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**Robins Sold in New York
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(Toronto Telegram)
Robins, those most welcome harbingers in spring and pleasant summer guests in northern climes, are reported from some communities to be fewer in number this year. The New York Journal has been investigating and offers an explanation.
On their way up from the south, it seems, millions of the red-breasts gather in large North Carolina swamps, resting in cedars and other trees at night.
Now the birds are worth two cents each as food in these districts and hundreds of men and boys with clubs slaughter them wholesale after dark, selling them next day in neighbouring towns and cities. At other points where the migrants congregate during their

trip, similar reception committees await them.
So great has been the killing in recent years that the U.S. biological survey and the North Carolina state conservation department are taking steps to bring it to an end.
The robin is one of the most attractive and least harmful of birds and certainly worth more alive than two cents. For their sake and for the sake of their human admirers it is to be hoped that the efforts to stop their wanton extermination are successful.

Pembroke Standard: The town of Prescott considers that a faster speed than 20 miles per hour would be dangerous in that town and will apply to the Local Legislature for authority to regulate it this way. If Prescott can get this permission why should not Pembroke apply for the very same thing.



PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin



A pair of tables to flank the sofa will conveniently hold lamps and oddments, while a low table in front of the sofa is pleasant for magazines or books, cigarette things, refreshments or a vase of flowers. Here the colourings of the room are cafe au lait walls, one chair in cafe au lait damask and the sofa in a slip cover of cafe au lait ground with leaf green pattern. The rug is cocoa colour.

Today we're going to make a case for some of the not-quite necessities which we think add such a lot to the pleasure of every day living. Have you enough of them?

Little tables, for instance, that you don't actually need... but how very handy they are for the niceties! A low little table for refreshments in the living room or for books and cigarettes. A pair of end tables to hold the lamps beside your sofa, a bedside table for a dozen and one little things. An extra table on wheels for the dining room, to save steps... another small rolling table (this one porcelain topped) for the kitchen. We could go on and on with that kind of table talk.

But instead we're going to describe the adventures of some friends of ours with incidental tables.

The Larger Small Tables
Edith's husband is one of those big

lumbering fellows—terribly attractive—and with a way of overflowing the place. His pipes here, lighter there, newspapers strewn over the sofa, hat on the chandelier, feet on a chair back. Edith studied the table situation when she redecorated and decided that the little tables wouldn't make any impression on her family. So she chose a pair of spacious round Sheraton drum tables to go at each end of the sofa for lamps and big enough to hold the Sunday papers, a bottle of gingerale and a brief case into the bargain. Then in front of the fireplace she placed one of those grand big Chippendale type coffee tables as long as a bench and even wider, and flanked it by two deep, easy chairs. Just the place for a hearty pot of coffee, full sized cups (no demitasses for this family!) and a big plate of cinnamon buns. Against the wall on each side of the fireplace stood two small chests of drawers in place of

tables. They provided broad tops for lamps to light the easy chairs, with plenty of room left over for books, smoking things or a cup of tea.

Lois, on the other hand, used incidental tables as the keynote of a very distinctive furniture arrangement. A Queen Anne round table, quite a beautiful one, she placed in the centre of a tranquil large living room. And on each side of it and turned over so slightly toward each other she had two unusually graceful wing chairs looking toward the fireplace. The table held a lovely silver punch bowl that was filled with dramatic fresh flowers. Lois effect was different and charming. Lois continued her use of small tables in the pattern of her room by placing a pair of two-tier Queen Anne tables in front of beautifully draped windows. These tables held small plants and well selected bibelots that silhouetted themselves graciously against the windows.

much if it makes in the room—not to mention its usefulness for study or drawing or cutting out. A very genial idea, we think, if you're interested in making a home that collects the family at home evenings instead of scattering them!

General Principles

Now—a few generalities about incidental tables. Every easy chair that's going to be used for reading should have a table for a lamp and oddments in reach. A sofa needs a low coffee table and a dining room needs some type of serving table. These are the musts. Beyond that you can go into even more table detail. As long as you keep the traffic of the room clear—you can't have too many incidental tables for convenience. But stop short of the point where you start stumbling over your small tables. That will mean "too many."

If you are interested in arranging your furniture more interestingly, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for our brand new bulletin "Where to Place the Furniture—and Why." It contains four pages of actual room diagrams illustrating pleasant arrangements.

