a champagne party, bottles chilled in the refrigerator for two hours will be just the right drinking temperature. When serving, fill the glasses about two-thirds full to release the delicate bouquet of the wine. Shopping information, page 162.

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Main Dishes

TURKEY WITH DOM PERIGNON SAUCE

1 tablespoon salt

3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

12-15 pound turkey, cleaned, washed

4 tablespoons butter

2 onions, sliced

1/2 teaspoon thyme

1/2 teaspoon marjoram

2 tab!espoons chopped parsley

1 cup stock or canned consommé

2 cups champagne

1 tablespoon flour

Combine the salt and pepper. Rub into the turkey thoroughly, inside and out. Place in a roasting pan and dot with 3 tablespoons of the butter. Roast in a 425° oven for 30 minutes. Combine the onions, thyme, marjoram, parsley and stock, and pour over the turkey. Reduce heat to 350° and roast for 30 minutes additional. Pour the champagne over the turkey. Roast for an additional 11/2 hours or until the turkey is tender, basting very frequently. Remove the turkey to a platter. Pour off the gravy, and force it through a sieve. Melt the remaining butter in a saucepan. Add the flour, stirring until very smooth. Gradually add the gravy, stirring constantly until the boiling point. Cook over low heat for 5 minutes. Serve the gravy separately.

FILLET OF BEEF AVENAY

Serves 8

1 4-pound fillet of beef
1/4 pound butter
1/2 cup flour

1 cup beef stock or canned beef consommé

34 cup champagne

2 tablespoons tomato paste

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 pound mushrooms, sliced

1 truffle, chopped (optional)

2 tablespoons sweet sherry

Roast the fillet in a 400° oven, allowing 1 hour for rare, 1 hour and 10 minutes for medium, and 1 hour and 25 minutes for well-done. Melt 6 tablespoons of the butter in a saucepan. Add the flour, stirring until smooth and browned. Add the stock gradually, stirring steadily until the boiling point. Add the champagne, tomato paste and salt, and mix well together. Cover, and cook over low heat for 45 minutes. Melt the remaining butter in a skillet. Sauté the mushrooms in it for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add to the sauce, together with the truffle. Add sherry, and correct seasoning. Slice the fillet, and serve the sauce separately.

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Fish

FILLET OF SOLE, MARNE STYLE

Serves 4

1 cup champagne

2 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons grated onion

1 bay leaf

1/4 cup chopped mushrooms

2 teaspoons chopped parsley

2 tablespoons heavy cream

2 teaspoons salt

11/2 teaspoons pepper

4 fillets of sole

2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Combine the champagne, butter, onion, bay leaf, mushrooms and parsley in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, and cook until reduced to half. Add the cream. Remove the bay leaf. Sprinkle the salt and pepper on the fillets. Place in a buttered baking dish. Pour the sauce over them. Sprinkle the cheese on top. Bake in a 375° oven for 25 minutes.

BUFFET SALMON

Serves 8 to 10

1 quart champagne

2 cups water

2 stalks celery

1 onion

1 tablespoon salt

½ teaspoon white pepper

1 bay leaf

3 peppercorns

3 clove.

4 pounds salmon in 1 piece, or 1 whole 4-pound salmon

2 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons flour

2 egg volks

2 cups heavy cream

1 pound shrimp, cooked and cleaned

Combine the champagne, water, celery, onion, salt, pepper, bay leaf, peppercorns and cloves in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Wrap the salmon carefully in several turns of cheesecloth, and gently place in the saucepan. Cover, and cook over low heat for I hour. Remove the salmon and carefully unwrap it. Place on a platter and keep warm. Strain the stock, reserving 1 cup. Melt the butter in a saucepan. Add the flour, stirring until smooth. Gradually add the stock, stirring constantly until the boiling point. Cook over low heat for 5 minutes. Beat the egg yolks in a bowl. Add the cream. Gradually add the previous sauce, beating constantly to prevent curdling. Return the mixture to the saucepan. Add the shrimp. Reheat over very low heat, but do not allow to boil. Correct seasoning. Pour the sauce over the fish and serve. The fish may also be served cold.

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Sauces and Salad Dressings

CHAMPAGNE BUTTER SAUCE

1 cup champagne

11/2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 teaspoon grated onion

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon tarragon

1/4 teaspoon chervil

3 peppercorns

3 egg yolks

1/2 pound sweet butter, melted

2 teaspoons chopped parsley

Combine the champagne, lemon juice, onion, salt, tarragon, chervil and peppercorns in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook over medium heat 5 minutes. Beat the egg yolks in a bowl; gradually add the champagne mixture, stirring constantly to prevent curdling. Add the butter gradually, beating constantly. (It may not be necessary to add all the butter; use just enough to make the sauce have the consistency of heavy cream.) Return to low heat and cook, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes or until thickened. Force the mixture through a sieve; add the parsley.

Serve with meat, poultry or fish. (Continued on page 167)

Vegetables

GREEN PEPPERS FARCI

Serves 6

6 small green peppers

3 tablespoons butter

1/2 pound mushrooms, sliced

3 tablespoons grated onion

4 slices ham, shredded

2 tablespoons tomato paste

4 tablespoons bread crumbs

3 tablespoons olive oil

3 tablespoons flour

1/4 cup stock or canned consommé

1 cup champagne

Cut a 1-inch slice from the stem end of the peppers, remove seeds and membranes. Cover peppers with water; bring to a boil and cook for 5 minutes. Drain and cool. Melt the butter in a skillet; sauté the mushrooms and onion for 5 minutes. Add the ham and 1 tablespoon of the tomato paste. Cook over low heat 5 minutes. Add the bread crumbs and mix. Stuff the peppers with the mixture. Arrange the peppers, open side up, in an oiled baking dish. Sprinkle the olive oil over and around them. Bake in a 400° oven for 10 minutes. Mix the flour and stock together; mix the champagne and remaining tomato paste and combine with the previous

Desserts

ZABAGLIONE AU CHAMPAGNE

Serves 4 to 6

6 egg yolks 1 cup powdered sugar 1 cup champagne

Beat the egg yolks with a wooden spoon; gradually add the sugar, beating until thick. Gradually add the champagne; place over boiling water and beat until thick and foamy. Serve at once, but the Zabaglione can be kept for a few minutes if the container is in warm water.

PINEAPPLE BORRACHO

Serves 6

1 pineapple
½ cup sliced strawberries
I cup champagne
½ cup powdered sugar

Peel the pineapple carefully. Cut into thick slices and remove the cores. Place in a bowl. Place the strawberries and champagne over the pineapple and stir gently. Sprinkle with the powdered sugar. Chill for 4 hours.

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Drinks

CHAMPAGNE-VERMOUTH

For each drink:
2 ounces dry chilled champagne
2 ounces dry chilled vermouth
1 teaspoon Curaçao
1 piece lemon rind
1 piece orange rind

Combine the champagne, vermouth and Curação in a champagne glass. Garnish with the lemon and orange rind.

CHAMPAGNE CUP

Serves 12 to 18

1/4 cup cognac
1/4 cup maraschino (cherry) cordial
1/4 cup Triple Sec or Curação
1 quart champagne
1 quart carbonated water
Fresh mint (optional)

Combine the cognac, maraschino and Triple Sec in a glass or pottery bowl. Chill for 2 hours. At the same time, chill the champagne and carbonated water in the coldest part of the refrigerator. Immediately before serving, add the champagne and carbonated water to the liquor mixture. Stir gently. Serve in cups, with a sprig of mint.

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COOKING WITH CHAMPAGNE turns a buffet supper into a festive occasion. Here Myra Waldo, author of the Complete Champagne Cook Book, sharpens the appetites of her guests by preparing Steak Verzany (see recipe on page 165) in a chafing dish at the table. Dominating the background is the Eiffel Tower of champagne bottles, a giant Nebuchadnezzar, presented to Miss Waldo during her recent gourmet tour of French vineyards (the only full bottle of its size in the U. S.).





PARTIES IN THE AMERICAN TRADITION

party in the gregarious American tradition means many things. It means gathering together the people you have wanted to see all year, but somehow never did. It means discharging a backlog of social obligations with one grand and glorious gesture. It means sparkling silver, flowers on the table and the welcoming glass of cheer. The most memorable parties always seem to be given at Christmastime. Houses and people look their best. Hosts and hostesses are on their mettle. Everyone tries to outdo everyone else in hospitality. The secret of a successful party is a good plan carried out to the last detail. From the decoration on the front door to the last demitasse, everything contributes to the special atmosphere that makes a party an event. During the holidays, guest lists are apt to mushroom, and the hostess who often finds herself entertaining en masse will take advantage of party aids designed to serve more than a handful of people. Capacious chafing dishes, triple food warmers and 20-cup coffee urns are boons when you are cooking for and serving large groups. Portable serving carts and self-contained bar units are convenient and keep traffic out of the kitchen. The purpose of these Christmas pages is to give you ideas that will make all your parties a success and every post-mortem a happy one.

Opposite:

A CHRISTMAS HORN OF PLENTY symbolizes the spirit of hospitality. Against a painted theatrical backdrop, the fruits of the field and the forest are arranged in a tempting display. Christmas callers can help themselves to apples, oranges, raisins, dates, almond cookies, nuts, toffee, chocolates and mints, spilling out of wicker cornucopias. There is a tiny crèche at the left, and at the right, candlesticks ringed with tinsel. Sprays of evergreen mixed with holly berries complete the setting. Home of Mr. and Mrs. William Riva.

OTTO MAYA

New serving pieces help the guests to help themselves



SERVING CHEST provides a handy bar where you need it. Deep shelves take bottles; lined drawers hold silver, tools. The folding top is covered with alcohol-and-waterproof Formica.



TRIPLE FOOD WARMER keeps vegetables hot for buffet meals, hors d'oeuvres for cocktails. Each Pyrex compartment holds 2 quarts. The warmer is Buenilum, works on AC/DC current.



SERVING CART in walnut and brass is topped by three removable Formica trays on which food or drinks can be brought in and handed around. Shallow space under trays holds linens, silver.

PHOTOS: HAANEL CASSIDY. DRAWINGS: JOSEPH LOW



ITALIAN COFFEE MAKER with 20-cup capacity dispenses two cups of regular or espresso coffee simultaneously. Lever regulates flow. For AC/DC current, it has a thermostatic control.

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FOUR-QUART CHAFING DISH that holds enough food for a dozen people does yeoman service over the holidays. Here it doubles as a bowl for hot punch, kept at serving temperature by the alcohol burner. Set on a heavy foil sunburst mat, it also serves as a centerpiece on a round buffet table. Photographed in the apartment of decorator Howard P. Rothberg, A.I.D.

HOW TO GIVE YOUR TABLES THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

With a mint of imagination and a modicum of money you can create a memorable holiday party table



FOR A COCKTAIL BUFFET: A TABLE STRIPED WITH RED RIBBONS

Opposite:

TOP LEFT: For Christmas Day dinner, create a festive setting with a cheerful color scheme: red cloth, green napkins, blue Meissen china. Set topiary trees in white cachepots and decorate them with marzipan fruit, vivid wooden birds. Variations: With a pastel cloth and napkins, use silver roses and paper butterflies in place of birds and fruit, or spray the trees with plastic snow and add a delicate drift of tinsel snow flakes.

TOP RIGHT: For a holiday party that centers around a punch bowl, garlands of lemon leaves and citrus fruit (preserved with clear and white plastic spray) on a blue cloth look appropriately cool and refreshing. Napkins repeat fruit colors. Variations: Gilded leaves and fruit with polished nuts, a silver punch bowl. Or for a wassail party, wreaths of natural wheat, red apples, yellow pears, purple grapes and nuts on an orange or brown cloth, a rough stoneware punch bowl and plates, wicker baskets for sandwiches and nuts.

BOTTOM LEFT: For a buffet breakfast, choose gay, eye-opening harlequin colors. Make a simple centerpiece by painting bare branches white, setting them in a sturdy base and hanging them with vari-colored Christmas decorations. Pick up the colors in patterned napkins and solid-color china. A blue tablecloth makes a unifying background. Variations: Hang the "tree" with paper cut-outs, Swedish wood ornaments or adapt the idea for a children's party by using candy canes, lollipops.

BOTTOM RIGHT: For the children, devise a gay Christmas party table with a red felt tablecloth ringed by snowman place mats cut from white oilcloth. Make paper scarves and hats (with jaunty lollipop feathers) and fold striped paper napkins for ties. Add gum drops for eyes and nose. Put a candy-tree favor beside each place. Variations: Gingerbread-man place mats, cut from brown paper and dolled-up with sequins, a white cloth. Yellow oilcloth stars, a blue tablecloth.

LEFT: For a cocktail party, accent the shape of a circular table by stretching red ribbon across a pale gray cloth in a wheel-of-fortune pattern. For the centerpiece, pyramid white carnations in a three-tier epergne (imbed them in water-absorbent florists' preservative to keep them fresh) and knot red ribbons around the edges. Use red napkins, plates and dishes in silvery tones (such as the Kensington metalware shown here). Variations: Gold tablecloth, blue ribbons, gilt roses. Wicker epergne filled with apples and ringed with Swedish straw stars; orange cloth.

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FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER: THE GAY COLORS OF MARZIPAN TREES



FOR A HOLIDAY PARTY: A PUNCH BOWL RINGED WITH FRUIT



FOR A BUFFET BREAKFAST: A SETTING IN HARLEQUIN COLORS



FOR CHILDREN'S FUN: CHEERY SNOWMEN AND CANDY TREES



The rising sound of Music in our homes

By DEEMS TAYLOR

Today the world's greatest music, reproduced with concert-hall fidelity is ours

for the flick of a switch, the turn of a dial. Thanks to the loudspeaker

in our living rooms, we are becoming a nation of music-lovers, a captive but contented audience

Not long ago a magazine printed a cartoon that showed a group of teenagers listening to bop recordings. One of the girls, waving a record, is saying, "Let's play something classical—Stardust!" Dismaying as the implications of that remark may seem, there is no cause for undue alarm. The teenager is, aesthetically, a savage, and he listens to bop records in much the same spirit as his Stone Age ancestor listened to tribal drums. That stage will not last. After all, when the parents of those kids were fifteen, their idea of something classical was "Some Day I'll Find You," or "Did You Ever See a Dream Walking?" or "Lover"—all of them classics, if you please, but scarcely classical. They grew up to form the greatest music-loving country on earth. Their offspring will grow up likewise—and faster.

