



AN OLD JEWELED cross from the collection of Mrs. Philip Day rests beside a silver cup and saucer which the Days picked up at an auction. Though its original owner could afford a silver cup, it is apparent from the marks on it, that he preferred to drink his tea from the saucer.



THIS IS THE VICTORIAN style residence on Oakland Ave. which captured the heart of Mrs. Philip Day. The Day family moved in five years ago and have since been transforming it into a model of the age which it represents, furnishing it with the quaint and captivating pieces which were popular with early Farmington settlers.

Philip Days Live Happily With Victoriana

When Phyllis Day's sister gave her a tiny beige pitcher with a raised white design on it, Phyllis' dream as an antique collector was sealed. The pitcher turned out to be Wedgwood jasperware, though it was purchased for a ridiculous 10 cents.

Now a collection of jasperware fills several shelves of the Days' Victorian house at 3361 Oakland, and the entire house is a collector's dream furnished as it is almost exclusively with American Victorian pieces.

Another collection of very old jeweled crosses is a cherished possession.

Mrs. Day's love of Michigan history has led her to her choice of house furnishings. She feels that whenever they could, Michigan's pioneers would turn to the Victorian styles for a touch of elegance to relieve the sturdy utility of early American surroundings.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Day and their son, Bill, moved to Farmington from Grosse Pointe in 1959 in a mood to adopt all of the accoutrements of country living. They bought a house in Springbrook on an acre of ground and got themselves a horse.

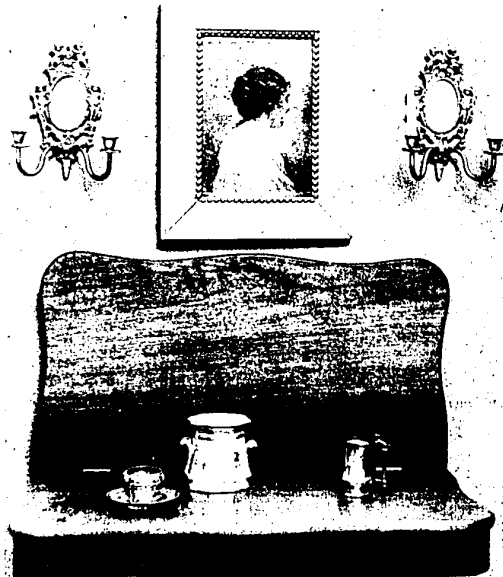
One day while visiting the city of Farmington, Mrs. Day pointed to the house they now occupy and said that she considered it the perfect place to spend her "declining" years. She could walk to the library, and nearby shopping, and she considered that the house itself had lots of charm.

To her complete surprise, five years ago next fall, her husband told her they had an appointment to look the house over as it had been put on the market for sale by the Pauline family. They saw, they bought and they worked to redecorate gradual accumulation of just the right pieces for each nook and cranny, they have brought it to its present state of unique Victorian picturesqueness.

In line with her devotion to antiques, Mrs. Day is a co-founder with Mrs. Jean Brunk of the Farmington chapter of The Questers. Very famous in the eastern United States, it is an organization dedicated to "study and historical preservation." Their group spearheaded the drive to save the old township hall from destruction.

Another of her pet projects is the annual antique show held at St. Andrew's Church, Livonia. It is scheduled for April 19, 20 and 21. Shows have been the medium for most of Mrs. Day's own purchases, and she considers them the ideal way to see lots of items gathered in one place.

Since only son Bill was married a few months ago, there is ample time now for the rewarding hobby of collecting, for her pet English bulldogs, for bridge and for knitting coats. She is a lady who quite obviously derives a great deal of pleasure from her way of life and the lovely things with which she has surrounded herself.

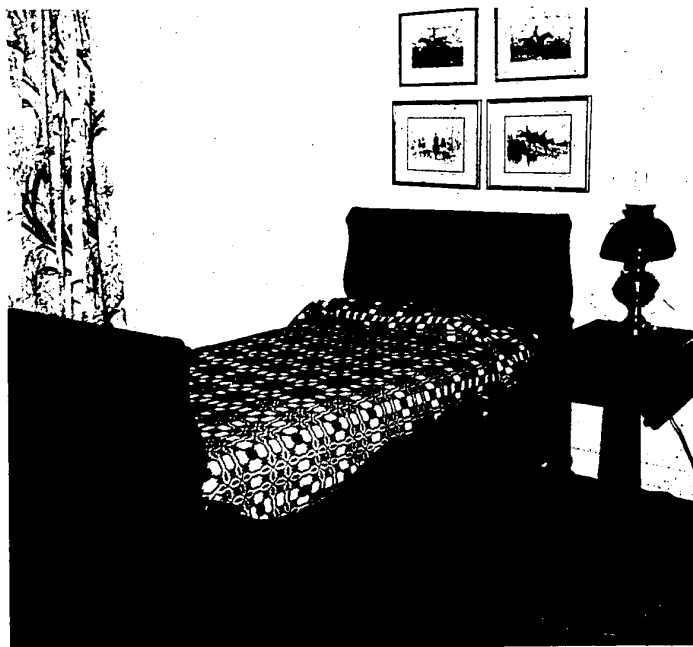


AN OIL PAINTING of Philip Day's articles on the table and the table itself done when she was a young self were acquired by the Days in girl finds an appropriate setting for their antiquing forays. Between two antique brass sconces. The



PISTOL AND CAP from Civil War days are relics from the past which belonged to Philip Day's grandfather.

His training at the military institute was speeded up because the army so desperately needed officers.



THIS IS THE SLEIGH that almost got away. Philip Day couldn't believe that his wife would want such a heavy, cumbersome article, but when he described it to her over the phone, she said, "Buy it!" So he did. Sleigh beds are decidedly rare: there is one in the White House. The coverlet on this one was hand woven, hand combed, hand clipped and hand made in Virginia.



MRS. PHILIP DAY'S beautiful collection of Wedgwood jasperware began with the gift of a little pitcher which her sister purchased at a rummage sale for the unbelievable price of 10 cents.