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On the cover: For this Christmas tree you do everything yourself except grow it. String popcorn and cranberries for garlands, hang candy canes and clove studded oranges-all as familiar as plum pudding. Then put the whole family to work folding the paper ornaments, using called origami. Each of these wonderful polyhedrons is made of Japanese tea
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with cinnamon, dark sugar, and rum; and for café brûlot and Russian chocolate (half and half). A come-and-go, dress-as-you-please, eat-and-drink-when-you-wish affair, a three-C party is a lovely means of sharing your tree and your joy with any number of old friends, and offers a relaxed welcome to newcomers.

My third proposition is a buffet for a dozen or more friends, which might be described as a medium-is-the-message dinner, the menu spelling Christmas unabashedly. Star attraction is a suckling pig garnished according to the conventional rubrics, cranberry necklace et al. To keep him company: ring molds of spinach soufflé studded with pimiento circles suggesting an edible wreath; largish potato balls bathed in butter, some in chopped parsley, some in paprika like succulent ornaments: Christmas toasts-bread cut with tree and bell cutters then buttered and browned lightly in the oven; a Noël dessert of ice cream balls covered with coconut and sprinkled with dragées, served with rich, red Melba sauce.

There's no end to the possibilities and complexities of holiday decorations, but you can make a simple centerpiece of luminous loveliness by floating red flowers-carnations, camellias, or poinsettias-in an attractive shallow, capacious dish and interspersing them with tiny, twinkling lights. Flam'buoyants-little wicks that are fed by a light slick of vegetable oil on the water-burn a party length of time. Another effective, uncomplicated center of attention for the dining room table can be created by massing many sizes and many shapes of fat candles on a discreet tray or cookie sheet masked judiciously with box or holly. It's wise to set the tray on hot pads and to have a little water in the bottom to guard against excess heat or drip. Votive lights in many colored cups on a mirror or set among a variety of greens are simple enchantment, too.

The holiday season can be both cozy and munificent, giving you a chance to observe homely family customs and at the same time to use the fanciest and best of your possessions. Given a choice, what better best than Royal Limoges's "Compeigne" china-milk white porcelain banded with burnished gold, bordered in velvety black, and hand-painted with Redouté-like roses. Paradoxically this pattern is both lushly simple and plainly exquisite. It is beautiful enough on its own for a corner cabinet display, but the unexpected use of black gives it enough character to go with any style of silver or glass.

## Have you ever thought:

Of saving interesting Christmas cards, packaging them in categories-flora, fauna, birds, bees, etc.-for friends who are découpage fiends?

Of getting together a waltzing, tango, and polka party to beat the winter doldrums? Or to raise funds perhaps, or as an antidote to the exigencies of much contemporary dance music?

Of retiring a stationery die you've used for years and daring something new? There's a fresh look to hand-written invitations, too.


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## NOTES OF A HAPPY HOUSEKEEPER

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I have a regular check list of things to do to prepare for winter. It seems to me that each year something new is added. The extras are usually in the nature of seasonal repair or replacement.

First on the list is getting the cars ready, before the last minute rush sets in at the garage. We have our snow tires checked, put antifreeze in the radiator, and weigh down the back of the car with some sandbags. The extra pounds provide better rear-end traction and we can use the sand, if need be, on icy patches in the road. Of course, we keep a small shovel in the luggage compartment along with a scraper, whisk broom, and burlap sacks, which can be very helpful under the rear wheels if we get stuck.

Next come the storm windows. Every winter I bless the triple track aluminum storm windows and screens, because it only takes minutes to switch from summer to winter use. We also add extra plastic sealer around the French doors as they leak cold air when the wind comes in from the northeast.

Then comes cleaning and storing our summer clothes and getting out the winter ones. I put two baskets in the coat closet to hold all the warm winter gloves and mufflers. The family collection of hats, caps, and hoods go up on the top shelf.

Last, but certainly not least, we have the furnace serviced and replenish our firewood and kindling for the fireplace. About every four years the chimneys are cleaned to keep them working safely and efficiently.

Before a bank of ash gets built up this fall, Tom and I decided to give the fireplace a facelift. We brushed out the sides and back, went over it with a dampened whisk broom to clear away the build-up of fine ash and dust, and cleaned the old black fireback. Then we polished the brass andirons, fender, and fire tools until they glowed. The final step was a thorough waxing of the hearth. When the bricks were mellow and shining, we filled the wood basket and built a crackling fire. The ashes were easier to sweep up with the hearth freshly waxed.

At long last, the return of the bean stringer! I haven't seen one for ages and had come to the conclusion they'd stopped making them. And then I found one in our hardware store-the Krist bean stringer. At one end of it is a sharp blade that nips off the end of the bean. Then, holding the stringer upright, you push the bean through the little funnel in the middle and it comes out minus strings and neatly Frenched for quick, crisp cooking. I would guess the stringer cuts bean preparation time in half.

I enjoy my pretty little salt grinder so much, I think I'll give several as Christmas presents. I bought mine in a kitchen shop and we all like having the coarse natural salt on the table. You can get the natural sea salt in gourmet and health food shops. Some grocery stores also stock it.

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A book for the kitchen usually means a cook book but the one I just bought for my own kitchen relates only indirectly to cooking. It is New Ways in First Aid by Joel Hartley, M.D. (Hart, \$7.50), and I was so impressed with it I bought three extra copies as Christmas presents for friends' kitchens. If you've always thought of first aid as something needed mainly on camping or boating trips, just consider the accidents that can happen closer to home: burns, cuts, electric shocks, fractures from falls, and dozens of others. Each mishap is covered in Dr. Hartley's book by clear, pithy, easy-to-read-in-a-hurry instructions for what to do until the doctor comes. And the techniques are the latest and most approved, which is to say they are considerably more up-todate than what you learned in the first-aid course you took at sixteen. For instance, you can forget that old-fashioned procedure of slathering a burn with butter. "All burns," says Dr. Hartley, ". . . are best treated by the immediate and continuous application of cold water." And in connection with wounds: "There is a common tendency to disinfect wounds, Don't do it." For a wound of any size, wait for the doctor, he says. The book also includes a satisfyingly specific check list for a home first-aid kit. Dr. Hartley, who is in practice in New York City, is clinical professor of orthopedic surgery at Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

I rediscovered Vernax the last time I visited my parents. Now made by the Hagerty company, it's still the original mixture of beeswax and natural oils that are required to feed and protect wood. You apply Vernax every few days to restore furniture and paneling. After the luster returns and the protective wax is well rubbed in, use it only as needed to preserve the patina. It seems to me that the Vernax finish helps protect furniture from spills and wear.

Did you ever want to tone down overly shiny brass hardware and didn't know how to go about it? Sometimes things like hinges, window fittings, or doorknobs are too shiny-new to blend with their surroundings. Well, Dorothy Miller found some lovely old red lacquer panels in an antique shop and took them to be made into a screen. Her only disappointment was the set of blindingly bright hinges holding the panels together, which detracted from the mellow old lacquer. Her cabinetmaker told her to get a fine paintbrush and carefully paint a coat of pure ammonia on each hinge daily for four days. The brass retreated obediently into the shadows.

Our house plants are thriving despite the fact that the furnace has been on day and night for several weeks now. I think one reason they're doing so well is that I have them where they get maximum light and minimum heat-well away from the radiators. Another reason is that I have a special way of watering house plants. I water them much more frequently than in summer, but only enough to keep them damp. To keep humidity around the plants, I use a fine mist sprayer on all foliage every day. I've tried several sprayers but the one I'm partial to is called the ASL Spraymist, a lightweight sprayer with a noncorrosive tank that holds a pint of liquid. A light squeeze of the trigger handle produces a powerful stream of fine mist. I have other uses for the sprayer-window washing with ammonia water, dampening laundry.

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Why is the KitchenAid Superba popular? Because it offers what omen want most in a dishwasher. It features Soak Cycle*, which tomatically soaks dirty pots and

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IF SHE LIVES IN A CLEAR CONTEMPORARY HOUSE all glass and gleam and leathers and shining surfaces, she might be drawn to a smooth, shining, knowing perfume such as Germaine Monteil's Germaine. And relate specially to the Germaine soap, faceted, cut, and colored like tremendous emeralds.
IF HERS IS A REALLY COUNTRY COUNTRY HOUSE, soothing and sunny with fireplaces in all the rooms, wide windows where the long white curtains sometimes stream out in the breeze and flowery English chintz as far as the eye can see, you can tell that she's a romantic. She will not only find Guerlain's Chamade her message but be absolutely turned on by the new white enameled spray bottles traced all over in a clear, winsome toile de Jouy pattern in eighteenth-century blue.
IF SHE LIVES IN A HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY that just happens to be in the country where all the walls are dark, funky colors and there are wild Tibetan rugs on the dark floors and leopard paper in a bedroom, she is obviously a born-free person and would react to a scent that's as strong and deep and free of the past as Estée Lauder's Estée.
WHEN HER PLACE CENTERS AROUND A TERRIFIC KITCHEN all gray flagstone floors and dazzle of copper, reassurance of strong old beams, good wood polished, she must like to cook and probably likes to eat. There's a very apt kind of smell for her with a quality that some parfumeurs call "edible," the

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[^1]GOOD LOOKS continued from page 24
tangibly delicious Ritual by Charles of the Ritz.
if She shares an impersonal apartment with other stewardesses, you know she's dreaming of how she can get out. Give her Xanadu by Fabergé, it's a Far Country, an entirely Other Place, her own fantasy trip. Send it in a perfumed oil that comes in a fantasy oil can so that she drops on Xanadu drop by drop.
WHEN SHE HAS ALL HER FAMILY PORTRAITS IN A SMALL APARTMENT and quite a lot of quite good mahogany furniture from the Federal period, it would be a very good bet that she will be soothed beyond measure by Joy. And driven into ecstasy by the tremendous classy milk white bottle of Joy's Milk Bath that is of course like bathing in rose petals.
if she lives in a pad in the east village, is quite snobbish against the Establishment, and you're afraid that she'll put you down for anything you might think of, you can turn the tables on her and surprise her with Shiseido's Zen that happens to be terribly attractive as well as existential or Capucci's delightful Graffiti. Yes, you can uin.
She has dared one really red room-the walls, the rug, the dashing cylindrical furniture, the velvet sofa that snakes through it, all red. At first it frightened you, however now that you've seen the point, you enjoy it. But what to give her? Certainly nothing meek and mild and yet she doesn't need any more flamboyance. The absolutely suave answer is Chanel \#5, the perfume that knows how to behave well anywhere and was invented by the one who invented Chanel Red. she lives in a light house-not a tower on the coast with a light in its top but a place that's all paleswhitened walls, sand-colored rugs, woods so light they're almost no color and windows that let in all the light any particular day provides. She's now planning for a dining table, marvelously designed in Lucite, that seems to be floating in air weightless. For her, Nina Ricci's L'Air du Temps exists. It is so quick and light that she can wear gallons of it-it's a totally contemporary idea with carnations lingering through it. she lives in a billy baldwin house, a place like a garland, designed by the man whose affectionate way with flowers makes many of his places seem like a Dufy painting that's come alive. To stress this feeling that everything is going right and everyone is enormously pleasant, you could give her that famous globe bottle with the little wreath of flowers on it that holds Houbigant's Quelques Fleurs. Surely her, with no identity crisis here.
her house is a big barn with a series of emergenCIES caused by dogs, children, strangers, happenings. This is then a difficult situation for her to come to terms with-her natural tendencies being toward law and order. However, she is relaxing to meet each day. So give her something to bolster her true inner life. Norman Norell's Norell is so smooth and polished you just know everything will turn out all right in the end. her long rambling shingled house is by the sea and you can see it and sense it all the year round in storm and in shine or flooded with sunrise and sunset. The colors here are weathered blues and grays and beiges and there's some Continued on page 28

# The End of The Naked Bathroom. It begins with Sears washable bath carpet. 



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deep rose. Although it actually is, the house doesn't look planned but as if it has been washed up on the beach along with the shells and the driftwood. For her Max Factor's Aquarius - it is blue and it smells blue. Give her something Aquarius for every bathroom in the house, and send them to her in a lobster pot, of course.
hers is one of those wild abstractions on the dunes at east hampton, a summer house that seems to be a mixture of sculpture and the End of the World. A marvelous place to live with staircases that go across the windlows and other windows at every twist and turn. Naturally, you wouldn't give her anything that wasn't absolutely elemental, so you can safely give her Rainbath by Neutrogena-best way to bathe in the elements. if she lives on the GO and the nearest thing she can call home is a favorite old hotel or the front seat in first class on a certain exotic airline, give her something that smells like the most loving kind of security, a jug of Yardley's Lavender. And a bunch of those gigantic lavender bath soaps will cozy up a bath anywhere anytime.
she sleeps in turquerie. While her living room is all cloudy colors and an easy scattering of straw-colored pieces and green plants of all heights and widths, her bedroom is a mingle of fierce Oriental colors. The bed is a canopy and the windows are all cushioned in colors, places where she can sil and read and see the snow fall. Outwardly cool-those grays-she is obviously deeply drawn to Strange and Other. She should savor
a tremendous bottle of Prince Matchabelli's Abanothe bath oil to use for a personal scent and to drop into the water whenever she washes her hands.
if she has done it all herself with things she discovered in the Thrift Shop or rescued from the sidewalk, then painted in delicate and interesting colors, you know that inside her is a rich girl longing to get out. What might be exactly right is Revillon's Detchema, a sort of brainy luxury, a mixture of Dom Pérignon and a First Edition of Swann's Way. her place is full of memories, there's her grandmother's four-poster bed, the sewing table she found on a Bucks County vacation, the chandelier of blown glass morning glories she carried on her lap all the way across the ocean from Portugal and the Irish Whiskey she always serves because she discovered it in her most romantic period. And of course in the bookcases that trellis half her walls are all the funny little ones from her childhood, especially Beatrix Potter which she likes to reread. She will surely recognize Valentino's madly personal My Own as her own.
she lives in a tiny victorian house in georgetown that's full of modern paintings and brilliant little parties. Why not let her communicate brilliantly in this particular setting with Givenchy's expressive III.
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ANTIQUES

## IBY I.OUINE ADE IBOGEIE



GERMAN CHEST

We inherited this German fruitwood chest with black trim. The brasses have flying insects pulling a plow or chariot. When was this chest made?
A.H.F.-Chicago, Ill.
lour then of drawer in in the Early Biedermejer style. around 1820 to 1830 . As in your chest, this style often displayed a classical simplicity devoid of decoration that forecast the clean lines of the Modern Movement. The oval brasses with handles of the bail type stamped with popular mythological patterns are typical and now highly prized.


This teapot was given to my mother. forty years ago by her great-aunt, who said it was then over 100 years old. The colors are rich and beautiful. There are no identifying marks. Can you give me any information about it?
E.P.V.-Black Mountain, N.C.

Your English teapot belongs to a class of Leeds pottery, dating from ENGLISH TEAPOT after 1790 , painted with designs in high temperature mineral colorm. It is onte of the so-called "Caudy" patterns that enjoy great popularity in America.

ENGLISH CANTERBURY
$I$ received this stand about a vear ago. How was it used? Does it have some special name?
S.S.-Clearfield, Utah


In the early nineteenth century, a stand such as yours was made to hold bound volumes of music and was called a "Canterbury." The legs, according to Sheraton in his Cabinet Dictionary were fitted with casters so the stand could be "run under a pianoforte." Your Canterbury is probably English.