There were no bop records to be heard on the phonographs of the nineties and early nineteen hundreds. In fact, there wasn't much in the way of music of any kind in those days. They stuck pretty consistently to comic monologues—
"Cohen at the Telephone" and the like—with an occasional Sousa march or a comic song. Those ancient machines were

Opposite:

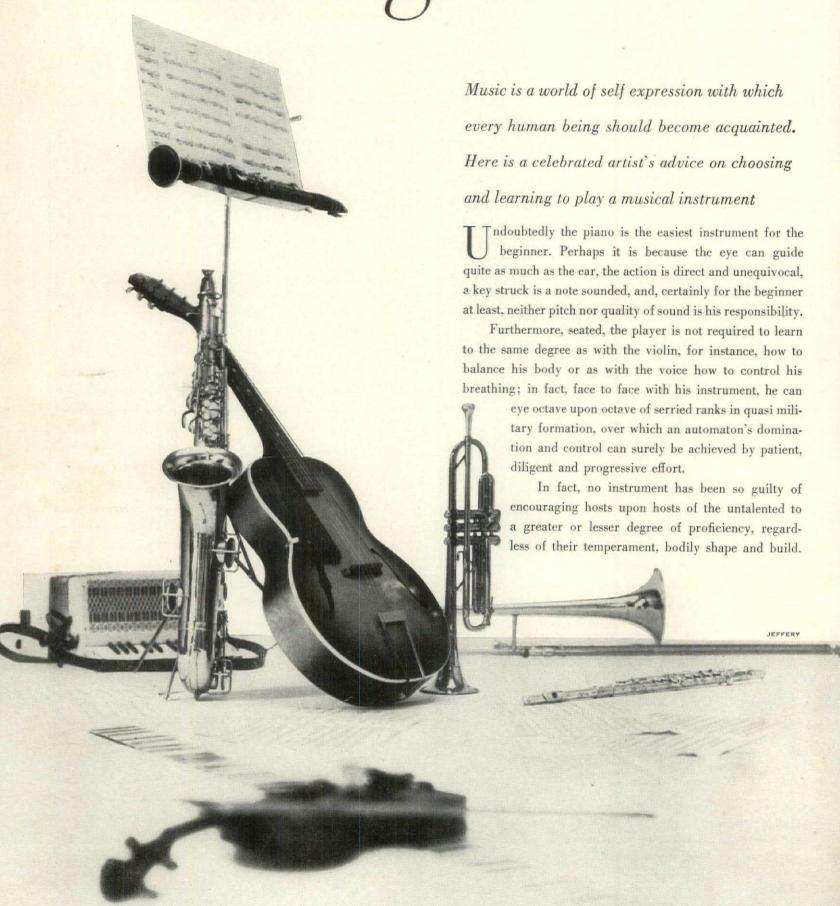
Music in House & Garden colors, both hot and cool, is something to sing about. The Sky Blue portable electronic piano has earphone attachment that makes the player an audience of one. About the bed are Citron TV; Gunmetal phonograph; Green Olive calendar-clock radio; Mocha portable radio. Foreground: portable TV in Antique White and terra cotta; Hollyhock transistor radio; Gunmetal pocket tape recorder; portable tape recorder with Flame reels. Shopping data, page 162.

capable of reproducing brass instruments and the human voice, and that was about all. Then, in 1904, a young Irish tenor named John McCormack recorded thirty-six Irish ballads for the Edison, Edison Bell, and Gramophone Companies. After two years of study in Italy he returned, and in the years between 1906 and 1909 made over seventy records, ranging from "Any Place is Heaven if You Are Near" to Brahms, Mozart, and Verdi. If not the first, he was certainly one of the first to bring anything approaching "classical" music to the record-buying public.

During the ensuing decades recorded music leaned heavily to the vocal side, with orchestras being employed chiefly to accompany singers and violin solos. A British critic, Arthur Clutton Brock, writing in 1925, had this to say regarding the quality of orchestral recording: "Always with the gramophone we have to make allowances.... There are qualities of the orchestra that never survive on the gramophone; the sharpness of attack on the strings, the clearness of their different parts and the full distinction between strings and wood. Pizzicato is usually unpleasant, seeming to intrude between you and the rest of the music, while all the bass parts are apt to be a mere rumble."

Meanwhile, however, telephone and radio engineers were engaged in intensive acoustical research, coming up to the surface now and then with such Benchley-like tidbits as: "A mathematical statement of the behavior of mechanical and electrical systems discloses the existence of a remarkable analogy (Continued on page 150)





You sink into a comfortable chair and twist a dial. Suddenly, your home is filled with great music—music that just yesterday, as history is reckoned, you could have heard only in the opera houses and auditoriums of a few of the world's cities. Preserved in your record albums or on your tapes, it is yours for as long as you live—as the thoughts of the world's thinkers are yours in the books that line your walls.

How does this music reach your home? What is the process? Suppose, for a moment, you are in a recording studio. You have a piano, a microphone and recording equipment. You strike the piano's Middle A. What happens is much like what happens when you drop a pebble in a still pond. From the point where the pebble hit, concentric waves roll through the water until all the energy of the pebble's fall is spent. When you strike the Middle A, whose strings are tuned to vibrate 440 times a second, concentric waves roll away through the atmosphere. They pass the microphone and beat on its sensing element 440 times a second. The microphone translates the mechanical energy of the waves into electrical pulses (cycles), which through the recording equipment are transmitted to a cutting stylus running in a blank groove on the record. The pulses make the stylus wiggle 440 times a second, and the wiggles engrave on the recording the wave form of Middle A. Under a microscope you could see the 440 undulations of the engraved line.

When you place the recording on a phonograph, the process is reversed. The stylus of the phonograph pickup, following the engraved line, wiggles 440 times a second, and its mechanical wiggles are translated into electrical pulses. The pulses are extremely weak when they leave the phonograph cartridge, but they are fed to a preamplifier for strengthening and then to an amplifier. The amplifier's electrical output is connected to a loudspeaker where the electrical pulses are translated back into mechanical energy, this time called acoustic energy. They cause the loudspeaker cone to behave like a piston. It pulsates 440 times a second, and the pulsations cause sound waves, 440 of them a second, to emanate from the loudspeaker. In your home the tone Middle A, which you struck on the studio piano, is heard.

In radio broadcast and reception the identical process occurs, except that the 440 pulses of Middle A are impinged on the radio station's carrier wave. The carrier wave reaches the antenna and tuner at your home and there, by a complicated electrical process, is discarded, but the 440 pulses a second are retained and fed to your amplifier. From it, they go to your loudspeaker which makes them audible. In your experiment you recorded or transmitted only the theoretically pure single tone, Middle A, but the same process can record or transmit great complexes of

sound waves and their overtones (harmonics)—the glorious music that science has given your home.

In reproducing recorded music the physical limitations of the grooves in the master record make necessary a process called record equalization. If heavy bass tones were allowed to reach the cutting stylus running in the record groove, the stylus would swing violently enough to break through the groove's walls. So, to prevent overcutting of the groove, the sound in the bass region is weakened and must be restored in reproduction to give the full richness. On the other hand, the treble tones are intensified in recording and must be deemphasized in reproduction. This modification of tonal balance to produce the proper bass and treble tone intensity as it existed in the "live" performance is the function of the device called the preamplifier-equalizer. It picks up the voltage from the phonograph cartridge and feeds it to the amplifier, the heart of the high fidelity system. The amplifier is a pumping center that feeds a perfect but weak signal from the preamplifier or radio tuner to the loudspeaker for transformation into sound waves. The volume is regulated by a control. The same amplifier and speaker system can be used for radio reception and record reproduction: the addition of a tuner transforms any high fidelity phonograph into a radio phono-

Your method of installing high fidelity apparatus will affect the quality of reproduction. The more cubic space you can devote to the speaker compartment, the better the result. All the panels of the compartment should be plywood, no less than 3/4" thick. The compartment should be lined with absorbent material; glass fiber batts are excellent. Attach the batt (always wear leather gloves to avoid annoying splinters) with its paper liner against the compartment walls and the glass fibers exposed for maximum effectiveness.

Any speaker system gives its best performance when it is installed in a corner of the room. A corner enclosure improves bass tones especially. The reason is simple: To create these low tones we must be able to cause substantial movement to the surrounding air. If you cup your hands to your mouth while speaking, your voice will carry a far greater distance. In effect, your cupped hands force the sound pressure of your voice to move primarily in the direction you want—straight ahead. Using a horn on the front of a loudspeaker or placing the loudspeaker in a corner does for the loudspeaker what your cupped hands do for your voice.

High fidelity equipment of good quality will give more than 20 years of service. The additional annual cost, computed against the annual cost of ordinary equipment, is very little, indeed. No other cultural investment will yield a richer or longer-enduring return.



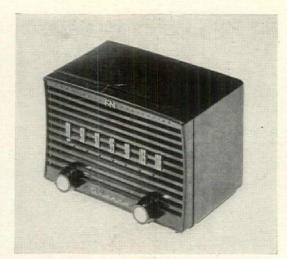
SLEEK MAHOGANY CABINET on brass legs houses a hi-fi radio and phonograph. Doors fold back flush with sides of cabinet.



CHAIRSIDE CABINET designed for good listening puts hi-fi radio-phonograph at arm's reach. Top is laminated plastic.

Design for listening





FM RECEIVER, as small as they come, is $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" x 5" high. It is available in black or colors.

TABLE MODEL tape recorder contains three speakers, amplifier, tape drawer.



HI-FI PHONOGRAPH with its own brass stand (separate) has three-speaker system.





SELF-CONTAINED HI-FI UNIT is large yet light on its feet. It is mounted on casters, has accordion-fold doors to save space.



MATCHING CABINETS for custom installations can be mounted on a wood base or brass legs. TV unit has plastic tambour front.



PORTABLE TV (a table-model set on a wrought-iron cart) can be wheeled outdoors.

REMOTE CONTROL UNIT for TV has a speaker for individual listening.



TRAVELING RADIO combined with vanity case operates on AC, DC or batteries. GRIGSBY



COMBINATION radio-phonograph and TV conceals controls under sliding panel.



Shopping information on page 162.



MAKE IT A CHRISTMAS WITH A SILVER LINING

For a Christmas gift that will bring lasting pleasure, give silver. The timeless beauty and durability of silver make it welcome to anyone at any time. The women on your list will be happy to have extra silver serving pieces. Men admire the solid good looks of silver bar tools and desk accessories. For a child, there is no more permanent gift than something in silver that can be used through many a lifetime. These silver gifts range from a napkin ring which costs only \$3 to a Colonial coffee pot for \$153. They have simple lines, in both modern and traditional designs, that suit any type of entertaining or decorating scheme.

Opposite page:

SERVING PIECES Trio of simple silverplate pitchers, ½ pt., \$12.50, 1 pt., \$16.50, 1¾ pts., \$22.50. Silverplate spaghetti (or salad) tongs, 9" long, \$5.75, team with silver-and-glass cheese shaker, \$6.50. Sterling coffee pot, Colonial design, holds 3 pts. 8½" high. \$153. Chafing dish, heavily silverplated, has removable wood handle, \$71.50. Sterling serving spoon and fork for chafing dish have 12" handles. "Old English" pattern, \$21.45 a set. Matching 12" cake trowel, \$17.60. George II design coffee pot with alcohol warmer holds 14 cups. Sheffield silverplate on copper, \$75. Sterling buffet fork, 18" long, \$19. Sterling pepper mill, 16" high, \$77.50. Top right:

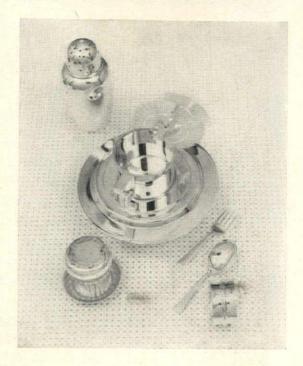
DESK ACCESSORIES Sterling humidor stands 334" high, \$30. Sterling scotch tape dispenser, \$15. Book mark with sterling shamrock top, \$4. Sterling pencil marked in inches extends to 12" rule, \$20.50. Silverplate cigarette box, 63%" x 3" x 1", \$16.50. English sterling inkwell, plastic base, \$25. Telephone index with sterling cover, \$45. Engraved signature, \$2 extra. Center right:

SILVER FOR CHILDREN Sterling muffineer for sugar can be used as a powder shaker, \$30. Sterling set of child's bowl, plate, cup, \$92. Sterling tray and brush with nylon bristles, \$6.50. Sterling napkin ring, \$3. Baby spoon and fork in sterling, traditional English pattern, \$6.50 the set. Below:

BAR AND PARTY ACCESSORIES Silverplate and glass pitcher with strainer spout for iced tea, martinis, holds 3½ qts. \$27.50. Silverplate copy of old English tankard with stirring device in cover holds 1 qt. \$16. Sterling bottle stopper and pourer, \$6.60. Sterling stopper for soda, expandable, \$2.75. Sterling bottle stopper, removable handle for pouring, \$8.75. Silverplate punch bowl, Paul Revere shape, holds 1½ gallons, \$35. Warmer base with alcohol burner, \$30 extra. Gallery tray with heat resistant dark Formica center, sterling sides is 12½" in diameter, \$35. Silverplate bowls range from 8¾" to 4½" in diameter. \$9.25, \$7.25, \$5, \$3.50, according to size. Golf club muddler, silverplate, \$4.95. Sterling ice pick, \$7, bottle opener, \$9.50. Walnut and sterling muddler, \$4.50. Hot beverage glass in silverplated holder, \$6.50. For shopping information, see p. 162.

Prices approx. Include Fed. tax.







The care and feeding of house plants

If you are susceptible to the lure of house plants, your symptoms ■ may be these: a tendency to slip a trowel in your pocket on an autumn walk and dig up and re-pot mosses, checkerberry plants, and wild asters; a winter nostalgia for spring flower carts; an incurable addiction to reading strange names of pot plants in catalogues from faraway places; a fondness for peering in at a neighbor's window when "something new" begins to bloom; an eagerness to run to your plant box after a week end away; a restless green thumb through the winter solstice; abstraction, during a rubber of bridge or a whodunit, over the fortunes of a temperamental African-violet. Once you have succumbed to house plant enthusiasm, the only sensible treatment is to enjoy it to the hilt. For you are one of the millions of happy U. S. hobbyists devoted to the indoor pursuit of growing fresh, living greens and colorful gay flowers. You share, along with the Greeks and the Romans, and the pioneers who carried slips of geraniums, herbs and roses in Conestoga wagons across the Plains, a love of living things and the willingness to learn how to care for them indoors and out, all year round.

Given at least one window with a strong light, only a troglodyte can fail to grow house plants successfully. You may start modestly with a few random pots, a philodendron or a Boston fern, and aspire to the whole windowful of the 54 hardy, handsome plants pictured opposite. But the minute you take title to a geranium pot and give it a roof and a place in the sun, you are committed to acquire the combined skills of a creator, a plant doctor, a naturalist and an artist.

