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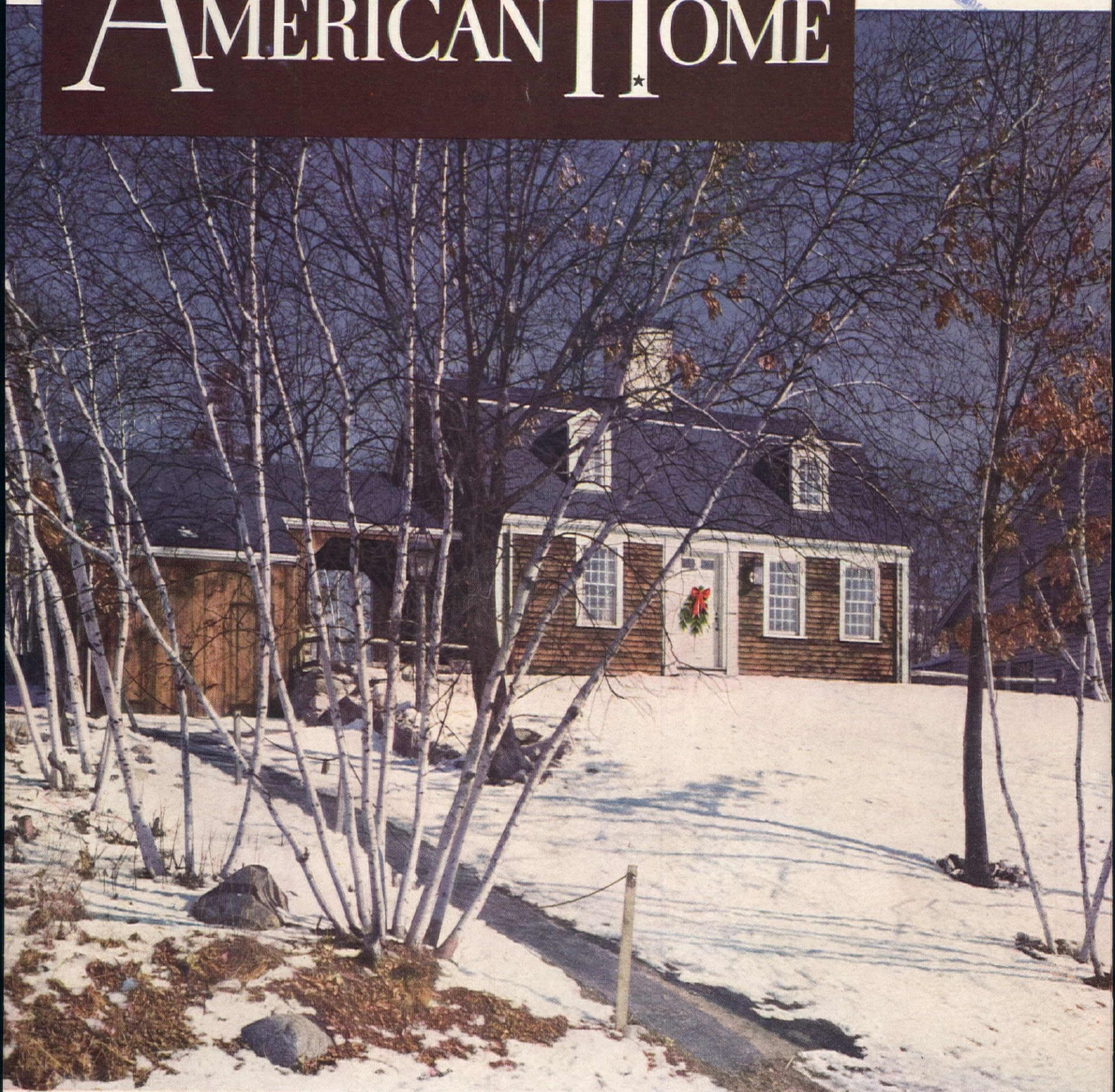

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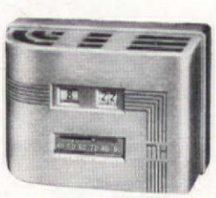

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INSPIRED by Mr. and Mrs. Christmas who had greeted guests at the home of the Walter N. Eckleys and were shown in our December, 1941, issue, Mrs. P. J. Shea copied them with such success last year that she won a first prize ($12 in war stamps). At the left you see them in front of the porch at their Shelby, Mont. home.

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IT IS always a joy to share Christmas cheer, and a letter from Avis L. Larson of Seattle tells how they observe the holiday in truly traditional fashion with a Scandinavian Christmas Eve supper, reminder of their European background. "Yes, you really have to do something besides buy, send, and receive gifts to feel that you have truly observed Christmas. If you weren't brought up with a long list of Christmas traditions, create a few this year," recommends Miss Larson. We sincerely echo her sentiments.

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# Christmas Contributors

HERMIA ROGERSON

COBBETT WILLIAMS

JANE K. MILLER

DON HEROLD

LOOKING much at ease, **HERMIA ROGERSON,** who is Mrs. John W. Rogerson formally, was snapped near her home, Sandfall, in Blue Hill, Maine. Mrs. Rogerson also has a home in Edinburgh, Scotland, and admits that she has had most of her fun fixing up these two spots. Maine, to her, is the ideal place to live, and she likes all outdoor sports but insists she is no expert. She paints Maine landscapes when she isn't dreaming up some of her smart suggestions for embryo decorators, or engaged in her current work as a plane spotter and Red Cross aid. • • • **COBBETT WILLIAMS** comes by that pipe naturally. Born in England, he served through the first World War, three and a half years in France and one year in Germany, having risen to a captaincy in that time. He studied in London, and then brought his learning to Toronto, where he practiced his arts until 1929. As an interior designer in New York City since, he has designed and equipped some of the outstanding offices and homes in the vicinity. • • • "Color, not cost; that's the important thing in decoration. Use bright, vibrant color, and lots of it," says **JANE K. MILLER.** And she knows whereof she speaks. After several years of study at the Society of Arts and Crafts in Detroit, Mrs. Miller served as decorator-consultant at J. L. Hudson Co., Detroit's largest department store. From there she went to Marshall Field & Company in Chicago, and then on to Sears, Roebuck and Co., where, as fabric stylist, for the last six years she has been putting her theories into practice. • • • Behind that dignified front, **DON HEROLD** is his usual self—even when writing his autobiography. It's as much fun as anything he writes for publication, so here 'tis: "I was born of poor but profligate parents, at a cost of $15, in Bloomfield, Indiana, in the gay 90's. My first words were: 'What's gay about them?' On the house in which I was born, there is now a plaque which reads: 'Leave 50 Pounds of Ice.' Indiana University made an attempt to educate me, but gave up after six years, and awarded me an A.B. just to get me out of the state." Despite his rather derogatory remarks, Mr. Herold has proved himself an able magazine writer, cartoonist, advertising writer, theatrical and cinema critic. Loves to dance—claims he can exhaust his two daughters and any other comers on the dance floor. • • • Her calling cards read Mrs. Oscar Marinoff, but she uses the name **KATE ANDREWS** for her favorite outlet, writing. She's been giving vent

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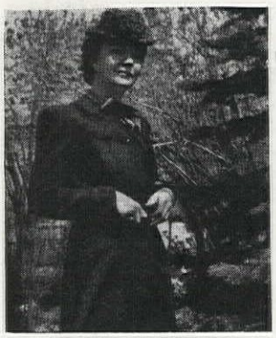

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MARTHA PRATT HAISLIP

to her ideas this way for the last seven years, devoting much of her output to juvenile and western publications. Mrs. Marinoff was born in Santa Fe, N.M., of pioneer parents, and, after schooling there, went to Battle Creek (Mich.) College, returning to Santa Fe as a dietitian and home economics teacher. Now she devotes her time to her home, her husband and two daughters • • • **DELBERT JOHNSON** started his professional career as a college teacher, later became publicity director of a national fund raising organization, and is now a staff member of the Safety Research Institute, New York City. With his wife and four-months-old son, he lives in Greater Manhattan's Bronx, but he's a product of the great Mid-West. He's a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, and took graduate work at Ohio State University. • • • At the tender age of ten, **LURA S. FORBES** won a blue ribbon for a story, and she says she still hopes to make her avocation, writing, her vocation. Her life sounds full to us, as is. She was born in Portland, Ore., bounced between Texas, California, and Washington, always ending up in the latter state, where she now lives. After one year of college, she decided in favor of a husband and household, which now includes a fifteen-year-old son. Mrs. Forbes says that she reads everything, collects usable antiques, gardens and cans lavishly, enters numerous contests (she won the typewriter on which she wrote to us), hopes to sell a recently completed book, and is now busy writing to her ex-neighbors in the army and navy. • • • **MRS. JULIETTA K. ARTHUR** was born in Gainsville, Texas. Graduated from the Oklahoma State University, she came East to work on magazines, moved on to scientific periodicals, then to publicity work, and for the last four years has been doing free-lance writing in non-fiction, publishing in a variety of magazines and on a variety of subjects, from 'Packing Trends" in a recent *Nation's Business,* to "Slow Down Wear and Tear" in the current AMERICAN HOME. • • • **MARTHA PRATT HAISLIP** sent in this snapshot with the notation that it had been taken as the children were about to go swimming! She had plenty of her garden, but few of herself—which is probably one reason why she's been so successful at raising flowers. Another reason is that her country doctor father was an ardent botanist on the side, and took his daughter with him on long slow drives through the West Virginia hills, famous as a botanist's paradise. Now, her husband, four grown children, and daughter-in-law all share her enjoyment of flowers and help in her favorite outdoor sport of moving plants, "preferably in the pouring rain." Besides flowers, Mrs. Haislip collects old glass, furniture, silver spoons, and West Virginia historical lore. At the moment, she's devoting her energies to growing some unidentified seeds sent to her from a South Pacific land by a soldier son.

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# CHRISTMAS

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EDNA S. SOLLARS

YOU may feel, as you pack away the Christmas tree lights, the red ribbons, and holly boxes, that the traditional Yuletide customs are too lovely to be relegated to obscurity when the holiday season has gone. Well, actually, they're not. Modified and adapted, many of the customs which originally were a traditional part of Christmas, persist throughout the entire year.

The familiar birthday cake, for instance, is a direct descendant of the one-time Yule cake of long-ago England, which held a candle for each member of the household, and promised good luck for the whole year to the fortunate one who blew out all the tapers with one huge puff.

The delectable mince pie, served through the whole winter season, once symbolized the gifts of the Three Wise Men to the infant Christ Child and the sacrifice of flesh upon the altars of old. The plum pudding, too, owes its spices and fruits to the gifts of the Wise Men. Served first, according to legend, by King Arthur to his knights, the burning wine was a token to Sir Lancelot, Sir Galahad, and their fellows, that the "light of the world" had been made visible to their human eyes.

Even the stuffing of Christmas stockings with oranges and apples has its origin in olden days, for, five hundred years before the birth of Christ, the Romans used these self-same fruits in celebrating their Saturnalia. Food has always played a major role in holiday hospitality. In Scandinavia, the cattle received extra rations, and the Albanians gave the first wheat cakes of the season to their faithful dogs. In time a sheaf of grain was placed on the house tops for the birds, the forerunner of our present bird "sanctuaries." Strings of cranberries and popcorn on the Christmas tree once represented the coils of a beneficent dragon twined on the mystical Tree of Life, a custom perpetuated throughout the year by festoons of greens used on festive occasions.

*Sketches by W. J. Hennessey*

**Feasting, ever an important part of Yuletide, extended even to the cattle in old Scandinavia**

# Customs

F. M. Demarest

At the American Home we have a Christmas tradition, too— a big party for our whole family. Last year the pièce de résistance was this tree, with its great load of office-made decorations

Robert and Gertrude Clark

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# "Tomorrow will be Christmas, Sonny"

*Keystone View*

**". . . There'll be the tin soldiers you wanted. . . . I'll try not to picture each one a living boy with resolute eyes, a heart full of dreams . . ."**

VIRGINIA HERROD

IT'S Christmas eve, Sonny. And you are almost asleep. Tonight is the first time I can ever remember your asking to go to bed early. You wouldn't tell me why—but I knew. You were afraid that Santa might find you awake and go away without leaving your presents. It is snowing outside now, Sonny. Big, white, swirling flakes are beating against the window pane. The ground will be covered with snow in the morning—just as you hoped it would be, if Santa remembered to bring you a sled. The house has a quiet and comfortable expectancy about it now. It's so quiet that I can hear the far distant ringing of a church bell—and the faint, clear voices of carolers singing "Silent Night, Holy Night." And this is a holy night, Sonny. The spirit of it is as unchangeable and deathless as Eternity itself. And tomorrow will be Christmas. The day we celebrate the birthday of Someone we still realize as being infinitely greater than we could ever be. The day we remember more than ever for those most priceless words ever handed down to us—the words some people have forgotten now—"Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men." Here in our warm, comfortable home those words mean so much. Do they mean as much to someone risking his life on a cold, ice-covered battlefield? I wonder. I wonder—am I wrong in wanting you to have an American Home Christmas this year, Sonny? Am I wrong in wanting you to laugh, to be gay in your heart, to be filled with a spirit of peace? Am I wrong in not wanting you to know that there is confusion and

"... The ground will be covered with snow for your Christmas sled, Sonny. . . . night I see a star shining brightly in a sky free from bombers—a star of hope

*Ewing Galloway*

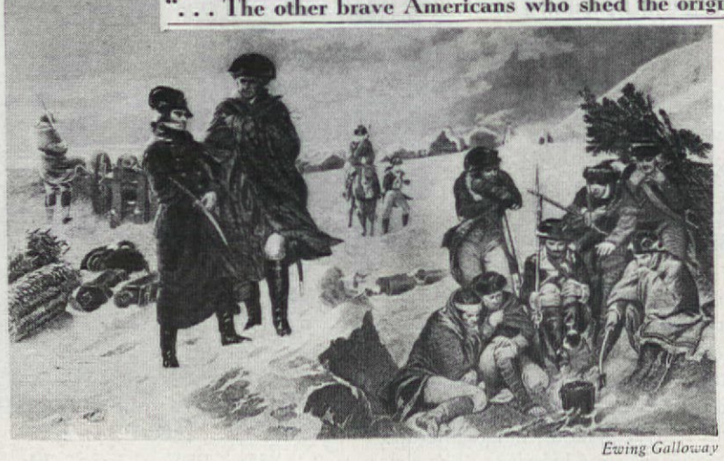
uncertainty in my heart? Am I wrong in wanting so much for you?

The first Christmas I can remember was celebrated during a war, too, Sonny. I can remember getting the pair of roller skates, and the tricycle I wanted. But I don't remember that a war was going on—nobody told me then. My Christmases were lighthearted and gay. Why shouldn't yours be the same? Making your Christmas happy won't make me forget that blood is being shed, that there will be loved and familiar faces missing from many homes this year, and that this day will be one of sorrowful remembrance for many people. No, it won't make me forget—but why should I ever let you know? We are fighting now so that a Christian spirit may live once again in peace—and with dignity. So why should you know that there isn't always—"Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men"?

It's time now for me to trim your Christmas tree. Remember the kind of dress I told you it would wear? One made of countless strands of silver tinsel, garnished with big red, and blue, and gold, and green balls—and all the other ornaments that speak of Christmas in every American home. And the last thing I would put on the tree—and right at the very top—would be a big, white star. Remember, we called it our Star of Bethlehem? And I told you how a star just like it had shown so brightly, so many, many years ago—and had brought with it—"Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men."

When the tree is finished, Sonny, I'll take all your presents and place them under its limbs. There'll be a picture book or two, a toy airplane, a jeep, a sled—and the toy soldiers you wanted and I didn't want you to have. And, as I line each soldier up one by one, I'll try not to picture each one as a living boy with resolute eyes, a heart full of dreams, and a love of life. I'll try not to think of Tommy next door, who'll never come back for another Christmas at home. I'll try not to think of houses being blown to bits, of churches that

"... The other brave Americans who shed the original blood, and sweat, and tears ..."



*Ewing Galloway*

stand no more, of death and destruction coming to those who don't deserve it, of a whole world suffering just because a few people have forgotten that there should always be—"Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men."

No. I'll try to think instead of our own church still standing—its doors flung wide to people of every race, and creed, and color. I'll think hard about the Christmas Crib that has been built inside, with the tiny figure of the Christ Child lying in the manger and Mary and Joseph standing guard over Him. And I'll have the peace of mind, the quietness of soul, that just remembering this can give. And I'll be glad, so glad, inside of me, that I am an American, and that I live in a free land where people are still permitted to believe that there is—"Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men."

I'll put a candle in the window for the carolers, Sonny, as I told you I would. And I'll thank God that no Nazi storm trooper will come to our door and demand to know why I am doing it. The carolers will see the

**As I look out into the**
**if I can only think it so . . ."**

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light and know that the spirit of Christmas is in our home. Then they'll come and sing "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," and maybe "Holy Night," or other carols filled with traditions so unpurchasable that they have lasted through many centuries with never a change. And as I hear their voices lifted in song, my heart will lose its heaviness. Because I know that in a land where people can still sing, have smiles on their faces, and look at each other without flinching; where people can still be honest without fear, face the future without losing hope, and know that what they're fighting for is right, there will again be—"Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men."

I'm glad you're still too young to know about this war; glad your faith is still unshaken, your dreams unshattered. You see, I don't care if you play war —if you remember it's only right when you're defending yourself and what you believe in. I don't care if sometimes you forget to say thank you—if only you remember to share what is given you. And I don't care if, when you start going to school, you bring home every stray dog in the neighborhood, because I'll know that in your heart you've learned the importance of kindness—the spirit of giving—and that later on you will know, too, that the most important thing in life is—"Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men."

I want to keep you from knowing about this war as long as I can. I want to keep your childhood happy and free and in keeping with your American heritage. You're still too young to know what a War Bond is, too young to know that, while it buys bombers and tanks and battleships, it also buys happiness and peace—and security in the future for you. When you're old enough to know about war, this one will be over—just as the other one was when I was a child. All this pain and suffering we feel now will be forgotten. Only a few tragedies will remain. There'll be the memory of hurt and torn bodies and death—for those who saw them. Thoughts of the missing faces of those who didn't come back. The remembrance of other brave Americans of centuries past who shed the original blood and sweat and tears—that freedom might be ours, and that we, all these many years later, might know the meaning of that wonderful phrase, "Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men."

It's almost midnight, Sonny—it's almost Christmas Day. The house is quiet and peaceful, and so is the world outside. In this quiet and comfort, the war seems far away and I am able now to look forward and see a world of things to come. As I look out into the night I see a star shining brightly in a sky free from bombers, a star of hope if I can think it so, the same star that might have shone over Bethlehem so many years ago, a star that will bring, if we will it so—"Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men."

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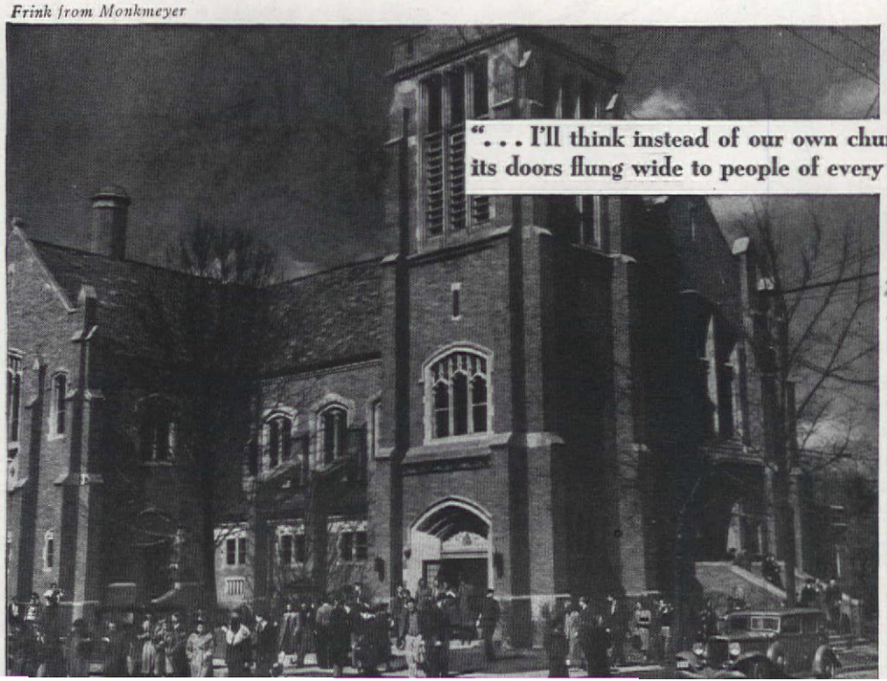

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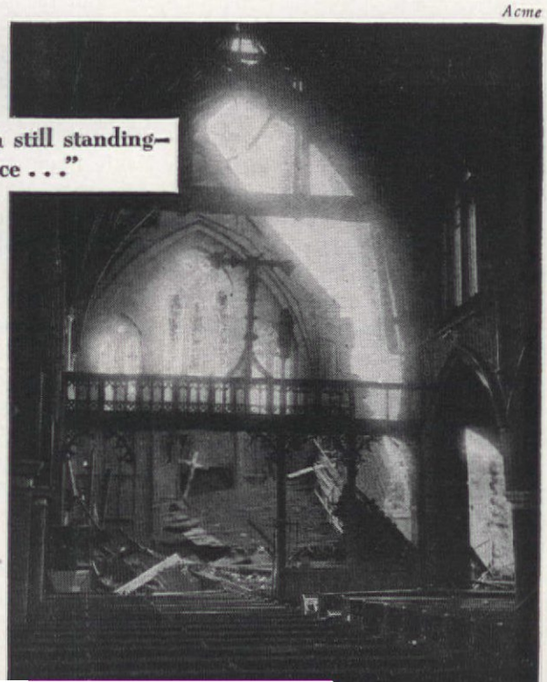

# *Know Your* EVERGREENS

MARGARET OLESON and NICHOLAS CUPERY

THIS year, more than ever, the cheery brightness of evergreen decorations will be needed and appreciated in homes at holiday time. Use them generously, whether you clip the sprays from your own plants, gather them in a friendly neighbor's woodlot, or buy them. Ability to identify the different kinds will increase the interest of working with them and prevent your answering visitors' admiring questions with, "Oh, it's some kind of a pine," when, actually, it's a spruce, fir, or yew!

The most used Christmas greens, except holly and mistletoe, come from *conifers*, whose seeds form in cones and whose needle- or scale-like leaves stay on for several years (are "evergreen"). Two exceptions are: larch (9), a conifer that sheds its leaves; and junipers (often called "cedars") and yews (3) which, though truly evergreen as to foliage, bear their seeds in berries, rather than in cones.

All the needle-bearing conifers belong to the pine family, but we can split them up according to some quite obvious differences which are brought out in the accompanying illustrations made from specimens identified in Illinois' Morton Arboretum.

The pines have long, slender needles in bundles of two, three or five according to the species. The familiar white pine (7) has five, straight and pliable; the limber pine (1) of the Rockies has five, stiff and often curved. Austrian (4), Norway and Scotch pines have two-needle clusters, but in the Scotch they are short and bristly; in the Austrian long, coarse and more curved than in the Norway which, because of its bark color, is also called red pine. Three-needle clusters are found in the scrubby pitch pine, which is useful only for massing.

The much shorter fir and spruce leaves are borne singly. Fir needles are flat and, on falling, leave smooth stems; fir cones stand erect. Spruce needles are four-sided, leave the twigs rough on falling, and spruce cones hang down. Going further, the familiar balsam fir—most popular for Christmas trees—has a cleaner, less ragged appearance than the common white fir (11); but both are handsome and fragrant. The common native white spruce has sharp needles and the scales of its cones are smooth; the Norway spruce (2) has blunt-pointed leaves and finely-toothed cone scales, and the conspicuous Colorado blue spruce (12) is easily identified by the pale, bluish shade of its foliage, especially when the trees are young. Hemlocks (6) resemble firs except that the needles are silvery underneath and set flat along the twigs, and young trees are characteristically graceful or "plumey," rather than stiffly erect.

Both real and so-called cedars have tiny or scale-like leaves set flat and dense in lacy patterns. Some are hardy like the white-cedar (really arborvitae or Thuja) and the common red-cedar (actually a juniper). Others are tender, such as the incense-cedar (called Libocedrus by botanists). The first and last bear real, though very small, cones; juniper seed, however, develops in small dry, blue, berries. Graceful sprays of redwood (10) are rare outside the Pacific Coast, but florists sometimes sell the little cones. Of yews there are Occidental and Oriental (3) species and hybrids, all useful for hedges, foundation plantings and specimens. With their glossy green, blunt-nosed leaves arranged flatly and their fruit a rich red berry, the sprays, in all sizes, are beautifully decorative and long lasting.

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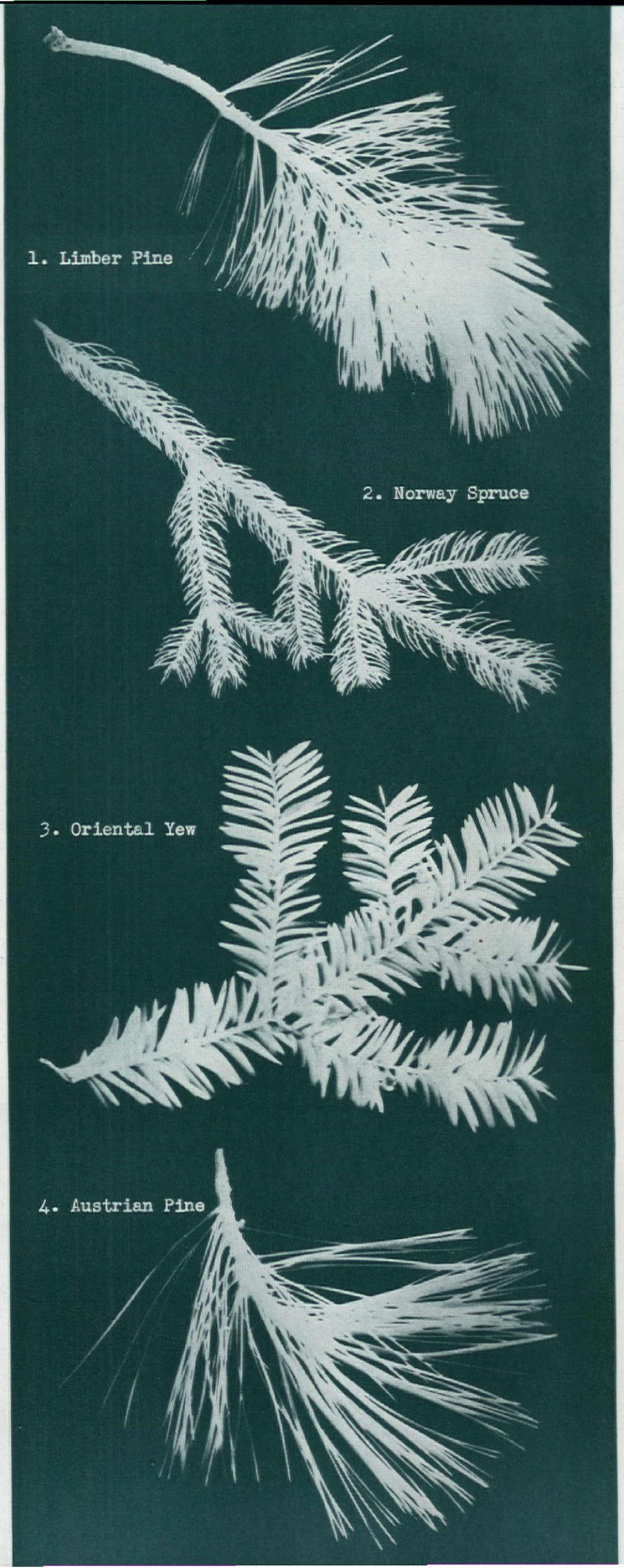

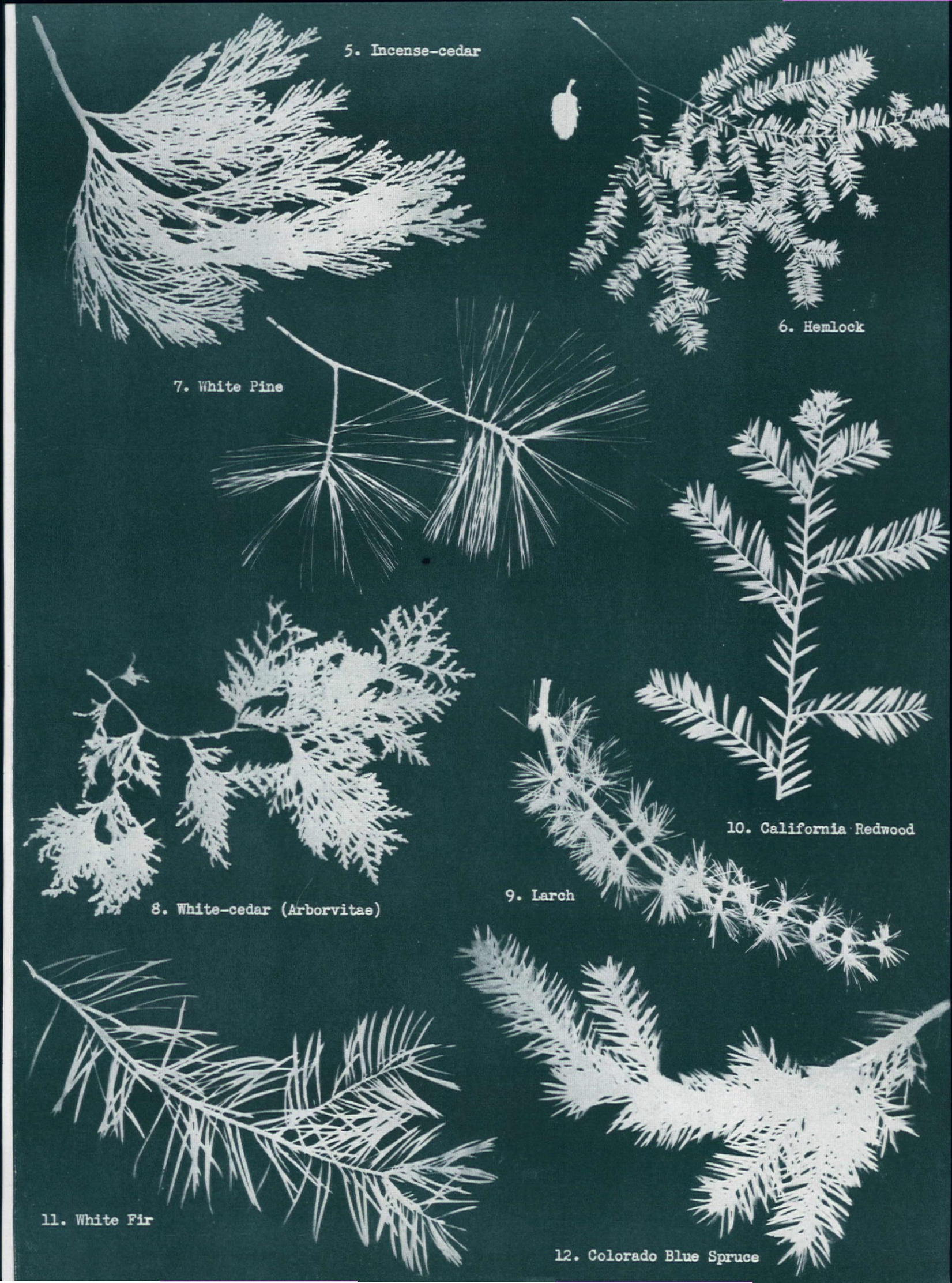
5. Incense-cedar
6. Hemlock
7. White Pine
10. California Redwood
8. White-cedar (Arborvitae)
9. Larch
11. White Fir
12. Colorado Blue Spruce

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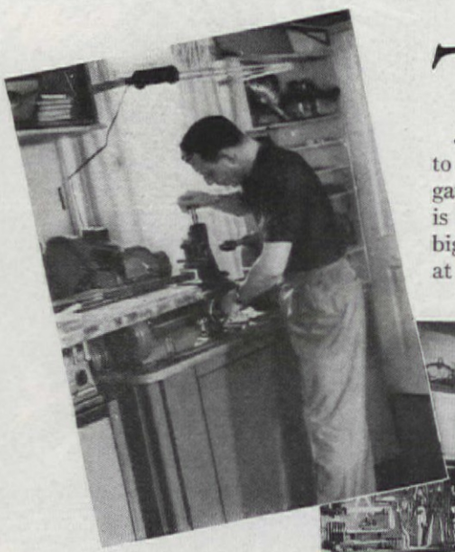
# A Modern Family 100% Self-Sustaining?



