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Spring Fever has got us. The blood trickles sluggishly in our veins and only now and then can we rouse ourselves to do any-

thing energetic. But just the other thing energetic. But just the other day we pried one eye open far enough to make sure that all the gay, helpful, and springy reading we'd planned was ready for you in the May *Better Homes & Gardens*. It's there, all right, lots of it. (We thought it up during the last bliz-zard when the weather was cold zard, when the weather was cold and conducive to sharp thinking.)

"Diary of a Desperate Daddy" We comb the countryside for ideas, wearing out railroad trains at an alarming rate—and then we dis-cover a full dozen (12—count 'em, 12) of the year's best "busy-parent" ideas right here in our own Art Department! Dick Ramsell, lean, 28year-old father of many a sketch and three lusty boys, is our Desperate Daddy. Next month he'll show you 12 clever contraptions for the control of kids-story by himself.

"Double-Feature Rooms" We're seeing double! Yes, but it's neither diplopia nor intoxication—it's the latest way to turn one room into twins with a few furnishing tricks. On other pages we'll show you how to make over problem cupboards, how to use too-short curtains.

"Tray Meals" Whisk it in on a tray, colorful, vitamin-packed, easily prepared, and twice as easy to eat. See your "Tray Meals" in color in May. See, too, how you can wash curtains safely and simply, plus 13 things you can do with an egg.

Peonies, Poppies, Iris . . . all shown in full four-color to help you pick, plant, and care for them, to advise you on the right combinaand tions for best looks and health. There's "Murder in the Garden" too, in May—gardening crimes, why they are crimes, and the penalties

With a dash of derring-do, the Roarks remodeled their home. The bricks flow how of peorle flew bricks flew here, the Roarks flew there, and the workmen ran all around, all around. Be sure to read "The Daring Young Man in the Flying Debris." You'll want to be right there with the Roarks when the chimney comes that the willing chimney comes thru the ceiling.