The value of a house plant, aside from the enjoyment it gives, is in what it can teach you. Just as a tree can split a rock, some plants defy wind and weather and grow tenaciously in any crevice where their roots can take hold. But when you bring a plant indoors, whether it came from a florist, a nursery, or your own garden, you must recreate as far as possible the same circumstances in which it previously thrived. If a number of house plants have earned the name temperamental, it is (Continued on page 171)

House & Garden's choice of 54 plants to grow indoors

TOP SHELF-LEFT TO RIGHT

Agave americana
Aechmea fulgens discolor
Aloe brevifolia
Haworthia fasciata
Aloe humilis
Vriesia splendens major
Cryptanthus zebrinus
Haworthia margaritifera
Crassula obliqua variegata
Vriesia magnifica
Cissus discolor

SECOND SHELF-LEFT TO RIGHT

Croton Apple Leaf
Agave caribaea
Pellionia daveauana (trailing)
Dracaena terminalis Baby Ti
Dyckia fosteriana
Sedum morganianum
Setcreasea Purple Heart
Hedera helix Silver Emblem
Crossandra undulaefolia
Tetranema mexicanum
Philodendron cordatum (oxycardium)
Punica granatum nana (Pomegranate)
Schlumbergera bridgesi

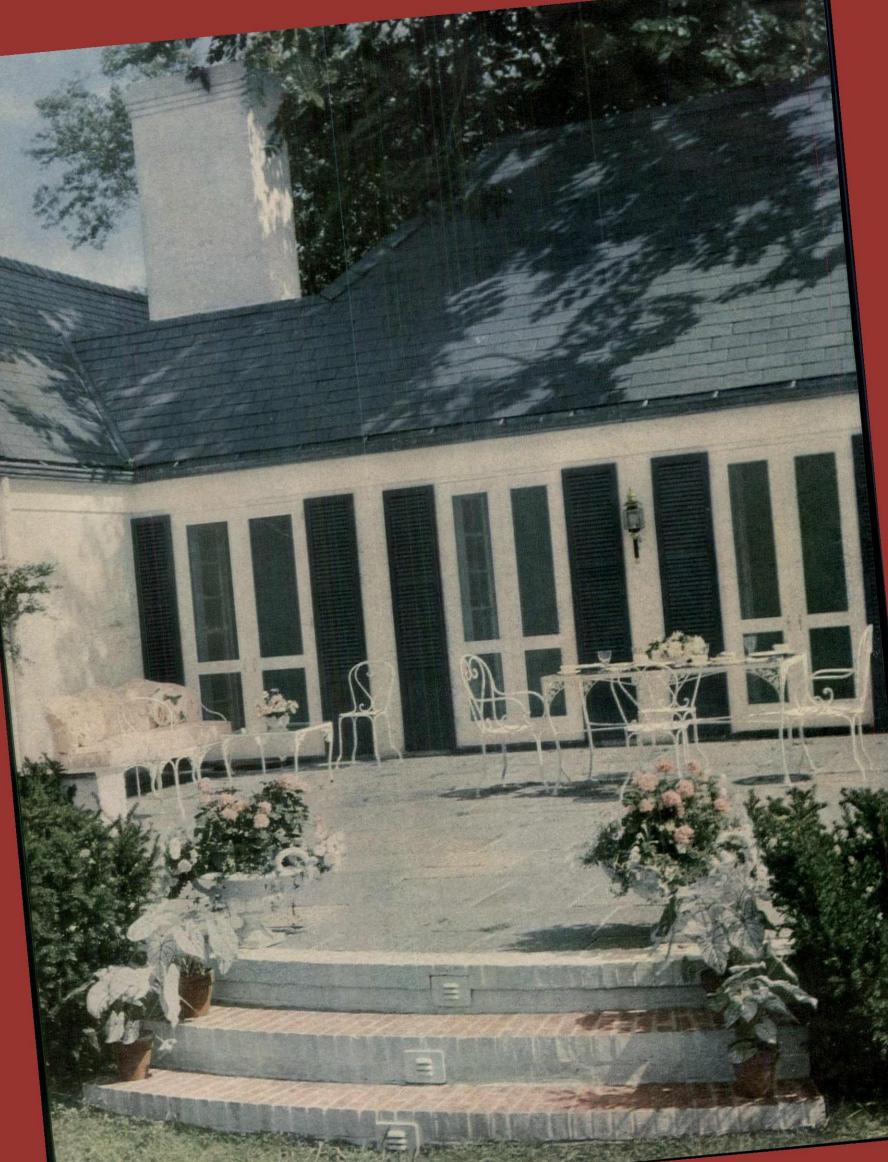
THIRD SHELF-LEFT TO RIGHT

Philodendron cordatum
Pelargonium zonale
Peperomia hederifolia
Pilea involucrata
Begonia Saxony (Angel Wing type)
Croton Apple Leaf
Cissus discolor
Begonia Richardsiana
Begonia Rex var. Merry Christmas
Hedera helix Merion Beauty
Abutilon megapotamicum variegatum
Pelargonium peltatum (ivy geranium)

WINDOW SILL TRAY—LEFT TO RIGHT

Saintpaulia Azure Beauty (double) Sinningia speciosa (rear) Jasminum grandiflorum Saintpaulia Blue Sail (rear) Saintpaulia Pink Cheer (rear) Episcia Acajou Scindapsus (Pothos) argyraeus Saintpaulia Double Delight (rear) Dieffenbachia hoffmanni Philodendron sodiroi (rear) Begonia Rex var. Can-can Saintpaulia Dupont Blue (rear) Gloxinia (Sinningia speciosa) hybrid Calathea makoyana (rear) Maranta massangeana Episcia lilacina viridis (rear) Episcia fulgida Philodendron andreanum PLANTS FROM JULIUS ROEHRS CO. PHOTO: GRIGSBY





The case for the traditional house

People who like traditional architecture are becoming aware that the amenities of yesterday are more enjoyable than ever when combined with the planning and products of today. It is thus that a new kind of traditional house has come into being. Its architecture is traditional but its materials and equipment are from today's assembly lines. It makes a suitable background for antiques and family heirlooms, but it is also an easy-to-keep house planned for informal living indoors and out. It is a house with a new architectural approach, for people who like to live with antiques and air conditioning and it expresses the special taste of its owners. Here are two good examples that show why the new kind of traditional house, while looking to the past, has a present and a future.

I French Provincial house built around a front courtyard



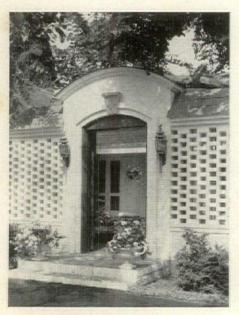
TRADITIONAL FRENCH STYLING gives this new house a link with the past. It is exactly symmetrical, built of white stucco with slate gray trim and roof. The pierced brick wall screens the entrance courtyard and the main rooms from front drive and road. Opposite: FLAGSTONE-PAVED TERRACE at rear is a modern outdoor living room four months of the year. You can step out to it from the living room (shuttered French doors), study, bar and kitchen-dining room, and step down from it to a shaded lawn. The graceful white wrought-iron furniture and half-circular terrace are in keeping with tradition.

The front courtyard is a completely private outdoor room

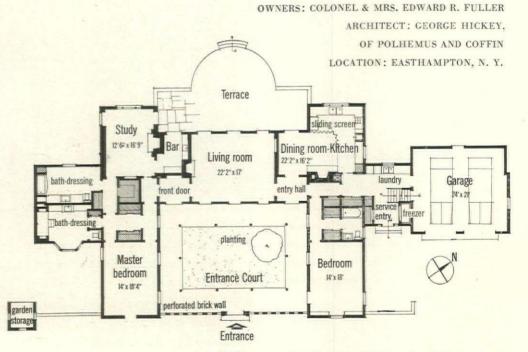


COURTYARD is enclosed by the house on three sides and screened from road by brick wall across the front.

This H-shaped house built around a courtyard is both practical and delightful. The courtyard is like an outdoor room with the sky for a ceiling. Light filters in through the openings in the pierced brick wall and through the foliage of the spreading elm tree. Pachysandra makes a cool green carpet (it flourishes in the shade), and flagstone paving makes an attractive border walk. The floor plan indicates the modern feeling of the whole house. All main rooms open to court or terrace. From the courtyard you can see through the living room to the terrace beyond (all three areas are used together for big summer parties), and from both bedrooms and living room you can enjoy a cross-court view. Notice that there are two front entrance, foyers. It is not necessary to walk through the living room to enter either wing. Guest room has its own entrance.



ARCHED DOORWAY to court has two doors, lock and bell; old French lamps flank it.



HOUSE is 2,790 square feet, has few but luxuriously large rooms.



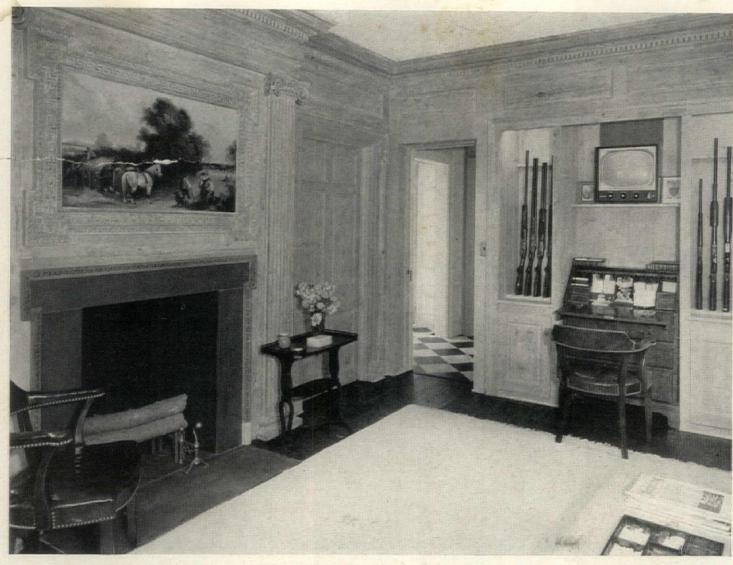
ELM TREE makes a natural canopy, casts an interesting pattern of light and shade over house and court.

LIVING ROOM is in center of house, opened to court and terrace by three French doors on either side (see plan). Background is suitably formal for French antique furniture, pale gold rug and walls, cream and gold damask draperies. One sharp color accent is an emerald green loveseat. Door to foyer is balanced by recess with glass shelves.



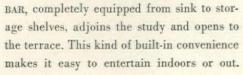


Kitchen-dining room combines modern planning, traditional atmosphere



STUDY is from a house built in England about 1750: pine paneled walls, old English oil painting above fireplace; the TV set is built-in.









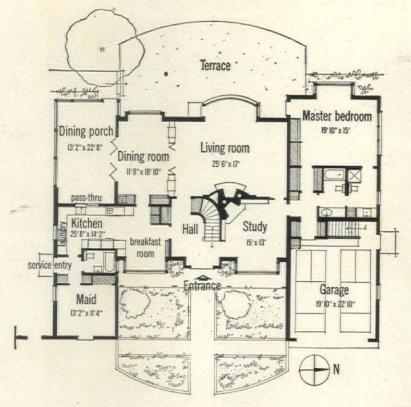
KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM can be two rooms or one; divider is an accordion wall, closed above, opened opposite, attached to a ceiling track. Kitchen has one wall of brick, wood cabinets, red tile floor, ceiling supported by beams from an old barn, built-in refrigerators, ovens, dishwasher. Dining table and chairs are French reproductions in cherry.



2 A happy union of practicality and formality

Sometimes the "prettiest house in the neighborhood" is also the one that functions best. This house, on the shore of Wisconsin's Lake Mendota, is a good example. It is a shrimp-pink brick house, styled in the formal French tradition, with great refinement of detail: a high mansard roof, delicate white wrought-iron trim, a handsome double front door. Inside, there is the same careful attention to styling and detail (built-in storage cabinets, for example, are modern in function but embellished with traditional moldings) plus a high regard for the facts of life today. The floor plan, with master bedroom on the first floor, has many of the step-saving advantages of a one-story house. It has flexibility too, because the living room, dining room and porch open to each other (an expanse of some 50 feet) and to the rear terrace. Materials and equipment are thoroughly modern, and therefore upkeep and maintenance are reduced to a minimum. Result: the house is both a delight to look at and easy to live in, which sums up the case for the new kind of traditional house in America today.

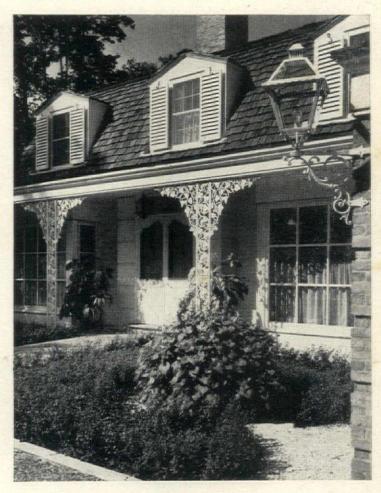
OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. WALTER A. FRAUTSCHI ARCHITECT: JEROME ROBERT CERNY LOCATION: MADISON, WISCONSIN



FLOOR PLAN opens all main rooms to the rear terrace and a view of Wisconsin's Lake Mendota. House is 3,900 square feet, arranged both for flexibility and for step-saving efficiency.

Opposite

APPROACH TO HOUSE is set off by pink brick gate posts. Entrance planting of evergreen shrubs is in a formal pattern and defined by the raised brick terrace. There is ample off-street parking for guests' cars and a convenient up-front garage.



WHITE WROUGHT-IRON POSTS on either side of front door and antique carriage lamp are evidence of careful attention to detail.

NOWELL-WARD ASSOC.



LOWER REAR TERRACE on lake is for outdoor meals and family fun.

Modern materials make housekeeping simple

Here is proof that a traditional house is enhanced both visually and functionally by modern materials and architectural details. Big windows in the form of traditional bays let in light, air and view. Modern materials include cork flooring in the entrance hall and rubber tile flooring and plastic countertops in the kitchen. Adjoining the master bedroom are two bath-dressing rooms with marble flooring, built-in countertop lavatories. The built-in cabinets between living room and dining room are traditional in design but function like a modern storage wall. On the living room side both have bookshelves; on the dining room side one is a storage cabinet for china and linen. There is a pass-through between the kitchen and porch.



DINING ROOM bay window faces lawn and lake. Curtains and rug are beige; chairs are upholstered in beige, brown and orange plaid linen.



KITCHEN has a dining L in a large, sunny bay window.



MASTER BATH-DRESSING ROOMS are divided by a sliding wall.

LIVING ROOM AND DINING ROOM are divided by built-in cabinets and folding louvered doors.



HOW TO HELP YOUR HOUSE RUN ITSELF

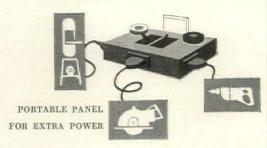
Many ingenious new electrical aids take care of household chores



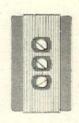
New plastic strip fits on baseboard or over kitchen counter. You can insert removable outlets anywhere along the strip then plug lamps or appliances into them.



If you install telephone jacks when you build or remodel you'll always have privacy when phoning. Carry phone between rooms (or outdoors) and plug it in jack.

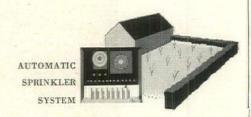


Inadequate wiring may prevent your using power tools or appliances without blowing a fuse. This movable power panel has three circuit outlets with high ampere fuses.

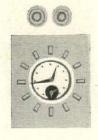


QUIET, LUMINOUS DIAL SWITCH

This new switch turns like a radio dial and it is noiseless (no clicking). The dials glow at night, are easy to locate, but use no current. Switch plate is small in size.



This control system eliminates lawn watering chores. Sprinkler system in lawn and flower beds operates automatically in accordance with weather and by night or day.



HEATING, COOLING-CONTROL SYSTEM

Three electronic units control heating and cooling automatically. Outdoor and indoor thermostats signal temperature changes. Clock thermostat is control center or brain.



Temperature detectors, throughout house, disclose smoldering fires in attic, basement, walls. They relay warning to this panel which rings, lights, to show location of fire.



DEHUMIDIFIER ENDS DAMPNESS

Three gallons of water can be extracted from the air every 24 hours with this electric dehumidifier. With ½ horsepower compressor it is movable or can be connected to drain.

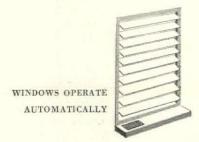


You and the towels can both be warmed. Chrome framed, this heater towel rack gives off radiant warmth from a glass panel into which electric heating elements are fused.



ELECTRONIC FILTER CLEANS HOUSE AIR

Filter, connected to heating ducts of house, has electrostatically charged cells which extract dirt, dust, pollen from the air before it is heated, cooled and circulated in house.



Automatic controls close windows (crank operated awning, jalousie or casement types) for morning rising or when it rains or gets cold. They open when it clears or gets hot.

SKETCHES BY TOM DAVENPORT

HOLIDAY DRINKS

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EGG FLIP. An old time drink that has all but been forgotten is the egg flip-sometimes known as A Yard of Flannel. Here is a recipe from a 19th century book: "Boil a quart of ale in a tinned saucepan. Beat the yolks of 4 with the whites of 2 eggs. Add 4 tablespoons of brown sugar and a soupcon of nutmeg. Pour on this by degrees the hot ale, taking care to prevent mixture from curdling. Pour back and forward repeatedly, raising hand as high as possible. This produces the frothing and smoothness to the goodness of the drink.