THERE'S no doubt about it—blackouts have taught a lot of us to stay at home in the evenings! Never in our lives were we at home so much. The problem seems to be, what to do to pass the time? There are games galore, and they're a lot of fun when there is a group of friends huddled together; but the bigger question is, what to do when the family is at home alone? One solution is to develop a hobby. And that brings us to Mr. Thomas Wolfe, his wife, and son Tom, all of Pasadena, California.

Mr. Wolfe is a young dynamo who for seven days a week is vice president of Western Air Lines, Inc., in charge of traffic. Before the war, photography was his hobby. He was always, you see, a believer in making every minute count, but now Mr. Wolfe's idea about a hobby is to make it count for something *practical*. It is fine to collect objects of art, either modern or antique, but that is not Mr. Wolfe's idea of a wartime hobby. To collect antiques means running a car, which involves the question of tires. No, Mr. Wolfe is all for making something with your hands, something you can do right at home. And while you are at it, why not make something practical, something you need or may need?

It happens that Mr. Wolfe owns a sheep ranch outside of Medicine Bow, Wyoming—a big ranch where they herd sheep the year around. There are never less than ten thousand head, managed by a

**Though photography was his pre-war love, Mr. Wolfe has always liked machinery, and now he turns his hand to the practical business of making furniture—chairs, tables, and so on. In his machine and blacksmith shop, he can even turn out new parts for the family car**

# The Wolfes Could Do It!

crew of at least twenty men. The owner gets there once a month, and handles the finances himself, with Mrs. Wolfe acting as bookkeeper; what's more, he makes the ranch pay. So the thought of making the family self-sustaining came to him. It could be done with what could be raised on the ranch, plus what he and his wife could make with their hands. He had often thought to himself that a family today could be even more nearly self-sustaining than our forefathers were. Here was an opportunity to prove it!

Mr. Wolfe has always been interested in machinery. He has a machine and blacksmith shop on the ranch, but he decided to put a machine shop of his own right in his Pasadena home. Years ago, when he and Mrs. Wolfe attended Northwestern University, he had sailed a boat on Lake Michigan and made all his own repairs; probably it was then that the idea was born of some time having a shop where he could work with wood and metal. So, in a matter of days, he bought the machinery and installed it.

Immediately he started making furniture —first tables, chairs, and seats for the back terrace. Then he stepped up to more difficult problems, such as reading tables which clamp on a bed, and reading lamps, both of which are made with metal sockets and wood joints. After making each mite of the finicky, special parts for these gadgets, what has a man to worry about in building a bed, a chair, a dining table, or even a worn-out part for the family car? And so it is that Mr. Wolfe, after a busy day at the office, comes home to work on a practical, useful hobby. A blackout is neither here nor there in his household life, nowadays!

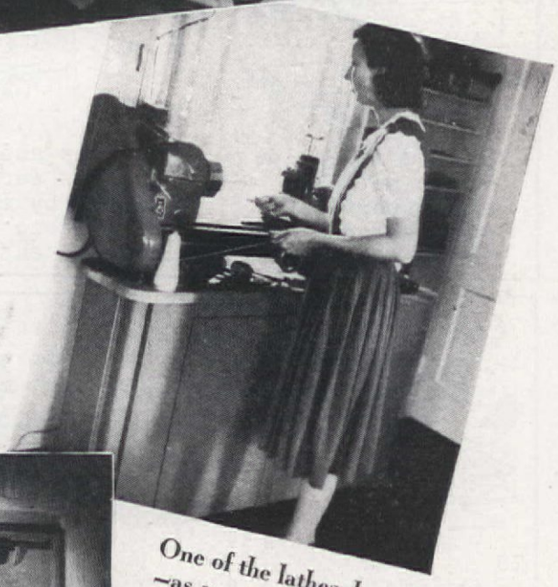
Mrs. Wolfe, in the meantime, has taken up weaving. In January her husband bought her a 6-treadle, 36-inch loom on which she might have woven attractive articles to satisfy her esthetic taste, but instead she has made enough material for suits for the entire family, a coat for the maid, afghans which take on blanket proportions, and fabrics which may be used for serviceable upholstery and window curtains.

Young Tom comes in, too, for his share in the family hobby project. He, however, confines his interest thus far to raising dogs —beagles. Beagles, of course, are an excellent western ranch dog. Tom, at the age of fourteen, is a charter member of the Southern California Beagle Club, and in less than a year has won twenty-two blue ribbons with his one best female dog whose mother was a winner of the Kentucky Derby Field Trials. Tom also collects guns and works in his father's well-equipped home machine shop. He has made all his own dog kennels, and some of them are real accomplishments in up-to-date canine housing.

If worse comes to worst, Mr. Wolfe says the family can go back to the ranch. There they have logs to build a house, for which he can make the furniture. There are a large Victory garden, fruit trees, and a huge herd of sheep, to which he has now added hogs and cattle. That means they could have meat to eat, leather for shoes, and Mrs. Wolfe's weaving of clothes and house fabrics. They have their own blacksmith shop, wood for fire, and clay from which to make dishes. They even have a beaver dam on the ranch, and beavers could mean fur coats! So, you see, the Wolfe family is finding out how they can be self-sustaining, if necessary. How many of us could work things out, one way or another, so we could live by our own wits?

Like everyone else, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe have come to recognize night as a time and a mood. The office door is locked and the house tended. In a moment of let-down one might, in normal times, wonder how the morrow will be. But today, from coast to coast, we turn to some source outside ourselves. A hobby is one sanctuary, but why not make it a practical one? Remember, Mrs. Wolfe can weave enough herringbone for a man's suit in a week. She can do it and enjoy it.—MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

**Collecting brasses was all very well in peacetime, but now Mrs. Wolfe goes in for weaving, producing material for suits for the family, a coat for the maid, fabrics for draperies and upholstery**



One of the lathes does double duty —as a yarn winder for Mrs. Wolfe

**Young Tom takes great pride in his gun collection, but nowadays he's raising beagles—and building houses for 'em!**

# An American Home Goes

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Shortly after we got into the war, I, Mother, joined the Aircraft

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Warning Service —on the grave-yard shift, so I could get dinner for the family before leaving.

3
Dad, who loves fires, joined the Auxiliary Fire Dept., and

4
Sonny went in for Boy Scout first aid work in a big way.

5
Every third night on duty meant time out during the day to catch up on sleep, and the effect on my house-

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Clothes and bric-a-brac not in active service were packed away for the duration..

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Scarves and doilies were replaced by mats of plastic that cleaned easily.

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Ornaments went the same way. We left out only one or two vases. And was

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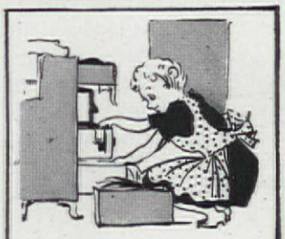
I amazed at all the space left in our clothes closets and in



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our previously over-flowing cupboards and drawers! But this was only

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In the kitchen, I really went to town! Two great cartons of never-used dishes were

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packed away, along with another of seldom-used pans and kitchen tools. As I typed a list

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of its contents to be pasted on each box, I was horrified at the money I'd spent

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on things I'd used so little. The medicine and cosmetic shelves gave up

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a good bit of salvage, and when Dad took to the basement, I'm sure he dug up enough for

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and by cleaning up each spot as it appears, we've cut even more.

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I've sold my men on doing their own pressing and wear seersuckers

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myself to cut down on the ironing. On one free day I wash, bake, and do some of the

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hand ironing. Then Grandma comes one day each week to

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finish up the ironing, and answer phone and doorbell while I sleep.

# on All-Out Schedule!

LURA S. FORBES

*Sketches by D. and C. Porter*

6
work schedule was SOMETHING! Sonny'd had a schedule, too, for his chores,

7
while Dad had kept busy evenings with repair jobs and gardening projects.

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I'd spent my spare time gardening and writing, sandwiching in my mending of an evening or

9
while visiting. Friday nights we'd all stepped out and weeks ends we had spent at the ranch.

Well, we had to cut down somewhere, so—
HERE'S WHAT WE DID:

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the beginning! Two big bedroom rugs were remade into smaller ones, for easier

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cleaning, and my plant collection was sent off to an invalid lady who had time to

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care for it. Down came the family and Christmas pictures and off

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went that oft-polished tea set, to be replaced by two small

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vases. The living room rug gave way to small hooked ones on our white-marbled linoleum.

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an entire tank! Sonny parted with arm loads of accumulated treasures, and

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ended by promising to care for his own room, single-handed. He dood it, too!

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To guard against further hoarding of junk, we put boxes for paper,

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metal, and so on, at the foot of the basement steps. As for the garden, I turned over my

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annual bed to Son for a Boy Scout project.
My routine work was now cut in two

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The cleaning is going to catch up with me some day,

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I know, and I can only pray I'll be able to get a day worker to do it, for I must have

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one afternoon a week for my friends and be ready to go out in the

38
evening with my men folk. I must write, too, so I do it week ends,

39
and I must take a First Aid course. Oh, well, I'll find the time!

# Not Their Dream House

## III. The Mattoxes of Los Angeles

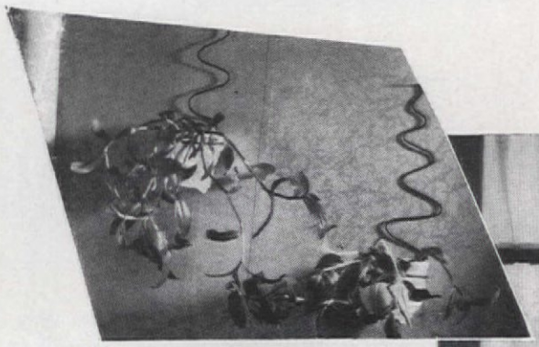
A LITTLE thought, a lot of love, and very little money, are the ingredients that Celia Mattox and her artist husband list as the contributing causes of their charming habitat. Quite frankly, though, we think it must have taken more than a *little* thought to achieve such effect from a drab, upper, three-room flat. It took taste, too, and good judgment.

Mr. and Mrs. Mattox did not follow any set and dried formula in accomplishing results that hold callers in the "oh-and-ah" stage from the moment they enter. They did it with mirrors in wide, wooden frames; with inverted cake tins painted white and used as shades for ceiling lights; with wire coat hangers shaped into wall brackets; with old chemistry tubes filled with ivy and teapots filled with flowers. Priority materials today, but then just inexpensive things put to original use, with an eye for balance and harmony.

Knowing that an all-purpose room can't look that way and still be attractive, they have managed to retain the feeling of a living room, even though they sleep in it, by encasing the spring and mattress in a simple wooden frame, and, by day, pushing it partially under a bookcase along the wall. At the end of the bed they have used a good, old-fashioned commode, with the top drawer removed to give it better lines, and freshly painted. A small dining room opened off the living room, and, to give a more spacious effect, the floors in both rooms were painted a warm terra cotta shade, a perfect foil for bright scatter rugs and painted furniture.

The coffee table in front of the living-room window is half a nail keg, wound with rope and topped with a plywood-framed mirror—very chi-chi, but not hard on the budget. The comparatively useless space below a high window was put to good purpose by the installation of a window seat, and a treasured quilt that had been used on the baby's crib now does duty as covering for this convenient seating space. By lengthening the legs on a bedside table, another very attractive little coffee table for use elsewhere was devised. An old chair, rid of its arms, became modern.

Mr. and Mrs. Mattox really did a budget job, furnishing this apartment with items from second-hand shops, not a piece costing more than $2.50. A delicate little lady's desk was painted soft yellow, as was the kitchen chair used with it, and the pieces now mask a useless artificial fireplace. The curtains Mrs. Mat-



Little things that count—ivy in wall brackets made of old wire coat hangers

# –but they're doing very nicely THANK YOU!

Nothing nondescript about this kitchen corner! Pictures of little Miss Mattox pasted on cake tins, painted white; fixture is an inverted mold

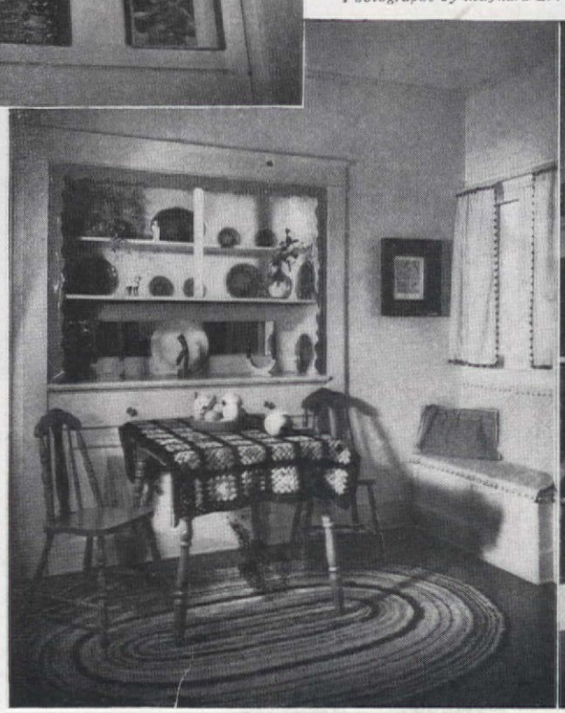
*Photographs by Maynard L. Parker*

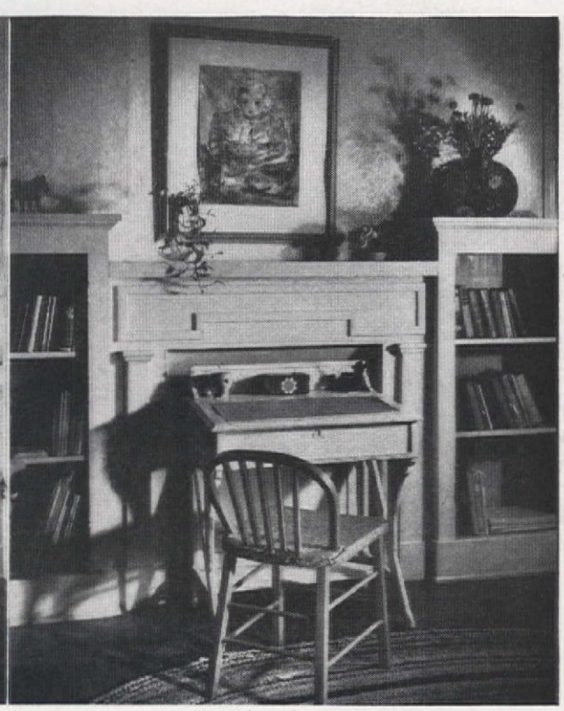
ox selected for the living room re just a sample of her fore-ight—they're of bright yellow eersucker, very inexpensive and asily laundered. Lined with heets so that they hang more racefully and are less apt to ade, and trimmed with dark rown ball fringe, they helped ightily in overcoming the ga-ish effect of the wallpaper they ad to put up with. The colors which Mrs. Mattox chose, and he placing of them, have served o draw interest away from the ackground and point up the ttractive pieces themselves.

In the tiny dining room there was a china closet with glass doors. Even though glass is ransparent, it is sometimes more of a wall than is right for a certain spot. This was one of those certain spots—so out came the doors, to make the room seem larger, and blue glass dishes to catch the light lined its shelves. Around the opening, to hide the ugly marks left by the hinges, Mrs. Mattox attached a valance of red oilcloth.

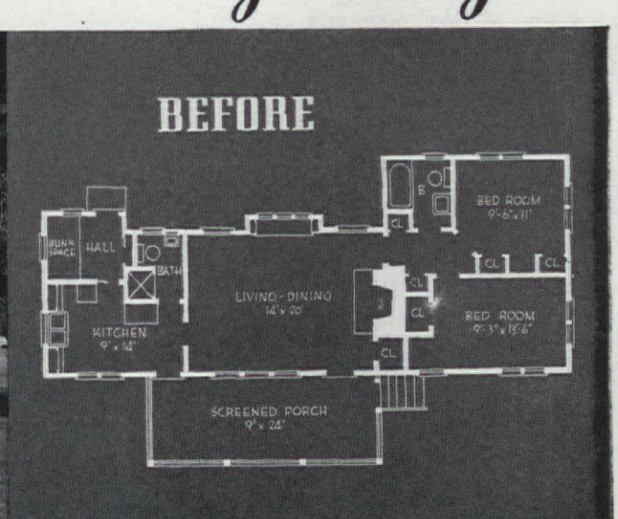
The old-fashioned kitchen was painted a warm gray, and under the double-drainboard sink, with its exposed plumbing, a shelf for pots and pans was built, and bright bandanas edged with white rickrack conceal this otherwise unpleasant vista. The laundry room is now the nursery, with the sanitary tub concealed by a wooden frame with removable top.

The Mattoxes have made a home, with personality, out of what might have been, without imagination, a dismal upstairs flat.





# It Had Everything




*Photographs, Simpson Studio*

DON HEROLD

ANYBODY can remodel an *old* house. But you have to be a little bit nutty to buy and remodel and more than double the size of a brand *new* one, the way we did.

The house with which we fell in love had everything but rooms. But we all recognized it instantly as the embryo of the house we wanted, and ten minutes after our first glimpse we set our teeth to buy it. It had one third enough bedrooms. It had half enough baths. It had too small a living room and half enough land. It didn't have anything—except everything we wanted! And if that sounds weird, here's our tale:

We had rented another house at the Candlewood Lake Club near New Milford, Connecticut. We had decided that this was the neighborhood in which we wanted to spend the rest of our summers. It offered sailing and swimming for our two grown daughters and their guests, and golf and friendly neighbors for us parents. And Candlewood Lake was a scenic jewel, a bit of Switzerland in America—if you got the right angle on it—and *that* angle was one of our requirements in the house we set out to buy or to build.

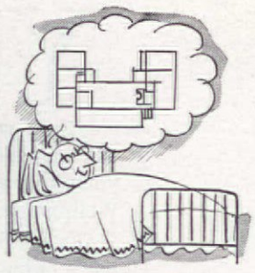
We wanted a location convenient to the lake and the golf course. We wanted a sweeping view, and huge picture windows overlooking the lake. We wanted some flat space for a lawn and garden. We wanted a hillside, trees, eight rooms and two baths!

We looked at every house for sale in the community and at every foot of vacant land. There were lovely lots right on the lake edge, but we wanted to be up on the hill where we could get a wider panorama. What we wanted, didn't exist. We had practically given up the search when the real estate man said doubtfully: "Well, there's the Peterson house, but it's much too small for you."

"Let's see it."

As we nosed through that Peterson house I could sense the rest of the family suppressing their squeals, and I hushed a few of my own. Then we came out and went into a huddle and agreed: "That's it . . . it's the acorn of what we want"! We rushed back to our rented house and started to draw dream plans of new wings and wider windows and stone walls.

Our little egg of a house had a luscious view of the lake which nothing could ever block. It had some land at the rear which could be bought and smeared around with a bulldozer to fill up a gulley and give us the flat area we wanted. It had about fifteen



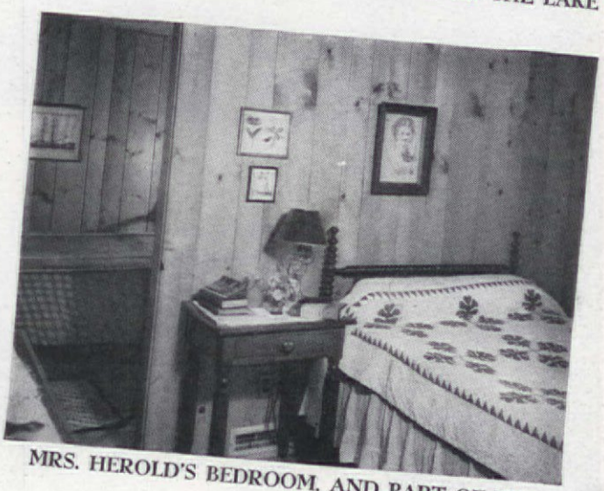
trees, including a few silver birches. I have always wanted a "U" shaped house, so I'd have a snuggly privacy inside the prongs of the "U." Well, this house was slightly "L" shaped, and everybody knows that an "L" is about half of a "U." We could add some rooms on each prong and snoot our house into the hillside on each side and have our "U." So we closed the deal and all went "house drunk"!

I'm glad that we started with something a little wrong. It leads to picturesque results which you never get when you start from scratch. For instance, in our effort to get more floor space in our living room, we opened up three alcoves which give us a jolly informality that never could have been achieved if we had started on clean paper. (Chances are we would, in that case, have arrived at the usual cold, sensible rectangle.) And we cut huge eight-foot plate glass doors in the front of the living room so we can throw living room and porch into one big space on summer days. And, since we had to go plowing into the hillside on one wing, we lifted these rooms up two steps and lowered the ceilings, to save excavation and still keep the roof line down—with resulting cuteness we would never have found if we had started from nothing. In dozens of places our limitations forced us to delightful little turns of design which have been a big surprise even to us.

We took off part of the kitchen to add to our living room. We hemmed in our rear bank with a low stone wall at the back of the "U," and right in the center of the rear of this terrace is a clump of silver birches and maples. On this bank and around these trees we are building our rock garden. Even the troubles were fun, and there were a few problems which would have given us headaches if we hadn't thought of them as a game.

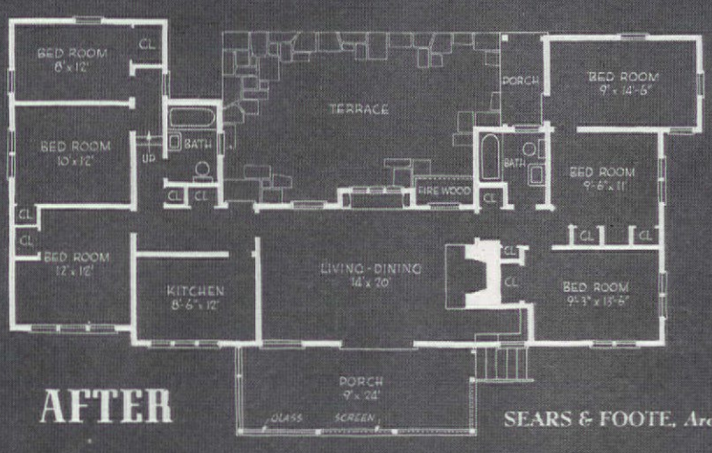
All in all, it's been a glorious jag —this goofy project of taking a little house which had everything but rooms and giving it rooms and things. Among other things, we gave it ourselves, too, and oh boy, has it given us back pleasure!

HUGE PICTURE WINDOWS OVERLOOK THE LAKE



MRS. HEROLD'S BEDROOM, AND PART OF HIS

# *but* ROOMS!



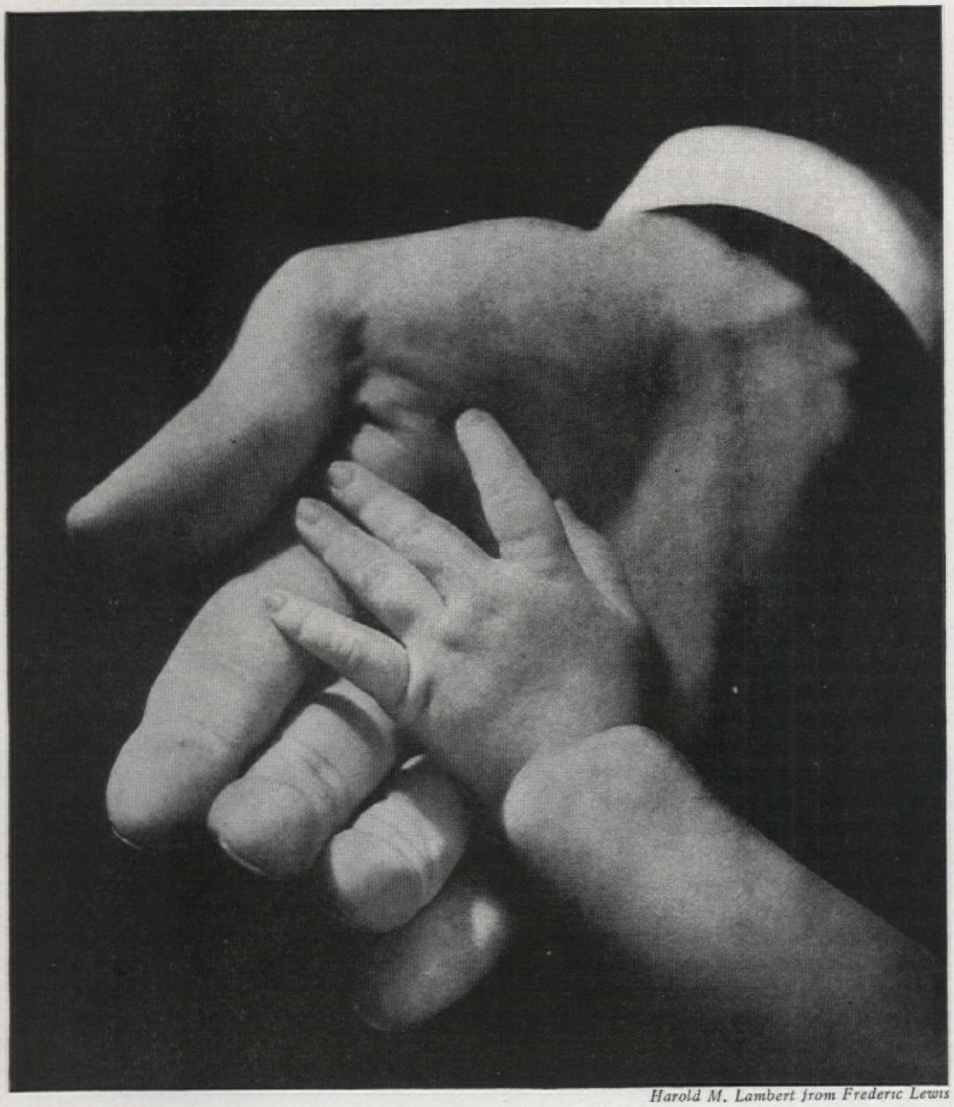

AFTER

SEARS & FOOTE, *Architects*

We doubled its size, put in huge windows, leveled the ground at the back, and — well, it's swell!

# Two - Close Together

MARY B. ANDERSON



*Harold M. Lambert from Frederic Lewis*

"YOU'RE going to have your hands full," people said, when I announced that the new baby would arrive about when Louise would be seventeen months old. Clearly they saw our cozy, new house overflowing with bottles, diapers, and confusion, and us changed from a medium-frivolous young couple to a down-trodden pair of aging adults. Well, we have seen that sort of thing happen, BUT—

Our Louise is now twenty months old and the new baby (who turned out to be Johnny) just three. We're busy, yes; sometimes we feel as if we had half a dozen children; occasionally there is an empty nursing bottle on the coffee table. But, in general, we have "beaten the rap." Of course, we had two advantages to start with: wonderfully helpful and intelligent parents and an enthusiastic fondness for children. But the most important and effective thing right now is a schedule that gives us some time for ourselves. It gets changed about as often as young Johnny, but it seems fundamentally sound—for us, anyway. Incidentally, we have found: That babies are as set in their ways as middle-aged bachelors; that they thrive on knowing that everything is under control—if they sense that we are tired, cross, rushed, or bored, they are very likely to behave accordingly; that it is easier on all concerned to give them the center of the stage for being good than for being bad. We agree with psychiatrists who think it frightfully important to children to know that they are loved. I think that youngsters with closed, shy, unfriendly faces just don't see enough smiling at home.

