

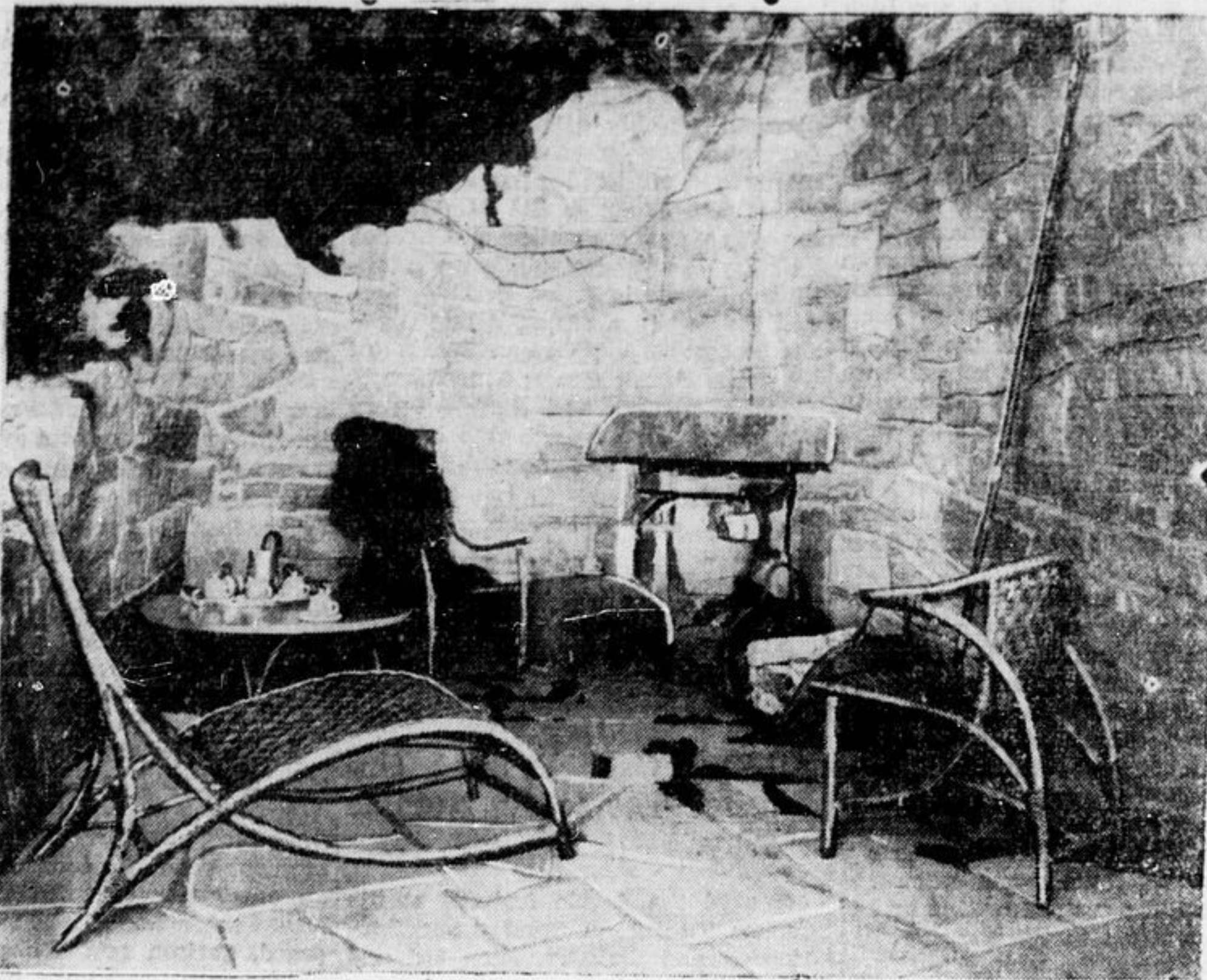


# PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

## THE CALL OF THE WILD

Cabins and the Rustic Scene is the Kind of Interior Decorating That Lures Us This Time of the Year.