BIMBO PUNCH. This grand old punch has strength and warmth. Cut 6 lemons in thin slices and steep in 11/2 quarts of cognac for 8 hours. Strain the cognac and add 1 pound of loaf sugar dissolved in 1 quart of boiling water. Chill the mixture and pour over a block of ice in a punch bowl. Add slices of lemon and orange.

CHAMPAGNE PUNCHES. Of course the most elegant holiday drink is champagne. Fine French champagne is delicious straight, but also makes delectable punches. Here is one to be served in large punch glasses with tiny spoons for fishing out the fruit. Select a large bowl that will fit into your refrigerator. Cut 1 small pineapple in cubes and put the fruit in the bowl (or use 2 packages of frozen pineapple); add 1 pint of fresh or frozen raspberries, 1 pint of fresh or frozen cherries, sections from 6 grapefruit, ½ pound of sugar, 1 pint of Benedictine and 1 fifth of cognac. Mix well, place in the refrigerator and chill thoroughly. When ready to serve, add a block of ice to the bowl. Ladle some of the fruit mixture into the bottom of each glass and then fill with iced champagne.

Here is a Christmas punch combining champagne with a variety of liquors. Chill I quart of strong tea, I fifth of Jamaica rum, 1 fifth of bourbon, 1 fifth of cognac, 1 pint of Grand Marnier, a big dash of Peychauds orange bitters, 1 pint of pineapple chunks and their juice, 1 pint of orange juice and 1/2 pint of sugar syrup (or 1/2 pound of sugar dissolved in water). Combine these chilled ingredients in a large chilled punch bowl. Add a block of ice and just before serving add 1 magnum or 2 fifths of chilled champagne. Serve in wine glasses or goblets.

For those who love the drama of flaming dishes, here is a flaming champagne punch. It must be served in a flameproof bowl-a silverplated or copper bowl is perfect-and should be kept hot on a table stove or hot plate. Heat the fruit from 1 package of frozen pineapple and put it in the hot bowl. Heat together 2 fifths of cognac and 2 fifths of champagne and pour over the pineapple. Then heat 1 cup of cognac in a brandy warmer, or small pan, ignite it and pour it while blazing into the punch mixture.

TOM AND JERRY. Of several ways to make this old favorite, here is one that is well liked. Beat the yolks of 12 eggs until thick and light. Gradually add ½ pound of granulated sugar and 1 teaspoon of grated nutmeg. Beat until very thick. Beat the egg whites until stiff and fold them into the batter. Chill the mixture until you are ready to serve. To serve, put a heaping tablespoon of the batter into a warm mug, add ½ jigger of Jamaica rum and 1 jigger of bourbon. Fill the mug with hot milk or water, dust top with grated nutmeg.

WASSAIL BOWL. There is no substitute for the traditional wassail bowl. This treat belongs especially to the Christmas season, and like the mistletoe, the plum pudding and the gayly decked tree it is symbolical of all the excitement the holiday season holds. In a large saucepan combine 1/2 cup water, 2 fifths sherry or Madeira, 2 cups sugar, 1 stick cinnamon, 3 allspice berries, 4 cloves, 1 teaspoon of ground ginger and 1/2 teaspoon of freshly grated nutmeg. Bring this mixture to a boil and blend. Remove from the fire and strain. Separate the yolks and whites of 6 eggs and beat the yolks until thick and light. Beat the whites until stiff and fold them into the yolks. Gradually add the hot spiced wine, stirring constantly. Then stir in 1 cup of cognac. Serve in a heated punch bowl and float 6 to 8 baked apples in the wassail.



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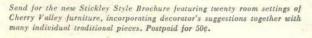
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BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

This year the authors have done well by Santa Claus

t is one of life's minor ironies that book lovers, easiest of people to please, often are disappointed at Christmas. Perhaps among the energetic souls who wade into Christmas shopping as if it were a trial of strength, a book may seem too obvious a gift. But to a bookworm any book is better than no book at all. A fine book for which he has vearned but which he thinks he cannot afford will gratify his heart beyond pearls or rubies. He is never secretive about his desires; it takes no subtle interrogation to learn his favorite author or most prized edition; and only a minimum of effort is spent in ordering a book by mail or stopping by a bookstore. Fortunate, indeed, is the giver who has book loving friends, and wise, too, if he remembers that a wall of books is the warmest decoration a house can have

For book lovers this should be a good Christmas, because 1955 has produced some remarkable books. Herman Wouk, bless him, has given us Marjorie Morningstar (Doubleday). Although Marjorie Morgenstern's progress from Central Park West to suburbia on the wings of romance will suffer from an inevitable comparison with The Caine Mutiny, it enlarges the picture of Mr. Wouk as a writer of formidable endowment. Too late for this column but certain to cause a stir is John O'Hara's first novel in six years, Ten North Frederick (Random House), with an original printing of 75,000 copies. And two Nobel winners have spoken—the late Thomas Mann for the last time in Confessions of Felix Krull, Confidence Man (Alfred A. Knopf), and William Faulkner in his re-worked paean to Mississippi hunting, Big Woods (Random House).

Sincerely, Willis Wayde (Little, Brown) extended the boundaries of John P. Marquand's ironic domain to encompass the hypocritical ruthlessness of a Uriah Heep. model 1955 with chrome trim. A manner reminiscent of Marquand showed up in Hamilton Basso's The View from Pompey's Head (Doubleday); Sloan Wilson's The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit (Simon & Schuster) invaded Marquand territory while providing New York's Madison Avenue with a new catchphrase. Gretchen Finletter's The Dinner Party (Harper) drew the distaff side of the pattern of America's astonishing combination of success and suburbia.

In 1955 it has been demonstrated that the French-however noisy, wavering and chaotic their politics may be-are developing new writers as cool, as concise, as penetrating as any in the world. Mlle. Francoise Saigan's presumably tender 18 years attracted attention to Bonjour, Tristesse (Dutton), but her wistful embracement of love's sorrow exhibited far more achievement than mere precocity. Jacques Perret's The Honor of Gaston le Torch (Norton) was deft whimsy, and The Best Butter by Jean Dutourd (Simon & Schuster), exposing the diseased philosophy that it is every Frenchman's patriotic duty to profit from the nation's adversities, accomplished the year's neatest literary surgery. A distinguished contribution to letters came from Marguerite Yourcenar's pen when, in Hadrian's Memoirs (Farrar, Strauss & Young), she demonstrated that there is at least one historical novelist extant who can stand comparison with Plutarch. For a final fillip in a year of French success came The Notebooks of Major Thompson, by Pierre Daninos (Knopf). This Frenchman's account of a Blimpish Briton's discovery of France ("France is divided into 43,000,000 Frenchmen") is as sagacious as it is funny.

C. S. Forester's The Good Shepherd (Little, Brown) and Commander Edward L. Beach's Run Silent, Run Deep (Holt) made 1955 a memorable year for lovers of sea stories. Joyce Cary's admirers had Not Honour More (Harper). The mordant satire of The Loved One reappeared in Evelyn Waugh's Officers and Gentlemen (Little, Brown). Patrick Dennis's fictional recollection of a most remarkable relative, Auntie Mame (Vanguard), has been convulsing thousands. Ivy Compton Burnett displayed in Mother & Son (Messner) the combination of brilliance and formalism that enthralls her purist admirers and exasperates others. Because of the success of The Naked and the Dead Norman Mailer's new novel, The Deer Park (Putnam), set drums beating; it turned out (as more than one misanthropic reader of The Naked had prophesied) to be an utterly pointless ex-

cursion through the bedrooms of Hollywood characters whose vices might enlighten a head shrinker but have no value to fiction. For those whose demand upon a novelist is that his book should be long and his characters multitudinous, the best seller list offered Clemence Dane's The Flower Girls (Norton), which follows interminably the doings of a British royal stage family, and Thomas B. Costain's The Tontine, two volumes (Doubleday), which carries a curious form of lottery and insurance through several families and generations to three continents and a violently unbelievable conclusion

s was to be expected, the convulsions in Africa left their mark on 1955's books. For the bloodthirsty, Robert Ruark tore a dripping chunk out of Kenya's Mau Mau country and smeared it over his best-seller novel, Something of Value (Doubleday). The incredibly energetic John Cunther traveled 40,000 miles and took notes on conversations with 1,503 persons for the 952 pages of Inside Africa (Harper), finding British rule the best in colonial Africa and the South African mess hopeless of solution. Boer novelist Stuart Cloete's lifelong study of African problems gave his African Giant (Houghton Mifflin) an insight that no visiting journalist could hope for, a pessimism that will dismay those who think that schooling and an immediate franchise will end the dilemma.

The student of history and biography, too, has reason to thank 1955. The first volume of ex-President Harry S. Truman's memoirs, Year of Decisions (Doubleday), not only provides unique material about monumental affairs but presents Mr. Truman as a man of great. if homely, charm, and of a forthrightness and patriotism (in the best sense) that cannot fail to impress the most vehement anti-New Dealer. One of the great personalities of modern times, George Gordon, Lord Byron, is revealed in a fascinating way in His Very Self and Voice (Macmillan), a collection from diaries, letters and writings of 150 men and women who actually knew the poet. Edmund Wilson's enthralling essay on the discovery of archaic manuscripts in caves near the Dead Sea has been expanded into a book, The Scrolls from the Dead Sea (Oxford University Press). Peter Quenell's Hogarth Progress (Viking) takes the reader on an eye-opening tour of 18th century London's slums while presenting a notable biography of an enduring but still underestimated painter. If Gaul's division, as a whole, into three parts did

not alienate you forever from the glories of Rome, you can learn from Alfred Duggan's Julius Caesar (Knopf) why the wily libertine in fact was the greatest Roman of them all. Students of Lincoln have the fourth and final volume of the late J. G. Randall's scholarly Lin-coln the President (Dodd, Mead & Co.), this, subtitled Last Full Measure, completed by Richard N. Current. Rebecca West, one of the great journalists of our time, takes a searching look at the Nuremberg trials in A Train of Powder (Viking) and comes forth with some long-needed observations about the sadly bungled business.

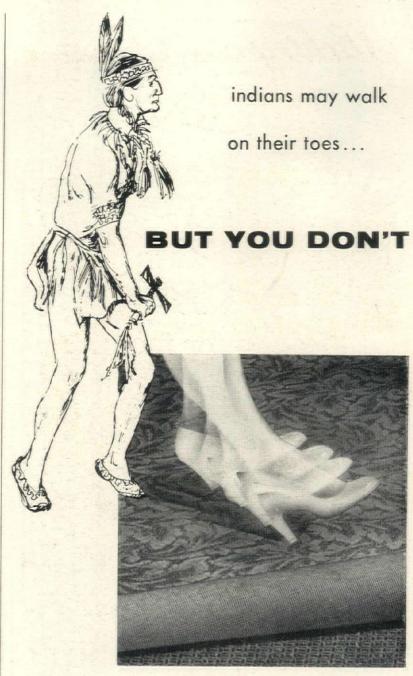
There have been important contributions in 1955 to understanding of today's society. In The Public Philosophy (Atlantic-Little, Brown), Walter Lippmann, always thoughtful, urges caution upon those who preach that the ails of democracy can readily be cured by greater doses of democracy. George Soule in Time for Living (Viking) scrutinizes the radical technological and economic changes our society is undergoing, discusses the economists' conclusions about them and offers some powerful reflections of his own on what the future will bring us in industry, leisure, education and culture.

In a lighter, but controversial vein Architecture, Ambition and Americans, by Wayne Andrews (Harper), looks at the architecture of our past and relates its taste to money, an expression of ambition's ability to over-balance common sense. The pious political creed that America's true strength comes from rural contact with the good earth is examined with interesting result in Cities in Revolt: Urban Life in America 1743-1776 by Carl Bridenbaugh (Knopf).

Pinally, the year brought at least two notable accomplishments in poetry: Rolfe Humphries' translation of Ovid's Metamorphoses (Indiana University) and Robert Graves' Collected Poems (Doubleday). The Humphries translation contains inspired homely touches that convey immediately to the modern reader why Ovid has managed to survive the classroom and live through the ages.

Any Christmas list can do no more than skim the surface and recall to one reader the books that have pleased (or strongly displeased) him. But the range and quality, viewed even in narrow perspective, demonstrate that 1955 was, on the whole, a much better than average year for book lovers and that this Christmas can be made a happy one for them.

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By IRVING KOLODIN

Whether your friends like opera or Astaire, ballet or blues, this review of records for Christmas will help you choose the gift that will give the most pleasure

Where the giving of recorded gifts is concerned, the precept governing successful giving in other areas applies here as well: give the recipient what he (or she) would not ordinarily buy for himself. Of course, if you know the inner recesses of his secret heart, and have divined—either by intuition, observation, or from a well-placed hint—what he would buy for himself, given the wherewithal, your problem is solved. All you need is the wherewithal.

But if you begin, as most have to, with the information that "Bob is a record lover" or "Jane is an opera fan," and have to take it from there, some guidance may be in order. The store counters are laden with attractive merchandise, beguiling packages enclosing untold promises in entertainment. But the package may be all or nothing in the eventual judgment of the essential element: the record.

Two recent items in a related field are pertinent: Ravel's Daphnis et Chloe and Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty. Both are the kind of scores to make a hi-fi fan's heart do a handspring if he saw them under a Christmas tree. But remember: it's the record he's going to play, not the package. So I would advise Ernest Ansermet's tingling presentation of the Ravel score on London 693, even though it lacks the pictures and art work that accompany -in varying degree-the newer versions by Antal Dorati (Mercury 50048) and Charles Munch (RCA Victor LM 1893). In like measure, Anatole Fistoulari's Sleeping Beauty (London, again LL 636-7) rather than Dorati (Mercury OL-3-103) or Robert Irving (RCA Victor LM 6034). By comparison with the other two, Fistoulari's comes virtually naked (it is vended merely in a box), but your friend will count his blessings-in your name-many times over as he listens to it again and again. Note, too, that these particular gifts have a special plus: the Daphnis versions mentioned are those of the full score, with chorus, rather than the separate orchestral suites that have been popular so long; the Sleeping Beauty recordings likewise extensive.

Of course, in the instance of packaging with a purpose, other considerations prevail. I may immodestly direct attention to a special de luxe package (which I had the honor of assembling for RCA Victor) now on the verge of its first Christmas. Titled Fifty Years of Great Operatic Singing, it comprises five LPs-one to a decadecovering the period from 1900 to 1950. It begins with Tamagno and Battistini, and ends with Warren and Peerce. Along the way it offers characteristic examples of the art of Plancon, Caruso, Chaliapin, Farrar, Ponselle, Garden, Flagstad, Melchior, Tibbett-indeed, virtually every first rate operatic artist who recorded in that lengthy stretch of time for Victor, later RCA Victor: Bjoerling, Steber, Leider, Raisa, Albanese-name them, we got 'em. A canvass of dealers reveals that it ranks as an ideal gift item because, in a simple, non-commercial way, the contents were restricted to items otherwise unavailable. The converse is, however, eminently commercial: namely, if Bob or Jane doesn't have this album, he doesn't have anything in it. Simple as that. The handsome red and gold container is strictly Tiffany, as befits the contents; and there is a wealth of operatic information in the printed matter. The price is a ponderable \$29.95; but it's a lifetime present, believe me.