In developing my system I found that I needed some help. Instead of doing the washing, as when Louise was a baby, I have a genial woman give one day to that; alternate weeks another efficient worker cleans the house; and a diaper service saves its cost in time, labor, and materials. Among other labor-savers are an electric bottle-warmer which, plugged in when I take Johnny from his bath, has his meal ready just when he is; and Louise's "nursery," where she spends most of her indoor time. It is the largest of our three bedrooms, with a gay, all-over rag rug which doesn't show spots, crumbs, or dust, a folding wooden gate at the door, our old studio couch slipcovered in a washable fabric, and Louise's crib. Johnny sleeps in solitary state in the smallest bedroom, close enough so I can hear and analyze nocturnal disturbances. I give Louise her three meals a day in the kitchen, and, if her quarters sound circumscribed, she does not object, but rather enjoys, all the more, short periods spent with us in the living room. She knows how to amuse herself, which is a virtue even if expediency is at the bottom of it. By the old trial and error method I have learned never to rush one child to take care of the other; it's unfair to both. To prevent jealousy, even in a toddler, give her a chance to think she's helping. Don't talk baby talk to your older child—it's demoralizing, mostly to your intellect. Resolve never to talk about the children when you go out or when friends come in. And when you go out, see that the babies have the most efficient care you can provide—and then forget them until you get home. Help your husband enjoy them by letting him take care of them occasionally, but do the night-prowling yourself; it's your job. If, from being too close to the children, you contract what my mother calls "baby nerves," put on your best dress, brightest lipstick and newest stockings—and *get out*. Parents, if up-to-date and wise like ours, take the best of care of grandchildren, so share the babies by letting them take charge occasionally. But don't impose on them. Of course, my schedule changes constantly—mostly because of changes in Johnny. That's progress. I know I won't be this busy forever and, babies being babies—and therefore adorable—well, I'm having the time of my life!

MY "TWO–CLOSE TOGETHER" SCHEDULE–*Subject to change without notice*

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| 7 a.m. | Up, dress, prepare breakfast and warm Johnny's bottle, to give him at 7:30. |
| 7:45 | Give John, Sr., his breakfast. When he goes at |
| 8 | Get Louise up and dressed. Put Johnny to bed for nap. |
| 8:15 | Give L. her breakfast; put her in bathroom, dress her. |
| 8:30 | Make beds, tidy rooms, wash dishes, order supplies, sterilize bottles, make up J.'s formula, take L. out or play with her in nursery. |
| 11 | Give J. his bath; at 11:30, bottle. |
| Noon | Bathe L., put her in bathrobe and slippers for lunch, her main meal. After bathroom, put her to bed, at 12:30, for her nap. |
| 12:45 | Have lunch with John, Sr. |
| 1:30 | Wash dishes, read, nap, write letters, cook, do odd jobs until |
| 3:30 to 5:00 | Give J. another bottle; let him play with rattle on my bed for a change. When L wakes, give her orange juice and cod liver oil and play, walk, or read with her. Later this period will have to be shared with J. |
| 5 | Start dinner; while it is cooking, at |
| 5:30 | Give L. her supper. Bathroom again. |
| 6 to 7 | Our dinner. Afterward, L. plays downstairs with us while we read papers. |
| 7 | Get L. ready for bed; sing to her for ten minutes while she curls up in my lap. This is fun. Put her to bed at 7:15. |
| 7:30 | Give J. his last bottle. |
| 8:15 | Our evening begins. Babies asleep. All quiet on the Home Front. |

# We'd call it the Goward-Wills-American Home house!

*Gwendoline K. Spang tells the story of the house on our cover*

**Joanne's cradle and trunk, inspired by those shown in our Christmas, 1940, issue**

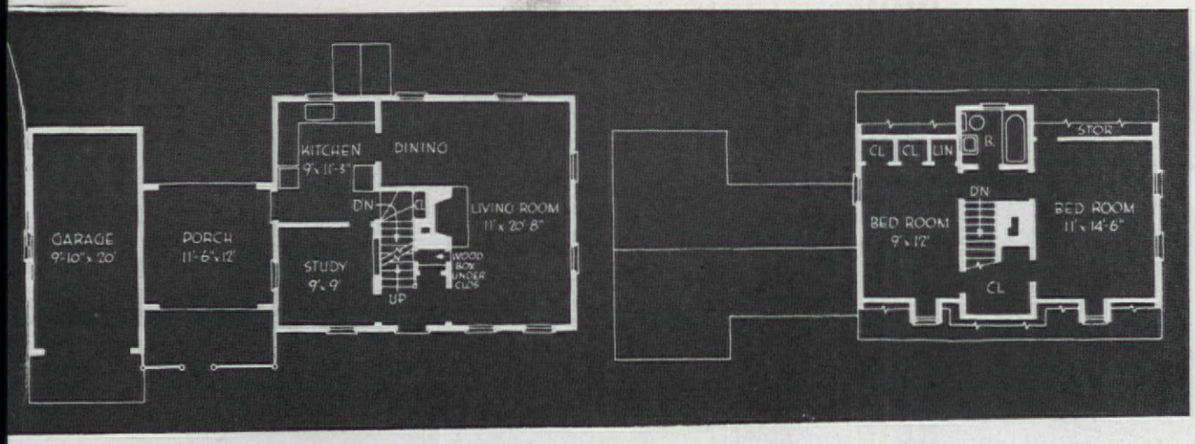
OF COURSE you've heard that old advice, "Don't accept it unless it's useful, or beautiful, or both." Well, a lot of us have learned that it should apply to houses as much as to anything else we may be thinking of acquiring. To illustrate, the house of the Kenneth Gowards in Lowell, Massachusetts, designed by Royal Barry Wills, the Boston architect, is useful and beautiful to an unusual degree—not to mention that it cost, in 1939, less than $5,000 (not including land, landscaping, and architect's fee). The reasons for its excellence are so simple and apparently obvious that you wonder why *all* small houses can't be as good. They aren't, of course, and here is how this house outstrips them:

In the first place, it's a Cape Codder without a shed dormer. It accomplishes this by having a gambrel roof and one large, handsome dormer in the back. It is excellently proportioned as to roof lines, window placement, size of the dormers and the big chimney, and the porch-and-garage wing is a charming, typically New England, touch. But nothing is quite such a triumph as the fact that you can view the house from the rear with full equanimity and pleasure in its lines.

In the second place, the interior is planned to fit the owners' requirements like a glove, the one drawback being really the Gowards' fault rather than the architect's, for their second baby should have been a girl like the first, instead of a stalwart young man. However, Joanne is only three and Jonathan not yet a year old, so the Gowards say, "We'll leave the problem of the third bedroom to the future."

Mr. Goward teaches school, and the tiny study is just what he asked for as a place for necessary work. The family, on its part, wanted to have a roomy living room and a dining space definitely out of sight of the front door; they have them in the living-dining room, while a tiny entrance hall (with a coat closet) is thrown in for still further privacy. Mrs. Goward got an almost square kitchen with everything in arm's reach, as well as a porch, opening off it, secluded enough for outdoor meals and opening on the children's backyard play area. There is a good-sized parents' bedroom and a second for the children; there's storage space in the area behind the bedrooms' back walls, and down cellar is a good open space to serve as Mr. Goward's workshop and another for the laundry tubs, with a bulkhead door leading directly up to the drying yard. "We use every single inch in the house all the

**Being a teacher, Mr. Goward considered his study a "must"**



time," is Mrs. Goward's testimony to its 100 per cent super-usefulness.

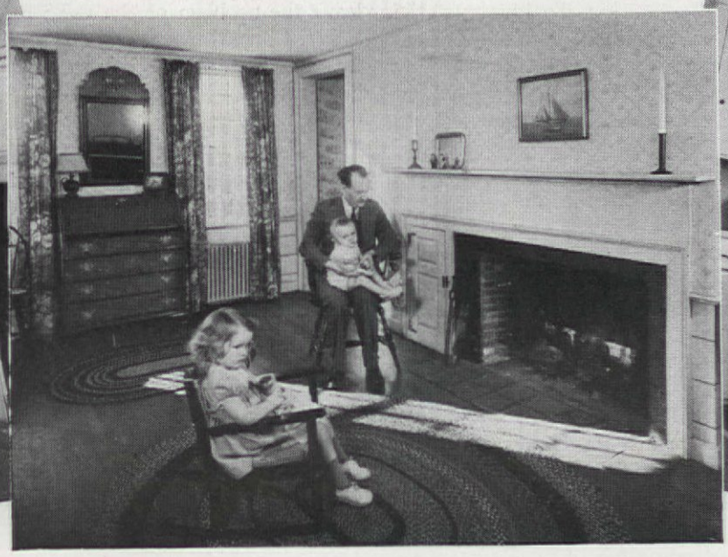
The site has the advantage of being eighty feet wide instead of the usual fifty, but otherwise has the disadvantage of sloping up quite sharply from the street. The drawback was turned to an asset when it was used to subordinate the garage on a lower level, and to give the porch considerable privacy, which was increased by placing a flower bed, bordered by a low rail fence, on the street side of tne porch. Mrs. Goward tossed in a few hollyhock seeds the first year, and now they keep coming up to make a delightful screen. A rose climbs up the garage wall beside the hollyhocks, and that's about all the landscaping there is. A lawn (no velvety greensward is called for) is broken by a stepping-stone path from the driveway, and in the back are more lawn, more birches, and a huge oak tree that stands just behind the porch.

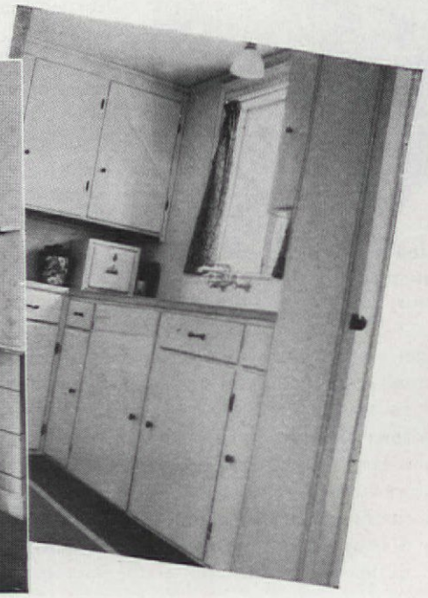
The house is finished with red cedar clapboards stained brown, the door is stock pattern lightened with two glass insets, and there are no shutters—two ways by which Mr. Wills often manages to save some money for a client.

Inside are further evidences of "custom building." The fireplace is made of a few wide boards, the hardware includes economical H-and-L hinges painted black to contrast with the white woodwork, the living room has a dado disproportionately effective for its small cost, and the study has two walls sheathed in knotty pine.

The Gowards are AMERICAN HOME readers of long standing, and much that is in the house was adapted from the magazine. So it's really, we think, a sort of Goward-Wills-AMERICAN HOME house!

**ROYAL BARRY WILLS, *Architect***





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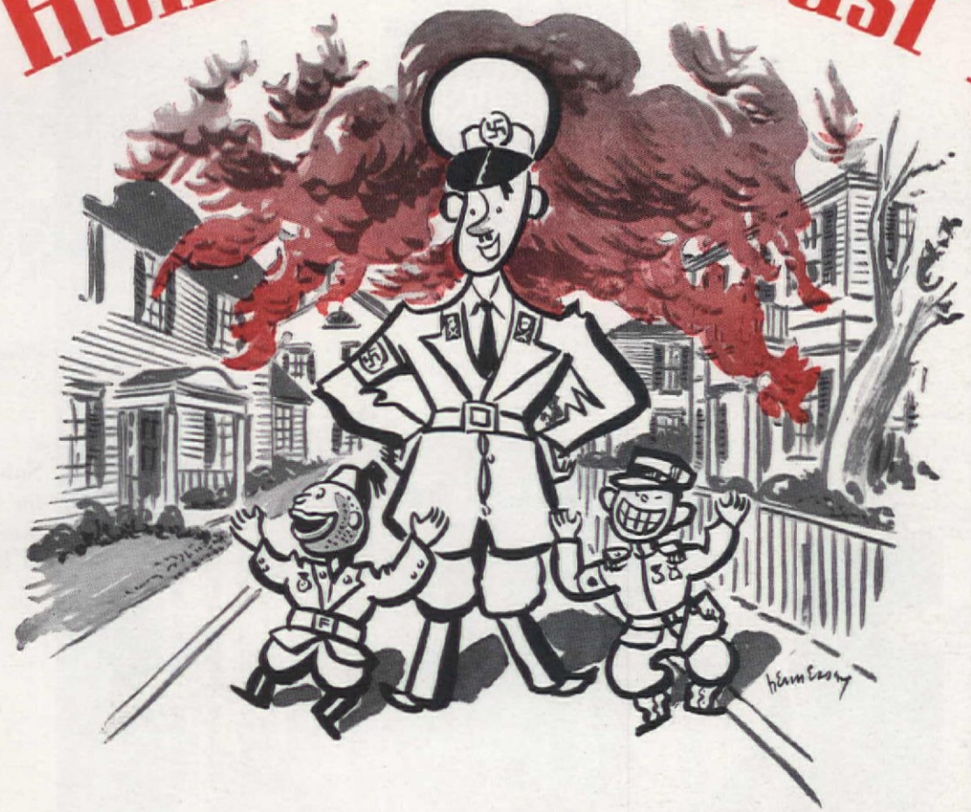
# The Home Front Must Fight the Axis' 350,000 Fire Agents!



DELBERT JOHNSON, Safety Research Institute

THE war has given Hitler an agent in our own homes and communities—fire. Will yours be one of the 350,000 private dwellings that National Fire Protection Association statistics predict will go up in smoke this year? Yes, you *can* do something about it, for most of the $80,000,000 annual home fire loss is due to familiar forms of carelessness or negligence.

The war has added new reasons for taking exceptional precautions—and taking them *now!* Your fire insurance policy still gives you the same financial protection that it did before, but if your home is damaged by fire, and you try to use the insurance money to rebuild, you will find that you cannot buy all the materials you need. If, in addition, you live in one of the states affected by the oil shortage, and have converted your furnace from oil to coal, or have tried to solve the heating problem by digging out of the attic a portable gas, electric, or kerosene heater, you may find yourself walking where angels fear to tread. Coal furnaces are no more dangerous than oil burners—if the conversion job has been completely done. But the normal hazards of coal heating are quite different from those of oil. Hence, if you have converted, be sure that you know how to deal with chimney, insulation, fuel storage, heat control, ash removal, and the other hazards of coal heating.

Portable heaters, of course, are makeshift arrangements in any modern home. For this reason, you should exercise caution in using them, and place them where they cannot be tripped over or upset. But old or unapproved models may be dangerous in themselves through years of wear and disuse.

But fire *prevention* is only half the total job of fire safety. The other half is *protection.* In addition to having good fire extinguishers available and in good working condition, every adult member of the family, including older children, should know where they are located and how to use them. If you have several fire extinguishers, the best places to locate them are at the top of the basement stairs, in the kitchen, at the bottom of the attic stairs, and in the garage. It would also be wise to install different types of extinguishers according to the kind of fire that might occur—common combustibles, flammable liquids, etc. The recommendations of fire protection experts are as follows:

For fires in ordinary combustible materials, such as wood, paper, textiles, etc.: All types are effective, but water type extinguishers are considered best because of their cooling and quenching effects. They are soda-acid, foam (ring top handle), and pump tank (encased pump) types. For fires in flammable liquids, such as gasoline, paint, cooking oils, etc.: Extinguishers with a blanketing or smothering effect—foam, vaporizing liquid (pump gun), and carbon dioxide (horn-like nozzle) types. For fires in electrical equipment: Non-conducting extinguishers—vaporizing liquid, or carbon dioxide types. Fire protection authorities stress that only extinguishers bearing the approval labels of Underwriters' Laboratories be used.

You should also keep in mind a few elementary precautions in fighting any small fire. The first one is to attack the fire as soon as it is discovered. Always call the fire department, however, if you cannot immediately extinguish the flames. Secondly, keep cool and observe rules for personal safety. Never attempt to crawl up on a fire Indian-fashion—toxic fire gases are concentrated near the floor. Keep as far from the fire as effective use of the extinguishing agent will permit, and direct it at the base of the blaze. Keep between the fire and the nearest exit. Ventilate the room as soon as possible. In case of incendiary bomb attack, follow instructions issued by the Office of Civilian Defense. These advocate using a solid stream of water directly on the bombs.

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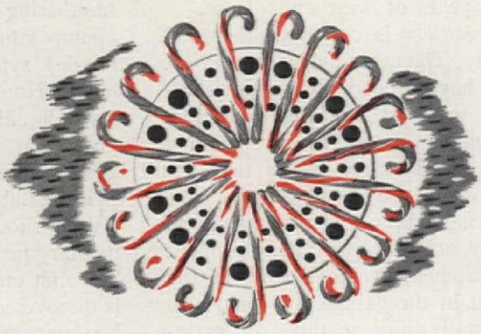
Substitute an inverted hat box for a lamp shade, garnish with greens and ornaments. Place lamp in lid of box and fill with greens

# Christmas House



Peppermint canes, red ribbon and candles are all you need for this. Below each candle is a gift for holiday callers

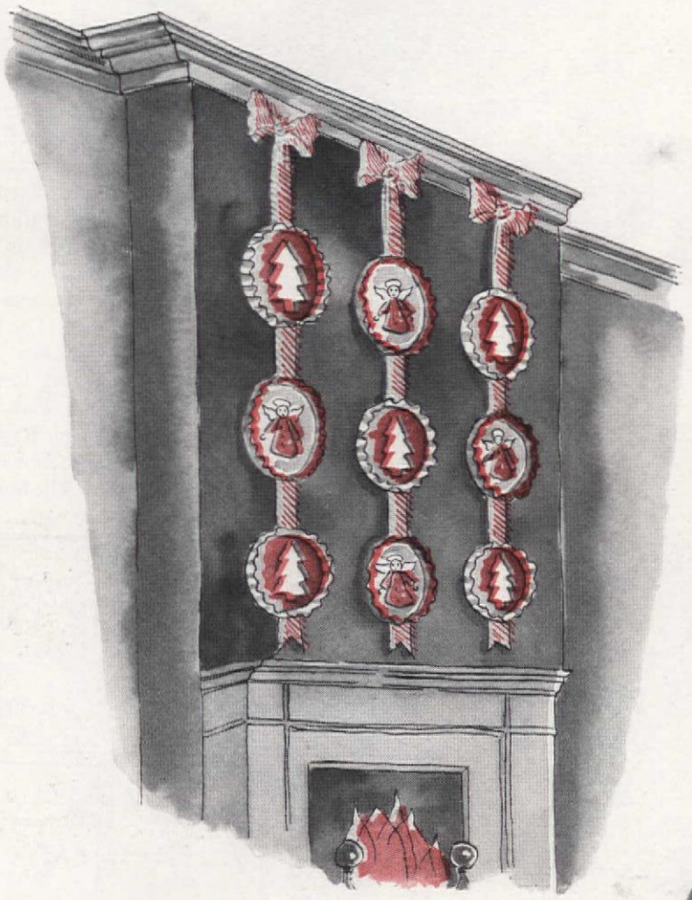
Emkay

Jolly old St. Nick candle that's fun

IF, ALL year long, you've been harboring a yen to gay up your house, and for one reason or another haven't had the time or the nerve to start, there's no time like Christmas to make the break. In the excitement of the moment, you'll be head over heels in decorating before you know it, and the urge will keep up, long after the last bough has been taken down, and the last bauble put away. And when we say "decorating," we don't mean it in the stuffy, formal way. We mean the casual, gay expression of just those things you've been wanting to say in your home. Christmas decorations are not studied and stiff. They're spontaneous, and unexpected, and fun. Take the fireplace above. It's done especially for the pleasure of the young. The candy-cane wheel, on a cardboard base, is inter-

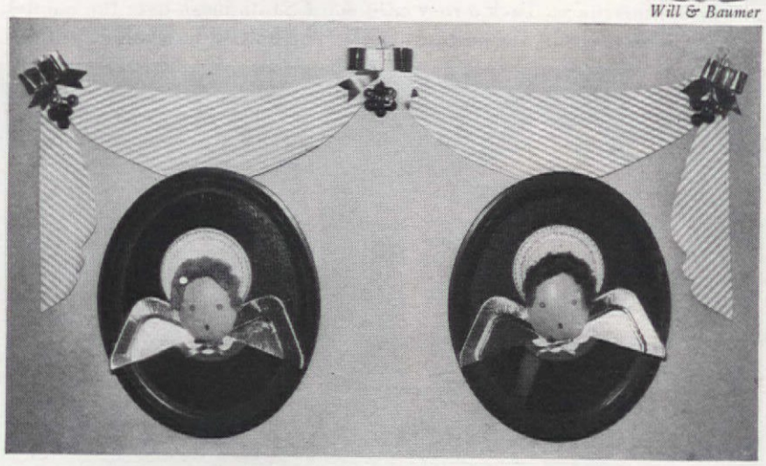
**Track! Toy Santas zip down a banister ski-run that's covered with snow—corrugated paper, cotton, and rock salt. The paper Santa Claus mask, complete with wonderful curled whiskers, watches the sport go on**

*Monkmeyer*



*Will & Baumer*

**Candles and cut-outs, tinsel and glitter, plus paste and paint pots can create such wonders! There are no vital materials to stop you**



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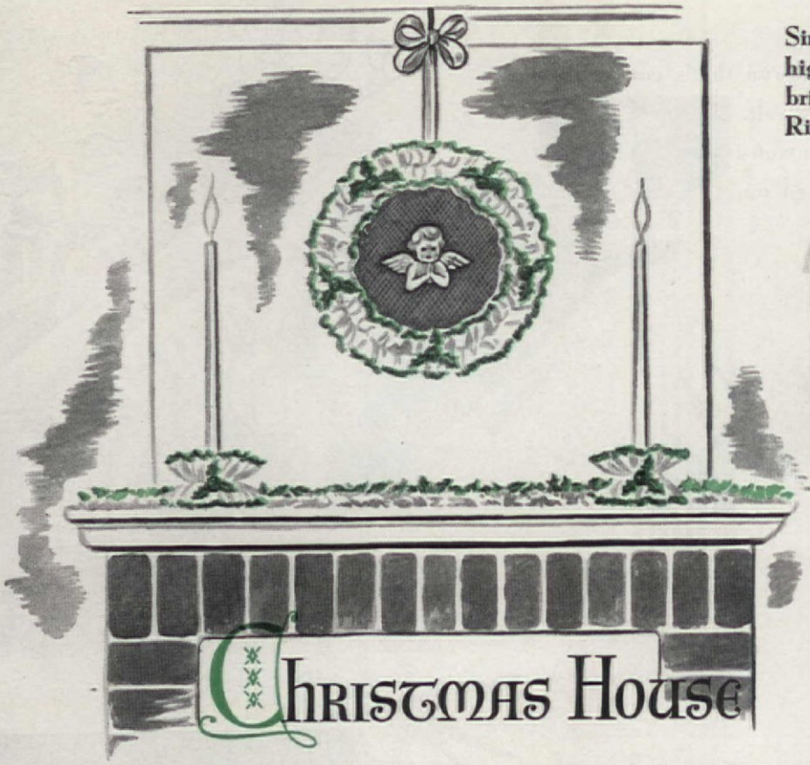
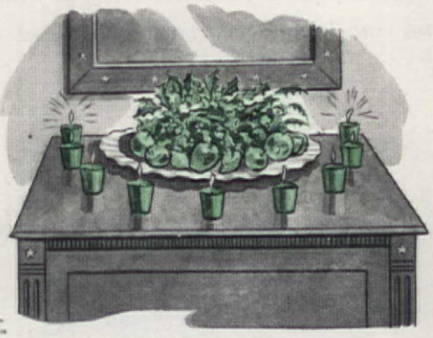
spersed with gumdrops. The peppermint-striped tin cups hold red candles, protected by oil lamp chimneys. The table that dispenses candy is made from a broom handle, wound with red Scotch tape and yarn, set in a funnel for a base. The shelves are tin pot covers.

And see what a little show-card color, scalloped paper plates, and simple cut-out angels and Christmas trees can do for your mantel! Paint the scallops red on four plates, and the centers red on the other five, paste on ribbon, and hang. The little angel plaques are made from wooden lard containers for the faces, with halo, wings, and white collar from paper plates, hair from gold fringe, and swag of wallpaper. Jack Frost windows (right) are folded-and-cut paper, and Santa was dipped in melted paraffin to which white paint had been added. Rock salt and cotton make the snow.



# Christmas House

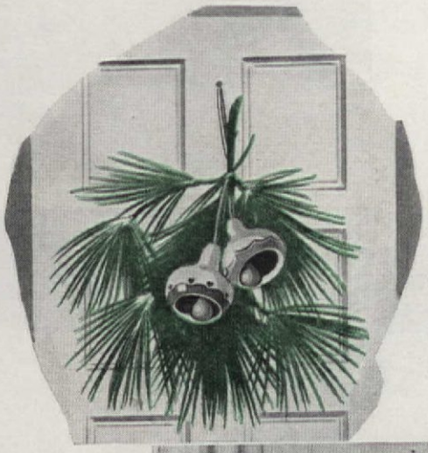
**Simplicity itself in a plate, piled high with limes and green apples, bristling with holly or red flowers. Ring it 'round with devotional candles**



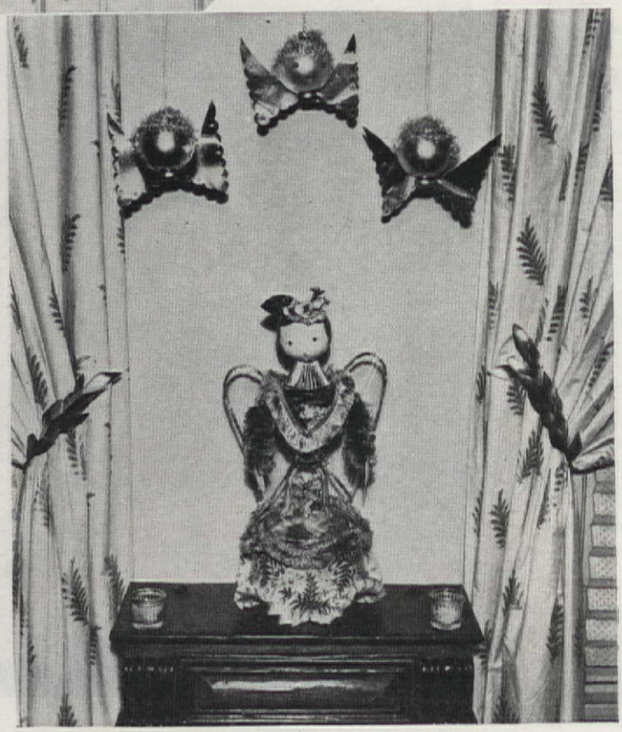
**Paper pine cone**

A GOLD and white mantel miracle, done with six-inch tarlatan, gathered to fit the outside of a fifteen-inch circle of gilded tarlatan. The ruff is tipped with gold, as are the holly leaves, with tiny gold ornaments for berries. Left below, angel made from an old oil lamp, placed on an inverted fruit dish. The base of the lamp is filled with flowers; the arms are wooden spoons, painted pink and wound with gold braid, which also forms the collar and skirt trim. A pink ball, impaled on the end of a small funnel, forms the head; sequined celluloid, the wings. Right: Inverted finger bowl angels with tinsel hair, ping-pong ball heads, gold and white braid for halos, and golden paper wings. Angelic hostesses!

