**TOWN WEEKLY MAGAZINE SECTION** 



## **CHARMING DORMITORY ROOM**

In this delightful dormitory room the striking wall-paper panels make a very debonair screen with their sporting scenes. And young collegians who find that they don't have enough closet space have learned that the corner which is closed off by the attractive screen makes a swell dumping place for those awkward, bulky things like golf clubs, tennis rackets, ice skates and unused luggage.

## **OCTOBER SHOULD BE BUSY MONTH** FOR GARDENERS

OCTOBER finds the gardener still working outdoors. There is much to be done now in the way of protecting plants and preparing for the spring.

It's time to examine the stems and leaves of late flowering plants for small insects known as plant lice, or aphids. You should look for them also on the evergreens. Aphids generally come in clusters and may be white, black, yellow, green, or red in color. They suck plant juices and sometimes destroy the flower. Use a nicotine spray to kill them. Speaking of evergreens, October is the month for watering them.

Examine your lilacs for the scale insects. Like aphids, scale insects suck juices. A spray of miscible oil or lime-sulphur will kill them. Miscible oil is cleaner than lime-sulphur because it will not stain paint.

You can do much to prevent insect destruction next year if you burn the dead stalks of perennials now.

In regions where winters are cold, rose beds must be given protection at the end of October. Soak them first with water and then hill earth about them as high as possible. Use straw or leaves to fill in the hollows of the bed. The tops may be cov-ered with evergreen boughs, straw, or wire netting. This cover, or mulch, will protect the beds during changes in temperature and will keep the plants dry. Remove it gradually in the spring.

If you want parsley for the winter, pot some now in good soil and place it in a sunny window of your kitchen. Be sure to keep it watered.

Sweet Peas are planted so early in the spring that it is best to dig the trench for them in October. Dig it about three feet deep in rich soil in an open sunny place, and mix the soil well with manure.

Give lawn a top dressing this

month. Equal parts of manure, sand, and topsoil are best. Use a top dressing with a higher percentage of sand if your lawn soil has a high clay content. If your lawn soil is very sandy, use a top dressing rich in clay.

October is also an excellent time to get your tools in order for next spring. You'll look forward with enthusiasm to next spring's work if your repairing and purchasing are done now.

With winter coming on, you've probably been adding to your house plants and wondering a little how well they will thrive. Be careful about watering them.

House plants do not have to be watered every day but should be watered regularly. Apply water directly to the soil, but use a frequent fine spray on the foliage. The water should not come over the rim of the pot. While the plants are wet, keep them out of the sunlight.

Plants live best indoors in a temperature between 40 to 60 degrees. They should not be kept in a room over 70 degrees or under 55 degrees. Plants are healthier when humidity is high. You can raise the humidity by keeping water pans in furnaces well filled and by keeping pans of water on radiators.

It's a good idea to have a cool place set aside especially for plants, where they may be kept all the time.

> WOULD YOU like some suggestions for the arrangement of house plants this winter? Write to TOWN's Garden Editor. He will tell you where you may buy plants, bulbs and seeds, and will gladly answer any questions on their cultivation. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to TOWN, Garden Editor, P. O. Box 721, Rochester, N. Y.

## by ELIZABETH BOYKIN PLEASANT HOMES

## LITTLE EXTRAS ADD HOME TOUCH **TO DORMITORY ROOM**

SON AND DAUGHTER, who have left for college, have just had time to get settled by now, and it won't be long before they'll be writing letters something like this: "It's really swell here-

but the dormitories-well, you know how they are, nothing but the barest necessities. I wonder if you could send me some..."

And from that point on you'll learn that they need curtains, rugs, lamps, etc., and most of all they need suggestions for fixing up their new dormitory home.

Dormitories usually supply only the grim necessities-bed, dresser, chair, study table, but that's all. Included in a college "trousseau" there must be sheets, blankets, bed cover, curtains, towels, rugs, lamps and any other extras a fellow may wish.

And here's a clever trick that some of our young college friends have told us about. You know how much junk you seem to collect around school-and how small college closets always are. Well, the answer to that is a screen for one corner of the room-a screen to be covered with one of the more brazen wall papers. Big dramatic sporting

panels make stunning screens? for college rooms; so do map) designs and some of the slightly ribald game room designs.

The space behind the screen can be used as a general dump -although then it's apt to get to be too much of a catch-all. For a student who is a fairly well organized soul it's better to use the space for some specific purpose-for sporting equipment if the owner is an ardent athlete.

ARE YOU planning to refurnish this fall? Then send for Mrs. Boykin's bulletin, "Building a Budget," which suggests the approximate percentages you should al-low for each item. To obtain this bulletin, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to TOWN, P. O. Box 721, Rochester, N. Y.

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