

It's a Hard Job to Make Lawn Without Appeal

But Some People Manage to Arrange Decorations in Defiance of Good Taste.

It seems just about impossible to make a garden or lawn ugly and yet some people are able to manage it. The particular specimen of bad taste that distresses most of us is the placing of a large urn exactly in the center of a small bare lawn. And some way this urn is always filled with brick red geraniums and cerise petunias, the two unhappy types of plants usually allowed to die a lingering and straggle death through lack of water. Why will they do it? If one likes urns, and they are always so attractive in the right setting, why not place a pair of them at the foot of the steps? That is a somewhat usual arrangement, but at least it is always good. There, they may appropriately hold either plants or small trees.

Arranging the Garden.

In a large garden so many interesting possibilities open up for charming vistas, unexpected nooks, and picturesque arrangements of both plants and garden furniture. Pathways leading one curiously about and then suddenly showing a quaint lumpy old stone bench just around the corner, where one may rest and read or meditate—well such a pathway justifies its existence. And if a small ravine must be crossed, a decidedly decorative bit is a small stone bridge covered with vines or flowers.

In the formal garden the sundial may be centrally placed, with great dignified pergolas lining either side of its special plot. And at the extreme end of such a vista a summer house of light looking lattice work whimsically crowned with curious weather vane, may invite one to sit and think awhile.

Terraced Gardens.

Terraced gardens afford many opportunities for the imagination to play with. One I have in mind has a brick wall running along at an even rate until it suddenly rises. There one is well rewarded for looking over and beyond. At his feet he will find a beautiful little pool. In the midst of ferns, vines and flowers a laughing cupid on a pedestal lets a tiny jet of water splash into the pool below.

Another opportunity in a terraced garden is an arrangement of steps to descend to the lower levels. One would journey a long way to see one particular bit, an opening in a hedge arched over with the delicate blooms of roses. And there below one would find circular stone steps leading away to other romances. But before one departs, he will have to stop just a moment to admire a pair of urns almost

Tile and Brick Bring Coolness



To breakfast in this room would surely be starting the day right and even the dinner would be a joy when heat is unbelievable elsewhere.

hidden in the foliage at the foot of the rose vines.

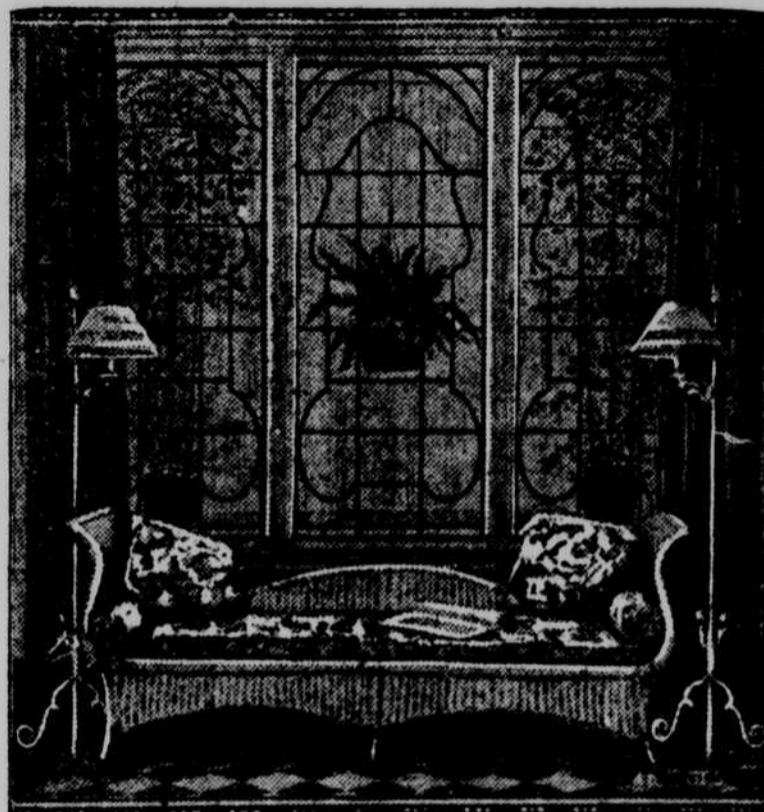
Some Picturesque Terracing.

