

# Roof Fire Almost Thing Of Past

A fire-resistant roof is one of the best forms of fire "insurance" you can buy for your house.

Studies by the National Fire Protection Association show that the use of fire-resistant roofing materials, such as asphalt shingles, slate, and mineral fiber, are largely responsible for a substantial reduction in house fires that start or spread from the roof.

The BEST way for a homeowner to be sure his roof is fire-resistant is to use materials that carry an Underwriters' Laboratories label for fire-resistance.

This assures him that the shingles have passed tests for flame spread, flame exposure, and ignition by burning brands and that they will not emit burning brands or embers.

UL tests are stringent. For example, this is the test

for ignition by burning brands:

WOODEN blocks (1 1/2 inches by 1 1/2 inches by 3/4 inch) are set on fire by exposure to 1300 degree flames for two minutes. Twenty-five of these "burning brands" are placed on a roof deck and flaming.

They are left there until the brands burn out and all evidence of fire has disappeared, or until failure occurs.

Asphalt shingles that pass this test - and similarly strict tests for flame exposure and flame spread - qualify for the UL, Class C label for fire-retardation. Such shingles afford fire protection for the home that is as safe - conscious homeowner should overlook.

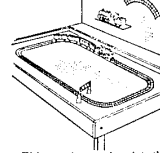
## Nail Strips Help

It's easy to nail fence boards or slats between top and bottom fence rails if nailing strips are used. Simply add a length of 1x1-inch lumber to both rails, set in slightly from the edge for best appearance.



## Model Train Table

MODEL train time is fun time, especially if you don't have to use the floor. Model railroad enthusiasts and children will derive more enjoyment from their model trains if the layout is mounted on an easy-to-assemble table.



Either prime and paint the Peg-Board or use a precolorated type with a pattern similar to monk's cloth. This Patterned Peg-Board or unpainted panels are available at lumber and building materials dealers.

## Suburban Gardener

# Beauty Can Be Found In Winter Gardens

By BETTY FRANKEL

Winter is the season when most people ignore the garden, but it need not be a drab unattractive place during the winter.

However we must shift gears a bit and look for a more subtle beauty than is found in summer when emerald turf sets off jewel-toned flowers.

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EVERGREENS are the chief source of color during the winter, and because of this their use should not be restricted to the front of the house.

clade tall evergreens such as white pine, Scotch pine or Douglas fir. Dwarf yews and junipers could be used for a low border or for special accents.

In addition to the needle evergreens, there are many broad-leaf evergreens that are colorful during the winter. These include rhododendrons, Japanese andromeda (Pieris japonica), holly, evergreen hellebore (Euonymus). Also there are evergreen ground covers such as ivy, pachysandra and

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THERE IS a dogwood shrub with yellow bark. This is Cornus stolonifera flavissima. Kerria japonica is a slender shrub with bark that remains a vivid green. The paper

birch or white birch is widely planted for its white bark, and this is even more beautiful as part of a snow scene than at any other season.

The sweet cherry trees have a glossy, reddish bark marked with horizontal lines. Beech trees and young silver maples have beautiful smooth, light gray bark. Sycamore bark is a fascinating patchwork of brown, cream and pale green where flakes of bark have been shed.

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THE SHRUBS and trees with colored berries that cling to the branches throughout the winter are a great asset. Snow-berry (Symphoricarpos) is one of the few plants cherished for its white fruit. Red is the favorite color because it is so warm and cheerful looking.

Some of the hawthorns are so laden with small fruits that they seem to be enveloped in a red haze. A tree or two of this sort can work wonders for the garden and for the spirits during the winter months.

Barberries have red berries that cling all winter making them one of the most popular. Also frequently planted for their red fruits are the multiflora roses. One of the choicest red-berried shrubs is the highbush cranberry (Viburnum opulus). Hex verticillata and cotoneaster also hold their bright fruits well into the winter.

The red or orange fruits of mountain ash are often eaten by birds before winter is far advanced, but some of the crab apples and hawthorns hold their

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The Dutch hyacinth is gradually becoming known for its versatility in this country.

FORMERLY the crisp flower with its tiny florets and perfect silhouette, was planted in geometrically patterned formal beds in an affect of stately elegance.

Now the cheerful hyacinth is equally at home in contemporary gardens where it can be planted singly or in groups among evergreens or flowering shrubs.

In addition to the soft glowing pastels and pure whites, the hyacinth is available in vibrant, rich purples, yellows, oranges and reds.

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