## Give the gift of life!

This happy Christmas season is the time for peace on earth and good will towards men. It's a time for gifts and the warmth of family and friends. It's a time that's as fragile as a snowflake ...a time that melts into memory all too soon.

It is also a time when the utter despair of people living in desperate poverty becomes more painful. Because they are the hopeless ones, the forgotten ones, in remote villages and barrios of Asia and South America. Human beings whose only chance to live like human beings may be through the help of Foster Parents Plan-and you.

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Now, when your own world is so full of happiness, won't you make room in your heart for a Foster Child? Send a gift of happiness. You can actually give, what will seem to a child, Christmas... 365 days a year! You can help take the "humbug" out of the holiday.


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I recently inherited this mahogany chair. Can you tell me what style the bark represents?
R.E.H.-Allenhurst, N.J.

The heart-shaped back and the two front square tapering legs finishing in spade feet indicate the chair is in the Hepplewhite style. Hepplewhite is perhaps best known for his numerous chair-back designs-the heart-shaped one of interlaced ovals being one of the most popular and graceful.

HEPPLEWHITE-STYLE CHAIR

1. this Lomis EI I stle mirom I bought a good example? R.G.T.-Interlaken, N.J.

Yes, your wall mirror in a carved giltwood rectangular frame surmounted by a pediment is a fine example. Some of these pediments, which display immense variety, are little masterpieces-a basket of flowers,


FRENCH MIRROR blems. The garlands come fairly well down along the frame and balance with the projections at each bottom corner.


Could you tell me the age of the inlaid design knife box I bought in a North Carolina antique shop? Since the only utensils that fit the boxes with the lids closed are spoons, why should they be called knife boxes?
G.E.S.-Arlington, $V a$.

Your knife cases are English Victorian dating from the second half of the nineteenth century and apparently were intended for some kind of short-handled knife. Knife cases, usually in pairs, stood on the buffet or side table in English dining rooms. They were a necessity as the fashionable dining room furniture possessed no cutlery drawers until the introduction of the sideboard about 1880 .

## SILVER-PLATED CASTER

Cian bou dute mi hundsome caster? I've sketched the mark on its bottom. Hhere was it used?
R.A.-Rockford, Ill.


Your silver-plated caster was made by the Meriden Britannia Company, active at Meriden, Conn., from 1852 to 1898 . It was one of the mont widely used pieces of Victorian electroplate. According to directions for setting the table in nineteenth-century cook books, the caster was placed in the center of the table.

## The lady has taste.

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## HY JANE ELLIS

Zipped up brandy balls is a favorite gift recipe of wine writer Henry McNulty, which he learned from his aunt. They require 2 cups of crushed vanilla cookies, 1 of finely chopped pecans or walnuts, 2 tablespoons melted butter, 2 of light corn syrup, and 2 of cocoa (or you can use chocolate cookies instead of vanilla and omit the cocoa), $1 / 3$ cup of cognac, and 1 cup of. powdered sugar. You mix all the ingredients together, and form them into large marble-sized balls. Roll them in additional powdered sugar and store for a week to allow the flavors to meld nicely before enjoying them; giving them away.

Brandy soaked dates make a luscious and easy-to-make gift, according to Philadelphia cooking school director Julie Dannenbaum, who also soaks prunes in Madeira. Leave them covered for 2 weeks and they make wonderful accompaniments for ham and tongue. . . Or drain brandy soaked prunes and decorate with halved blanched almonds and set in crisp paper candy cups as cook book author Lilly Joss Reich does to make delicious little confections to give away.

Port or Maleira bottled on the date of a birthday or anniversary makes an unexpected and symbolic gift, suggests Julie Dannenbaum, who searches for vintages to commemorate special family anniversaries.

A handsome wine carrying basket tied with vivid ribbons and filled with bottles of dry vermouth, sweet vermouth, Lillet, and Sandeman's white port is put together for apéritif aficionados by Maurice Moore-Betty. Handsome Spanish wicker carrying cases to hold three bottles of wine, designed rather like a typewriter case with locks on top, are sold by Almadén Vineyards Tasting Room, 11 Franklin St., San Juan Batista, Calif., for $\$ 5.95$ plus shipping.

An unusual and delicate orange-flavored sherry is made by food writer Jeanne Lesem who peels the zest off two oranges, dunks zest in a bottle of dry sherry, and leaves it for a few weeks at room temperature. Miss Lesem hunts around for old-fashioned water bottles into which to decant her orange-flavored sherry for giving away. If you decant it into a clear bottle, strain through a paper-towel-lined sieve and discard zest. A half slice of orange added to the glass accentuates the flavor.

A fine bottle of Madeira together with a basket of walnuts, both beautifully wrapped, are matched as gifts by Craig Claiborne. California sherry with freshly roasted almonds are teamed by wine man Bill Houlton.

Olives marinated in sherry make very acceptable little gifts. Writer José Wilson marinates hers in dry sherry with a touch of either sliced or crushed garlic cloves, Ta-

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## CORKSCREW

basco, fennel, or coriander seeds. To serve, drain off marinade and discard garlic.

Homemade maraschino cherries make a good gift for Manhattan fanciers, but are equally delicious served in a tiny bowl for dessert, perhaps with sour cream for dunking. Food writer Elizabeth Alston makes her own by taking sweet or sour cherries, stemmed or not, piercing each one at least eight times with a pin, popping them in a jar and topping up with a mixture of half maraschino liqueur or cordial and half vodka. Leave for at least eight days before using.

Wine vinegar made from red, white, or rosé wines, champagne, and sherry, aged in oak casks, is made for pres. ents by William Dieppe, president of Almadén. Also, if you want to make wine vinegar, Marjorie Lumm packages and ships vinegar culture with instructions for making the vinegar. Six ounces of the culture and a personalized label is $\$ 2.50$. Write to Wine, P.O. Box 732, Sausalito, Calif., 94960.

A good gift for an aspiring home wine maker comes ${ }_{r}$ from The Compleat Winemaker, which ships all the informa-* tion, instructions, and equipment you need plus the grapes in season. Write for a catalogue to P.O. Box 2470, Yountville, Calif., 94599.

If you've some skill with a paintbrush and you're giving a bottle of wine as a gift, you might copy artist Jack Johannasen's idea: Instead of wrapping it, he likes to paint the wine bottle-a tree scene, a landscape in the round. When the bottle is empty, the gift is still there.

## CHEEIBINA: PABTY IDINKS

Country iced apple cider is a delicious and refreshing accompaniment to Christmas dinner, maintains Mrs. David Evins, who makes it simply by filling large glasses with apple cider and popping them in the freezer until they're mushy.

A fine decanted port, a bowl of large walnuts warmed near the fire, and crisp cold apples create Christmas cheer at Julie Dannenbaum's home in Philadelphia.

A German cold duck (Kalte Ente) is served at party time by wine importer Peter Sichel who pours two bottles of still liebfraumilch and one bottle of sparkling into a bowl with shaved ice. Into this he drops cut up strawberries, peaches, or even pineapple, and the peel of one lemon, which is removed after ten minutes.

Or, for a Sangria Tropical, mix two parts of dry red wine with one part unsweetened pineapple juice, chill, and pour over ice cubes in a large goblet-a recipe Elisabeth Ortiz found in the Dominican Republic.

A French mulled wine, Le Vin Chaud, is a traditional festive drink in the home of La Grenouille's Charles Masson. It is made by combining red wine, cinnamon sticks, cloves stuck in a slice of lemon. Bring them to a real boil, and serve in glasses with a spoon, accompanied by cucugneu, a yeast cake with dried apples.

Hot buttered rum for one from Jean Hewitt combines 1 teaspoon light brown sugar, $1 / 4$ teaspoon finely grated lemon zest, $1 / 8$ teaspoon cinnamon, $1 / 8$ teaspoon nutmeg, and $11 / 2-2$ ounces golden rum in a warmed 10 -ounce tumbler. Fill with boiling water and float a teaspoon of unsalted butter on top.

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pendale Furniture by F. Lewis Hinckley (Crown, \$10) is an interesting study of eighteenth-century Irish furniture. . . . And a very special book for a very special person: Chinese Furniture by Robert Hatfield Ellsworth (Random House, $\$ 75$ ), beautifully bound and boxed, is a definitive work on the furniture of the Ming and early Ch'ing dynasties-lovely still and still influencing furniture design.
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Color in Decoration by José Wilson and Arthur Leaman (Van Nostrand Reinhold, $\$ 19.95$ until Jan. 1; then $\$ 24.95$ ) is a book both unique and beautiful. Experts in the field, the authors have written an engrossing account of the importance and uses of color in interior design and have illustrated it with absolutely dazzling photographs.
FOR A COOk's TOUR-DE-FORCE: The most popular cook book this year will probably be Craig Claiborne's New York Times International Cook Book (Harper \& Row, \$10.95

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## Women: Stand up for your right o sit down at dinner time.


verywhere we turned in preparing this Christmas issue, we found irresistible ideas that people are reviving out of the past, adapting for now, cramming with ingenuity, humor, and humanness. The result is an issue of ways to get into Christmas and its lore from how to make stockings for thirty-six children in an afternoon, the run-down on a Christmas Eve picnic under the tree, to the marvelous mixture of warmth, life, and American history that light up the White House for the holidays.

$t$he celebration and wonder of Christmas, the commemoration and rejoicing at the birth of a new idea signaling the promise of inspiration and renewal and change are really the point behind cultural and religious observances in the winter season. For many, the essence of the season comes in the reenacting of beloved customs or in discovering new ways to celebrate - for others the renewal comes from tuning into their own reservoir of inspiration. Gerald Durrell, one man familiar with this exercise, writes an account of Christmas Day spent on the Barrier Reef off Australia where he saw a surrealistic Christmas in the submarine world of coral, fish, and other sea creatures. The wonder he felt seeing the brilliance and variety of that underwater world is surely the feeling we long to kindle. Another man very attuned to the spirit-restoring qualities of nature at any season is Russel Wright who took an undistinguished piece of land and restored it to a wildness more beautiful than it had ever been before. Another couple, who worked to coax nature into its most beautiful aspect rather than subduing it, built a house in Saint Croix that welcomes and uses the sun and wind. This new alignment with the processes of nature, long the attitude of conservationists, might easily inform our attitudes toward other things and ourselves and help us-especially in our efforts to make Christmas a celebration of what we have that's good.

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charming for adults. The more made up of thing you do yourself and that the children do with you. the firmer the feelings, the stronger the magic of the season. Some projects take several afternoons or evenings: on one of them you work out ways of mass-producing these fantasies. Youll find out how to make thirty-six stockings in an afternoon plus ways to wrap packages either with flowers made from bright colored tissue paper or a glitter-and-glue technique shown on this page, also ways to make tree omaments folded from shiny papers. All projects are made mostly from the simplest dime store farebright colored papers, ghe. double-faced scotch tape, cotton. glitter. and sequins. For many. making and filling stockings. wrappings, and decorating the tree are the essence of the season itself. surely the energy emanating from the glittering packages wrapped ly. Allegra Kent and her children. above. will quicken the imagination of everyone dedicated to Christmas.

> Packages that sparkle with a child's

imagination

Dancer Allegra Kent and her three children Trista, Susie, and Bret, Above, scatter all over Christmas a love of life and fantasy, of friends and family. opposite page: Their very free-form Christmas tree, the presents done in bursts of spontaneity with a bottle of glue, boxes, wads of cotton, glittery things by mother and children who look at the whole thing more as a happening or a Junglegym than a prim tree with lots of perfect packages. RIGHT: Trista and her mother who've found that tiny packages make ornaments for pars as well as for the tree.



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Lots of things stick to glu -paillettes, glitter, sequin tiny stars-almost anythir you find in novelty store Ways ballerina Allegra Ker and her children use it, to row, left to right: Snow kin ornament hung on the tre with shiny eyes, nose, bu tons, and a crown added b the children. A box wrappe in tissue paper goes to Bre four-glitter sprinkles an glue spell out his name, defin a panda bear. Hanging as a ornament on the tree, thi tiny purse was made fo Trista, eleven, out of a matcl box covered with tissue pi per, glued and glitter duster the handle made from a piec of glittered cord bought in novelty store. Packages unde the tree. Middle row, left
right: Yarn, shells, stars, an glue made into a snowmar an orange, and a pomegra ate that march along a lon tie box. Another tiny purs with a fat yarn bow. A snow man on bright lacquer pape shows how cotton sticks glue. Once cotton is in plac more dots of glue for th sequin eyes, nose. Opposi page: A close-up of a pacl age for Trista-her name an the tree embroidered in glv and several different sequir and paillettes like a sample Opposite page, below: Sus with a package for a frien


crunching of tissue paper around the of the pipe cleaner. 3. Almost the le paper doll length of petals has been pped around the pipe cleaner and is d in place with scotch tape. 1. A fourclover shape with a hole in the center un up the bottom of the pipe cleaner over ragged ends and the Scotch tape lower meets stem. 5. Leaf patterns are out in the same "Iat as the flowers. 3oth flower and leaf are attached to the kage. The flou look of the flowers often gests roses, carnations, or dahlias; ir charm is they're not too realistic.


Mrs. Benjamin Groves has been giving children's parties at Christmas ever since her children were little. Since that first Christmas she worked out a system of making a grab bag of Christmas stockings, each filled with a gift-an orange and some nuts in the toe-one for each child. "The trick to making three dozen stockings is this-start in July and massproduce them. I cut out with pinking shears all the stocking shapes at once from a pattern I've made from a paper bag." With red thread in a sewing machine set for a loose stitch she takes two different colors of felt and sews them towriler at the same time, sews a length of real ribbon at the top. Once it's anchored. lien it atound the lopp of the broot in al bors "ith a tiny five-and-dime ornament in the bou. Next the stockings are filled with fruit and nuts to give them a shape; and linally the little toys, also from the five-and-dime. "The point is to go to a store "lure you go in the summer, find differfoll sorts of inexpensive toys from those !ou limil i:1 lown. atal maher a teal -loch. ()therwise, at the last minute, you end up frantically shopping in town and spendin! much more than you'd planned."



Mrs. Benjamin Groves stuffing a stocking with toys. TOP: A pile of finished stockings. RIGHT: A table full of the tiny toys and party candy she and her children use to fill them.


I grab bag of

## bright felt stockings




Start with square paper right side up. Fold in half diagonally. Open, fold in half at right angles. Open, turn over, fold in half ge to edge. Open, fold in half at right angles, leave closed. 2. Push together to make square of four flaps with inside folds meeting middle lines. 3. Raise one flap, open and spread flat. Repeat with all flaps. 4. Fold over two triangular "ears," crease flat and under edge. 5. Turn over, repeat to make triangle of four double flaps. 6. Raise one flap, open and crease flat. Repeat on all sides ror's note: On a tree heavily hung with lights, the paper ornaments must be hung with "breathing space. If this is possible, they should be sprayed with a product like DuPont Flame Retardant, a chemical in powder form that is mixed with ter. For colorfastness, first test the paper with water. If it doesn't fade the color, neither will the flame retardant


# ROOMS READY CELEBRATING 



Half the fun of Christmas, we believe, is the preparation. Giving your house, from the front door in, that festive feeling. And planning marvelous tables-for Christmas is a feast of parties. To inspire you, we present twelve pages of rooms ready for celebrating, ideas for trees and tables, garlands and greenery, bouquets and buffets in all manner of moods. Rich and traditional, romantic and whimsical, fragrant and even fantastical ways to make your house say "Holiday."