A terrace of brick open to the sky and all out-of-doors, affords a pleasant background for stone furniture with many possibilities for unusual arrangement. A great fish pond decorates one such terrace—a stone bowl of great size making the pool. At one side stands a stone table with carved legs like the Italia tables we know so well. At the other side stands a companion piece with similar carving only this latter is an inviting bench. Against the brick wall of the house, filling a useful place, is an oval jardiniere of large proportions, this, too, on carved legs. From the jardiniere climb pretty vines to decorate and hide the brick wall.

From the dining room of another house one may look out toward the owner's special joy, an octagonal pool with a fountain playing in the center of it. A grass path, travels about the pool and is outlined with flower beds in glowing colors. Just beyond forming a background to the fountain is a balustrade of stone, hemming a flagstone court. Here one may rest; if one will, on a low stone bench one placed at either end of the flags. And one could stay some time enjoying the prospect, for fat squabbling ducks are splashing and playing about in the pool.

Prince Charles Max Linchnowsky, German ambassador to Great Britain at the outbreak of the world war, has just accepted employment as the manager of a cigaret factory at Baden-Baden.

Dainty Window Seat



The stately lamps add utility to this charming setting of upholstered roof and silk jade curtains.

British Import of Linoleums Starts Dispute

American Economist Calls Recent Imported Linoleum Case "a British Dumping Scheme."

In commenting on the recent controversy over lines of imported British linoleums, which was settled by the government in favor of the importers, the American Economist characterizes it as "A British Dumping Scheme." Under this caption, in its issues of April 6, the publication says editorially:

"Through our trade connections we learn that British manufacturers of figured linoleums have concocted a new scheme for the dumping of their goods on our markets. These foreign manufacturers have organized 'importing companies' in the United States and to these companies they 'sell' their goods, invoicing them presumably at British market value and

paying the duty on that basis. That looks all right on the face of it, but the scheme practiced constitutes 'dumping,' pure and simple.

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"After the linoleums have been landed and have cleared the customs, the dummy companies proceed to sell them at whatever price they can get, underselling the domestic manufacturers, because the duty on linoleums and floor cloths is not sufficiently high to be protective. The money received from these sales is transmitted to the real owners, the British manufacturers, the 'import companies' being simply salaried employees.

"The idea of the British linoleum manufacturers is, of course, to drive the American manufacturer out of business. In times of business depression that might easily be done, but thanks to the unparalleled prosperity of the country at the present time, American consumers have been very liberal buyers of the domestic product.

Law Violation, Claim.

"The British practice in question is not only a violation of our dumping law and may be deemed with reason, but it is a violation of section 216 of the tariff of 1922. That section provides:

"That unfair methods of competition and unfair acts in the importation of articles into the United States, or in their sale by the owner, importer, consignee or

agent of either, the effect or tendency of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry, efficiently or economically operated, in the United States, or to prevent the establishment of such an industry or to restrain or monopolize trade and commerce in the United States, are hereby

declared unlawful and when found by the president to exist shall be dealt with, in addition to any other provision of law, as hereinafter provided.

"The further provision is that the president may assess additional duties,

not less than 10 per cent nor more than 50 per cent over and above those regularly imposed, or he may direct that the goods in question be excluded from entry into the country.

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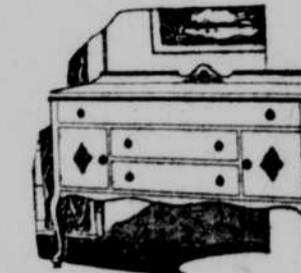
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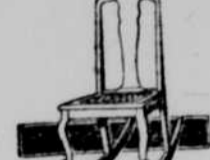
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