**Gourds again! This time, they make their appearance as Christmas bells to make a guest's coming a real Entrance! Garnish with evergreens**



**Mantel merriness. Tack a rosy cardboard Santa mask over the mantel, or festoon it with your prettiest cards. The hollied bowls hold candies**



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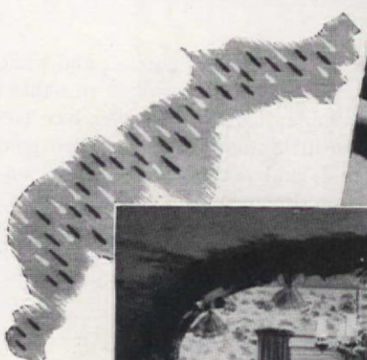
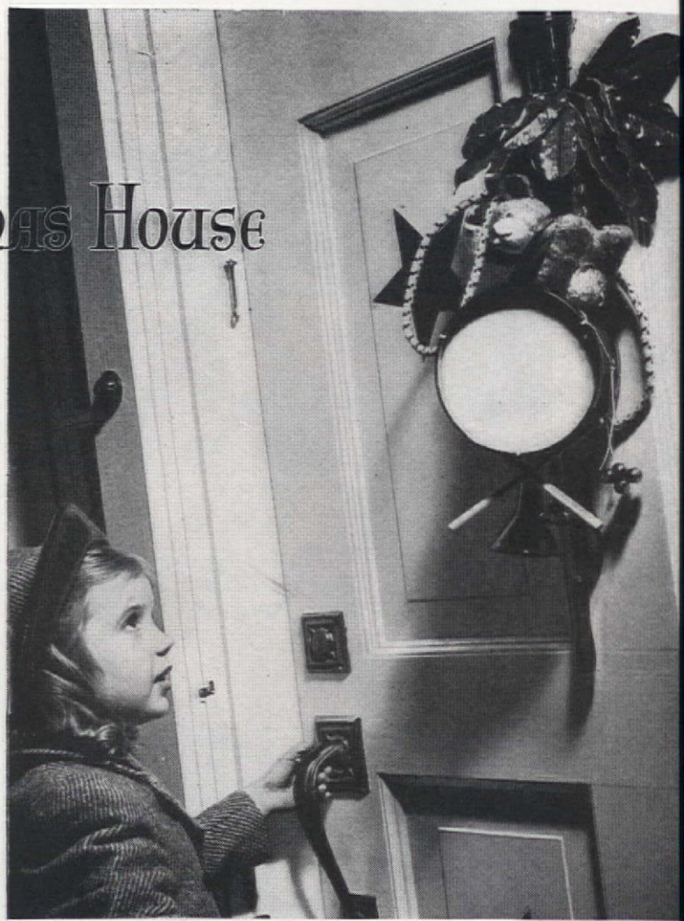
F. M. Demarest photographs

Paper baking cup, with bottle top, ornament, and copper pot cleaner, make angel favor. Oil can, wooden bead, for another



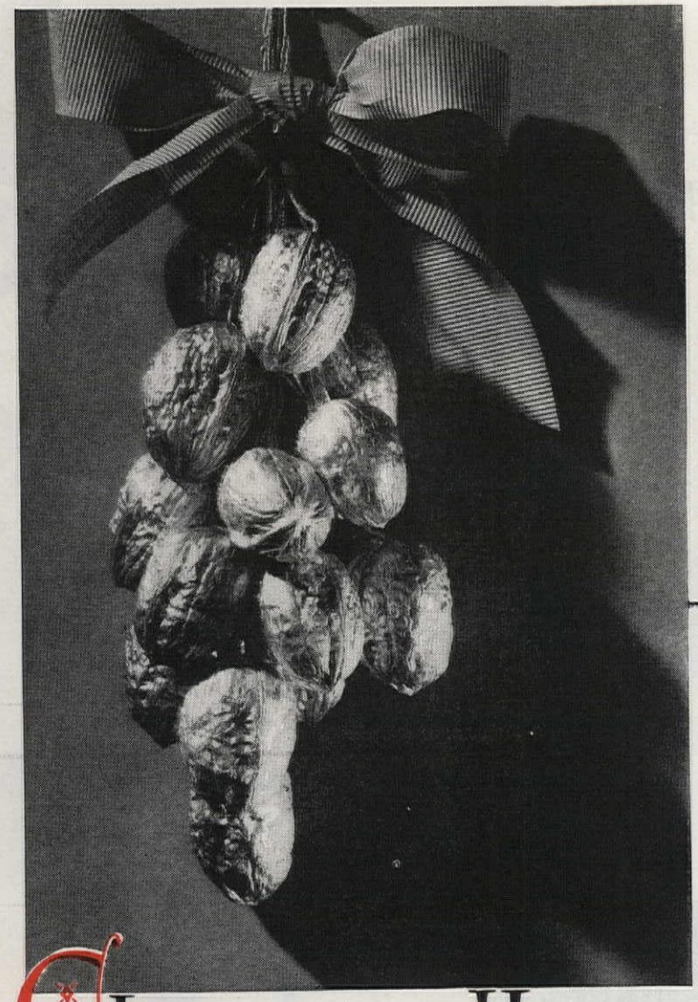
The angels of clothespins guard the green-trimmed entrance to a youngsters' party. The table is covered with white oilcloth with red stars pasted at random



Four photographs, Meisel from Monkmeyer

Who'd guess the entrance angels, lower left, of clothespin bodies, nipple heads, paper gowns?

Popcorn Santa's back bone is a hanger; his mouth, a date; eyes and nose, cherries. Surrounded with devotional candles, wire wrapped, he makes a gay centerpiece. Right: Red taffy apples for an edible decoration



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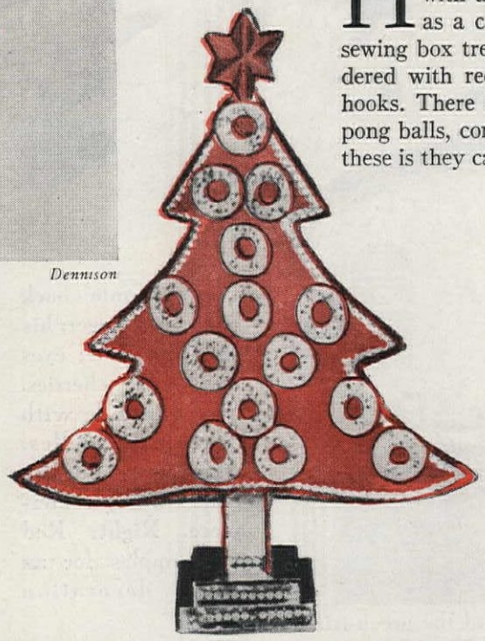
Yards of frilly paper lace are glued to a light wooden frame, and topped with doilies. Right: Scalloped paper plates, with lace trim, are slipped over and tacked to painted dowel

Snow that won't melt for your Christmas tree. Mix a box of Lux with two cups of water. Brush on boughs

Dennison

HERE'S a variety of Christmas trees, and what to do with them. There's the paper-plate tree that serves as a candy table; there's the paper lace tree; the sewing box tree; the little wooden tree, painted gold, bordered with red braid, and decked with cookies on brass hooks. There are tree ornaments of gilded walnuts, ping-pong balls, construction paper, crepe paper. The beauty of these is they can be made at home, where Christmas begins.



Left: Attach light wooden frame to a supporting column. Cover with checked gingham, deck with pincushions, trimmings. Right: Cut wooden triangle, attach to square box, top with star, deck with greens

# Christmas House

Christmas tree personalities: Paper doll angel, put together as shown. Trim with paper lace. A Jumping Jack from childhood, and a cardboard star Santa will make your tree a very special gathering place for the light of heart

Pixillated cardboard figures: Coat well with white show-card paint, sprinkle with snow. . . . Gay-colored walnut shells make grand ornaments—and utilize a by-product

*These are the Santa Clauses who contributed ideas for*

## Christmas House

Hermia Rogerson, Cobbett Williams, Robert and Gertrude Clark, Josephine Harper Flood, June Cochrane Ortgies, Amelia Rogers, Mrs. Benjamin Nielsen, Wilma Morrison, Germaine Haney, Peggy Potter, Lynda Greer, Mrs. Ralph Miller, Jr., Georgia Langley, and K. Louis

HERE'S a smart idea for this particular Christmas. Why not invite in the neighbors for a Letter Tree Party? Each guest must bring a letter for some neighbor's boy who's in service and they'll all be hung on a Christmas tree trimmed with patriotic accents, little flags, golden eagles, and so on. When all the letters are fastened to the tree with ribbon or Scotch tape, get the neighborhood photographer to take a picture of everyone around the tree. Before each letter is sealed, see to it that a print of the picture goes into it, so the lad who gets it can also see what went on. It will be appreciated more than you'll know.

Of course, the parents of the service men will be the honored guests at your party. To make it simpler, it's a good idea to have one family furnish the place, another the tree, and another be responsible for simple refreshments. Someone should be in charge of getting a complete list of the service men, with their correct addresses, to assign to those who are invited.—ANGELINE M. CLEMENT

This is a wonderful way to boost the amount of "mail from home" that every man in service wants more than anything, and it gives the folk at home a nice, warm feeling, too

*Meisel photographs from Monkmeyer*

**This ivied bower is a fitting setting for fruit cake that you've made with your own hands for Christmas**

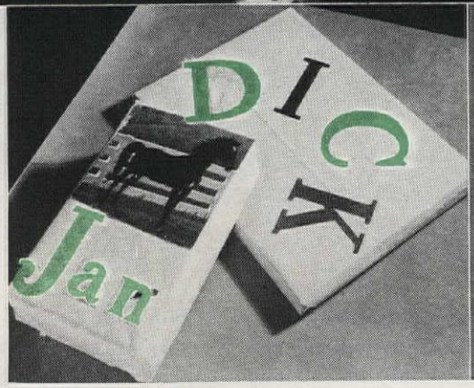
*Norcross*

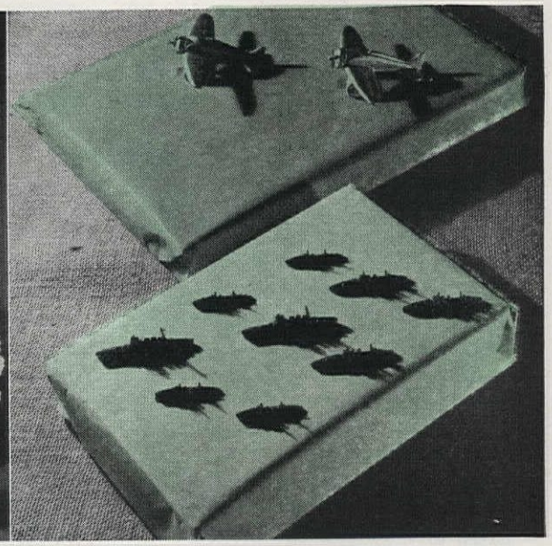
# First Impressions

*F. M. Demarest*

IF YOU put a little thought and ingenuity on packaging, come Christmas time, you can make even the smallest offering look like a million. And things don't have to always be put in boxes, either, you know. There's the perky little Christmas tree, set in a white flower pot that has room in its interior for anything soft and light, like a sweater or lingerie. When it's served its package purpose, it takes a decorative stand on a table. . . . There are a hundred uses for paper doilies in the packaging game. For instance, there's the sweet little cornucopia, held together with a spot of holly. It can hang on the tree, and hold a hanky. Or you can make a pocket by fastening two doilies together with red ribbon.

There's nothing that lends itself much more readily to dressing up than fruit in one form or another. Maybe it's hidden in a fruit cake, with a jolly English figure atop it. Maybe it's candied, like the wonderful whole grapefruit on the next page, and filled with other candied fruits. Maybe it's used just as it comes for lovely wreath accents, for centerpieces, and such. With very little effort, you can make Christmas food the most desirable of presents, and the most attractive, too.





**For a gal with a house, wrap up presents in enough gay gingham or percale for a luncheon set . . . ABC books furnish wonderful name tags for personalizing packages. Or take your cue from the package itself. If it's a boat game or book, glue miniature ships on it, or planes**

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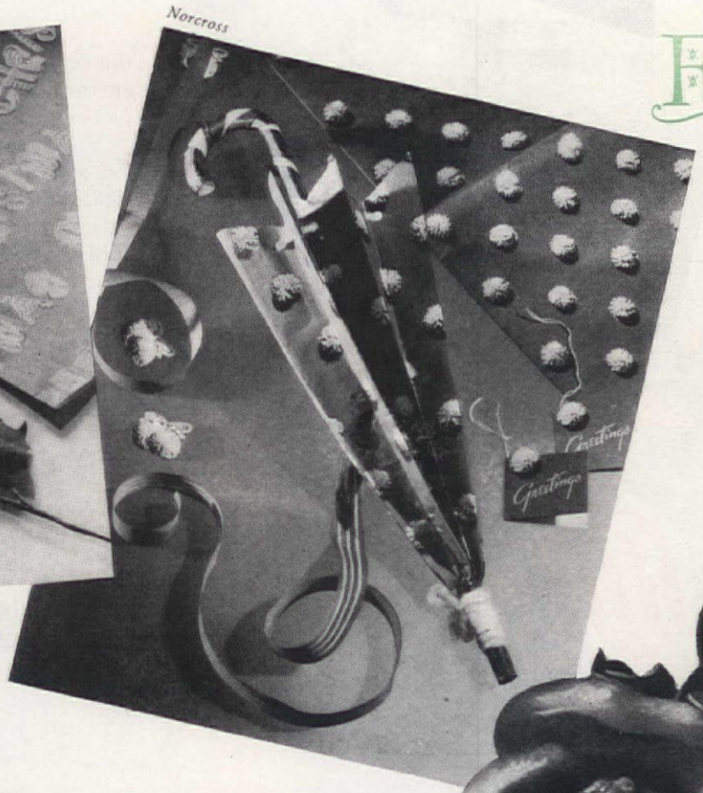



These are what the scissors, a paste-pot and cute papers can turn out in no time

## First Impressions

**There will be lots of Christmas trimmings this year of the old-fashioned, home-made kind that we've almost forgotten. Here are some to help you remember**

For hanging or dispensing Christmas cookies or candies, we recommend the gay little bag that you can make from Christmas wrapping paper with no trouble at all. It's an especially nice way to fix little guest presents that say "Merry Christmas" in an unpretentious way.

Let a perky little parasol cover your gift. It can hang from the tree by its candy-striped handle and add to the decoration immensely. This is made from Christmas wrapping paper, too, and will accommodate soft material, or unbulky things, such as lingerie.

In this year of priorities, "vital materials," rationings, and so on, it's going to take a bit of thinking on everyone's part to dress things up, but here are non-priority tricks to make first gift impressions lasting.

*Meisel photograph from Monkmeyer*

**This wonderful creation is enhanced by the deft use of plaid ribbon to lace the fancy plate. See how easy it is to be smart**

# Christmas Greetings

IF YOU'RE one of those who look longingly at smart hand-done cards, and wonder why you can't ever do things like that, be of good cheer! We're going to pull a few of our contributors' bunnies from a hat and show you how you, too, can make your own cards, without being a descendant of da Vinci.

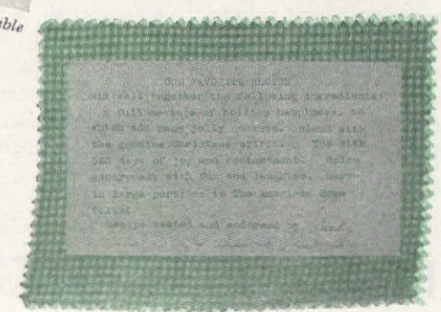
You can start with just such a simple thing as a package of construction paper from the dime store. Mrs. Ralph Miller, Jr., is responsible for the wonderful stocking, full of smiling baby, on the next page. The stocking was cut from a piece of Christmas paper, the picture can be your Favorite Baby, and it's stuck into a slit at the top of the stocking, along with a slip of paper on which is written your message. Paste white paper on the back of the stocking section of the card for the address, fold over the two ends, and seal for mailing.

It's amazing what results you can get with Christmas seals and colored paper, too. To wit, the cards at the top of the next page. Some-

Peggy Potter

Paul D. Gamble

**Christmas cards can be made of the simplest things, like polka-dot shelf paper, or pinked gay gingham squares**



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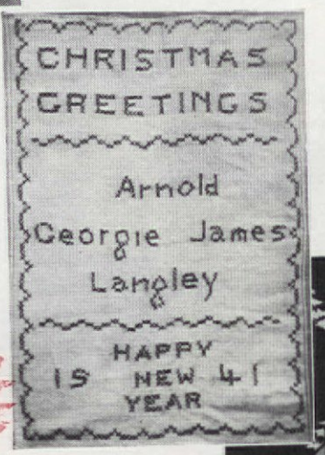


**Peggy Potter comes up with a very timely idea for a simple card. Uncle Sam's hat takes over Santa's, in this red, white, and blue card, war stamps and all**

thinned paint will be distributed in a fine spatter, *if* you are careful not to use too wet or full a brush. When it's dry, pick up the design, and there will be your Christmas card!

As you see, the technique can be applied to envelopes, too, such as Martha Lindley Hall did with the reindeer design. She used colored dyes for her medium, and pressed leaves and flowers for her designs. The mounting of the cards gives them the finish they need, and you can spatter your name and a simple greeting on the card. Large script letters are the easiest to manage. You'll be very smart, too, if you buy your envelopes first, and make your cards to fit, unless, of course, you want to make the envelopes, too!

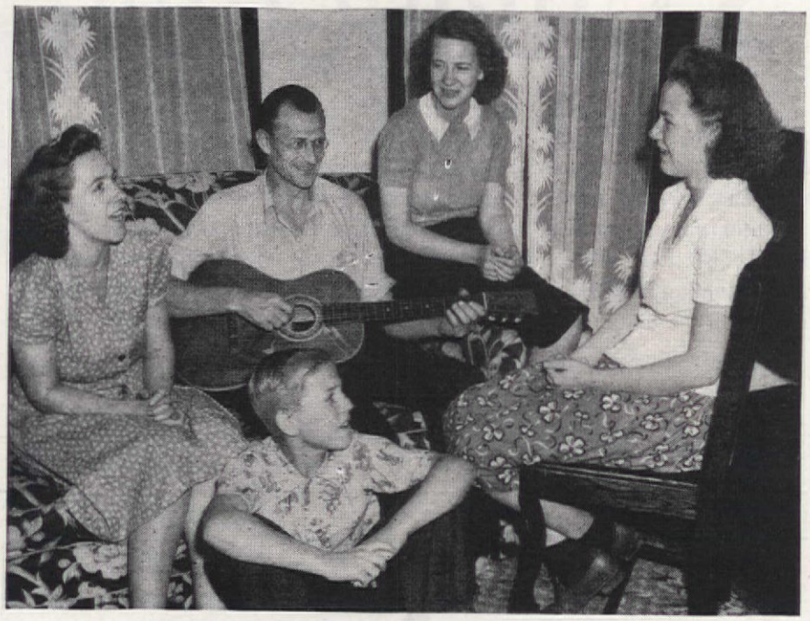
These suggestions are only the beginning of what you can do by way of producing masterpieces on your own, even if you can't draw a straight line with a ruler! Let those who can, do etchings and hand-blocked wonders. You can turn out little gems with much less effort, and just as fancy results. You'll be responsible for arousing the urge to "make my own Christmas cards" in all your circle of friends.

times one seal will do it, sometimes, a combination is the answer. Another trick is to cut the paper with pinking shears if you can swipe them long enough!

The sampler card is not for those who are all thumbs with a needle, but there are more who aren't than are! Georgie Langley was inspired by a family heirloom to make this quaint card. She first made the actual sampler by blocking out the message on a piece of coarse kitchen toweling, 14x20 inches. Then she used just black darning cotton for the cross-stitching. After the sampler was completed, in a few hours' time, she photographed it, and those were their cards, with what an air!

For the delightful spatter cards (right) by Lynda Greer you need a design, some colored paper, a small piece of screen that's folded at the edges to keep it from being too limber, and an old toothbrush. She uses poster paint as her medium. Thin out some paint in a saucer, then, holding the screen about three or four inches from the card, on which the design in silhouette has been placed, run the wet brush back and forth over it. The

# Health for Victory Clubs Help Entire Family—Every Member Thrives on Appetizing Meals



**"I've got spurs"**—whole family, chuck full of health and energy even after a hard day, gathers 'round for evening sing. "H for V" meals benefit all.

## LOW-COST DAILY MENUS HELP WAR WORKERS' WIVES KEEP ENTIRE FAMILY IN FIGHTING TRIM

Lunch box meals that stick to the ribs, breakfasts that offset winter temperatures, health-building foods for the main meal of the day—are high lights of "H for V" menus. And from one end of the country to the other club members are eagerly following them.

The main purpose of "H for V" clubs is to help war workers and their families keep physically fit and on the job through proper food. Monthly meetings are held for the wives, mothers and landladies of "production soldiers." Trained home economists demonstrate the importance of eating for health and show how to do it on a budget. Meal-Planning Guides, distributed at each meeting, suggest zestful, balanced menus for every meal in the month, including lunch boxes. Necessary recipes are given.

The "H for V" activity was started by Westinghouse Home Economics Institute. Julia Kiene, Director, planned it for our own war workers. Now, through local power companies, more than 250 war plants have started "H for V" clubs for their own employes. And many more are being planned.

NOTE TO HEALTH FOR VICTORY CLUB MEMBERS: If your club has just been organized, the meeting this month will demonstrate a subject of vital importance—"Protective Cooking of Vegetables." If more than two meetings have been held, the feature will be "Meat and How to Buy It"—a particularly timely program.

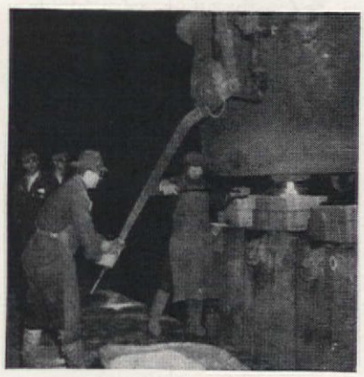
**5-year-old** Arthur Maurer, son of Hercules Powder night supervisor, eagerly reaches for his extra milk.

**Tennessee Twins** help war-worker father gather in the eggs specified in appetizing, health-building "H for V" menus.

**Neither Weather nor gas rationing** can keep women away from "H for V" meetings, held monthly.

**$14 to $16 a week** feeds nutritious "H for V" meals to family of five.

**"H for V" lunches stand by.** Whole grain breads, hot soups are frequently suggested.



**Men work steadier,** feel better, when they eat the right foods—nutritionists agree.

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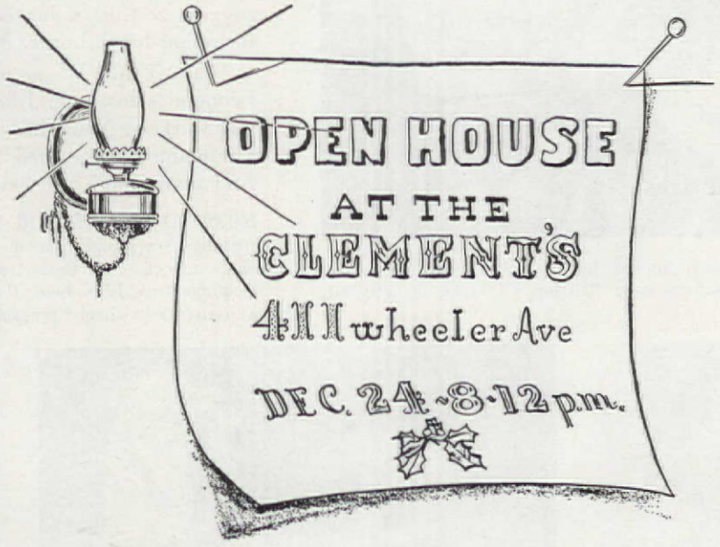
# CHRISTMAS

It's really too bad that Christmas comes but once a year, for the things it does to people shouldn't be limited to one short season alone. Somehow, there's no question at Christmas about sharing with others. The lid is off on giving, and it's "Merry Christmas" to everyone, from the apple salesman on the windy corner to the president of the company. From about the 20th of December to the 1st of January, this spirit of good fellowship lasts. Hospitality is the keynote. Doors and hearts are open. There's food and drink for all who come. And then what happens? After the first of the year the Christmas spirit is wrapped up and put away in cotton,




## 1. Christmas Is a Family Affair

ANGELINE M. CLEMENT

YES, Christmas is a family affair, with children dominating the scene. Every traditional picture of Christmas I have seen takes for granted the complete family circle, parents and children, grandparents, and an assortment of aunts, uncles, and cousins joining the holiday fold. But what if there is no family in the two and three-generation sense? That was the problem in our house until a few years ago.

It wasn't always so. 'Way back, there were toys hidden in dark closets, stockings filled in secret, a ceiling-high tree, decked and spangled in the dead of night on December 24. There was Christmas morning, and the Great Discovery, the wild whoops of joy at the sight of the trimmed tree and the mysterious packages at its base. In recent years, however, our home has become a "grown up" home of three adults. Christmas Eve continued to be jealously guarded as a family celebration, but something was missing and Christmas Day came as a distinct let-down.

Six years ago, we decided to do something about it. We wanted to recapture some of the friendly family spirit. So we said, "If we haven't a family, why not make one to order"? Then, as an afterthought, "Maybe there are others in the same boat." So we decided on a Christmas Eve Open House. Not the smart, sophisticated, cocktail variety, but a gay and hospitable one, in keeping with the spirit of the day.

We made up our minds to keep it simple, flexible, and to let people know they'd be welcome any time for as long as they wanted to stay. The invitations became a part of our Christmas card. They were sent out a little earlier than usual so that friends and neighbors could have plenty of time to make up their minds. The hours were to be from eight until midnight.

For two days preceding our party, we baked cookies, rolled out fattigmands and decorated with spruce and holly. Promptly at 8 o'clock on December 24, we took off our aprons, after the last finishing touch was put on our tempting buffet, and our first and successful attempt at Tom and Jerries. Then we waited; 8:45 came and still not a soul had arrived.

At nine o'clock, just as we were ready to pronounce our Open House a dud, we heard the stomping of snowy feet on the front porch. Our first callers had arrived! They were a childless, middle-aged couple who had come 'way across town on a trolley! They had been spending their Christmases alone, too, and welcomed the chance to join us in our new kind of family celebration. They've been coming every year since. Their arrival was the start of a stream of friends which continued 'til past midnight. Our first party netted a Christmas family of seventy-three, and each year it has been increasing.

This is what we served our "family" on that first party night.

"Kalter Aufschnitt"
(Platter of cold meat and sausage)
Smoked oysters Smoked salmon
Jumbo shrimp in bacon
Salted wafers Dark rye bread
Pickles and olives
Potato chips Poinsettia salad
Home-made Christmas cookies and fruit cake
Fattigmands
Tea Coffee
Tom and Jerry

Yes, Christmas is a family affair. If you haven't a family of your own, get one made to order.

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along with the tree ornaments. The doors and hearts are open, yes, but not so easily or so graciously. The sparkle and the song have gone, too, not to be seen or heard for another long year. That isn't right, that isn't true to the real meaning of Christmas. Goodwill to men, which we call the Christmas Spirit, isn't for just one calendar day. It is for all times and for all men.

## 2. Eight Children's Parties

**Big Game Hunt . . . Rodeo Party**
**Comics Jamboree . . . Toy Shop Party**
**Touchdown . . . Animated Adages**
**Around the World . . . Jawbreaker**

NINA KAYE

**In 500 B.C., Romans celebrated the beginning of their spring, the Saturnalia, on December 22. They decked their houses with boughs and oranges, symbolic of the sun; apples, of the moon; and nuts, of the stars, which joined in greeting an awakening world**
**–EDNA S. SOLLARS**

SINCE Christmas is primarily a time for the young, it's a smart idea to have some party ideas up your sleeve, and be prepared for a jolly holiday season.

Here are a few that will make everyone happy, including the parent that's presiding over the boisterous brood. First of all, it's a good plan to have a theme for your party. It gives you something to start with around which to build.

**BIG GAME HUNT:** The invitations are correspondence cards cut in shape of a lion or tiger copied from a book. They read something like, "Come to a Big Game Hunt at my house," then give the date and the time. Mail them as postcards.

Choose the games to be played at the party, and write each on a separate card that's hidden in rooms where hunters may go. When everyone has come, the hunt begins. As each child finds a card, he retires from the hunt and reads the instructions for his game. When all cards are found, the games are played in the order of finding, and each child directs his own game.

**RODEO PARTY:** This can be for girls, boys, or both. The invitations would be written on ten-gallon cut-out hats. and would bear the invitation, "All cowboys (cowgirls) and Indians out for the big round-up at my house" on such and such a day. Have red and blue bandanas to tie around the necks of those who do not come in costume. Here's the program for all who come:

**Bronc Busting:** Players try to balance, unsupported by hands or feet, on a bottle, placed sideways on the floor. A gold chocolate coin for each minute the player stays on. Players keep their coins and add up to see who is the big winner at the end of the rodeo.

**Riding:** Players straddle a mop handle placed between two chairs. Holding on with one hand, they try to pick up a handkerchief from the floor with the other hand, cowboy fashion. A coin is the prize for all who don't fall off in getting the hanky. "Heigh-ho Silver"!

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**Roping:** Divide players into two teams. Give members of one team a short piece of rope. They must tie as many knots as possible in the rope in two minutes. Now, the other team must untie the knots, in the shortest possible time. Reverse the procedure. The winning "money" goes to the team untying all knots in the shortest time.

**COMICS JAMBOREE:** For school-age youngsters. Send out vividly colored invitations for your party, and ask each to come as his or her favorite comic-strip character—Bat-man, Superman, Buck Rogers—you'll get them all. Have the guests write down the names of their fellow guests, and, alongside, the comic-strip person each is supposed to be. When everyone has seen everybody's costume, each in turn calls off his own "name" while the players check their lists. The one with the longest correct list wins the highest honors.

Tear out the pages of a comic book and hide them in the room where the party is held. See who can find three pages that form one of the "stories" in the book.

**TOY SHOP PARTY:** Invitations are in the form of a toy catalogue. Pictures of toys can be cut from advertisements and pasted on the inside of cardboard folders. On the outside write:

The Toy Shop presents:

Beneath the pictures of the toys, write the place, time, and date of the party and pop them into the mail for delivery.

Guests are greeted at the door by a human Jack-in-the-box. Get a big square carton from the grocer and cover with brightly striped paper. Leave the top attached at one side. Dress the party child in a crepe-paper costume and put him or her into the box with the lid almost down. Up he pops, every time a new guest arrives, to the delight of everyone.

The favors are toys which can be played with at the party, like marbles, jacks, bubble pipes, paper doll books, and so on. Let the children hunt for chocolate pennies and "buy" the favor they want as they would in a toy shop.

For toy charades, each player decides on a toy he'd like to represent, and acts out the motions of the toy for the others to guess.

*MORAL: Solve your gift problems at Yuletide with the Classified.*

This season many of the useful gifts you may be thinking about will be "hard to find."

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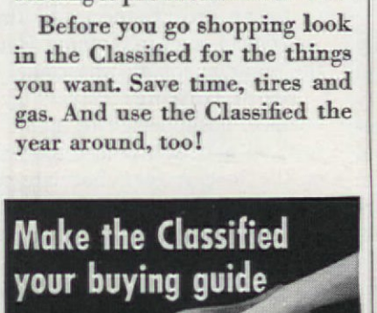




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**TOUCHDOWN:** (pencil and paper game for all ages.) Two players compete at a time. Draw a "field," two inches long and an inch and a half wide, on a piece of paper. Mark the center with a dot. The ends of the field are the goals. One player places eleven dots anywhere on his side of the field as his "team." The opposing player places his pencil on the center dot and studies the lineup. Then, *with eyes shut,* he dashes his pencil to the goal. If it reaches the goal without being blocked (going through a dot) he scores a touchdown. Dots placed too close together give him a chance to go around the ends.

If a player is blocked, he drops out, and another takes his place. If he scores a touchdown, the opposing player has a chance. They alternate, drawing a new field after every other play, until one is blocked. Players keep a record of their touchdowns for high score—and a prize—at the end of the game.

**ANIMATED ADAGES:** (For older active children.) Have ready a list of familiar proverbs, half as many as there are players. Form two teams, and line them up on opposite sides of the room, facing each other. Whisper the last word of a different proverb to each player on one team and repeat the same group of sayings to the other side. Place a cup of jelly beans on the floor between the teams.

