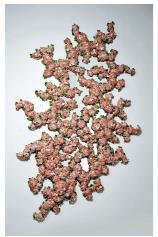
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Reflections on sin The subversive ceramicist Barnaby Barford has decorated his series of 'Seven Deadly Sins' mirrors with filigree flowers and foliage - but a closer look will reveal a hidden message. The blooms of Avarice (pictured), for example, are made up of images of world currencies. At David Gill Galleries, February 26 to April 12 (davidgillgalleries.com).



Mountain range Provenance is today's watchword, so the French company Pic Vert et Cie should go far. Based in the Jura Mountains, the company, which takes its name from the woodpecker (le pic-vert), handcrafts simple, utilitarian products from local ash and oak, such as this mobile kitchen unit with crate-like storage, designed by Pierre Casenove, £495 (scp.co.uk).



Three of the best Rocking chairs Shabby Chic Primrose £499 (houseoffraser.co.uk); Rock Me, £256 (seletti.it); Windsor, £1,995 (katiewalkerfurniture.com).

The insiders Where to find vintage Welsh homewares

Sally Bailey of Baileys Home Store For my husband and me, our love of vintage has a lot to do with growing up in the 1960s. Furniture was passed down the generations and nothing new was bought. Vintage things are more interesting than new - they're better made, and years of use have given them a bit of personality. Right now we're on the lookout for old Welsh furniture and ceramics. We both grew up in Wales and have just bought a farmhouse looking on to the Black Mountains - hence our reignited interest in all things Welsh. We're buying 18thand 19th-century folk art and furniture, and spongeware and slipware from Buckley Pottery in north Wales. Carmarthen Flea Market, held about five times a year, has become a new favourite - it is guirky with some interesting characters. One of the best Welsh antique dealers is Tim Bowen (timbowenantiques.co.uk), who holds exhibitions twice a year with beautiful catalogues. We also go to the Antique Fair at Builth Wells, held each May and September. Last time we went we bought a simple 18th-century painted settle. Next: William Yeoward

