

All-America Winners Beautiful in Garden

Westerners who are planning their spring and summer gardens now will welcome the announcement of the 1952 All-America winners.

The All-American Rose is Helen Traubel, a delicate pink blossom overlaid with apricot. For annuals, the winner is Fiesta, a cosmos

with orange-scarlet flowers striped in gold, and the runner-up is Persian Carpet, a zinnia with variegated flowers like miniature dahlias about the size of silver dollars.

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With a little ingenuity and thoughtfulness, however, you can make even the tiniest guest room comfortable enough to tell your guest at a glance that he or she is really welcome.

A combination dressing-writing table is a suggestion that will save space and add to the room's convenience.

An ordinary table with one center drawer is ideal for this sort of dual-purpose unit. The table should be two feet by four feet in size and 30 inches high.

Add a wall mirror with lamps on either side, a ruffled skirt to match the draperies or bedspread, and a chair or stool high enough for comfortable writing. The bottom edge of the lamp shades should be at least 14 inches from the table top to insure sufficient illumination.

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Architect Claims Grass Roof Superior for Modern House

Architects have shocked people before with some of their notions and have subsequently been proved right by them. Now comes New England's architect Royal Barry Wills with new ideas.

Talking to a group of women in Boston this week he suggested sod roofs for houses—lawns, in other words, instead of roofs. "People don't think about roofs when they build houses," said Wills, "but they should. Present day roofs are lacking in individuality."

"Attractive, Inexpensive" "Roofs are important in the appearance of a house, particularly these new houses with roof close to the ground. An attractive, utilitarian and inexpensive roof is sod. This is used in many

countries of the world, particularly in Sweden.

"Such a roof is particularly applicable on the low pitched roofs of today's ranch houses, or on flat roofs or one-way pitch roofs. These roofs ordinarily are covered with an asphalt felt paper and are lacking in inspiration, to say the least.

"Compare this type of roof with a field of daisies or even dandelions growing overhead and you can see the added beauty given by the sod. These roofs of sod have the luxuriant appearance of thatch.

Rich Appearance

"Sod roofs are also inexpensive to build, since all it is necessary to do is to cover the roof with a low grade of tar paper and then apply the sod. Sods give a rich appearance in all seasons of the year.

"In winter, the insulating value is very great and such a house may be heated for a relatively insignificant sum because there could be no heat waste with a sod roof and a foot or two of snow on the sod."

All architect Wills failed to explain is how to cut the grass.

Method Explained For Fireproofing Cloth

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Styles Created For Furniture

CHICAGO—(U.P.)—The American family that buys furniture in 1952 will have more new styles to choose from than ever before in the last 10 years, but some dealers said prices won't be any higher than in 1951.

The wide variety of new styles—especially for homes where the accent is on modern lines—and the possible leveling of furniture prices was revealed at an international home furnishings market last week in Chicago.

A total of 2439 furniture makers arranged samples to show buyers from stores across the nation.

Wallace O. Ollman, general manager of the mart, said the exhibits have more to offer in quality and variety than in any year since Pearl Harbor without any evidence of a boost in price over last year.

Here's what Mr. and Mrs. America found: The radical lines of the ultra-modern furniture have been softened and have taken on new dignity by borrowing from traditional lines.

The provincial and period styles have been pepped up with a free use of new harmonies of wrought iron, marble, tile, glass and wood combinations and with contemporary designs in draperies and upholstery.

More Bachelors Than Old Maids

There are more bachelors than old maids, despite an increasing marriage rate. Only 19 per cent of the females over 14 years of age are single compared with 28 per cent in 1940 and 34 per cent in 1890. About 26 per cent of the males over 14 are single now, compared with 35 per cent in 1940 and 44 per cent in 1890.

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