Read one of the proverbs. As soon as the player recognizes it as the one for which he has the last word, he dashes to the cup and takes out a bean. But the player on the other team with the same word may get there first. If he does, the bean goes to his side.

Should a player dash forth when the proverb doesn't end in his word, two points are scored for the other side. The team with the highest score when the proverbs are all read, wins the game. A good variation is to substitute well-known advertising slogans, or the titles of well-known books, for the proverbs.

**AROUND THE WORLD:** (For older children—a pencil and paper game.) Players sit around the table. Each prints the name of a place, a country, state, city or river. Have several pairs of scissors on the table so the letters can be cut apart, and placed in separate envelopes. Everyone passes

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his envelope to the player on the right. At the word "Go", players rearrange the letters and write down the name on a sheet of paper kept for that purpose. Three minutes are allowed, then the letters must be jumbled into the envelopes and passed to the right again, whether the player has figured out the answer or not.

Around the table the envelopes go until each player gets his own back. Players then read off the names they wrote, while all check to see who has the longest correct list. You can play this game with names of famous people, too.

**JAWBREAKER:** (School age, active.) Players sit in a circle on the floor. One player begins the game by pointing to another player and calling out a letter of the alphabet. The player pointed to must *make up* a word, beginning with the letter given, before the first player counts five. If the letter is B, he might say something like Brxyl, for instance.

Should he give a real word by mistake, he must take off a shoe and put it in the middle of the circle. Both shoes off and you're out of the game! If the player gives a word before the count of five, it's his turn to point and call a letter. Otherwise, the first player has another chance.

When the players tire of making up words, those who lost their shoes dash to retrieve them from the pile. The first one properly shod, wins the race.

So we start you off with these games and party ideas. Let the child who's giving the party choose his favorites. Prepare a full list beforehand, and then let the chips fall where they may. (And if you find one of your grown-up parties falling flat in the middle of the evening, try one of them yourself.)

*Sketches by William J. Hennessey*

**The first mince pies were known as Christmas Boars, and were baked in the shape of a pig, since the boar is the pièce de résistance on British holiday tables. These first pies symbolized the gifts of the Three Wise Men to the infant Christ Child, because of their Oriental spices and fruits, while the bits of meat signified the sacrifice of flesh upon the altars of the ancients.** –EDNA S. SOLLARS

## 3. Bowling Party

### Fun for everyone who's hale and hearty

HAZEL CARTER MAXON

THE ancient sport of bowling is still the newest fun! So why not make a holiday party of your bowling night? Your invitations, prizes, and favors can all be symbolic and the party will be a success if you top it off with a buffet supper that's crowned with a tenpin cake!

For the invitations, draw two diagonal lines, representing a bowling alley, across the upper left hand corner of a correspondence card. Add a ball going very fast toward a diamond shaped formation of tenpins. Then, in black ink, print this amusing little ditty:

It will truly bowl us over
If you will be so "pally"
As to join our bowling party
Which is strictly up your alley.
Time Place

If the guests are to meet at your home, serve fruit cocktails, and with each one give a package of cigarettes and something to nibble on during the game, but which won't spoil the appetite for supper. Then you're ready to get going:


SHE STERILIZES BABY'S DISHES, BUT LETS

SEWER GERMS

THRIVE IN THE DRAIN!

YES, EVERY DRAIN IS A FAVORITE BREEDING PLACE FOR THE SAME KIND OF GERMS THAT BREED IN SEWERS!*

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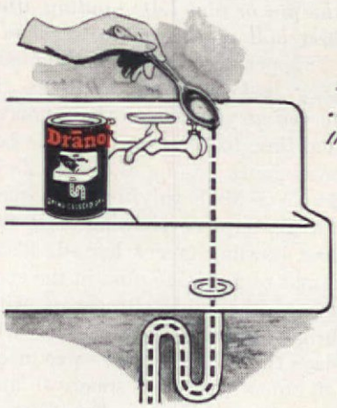


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It's needed to make explosives!

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EXTRA IRON
IN THESE
DELICIOUS FOODS

MOLASSES COOKIES and BRER RABBIT MILK SHAKE

A delicious combination! For the milk shake, mix one tablespoon Brer Rabbit Molasses with a glass of milk.

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Make it often! Children love this delicious way to get extra iron.

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Scientific tests have shown Brer Rabbit is second only to liver as a rich food source of iron. Three tablespoons supply about one-third of a child's minimum daily iron requirements.

Start serving Brer Rabbit Molasses today—on cereal in place of other sweetening, as a spread for bread, in delicious gingerbread and cookies.

BRER RABBIT MOLASSES comes in two flavors: Gold Label, light and mild-flavored: Green Label, dark and full-flavored.

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Please send me—free—Brer Rabbit's special new collection of sugar-saving recipes. Also "Modern Recipes for Modern Living," containing 116 recipes.

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Address_____


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Tell each player low scores will have to give forfeits, to be redeemed. Prizes for high scores.

After the games have been lost and won, and you're enjoying a hearty buffet, you'll get a great deal of entertainment from these forfeits the unlucky ones pay.

**A BOWLING QUIZZ** is interesting to play at supper. Here are the questions:

1. What wood are official tenpins now made of? (*Maple*)
2. What were the earliest tenpins made of? (*Stone, in the Middle Ages*)
3. What is perfect score in bowling? (*300*)
4. How many "frames" to a game? (*10*)
5. What is meant by a "turkey" in bowling? (*3 strikes in a row*)
6. In what American literary classic does a form of bowling figure? (*Rip Van Winkle*)
7. What was one of the earliest bowling locations in America? (*Bowling Green, New York City*)
8. Why were the "ninepins" of Henrick Hudson's day changed to "tenpins" of today? (*Excessive gambling among Dutch burghers resulted in a law against playing "ninepins" so an extra pin was added and they could thus play tenpins."*)
9. What is meant by "dead wood"? (*Pins knocked down by a fair ball.*)
10. Name an outstanding nationally-known bowler. (*Ned Day*) (*Falcaro*)
11. What is meant by "picking a cherry"? (*Rolling at pins left standing and picking off the front pin.*)
12. What is meant by "blowing a spare"? (*Failing to knock over the pin or pins left standing after first ball of the frame is rolled*)

Supper decorations can be made very colorful and amusing, if served at your home where you've had time to decorate the table before going to the bowling alley. Make a Medieval Bowling Green for centerpiece showing how the first bowling greens looked. Place a mat of artificial grass in the center of the table. Border it with bright, real flowers. Since, in early days the ball or "bowle" was made of stone (one-half spherical and the other half oval-shaped) you can find two stones which roughly measure to this description. Place one at each end of the "green." Instead of pins, the marks for early bowlers were cones placed at each end of the green. (The ball was played back and forth as in quoits). Make two cardboard cones and place one at each end of the green. Then, to make the setting colorful and amusing, dress two dolls in crepe paper medieval costumes and place one at each end of the green as if they were actually playing.


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## 4. Party for Phonograph Fiends

DUANE BRADLEY

ONE of the great American pastimes is breaking records. Another is collecting them, and it's the last pastime we're writing about! Why not have a record party for your collecting friends, and for those who love music, but don't collect?

In your invitations, offer prizes for the oldest record, the funniest, the best record typical of any one type of music—anything that may fall within the realm of your guests' interests. Every collector has his own pet field and will love to show off his choice items.

One thing nice about this type of party is that you can have as few as four, or as many as thirty, and the ratio of interest increases with the number! At our party, there were twenty-five people invited, and their musical and recorded interests ranged from European operas to recordings of Indian tribal music, with a liberal sprinkling of swing and boogie-woogie.

Our own record library contains dozens of genuine mountain ballads, dating back to the fifteenth century in Scotland, and sung with few changes by real mountaineers. It was part of the evening's fun to compare the words of these songs with those in anthologies of poetry.

A particularly favorite part of our record party was the white elephant exchange. It has always seemed strange, but fortunate withal, that what is a white elephant to one person will be the answer to a prayer of another. In this case, the blonde pachyderms were records that had been bought in an off or weak moment, and which the purchaser lived to regret. We asked everyone to bring as many of his mistakes as he could spare, and they were all herded together on a big table to await their fate.

When the first breathing spell of the evening came along, we auctioned off these records, giving each one credit for every record he had contributed. Bidding was hot and heavy, but the results were most gratifying to all concerned. Elephants that had been white changed color under the hands of their new masters, and went docilely home, to live musically and happily among a different collection of fellow records.

Music may be food for the soul, but it takes real down-to-earth provender to feed the inner man or woman. We didn't really expect our guests to subsist on music alone, so we served refreshments throughout the entire evening, via a well-stocked buffet table that had been pushed against the wall to give all possible room for dancing. We decided that, unless it was a sit-down, knife-and-fork affair, which it wasn't, hors d'oeuvres were the best thing, since one can balance a canape even while waltzing to the *Blue Danube*—though it does detract somewhat from the romance of the dance itself!

There were plates of tiny sardines on whole wheat crackers, sliced meats, a variety of cheeses and dozens of different crackers.

We have a favorite cheese mixture which we bring out on all such occasions. Mash cream cheese to the consistency of heavy cream, and add either canned milk or cream. Then scrape in garlic, to taste, put it in the refrigerator for some time before serving so that the garlic can permeate the mixture. When this is served on flaxseed or butter wafers, it always proves to be the most popular tidbit.

# How to save 30 minutes on your next chicken dinner

**Start with this tender, young Cloverbloom Chicken...Table Dressed the new Armour way that saves work for you**

FRIED chicken is not just a summertime dish now. You can have it next Sunday by getting a young Table Dressed Cloverbloom fryer—fresh-frosted right in its tender prime for frying. And it'll be the easiest chicken dinner you've ever fixed!

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**Cloverbloom Cheese** Many tasty varieties, natural and pasteurized.

**Share the meat** by serving good poultry often. It is not a restricted meat

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**Glorious time of Great Too-Much,**

**Right thy most unthrifty glee, and pious thy mince-piety**

—Leigh Hunt, "*Christmas*"

CERTAINLY Mr. Hunt must have just staggered up from a Christmas dinner when he wrote those immortal lines. They come not only from a full heart, but a full stomach as well, and though they were written many years ago, they are still as true of our Christmas feasts today, and, we hope, always will be.

Christmas *is* a glorious time of great too much and how we all live through it to come up smiling the next Christmas is one of the annual wonders of the world! But we do. We love the over-stuffed dinner tables, even though we may have to go and lie down after we arise from the board. Whether the feast is laid in the great dining hall of a mansion house, or in the smallest home, there is that mutual abundance that is part and parcel of Christmas tables. Maybe the meal is served by liveried butlers, maybe by a maid-by-the-day, but more than likely the one that is most enjoyed, is the Christmas dinner, family style. Somehow, that has the real feeling of Christmas because everybody has a part in it. Mother probably does get the brunt of it, since she has the cooking to do, but that's the price she pays for being a good cook! Dad gets a workout, too, since the carving of the bird is his sacred rite to perform. Of course, he carves the Sunday bird, too, but that's everyday, compared to Christmas.

In the planning of our family Christmas dinner, there's nothing to hinder Dad's wielding of the implements—no fancy leggings to get in the way of the carving knife, no elegant garnishes to spill off and get spots on the tablecloth. He can just go to it, and carve, and keep the production line going.

And Mother's on the other end of that line, dishing out the creamed onions, the mashed turnips and potatoes. Cranberries are in easy reach, and homemade bread-and-butter pickles, pickled peaches, and strawberry jam.

It's the time to bring out all the best china and linen. We created an heirloom in the hand-embroidered cloth that's for just such special days. We cued our centerpiece to its pine and cone design, but gilded the pine cone.

**Christmas dinner, family style! Here's the way we do it—without fuss, fanfare, or "high style"—as friendly as Christmas itself!**

*Photographs by*
*F. M. Demarest*

**—And a Christmas supper that would make Santa himself forsake his chimney for your buffet table! Easy to prepare, easier to take!**

"Of course I "Buy-for-a-Week" at a time—

# I think it's more patriotic than day-to-day food shopping!"

When you can help your country—help your grocer—and help yourself at the same time—what woman alive wouldn't *want* to?

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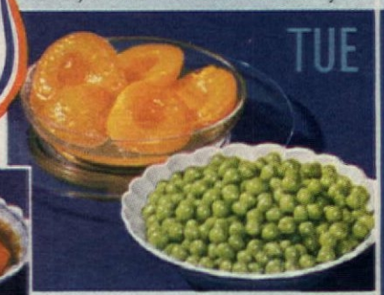


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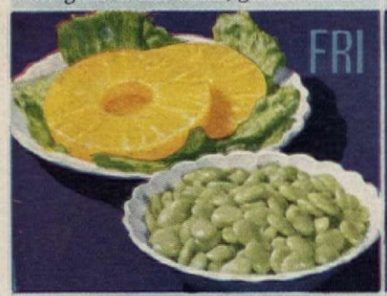


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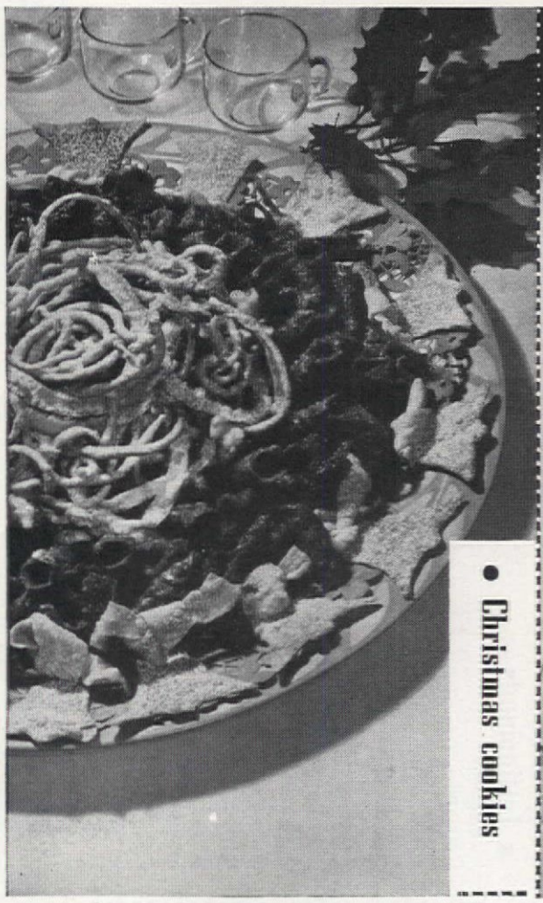
And we gave each person his own Christmas candle to light his place. In other words, we've made it the kind of Christmas feast that keeps up with the holiday loves and likes, without fuss or fanfare, the kind of a meal that's as American as baseball in its being and procedure, and as old and friendly as Christmas itself in spirit. Or, if you are one of those who prefer to do your holiday entertaining from a buffet table, we've thought of that, too, and show the gay red and white table with a spread for Christmas supper that would make Santa himself forsake the chimney for your front door. This is a grand idea for anyone who hasn't the room for spreading a big feast, too. You can accommodate a lot of people with little effort, and keep them all happy, gastronomically and otherwise. Most of the work is done beforehand and you're free as



• Christmas cookies

• butter toffee ice cream

• poinsettia casserole

**Sugar and spice, and everything nice . . . that's what makes up a pretty big part of gracious Christmas hospitality, and here are lots of both!**

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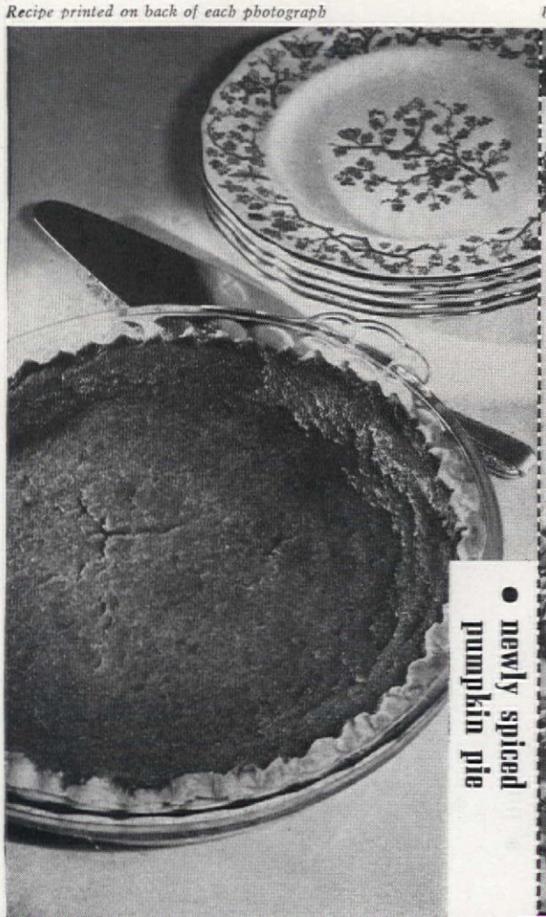
*Recipe printed on back of each photograph* *F. M. Demarest*



• newly spiced pumpkin pie

• holly salad

• Christmas candies

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**Here's how to make that gay holly salad, seen on the Christmas table; pumpkin pie, wartime spiced; poinsettia casserole; and such ice cream!**

## • caramels

4 cups brown sugar
1 cup thin cream
¼ cup light corn syrup
½ cup butter
1 tsp. vanilla

*Preparation time: 55 min.*

Mix brown sugar, cream (top milk may be used), and corn syrup in a sauce pan and cook 5 min. after candy comes to a boil. Then add butter and continue to boil until syrup reaches 246°F. or a small amount of the mixture forms a firm ball when tried in cold water. Add vanilla and pour into a buttered 8" square pan. When cool, take candy from pan, place on a bread board, and cut into ¾" squares. Wrap each piece in waxed paper. Makes about 100 pieces. *41 cal. per piece.*

## • caramel apples

Select 12 firm apples, wash, and dry. Insert wooden skewers in blossom ends of apples. Make caramel recipe and, when done, place over hot water. Plunge apples, one at a time, into syrup; remove quickly, and twirl to coat evenly. Place on waxed paper to cool.

*Submitted by* Mildred S. Parks *Tested in* The American Home Kitchen

## • holly salad

24 tiny whole beets
½ pkg. (1½ oz.) cream cheese
2-3 tbsp. horseradish
¼ tsp. salt
Water cress
French dressing

*Preparation time: 30 min.*

Select tiny whole beets of uniform size and, with a small corer, hollow out centers carefully leaving the bottoms intact. Mix cheese and drained horseradish thoroughly, season with salt, and fill centers of beets. Arrange water cress on salad plates and lay 3 stuffed beets on each plate. Pour French dressing over water cress just before serving. Serves 8.

*128 cal. per serving. Source of vitamins A and B complex.*

*Note:* If beets are not all the same size, they may be pared down to uniform shapes and sizes. Use left-over portions in a vegetable salad or as chopped buttered beets.

*Tested in* The American Home Kitchen

## • pumpkin pie

*Preparation time: 1 hr., 20 min.*

3 eggs
¼ cup sugar
1½ cups milk
2 cups cooked pumpkin
½ cup molasses
2 tbsp. melted butter
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. ginger
1½ tsp. allspice
1 baked pie shell, 10" diameter

*For a firm pie with a shiny top:* Beat eggs slightly, add sugar and milk; cook in top of double boiler until mixture coats spoon. Mix pumpkin, molasses, butter, salt, spices; fold in custard, pour into pie shell. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 50 min. or until firm.

*For a fluffy pie with a golden brown color:* Separate egg yolks and whites. Make a custard with slightly beaten egg yolks, sugar, and milk. Follow directions as given above and lastly fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake as above. Will serve 8. If there is any left-over filling, bake as a custard for the children.

*249 cal. per serving. Source of vitamins A and B complex.*

## • apple mincemeat pie

*Preparation time 35 min.*

To one package prepared mincemeat add 3 apples, finely diced. Add the amount of water called for on the package and cook 5 min. If you like a tart pie, extra sugar is not necessary. Serves 5-6.

*340 cal. per serving.* *Tested in* The American Home Kitchen

## • poinsettia casserole (left-over)

4 cups sweetpotatoes, mashed
Butter
Salt and pepper
4-5 medium-sized apples
Chestnut halves
4 tbsp. brown sugar
2 tbsp. butter

*Preparation time: 40 min. (cooking time of potatoes not included)*

Season sweetpotatoes to taste with butter, salt, and pepper. Place half this amount in an oiled casserole. Pare and core apples. Dice 3 apples and spread over sweetpotatoes in casserole. Cover with remaining sweetpotatoes. Cut 2 apples in thin wedges and arrange on top. Place chestnut halves around apples, sprinkle with brown sugar, and dot with bits of butter. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 30 min. or until apples are tender. Serve with maple syrup. Serves 8. *285 cal. per serving. Source of vitamins A and B complex.*

For a dish in keeping with the Christmas decorations, steam a hubbard squash for 30 min., cut in half, remove the seeds, and use each half as a casserole. Fill as above and arrange the apple slices on top to resemble a poinsettia (for a vivid poinsettia effect, cook sliced apples a few minutes in water deeply colored with red vegetable coloring). The squash may be baked again the next day and served as a vegetable.

*Tested in* The American Home Kitchen

## • butter toffee ice cream (bridge dessert)

1 cup sugar, caramelized
1 cup boiling water
2 tbsp. butter
3 eggs, slightly beaten
¼ tsp. salt
2 cups evaporated milk
½ tsp. almond flavoring
1 cup chopped pecans

*Preparation time: 45 min. (allow 3 hrs. for freezing)*

To caramelize sugar, place it in a heavy frying pan and heat. Stir while sugar is melting to prevent lumping. When thoroughly melted, add the *boiling* water slowly and cook until it is a thin syrup (5-7 min.). Add butter. Mix slightly beaten eggs with salt and 1 cup of evaporated milk, stir in caramelized sugar mixture, and cook in top of double boiler until mixture will coat a spoon. Add remaining milk and flavoring and let cool. Pour into refrigerator tray and freeze with control set at coldest point. When partially frozen, remove tray from refrigerator, stir ice cream well, and add chopped nuts. Finish freezing. Serve with *brandy sauce*

1½ cups sugar
1¼ cups boiling water
1 tbsp. butter
1-2 tbsp. brandy (or rum)

Caramelize sugar, add boiling water and butter, and boil until it makes a thick syrup, 8-12 min. Remove from heat and add flavoring. Serve slightly warm over ice cream. Serves 8.

*481 cal. per serving. Source of vitamin A and some B complex.*

*Tested in* The American Home Kitchen

## • fattigmands

2 whole eggs
1 egg yolk
½ cup sugar
3 tbsp. cream
1 tsp. brandy or other flavoring
2 tbsp. melted butter
1¾-2 cups flour
⅛ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. ground cardamom
Fat for deep fat frying

*Mixing time: 15 min.*
*Rolling and frying: 30 min.*
*(should stand overnight)*

Beat whole eggs and egg yolk with a spoon, add sugar and continue beating until light. Add cream, flavoring, and melted butter. Sift flour, salt, and cardamom together and add to first mixture. Beat thoroughly. The dough will be quite stiff. Place in a bowl, cover and allow to stand overnight or longer in the refrigerator. When ready to use, roll *paper thin* on a well floured board. Cut into strips, 1" wide by about 3" long and tie into loose loops; or use a cookie cutter for fancy shapes. Fry in hot fat (390°F.). The frying should take no longer than a minute. Drain on absorbent paper and dust with powdered sugar if desired. Serve with punch or afternoon tea. Makes 40 to 50 pieces.

*33-44 cal. per cookie.*

*Submitted by* Wilhelmine Nelson *Tested in* The American Home Kitchen

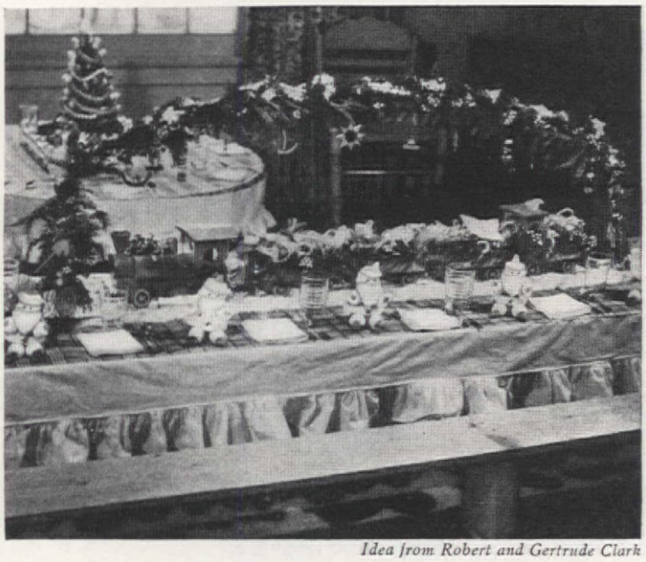
*Photograph printed on back of each recipe*

air to join in the fun with your guests. You won't need to worry about whether they are getting enough to eat. That's their lookout at a buffet. It will help things along, though, if you have the ham carved before it's brought in. It's easier both on the ham and on the guests! We're pretty pleased with the poinsettia casserole, too. It's beautiful to look at, and there's no dish to wash when it's gone! You can eat up everything but the shells of the squash, and that's what will happen, for it's that good!

Christmas is such a special time that it deserves all sorts of special foods; even the rolls should be out of the ordinary. The ones served with this supper are of the rye variety, and so light and elegant in taste that if you're a wise hostess you'll make twice as many as you normally would to supply the demand. Serve them piping hot, in a gay wooden

bowl, perhaps, as we did, and butter them before you bring them to the table. It saves time and dishes, both things to be considered during the holidays when there's so much going on.

Another unusual touch we've given this supper is our choice of beverage. Have coffee on a serving table for the devotees, but serve milk, a big, generous pitcher of it, on the table. After the many liquids that are imbibed during a holiday this will be a smart offering on your part as a hostess. Pitchers of milk, bowls of rolls, baskets of cookies, freezers of ice cream—they're all a generous expression of the hospitality that we've come to associate especially with Christmas entertaining. It's been that way ever since there was a Christmas and, we hope, always will be.



*Idea from Robert and Gertrude Clark*

**For the young! Gingham tablecloth with ruffled sides of coarse muslin, a wooden trainload of tarlatan candy bags under an arch of greens. Jolly apple and marshmallow Santas**

OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER TABLE: Silver, Gorham's *Camellia;* crystal by Cambridge; Vogue Mercantile's prize winning *Autumn* china; candles, Emkay; pine cone favors, made by Amelia Rogers. Tablecloth designed and hand embroidered by Georgiana Brown Harbeson

Speaking of ice-cream freezers, we brought the source directly to the table. No middle man is involved. No licking of spoons in the kitchen, and snitching of a bit with every dish. No, sir, you step right up and serve yourself to elegant butter toffee ice cream, then pour brandy sauce over it and retire to the blissful consumption of your prize. And what is better than real homemade ice cream, whether it comes from the freezer that you willingly crank, just for the privilege of licking the dasher, or whether you make it in your refrigerator? On such homespun occasions as Christmas, we prefer the first method, and it does make a rather quaint and festive method of serving it, and keeping it at the same time.

But there's nothing so formal or flossy as cake to go with the ice cream. That would be stepping out of the casual character we've chosen for this supper. Try little Christmas mincemeat cookies, served in a basket, tied with a red ribbon to add to the general gaiety. You'll probably have to fill it up several times, so be prepared ahead of time for their popularity and make a double batch!

As for the table itself, certainly there could be nothing more fitting than the time-honored red and green used with white for a color scheme,

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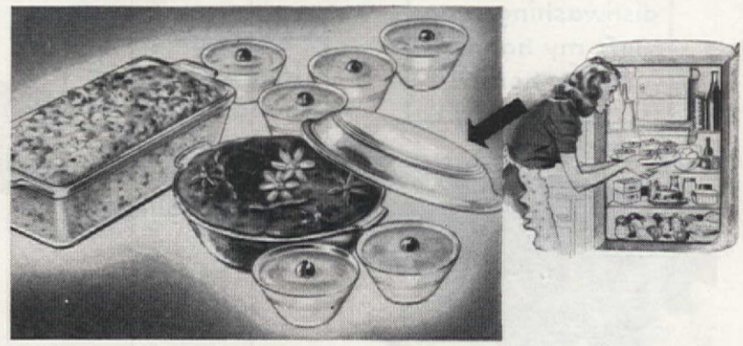

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no more fitting decorations than bells, holly, shining Christmas ornaments, and red candles. There's nothing fancy or unusual about any of them, but they're the essence of Christmas and you can do wonders with them in the simplest manner.

The cheerful red garlands are made of rickrack braid, looped to conform to the table, and caught with holly. The red, red bells that bring a cheerful end to the braid are crepe paper, quickly and easily made with a paste pot, wire, and knowledge of how and where to stretch the paper.

For the centerpiece, we used white encrusted bells, and filled them to overflowing with red and green Christmas tree balls of various sizes.

OUR CHRISTMAS SUPPER BUFFET TABLE: International's *Spring Glory* silver, Macy's; Cambridge ruby glass, Stern's; Southern Potteries china, Bloomingdale; freezer, Hammacher, Schlemmer; linen, McCutcheon; wooden plate bowl and basket, Altman's; ornaments, Corning Glass; decorations, Dennison. Idea adapted from Hermia Rogerson

We backed them all up with sprays of holly, but another kind of greens would do just as well if you haven't holly in your part of the world.

These are two tables we think express the Christmas spirit, as far as dispensing hospitality in the grand and good manner is concerned. Whether you gather your family around a green and gold table for a real honest-to-goodness sit-down feast, or whether you invite your friends in for a friendly, informal supper, served from a buffet that's gay with Christmas trimmings, doesn't make much difference. It's the spirit with which it's done that sets it apart from everyday affairs.

Christmas food can be served this year, as always, with cheer and gaiety. Its traditional flavor need not be sacrificed to ration cards, if you know a trick or two. Christmas candies, too, are possible. (See page 51.) Would you have caramels? A grand bet, for they can be made either into chewy chunks to be wrapped in paper, or, in a liquid form, can coat an apple-on-a-stick with a jacket of sweetness, merely by dunking the apple into the syrup, and letting the caramel harden. Remember: If you want to make more candy than one batch turns out, don't double the recipe. Start all over again exactly as the recipe is given. In making the caramel squares, allow to cool before cutting, or there'll be no parting there!

Christmas cookies can be both eatable and decorative, especially if they are heaped on a big platter with thought and care. When your friends drop in for a personal "Merry Christmas," they'll be much impressed by the beauty of the cookies that you serve with punch. After they've tasted some, they'll be even more impressed with their delicious crispness. The three types of cookies we show on page 51 lend themselves to design very readily. In the center are feathery batter cookies, and around the edge are cookies cut in bell shapes and tied in bow knots before they're popped into deep fat for momentary frying. And these are only starters. You can use your own cookie recipes, and doll them up to meet the Christmas rush. There's no end to fancy shapes and decorations that can be made; they're as much fun to make as to eat!

# Holiday Hospitality

F. M. Demarest

• Christmas pancake (gourmet)

• sandwich fillings

• golden spice cake

• "quickie" company soup

1 can (11 oz.) condensed pepper pot soup
1 can (11 oz.) condensed chicken noodle soup
¾ cup baked beans, New England style
2 cans cold water

Mix the pepper pot and chicken noodle soups in a saucepan and add the baked beans. Using one of the soup cans, measure water into the saucepan. Blend ingredients well and heat to the boiling point. Serve. Serves 6.

*120 cal. per serving. Source of vitamin B complex.*

*Tested in* The American Home Kitchen

*Recipe printed on back of each photograph*

# Holiday Hospitality

*Photograph courtesy Standard Brands*

**Breaking bread with friends is half the fun of Christmas, so do it the easy way, and let the youngsters help themselves!**

*Photographs Courtesy of H. J. Heinz and Standard Brands*

"THE coffee pot is always hot for folks that drop in, like as not," one of our contributors wrote, in describing her home. And nothing fits this Yuletide season better than such an easy, informal mode of welcoming guests — for the true spirit of Christmas is friendliness, and that can be extended in the homeliest of ways.

By all means, use your best service for coffee, and add a few little touches to the things that go with it. Ever try fruit preserve fillings in doughnuts? They'll bring as many "um's" as spice cake could—and that's plenty.

For late Christmas morn, after the children have run down considerably, plan a breakfast for a few intimate friends or visiting relatives. Do keep it sensibly simple—a menu of fruit, pots full of steaming coffee and very special Christmas pancakes. The pancakes, laden with raisins and candied orange peel, are different enough from usual fare to give the breakfast a gala touch, and by centering your efforts on seeing that this one item gets to the table steaming hot, with melted butter and cinnamon-sugar to add the final fillip, you'll do your guests a good turn. They'll probably all eat bountifully later in the day, and there can be too much of a good thing.

Entertaining for the younger fry shouldn't mean that Mother and Father wear themselves out in the process. Actually, your son will be a hero to the whole crowd if

you set him up for a one-night stand at his own sandwich bar party. The milk bar and the soda bar are the stamping grounds for youth so generally now that the theme is a natural for successful parties at home, and certainly easier all the way around than the familiar buffet.

So that your young host will feel perfectly at home, set up a long table, or two or three together, and place on it all the "must's" of good sandwiches—a copious bread board, a toaster or grill nearby, small bowls with softened butter, salad dressing, pickles, sandwich spreads, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, or any of your own special concoctions. Don't forget to slice the bread in advance, and to provide knives for spreading as well as for cutting. If you feel the need of something more substantial than sandwiches, don't try to think up new tricks—just rely on that favorite of all youth, hot dogs. Have the frankfurters steaming hot, the rolls split for toasting, and the "trimmings"—mustard, catsup, and pickles—handy.

Growing boys and girls need good warming foods—particularly if they've just finished an afternoon of skiing or skating, so, for a first course, have a thick soup, which can be easily made by using canned products as the base, and easily served in large cups from a tureen on the food bar. For dessert, a cake that follows all the dictates of your sugar rationing, with maple syrup icing, and ice cream are still topnotchers. Pitchers of hot fudge and hot butterscotch sauce will lend the authentic drug-store touch. Besides plain milk to drink with their sandwiches, milk shakes can be whipped up and the kids love doing it. There's chocolate for flavoring, of course, and maple syrup is just as good. Have you ever tried hot maple syrup poured over vanilla ice cream? It makes a dessert that will actually melt in your mouth. So don't worry about fancy desserts—ice cream and cake is still the young American favorite.

CHRISTMAS goodies should be seen, not just eaten. Because you've taken special pains with them, bring them out into plain view and let them help carry out the holiday setting.

Effective table centerpieces can be made by using a molded pudding, a plate of cookies carefully arranged, or decorated candies and tidbits. We made up cookies in various shapes to lend variety. Around the edge of our plate are placed fattigmands cut into bell shapes. The fence-like arrangement is of lacy cookies rolled over a wooden spoon handle, and it is filled with Swedish cookies in unusual shapes, made by pressing the batter through a pastry bag into hot fat. For the bowknots, strips of dough were tied into loose loops before frying.

You'll be rewarded for your days of canning at this time of year, for your gift problems are already boiled down to a mere wrapping process. Bright bows and Yule

# Holiday Hospitality

## • Christmas pancake (gourmet)

*Preparation time: 30 min.*

4 egg yolks
2 tsp. sugar
1 cup cream
1 cup sifted flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
3 tbsp. candied orange peel
1 tbsp. grated orange peel
⅓ cup seedless raisins
4 egg whites

BEAT egg yolks and sugar until lemon colored. Add cream. Reserve ¼ cup flour and sift remaining flour with baking powder and salt; add to first mixture gradually. Dredge raisins, and orange peel with remaining flour. Stir into egg mixture and fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Place 1 tbsp. butter in a frying pan and when butter has *just* melted, pour pancake mixture into the pan. Raise the heat slightly and cook for 10 min. Then remove to a pre-heated oven (400°F.) to finish cooking. This will take about 10 min. longer and the broiler may be turned on the last minute or two if cake is not browning enough. Take from oven and slip onto a heated serving dish. Pull into pieces with two forks. Serve with melted butter, and sugar and cinnamon blended to suit your taste. If you like, lemon butter could be passed instead of the melted butter. Make it by blending ½ cup melted butter, 2 tbsp. grated lemon peel, and 1 tbsp. lemon juice together. Note: The secret of success in making this pancake depends on having the frying pan barely warm and butter just melted when the mixture is poured into the pan. Then raise the heat gradually for cooking. Serves 4-6.

***400-600 cal. per serving. Source of vitamins A and B complex and iron***

*Submitted by* HERMAN SMITH *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

## • sandwich fillings

**1.** When the college crowd comes home for the holidays, let them fix up their own sandwich bar. It takes plenty of frankfurters or hamburgers. They can be plain or the frankfurters may be split with pieces of cheese in them, all ready for broiling. Have warm buns on the table and bowls filled with relishes of all sorts.

**2.** These make good substantial sandwich fillings for a college party or for the lunch box. If used for a sandwich bar, have sliced tomatoes, lettuce, and pickles for trimmings.

Mash ½ lb. liver sausage and mix with ¼ cup evaporated milk and 3 tbsp. catsup. If you like more seasoning, add ¼ tsp. mustard, 1 tsp. grated onion, a chopped hard cooked egg, and a dash of salt.

Grind 3 oz. of baked ham and mix with 1 hard cooked chopped egg, 4-6 chopped sweet pickles and bind together with 2 tbsp. mayonnaise.

Grind ¼ lb. left-over beef or pork and mix with ½ cup shredded carrots, ½ cup chopped celery, 1 tsp. grated onion, ¼ cup sweet relish, ¼ cup salad dressing, ½-¾ tsp. salt and ⅛ tsp. pepper.

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## • golden spice cake

*Preparation time: 45 min.*

½ cup butter or shortening
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
3 eggs, separated
2¼ cups sifted cake flour
1½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. nutmeg
1½ tsp. cinnamon
¾ tsp. allspice
⅓ tsp. salt
¾ cup water
⅓ cup molasses
1 tsp. vanilla
¾ cup broken nut meats

CREAM butter or shortening, add sugar slowly, and beat well. Add egg yolks and beat until smooth and fluffy. Reserve ¼ cup flour for the nut meats and sift remaining flour with baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg, cinnamon, allspice, and salt. Mix the water, molasses, and vanilla together and add to the creamed mixture, alternately with the dry ingredients. Stir in floured nut meats and fold in egg whites, which have been beaten until stiff but not dry. Pour into 2 oiled 8" layer pans and bake in a moderate oven (375°F.) 25-30 min., or until cake tests done. Remove from pans, let cool and ice with maple frosting.

***Maple frosting:***

1 cup maple syrup
2 egg whites
¼ tsp. baking powder

Boil syrup until it forms a soft ball when a small amount is tested in cold water. Beat egg whites until stiff and add syrup slowly, beating continuously. Add baking powder and beat until cool. Ice cake. Cake will serve 12-16. ***276-368 cal. per serving.***

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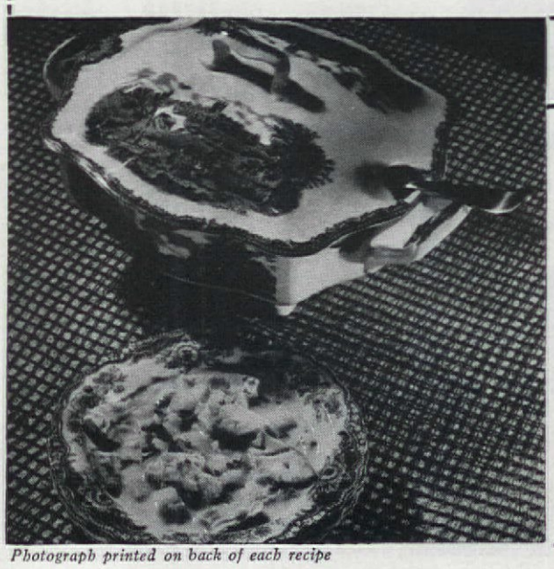

## • clam chowder, New England style

*Preparation time: 10 min.*

1 can (15 oz.) clam chowder
1 cup milk
Salt
Pepper
Onion salt
3 pilot crackers

OPEN a can of Rhode Island style clam chowder and pour contents into a saucepan. Add milk and salt, pepper and onion salt to taste. Heat, but do not boil, as the milk will separate. Break pilot crackers into bowls and pour chowder over them. Serve immediately. Serves 3-4.

***510 cal. per serving. Source of vitamins A and B complex***

*Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

*Photograph printed on back of each recipe*

# Christmas

**A molded pudding makes not only an attractive centerpiece, flanked by holly trimmed candles, but an edible one, too!**

will be an unneeded duplicate if you stick to the culinary kind. And just to insure its final unveiling against disaster, take good care in preparing it for shipment. Cake or cookies or candy should be well cooled before they are wrapped in wax paper. Then, if possible, select a box into which the article fits snugly; if that's impossible, pack with crushed paper or popcorn or marshmallows so that it won't slide around and be broken. If it's an iced cake, anchor it to a cardboard on the bottom of the package so that it will suffer the least possible damage. Take as much pains wrapping your gifts as in making them, and they'll come through smiling.

labels will transform a jar of jam or jelly into as glamorous a gift for your sweet-toothed friends as pounds of costly candy. Boys in camps yearn most of all for these little morsels of home cooking—they get the essentials and don't need large mail order dinners, but, oh, how they love Mother's divinity or strawberry preserves! Candies and cookies can be packed in inexpensive little tin containers, which the boys can put to good use after they've devoured the contents. The same type of tin box is practical, too, for a child's gift, since it can hold his lunches after it's served its original purpose.

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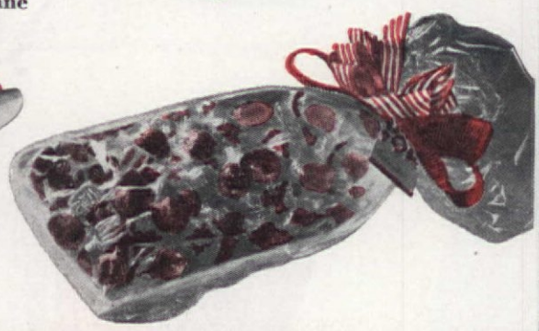
**Christmas cookies in extra-fancy shapes look as good as they taste**

*F. M. Demarest photographs*

**Mighty sweet to hang on your Christmas tree—wooden scoops of goodies wrapped in cellophane**



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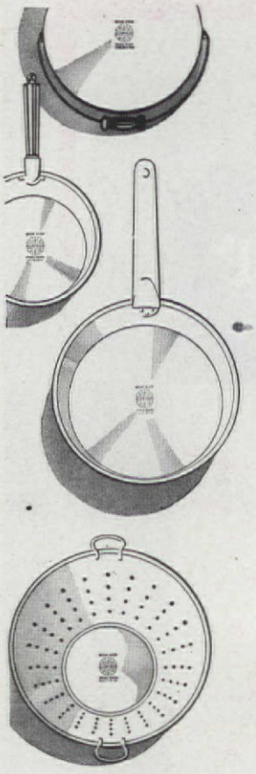

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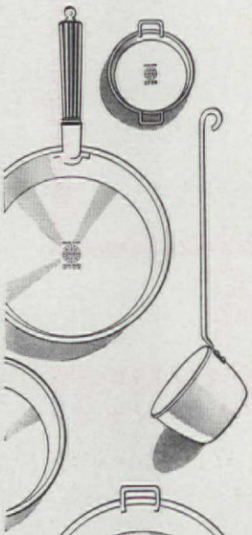

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Every pound of aluminum being manufactured today is going for war purposes. That makes caring for aluminum more important than ever. Hot soapy water is all that is usually necessary to clean aluminum. If discoloration appears on the inside of the pan, cooking rhubarb, tomatoes, tart apples, or sour milk will brighten the finish without spoiling the food. You can also remove the stain by boiling 2 tablespoons vinegar to each quart of water in the discolored pan for a few minutes. Never leave food or water in aluminum pans any longer than necessary;

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it causes pitting and makes the pan more difficult to clean. When worst comes to worst and you do let food burn, fill the utensil with water and let stand for about an hour. Then remove as much of the burnt food as possible with a wooden spoon. A fine scouring powder or steel wool, grade 00, will finish the job. Then wash in hot soapy water, rinse, and dry. Don't use scouring pads on the outside of an aluminum pan or strong alkaline soaps.

Iron pots should be washed in hot sudsy water or hot soda and water and don't forget to dry them thoroughly. If a piece has rusted, remove rust with steel wool.

Give enamelware the care necessary to retain its beauty and usefulness. These rules are simple: Never strike it with hard, sharp blows. Cold water shouldn't be dashed into it while hot. Never let it boil dry—turn down the heat as soon as the food starts boiling and you'll have fewer burned pans to wash. If, with all your care, foods stick, soak the utensil in water, then wash with soap and water. In stubborn cases use baking soda and water, harmless to the finish.

Glassware is very attractive and usually very easy to wash with just soap and water. Occasionally one does let food cook too long. In this case, just soak the dish in warm water to which 3 tablespoons baking soda have been added for each quart of water. Avoid using sharp abrasives or knives, which might scratch the glass. If baking dishes are well greased before using, they'll be easier to wash. Glassware will stand considerable abuse but is not unbreakable. Don't remove from the oven with a wet cloth and don't set a hot dish on a wet surface. For the surface cooking dishes use plenty of water.

Earthenware and pottery should be heated slowly at first but are good for long hours of surface or oven cookery. The hints for glassware are equally good for these.

Tin is bound to turn dark with heat so avoid harsh abrasives and scrubbing which take off thin coating and leave the metal underneath open to rust. The best way to remove burnt foods is by boiling soda and water in the pan *just 3 to 5 minutes.* Then wash and dry thoroughly—no chance to rust.

Just washing stainless steel in hot soapy water, rinsing, and drying will clean it. For burnt-on food, use a gritless cleaning powder or very fine steel wool; for heat tints, a stainless steel liquid cleaner.

The ornamental metals, brass, copper, and bronze may be lacquered, while soap and water does a most effective job on the others.

# Christmas Giving

CHRISTMAS giving, which is over as soon as the package is opened, can't measure up to the gift which furnishes something for the recipient to do. To a girl working on her trousseau, give the thread and pattern for a bedspread; to her grandmother, who dotes on needlepoint, the wool and instructions for making the lovely wall piece at the right. For the father of youngsters, the wood and building plans for a toy chest. All of these AMERICAN HOME CRAFT patterns are ready, with material requirements listed, thus solving your gift problem easily and sensibly.

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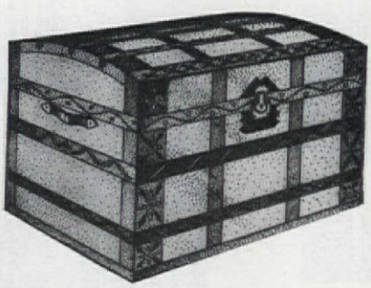

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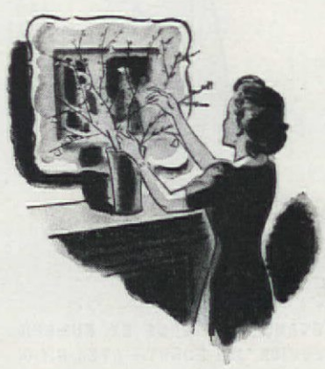
# "Your Christmas begins in the spring"

TO MOST people the Christmas season means, not only a time of joy and happiness, but an extremely busy time as well. For me, the last few holiday seasons had become so frenzied with family entertaining, yuletide obligations, gift lists to be filled, etc., that the busyness far exceeded the joy and happiness. Finally I decided to do something about it. The result is that now my friends receive no gifts from me at Christmas—only a Christmas card decorated with a reproduction of my garden in full bloom and, after the greeting, the words "Your Christmas Begins in Spring."

When the first pussywillow dons its demure gray velvet, out comes my list of friends and out goes my first Christmas gift. For my source of offerings I have available an old orchard, a bit of woodland, and my rather small flower garden. Since I have conceived the idea of a delayed Christmas, I have expanded my garden to include varieties of flowers and shrubs which are attractive when cut and which pack and ship well for long distances, if need be. Across my garden now march such sturdy flowers as gladiolus, Shasta daisies, sweet rocket, peonies, chrysanthemums, and so on, that blossom well and don't mind traveling.

Many of the plants I send are grown from seed, so I'm always looking for tricks that will give better results in the early stages. For instance, here's one from Rena Bauer on transplanting seedlings that may interest you: Keep all postcards that come to your home, and run a spatula over each to make it pliable and easily rolled. On the card put several teaspoonfuls of damp earth; lay the plant out on this, put more earth on the roots, roll up the card firmly, pin it or fasten it with a rubber band, fill the top with more earth and it is ready for transplanting out-of-doors. Should immediate planting be inconvenient, place wet sand in a dish-pan, set all the plants next to one another, and put some water on the sand; then the plants can stand in their containers for a long time, or until it is convenient for you to set them out in the garden. This is done without removing the card surrounding the plant.



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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared W. H. Eaton, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Business Manager of The American Home and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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send branches cut from the shrubery border — forsythia, spirea, owering almond, lilac—or from e trees in the orchard, such as um, pear, apple, or crabapple. ll are cut late in March and imersed for a day or two in tepid ater and then shipped. A few ys in a container of water in my iend's sunny window insure a vely display of bloom for her.

To another friend who enterins frequently through the sumer I send, on such occasions, a riety of flowers suitable for house d table decoration, chosen to mplement her color scheme. To nother, whose apartment's modnity demands the unusual, I send ng sprays of tiger or regal lilies, rrot tulips, a sheaf of gladiolus.

My favorite gift, I think, is a ixed bouquet, not only because a meager supply of flowers, but cause assembling them into bouet form is a fascinating occupaon. All sorts of color combinaons and flower effects are possible. he first bouquet of spring usually nsists of sprays of lavender, rple or white lilacs, vari-colored lips (Clara Butt is lovely with rple lilacs), white jonquils, a w yellow tulips and, if the flowers are for immediate delivery, deep purple or yellow iris. Later in the summer I send flower arrangements especially effective for use in the living rooms of my friends or for party table decorations.

Bouquets of miniature flowers are interesting, and the "makings" are always acceptable to persons to whom combining flowers into small pictures is a hobby. Such tiny flowers as white feverfew, English daisies, lavender sweet alyssum, forget-me-not, linarias, etc., are excellent for the purpose. Materials for achieving artistic flower arrangements are always a welcome gift for any plant lover.

Winter bouquets are acceptable to many persons. Almost any combination of dried flowers and grasses is interesting. My last box of the year usually contains dried gypsophila, straw-flowers in various colors (obtained by dipping the dried bloom in dye), pods of butterfly-weed, sea holly and globe thistle (both so attractive with their steel blue foliage), statice, and lunaria with its thin silvery pods. To friends who have their own gardens, I send plants, seeds, and bulbs for their collections.

MARTHA PRATT HAISLIP

## Kate Andrews Gives Rain Checks

A RAIN check for a Christmas present? Of course! It's smart, it's useful, it's different. In the final analysis, it's *unted!* After two years' experice in sending these reminders of hat is to come, I'm convinced at they really are a success.

At first I thought it might be fficult to know what to send, but listened, and my friends actually ked for what they wanted without realizing it until the packages rived. For example, my friend tty dislikes to cook. One day e said, "I'd give a lot for a homeade dessert, even a good piece of e." So now she gets a note readg, "Dear Bett: A day's notice ll bring to your very door: a ney cake; a pie (your choice of kind); a batch of special rolls."

There is simply no end to the ideas that friends' wishes can supply. I have decided that there isn't a person who wouldn't enjoy an order of cut flowers—or maybe an I. O. U. for a corsage for that very special party. Again, this Christmas I'm giving Mary Lou a rain check for three days' labor, next spring. Whose labor? Mine! I'll help her build her lily pool exactly like the one I made for myself. So, you see, rain checks can really be anything from the anticipated litter of pups or the nest of canaries to a day's sewing or helping a pal put on her formal dinner party.

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# You, America's Leading Lady—

ELINOR SCOVILLE

WHAT kind of a woman are you? Why, you aren't *A* woman at all—you are many women behind that one face of yours. You are an actress who is required to slip quickly and unobtrusively from one role to another many, many times each day. You change from the part of wife to that of mother, on to daughter and to executive, all within the hour. Even your voice is different for each role, and there is little merging from one character to another. How successful would you be if you used your complaining, tired-wife voice when making a request for funds for the Red Cross, or the sharp, no-foolishness voice, saved for disobedient children, on your husband's boss?

Here is a little test for those of you who don't feel you've been using all of your talents to the greatest advantage or putting your best efforts into your roles. Test yourself and see where you are slipping. Catch yourself before your audience does. The test is based on four of the best known and oftenest played roles in the average woman's life—wife, mother, friend, and citizen. Each positive answer rates five points, for there are 20 questions. And IF any of you rate yourselves 100% or near that mark, you had better go back over the questions and be a little more honest with yourself!

On those questions to which you find you MUST give a negative answer, do a little more studying to improve your interpretation of the role in the future.

So, ask yourself these few penetrating questions, and let the answers guide you in the future.

1. Do you make an effort to be good to look at most of the time, even if your husband doesn't seem to notice it?——

2. Do you practice (but in a subtle way) endearing little tricks of pre-marriage days?——

3. Do you smilingly keep a united front to the world, not telling your husband, before others, that he is entirely wrong about the way that story goes?——

4. Do you graciously entertain his dull friends just as often and as willingly as you do your own scintillating friends?——

5. Are you a faithful wife, making your women friends all feel sorry that they haven't such a nice lord and master?——

Now you can't play all your roles with the same accent—so how do you rate as a mother?

1. Do you have fun with your children, and they with you?——

2. Do you have a technique whereby there is time for family outings without confusion, family discipline without resentment, fun tempered with seriousness?——

3. Are you sometimes able to forget what *your* generation did and project yourself into your child's generation?——

4. Do you consider your family more important than *your* own life, *your* social and club activities and *your* own personal fun?——

5. Do you allow your children time for growing and for developing individual interests, not regimenting every hour of their day with practice, lessons, etc.?——

Maybe you have been a pretty fine woman in your own home, where things are run to your way of thinking and to your advantage, but how are you when you leave your own hearth? As a friend to others, for instance:

1. Do you do really thoughtful, time-consuming things for the pleasure of your friends, and not just give a big party to pay off all your obligations at once?——

2. Do you repeat charming, complimentary remarks said about other people just as often as you repeat unpleasant things?——

3. Do you really respect confidences, and never refer to them again, even to the one who gave them to you?——

4. Do you take life and the people in it with a grain of salt, without being jealous of your friends' friends, unhappy when you aren't invited to parties, and mad when you aren't on important committees at the club?——

5. Do you provide a lift to your friends' lives and their parties by using your intelligence and talents on them, not being the same old person year after year?——

If you aren't feeling so cocky about now, here is your chance to redeem yourself—you *are* important as a citizen, though perhaps you've never thought of yourself in that role.

1. Do you ALWAYS vote?——

2. Do you give of your services to one community activity that is neither a social nor one of those have-to-do-it positions?——

3. Have you made an effort to be a part of the community?——

4. Do you know community resources, and local history?——

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3½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
¾ cup butter or other shortening
1½ cups sugar
3 eggs
1 cup milk
1½ tsps. cinnamon
¾ tsp. cloves
¾ tsp. nutmeg
3 tbsps. molasses
¾ cup finely chopped Diamond Walnuts

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt; sift together 3 times. Cream shortening well, add sugar gradually, cream until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beat well. Add flour alternately with milk, a little at a time, beating well after each addition until smooth. Divide batter into two parts. To 1 part, add spices, molasses and walnuts. Crisp walnuts give any recipe a real flavor flair—cookies, puddings, salads or hot breads. Put batter by tablespoonfuls into 9" tube pan, alternating light and dark mixtures. Bake at 350° F. for 1 hour, or until done. Frost with your favorite icing—decorate with golden walnut halves. This cake holds its shape beautifully in lunch boxes, and the walnuts make it a truly nourishing dessert!

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| | DAILY NEEDS | ONE POUND OF WALNUT KERNELS |
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| Calories | 2500-4500 | 3210 |
| Proteins | 60-70 gms. | 78 gms. |
| Calcium | 0.8 gms. | 0.45 gms. |
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# Consider the Groom

ELINOR SCOVILLE

**He toils not, neither does he spin on the wedding plans, but he'd love to be asked!**

GROOMS have a way of appearing to be excess baggage before the wedding ceremony, and don't think they don't resent it! Wedding preparations are such feminine affairs. Even the wedding itself is planned around the bride, her attendants, and what they will wear. Did you ever stop to think that the groom is actually the hub of the entire wedding? It was his idea in the first place, and without him there would be none of the partying, planning, and general bedlam that precedes most weddings.

It's just these actual, hectic preparations that keep some men from asking girls the fatal question. Some girls are so carried away with the wedding plans that they discuss every detail with their mothers, their friends, the washwoman, but never think of asking the groom if he prefers a church or a home wedding. Of course there are many details that are the bride's to decide, but it's nice to let the gentleman involved in on what plans are formulating. And it's good practice for the future!

It won't hurt to find out if he wants twenty guests or two hundred, whether he would like his bride to wear pink lace or white satin. Like as not, he isn't consulted on the reception menu or the church decorations. The women involved seem to take it for granted that they can plan better, and that he wouldn't be interested anyway. Maybe that's the case, but it *is* his wedding, too. Maybe he'd like to help pick out the bridesmaids' gifts. Maybe he wants to house-hunt instead of having his future mother-in-law find "just the house"! If the groom's in the service, the situation *is* different but fundamentals are the same.

Men have a strong sentimental vein, and they like all of the old traditions, like carrying their brides over the threshold of their new home, but none of them likes the one about not seeing the bride on the day of the ceremony, until she comes down the aisle toward him. Remember that he has been seeing her at least once a day for weeks, and it will be most reassuring to him to have a chance to talk with her on The Day. Why not let him come in for breakfast with her, alone, with no one allowed to dash in during the meal to remark that the caterers haven't arrived?

IF THE BRIDE IS JITTERY, think of the poor groom, who is supposed to keep a calm countenance throughout the entire proceeding. The bride's friends envy and admire her, but the only thing offered the happy groom is a feeble brand of humor, too often verging on horse play, which amuses everyone but the groom, and he's nervous already. He thinks that marriage is a very beautiful and solemn thing, if only he might be allowed to enjoy the whole business a little more!

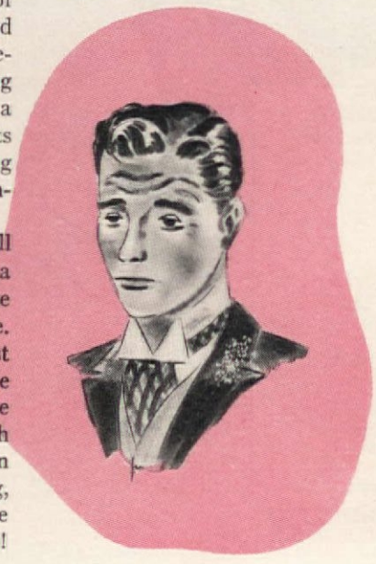
Maybe he never mentions it, but he can't see why his bride-to-be can't learn to use the plural "we" and "ours" instead of "me" and "mine." He doesn't know that she will soon learn, after the pride of ownership sets in. He doesn't know she's already thinking in the plural. After all, he's not clairvoyant! A little assurance would help.

The fact that the bride's grandmother talks about her grandchild's superior mental abilities, leaving the groom with the impression that he and his entire family are trembling on the brink of feeblemindedness, doesn't add to his comfort. There's no way of his knowing that, in spite of Uncle Herbert's idle curiosity as to his job and financial situation, he is by far the most prepossessing of the bride's boy friends and that the family is really pleased pink with him.

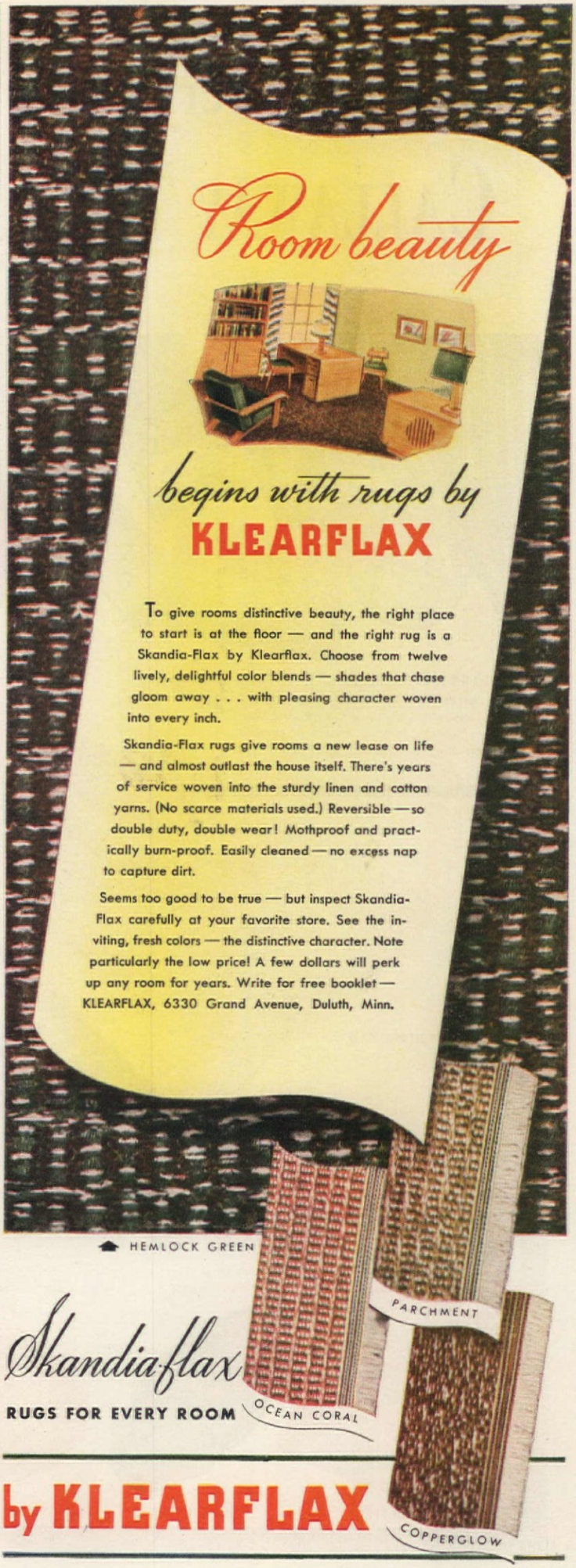
Before the actual wedding preparations have become so involved, the bride has spoiled the groom by always being agreeable to his ideas and plans, by always looking her prettiest, and being always ready to go out with him. When she can't stop addressing envelopes to go with him, when she snaps at him that she's attending to things, he's like a small boy who gets slapped for something he was permitted to do the day before. Why should she cry when he suggests she stop doing so much?

Poor guy! He is only a man after all—he doesn't know why the bride drops her maidenly role just before the wedding and begins to manage him and his affairs, telling him they are going to Save Money and Plan for the Future. He just wants to be agreeable to everyone, enjoy life, and love the lady of his choice with all his heart. He feels by this time that he isn't very important to the wedding, but he'd like to stick around and be in the thick of things anyway.

After the ceremony, marriage is going to be an awfully personal affair between the bride and the groom. Mother and sister won't be there to comfort her, father won't be there to pay the bills. Instead, there will be a fairly unfamiliar man in her life. How much easier this changed life will be if they have been growing together in thought and action during the wedding preparations instead of apart through hurry, nerves, and lack of mutual planning. It's something to think about, with a long think, for happiness is so delicate a thing and there will be adjustments enough to be made without adding to the general confusion of personalities after the ceremony.



So give the groom a break. He will be much easier to manage if he has a look-in. Let him help pick out the silver if he wants to, for instance. After all, he has to eat with it, just the same as his bride. And there are lots of things in which he could be consulted to advantage. Even though he does seem to be excess baggage in the hectic days before the wedding, he's going to be pretty nice to have around for some grand fifty years!

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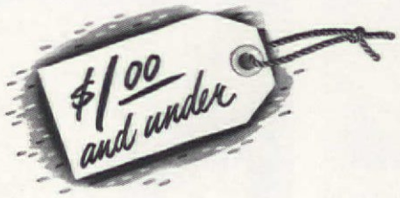
**There will always be a Christmas, of that we were assured a long time ago. But what kind will it be this year?**

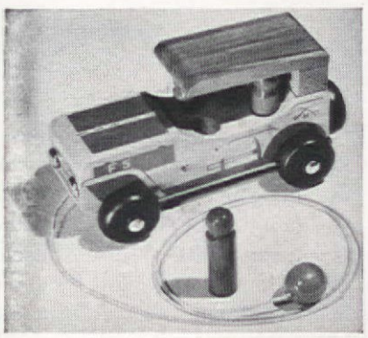


*Paul D. Gamble*

It will be a thoughtful Christmas, deeper than just "merry." Things will be more real than ever before, family and friends more precious. The gifts that you give this year should be really useful ones, gifts that don't tax vital supplies, gifts that won't tie up the transportation that's so essential.

At press time, all the things on these pages were available, and prices were checked and double checked, but don't hold us responsible for changes! Sorry, we cannot purchase these for you—but you'll find them at your nearest shopping center. They're well worth finding, too.

**Three arguments for being a hot plate or a flower pot, just so you could sit on any one of these gay 6″ tiles! They hang prettily, too. $1 each. Molly Boynton**



**It's a Jeep! Amazing in wooden miniature as in life size. From Holgate, it is complete with four buck privates, four wooden tires, and a removable top. All for 75¢**

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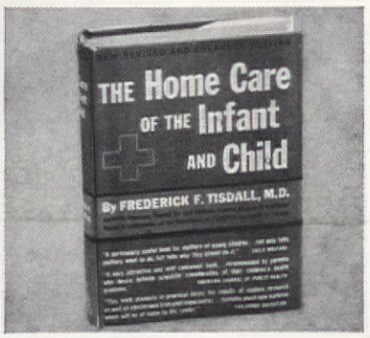
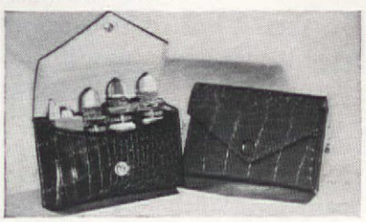
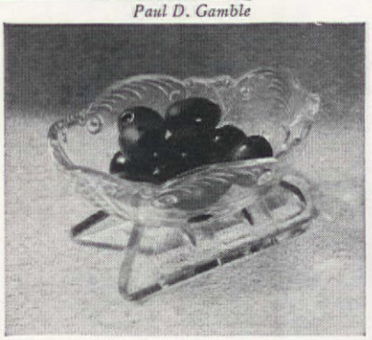
**Good, down-to-earth information on care of young'uns, at a time when it's needed, and by one who knows. This is a new and enlarged edition of Dr. Tisdall's book. The New Home Library, and for 69¢**




**A sweet reminder to go easy on the sugar is the dispenser, one of a four-piece set in plastic-topped glass. Syrup jug, mustard and horseradish jars. $1. Federal Tool**

**Don't bite your nails over what to give when there's this pocket-size Dura Gloss manicure set for 59¢!**





**This quaint glass condiment dish will take your fancy for quite a sleigh ride, and leave you breathless, for it's only 65¢ and Fostoria**

**Swans and lily pads are beautiful and can be useful, too. These Dundee bath accessories come in five colors. Bath size towel, 79¢; guest towel, 39¢; and cloth, 15¢**

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**A miniature miracle in the cosmetic realm. Pond's Beauty Box has five essentials for that well groomed look, all neatly packed under one cover for about 50¢**

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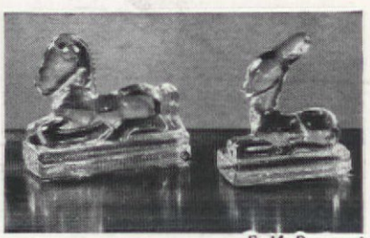
**Animal lovers take notice! Here are house pets that never grow old. They're beautiful, and gentle in Fostoria crystal, about 65¢ each**



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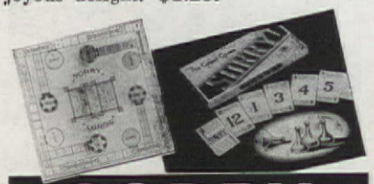

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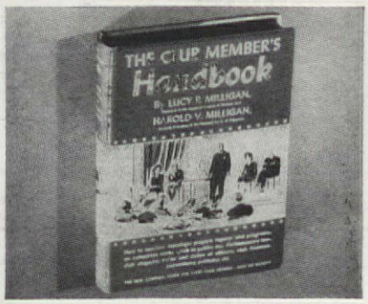
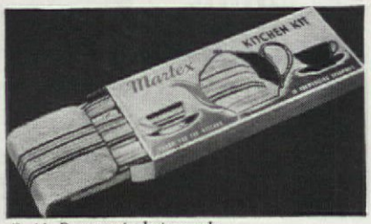
If you're a club member, you'll want it. If not, you probably will be, and will need it. Publisher, New Home Library, **69¢**




Lots of luxury for little! Hind's compact gift set with famous honey and almond cream, cologne, talcum, and facial soap. For **$1**

Come on with your K.P.! It's fun when you have a kitchen kit with seven rainbow colored towels and such. **$1.30.** Martex

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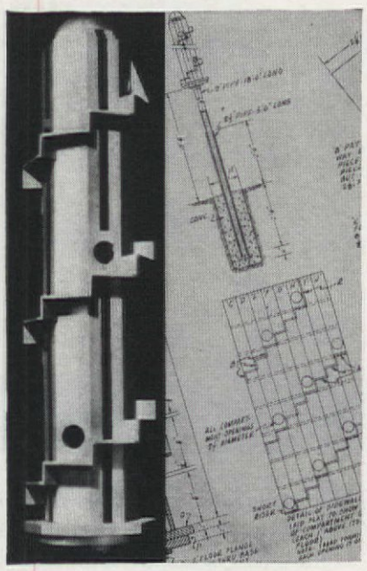

Apartment house for your feathered friends, complete with eight "rooms" and spiral staircase! There's no running water, but the martins won't mind. Chandler Murphy's plans and full-sized patterns for the martin tower. **$1**

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Have you a little "Katinka" in your kitchen? You can have, on chairs, shelves, holders, tables. It's Meritas makes these gay oilcloth things. For sale at dime stores

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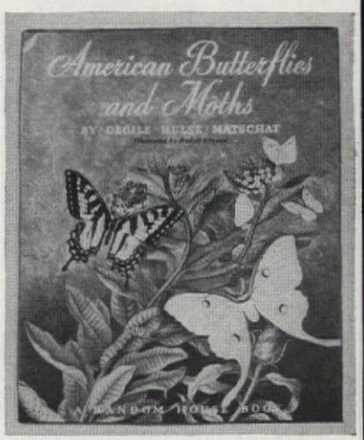
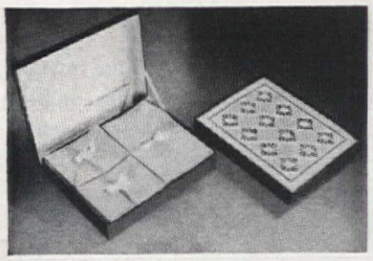
Like to chase butterflies? Are you drawn to moths like a flame? If you don't and aren't, you will be if you read Cecile Hulse Matschat's text, and see Rudolf Freund's brilliant illustrations. A Random House book and sells for **$1**





It must have been from Aunt Dinah's quilting party that Eaton got the inspiration for this quaint paper, embossed in a delightful quilting design for only $1.50

"Coquette's" the set, a four piece one, matched by Cannon to a towel! The dainty, hinged box won't be thrown out, either, after the towels are gone. It will hold other things prettily. About $1.95

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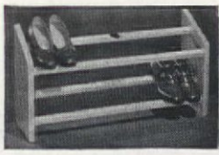

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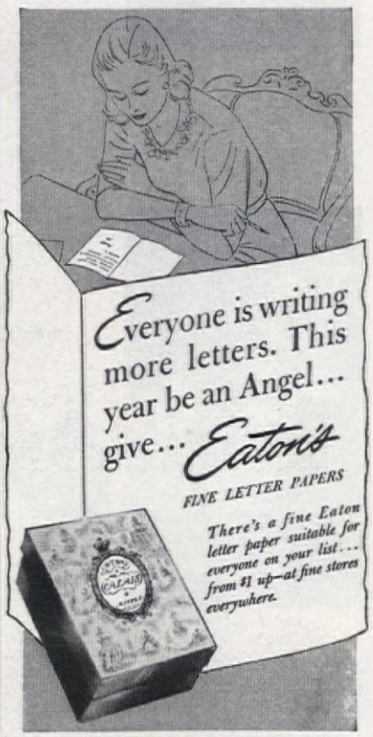


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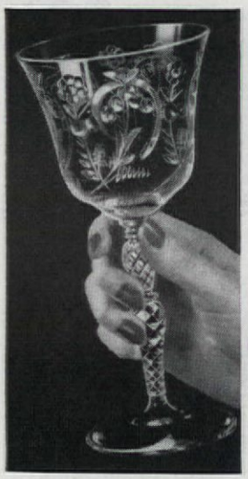


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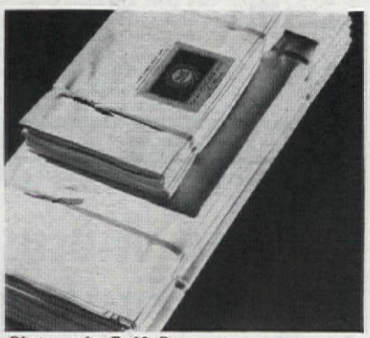

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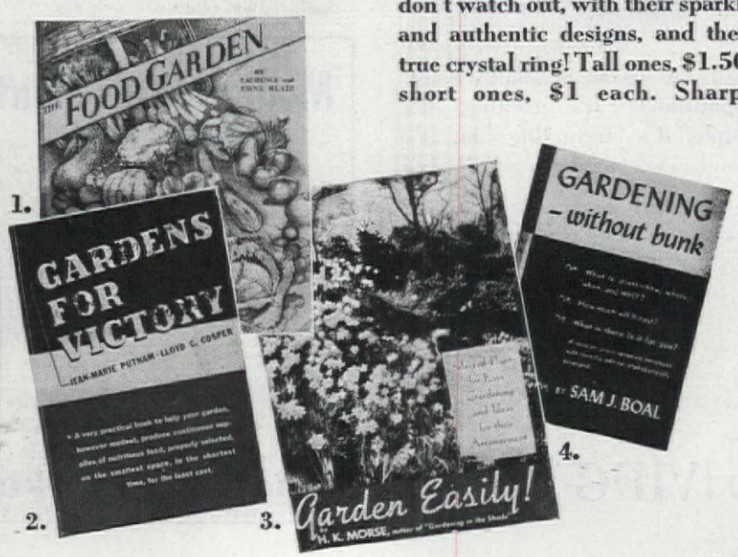
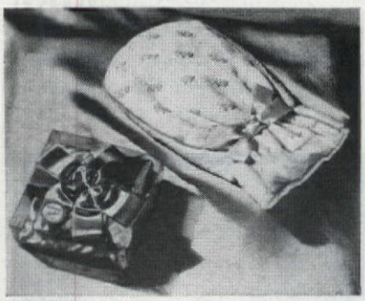
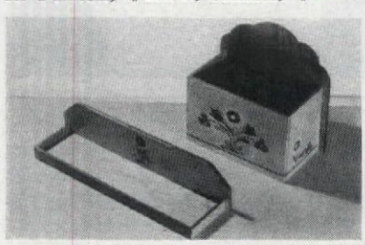
**Gardening books, and no fooling! It's food crops they discuss so helpfully. 1. Macmillan, $2; 2. Harcourt, Brace, $2.50; 3. Scribner's, $2.50; 4. Putnam, $1.75**



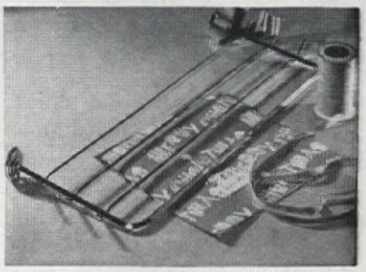
**You can pat yourself on the back if you pick this Milkmaid powder mitten. Your friends will love it! Mitten, $1.75; sachet, $2.50**



**Painted wood spice shelf, $1.20, gay paper-napkin holder, $1.95. From Breslauer and Underberg**

**These goblets will git you if you don't watch out, with their sparkle and authentic designs, and their true crystal ring! Tall ones, $1.50; short ones, $1 each. Sharpe**

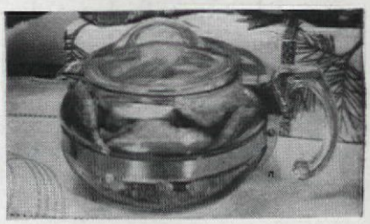
**A place to put things! Like towels and other extras for families on the grow, a problem of time and space solved by Autoyre Co. $1.29**



**What's a whatnot? *This* miniature has every sewing thing for a stitch-in-time. Dennison, $1.25**

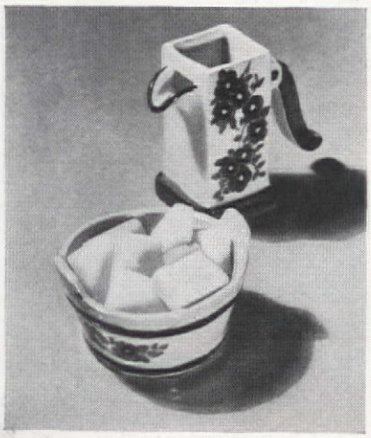
**A lumber yard all his own! Tools, materials, instructions for 6 or 7 year old. Childhood interests, $2**

**Christmas gift tempest in a Pyrex teapot, $1.75. Fill your offering with cookies for an added fillip**

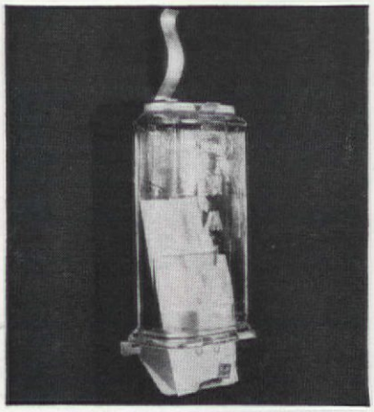


Elizabeth Arden hid her lucite lipstick under a cornucopia. It shines like anything, too! $2.25

Buckets of sugar, and a pump full of cream for your breakfast tray! Makes tea time an event, too. It sounds and is sumptuous. R. W. Kellogg. $1.75 a pair



Hi-Jac hijinks for the long cold drinks. "Initial" comes in assorted colors in set of 8, for only $2. Plain ones, 6 for $1. Killinger



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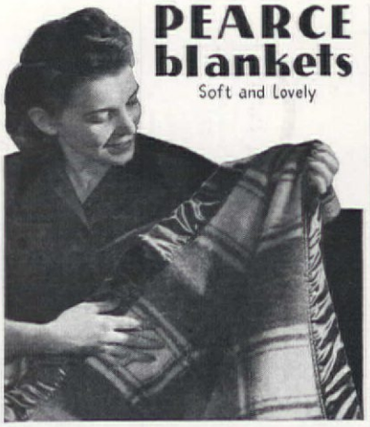

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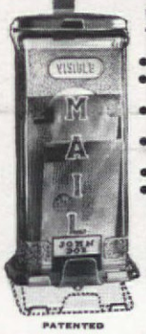


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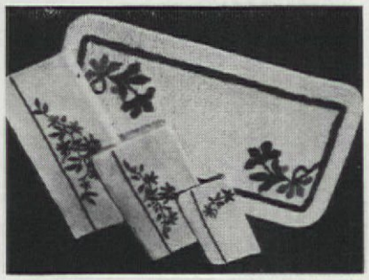
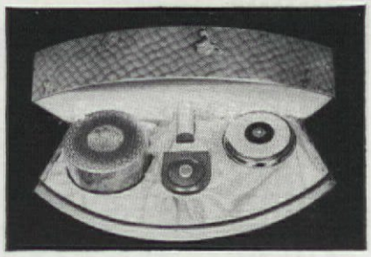
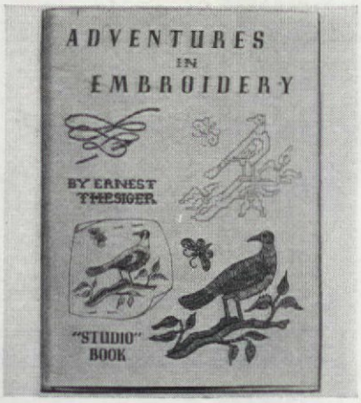


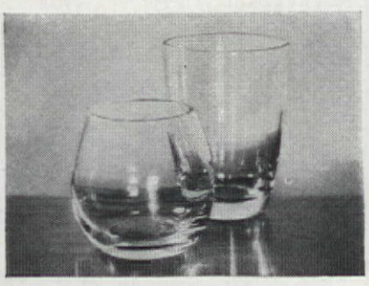
Matchmates by Martex, with a "Chinese floral" touch embroidery. Mat, $2; bath towel, $1.25; guest towel, 89¢; wash cloth, 39¢



Here's a box of beauty for you. Coty's L'Aimant set has what it takes. "Air-spun" face powder, smart compact, red plastic rouge box, and lipstick, for $3.95




For needle and embroidery cotton fiends, a wonderful, wonderful book that brings the art up-to-date. From The Studio, and at $4.50

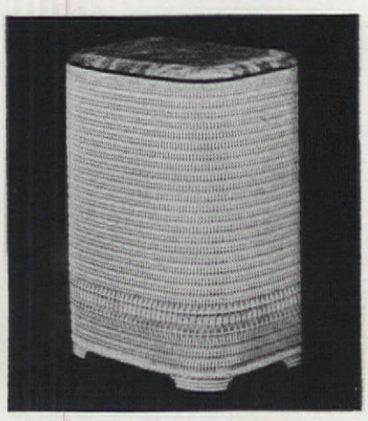


Two vases that will make any flower proud to be included. The 6″ one is $3.50, the 8″ is $4.50. Gleaming crystal, by Fostoria

Landlubbers, ahoy! Here's a land-going version of shuffleboard for home fun. Shufflette's the name. $2.70. Home Game Equipment

It's always good, it's always loved, the lace tablecloth for making a table something special. The one shown is 72″ x 90″, made by Scranton. Amazingly, it's $2.95

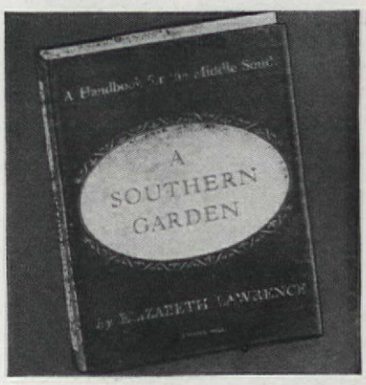
No priority materials in this laundry hamper. It's made of fibre, and has simulated mother-of-pearl top. Three sizes: 17x10½x23; 19½x11½x25; and 24x13x28. $3.95, $4.95, $5.95. F. A. Whitney



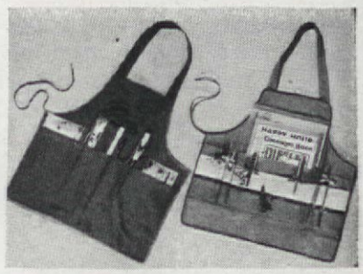
Right: Here's fun for the young, and education, too, with sugar coating in the guise of a real carpenter's apron and tools, $2.95

The royal order of the bath as expressed in Lentheric's gift box. One of the sweetest gifts, $4.75. Perfume, bath powder, and soap

A gay boon to weary feet that go a-walking these days, a footstool painted in Pennsylvania Dutch style. $3.50. Claude Sperling




Special book business for those garden lovers of the middle South, grand, too. Publisher, University of North Carolina Press, $3



For the artistic minded youngster, there's the artist's apron kit that will fan any spark to creative flame! $3.95. Both Ethel Page

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How is your herbal knowledge? Here's one way to increase it, to learn about growing herbs, and their uses. Then there are recipes, too! Macmillan, $2.75

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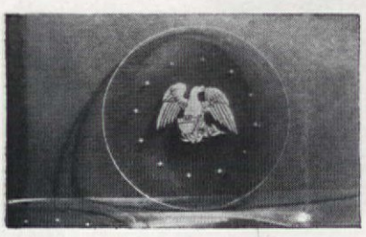
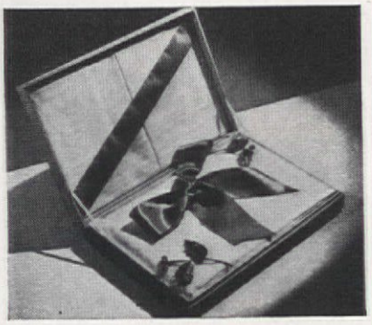


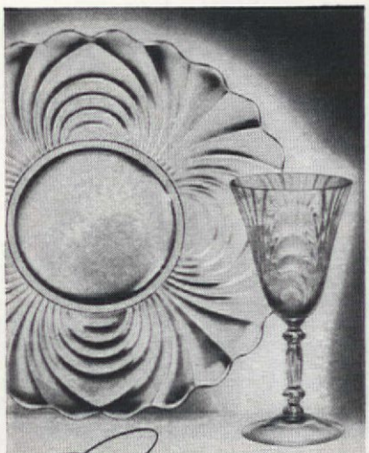
Just ducky is this little glass cigarette box! It's clear crystal and pleasantly goofy, $1.98. Ash tray, same family, 59¢. Duncan & Miller



How to save wear and tear. Have lots of sheets! Pequot muslin sheets come packed two in a box. Two for single bed, $1.89; two for double bed, $2.29. Grand gifts!

For them as likes coffee, and coffee! It's Spode, Pink Tower, and they call it a giant "Joke" cup. Copeland and Thompson, $4.60

A Bonnet Box, for bonnets, *after* the six piece Cannon towel set has been put into circulation. It won't take long, they're too grand. $2.95

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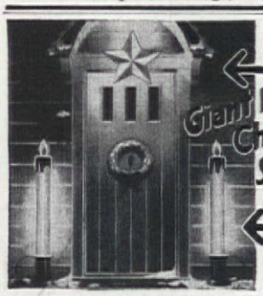

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# Christmas Giving

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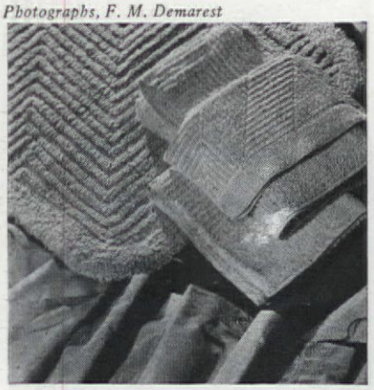
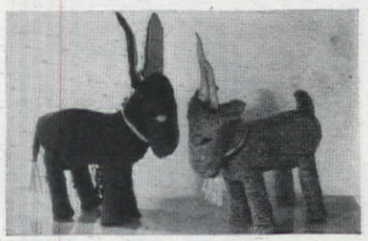
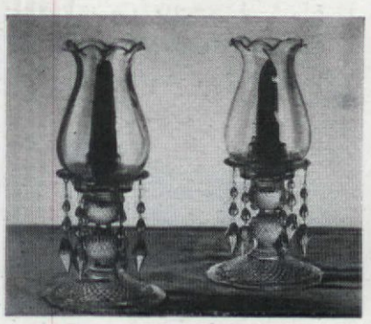


Anyway you mix 'em, they'll match and make a bathroom sing. Calloway's Chevron bath ensemble, with shower and window curtains, $4.98 each. Terry mat, $3; tufted, $3.95; towels, $1.25



The army mule and navy goat get so wound up they can't help singing. They've swallowed music boxes! No wonder they're musical comedians! Scully & Scully, $5.95



A sparkling dash of elegance for a mantel or table are these hurricane candlesticks from Cambridge. Shining crystal, $3.50 each

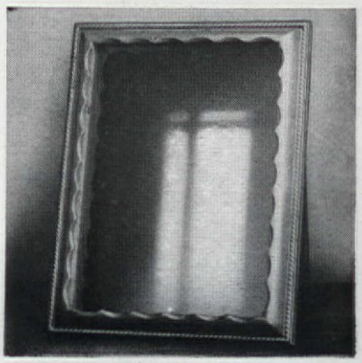
They call it "Weekender," and with reason! Du Barry's handsome lizagator case, in beige or Holland blue, answers all your beauty needs. $5.50. Hudnut

Pause and reflect before this handsome framed mirror. It's 18"x31" over all and will please anyone. Pittsburgh Plate Glass, for $6.30

"Coffee in the living room," and graciously served it will be if it's Spode's *Old Salem* earthenware. Six cups and saucers for $6.75. From Copeland & Thompson

You can have angelic music any time you want it with either of these winged ladies around. *They've* music boxes concealed within. Scully & Scully, $5.95 each

Easel does it! Something for milady to look into, on her dressing table. It's 12"x16" over all, just a convenient size. Comes in bronze or mahogany. Nurre, $5.95



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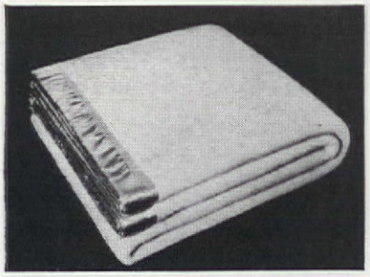
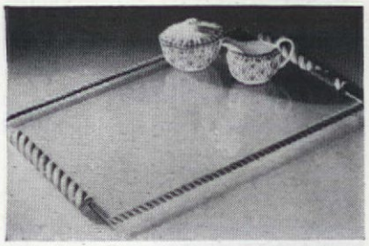
Priceless practicality! Cannon muslin sheets. Two make a wonderful gift, six, better. 81″x99″, $1.49 each, regular package

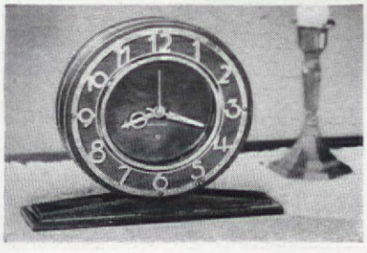
*Victory* vanquishes winter winds! It's Pearce's blanket, 80% wool, 20% rayon. Comes 72″x84″ for $10.95 and 72″x90″, $11.95

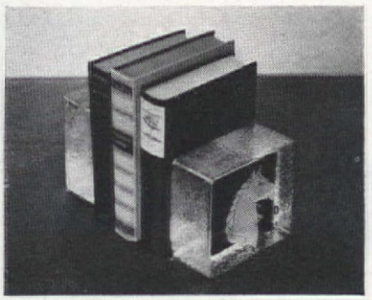


A tray with a difference! It's made of Herculite, with wooden rope molding. Turchin, $5.95. The creamer and sugar, Spode, $8.40

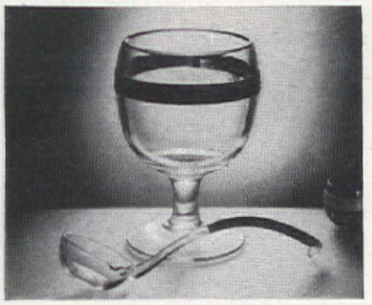


Everyone can use more time, especially if it's a Seth Thomas clock, with self-starting electric movement. 8″x6¾″, $8.95

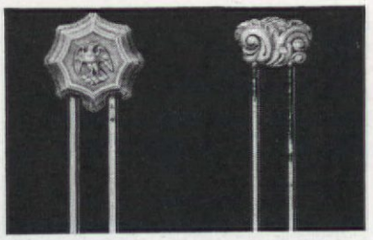




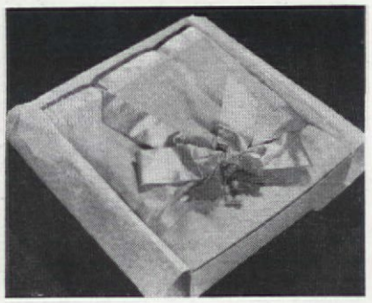
Bookends of beauty! They're heavy glass, with a choice of very smart decorative motifs. From H. H. Turchin, for $7 the pair



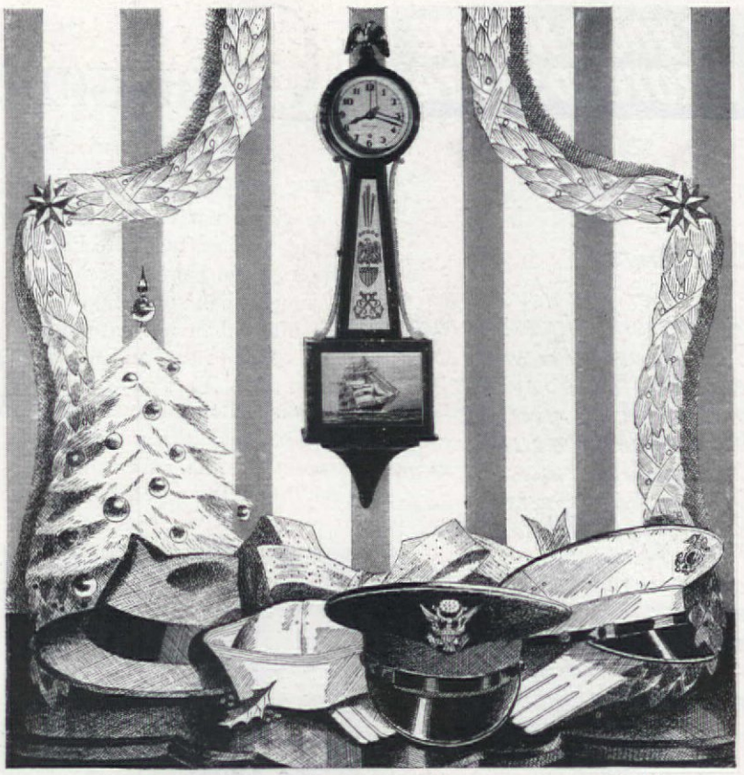
A great big toast to holiday fun! Wonderful, new, giant goblet punch bowl holds lots of liquid! $8.50 complete. Wm. Langbein



How to make a well-chimed entrance! Chimes, made in Sylvite, a wood composition, come in pickled pine finish, left, or ivory, right. From Edwards, $7.95 each



A gift to warm body and soul! It's *Sutton*, Chatham's wartime blanket, made of 25% wool, 25% cotton, 50% rayon, and a mighty grand gift, we think. About $5.95



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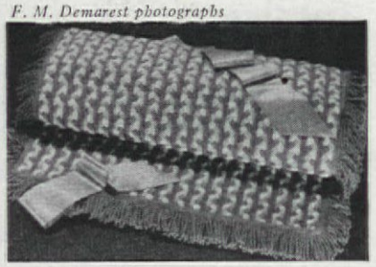
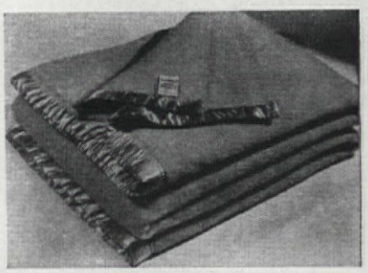
*F. M. Demarest photographs*



**Step up and choose your colors, shapes, and sizes! "Amesbury" all-cotton rugs, rectangular, round, or oval, in lovely pastels, come in many sizes, 27″x54″ is $12.95. Bigelow Sanford & Co.**

**Double for your money! Buffet and desk combined, wonderful for one-room apartments. A many-purpose piece with what every woman wants, lots of storage space. About $75. Drexel**



**It's easy to ask for this by name —it's Kenwood's "Duration" blanket, 80% wool, 20% acetate rayon, and comes in all your favorite colors. About $13.95**

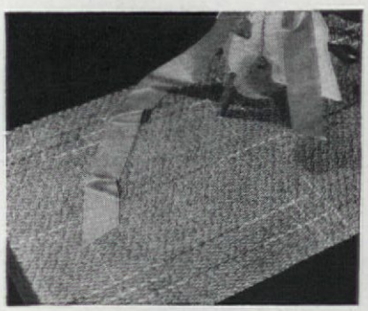
**A good roomy desk makes the business of living or studying simpler. This one, 46″x21″, with filing cabinet drawer, $69. Chair, $18.20. Heywood Wakefield**

**Christmas flowers can never fade when they're woven into the carpet! This one is all-wool, comes in room sizes. The 9′x12′ is $50. Alexander Smith**

**"Soup, soup, beautiful soup"! and a beautiful soup tureen! It's English earthenware, pink scenic design, about $21. Fisher, Bruce. When it isn't holding soup, it looks elegant on the serving table!**

**Ask Santa Claus to bring the living room a new rug! Embossed and stippled, "Beaucaire" is half wool, half rayon, size 9′x12′, $89.50. Karagheusian**

**Subscribe to the add-a-table club! It pays dividends in plus space for all the periodicals needed to keep up with the times. Top 14″x24″, about $15. Imperial**

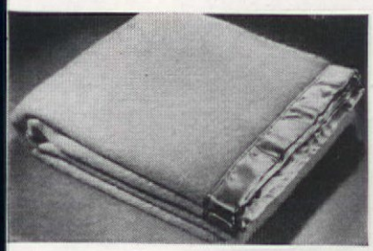


**Ring in new colors this Yuletide! Any small boy or girl will thrill over a good looking, serviceable "Delfibre" rug for his own room. 9′x12′ size about $15. Deltox**

Rugs with a dash of the homespun! Linen and cotton, they're all sizes, many colors. 27″x54″, $6.25. Klearflax Scandia Flax

Something you *can* take with you, wherever you go is this Tuxedo broadloom carpet. Size 9′x12′ for $94.50. From Archibald Holmes

Something for a room of her own, a sweet Colonial table for a young lady's magazines, pet books and those gadgets! Just as good for a young gentleman. $13. Cushman

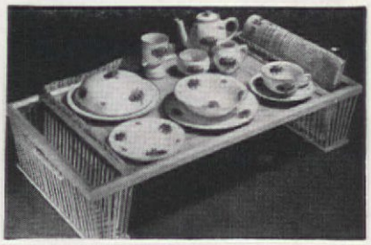


Blow! Blow! Thou wintry wind! You can't get through this blanket, 80% wool and 20% rayon or aralac. It comes in five wonderful colors. $10.98. Seymour

Handsome is as handsome does, and these tables will do lots and lots. $31.50 and $13.50. Imperial

Button up your overcoat, and get home to a St. Mary's *Crescent* blanket and thaw out. Part cotton, comes in seven colors, $10.95

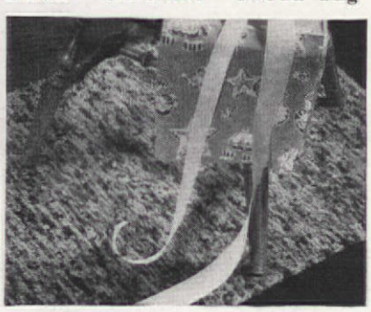
How to start the day right! Breakfast from "Strasbourg Rose" will do it. The twelve-piece set, $10. The tray, $8. From Fondeville



Letter writing is coming back these days. A handsome desk helps one to think better! About $92, Colonial Manufacturing Co.

"Information, please"! No better place to get it than in Webster's dictionary. Time *does* change its infinite variety. Its publisher is G. & C. Merriam, $22.50

Take $30.85, add 42 pounds of used materials, and, believe it or not, you can have this 9′x12′ Olson "Colonial" tweed rug

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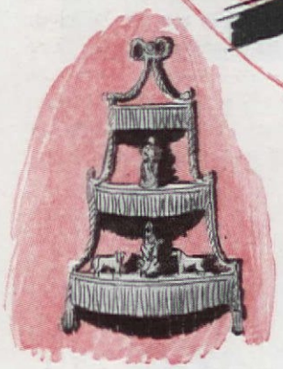
*Idea from Stella M. Perkins*

## CORNER TROUBLE?

**No, those are not corner cupboards! They are just shelves, painted to look like cupboards. Try this open-door one, or use an outline shape, filled in with color. Wall shelves, below, are edged with a fringe dipped in plaster**

*Cobbett Williams*

MAKING temporary quarters into a real "home" is pretty difficult, we know. Budgets being what they are, the feeling that it is not permanent anyway—both do their best to sidetrack you. But don't let them. The least bit of effort can produce such enormous effects that it is truly worth-while doing everything you can. Right now is the time, too, when the smart gal comes into her own. No matter how fat the pocketbook, there are some things you just can't buy, but there are no priorities on imagination or ye old elbow grease. And don't sneer at the morale angle. Making a home wherever you may be is second only to the front line job. It is unselfish and constructive, it indicates courage and zest to all who enter, and that is reward enough for some time spent at the task. We're counting on you.



WITNESS these quick comebacks to that no-coffee-table situation! Amputate the legs of a piano bench. Cut the top in half and move the two pieces out to the sides. The center portion thus left open makes an excellent place for plants. Or, let a Grandfather clock rest its weary bones, but still be sublimely useful. A novel solution from Mrs. Ralph Etlinger.

## THE NO-COFFEE-TABLE SITUATION

## —OLD PIANO BENCH!

## ONCE A GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK

*Photograph, Charles H. Keller; idea from Ruth W. Lee*

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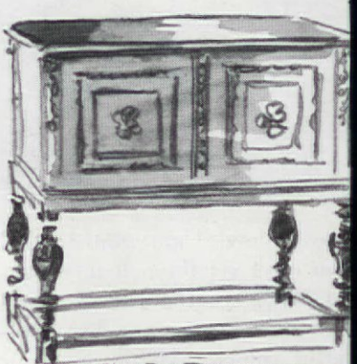

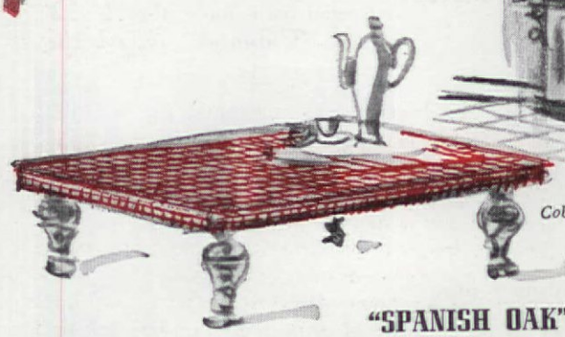

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## "SPANISH OAK" MADE LIVABLE

**A Jacobean server willingly abandons its legs to make any size table you may have need of, and a convenient low chest for extra storage!**

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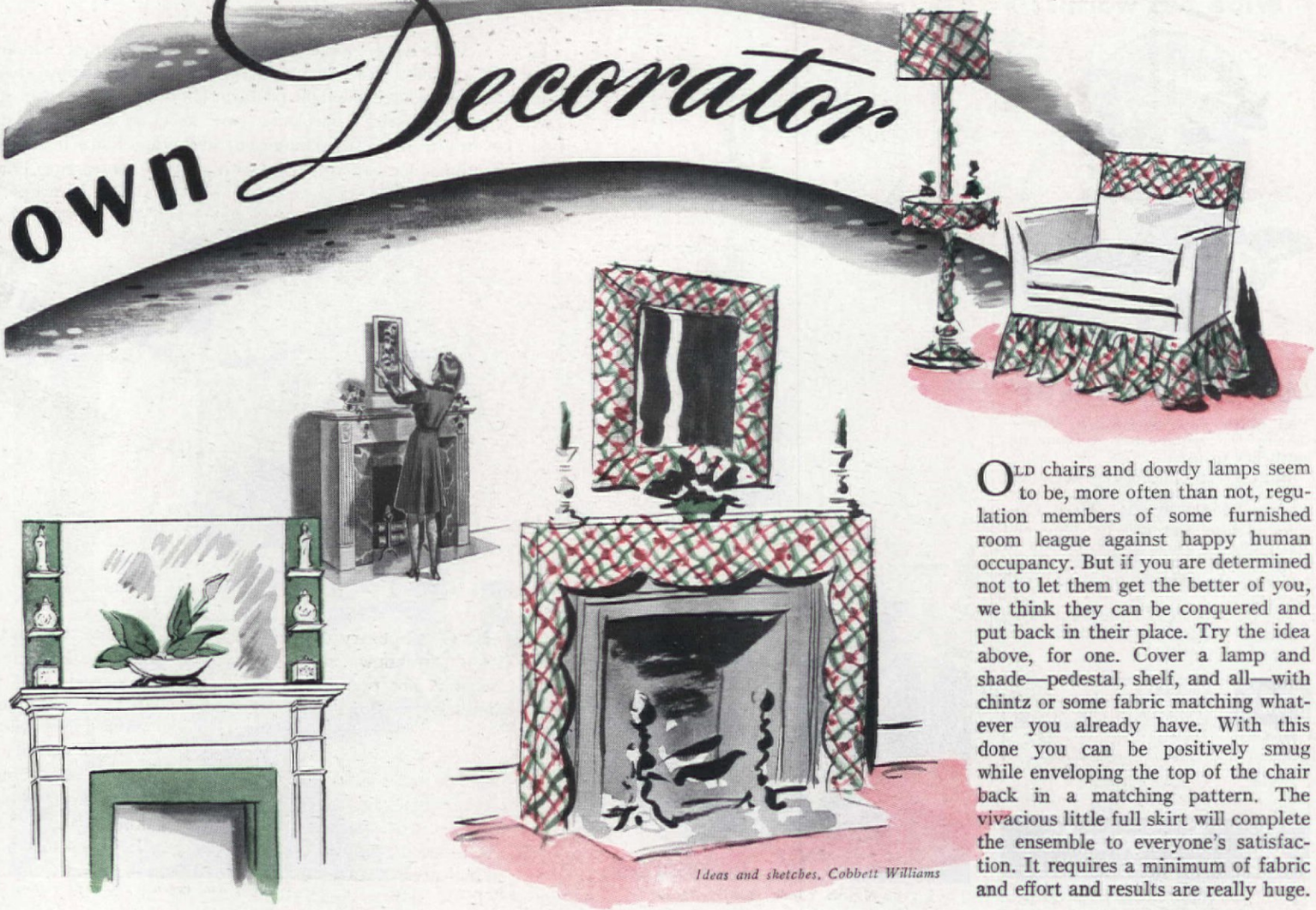

*Ideas and sketches, Cobbett Williams*

OLD chairs and dowdy lamps seem to be, more often than not, regulation members of some furnished room league against happy human occupancy. But if you are determined not to let them get the better of you, we think they can be conquered and put back in their place. Try the idea above, for one. Cover a lamp and shade—pedestal, shelf, and all—with chintz or some fabric matching whatever you already have. With this done you can be positively smug while enveloping the top of the chair back in a matching pattern. The vivacious little full skirt will complete the ensemble to everyone's satisfaction. It requires a minimum of fabric and effort and results are really huge.

## THE WELL KNOWN MANTEL SITUATION AND 4 CURES FOR IT!

*Ideas and sketches, Hermia Rogerson*

THE mantel situation vies constantly for first place on the list of moving headaches. And, we are frank to admit, it is really a problem. We present four suggestions and hope that, if you can't use them just "as is," they will act as a springboard for creating your own solution. A frequent problem is the mirror that has been cut to fit a previous mantel, but misses completely the one in the new home. Above at the left is one of the most attractive answers. Paint a colored panel at each side of the centered mirror. Use small figurines or ornaments on tiny shelves, painted a color which contrasts with the background, or matches the mantel itself. Two—ugly fireplaces quickly and smartly do a disappearing act if covered with a gay scalloped border effect. A mirror that would be much too small even to consider otherwise can be made to seem large enough by adding a similar border as a frame. Three—try cutting out floral strips from a fabric or wallpaper, and pasting them in those "itzy" panels. Simple, scant accessories are an *asset*, not a liability. Four—the Colonial touch may be achieved with chintz ruffles on shelves placed above the mantel. Garnish with an arrangement of farmyard creatures. Fixtures are oil lamps on brackets, with the ruffled-shelf idea repeated.

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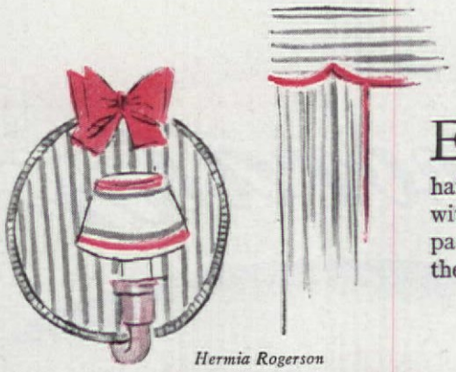


# The SIDE-LIGHT situation::

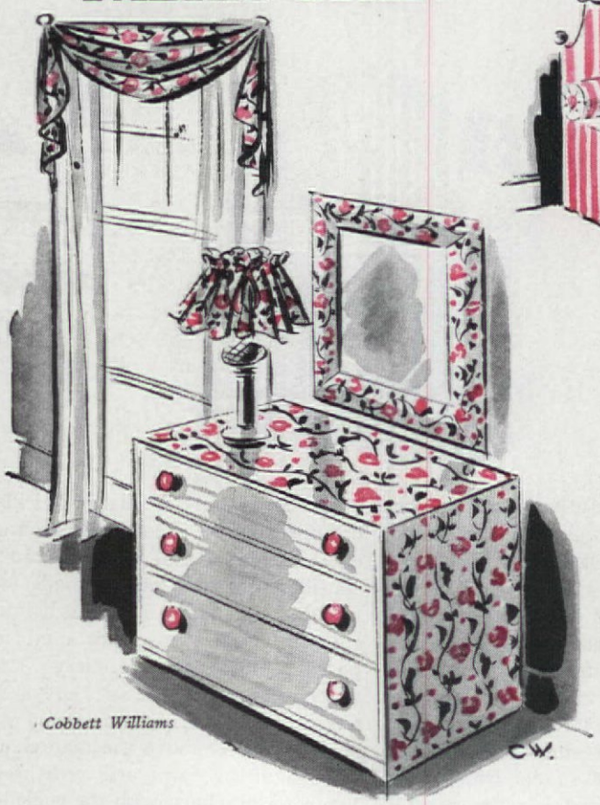
EVEN children are occasionally dressed up in their Sunday best and have bows, temporarily at least, tucked into their hair! So if you have sidelight problem children, pretty them up with easy-to-do tricks like these two. Left, an asbestos plate pad covered in fabric matching your draperies. Place it behind the offending member and trim with a crisp contrasting bow.

*Hermia Rogerson*

*Sears, Roebuck cretonne; Frank Willming photograph*

*And there's always the*

# FABRIC CURE!



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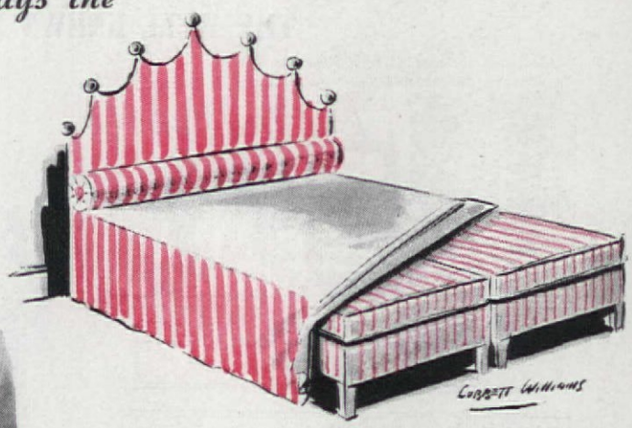
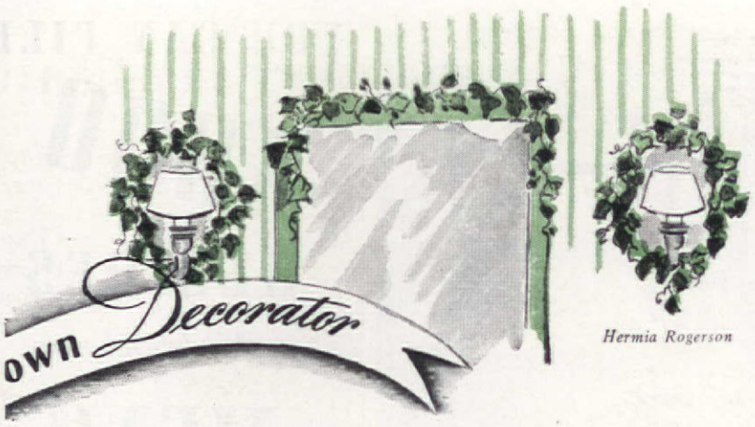


AND what a wonderful, quick cure it is! Be it a complete room, or minor alterations, the extensive effect is miraculous, as who should know better than Miss Jane Miller, style adviser at Sears, Roebuck & Co. The gracious room shown above is in her own home. Such warmth and charm create a genuine atmosphere of home. The cretonne pattern is equally effective used as draperies, lush and full, or as slipcovers. The red and white striped bed is a simply shaped headboard to be covered with paint, paper, or fabric. Use glass tie-backs for knobs. At left you see an "after" version of a furnished room. Paint and fabric converted a monster of a chest into a mighty snappy piece. The use of the same fabric



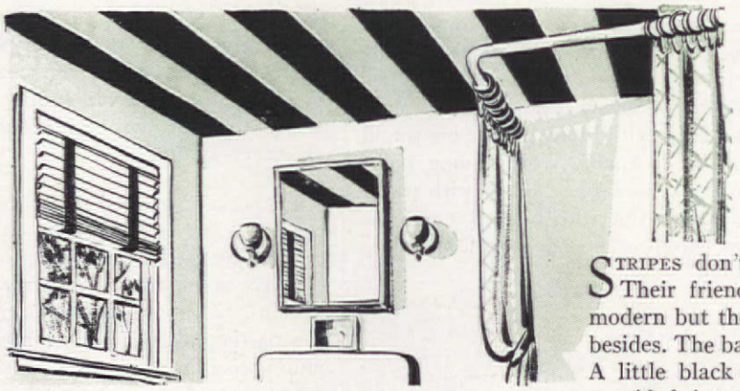

Hermia Rogerson

**Drape the frame of a mirror with artificial ivy. Plain asbestos pads behind the side lights can be edged in the same manner, and be mightily effective. Well worth the slight effort and the cost is way down in the penny brackets**

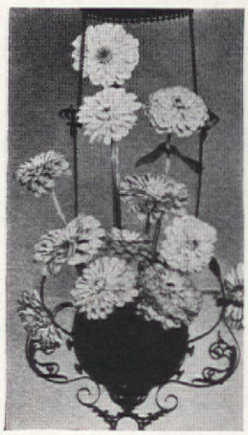
for mirror frame, lampshade, and swag over old draperies makes an attractive ensemble. Right, the weariest old white organdies bloom with youth, coaxed by perky new ruffles. If you're tired of your furniture, if the landlord's taste doesn't quite coincide with yours, if you feel there is too much plain wood in your bedroom, by all means slipcover some furniture. An all-over pattern such as we have shown is particularly adaptable to this use. Did I hear someone say Cinderella? Certainly this ex-kitchen chair must be related to that lucky creature!

We'd like to say here that while this has been in the nature of a chatty pep-talk, we are deeply serious about it. If you cannot use these ideas just as they are, adapt them to fit your own problems. And please don't procrastinate!

Cobbett Williams



STRIPES don't belong to the barber's pole alone. Their friends think this bathroom ceiling ultra modern but the Ross Johnsons know it's functional besides. The bathroom was small, and painted white. A little black trim above the tile relieved it and provided interesting contrast. The ceiling, square and very high, was painted in half-foot-wide stripes. This treatment is not recommended for low ceilings of large area but in this case it has made a smart bathroom out of a very ordinary all-white job.



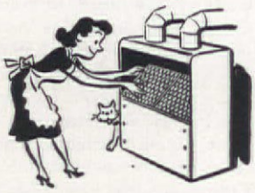
**You don't have to be Aladdin to rub an old swinging lamp into a shining flower container, as Katherine Petty did**

LAUNDRY-BOX CASTLE FOR CHRISTMAS: When the conventional red candles and holly sprays for our holiday mantel palled on us, we decided to trade them in for a castle, complete with royal household and carollers. Employing the laundry-box, black crayon, and thumb-tack technique, we achieved an imposing looking edifice, lighted by electric candles in end towers. The figures are made of pipe cleaners, padded with cotton, covered with silk-stocking "skins," and dressed in gay materials from the scrap box. Faces were drawn on with lipstick and eyebrow pencil. A legend is lettered on a strip of bright-green paper, fastened to the mantel with Scotch tape. Christmas callers make for the mantel, to admire.—ANNE WOODBURY HEPP

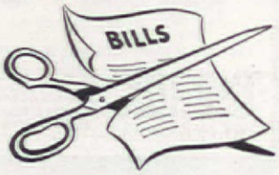

## HAS YOUR FURNACE LOST ITS "PEP"?

**(Make it heat with less fuel . . . even "like new")**

1. **In your forced warm-air furnace** are air filters to strain out dirt. Look for them in the blower cabinet. When these filters get clogged up with dirt, not enough *warm* air circulates in the house. YOU get chilly. Can you "pep up" your furnace . . . get more heat?



2. **Yes! Change your dirt-clogged filters!** Get Dust-Stop* Air Filters . . . the best! Have a "peppy" furnace with plenty of *clean*, *warm* air circulating through the house. Dust-Stops strain out most dirt, dust, and lint . . . they're *efficient!*

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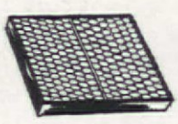

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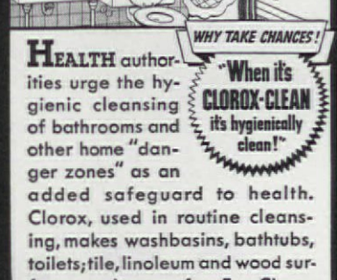

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THE trick window treatment above is in the Los Angeles home of Mrs. L. L. Weigel. It is a wooden cornice, cut to look like a draped curtain, painted, and finished off with pleated edging. To make the clothespin holder, Virginia Weil suggests you paint a can with a contrasting border around the bottom. While still wet, place clothespins around edge, close together, and pushed down as far as they will go. Paint tops of the clothespins, fill with soil, and plant seeds or bulbs, or use as centerpiece. No baby's wardrobe? Convert a bookcase. Replace glass panels with plywood, use big round knobs for doorpulls. After sanding, paint to match crib. Cover shelves with washable paper, edge with blue. Remove the shelves from other side, use for clothes.



*Sketch by Wm. J. Hennessey*



**Mrs. Paul C. Hessler, Jr., remodels jalopy into dainty wardrobe!**


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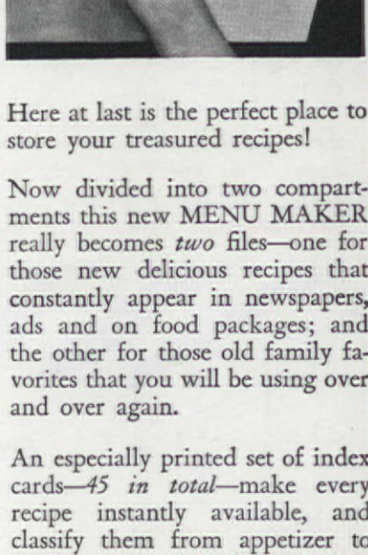


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## *and save floor-cleaning time as well!*

Haven't you often wondered why a dining room should be on duty only three times a day? It bothered us, too, so we decided to do something about this laziest room in the house.

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Mother's sewing room

Children's study

Dad's overtime office

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