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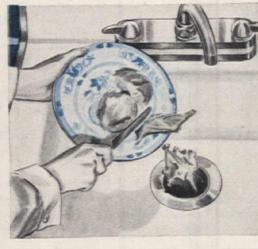
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PUTTING out a magazine without letter response from you would be like trying to conduct one of those deadly dead-end conversations. Yes, we like your letters—even when they are slaps of the pen! Here are a few inspiring ones culled from this month's quota.

"It could almost be said that our home is by courtesy of The American Home Magazine. It is a small house, but such a pleasant one! And after it was built, we continued to scan current and old issues for furnishing. For our daughter's room we copied a corner desk and dressing table. We cut the legs and last drawer from an old chest of drawers, gave it new wooden handles, and painted it to match the desk and vanity. Just curtains seemed a bit ordinary for so charming a room, so another Home idea—a flounce for her bedspread.

"When we purchased a new living room set, it was Lawson style because you said it was always good and could be covered easily. (Since then I have covered it myself!) Our big old piano was undeniably an eyesore but absolutely necessary to the happiness of our only child. From you came the inspiration to antique it. It turned out beautifully and has been admired by many of our friends.

"The list could go on indefinitely... the building of shelves across one entire end of the living room, the hanging of a picture, or making a small garden in a bowl to place where it would catch the sun.

"Recently, I gave five years' back issues to the paper drive. But first I went through each one to be sure I hadn't missed something!

"Our daughter is now 17 and has decided she would like to change her room. So, after sending for your patterns, we are all set to fix her up with a Pennsylvania Dutch Room.

"All this leads up to my saying 'Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.'"—MRS. MABLE STAFFORD.

We are delighted when we write about a hobby that strikes you as being worthwhile or pleasantly diverting. But we are proud—and pardonably so—when an activity that began as a hobby gains the stature of a career. In this instance it was even greater.

"Several years ago I bought a copy of your American Home Book of Indoor Gardening. I have never owned a book of any kind that I have enjoyed more. I think I know every



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 Much brighter rooms are on the way, say designers of tomorrow's homes. They're planning to flood rooms with healthful, cheerful, eye-saving daylight.

They're planning to blend indoor and outdoor beauty ... to "open" walls with glass so you can enjoy the

thrilling beauty of your garden and flowers. The many benefits of larger windows can be yours, whether you plan to have a brand-new home, or to modernize the old one. These pictures show one way it can be done. But imagine your own rooms "opened up"

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below. But if you want full information on this new contribution to better living, write for our illustrated Thermopane book. Libbey Owens Ford Glass Company, 145 Nicholas Building, Toledo 3, Ohio.

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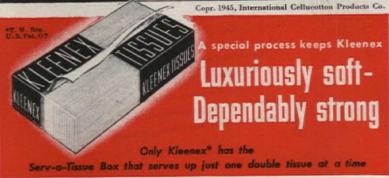
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by marge









Watch for Paramount's latest LITTLE LULU cartoon in technicolor at your favorite theatre

article by heart. I have had plenty of time to memorize them for I have been ill for the past four years. Most of this time was spent in bed. But I am now an ambulatory patient and with the blessing of my doctors have converted my room into a novelty florist's shop where I create both glass and dish gardens. It is difficult for me to be modest about my gardens for they are really paintings done with plants, moss, beautiful rocks and tiny figures. . . . Recently a rehabilitation officer of the government heard about them and what the hobby had done for me and came to see my collection with the view of teaching the art to our convalescent wounded men. I think perhaps I first became interested in this type of gardening through your wonderful magazine. I want to thank you actually for saving my life for even my doctors admit it was this absorbing interest that pulled me through."

—HELEN D. STANLEY.

Of course, readers are dreaming of postwar homes! "I am planning a perfect one . . . no wood, coal, or gas to have to haul into rooms, no screeching window shades, no superfluous rooms or closets, with a garden, and with a summer kitchen to dehydrate and can the fruits and vegetables raised in it."—Mrs. Lucy Taylor WOODARD.

What we especially like about this month's mailbag is its variety. Here is a thought-prompting letter from an interested reader in Brooklyn, New York: "We live in the largest Housing Project in the country and one in which the entire administration and management policy is completely democratic. Colored and white tenants live side by side in every building. Through understanding of each other, prejudices disappear. An antidiscrimination committee handles problems when they do arise—and with excellent results. We are formulating a long-range program to promote better understanding between the project and the community outside and to preserve the harmony that has already been established."

And now a teen-ager is heard from: "In the article on teen-age rules from Hollywood, you used Shirley Temple as your example. I have yet to see her with bobby-socks and flats. The only time bobby-sock girls wear hose (silk or etc.) is when they go to church or other formal occasions. Because of this I think she is a poor example."-NANCY DEON.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Our subscriptions are filed geographically by city and state. Accordingly, when you change your address, please be sure to give us the old address as well as the new. Otherwise we cannot make the change. Also please advise us at least thirty days in advance of any change of address. It requires twenty-two working days to run our huge subscription list and no changes can be made while it is being run.



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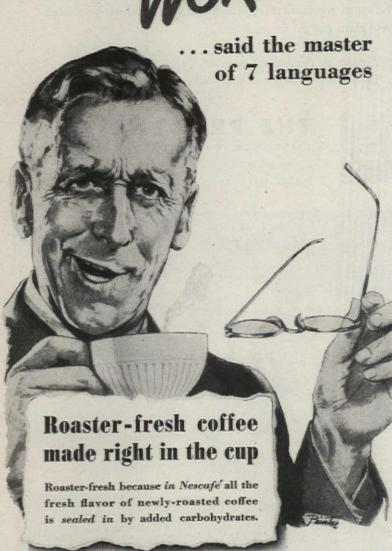
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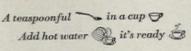
"I CAN ORDER COFFEE IN SEVEN LANGUAGES," said the linguist, "but what does that get me? I want a perfect cup of coffee!" "Try this," said a friend, quickly stirring up a cup of Nescafé. The linguist tasted it ... and shouted "Groot! Que Gusto! Eh bien! I'm-I'm lost for words!"

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. . CATHERINE BLONDIN gives vital homemaking information in her article on sheet conservation. Really a liaison officer between the manufacturer and the consumer, Miss Blondin performs a unique service. She tells the manufacturer how to make the most of his product, and the housewife how to make the most of her purchase. Born in Lexington, Kentucky, this brilliant careerist now makes her headquarters in New York.



· · · VICTOR HORNBEIN, Sergeant in the Air Force Engineers, is overseas and keeping busy with drawings of bombing ranges, runways, railroads, and kindred matters. The beautiful ranch house on page 20 is an example of his peaceful pursuits and also of "Good Modern in Colorado." He was licensed by the State of Colorado and in that same year, 1940, opened his own office, designing a number of residences and a school building. When war came he turned his skill to its termination.



. . TRUDY DIANE is the justover-a-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bearinger and our inspiration for reproducing again the heirloom christening dress shown on page 54. Trudy's initials are embroidered under the top tree on the christening skirt, the date of her christening, August 6, 1944, at the bottom.



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Soak 1 envelope (1 tbsp.) plain gelatin in ½ c. cold water for 5 min. Dissolve in 1 c. boiling water. Add ½ tsp. salt, ¼ c. sugar, ¼ c. vinegar, ½ tsp. onion salt, ¼ c. each, finely chopped pimiento, green pepper, sweet pickles, and 1 c. finely chopped cabbage. Divide mixture into 3 bowls. Color with red, green, and yellow food coloring.

Fill empty shells, pouring mixture from a pitcher. Put filled shells back into carton and chill over night in refrigerator. Peel off shells, serve on parsley or watercress.



Ham and Egg Dinner. Beat 5 eggs (about 1 c.) slightly. Add 1½ c. cooled, scalded milk, ¾ tsp. salt, ⅓ tsp. pepper, 1 tbsp. grated onion. Bake in greased casserole in mod. oven (350°) for about 30 min. 5 min. before removing from oven, top with slices of baked ham. (Serves 3)



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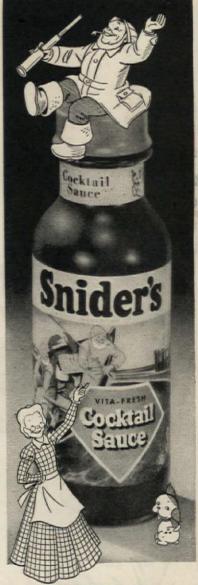
• • • NELSON LEBO wrote "Collecting Brass All Over the U. S. A."—which reads like an adventure story. Such extensive expeditions are not new to Mr. Lebo. Before the war, he covered Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Hungary, Holland, Scotland. Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, and France on similar missions. So as to have leisure for his other interest, farming, he gets up at six o'clock every morning. He raises chickens, and Guernsey cows by the dozens.



• • • HELEN B. YERKES opens homemakers' eyes to a method of uncluttering a house over on page 31. She knows whereof she speaks in "Domestic Judgment Day" for she has succeeded in telescoping the family belongings into about two-thirds of the space these formerly occupied. Fortunately, she says, the walls are thick and strong! Mrs. Yerkes has lived in Pennsylvania for about fifteen years but was brought up in Florida and she writes, "I haven't got all the sand out of my shoes yet."



• • • OTTO WOESTEMEYER, architect, whose home appears on page 17, has a deft way with the small house. He thinks it should contrive a feeling of spaciousness and be easy to keep and to clean. Just about everything a woman wants in a house! Mr. Woestemeyer is a graduate of Rice Institute with a B. A. and a B. S. Degree in Architecture. After graduation, he began the general practice of architecture but has gone into ship building as architect of structural design.



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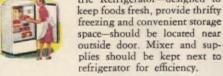
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• • • DONALD WYMAN is one of the country's outstanding horticulturists. He has made a special study of hedges and hedge plants, the results of which have contributed largely to the article on pages 24 and 25. A graduate of Pennsylvania State College, he received his M. A. and Ph.D. degrees at Cornell University in the Department of Floriculture. Now at the Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University, he has the responsibility for 6,500 different kinds of woody plants.



• • • MARIE E. CRAIG, R. N., warns of "Eye Hazards" on page 87. Carelessness, she specifies, is the most common cause of these accidents. As most little girls do at some time in their lives, she wanted to be a nurse. But in high school she was bitten by the journalism bug and although she went ahead and graduated as a nurse, she turned her hand to a newspaper column. Now while her husband is serving in the Army Medical Corps, writing helps pass the time.



· · ROCER STURTEVANT, who photographed our cover house for this issue, has gradually become a sort of photographic amanuensis to the contemporary modern architectural movement in central California. His chief interest, he maintains, is in the people who live in houses and how architecture has met their needs. For the past two years he has not only kept his business going singlehandedly but has been chief cook etcetera to his household, consisting of a 17-year-old son, a cat and two dogs, and so is eminently fitted to understand the housewife's problems.



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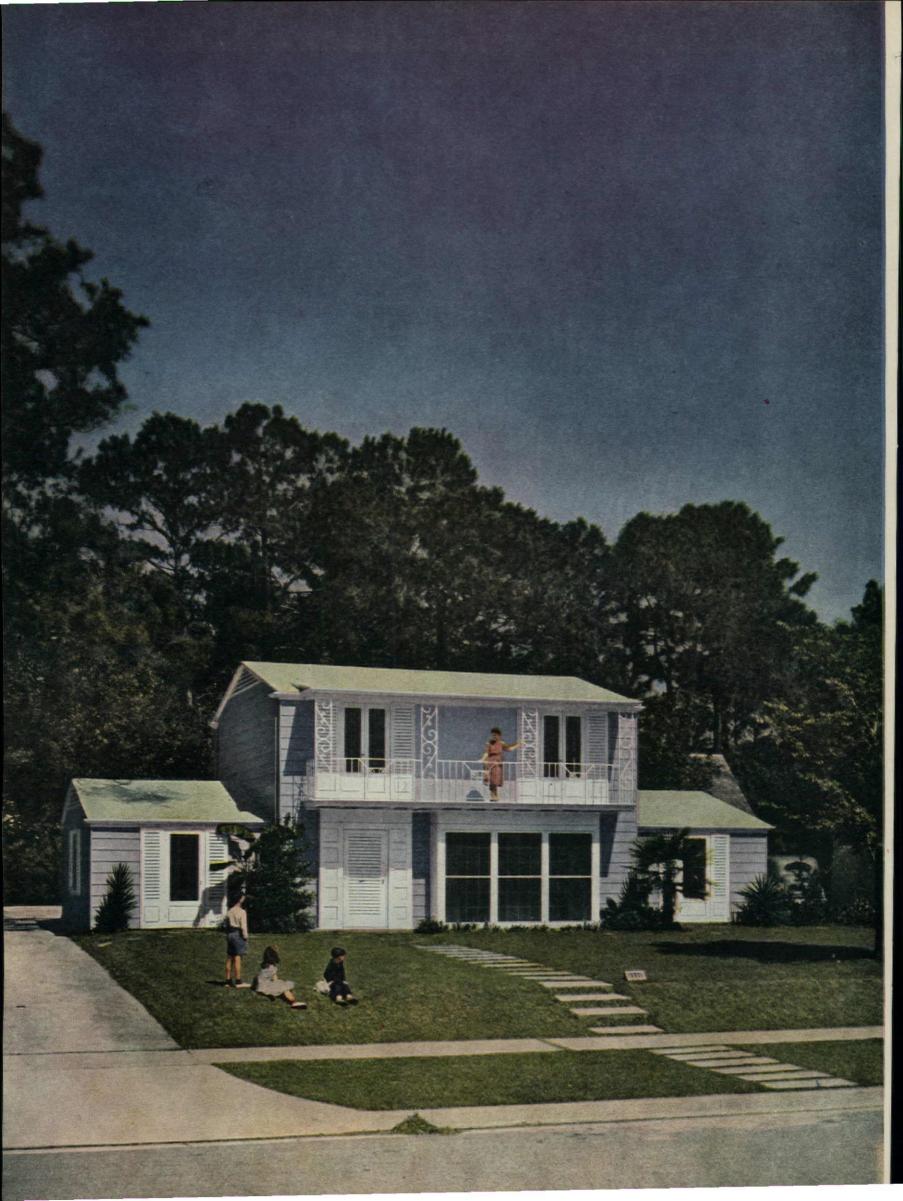
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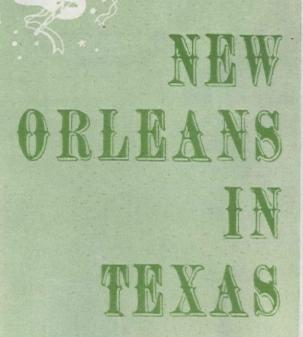
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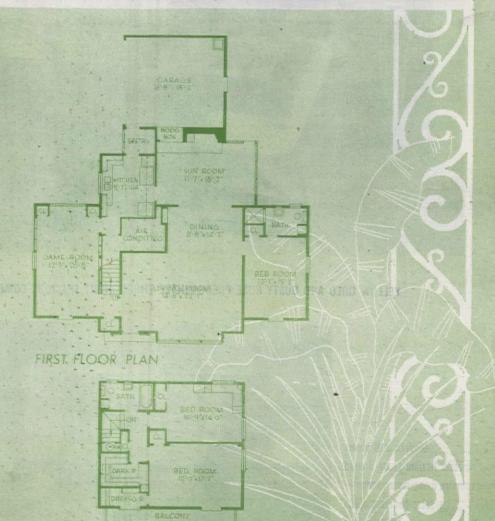


William J. Hennessey

SILHOUETTED against a towering grove of trees, this colorful gem of a house with its subtle reminder of early Spanish ancestry looks positively miniature. Yet, if appearance seems to place it in the "minimum" class, a hasty glance at the free and open plans should quickly correct that false impression. There's a tremendous amount of livability packed between its frame walls. Not an inch of floor space has been wasted-in fact, most rooms are called upon for double duty. As can be seen, its eye appeal is just about tops. What could be more effective than the delicate wrought-iron balcony, painted white, casting deep shadows over soft blue and white walls? The clean, symmetrical lines of the house itself seen against the dark mass of foliage is utterly dramatic and satisfying. White crushed marble, used as roof covering, sends myriads of sun reflections sparkling through the air, adding vibrancy and life to the picture. Every detail has been carefully selected and placed for maximum effect, whether it be crisp white louvered shutters or semi-tropical ground planting. Little wonder that the gay, colorful city of Mardi Gras instantly comes to mind. For this is a happy house, generous in its atmosphere of Southern charm and warm hospitality.

The plan has been uniquely adapted to the owners' individual needs. For instance, the entire left wing can be completely closed off from the rest of the house by sliding doors. This gives just the right amount of privacy for the architect-owner and his clients. The wing, too, can be used as dark room or game room. Built-ins see to that. Walls are of stained plywood, floor of bottle green asphalt tile. The balancing wing is used as either guest room or "sick" room and has its own adjoining bath. All main living rooms have been thrown into one. Each





An architect designs his own home to be readily adapted for business, entertaining, or the pursuit of hobbies

window is composed of large stock units and, combined with the floor to ceiling sash in sunroom, gives an air of brightness. Winter and summer air conditioning guarantees comfort during all seasons. Modern furniture, in blond woods and dark mahogany, is used in all main rooms. Living room walls are of dusty pink with accents of yellow gold, a color found in the black lacquer Chinese breakfront, and used on dining room chairs. Jade green has been used for divan upholstery as well as to mat the Audubon bird prints. Two bedrooms are located on the second floor along with bath, dark room, and a tiny dressing room which is Mrs. Woestemeyer's particular pet, Gay circus paper adds the proper note of gaiety to this useful nook.

