



Giant Iris

Ruffled Marigo Japanese iris, giants of irisdom, lend an exotic, oriental touch to American gardens. Single, double and tufted hybrids have been developed with blooms up to 11 inches in diameter. The colors range from white to pastels to deep purple and include edged, marbled and striped variations, as well as solid tones.

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Green Color Easily Restored

We have received more inquiries this year than ever before about the reason for foliage coloring of camellias and rhododendrons changing from a nice, dark green to a rather sickly yellowish-green, yellow and, finally, brown. The principal cause of such condition this year is, probably, a result of the considerable spring moisture leaching plant nutrients away from the plants. Notable is a loss of nitrogen and iron because of this leaching. It is not difficult to correct.

For immediate response you can restore the nice green coloring by spraying the foliage with chelated iron purchasable at your garden supply store. This is a foliar spray containing iron in a form which can be absorbed

through the leaves. This is not a permanent corrective, however, but merely a supplement. For a lasting corrective, fertilize the plants when they have finished flowering, with a balanced fertilizer that contains all of the nutrient elements needed for good health. The "Big 3," nitrogen, phosphorus and potash, are not enough in themselves. Make sure the fertilizer you use contains small quantities of various mineral elements called "trace elements." With proper diet, this condition will not appear again!

Few plants are so spectacularly beautiful in late summer and into fall as are the statelike Celphinius. Especially is this true since the development of the Pacific strain.

Started plants can be set out now, being available from most growers, and will provide grand color through summer and fall. Celphinius provide towering spires of blue, white and pink florets that rise majestically above all other flowers in the perennial border and contrast or complement other border plants in just the right manner.

If you have evergreens around the place, now is the time to go over them carefully, syringing the plants with the garden hose to remove any collection of dust, soot or grime that may clog the breathing pores. Use a strong spray from the hose and cover the whole plant, especially needed evergreens. Get into the main trunk, too. Any dead inner branches should be cut out and cut back for neatness sake. Then, feed the plants with a balanced commercial fertilizer.

Flower Show Billed Tuesday

A flower show, "Melodies of Spring," will be presented by the Springfield Willamalane Garden Club Tuesday in the Willamalane Memorial Bldg. The public is invited to the show which will be from 2 to 8 p.m. standard, 3 to 9 p.m. daylight.

Any resident of the Springfield area is invited to enter horticultural specimens or ar-

rangements and a junior division. Included in the show will be a plant sale and silver tea.

Entries will be received from 9 to 11 a.m. standard, 10 a.m. to 12 daylight, the morning of the show. Further information may be obtained by calling the chairman, Mrs. Clifford Wooden, RI 7-7271, or RI 7-2482.

New Space Concept:

Lot of House On Little Land

By DOROTHEA M. BROOKS
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NEW YORK — The traditional "little home on a plot all our own" soon may be replaced by "a lot of house built around a little land."

Too often in recent years of shrinking land and rising costs the American dream home has proved to be a nightmare, with the occupants forced to accommodate themselves to an inflexible arrangement of living space, both indoors and out.

A new concept of living space, created by architect Robert Martin Engelbrecht, A.I.A., and executed by Panelbuild Systems Division of United States Plywood Corp., promises a low-cost home — \$9,000 to \$12,000 exclusive of land — that will provide space plus privacy on a plot as small as 60 by 60 feet, with the added bonus of easy expandability to suit the needs of a growing family.

The house is composed of 12 by 24-foot modules, factory built units which combine many of the features of present-day mobile homes and the prefabricated houses.

Each unit is self-contained with plumbing, heating and cooling system and wiring built into a floor space only 12 inches deep. Any unit can be converted into any type of room or living area desired. Simple pier foundations direct the house to any terrain

without extensive land preparation. It can be erected on the flat, a mountain side, or over water. Any number of modules may be combined since they are connected at either end or in the middle in a variety of grouping.

"By arranging the modules to surround the land with house instead of surrounding the house with land," architect Engelbrecht explained, "we achieve maximum privacy on minimum land."

Although not yet in production, a model of the space-module house, as Engelbrecht dubs it, is on display at the Seattle World's Fair now as the American home of the immediate future.

In constructing the model, Panelbuild Systems used stressed-skin plywood panel construction.

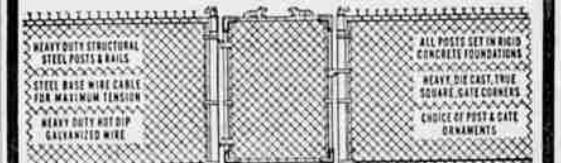
Plywood panels, both inside the house and used as exterior siding, afford a wide range of textures and wood species.

Living space is utilized to the maximum by arranging the four modules around an inner court with liberal areas of glass in each module looking into the courtyard. The model is designed for a family of four — comprising a children's bedroom unit, parents' bedroom unit, family living room unit and a kitchen-dining unit.

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