

Foreign Adventures

Save Venice

"Today people think it's all 'Italian' furniture," says dealer Helen Costantino Fioratti. "But before Garibaldi, there were a bunch of duchies and principalities." Each region had its distinctive style, she explains, especially Venice. "There you see all the excitement over China, complete fantasy. They were letting their imaginations run rampant." Floratti has a pair of 17th-century upholstered Venetian chairs and an 18th-century pinball machine for \$38,000, shown here.

L'Antiquaire & The Connoinser, 36 East 73rd Street, New York, 212.517.9170





Concrete Jungle

Venezuelan-born garden designer Miguel Pons specializes in extreme gardening—on the terracus of New York City. Despite the drying winds buffeting one client's penthouse apartment overlooking the Statue of Liberty, Pons has planted its three terraces like cottage gardens, with rambling roses, ornamental grasses and Virginia creeper. "I always like everything to be as natural as possible," says Pons. "A little on the wild side."

Miguel Pens, 212,255.6310



At the Plate

This month, Bulgari unveils its first-ever home collection, featuring a full range for the dining roomglassware, flatware and dinnerware—as well as ceramic tabletop pieces including these platters, in the Mani al vento pattern inspired by Bulgari scarves. The collection is available at Neiman Marcus and select Bulgari stores.

For information, call 800. BULGARI



Marston Luce is for those who love the French countryside, from the 18th century to the Fifties, Luce, whose clients include Deeda Blair, Jo Carole Lauder and Barbara Walters, found this late 19th-century jurdiniere, (\$3,200 for the pair), in Languedoc. "People hear the word French and they immediately think of Louis XV and all that gold," says Luce. "Thut's not us at all." 1314 21st Street, Washington,

D.C., 202.775.9460

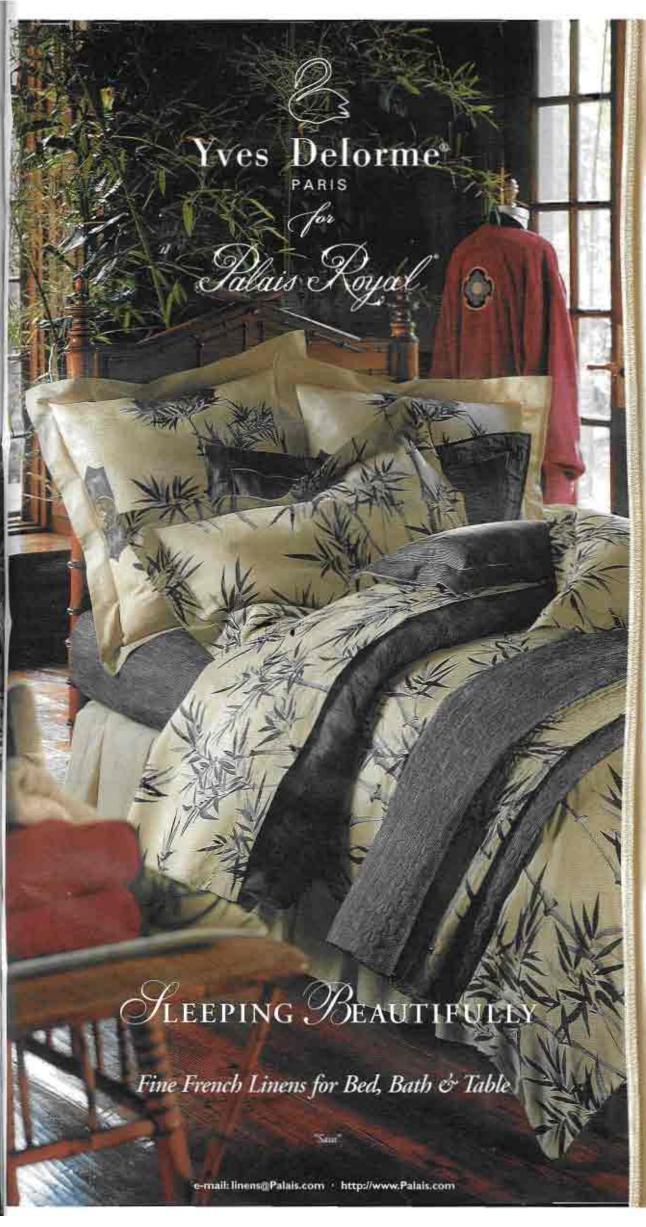
Seventies Plus

If mid-century modern is starting to grow old-all that Earnes and Aalto everywhere-iry the Seventies Albrizzi's acrylic drinks tables, block lamps and cigarette boxes scream Jet Set. The classic line is being reissued by New York architect Peter Vaughn, who ferreted out vintage Albrizzi molds and even the original factory in New Rochelle that handpours the acrylic.

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