The wall tree, far left, su perbly festive, designed to be hung like a beautiful basrelief of flowers. Constructed of chicken wire wrapped around a wooden frame, the tree blooms like a conical bouquet, its solid blanketing of white statice jeweled here and there with shiny red balls, bright as berries. Designed by Ronaldo Maia. The table, set for day-beforeChristmas lunch, gleams with "Lady Claire" sterling flatware by Stieff; "Princess" china by Pickard; "Debutante" crystal by Fostoria. Yellow place trays from Lucidity. Interior designed by Bob Patino of Winkler-Pa-
tino. In the foyer of a New York apartment, above, Stephen Barany used a gilded console as a baroque stage for crèche figures dressed in medieval splendor and standing in a meadow of aromatic evergreens, surrounded by heaps of shiny packages. Left: Half a pondful of green velvet frogs climb up a moss-covered Styrofoam cone, criss-crossed with velvet ribbon, studded with fresh daisies and lilies. The frogs on this table tree by Ronaldo Maia and all his whimsical animals that parade through these pages like Beatrix Potter figures are

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ROOMS READY FOR CELEBRATING





In and on and out of their kennels, beautiful old Meissen pugdogs sit in the center of interior designer Pamela Banker's dining table, above, fenced in with a della Robbia garland of greens, lady apples, and kumquats. (Although this is very old Meissen. the dogs would be just as amusing if they were brand new.) "Golden Aegean Weave" flatware and sterling hurricanes by Wallace, Hutschenreuther "Cherrywood Gold" dinner plates and "Rosewood" crystal by Pasco. In a corner of The Greenery, left, Bob Perkins framed a window with a swag of fruit-studded pine, set a topiary swan afloat in a basket, and got two Louis XVI chairs ready for the holidays by covering their slip seats with a basket weave of broad green grosgrain ribbon and lacing their cane backs with the same ribbon in a narrow width. To hang on Winnie the Pooh's door, a wreath, right, by Ronaldo Maia. A Shaker basket is the armature for greens, fresh daisies, polka-dot ribbon bows, and tiny teddy bears-some of them clutching to their chests carafes labeled "Honey."

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## Mrs. Richard Nixon

## talks albout the decorations and the celebrations <br> "Before we came to the White House, our friends always looked to us to see what surprises we

 were going to give them at Christmas, with our decorations, our 'open house' party. We've always tried to make Christmas special and different. At the White House we enjoy giving surprises, too. Because we want to share the house with as many people as possible, we've started a tradition of candlelight tours through the state rooms. So many people are here in Washington at Christmastime and the men are free in the evenings, so this gives them an opportunity to enjoy the White House as well. The chandeliers are turned low, fires flickering, and there's music. We hear people breaking into song, up in our rooms. That's so nice, to know they're enjoying it."It was my idea to have the tree in the Blue Room. We had to take down the chandelier to get it in. But without the lights, with the fire going, the room seems to look softer, more beautiful. The tree has a lot of meaning, some of the ornaments are decorated with the state flowers, two for each state, and people like to walk around and find their state. It's the only cut tree; all the others are in pots and later planted in a park. We found the dollhouse in Ohio. It belonged to the family of President Rutherford B. Hayes and was made by the White House carpenters for his daughter Fanny Hayes for her first Christmas in the White House in 1877. We painted it, fixed it all up, put lights in it. Now the family has loaned it to us. It's a great attraction for children."

In the middle of the Blue Room, Left, the White House tree, resplendent, soars 20 feet high. Four of the chairs around it are the originat ones
by Pierre-Antoine Bellangé, purchased by President Monroe, returned to the White House in 1962 as gifts. The rest are copies of the nineteenth-century design.



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White poinsettias and ivy festoon
the Green Room's mantel, Above rigit, traming the French bronze doré Hannibal
clock bought by President Monroe in 1817.
Above the mantel, Benjamin
Franlilin portrait by David Martin. The niniature tree, below, sits on a little oval card table, a
graceful touch beside the Federal sofa, mahogany banded with satinwood.

"We sart plaming the White House decorations a month ahead, right after Thanksgiving. We have to be sure we have all the materials we need on time. I have lots of ideas and I get together with Mr. Young, the chief florist, Mr. Williams, the chief horticulturist, Mr. Scouten, the chief usher, and Mr. Henry Callahan of Saks Fifth Avenue.

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)utting up the decorations takes an incredible three days. We really do have to work. I stay very near all the time because when you're putting something together, sometimes changes have to be made-another bowl here, another garland there. The big chandelier in the dining room [opposite page] is dressed up with fresh holly mounted in florist's foam to keep it fresh looking. Even so the foam has to be watered quite often and this is quite a performance, someone has to stand on a ladder to do it. For the
wall sconces in the dining room, we made sprays of evergreen and put red bows and little gold ornaments on them. The buffet table here is set for an open-house reception. Last year the room looked perfectly lovely for the Christmas dinner we gave for British Prime Minister Edward Heath. We put red candles in the vermeil candelabra on the tables, and there were masses of red and white mixed bouquets-white snapdragons, pompons, and carnations, red roses, and red carnations and gypsophila, with sprays of holly. Red poinsettias were banked around the room, as well as on the mantel. We were honoring a man and I think red and white flower decorations are good for a man. In our own rooms in the White House we decorate the mantel and we have our own tree with the usual decorations, including those made by Julie and Tricia when they were quite young. We have a rotating base for it, with music that plays 'Silent Night' and other carols."

In the State Dining Room, opposite page, red poinsettius with a lacing of ivy on the mantel beneath the portrait of Abraham Lincoln by George P. A. Healy. The great gilded turn-of-the-century chandelier plumed with holly. Sprays of evergreen caught with gold ornaments and velvet bows decorate wall sconces, Above left.




In the Library, above, filled with Duncan Phyta furniture, garlands of ivy on the mantel, beneath the portrait of George W ashington by Gilbert Stuart Silver Argand lamps on either side of the fireplace are unusual English eighteenth-century pieces.

## Christmas at the White House

have always been interested in gardening, ever since I could toddle. In San Clemente

1I whip around, pull weeds every day. I have a little bit of everything, so that when I do the vases I never have the same combination twice. For the East Room we did something very beautiful with red poinsettias. Many people think they're whole trees, but they're really made with about seventy-five pots, arranged in a pyramid, 7 feet high. I wanted them to come to the same height as the sconces on the walls, so they look as if they are topped with candles. We built a little platform for them [see diagram page 170] mounted some pots at an angle so they would be hidden and easy to water, though they don't really need too much attention. If one plant should get a little weary, it can be pulled out and replaced. We receive guests in the East Room before we go in to dinner, then chairs are put in for the entertainment after dinner. This might be a recital-the pianist Garrick Ohlsson played for Mr. Heath-or something special, like the Christmas Evening by David Frost last year. The Christmas service is also held in the East Room.
"I suppose of all the places we've spent Christmas, the White House must be our favorite. There's nowhere else I'd rather be. To be here in this historical house with the memories of all the other families who've been here means so much-and to realize that we, in our way, are making a moment of history, too."

In the East Room, opposite page, a blaze of poinsettias pyramided into a 7 .foot tree. Portrait is of Martha Washington by E. F. Andrews. On mantel, Left, poinsettias and miniature ivy wind around President

Monroe's elaborate French bronze doré candelabra.


# memnorable Christmas experience $y_{y}$ (EERALD DU RRELI 

## CHRISTYIS WITHCOTCIS

editor's note: From 1925 to date, Gerald Durrell's life has been a small boy's dream come true. To begin with, he never went to school. ("Despises formal education," says his wife.) In addition, he grew up to be what he had alucays dreamed of being-a zoo keeper. (Of his early passion for animal collecting, his mother once said, "He's been in this phase from the age of two.") But Durrells is no ordinary zoo. Located on the Isle of Jersey off the northwest tip of France, the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust is a conservationist's assemblage of endangered species from all over the world. The trials, triumphs, and slapstick obligatos of collecting them have been outlined in two of his many books: A Zoo in My Luggage and Menagerie Manor. Other hilarious episosles from his private history are recorded in a volume just published by Viking Press. Its title-Fillets of Plaice-was contributed by his older brother Laurence, to whom the book is derlicated.

aone time or another, I have spent Christmas in a variety of unusual situations. I have spent it in a waterlogged tont in a Wies Mrican forest mursing a sich chimpanzee; I have spent it lying roasting on a cliff in Patagonia filming a vast conglomeration of fur seals just below me; and I have celebrated it eating cold alligator tail and manioca cakes while floating through the creeklands of Guiana in a canoc. But the Christmas that will always stand out in m mind above all others is the one I spent on the Great Barrier Reel in Australia.

To anybody even remotely interested in natural history (should they visit Australia) the Barrier Reef should be Mecca. It is mome colortul than a Matisse, mone intricate than the Beyeux tapestries, and structurally much more beautiful than the Acropolis. This great city of coral that guards Australia's eastern shore from the long, grasping blue rollers of the Pacific was first laid Thwn hundreds of thousands of years ago and has since been built up, millimeter by millimeter, with monumental patience so that now it forms a great bastion against the sea, and inside this protecting wall strings of coral islands lie in the placid waters.

- turally, during my six-month trip round Australia I had put the Barrier Reef very high on my list of places to visit, but the splendid idea of spending Christmas on it had never occurred to me. Then, through a combination of circumstances, I found that I was going to be in Quecrisland during the Christmas period and so the opportunity reemed too good to miss.

I had been givest an introduction to Manny and Doreen Sims
who lived in Port Douglas. Manny, a Filipino, and his wif who hailed from Ceylon, had a small motor launch, which the hired out and I was hoping that Manny would take me and $m^{\prime}$ party out to the Reef, for he knew it intimately. Port Dotgla I found, was an enchanting little place wallowing in cloaks bougainvillaea and shaded in palm trees. It had a general air c sun-drenched, sleepy charm about it. At the tumble-down jett I found Manny and his wife busily cleaning up their small laund after a fishing expedition and we very soon arranged that Mann would take us out to the Reef the following day.

Christmas Day dawned and the sky had that hot, opalescen glow that only the tropics can give you. Although it was barel dawn the sun was so hot that the visibility was cut down to a fev handred yards b! the sea mint. Wi boarded Mamms launch, tak ing with us the things we considered necessary to instill som Christmas cheer into what was the most un-Christmas-like day iced champagne, cold turkey, and ice cream. Once we were aboard Manny started the launch up and it throbbed its way through thi mist across the milk-smooth sea.

Our first stop was at one of a group of small islands that formee part of the breeding area of a bird that I had long wanted to meet the Torres Straits Pigeon. Manny dropped anchor in some 20 fee of water as transparent as gin and then we took to the dinghy ans rowed ashore, making fast to the great rust red, basket-like root: of the mangroves that formed the edge of the island. Scarlet anc blue fiddler crabs waving a giant claw at us scuttled away ovel the soft mud as we scrambled ashore and made our way inland As soon as we left the rim of mud, held in the grasping fingers of the mangroves, we were walking on a graveyard of coral that scrunched and disintegrated under our feet. It was like walking over the whitened bones of a million dinosaurs.

As we left the mangroves and came to the place where small dark green leaved trees grew closely packed together we heard a monotonous, plaintive sound rising and falling-the tremulous contralto cooing of hundreds of Torres Straits Pigeons. They perched fearlessly among the branches and gazed down at us as we approached. They were large birds, beautifully shaped, with their pointed wings and tails, milk white, with huge jet-black liquid eyes. They would let us get within a few feet of them before taking off in a great flap and crack of wings. The trees were full of their nests, or at least what passes for a nest with the pigeon family: a few casually conglomerated twigs placed absent-
dry among the branches, this was all the Torres Straits a considered necessary for the rearing of its young. Some nests were so carelessly built that the white eggs or the fat, Bellied babies could be clearly seen through the bottom of iss from below, and one felt that the slightest breeze would dogs or young crashing to the ground.
these pigeons nest on the Barrier Reef islands and while the female is sitting, or when the young are hatched, the - pigeons fly to the mainland every morning and return every evening with their crops full of food for their mates or young. As they always fly to their feeding grounds and return from them at the same time in vast flocks, flying low and straight, they present an irresistible and unmistarget to even the most inexperienced hunter. Although these ns are protected by law, there is still a tremendous amount acing that goes on at their breeding sites. At one time they almost as numerous as the North American Passenger Pii but, owing to persecution, their numbers have dropped singly. It was thought that the Passenger Pigeon in North fica (numbered in billions in its heyday) was impossible to ninate and yet the last one died in 1914. Australian hunters nat the Torres Straits Pigeon is too numerous to exterminate, poaching and robbing of the nests continue this beautiful pigeon will follow the Passenger Pigeon to extinction.
We made our way through the trees back to the dinghy, the ns gleaming white as snowdrifts among the dark leaves above id exploding up into the blue sky, cracking their wings in , like a hundred sails caught by a sudden gust of wind.
Once aboard the launch, we set off across the placid sea rd the outer rim of the Reef. A 6 -foot sea snake crossed our banded in gold and black, a flattened, paddle-like tail moveanguidly in the water, propelling him slowly along. He reed us benignly and without fear as we chugged past him. gently, ahead of us, we saw the edge of the Reef, marked by t appeared to be a small tidal wave continually forming and spearing again, remaining in the same spot. Here the water lenly became comparatively shallow and Manny threw out anchor and we put on our flippers and masks.
A slight breeze was now ruffling the surface of the water so although through the clearness one could see the multired gardens of coral lying below, they were blurred and ininst. I let myself over the side and submerged in the lukewarm er. Although I thought I knew what to expect, when my mask othed and flattened out the water and I saw what lay below it was all I could do not to gasp with astonishment and get a jul of water. Shoals of fish shot past my face in a firework lay of colors-blue, green, gold, and huntsman red-and below
"We were like children in a toy shop, clinging to coral, pointing out eagerly to each other the fish that nosed around us gently, the cowrie shells, white as china, freckled, blotched, golden toast brown, and everywhere the great rainbow-colored sculptures of the coral."
these flickering bursts of color the coral gardens lay spread in a million different shapes and colors and textures.

It was like floating over the multicolored roofs of a medieval city; here a church spire picked out in russet red, gold, and magenta; there the house of a rich merchant, with archways and windows of midnight blue flecked with green; here a row of lesser houses with steeply canted roofs, white and brittle as sugar, studded with gold and blue cowries. Moving busily through all this were red and white spotted crabs, yellow and black eels, and, above all, fish-large fish and fish so small they were like little glinting embers, fish green gold as a tiger's eye, dandelion gold with blue fins and eyes, working their way assiduously over the craniums of brain coral, each the size of a dining room table. There were beds of anemones, pink and white and as frilly as a Victorian bonnet, or with long, languid tentacles, Persian-cat gray edged with lavender. And everywhere, it seemed, prowled that great enemy of the Barrier Reef, the Crown of Thorns starfish, each the size of a soup plate or bigger, covered with a forest of variegated spines, colored gold purple and russet red. These beautiful starfish were at that time suffering a population explosion. As their food was the soft coral polyps, great battalions of them were laying waste large sections of the Reef, feeding voraciously as they moved along, leaving behind them nothing but dead coral as white as ivory. The variety of living things was as bewildering as the colors and shapes they assumed. It was an enormous biological firework display and it was only suddenly I realized that so fascinoted had I been by what lay below me I had not moved from that spot since I first immersed myself in the water, and my lungs were aching with a desire for air. Filling my lungs, I dived down and clung to a large brain coral. Within a few feet of me, in a circle, there was enough material to afford five lifetimes of study for any marine biologist.

