

HORTICULTURE

Plastic poinsettias
have been cultivated
enlarged
and improved so much
that Ruthie has a row of them
on her sink
forgets
and gives them each
a drink of water
now and then

HABITS

Bobby Wayne Dike
changed his name to B. W. Dike
after he graduated
from law school in San Francisco
more credible
he told his mom and dad when
he came home
in a three piece suit that they
financed
but he went to the kitchen and
ate beans from a pot on the stove
I came in the back door
and caught him
before he could put the mixing spoon
down