An outdoor fireplace for cooking is charmingly designed in this old stone wall and arranged with hickory furniture. This setting illustrated here-

with was designed by Russell Wright and is part of the "Contemporary American Industrial Art" show at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Much as we may like to bask on our dignity during the more sober months of the year, most of us would prefer to revert to the native state when summer comes. The staid business man suddenly reveals talents as an open-fire cook. The most fastidious housewife confides a suppressed desire to throw formality to the winds and rusticate for the summer. And at the mere suggestion of such a life the children whirl their hats in the air with delight.

### Right at Home

There aren't many people who can doff the responsibilities of home for an entire summer—or even for the vacation weeks—what with jobs and budgets to be considered. But almost everybody can have plenty of outdoor living right at home. The only essential ingredient is forethought which will provide such practicalities as picnic paraphernalia and an outdoor fireplace. Sometimes this outdoor fireplace can be built right on the porch by "plugging

beautifully if your need is for privacy from a too-near public road. Rustic hickory furniture was drawn around this sociable spot.

Miriam Hopkins on the other hand has a patio adjoining the house where her outdoor fireplace is built. A marvelous collection for cooking utensils for fireplace cooking attest the popularity of this spot. But that's only half-adjoining the patio is a swimming pool. Which certainly spells fun at home of a summer's day.

### On Wheels

If your family prefers to roam around the countryside in the car, exploring for their camp sites, there are many number of grand portable grills for steak, hot dogs and such like. Many are built on wheels. All are neat tricks to appeal to the men who like to tinker. Then there are picnic kits and baskets to pop anybody's eyes. Not to mention remarkable affairs for keeping hot things hot, cold things cold, fresh

ting on chairs too long to find it comfortable to sit on his feet or squat on the ground even if around a camp fire. So you can't have too many chairs for your retreat outdoors. These may be simple rustic ones. In fact they are better so if you want to leave them out in the weather. And if you have periodic sprints of company or make excursions over hill and dale, you will find that folding camp stools are a big boon because they can be tucked away between times and are so easily portable. Those cushion seats are good too. Another essential for comfortable lawn entertainment is a large table. Preferably, if you want to be very grand, a wrought iron with a plate glass top. The next choice is rattan with plate glass top, but these both are expensive. There are perfectly adequate trestle type tables that come unpainted. These can be finished in either white or with a sturdy-woody stain, and they serve

## Garden Ideas Run From Orioles to Use of Colchicine

Some of the Magic That May be Worked with Flowers.

(By Perry Ghent)

From the time the buds begin to open, through the May days of fragrant blossoming, and until the robins have nibbled or stolen the last cherry, that Japanese cherry tree in the backyard here is a favorite haunt of the birds. There's a blossom-laden plum tree where the wrens have their house just a few feet away, but wren sings his best solos in the cherry branches. Except for an occasional brief call, an apple and a pear tree, both in gorgeous bloom, have no especial appeal for the visitors of plain or gaudy feather. As for the tree of heaven—at the moment as bare as a plucked chicken—our old friend the woodpecker is the only caller of note tapping for admission there.

Lying on the grass and peering upward through the cherry blossoms, however, there is beauty and interest enough even to beguile thoughts away from the heart-breaking tragedy of Europe for a few happy minutes. With breasts of bronze and green and their wings vibrating at a velocity that makes them invisible, two humming-birds make a branch sway gently as they dart in and out of the blossoms. His celebration spoiled by the rain of the Queen's birthday, a boy at the foot of the lot is exploding firecrackers a day or so late. No alarm is registered by the humming-birds. They carry on their important business of nectar sipping above the racket, as the larks soar and sing above the ghastly thunder of Flanders. And, as that incredible wing vibration carries them forward or backward with equal speed, their tiny bodies gleam in the evening sunshine—now a teardrop, now an emerald, now a tulle of gold!