11e were like children in a toy shop, clinging to coral, pointing out eagerly to each other the fish that nosed around us gently, the cowrie shells, white as china, freckled, blotched, golden toast brown, and everywhere the great rainbowcolored sculptures of the coral. We made our way through the shallow water, surfacing and gasping like porpoises, jealous of the few precious moments wasted while we had to fill our aching lungs with air before diving once more into this fabulous world.

Gradually, we worked our way out until we reached the very edge of the Reef. Here we hung spread-eagled in the blue waters like hawks, rising and falling on the pulse of the sea, being carried gently along the periphery of the Reef. Here the great ramparts of the coral, flying buttresses of blue, white, red, and gold, plunged downward until the depths made the water turn inky black and the coral wall was no longer visible. Fish flicked and lounged their way through the archways of coral into courtyards not lined with greensward but with the multitudinous, quivering electric blue arms of innumerable anemones. Here, (Continued on page 173)



## RAIN-TRAP ROOFS WIND-SCREEN WALLS <br> "When we sited this house on the side

 of the water, we hid all of the views of the ocean on the approach from the driveway [1]-a house has to promise you something from the outside," maintains Mr. Jacobsen. "You must be intrigued to go in. There's only one opening into it, a little slip of a door [2]. You go through this and into the atrium where the light is rather fine and you're still moving, because you know there's something more. You don't see the ocean until you get into the living room [5] I'd rather frame a view like a picture so you can sit and look at it peacefully. Too much glass and your eye is always mov. ing, you never get a rest."To suit the family's life style, the main house has four bedrooms, see plan opposite page (a double one for each of the three daughters allowing them to enlertain friends), with a separate guest house linked by a pool terrace [4]. Steeply angled exterior walls, actually separated from the main walls by slits, function as wind screens around the house, with sloping wooden slats overhead to shade the sun. See them on the ocean side of the house [3]. Apart from creating interesting i,ght patterns over the terraces, the slits 7orm vital outlets for air currents when hurricanes whip around the building. Since rain is the sole water source, flat roofs with deep parapets are designed to catch every last drop, which is stored in an enormous 85,000 gallon tank alongside the pool




## even a Green Tree Snail, looking like shimmering bounty swept up by the ocean and settled in a comfortable

 iea-shell patterned and sea-shell shaped-designed especially for House \& Garden by Louis J. Gartner, 11. . Shells: five Noble Pectens-beginning with the tiniest Scallop on the sand-in shades of yellow, coral, .wnir . . . pium. A Green Tree Snail, center; a spectacular Spotted Marble Cone, foreground; a Queen Conch just above it in intricate in white; and a lovely Pacific Triton, in warm earth browns and cream. All the shell designs, handpainted on canvas in true colors with beautifully matched wools, are available in kits at Bergdorf Goodman for you to make yourself or give as presents. The 4 -inch Noble Pecten, $\$ 15$; the 9 -inch Green Tree Snail, $\$ 30$; the larger Pectens are $\$ 40$. The Marble Cone and the Queen Conch, about 14 inches in size, are $\$ 45$; The Pacific Triton, 20 inches, is $\$ 50$. Louis J. Gartner, Jr., who designed them all, is the author of Aff. House \& Garden book, Morrow, \$15.95). The white chair, by Angelo Donghia for Interior Crafts. At Lord \& Taylor. SEA SHELLPILIOWSNeedlepoint kits to give as presents




The very personal garden of a nature lover


By Russel Wright

## edrtor's note: How Mr. Wright put hi

 tamp on his land, yet renewed its nat ural wildness, is an ecological triumph with ideas any of us can put to use. Fa mous as a trail-blazing designer of modem furniture, tableware, and textiles, Russel Wright is now dedicated to "helping people fund a greater varicty of pleastures in nature." He is creating new graphics, ceents, and trails for the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. For the National Park Service, he developed the awardwimning "Summer in the Parks" program.A question that aluays amuses and pleases me: "How did you ever find such an unusually beautiful site?" I am pleased because friends think I found it
therefore I hoow it looks matural. Amused because the fand I bought some twenty-five years ago was uninviting, dry and impenetrable. The trees vere the nondescript second growth of 11 old firewood operation. The pool was an abandoned granite quarry. Broken railroad trachs ratr down to the Hudson River. but there was no view. The land was comsidered useless. Today it contains three and a half miles of paths, vistas of river and mountains beyond, and a larese pool with a 30 -foot waterfall. A small percentage of the woods hat been thimed, no formal landscaping has
beetn done? and onls indigenome ont is allowed A small stream that is allowed. A small stream that ran where
I now have the driveway was diverted to mate the pool. I call the place laren Rock because we built a house on the hack of a rock formation that coils around the quarry and resembles, as my daughter Ann said, a dragon drinking water from the pool. At the beginning we had a small house, hot and claustrophobic because it was surrounded by woods. As I began to explore the possibilities of a view, I grew to know and love the land. I found interesting fea-tures-great sculptural boulders, small

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of alogu*ood in spring
when pond and wateviall hate thamed-all thiswras omeea searin the carih


 given you pleasure. My paths have
 sional help of guests and moon-


 killer. Within a year unwanted
 ily be pulled. (Your comnty agriculal agent can suggest a suitable herbi) Where there are rough spots, a 1) hoe will smooth out the terrain. To dge muddy spots, try stepping stones :ordwood. I have developed four genI rules for plaming paths: 1 Follow natural contour of the land. Look for the that deer. coms. of rablhm hate de. l'uless your wanl ann allise asoret uight lines; make paths curve. 2 Make unnecessary, if possible, to retrace Let a path complete a contour. 'lan a path to show off your land's st interesting features. Have it pass ough fems or flowers, tums around a It or ronch lomations, kad to a vion a good place to picnic. I have made ret rooms or aleones atollthosk of - paths. Such features should be ced along a curve so that the walker

discovers each surprise for himself. 4 Clearing should be done very carefullv. Avoid the usual crude mistake of making panoramic vistas-cutting down everything in front of the viewer. A view framed by large trees, with trees between the viewer and vista, creates more depth and a subtle, natural effect. Thin slowly. If you make big openings, the trees, not having time to accustom themselves to the wind, will topple. A complete thinning can be done to reveal a certain kind of tree or shrub, or to free a rock or cliff of underbrush. I have cleared trees in order to see the hemlock or to bring out the contrast of gray birch and dark hemlock. Even the Dragon himself gets a trimming every other year. When the ice is strong on the pond, I bring a ladder and cut the growth that would soon hide his face. When I find an interesting wildflower (I especially love the wild orchid, pink lady's slipper), I weed out other growth and encourage it to spread. You can also buy seeds or seedlings of the same hind to collupe an area My philosophy is doing what you can with what you've got. Enhance your world. Land shomld mot wo mentered. When "ith small effort its original beauty can be restored.

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* Marning path

TREES
Ailanthus
Ash
Aspen
Birch
Black Willow
Cedar
Flowering
Dogwood
Canada Hemlock
Maple
Moosewood
Oak
White Pine
Sassafras
Sumac
Sycamore
Tupelo
FLOWERS
Trailing Arbutus
Aster
Bloodroot
Bluets
Buttercup
Butter-and-Eggs
Butterfly Weed
Chicory
Coltsfoot
Columbine

Daisy
Day Lily
Dutchman's Breeches
Pearly
Everlasting
Wild Ginger
Hepatica
Indian Pipe
Indian Tobacco
Jack-in-the-Pulpit
Joe-Pye-Weed
Lady's Slipper
Loosestrife
May Apple
Moneywort
Mullein
Mustard
Partridge Berry
Pussy-Toes
Rattlesnake
Plantain
Skunk Cabbage
Solomon's Seal
Trillium
Thyme
Violet
Waterlily
Wild Geranium

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## Wild Iris

Wild Lily-of-the-
Valley
Wild Strawberry
Wintergreen
Yarrow
Queen Anne's
Lace
VINES
Dutchman's
Pipe
Grape
Virginia Creeper
FERNS
Christmas
Bracken
Interrupted
Lady
Maidenhair
New York
Royal
Sensitive
SHRUBS
Barberry
Blueberry
Mountain Laurel
Raspberry
Spice Bush
Viburnum

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( $)$ has a special pocket of Christmas to treasures ${ }^{9}$

By Dee Hardie

editor's note: Mrs. Hardie, her husband, and their four teen-age children live at Thornhill Farm overlooking Worthington Valley near Baltimore. Mrs. Hardie writes a syndicated newspaper column, "A View from a Hill," extracts of which have been ChITSTMINS felt as well as seen. Christmas is the special edition of the year. Christmas stands alone and helps others stand taller. Everyone, everywhere has a special pocket of Christmas to treasure-ribbons of nostalgia tying together a bright package of joy. Sometimes it's the elegant generosity of a friend, more often the simple lowe of a tamily a testomery of frivolity and feelings. Far be it from any man ever to say "bah humbug" again.

Christmas for me is hearing the first car(1) on the ratlin while driving the childremis car pool-and feeling glad. It's filling up the -tation wien with wexd from chir tame. (cut

## $T^{T}$ to perfection, a tiny tree under glass

Fascinated by tiny, tiny Christmas things, interior designer John Rieck, whose hands are anything but tiny, pulls together with infinite patience and a great deal of skill hundreds of tiny toys, small wax figurines, and a tiny artificial tree. Result is a gem of a doll-sized tree under glass-a one-of-a-kind do-it-yourself.

"I get the trees from the five and ten," says Rieck. "Sometimes I stick in those plastic green leaves to make it fuller. The bases are specially made for me but I cover them in fabric myself." One of Rieck's best sources for tiny little ornaments are antique dollhouses. "Everyone knows by now that I'm fascinated with tiny things, and they call me when some funny little object comes into a shop. When I travel I buy in gross-one shop in San Salvador had hundreds of little Mickey Mouses." Other tree ornaments are obscure and valuable, such as Austrian wax figures-Hansel and Gretels not even an inch high. "Once the tree and base are set, I just add things and add things -usually at night while watch the news on TV." Far left top: Rieck wrapping a tiny matchbox package. Left: Tree trimmings. Far left bottom: Topped with an angel, glassencased, the finished tree.
those early tulips in the dark cupboard in September, hoping by December to give away blooming pots and pots of them, knowing the poinsettias won't mind.

For our 18-year-old son Todd, Christ mas is liberation. "It's to slide for three weeks, to feel you can touch the clouds rather than the books." For Francis Kappelman, a friend in Oregon who was a boy during the Depression, "It's the memories of the prairies of South Dakota-a Christma: tree that was a willow sapling or a tumbleveed with a little tinsel and some colored rope. Christmas wasn't much but it was the best."

For Mrs. Alan Wurtzburger, too, her tree is her treat-a tree cut from the hills of "Timberlane" in Pikesville, Md. Her large living room window usually looks out on a garden of modern sculpture, but at Christmas the view is punctuated by a tree meatly sliucod down the middle-one hatf ontsiale the mindore and decorated for the birds, the other half on the inside, decorated as a "people's tree."

Her daughter, Mrs. Robert A. Milch, gives holiday cheer to others with her Christmas party place cards-round galalen

## balls wilh the mames written im

 siltere sparfiles. Each ball sits boldly in a yet-to-be-filled wine glass. Later, no longer a place card, it becomes a bright memory on the guest's own tree.For the Thierry McCormicks of Lake Forest, Ill., what makes Christmas special is the four-family trep-trimming paryy they stage every year with three other couples and (Continued on page 88)



A Christmas

Eve picnic around the tree

For Mr. and Mrs. James P. Maguire and their two children, the Christmas tree is the star of their Christmas Eve party and "the summation of the last twelve months and our travels. There's almost nothing that couldn't go on it-from a lock of hair to Mexican butter presses to pretty sea shells.


CHRISTMAS TO TREASURE continued
their teen-age children. "Every couple brings an unusual ornament for everyone else's tree, says Mrs. McCormick. "Last year I brought felt lions. And we each bring a dish-mine was a pate in arpic in a lion mold with parsley for his tail. The children's contribution is rounding up a group of their friends who come in afterward accompanied by their guitars. The music really brings the age groups together."

In central Illinois, Mrs. Charles Dotson of Tuscola makes a point of stocking up on Amish delictcies, uhich she freezes for the holiday-pecan pies, sorghum cookies, noodles, bread. And she places her order in person-can't call it in because Annie's Bakery, being Amish, has no telephone.

For Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell Havemeyer of Nantucket, Mass., Nantucket itself is the star of their holiday. After spending twenty-seven family Christmas reunions ${ }^{r}$ in New York, they now stay at home on the island. "Main Street, from Club to Bank, is girclled with thousands of lights that you see through the branches of balsam fir," says Mr. Havemever. "No artificial garlands, no plastic Sontas lit from within), no manland com The effect late at night, with no cars, is nineteenth century at its best. When the cobbles are wet, they have rainbors of incandesermere. And when the snow drifts quietly down, there are no words.

North of Nashua, N.H., Mrs. Elliot Evans shares her Smithfield ham, a yearly gift from Tirginia, with her northern friends and neighbors. "І build our Christmas Eve around the ham," she says. "And of course Christmas is special. My name is Noël. But I was bom on the fourth of July, in Lyons, France, and my mother wasn't thinking of George M. Cohan or 1776 . Now I celebrate my bithday at Christmas and that way I think I'm younger than I really am in July and by Christmas I don't
care. "We sing carols in our nearby churchyard at 5:30 P.M. and right after that our neighbors come by the house for drinks and supper. By ten all have left to celebrate Christmas Eve with their own families. When our dishes have been done, our family sets out for Midnight (Continued on page 174)

## Four great cooks and the presents they make to give

Opposite page, clockwise from top: Designer Chuck Howard pushes fresh basil into Spanish wine bottles for Basil Vinegar. Artist Ed Giobbi, author of Italian Family Cooking, chops vegetables to make a pungent Hot Pepper Relish. Sugar-coated Orange Pour Cake on an antique breadboard-two gifts in one from restaurant critic and author Gael Greene (Bite: A New York


Homemade cookies are always the great traditional Christmas present, but if you want to delight your friends with something a little more exciting what can you bake? We quizzed the great cooks on what they make or bake for holiday giving and came up with this collection of delicious, off-beat ideas from grissini spiked with Dijon mustard to a basket of beautiful frosted fruits; they're as simple as basil vinegar, or as bountiful as Christmas dinner in a basket

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## Torrine

James Beard gives this terrine
in an attractive pottery terrine.
1 promul hurron
3 pounds spinach, or 2 packages
frozen chopped spinach

1 medium onion, finely chopped
3 small garlic cloves, finel)
chopped
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil
1 cup pitted small Italian or
French black and green olives,
coarsely chopped
11/2 pounds coarsely ground pork
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Salt, freshly ground black pepper
2 eggs

thyme
Dash of nutmeg
Dush of Tubtuas on suluce
1/3cup cognac
$1 / 2$ pound uncooked ham,
thinlv sliced
2 large bay leaves
Flour-und-unter puastr
Line the bottom and sides of a large terrine with the bacon stijn. Count the -pinach until just wilted. (If frozen spinach is used, just thaw and strain through a sieve. Do not cook.) Chop the -pinar ho very fiewt and combine it with half of the parsley, onion, garlic, basil, and the olives.

