

# THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

## Inspired by Oriental Gardens ---

# Green Thumb House Has Terraced Split Levels

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Designed for garden enthusiasts, this multi-level split makes use of the terrace technique found in formal gardens of the Orient.

The result is a large family house with features appealing especially to "green thumbs." We have designated it X-9 in the House of The Week series.

The terraced effect quickly becomes apparent.

On one level is the entrance foyer. Up three broad steps to the right is the living room. Up two steps from the living room is the dining room and adjoining kitchen.

On the same level as the foyer there is a large terrace room, which lies four steps below the level of the dining-kitchen area.

Along one wall of the terrace room is a glass-enclosed greenhouse. This wall is fixed glass.

The outside greenhouse wall is glass, too, so the terrace room not only has filtered natural light, but a curtain of greenery to decorate it on the greenhouse side.

There are openings at both ends of the greenhouse, one leading to a rear terrace; the other leading to the garage.

### Special Sink For Flowers

The garage, itself, can be entered from the terrace room at a point only a few steps away from a flower-arranging sink. Here the gardener can handle plants and flowers without leaving the house

### Statistics

House of The Week design X-9 has eight rooms and 2 1/2 baths on four levels: living room, dining room, kitchen, terrace and four bedrooms. A full basement is under the living-dining-kitchen area. The living and bedroom levels have a total of 1,800 sq. ft. For estimating building costs, add 480 sq. ft. for the terrace room and 425 sq. ft. for the two-car garage. Overall dimensions of the house are 50 ft. 8 inches by 39 ft. 10 inches. A 75 by 100 foot lot would be adequate.

proper in disarray.

Herbert C. Struppmann, the architect who developed this "green thumb" house, has carried out the gardening theme still further. The four upper bedrooms are reached from a landing above the dining room-kitchen level and the balcony landing is bordered by a flower box railing.

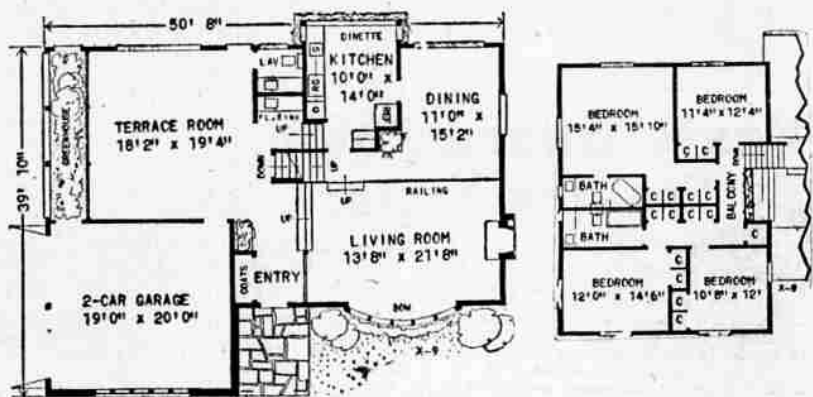
There are planters in the entrance foyer and in an alcove between the dining room and kitchen. Planters are in abundance, outside the living room's bow window, the bedroom windows and the three window sides of a dinette at the rear of the kitchen.

Wrought iron trellis columns decorate the sheltered, flagstone front porch and there is a lily pool in the rear terrace area.

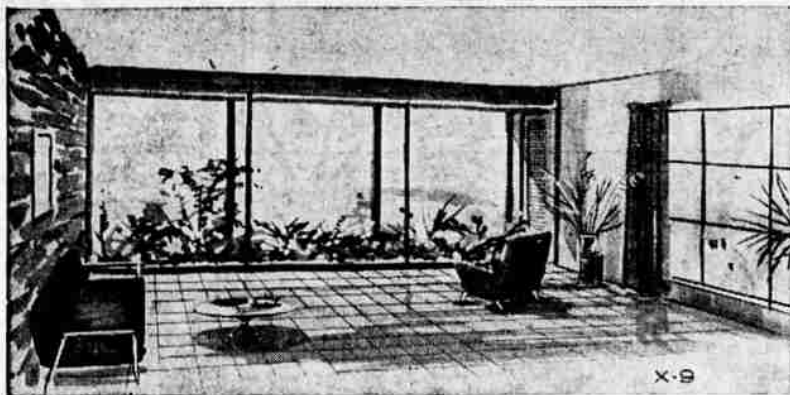
Struppmann has adroitly planned the bedroom area. Three of the rooms has two closets. The master bedroom, nearly 16 by 16 ft., has a large vanity and a dressing room alcove.



WROUGHT IRON TRELLIS COLUMNS and wood and stone flower boxes greet the visitor to this multi-level "green thumb" house. The arrangement of its levels is based on a technique used by Oriental experts in planning terraced gardens.



THE FLOOR PLAN at the left shows the terraced levels of the entrance foyer, the living room and the dining-kitchen area. The terraced room is on the same level as the foyer. The plan at the right shows the bedroom area with its balcony, bordered by a flower box railing.



THIS VIEW OF THE TERRACE ROOM takes in the glass-walled greenhouse and the glass wall (at the right) looking out on the rear terrace. A feature of the terrace room is a special flower-arranging sink and a lavatory.

Each of the children's bedrooms, in size, has four closets, a private toilet says. "These two levels are exciting and dramatic. But no matter how hobby-minded you are, a home should be made for practical upkeep.

Altogether there are 15 closets on the bedroom level alone. The second bath is equal in size to the master bath and has a vanity and tub.

### Luxury Sized Bedrooms

Not one of the bedrooms is less than 125 sq. ft. in size. These luxurious dimensions usually are found only in the most expensive homes.

In borrowing from the Orientals, Struppmann has created vistas in all directions by terracing the dining room above the living room and the living room above the entry.

Brick and horizontal wood siding are used on the exterior walls. The roof is of asphalt shingles. Other exterior details include wood combine outdoor spaciousness with shutters, wood and stone flower boxes and casement windows.

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