### Orioles Sew Nests

Presently, that golden robin, the Baltimore Oriole flies to a branch of the cherry tree and warbles a few notes of melody. His mate of more modest hue watches him from a poplar in the next garden. No man surely, ever had his name remembered in a jeweller's way than Lord Baltimore. Orange and black were the family colors of Lord Baltimore who once had vast possessions in Maryland. Deep, orange and velvety black are the colors of that immense oriole family that recalls the Baltimore name in the Americas, from Brazil to the towns of woodlands of Canada. Somewhere hereabout the elusive nest of the orioles is suspended in a tree like a snug little shopping bag. Made of fluffy material like wool or cotton or even vegetable fibres, it is actually sewn together with hairs of fine string, to the consistency of felt. Some odds and ends of these materials were placed in the garden when we first saw the birds, and they were quickly carried away.

But it is, time we remembered that the backyard garden was not entered to admire the humming-birds and orioles, but to read an article in the current issue of Better Homes and Gardens.

### A Valuable Discovery

Written by Frank Taylor, it concerns a subject with an irresistible fascination for us—the improvement and variation of floral species by artificial means. This article threw new light upon the use of the drug colchicine toward this end. As mentioned in a previous article, Tetra, a giant marigold with a stem as thick as your thumb and a flower four inches wide is the first creation commercially successful, in this pioneer field as yet largely experimental.

How did the research get under way? It was an accident. Ten years ago, Doncho Kostoff, a Bulgarian plant breeder found his tobacco and eggplant patches in the grip of an offensive attack by hordes of aphids. His counter offensive was a heavy spraying with nicotine sulphate. Following this fumigation, crosses were made with some of the plants, and their offspring, Kostoff was puzzled to find, were consistently abnormal. He examined the cells of these mutations under the microscope, and found that all the chromosome counts had increased—usually doubled. It was an exciting discovery because it is by the accidental increase of chromosomes that nature, perhaps once in a million times, will create a mutation, or what the average gardener knows as a "sport."

### Magic With Flowers

Since, by wetting stems and soaking seeds with solutions of colchicine—a more satisfactory and efficient agent than Kostoff's nicotine sulphate—the chromosome increase can be brought about once in nine times; and since the resulting mutations are occasionally beautiful, the research now extensively pursued, is a most promising field.

At Burpee's seed farms in California, colchicine treatment by experts has already produced encouraging results. Small moonbeam petunias have been made to flourish with huge leaves and massive flowers. An inch has been added to the blossoms of zinnias; and the tarry-blooming orange cosmos sends forth its blossoms three weeks earlier after being treated. Dosed with colchicine, too, snapdragons forget to bloom with the customary terminal spikes, and throw out flowers above the leaves all along the stalks. By the same method half an inch has been added to the length of cotton fibres—and that would mean a gain beyond calculation in a cotton crop.

### Vast Possibilities

As an indication of the vast possibilities of mutations, it may be noted that all golden bantam corn originated in one rare stalk—a mutation—found on

a hillside in Vermont. All sweet-scented double nasturtiums came from one such mutation of Nature found in the garden of a Mexican woman in Del Monte, California. And almost every flower in your garden descended from some natural mutation—the spontaneous doubling of chromosomes with a resulting change in leaf, petal, color or fragrance.

Hence, if artificial chromosome doubling can be brought about speedily by the use of colchicine, and if the resulting mutations can be made to thrive and to perpetuate their new forms, horticultural science will presently witness some startling developments. Nature will be speeded up indeed.

Caddy enough, colchicine was long used as a drug for the treatment of gout before being enlisted for service in the creation of bigger and brighter flowers. Extracted from the roots of the modest meadow saffron or autumn crocus, it is a potent poison. For horticultural experiments, it is used in weak solutions.

## Theft Charge Laid Against Wife by Husband Dismissed

Diamond Drilling Co. Fined for Having More Than 20 Pounds Powder.

A charge of theft, laid by C. W. Gillard against his wife, Margaret Gillard, was dismissed in police court on Tuesday. The case, in the opinion of the Magistrate, was very involved inasmuch as one had the difficult task of deciding what household goods were owned by the wife and what by the husband.