Combine the ground pork with salt and pepper to taste, the eygs, the other half of the herbs and the seasonings, rosemary, thy me, nutmeg, Tabasco sauce, and cognac.

Spread half of this mixture
 cover with slices of ham, then with half the spinach mixture. Next make a layer of half the remaining pork mixture, then slices of ham, the remaining

## Hrief ideas for gifts

## A fresh pineapple garlandod with rings of dried

 pincapple and presented with a succulent, large piece of ripe brie is Mrs. Byron Janis's delicious invention. She buys the dried pineapple rings at department or health food stores. ... Hasil rinegar makes a handsome gift when it's decanted into Spanish wine bottles with porcelain tops. Fashion designer Chuck Howard, an inventive and proficient cook, makes it from the basil in his Connecticut garden, packs it for presents in wine bottles he collects throughout the year. To make, stuff a bottle half full of basil (or any other herb), fill with distilled white vinegar. Leave for 3 or 4 weeks before using. Mr. Howard adds a note to tell friends to fill up the bottle again when it is half full. .Chrisumas dinnerinabasket for friends who are sick or sim-
 gift ideas. She collects baskets throughout the year, then packs them with a Porthault linen place mat and napkin, wine glass, corkscrew, china plate, and silver. Along with these accouterments goes the best part: a share of the Christmas dimer she is serving at home. . . The malings of a splendid game frast: a brace of pheasants, a jar of homemade wild cherry jam, some cherry liqueur, and wild rice make an original and fitting gift from Joie and Bill McGrail, authors of The Catch and the Feast. . . . An uncoolied wild berry jarm. called Rorte Baer in Norway, is a quick and delicious gift made by TV's Julia Child. To make, mix together 1 pound ( 4 cups ) berries and 3 pound ( 2 cups) sugar in an electric mixer until the juices run and the berries are reduced to a pulp. The berries will absorb the sugar, which acts as a preservative. It is a marvelous way to preserve berries, especially wild berries such as lingonberries (the dwarf cranberries from Scandinavia that can be found in Maine and other parts of this country). Regular cranberries can also be used, chopped up and flavored with grated orange zest, or a combination of blueberries and strawberries, which produces more of a sauce than a jam, and an excellent topping for ice cream. If you do not have a mixer, combine the berries and sugar and stir whenever you pass them for 3 days. Then pack in sterilized jars. . . To make spired waluuts for gifts as Malvina Kinard does, combine $\frac{12}{2}$ teaspoon each ground cinnamon, nutmes, and allypice; teapow salt; 2 (ups sugar; and e cup water in a heavy saucepan. Bring slowly to a boil and allow to boil until syrup forms a thread when held from a spoon. Add 2 teaspoons vanilla and 2 cups walnut halves and beat until mixture is opaque and starting to turn to sugar. Turn out onto a well-buttered surface. When cool, separate the nuts with a fork. Store in airtight containers. . . . small baskers of ergstallized fruirs to use as decorations for centerpiece or mantel arrive at holiday time for lucky friends of Chuck Williams, owner of Williams-Sonoma, a gourmet kitchen shop in San Francisco. He chooses small fruits-lady apples, pears, lemons, mandarin oranges, and grapes-dips them first in beaten egg white, next in granulated sugar, allows them to dry before arranging in baskets. Into bigger baskets he masses oranges, lemons, tangerines studded with cloves. With a sharp skewer, he pierces patterns in citrus skins, then studs with whole cloves in garland or zigzag designs. ... Simple bread ureeaths, sized for one and tied with a ribbon, make lovely gifts for a hostess to use at dimer place settings instead of the ubiquitous roll in a napkin. They're the inspired idea of a passionate bread maker, Emalee Chapman, who runs the Creative Cooking School in San Francisco. ... A ported herb garden is a fine idea for (Continued on page 98)
spinach mixture, and finally the remainder of the pork mixture Press down well and place the bay leaves on top. Cover with foil, put lid on top, and seal witl flour-and-water paste. Stand the terrine in a pan of boiling wate and bake it in a $350^{\circ}$ oven for $11 / 2$ hours.

## Potred Nhrimp

Writer José Wilson gives thi delicacy, from her native ${ }^{\text {Eng }}$ land, in little screw-top jars ramekins, or pretty covered pol tery jars.
${ }^{1} 2$ rup melted butter
1 pound cooked tiny shrimp, either fresh, frozen and defrosted, or canned. (These are really tiny shrimp, sold fresh on the est Coast and available fresh or frozen from Maine. Fresh or frozen are preferable; otherwise, use tiny Icelandic canned shrimp.)
$1 / 4-1 / 2$ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
Clarified butter (about $1 / 4$ cup)
Have the melted butter hot, anc add the shrimp, nutmeg, anc cayenne. It is best to add season ings little by little and to taste more or less of the specified amounts may be needed, accord ing to taste. Shrimp should be well spiced.

Toss gently until shrimp ar well coated, then spoon int small pots. Pour a layer of clari fied butter over the surface ts seal. Refrigerate until chiller and set. If the butter layer is no broken, these will keep for 1 of 2 weeks.

Potted shrimp may be served with Melba toast or thir brown bread and butter as a firs course (sometimes it is com lined "ith smoked salmont or i is great as a cocktail appetizer Continued on page 92

## There was a time when the stories were more interesting than the vegetables.



Inside every man, lives a little boy who didnn't like his vegetables.

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## If you want to make omelets like Graham Kerr, The Galloping Gourmet, start by buying his omelet pan. <br> The 10" omelet

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## PIBESENTS FIBDII GREAT CDOKS

## Tillettes ( Potted Pork)

Dorothy Ivens is working on a book on pâtés and terrines to be published next year. Rillettes are a specialty of the Loire Valley. They are shreds of pork with fat, packed in little pots, to be spread on bread or toast as an accompaniment for the wines of the district-cool glasses of Anjou rosé, or white wines like Vouvray or Sancerre. It's a delicious way to start a meal and good to have along on a picnic. 1 pound lean pork shoulder, cut in 2-inch pieces or squares
1 pound fat back, cut in 2 -inch
pieces or squares
$1 / 2$ teaspoon freshly ground
black pepper
${ }^{1}{ }_{2}^{2}$ traspoon thyme
1 bay leaf
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Put the pork in a heavy, covered flameproof casserole, preferably enameled ironware. Rinse the fat back under cold running water to remove the salt from the surface and add to the pork. Add cold water to cover. Bring to a boil, add pepper, thyme, and bay leaf, cover, and put in a $250^{\circ}$ oven. Cook for 4 hours, checking occasionally to be sure only the merest simmer is being maintained, and that the pork is not drying out. If it does seem to be drying, add a little boiling water. At the end of 4 hours, the pork should be soft and the fat almost completely liquid. Remove from oven, cool slightly.

Discard bay leaf and strain, reserving the drained-off fat. Put $1 / 4$ cup of the melted fat into blender container. Cover and start the motor, then drop $1 / 4$ of the pork in through the hole in the cover, whirling briefly to break it up, but not long enough to make a mush. Put in a bowl and repeat until all the pork is used. Mix all the batches together with 2 forks to make sure the pork is evenly shredded. Add melted fat to soften the mixture.

The rillettes should have a
slightly salty taste, and the i back will probably have suppli enough salt, but taste and an salt if needed. Put the rilletl into 46 -ounce pots or jars, les ing $1 / 2$ inch at the top, and po the melted fat over to fill the po When thoroughly cool, cor with lids or foil, and refrigera To serve, remove solid fat frc the top, but preserve it to col any leftovers, set out the cc tainer with a small spreadi knife and a basket of good bre and some thin toast.

## Potted Tongue

Food writer Elisabeth Or gives her friends a selection potted meats and fish. She pac pastes in inexpensive white $p$ r (finds hers at Azuma) tógeth with little knives and makes pretty package, adding a loaf homemade bread. With gift ge a note to say pots should be frigerated but the paste shou be allowed to soften to spreadi texture before serving. Th keep about a week refrigerate $1 / 2$ pound cooked, smoked tongu $1 / 4$ pound unsalted butter,
softened at room temperature Salt, freshly ground black peppe $1 / 4$ teaspoon ground mace 2 tablespoons Madeira Clarified butter

Chop the tongue and put throu the fine blade of a food mill, purée in the blender. Gradua mash in the butter. Add salt necessary, a few grinds of pe per, the mace, and Madeis Pack into small pots or jars al cover with a layer of clarifi butter, about $1 / 8$ inch thic Makes about 2 cups.

## Chickenand HamPast

1/4 pound cooked chicken breast 1/4 pound lean, boiled ham 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened at room temperature Salt, freshly ground pepper 1/2 teaspoon ground mace Clarified butter

Finely chop the chicken brea and ham and purée with the bt ter in the blender, or put throus the fine blade of a food mill ar mash in the butter. Season
ste with salt, if necessary, pep$r$, and mace. Pack into small ts or jars and cover with a yer of clarified butter, about inch thick. Makes 2 cups.

## hisken Liver Pâté

pound chicken livers
pound unsalted butter cup chopped shallots cup Madeira
alt, freshly ground black pepper teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg larified lutter
ut the chicken livers in half. eat the butter in a heasy skillet ad saute the livers for about 5 inutes. They should be pink inde. Lift out and set aside. In re butter remaining in the pan, ate the shallots until tender but ot browned. Declaze the pan ith the Madeira and pour into e blender container. Add the vers, salt to taste, several grinds f pepper, and the nutmeg. Whirl n high speed to make a smooth urée. Pack in small terrines or ars and top with a layer of claried butter. Makes about 2 cups.

## Patied Nalminn

/2 pound cooked fresh or canned salmon
Z pound unsalted butter,
softened at room temperature alt, freshly ground white pepper $/ 2$ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg ayenne pepper
teaspoon white wine vinegar larified butter
emove any skin and bones from he salmon and chop coarsely. 'ut through the fine blade of a ood mill or reduce to a purée in n electric blender. Beat in the utter. Season to taste with salt nd pepper, the nutmeg, and a inch of cayenne. Mix in the inegar. Pack into small pots nd cover with a layer of clariied butter about $1 / 8$ inch thick. Makes about 2 cups.

## Continuous Cheese Crock

At holiday time, Julie Dannenoaum is never without this heese and finds it a well-reeived gift. When her crock is talf empty, she removes cheese o mixer and whips it up again with more cheese, butter, and

seasonings. Serve with crackers or thin slices of pumpernickel.
1 pound cheese: any kind, or a combination of various cheeses, grated
$1 / 2$ pound butter, softened
$1 / 4$ cup brandy, sherry, wine, or beer
Tabasco sauce or cayenne
2 tablespoons $W$ orcestershire

## sauce

Put cheese in large bowl of electric mixer. Add butter and whip until very light and fluffy. Add brandy, sherry, wine, or beer. Season highly with Tabasco or cayenne and Worcestershire sauce. Pack into small crocks or 1 large one. This will freeze.

## CONDINENTS AND

 IRELISHES
## Hot Pepper Itelish

(From Ed Giobbi)
$1 / 2$ cup plus 3 tablespoons olive oil 1 cup hot peppers, diced or sliced (For a more moderate relish, cut peppers by half)
6 small or 2 medium eggplant, diced
2 medium onions, sliced
3 cups tomatoes, coarsely chopped
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil, or 1 tablespoon dried ( or more to taste-the more you use, the better it tastes)
1 tablespoon kosher salt

Heat $1 / 2$ cup olive oil in a heavy iron skillet. Add peppers, eggplant, and onions and cook rapidly over high heat, uncovered, for 5 minutes, stirring continuously. Add the tomatoes and basil and lower heat to moderate. Add salt and remaining olive oil. Cook for another 10 minutes. Meanwhile, sterilize $1 / 2$-pint jars in boiling water for 5 minutes. Remove, drain on rack, and when dry but still hot, put in relish. Cover and submerge jars in boiling water and cook 15 minutes. Remove from water, cool, and tighten lids. Makes about $121 / 2$-pint jars. Keeps for 2 years. Continued on next page


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note: Diced zucchini and sweet green peppers may be added to cut the fieriness of the relish.

## Nectarine Chutney

(From Jeanne Lesem)
6.7 large nectarines

2 large lemons
$1 / 2$ cup white wine vine gar
$1 / 2$ cup water
1/2 cup brown sugar
$1 / 2$ cup peeled ginger root $1 / 2$ cup coarsely chopped pecans 2 tart green apples, peeled and coarsely chopped (use Granny Smith's or Greenings)
3 cloves garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon mustard seed
! traspoom rrushal chili peppors
Peel and semore the pit from nectarines and cut them in halves or quarters, depending on size. You should have 3 cups of fruit. P'ut in a heats prol. Squeere the juice from the lemons into the pot and put the rind through the coarsest hatade of a food chopper; add to nectarines. Add vineqar, water, brown sugar, ginger, pecans, green apples, garlic, mustard, and chilis. Simmer wently about 30 minutes. until chutney reaches the desired thickness. Pour into 5 or 6 hot, sterilized $1 / 2$-pint jars and seal.

## Mushroom Katchup

(From Jeanne Lesem)
3 pounds mushrooms
2 tablespoons salt
2 tablespoons coarsely chopped onions
1 teaspoon pickling spices, tied in cheesecloth
$1 / 8$ teaspoon cayenne pepper $1 / 3$ cup white vinegar

Soak mushrooms in cold water for 10 minutes to loosen dirt. Wash and rinse quickly in running cold water. Cut up coarsely and toss with the salt. Let mushrooms stand for 24 hours. Add onions, pickling spices, cayenne, and vinegar. Simmer in a heavy saucepan for about $1 / 2$ hour. Strain off about 1 cup of the liquid. Purée the mushrooms in
the blender or put through a food mill, adding just enough liquid so that mushrooms purée easily. The purée should not be too thin. Pour into sterilized hot $1 / 2$-pint jars and seal. Makes enough for about $51 / 2$-pint jars. Ketchup lasts about 1 week in refrigerator after being opened. Opened jars may be frozen.

## Oriental Itelish

Mary Moon Hemingway hunts in antique shops for collector's canning jars, patterned glass spill holders, apothecary jars to hold the relish.
10 cups canned tomatoes
10 cups chopped apple
5 lemons, put through food
chopper
$11 / 4$ cups finely chopped dry
ginger
15 cups sugar

Cook together the tomatoes, apple, lemons, and ginger for 5 minutes. Add the sugar and cook until thick. Fill hot sterilized jars and seal. Makes 1 gallon.

## Hroiled IPeppers

(From Ed Giobbi)
8 cups thick-skinned red sweet peppers
1 cup good olive oil
1 tablespoon salt

Place all ingredients in tray or cast-iron skillet. Broil over high heat turning peppers often. When peppers begin to char, pack in a sterilized jar with a basil leaf and some of the liquid (top of peppers should be submerged in oil). Cover jars, place in boiling water and cook for 15 minutes. Remove jars and tighten caps when cool. Makes $31 / 2$ pints.