While with opera, it may be well to mention that there are lots of highly desirable gifts for much less money. If you are making the presentation blind, that is to say, without knowing exactly what or what not the recipient has in his collection, it's a good rule to stay away from the standard repertory. Whether or not he has an up to date Aida or Bohème, don't make up his mind by an arbitrary choice: he likes Tebaldi, you like Milanov, let's call the whole thing off. But if you choose an out of the way work of which there is only one version, you are flattering his culture and protecting your exposed flanks at the

same time. Thus, for a specimen, the version of Puccini's La Rondinc on Entree EL 12. This is not the greatest Puccini, but every Puccini lover will relish having it, though it is not likely he would go out and buy it himself. At the Entree price, the two record set is less than a ten dollar bill, an investment that will make you a life-long benefactor, since the next version of Rondine isn't likely to come along before 1965.

If you don't want to risk repertory, a name is almost foolproof. Operatically, the two names of choice in 1955 are Maria Callas and Renata Tebaldi. Norma is a prestige opera, whoever sings in it; but when it is Callas (as it is on Angel 3517), you are virtually giving the lucky friend a membership in the Racquet Club. Tebaldi's inclinations are of an earthier sort, but the Ocello in which she sings with del Monaco (on London XLLA 24) is also clubman's stuff. Player's, however, rather than Racquet.

for the symphony enthusiast, the market is big, broad, and wide-open. I think at random, among issues of the year, of Toscanini's New World (Dvorak) on RCA LM 1778, Bruno Walter's Mahler No. 1 (Columbia SL 218), William Steinberg's Beethoven No. 5 (Capitol P 8292), and Von Karajan's Fantastique of Berlioz (Angel 35202) as pulse stoppers as well as eve-openers. Add to these Ormandy's version of Strauss's Ein Heldenleben on Columbia ML 48877 or the Fritz Reiner-Artur Rubinstein Brahms D Minor Concerto on RCA Victor LM 1831, and you have a range of possibility to accommodate the most crotchety.

Another gambit, if newness is a danger, is nostalgia. The man who would reckon the Ormandy Heldenleben, for example, as an arbitrary imposition on his capacity for making a free choice among contemporary Heldenlebens might be touched by the tender of the famous old Don Quixote of Strauss as played by Emanuel Feuermann (as 'cello soloist) with the Philadelphia Orchestra. It is now available (Camden 202) at a mere \$1.98. Indeed, one could make up a glamorous bouquet of like matter from such catalogues, embracing Stokowski's Sacre du Printemps (Camden 110), Goossen's Tchaikovsky No. 2 (Camden 185) and Karajan's Beethoven No. 9 (Entree EL 51) for less than the price of a newly recorded opera. Be sure you know your man, however: the implied flattery may seem penury if he reckons price above thoughtfulness.

If money buys much or little, depending how it is spent, in the classical area, it commands even more in the popular fields. Here is where ingenuity and a knowledge of a particular person's predilec-tions may combine to produce a highly prized gift for not very much. The cheapest, but also the most arduous method, is to comb the displays of used record-dealer's stocks and come up with a rare Vocalion or OKEH 78 offering Teagarden-Armstrong-Beiderbecke and Goodman in some combination even they have forgotten about. That will make a Christmas, but also, possibly, consume the Armistice Day-Thanksgiving period.

undry manufacturers have foreseen this problem by assembling comparable material from their files (The Bessie Smith Story, Columbia ML 4807-10, Muggsy Spanier's Ragtimers, Commodore 20009, 20012, Artie Shaw Favorites, RCA Victor LPT 2000) or by creating new matter in the old vein. Of especial interest, during the last solstice or two, have been Columbia's omnibus issues of Louis Armstrong: No. CL 591, on which he delivers a dozen or so tunes by the illustrious W. C. Handy (St. Louis, Memphis and Yellow Dog Blues, among others), and CL 708, in which he honors the memory of "Fats" Waller with inspired renditions of Honeysuckle Rose, Blue Turning Grey, Ain't Misbehavin', et al.

Other files have been diligently combed by Decca for a sumptuous Crosby reissue of Old Masters (DX 152) which would cost a small fortune-even by Crosby, Del Mar standards-were they to be assembled on the open (which is to say, the closed) market. Boxed and smooth faced, they will give back a mirror of a happy Dad's face under whichever tree they may be found. In the up-to-date realm, Decca is also offering a Merman cavalcade, in which the effusive Ethel reviews her show business history with a will (also a hey-nonny-no) in Decca

For those who are quietly celebrating this Christmas as a tenth anniversary of their release from sun tans and field jacket, RCA Victor has provided an ideal relaxer in a resplendent survey of the music performed by Major Glenn Miller's Army Air Force Band here and abroad during the hectic days of the war. Ray McKinley, Mel Powell, Zeke Zarchey, Johnny Desmond, Bernie Priven and Peanuts Hucko were among the formidable jazzmen who joined a select contingent of (Continued on next page)



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Miller personnel (plus a string section screened from the top symphony orchestras of the land) in an ensemble never before heard on land or sea. Their performances (RCA LPT 6702) of matter ranging from Over There to Peggy the Pin Up Girl, Juke Box Saturday Night to Londonderry Air is the perfection of the Miller manner, unfortunately terminated by the maestro's death on another Christmas eve, A.D. 1944. This is another singular item in the sense that who doesn't have it whole, has none of it.

Those who are restricted by the aforementioned wherewithal to a simple, economic but nevertheless affectionate gesture are commended to such items, old and new, as The Best of Fred Astaire (on Epic LN 3137) in which the Old Master is heard in the inimitable original versions of Foggy Day in London, Cheek to Cheek, Let's Call the Whole Thing Off, etc., with accompaniments directed by such people as Johnny Green, Ray Noble, and Leo Reisman; Noel Coward in Las Vegas in which the slightly younger Old Master romps through virtually his whole repertory from Mad Dogs to Nina (Columbia ML 5038) or The Story of Charley Christians (Columbia CL 652) in which that fabulous guitarist out of Oklahoma City who briefly adorned the Benny Goodman band of the early '40s en route to consumption and a leading part in the "bop" movement delivers some fervent moments musicany

Such is the richness of the current recorded repertory that each of the foregoing is but one, literally, in a range of ten possibilities in each category mentioned. If you prefer Scherchen to Steinberg, Tony Martin to Ethel Merman, Joni James to Harry James or Dick Haymes, please substitute numbers

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between such quantities as mass and compliance (i.e. reciprocal stiffness) on the one hand and inductance and capacity on the other. For example, the kinetic energy of a particle of mass M, moving with velocity L, is 1/2 MV2, while the electrical energy in an inductance L, carrying a current L, is 1/2 LI2."

Despite this weird verbiage the research bore fruit; for the year 1930 saw the introduction of electrical recording. Phonograph turntables could now be run by motors instead of clockwork, and clarity and accuracy of reception were vastly improved. The era of orchestral recording was upon us, to begin the musical education of the American public.

This educational process was tremendously advanced, not only by the phonograph, but by radio as well. Beginning in 1928, when CBS inaugurated its broadcasting of the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Sunday afternoon concerts, the broadcasters devoted an appreciable amount of time to programs of serious music. This took courage. for they had to combat the age-old superstition that the average American finds highbrow music a bore. To overcome this prejudice the broadcast concert was able to offer two inducements to the prospective listener. First of all, it cost him nothing to listen. Furthermore, should he inadvertently tune in to a symphonic program, and find it boresome, he could abolish it by the turning of a knob. For some time he undoubtedly did turn it; but as time wore on, tolerance succeeded boredom, and enjoyment succeeded tolerance.

Then the phonograph stepped in to complete his education. The recording companies had begun to issue albums containing recorded performances of entire orchestral works. If the listener found a given symphony or suite or concerto to his liking, he could buy it in album form and so play it over whenever he chose. However, the albums had their drawbacks-bulk and weight for one thing. For another, since the average album record, running at a speed of 78 RPM, could contain less than five minutes of music, a work of any greater length was subject to constant interruption while the platters were being turned over or changed. Even if the records were played on a machine equipped with an automatic changer (which occasionally went berserk and chewed up your favorite record), the interruptions were there just the same. Furthermore, the fidelity of the recording was still far from being perfect.

These challenges have been met. The long-playing record of today, running at less than half the speed of the old "78", can hold up to thirty minutes of music before

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sound should precede the notesthat the hand-written note should precede the printed. The instruction should, ideally, proceed more from the teacher's heart and mind than from any book or artificial aid.

Although there are general guides along the path and general principles to be observed, the truest factor of any good teaching must remain its utter readiness to solve new, specific and particular problems as they develop in relation to a particular pupil or difficulty.

The most wonderful training is the one which prepares the teacher for the unpredictable-so that with live mind and feeling heart he may guide his charge through the special personal maze which is peculiar to each one of us.

I feel that it is these very personal entanglements, mental and physical, which are specific to each one of us and represent our individual way of absorbing and transforming our environment that must determine our choice of instruments for the purpose of self-expression.

Whether we choose a drum because we are aggressive, primitive, or because we want to make ourselves known in the most categorical way possible (perhaps because

we are otherwise too meek!), or whether we choose an instrument because it belongs to the group and we have the gregarious urge, or we choose the lonely solo of the violin (a voice in the wilderness), a pulsating, vibrating sound bespeaking deep and hidden urges, or we choose the unruffled purity of the flute, we should obey an inner voice which guides us to a choice suitable to us both temperamentally and physically.

Of course, our changing environment is imposing its own criteria. Instruments requiring years of solitary confinement to master (as the violin), instruments made of wood (as the violin), instruments with no moving parts (as the violin) are somewhat in disfavor.

Perhaps too there are less young people born into those pressures-emotional, sociological and economic-which together make of the violin the chosen instrument of self-expression.

After all, the violinist's is an introspective world; it is as remote from the pistol-packing cowboy's and the martial as it is from the purely academic and scholarly Latin or history student's.

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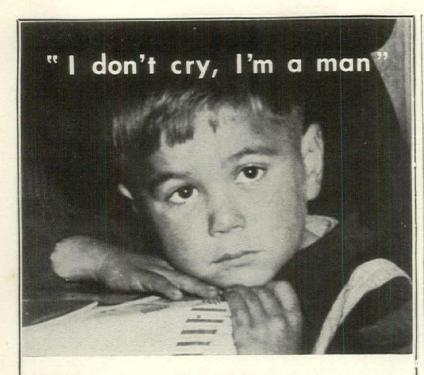
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It is the medical student and the abstract mathematician who show the greatest affinity for music. There are doctors' orchestras from Vienna to Chicago and Einstein was a violinist.

Then, again, the violin has to be begun as a child and today the choice of a career is being steadily postponed to later years, as our elementary schooling of children is prolonged into adolescence and a vocation is, therefore, delayed.

Then, again, chamber music, which is the glory of string music, is no longer at home in the cramped apartment, the kitchenette or the shower where so much family life takes place, nor is there any place in the modern household where daddy's or mummy's music-making can be held sacrosanct. (This is not the case in my own house!)

Today the traditional music of the home is no longer a parental legacy. The process must be begun from scratch with the children. We hope they will grow into a society sufficiently stable and privileged with leisure, in which, as in the Austria, Hungary and Germany of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, the home, the family and the joys of chamber music will once again flourish.

To that end, I for one would want to encourage the study of string instruments particularly, as well as flute and oboe among our young people; to offer them in the violin qualities and values which will be more intimate and permanently rewarding than the noisy, blistering and blatant forms of our herd music.

Where this latter music originates and before it reaches its sophisticated push-button and knobturning stage, i.e. in genuine tin pan alleys, it is a remarkable and vital phenomenon. Well do I remember an evening sitting in an elegant out-of-door restaurant in Palm Beach and being entertained, delighted and inspired by four Negro kids from the wrong side of the railroad tracks creating there and then, on the sidewalk, the most stimulating and original music on their homemade instruments-pots, pans, ash-cans, washboards and clothes-wringers!

I assure the patient reader that I at that moment felt convinced that they were from the right side of the tracks. They had no need of teachers, any more than the gypsy violinist of Rumania and Hungary.

I began meditating on the economic and social pressures as they produced different musical results under different conditions:—

Upon a primitively gifted and uninhibited race, intellectually

simple, emotionally unrepressed, and in a sunny climate we have the original Tin Pan Alley.

Upon the Jewish minority in the colder climate of Russia, by tradition intellectual and studious, repressed and inhibited, and amongst a passionate, persevering and unmechanized population we have the Jewish violinist—and, with a different temperament and in better economic circumstances, the Jewish pianist.

For these teachers are essen-

Indeed in the United States we can take pride in our great range of musical life: from jazz to the traditional Curtis and Juilliard Schools, from torch singer to lieder and operatic vocalist, and from blues to Beethoven.

The only drawback to art in our world is the speed with which the various strata of our population move up in the accepted social ladder. It is a speed, born of numerical and mechanical multiplication, and out of proportion with the physiological rate of absorption or the cultural permeability of any given stratum. It would require a time measure slow enough to allow a response pattern to develop within the tissues, nerves, muscles and viscera of that given stratum as it requires generations of constant and similar pressures before original art forms or styles in music can be created.

But then, who will complain against this happy trend!

We in the United States live artistically in an age of organizing, classifying, accumulating data, tabulating, combining and choosing, rejecting and polishing, and reducing analytically already existing art forms. This in itself is an historical process and a useful one. The treasures of the world are at our door, and we can hardly choose between the current fashions. Undoubtedly, a few more Geneva conferences, and we will blossom out in Russian blouses, coolie caps, and dhotis!

To return to music and in particular the violin, the choice of teacher is all-important. I still think my mother's original reasoning holds good—that is, a good first chair or second chair orchestral player of experience, and, if possible, a chamber music player, is a safe bet.

Of course, not all performers are by any means good teachers, yet a child's imitative capacity is so great that a teacher who is currently engaged in a chamber music ensemble, or who holds down a responsible orchestral post under a

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good conductor, and who is otherwise of a sympathetic and willing disposition, cannot help but impart something valuable. *(see below)

An hour a day, well-spent, the work directed by one who knows what to work at and how, and how not to waste time and effort, should be sufficient at the beginning. With all the school work that the normal child must do in addition (a good thing), this hour is worth more than eight badly spent in blind drudgery.

*Acquaintance with great music in other fields—vocal, symphonic, operatic, etc. is also essential.

I am not referring to the child with such overwhelming talent as to demand an exclusive dedication to his or her chosen path. With such a child, pledged body and soul to a personal destiny, as with a Newton, Edison, Beethoven, Enesco, Nijinsky, or Van Gogh, the idea of a nicely balanced, broad spectrum culture falls apart and everything possible to serve the one goal of a greater poem, painting or performance becomes the rule even should the penalty exacted be the destruction, the consuming of that sacrificial life on the altar of its particular deity. This is the "feu sacré."

For this life, neither hours nor

pains either suffered or inflicted. count-and who are we the beneficiaries of succeeding generations to question the validity of the ordeals of Schumann the man, Beethoven or Van Gogh?

I do not mean that a happy, balanced nature and life are incompatible with the creative or executive capacity. On the contrary, they most definitely are, both theoretically and often in practice. Among the sages of India the creative life is in fact reconciled with utter bliss -though the major effort is directed to the conquering of matter, body and pain, and little would be left for the construction of emotionally powerful symphonies.

Above all, and but for these exceptional cases, music should not be studied as a vocation, as a professional career, but simply because, in an enlightened civilization, elegant, sophisticated and leisured—just as it is practised in a more unself-conscious way in the simpler rustic civilizations in the form of folk-music-it provides the most deeply inspiring and moving sensations, the most complete satisfactions, and the most perfect and fulfilling sublimations of every conceivable urge and instinct-good, bad and indifferent.





