

Carefully Arrange Gardens For New Homes

If you've moved into a new home - brand new or used - a carefully thought-out plan for the garden is in order. If the home already has a lawn or garden, the first thing to do is cut the grass and eliminate weeds, making sure what you remove are actually weeds, not perennials. If the garden is nonexistent or only a lawn, then the problem is different. The proper procedure is to determine what you ultimately want in the garden and then to work toward that goal by a

series of operations. The first thing is to find out what you want, rather than planting anything that appeals to you though it may not fit in with your long-range plans. Where the gardener has bare soil around a new house, the most pressing thing is to get out of the mud. The first item to determine where you want walks or a patio. These areas will be paved with stone or concrete and can be done at any time. The grass areas should be planted. Be sure to use the right seed and fer-

tilize. If there is a lawn, then the weeds should be removed. In all cases, the grass should be kept cut and watered, if necessary. . . . THE NEXT step in a new house is to add a foundation planting. While the foundation designed to cover up the high, unattractive brick or stone of the foundation, now it is used to break up the straight horizontal and vertical lines of the building and to give it a settled look.

Generally, plants should conceal the foundation or break up the long line between the building and the soil line where the foundation is very low. Some other planting is needed to take care of the upright lines at the corners, doorways, and large window openings. Upright evergreens, trees suited to the height of the building, vines, trellises and shrubs are used. Be sure to find out the shape and height of the plants you are planning to use to be sure that they will not be too large or too small. The size of the build-

ing is the deciding factor. If these plants are there, wait and see if you are satisfied with them or if there is something better you wish to use to replace them. Snap judgments can result in needless expense and wasted time. The rest of the garden can be planned for the uses you need to make of it. Be sure to plan for the utilities - gas, water, electricity, phone, sewer, driveways - so that these can be serviced without creating major problems. Avoid planting trees, hedges, large

shrubs or evergreens over buried lines. Keep trees away from overhead wires. Where a garden has been made, it is a good idea to wait for a full season to find out just what is there. Find out the kind of plants. Do not dig in planted areas until you are sure there are no bulbs under the soil. Try to find out why some plants, even ones that you may not like, are where they are. Sometimes shade may be a problem and account for some common plant being planted in that spot.

PLAN THE areas where you want to have barbecues, a swimming or wading pool, a vegetable or fruit garden, a rose garden or some other feature. Be sure to make provision for pets, children and hobbies. When you have all of your ideas settled, plant to create what you want. While a garden is basically composed of plants, there are times when other materials may do a better job. For privacy on a narrow lot, a wall or

solid board fence may be much better than a hedge or a row of shrubs. The wall or fence will take less room and it can be used as a support for vines or as a backdrop for flowering plants. Wire fences may be useful for giving quick protection from animals and people or to confine yours. These can be used as a support for many plants or a hedge or shrub planting can be placed right next to them to replace the fence when the plants have grown large enough to provide the protection needed.



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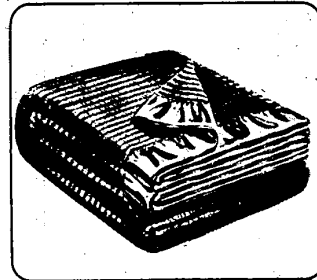
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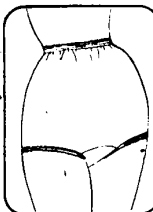
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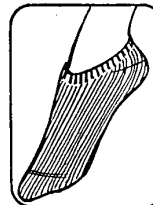
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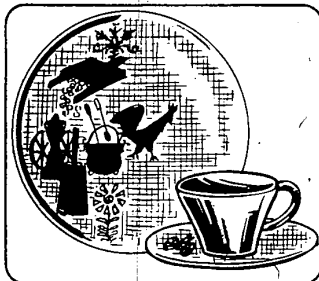
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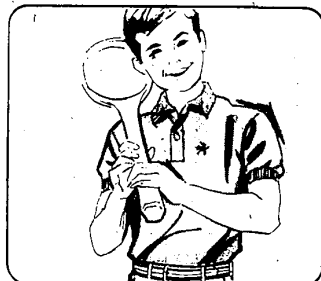
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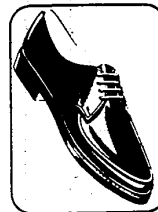
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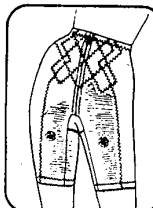
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