## Pickled Beans with Dill and Garlic

(From Perla Meyers)
2 pounds tender green beans
2 cups water
2 cups cider vinegar
$11 / 2$ teaspoons salt
$1 / 3$ cup sugar
1 hot red pepper
2 bay leaves
4 whole garlic cloves
2 onions, sliced
4 or 5 large sprigs of fresh dill

Wash the beans thoroughly and snap off the ends. Discard any that are wilted looking or broken. Combine the water, vinegar, salt, sugar, red pepper, bay leaves, garlic, and onions. Simmer for 10 minutes. Drop the beans into salted boiling water and cook for 5 minutes. They should be very crisp. Drain them immediately and put upright in 4-5 well sterilized pint jars, with a large sprig of dill in each. Pour the hot liquid over the beans to overflow and seal immediately.

## Artichoke Relish

(From Malvina C. Kinard and Marjorie Blanchard, authors of The Kitchen Scholar)
3 tablespoons salt
1 quart Jerusalem artichokes,
coarsely ground (4 cups)
4 cups minced or ground onions
2 cups ground red, sweet peppers
1 quart vinegar
2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon celery seed
$1 / 2$ teaspoon cayenne pepper
$11 / 2$ tablespoons mustard seed
1 tablespoon turmeric
2 tablespoons dry mustard
Sprinkle salt over ground artichokes and allow to stand 1 hour. Squeeze and discard any liquid that accumulates. Combine artichokes with onions, peppers, vinegar, sugar, celery seed, cayenne, mustard seed, turmeric, and dry mustard. Stir well, bring to a boil, and boil rapidly for 10 minutes. Fill hot, clean jars and seal while still hot.

## CAKES, COOKIES, AND CANDIES

## All White Fruit Cake

(From Mrs. Cecil H. Mullikin)
Mrs. Cecil H. Mullikin of Baltimore brought this old family recipe from Virginia. She often bakes half the cake batter in a 10 -inch tube pan and remaining batter in 1-pound coffee cans to give away. The small cakes should be tested for doneness after 1 hour's baking.
$1 / 2$ pound butter
2 cups sugar
6 eggs, beaten
5 cups flour

## 1 small coconut, grated

1 good cup mixed English walnuts and pecans
\& cup finely cut citron
1 pound white raisins
$1 / 2$ pound crystallized pineapple,
chopped
$1 / 2$ pound white crystallized
cherries, chopped
2 teaspoons baking powder

## I teaspoon salt

1 cup $B \& B$ or brandy and

## sherry mixed

Cream together the butter and sugar, then mix in the eggs. Mix 2 cups of the flour with the coconut, nuts, citron, raisins, pineapple, and cherries. Sift together remaining flour, baking powder, and salt. Add this mixture alternately with the spirits to the egg mixture, stirring to mix well. Fold in the fruit mixture. Line a tube pan with buttered was paper and fill the pan with batter. Bake cake in a 275 oven for ${ }^{1}$.. hour, then lower heat to $250^{\circ}$ and cook for 4 hours.

## Drange Pour Cake

Author Gael Greene gives this cake wrapped in plastic and set on an antique breadboard-she hunts around the shops for ones with carved legends such as "Give us this day our daily bread."
${ }^{1} \frac{1}{2}$ cup butter
2 cups flour
2 eggs
l cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda 1 tablespoon grated orange zest $1 / 2$ cup chopped nuts
$3 / 4$ cup sour cream
Topping (see recipe below)
Cream butter with 2 teaspoons flour. Beat eggs, add sugar, and beat until combined. Mix well with butter mixture. Sift remaining flour with baking soda. Add slowly to egg mixture, blending well. Add orange zest, nuts, and sour cream. Pour into a buttered 9-by-4-inch loaf pan or a $3-4$ cup mold. Bake in a $375^{\circ}$ oven for 50 minutes. Remove and while hot, pour Topping over cake.

## Topping

Blend together $1 / 2$ cup sugar, $1 / 4$ cup orange juice, and 1 tablespoon grated orange zest.
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## Firuil and Nut Cake

" ${ }^{\text {Nore a confection than a con- }}$ ventional cake," says Jean Hewitt, author of The New York Times Natural Foods Cook Book. of her holiday gift cake. To give, she might pack the cake on lacquered trays, oblong baskets, or clear plastic closet storage boxes decorated with decals.
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Butter or shortening for greasing porn
: cup chopped candied citron or lemon peel
1/2 cup seedless golden raisins

 11/2 cups shelled whole Brazil nuts 1. "1 f fímu

1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
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P'ut the red and green glace cherbix i: a mall lowl and pour over the cognac. Soak 15 minutes, stirring several times. Hata well atal wome combar.

Preheat oven to $300^{\circ}$ Grease 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan, line with unglazed brown paper or parchment paper, and grease paper.

Combine drained cherries, candied citron or lemon peel, raisi:as, dates, pecan halves, and Brazil nuts. Mix well. Sift towether the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt and sprinkle over the fruit and nut mixture. Toss lightly.

Beat eggs until light and fluffy and quite thick. Beat in the vanilla and pour over the fruit and nut mixture. Mix just enough to moisten evenly. The mixture will be very stiff. Spoon into the prepared pan and spread evenly. Bake $13 / 4$ hours, covering the top loosely with foil if it begins to overbrown.

Cool the cake in the pan for about 15 minutes, spooning over the reserved cognac a teaspoon-
ful at a time, until it is absorbed. Remove cake, still with the paper around it, to a wire rack to finish cooling.

Cake can be stored, wrapped in a cognac soaked piece of muslin if desired, in an airtight tin for 2.3 weeks or until ready to serve or give as a gift. Serves 10 . vote: If preferred, use all red cherries.

## High Trat Datce and Ralisin Mati

Perla Meyers bakes these scaleddown loaves in soup cans.
1 cup dates. pitted
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, soft
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1 cq.
1 ripe banana
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda

1:й".
Combine the dates and 1 cup water in a small saucepan and simmer for 5 minutes, or until the dates are soft. Drain the dates and chop finely. Cream butter "ith sugar, add the e.... and mix well. Mash the banana finely and add it to the butter mixture. Sift the flour and baking soda. Add it to the butter and banana mixture. Beat the mixture until smooth, then add the raisins and dates. Butter 2 Campbell's Soup cans and fill $2 / 3$ full with the batter. Bake the cakes in a $355^{\circ}$ oven for 50 minutes. Whe: the rahe- are guite combl. opeen the ralan al the wher ead and slowly press the cakes out of the cans.

## Turdillos

Francesca Savino makes these Italian Christmasy cookies. $1 / 2$ cup olive oil. plus a smidgen Afoll d:ad hys.
$3 / 4$ cup red wine (Chiunti, or a vermouth or sucet white wine may be used,
$3^{7}$ 2 cups flour
2 tablespoons sugar
Cinnamon
Salt
Vegetable oil for deep frying Small jar of hones

Put oil in a saucepan, add figs, and simmer a few minutes. Remove figs and cool oil. Add wine
to cooked oil. Sift flour with 1 tablespoon sugar, a pinch of cinnamon, and a pinch of salt into a mound and make a well in the center. Gradually add oil and wine, mixing to make a very soft dough. Knead dough until it is smooth and elastic. Add more flour if necessary. Cover and set aside 10 minutes. Break off a piece of dough, shape it into a roll about 12 inches long and the thickness of a fat cigar (about $11 / 2$ inches), and cut it into $1 / 2-1$. inch pieces. To make design on surface, roll on surface of cut glass bowl or cheese grater, pressing down with fingers. Deep fry quickly in medium hot vegetable oil. Remove with a slotted spoon and cool on absorbent paper. Mix honey, remaining sugar, and a little water and cook until mixture thickens. Put the turdillos in this to coat, then drain. They keep for weeks.

## Herbl Candy Dints

(From Gertrude B. Foster, Editor of The Herb Grower Mag. azine)
212 cups superfine sugur or Herb,
Sugar (see recipe below)
3 ounces cream cheese
${ }^{1}$ ² luasponan oil of preppermint or peppermint extract (omit if using flavored sugar)
Pink or green food coloring
Mix and knead the sugar, cream cheese, peppermint flavoring and a few drops food coloring, mak ing sure the food coloring is distributed evenly. Roll in balls the size of a marble. Flatten balls with a fork on wax paper. If you have p'astic molds, such as are used to make chocolate candies, dip one side of mint ball in pow. dered sugar before pressing, sugar side down, into the mold. Unmold at once on wax paper. The plastic molds can be bent so mint shapes spring out without digging. These freeze very well.

## Herb Sugars

Instead of oil of peppermint or wintergreen, you can put leaves of fresh peppermint geranium or rose geranium in a jar of superfine sugar to give a natural flavor to the sugar before making the mints. Place them in lay
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ers with sugar and sift out all small bits of dried leaves before mixing.

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## Lamon Cural

English born Diana Kennedy, who runs a school of Mexican cooking in Manhattan, learned thin recipe from her mother
$1 / 4$ pound unsalted butter
$1 / 2$ pound sugar
Finely grated zest and juice of
3 lemons or 6 limes
3 large or extra large eggs
(remove the thickish white
filament in the white)

Stir together the butter, sugar, lemon zes. and juice in the top of a double boiler over medium heat. Continue stirring until sugar has completely dissolved. Beat the eggs well. Test sugar and butter mixture to make sure it is not too hot: if it is let it cool a little. Stir in the eggs gradually. Do not stop stirring or eggs "ill cook before amalgamated and curd will be lumpy.

Make sure water does not boil or mixture will cook too fast. Continue cooking until curd thickens. Let it cool a little before putting into a jar with a screw top. Keep in refrigerator or a cool storage place. Lemon curd will keep several weeks. Uakes about $11 / 2-2$ cups.

Serve hot or cold in a short crust pastry shell or tart shells.

## Itum Plum Conserve

(From Gael Greene)
3 pounds cherry plums
3 medium oranges
$1^{1}$. cups white ruisins steeped
in 3 tablespoons rum
11/4 cups currants
6 cups sugar
$1 / 2$ cup chopped nuts (optional)
Pit plums. Peel oranges, reserving rinds, and dice pulp. Mix raisins, currants, plums, orange pulp, and $51 / 2$ cups sugar together well. Let stand overnight in refrigerator. Boil orange rind until tender. Remove all the white part from rind. Julienne
remaining colored zest and sprinkle with $1 / 2$ cup sugar. Let stand overnight in refrigerator. Combine both mixtures and bring to a boil. Cook 30 minutes or until thickened, stirring frequently. Five minutes before removing from heat, add nuts. Pour into 7 hot. sterilized 6 ounce jars. Cover with $1 / 8$ inch layer of melted paraffin.

## Spiced Pratehes

(From Perla Meyers)
A marvelous accompaniment to roast goose or turkey. These peaches make a lovely gift and should be served right from their pickling jar.
2 3-inch pieces cinnamon stick
12 cloves
8 whole allspice
2 cups cider vinegar
2 cups water
3 cups sugar
3 pounds medium prethecs 4 firm and slightly underripe)

Tie the cinnamon sticks, cloves, and allspice in cheesecloth. Sterilize jars and dry properly. Bring vinegar, water, and sugar to a boil in a large saucepan. Add the spice bag and cook over low heat for 5 minutes. While the syrup is cooking, drop the peaches into boiling water for 1 minute to loosen skins. Drain and peel. If using clingstone peaches, cut once around the peach to loosen the pit, but do not remove pit. Add the fruit to the syrup and cook over low heat for 5 minutes. Remove the fruit immediately with a slotted spoon and pack it into the prepared jars. When all fruit is cooked, discard spice bag. Fill jars to overflow with syrup, seal at once, refrigerate when cool.

## Grapes or Prunes à lean de Vie

(From Perla Meyers)
These are served as dessert and liqueur combined. A few in a small thick wine glass with a little of liqueur in which fruit has been preserved is a perfect gift for New Year. In France and Spain, 12 grapes are eaten at midnight on New Year's Eve.

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1 pound seedless grapes,
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perfectly firm, or prunes
I pound white sugar

Wash the grapes and leave a $1 / 4^{-}$ inch stem on each grape. When using prunes, pierce the prunes in 2 or 3 places with the tip of a very sharp knife. Soak in very cold water until ready to use. Drop the fruit in boiling water for 3-5 minutes, then drain. Combine the sugar with $1 / 2$ cup water and boil until it reaches the soft-ball stage. Throw in fruit, return to boil, pour into bowl and pour syrup over fruit.

Cover and leave 21 hours. The nex dat bine the - - 1up th a boil again, add the fruit, and return to the boil. Again let the mixture stand for 21 hours. Remove the fruit to a jar. Cook the
 or cognac. Fill the jar and leave it for at least 1 or 2 months before opening.

## Penatotheal fratigeos |zarrai

Wrs. Leonard Birnbaum packs her jars of oranges in cartons, "sap, them in shim paper. and deroration with fresh fruit- a bunch of grapes, parsley ball stuck with kumquats, a cluster of lady apples.
6 navel oranges
$1^{11}$ 上 cup. susur
$3 .{ }_{3}$ cup water
1/4 cup yellow Izarra
Peel rind and white membranes from oranges. Remove as much membrane from the peel as possible, leaving only the colored zest, and cut zest into slivers to make about 4 tablespoons. Combine with sugar and water. Cook syrup over a low flame without stirring for 8 minutes. Put oranges in hot syrup and cook about 5 minutes, basting constantly. Put oranges in hot sterilized jars. Arrange slivers of zest over and around them. Add Izarra to the hot syrup and pour over the oranges. Seal at once.

## Hrief Ideas

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friends who cook. Mrs. Charles Faye of San Francisco gives six little pots of basil, thyme, parsley, oregano, tarragon, and chives fitted into a small basket and covered with a blanket of fresh rosemary, which grows so profusely in California.
Quite delicious, crisp, and spicy
grissini de Dijon are a lovely gift from Keith Thomas, who runs Keith's San Francisco House Restaurant. He brushes breadsticks with Dijon mustardflavored butter or margerine, heats them, cools, and stores the grissini in tins. He repeats the same idea with Parmesan cheese sprinkled over buttered gris. sini-great addition to a pasta supper.... Humgarian
Christmas balls that need no baking are fun and easy for children tō make. Mrs. James McGuire and her two children have fun at holiday time making giant batches to munch and give away. To make, melt 1 cup sugar "ith the grated rind of 2 oranges, 2 tablespoons orange juice, and 1 teaspoon lemon juice over low heat. Cool. Add 1 cup finely ground walnuts and $1 / 2$ cup finely chopped candied fruits and work with the hands until well mixed. Pinch off bits of the mixture. roll into balls. and then roll in $1 / 2$ cup Dutch process cocoa. . . . Given on a cheese board or in a raffia bas. ket, a cheese ball from author Patricia Brooks is flavorsome and appetizing. In a blender, whirl 1 pound sharp Cheddar and $1 / 8$ pound butter, cut in pieces, until they are the consistency to make a nice ball. Season with kümmel, ':' tablespoon caraway seeds, and a little dry mustard and cayenne.
sherried walnuts a recipe of art historian Michael Batterbury: Boil $11 / 2$ cups sugar and $1 / 2$ cup sherry until syrup reaches soft-ball stage, $240^{\circ}$. Remove from heat, add $1 / 2$ teaspoon cinnamon and 2-3 cups English walnut halves. Stir until mixture is cloudy. Turn onto buttered pan and separate walnut halves. When dry, store in airtight tin.


