

Lucia's Flowers

When there's something new in the world of Dutch florists, then it's news indeed! For to foreign window shoppers most any Dutch florist is a novelty in itself.

The latest news in the field stems from a little cellar in Amsterdam, recently opened under the name of "Lucia's Flowers."

In Lucia's cellar you can buy flowers and order for any occasion, just like at any florist.

Nor is this all. Lucia also attracts the antipode of the amateur flower arranger — she hasn't the time or the inclination to bother.

What with seeing the lovely little square and that old house with its new florist tenant, a visit to Lucia's Flowers gives one a true taste of Amsterdam — one in which the old and the new blend to perfection.

Duchess Sets A Table Fashion

London's most fashionable hostesses are all agog about a new dining table fashion emanating from Kensington Palace, home of the Duchess of Kent, aunt of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

Hostesses began copying the idea, which has caught on too as a gift to young brides.

Favorite designs include a silver Grecian urn, standing about three and one-half inches high, and miniature reproductions of Victorian wine buckets and sporting trophies.

Soapsuds Tree More A Novelty

Do you know that in Barbados, West Indies, there are soapsuds trees? They reach heights of 60 feet and bear clusters of berries, which produce a thick lather when shaken in water.

The Barbadians are naturally very clean people. However, even with their handy stock of soapsuds trees, they still prefer the convenience and quality of manufactured soap and detergent products.

Midas Touches Add Glamor

The budget may not stretch far enough for the pink marble bathtub you've always dreamed of, but even a tiny bathroom can be made infinitely more glamorous by adding just one or two "Midas touches."

For a fluted, gold-plated soap dish in a fluted shell design gives a look of real luxury without fracturing the budget.

What's a blanquillo? It's a quilted throw for crib or carriage — as warm, practical, and washable as any blanket, but dressier and more decorative.