> Clever built-ins help convert game room into office for architect-owner



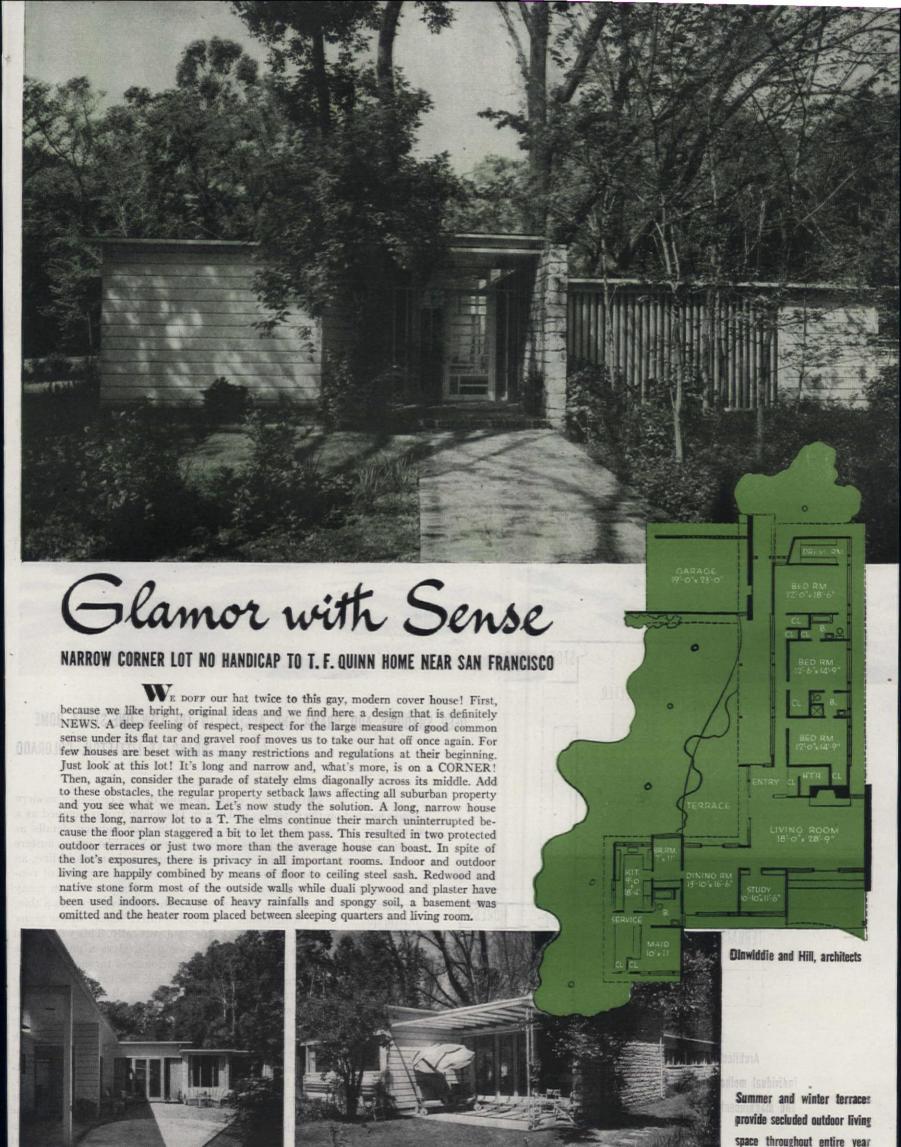


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YELLOW GOLD AND DUSTY ROSE PREDOMINATE THROUGHOUT SPACIOUS COMBINATION LIVING, DINING AND SUNROOM



Modern unit pieces form flexible group around oversize living room windowmaster bedroom opens directly onto white wrought-iron balcony



Roger Sturtevant, photographs

GOOD MODERN IN COLORADO



DEEP SHADOWS ADD DRAMA AND ACCENT TO THE LOW ONE-STORY HOME OF J. A. BRAND AT LITTLETON, COLORADO

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Architect Victor Hornbein's ingenious planning and individual methods of construction give unusual room arrangements and magnificent view of surrounding mountains to this small house

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SIMPLICITY is the keynote of this one-story modern house located on the outskirts of Denver. Originally it was planned as a temporary home—a fact that can be seen in such unusual details as doors without trim and closets without doors. Yet, like many austere designs, there's beauty in its straightforwardness, a cleanness of line, an uncluttered look about it both inside and out. Due to a system of construction developed by the architect, a certain delicacy results in many structural features. The flat, built-up roof with wide overhang has a thin, brittle quality about it that adds much to the direct beauty of the house line. The exterior is of natural beaded fir, laid vertically. This wood, used without finish on both exterior and interior walls, gives a unity to the whole and adds to the general feeling of spaciousness throughout. Windows are extremely large and in most cases fixed. The carefully thoughtout roof overhang controls the amount of light and shade entering each room depending, of course, on the season. In this way, on cold winter days, rooms are flooded with much welcome sunlight. Throughout all rooms, floors are of asphalt tile laid over a concrete bed. Concrete block has been used without finish on the fireplace wall of living room and harmonizes perfectly with the asphalt of the floor. Cleverly placed builtin furniture adds much to the open, uncluttered look of the interiors. These have been successfully employed as fireplace groupings, at the large terrace windows, and to divide living from dining area. A low storage cabinet does the latter trick most ingeniously without giving a cut-off look to either room. Built-up beams with plywood cores add greatly to the informal, cabin atmosphere of the main rooms and blend

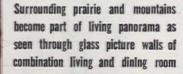
PROOF THAT A HOUSE CAN BE BOTH COMFORTABLE AND

LIVABLE WHEN STRIPPED OF ALL NON-ESSENTIALS

nicely into the fir plank ceilings. Furniture throughout is modern in feeling. It is comfortable and low and does wonders towards adding height and giving the rooms charm plus graciousness.

The house plan is well worth studying because it is entirely original in concept. A sleeping wing which includes nursery and master bedroom is guaranteed complete privacy by the jutting wall at end of terrace. Because of this, walls in these rooms, facing south, are composed almost entirely of glass. The studio with its ample share of north light is separated from rest of house and has an outside entrance of its own. Approach to car shelter and storage room is by means of a conveniently located covered walk.











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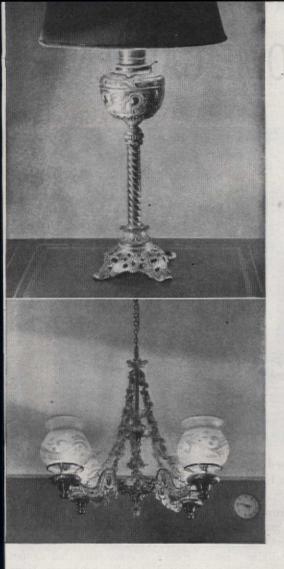


THE story behind our present collection of brass is almost as fascinating as the pieces themselves. The display did not emerge full grown overnight. No kind benefactor presented us with his private collection; neither did the grandchildren of the nation unite to give us all of grandma's old brass treasures. No, it required five members of my staff, ten months' searching, many thousands of miles of traveling and nine states as sources before even the vaguest resemblance to a comprehensive display could be amassed. We poked through villages and cities, farms and barns, attics and cellars. Many times we followed a "hot tip" to the home of Mrs. X. who lived nine miles from nowhere only to discover, after hitchhiking through rain and snow, that it was only a false rumor. Every so often, however, we stumbled on a treasure. Once after days



CARRIAGE FOOT WARMER

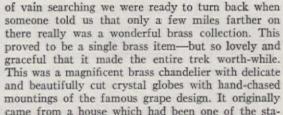




THE STORY BEHIND A 5,000-PIECE COLLECTION OF FASCINATING OLD BRASS TREASURES

lamp. As a matter of fact, we converted any number of odd brass items into lamps. A tall brass column, once the center pole of a balance scale, was wired for electricity and paired with an opaque shade for a formal lamp. For an informal room we made brass tea kettlesthe kind that sit on a stand and have an alcohol burner underneath-into lamps. One of the most novel lamps we made from an old spool holder, round in shape, with encircling tiers to hold the spools of thread. We filled the tiers with brightly colored spools, added a gay shade, and made the perfect lamp for a sewing room. The old Russian samovar which haunts the antique shops also makes a lovely lamp. Many of the old oil lamps only needed electrifying to make them ideal for current use. Some of the most attractive are the tall, beautifully wrought brass columns with long sparkling crystal prisms around the glass shade. One old lamp from the Barbary Coast once lighted a ship chandler's shop. The fenders are of English, French, and American origin, many with raised geometric design. Many of the fire screens are English, with the one-inch border and raised floral pattern typical of the 18th Century. Some of the wood baskets are round, some are square. Highlights of the show is the display of wall sconces. Among the fascinating small pieces are two inkwells. One of these is English, with a miniature figure of a maid carrying a tray with teapot, bowl and spoon, the other is Sicilian and boasts a tiny hand-chased donkey. Yes, old brass is still to be found-if you search!

GIRANDOLES OF THE TYPE USED ON MANTEL OR CONSOLE



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and beautifully cut crystal globes with hand-chased mountings of the famous grape design. It originally came from a house which had been one of the stations in the "underground railway" during the Civil War. In a section of Pennsylvania which figured importantly in the American Revolution, we unearthed other interesting pieces. At the home of an old gentleman who had insisted that we see his col-

lection of old guns—in which we were not interested—we found a number of old brass powder horns. We took the lot and cleaned and hand-buffed them. Filled with sand, they make original paperweights.

There were times when Sherlock Holmes could have helped us unmask the disguises worn by our brass pieces. Some of the loveliest candlesticks were silver plated. These had been made in Warsaw when that city belonged to Russia. We removed the plate and the brass shines as golden as ever. Handsome student lamps were nickel-plated. We removed the nickel, hand-buffed and polished the bases, and did an electrifying job on these. A charming old fireman's horn also was silver-plated when we found it. We made it into a novel



PRIMER FOR THE AMERICAN HOME GARDENER



s the use of the romantic

Mount Vernon demonstrates the use of the romantic boxwood both as enclosing hedges and as edgings



Charles H. Keller

Close-clipped privet used as an appropriate, inexpensive foundation planting. At E. J. Enchelmayer's, Glencoe, Ill.



1. Mountain currant (Ribes alpinum), excellent for the Midwest, unprumed (left) and as a sheared hedge

A HEDGE is a row of closely set plants of a single kind, grown without support and usually (not always) kept to a desired shape and size by regular shearing. Suitable material for different conditions ranges from annuals (like kochia) and perennials, for small spaces and temporary effects, to deciduous and evergreen shrubs, and even trees. Mixed plantings left unpruned to take a natural form (and often planted in informal curves) are usually called "hedgerows" or "shrub borders" rather than hedges.

A hedge's function is, primarily, to keep persons, and perhaps animals, in (or out), to afford protection against rough winds or prying eyes, or to mark the boundary of a property or of a section within a property. For the first two purposes, it may be tree-high, and must be dense and impenetrable; for the last, it may be only a few inches tall, such as an edging along a flower border or

path. In any case, the beauty of a hedge in terms of texture, of foliage, flower, and fruiting effect, and of changing seasonal aspects, is something that cannot be duplicated in walls and fences. However, a hedge does demand more space than a barrier of wood, metal, or masonry, both above ground and in the soil below, where its roots compete with those of other plants. Hence the need for a careful decision, not only as to the kind of hedge to plant, but also as to whether a hedge will best meet all the requirements. Always visualize it as it will be when developed, and place it far enough within the property line or away from walks or other plantings to prevent future complications, entanglements, and embarrassments. Consult state and local plant authorities, hedge trial grounds (as at Cornell University, Morton Arboretum, or Ottawa, Canada), or a book like "Hedges, Screens and Windbreaks" by Donald Wyman (Whittlesey House).



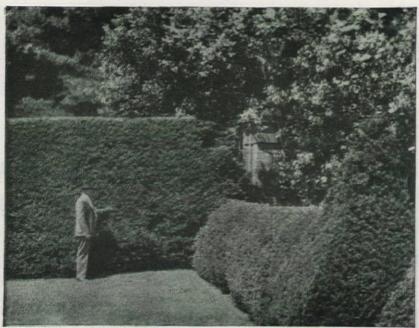
2. Dwarf pea-shrub (Caragana aurantica), from Siberia, is fine for sunny sites in cold regions, 3. Where strong color can be used, the



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red-leaved barberry is eminently satisfactory. 4. Viburnums make sturdy, dense barriers; here is the familiar wayfaring-tree (V. lantana)

No. 12. Hedges for Shelter and Privacy



Arnold Arboretum

An outstanding evergreen for other than severe and arid regions, and adaptable to many uses, is the Japanese yew

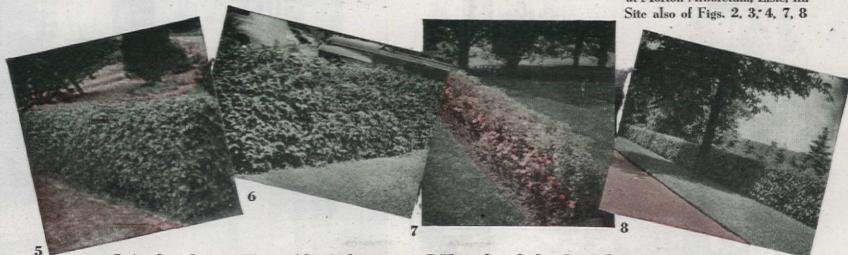
Hedge management details vary, of course, with the plants used, but a few principles are basic. (1) As in all planting, start with good stock, from a reliable source where it will be carefully dug and handled. (2) Dig a trench of ample capacity to take all the root system and allow for its lateral expansion; and fit the soil for a long term of growth, providing drainage, plenty of humus, and a supply of slowly assimilable food. (3) To obtain results promptly and insure density, set plants closer than may at first seem wise. Small plants of privet or barberry may go 9" apart in two staggered rows, or even closer in a single row; larger growing shrubs may need a foot or more between them; but even trees, such as conifers, beeches, oaks, and the like, can be set as little as 18" to 24" apart and grow into magnificent hedges 6' to 10' tall and proportionately wide. Of course well developed specimens with root balls cannot go as close as small rooted cuttings or "lining-out stock," as nurserymen call it. (4) Prune a deciduous hedge of young plants severely -to within a few inches of the group-to induce a thick, bushy base; cut back the first season's growth by one half or more the second spring, and so continue as necessary. Treat evergreens more gently, clipping the young growth in early spring. Always keep the top narrower than the base and, preferably, gently rounded. A deciduous hedge winter-injured or grown leggy can be rejuvenated by a radical, ruthless cutting back to the ground, (5) In general, choose a hedge adapted to your locality, give it a good start in well-enriched soil, and don't coddle it.



Arnold Arhoretus

Effective hedge restoration. Here is one season's growth of Regels privet after being cut to the ground





5. Another viburnum (V. prunifolium), the native blackhaw, ranks high in hedge trials at Cornell University. 6. Here also Cornelian-cherry (Cornus mas) has good foliage, flowers, and fruit

7. The pink- and white-flowered perennial, Spiraea bumaldi, is popular in the Midwest for low hedges. 8. The common lilac makes neat hedges, but at the cost of its lovely bloom



Build One! ILLUSTRATING ONE OF THE CARDINAL

MAY HELP YOU TO BRING YOUR

A focal point might be described as simply a center of attention or attraction. What it evolves into is making a grouping of importance on one wall of your room about which the rest of the furniture can more or less be placed to point it up. It can be done in a number of ways, as

we have illustrated in sketches and photographs

on these pages. Study them for ideas.

In a small room you probably only have room for one dominant focal point. However, if the room is not too cramped for space, there may be several focal points of subordinate interest to the main one. Each plays up the other.

APPY is the room whose architect has blessed it with a fireplace or sunny bay window (or both)! Furnishings naturally and easily group themselves around these two logical focal points. But if your own ivory tower is not fortunate enough to sport a chimney-piece or bay, then it's up to you to establish one. No good room would be caught dead without one or several. It's not as difficult as you might think and may involve only a sensible rearrangement of furniture according to a plan. We're awfully hepped on the idea of having a Plan for everything you do! Good points of architecture in a room are excellent subjects to build a focal group around. Aside from a fireplace and a bay window, the wall space between two evenly spaced doors or windows may be used to advantage; a modern corner window with sunshine and a view may become the dominant group; a long unbroken wall space offers possibilities.



Pictures, table and chair create interesting small focal group

Mrs. Lynn Lloyd of Glencoe, Illinois, dramatizes one wall of the sun room with draperies that draw across doors. Old copper bucket is planted with sansevieria

RULES OF DECORATION WHICH ROOM INTO FOCUS ...

Every room, whether it be bedroom, living room, or dining room requires a focal point. Without this centering of interest and an intelligent grouping of furniture, the individual pieces have a fly-away tendency and claim no relationship each to the other in the room plan.

Stand in the center of your room and consider the four walls as backgrounds. If, as is sometimes the case, there is no single unbroken expanse of wall space, fix your attention on the window wall and see what you can do with it. A picture window can be an excellent focal point around which to build a room. Dramatize it with colorful draperies hung clear to the adjoining walls, or hang an arrangement of pictures at each side, and group your furniture to take advantage of whatever view you have.

If space permits, the sofa could be used out in the room facing the window. Or you may have to place the sofa in front of the window, in which case it becomes an actual part of the focal point of interest.

A large break-front bookcase or other tall cabinet can become the dominant center of attraction. Again, point it up with pictures at either side and, if possible, a lamp on the writing shelf to light your letters.

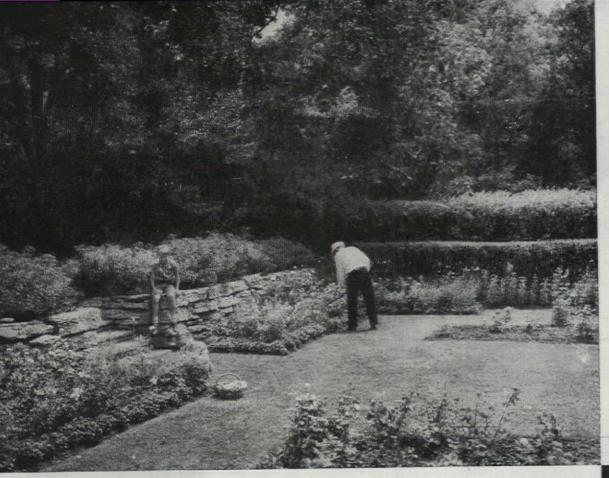
A pair of chests used together with a large mirror or picture hung above them will do the trick. If you haven't a single picture large enough, hang several to cover the same area.