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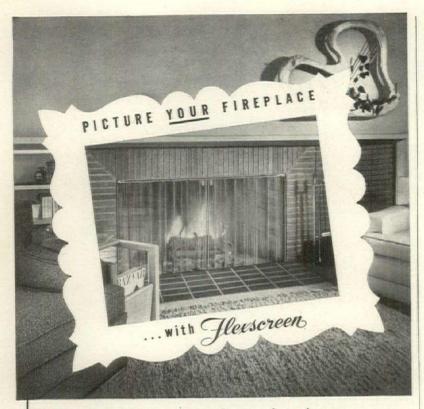
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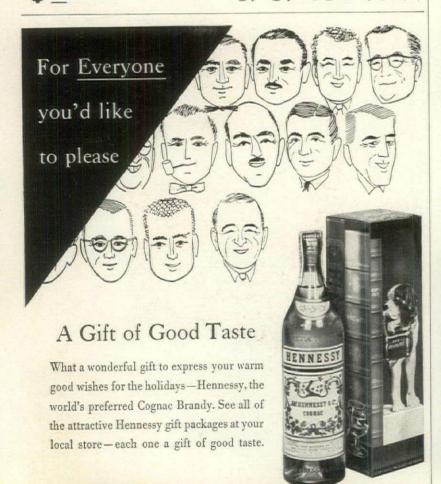


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A dozen ideas for adding sparkle to mantels, halls, windows, doors and children's rooms that can be made up with little trouble or expense



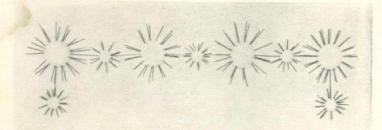
A SPRAY OF TINY ORNAMENTS on a straw star is decorative over a mantelpiece or a door. Cut out cardboard as the backing for the star, cover it with gold foil and stick it on a Styrofoam disc as the base. Attach ornaments or gum drops to the star with flexible copper wires so that they will stir and shimmer in the air.

candy tree in cellophane wrap tastes as good as it looks. Make a paper cone and frost it with stiff boiled icing. Penny candy, pressed into the icing before it sets, makes gay ornaments. Cover with cellophane and prop on a dowel stuck into Styrofoam balls (one at each end). Stand in flower pot encircled with pleated paper.



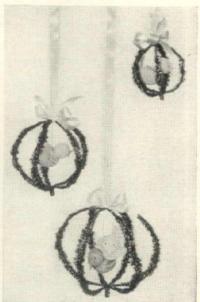
WREATH OF SILVER STARS flanked by sequinned candles in Mexican tin holders transforms a fireplace wall. To make the wreath, you need a wire form from the florist. Fill it in with ornaments or evergreens. Here, Mexican tin and silver paper stars are attached with snippets of wire.

WITH A DIFFERENCE



CHRISTMAS CORNICE for windows is made of Styrofoam snowballs and colored cellophane straws. Punch the straws into the snowballs and link with small dowels the same color as the straws. These materials can also be fashioned into a sunburst over the mantel, or a mobile.

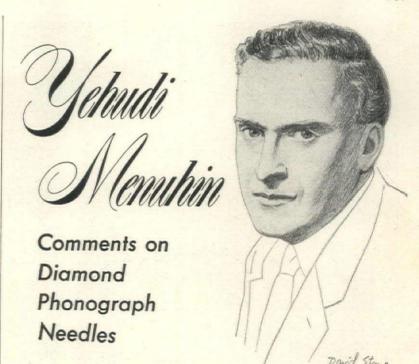
on ribbons in Christmas colors look gay in a small window in a bedroom or kitchen. The cages can be bought or made of twisted wire and tinsel. Many different varieties of birds are available, from glittery papier-mâché birds to Swedish painted wood birds or German tree ornaments.





TWIN TREES to flank a door or archway are wound, barber-pole fashion, with colorful leis and beaded garlands. The wood fiber leis fluff up when dipped in water and dried. Make cone bases and prop them (like candy tree) on dowels in a plant tub.

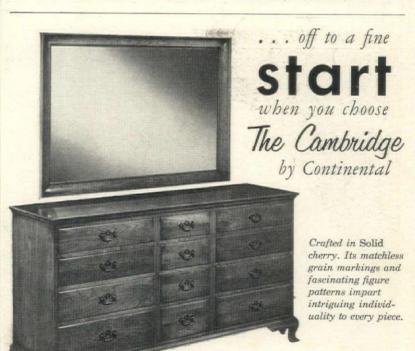
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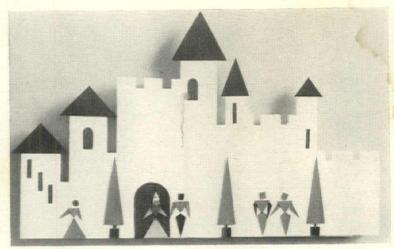


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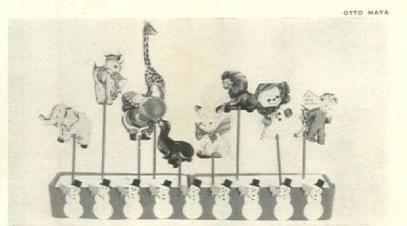


CASTLE made of Styrofoam serves as a bulletin board for children. It can be made in three sections and fastened together with toothpicks. Let the children bring it to life by decorating it with pinup figures cut out of construction paper or pictures from magazines.





ANGEL AND SOLDIER, for a girl and a boy respectively, stand 14" high. Make the bodies out of colored construction paper, and use small Christmas tree balls for the heads. For patterns and instructions, write to H&G Reader Service.



WINDOW BOX to display children's Christmas cards can be made out of a pair of shoe boxes or plastic refrigerator boxes, placed end to end and covered with colored paper. Fill with Styrofoam and insert Tinker-Toy sticks with slotted ends to hold all the cards.

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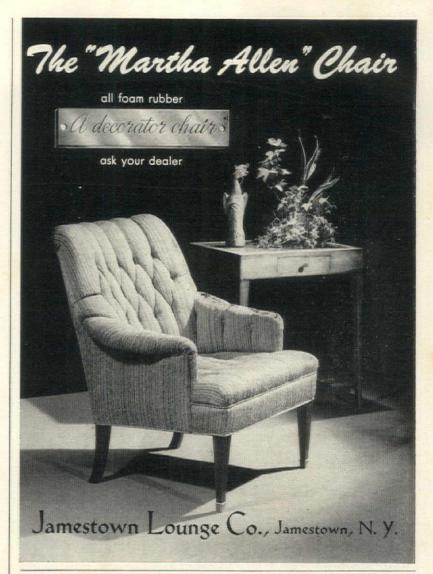
KISSING BALL suspended from the ceiling will be a provocative ornament. Choose a place where there is a ceiling outlet so that you can lace the ball with tiny electric lights. Make a framework out of florist's hoops in graduated sizes and hang a bunch of mistletoe in the center. Attach lights and conceal wiring with crepe paper and tinsel.

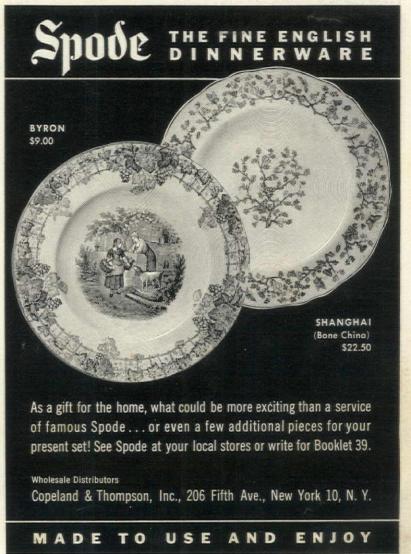
TOPIARY TREE made of boxwood to decorate an entrance hall or dining room door. Cut 2" Styrofoam into graduated strips to form the shape of a tree. Cover each strip with sprigs of box, using ordinary hairpins, and attach to door with small nail at each end. Leave space between rows for small Christmas balls to be inserted with hairpins or wire. Use dowel for the tree trunk and Styrofoam covered with colored paper for the base.

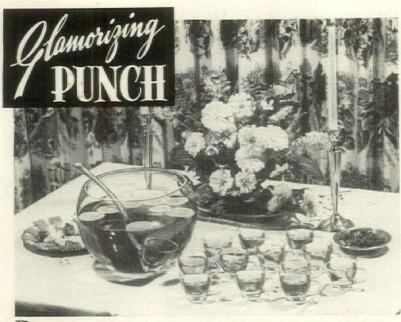




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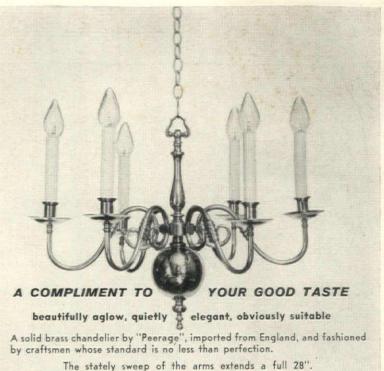


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HOLIDAY DINNER

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Brass bucket, Bergdorf Goodman, N. Y. Chairs at Stewart Dry Goods Co., Baltimore, Md.

Slate top table by Avard Furniture. (Through decorators.)

CHAMPAGNE BUFFET

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"Gold Daisy" plates, cups and saucers at Saks Fifth Avenue, New York 22. Crystal ice bucket, candle holders, champagne glasses at Baccarat & Porthault, 55 E. 57th St., New York City. "Regal Stripe" linen tablecloth and napkins, The Irish Linen Guild. "Midas Goldenray" flatware by G. H. French & Co. Casserole at B. Altman, New York 16.

PARTIES

Page 116, upper left: Chest-server at W & J Sloane, New York 17, N. Y. "Oxford" glasses at Georg Jensen, New York 22, N. Y. Upper right: Steam snack server at Lewis & Conger, 6th Ave. at 45th St., New York City. Candelabra at Fred Leighton, Inc., 15 E. 8th St., New York City. Sterling spoon, fork by Tuttle Silver. Ceramic porcupine at Soupcon, 203 E. 61st St., New York City.

Lower left: Serving cart by Raymor Mfg. Division. Laurel leaf cups, saucers at Soupcon. Linen napkins at Saks Fifth, N. Y. Lacquer trays at Macy's, New York. Lower right:

Candles by Will & Baumer.

Coffee maker at Abercrombie & Fitch, Madison & 45th St., New York City. After-dinner cups, saucers at Soupcon. Silver pieces at Robert Ensko, Inc., 682 Lexington Ave., New York City. Page 118:

Flatware by Westmorland Sterling. Epergne to trim at Wire Frame Shop, 518 W. 51st Street, New York City. All glass at Georg Jensen, Inc., New York 22, N. Y. Round linen cloth and napkins in H&G

colors at Bloomingdale's, N. Y. C. Casserole at Saks Fifth, N. Y. Black lacquer tray at Macy's, N. Y. Candles by Will & Baumer.

Page 119, top left: "Blue Danube" china place setting at Meier & Frank, Portland, Oregon. "French Provincial" sterling flatware by Towle Mfg. Co.

"Ariel" goblets and champagne glasses by Royal Worcester Porcelain Co. Round linen tablecloth, napkins at Saks Fifth Ave., New York 22, N. Y. Salt and pepper shakers at B. Altman, New York 16, N. Y.

Cache-pots, opaline cigarette set at Barker Bros., Los Angeles.

Dining chairs at R. Olivieri, 127 E. 57th St., New York City.

Wooden birds at Bonniers, 605 Madison Ave., New York City.

Punch bowl set by Imperial Glass Corp. Plates at W & J Sloane, Beverly Hills. Belgian linen tablecloth, cocktail napkins at Saks Fifth, New York 22, N. Y. Brass bowl and tray available through your decorator at The Fan Company. Table decorations by Helen Cole, Inc., 963 Lexington Ave., New York City. Lower left:

Cups and saucers, pitcher and glasses, pepper mill, salt shaker, bamboo tray at Bonniers.

Flatware, Heirloom sterling "Reigning Beauty" by Oneida.

Linen tablecloth at Lord & Taylor, N. Y. Casserole, coffee pot, pitcher, all "Kobenspyle" enameled steel, at Georg Jensen, New York 22, N. Y.

Lacquered eggs at Stark-Valla, 1 West 8th St., New York City.

Lower right: Flatware, "Fiddle Shell" sterling by Frank Smith Silversmiths. Salad plates by Harker Pottery. Arabia mugs at Bonniers. Mexican chairs at Fred Leighton, Inc., 15 E. 8th St., New York City.

MUSIC

Table decorations by Helen Cole.

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TV table model, 17" screen, in H&G Citron, by Emerson Radio. Portable TV set, 14" screen, in H&G

Antique White and Terra Cotta, at Liberty Music Shops, 450 Madison Ave., New York City.

Portable tape recorder, by Columbia Records.

Portable radio in H&G Mocha, by CBS-Columbia.

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Phonograph in H&G Gunmetal at Liberty Music Shops.

Portable electronic piano painted H&G Sky Blue, by Adolph Wurlitzer Co. Transistor radio at Liberty Music.

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Liberty Music Shops. Brass bed at Jarvis House, 52 East 57th

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Portable electronic piano by Rudolph Wurlitzer Co.

Trombone, accordion, saxophone, flute. clarinet, guitar, violin at Schirmer. Page 125, upper left:

Custom installation by Ingalls.

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Custom installed by Gateway to Music. Upper right:

Cabinet designed by Paul McCobb for Directional.

Center right:

Radio-phonograph, AM and FM by Bell & Howell. Cabinet designed by Paul McCobb for Directional. Lower right:

Cabinet (for custom installation only) by Harvey Probber.

Installation shown by Custom Television.

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Radio-phonograph by Capehart-Farnsworth. Cabinet designed by Edward Wormley for Dunbar Furniture Co. Chairside radio-phonograph by Knoll. Installation by Custom Television. Lower lett:

Tape recorder by Webster-Chicago. Lower center:

Granco "Music Hall" table model FM radio at Liberty Music Shops. Lower right:

Table model phonograph with threespeaker sound system by V M Corp.

Page 129, upper left: Capehart television-radio-phonograph. Cabinet designed by Edward Wormley for Dunbar Furniture Co.

Upper right: Cabinets for custom installation by

Jens Risom Design, Inc.

Table model television set, wrought iron cart by Westinghouse Corp. Lower center (above): Radio and vanity case by Philco.

Lower center (below):

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CHRISTMAS WITH SILVER LINING

Pitchers by Gorham, at Black, Starr & Gorham, New York 19, N. Y.

Grated cheese shaker by Whiting, tongs. Both at Bailey, Banks & Biddle, Philadelphia.

Coffee pot, Colonial design by Tuttle, at B. Altman, New York 16, N. Y.

Chafing dish by Poole, at Marshall Field & Co., Chicago.

Serving fork, spoon and cake trowel by Poole, at Rich's, Atlanta.

Coffee pot, lighthouse shape, at Marshall Field & Co.

Buffet fork at Cartier, New York 22. Pepper mill at Georg Jensen, New York 22, N. Y.

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Humidor by Kirk, at B. Altman & Co., New York 16, N. Y.

Scotch tape dispenser, bookmark, at Black, Starr & Gorham, New York 19. Extension pencil at Cartier.

Cigarette box by Heirloom 700, at J. L. Hudson Co., Detroit.

Inkwell at B. Altman & Co., New York 16, New York.

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Center:

Powder shaker at B. Altman & Co. Plate, bowl, cup at Cartier, New York 22, New York.

Brush and tray by Associated Silversmiths, at Georg Jensen, New York 22. Napkin ring, spoon and fork by Towle, at Macy's, New York. Bottom:

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the most difficult time of day to paint. But in this very austerity and bleakness are contained elements of great appeal if not beauty. Now a windmill or a lonely shack looms in stark impressiveness. In the distance gray tones of azure, pearl and silver tremble over the slopes of the sierra. Seen from afar, the desert quivers like a sea and breaks into foam under the blaze of sun. Shifting cloud shadows like ink spots pattern its surface. One is aware poignantly of the face of our planet and of the deepening mystery of our presence on it.