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[^3]until Jan. 1; then $\$ 12.50$ ). A giant in culinary circles, Mr. Claiborne offers recipes from all over the world, including regional USA. As in all his books, the recipes are easy to follow; your chances of success good. . . . One of the best of the new books dealing with French cuisine is Antoine Cilly's Feast of France (Crowell, \$13.95 until Dec. 25; then si.5. M. Gill, an eminent chef and restaurateur, presenthis recipes for both haute cuisine and provincial dishes with the know-how and conciseness of a true pro. . . A most handsome cook book, and rers houte cuisime indeed, Char totte Adams's The Four Seasons Cookbook Ifoll Rinehart and Winston, $\$ 19.95$ until Jan. 1; then $\$ 25$ ) is printed on different colored paper for each season of the year and mouthwateringly illustrated. It has over 300 recipes adapted from the menu of Manhattan's Four Seasons restaurant. Special consultant James Beard provides section introductions and wine information. Not for the beginner nor for the budget watcher. . . Another book offering restaurant dishes is Masterpieces of French Cuisine (Macmillan, \$14.95 unti] Jan. 1; then $\$ 17.95$ ), a collection of recipes from France's greatest chefs. Again, not a primer, but a delight for the practiced cook. . . If your friends are - as they say-into organic foosh, they will really tune in on Jean Hewitt: The New York Times Natural Foods Cookbook (Quadrangle, $\$ 7.95)$. To quote the introduction: "The more than 700 recipes, collected from across the country, are for good-tasting dishes calling for basic, fresh, unrefined and non-highly processed ingredients: natural foods." Special, maybe, but organic food is "really big" these days.

Wine has become an important part of the American dining scene and The W orld Atlas of Wine by Hugh Johnson (Simon and Schuster, $\$ 22.95$ until March 15; then $\$ 25$ ) should help everyone to make like an oenologist. It is replete with regional maps and charts, covers not only well-known wine areas but less familiar ones too such as South Africa and New South Wales.
for the green-thumb set: Anyone interested in gardening will want Donald Wyman's Gardening Encyclopedia ( Macmillan, \$17.50) . From "abaca" to "zygopetalum" everything you might want to know is there. Another must for the well-rounded reference library. . . Wild Wealth (BobbsMerrill, \$20), the collaboration of ecologist Paul Bigelow Sears, gardener Marion Rombauer Becker, and florist-botanist Frances Jones Poetker, is a book-and a good oneon making the most of native plant material in the garden or as a source for fresh or dried arrangements. . . A History of Gardens and Gardening by Edward Hyams (Praeger. $\$ 25$ ) begins with the New Stone Age (not Eden?) and traces the development and designs of gardens throughout the ages. 1 special-interest miscellany: For the old-car buff-The American Car since $\mathbf{1 7 7 5}$ by the editors of Automobile Quarterly (Dutton, \$17.95), a complete coverage of passenger cars and trucks with over 500 photographs. . . . For the nature lover-The Compleat Naturalist (Viking, \$14.95), a life of Linnaeus by Wilfrid Blunt, illustrated with wonderful old nature prints and drawings. . . . For the connoisseur of illuminated manuscripts - two exquisite reproductions published by Braziller: The Grandes Heures of Jean Duke

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Does anyone ever have too many (or enough) records? I think not. Especially when so many good new ones are at hand to give or enjoy yourself. The most talked about composition of the year (the decade?) is Leonard Bernstein's Mass. In its first recording (Columbia, 811.96 ) it is performed by the cast that premiered it, and conducted by Bernstein. The Mass has stirred up a minor tornado of conIroversy, and I can't imagine anyone not wanting to hear it.

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There is plenty of orchestral music too. Mahler's Complete Symphonies (Deutsche Grammophon 2720-033, 863), played by the Bavarian Symphony Orchestra, Rafael Kubelik conducting-a 14-record deluxe album. . . . The Concerto for Sitar and Orchestra (Angel SFO-36806.

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## 1 cupground cinnamon

${ }^{1}+$ cup sround cloves
1/4 cup ground nutmeg and allspice
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
$1 / 4$ cup powdered orris root
Let pomanders remain in spice in an open bowl in a warm, dry place for at least a week and turn them daily. After a week's curing and drying, you may tie the pomander with ribbons but allow another week or more before boxing as a gift. Meanwhile the bowl of pomanders makes an aromatic centerpiece for your kitchen or dining table. Mrs. Simmons has a make-it-yourself pomander kit containing cloves and spice for six, $\$ 4$ including postage; or you can order pomanders already made and packaged at $\$ 2.75$ each, including postage.

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petals and leaves on a metal tray in an open oven at about $100^{\circ}$ for several hours. Store each variety in individual airtight crocks or cardboard containers. Combine ingredients and allow them to ripen at least a month before giving. Two quarts of petals to 1 ounce granulated orris root is a common recipe for potpourri. (Orris is a fixative, as are ground benzoin gum and tonka beans.) A jigger of brandy or a few dropof essential oils will improve an already potent mix or revive the faded fragrance of a jar that has been opened so much it has lost its pungency

This Caprilands recipe can also be burned as incense: 2 cups dried rose petals
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1 cup frankincense granules
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1 cup sandaluood chips
1/2 cup crushed benzoin gum
1/4 cup ground tonka beans
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Housphold spices: ${ }^{1} \because$ rup ench zround rinnamon stichs.
prouderad cimmumon. poudered ctores: ${ }^{1}$, cup each pou-
dered nutmeg, ground allspice, crushed coriander seeds Combine these ingredients, then add: 1 cup granulated orris root on top, then 20 drops oil of rose, 4 drops vetiver oil, 4 drops patchouli oil.

Let the mix mellow a month, turning from time to time. Caprilands can supply all ingredients for this formula, which will fill some thirty containers. Vials of fragrant oils are \$1 each. Or you can order individually wrapped-and-ribboned Herb and Spice potpourris for $\$ 1.30$ each, including postage; twelve or more at $\$ 1$ each plus $\$ 1.35$ total postage.

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Herbal wreaths make festive decorations and gifts. Long-lasting Silver King Artemisia albula can be shaped around wire circles and held in place with florist's wire. Gather in September when artemisia is supple. Hang or lay it flat where it can remain limp in moist air. Trim wreath with clusters of bay leaves, nutmegs, cinnamon sticks, packets of herbal seeds. You will need a heavy 10 -inch wire ring, a roll of all-purpose 24 -gauge silver florist's wire, wire snippers, hand pruner, kitchen shears, moss-green velvet ribbon, clear plastic bag for packaging, and perhaps a small electric hand drill for boring nutmeg. Drill holes through one end, not the middle, of each nutmeg or cinnamon stick you want to attach. Use 4 -inch pieces of wire to add nut and leaf clusters. Put finished wreath into a plastic bag immediately. To reuse, store in plastic in a dark dry place during summer; rinse lightly in the fall and let dry in a warm place. Mrs. Simmons mails Herb and Spice wreaths in sturdy boxes: $\$ 8$ east of the Mississippi, \$9 west, including postage.

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## $B$ <br> uilding filuts

Materials and equipment used in the vacation house (pages 72-77)
contractor: Charles Balduin, Baldwin Construction Co., Virgin Islands.
sIZE OF HOUSE: Approximately 2,269 square feet of enclosed space. Guesthouse, approximately 146 square feet, enclosed space. Total area of howne and terrares. 10,000 square feet.

## sTRUCTURE

Foundations: Concrete block footings and 4 -inch concrele lals.
Framing: Reinforced concrete beams and concrete block exterior walls: wood frame construction of interior walls and roofs.

## EXTERIOR OF HOUSE

Exterior walls: Concrete block with $5 / 8$-inch white stucco finish. Roof: "Hypalon" white silicone rubber roofing by General Electric Co. applied over 5-ply built-up roofing material- on ${ }^{1}$-inch plywod. Windows and exterior doors: Fixed glase window panel- and "Lumidor" sliding glass doors by Lumidor Mfg. Co. with "Parallel-O-Gray" heat-absorbing glass by Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.

INTERIOR OF HOUSE
Interior doors: Wood frame faced in "Ma-onite" by Mila ProductInc., wood louver screen doors. Walls and ceilings: "Sheetrock" gypsum wallboard by U.S. Gypsum Co.
Floors: Precast 2-by-2-inch con-
crete tiles by Taylor Concrete Products, Inc. Sealer applied.
Interior paints: In all rooms, white paint by Martin Senour Co. lighting fixtures: In major rowm- wermed reiling down lights and wall washers by Edison Price, Inc.; in bedrooms and bathrooms, recessed ceiling down lights by Lightolier, Inc.
Light fixture controls: Ceneral Electric Co.
Hardware: Aluminum finish, General Lock Mfg. Co.
Kitchen cabinets: White, wood cabinets with "Nevamar" plastic laminate by Enjay Fibers \& Laminates.
Kitchen and bathroom countertops: "Textolite" plastic laminate in textured pattern by General Electric Co.
Plumbing fixtures: In bathroom-American-Standard, Inc., fittings by Speakman Co.; in kitchen, sink by Elkay Mfg. Co., fittings by Speakman Co.

MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES
Appliances: In kitchen, wall oven, range, freezer, refrigerator, "Disposall" food waste disposer by General Electric Co.; in laundry, washer and dryer by General Electric Co.
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＂Lady Claire＂sterling silver flatware by Stieff， 4 －piece place setting $\$ 59.75$ ． ＂Princess＂china by Pickard， 5 －piece place setting \＄32．＂Debutante＂crystal iced tea and wine glasses by Fostoria． $\$ 5$ each．Transparent yellow acrylic serving trays， $22^{1}{ }_{2}^{\prime \prime} \times 14^{\prime \prime}$ ，also in red， blue，smoke，olive，and crystal clear， $\$ 15$ at Lucidity．Red enamel covered casserole，$\$ 22$ ．Red bowl，\＄3．50．Clear plastic salad bowl，$\$ 20$ ；servers，$\$ 3.50$ ． $41 l$ at Tablerie．Hanging Christmas tree．$\$ 475$ to order at Ronaldo Maia．

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## Pag． $32:$

Top left：＂Paul Revere＂silver－plated punch set： 22 －pint punch bowl， $14^{\prime \prime}$ diam．，$\$ 60 ; 6-\mathrm{oz}$ ．punch cups，$\$ 90$ doz en； $14 \frac{1}{4}$＂ladle，$\$ 16.50 ; 21^{\prime \prime}$ tray， \＄68．50．＂Puritan＂sterling silver bread trays， $12^{\prime \prime}$ long，$\$ 57.50$ each，and bread and butter plate， $6^{\prime \prime}$ diam．，$\$ 17$ ．All by Gorham．Top right：Tabletop Christ－ mas tree， $10^{\prime \prime}$ high．$\$ 15$ at Bouquets à la Carte．Bottom：＂Fairfax＂sterling silver flatware， 4 －piece place setting $\$ 52.75$ ．＂Paul Revere＂tray and punch bowl，＂Puritan＂bread trays（see above）．＂Black Contessa＂china， 5 piece place setting \＄35．＂Renais－ －ance＂ers－tal wint gla－ses，$\$ 13.30$ each．All by Gorham．

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Top：＂Vision＂sterling silver flatware， 6－piece place setting \＄94．＂Chippen－ dale＂gold－plated service plates．11＂ diam．．\＄20 each．Both lis Internation－ al．＂Imari＂china by Royale Limoges， 5－piece place setting $\$ 34.50$ at Alt－ man＇s．Bottom left：Tabletop Christ－ mas tree，$\$ 285$ to order at Ronaldo Maia．

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Bottom：＂Golden Modern Baroque＂ gold－plated flatware by Oneida， 6 piece place setting \＄27．50．＂Qua drille＂Masterpiece china， 5 －piece place setting $\$ 30$ ．＂Aria＂crystal wine and water goblets，$\$ 10$ each．All b） Franciscan．Sterling silver mint bas kets， $2^{\prime \prime}$ square，$\$ 25$ each．Sterling
-ilver picture frames, $\$ 20$ each. Ver lueil Chrintma-t.ar, 8.5. Fann- (lefl o right): gold felt tipped pen, $\$ 245$; fix 18 k gold compact. $\$ 900$; sterling ilver lion figure. $\$ 75$; vermeil pill box hell, $\$ 20$. Sterling silver reindeer, $12^{\prime \prime}$ nigh, \$275. All from Castier. Steel dining chait - $11^{\prime \prime}$ wide $19^{\prime \prime}$ deep x " 6 " high. $\$ 120$ each at John-Lewis. - loral decorations by Renaldo Maia. rop left: Tabletop Christmas tree, i 4.50 to order at Ronaldo Maia. Top -ight: Christmas decorations on view from the lir-1 week in Dowemtere at fan Cont'and Vanor. Croton-anHudson (off U. S. Route 9). N. Y., 10520. Open 12-4 Mon. through Fri., 10-5 Sat. and Sun. (Closed Thanks. giving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.)

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Top: "Colden Aegean Werave" vermeil flatware, 6 -piece place setting \$83 (\$104 after Dec. 31). Sterling silver hurricane lamps, $13^{1} 2^{\prime \prime}$ high,
 Hutschenreuther "Cherrywood Cold"

 each, and juice glasses. $\$ 7.25$ each. Ill ly Paros. I inen plaw mat- and
 Antique Meissen porcelain figurines from The Antique Porcelain Company. Bottom right: Wreath, \$480 to order at Runaldo Maia.

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Bottom: "Pointed Antigue" sterling silver flatware, 6 -piece place setting \$il.i.s. ded -andwich platic. $11^{\prime \prime}$
 bottomed tankards, 12-oz. capacity, 45s" high, \$21.50 each. Top right: Tabletop Christmas tree, $\$ 230$ to order at Ronaldo Maia.

Page 57 :
Top: Sufa, for" long x $36^{\prime \prime}$ dewp x $32^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 850$. Pagoda calbinet from the K ang $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{i}$ Collection, whid peran with brass hardware. $43^{\prime \prime}$ wide $\times 17^{\prime \prime}$ deep $\times 92^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 1350$. Dining chairs in white lacquer finish, $22^{\prime \prime}$ wide x $24^{\prime \prime}$ deep ( $39^{\prime \prime}$ high, s3it, "ach. Matching arm chairs, $26^{\prime \prime}$ wide, $\$ 416$ each. All by Tomlinson at Vanleigh Furniture Showrooms.* "Butter Cup" cotton sailcloth ton wall-, erreen, and pillow). $48^{\prime \prime}$ wide, $21^{\prime \prime}$ repeat, $\$ 13.50$ yard at Connaissance.* Bent dining table with Perspex and chrome base, $45^{\prime \prime}$ diam. x $28^{\prime \prime}$ high, 8930 at Alhrizzi.* "Bianco" thina: $10^{\prime \prime}$ dimner plates, $\$ 4$ each; 6 " bread and butter plates, $\$ 1.35$ each; crescent melon plates, $\$ 8.25$ each. "Pomerol" crystal wine glan-cs. 6:3" high. \&\% vach. "Versailles" silver-plated flatware, 6 piece place setting $\$ 30$. All at Ginori Fifth Avenue. "Sawtooth" blue water glasses, $6^{1} / 2^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 4$ each. Aqua opa'ine cigarette cups and ashtrays, $\$ 6$
set. All at Carole Stupell. Green and white china dog (left of fireplace), $14^{\prime \prime}$ high. $\$ 75$ at The Very Thing. Ter-ra-cotta fireplace mantel, $521 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ wide - $11^{1}$ ב" high. whol. Poliahed -terel andircon- with -twll motif. $12^{\prime \prime}$ high. 8130. Buth at Edwin Jackson. Sea shells from Karl Springer.* Coral from Stix. Baskets from The Green. ery.