One good way to lift your bedroom out of the average is this: Select a handsome wide wallpaper border; on the wall on which you plan to place your bed or dresser apply the border to form a large square or rectangle (see sketch on opposite page). You can paint the center area a contrasting color or the same shade as the rest of the walls. Hang pictures, push the furniture into place, and there you have a focal point!



Belcher, Inc., of Los Angeles, made these two modern chests, here used together as one large group with mirror above. Plaid paper background





How to

THESE FAMILY GARDENS "CAN TAKE" CHILDREN

Data from Ruth W. Lee

To plan, make, and maintain a garden in which every member of the family can have a part, and from which each can derive some of the pride that goes with ownership, is one of the best possible ways to insure the home solidarity and companionship that means real happiness and satisfaction. There are, in a garden, so many things to do, and to be done, at all times of the year, that practically every sort of taste and temperament can find something to its liking. But it is especially important that the planning should provide opportunity for all to share the garden's responsibilities as well as its rewards.

As pointed out in the January article of this series, on "Gardens That Can Wait," it is not to be expected that very young children will be garden conscious or able to appreciate the reasons for staying out of the middle of fragrant, colorful flower beds and leaving unpicked the tempting blossoms. Yet, even while they are at a surprisingly early age, many youngsters exhibit an instinctive, spontaneous interest in, and sympathetic affection for, growing things—plants as well as animals. Begin then the transformation of that interest into a wise and enduring enthusiasm; there is no better place in which to do it than a garden.

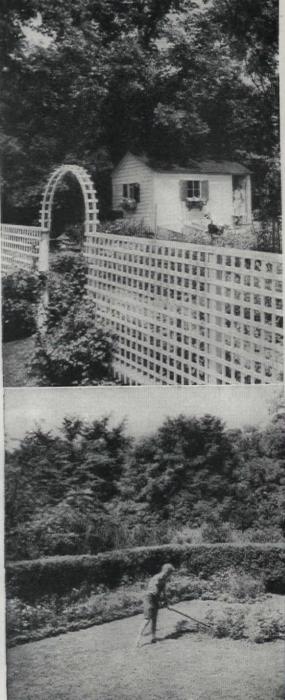
"When I was a little boy," wrote Karel Capek, in his delightful "The Gardener's Year," "I had toward my father's garden a rebellious and even a vindictive attitude, because I was not allowed to tread on the beds and pick the unripe fruit." How different an attitude that could have been had he thought of the garden as "ours" instead of "father's"; or if, better still, he had grown up knowing at least a part of it as "mine."

Among the lasting recollections of last Christmas is that of the little girl of eleven who, in her letter to Santa Claus, put at the top of her list of desired presents, "First, a permanent; next, a piece of land where I can

do as I like." Certainly that second wish, at least, voiced a yearning that many a child has felt but been unable to put into words—and, probably, many an adult, too. And perhaps the satisfying of that yearning, by means of all that a garden has to offer, holds the key to the solution of many of the problems that trouble society in these complex times.

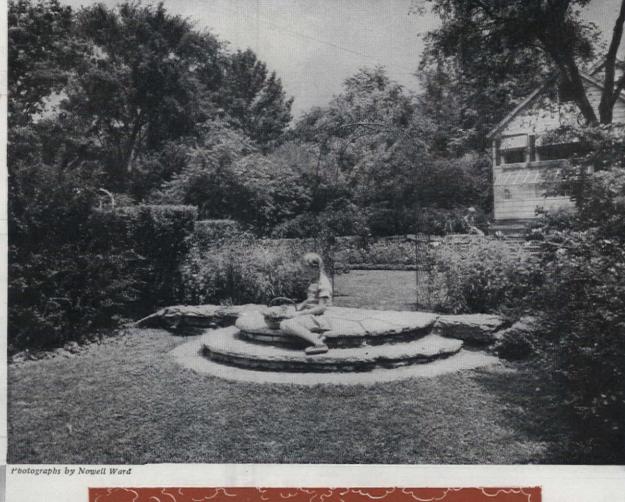
Given a family with a garden environment, or better, a home and a setting where a garden can gradually be developed, it is unlikely that each of its members will have the same sort or degree of interest and enthusiasm to start with. But that is as it should be. For the gradual development of new interests, the discovery of new, exciting truths and beauties, the mutual exchange of information and enthusiasms are among the richest delights of gardening experience. There is a real thrill in seeing another's eye sparkle with excitement over something we have revealed; and a closer bond of interest unites child and child, or child and parent, when they have together watched the unfolding of one of Nature's mysteries, or had a hand in bringing it about.

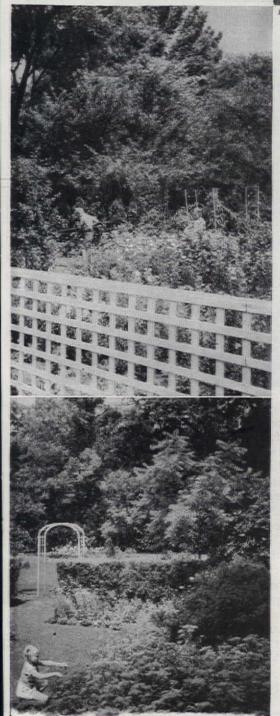
The first of our two current examples of a real family garden is that of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Preston, in Glencoe, north of Chicago. For fourteen years, the Prestons have been developing the several "garden rooms" into which their 132' x 210' corner property is divided. Lately they have been sharing the care and enjoyment of the different areas with Malcolm, who is now nine, and Wendy, who is seven, both of whom are acquiring knowledge and skill in handling their assignments of garden tasks. To start with, they enclosed the whole place with a varied assortment of shrubs and young trees to supplement the trees already well-developed and satisfactorily located. Next they built the terrace at the west of the house and had a nursery firm install the retaining walls and steps and the

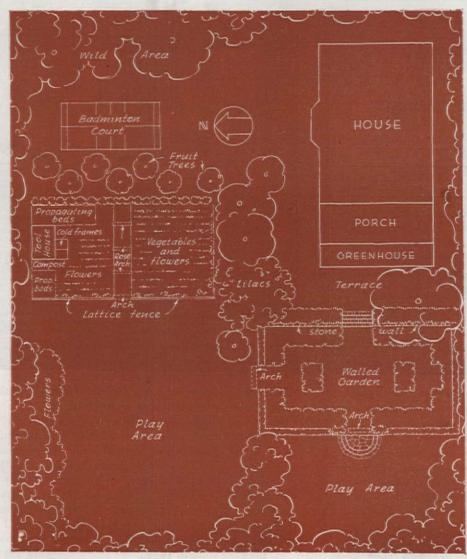


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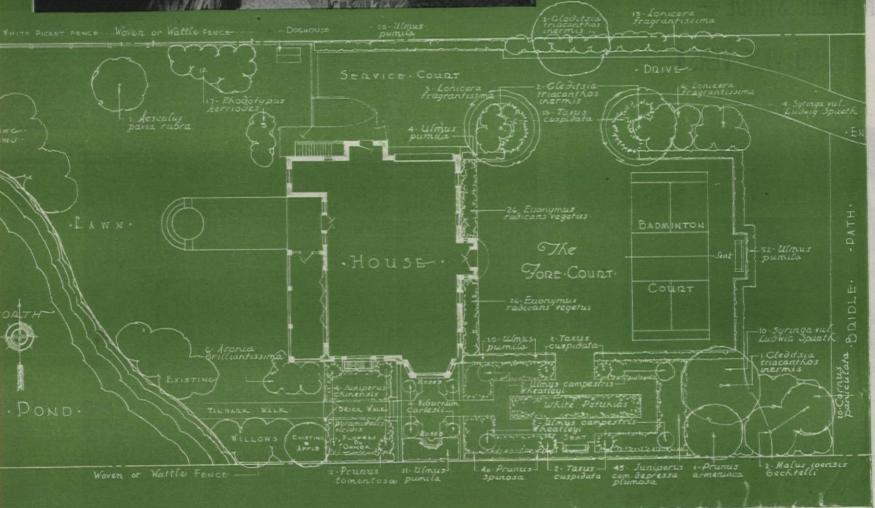


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The garden of the William S. Prestons, in Glencoe, Illinois, is divided into four main areas—two for real gardening,
two for games. Here the whole family, father, mother, Wendy and Malcolm,
find plenty of opportunity for work and for recreation, all of it enjoyable and thoroughly worth while

IN A SUCCESSFUL GARDEN, ALL OF ITS PARTS ARE USABLE
THIS MEANS THAT IT MUST BE CAREFULLY PLANNED
WITH AGES AND INTERESTS OF OCCUPANTS IN MIND

The Charles Herrick Hammonds, in Winnetka, Illinois, utilize the spacious forecourt of their home for games as well as parking. Also have intimate formal gardens, spacious lawn, and varied delights of a little lake. Plan by Chance Hill



privet hedges that enclose the formal or "walled" garden. Back of the hedges are honeysuckles and cotoneasters, and in the borders they have used such perennials as canterbury bells, sweet william, and foxglove for early bloom, and miscellaneous annuals for later color effects-except where, for the duration, they are giving some of the flower space to tomato plants. The two oblong beds contain roses. Through the arches, draped with climbing roses, on the north and west sides, are reached two lawn areas used as play spaces, for croquet, soft ball, etc. Here the borders are bright with phlox and zinnias during the summer and with hardy chrysanthemums in the fall. Five years ago, the lean-to greenhouse was built on just below the porch, as seen in the upper picture on page 29. Here, until they shut it down as a war measure, they grew various pot plants and flowers for cutting; they are looking forward to the time when they can again utilize it.

On the north side of the property is the work area, entered under rose-covered arches from both east and west and bisected both ways by brick paths, laid by Mrs. Preston. The tool house, which shelters their garden equipment, is attractive with white paint and green shutters and window boxes. Flanking it are hotbeds, propagating frames, and a compost bin; and in its dooryard, as it were, are rows of vegetables and flowers for cutting, including dahlias, chrysanthemums and various seed-grown annuals. Beyond the lattice fence on the south is a thick planting of lilacs and to the east, beyond a row of arborvitaes, are fruit trees pruned to a convenient height.

The completeness of Mr. Chance Hill's plan for the Winnetka home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herrick Hammond leaves little need for lengthy description. It demonstrates an interesting range of conditions and provision for varied activities, from the adaptation of the paved forecourt for badminton, basketball and other organized games to the inviting informality of the sloping lawn that spreads between the house and the edge of the pond, and the carefully designed and executed small formal gardens. These develop Mrs. Hammond's idea of "extending" both the living room and the recreation room by creating charming views through their large windows. Here paths of crushed stone of a pinkish hue and of flagstones, the low brick walls, the terra cotta flower pots, and quaint animal figures, the reproduced old sun dial, the clipped yews, and the ground cover of Vinca minor all supply a harmonizing background for the annuals planted in the pots and borders and carefully selected as to color.





A Pretty Girl Rates a



Photographs by F. M. Demarest

The saga of Ann and her behind-the-times bedroom which

PRETTY is as pretty does!" Grandma used to admonish us, smiling wisely and wagging a gentle finger. Well, Grandma would be proud of the fair young miss whose story comes to light on these pages. "Pretty" did all right for herself, as you can plainly see, and has got bigger and better plans for the future.

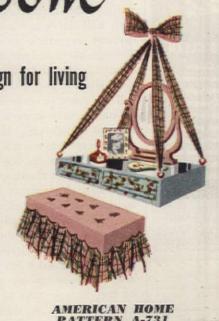
Ann came to us some time back with her problem, which we knew from the hundreds of letters we receive every month is a typical brow-creaser with lots of junior misses all over the country. Ann was "stuck" with the bedroom suite her parents had bought for their first home when they were newly married. An example of the misguided buying impulses for "high style" and "French



Pretty Room

changed tempo to fit her modern design for living

elegance" in the lush years of the plush '20s, we found the usual assortment of pieces that were paired-off and sold in "sets": iron twin beds with simulated cane panels at head and foot, a wobbly little dressing table with a triple mirror yawning across the back, the "dresser," and another smaller chest of drawers. Later years had seen the addition of a chaise longue, a scattering of tables all the wrong size, and a small hanging shelf affair swinging precariously from the moulding. The room was also perfectly typical of the era, with windows in the wrong places and all the wall space cut up into unusable rectangles by the too-lavishly applied mouldings. We smiled as we noticed evidence of Ann's



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psychological reaction to the rigidly paneled walls; unconsciously feeling that the limited spaces were inadequate for proper furniture balance, she had in seeking a solution pushed several of the small pieces of furniture catercorner in the room, desperately trying to get away from those paneled walls!

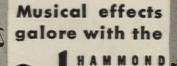
Repainting must be delayed until the end of the war when papa has promised to alter those disturbing mouldings. But there was no reason why the balance of the redecoration couldn't proceed apace.

Here is the plan we developed, working closely with Ann and incorporating all her personal tastes as to color, design, and general treatment of the room: The panels must go, which means ripping out the mouldings and refinishing the walls. (The archaic, placed-toohigh wall lights are a decorating casualty, nevermore to reappear.) Through the transforming medium of paint, walls, and ceilings become a soft shade of gray-blue. Draperies will be made of gray-blue rayon taffeta, the same shade as the walls. and this is important: they'll hang from the ceiling on a track which is installed twelve inches out from the wall so that the draperies may be drawn clear across the entire width of the wall and not bump into the projecting radiator. The floor receives a dark pinky-mauve stain, finished off with several coats of varnish rubbed down with steel wool and waxed within an inch of its life. Shaggy pink scatter rugs look wonderful on such a floor.

Ann likes clover, so that became the motif of the room coupled with a charming checked cotton taffeta in pink, bright green, and mauve.



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With these in mind, then, we cast an appraising eye at the furniture.

Out came the hacksaw, and while Ann shivered in delight and apprehension, off came the metal footboards from the beds. That was a good step in the right direction. Headboards were padded thickly and covered with a few yards of dress flannel in dusty pink, with boxing made of the checked taffeta. Full gathered underskirts for both beds were made of the checked fabric, and simple flannel spreads embroidered with our pattern department's design of clover cover the two mattresses.

Next, we turned our attention to the dresser. A minor operation removed the legs, bringing the piece down to the floor and, incidentally, scaling it down to Ann's size. The dinky little drawer pulls were removed and long modern vertical handles substituted in their place. The whole piece received two good coats of soft grey-blue paint and the top and sides were thoroughly sized with wallpaper size. Then, mixing regular wallpaper paste which you buy at the paint store, we pasted a length of the checked taffeta across the top and down both sides, finishing it off with a couple of coats of water-clear varnish for protection. A dashing pattern of pink clover and green leaves was painted across the entire front of the chest. Result: a swank modern chest of drawers with a special "custom" look about it! A duplicate treatment was given the small chest and it took its place between the beds as a convenient night table. The double lamp on the small chest was retained, but with alterations: the height was slightly lowered, a simple wooden base to hold small plants was added, and topped off with spanking new pleated paper shades of dusty pink tied up with a white bow.

The pièce de résistance is the new dressing table dreamed up from the rickety old one! It was great fun doing this, and the finished product is as gay and saucy a transformation as you've ever seen. Grey-blue paint worked its magic here, and the shelf had its back edge fastened to the wall at the proper height with stout screws and hooks. Additional support was given by four wires strung from the corners which reached an apex about 36 inches above the table. These, too, were fastened to the wall and the wires concealed by checked streamers and a big bow at the top. A standing mirror and a new bench covered in flannel with a swoosh skirt of the plaid complete the pretty picture.



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Trailing ivy and trellised paper rejuvenate old secretary



ogy to the fairer sex, we venture to make a guess that the greater number of women today consider themselves far superior to the humble male when it comes to furnishing a home. It brings a wide grin to our editorial faces when we can present evidence to the contrary, not just to prove a point, but because we are overjoyed at the increasing awareness of the American male to the fact that it takes more than a Morris chair and a lace curtain to make an attractive

Apartment-house brackets livened with white paint



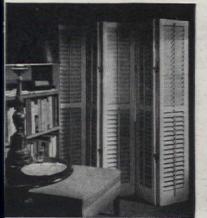
With New Tricks

A BACHELOR APARTMENT FURNISHED BY CLEVER RE-HASH ODDS-AND-ENDS TO MEET MASCULINE SPECIFICATIONS OF COMFORT

ome for living. The masculine ility to concentrate on a probm and plan down to the last deil may explain why some men ve had more success, particurly in the fields of interior and terior design, than their feminine unterparts. The men know how really "crack the problem"!

The point-prover in this case is e bachelor apartment shown on ese pages which belongs to two terprising young men who did ost of the work of reclaiming and styling old pieces to fit their new quirements with their own two irs of hands, plus ingenuity. The apartment is the logical outne of a discussion of the woes

Small screen of old shutters



James M. Wiley



Ten-cent store mirrors form arge, inexpensive mirror panel

Repainted two-dollar frame separates living room from foyer hangs above two bedroom chests





An antique beveled mirror of pressed tin highlights one side wall Below: Old shutter screen hides kitchen; desk doubles for dining







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and limitations of living in a dreary | succession of furnished hotel rooms and men's clubs. Each possessed a few pieces of furniture gathering dust in storage, but neither owned enough to establish even a oneroom domicile alone. Comparing budgets, they found that by combining resources-rent, food, and future furniture expenses—the sum would be adequate to provide joint living quarters with privacy for each, and that by "batching" it together they could actually effect a saving over what each would have to pay at a resident hotel.

The work was actually spread out over the period of a year; but what is important—a plan was evolved first, and followed through with only one or two minor changes in the accessories.

One of the more interesting features is the amount of solid comfort that, man-fashion, has been deftly worked out in such a limited space. Although the living room measures just slightly more than eleven feet by eighteen feet, there are three extremely comfortable deep lounge chairs, none of which was bought new. Two are used in their original gray corduroy covers, the other was reupholstered in red antique satin. There is an ottoman to be drawn up to rest weary legs.

The studio couch, while in no way losing its usefulness as fulltime sleeping accommodations, received a glamor build-up. Twelve yards of rough, tweed-textured fabric were bought in the white, specially dved a bright emerald green, sharper in value than the dark green walls. A tailored skirt was added to the base, cushions were welted in four pie-shaped pieces with a large button in the center. The mirrors above the "banquette" were bought second hand, cut to size, and then glued directly to the plaster wall.

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Color sketches from an old book placed in dime store frames are used effectively around the door



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solid green broadloom, also bought second hand, which was cleaned, cut and bound to fit the room. Draperies originally graced model rooms in a department store, were purchased at low clearance prices. Really good antiques are the XVII Century Dutch Chest, the pressed tin mirror, a pair of painted side chairs, two oak end tables, the lamp bases flanking the sofa.

All the lamp shades in the living room are of the home-painted variety. Slightly battered in their original state, they were given a coat of shellac as a sealer, then two coats of dark green enamel, the same color as the wall. Exception is the lamp on the desk; a square shade painted to resemble tortoiseshell surmounts a bronze dore cornucopia base. The desk itself is a simple mahogany sofa table used at right angles to the wall which doubles as a writing table and can also extend to seat six comfortably for dinner when the need arises.

One corner of the room holds a nice solution to the ubiquitous problem confronting many apartment dwellers in large cities-the "Pullman kitchen", usually an eight-foot gap in the wall containing all the equipment, in miniature, necessary to the preparation of tasty meals. The neatly stacked units are often semi-concealed by a bare venetian blind which lets down-over the opening. Here a screen is the solution, but not just an ordinary screen. Made of old shutters removed from a house that was being torn down, it is eight feet high, has eight louvered panels. It creates a small alcove with necessary working space; the louvers are fine for ventilation and can be opened to permit conversation from the kitchen to the living room when preparing a meal.

A face-lifting job was done on the mahogany secretary in the foyer. The bad pediment top was removed, the piece received a coat of aluminum stove paint to prevent the old mahogany stain from "bleeding" through the new finish. Two coats of white lacquer provided a good base for the freehand trailing ivy decorations on the sides and drawers. A green and white trellised wallpaper lines the doors and interiors of the cabinet now used for storage of glass and china. Applied with only wallpaper paste it takes the place of the jigsaw muntins formerly decorating the glass panels. Rhododendron leaves in a painted tin container complete the transformation.

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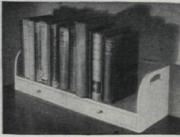
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Flour bin that eliminates all muss can be fitted in table or built-in. Drawer is large enough for flour, rolling pin, and sifter and features a kneading board. Idea from Mary H. Barnes

Sketches by Clare McCanna



Rustic lamp from a lantern is a camp trick suggested by Laurence Lustig. Below, wonderful toy catchall is improvised from a vegetable bin! From Mrs. M. B. Curley



This collection is one of ideas, some small and some big, but all calculated to add to the pleasure of homemaking wherever it may be camp or college, temporary apartment or really home. It's smart and different to use a brandy glass as a match container, or a row of them on the mantel with ivy, and to mount



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Use a white satin mat for that wedding photo! And a brandy glass for matches! Paper oatmeal boxes to go in a gala row on the shelf of your closet for soiled ribbons, handkerchiefs, or even your flower corsages. From Mary Connell Bolen On her bedroom door Anita Louise has achieved an effective decoration

your wedding portvait on bridal white satin. It's a neat trick to use oatmeal boxes, either painted or covered with bright paper for miniature, closet shelf hampers for soiled handkerchiefs and ribbons. These are the suggestions of MARY CONNELL BOLEN.

The mother of small fry can save her energy by wearing an apron with especially large pockets on her picking-up tour of the house. Easily carried toys such as crayons, jacks, marbles, soldiers, and cars can be collected and temporarily stored in the apron pockets until the maximum load is acquired, when the trip is made to some designated dumping spot. All toys remaining about the house after, say three trips, might be impounded and redeemable only upon payment of a fine—some shocking amount, like five cents! Marianna



by applying rose decals

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Paint a jack-in-the-box on the nursery Venetian blind. Paint box on both sides of slats and jack on the other. When the blind is reversed, jaunty jack pops up. Suggestion from Clifford McGlone



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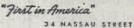
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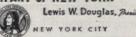
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A clothes hamper of wall board is made with gap at top for intake of the soiled clothes, and hinged lid at bottom for chuting into tub

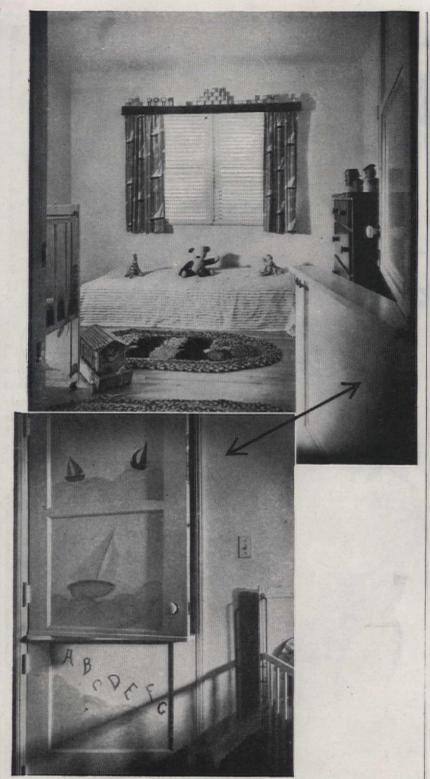


B. DAVENPORT, who thought up this energy-saver, says it absolutely works.

A flour bin that eliminates the muss and cleaning up has been invented by MARY H. BARNES. This is a highly compact unit with a kneading board and storage space for cutters, rolling pin, sifter and flour. Built as a drawer, it slides back into its proper niche after use. It can be made large enough to hold one sack of flour and still fit into any space 8" x 15" x 22" in the built-ins or, as shown, under the kitchen table. Two solid legs with chair gliders are attached to the front of the drawer and there are stops at the back to prevent the drawer pulling entirely out of its shelf runners.

The drawer should be so tight that no flour can sift through any of the ioints and also fit so close in the frame that it is mouseproof.

The book trough is another item you will love to make. This may be constructed either to hang on the wall or to be placed on a desk or writing table. Besides holding books in a tidy row, it has drawers for stationery, stamps, and the like. Exclusive of the drawers, the trough is made of six pieces of 1/2" dressed whitewood. Three of the pieces measure 7" x 23" and form the back and the two horizontal pieces at the bottom between which the drawers slide. Then there is a sixth piece, 11/2"



Photographs by Maynard L. Parker

What the well-furnished nursery needs—a low couch just the right height for a youngster to climb on and a Dutch door that lets his mama keep an eye on him. A B C's are painted on

7", that separates the two drawers. In making the drawers, use ½" white-wood for the fronts and backs and 3/16" wood of any kind for the bottom and sides. The trough was designed by Bertram Brownold.

The idea of hope chests for children, to be started when they are around ten years old, is passed along by Ruby Aitken, who tried it first with her own children, and who is convinced that "In order for children to appreciate lovely things, they have to possess and care for such possessions themselves." Chests were picked up "for a song" and refinished. One child collects crystal, another likes odd items such as the little ring box

she found and an old Spode porridge set which she intends saving for Sunday morning breakfasts for her own children. A younger daughter has a collection of dainty old demitasse cups which will look well in the upper portion of a Governor Winthrop desk in years to come. Even the son has a collection! The family, too, enjoy using his brown pottery bear jug.

All the homemaking ideas on these two pages are from the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Crov, relayed by Martha B. Darbyshire. Particularly worthy of note are the sewing cabinet and the Dutch door. As their young son learns a new letter, it is added to the A B C's on door.



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and do . . . but a child does! And he is fo ever being humiliated and hurt by them.

Probably no day passes that you don't himiliate your child. Of course, you wouldnadmit to anyone that the psychologist said h. Q. was slightly below 95. It might emba rass him. But you would tell your next do neighbor that he is still afraid of the dark, great big boy like that! The neighbor in tutells this at the dinner table, and her Junio

who never was afraid of the dark, stores up the information for future use against your child. And most likely, the next day all the children on the school grounds will be taunting your offspring with this delicious bit. Surely, you forgot about the incident but—the youngsters remembered! And what will your child's opinion of you be after he has been made the target for your indiscreet remarks?

No, you wouldn't do that sort of thing to your child on purpose, but think what you do to him thoughtlessly, and needlessly. The idea, Mothers, isn't what YOU consider humiliating from your pinnacle of adult experience. It is what will hurt your child from his youthful point of view . . . the things he will remember after they have long been forgotten by you. He is just learning to become an individual and how to assert himself in a world of individuals and you knock him back into a state of ectoplasm by refusing to give him a personality or the power of personal independence. You may not care at all what a mere clerk in a store thinks about you when you reprimand your child sharply for a foolish remark or action, but to your child this creates an unbearable embarrassment that will take a long time for him to forget. So don't go by what you consider humiliating-go by what he considers a shameful experience that he will never forget or be able to rise above.

Can't you remember your mother's shushing you for some remark you made in front of her friends . . . a remark that you thought very worldly and sophisticated. And can't you remember the venom with which you held her the rest of the afternoon for humiliating you before adults. Then remember that the next time you sit at the bridge tables with the "girls" and with that worried frown tell them "Millicent is in the throes of being boy crazy. She spends HOURS talking to that pimply Jones boy over the telephone and such silly conversation! Honestly, girls, I've never heard anything quite like it." Do you think the "girls" are going to their graves with their lips sealed over this tidbit? If you do, you are certainly deluding yourself. Before too long, the word will be passed around by their children, so all the Christian Endeavor crowd will know about it, too. Then what about Millicent? For weeks afterwards she will be taunted over what would ordinarily have been an absolute nothing in her life-until you brought it up! Yes, you forget about such things soon after you say them . . . but your child remembers! So, stop and think before you let yourself publicly humiliate her.

You may think that Bob is a riot when he says in his "knew-it-allthe-time" manner, that he thinks the "emaciation" of women is at hand-but, instead of howling with glee and loudly repeating it to hardof-hearing Grandma, control yourself and say quietly "do you mean emancipation, Bob? I sometimes got those words mixed up myself when I was your age. Believe me, son, it took quite a bit of practice for me to finally learn just the right word to express what I meant." You'll have his lasting gratitude for this. Don't even humiliate Bob before his family. Give him his self-respect even in these little things. The things that your children do, things that sound silly or awkward to youare not necessarily silly or awkward to them. So don't let such things





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Do you just sail into a store, child firmly in tow, and announce to the saleswoman that you "want a dress for Mary, she likes clothes that are too old for her and she has no taste, so we'll take a plain shirtwaist"-or do you reach an agreement partially satisfactory to both you and your child before you leave home? Do you then defer slightly to the child's wishes and give her a deciding vote-or do you still go on giving the saleswoman the impression that the child is an idiot, incapable of speaking for herself? Remember your daughter is going to fry in blushes for a week, after being so humiliated before a total stranger!

Certainly you have been able to instill into your child the rudiments of good table manners without embarrassing him before others when eating out. Isn't it better to let him butter a whole piece of bread, than call attention to him by telling him not to do it? Won't your child dread public places when your maternal interest has prompted you to say to the waitress, "he can't cut chicken, bring him lamb stew?" These things would have embarrassed you at his age.

At the picnic do you say in a motherly, disapproving voice, "go wash your face" or do you get the idea across without making those at near-by tables look to see who has the dirty face? Remember you have a growing individual in your home now, and he or she deserves the same consideration as any adult. A lot of things are going to bother your childthings that sound silly to you. But your child will grow up happier and love you more . . . if you never forget that they remember!

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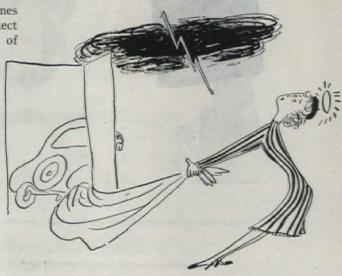
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A NYONE will tell you that "doing over" an old house is loads of fun. It is one of those things everyone has the urge to do-like being a fireman, running away from home, or opening a tearoom. It sounds fascinating. It is. The most fascinating part is trying to keep your friends pacified, a roof over your head, and your husband from becoming too actively enthusiastic. Before I let it be known that we intended to "do over" our house, I had never thought of myself as a particularly helpless individual. Nor did I know that among our friends there were so many inhibited and suppressed architects, interior decorators, and house wreckers. Of the twelve people present at the dinner party, however, where I casually mentioned the impending transformation, nine had very definite ideas as to what we should do. The ones who were not sure were a very competent architect and my husband and I. Everyone else had lots of

ideas, all different. I was amused but not alarmed. Not then. Later I learned their enthusiasm was not merely verbal.

My most unnerving experience was coming home one Saturday afternoon from a peaceful session under the hair dryer to find my husband and two confederates attacking the breakfast room. Two cupboards filled with linen and bric-a-brac stood in the back yard. The dining room wall which had formerly protected them from prying eyes and the elements lay beside them. The glass in both windows had been shattered. On the hall floor were strewn forgotten mashies and niblicks. No one had remembered that no self-respecting car-

penter works on Saturday afternoon. No one had noticed that a storm was in the offing. The three men were wildly enthusiastic and having a delightful time. The idea behind this frenzied demolition apparently had struck them all at once. They had thought how wonderful it would be to have French doors in that particular spot so we could walk out on a nonexistent terrace and watch an imaginary badminton game on a so far only visualized badminton court! I tried to rise to their heights. I tried to fight off the memory of another time, the time my husband had offered to put a washer in the faucet over the kitchen sink instead of bothering with a plumber. Before this episode was over, many unforeseen things happened. But the project had become a point of honor with him. He had



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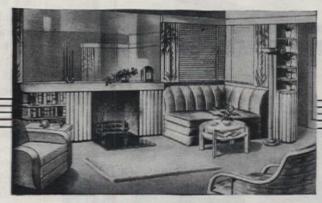
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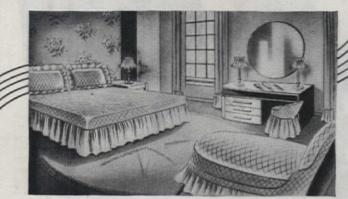
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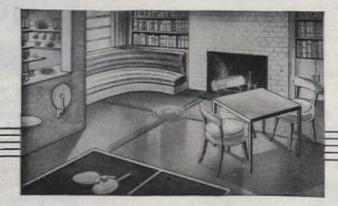
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Sure enough, the two abettors began making glowing promises to return and help us some more. Just then, they had to hurry home. They were anxious to see that the rain was not coming in through any of their windows or doors.

We needed closets. I needed a shoe cabinet and a hat cupboard. My husband needed a gun closet. But where were we to build closets? I suggested that he keep his guns in the garage and he proposed that I put my hats in the woodshed. So matters stood until . . .

I came home one afternoon to find two strange (to me) men crawling on their hands and knees about one of the closets. They were nearly finished, though. They'd been through all the others!

My husband introduced us. It seems they had met for lunch and in the course of the meal my husband had confided we meant to do over the house. Well! One of them had always wanted to be an architect. Too bad he hadn't! The other, while just a plain business man, had not the slightest doubt of his ability as a practical architect. The problem of the gun closet aroused their fighting spirit and their deepest possessive instincts. Why, every man needed a gun closet! They'd help him find a place for one.

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need that buffet, did I? The one I kept my grandmother's china in! Couldn't I just as well keep it in the kitchen with the rest of the dishes, pots, and kettles?

Now, I have always tried to be polite to my husband's friends and to him, before them, so they would always go away thinking what a lucky man he is. It wasn't until after they had left that I could register how I feel about having strange men go through my closets.

All the women we know were helpful, too. In spite of the male authorities and this "sisters under the skin" business, women do differ. One of my cleverer friends wanted to paint a picture expressing her impression of me and to decorate a room around it. Then, there was the friend with the leanings toward glamour, who wanted to do my room all by herself as a surprise for me. Gradually I learned what she had in mind: deep red satin draperies for the windows over palest pink glass curtains; the bed tufted all over in the same deep red satin, the walls painted a faint lavender, and scattered leopard skins over the floor. It was to be very glamorous and very lush.

A sweet, fragile-appearing blond friend of mine loves fluffy ruffly things. They suit her. They do not suit me. I am neither blond nor fragile in appearance. Besides, I do my own housework. But she brought me stacks of pictures she had saved because she had always longed to have a daughter and to do that daughter's room in delicate pinks and blues, with oceans of frothy curtains at the windows. Besides, mine is a son, not a daughter. I explained about having only so many rooms to do, and football uniforms and dirty shoes. But she was hurt. All of them were.

We are proceeding quietly to do our house over, a bit at a time, with whatever we can find in the way of materials. We haven't figured out what to do about the hat and gun closets but grandmother's wedding china will remain in the dining room. The wall has been glued back in place in the breakfast room and it's amazing how little fuss there is—and how much we're getting done!

But if you are completely bored with life, or think you have no friends or that the ones you have don't take an interest in you, by all means, announce that you have serious intentions about "doing over" your house. It will astound you to learn how interested all your friends—and even strangers—actually are about helping out. You won't be bored any more!



