



The 1804 Federal shows its Christmas colors.

# VISIT A COUNTRY INN

*In Kennebunkport, Maine, guests at the Captain Jefferds Inn sample the gracious life-style of a successful 19th-century seaman*

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*A Venetian-glass chandelier brought home from Italy by owner Warren Fitzsimmons sets an elegant tone in the dining room. Nine year-old American Hepplewhite chairs, each bearing a different floral bouquet, surround the table. Over the mantel, a rare 1850 mirror literally flows onto the wall.*

Right: Each of 12 guest rooms exhibits its own style. Here on the first floor of the three-story house, the fire glows on a chill winter's eve. Above the curly-maple dresser with marble top hangs a primitive watercolor portrait dating to 1790. On the floor: an Art Deco Chinese rug found at auction. Below: The inn lies within walking distance of shops, restaurants, and marina. Below, right: At night, most of the living-room action centers around the magnificent Steinway. Specially built shelves above the mantel cradle the owner's outstanding majolica collection.



In 1804, William Jefferds, Jr., a prosperous merchant sea captain, built his dream home in the heart of historic Kennebunkport. Graced by a distinctive fanlight window above its entrance, the spacious Federal-style abode stood as yet another ornament to this beautiful seaside village. Today, the house offers bed and breakfast to travelers Down East, especially those with an eye for antiques. "Staying here is just like visiting old friends," says one regular visitor.

FOR RESERVATIONS, WRITE THE CAPTAIN JEFFERDS INN, BOX 691, KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE 04046; TELEPHONE (207) 967-2311. THE INN IS CLOSED NOVEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH.