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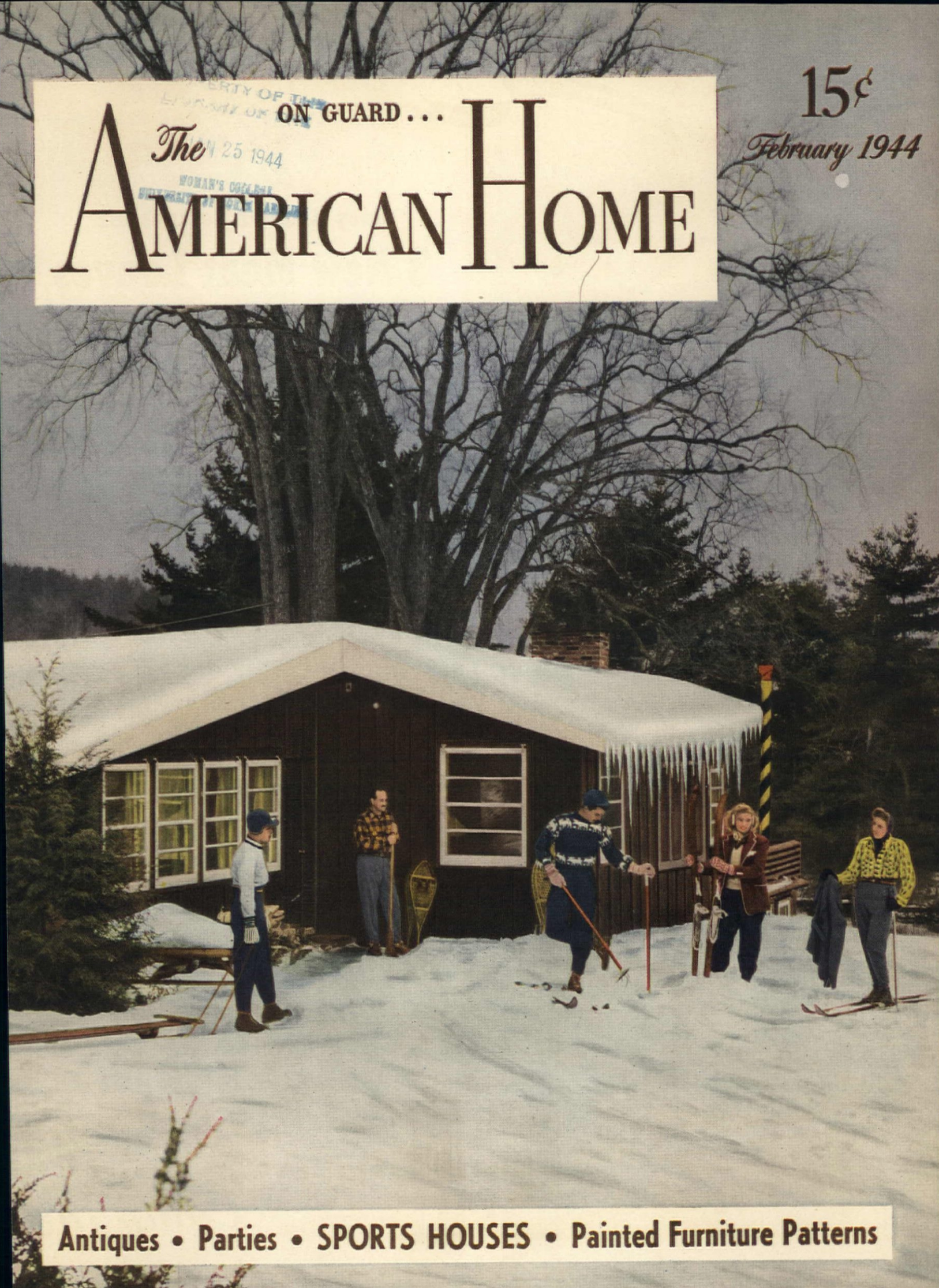

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3 New Meat Loaves

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When you have found just the right combination of ingredients, there's nothing more appealing and satisfying than a rich, hearty meat loaf. Made with ground meat, they're grand ration stretchers; you don't have an ounce of waste.

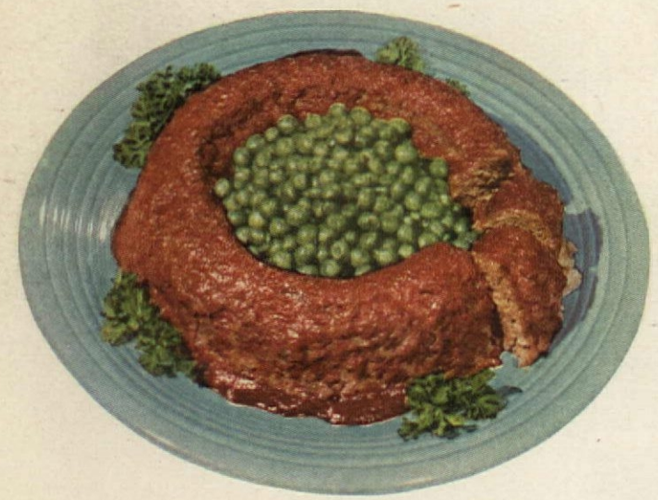
Here are three new, deliciously different loaves from the Armour kitchens. Each is made with a different kind of meat—beef, ham and lamb. And the extender in each is different, chosen to contribute delicious flavors of its own, while spreading the flavor of the meat. The chopped raw vegetables give the beef loaf a moist, tender texture. The cornflakes add a rich, nutty flavor to the ham and pork loaves. And the snowy-white topping of mashed potatoes gives eye-appeal as well as taste-appeal to the richly-seasoned lamb loaf. They're grand for entertaining or a simple family meal. And equally delicious served hot or cold.

Armour and Company suggests these recipes to help you make the most of meat and to make every ration point count.

Individual Star Ham Loaves

1 lb. uncooked Star Ham shank ground fine with
¼ lb. lean pork
1 cup crushed cornflakes or other crisp cereal
½ cup milk
1 Cloverbloom Egg
2 tbsps. brown sugar
¼ tsp. ground cloves
½ cup crushed cornflakes mixed with
1 tbsp. Cloverbloom Butter or margarine

Place 1 cup crushed cereal in milk and beaten egg mixture until soft. Add seasonings and the ground meat. Make into 5 small individual loaves. Roll each in additional buttered cornflakes. Bake in 325° F. oven for 45 minutes. Serve hot or cold with orange slices which have been sprinkled with brown sugar and broiled until heated through. Makes five hearty servings.



Star Beef Vegetable Loaf

1 lb. ground Star Beef chuck, flank, round or neck
½ cup dry bread crumbs
¾ cup milk
1 Cloverbloom Egg
1¼ tsps. salt
¼ cup chopped green pepper
½ cup chopped onion
½ cup grated raw carrot
⅓ cup catsup

Combine bread crumbs, milk, egg and seasonings. Add green pepper, onions, carrots and ground beef and blend well. Place in an oiled 8-inch ring mold and bake 50 minutes in 350° F. oven. Turn loaf out into flat pan and spread with catsup which has been diluted with 2 tbsps. water. Place under broiler for 10-15 minutes. To serve, place on chop plate and fill center of ring mold with a vegetable. Garnish with parsley. A regular loaf pan may also be used. 6 servings.

Snowy Star Lamb Loaf

1½ lbs. ground Star Lamb shoulder or leg
2 tsps. salt
¼ clove garlic, minced fine, or ⅓ cup chopped onion
1 cup milk
¾ cup cracker crumbs
1 Cloverbloom Egg
3 cups seasoned mashed potatoes

Combine the lamb, salt, garlic or onion, milk, cracker crumbs and egg. Pack in loaf pan and bake in 325° F. oven for 1 hour and 20 minutes. When the loaf is baked, turn out onto a cookie sheet or flat pan and frost with hot mashed potatoes. A pastry tube may be used to ruffle the mashed potatoes over the top. Place under the broiler long enough to brown the potatoes. The loaf may also be left in the loaf pan and potatoes piled on top. 6-7 servings.

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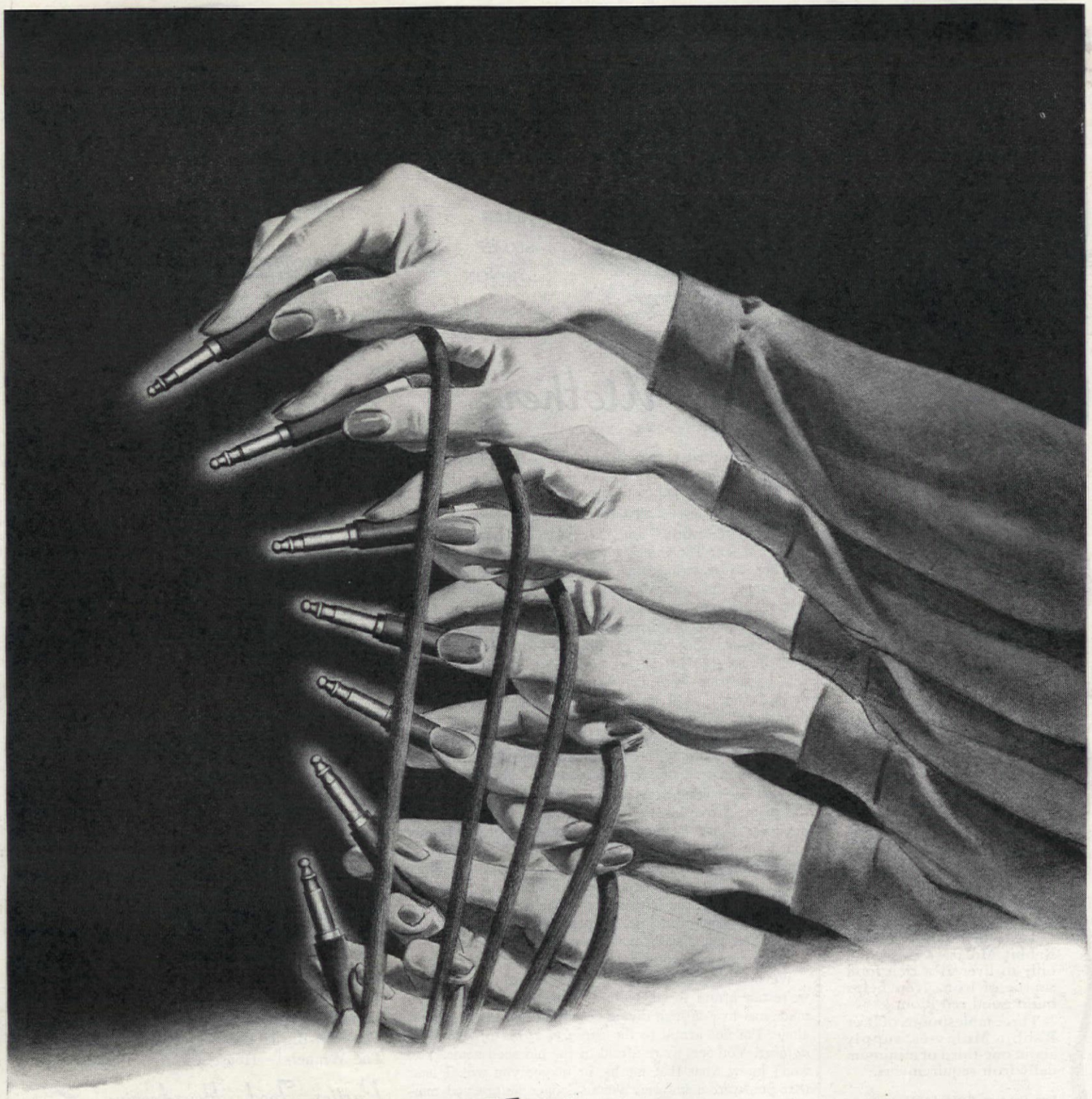

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Dear Mother:

I'M GOING TO WAR TOMORROW, and I'm leaving this letter pinned to my pillow to tell you the things I haven't been able to tell you personally.

Of course, there is—"I love you," and "You're the best mother in the world," and "I'll be back," but that's not what I mean. The things I want to tell you are serious, Mother. More serious than you or I. I'm going to scold you some, and warn you, too. And maybe I'm not just talking for myself. I don't think or believe I am.

It's this way: down there at the station tomorrow the high school band will be playing—what's left of it. There'll be gaps in the heavy brasses. My old trumpet will be missing—and Pee Wee's bass horn—and some others. And there'll be a speech by the mayor. (Confidentially, it'll be lousy, Mother. I can hear it now! "Our brave young men . . . hrumph . . . clean young manhood . . . hrumph . . . save the world for democracy . . . hrumph . . . preserve freedom . . . hrumph . . .")

We'll be looking very brave and confident. And that's the point. I may as well jump in with both feet right now: *we won't be confident.* At least I won't. Daddy fought in the Argonne to make the world safe for democracy, and here we go again. It was tough on Daddy's generation, but it's tougher on ours, because we aren't going filled with the faith his crowd felt. We've seen how you older people can lose the peace after we've won the war. We're going with our fingers crossed, and it's hard to fire a gun with your fingers crossed, Mother.

We don't doubt democracy is worth fighting for, and we're not afraid to go. I don't think I'm a coward. You made me dive off high diving boards and go to the dentist alone. I'm not afraid to die, but *I'm afraid of dying for nothing.* You see, we're afraid of the old shell game. You won't know what that means, or maybe you will. I hear that you were a knowing young flapper before you married Dad and settled down to bring me up so well.

And that brings me to another point: *did you bring me up well?* You kept me clean and taught me to be honest. (That's why I'm trying to be honest now.) And you held the highest ideals before me. But did you teach me the truth about the world, and life, and men? You didn't, Mother, or we would not be going to war tomorrow.

You taught me that there would never be another war. You took away my toy soldiers. You brought me up to think all we had to do was mind our own business, and be good boys, and we'd live in peace and prosperity forever. I believed it. We all believed it. Every boy in my class at school signed pacifist pledges. We were still signing them when Hitler marched into Austria. We were signing after Czechoslovakia, Poland, after the invasion

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"Oooh— what I caught you doing!"

ke off that hat, you bad girl!

cs—I mean *me*. Rushing off to buy sheets as if is were any January! (It's not being done, this ar.) Caught myself just in time!

"I know better. So *now* I'm going to do what I ould have done at *first*—go through my linen set and see how many sheets I *don't* need!

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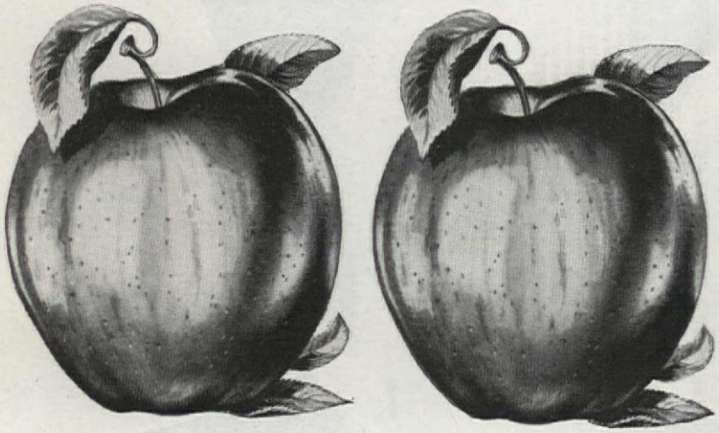

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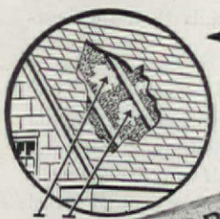

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I see the truth now, Mother, but it was hard to come by—*"I am my brother's keeper."* And the irony of it is you grown people let things slip along so far that I must kill some of my brothers to protect others. We let the gangsters reach our very doorsteps. But you could have stopped them, Mother. In the Ruhr. In Austria. Before they ever started. It's too late to brood over past mistakes, but *what about next time?* Is it going to happen again? Am I going to die for nothing? Is this just a dress rehearsal? Are you going to keep it up until the last human being is left moaning alone on this earth?

If when we come back you are so happy, or when we don't come back you are so sad that you never want to think of war again, you'll be laying down a crimson carpet for it to walk in upon, quietly. You *must* think of war. You must remember how it happened before and watch. But will you? Or will you lay down the burden and try to forget?

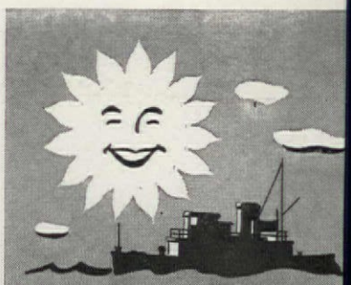
That is the cross I'm carrying on my back these days: *I don't quite believe you.* I've listened to your fine phrases before and they didn't prove a thing. Daddy listened to them when he lay dying in Veterans' Hospital fifteen years after it was "over."

I'm uneasy, Mother. This time you must see clearly and work unceasingly. Maybe you'll turn your back on the League again. Maybe you'll forget the needs of the little black and yellow brothers. Maybe you'll fear Russia and leave her out of the peace. Maybe you'll let Germany re-arm again. Maybe—oh, you can so easily muff it in a million ways.

You'll have to have a hundred eyes and ears to *avoid* muffing it. You'll have to watch for the veriest shadow of the wolf across the sheep yard. You'll have to leave the ninety and nine to go after the one. It's brotherhood this time—or else.

Sorry I had to scold, but it's time you older people grew up. You've been the loveliest of mothers. The point is the world is not made only of lovely people like you. I wonder if just being a lovely person is enough any more?

Your loving son,
JOHN



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Many people outside are not aware of the wonderful beauty of Alaska and I have appreciated the chance to tell the world about it. . . . I think I stated once that printing the "Summer Home" story (August, 1943, issue) would ease the minds of parents of soldiers who are stationed up here. It did; I had letters from mothers in many States asking about their boys.—BESS WINN

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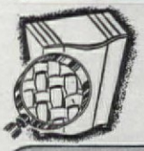

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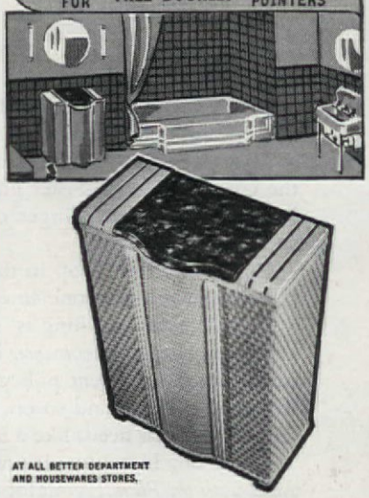

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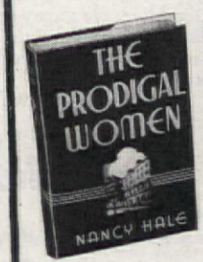

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• • • **ELSIE EAVES,** B.S. (C.E.), first woman elected to corporate membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, is a transplanted Coloradan. Now busy in New York reporting for engineering publications, she thinks Long Island Sound has as much personality as the Colorado Rockies, her "hills" of home.

• • • **C. E. WALTMAN,** whose hobbies are sailing, hunting, and winter sports is an industrial designer by profession, and one who has contributed to the development of the Modern Movement in this country. He goes in for designing mechanical equipment, and decorative products as well as furniture, his first love.

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SUSAN'S A GAL WITH IDEAS. As she slices delicious ready-to-eat *Prem* for dinner she thinks, "Experts at Swift's prepare and cook this meat for me. A fine time-saving idea. Can't I get a big idea, too? C'mon, brain . . . how can I help out at the factory without neglecting the children?"

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Melt butter, add chopped onion and cook until clear. Add dry seasonings, sauce, catsup and vinegar. Cut Treet into 8 slices and bake in barbecue sauce in 350°F. oven for 30 minutes. Place 2 Treet slices on halves of buttered, toasted buns and garnish other halves with dill pickles.

There's plenty for 4 and solid nourishment in *every* bite. For high-vitamin Treet is made of chopped pork shoulder meat, tender ham and other selected pork cuts.

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• • • **LOUIS GOODENOUGH,** editor of that impossible-to-do-business-without trade paper *Retailing—Home Furnishings*, thinks of himself as a native New Yorker. He went native, after being born in New Jersey, however! First job out of Colgate was on the then newly born *New Yorker*. In the years preceding his present position, he was "successively and sometimes successfully" a trade journal editor, manager in a Childs' restaurant in Washington, and a free lance writer, "living on his earnings!"

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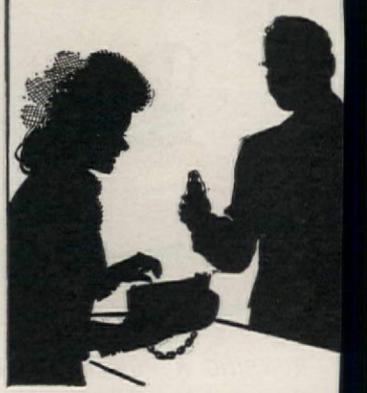

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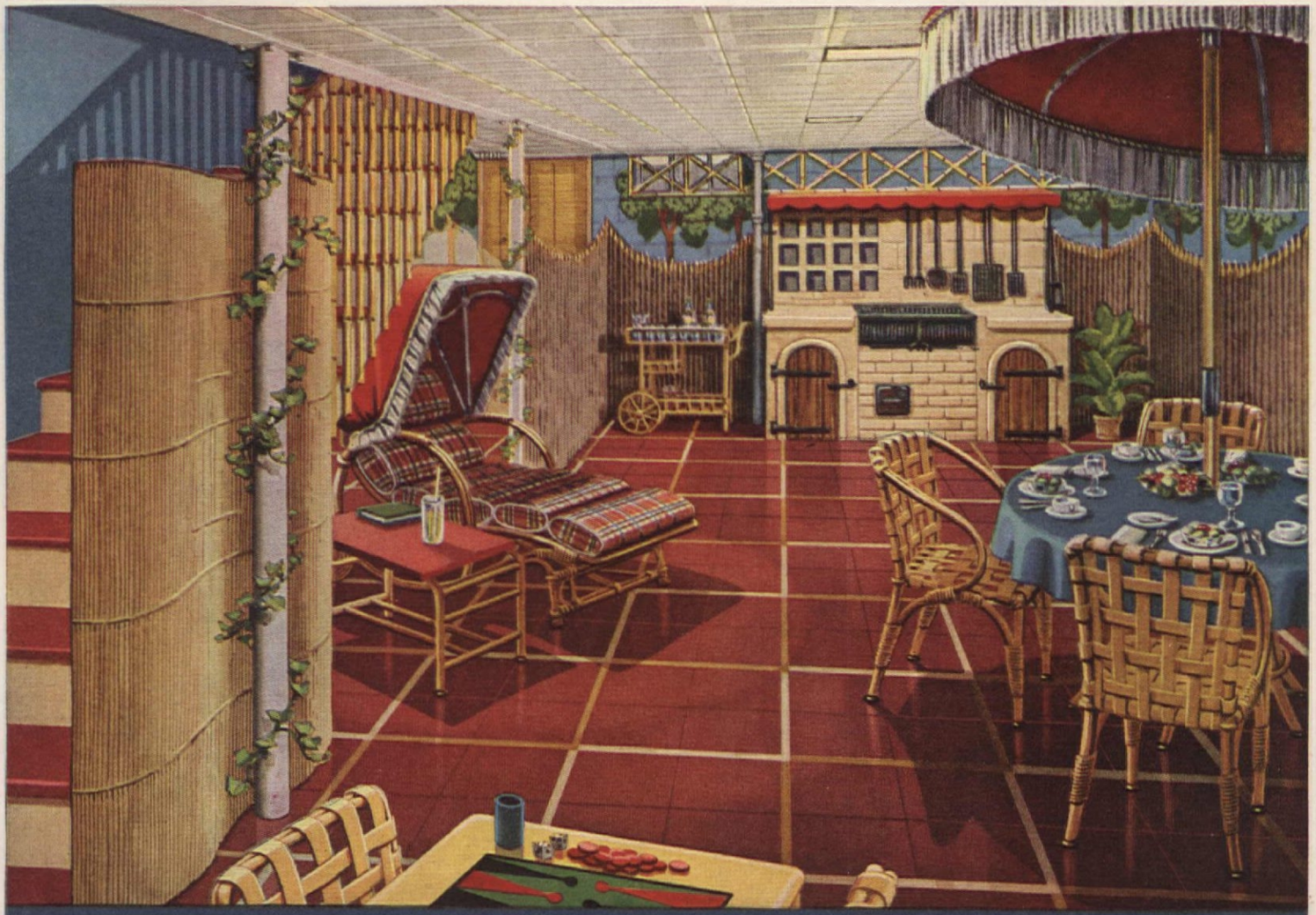

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WHEN we bought "sixty-five acres more or less" we believed we wanted only a site for a ski house, the acreage to assure privacy from week-end skiers in ensembled costumes that infest "sports centers" the world around. Now, three years later, we have the "sixty-five acres more or less," a little duration house we call the "Hut Sut" (that was the year we were all singing the "hut sut" song) and a deep understanding of how complicated and sophisticated a thing is this simple life!

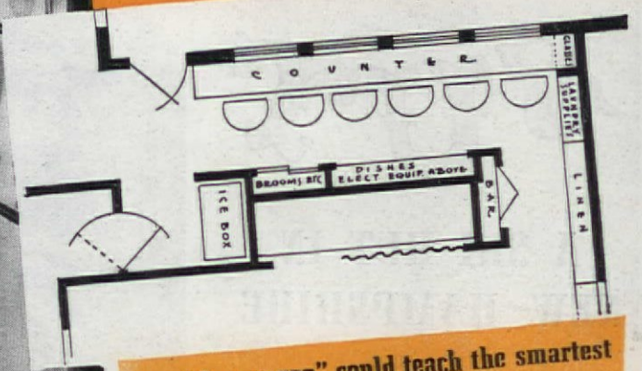
The priorities on building materials almost on the heels of our buying the property seemed an unbearable disappointment. It proved to be a colossal blessing, for while waiting to build our "dream" house we have acquired a deep understanding of just what "escape" meant for us and a certain knowledge that for us, at least, simplicity must be compatible with comfort but that comfort is not to be confused with possessions. Once we've won our war, we'll build our perfect "escape" house wiser for our experiment in the little Hut Sut, but how many expensive theories the war has saved us from and how many theories have exploded in the living of them, despite their pure logic!

To go back to the beginning. With our deed we acquired a twenty-mile view and a one-room shack. Into the one-room shack that first summer we poured gallons of cold water paint, put matting on the floor, added an old kitchen coal stove, some marble-topped chests, and built in some closets. Here we parked our country clothes and sat around in inclement weather. However, it was no house, but a gypsy's life that we wanted that first summer. Being "soft" we made all-summer arrangements with a near-by tourist home for rooms and a big country breakfast. We put up our friends there exactly as though we'd had our own house. After a good night's sleep and breakfast, off we'd go up the road in the station wagon not to return until late evening. First we'd set up house in the open meadows or down beside the river. Out would come the officer's chairs, in the center of our "living room" a folding bridge table and folding deck chairs. Off side, our portable charcoal grill and hamper of food and beetle ware. Blankets for sun bathing and a portable "ice box" completed our housekeeping arrangements. Off the top of the station wagon would come the dinghy and on would go the outboard motor. Luncheon was rarely served in the same place. There were two little streams, deep ravines, and cool woods to explore —or perhaps lunch on the sand spit after a swim. Badminton or croquet (both neatly packed in same wagon!) was as much fun as it's ever been on perfect court or velvet lawns. It is impossible to say what we did all day except that always we were surprised to find night upon us before we'd gotten the coals perfect for our steak or water boiled for corn just picked. Dinner was eaten invariably on the top of our hill. Our household goods as neatly packed as a ship, wrapped up in warm coats, comfortably slouched down in officer's chairs, we'd watch the moon come up in New Hampshire and see it on its way far over the mountains of Vermont.

Sound simple? It *was* simple in its essentials but, like all simplicity, entailed much planning and sophisticated comforts. The very best portable furniture, the very best portable charcoal stove, a dinghy entirely of plywood for easy handling, luxuriously light woolens in clothes and blankets, thick steaks, good burgundy, and beautiful cheese. Simple? Yes and no. Simple in that there were no schedules, minimum "household" chores, no fussing or entertaining anxieties. Not simple as is that hunting or fishing trip one remembers as being so marvelously simple—forgetting that a bedroll, fried bacon and eggs, fried fish, and warm beans are fun for exactly three or four days. And a guide at that, remember?

No, we've not fooled ourselves into thinking that simplicity is the same thing as the simple life. We've spent too many backbreaking "vacations" in simple log cabins to be fooled about that. Nor would we wish to go on forever leading that first summer's gypsy life. Undoubtedly a great part of that sum-

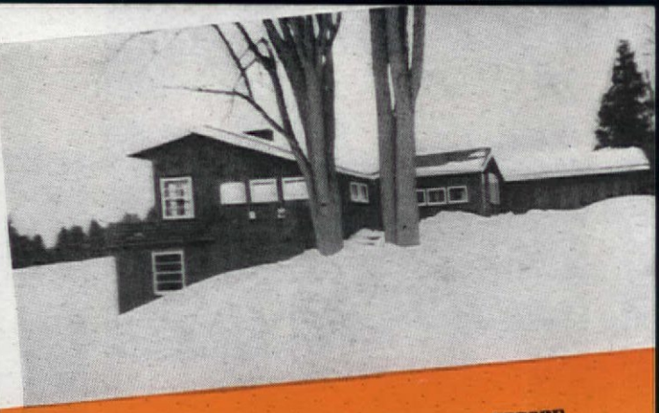
With our deed to "65 acres, more or less" we knew the "more" to be our twenty-mile view, the "less" to be this little shack



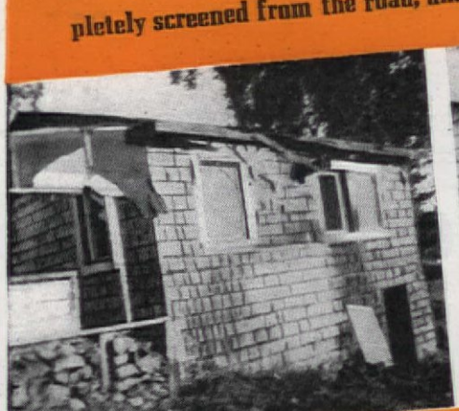
The "dog wagon" could teach the smartest ship's galley a thing or two! Every square inch accounted for, every seat has a view

mer's charm was its novelty. Now the Hut Sut is definitely *not* elaborate, far from it. It is, in fact, too small. It *has* been, all in all, a great success as a first try. However, while we can't put our finger on it quite, somehow we are left with a feeling that we've lost something fundamental. In spite of our high resolves we find ourselves taking on a bit of "front" now and then. It may be too elaborate a meal, or that we have asked too many people for a house planned for six only. But there's something more . . . . how to recapture some of the utter simplicity of that first summer when we build that dream house? What to retain, what to discard? What has our wartime experiment in the simple life taught us? What would we do over again, what would we avoid?

Well, against our will, we have grown to actually prefer a servantless house. It is an expensive kind of house to build and equip—and worth it. We'll spend all over again the same percentage on super-duper equipment and electrical accessories. We have two refrigerators in the little Hut Sut and both are crammed to capacity over week ends. There is always enough ice, always ice cold drinks on hand, frosty fruit, and cooked poultry for a lazy cook. We don't think half a morning in the grocery store is fun; we don't like hand-to-mouth living. So it's two refrigerators and a root cellar in our new house as it is in the Hut Sut. A great abundance of bathrooms. We tried "divided plumbing" but somehow it didn't work out "like the book." For us, there are easier ways to economize than on bathrooms. Super-electric accessories again will be "musts"



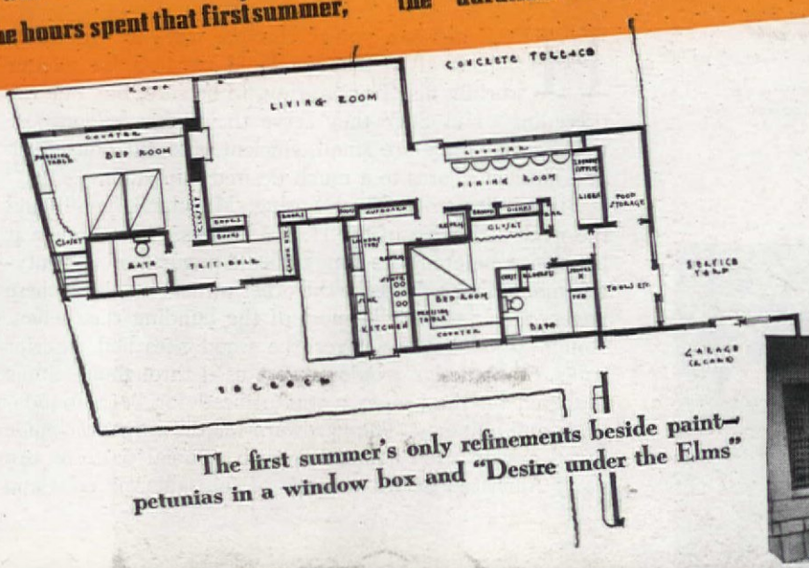
The first summer, a lot of cleaning and a little paint. Since the terrace has been added, trees moved until the Hut Sut is now completely screened from the road, and the original Hut Sut is now just a living room. All of it near the road for the same reason all farms are near the road—the easier to dig one's self out in the snow. The "front" of the Hut Sut, unlike farms, is in the back!

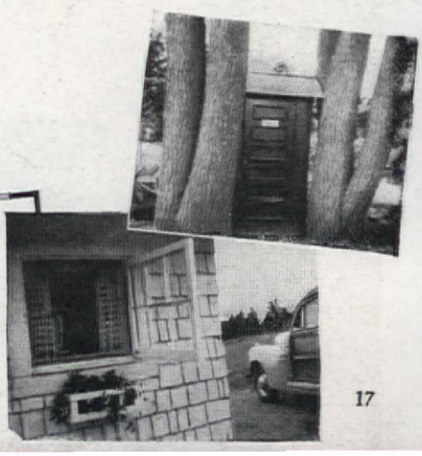


Perhaps we should have sold these "before" and "after" views for some fabulous price to a paint manufacturer—for that's all it is, the miracle of clean-up-and-paint-up. Later a fireplace and large corner windows were added and it is now the living room or center portion of the photograph above. Old basement, floored, includes bedroom with bath and private terrace, utility and storage rooms

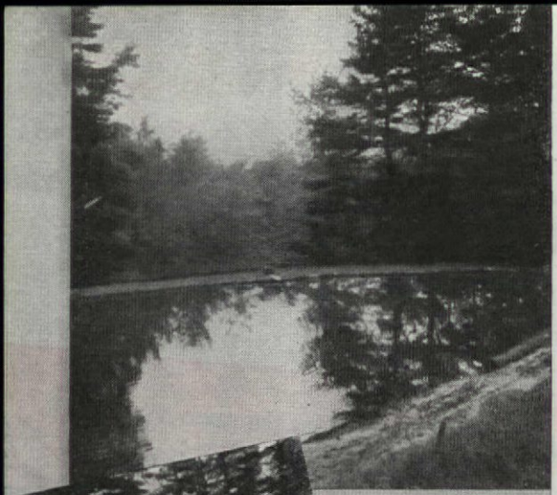
A bit of the view served with every meal at the Hut Sut, indoors or out. Originally there was no thought of using the one-room shack and many were the hours spent that first summer, staking off the Hut Sut to be. Just "under the wire" the little shack acquired hasty though adequate "appendages" and the "duration view" includes a victory garden at one's feet

for they have earned their way many times over. We'll have again the best beds money can buy. Bedrooms will be for single occupancy, pullman style but no bunks—we *HATE* bunks! We'll have even more glass walls and terraces on all sides of the house. We'll have the kitchen put back into our new living room, because we know now what to do about the "after-dining" clutter which so offended us in the tiny Hut Sut. It was fun rolling out the pie and missing nary a word of those around the fire. . . .

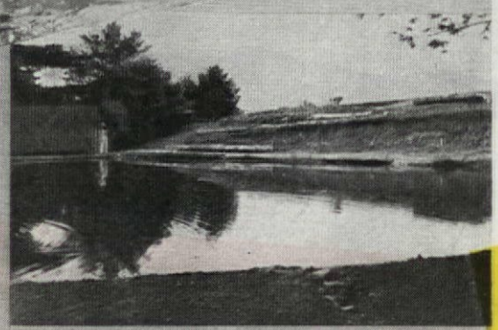




The first summer's only refinements beside paint—petunias in a window box and "Desire under the Elms"

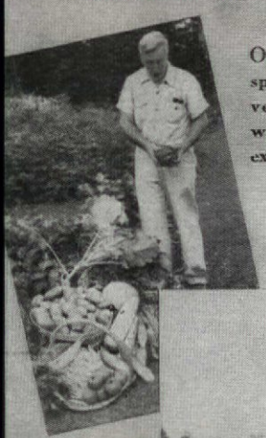


Lake Mowbray is the imposing name given the swimming pool gouged out of a hollow near stream and "sportsplatz"



One man log rolling makes slow but efficient embankment. Melons made edible ground cover!

how very, very much of good eating is the seeing and smelling thereof! The living room will be a mite larger, but not much really. Those grand baronial halls which men folk put into log cabins—yes, I'm cognizant of their effectiveness and I am sure they build up one's ego tremendously—but we don't like spiders in the rafters and not one of us enjoys a chill in however grand a baronial hall we catch it! The garden will shrink to handkerchief size again because we work too hard in the city to call dirt gardening fun, and skiing and swimming are our particular forms of recreation. We are afraid only—that when our war is won and good times are here again we'll forget, in our indolence, how much fun that first summer was, how really adequate the little Hut Sut is. And yet who knows—the next time you see us in print it may be titled "From meadow to Hut Sut—and back to meadow"!



Our Horticultural Editor inspects and approves Hut Sut vegetables, the eating of which in February is not exactly like skiing—but good!

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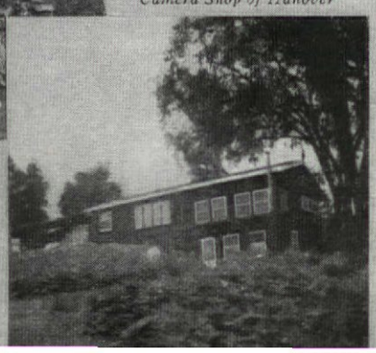

3 More Little

The H. S. Lincoln cabin in Maryland has two compact rooms and twenty-one mountain peaks to look at!

HERE we show you three more ways to "get away from it all"—that good old panacea for all our worldly ills. They're tiny, to be sure, but like the preceding "Hut Sut" they serve their "escape" purpose well because they are small, efficient, and cut housework and outdoor chores to a much desired minimum.

Fifty miles from Silver Spring, Maryland, you'll find the week-end cabin of the H. S. Lincolns. Short though it be on size, before it lies a magnificent panorama of twenty-one mountain peaks. Like the other owners noted on these pages, the Lincolns did most of the building themselves. Rough wood battens cover the wood sheathed exterior walls. Stock design windows were used throughout. Stone gathered on the property was utilized for both foundations and chimney. The hardware for the carpenter-made doors are of black wrought iron in colonial patterns. An early American design crane is of the same material and was welded to the fireplace Heatilator unit before being erected.

The Lincolns wanted a gay, colorful house, so the exterior walls were painted white accented by barn red doors, windows, and roof. Though this sixteen by twenty-five foot house boasts of but two rooms, the loft is also used. This can be reached by a swinging ladder and takes care of the ever welcome guests who somehow or other always keep popping in.

WHEN it comes to tiny houses, the ten by twelve cabin belonging to Allen P. Cowgill of Syracuse, New York, really takes the prize. Here is living in the proverbial nutshell. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cowgill like camping and their retreat is really just a camp. Situated on Lake Ontario, its three acres are within easy access to their home town. The whole project from bottom to top was completed during one summer vacation. Most of the preliminary work, such as cutting the lumber and ordering the stock

MODERN INGENUITY GIVES

(we do mean little) *Escape* Houses

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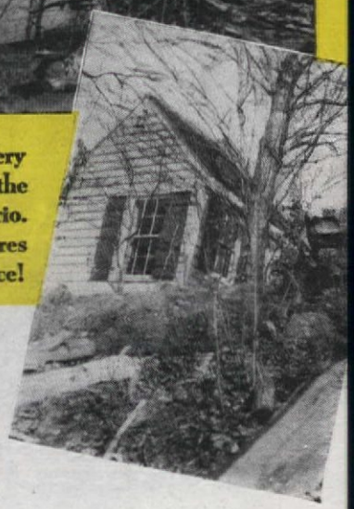


Only ten by twelve—but every inch does double duty in the Cogwill Camp on Lake Ontario. Here's escape from worldly cares at a price—a mighty low price!

millwork was done in Syracuse and when needed carted to the site. In this way no delays were caused on the actual erection by disagreeable weather.

The cabin was well anchored and braced against the high winds prevalent in this locality. Another precaution taken by the farsighted owners was to have as much painting and staining as possible done under cover in Syracuse before shipment to the lake site. Both exterior siding and flooring were just about complete when arriving at the site. Mr. Cowgill was happily surprised at the ease with which the prefabricated sash with fitted weatherstripping could be installed. Every detail, even the erection of a brick chimney was executed by these amateur owners. Solid shutters painted bright green give accent to the white horizontal clapboards.

A "Cabin on Stilts" they call it and rightly so. This is the product of designers Paul Steinert and Joseph Amisano of Pratt Institute and may well give us a picture of what many of our escape houses of the future will look like. Since he intended doing most of the work himself, Mr. Ohm's only requirements were that it be simple. The site is in the heart of Connecticut farm country directly on the Housatonic River. Because of the impressive view, walls are almost entirely of glass. The concrete platform below the cabin answers for food preparation, eating, discussions, and stray guests. Twenty by twenty in size, it contains a complete unit for stove, dishes, and cooking utensils. The cabin itself is used only for sleeping in the summer time. Except for the glass areas, all exterior walls are of wallboard. Furnishings are few and simple. A sixteen-foot unit, three feet deep along one wall, contains shelves for storage and books. Opposite we find the kitchen facilities, stove, sink, food storage, and an attached kidney-shaped table, all stained blue and red on plywood. Ceiling is a canary yellow, side walls a light Indian red, while the floor is gray blue. A modern color scheme to satisfy indeed even a left wing Picasso. These three escape cabins show what truly can be accomplished on less than that proverbial shoestring. As you can see, a lot of preliminary planning is required plus an overdose of good hard muscle work. Lazybones need not apply. Peace and comfort is the reward awaiting those willing and ready to make the effort. But is it worth the candle—well ask these contributors. They know.

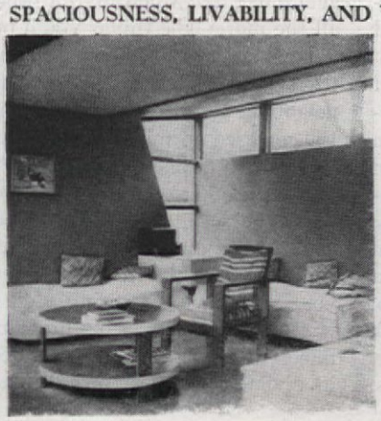
Of course, in a house as small as this, great ingenuity had to be exercised in the interior arrangements. Across one end we find an indirect kitchen heater, the chimney with an electric plate mounted on brackets, a kitchen cabinet complete with sink and an ample refrigerator with cupboards above. In winter the refrigerator is moved to the city and firewood stored in the space left vacant. A fold-away bed takes care of the sleeping accommodations and slips into a closet equipped with shelves and clothes rod. Shoes are placed on boards, fitted into the bottom of the bed frame, and so roll up when the bed is shut into place. Knotty Ponderoso pine doors hide the bed during the daytime. In another corner a dinette storage table with drop leaves takes care of mealtime necessities. Plumbing is the only item awaiting the end of the war.

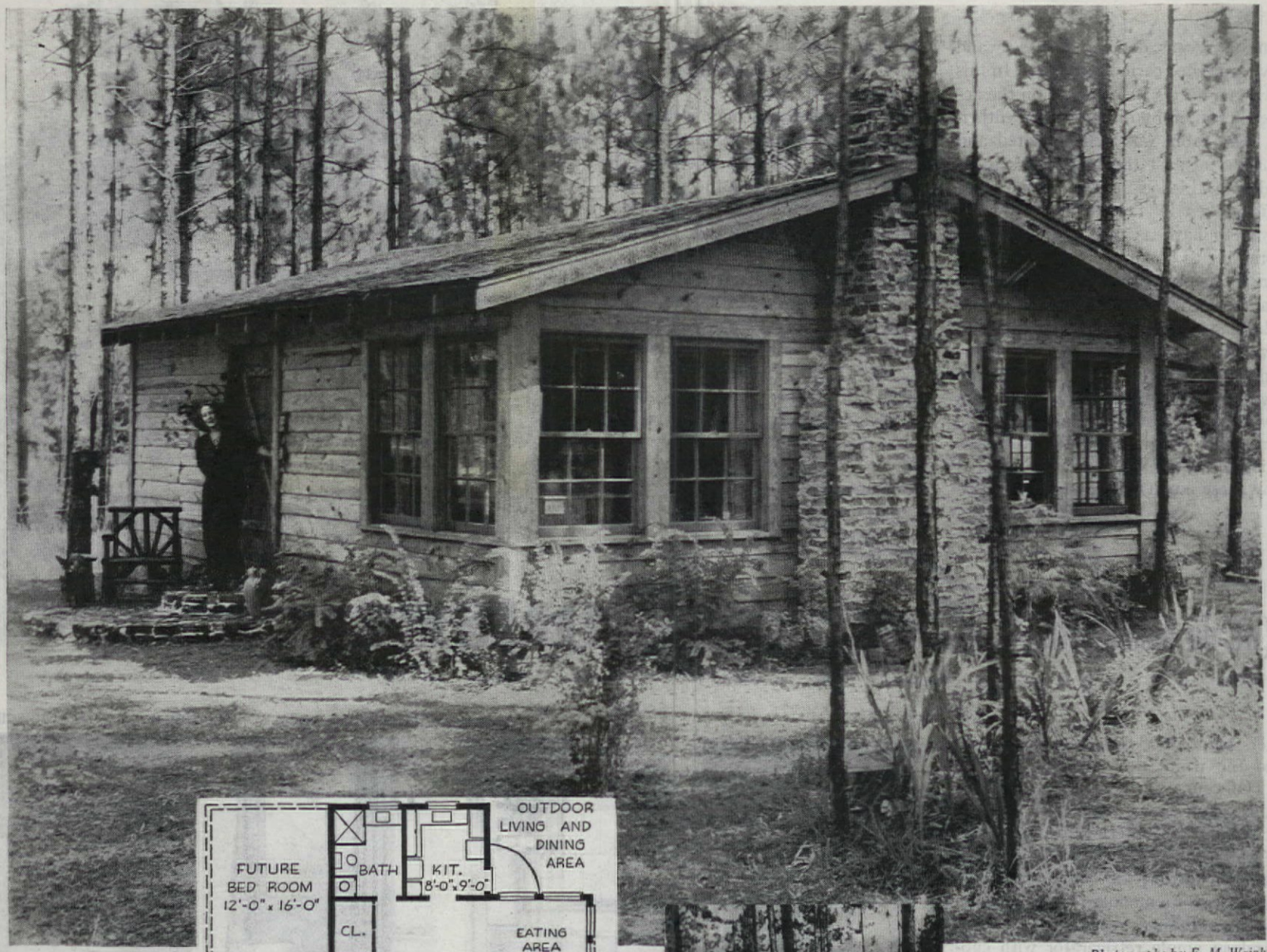
THE COWGILL BUILT-INS MAKE ONE SMALL ROOM REALLY ACT LIKE THREE

Neat storage trick hides bed and bedding during daytime

STUDYING the vacation house of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ohm, we realize that here something new has been added.

THE CARL OHM "HOUSE ON STILTS" SPACIOUSNESS, LIVABILITY, AND WHAT A VIEW!





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GLAMOROUS CAREER

WILLINGLY EXCHANGED FOR

RUSTIC PEACE AND CONTENTMENT

ALICE BLUE

"Blue Haven"—a Mississippi Shack with a Future

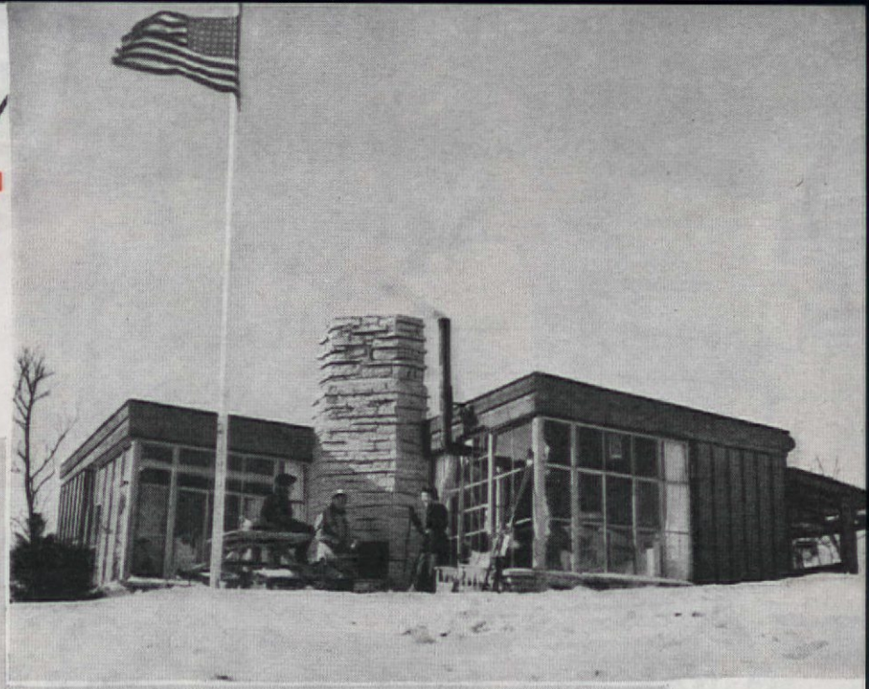
TO HAVE my own roof overhead, some land to grow food on—all set among peaceful and beautiful surroundings has been a lifelong obsession with me. For years I've gotten a tremendous kick out of magazine articles entitled "What I did for so-and-so many dollars." How I envied these writers their ability, their ingenuity, the final arrival at their heart's desire. Now it's my turn to tell a story. My little home in the woods hits a new low in cost, I believe, with a minimum sacrifice of space and beauty. For a long time, however, due to a very small pocketbook, the situation looked bleak indeed. To reach my goal, the job had to be cut down to my own size with plans for enlarging later.

I now have a place to live in, to keep my belongings in—but best of all, a home to come back to after my frequent travels. There are inconveniences, to be sure, but these will be easily overcome by the addition of a little more hard work. However, this will be good for me and, in truth, for any other healthy woman. The location in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was a thing of rural beauty, completely covered by giant pines. In fact, the growth is so thick that getting photographs was nigh on impossible. The house plans are my own; its erection, the work of a local contractor aided by two helpers and yours truly now and then.

At present it's a home in miniature—really nothing more than a shack to the passing eye—but I have plans. Later on there'll be a garage, a fence and another bedroom. I really am in love with the place just as is, and I work like a beaver inventing substitutes for the many things I can't have now. For instance, mosquito netting, sliding on taut wires across the bed alcove, covers the two windows at the side of the bed. It works fine, and I really don't miss the window screens I can't afford. I carry water, nice cool, clear water from the neighbor's well, just like my pioneering grandmother did—and I don't mind the hard work at all. There's no bathroom, so bathing becomes quite a ritual. But somehow it gets done, and when my bathroom is finally installed, I'll appreciate it all the more. The things you'll put up with in your own home are funny to somebody else—but to you they're just fun! Because there's no electricity, my beautiful electric iron has given place to a gasoline one. My neighbors get along very well with theirs; so I'm sure that after awhile I'll get used to mine. Candles and kerosene lamps somehow fit in naturally with my new form of life while I've really become quite attached to my little kerosene stove; it cooks surprisingly well with a blue flame.

Of course, at first I'd dreamed of a much finer house, but, then, I could never afford one. I realize now that it's better to take what you can have and like it. And it's really easy to love almost anything that's your very own. On rainy nights the roof drips music; when the cold winter winds blow, a big fireplace keeps me nice and cozy. My days are filled with work. I am surrounded by peace, quiet, and beauty; I'm now in a home of my very own. Who, during these times, could ask for more?

ILLINOIS SKI HUT ON HILL 57



RUTH W. LEE

ONE MAN'S INGENIOUS DESIGN FOR A WEEKEND RETREAT IS REMINISCENT OF AN OLD CURRIER AND IVES PRINT BROUGHT UP TO DATE

MEMORIES of grandfather's farmhouse perched high on an Indiana hilltop played a pretty important part in the selection of Hill 57 as the site for Charles E. Waltman's week-end cabin. In the first place it was the highest bit of land in McHenry County, Illinois; then, too, the view it commanded of surrounding farmlands was magnificent—but, best of all, the location was right in the heart of skiing and hunting country. And, to put it mildly, winter sports and hunting are Mr. Waltman's favorite sports.

It's a house for good living, this cabin on the hilltop, overflowing with good cheer and warm hospitality. This was the original aim of its industrial designer owner. A place to gather one's friends for those escape hours so necessary in these troubled times. The plan was his own; the erection was done under his careful supervision. The unusual L-shaped plan just didn't happen—it was selected and oriented in order to catch the maximum precious winter sunshine; in summer refreshing breezes bring continuous relief. Actually the walls are of steel casement windows combined with natural cypress boards and battens. Trim and porch are of outside cuts of logs. The Wisconsin lannon stone chimney with its inside and outside fireplaces proves a great boon during all seasons; it's especially useful for brewing those hot lifesaving drinks so dear to the hearts of a gay winter sport crowd.

Mr. Waltman feels that the house itself really comes into its own during the winter months. In the summertime, most of his energies go into a most successful victory garden. With the first fall of snow, however, things really start humming. Due to the circuitous steep ascent, most guests arrive either by sleigh or foot. Only the most courageous would hazard those steep icy driveways with a car. There's usually an excited gathering around the huge sunken flagstone hearth.

The house really boasts of but one room, yet the interiors have a spaciousness that belies the fact. Ceilings are of heavy pine beams; the corner windows are trimmed with oak bark. Canvas curtains and bamboo shades protect each window while winter rock gardens of plants and gourds sprout from every sill. A tiny built-in kitchen has been placed at the east end of the cabin. Behind a pair of knotty pine doors is a cupboard for dishes, pots and pans all stored above an oil stove, one of

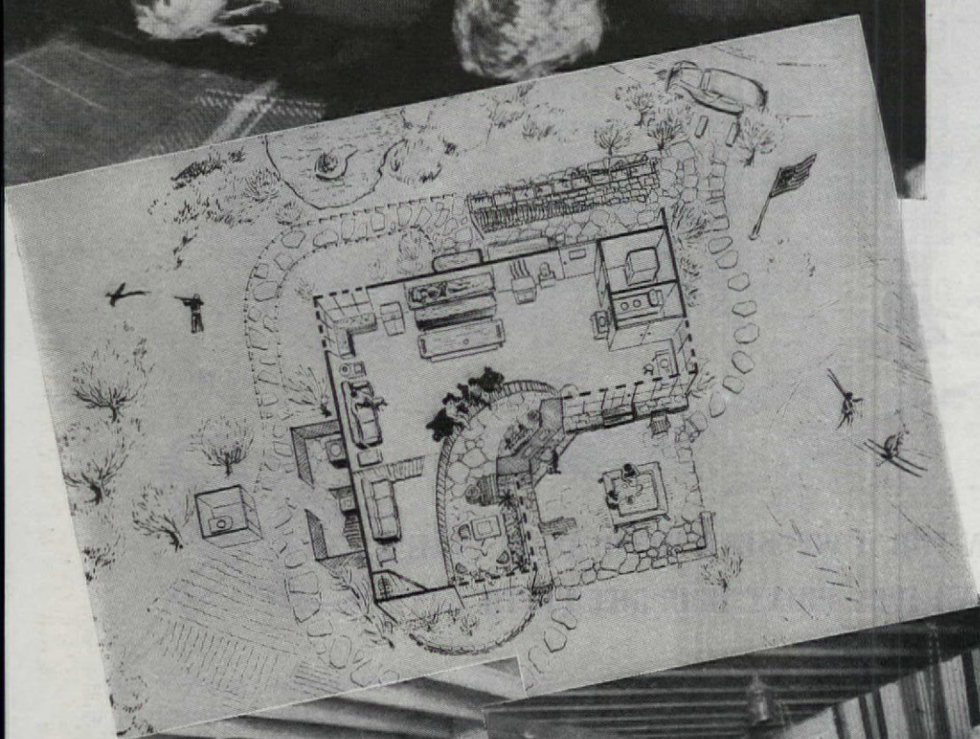
Heart warming drinks around the open fire are the order of the day after a hard workout on skis down Hill 57

Mr. Waltman's designs. The insides of these doors are fitted with wall shelves for glasses and dishes. Next to the kitchen is an antique rolling hickory butter chest, which often doubles as buffet serving table and kitchen table.

Against the north wall, Mr. Waltman built a pair of bunk beds. The upper bunk, suspended by chains, can be lowered to form the back of a bench and is used with its lower companion as a dining seat. Ingenious touches are everywhere. In fact, without too much magic, eight overnight guests can be accommodated with ease. A pair of rust covered sofas, facing the fireplace often double as guest beds. A ceiling to floor drapery serves to separate these from the rest of the cabin for privacy.

This is really a he-man's house, designed and built without any assistance from the so-called weaker sex. Decorations are rustic and hearty, focusing on a huge pair of moose antlers over the fireplace. Rugs are jute beige while there's an ample sprinkling of bear rugs. Housekeeping is simplified by merely sweeping floor dust and crumbs into the sunken fireplace. Even an old pickle jar has been transformed into a sturdy washstand. A man's house, indeed, radiating good cheer and hospitality. A man's house—but do the girls love it—well look at our pictures!

Plan drawn by the owner



Photographs, Charles H. Keller

PRIVACY BEHIND THE FLOOR-TO-CEILING CURTAIN

OLD WAGON WHEELS AND AXLE SUPPORT THIS PLANK TOP TABLE

AT WORK IN HIS TINY KITCHEN

WAR HYSTERIA

Photograph by Hal Reiff

This is little Sue Dusinberre of Forest Hills, Long Island. The christening dress Sue wears was made by Sue's great-great grandmother, and has been worn by succeeding generations of Ortgies. She's her father's pin-up girl and, no matter how tough the going, Lt. Commander Dusinberre has to smile when he looks at Sue

ELLEN OSGOOD

IT IS comforting to one's ego to feel that one is contributing a pair of socks, so many bandages, having fewer auto rides, using less sugar and meat, and performing a few hours of war work a week for the war effort. But there is a more important job for mothers, and that is to remain calm and sane in a world which is rapidly losing those attributes.

Child psychologists, in studying the children living under war conditions in Europe during the past three and a half years, point out that the most important finding is that children do not like change. They point out that children were not hurt by bombs as much as by the psychological effect of the fear their parents had for their safety. Children fear their parents' fear.

Children depend upon the adults with whom they associate for their security. When they see adults become worried and fearful, and obviously insecure, children cannot help picking up the same characteristics although they may not even understand the reasons for them. We have all seen a baby's turned down mouth, just ready to weep, change into a smile when his mother smiled at just that moment. Children are such good mimics that we parents must be models of sane and intelligent behavior in these complicated times. If we wish to give security to our offspring, we must first possess it.

One is constantly meeting parents who are suffering from the malady of the moment: *war hysteria.* They talk, talk, talk about war, war, war. These people are not secure enough within themselves to cope with the additional emotional problems that war creates. Some are frightened about the future, either because of financial affairs, or because they cannot adjust to a new way of life. They are anxious about blackouts, gas rationing, food shortages, rising prices, and higher income taxes. In fact some of them are so afraid that they are really ill from their fears.

Because I think this illness is highly contagious, I would like to protect others from it, particularly children. For this quarantine procedure, I would hang a red card on the door of these insecure people, which would read: *War Hysteria, A Contagious Disease, Children Keep Out.* Such a card would have to go on a local kindergarten teacher's door. One of her pupils was telling of the first air raid practice in her school. She liked the way they had to go into the dressing room, standing close against the wall opposite from the windows, but she did not like the rule of no talking while standing there. Her mother asked why they had to keep quiet. "'Cuz we must hear the bomb hit. Then we would go to the library—that's the safest place."

An old lady neighbor would need a red card, too. When she saw my two small daughters eating ice cream cones, she said in a pitying voice: "You two little dears, in just a short time there won't be any more ice cream cones." Of course, the children were disturbed, for an ice cream cone is one of their symbols of the good life. But they were content enough when they were reassured there would be other good things to eat, like maple sugar, covered apples on sticks, homemade popcorn.

Children who are less than three years can be more or less isolated from war and war conversation. The parents need not listen to excited news commentators when the child is about. Magazines filled with war pictures can be put away. Toys, in spite of the manufacturers' desire to have them reflect the latest world events, need not be war-like. Older brothers and sisters can be cautioned not to talk about war in front of the small child, for they can add little but undue confusion, anxiety, and fear.

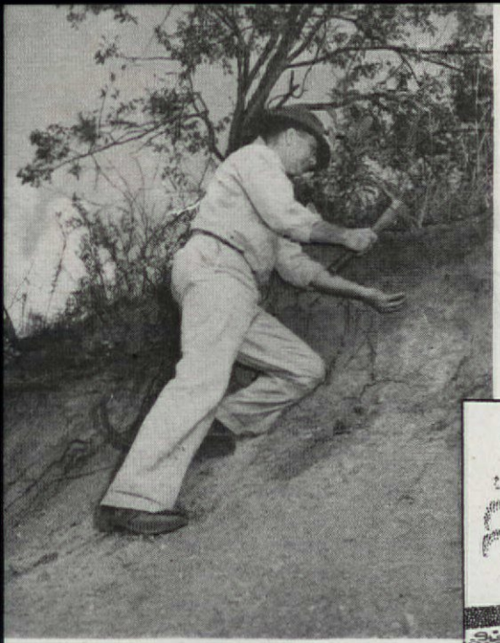
A happy, busy routine with special emphasis on motor activities leaves less spare time for worries or anxieties. Allow children more responsibilities and duties. Let them dry dishes and make their beds. Little girls are good at washing gloves and brushes and combs. Give the children some real participation in your world. Children not only like to be busy, but they want to please in the things they do.

For children three years older, war can be somewhat less fearful, for it can be explained in terms that children understand. Understanding always helps to remove the unknown, and it is the unknown which is feared. Children have met contemporaries who are bullies; they know that some of their acquaintances refuse to "take turns" and want to be boss all of the time. They have met "hit and run" antagonists, and others who attempt to prove by physical force that they are the stronger and thus better. These characteristics transferred to adults and adult actions make the complicated picture of war more understandable to them.

The collecting of newspapers, scrap metal, old rubber articles, bottle caps, is an active contribution to the war effort. Knitting and bandage folding for young girls, and first aid for both boys and girls will not only be beneficial now, but for the rest of their lives. The tire and gas shortage is actually a healthy thing for both you and your children. Children can carry a lot of bundles, if you make the game a social and fun experience, without tiring them.

Little children are disturbed by the cross and worried voices of their parents, the anxious expressions on their faces. We want our children to be able to adjust to the changes of the world, for that is one of the main requirements of a healthy, normal person, but we must give them time and security for the change to take place. It will not come about abruptly.

Although it may be a far quieter, less exciting war program than many are following, thoughtful mothers will make a great effort to be as calm, sane and secure as is possible in these turbulent times. We must not only be prepared to give our children in the defense of civilization, but we must also be prepared to safeguard their mental health in order that they may be effective when called upon to serve. So, for them, beware of war hysteria.



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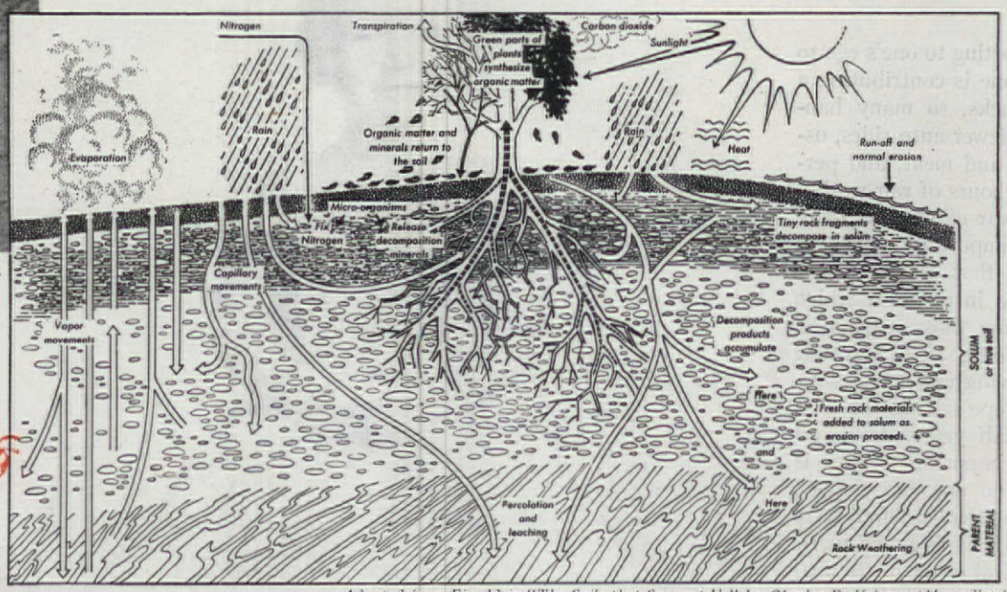
PRIMER FOR THE AMERICAN HOME GARDENER

The story of the soil, as revealed both by field studies and by such diagrams as that at the right, is an absorbing tale of vital importance to us all



Adapted from Fig. 13 in "The Soils that Support Us" by Charles E. Kellogg (Macmillan)

LESSON 1 ~ Soil and How to Handle It

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

Eleanor B. McClure

THE EFFECT OF FOOD AND A MULCH

Of these tomato plants, pulled up in August in Mrs. McClure's garden, one (left) was merely cultivated; one (right) was twice given fertilizer in solution; one (center) was twice fed and kept heavily mulched with sawdust. The last was in every way the best—lustier and with many more large and small fruits, and flowers

IN GARDENING, soil is what you start with. In many respects it is like a bank. You probably had nothing to do with its origin or previous control, but you can—and should—make sure of its stability and resources before you open an account. As time goes on you make deposits of various kinds: plenty of your own labor (and that of others if you can get it), expenditures for equipment, seed and supplies, applications of slow-acting humus and lime (long-term notes you might call them) and quickly available plant food (comparable to cash and readily transferable paper), interest-drawing irrigation systems and other improvements. Assuming that the bank is properly managed and kindly treated by the elements, it does well by you and enables you at intervals to draw out more than you put in, within reasonable, even generous, limits. However, a run on the bank as a result of ignorance, carelessness, greed, or lack of horticultural honesty can wreck it and sweep away the savings of one or many seasons.

Now what does good soil handling imply?

1—Appreciation of the complex nature and composition of all soils, of the fact that they vary widely from place to place and from time to time, and that they are not inert, dead, but an integral part of a natural life process that involves plants, animals, bacteria, sunlight, moisture and air, as well as the mineral residue from the wearing down of the earth's crust.

2—Realization of the soil's functions: (a) to act as a base or mechanical support and a congenial home for plant growth; (b) to provide the plants with the food elements they cannot obtain from the air; and (c) to supply enough water to dissolve those elements and to meet the moisture needs of the plants.

3—Maintenance in the soil of the proper amounts of air, moisture, plant food in readily available form, raw materials (organic and inorganic) from which that food can be prepared, and the physical conditions and living organisms necessary to that food preparation. This means keeping the soil in good physical and chemical condition and preventing such destructive actions as erosion by wind or water, flooding, baking, chemical changes causing high acidity or alkalinity, or "soil sickness."

To carry out in your garden a soil management program in line with those principles, include the following steps, some of which are illustrated in the pictures on the facing page:

1. Have soil appraised as to type, quality, and condition, by a practical expert if possible, and secure a reliable test for acidity and available supplies of the principal food elements.

2. Well in advance of planting time, incorporate as much organic matter (humus) as possible by plowing, digging or trenching; add lime every few years; provide plant food to maintain fertility (fertilizer may be applied dry and raked in, or as a nutrient solution at seeding or planting time as graphically shown in Mrs. McClure's pictures in the center column); finally rake or smooth to a good seed bed.

3. Sow and plant at the proper time, when the soil is in the right condition and the weather favors growth. (This applies, of course, to all operations.) During growth season, conserve moisture and keep weeds down by cultivating frequently, or by mulching with such materials (and precautions) as best fit the locality, soil type, and other conditions.

4. Keep the soil, when not growing crops, covered and protected with a green manure crop or a mulch that will prevent the washing, blowing, or other loss of valuable humus, silt, soluble plant food, etc. Wherever the soil structure needs improving, use the between-crop periods to work in sand, sifted cinders, humus, lime, etc., to install drains, correct grade inequalities, remove stones, and roots.

Endeavor in every possible way to maintain and promote the normal, continuous, soil-building cycle illustrated diagrammatically at the top of this page, in which all that is taken from the soil by plants is constantly being returned to it in some form or other. Under Nature's system, soils never "run down." Try always to be as good a gardener as Nature is.

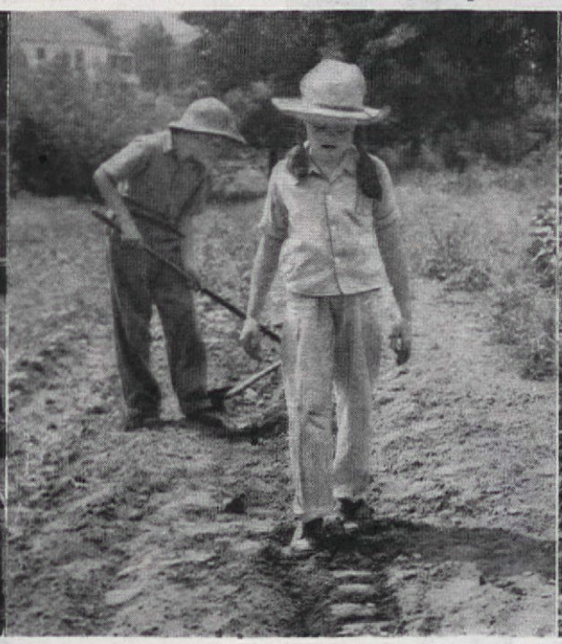
1 **PREPARING.** You can start this year's garden in midwinter (fall is even better) by burying nonwoody vegetable refuse in trenches dug in unfrozen soil

4 **FEEDING.** Plant food can be supplied in solution too, as here done by the junior McClures. Jimmy opens furrow, Dick soaks it with solution, Mary Lou plants

7 *H. Armstrong Roberts*

CULTIVATING can be done with a wheel-hoe (like this), a hand hoe of the chopping or the scuffle type, or a hand cultivator (below) in any of a variety of styles

2 As the ground dries out in spring, plow or spade it to good depth turning under rotted manure or compost if available. Dust rough surface with lime or woodashes



5 Next Jimmy covers seed and Lou firms the soil, then (below) rakes it lightly to check loss of moisture by evaporation. Beans so planted were up in six days

8 *Kilmer Photos*

The aims are: to keep the soil loose and aerated, conserve moisture, and destroy young weeds; but authorities disagree as to how much soil-stirring is economical

3 *Knell from U.S. Dept. of Agriculture*

Work lime in with potato hoe (shown) or iron rake, then rake in complete plant food (4 lbs. per 100 sq. ft.) several days before time to plant or sow seed

6 *Eleanor B. McClure*

The basic solution used was: victory garden fertilizer 1 lb.; lime or household ammonia 1tbs.; water 1 gal. Diluted with 2 to 5 parts water, 5 gals. did 50 ft.

9 *A. W. MacMillan*

To gain those ends mulching with straw, sawdust, etc. (or in some circumstances paper, as seen here) offers another effective method. See evidence on facing page

Cross Country Collector's

From Hollywood, an orchestra leader's antiques find their proper setting

The collection of fine pewter that "rotates"—being changed regularly to afford each item better display space. The rare Carlton House desk of mahogany is spacious without bulk

At rehearsal, Mary Martin appears to enjoy Mr. Trotter's vocalizing attempts

THE world's just full of pleasant surprises. Take John Scott Trotter's case for instance. Of course, we've always admired his expert musical accompaniment on the Bing Crosby radio hour. We knew, too, that he was one of Hollywood's most expert composers. But, John Scott Trotter, private collector of fine Eighteenth Century antiques—well, that was news to us. Of course, when you examine Mr. Trotter's background, it's easy to realize this inherent love for fine old things. While majoring in Architecture at the University of North Carolina, he became intensely interested in Eighteenth Century houses and their proper place in our present-day American way of life.

Then and there, he vowed that his future home would be of this style, complete to the last authentic detail. From then on, every spare moment stolen from his musical world has been a quest for furniture and accessories to fit into this future Dream House. The rewards have been many and worth while.

While in Hollywood, all available pamphlets and brochures were meticulously surveyed in this treasure hunt. Hundreds of auction sales were attended in the hope of finding some hidden gem. Chippendale, Sheraton, Hepplewhite, and Duncan Phyfe constantly bobbed up in the Trotter conversation. The collection grew and grew—what to do with it became a vital question. Why hide such beauty between the stark walls of some warehouse? Why indeed, when the Trotter genius for house design was busy drawing plans for a homestead in his native state. So by remote control, across the continent, a fitting background for a precious cargo was planned. Every detail

Focal point in this entrance hall group is the Duncan Phyfe rosewood card table with its metal fleur-de-lis inlay. Sheffield silver wine cooler, acting as vase, is reflected in the parcel gilt and mahogany mirror. Hepplewhite tambour-front sideboard, in dining room, is of mahogany inlaid with satinwood. Knife boxes are also of satinwood with shell design

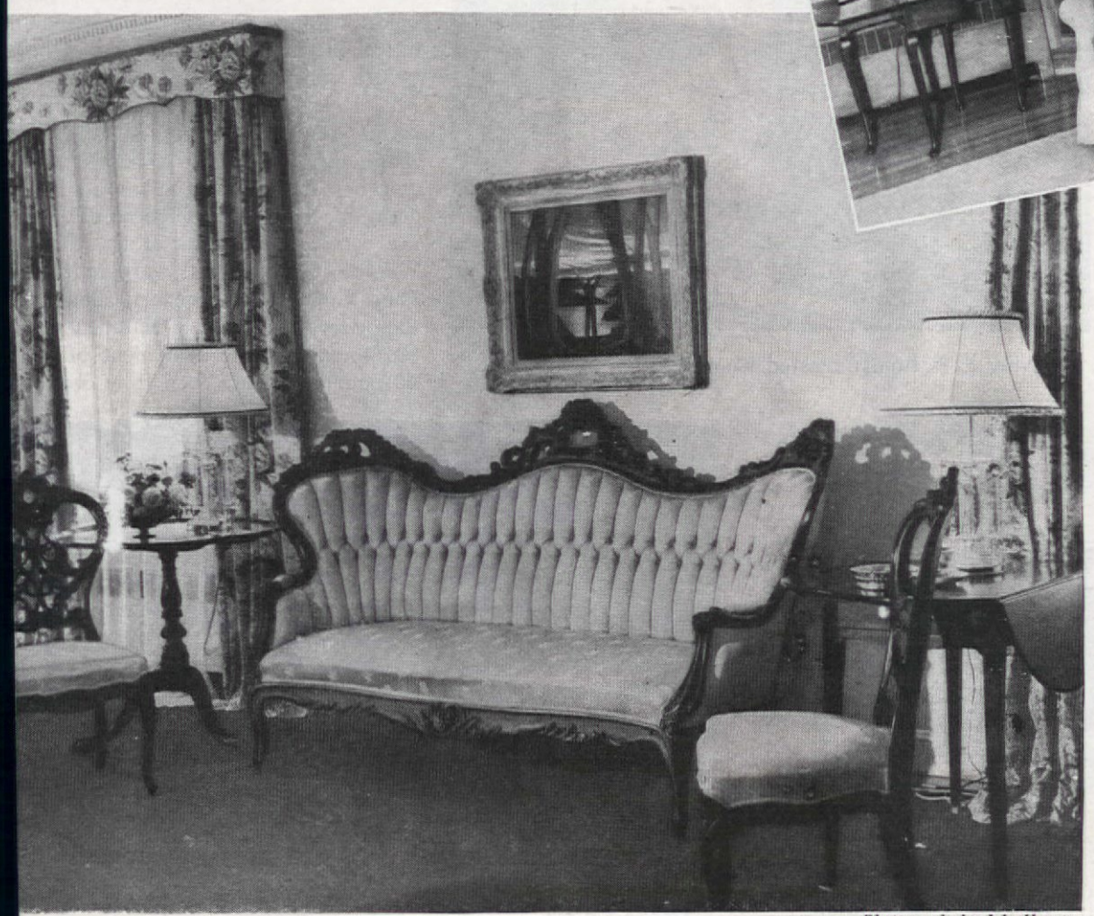
Item

eighteenth century
in North Carolina

was the product of the maestro himself, down to the very cornices, which, incidentally, were built in California and shipped with the entire collection to the east.

Well, the results? Just gaze at the pictures on these pages. Here's a house to be proud of, a collection that is the envy of all admirers of lovely things. To select any individual piece for special attention would be difficult. Mr. Trotter is especially proud of his "rotating" collection of pewter. A few pieces are displayed at one time on open shelves. These are changed from time to time; the rest stored in a pewter closet. The English break-front bookcase of mahogany is a real beauty and houses some fine examples of Bristolware. Too, there's the unusual three pedestal Duncan Phyfe dining room table with its original brass feet. This holds a favored spot in its owner's affections. Perhaps the most unusual piece in the collection is the Queen Anne drop-leaf table—circa 1760—of mahogany which acts as a focal point in the attractive paneled study. The walls of this study of selected North Carolina hardwood act as a perfect background for the many unusual brass pieces accenting the room. A student floor stand lamp with Bristol glass shades is rare indeed insofar as this type of lamp was seldom made in any but table-type. Why elaborate further—the pictures speak for themselves and most eloquently, to our way of thinking.

A prize, indeed, is this English break-front bookcase—circa 1765—of mahogany with Gothic tracery doors. Twin Bristol vases are a gift from Bing Crosby



Sister Margaret Trotter finds relaxation among the mahogany and brass accents of the cosy study. Silhouetted against dining room bay is the unique three pedestal Duncan Phyfe table surmounted by an English Georgian rose bowl. Victorian charm in the grape design sofa of yellow satin damask under the Paul Wildhaber painting

Photographs by Jake Houston

Charles H. Keller

In Hubbard Woods, Ill., Dean Hole (descendant and namesake of England's famous rosarian) squeezes food crops against his garage between two drives

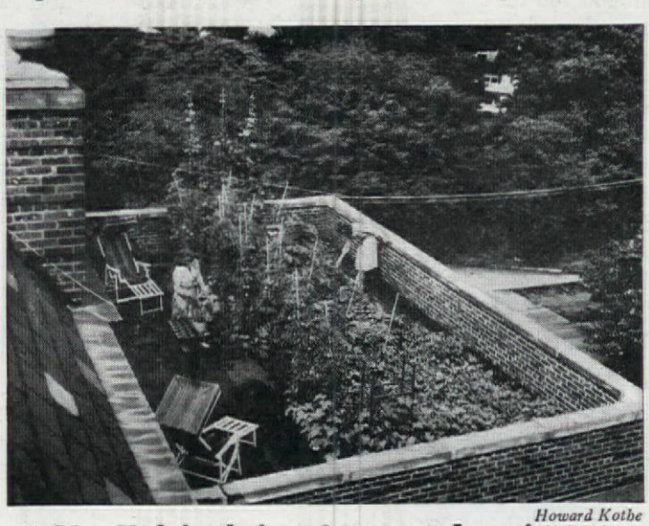
Chicago Park

Everywhere vacant lots offer possibilities fo victory gardening. Here, Chicago realized the

No Room For Food Crops?... *Nonsense!*

Of course a good big garden beats a good little one, but even tiny areas richly reward intelligent, determined care and effort

THE success of the 1943 Victory Garden Program not only proved the practicability of economical home food production, but revealed unrealized production possibilities of limited areas. While Program leaders still urge gardens "as large as the owner can care for effectively," they no longer underestimate or minimize the value of using any bit of suitably located, moderately fertile soil, no matter how small. Even roof gardens did their bit, though few as efficiently as that of Dr. William Johnston of Bronxsville, N. Y., pictured at the right. Here everything was grown in butter tubs of soil well supplied with humus and commercial fertilizer and watered weekly with a nutrient solution. Tomatoes and peppers were grown from plants and 17 of the former bore nearly 700 fruits; lettuce, beans, okra, cucumbers, cantaloupes (40 from four tubs) and Hubbard squash (18 from fou tubs) were raised from seed.

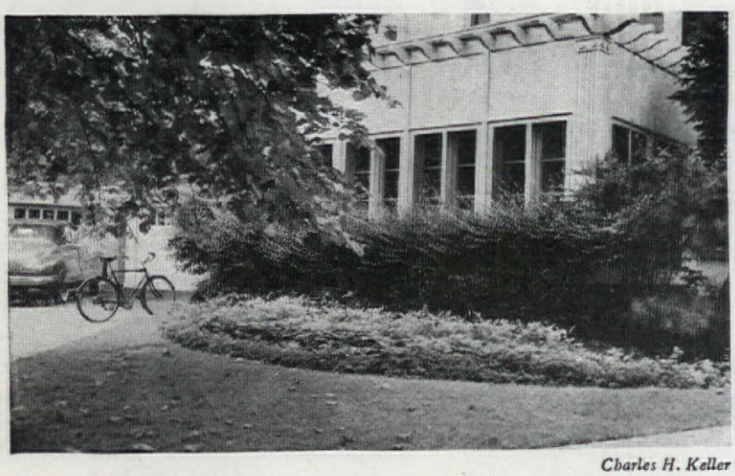


Howard Kotbe

A New York family feasted from a 20 by 30 ft. terrace

The decorative quality of many vege tables such as lettuce, carrots, beets chard, cabbage, etc. makes them doubl useful in front yard settings that neve before grew anything but ornamentals Mr. Hole's combination of tomatoes beans, and other crops, with phlox marigolds, larkspur, etc. shown above and Benjamin Goodman's salad borde along the drive of his Glencoe, Ill., hom are excellent examples of this.

As to concentrated gardening, per haps Connecticut's report should ge the prize. A gardener in Hamden picke 897 tomatoes—the equivalent of 50 t 60 pounds of fresh food from 5 plants



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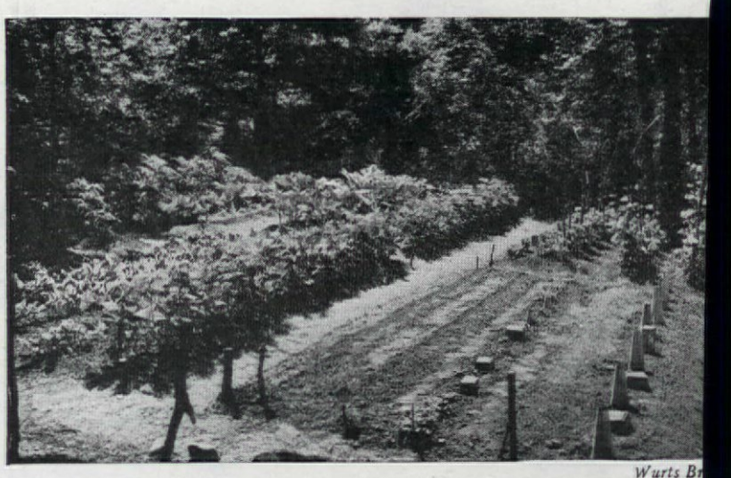
Is this border planting any less attractive because it is edible?



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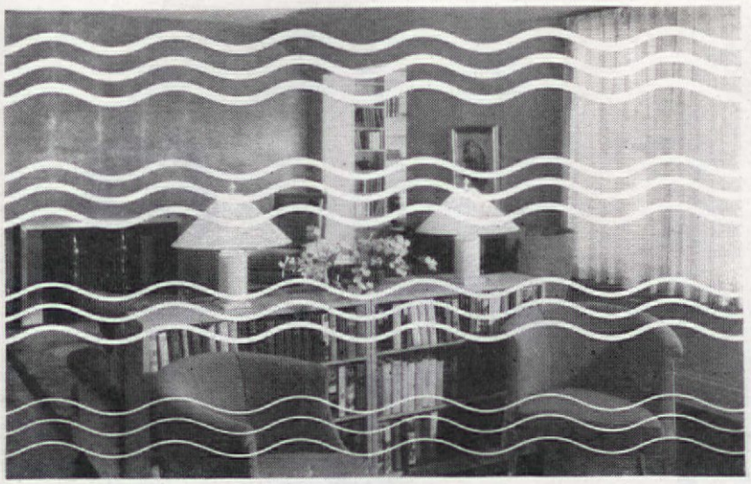
On Long Island, one family had to clear a woodland plot for a gard



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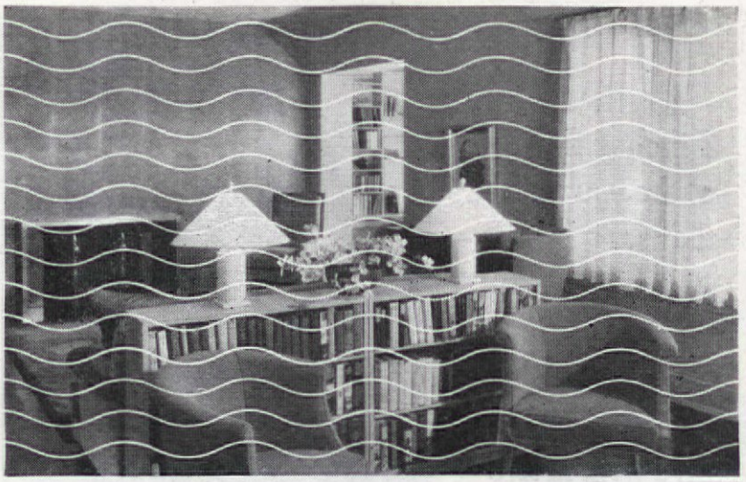

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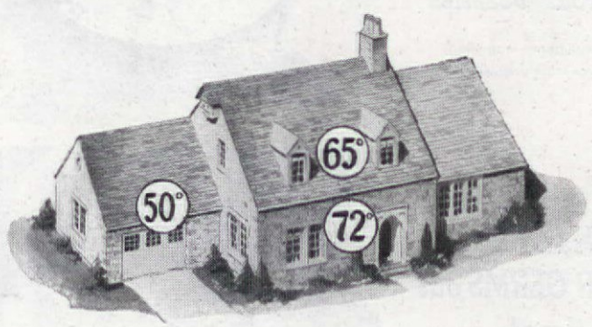

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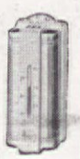

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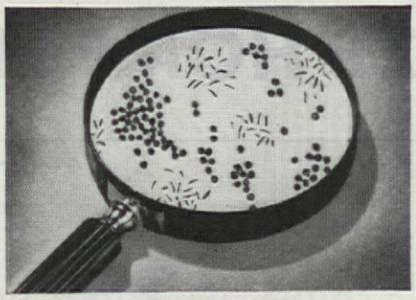

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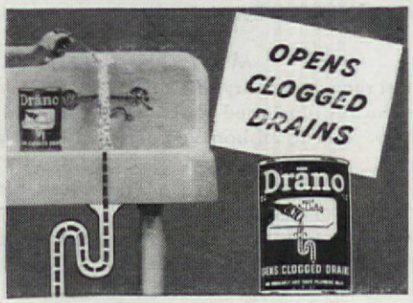

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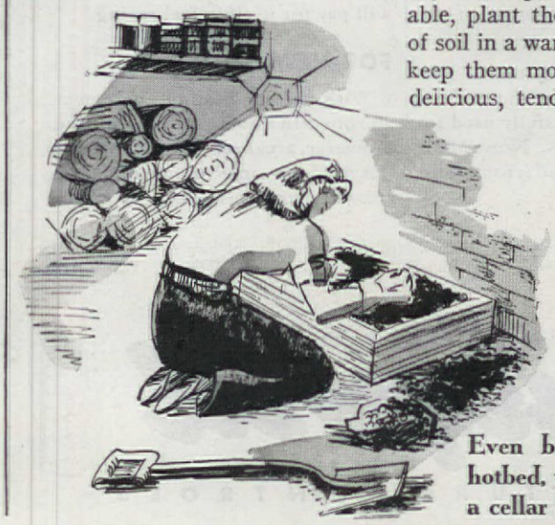
Don't Wait for Spring... RUSH IT!

Sketches by Natalie H. Davis

YOU'RE already hungering for the sweetness and happy promise of another spring, you say? Fine. Then don't try to stifle and ignore that yearning, like a boil under a bandage, but satisfy it by enjoying some of the pre-season activities open to the resourceful gardeners. Perhaps you laid plans last fall, by potting up some bulbs—which is the first sign of progress beyond the mere forcing of Paperwhite and other tender narcissus varieties in bowls of pebbles or fibre. Tulips, hyacinths and various hardy narcissus are usually thought of in that connection. But right now you can pot bulbs of crested iris and corms of gladiolus and other tender things for extra early spring bloom. See what your bulb dealer still has in stock and recommends for forcing.

Conditions are prime, too, for committing petty larceny in the garden to the extent of cutting some branches of spring-blooming shrubs and trees and forcing them into flower. Forsythia, silver-bell, flowering quince and all kinds of fruits can be used, the essential need being that they have experienced at least one good freeze. Otherwise they won't play ball.

If you have beds or clumps of violets, lily-of-the-valley and other spring-flowering perennials that you can invade, dig up a few plants from beneath the snow, pot the frozen chunks in soil that you have thawed out or kept indoors since fall, bring them gradually into light and warmth, and see what happens. And of course, as a good victory gardener, give a zip to your diet by digging some roots of rhubarb, dandelion, chicory, or any other perennial greens available, plant them in a bed or box of soil in a warm part of the cellar, keep them moist, and enjoy some delicious, tender blanched shoots.



Even before you plant a hotbed, you can be enjoying a cellar food garden harvest

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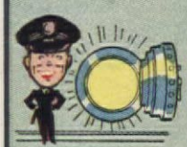

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This Saving Grace

LOUIS GOODENOUGH

ONE of life's most difficult decisions to make—for me, at least—is what to save, what to discard. For years, as a result, bureau drawers and closets have bulged with bits of bric-a-brac, fragments of fabrics, remnants of ribbons, and other oddities and entities hoarded in the hopes that on some not too far distant day they could be turned advantageously to some practical or decorative use.

Today the score stands in favor of this saving grace. The majority of this accumulation—uxorially and frequently referred to as "that junk"—has found its way into some scheme instead of the ash can. Old lamp shades have been completely refurbished, a picture frame has been Cinderella'd into a cocktail table, draperies given a new lease on life, a maple clover leaf table metamorphosed into a Victorian one and . . .

But let's start with that picture frame. It was a bit too scrolled and ornate for anything except a really robust picture. From a hiding pla

behind evening dresses in the closet, it was unearthed one day to become the useful little cocktail table you see at the bottom of the page.

The first step towards this was buying four legs at the lumber store, after irately realizing that two years before I had given away one seemingly useless coffee table whose legs might now have been amputated for just this purpose. The newly acquired legs, however, were set into a base whose measurement was exactly that of the picture frame. In the meantime the frame was having a mirror set into it. When the entire thing was assembled, it was given a coat of black lacquer and the gold scrolls were touched up with gilt for a little extra glamor.

Then there's a bookcase which almost went to the junk man who, after gazing at it, intimated that if you gave him a quarter he might consider favoring you with its removal. Only a sudden inspiration to make a curio cabinet out of it saved it for photographing on these pages.

This particular bookcase was lined with Chinese tea paper after being painted the same color as the wall. Decorative wrapping paper, wallpaper or dress or drapery fabrics could have been used also. Even sheets of tinfoil saved from cigarette wrappers make an effective block pattern. To make these adhere, use a common paste made from flour and water.

The floor of a small guest room presented itself as a problem to be solved without too much expense. The general decoration of the room with its plain walls, couch cover, and draperies called for a splash of pattern on the floor. Besides, liberties could be taken with such a room.

The solution came one day when chintz draperies were being cut on this floor. The idea of a chintz floor somehow filtered through a mind which wasn't exactly on the match-making problem of lining up one selvage with another. The idea was almost discarded as ridiculous and impractical, but a bolt of chintz tucked away thriftily in the back of the closet, for that moment of great need, saved the day.

Heavy cardboard was first laid on the floor to give a smooth base and a slight amount of springiness to the chintz. A rug pad would be even better . . . or an old rug. The chintz was then matched up and a complete piece made by seaming the edges with any of these new types of liquid cement or liquid thread. The chintz was then stretched out on the floor, tacked tightly along the edge of the walls, and three coats of a good battleship deck varnish were applied for durable protection.

After a few weeks of walking over this floor, buckles and bubbles naturally develop here and there. In this case all you have to do is pull up one of the seams--these new pastes let you do this- -and repaste after smoothing out the imperfections with something straight like a ruler.

Photographs by F. M. Demarest

A floor such as this is not recommended for a much trafficked room although ours has been down eight months now without a sign of wearing or ripping and with reasonable care will prove satisfactory.

A maple clover leaf table seemed to have no place in a living room which was gradually going backward into Victorianism. Yet a table its size was needed . . . and now it stands completely draped in a cotton gabardine dress fabric with a glass top resting on it. An old barrel, incidentally, would have been just as good as the table, provided it had a solid top, and no one would have been the wiser.

Then there was *that* cedar chest with its ornate front. The scrollwork was easily hidden by turning the chest around after reversing the lid. Next, to disguise the shiny walnut, the entire chest was pickled. Pickling's pretty easy . . . at least this unorthodox method is, and it does use up

Victorian touches for the foyer: checked taffeta swag and lampshade, candle mold, dried flowers, mauve stripe floor, garnet string rug

Chintz floor for the guest room, mauve walls, violet cotton draperies with purple and blue plaid swag held by artificial grapes

Who's going to put it all together?

THERE'S A HOUSE somewhere in that pile of clippings—in fact, several houses. That's the difficulty; can *you* sift out all those ideas, weigh their merits, and decide just which ones belong in that house you're going to build when the war's over? Better plan now to get the expert help and advice of an architect! It pays off in lasting satisfaction...and headaches avoided.

Sure, some mistakes can be fixed up *after* you've built, but then again, some can't. For example, you can re-hang a door that swings the wrong way, but what's to be done with cellar steps that menace the safety of the whole family? Haven't we all known of a house that looked charming in the plans, but which wouldn't accommodate the furniture? Then there's the house that's ideal in dry weather, but always has a big leaky spot on the living room ceiling when the rain blows from a certain direction. A trained mind could have forestalled all these troubles, and in addition assured the homeowner of good taste in design, adequate resale value, and low maintenance cost.

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those dabs of paint which have been hanging around for so long.

You do it by applying layer after layer of paint, thinned down to water consistency with lots of turpentine. Add plenty of quick drier, too, so that you can finish up your work in a short time. Start in with the darker color and work up to the lighter tones. Spread it on thinly so that each undercoat peeks through. The final touch is to rub rottenstone over the last coat while it is still in a sticky stage. I wanted a pinkish cast to blend with the walls so I added a tablespoon of powdered rouge to the grayish brown rottenstone.

There comes a time in every wall's life when it should be alone—without pictures, wall brackets, or other type of three dimensional ornament. Often this wall is adjacent to one which has a lot of pictures on it or is a background for heavily patterned sofas or chairs. Adding anything to such a background often makes too busy an area. Yet such a background need not be entirely barren if you like stripes. And if you do, they are, strangely enough, easy to apply even though you could never draw a straight line much less an even stripe down a wall. Masking tape turns the trick and you can get it at the hardware or auto accessory store. It looks like adhesive tape only it has a paper backing.

First decide on the width of the stripes you want on the wall. With pencil or chalk, mark off the spacing at the top of the wall—if they are to be vertical stripes. Now take a piece of string and thoroughly whiten it with chalk. Attach a weight to the end of the string—a real plumb is best, of course—and suspend the string by a tack from the first mark you have made. When the string stops penduluming hold it tight at the bottom—then snap it against the wall. A straight chalk line will remain on the wall. Go right down the wall until you have chalked in all of the lines for the stripes. Now comes the test of patience—the actual masking as you follow each line down the wall, fixing the tape.

When this job is done, you are ready to paint between the masks formed by the tape. You can be pretty sloppy doing this as the mask protects the wall. After you have painted between each strip of tape, let it dry. Then with a quick peel, pull off the tape and you have perfect, straight stripes.

Incidentally, if you want to get an idea how stripes will look before you tackle the job, paint up panels of cardboard or wrapping paper and try them out. I have

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found crepe paper an excellent guinea pig. For example, if you are planning to reupholster a love seat, you will find that cooperative as stores are their generosity does not extend so far as to lend you eight yards of a fabric to try out at home. Buy a roll of crepe paper. Using this in place of material, you can get the effect of completely covered furniture.

Accessories can do so much to enliven a room. And what a lift a little change can make! Pictures regrouped, reframed, or rematted . . . draperies given a new life . . . table tops made into a stage for a still life . . . slip covers zipped on or off. Here are a few of the things I have done as a tonic for a slightly tired apartment:

A pair of draperies through a period of years had lost their glaze, colors had been dry cleaned out, and the ground had yellowed down to an antique patina.

For the winter these draperies were perked up with a satin swag and jabot which picked up the rug color. For the summer a striped swag and jabot which matches the wall stripes has been used. Incidentally the draperies are 72 inches wide and, during the winter, are hung in one wide piece, caught up in a deep fold over a tieback. For the summer the center seam is ripped out, and they hang as two side panels. I've always thought of running a zipper down the center for convenience but just haven't gotten around to that yet.

Pictures, too, have a way of getting tiresome. Give them a tonic with a freshly painted or pickled frame. Or take out the little nails in back and with the old mat as a pattern make a new one. For this try one of the decorative wrapping papers which so intrigue you at Christmas time. Or a striped wallpaper, even a gayly colored blotting paper, can be used.

Did you ever get tired of your table top with its current and not too contemporary magazines, its ash tray, and table lamp? I did and now, as you can see in the photograph, I have turned it into a stage for still life groupings. The current "show" consists of an opened silk fan, unearthed from a bureau drawer which also yielded a long forgotten bunch of artificial violets. These were bunched together into a corsage with a paper doily as a background. An old cotton glove was dyed and filled with clay to give it shape. The hand in turn holds a pair of beads.

The "show" is just about due for a change. From the recesses of some drawer or back of a closet, I'll probably find some new actors.

New Rayon Taffeta Showers

of evening dress quality
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DRESS UP YOUR BATH with a Textron Rayon "Taffeta Shower"—lush as your favorite waltz dress! Pretty enough to step out in! Water-repellent and mildew-resistant, with a reverse hem to let the water roll off!

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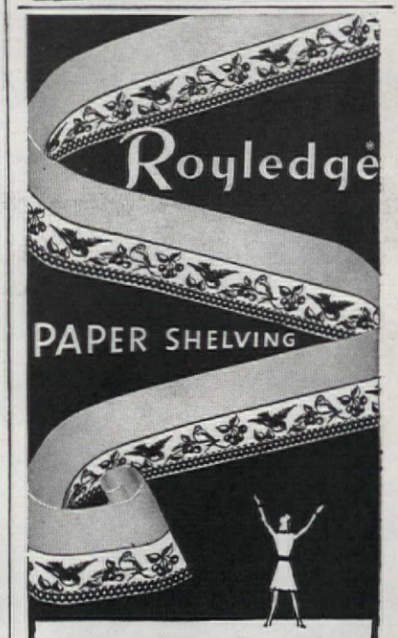

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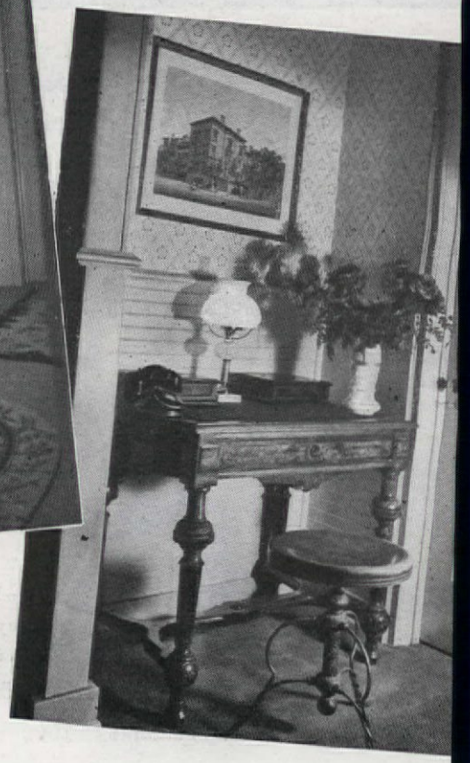
"Tables" are turned at the Dexters

THAT the sleeping and living quarters transposed in the charming ranch ho of the Raymond C. Dexters, near San F nando, Calif., may not be to the owners most important feature, but we think it r resents individual thinking to use a house a way to give most pleasure and comf Why *not* plan to take full advantage o breath-taking view—acres of citrus and trees with the Santa Monica mountains a backdrop. The interior details and furn ings indicate Southern Colonial influe



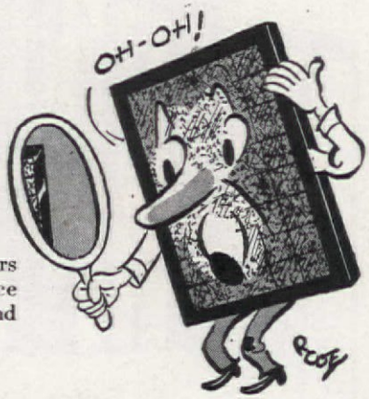
Tongue and groove paneling and wainscot painted citron yellow, green carpet and hooked rugs, citron and red paper in a stunning hall. Master bedroom is done in beige, rose and green

Soft blue carpet, dusty rose walls, garnet and white fabrics. Yellow beige, peasant design on cornice, gingham on ice cream stools

MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

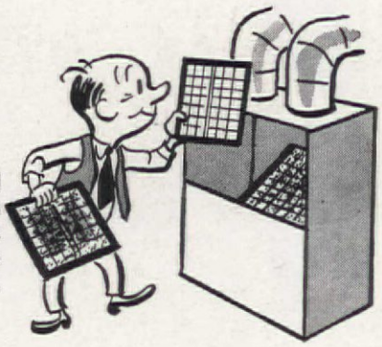
Mid-winter hint for saving furnace fuel

1. **All fall and winter** your forced-warm-air furnace has been giving you lots of clean heat. But now . . .

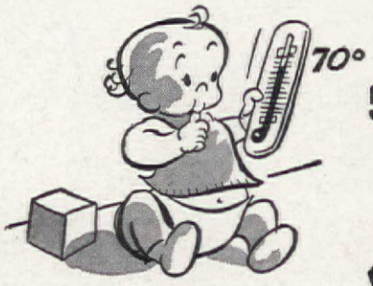


2. . . . **the chances** are the filters through which your furnace breathes are clogged with dirt and grime.

3. **Perhaps you're using** too much fuel. The house is chilly. You're wondering what to do about it.



4. **Take this** mid-winter hint and change those dirty filters. Get clean Dust-Stops*—THE BEST! Let plenty of warm air circulate throughout your home, and . . .



5. . . . **you'll also** be *saving fuel* . . . keeping the walls and furnishings of your home cleaner . . . and enjoying lots of warmth!

6. **Act today.** Look in the classified telephone directory for Dust-Stop dealers or ask for Dust-Stops at your department or hardware store. Most sizes cost only $1.50 each.

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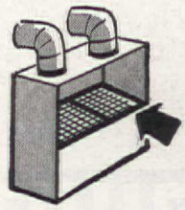
AIR FILTERS



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WHAT TO DO
when twins arrive

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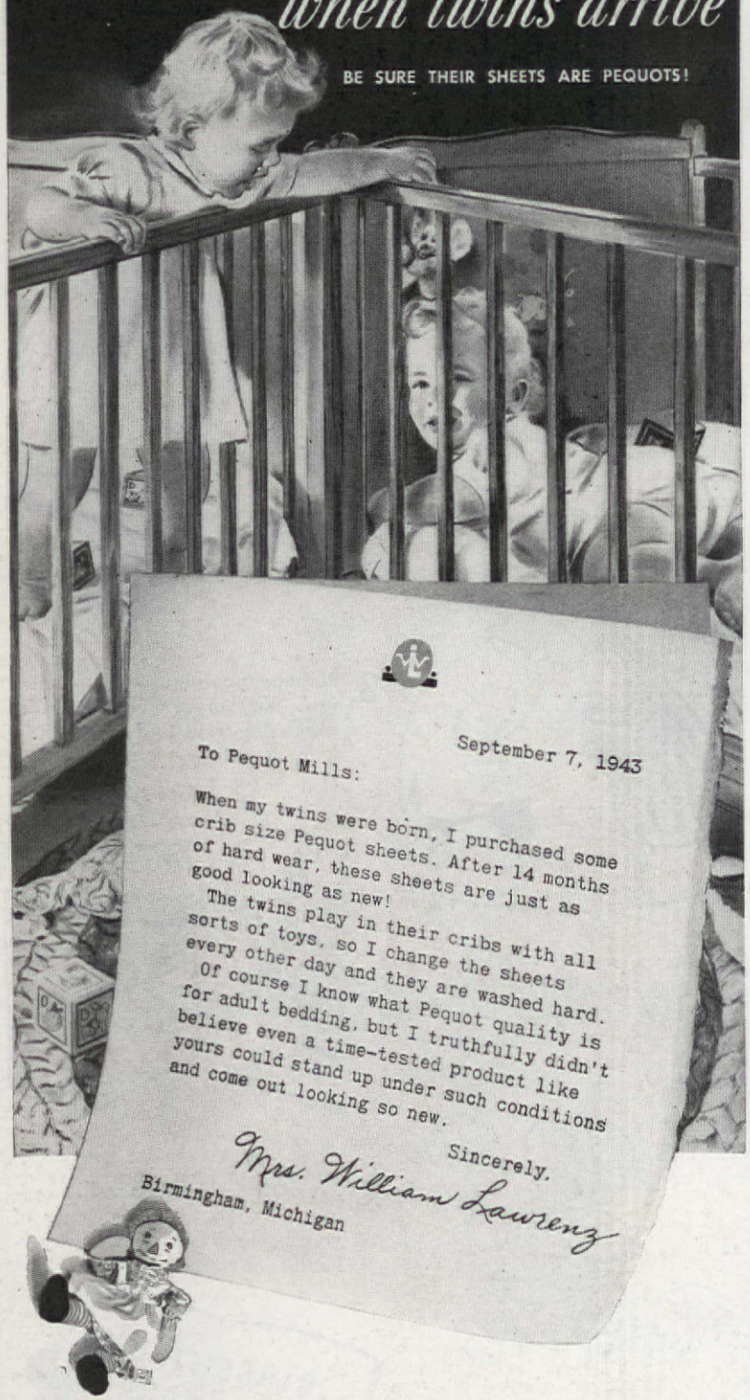

September 7, 1943

To Pequot Mills:

When my twins were born, I purchased some crib size Pequot sheets. After 14 months of hard wear, these sheets are just as good looking as new!

The twins play in their cribs with all sorts of toys, so I change the sheets every other day and they are washed hard.

Of course I know what Pequot quality is for adult bedding, but I truthfully didn't believe even a time-tested product like yours could stand up under such conditions and come out looking so new.

Sincerely.

Mrs. William Lawrenz

Birmingham, Michigan

Pequot's job is twins, too, these days. First, we're making tremendous quantities of sturdy Pequot sheets and other special fabrics for our armed forces. On the home front, too, the call for Conservation has brought increased calls for Pequot quality.

We're making every effort to meet this double wartime demand. Pequot production has been increased till we're making more than we thought possible a year or so ago. Including some for civilians. So now, when you need sheets, crib or regular size, look for sturdy Pequots, as always. Pequot Mills, Salem, Mass.

Pequot House in Salem, famous reproduction of a 17th century New England home, is now affiliated with the U.S.O. as a recreation center for service men and women.

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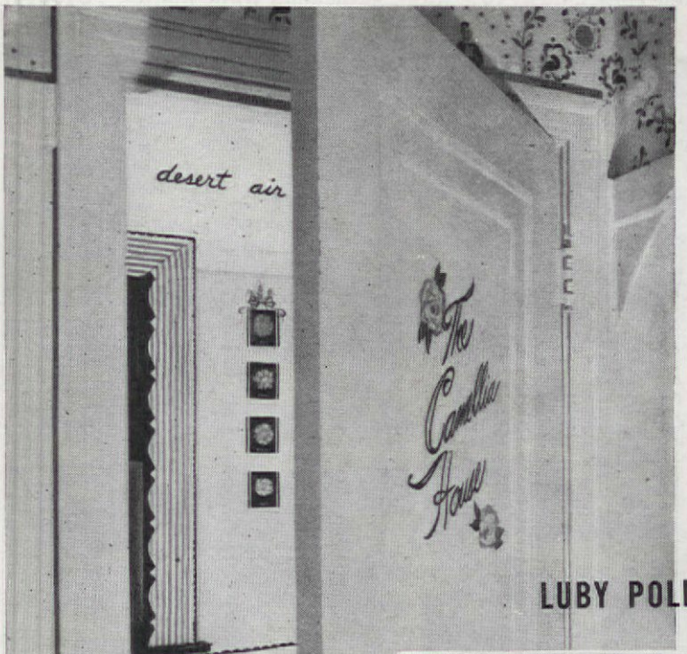


LUBY POLLACK

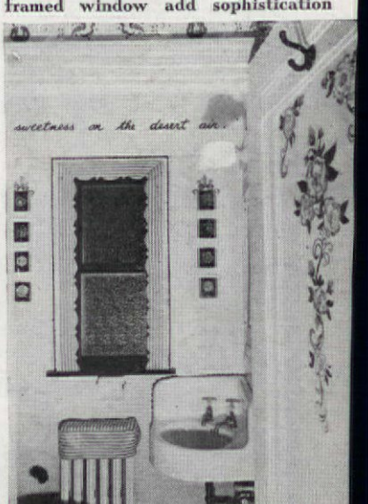
Oh Glamorous Wash room!

It was when my friend asked to use my main floor washroom remarking, "I promise not to look," that I decided to do something about it!

Such a washroom . . . tan walls, 3½′x4½′ area, jutting-out radiator, a medicine cabinet with hinges, and a single, narrow window. It was such a horror room that, when cleaning it, I'd scour, scrub, and scoot.

Inspired by eight small pictures of camellias, I promptly started work on "The Camellia House." First I painted everything a soft pink. Next my camellia pictures got pasted up. The question of the window was solved by a piece of wallboard, scalloped on one side. I cut this board in three pieces to fit around the window, and covered them with rose and white striped chintz. With the pasting of extra pieces of striped chintz around the mirror of the cabinet, I achieved a sophisticated look. But I wanted one more touch . . . camellias painted on the walls and door. I traced the camellia pictures and transferred them to the wall. By painting show card color over these outlines, I actually painted camellias!

The finishing touch was to letter the words "The Camellia House" on the door. Impudent little pictures and framed window add sophistication



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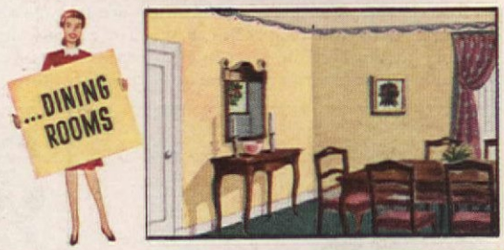

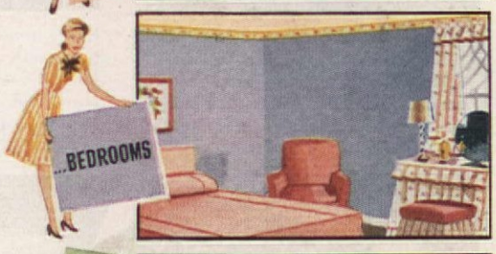

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3. **DRIES IN 1 HOUR!**
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6. **WASHES EASILY!**
7. **LOVELIEST COLORS!**

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IF YOU were to pull up to what looked like a garage in Ferndale, in the midst of the Pennsylvania Dutch country, you wouldn't get your windshield washed or your radiator filled. What you'd probably get would be a Pennsylvania Dutch design job done on your fenders that you'd cherish as an heirloom! You see, Amelia (Miki) and Stevens Maxey have taken over the old garage as their studio, and they paint designs on everything that comes along! Take a look at the picture. All that sad and weary collection of unrelated furniture will be revived under the magic of their imagination, artistry, and industry, let us add.

Two years ago, these two young painters left New York for the peace and quiet of the country where they could pursue their main interest in life, the perpetuation of the rich, but too often neglected, heritage of American design. They chose the Pennsylvania Dutch country that is full of colorful tradition and material. Here, in the crowded little garage, motifs that have been out of circulation for centuries, come to life again

Photographs by F. M. Demarest

AMERICAN HOME PATTERN A645: Here's a wonderful chance to get more of the real Pennsylvania Dutch designs. Pattern includes tracing patterns for the panel and drawer of the commode, coffee table top, side motifs and border, chair back design shown above. All the favorite themes: the tulip, the heart, the quaint birds, designs for extra borders and motifs. Full instructions for applying, and color chart, 25¢

They are Furniture Fanciers

LYNN GIVEN

new adaptations. The lovely old *sgraffito* pottery with its traditional designs is e of their sources. The decoration on the rehabilitated commode in the right- nd corner is adapted from a slip–decorated pottery dish, from a drawing in the dex of American Design at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The very beauti- decoration on the top of the coffee table (cut down from a "library" horror) aken from an old design from the house of the miller at Millbach, Lebanon Co. o rooms of this house are preserved at the Pennsylvania Museum of Art. As we said, everything and anything is grist for the Maxey painting mill. When went down to take the pictures, Steve had just driven up in the Ford touring that takes them to all the auctions around the countryside. This is what came of the back, just to give you an idea of what can be used for working miracles h paint and design: two soda fountain chairs, one large brass jardiniere with e of the three brass legs missing, two battered, plated vegetable dishes, one

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And even now—with rationing in full swing—you'll still not find all the Del Monte varieties you would like. Remember the time you wanted Del Monte Apricots and couldn't get them? Your grocer did have Del Monte Fruit Cocktail though. So you bought it. Because you knew it was in the same food group—and you knew in advance how good it would taste!

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To be sure you're not wasting food, check below:

- ☐ Do you plan your buying ahead?
- ☐ Do you buy only what you need?
- ☐ Do you buy brands you know?
- ☐ Do you store foods correctly?
- ☐ Do you serve healthful meals?
- ☐ Do you prepare foods carefully?
- ☐ Do you "lick the platter clean"?
- ☐ Do you use up all leftovers?
- ☐ Do you turn in waste fats?

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potty chair, one desk of questionable parentage, and one dejected umbrella stand. (Who knows what treasures are hiding in *your* attic?)

Anyway, it's Steve's job to turn all these things into presentable and useful pieces of furniture. He rehabilitates, tears down, or builds up, and prepares the various things for Miki's magic brush. Right before your eyes, she takes a piece of chalk, lays on the proper design, and paints it, in the wonderful colors that are typical of the Pennsylvania Dutch homemakers who painted *their* furniture, too.

We have heard that there is no true altruism, but we found the Maxeys the rule-proving exception when it comes to sharing some of their designs and tricks of their trade. Here's some painting information that makes life much simpler for the doer-over of furniture. After the piece has been prepared for the ground coats by filling all cracks with crack filler, touching them up with shellac and sanding the whole thing down, they recommend that you use a flat oil paint, tinted to the desired shade with tube oils, and mixed with clear varnish, up to one fifth of the paint. This makes for smooth brushing, and any number of coats can be applied (use at least two). You don't have to wear your elbows down to your shoulders with rubbing, either, for you just automatically get that much-to-be-desired mat finish that looks so mellow and old. For a not garish effect, paint the object either black, deep green, deep blue, or light gray, beige, and so on. Then you can get the *color* in the design.

When it comes to applying the design, it's good to transfer it by merely going over the lines of the design on the back with chalk and tracing it with pencil where you want it. If you would rather, cut yourself a stencil of the design and then apply it (the pattern includes directions). The designs should be painted with tube oil colors, slightly thinned with ⅔ turpentine and ⅓ varnish with a dash of dryer.

The brushes you use should be good. Two flat, red sable brushes, one No. 6 and one No. 8, one round, sable water color brush for fine lining should make a good brush kit for most purposes.

After the design is on and dry, then comes the varnishing. If you can get the mat or flat finish varnish at your paint store, use that by all means and you'll save yourself hours of rubbing down, and your job will be a symphony of muted, hand-rubbed finish and color . . . a tribute to you and to the art of the Pennsylvania Dutch.

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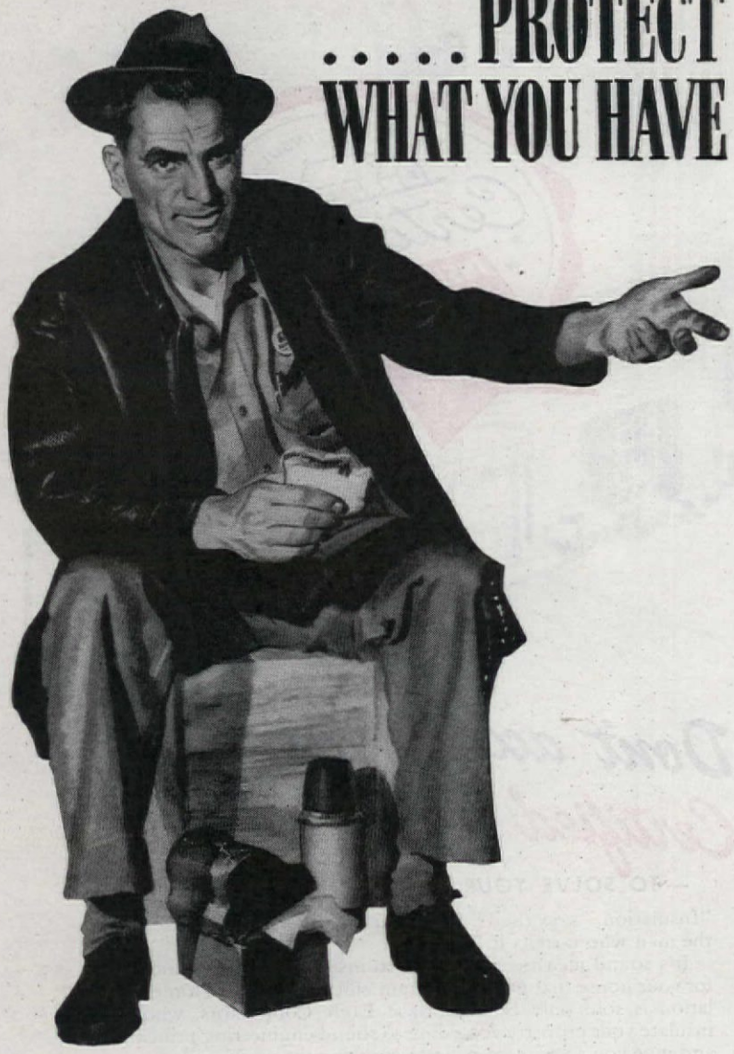

"A fellow here in the plant says he's worked all his life, with nothin' to show for it. That burns me up.

"Not counting his home, his family and what he should have saved but maybe didn't, he's got *plenty* . . . freedom to plan his own future.

"I remember my father talking about his 'old country.' Well, I'm thankful he raised his family in America, where everyone is free to get along according to his ability. And, I want this country kept free for my kids. I don't want it bossed from outside, and I don't want it undermined from within.

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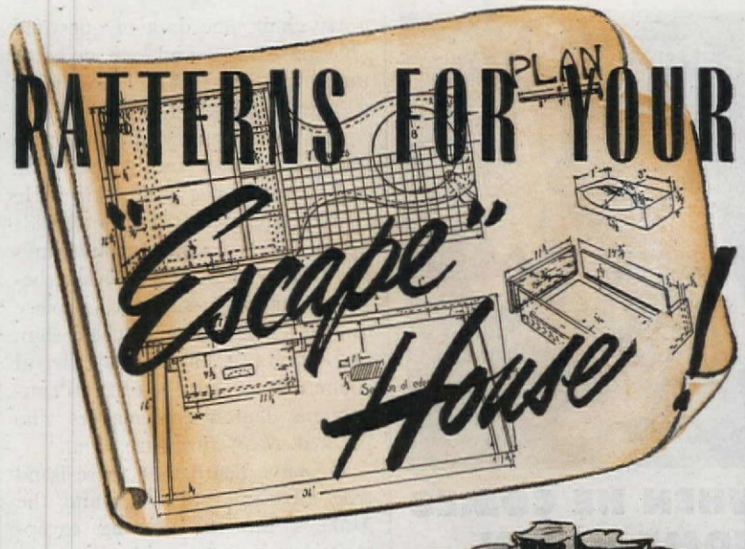

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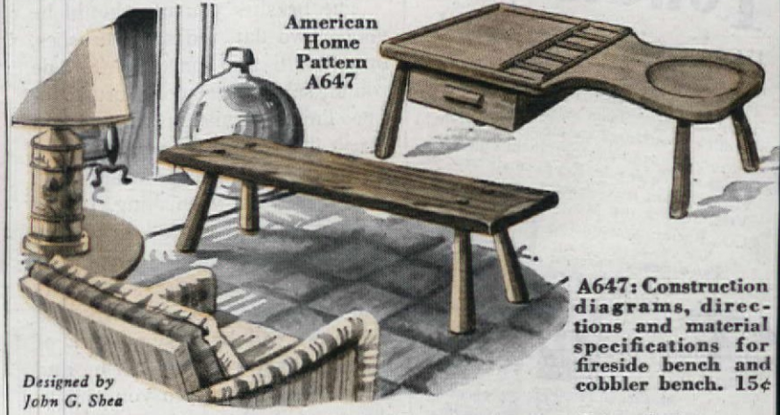

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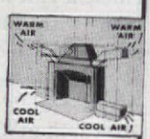

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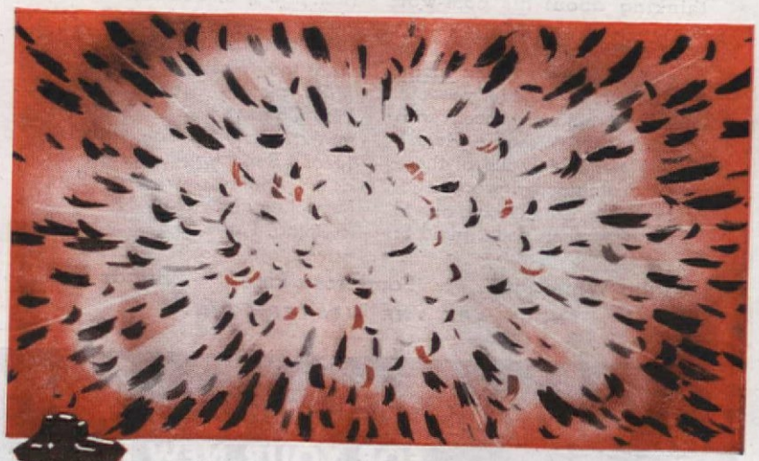

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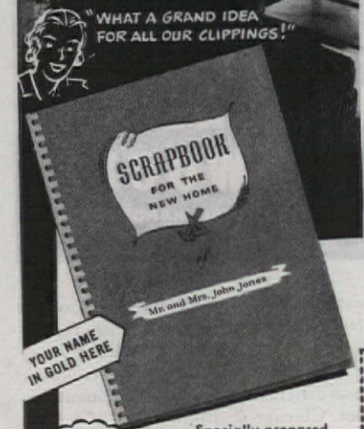

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THE day we stopped at Mr. A. Ballard Bradley's home in Winnetka, Illinois, he was leaving to play in a golf tournament, so his wife showed us his basement workshop. Perhaps it was as well; had he been there to demonstrate and explain, we might never have gotten away! The shop is the result of twenty-five years of collecting, planning, and perfecting; in completeness of equipment, in arrangement, convenience, and efficiency, it is enough to make any man with interest in craftsmanship and a feel for tools weep with joy. Its best known products are Mr. Bradley's beautiful scale racing yacht models, which have taken part in international regattas. But he also turns out handsome luggage stands of mahogany or hard maple, and copies of antique hanging shelves or plate racks which delight the friends and relatives to whom he presents them. He can

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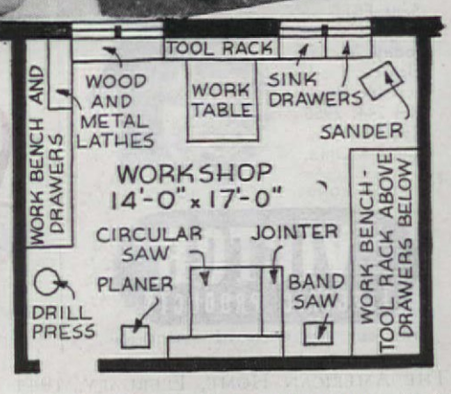

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make a stand or rack in about twenty hours, but he spent most of one winter on a solid walnut, deep-cushioned chair for his own study. In fact, his repertory includes all kinds of useful, good to look at home accessories.

With his children grown up and away from home and his wife as ardent a gardener as he is an artisan, he considers himself lucky to have an absorbing hobby. Time never grows heavy on his hands and many a winter night or summer week end finds him busy in his workshop with Rajah, his dog, as his silent and admiring companion.

Mr. Bradley has made 3 model yachts for international races

This walnut chair he made for himself, but—

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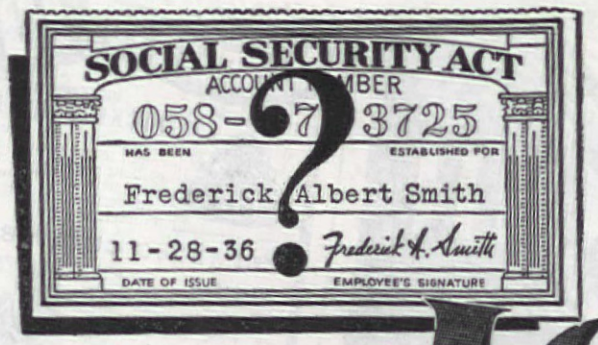

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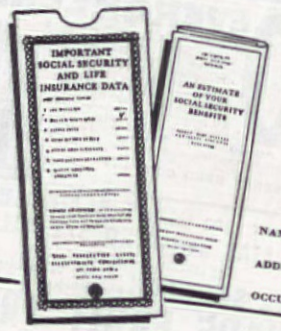

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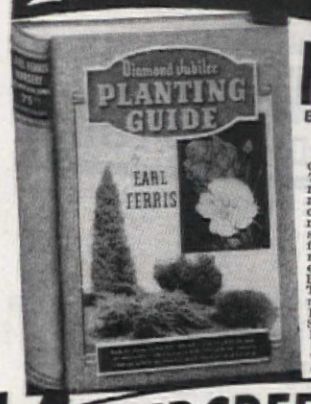

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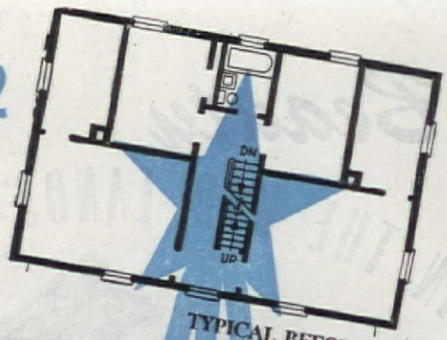
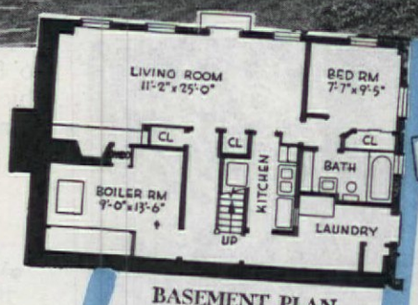


TYPICAL BEFORE PLAN

WILLIAM J. HENNESSEY

WELL, the question of that overlarge house of yours looms up again this month. In our January issue, we showed the wonders accomplished by bringing three of these outmoded buildings up to date, ready to meet the challenges of an after-war world. We consider the fate of these step-children of the residential field of tremendous importance. Many of you, owners of homes now, will not be in a position to build come Armistice Day. The reasons are many and obvious. Renovation as such will not entirely answer your problem. Altered or not, the fact remains that your house is just too big for the family's living requirements. This is not an uncommon experience. Children have a habit of growing up, marrying and starting nests of their own. This leaves mother and father rattling around in a house not only too large but difficult to keep up.

Now, just what can be done about this type of situation? Well, as we explained last month, the house could be sold, and smaller quarters found. But, in many cases, this means a financial loss. Also, sentiment rears its head; we become attached to a house. Our lives become an inherent part of its plaster and timber. Well, for those with a little courage and imagination, there's a very happy solution to this situation. Really, you can have your cake and eat it at the same time. Live in your old house but make it work for you. There's always a demand for small apartments. After the war, due to the growing shortage of domestic help, this demand should increase. Miss Elsie Eaves of Port Washington, New York, bought an oversized, ramshackle affair with this idea in mind. A challenge of this sort appealed to the logical business instincts of this



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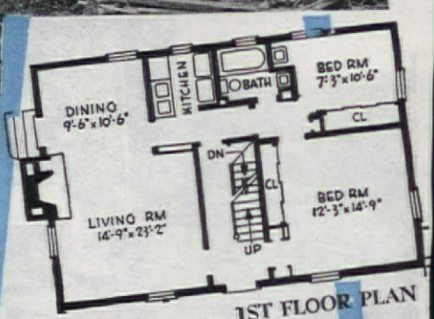

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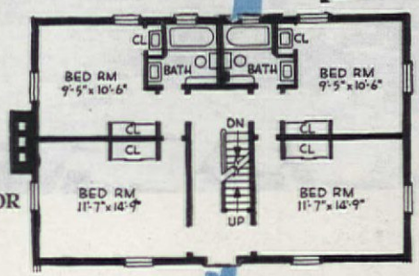

2ND FLOOR PLAN

APARTMENT HOUSE of MISS ELSIE EAVES Port Washington, N. Y.

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A garage mechanic in Nashville asks:

What kind of homes do miners live in today?

For the most part, miners live in homes as attractive and comfortable as those of any other well-paid workers. Washing machines, radios, refrigerators and other home appliances are commonly found in miners' homes. A miner is just as free to choose where or how he will live as anyone else. The automobile makes it possible for him to ride or drive to and from his place of employment like a worker in any other industry. When a miner lives in a company home, it is because he wants to. Today company homes on company property are usually better than the average home in the sections where they are located. Rents average around $15 a month.

A New York policeman asks:

Are miners always "in hock" to company stores?

The answer is that they are not. And there is no reason why they should be. Most miners may draw against their pay any time they want to for taking care of their living expenses. They may trade at an independent store, a chain store or a company store. In a small mine in West Virginia, the pay roll figures show that only about 9¼% of the combined pay of all the 296 miners employed there was currently owed to the company store. Besides all this, the OPA forbids any store, and of course this includes company stores, to extend credit to any individual for more than 60 days. The only exception is credit for heavy consumer goods, and these would normally be financed on time payments anyway.

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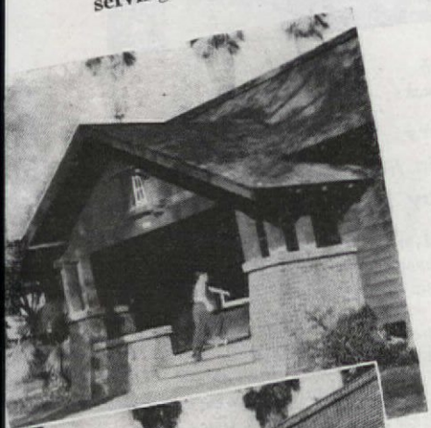
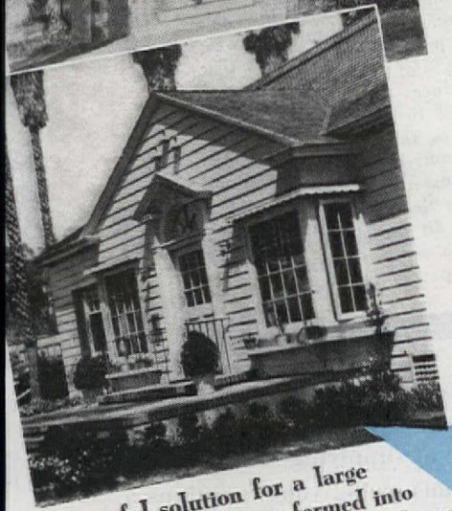
"Structural, mechanical and electrical decisions always involve future administrative policies. Is the house to be owner or cooperative management in the matter of hall lights and thermostat location? Should you squander money on wallpaper and waxed floors? I still had a tenant's-eye view of landlords; also a theory that an apartment you liked yourself would attract the kind of people you'd want for neighbors. I realized that a generous sprinkling of electrical outlets would mean a minimum of makeshift cords creating fire hazards; that well painted or waxed woodwork and floors, easy to care for, would be well treated. Having lived on a houseboat, I realized the importance of well planned locker space; this makes for easy tidy housekeeping. Built-in-plywood wardrobes with sliding doors provided maximum storage shelf area. Even the luxury of a built-in ironing board was placed in one apartment. The location of baths and kitchen sinks made for economy. My house is paying taxes, insurance, operating expenses and interest on the first mortgage and reconstruction loans and is making sufficient return on my investment to be classified as a really sound and worth-while business venture."

Well, perhaps this will give you an idea of what we mean by giving that old-fashioned house of yours some pretty honest consideration. If an apartment is not up your alley, perhaps converting into a tearoom similar to that designed by Harold O. Sexsmith, Hollywood architect for Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilkie, will be your goal. It's a perfect solution if your property has become more commercial than residential. Certainly if such an ugly duckling can be transformed into a decorative, useful citizen, then there's hope for all other Plain Janes in the building world.





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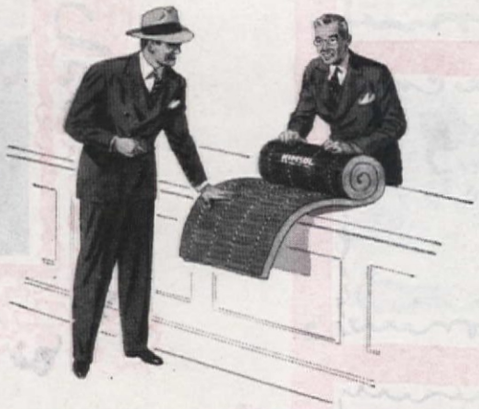

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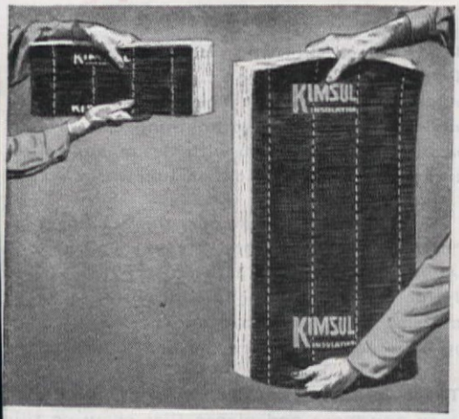

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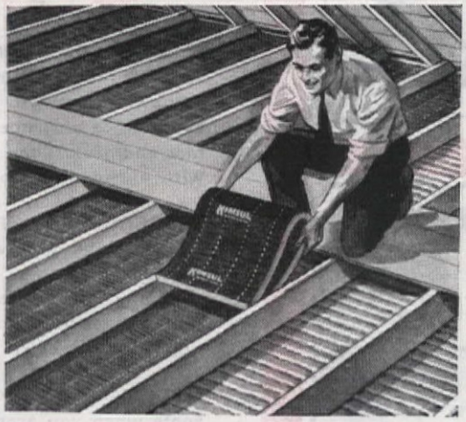

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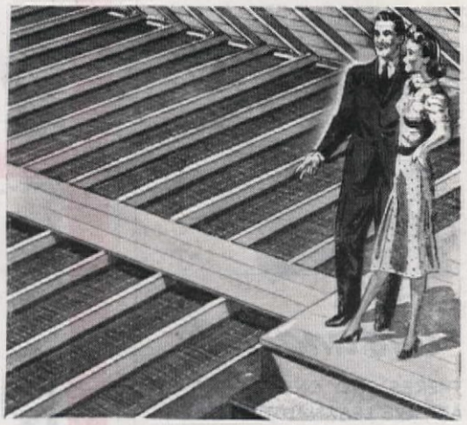

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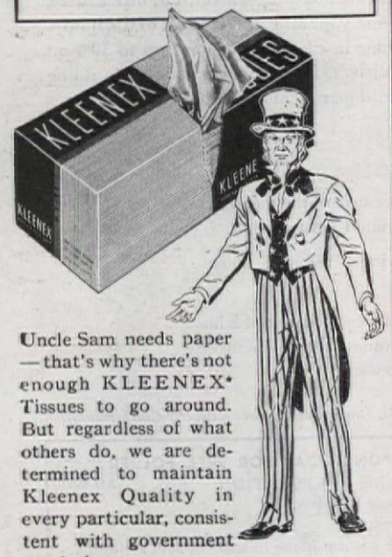

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Personal Problem—

Are You Still Their

1. CLEANSING. A clean skin is a good skin, and vice versa, at any age, so that's the first thing to do, dear lady. Smooth on cleansing cream with an upward, outward motion, and work in gently. The point is to remove every trace of grime and make-up before you do anything else to your face and neck. Then remove the cleansing cream with tissue, and follow with a pad of cotton, saturated either in lotion or lukewarm water.

2. LUBRICATING. This is very important for the over-thirty skin, especially during the winter months. Exposure and steam heat have a tendency to dry up the natural oils of the skin which have lessened naturally at this age. Apply lubricating cream or liquid with the finger tips and leave it on for at least a half an hour and preferably over night. While you're tubbing is a good time since the heat opens pores.

3. CHIN AND THROAT. The chin and throat are two very vulnerable spots when you aren't sixteen any more and places that show up this fact first. By good, consistent care, you can keep your face and throat looking as though they belonged together in the same age group. Smooth on a super-rich lubricating cream over throat and chin, and don't forget the back of your neck, too. That's part of you, after all, even if you cannot see it! Do this with good upward strokes that mean business.

4. AS AN ADDED TOUCH to throat and neck treatment, here's a good stunt. Remove lubricating cream with tissue. Make a pad of cotton about nine inches long and three wide, saturate in water and strap it under chin and over throat as in picture with a bandage or elastic (if you can get it). Make it comfortably tight. Now, rub ice over outside of tie-up along the contour of the chin and over throat for five or ten minutes. The ice has an astringent and stimulating effect on the skin.

5. EYES are another danger spot for the mature lady to watch! Finger print, and we do mean lightly, your lubricating cream on the area from nose to temple, up to lower lid, and also on the upper. Do this at night and every night. If puffiness should result, it means that your skin is absorbing too much oil, so simply decrease the time from overnight application to that of a half hour. To relax tension, if you can, rest fifteen minutes a day with pads, soaked in hot or cold water, on your eyes.

6. PROTECTION. One of the most important things to do is to protect your skin by using the best liquid or cream base you can get. Not only will this protect, but it will prepare the skin for the application of your rouge and powder. Use this preparation sparingly, applying in the five important spots, forehead, nose, chin, and cheeks, with a touch under the chin. The type of protective cream or liquid that leaves the skin slightly moist is much kinder to the mature face than the opaque type.

Helpful booklets: Fair at Forty, #159, 10¢ . . . Victory Diet Analysis, #138, 6¢ . . . Daily Dozen About the House, #111, 3¢. Se

WHEN St. Valentine's Day, say in your fortieth year, comes around, are you still the inspiration for an Ode To Beauty, or do you have to take life on the double chin? Has your face and neck that "alive look," or do you give that let down impression? These are pretty grim questions, but ones that can have a happy answer if you're willing to take a little time to yourself. Of course, we all grow older, if we're fortunate enough to live that long, but it needn't be a crepe-hanging experience. There's one guiding and unshakable principle about getting older gracefully, and that is the longer you live the more natural you must be in your appearance. There's a time in life when a little artifice now and then is relished by most of the men, but *not* after That Certain Age! For then it is artifice without the glamor.

Here's what happens, among other things, around forty. Our circulation, that underlying soul of beauty, gets a little casual. The oils of the skin that make the younger years things to sigh over are not so plentiful. Result: sallow or parched skin that wrinkles easily and stays that way. So, it's up to you to whip up the circulation and furnish a little lubrication to keep up with life. It's a wonderful way to save face and neck.

After the thorough cleansing we talked about on the other page, and before you use a lubricating preparation, try a good circulation cream or liquid. Smooth it on for a minute or two; then whisk it off and go on with

Valentine?

the routine outlined. If you have a naturally high color, or if you happen to have broken blood vessels on your face or throat, don't use a circulation stimulator, just concentrate on cleansing, lubricating, and protecting.

It's in the matter of make-up that most women in this age group offend. In the anxiety not to look their age (though Heaven knows why they shouldn't want to and be proud of it!) some of the strangest things happen. Take rouge for instance, it's almost safe to say that you see more so-called older women looking like stop lights than not. The thinking process seems to be something like the argument that if one pill can make you feel a little better, two or more should make you feel wonderful! In other words, if a little rouge can enhance a younger face, a little more will make a Venus of Milo out of an older one. What happens is just the opposite. The Woman of Forty and thereabouts should use, preferably, a cream rouge, applied over a foundation that supplies moisture to the face, and *she should stop putting it on just before she thinks she has enough.* She must remember that her powder will *emphasize* her rouge rather than hide it. Generally speaking, too, the rouge should be applied high on the face. It attracts the eye and therefore should be placed strategically.

When it comes to powder, this lady in question should use a light textured one, in a shade that harmonizes with her natural skin tone. Not for her are the trick sun-tan jobs. She should definitely avoid the white as well as the dark shades to look her own sweet natural self.

It's no longer a sign of depravity for lipstick to grace the older lips either. But, the lighter, softer shades are the ones that should do the gracing. Dark, exotic tones tend to make the mature face look old and hard. Follow the natural outline of the mouth you were given and don't try improving on nature! Apply lipstick generously and rub it in well with the finger or brush, then blot. Your lipstick will stay on then.

And no eyebrow plucking to extreme, please—that will harden any face as quickly as anything we know about. If the brows need to be darkened, brushing them lightly with mascara gives them a more natural look than penciling (which should be done only to change the shape or lengthen the erring brow). Another trick, after powdering, is to finger print eye cream instead of eye shadow on the upper lid.

To grow older gracefully, you don't have to spend the rest of your life in expensive salons, being carried about on perfumed pillows by whispering attendants. You do need to give a little more thought and care to yourself, however, and we have tried to furnish food for that thought. The moral of our little tale is this: Be *natural*, sweet matron, and let who will be clever and you'll live a long life beautifully, we're convinced.

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Guest Health Editor of the Month

HOW long is it since you made that resolve to "clean out" the medicine closet? Goodness, how cluttered it is with all those partly filled bottles and moth-eaten pill boxes! Is this Johnny's cough syrup after all these months? And what on earth is this white liquid? Oh, yes, that was left from Grandfather's visit; but wait, isn't it the last of the tonic the doctor gave you when your hair was falling out after you had the "flu"?

Medicines do change and deteriorate with age, and they may not be safe to use. Iodine, for example, grows stronger, even when kept in a well-corked, dark bottle, and may cause severe burns if used when it is over a year old. Argyrol changes chemically, and it must be fresh when used, especially when it is dropped into the eyes; in fact, many eye specialists believe that more harm than good may result if it is used when more than two or three days old. Other medicines lose their potency with age.

Last year 1,550 persons in the United States died because they were accidentally poisoned. Be sure that this does not happen in your family. Prevent this happening by observing the rules for a safe medicine chest.

1. *Be sure that every bottle and every box is well labeled* with: (a) Name of the person for whom intended. (b) Date purchased. (c) Name of the doctor prescribing it. Many druggists now mark in this manner all medications they have made up following a doctor's prescription.

2. *The directions for taking* the medicine must be plainly written on the label. There are few druggists nowadays who omit this important precaution, but sometimes abbreviations are used which are not easily understood. Read it in the store to be sure, and, if not clear, ask the druggist to write it over in "plain English."

3. *Never, never change the medicine* from its original bottle to another nor mix medicines even if you think that the two are the same. Chemical changes may occur.

4. *Be sure all poisons are plainly marked "POISON."* In some states it is required by law that the label on poisons be identified by a skull and crossbones. Better still, a bottle of distinctive color and texture will attract the attention easily; then you will know when you pick up a blue glass bottle with a pebbled surface that it is "different." A stopper of an odd, irregular shape will serve the same purpose. Be sure to have the druggist put the medicine into the new bottle and label it. Another safeguard is to put all poisons on the top shelf away from "exploring" hands. Better still, have the closet locked.

5. To be able to read the marked labels it is necessary that *they be kept clean.* Pour the medicine out of the

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6. *Have a good light* shining into your medicine chest. How often we read or hear of people who took the wrong medicine in the dark!

7. *Read the label three times*—this is the rule of rules for the professional nurse. (a) Read it while the container is on the shelf. (b) Read it after you have removed the stopper but before you pour out the dose. (c) Read it as you replace it.

8. *Clean out the dead wood,* keeping only what you are actually using and a few others for emergencies.

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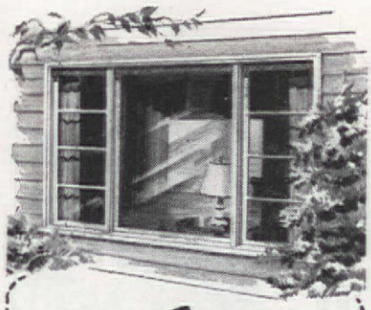
Think of the emergencies that have happened to you and your family or your friends and be prepared for them. Do you realize that your doctor is the best one of all to help you in this? Let us list a few common emergencies that we all face periodically, and be prepared.



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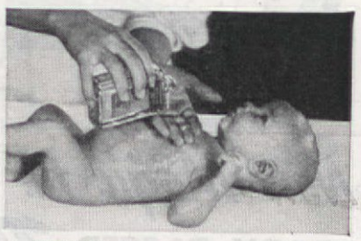

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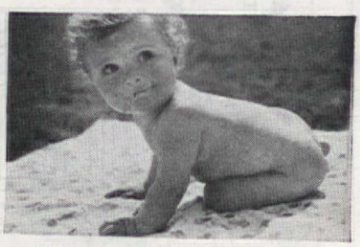

QUESTION: *"Up to what age should oil be used on baby?"*
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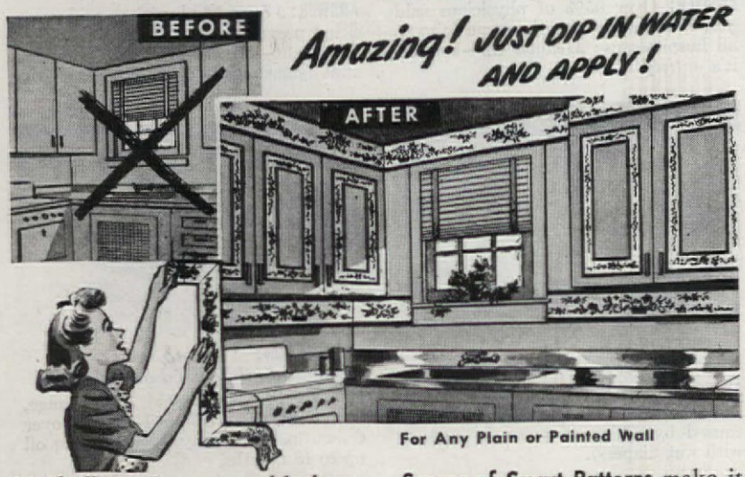

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BURNS ARE COMMON EMERGENCIES. At the present time there is a variety of methods for treating them. Perhaps the three most common are to use an oily cream, or tannic acid, or a powder. Perhaps your first impulse will be to apply butter as a first aid measure before going to have it cared for by your physician. If he then decides to use tannic acid the butter will have to be removed in order that the tannic acid can sink into the skin and do its work. You can well imagine what a difficult and painful process this will be. Why not ask him in advance what he would use and be prepared to do the thing in line with his own treatment?

FOREIGN BODIES IN THE EYE. Here again it is wise to ask the doctor what he would advise you to do. Would he think it best to remove the cinder with a cotton swab or wash it out by using an eye cup; if the latter, what solution would be best to use?

CUTS. Always remember that soap and water are essential to remove the dirt, especially in small cuts on the hands. Most physicians recommend that a germicide—a solution to kill the bacteria—be used as well. Ask your doctor which one he thinks is best for you. He is sure to want you to use a clean dressing. The small, specially prepared type that has the gauze attached to the adhesive plaster is good when the area involved is small. For the larger ones get the sterile gauze squares in the glassine envelopes that will not need to be opened until the time comes to apply one to the cleansed wound. A supply of both should be in your medicine chest. If these are not available you can do up pieces of clean linen or cotton cloth in ordinary wrapping paper making individual packages and tie them with string. Then, when you next bake potatoes, do the several packages up in one big sheet of heavy paper, put this package into the oven when you light the fire and leave it until the smaller potatoes are done (do not have the fire too hot). The cloths are then sterile and may be put safely away for the emergency. Adhesive tape is very helpful to hold bandages in place, but if you have none, you can use a gauze bandage or tear strips of sheet into ½ inch or 2 inch pieces about a yard long. These can be rolled up and applied spirally. Hold them in place with a safety pin or sew together with a needle and thread. If you have taken a Red Cross First Aid course, you will remember how well the triangular bandage serves many a purpose and will have a supply of these.

SPRAINS AND BRUISES. There are two classic treatments for these. One is to apply heat and the other to apply cold. Ask your doctor which he wants you to use and whether he advises Epsom salts in the water or not. If he does you will want to keep a small supply in the medicine chest. He may also suggest dry mustard; if so, that can come from the kitchen.

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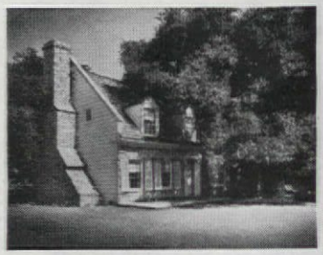

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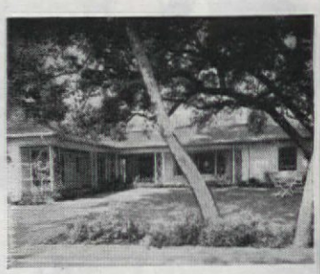

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2 medium onions, minced
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3 tbsp. flour
2 cups bouillon
1 cup milk
½ tsp. salt

Cook onions in Mazola until brown—in top of double boiler over direct heat. Remove from heat, add flour, blend thoroughly. Add bouillon and milk and place over boiling water. Cook until thickened, stirring often. Season. Sprinkle with grated cheese if desired. Serves 4.

BROILED FISH FILLETS

Use fish fillets or steaks about ½" thick. Place on oiled broiler rack with top of food 2" below flame. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Brush with Mazola. Broil 5 mins. or until brown; carefully turn. Spread with 2½ tbsp. mayonnaise made with Mazola. Sprinkle with flour, salt and pepper. Broil 10 mins. or until tender and brown. (1½ lbs. serves 4.)

CURRIED CHICKEN FRICASSEE

1—4 lb. chicken, cut-up
¾ cup flour
1½ tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. pepper
½ cup Mazola
1 tsp. curry powder
1½ cups milk
1½ cups water

Roll chicken in 6 tbsp. of flour, ½ tsp. salt, and the pepper, combined. Brown quickly in Mazola in skillet; remove to Dutch oven. In drippings left in skillet, blend rest of flour, salt and curry powder, add milk and water gradually, stirring smooth; cook until thickened. Pour gravy over chicken. Cover; simmer 1½ hours or until tender. Serves 5.

OLIVE COLE SLAW with FRENCH DRESSING

¾ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. paprika
¾ cup Mazola
⅛ tsp. pepper
1 tsp. sugar
¼ cup vinegar
¼ tsp. dry mustard

Measure all ingredients into mixing bowl or glass jar. Beat with rotary beater or shake to mix thoroughly. Shake or beat just before serving. Makes 1 cup.

Mix ½ cup sliced, stuffed olives with 3 cups shredded, raw cabbage. Toss with salad dressing until well mixed. (1 tbsp. minced onion and green pepper may be added, if desired.)

PIE CRUST (LEMON MERINGUE PIE)

2 cups sifted flour
½ tsp. salt
½ cup Mazola
Cold water to moisten (about ¼ cup)

Sift together flour and salt. Mix in Mazola lightly with fork or pastry blender. Add water, a little at a time, and work lightly with a fork. (The dough should be soft.) Roll out at once on floured board. Makes top and bottom crust for one 9" pie, or two 9" pastry shells. (Use Lemon Flavor Kre-Mel Pie Filling to make this delicious favorite.)

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JEANNIE WILLIS

A shower for the mother-to-be that is as glamorous and sweet as St. Valentine's Day itself

YES, even Cupid has taken on some additional duties! For we decided that it was not enough to bring together all the new couples in the world, he should also herald the stork. Really, what more fitting time could there be than St. Valentine's Day for a baby shower? No party theme could lend itself more beautifully than little Dan, so, here is our interpretation:

Our purchases were few. First we found the bassinet frame—one of those soap baubles that abound in gift shops and stores. Next, some red construction paper, some white paper doilies, and some red, red roses. Then we went to work (if you could call it work when the fact is it was fun all the way through). Unstintingly, we cut out paper hearts and on them pasted pleated edging made from doilies. By pasting another heart of the same size on the back, the rough edges were concealed, leaving just a pert bit of ruffling all around. A large ruffled heart made the head of the bassinet; two small ones, the pillows. Standing the crib on end, we traced its shape, then cut out a piece of red to follow this outline. We pasted hearts, the size of the pillows, on each side and tucked in a scrap of embroidered organdy from our sewing basket for a luscious covering.

Heartened by this success, we ventured to make the figures. The construction paper was strong enough to stand; so no forms or bases were needed. Experimentation developed the costumes, paper doilies decorated them, and rolled pieces of cleansing tissue, with tiny hats set atop, made the heads. A remnant of rollicking red ribbon around the whole group was the perfect finishing touch. A few extra hearts made mats for under ash trays, nut dishes, etc., thus unifying the entire table into the mood set by the red and white heart centerpiece arrangement.

Instead of the ordinary paper hats, we created our own, more fashionable numbers. These too were made out of red paper and doilies. All styles and types were represented, from sophisticated turbans and forward tilted pompadour hats, to quaint, old-fashioned poke bonnets.

As each guest arrived, she was directed to place her gift for the mother-to-be in a hatbox in the dining room. This box was trimmed with the same construction sheets and doilies. After luncheon we presented it to our guest of honor meekly suggesting that she might like a hatbox in which to take home her party hat. Completely unsuspecting, she opened it to find the presents. Her surprise was all that could be desired.

After admiring the gifts, we had a short time to play some paper and pencil games. Before we could believe it our time had sped—all had to hurry to their respective duties—so, regretfully, we broke up a gay and thoroughly enjoyed party on the most romantic of all occasions.

Sugar

ELEANORA SENSE

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and Sweetenings

SINCE the familiar line "sugar is sweet and so are you" from the sentimental little quatrain has always blessed valentines, February seems a most appropriate month for our monograph on sweetenings and the romantic story of sugar . . . When Marco Polo adventured into China, among the new food delicacies he tucked under his arm was sugar. When Columbus sailed to the New World, he brought along some plants of sugar cane which thrived on the sun-soaked islands of the Caribbean.

Sugar is processed from either the sugar cane or the sugar beet. The southern islands of Cuba, Puerto Rico, and others have as their principal industry the raising of sugar cane; Hawaii and the Philippines also produce the succulent cane. The only two states in our country which grow sufficient sugar cane for industry are Florida and Louisiana. Sugar beets thrive in most of the European countries, and now grow abundantly in Colorado, California, Montana, Idaho, and other western and middle western states. Almost two million tons of sugar from beets are produced annually in this country. This home production has relieved the tense and serious sugar situation.

The prewar per capita consumption of sugar averaged about 104 pounds, but with sugar rationing this amount has naturally been reduced. Sugar is present though invisible in fruits and vegetables, the percentage varying from a high sugar content in tomatoes and oranges to a low sugar content in melons. However, sugar is not the only source of sweetening. Honey, syrups (both from corn and maple sap), sorghum, and molasses are other forms used by the housewife for culinary artistry.

What about the nutritional importance of sugar and sweetenings? Sugar is a form of carbohydrate needed by the body for heat and energy. The growing baby, child, and adult need sugar each day, the amount varying to age and size. If all the sugar is not utilized by the body—that is, if not enough work or exercise is done for the amount of sugar consumed, the excess or leftover is stored in layers of fat.

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2 tbsps. Grandma's Molasses
2 tbsps. melted shortening

Sift together dry ingredients. Add Grandma's Molasses and milk to beaten egg yolk, pour into dry ingredients and beat until smooth. Stir in shortening and fold in beaten egg white. Bake on ungreased hot griddle. Serve with plenty of Grandma's wonderful-tasting Molasses and enjoy the grandest treat you've had in many a month.

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The craving for something sweet has so dominated our American diet that nutritionists look with alarm at the way per capita consumption of sugar has increased in the past fifty years. Sugar has a bodily function of furnishing heat and energy. But, modern manufacturing methods have depleted sugar of all vitamins and minerals. So, sugar must depend upon the ingredients it accompanies in a recipe if it is to have any nutional value besides furnishing energy. Sugar chemists are now perfecting a method whereby some vitamins and minerals will be retained, and the day will come when sugar will no longer be deprived of its own vitamins and minerals.

Instead of delving into the complexity of how sugars are digested, it will suffice to say that all sugars break down through body metabolism into simple sugars. That's why baby's milk formula calls for dextrose—one of the simple sugars —because it is so easily digested.

But man has not always been spoiled with a variety of refined sugars . . . lumps for coffee, superfine for berries, 4 X or confectioners' for icings, regular white granulated sugar, besides any shade of brown to suit his fancy and taste. No, there have been other sweetenings, too . . . molasses, corn syrup, maple syrup, sorghum, and honey . . . and you have used them.

Molasses is an early product of crushed sugar cane. The succulent brown syrup, sometimes dubbed "mother syrup," is the liquid sugar juice just before crystallization takes place. As the crystallization progresses, brown sugar stages develop into white sugar. Molasses is more fortunate nutritionally than table sugar, having iron and calcium as its valuable constituents.

Sorghum is another type of syrup, similar to molasses in color, but with a more distinctive flavor. Sorghum is popular in the middle south west and south where the sorghum, a type of corn stalk, grows. Corn is also crushed to make syrup. Because it has not crystallized, corn syrup is a valuable ingredient for the chemistry of candy manufacturing.

Maple syrup and sugar are native American products. When the sap starts running at the first spring thaw, the trees are tapped with spikes, and buckets hung to catch the flow. But the steps of catching sap, collecting it and pouring it into large barrels on horse-drawn sleds, and sugaring it down over a roaring fire in the special hut in the woods, are just a few of the rituals which convert the colorless liquid into a syrup which is ambrosia for morning waffles. When the sugarin' continues and crystallization forms, then maple sugar is made. The output of maple syrup and sugar is still too small to meet consumer demands. Where maple trees flourish in the north, with contrast of seasonal freeze and thaw, the sap flows best to make a better syrup. Experts vary in their opinion as to whether the finished syrup should be light or heavy in color, but according to government standards, the weight is eleven pounds to the gallon.

Another home produced sweetening is honey. Here the bee is the manufacturer or converter of flower nectar into honey. The honey is deposited on combs and is sold that way or extracted from the comb and sold in liquid form. Honey flavor and color depends upon the flower nectar. Some nectars, such as white clover, give a delicate flavor and light color, others, such as buckwheat, a stronger flavor and darker color.

Any of the syrups, molasses and honey are useful for sweetening cakes, cookies, pies, or beverages. Recipes cannot be used interchangeably without some mathematical adjustments since syrups, honey, and molasses are in a semi-liquid form. Honey, because of its sweeter taste, is used in the proportion of ¾ cup honey to 1 cup sugar

• decorating icings

• marble molasses cake

• honey rosebud cupcakes

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• sweetheart torte

• profiterolls

• angel hearts

• angel hearts

Preparation time: 1½ hrs.

1½ cups light corn syrup
5 egg whites
5 egg yolks
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. baking powder
1 cup all purpose flour
1 tbs. lemon juice
¼ tsp. salt

BOIL syrup until it forms a soft ball (240°F) when tested in cold water. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry, pour syrup over them slowly, continue beating. Add lemon juice and vanilla. Beat this mixture until it holds its shape. Fold in egg yolks, beaten until thick and light colored. Next fold in sifted dry ingredients. Bake in a large ungreased tube pan or in a heart mold in a slow (300°F) oven for 60 minutes or until done. Invert pan on a wire rack until cake cools and loosens from pan. Cover with valentine frosting.

Valentine frosting:

1 egg white unbeaten
½ cup light corn syrup
¼ tsp. cream of tartar
⅛ tsp. salt
½ tsp. vanilla

COMBINE ingredients in top of double boiler; beat with a rotary egg beater until mixture is thick enough to stand in peaks (7-10 minutes). Spread on cake.

Serves 8 ***200 cal. per serving***

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• Profiterolls

Preparation time: 45 min.

¼ cup butter or margarine
½ cup hot water
½ cup all purpose flour
2 unbeaten eggs
½ tsp. salt

HEAT butter and water in a saucepan. When butter is melted, add flour all at once, stirring vigorously until a ball forms in center of pan. Remove from fire, add the eggs one at a time and beat after the addition of each egg. The mixture should be very stiff. Measure one level teaspoon of the mixture and with the aid of another teaspoon drop onto a greased baking sheet, continue until all the dough is used. Bake in a moderate (375°F) oven for 30 minutes. Profiterolls should be light in color and free from beads of moisture. Cool, fill with vanilla or chocolate custard filling and serve with a hot chocolate sauce. Makes 45-50 small profiterolls.

Chocolate sauce:

2 sq. bitter chocolate
5 tbs. water
½ cup sugar
2 tbs. butter
¼ tsp. vanilla
¼ tsp. salt

ADD chocolate to water and place over low flame, stirring until blended. Add sugar and salt. Cook until mixture thickens, stirring constantly. Remove from fire, add butter and vanilla.

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• sweetheart torte

Preparation time: 1 hr. 15 min.

2 cups sugar
½ cup butter or shortening
4 eggs (separated)
⅔ cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups cake flour
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. cream of tartar

CREAM shortening with only 1 cup sugar (reserve 1 cup). Separate eggs, beating yolks until thick and creamy; reserve whites. Add egg yolks to butter and sugar mixture. Add sifted dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, ½ tsp. salt) alternately with milk, having added vanilla to milk. Batter should be smooth. Divide batter into 2 oiled 9 inch layer pans (the bottoms should be covered with oiled wax paper). Now beat egg whites until frothy and then add cream of tartar and remaining ½ tsp. of salt. Continue beating until stiff. Fold in remaining cup of sugar and continue to beat. Divide this mixture over batter in each layer pan and spread evenly. Over top sprinkle 1 tbs. sugar and ½ tsp. cinnamon blended, and ½ cup shredded almonds. Bake at 350°F for about 40 minutes. Cool layers in pans before removing. Put together with a vanilla or chocolate custard filling.

Serves 8 ***466 cal. per serving***

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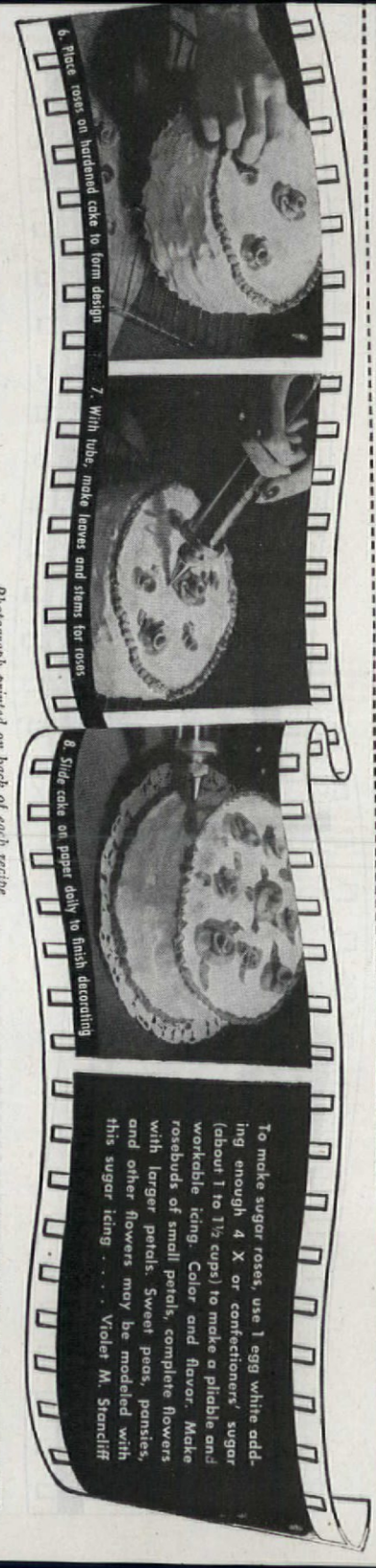

• honey rosebud cupcakes

Preparation time: 45 min.

½ cup butter or margarine
½ cup brown sugar
1 egg unbeaten
1 cup honey
2½ cups sifted cake flour
1 tsp. soda
½ tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. allspice
1 cup sour or buttermilk

CREAM butter, add sugar slowly and cream together until light and fluffy Add egg and continue beating, then add honey, blending well. Add flour (sifted with soda, baking powder, salt and spices) alternately with sour milk, beating after each addition, until batter is smooth. Bake in greased muffin tins for 30 minutes in (350°F) oven.

Easy honey frosting:

1 egg white
⅛ tsp. salt
1 cup honey
½ tsp. vanilla

ADD salt to egg white and beat until stiff, not dry. Pour warm honey in a thin stream over egg white while beating continuously until stiff and ready to spread. Add flavoring and spread on cupcakes.

294 cal. per serving

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• marble molasses cake

Preparation time: 1½ hrs.

½ cup butter or shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs beaten
2 cups sifted cake flour
2 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
⅔ cup milk
2 tsp. allspice
3 tbs. molasses

CREAM shortening, add sugar gradually, and beat until light and fluffy. Add beaten eggs and continue to cream. Next add flour, which has been sifted together with baking powder and salt, alternately with the milk. Beat after each addition. Then remove ⅔ of the batter from bowl, add allspice and molasses to the remaining batter and beat well. Drop by tablespoons into greased loaf pan, alternating light and dark mixture. Bake in a moderate (350°F) oven for 1 hour. Serve plain or frost with your favorite icing.

Serves 6-8 ***564 cal. per serving***

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• decorating icings

For spreading:

3 egg whites
¼ tsp. vanilla
2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar

BEAT egg whites until stiff, but not dry. Gradually sift confectioners' sugar into beaten egg whites, beating constantly. Add flavoring and continue to beat until icing is fluffy and stands firmly in peaks. This makes enough icing to spread generously on a 8 inch layer cake. May be colored and used in pastry tube to decorate edging and leaves on cake.