The husband charged that his wife took the \$95 he gave her to pay bills, \$100 worth of bedding and left town on May 25. He informed police and they boarded the train at Matheson and brought her back.

He lived with his wife at 75 Fifth Avenue, Gillard said. On the evening of May 24 he gave her the money and went to work. When he arrived home next day she was gone.

His voice trembling with rage, Gillard denied that the argument he and his wife had had that night was "one of the usual arguments you have been having for the last eight years." During these eight years, Gillard said, he and his wife had been separated about five times.

### Fine Ryan Drilling Co.

The Ryan Diamond Drilling Company Limited was fined \$25 and costs for keeping on its premises at 215 Spruce Street, south, a quantity of dynamite weighing more than twenty pounds.

Sergeant DesRoches said that the

storehouse in which police found the dynamite at 2:10 a.m. one morning was very easy of entry. Anyone could have got into the place.

Lloyd Hutchison, secretary-treasurer of the company said that he did not know the dynamite was there. Men employed by the company had strict instructions to get as much and no more dynamite than they needed for a job. If there was some over it was supposed to be returned to the place from which it was bought.

Police said further that dynamite had been found in the same storehouse before and that the company had been warned.

### Loquacious Witnesses

There was no difficulty getting information in the hearing of an assault case against Karl Wozz. The difficulty was to stem the flood of words which poured from the lips of accused, complainant and witnesses alike. Finally the court submerged under the sea of words and Magistrate Atkinson dismissed the charge. That, he said, would be one way to quiet them.

It appeared from the story given by complainant Rose Lizco that Wozz hit her in the jaw with his fist. Mrs. Lizco led up to the affair with a detailed description of how much beer had been ordered by all the members of the large party in the hotel beverage room.

Walter Ely Fluter testified as did "head bartender" John Atavachuk. Asked if he saw Wozz hit the woman Atavachuk replied negatively and added the philosophical comment: "A sober man never do that."

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Getting ready for picnics is occupying the time and thought of a big segment of the younger generation these days. Picnic kits are an important part of the equipment necessary and don't forget a thermos jug for keeping hot things hot and cold things

cold. Apropos of that, we are told by those who should know that hot tea is the most refreshing thing for a hot day—believe it or not it really cools you off.

in" to the main chimney if it is placed that way. Again a stove oven can be built right in the yard with an iron grill for really particular broiling. Better yet, if you're serious about the matter, would be a barbecue pit for sumptuous parties outdoors.

As attractive an arrangement as we've seen was planned by Russell Wright and consisted of a semi-circular segment of a stone wall with a fireplace built into that. This created a feeling of an outdoor room, though it was entirely open; the idea would work

things fresh. And adequate lighting where needed. Spotlights are our pets for outdoor illumination.

Many of these equipment items add a lot to the joys of the outdoors, especially for those who can't quite take nature undiluted. But watch out about too many gadgets that complicate the scene and make work. After all, it's civilization you're fleeing from, and civilization after all is just a large number of "things."

The same thing doesn't apply to furniture, however. Man has been sit-

beautifully. If even that is too much strain on the family exchequer, then what about a pair of saw horses with some planks across the top—after all that's the grandfather of all tables and still can give plenty of good service. Along with tables of this type long benches are a sociable solution.

Whatever your taste in the furnishings for your place in the sun or under the stars, we hope a good time will be had by all.

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Huntingdon Gleaner—Chicago, Ill.—Into Goodwill Industries headquarters in Omaha walked William Cline, 70, and said he was looking for a wheel chair. "Is it for yourself?" the attendant asked. "No, for my mother," replied Cline, who then explained that his mother, Mrs. Lucinda Cline, of Wisner, Neb., 108, had suffered a broken hip in a fall. He got the chair for her. Blaimore Enterprise—A newspaper item states that Vitamin E may correct deafness. Yes, and Vitamin L is waiting for Hitler.

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