Man's occupancy of this region even now at times seems precarious. Yet human beings, The Basket makers, Sandía Man, Folsom Man, roved over this land many thousand years ago; so far as is known, man's habitancy has been an unbroken one ever since their time. But then, even as now, water was the determining factor.

To inhabitants of an arid land water inevitably has a wondrous and precious quality unknown elsewhere. For a painter there is added to this the visual marvel of water in all of its varied forms. The rainy season comes to us in July and August and then may be seen almost every day the exciting union of sky and earth. The first rain that depends like vaporous gauze from a cumulus cloud may be followed within an hour by the roaring crest of a chocolate colored torrent. And in contrast to the terror of flood water the intimate murmur of an irrigation acequia is a comforting sound that to me belongs with the beginning of my memory. How can water, a substance so commonplace elsewhere, seem so different here? Perhaps again it is the light of this region that, when reflected from it or mingled with it, completely transmutes it. It may become pure quicksilver lying in pools on the desert floor after a rain or somber gold that fills a tank at dusk; another time it is a sheet of dull lead beneath an approaching norther. Or it may be mere illusion as when in full daylight one sees a mirage floating above the baked plains: a lake of flickering tinsel across which the warm air vibrates and in whose mirror surfaces non-existent castles. trees, Arab caravans are reflected.

Not far from our house is a knoll overlooking a tank for watering stock. To go there on a clear night and gaze down on the stars flaming in the dark water below is to evoke a strange illusion. For after a few moments the earth flattens and becomes a thin disc; the tank is a window opening on the vastness of other galaxies below and beyond. We are involved for a time in a vivid dream of cosmos—a dark speck swinging with the glittering constellations.

I f the effects of light and vapor and water seem infinite in their variety of mood, so too does the terrain. At the eastern edge of our imaginary circle is the Pecos Valley. Here on irrigated farm lands are landscapes that recall those mythical groves of Poussin's paintings; and meadows that might have been painted by Constable or Inness. Beyond on all sides are the grazing plains. Westward in the foothills of the Sierra Blanca where we live, the landscape changes abruptly. Now the creosote bush whose witch hazel fragrance fills the desert air after a rain, yields to piñon treesto the junipers and Apache plume. Still higher as the rainfall quota increases the plant life changes with every thousand feet of climb until beyond the forest in the treeless Alpine region above eleven thousand feet an entirely different flora and soil exist.

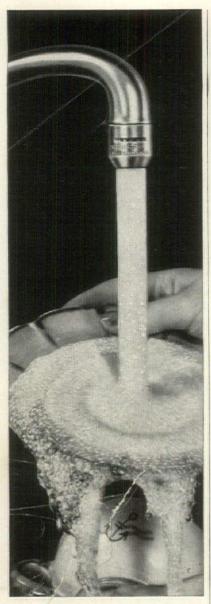
What a fascinating proving ground this land has been for plants! Here nature has evolved hundreds of new genera, adapting them through the ages to conditions which would seem impossible. On our ranch at San Patricio, which has an average rainfall of sixteen inches, we have found tiny ferns growing on a rocky hillside and in shady canyons there are places where moss grows. In the driest areas plants have learned to live on three inches of annual rainfall.

Further westward the terrain changes repeatedly. Extinct volcanoes alternate with the beds of forgotten oceans. In this austere and light drenched landscape the history of our planet is manifest; and in eroded mesas and canyons and cliffs of banded sandstone its very bones appear. At times we seem to be wanderers on the moon until suddenly the reassuring greenery of a valley appears. Or our road winds through round foothills textured with tawny grasses that make them look like old brocade. We move in and out of watered valleys with groves of cottonwood and live oak which seem to belong to some legendary land. There can be no such thing as monotony; all is variety, change, contrast.

The ethnological drama here has gone on for years and continues; the Pueblo tribes whose (Continued on next page)







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transcendent origin is believed to have occurred in a dark underworld; the warrior tribes of Navajos and Apaches now turned pastoral. Of the Indians themselves I know very little. They have almost never been my subjects perhaps, in part at least, because I have seen such quantities of dull paintings of Indians by white people-a surfeit of picturesque banality by individuals forever incapable of even beginning to understand them. I do know that there are at times beauty and a compelling emotion expressed in their dances. Their religion has become a further fusion of the Christian and Pagan and I have seen masked Buffalo and Deer dancers in the aisle of a Catholic Church dancing to the lilting music of a fiddle and gourd rattles.

Our neighbors, the Mescalero Apaches, like other tribes, are in a state of transition. They charge admission to their annual fiesta held near here early in July. Concessionaires operate stands where soft drinks, enchiladas and hamburgers are sold. A scratchy public address system plays recordings of Apache chants in the daytime while the dancers rest. A tribal elder, wizened with sun and age and with a face curiously Mongolian, addresses the crowd. He speaks into the microphone but the speech is in Apache.

Fifty years after Columbus sailed, Spanish soldiers and missionary priests began to explore this region. The descendants of the soldiers and of subsequent colonists from Spain still people the neat, bare, adobe villages in the northern part of our region. Records show that these Seventeenth Century Colonists sought neither riches nor religious or civil freedom. Apparently they were mostly soldiers and farmers whose chief incentive was no more than the granted right to use the title of hidalgo. It is interesting to note that here they found themselves in a land strikingly like Spain; probably physically more like southern Castille than anywhere else on our continent. Today one still sees those long Spanish faces with haunted eyes which by adding a pointed beard and a ruff could belong in a canvas by El Greco. Their Spanish retains an antique flavor; they speak with a slur reminiscent of Estre-

These people, called Spanish Americans, whose blood lines must include Gothic Spaniard, Moor and American Indian, have a strong appeal for me. Their legends, their songs, their faces are entangled in my earliest memories. They possess an ingenuous cruelty of which they are barely aware and a fatalistic and cynical preoccupation with

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death. The wail of mourners at their funerals seems more histrionic than spontaneous. Though they are dedicated to dancing, their dances seldom have true gaiety. Their best loved songs are long narrative corridos which treat of human frailty. disillusion and the ultimate tragedy of existence. With these people the surface is always deceptive. They are touched by American customs and ideas but only superficially; beneath this a deep and complex atavism prevails.

The Anglo-Americans of the region appear in my work as much as the Spanish Americans, but it is more difficult to write of the former because they fall into such diverse categories. The ones I like best to paint are those whose lives are spent under the sky: men whose clothing, skin and eyes are all conditioned by sun and wind. The ranchers in particular seem to me to develop occupational masks. As they age their faces are abraded by the elements as is the earth. If their world is a limited one it is one in which they move with knowledge and confidence. The horse still remains firmly a part of their lives. With trucks and jeeps mechanization is carried as far as possible, but horses continue in use with a status both symbolic and utilitarian. For the rancher is a confirmed romanticist who half believes the legend that clings to him. It is amusing to see leathery faced ranch hands in town on Saturday lined up at the ticket window preferring the improbable film fantasies of a nonexistent West to any other Hollywood fare. As a group they cling to two traits born of frontier times: a strain of individualism in thinking and a high degree of self reliance. The loneliness of their lives has fostered their religion and of this loneliness is also born their wide and reckless hospitality.

Within the southern portion of our circle lies a part of Chihuahua and its largest city, Ciudad Juárez with 80,000 inhabitants. This border town, which is neither all Mexican nor all American but a fusion of both, holds a deep fascination for me. Prowling its streets and public places by night I have filled dozens of sketch books. This is a world in which almost everything is in contradistinction to what I have been describing.

Although the city never really sleeps, its pulse quickens at dusk. Then the long tangle of neon lights that line both sides of Avenida Juárez dominates the afterglow. Pedestrian traffic increases and becomes a steady flow across the International Bridge into Mexico. Avenida Juárez is a half-mile long strip of lurid cabarets, curio shops,

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cafes and bars. How often in roaming this street and the narrow twisting side streets of Juárez have I wished for the cloak of darkness of fairy tales! Next best is a practiced inconspicuousness, an ability to find shadowy alcoves from which to observe and draw without being noticed. Here are ravaged faces and faces of incredible beauty. Here are the faces of ecstasy and of sorrow; of cruelty and compassion; faces dreaming with the confused vision that music and drink excite in them. Here are the wan visages of wornout creatures of love; faces lit by the harsh reflections of glass and polished table tops or inflamed with the light of neon signs. Here are people for whom tomorrow will mean a return to a life that is a desert of ashes.

have described my country essentially from the point of view of a painter stressing its visual uniqueness and its sensuous appeal. It has of necessity been a one-sided account dealing with what has motivated my work through the vears. If I have at times seemed agape with wonder at what I describe, it is because this very feeling of wonderment has been a principal force, urging me to paint. I have never lacked for subject matter, but rather have at times been confused by its plenitude and richness. Yet I believe subject matter in itself is of no vital consequence. For the stuff of great art has always been born of an inner vision and contemplation. In what form it emerges depends on the environment and individuality of the artist.

In an age of anarchy in painting I have been neither antagonist nor protagonist of any school. One reason is that I am far too busy (as well as indifferent) to bother with the learned discussions and arguments that fill the art journals. I gave up trying to read these when the feeling kept recurring that I had heard the same puerile non-sense long ago. Only the artistic cant had changed a little since my art student days thirty years ago. There is now a flourishing new school of double talk.

I believe that there are as many ways to make a painting as there are gifted painters; that it is just as rare and difficult to produce a first-rate work in the non-objective as in the representational styleperhaps more so since I have never tried the former one. Reality for a painter, as for a poet, is always a matter of an inner vision of his own universe. A painting should be an intimate poem; one that invites repeated contemplation-above all it should be a prolonged and haunting echo of human existence.





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Main Dishes

STEAK IN VERZANY **FASHION**

Serves 6

1/4 pound beef marrow, diced 4 tablespoons butter

1/2 cup chopped shallots or onion

1/2 teaspoon thyme

1/4 teaspoon minced garlic

1 cup champagne

11/2 teaspoons salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

2 teaspoons chopped parsley

Steak (Delmonico, porterhouse or sirloin) for 6

Poach the beef marrow in salted water for 10 minutes; drain. Melt the butter in a saucepan. Add the shallots; cook over low heat for 5 minutes. Add the thyme, garlic, champagne, salt and pepper. Cook over medium heat until reduced to half. Add the parsley and marrow.

Broil the steak to desired degree of rareness; slice and pour sauce over it. Makes enough sauce for 6.

BRAISED HAM IN CHAMPAGNE

8-10 pound ham

6 cloves

3 onions

3 cloves garlic

2 stalks celery

I teaspoon thyme

2 bay leaves

3 sprigs parsley

1 bottle champagne

1 cup sugar

3 tablespoons flour

Soak the ham in water to cover for 24 hours, changing the water at least 3 times. Drain and scrape. Place in a deep saucepan with fresh water to cover; bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low. Place 2 cloves in each onion and add to the ham with the garlic, celery, thyme, bay leaves and parsley. Cook 3 hours. Drain ham, reserving 2 cups of the stock. Remove skin and as much fat as possible from the ham. Place in a roasting pan; pour the champagne and stock over it. Cover and roast in a 350° oven for I hour, basting frequently. Drain ham again, reserving the sauce. Sprinkle the sugar on the ham; place in a 500° oven until browned and glazed. Mix the flour with the sauce; cook over low heat, stirring constantly until the boiling point; cook 5 minutes. Carve the ham and serve with the sauce.

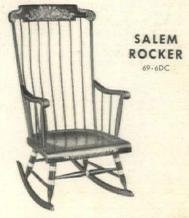
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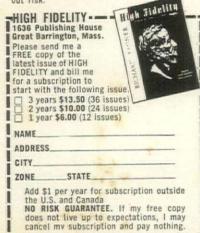
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CALVES' LIVER A LA MARNE

Serves 6

6 slices calves' liver (about 3/4 inch thick)

1/2 cup flour

6 tablespoons butter

I onion, grated

1 clove garlic, minced

1 cup champagne

2 teaspoons salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Wash and dry the liver, dip into the flour thoroughly. Melt the butter in a skillet: brown the liver in it on both sides. Add the onion, garlic and champagne. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. Add the salt and pepper. Continue cooking to desired degree of rareness. Serve sprinkled with parsley.

GUINEA HEN, EPERNAY STYLE

Serves 2 to 4

2 teaspoons salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pep-

2 guinea hens, Rock Cornish game hens or small broilers

2 slices salt pork (optional)

6 tablespoons butter

I onion, sliced

1 cup champagne

1/2 pound small mushrooms

I cun heavy cream

Mix the salt and pepper together and rub into the hens; wrap a slice of salt pork around each. Melt the butter in a Dutch oven or heavy saucepan and brown the hens in it. Add the onion and champagne; cover and cook over low heat for 45 minutes or until tender. Remove the hens and keep warm. Add the mushrooms and cream; cook over high heat for 10 minutes. Correct seasoning. Carve the hens or cut into quarters, pour the sauce over them and

HOLIDAY FONDUE

1 clove garlic 2 tablespoons flour I pound Swiss cheese, grated

1 cup champagne 2 tablespoons Kirsch (a clear cherry brandy)

10 slices toast, cut into 1-inch strips

Rub an earthenware casserole or chafing dish with the garlic, and then discard it. Sprinkle the flour on the cheese, tossing lightly. Pour the champagne into the casserole and cook over medium heat for 3 minutes. Add the (Continued)





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cheese, and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Add the Kirsch. Cook, stirring constantly, until thick. If the mixture is not stirred constantly, it will become lumpy. Arrange the toast strips around the casserole. If possible, place the casserole over a flame to keep it hot. Each guest spears pieces of toast on a fork, and dips it into the fondue.

POULET SAUTE

Serves 4 to 6

2 teaspoons salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pep-

1 4-pound chicken, disjointed

4 tablespoons butter

3 tablespoons cognac

4 shallots or 1 onion, chopped 1 cup champagne

I tomato, peeled and chopped

1/2 teaspoon paprika ½ teaspoon tarragon

l egg yolk

1/4 cup heavy cream

Combine the salt and pepper. Rub into the chicken. Melt the butter in a heavy saucepan or Dutch oven, Brown the chicken in it. Add the cognac, mixing well. Add the shallots, champagne, tomato, paprika and tarragon. Cover, and cook over low heat for 11/4 hours or until tender. Beat the egg yolk and cream together in a bowl. Pour off most of the sauce from the chicken, and gradually add it to the egg yolk mixture, beating constantly to prevent curdling. Reheat, but do not allow to boil. Arrange the chicken on a platter. Pour the sauce over it. Serve with boiled potatoes and sautéed mushrooms.

SWISS STEAK CHAM-PAGNOISE

Serves 6

1/4 cup flour

11/2 teaspoons salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pep-

4 pounds Swiss steak

4 tablespoons butter

2 onions, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced 1 cup champagne

1 teaspoon marjoram

I bay leaf

seasoning.