Sugar flowers:

1 egg white
1—1½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar

EGG white should be beaten until stiff and enough confectioners' sugar added to make a pliable but not a sticky mixture. Test mixture by rolling in the palm of hand before starting to make flower petals.

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minus ¼ cup liquid. The same proportions are used for molasses and syrup with the exception that a quarter teaspoon of soda is added to molasses to neutralize it. For accurate results it is wiser to use tested recipes, the kind included in this issue.

Fruits, too, have a natural source of sugar, and this should not be spoiled by the addition of too much sugar. Sugar and sweetening have a nutrition role to play in a well-balanced diet, but proteins and fats are also needed as are the many vitamins and minerals found in less fancied food.

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• Sunday night special

Preparation time: 1 hour

1 #2 can or 1 lb. frozen corn beef hash
1 #2 can or 1 lb. 12 oz. pk. of frozen Boston Baked Beans
1 #2 can or home canned tomatoes (drained thoroughly)
2 onions sliced
4 or 6 eggs

SAUTE onion and add to the hash. In a greased casserole place a layer of beans, a layer of hash and a layer of tomatoes, alternating until casserole is filled. Bake in a moderate (375°F) oven until it begins to brown (45 minutes). Poach eggs and place on top of the casserole just before serving, or make 4 holes on top of hash, slide in raw eggs removed from shells and bake for 15 to 20 minutes longer, until eggs are firm.

Serves 4-6 ***437 cal. per serving. Source of vitamins A, C, B complex***

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• Texas fare

Preparation time: 1 hr.

1 lb. frankfurters
1 large onion sliced thin
1 large green pepper, sliced thin
4 medium sized tomatoes, sliced
1 can kernel corn
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper

IN A greased low casserole arrange layers of sliced onion, sliced pepper, sliced tomatoes and niblet corn, seasoning with salt and pepper. Top with frankfurters that have been cut in quarters. Bake in a medium (375°F) oven for 45 minutes. Serve hot.

Serves 4 ***400 cal. per serving. Source of vitamins A, C, B complex***

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• bologna jamboree

Preparation time: 45 min.

1 cup bologna diced
3 cups hot cooked noodles
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 cup evaporated milk
½ cup bread crumbs
1 tbs. butter or margarine

PLACE diced bologna and cooked noodles in alternate layers in a greased casserole. Season with salt and pepper. Add 1 cup of evaporated milk and sprinkle bread crumbs over top. Dot with butter and heat in a hot (400°F) oven for 30 minutes until topping is brown.

Serves 6 ***566 cal. per serving. Source of vitamins A, B complex***

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• overstuffed onions

Preparation time: 50 min.

8-10 medium sized onions
3 tbs. leftover meat
2 tbs. finely chopped mushrooms
2 tbs. breadcrumbs
3 tbs. chopped onion (removed from centers)
1 tsp. melted butter
2 tbs. nuts chopped fine
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper

PARBOIL onions for 10 minutes. Remove enough of the centers to form adequate hole for stuffing. Mix meat, mushrooms, breadcrumbs, nuts, and onion in a bowl, seasoning with salt and pepper. Moisten with melted butter. Fill centers of onions with stuffing, arrange in a low casserole, pour stock or bouillon over onions and bake in (350°F) oven for 30-35 minutes.

Serves 4-6 ***152 cal. per serving. Source of vitamins A, B complex***

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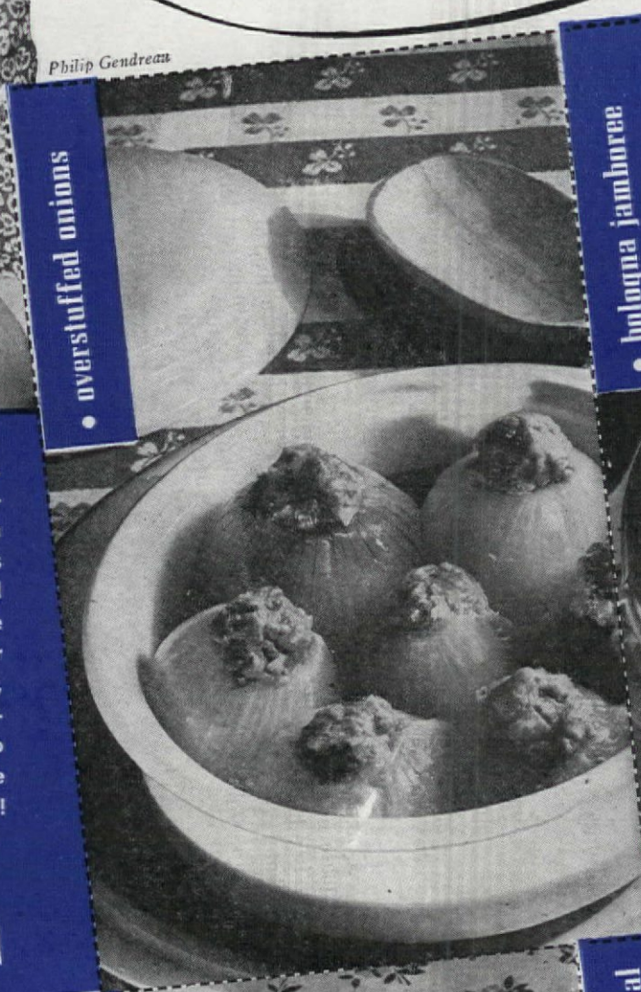
Philip Gendreau

When the man of the house pushes away his plate, don't weep! Instead, make up with he-man dish appeal! Serve him the food he likes best, combined subtly with the kind of food good health requires. Here are some alluring tricks: flavor vegetables generously with meat, have food he recognizes—mysterious dishes befuddle men, and top it off with a hot bread, a chocolate dessert and a hot cup of coffee!



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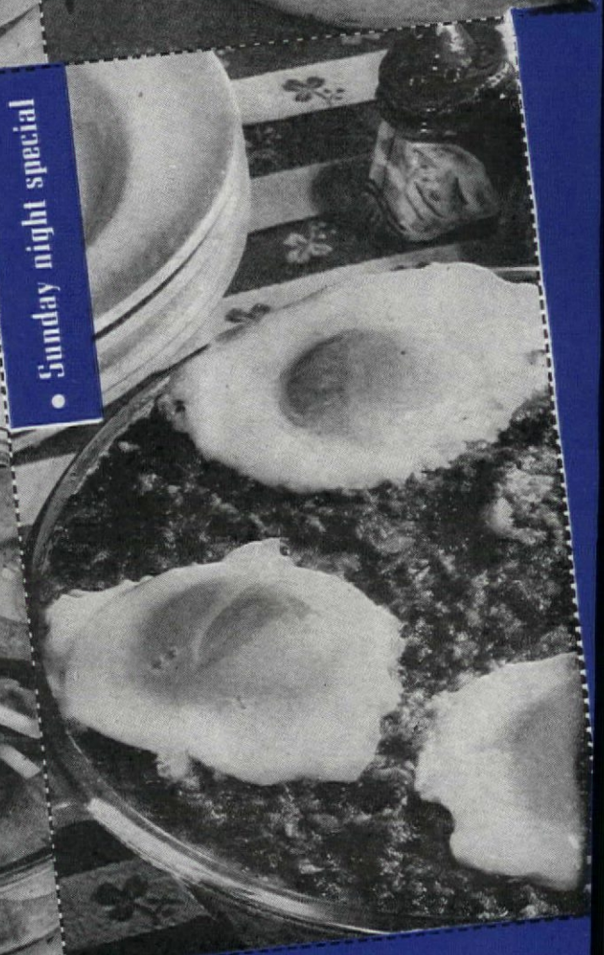
3 teasers—meal-in-one-dishes—for the problem husband who refuses to eat anything but the proverbial you know what!

• Texas fare



• Sunday night special

Men like hash; they like eggs; wieners are favorites, too. Combine and you'll have two main dishes that no man can refuse! Like Jack Sprat he's sure to lick these platters clean

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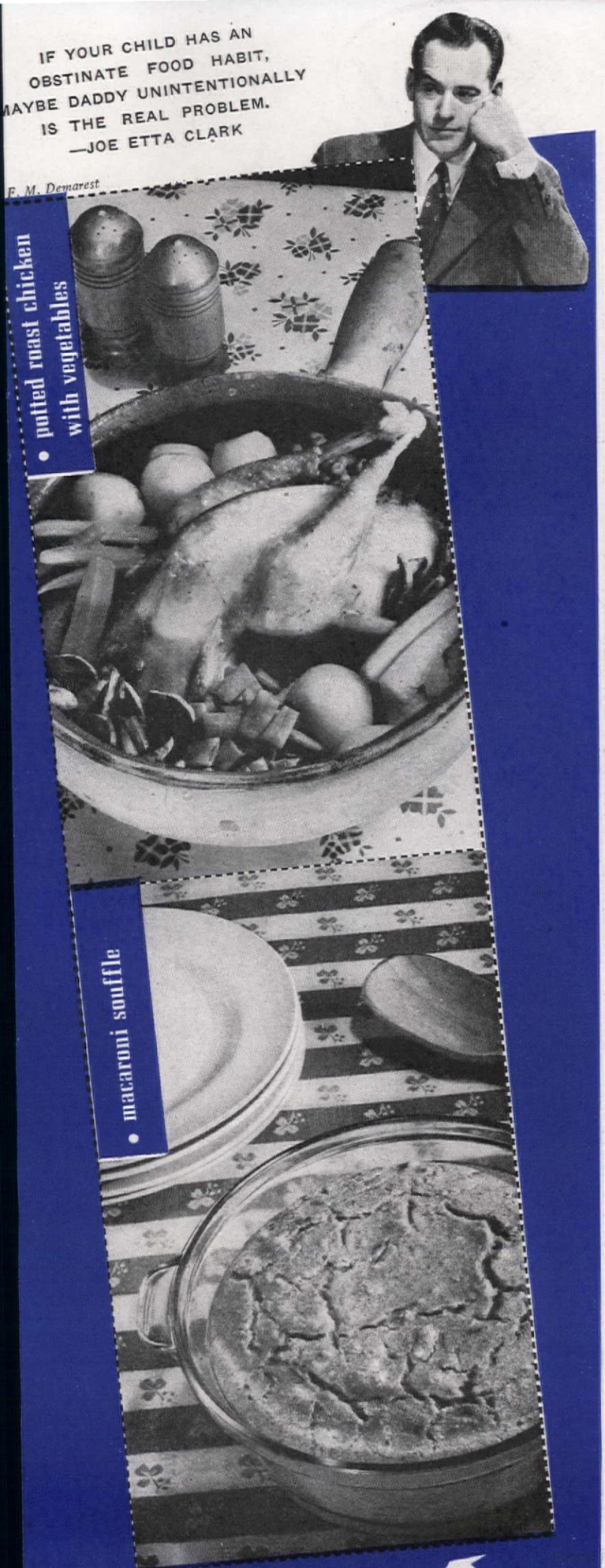

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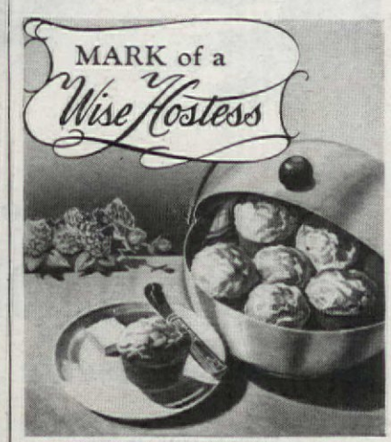

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• potted roast chicken with vegetables

Preparation time: 2½ hrs.

1 roast chicken
giblets
8 small onions, peeled
8 small new potatoes
8 small carrots quartered
1 cup peas
1 cup sliced green beans
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 cup water
1½ tsp. salt
bread stuffing

STUFF chicken with your favorite stuffing, tie the legs of the chicken together and place in a large casserole with giblets on top. Bake uncovered in a hot (425°F) oven 15 minutes. Remove the giblets and reduce the heat to a moderate (325°F) oven. Add the onions, cover and bake 30 minutes longer. Then add potatoes and carrots and 1 cup water, cover and cook a half hour. Next add peas, beans and mushrooms. Season with salt, cover and bake for 30 minutes. Then remove chicken and vegetables to a hot platter, thicken gravy and serve from platter or casserole.

Serves 4-6

331 cal. per serving. Source of vitamin A, B complex

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• macaroni souffle

Preparation time: 1½ hrs.

1 cup cooked elbow macaroni
1½ cups scalded milk
1 cup bread crumbs
¼ cup butter or margarine
3 tbs. chopped pimento (optional)
½ cup grated cheese
1¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 small onion chopped fine
3 eggs separated

COOK macaroni and drain well. Pour hot milk over bread crumbs and then add butter, pimento, cheese, onion and beaten egg yolks, mixing thoroughly. Then fold in egg whites which have been beaten stiff but not dry. Add macaroni and pour into greased casserole. Set in a pan of hot water and bake in a (325°F.) oven for 1 hour. Serve immediately.

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LITTLE LADIES AID

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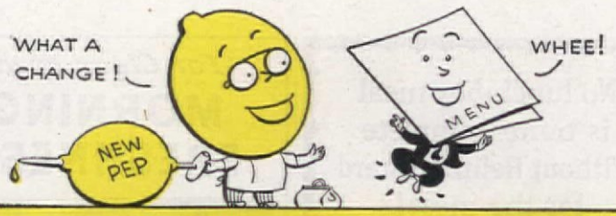
—a really different child's party

THIS party is based upon two observations—that the two things most appealing to little girls are firstly, dress-ups, as they call them, and secondly, dolls—still, yet, and always. About this age here is another factor to be considered in planning a party. This is the ctive finger and agile mind combination that lies behind all the twitters nd giggles. With these things in mind, we evolved the Little Ladies Aid arty, in reality, a miniature version of that renowned sewing circle.

The morning of the big day was partially spent making sandwiches nd cakes. These were sliced and cut and arranged on trays. The in-redients for a vat of hot chocolate were lined up, and thus refreshments ere taken care of. Small celluloid dolls were bought for each child that e expected. A remnant sale very inexpensively provided several dif-erent materials and trimmings in the form of old garments. Some rick-ack and edging, needles, threads, pins, and tiny dress patterns—and he party equipment was ready with very little effort or expense.

Our last minute qualms—that this would never be a success—were fficiently squelched with the first arrivals. They pounced on the big ewing basket in the middle of the floor and lost no time in exploring its easures. With vast pinning and changing of mind, there finally nerged some mighty cute dresses. One had made a ballerina skating ostume, one a darling gingham housedress with red rick-rack edging, nother an elegant lace evening dress and mantilla. A fourth, in what as a desperate attempt to evade as much sewing as possible, had ripped cuff off one of the blouses in the sewing basket and used it for a lo hat. The collar of the blouse was draped from shoulder to toe à la hiaparelli—at the least. Time whizzed by, while they chattered and ssiped to their hearts' content. When later the hot cocoa and trays of ndwiches and cakes were served—truly, they would hardly stop to eat.

What thrilled us most was their own resolve to have a weekly sewing eeting. Thus our party, that we had rather jestingly entitled the Little dies Aid Society, actually came into being. Each little lass took home r trophy, and for several weeks the meetings were devoted to dressing d redressing these dolls. Each ended with a complete wardrobe. Then e young ladies progressed to making themselves aprons, and they can w be heard hatching grandiose plans for future ventures. Our party has come a truly educational affair, and one of which we are very proud.



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VEGETABLES	"Oh, *that* again!" "Hasn't any taste!"	Serve with a gay garnish of lemon quarters. The fresh juice peps up flavors, restores vitamin C lost in the cooking.
STEWED FRUITS	"—nothing like the fresh fruit."	To keep the orchard taste of fresh or dried fruit add lemon juice, grated peel, too!
BEVERAGES	"Can't you give it zip?"	Tea takes on a clear, amber color and extra flavor with lemon. Tomato juice *needs* lemon's wake-up tang!
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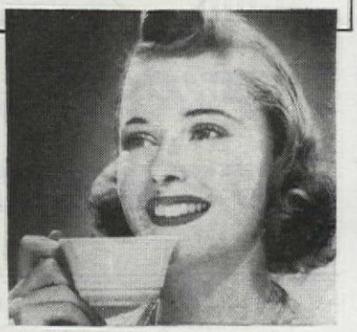

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Your own time! Are you playin bridge too many afternoons? Mayb you've been going to market ever day instead of every other day twice a week. Or perhaps it's fun dawdle over coffee and newspaper the morning. With a little caref thinking, you can find the weak spo a lot faster than I can find them.

Organize your household duti just as efficiently as you did yo own time. Don't let a task esca you; write them all down. Deci first how often each duty must attended to and the best time to it. The hard jobs should be schedul for morning when you're still fre and ambitious. Meal planning c come later in the morning when i good to have a legitimate excuse sink into a soft, comfortable cha

Now that Mabel's gone, the "de gation of duties" might sound si to you. But it isn't. If you're luc there's the cleaning woman who w come in one day each week. Pick the things you want her to do, a put them down in black and whi Then, there's the family. Take easy, men! But maybe you'd j as soon make a practice of pick up your clothes when you get and possibly you'd be willing to ma the bed every other morning! It wo be a bad thing, either, for the c dren to pitch in and do a little m work. Make out a list for them c sistent with their ages and abilit They can give you a lot of h around the house without undue terference with their own activit

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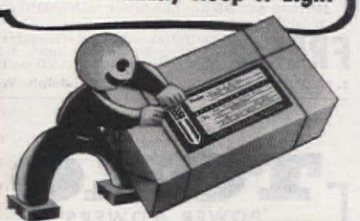

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preparation. First, dig out all the direction books that came with your appliances—washing machine, ironer, sewing machine, waffle iron, refrigerator, range, etc. You'll be surprised at the extra things they can be made to do to help. In addition, you'll be reminded how to take care of appliances in these can't-be-replaced-days.

The second item of preparation is stripping. The idea is to go over your whole house and put away all the odds and ends that serve no important purposes; bric-a-brac from the

The children will prove to be willing little helpers if made to feel responsible for definite chores

mantel, books on the end tables that are kept there only for decoration, and all the other gew-gaws that you never use. Just think of the dusting and adjusting that will be saved.

A good ally in your preparation program is wax. Besides using it on your floors, it can be applied to woodwork, brick hearths, metal ash trays and andirons—even parchment lamp shades. This protective coating will facilitate dusting and thereby save you a lot of work. You might eliminate some of your draperies, substitute plain, tailored curtains for fancy, ruffled ones. And don't forget to use paper products as long as they are available. This will cut down your laundry work considerably.

Now look in the top of your closet for some large trays. They're grand to take food and dishes to and from the dining room table, back to the dish closet, into the living room when you're serving refreshments, or other small objects to wherever they're going. Keep a basket handy, too, to serve the same purpose for items that are going down to the basement.

Another preparation idea is to keep things in more than one place. Find an out-of-sight place for some dusters in each room where you do frequent dusting. Likewise, keep as much of a duplicate supply of cleaning tools as possible on the sleeping floor.

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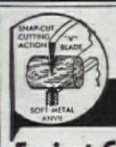

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A desk lamp, to be good, should meet the following requirements: (1) white lined, flaring shade to reflect light; (2) sufficient height to spread light over desk area; (3) diffusing bowl to prevent glare and diffuse light; (4) large enough bulb (75 to 100 watt).

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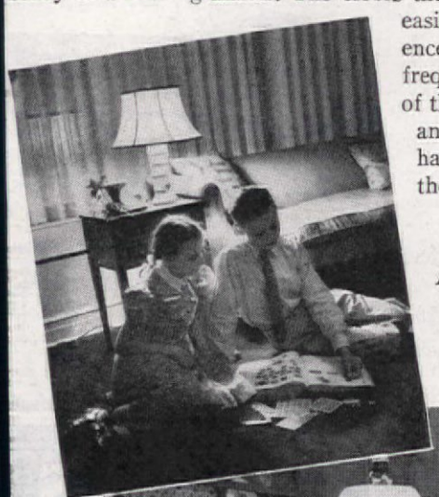
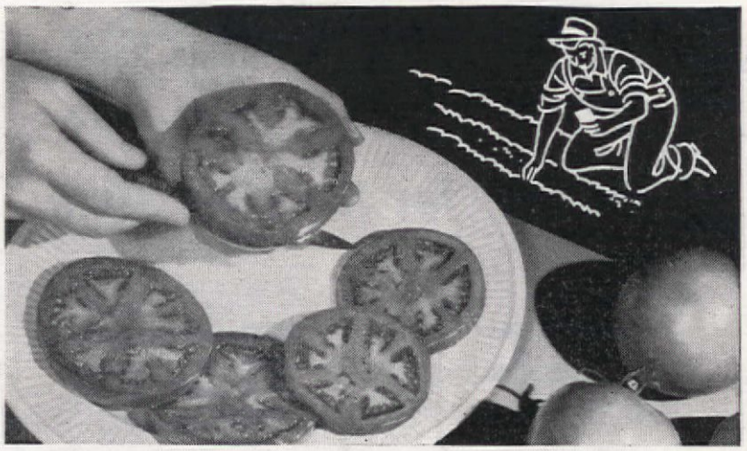


At left, the children block off light from stamp book. The right way is shown below—light shines directly on book



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unanimous—"on the floor." Reading on the floor is ERROR NO. 1. It has been proven that there will never be enough light on the floor unless a lamp is placed there beside them. *The place to read is sitting in a chair beside the lamp.*

When reading on the floor, a child frequently cups his chin on his hand, bringing his eyes too close to the reading material (less than 14"). Hence, there is a strain on the eye muscles in attempting to focus. *Holding reading material too close to eyes* is ERROR NO. 2. Remember that light magnifies. Grandma took her needle to the window to thread it. There, powerful daylight made seeing easier and the eye of the needle appeared larger. In exactly the same manner newsprint or bookprint appears larger with plenty of light. In adequate light, if a child finds it necessary to hold a book closer than 14", his eyes should be examined by a responsible eye doctor.

Because their eyes are young and healthy, children pay little attention to the location of the light, and frequently read or play with their bodies casting shadows on objects they want to see. ERROR NO. 3: *Propinquity is important* if you want full value from your light. Light falls off rapidly and loses its strength. We can be much more sure of getting sufficient light when lamps are close to the reading material. Light is rarely strong enough when *lamps are two or three feet from* the reader.

ERROR NO. 4 is *glare,* a bugaboo which children should be taught to avoid. Unshaded light is uncomfortable, causes jagged nerves, and never helped us to see. A child who must study with glaring light will go to bed nervous with irritated or badly strained eyes.

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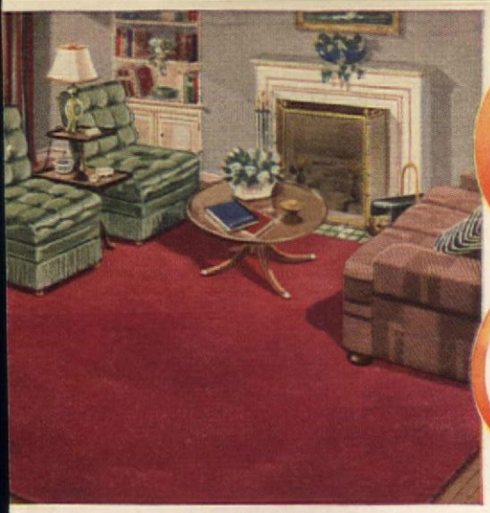

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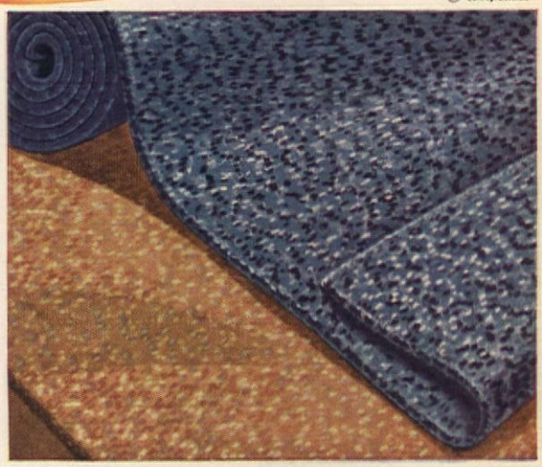

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