Pask 58:
Top and bottom left: "Irish" silverplated entrée dish (holding souffé), $10^{1}$ " diam., \$14.75. "Early Dublin" pipkin and plate (cranberry sauce), $6^{-5}>^{\prime \prime}$ diam. plate, $4^{\overline{3}} \mathrm{~s}^{\prime \prime}$ diam. pipkin. $\$ 92.50$ set. "Eloquence" silver-plated
 $12^{\prime \prime}$ wide. $\$ 47.50$. and covered vegetably di-hw, 111," 1..n! - $10:=1$ " nide. $\$ 60$ earh. "Chippendale" sterling silver bombon dishes (wine coasters), 53\%" diam., $\$ 25$ each, and cigarette
 cordia" sterling silver flatware, 4 pice place setting \$58. "William \& Mary" sterling silver dessert forks. $\$ 16.25$ each. and dessert spoons. $\$ 13.50$ each. "Colonial Classic" silver plated coffee set: 10 -cup coffee pot. $93)^{\prime \prime}$ high. $\$ 92.50$; creamer. $3^{33 / 1^{\prime \prime}}$ high, $\$ 29.50$; sugar bowl. $4^{3 / 4^{\prime \prime}}$ high. $\$ 33$. Silver-plated gallery tray, $16^{\prime \prime}$ long $x$
 ling silver demitasse spoons, $\$ 7$ each.
 perial earthenware, 5 -piece place setting \$17. "Intermezzo" 6-oz. wine

 round, \$35. Linen napkins, $20^{\prime \prime}$ square, $\$ 2.50$ each. Both at Tablerie. Tatt mend twe. > 18.5 , and wenterpien $\cdot$ 865. to order at Ronaldo Maia.

## Pasw

Top: "Silver Flutes" sterling silver flatware, 6 -piece place setting $\$ 70.75$. Satin finish gold-plated soup bowls, $5^{\prime \prime}$ diam., $\$ 20$ each. Silver-plated 4 position candlesticks, $16^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 33$ pair. "Roly-Poly" silver-plated cups (with flowers). 16-oz. capacity, $\$ 8$ each. All by Towle. "Greenfield" china, 5 -piece place setting $\$ 39$. "Espresso Brown" crystal wine and water glasses, $\$ 5.25$ each. Smokeless and dripless dinner tapers, $10^{\prime \prime}$ high. $\$ 3$ dozen. All by Lenox. Tablecloth made from "Royaumont" corded fabric, $\$ 9$ yard at Boussac of France.* Linen dama-k dinner napkins, $24^{\prime \prime}$ square, $\$ 6$ rach at Porthault. Bottom left: Tabletop Christmas tree, $\$ 80$ to order at Rona' do Maia. Bottom right: Bûche de Noël by Elysée Pastries, from $\$ 8$.

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Tol and hottom right: "Repouswe" -terliny -ibur Hatware. \& piece place setting $\$ 49.25$. Sterling silver water goblets, $103 / 4$-oz. capacity, $63 / 4$ " high, $\$ 38.50$ each. Sterling silver napkin
rings, $11 / 4$ " diam., $\$ 15$ each. "Re poussé" sterling silver pepper cruet, $4^{33 / s "}$ high. 945 . and salt stand. $2^{5} s^{\prime \prime}$ high, \$26. Sterling silver coffee set: 11/4-pint coffee pot, $103 / 4{ }^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 435$; 1-nz. rramer. Sl1.5: sugar boul. $51 /{ }^{\prime \prime}$ high, \$135. "Repoussé" sterling silver hread and hutlow plat" - \{beneath mir ror). $61 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ diam.. $\$ 27.50$ each, and serving spoon. \$2.). All by Kirk. "Pink Cockatrice" china, 5 -piece p'ace setting \$75. "Marquis" crystal wine glasses, $\$ 12$ each. Both by Minton. Pomander tree. $\$ 350$ to order at Ronaldo Maia. Bottom left: Christmas at Van Cortlandt Manor (see page 54 above).

## Pas. 61 :

Top: Dining table, $66^{\prime \prime} \times 44^{\prime \prime} \times 30^{\prime \prime}$ hisht. "Wtrmk to 120" with :3 18" |eaves. $\$ 480$. Arm chairs, 20". x $17^{\prime \prime} \times$ $10^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 184$ rach. Matching side chairs. \$164 each. Console table, 54" long x $15^{\prime \prime}$ deep $\times 29^{\prime \prime}$ high. $\$ 208$. All from the Calvin III Collection by Davis Cabinet. Chair seats uphol. stered in "Trade Winds" Zepel-pro1.: d hont: il" will. 2"" wpeat

 Floral" scenic wallpaper, $\$ 65$ for 4 panels covering 9 linea! feet at Albert Van Luit." "Sarabande" china by Ceralene: 5 -piece place setting \&i9.30: ice burher. ?" dian. \" hiph. $\$ 65$; coffeepot. \$45; creamer. \$25; sugar bowl, \$32. "Perfection" 15 -oz.
 $\$ 7.50$ each. "Perles" silver-plated flatware by Christofle: 6 -piece place setting $\$ 30$ : demitasse spoons $\$ 2.50$ each. All at Barcarat. Antique plant er, $12^{\frac{1}{2} / 2^{\prime \prime}}$ high x $14^{\prime \prime}$ diam.. $\$ 660$ pair. "Rose Mandarin" antique platter (on mantel!. 16,":" linty $1.33^{\prime \prime}$ wide. \$410. Vase, $18^{1} \underline{2}^{\prime \prime}$ high x $8^{\prime \prime \prime}$ diam., 8390. Pair of antique Chinese covered jars, $12^{\prime \prime}$ high $\times 8^{\prime \prime}$ diam., $\$ 800$ pair. All at Charles R. Gracie \& Sons.* Marble mantul. $53^{\prime} z^{\prime \prime}$ wid. x $12^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 960$. Fireplace grate, $\$ 25$. Fireplace tools, $\$ 170$. All at Edwin Jackson. Bottom left: Tablecloth made from "Sungari Stripe" Fortrel/cotton fabric by Galey \& Lord.*

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THE POIVSETTIA CHIBISTM.A THEES IN THE ESST HOOM of The white hoise (see page 69) were made by arranging pots of plants in full bloom on a framework like this one, left, designed by Henry Callahan of Saks Fifth Avenue. To get the effect of a single mass of top-to-bottom color some pots were laid on their sides, some placed upright, and others propped on wooden blocks at various angles. To show off your own poinsettias, you might make a plywood stand of the right dimensions. Or you could adapt a ready-made plant stand from your local garden supply shop.

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WEED IS HOW YOU LOOK IT IT. If you're highly conscious of man's dependence on nature for his sustenance, you'll look at weeds as food every bit as nourishing as garden vegetables and considerably more interesting. But knowing which weeds are good to eat and how to prepare them is beyond the scope of most of us, accustomed as we are to gathering our food in supermarkets. Berndt Berglund and Clare E. Bolsby have taken the trouble to find out what wild plants are good to eat and how to turn them into good eating. In The Edible Wild (Scribners, $\$ 7.95$ ) the authors tell how to find and identify some forty common plants, how and when to gather them, and how to use them in a variety of ways. Each plant is clearly identified by means of a line drawing, and some of the recipes-bacon-coated purslane, for example-may make you decide you've been cultivating the wrong plants all these years.

NOMETIME IVIL TIV OIBCHIDN. Thinfis prov'yome who has pepr grow'n a house plant. But sometime rearely comes. mosily because orehials hate a repmitafion for being dilficult. Actually repry few orehials are as temperamental as people think. Some are as pasy to grou' us gerumivmes. and only a fewe neval real pampering. All of this is explained in ©rehials lon dan firow by Harry Ibritcon Logan (IIarihorn. ©12.9.t). Mr. Logan belipres all oruhids are growable and so takes up the geneva ome by one. He tells everything pertiment about their mative homes and habils and goes on to shour how their necals maty be met in your own living room or greenhouse. To put jou on your motrle, there is also a chapter on the really exacting proces dire for growing orehids from seed.

ARIMNDPICNC by the shore of Lake Tahoe on the California-Nevada border last August included a fashion show, champagne, and a raffle in which one of the prizes was an antique automobile. The party was arranged by The League to Save Lake Tahoe, a group of deeply concerned people who are determined to save the lake-one of the world's great beauty spots-from fur ther ravages of the real estate developments that have already gone a long way toward ruining it. It is too early to say for sure, but Lake Tahoe probably has been rescued, thanks to the League and its public-spirited. publicity-conscious efforts. People involved with conservation drives in other places can learn from the Lake Tahoe picnic that a good lively party is the best possible way to gain popular support and take in some highly necessary dollars.


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like some exotic birds on a blue lawn, flocks of vivid orange and white fish moved, weaving their way unconcernedly among the stinging tentacles. Lying everywhere, like half-open barnacleencrusted treasure chests, were the giant clams, the soft parts of their bodies spilling out of their shells in a crumpled pile of gold, dragon green, and peacock blue, the colors coruscating as the creatures quivered and undulated.

When it was time for lunch, we climbed aboard the launch and sat eating and drinking automatically. We did not need the champagne as an intoxicant for we were all of us drunk and drugged with color and shape. At length, we tumbled eagerly over the side of the launch once more. The afternoon flashed past, unrolling in a maelstrom of colors that made you dizzy.

At length, as we surfaced, Manny shouted that it was time for us to start heading back to the mainland. I dived just once more and as I swam through a great cleft in the coral rocks I came to a circular area about the size of a small room. In the centre of it had grown up an enormous Stag's Horn coral some 7 or 8 feet high, branched and spiky as a herd of Wapiti. This delicate edifice of coral was deep Prussian blue and pale blue, but in places the delicate blue skin had been eaten off by a Crown of Thorns starfish that was now perched on the top of the Stag's Horn. Over the vari-
ous branches of the coral crawled small white and red and brown cowries. The whole thing was unbelievably beautiful and looked for all the world like some extraordinary blue underwater Christmas tree, with the starfish surmounting it, the cowries moving like Christmas decorations through its branches. But it was infinitely more beautiful than any celebratory terrestrial tree. Reluctantly leaving this beautiful aquatic Christmas tree, I swam up to where the dark belly of the launch hung on the surface of the sea above me.

The evening sky was pale leaf green as we chugged back toward shore. We were burnt scarlet by the sun, our bodies rough with dried salt, our muscles aching and our heads spinning with all we had seen. We did uot talk very much, for words seemed rather superfluous to try and describe what we had enjoved. Then Mamy pointed and we looked to where the sky seemed to have suddenly developed a hundred twinkling stars which shot nearer and nearer to us until we realized they were the wing-beats of the Torres Straits Pigeons flying back to their nests, cool white against the green sky, gleaming like shooting stars.

Anyone who has seen the Barrier Reef will not be surprised to learn that I intend to spend another Christmas Day upon it before I die.

## CORKSCREW

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A spicy British Wassail Bowl always creates a party spirit for Diana Kennedy: 2 teaspoons grated nutmeg 1 teaspoon powdered ginger 1́4 teaspoon ground mace 6 whole cloves
I teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup sugar
1 cup water
2 quarts medium sherry 3 egg whites
6 egg yolks
6 ajples, cored but unpeeled
Bring the spices, sugar, water, and $1 / 2$ cup sherry to a boil in a
small saucepan and boil 3 minutes. Beat the egg whites and yolks thoroughly, and slowly add 1 teacup of the hot sherry mixture, beating all the time. Add the remaining sherry gradually, then stir in the remaining hot mixture. Heat, serve very hot in a large bowl. Float apples on top. A punch that packs a punch is whipped up by wine and spirit man Bill Kaduson. Combine 8 ounces cognac, 2 ounces Grand Marnier or orange liqueur, 1 quart sweet apple cider, a dash of orange bitters, 15 ice cubes, mint sprigs, and cored apples.


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Mass. Putting all those ingredients together-our friends, our church, our family-is what makes my Christmas joyous."

A husband's imagination makes Christmas unique for Mrs. Stanley Kirk of San Rafael, Calif. "Three years ago, I was so tired at Christmas I was ready for Marley's ghost to take me away, far away. Then suddenly my husband gave me an Einglish butler for turo weelss-in lieu of a winter vacation. Every year now I wait for Christmas and Stinson.
"Stinson comes with a blue apron for polishing the silverand his own ice tongs. Everything is so easy while he is here. We give two open houses-one the week before Christmas, one the week after-and the guests are invited to come to one or the other or both. Often if I'm out when the phone rings, Stinson answers by saying "The mistress is not at home'. . . . That alme produces Christmas chuckles."

In Mexico City where house staffs the year round are often large though changeable, Mrs. Thomas B. Catron feels "Christmas is having our three children with us, all at the same time. In a foreign country where so many of the American chiddren $g_{0}$ away to selool there are lines and lines of parents and boothers and sisters and bean wationg at the airport, all holding their breaths together, hoping the planes won't be late, hoping everybody will get through customs.
"Once our family is together, we decorate our treea tree cut from the foot of La Malinche zolcano. named after an Indian mistress of Cortez, in the small village of Amecameca. All the tree-sales proceeds go toward an orphanage there. The tree is full and tall, and having lost our ornaments one year in moving, we now decorate with tangerines. We go to the Merced Market and buy a case of tangerines complete with stems and leaves. With a darning needle and fishline, we get each tangerine to hang upright. A day or so after New Year's they softly fall on their own. Then we make
gallons of delicious juice."
Nearer icebergs than volcanos is Juoko Suomalainen of Nokia, Finland where it certainly looks more like Christmas, even if Mexican poinsettias do grow 20 feet high.
"No Finn could like his Christmas without snow," claims Mr. Suomalainen. "It is one of the things that give us peace in a simple way. In the twilight of Christmas Eve you can always see white smoke arising from the chimney of the sauna. It is this pure quiptness, the Christmas peace, that makes Christmas holidays special for me, and I guess for all Finns. We are a strange people. Our ancestors came to this country because they loved quietness, and they found it. Christmas is something you cannot buy. It comes from childhood. My parents brought it from their own childhood, and I hope to give it to my children."

Although the late Ogden Nash wrote about almost everything in the world himself, he used to read Rudyard Kipling on Christmas Eve, which he and Mrs. Nash regularly spent in an 1840 country house with their daughter, her husband, and their children. The Kipling poem was "Eddi's Service," a touching
eloren-stanza story of Eddi, a priest, and his Christmas service attended only by an ass and an ox. "It was a family tradition, my father reading 'Eddi's Service' every year," says Mrs. J. Marshall Smith of Sparks, Md., "and Christmas wouldn't have been Christmas if he hadn't read it."

Some years ago her father wrote "A Carol for Children,"。 with perhaps Mrs. Smith and her sister, Mrs. Frederick Eberstadt, in mind:
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