Mix the flour, salt and pepper together. Pound into the steak thoroughly. Melt the butter in a Dutch oven, or heavy saucepan. Brown the steak in it on both sides. Add the onions and garlic. Continue browning for an additional 5 minutes. Add the champagne, marjoram and bay leaf. Cover, and cook over low heat for 2 hours, basting and

turning the meat frequently. Correct (Continued)

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Fish

LOBSTER FARCI

Serves 8

2 cups water

2 cups champagne

1 onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic 2 stalks celery

1/2 teaspoon pickling spice

1 tablespoon salt

4 lobsters

2 cups mayonnaise

1/2 cup whipped cream

I tablespoon capers, drained

1 teaspoon paprika

Combine the water, champagne, onion, garlic, celery, pickling spice and salt in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook over medium heat for 10 minutes. Add the lobsters. Cook for 25 minutes, turning them frequently. Let the lobsters cool in the courtbouillon (the liquid in which they were cooked) for 20 minutes. Remove the lobsters. Strain the liquid, reserving 1/2 cup of the courtbouillon. Split the lobsters carefully, and remove the meat, reserving the shells of the lobsters. Cut the meat into cubes, and chill in the refrigerator. Mix the mayonnaise with the reserved courtbouillon. Fold in the whipped cream. Add to the lobsters with the capers. Mix lightly but thoroughly. Stuff the lobster shells with the mixture, and sprinkle with the paprika.

BAKED LOBSTER AU CHAMPAGNE

3 (live) lobsters split

1/2 pound butter

1/2 cup water

Place the lobsters in a baking dish. Spread with the butter and pour the water around them. Bake in a 325° oven for 35 minutes, basting frequently. Meanwhile prepare the sauce:

4 tablespoons butter

2 carrots, diced

2 onions, chopped

1/4 pound ham, diced

1 bay leaf

1 teaspoon thyme

2 cups champagne

11/2 teaspoons salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in a saucepan. Add the carrots, onions, ham, bay leaf, thyme, champagne, salt and pepper. Cook over medium heat for 20 minutes. Force through a sieve. Add remaining butter; correct seasoning and pour over the lobster.

Note: The lobsters will serve 6. Frozen lobster tails may be used if desired, although the flavor will not be so delicate.

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1/4 pound Roquejort cheese

1/2 pound cream cheese

1/2 cup chopped stuffed green olives

3/4 cup champagne

11/2 pounds uncooked shrimp, shelled and cleaned

6 slices lemon

Cream the Roquefort cheese and cream cheese until smooth; add the olives, and very gradually all the champagne. Mix well. Cut 6 pieces of aluminum foil about 12 inches square; divide the cheese mixture among them and cover with several shrimp and a lemon slice. Bring two edges together, making 2 folds. Bring up other sides, and twist to make a secure closing. Bake in a 400° oven for 30 minutes. Serve in the aluminum foil. Smaller versions make excellent hot hors d'œuvres.

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MUSHROOM CHAMPAGNE SAUCE

2 tablespoons butter

1 onion, chopped

1 tablespoon flour 1 cup champagne

I tablespoon cognac

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup chopped mushrooms

1 truffle, diced (optional)

Melt the butter in a skillet; sauté the onion in it for 10 minutes. Add the flour, stirring until browned. Add the champagne, stirring constantly until the boiling point. Add the cognac, salt, mushrooms and truffle. Cook over low heat 10 minutes.

Serve with roast meat or poultry. Add 1/4 cup of the meat or poultry juice to the sauce just before serving.

CHAMPAGNE SALAD DRESSING

1 cup olive oil (use French or California olive oil)

3/4 cup champagne

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

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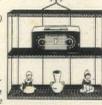
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CHAMPAGNE COOK BOOK Vegetables

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mixture. Pour over the peppers. Reduce heat to 350° and bake for 45 minutes longer, basting frequently. Correct seasoning. Serve as an appetizer, or with roast meat or poultry.

CELERY WITH CHAMPAGNE SAUCE

4 tablespoons butter

1 onion, chopped 1 carrot, diced 1/4 pound ham, diced 1/4 pound tongue, diced 2 tablespoons chopped parsley 1/2 teaspoon tarragon I bay leaf 34 cup champagne 1/2 cup stock or canned consommé 3 bunches celery

Melt the butter in a saucepan; add the onion, carrot, ham, tongue, parsley, tarragon, bay leaf, champagne and stock. Bring to a boil, cover, and cook over low heat for 1 hour. Cut the leaves from the celery and remove the large outer stalks. Cut celery in half lengthwise. Add to the sauce; cover and cook over low heat for 15 minutes additional, or until the celery is tender. Correct seasoning and serve.

CHOUCROUTE AUX CHAMPAGNE

Serves 6 to 10

2 pounds sauerkraut 3 apples, peeled and sliced I teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

3 clones

2 cups champagne

3 tablespoons butter

Wash the sauerkraut twice in cold water. Drain very well. In a buttered casserole, arrange alternate layers of sauerkraut and apples. Sprinkle with the salt, pepper and add the cloves. Pour the champagne over it. Dot with the butter Cover the casserole Bake in a 300° oven for 1 hour, or until the sauerkraut is tender, and almost all the liquid absorbed. Particularly delicious when served with roast turkey or pork.

FESTIVE POTATOES

Serves 4 to 8

5 tablespoons butter

4 potatoes, peeled and sliced as thin as possible

2 onions, thinly sliced

2 teaspoons salt

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1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper 1/4 cup champagne 1/4 cup heavy cream 2 tablespoons breadcrumbs

2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese

Butter a 9-inch pie plate. Arrange layers of potatoes and onions. Sprinkle with the salt and pepper, and dot with some of the butter. Mix the champagne and cream together and pour over the top. Sprinkle the breadcrumbs and cheese on it, and dot with the remaining butter. Bake in a 375° oven for 45 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender. Serve in pie-shaped wedges.

Desserts

FRAISES AUX CHAMPAGNE

Serves 6 to 8

4 cups strawberries, stems removed, washed and cleaned

3/4 cup sugar

4 tablespoons Kirsch (clear cherry brandy)

1 cun champagne

2 cups whipped cream

1/4 cup blanched toasted almonds. sliced thin

Place the strawberries in a bowl. Sprinkle with the sugar. Toss lightly but thoroughly. Add 2 tablespoons of the Kirsch and the champagne. Chill for 2 hours. Add the remaining Kirsch to the whipped cream. Mix the strawberries in the bowl lightly, and divide among individual serving dishes. Cover with the whipped cream, and sprinkle almonds on top.

CHAMPAGNE MOUSSE

Serves 8 to 10

3 eggs

5 egg yolks

I cup sugar

2 cups champagne

2 tablespoons gelatin

1/4 cup cold water

5 egg whites

I cup heavy cream, whipped

1/4 cup sliced blanched almonds

Beat the eggs and egg yolks together; add the sugar, beating until thick and light. Gradually add the champagne. Place over hot water and cook, stirring constantly until thick and custardy. Dissolve the gelatin in the water and add to the champagne mixture, stirring until dissolved. Cool for 10 minutes. Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry; fold in the whipped cream. Combine with the champagne mixture, folding gently. Pour into a 2-3 quart mold or soufflé dish and chill for at least 4 hours. Sprinkle with the almonds and serve.

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MOLDED CHAMPAGNE DESSERT

Serves 6

2 tablespoons gelatin

1/2 cup cold water

1 cup pineapple juice

3 tablespoons cognac 2 cups champagne

2 cups champagne

11/2 cups canned fruit salad, welldrained

Soften the gelatin in the water; place over hot water and stir until dissolved. Cool. Add the pineapple juice; chill for 30 minutes. Beat until thick and syrupy. Add the cognac, champagne and fruit. Mix well. Pour into a lightly oiled 1½ to 2-quart mold. Chill until set, about 3 hours. Unmold carefully and serve with whipped cream.

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1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup orange juice

1 cup port wine

3 cups chilled carbonated water

2 quarts chilled champagne

Dissolve the sugar in the orange juice in a large glass or pottery pitcher. Add the port, and mix well together. Add the carbonated water and champagne. Stir gently. Serve in old-fashioned glasses.

CHAMPAGNE PUNCH

Serves about 25

1/4 cup cognac

1/4 cup Curação

1/4 cup cherry brandy

½ cup lemon juice

4 tablespoons sugar

2 quarts champagne (chilled)

2 quarts carbonated water

Ice cubes

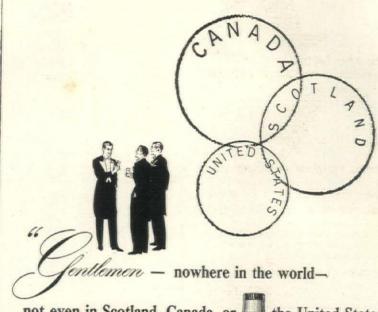
2 oranges, cut in half and sliced

24 maraschino cherries

1 cup strawberries, stems removed, washed and drained (optional)

Combine the cognac, Curação, cherry brandy, lemon juice and sugar. Mix well. Pour into a bowl. Add the champagne, carbonated water, ice cubes, orange slices, cherries and strawberries. Stir very gently.

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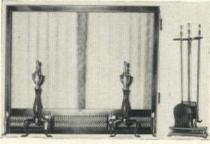


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because they have been expected to produce bright green leaves, bloom during their dormant spells. thrive in the soot and dust of cities, and endure drafts, adapt to steam heat, frosty window panes, dry air or hot, humid dampness. People will remind you that every house plant has nine lives, that house plants can stand a lot of neglect and still surprise you. You will not find a plant enthusiast who will say "Throw out that old philodendron." Much more likely are they to say "Why don't you leave this thing with me for a while and see what I can do with it?"

To enjoy a house plant completely, you must rejoice in its fine points and be patient with its foibles. Perhaps the biggest indoor hazard to plant health is lack of uniform moisture, or too much dry air when windows are closed in winter and the heat turned on. To become both a naturalist and guardian of a house plant's constitution, you study its food, light and water needs and learn how to mix the soil ingredients that suit it best. To be a creator, you learn how to take slips or make cuttings from a parent plant and start the juniors growing in sand for a new group from the same plant. To be an artist, you must study the room in which plants are to live and make an attractive arrangement on glass shelves in a sunny window, in plant boxes, tubs or trays. You decide whether to grow plants of upright foliage to heighten a long, low ceiling; whether you want feathery foliage to soften flat white walls and chimney stones, or whether you want sharp splashes of color or pastels in a quiet corner. To be a plant doctor, you learn what to do when white, cottony blotches of mealy bug or red spider mites appear on your favorites, and how to control ailments, how to spray, what equipment to invest in and how to stock your first aid cupboard. It should contain all the remedies needed whenever plants show a tendency to "quietly fold their tents and steal away." In it keep your spraying equipment, such as the new aerosols or a Windex bottle and plunger for either insecticide or a misty water bath, alcohol and cotton to wipe off mealy bugs, snippers, a fork to loosen soil, labels, extra gravel and pebbles, a soft brush to clean leaves, plant food, soil mixtures for re-potting and a log book for the entry of new buds.

H&G's home for good house plants on page 133 is a window 4 ft. wide and arranged for easy main-

tenance in a south, east, or west exposure. The distance between the removable glass shelves is 18 inches. All the plants pictured will do well indoors provided they receive good light, some sun for a few hours each day, and just enough water. A thorough soaking once a week, or when the pots are really dry, is better than a daily coddling with the sprinkler. Bought in small sizes, all the plants will continue to grow for several months within the 18-inch height. Some, like the dieffenbachias and upright philodendrons, will eventually outgrow their quarters.

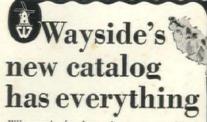
Plants with a tolerance of dry air get the top shelf of our plant window. The less fussy members of the family fill the middle shelves. The moist air plants are on the bottom shelf because they like the humid atmosphere which the tray can provide. Pebbles or vermiculite in the tray will help to preserve moisture without water-logging the plants. You may prefer to put saucers under the pots for more effective watering and to catch any drips from shelves above. You might also want to take one or more plants from this ideal group to different window locations, or specialize in several varieties of one favorite genus or species. The plants we selected exemplify vigor, good form, lovely color and interesting foliage-a great satisfaction in itself when adjacent flowering plants go into their periodic resting spells. Some are relatively new, and all are available through florists and nurseries. Whatever your choice (and there are thousands of other worthy house plants), here is a guide to their care.

As a general rule, flowering plants need sunny locations. Foliage or "green" plants need less light. Those grown chiefly for flowers should be kept in a south, east or west window. But even some of the flowering varieties, if kept indoors all year round, should not get full sun during hot summer weather. In this category are African-violets, begonias and patience plants.

TEMPERATURES

Grow house plants in a uniform temperature of between 60-70 degrees during the day; 10-15 degrees lower at night. Sudden and severe changes in temperature are detrimental. Plants placed close to windows should be moved back or curtained from frosty panes during

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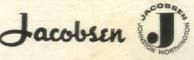
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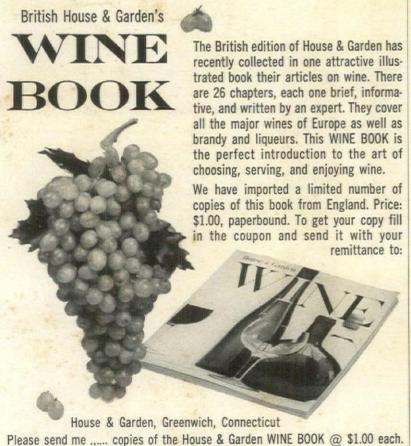
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WATER AND DRAINAGE

Take it easy on watering. Daily sprinkles merely dampen the surface, and what roots need is a thorough soaking now and then, or when the pot gives a dry ringing sound when tapped. This applies especially to geraniums. Keep plant leaves clean. The plant takes in water through its roots, moves it up through the stem, and breathes some of it out as vapor through the leaves. Since dusty leaves cannot breathe well, use a soft brush dipped in water to cleanse foliage. No plant should be given frigid water from a tap. The natural source is temperate rain water. You can approximate this by letting water stand in a pitcher until it is at room temperature. Ordinary porous clay pots with pieces of pot shard or some pebbles placed over the hole are recommended for good drainage. Wick-fed pots are excellent for plants like cyclamen and African-violet that need lots of moderate but constant moisture.

POTTING AND RE-POTTING

Moving day for house plants that you have kept outdoors during the summer begins before the first frost. They ought to settle down indoors while it is still feasible to keep rooms well aired, and before the heat is turned on. When you take them in, prune and snip back any leggy summer growth. Reserve cuttings from some to start new plants. Take green, healthy leaves for cutting; make a cut as close to the main stem as possible and insert leaves in a bowl or large bulb pan filled with moist coarse sand. vermiculite or peat and sand. This will increase your stockpile; often

you will have enough newly rooted plants to give away to your neighbors. It's a good idea to scrub pots clean and use only sterilized potting soil when you re-pot a house plant. And be wary of putting a small plant in a large pot. Contrarily enough, a plant blooms more freely when its roots are confined to a small growing space. This condition is called "pot-bound." When roots are pot-bound (form a tight ball), the plant rushes into reproducing itself above the soil surface. When a plant becomes too confined, transplant it into a pot only one or two inches larger and continue the process as the plant matures. Repotting is done usually in late winter or early spring, and especially after flowering.

SOIL

Experiment as you go. Some plants thrive in a sandy, peat-rich soil. Others take to a substantial potting mixture of 1 part garden loam, 1 part leaf mold or peatmoss, 1 part dried cattle manure, to which has been added some sharp sand and a sprinkling of crushed charcoal to sweeten the mixture. Soil does tend to sour from lack of fresh air, heavy watering, or insufficient drainage. If crust forms on soil surface so that air and water cannot penetrate, loosen carefully with a kitchen fork. Add one 4-inch pot of bone meal to each bushel of soil mixture.

PLANT FOOD

Draw a careful line between nourishment and over-feeding. It is not necessary to feed a plant each time you water it. It needs food most during the growing season as new leaves and flowers appear. Thereafter add a water-soluble plant food at two-week intervals. During a plant's resting spell (after active growth) it will not need food but will need just enough water to keep roots from drying out. Soluble plant foods come in various forms: powder, tablets, granules and liquids. They are concentrates for the most part, and directions for diluting and application are on the container labels.

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