By His Roommate SAM HYMAN

We were hopelessly behind schedule by that point, but David figured out the fastest way ever to move. You simply pull out every drawer in the house and hold it upside down over a box. When one box is full, you carry it out to the car and start pouring drawers into another box. It is extremely speedy, and we were laughing and carrying on about how clever we were, all the way up to our new house, when we suddenly realized that we were going to have to unpack them, too. As of this time, some days later, all the boxes are standing completely full all over the place, and we don't know where anything is!

So here we are, living in this beautiful house on bare wooden floors, surrounded by boxes of our belongings. Sooner or later I suppose we'll get everything under control, but I really



JOIN ME FOR A SNACK? Dave and I are doing more cooking now just because we like this kitchen so much. It's all done in Spanish tiles. We're going to paint the ceiling too!

don't know when! At least we managed to throw out some of the old junk that had been cluttering up our closets.

Let's see, here's what the house is like. You drive up this long, long driveway (the house is on about two acres of oranges and lemon trees) and the house is old and big and Spanish with a big dark wooden door. You go straight into the living room through the door, and it's really big, with a dark wood floor and big beams beneath the ceiling, and this gigantic fireplace that you could roast an ox



THIS SUPER SWING-SET may not be in our backyard for long, because the owner will be taking it soon to his new house for his kids. In the meantime don't be surprised if you find me playing on it all the time!

in! It's a very beautiful room, but there's so little stuff in it, and so much of the stuff that is in it is in boxes, that it looks like the basement of a department store!

From there you step into the dining room, which is where I am now. It's also very big, with the table I told you about, and the whole trip of the room is right in line with the feeling you'd have living in a big drafty castle, except it's more homey. I can't wait until David and I have it together enough to unpack the kitchen and eat our first meal at opposite ends of the table, sliding the salt back and forth to one another like a hockey puck!

This is all sounding very palatial and majestic, but I've got to tell you that it has a really funky feel to it! That's one of the things I really loved about it, and I think it was the thing that really sold David on it, especially after the more modern trip our last place was on!

The Master Bedroom, which will be David's, is kind of a complex of three quiet rooms. There's the main room, which is the real bedroom, and a big closet, and then there's sort of a listening room, where David will have sound equipment and musical instruments, I guess, and then there's this absolutely tiny little room that David will use as an office—if he can get a desk into it! This gives David all the space he really needs, to be alone, or to work, or whatever, without having to be bothered by whatever other insanity is happening elsewhere in the house!



WE ACTUALLY have wine grapes growing right in our own backyard. We want to try making some wine. We also have a whole orange grove out back and we love fresh oranges.