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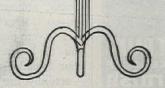


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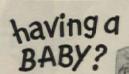
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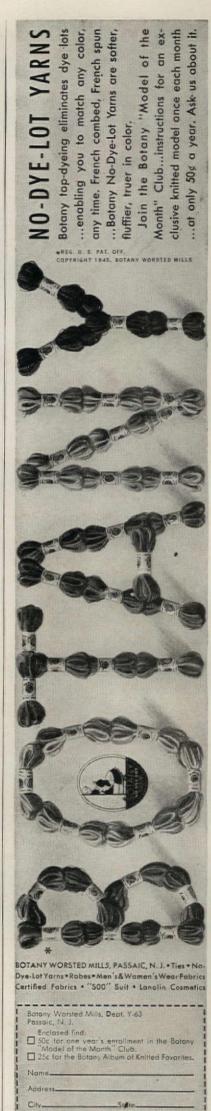
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 - 2 to 3 short sacques or sweaters
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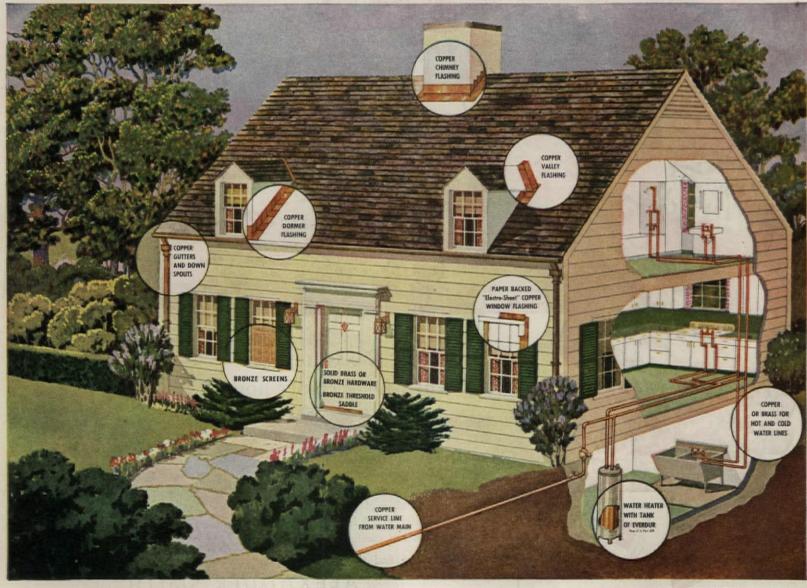
alloys...copper for flashings, gutters and downspouts...copper tubing or brass pipe for hot and cold water lines...Everdur for a rustless, long-lived water heater tank...solid brass or bronze for hardware...bronze for insect screens.

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While Frank J. Schumacher's children were still living at home, he and Mrs. Schumacher liked them to have their

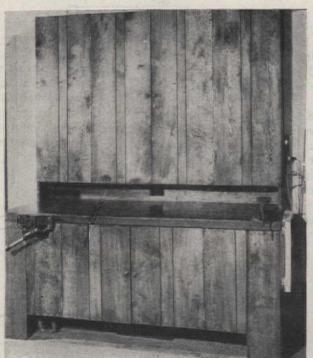


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Like Frank J. Schumacher's ingenious connectable card tables which serve a number of purposes and make the most of the space in his game room . . .

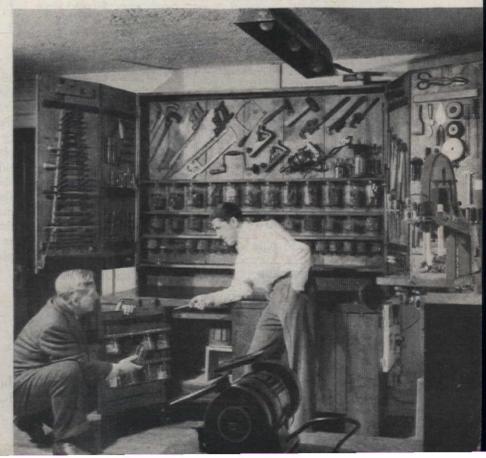
good times under the family roof. So, following the lead of many another home owner, he built a rumpus room in the basement. He laid a hardwood floor; sheathed the walls with pine; built a bar in a corner alcove and a seat flanked with cupboards at the other end; installed two recessed ceiling lights, three swinging bracket lights and several extra outlets, and provided heat by suspend-

ing a radiator flat against the ceiling. Plans for card parties and other games called for tables and chairs, and, after considering the purchase of several bridge sets, he decided to make his own. As the first step, he made three table tops 41"x30" of inexpensive tongue-and-groove pine with V joints and an edge of half-inch parting strips. Next, at one end of each of these tops



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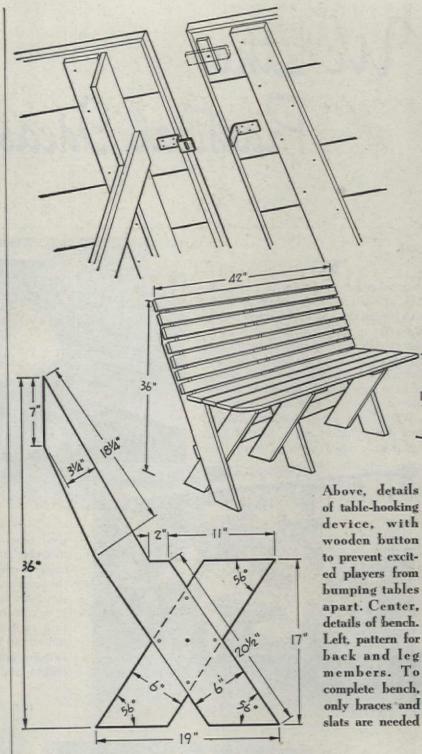


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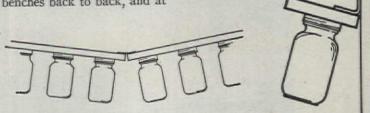


he hinged a T-shaped leg with a swinging metal brace, whose free end fits into a hinge screwed under the table, to hold it steady. Then by screwing three pairs of metal plates with slotted flanges to the side wall of the room, and two L-shaped hooks under each table top (at the end opposite the leg), he made it possible to hook each table firmly to the wall. The space between each two tables takes two pine benches back to back, and at

either end is space for another.

18"

Looking ahead to party suppers and other feasts, when they would not want to sit at separate tables, he screwed slotted plates, like those on the wall, at the leg end of each table. Thus any two tables can be unhooked from the wall and joined to one another and the third



In Mr. Oshrin's cabinet, long shelves holding nail jars are hinged for convenient carrying; short ones are tipped to give a better grip

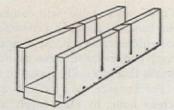
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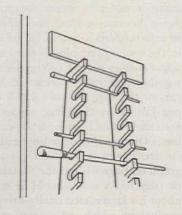
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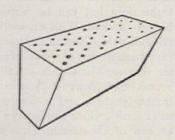




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Two-piece rack with downward sloping notches holds files, etc.



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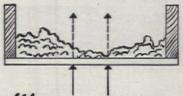
to make one sturdy, continuous "board," 30" wide and 10' long. To make room for dancing, all the tables are taken from the wall and stacked, with legs folded, in a corner or the adjoining cellar; the benches are pushed against the wall and the light brackets are swung back so their shades are partly within the cellar window recesses. As Mr. Schumacher points out, in a large hall, banquets, club suppers, etc. could be accommodated by using a square center table with socket plates on each side and hooking four lines of tables to it to form a cross; or other patterns could be built up domino style.

Sydney Oshrin, another Long Islander, who also enjoys working with tools, decided that his basement room would be a fine place to keep and use his equipment. His wife agreed, provided he didn't hang his saws, hammers, etc. all over the wall and clutter up the place with what so many wives call "junk." So, starting from scratch, he planned and built, first, his



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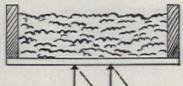


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6'x30" work table with storage bins beneath; and then a commodious cabinet above it. Also he devised and included some unusual details that especially appeal to us.

For instance, jars for nails and screws hung, by their covers, underneath shelves are very handy, as we know from experience; but note how, in his case, the lower shelves are tipped up a little to make it easier to grasp the jars. Again, because he sometimes wants to take materials out to his cabin in the country, he hinged the long upper shelves so they can be folded together and stowed away in his car for the trip. (A strong nail or peg just under the hinge supports each shelf when in place in the cabinet.) Other self-explanatory gadgets are shown in both the photograph on page 61 and the sketches on page 63. A word should be said about his larger, electrically-driven equipment which, of course, was bought before the wartime restrictions. It consists of a band saw, a lathe, and a polishing or buffing wheel which stand along the wall at the right but can be wheeled about as desired. With knowledge and skill gained during his twelve years management of a motion picture theatre, Mr. Oshrin installed the necessary heavy-duty wiring, separate outlets, and a complete switch panel, which can be seen at the end of the bench. Thus his power lines are entirely separate from the house service lines and any chance overloading of a circuit involves nothing more than a simple fuse replacement. Fastened to the wall above the bench is a pivoted metal hood for electric bulbs that throw light either on the bench or on the power tools, according to the position in which it is placed.

Aside from the fun he derives from making bookshelves, brackets, clothes hampers, and all kinds of accessories for the house, and for friends and relatives, Mr. Oshrin finds his workroom is a decided economy when skilled labor is hard to get. He estimates that most of the time he spends with his tools is given to repair and improvement jobs around the house. Furthermore, he has the satisfaction and inspiration of a kindred spirit in his young son, Michael, for whom he has built a miniature bench 3'x16"x28". This he equipped with real, but junior-size, tools, and he says with pardonable pride that his youngster not only has a place for every one of them, but insists that it be promptly returned to its place if and when borrowed by sister, mother, or even dad himself!



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Joan Ferenz, national medalist

gladiolus, and both of the peony events, no entry was considered worthy of the award. Of the medals given at the other 25 shows, three were taken by one dahlia (Jane Lausche), and two by each of two other dahlias, and by one gladiolus.

By January 1, 1945, 16 requests for the Medal for this year were on file, indicating continuing interest and competition. Established flower societies can obtain information and the regulations governing the Medal from the Horticultural Editor of the American Home. . . And now, the fourteen winning dahlias:

Joan Ferenz. Am. Dahlia Soc'y (silver medal). Large informal dec-



orative; glowing yellow, blended pink, orange; feathery petalage. Herman Rindfieisch, Mamaroneck, New York.

Jane Lausche. Dahlia Societies of Kentucky, Ohio, Wisconsin (3 medals). Semi-cactus; bicolor, rosy mauve



Edina, winner in Minnesota

tipped with white. Rocky River (Ohio) Dahlia Gardens (E. J. Wind).

Myra Phillips. Baltimore, and National Capital Dahlia Societies (2 medals). Incurved cactus, lacinated tips; white. E. R. Phillips, Silver Springs, Md.

Essie Smith. Western Pa. branch A. D. S. and Wellsville (O.) Gladdahlia Club. (2 medals). Inf. dec. to semi-cac.; amaranth (orchid) pink. W. E. Smith, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Miss Clare Lucy. Dahlia Soc'y of California. Inf. dec.; crimson, gold



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Frederick G. Smith. Delaware Dahlia Soc'y. Cactus; red. Named for the Society's secretary who died in 1944. Mrs. F. G. Smith, Elsmere, Del.

Pink Alice. Kitsap Co. (Wash.) Dahlia Soc'y. Semi-cac.; rose-pink, paler reverse. Franklin Gardens (Mrs. H. C. Cogswell), Tacoma, Wash.

Edina. Minnesota Dahlia Soc'y. Formal dec.; golden yellow. Wilfred I. Larsen, Minneapolis, Minn.

Good News. Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Soc'y. Cactus; pomegranate-purple, overlaid amaranth. Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa.

Permanent Wave. Greater St. Louis Dahlia Soc'y. Inf. dec.; light pink, silver reverse. Beckman and Bennett, St. Louis, Mo.

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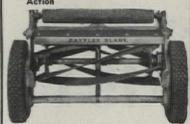
Clariam Kelton. Dahlia Soc'y of Toledo, Ohio. Inf. dec.; red and gold blend, red predominating. William Wolbert, Springfield, O.

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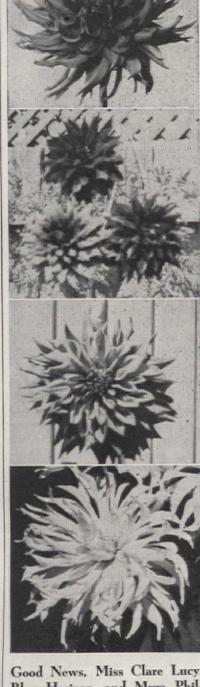
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Maryland Maid. Maryland Gladiolus Soc'y. Deep pink, cream throat. E. B. Snyder, Hagerstown, Md.

Lake Placid. Ohio State Gladiolus Soc'y. Cream, with yellowish throat. George W. Wilson, Lisbon, O.

Margaret Jean. Province of Quebec Gladiolus Soc'y. Exhibition type; orange. A. B. Ogilve, Lachute, P. Q.

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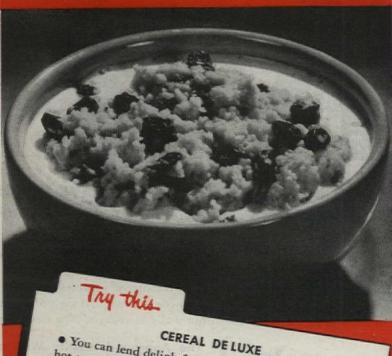


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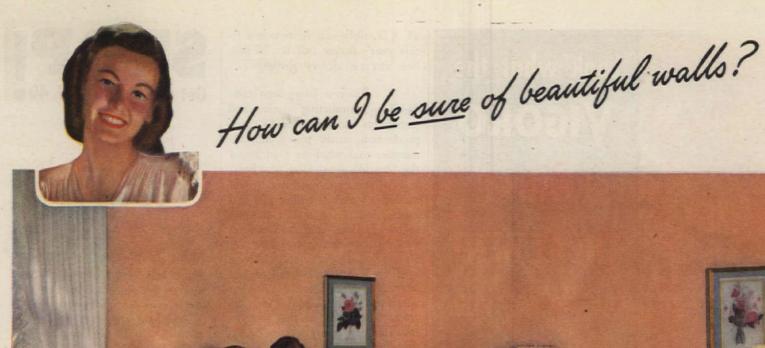








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You may have wondered this spring why you haven't seen as much national publicity about victory gardens as there was last year; why there have been fewer widely advertised meetings, lectures and courses on how to grow vegetables and fruits. The reason is simply this: Nearly 19 million people or families had victory gardens in 1944, so it has seemed to those sponsoring the program that it is more important to maintain interest in those gardens and help make them better, than to devote a lot of money and effort to recruiting an additional, but perhaps limited, number of novices. Emphasis is therefore being placed on supplying more information and advice where it is needed, particularly in suburban and urban communities that have not, in the past, been reached by county agricultural agents and extension workers.

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Arrange to can, preserve, or pickle any surpluses as fast as they develop. Early season crops are usually of better quality and it is easier and pleasanter to do a little at a time. Toward the end of the season supplement your canned goods supply with whatever you can dry or store for winter use.

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BY MARGARET MALLABY

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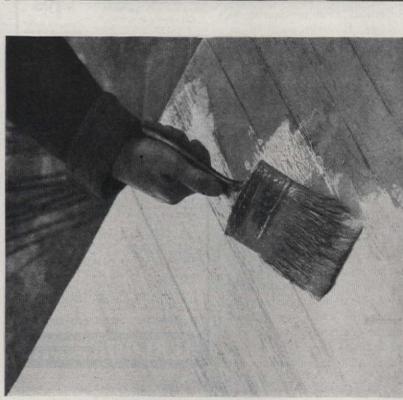
other are faced with the bitter fact that there's a bit of painting to be done about the house. So let's be cheerful about it. Make painting a hobby-for by doing your own work you'll not only save money, get some much needed exercise, but it's fun, too, if tackled in the right way. Think of the satisfaction gained by transforming dirty, worn surfaces into something shiny, new and clean! All you need are the proper tools, a few instructions and, of course, perseverance. Naturally, you need dry moderate weather for outside work but, above all, select the right paint for the particular job on hand.

Remember there is no such thing as an all-purpose paint. An inside paint hasn't much chance against outdoor changes of temperature, and dampness will raise merry Cain with it. Too, different surfaces need different binders mixed with the pigments to help stand up under the constant friction of walking feet or the scuffling of furniture. So, the proper paint for the outside walls of the house won't be suitable for a porch floor. Neither will interior wall paint prove useful on

All of us at one time or a faced with the bitter fact a tough elastic medium such as varnish; porch floor paint, often called deck paint, should be mixed, if possible, with real spar varnish. An important point to remember in applying deck paint is that best results come from floating it on in a direction parallel to the boards.

Brush Technique

Illustration No. 1 shows the proper way to hold a large flat brush. Grasp the handle rather low with thumb held on the underside. A flexible wrist action can thus be gained, resulting in a smooth, straight stroke. Dip the brush no more than one half inch into the paint carrying just enough to avoid dripping. Start lightly with a descending stroke, then apply more pressure and finish with ascending stroke. This obviates ridges where brush marks overlap. Tools most required for general painting are shown in the illustration at the beginning of this article. They include several flat bristle brushes, ranging in width from two to five inches, a couple of round sash tools for use on window frames and casings, two sizes of



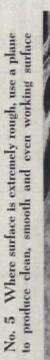
No. 1 For flexible wrist action, hold the brush low down on handle with the thumb placed as shown above

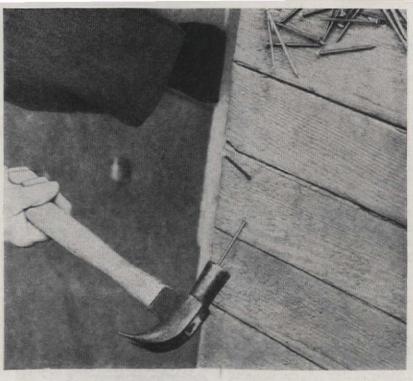
No. 4 Achisel proves handy where surface defects are minor. Splinters may be removed quickly in this way



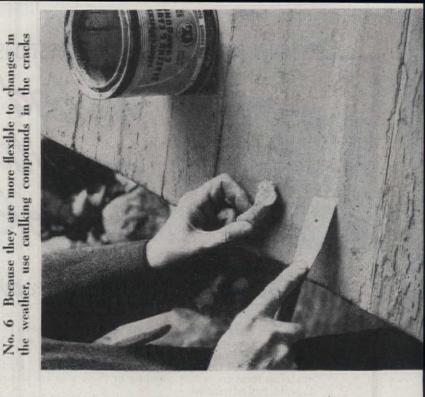


No. 2 To prevent splattering or running over, use cardboard shield while working on baseboard of room





No. 3 To secure faulty porch floor boards properly, toenail as illustrated before starting any painting



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putty knives, a hammer and nail set, masking tape and a pair of cheap working gloves. Caulking compound and turpentine are "musts" and, above all things, don't forget at least one clean piece of rag. If you intend doing outside work, then add a can of naphtha for wiping off greasy surfaces. Several good types of hand-cleaning compounds are on the market and, when used before tackling your job, will prove invaluable in keeping your hands presentable after work is completed.

Inside Walls

When doing over inside walls, the brush stroke described for porch floors is also the best. Start up near the ceiling, at one corner of the room, and paint down in straight strokes, covering as much width as can be conveniently reached. Keep in mind that the paint may dry out faster than expected, so always finish the last section of the wall you're working on with a thinner coat if not able to do a whole side in one operation. Then start with a thinner coat of paint over the last section you had worked on. All the traces of overlapping should be avoided. Straight oil paints-that is, a mixture of pigment, linseed oil, and japan dryer, should be well brushed out and preferably applied in several thin coats. Let each coat dry thoroughly before applying the next. Oil serves as a medium in helping spread the pigment and, by oxidizing, holds it in place. Exterior oil paint generally consists of pure white lead paste, colored pigment, added if desired, and boiled linseed oil to which has been added a small amount of spar varnish for elasticity. If your climate is damp, a certain amount of zinc white will add more permanence to the colors. However, most of us buy ready-mixed paints. In that case, buy from a reputable dealer and make sure that your paint bears the name of a well-known and reliable manufacturer. Examine the labels on each can to make certain that proper materials have gone into the paint's making.

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economy's sake, buy paint by the gallon. Smaller empty cans are handy articles to have on hand, inasmuch as the paint then can be carried in them for short jobs or for hooking onto your ladder. Save another can for hanging brushes in when not in use. By boring a hole in the handle, you'll be able to hang each brush by a wire over the top of the can, thus preventing it from touching the bottom. Pour in enough turpentine to submerge the bristles and then cover the can with a rag or newspaper for cleanliness. Before storing brushes, slap them against an old plank or wall to remove excess paint; then wash out with soap and water before putting into can. If paint cans are stored with the bottom side up, you'll find the paint much easier to mix when needed. Stir around and around with a stick until a smooth, even mix results. Then pour back and forth in an empty can. When ready for the painting job, pour the amount needed into a smaller can.

Surface Preparation

Preparing surfaces for painting is not the most glamorous job in the world but, if you're a good workman, it's one you won't avoid. First, wipe or dust off all loose dirt. Trisodium phosphate, a cleaning compound, sold under many trade names will also prove a helpmate at this stage of work. A small quantity in a pail of warm water should be used for sponging off dirt and grease from walls and woodwork. A stronger solution will soften old paintwork and make it easier for the putty knife when scraping. Follow instructions on package for proper amounts to be used and, by all means, use rubber gloves. When your walls and woodwork are perfectly clean, fresh water should then be sponged on to remove all traces of the compound. This precaution is necessary since trisodium phosphate has a habit of bleeding through paint if left on the walls. After cleaning, allow walls or woodwork to dry for several days. Mend all cracks and spots with slow-drying patching cement. Make up only enough for the work on hand. Then with an old chisel or knife make the cracks larger at the lathe rather than the plaster surface in order to hold the patch in place. When dry, sandpaper smooth and touch up all spots with a primer. The latter may be glue, shellac, or aluminum paint. If the wall still seems rough after it is perfectly dry, sandpaper over the rough spots, especially if you are painting over an old lead and oil coat. Real enamel or varAvoid another winter of...

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nish may need sanding after each coat to get a smooth matte finish.

If using some of the new casein or synthetic resinal plastic paint, it is perhaps wiser, in case the old job is not familiar to you, to clean your walls or woodwork to the original finish. Then use the right primer and start off fresh. It is always wise not to use one type of paint over another. Chemistry in painting plays some pretty strange tricks. If a light color is to be applied over a darker shade, test first before tackling the whole job. Otherwise trouble may lay ahead. If possible, select the same brand of paint originally applied.

When walls are clean and cracks repaired, nail-set the heads of all nails and putty over the holes. Prime all repairs and patches and, if patience is one of your virtues, prime the entire wall with a thinned coat of your paint. Two wellbrushed coats of paint will give the best results, applied with even, straight strokes, down and up each wall. If possible before starting, watch an expert painter at work. Watch the amount of paint he carries on his brush. You'll be amazed at the small amount used. In this way he is guaranteed that spilling and spattering are not for him. The

paint is applied with smooth, vigorous strokes for an even result. The beginner, used to easy-to-apply varnishes or lacquers, will need a new technique. On an inside job, a professional will probably apply three coats of oil paint to cover evenly while a two coat job suffices for the outside work.

Now for a few tips to the amateur. Use a piece of cardboard to serve as a shield for keeping brushwork away from side walls or baseboards. Figure No. 2 shows one application of the above technique. Masking tape can also be used and, though costing little, may be used over and over again. By its use, straight lines can be applied on walls making decorative schemes possible. For instance, a dark chair rail line or kick-back border can be painted at a door bottom. Razor blades are helpful on ticklish jobs and will help keep everything looking most professional. They are invaluable for taking paint spots or spills off glass surfaces when doing window sash painting. Handles for the blades may be purchased in any hardware store and will prove a boon for small repair jobs.

Now let's go outdoors and look over those shabby porch floors and steps. Repairs are usually needed



here before a lick of paint can be put on the surface. Nothing gets as much wear and tear as this part of a house plus the fact that it is constantly at the mercy of the elements. If stair treads are badly worn, it may be necessary to turn them upside down. When doing this, perhaps extra stiffening supports should be placed in the middle. Boards have a habit of sagging under constant weight and porch steps are no exception to the rule. Also, when the boards are up, sides can be planed and evened off. After these have been repaired and nailed down, check all the porch floor itself for traces of loose boards. If needed, lift up the damaged boards and check on their supports. These boards may be turned over if too warped and renailed. Figure No. 3 shows the method of toe-nailing in the boards for better security. Dampness, heat, or cold will swell or shrink most porch floors unless boards have been painted on both sides. A priming coat on the edges will help, too. When everything is good and tight, sandpaper the rough spots. Chisel or plane off rough or curled up edges and give all worn or paintfree places a priming coat of the porch paint thinned with turpentine. When practically dry, caulk over all nail heads, all cracks and openings between the boards themselves. Use a caulking compound in place of ordinary putty for this work. This compound remains elastic longer and will repel water, ice, and snow. It will also expand and contract with temperature changes. Two coats of deck paint will suffice, or better still, thin slightly and apply three coats of the paint. Allow plenty of time for thorough drying between coats. If directions have been followed, the porch is now ready for use.

All of these preparations and the actual painting itself may seem quite exhausting and tedious to the reader. Don't lose track, however, of the fact that aside from its gift of beauty paint is a preservative. Don't forget that those telltale cracks and blisters on the exterior of the house may be but the beginning of general decay setting in. Nab them while they are still in the bud. Years will be added to the life of your house because of this farsightedness. For the homeowner, there are many benefits. If you are wise and don't tackle more than you are able to finish easily, a well worth-while hobby will be developed—one that not only will

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save you money but one which will be beneficial physically and mentally. In times like the present, keeping one's hands and brain occupied is vitally important. And the old homestead will be a brighter, more cheerful looking place for Johnny when he comes marching home after Victory is his.

So why not take inventory now. Look over your house with a really objective eye. Sentiment is all right in its place, but it doesn't help to keep a building from going to pot. Look for small signs of decay, rot, or plain shabbiness. Paint applied at the right time will do wonders in keeping your home in tiptop shape. But catch it in time! Don't be alarmed at the new wartime paints on the market. They've proved their worth by this time. Rely on good substantial trade names. Take the advice of a reputable local dealer. And before you tackle the job, determine to do it well or not at all. For instance do a bang-up job of preparation. Select the right tools before a stroke of work is started. Avoid damp or rainy weather as you would the plague. When painting the outside of your house avoid, too, direct sun. Wait until the part of the house to be painted is in complete shade. Protect the planting adjacent to your paint job. There's no sense in ruining the results of years of hard work by plain laziness. Plants splashed with paint have a tough time surviving. Select a good ladder and, for goodness sake, don't over reach and take chances. No job is worth broken bones and sprained ligaments. In other words, painting around your house will be fun and will help the family budget only if you use a little common sense as part of your equipment.

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- 3. Hold that line! Help to maintain economic stabilization by paying no more than ceiling prices.
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The Palo Alto Home

EVERY once in a while, we come upon a house so photogenic that pictures alone tell its story perfectly. This low, brick and redwood house with its strong horizontal lines and heavy eaved cedar roof is a case in point. Rustic it is-but rustic with more than a touch of modern in makeup. Witness, for instance, the many bright yellow steel sash, located to take full advantage of the bright California sunshine. Then notice, also, the openness of the plan arranged so that every important room gets a generous view of the brick-paved patio. Houses like this don't just happen and we were not surprised to find that its owners had burned quantities of midnight oil studying why's and wherefore's before a single brick was laid. The interiors were planned to fit existing furniture. Nothing is cluttered and, while rooms are average in size, there's plenty of free floor space. Philippine mahogany was selected for living room fireplace wall, bookcases, and entrance hall. The dark tone of this wood is reflected in adjoining woodwork. Rafters in dining room were stained dark but the knotty pine ceiling was finished in rubbed white. Yellow is the predominant color throughout, accented in the living room with shades of gray-mauve and salmon. Yellow, too, accents the garden. A bed of violas in this color just outside the floor-to-ceiling window appears to bloom in the room itself while clumps of yellow yarrow may be seen growing against the grape stake fence around the sun-bathed patio.

Predilection for Rustic"

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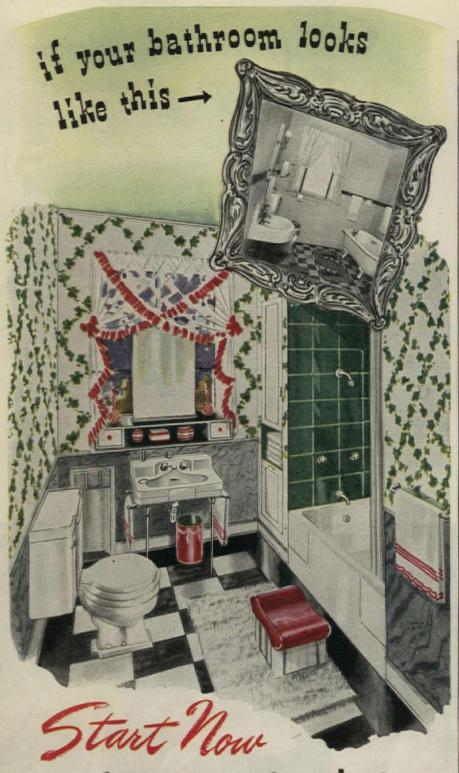








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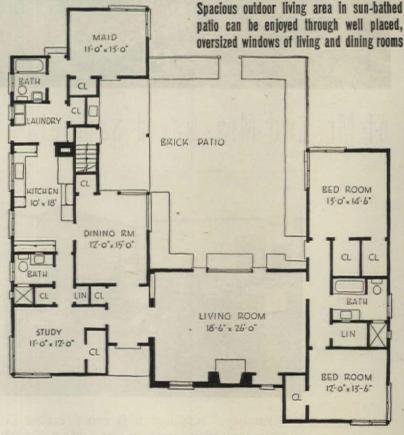
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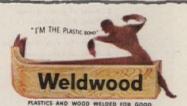
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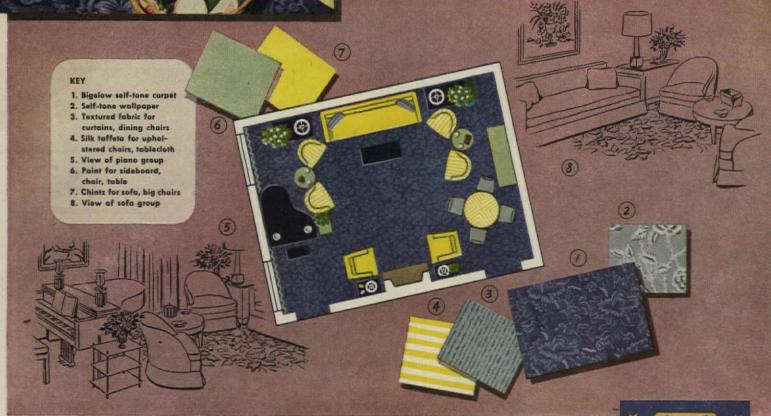




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Children are very often the innocent victims of calamity because thoughtless parents have left them open to injury. Every toy given to a child should be examined for sharp edges or pointed projections. When a parent feels that her child is old enough to be permitted to handle sharp utensils, he should be taught to do so with safety. When walking or standing with a pointed object in hand, the point should always be directed toward the floor. Never up or out!

Many housewives come to grief at the kitchen sink. The owly onion as it is peeled, can cause a serious ulcer of the eyeball if a drop of onion juice is spattered into the eye. To prevent such an accident, onions should be held as far away from the face as possible while being *carefully* peeled in order that the spattering of juice may be prevented.

Spattering grease is another common source of eye burns. When water, hot or cold, comes in contact with hot grease, droplets of grease spatter from the pan in all directions. Very often the cook, taken by surprise, is burned about the eyes. To prevent an accident of this sort a housewife should get into the habit of drying her hands before putting any food into a pan of hot fat. In addition, pots containing boiling



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Eye Hazards in the Home

water or other liquids should not be placed next to a frying pan unless they are covered.

It is not uncommon to see a housewife with a steam burn of the eye which resulted from holding her head too close to a boiling pot when removing the cover. Every woman who cooks should make it a practice to raise a pot cover at an angle, with the open side away from her until steam escapes.

Toddlers are tempted by everything within reach. Never leave anything cooking on the stove with handle turned so they can grab it

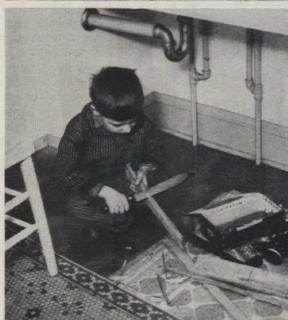
A lighted firecracker dropped into a glass milk bottle. POP! Both explode and flying glass may fly into eyes. The match head could, too

Sharp, pointed objects like scissors spell trouble for youngsters. Don't let them have such objects until they know how to use them

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I cannot fail to mention at this point, the danger of using a package of book matches that have been wet and then dried out. I do not know what changes take place in the head of a safety match once it has been wet, but I do know the burning head can fly off into the face of the person who strikes it.

Lye and similar drain cleansers are common causes of eye burns. Great care must be exercised when these chemicals are used. The face should always be turned away from the can and the sink. It is better to misjudge the amount used and the direction in which it is placed, than to make accuracy the price of a painful—or permanent eye injury.

When putting up nails and hooks about the house for the convenience of the family, care must be taken that none of these are at eye level, either for adults or children. No matter how familiar one may be with a house, it is always possible to walk into a protruding object.

Sharp corners on furniture present a hazard when young children are about the house, especially when they come to the level of the child's eye. At the expense of a beautifully arranged home, it is wise to push the dangerous pieces out of the way until the children reach an age of safety.

We cannot overlook the danger to the eyes which may lurk in the medicine cabinet. Nothing should be put into the eye until the label on the bottle has been read! It is not wise to depend upon familiarity with the appearance of a bottle. There is always the possibility that a familiar bottle might contain something else for a change.

Many mothers can verify the fact that frequent and exceedingly painful eye injuries are sustained from an infant's fingernail. When a tiny finger scratches mother's eyeball, the accident happens so quickly that the woman is stunned by the experience. In a great many cases, the scratch heals up in a few days and the result is not harmful. There have been numerous cases where permanent damage has been done to the eyeball in this manner.

Walking into a doorknob or a door has been an endless source of humor as the excuse for a blackened eye or a bruised face. Humorous as this may seem, an open door, especially the door of a high wall closet such as we see in some kitchens, can be a serious hazard.

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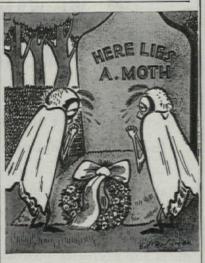
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A topic of mutual interest leads to smooth conversation



Learn to attract attention without startling other people

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Posed for THE AMERICAN HOME by Shirley Temple, appearing in David O. Selznick's "I'll Be Seeing You"



Above, Shirley Temple graciously accepts a compliment from David O. Selznick, Ingrid Bergman and Jennifer Jones on her latest performance

Shirley Temple and Christopher Adams wait until there is a suitable "break" in Monty Woolley and Claudette Colbert's conversation before interrupting them



Photographs taken under supervision of Kay Campbell



Even in your own bedroom, do not go around partially clothed

You don't have to be a touch-me-not or a moralizing juke box to impress the fellows and girls in the crowd with your good manners! You don't have to keep your nose buried in the latest books on etiquette, either . . . to know the right things to say and do-when they should be said and done. For just like so many of the intrinsic elements that go into making a gal glamorous and charming - good manners are based on simplicity ... plus plenty of thoughtfulness!

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Don't startle people! What about those dramatic or awkward entrances you make once in a while? They do startle older people. So learn how to attract attention of others without making loud noises or going into sign language.

Don't break into people's conversation! Of course there are many things you want to talk about, but for goodness sake, don't interrupt a conversation! Nothing so brands you as a bearer of bad manners. Wait to add your bit.

Don't develop an artificial voice! You are blessed with a natural voice so use it! Let Suzie have her giggles and phone hysteria if she insists but stick to your resolution that these are not for you.

Don't corner the telephone! Confess. Have you ever timed yourself while talking over the telephone? If you would be a success with the rest of the familyand family friends, too, then the moral of this story is . . . remember that there are others who like to use the telephone once in a while.

Don't leave the burden of conversation to other people! Yes, it is difficult to strike up a free-flowing conversation with that brand-new date, but it is up to you to introduce topics of conversation 'til you find one of mutual interest.

Don't slight compliments! Remember, if someone is gracious enough to compliment you-then you should be gracious enough to accept such words in the same spirit. Don't grimace and shrug your shoulders with an "Ah, you don't mean that!" Learn how to accept compliments with charming and courteous acknowledgement.

Don't borrow clothes or go around partially clothed! Even among the family both should be taboo. And remember, your bare feet and hair in curlers may look all right to you-you're used to them-but they don't spell glamor to others in anyone's language!

Don't keep correspondents on the mailman's trail! Answer your letters promptly. Never neglect to write "thank you" letters for presents and for parties. And while we're on the subject, be careful what you write. Never write a letter which you would be ashamed to have read aloud.



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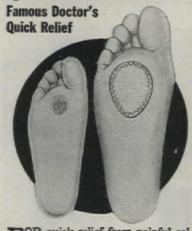
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Loosen sheets at corners, then slip them off the bed. "Yanking" may tear

Catherine Blondin

A LITTLE household planning goes a long way and linen-closet care can go a long way toward reducing the seriousness of wartime linen shortages. First, we should check our habits of wear, care, stock, and needs and make sure that the status quo of the present routine is the best we can do to make even the quality grade exceed our highest expectations. If we have been in the habit of really economical buying and have demanded the finest percale cotton sheets and sturdiest muslin sheets for really long wear, the shortages are not nearly so crucial. What kind of shoppers we are depends upon how insistent we are in our demands for grade and labeled merchandise to serve as guarantees. There are any number of sheet-care rules which we can adopt to increase longevity and, at the same time, step up our own efficiency in running our households. Bed-making, for instance, may be done quickly and carelessly with the risk of having spring edges and rough pieces of wood cause rips and tears. And we are too apt to remove a sheet by just "yanking" it off. The proper way



Wrap up excess linen supply and store away until needed



Set aside gloomy days for a session of linen repairing



Using pillowcase as laundry bag wears it out much faster



Check linen going to and coming from laundry Rotate sheets. Stack clean ones on bottom



Frigidaire repeats its wartime suggestions on

HOW TO KEEP MEAT



In these days of smaller civilian supplies, save all of meat's goodness, and use all of it, too!

Here are helpful hints based on Frigidaire's 25 years' experience in the food-keeping field. All of these meat-keeping facts have been checked and verified by other eminent authorities. Keep them handy for ready reference.

54 Suggestions for Leftovers

. USE IN	BEEF	LAMB	HAM	VEAL	PORK	POULTRY	FISH
Hash	X	X	X			X	1/2
Meat Pie	X	X		X	X	X	
Sliced	X	X	X	1	X	X	
Soup	X		X			X	
Stuffed Pepper	X		X		X		
Stew	X	X		X		X,	
Chili	X						
Croquettes	X	X	X	X		X	X
Creamed	1417	X	X	X		X	X
Meat Loaf	X		X	X	X		137
Scalloped	X	X	X			X	X
Sandwich Filling	X	X	X			X	Х
Salads			X	X		X	X

General Rules of Meat-Keeping

Remove meat from market paper. Don't wash or wipe with a damp cloth. Don't cut or chop until just before using. If your refrigerator has a covered meat compartment, meat can be stored without wrapping. Otherwise, wrap lightly in waxed paper, leave ends open for free air circulation, and store in defrosting tray or as near freezing unit as possible.

How to Freeze Meats

Wrap piece or individual portions in waxed paper. Place in ice tray on bottom shelf of freezer; turn control to fastest freezing point. After freezing, reset control to a colder than normal position. Never refreeze meat after thawing. Frozen meat may be thawed before cooking or cooked directly from the frozen state, but if so, more time must be allowed for cooking.

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STEAKS, CHOPS AND ROASTS may be kept up to 3 days in meat tray or loosely wrapped just below freezer. If you buy for later use, wrap and freeze. See how on this page.



LEFTOVER COOKED MEATS should be swored in a covered dish to prevent drying. Generally, leftover meat should not be cut or ground until just before using.



FROZEN MEATS will keep for long periods in freezing unit. After thawing, frozen meat should be cooked as soon as possible. Caution: Never refreeze meat once thawed.



GROUND MEAT should be cooked within 24 hours after purchase or frozen at once. For convenience, separate ground meats into individual portions before freezing.



POULTRY should be cleaned and washed *before* refrigeration. Whole birds keep better than disjointed birds. Cut up birds just before using, Freeze chicken like meats.



FISH should be cooked within 24 hours after purchase. If it is to be kept longer, freeze it immediately. To freeze fish and meats at home, follow directions at left.



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Store foods properly as soon as you get them home. Prepare foods carefully. Cook and serve no more than is needed. Use all of your leftovers. Throw nothing away!



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is first to loosen all corners, then slip it off. Wise housewives who have beds unused—as many of us have, with husbands, brothers, and sons in service—are working with a minimum linen supply and keeping any excess stored away for better and happier days. The best storage rule is to put them away unironed and wrapped in dark paper to prevent yellowing.

Periodic inspection to see that no tears go unmended is rewarded by longer sheet service. Capitalize on those gloomy Mondays and rainy afternoons by checking over your "usables" and patching and sewing the first lines of offense. To get a double head-start, mend the parts that are beginning to look thin. If this occurs along the center, tear the sheet in half lengthwise and join it with another sheet worn in the same way. Sew the selvages, or outsides, together, making certain that the seam is flat. Then hem the outside edges. In this way, you will have practically manufactured a sheet for yourself.

Pillowcases also come in for their share of inspection for mending. Don't imagine you can put a pillowcase to use as a laundry bag without harmful results. If that much strain were continually put on the fabric, the case would last only half its allotted time.

To know your inen supply so that you can meet hostess or illness emergencies, keep a check on everything you have on hand in your linen closet. Know how many sheets are in your linen closet, how many you have for use until next washday, and how many need mending and fixing. One good way of handling these minor details is to have a pad and pencil hanging in the closet. That makes it easy to jot down your supplies as they come and go for laundering, the day they were sent and the day they are expected back. This method, by the way, is extremely helpful in estimating how soon and how much you have to replenish.

And our last "helpful Henry" hint is to work your pile from the bottom when pulling out clean sheets. Automatically one piles the fresh laundry on the top of the stack and, also automatically, takes sheets to be used from the top. Therefore, the top sheets and other linens are in almost constant use while the linen on the bottom becomes just a base. We can rotate our linens and keep moving the bottom ones up and reaching for them. We are a bit lazy ourselves but we do like to get the maximum for our money and, besides, we find forethought and care pay nice fat money and morale dividends.



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AT THIS time of the year, the efficient housekeeper looks thoughtfully at her blankets as she prepares to put away these precious woolens for the summer. That means they must be washed for moths are not attracted to freshly laundered woolens. Washing, followed by wrapping, is therefore essential. The three important points to keep in mind in washing your woolen blankets apply also to the new wool and mixtures. Be generous with your suds, handle with care, and avoid extremes of temperature during washing and drying. Wool fibres are sensitive when wet. They expand with heat and contract with cold. The terrible result is a







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- 1 Brush blanket thoroughly before you start washing to remove loose dirt. Also look it over for the spots and stains that require special removal treatment
- 2 Have standing suds about twice what you ordinarily use. Water should be about 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Test temperature with elbow as you would baby's bath. Blankets are sensitive
- 3 In hand-washing, a rubber plunger will lighten the job considerably. Use it to stir suds and to suction suds through material. It is also a great help in lifting wet blankets
- 4 Soiled streaks along the binding may be given special attention with soft brush or soaped fingers. The latter is recommended for delicate bindings of satin which might catch or rough up even with the softest of brushes

- 5 Hang up blankets lengthwise over parallel lines to dry. Let them drip. Square the corners and from time to time blot bottom, using bath towel and keeping hands flat to prevent rippling
- 6 When completely dry, spread flat and brush with lengthwise strokes to bring up nap. After finishing one side, turn blanket over and do other side
- 7 Press blanket binding under a pressing cloth. Be sure the iron is not too hot, so as not to scorch. Press on either side, keeping the binding taut
- 8 In packing blankets away, washing should be followed by immediate wrapping. Wrap each separately for convenience. If not stored in cedar chest or closet, or one of the cedarized-lined boxes, use a moth repellent inside the heavy paper wrapping. Mark package "Blanket" to save time locating





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stiffened, shrunken blanket that bears slight resemblance to the soft, fluffy piece you started with. Rubbing, twisting, or squeezing a wet blanket may also cause damage. First of all, pick a warmish, breezy day for blanket washing. Make up a thick, frothy lather of suds-about double the usual standing suds and test the water to be sure the temperature is about 100 degrees Fahrenheit, or a trifle above body heat. If you do not have a thermometer, test the water with your elbow as you would for baby's bath. For extra soil give a second sudsing and follow this with three rinses at same temperature. Loosen roller and don't twist.







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To a woman, the one means the other. And if you are giving an April shower (or a May or June one!) there is nothing your guest of honor will appreciate more. Make the party appointments as frilly as the gifts. Invitations might be made of oblong white paper doil.es, the lace-edged kind. Write inside, fold over in half, and run pink ribbon through tiny cuts near the edge—as if it were beading in underwear. Make sure all the gifts are sent to you early so they can be placed in a huge bride's book. This can be made of white

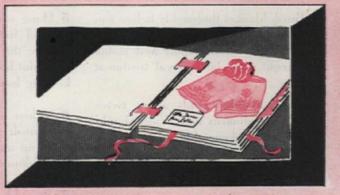
construction paper or, perhaps, of Bristol board with the leaves held together by extravagantly large pink bows. Allow one page of the book for each piece of lingerie and paste the card of the giver at the bottom of the page. Center the snowy white tablecloth with a bowl of greenery, such as huckleberry, blossoming with doll-size underthings. You can make tiny bras out of circlets of pink ribbon gathered at three places. Encircling the bowl you might have a row of panties cut from doilies. These will be conversation-makers! Use pink sachets on place cards.



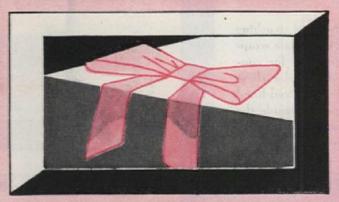
Bead glasses with pink nail polish—or decorate them with pretty garters



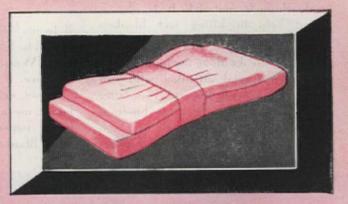
Gift book made of construction paper with pages for each piece of lingerie lends an elegant air to the proceedings. Secure pages with huge bows



Larger pieces of lingerie are folded so they can be opened for display. To hold them in place on the page use decorative stickers in party colors



At each place have large doily cut of pink paper, in shape of bow, perhaps with ends hanging down. Dress up the name cards with small pink sachets



Bake square one-layer cake and cut in rectangles, then trim little pieces out of upper right-hand corners, top and bottom center. Ice for bow cakes



A big white cake could have halves of pink bonbons arranged around the edge of the cake, like beading. This or the individual bow cakes serve as decoration.



Have a lingerie centerpiece with tiny pieces of underwear draping the conventional sprigs of green!

"Why_that couldn't happen in a million years!"



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1 Oh, so you don't think it could! Remember Sandy Davis from the office? Well, he and I took a trip up to Maine early last spring to do a little trout fishing...



2 I didn't notice Sandy working the foot of the pool behind me when I cast. Somehow, on one of my back casts, the barb of my fly caught the base of his scalp.



That little hook sure gave Sandy a mean dig. I got out my first aid kit, put on some antiseptic... and thought that was that.



4 It wasn't. Later infection set in. Luckily, my North America Comprehensive Personal Liability insurance took care of everything, and we're still friends.

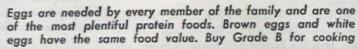
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Today's buying must be restricted-but a good cook can make a humble cut of meat a flavorsome work of art . . .

Eggs are needed by every member of the family and are one





Father, the natural protector of the family, watches the

scale and checks ceiling prices to see that prices charged





MAGINE a general with a million armed soldiers and no plan for the battle to come. Any male civilian of ten could prognosticate the result: no hitting and all missing. The wartime parallel is not accidental here. We are all in the war, and food is our most potent ammunition. We must buy it wisely and use it well. We must not pinch pennies, but stretch dollars. This is sane and intelligent marketing.

In ordinary times the mother of the family is a pretty good general. But now that she needs help in her campaign she has called in her well-known generalissimo, father. The

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American husband is, in fact, getting to be a first class marketer. He is eager, when time permits, to do his part toward keeping the pot boiling in these servantless days. The children, too, are mobilized for transporting groceries safely from store to kitchen.

Ground work for the market campaign is laid in keeping up with the food news—reading the newspaper, listening to the radio. What you will eat will depend largely on what you can get and the wise allotment of ration points. The next step is planning the week's menus and making out a well-organized market list.

Planning menus is like building a house. You must have a foundation, walls, openings, roof and heat to have a complete house. In making healthful menus you must include certain essential foods. Here are the requirements for adequate nourishment: Three to four cups of milk for the children, two or three for adults; one serving of potatoes, two or more of other vegetables, one of which should be green-leafy or yellow; one raw vegetable daily or at least three or four times weekly; two or more servings of fruit, one of these being grapefruit, orange, or tomato if possible, if not, serve more cabbage and raw greens; one egg a day or two or three a week; one serving of meat, fish or poultry is recommended, but dried beans, lentils, cheese and another egg may be used as an alternate; one serving of whole wheat or enriched cereal each day and bread made of whole wheat or enriched flour; two tablespoons of butter or vitaminized margarine.

One evening during the week father helps mother make out the market list separating the items—meat, vegetables, staples and dairy products. Roughly, the two of them jot down the ration point allotment and approximate cost. In the past, marketing two or three times a week was sufficient to fill the average family needs, but with women in war production or other outside work, these trips have to be made less often in many families and sometimes the whole week's provisions are bought at one time. Father usually accompanies mother and helps carry home the provisions.

Meat is one of the marketer's greatest perplexities and it will no doubt be scarce for some time. Some cuts of meat are not available at any time because of military demands, but it is a good idea to get a chart and learn the location and relative toughness of the cuts

> The label on canned or packaged foods is the guide to buying. Read the label to make sure product meets your need. Buy can size to fit number you are serving

and cook accordingly. Solid meats with little bone give greater value than portions with a great deal of bone even though they have higher ration-point value. Combine meat with cereals, spaghetti, and vegetables to make it go further. Use variety meats—liver, heart, tongue, brains, tripe, sweetbreads and kidneys. Learn also to use more of the ready-to-serve meats, such as frankfurters, salami, liverwurst, bologna, meat loaf.

Uncle Sam uses large quantities of canned salmon, sardines, and mackerel, but we have tuna and fresh and frozen fish. In buying fresh fish be sure that it has had proper refrigeration and that the eyes are clear and not sunken, the flesh firm. Plump tender poultry is back in some markets and eggs are plentiful. Dried beans, peas,



Remember your market manners. Select fruits and vegetables yourself but do not handle them more than is necessary; they bruise easily. Buy by weight when possible

Milk is a food as well as a beverage. Bought at the store it has the same food value as that delivered at your door and costs less. Alternates are evaporated and dried milk





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soybeans are good proteins, good substitutes for meat when combined with milk, eggs, or cheese. Nuts and peanut butter can be used in a number of entrees such as loaves and scalloped dishes and also salads and desserts. Peanut butter makes a good substitute for fat in sauces, gravies, soups, muffins, cookies and frostings for cake. It also adds flavor to cooking.

When buying dairy supplies, don't overlook cot-

best if leaves are green and free from yellowness. Packaged frozen vegetables saves preparation time.

