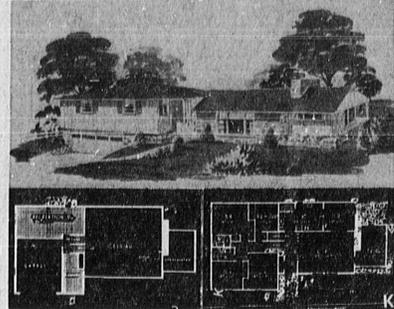




THE TORRANCE HERALD HOME AND GARDEN

Here Is Your Dream House



THE HOUSE OF SUNSHINE

Pictured above is a split-level home which looks like a ranch house—with all the lighting and freedom of a ranch house—but actually has three levels.

On the ground level are large living and dining rooms and a well-appointed, bright kitchen. A short flight up brings you to the sleeping quarters which are luxuriously comfortable and spacious, including ample storage room. Below is a trim, over-sized basement where recreation room, heating equipment and laundry are located.

There are two full-sized baths. There is also an extra breakfast space in the unusually large kitchen. All over the house you will find heaps of

closet room, lots of air and sunshine—thanks to the huge picture windows.

Never before published anywhere, a complete study plan of this house is available to readers of this newspaper.

The plan is FREE, but please send 25 cents to cover mailing and handling costs. Address: Modern Plan Service, 100 Stevens Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York (Dept. F)

GARDENER'S CHECKLIST

1. Here are a few Christmas gift suggestions, any of which would be appreciated by that gardening friend, Rhododendron, Azalea, Gardenia, Daphne, a choice Rose, a berried Pyracantha, or a Heather.
2. Peaches should receive their first dormant spray to prevent peach leaf curl.
3. Take time out from Christmas preparation to plant those spring flowering bulbs. Soon it will be too late.
4. There is a right and wrong way to prune. Inexpensive and easy to use pruning manuals are available through your nurseryman.
5. Control slugs and snails with bug pellets.

Yield Two New Glad Species

There's news being made this year in the Gladiolus world. Several years ago test gardens were set up throughout the country to grow Gladiolus varieties and select the All

American ones, like the rose gardens for All American roses and other plants. This year the first All American gladiolus selections are being announced. First All American Gladiolus selections are Royal Steward and Apple Blossom.

Both Royal Steward and Apple Blossom grow to five feet and bear 20 blossoms on a stem. Royal Steward is a glistening clear, light red in color and its individual flowers are lightly ruffled and huge. Apple Blossom is delicate in its color tones. It is predominately snowy white, with a touch of cream in the throat of each blossom and bluish pink on the edge.

Other new varieties in Gladiolus offer a wide color range. General Eisenhower is a pink while Evangeline combines pink and cream. Spic and Span is a salmon pink and Patrol offers blooms of apricot yellow.

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Many Varieties of Indoor Plants Available for Christmas Presents

As thoughtful and tasteful Christmas gifts as can be found are the many varieties of indoor plants available to California gardeners and their friends.

In glorious colors, the rhododendron and azalea and the pure white Camellia are always welcome as Yule time gifts.

These flowers can be obtained in gift containers, already blooming. When their blooming is finished and the weather is suitable these plants can be transferred out of doors, an added treat for the gardener

who receives such a plant gift.

And, of course, there is the world of plants that grow indoors the year 'round. A planter with succulents and miniatures, makes a wonderful present for the indoor gardener, suggests the California Association of Nurserymen.

Orchid Fanclers. Or perhaps among your gardening friends on your Christmas gift list are orchid fanclers. You will find nurseries that have varieties of this exotic flower suitable for indoor culture and you can please your orchid-loving friends with a new horticultural variety.

The large African Violet family (Saintpaulia ionantha) makes a wonderful Christmas gift. Always popular for window gardens the Violet in white, blue or pink varieties is available in suitable containers for indoor gardening.

Tropical plants please many indoor gardeners. One of the most popular is the Philodendron. It grows in trailing or climbing vine or non-vine forms, large and small, some suitable for trailing over doorways, others just right for a dish garden. The non-vine ones are striking at an entrance way.

Poinsettia Recommended. Traditionally associated with Christmas, the Poinsettia, in a container, will brighten the holiday scene in your gardening friends' homes. You can grow it in container or set it outside after Christmas if the climate in your area is suitable. Along with your indoor plants you'll probably want to provide some of the necessary equipment for indoor gardening. Your

Garden Gift Order Ready For Shoppers

Everyone has at least one friend or relative who is especially hard to buy for and gardening friends and relatives are no exception. Therefore, suggests the California Association of Nurserymen, when you select a Christmas garden gift for such a friend consider the idea of a gift order.

Nurseries throughout the state offer gift orders to solve Christmas shoppers' problems. And the recipients may make their selections immediately after receiving the order or they may wait until the plant of their choice comes into season.

And the wonderful thing about nursery stock gift orders is that a small amount spent will go a long way. For a small gift order your gardening friends can select from the rhododendron, camellia or azalea varieties at your nurseryman's. Or he can choose his favorite rose variety and obtain it in bare root form for mid-winter planting.

nurseryman will have available the appropriate plant food and liquid fertilizer for the selections you make. For foliage plants there are commercial leaf polishes to keep the leaves shiny and clean so that transpiration will be carried on in a normal manner.

When you do your Christmas shopping stop in at your local nursery to make your indoor plant gift selections. For suggestions consult your nurseryman. He'll have many ideas for unusual and pleasing indoor plants for Christmas giving.

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