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Possibilities of Alpine Gardens Shown in West

(Calgary Herald)
Possibilities of Alpine gardening are wonderfully demonstrated in the extensive rockeries on Cemetery Hill. Here W. R. Reader, superintendent of Calgary's parks system, has transformed a once barren cut-bank into an Alpine garden of surpassing beauty, outstanding of its kind in Canada, and known to rock-plant enthusiasts in many scattered parts of the world.

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Does Not Think Much of Mussolini's Pet Schemes

(New York Herald-Tribune)

What might not happen to the whole Fascist structure if the idea were to percolate back from London into Italy that all the sacrifices of liberties, lives and wealth that the Italian people have made to help Mussolini build up a first-class military empire are now shown by the achievements of the Italian soldiery in Spain, to be something less than all-conquering? What would be the effect on Italy's morale if the thought got through that, with all its expensive equipment and with all its intensive training from infancy to senility, the Italian army still had much to learn?

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Too Many Revolvers Now Held in Private Hands

(Kingston Whig-Standard)
Fewer pistol permits will be issued this year in New York City than in any year since 1920. The total will be 25,956. In 1922, the peak year, 43,359 permits were issued. At this year's lower figure there would seem to be plenty. Just what need there is for people to be going about with that number of arms in a city even the size of New York with its thousands of policemen we do not know. Enforcement and respect for the law would probably mean more for safety of individuals and wealth than these weapons in private hands.

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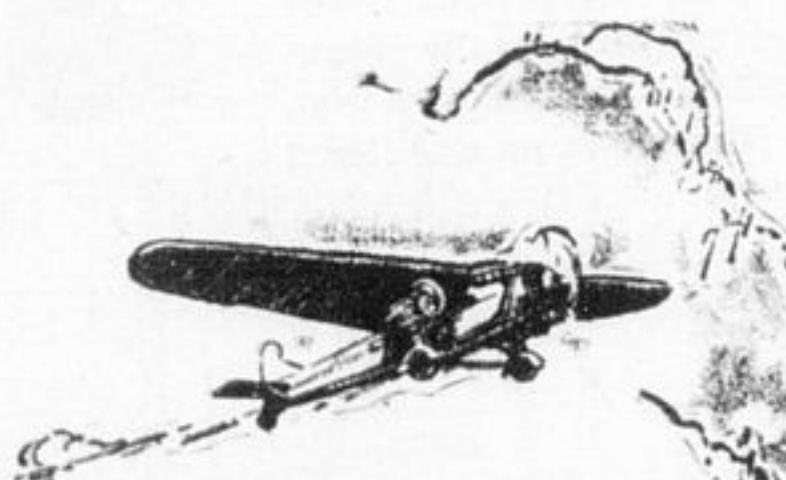
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This little table is a poufouse.—the top opens up to reveal a lovely mirror and there is an inner compartment for make-up things. This is in the apartment of Helen Cleason, star of the Broadway hit "Frederika." Note the pleasant arrangement in front of the window. The colourings of this room are subtly interesting, the valance being pale beige faille with dusty rose ball fringe and the draperies are in chintz in predominant tones of dusty rose which repeat the colour of the walls. The rug is in an old blue.

Smaller Small Tables

Ruth went very feminine in her selections of incidental tables; but it was her bedroom—and French, so that was all right. She has a pair of little spindle, but very graceful, tables with drawers on either side of her bed. Then the daintiest of low coffee tables beside her chaise lounge and another small lamp table on the other side of it. Her dressing table is a French poufouse, one of those with a top that lifts up to reveal a mirror and all the requisites for being beautiful, on the whole this type is really handier than a petticoated dressing table.

For the Dining Room

Henrietta's dining room has made the most of auxiliary tables. She began her furnishings of the room with very little wall space but very grand window space. With double windows on two walls, a double arched door, two single doors, what wall space, pray, did she have left for furniture? Almost none. She used small corner cupboards for height, then got a narrow table to go in front of one of the double windows.

On this she placed a pair of fine vases, then between them silver of nice shape to silhouette against the window. As she does her own work, Henrietta has been interested in developing ways and means of serving as smoothly as possible, and she has found that a low table with a sufficiently broad top to hold the serving dishes and extra plates is a very great help. She serves from this low table placed beside her chair at the dining table. Nice but not necessary are wheels on the base. If you want them on a table that doesn't have them, what about having castors fitted on?

Esther is the mother of three school-age children, so she ought to know what she's talking about when it comes to home work. Not that the children have so many lessons to get at home, but they're always drawing or painting paper dolls or doing something that can be done better, and with less of a mess, on a broad table. So Esther has gone back to the old library type of table for the centre of her living room, and you'd be surprised what a pleasant

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