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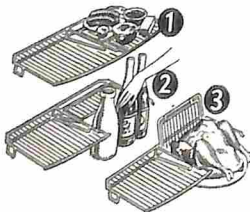


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of our two greatest presidents' birthdays, and the month of St. Valentine's hearts and flowers—is a stirring, thrilling month for you and every other *Better Homes & Gardens* reader. Every feature, every page, is fresh with forward-looking ideas and home helps cleverly suited to the changing ways and viewpoints of our ever-changing nation. Below are a few preliminary dips into some of the bright reading coming in the February *Better Homes & Gardens*.

"*Cream of the All Americas*" Just as the nation's sports-writing experts select the top-ranking stars in the football parade, so have the gardening experts selected America's best flowers every year since 1933. And now, first choice of New York Times' Garden Editor F. F. Rockwell, comes this impressive list of the finest prizewinners since 1933—easiest and most beautiful to grow any year!

"*Let's Go Antiquing*" Have you ever tasted the nostalgic thrill of snooping among musty antiques? If you haven't, here's a helpful feature—by Maurine Shaw Holloway—to show you how to snoop for the best antiques, and how to use them once your snooping is done.

"*Meat Extenders Are Budget Stretchers*" They say you can't bounce a meat ball, but here's proof that there's many a way to stretch a meat ball—or nearly any cheap cut you can name—till every heavy eater cries, "Hold, enough!" Besides, on our foods pages, you'll find colorful suggestions for gay Valentine parties, patriotic red, white, and blue parties—table settings in color.

"*Sure You Can Make Music*" Who ever told you music should be made only by professionals? It's all a dastardly lie, calculated to still the natural music in your soul. You will want to read the words of music master Sigmund Spaeth, coming in February—then go about your day's work humming your determination to take those piano, piccolo, or nose flute lessons you've always secretly yearned after.

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