Fruits should be firm and full and as fresh as possible. Fruits and vegetables lose their vitamins once they are picked. The longer they are in transit to the table the greater the loss of vitamins. Berries are best when uniform in size. Citrus fruits should be firm. Vine-ripened melons have a better flavor, and

Buying Guide for Fruits and Vegetables Approximate Yield

Kind	Selling Measure	Approximate Yield	Servings
Asparagus	pound, bunch	1 pound—12-15 medium stalks; 2 cups cut	3-4
Beets	pound, bunch	1 pound—5 medium; 2 cups cooked, diced	3-4
Broccoli	pound, bunch	1 pound—1-3 heads	3-4
Brussel Sprouts	pound, quart	I pound—I quart	4-5
Cabbage	pound, head	1 pound—small medium head; 3½ cups raw	
e _ To delegana		shredded; 2½ cups cooked	4-5
Carrots	pound, bunch	1 pound—4 medium; 2 cups cleaned and diced .	4
Cauliflower	pound, head	1 pound—1 small head	3-4
Celery	bunch	1 medium bunch—2 cups cut	2-3
Chicory	head	1 pound—1 large head	4
Corn	dozen	1 dozen medium ears—3 cups cooked, cut from cob	6
Cucumber	singly	one 9-inch cucumber—25-30 slices	
Eggplant	pound, singly	1 pound—1 medium; 3-4 cups raw diced	4
Escarole	head	1 pound—1 large head	4
Lettuce	head	1 pound—1 large head	4
Lima Beans	pound	1 pound—¾ cup shelled	2
Mushrooms	pound, basket	1 pound—20-30 medium; 31/2-4 cups sliced	6
Onions	pound	1 pound—4-6 medium	2-3
Parsnips	pound, bunch	1 pound—4 medium; 2½ cups cleaned and cut	3-4
Peas	pound	1 pound unshelled—1 cup shelled	2
Potatoes (white)	pound	1 pound—3-4 medium; 21/3 cups cooked, mashed .	2-3
Potatoes (sweet)	pound	1 pound—2-4 depending on size	2
Spinach	pound	1 pound—2½ quarts raw; 1½ cups, cooked	2
Squash (summer)	pound, singly	1 pound-1-2 medium; 1 cup cooked	2
Squash (winter)	pound, singly	1 pound-1 medium; 1 cup cooked	2
String Beans	pound	1 pound—3-3½ cups, cut	4
Tomatoes	pound or carton	1 pound-4 medium; 6 small; 11/2 cups cooked	w ol=or:
Turnips (yellow)	pound	1 pound-1 medium; 2 cups diced, cooked	2-3
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		Fruits	DE DE MO
Apples	pound, basket	1 pound—3 medium	3
Avocado	singly	1 medium—1½-2 cups diced	2-3
Bananas	pound or dozen	1 pound—5 small; 3 medium; 2 large	5
Berries	½ pint, pint, quart	1 quart—3¾ cups depending on berry	3-4
Cherries (sweet)	pound	1 pound—2% cups stemmed and pitted	3-4
Cherries (sour)	quart	1 quart—2 cups stemmed and pitted	3-4
Cranberries	pound	1 pound—1 quart; 4 cups sauce	-
Grapefruit	pound	1 medium-11/3 cups pulp; 1 cup juice	2
Lemons	pound, dozen	1 pound-4-5; ¾ cup juice	-
Limes	pound, dozen	1 pound—7-9	-
Oranges	pound, dozen	1 pound-2-3 medium; 11/2 cups pulp; 1 cup juice .	2-3
Peaches	pound or basket	1 pound-4-8; 2½ cups sliced	4
Pears	pound, dozen	1 pound—3 medium; 2½ cups cooked, diced	3
Rhubarb	pound, bunch	1 pound-4-8 stalks; 2 cups cooked sauce	4

tage cheese, cream cheese, and sour cream. They are delicious in salads and are good when combined with dried beans and fresh vegetables.

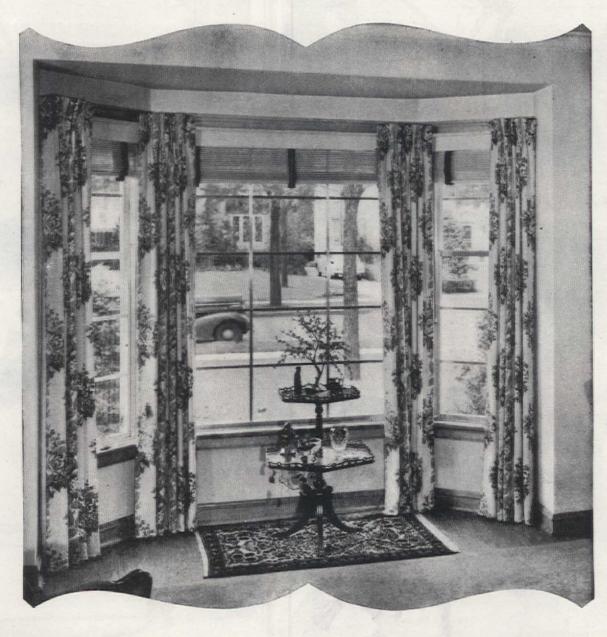
The vegetable counter is a picture these spring days, but here are a few *musts* in buying fruits and vegetables: All vegetables should be bright and fresh looking not wilted and shriveled, particularly the greens; look out for bruised vegetables; also, too plump and full-bodied specimens. Pods of fresh peas, lima beans, and such vegetables should be moist and well-filled, never dry; leafy vegetables are

can be recognized by the smooth, only slightly sunken scar at the point where the melon was originally attached to the melon vine.

Canned goods will be limited until the new harvest, but cereals are plentiful. Include corn sirup, both light and dark varieties, in your purchases to use as a sugar saver, also honey and molasses.

The supply of hydrogenated fats, salad oils, enriched flour, whole wheat flour, dehydrated soups and vegetables, coffee, tea and other staples must be watched weekly and be replenished as needed.

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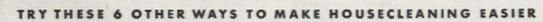
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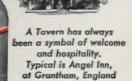
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*Easter Egg Salad Roast Chicken—Spring Onion Dressing Mashed Sweet Potatoes Broccoli Hot Biscuits *Rhubarb Ice Cream

Milk

Coffee

Easter Dinner

Easter Supper *Curried Eggs and Mushrooms on Rice Strawberry and Orange Compote Monday Breakfast

Tomato Juice Corn Flakes with Milk Poached Egg on Whole Wheat Toast Coffee Milk

Easter Breakfast

Grapefruit Juice Broiled Ham Loaf Slices Hot Cross Buns Coffee Milk

Easter Candles courtesy of Tavern Candles





spring salar

Preparation time: 20 min. triple-decker strawberry dessert

cups sifted enriched flour tsp. salt cup shortening 7/4/4

quart strawberries, sliced and cold water (about)

SIFT flour and salt together. Work in shortening with two knives or blender until mixture is the consistency of coarse meal. Add enough to hold dough together. Mix lightly. Roll dough out on floured board to about 1/8 inch in thickness and cut into 12 3-inch circles with a floured biscuit cutter or knife. Place on a greased baking sheet, brush with milk and bake in a hot oven (400°F) for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Use three Sirr flour and salt together.

pastry water to

9 Serves

298 cal. per serving

between rounds. If desired serve with light cream,

pastry circles for each serving and when ready to serve place strawberries

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curried eggs and mushrooms

Preparation time: 30 min.

cup raw rice qts. boiling water lb. mushrooms tbs. butter or vitaminized margarine tbs. enriched flour

dash pepper 4 hard-cooked eggs sliced tsp. curry powder cups milk tsp. salt

and slice mushrooms and sauté in 2 tbs. of the melted butter until tender (5 minutes). Melt the remaining 2 tbs. butter in the top of a double boiler over Cook rice in boiling salted water until tender (15-20 minutes). Wash boiling water, add flour and curry powder and mix well. Add the milk gradually and cook stirring constantly until thickened. Season with salt and pepper. Add mushrooms and hard-cooked eggs and heat thoroughly. Arrange rice in circle on hot platter. Pour curried eggs, mushrooms in center.

Serves

286 cal. per serving

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chicken tamale pie

11/2 cups milk
1/2 cup chicken stock
1/3 cup asparagus liquor
3/4 tsp. salt
dash pepper 1½ tsp. salt 4 cups boiling water 4 tbs. butter or vitamin-ized margarine 4 tbs. enriched flour cup cornmeal

1 tsp. chili powder
11/2 cups cooked chicken
cut in large pieces
2 cups diced cooked

Preparation time: I hour

App the cornmeal and the 1½ teaspoons salt to the boiling water gradually and cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Melt the butter in a double boiler, add flour and mix well. Add milk, chicken stock and asparagus liquor gradually and cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Season with the ¾ teaspoon salt, pepper and chili powder. Add chicken and asparagus. Line a deep baking dish with the cooked cornmeal and pour chicken mixture into it. Bake in moderately hot oven, (375°F) about 25 minutes or until heated through.

0 Serves

327 cal. per serving

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Jam

Cocoa

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spring salad dressings

Preparation time: 10 min.

salt, 14 tsp. pepper, 1/2 tsp. sugar and beat with a rotary beater until smooth and well blended. Basic French Dressing: Combine

juice cup tomato juice, 1/4 tsp. onion the basic recipe and follow above directions. Tomato Juice Dressing: Add 1/4

Peanut French Dressing: Make basic recipe, substituting ¾ cup peanut oil for the salad oil and add ¼ cup finely chopped peanuts. chopped chives to the basic recipe and beat until smooth and creamy. Potato French Dressing: Add 1/4 cup hot mashed potatoes, 1 tbs.

Monday Lunch

Baked Bean and Watercress Sandwiches Apple Snow Pudding—Custard Sauce

Monday Dinner

*Liver Pie

Grapefruit Salad-*Jelly French Dressing

Toasted Saltines

Coffee

Jelly French Dressing: Combine 4 tbs. salad oil, 2 tbs. lemon dash of salt. Add 4 tbs. of currant jelly and beat until smooth.

Low Calorie Dressing: Combine 34 cup mineral oil, 14 cup lemon or lime uice, 14 tsp. dry mustard, dash paprika and beat with a rotary beater.

asparagus with egg sauce

2 cups milk 1/2 tsp. salt dash pepper 6 hard-cooked, eggs 1 tbs. chopped parsley

margarine

boiling water 3 tbs. butter or vitaminized 3 tbs. enriched flour

lbs. asparagus

min.

Cur off the tough lower ends of asparagus (save for soup). Wash the asparagus, place upright in one inch water in a pot and cook until tender, about 15 minutes. Melt the butter in the top of a double boiler over boiling water. Add flour and mix well. Add milk gradually and cook, stirring constantly until thick-ened. Add salt, pepper and 4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped. To serve: Pour sauce over asparagus, sprinkle with parsley and garnish with remaining sliced hard-cooked eggs

Serves 6

Toast

Milk

Tuesday Breakfast

Apple Juice Cooked Cereal with Milk

Tuesday Lunch

Cabbage and Carrot Salad with

*Potato French Dressing Hot Muffins

Chocolate Pudding

Tea

Sausage

Coffee

397 cal. per serving

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calls for eggs (used whole, not separated), tap a hole about the size of a dime in the large end of the shell of the raw egg. Carefully remove the shell and

For a week or more before Easter, each time you have a recipe that

Easter egg salad

Tuesday Dinner

Chicory Salad—French Dressing Raisin Cake Coffee

Wednesday Breakfast

Grapefruit with Honey

Soft Cooked Eggs

Whole Wheat Toast

*Chicken Tamale Pie Whole Wheat Bread

membrane and just as carefully pour the contents into a cup for use. Then rinse the hollow shell with cold water, shake out the excess and lay aside to dry. When ready to make the Easter Salad dissolve I package of fruit flavored

gelatin in 1% cups hot water. Rinse egg shells in cold water again and set them in small muffin pans or any device that will hold the eggs in an upright position. Pour gelatin into egg shells and set in the refrigerator until firm (about I hour). When ready to serve peel off the shells quickly and place egg on mound of lettuce or water cress. If desired add a few sliced strawberries to cottage cheese, pile on mounds of water cress and top with the gelatin eggs. as a first course for an Easter luncheon or dinner. Use

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Idea submitted by Catherine Parramore



Wednesday Lunch

Oyster Stew Crackers
Carrot Strips Celery
Oatmeal Cookies
Tea

Wednesday Dinner

Lamb Patties—Tomato Curry Sauce
Mashed Potatoes Spinach
Radishes Hot Rolls
*Triple Decker Strawberry Dessert
Coffee

Thursday Breakfast

Orange Sections
Whole Wheat Cereal with Dates
Toasted Rolls Marmalade
Coffee Milk

Thursday Lunch

Sliced Tongue Macaroni Salad with Mustard Mayonnaise Stewed Apricots Tea

Thursday Dinner

Bean Soup

*Asparagus with Egg Sauce
Baked Potato Beets
Hot Muffins Chocolate Cream Pie
Coffee

Friday Breakfast

Stewed Prunes
Shredded Wheat with Milk
Scrambled Eggs Toast
Coffee Milk



44 cup hot milk
2 cups soft bread crumbs
2 eggs well-beaten
2 cups flaked tunafish
3 tbs. chopped celery

2 tbs. minced onion
1 tbs. chopped parsley
1/4 tsp. salt
dash pepper
2 tbs. melted butter or
vitaminized margarine

Mustard Sauce:
2½ tbs. butter or vitaminized margarine
2½ tbs. enriched flour
2 cups milk
¼ cup prepared mustard
½ tsp. salt

Preparation time: I hour

Leour hot milk over bread crumbs and stir until the crumbs are well moistened. Add the remaining ingredients and mix well. Press mixture into a greased loaf pan and set in a pan of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F) for about 50 minutes. If a browner loaf is desired, turn out loaf, and broil under broiler. Serve with mustard sauce made as follows: Melt butter in the top of a double boiler over boiling water, add flour and blend well. Add milk gradually and cook until thickened. Add mustard and salt and reheat.

Friday Lunch

*Watercress and Chive Soup Peanut Butter Sandwiches Fruit Gelatin

Friday Dinner

String Beans Julienne Carrots
Spring Lettuce with French Dressing
*Rhubarb Puffs

Coffee

*Stuffed Veal Rolls

Serves 6

332 cal. per serving

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rhuharb puffs

cup thinly sliced rhubarb cup sugar cup shortening

egg separated t tsp. vanilla

1 cup sifted enriched flour 14 tsp. salt 11/2 tsp. baking powder 1/3 cup milk

2 cups sliced rhubarb 2 tbs. sugar ½ cup corn syrup

PLIX rhubarb with the 1/3 cup of the sugar and place in the bottom of six greased custard cups. Cream the shortening, add the remaining 1/3 cup sugar gradually and cream thoroughly. Add the egg yolk and vanilla and beat until fluffy. Sith flour, salt and baking powder together and add alternately with the milk to the first mixture. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg white. Pour the batter over rhubarb in the custard cups and bake in a moderate oven (375°F) for about 30 minutes. Serve with a rhubarb sauce made as follows: Heat sliced rhubarb, sugar and corn syrup in a covered saucepan over low heat until mixture boils. Cook for 10 minutes.

per serving cal.

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stuffed veal rolls

Preparation time: 11/2 hours

2 chicken bouillon cubes 21/4 cups hot water enriched flour 1 cup thick sour cream

1½ lbs. veal or beef cut thin 1¼ cups soft bread crumbs ½ cup chopped celery 2 tsp. m need onion

dash pepper 1/4 tsp. thyme 3 tbs. butter or vitaminized margarine

thyme and melted butter. Dissolve the bouillon cubes in hot water and add ¼ cup to the dressing. Shape the dressing into 6 rolls, wrap a piece of veal around each and fasten with toothpicks. Roll in flour and brown in the skillet with the remaining butter. Place in a greased baking dish. Add 2 tablespoons flour to the drippings in the skillet and mix well. Add remaining chicken bouillon gradually and cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Pour over the veal, cover and bake in a moderately hot oven (375°F) about 50 minutes. Uncover and bake 10 minutes longer. Remove veal from gravy and take out toothpicks. Mix the sour cream with 1 tablespoon flour and add to the gravy. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Serve with veal rolls.

405 cal. per serving

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min. Preparation time: 45

Rhubarb Sauce:

Saturday Lunch Hot Chocolate Malted Milk

Saturday Breakfast

Orange Juice

Oatmeal with Milk Crisp Bacon Whole Wheat Toast

Coffee

Cottage Cheese and Carrot Sandwiches Prune Whip with Custard Sauce

Saturday Dinner

*Fish Loaf—Mustard Sauce Green Peas Spiced Beets Bran Muffins Lemon Sponge Pie Coffee *Recipes are in this issue

min.

Preparation time: 45

cups diced carrots 1 cup peas boiling water 2 tbs. butter or v ized margarine

3 tbs. enriched flour ... 1½ cups milk. 1 tsp. salt dash pepper 2 cups diced cooked liver

½ cup sliced spring onions
1 cup prepared biscuit mix
½ cup milk
3 tbs. finely chopped green onion tops Cook the carrots and peas in 1 inch boiling water until tender. Drain and reserve ½ cup vegetable liquor. Melt the butter in the top of a double boiler over boiling water, add the flour and mix well. Add the 1½ cups milk and vegetable liquor gradually and cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Add salt, pepper, vegetables and liver. Place this mixture and the green onions in alternate layers in a greased casserole. Add the ½ cup milk to the prepared biscuit mix and mix well. Add the chopped onion tops. Drop dough by tablespoons onto liver mixture in casserole and hake in hot oven (400°F) 25 minutes or until drop biscuits are brown.

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292 cal. per serving

rhubarb ice cream

Preparation time: 35 1 3 hours freezing time

1½ cups thinly sliced rhubarb ½ cup sugar ½ cup corn syrup

rennet tablet tbs. cold water cups light cream

fortably warm (110°F), not hot, remove at once from heat. Add dissolved rennet tablet and stir quickly for a few seconds. Pour into refrigerator tray and let stand at room temperature until set (10 minutes). Place in freezing compartment and freeze until firm. Remove from tray to a chilled bowl and beat with an electric or rotary beater until free from lumps but still a thick mush. Add chilled rhubarb Syrup. Cover and cook over low heat for 7 minutes. Cool in the covered saucepan and place in refrigerator to chill. Dissolve rennet tablet by crushing in the cold water. Place remaining sugar, corn syrup and light cream in a saucepan and heat slowly, stirring constantly. Test a drop on the inside of wrist frequently. When comand stir quickly into the mixture. Return to refrigerator tray and finish freezing.

Milk

307 cal, per serving

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2 tbs. butter or vitaminized margarine 1 cup finely chopped water cress 1/3 cup finely chopped chives 3 tbs. enriched flour

watercress and chive soup

4 cups milk 1½ tsp. salt dash pepper

MELT the butter in the top of a double boiler over direct low heat. Add water cress and chives and cook about 5 minutes. Place over hot water, add flour and mix well. Add the milk gradually and cook, stirring constantly Serve hot. until thickened. Add salt and pepper.

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Refreshing Accent: Cut several sprigs of fresh mint in small pieces with the scissors and cook with green peas. Chives, too, give zip to their flavor



Sweetening for Strawber-Slice berries, sprinkle lightly with sugar and add corn sirup or honey. They are better if not allowed to stand too long



Butter Saver: Heat wellseasoned French dressing and serve on asparagus or broccoli. For variety, add three or four chopped stuffed olives or pickles



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