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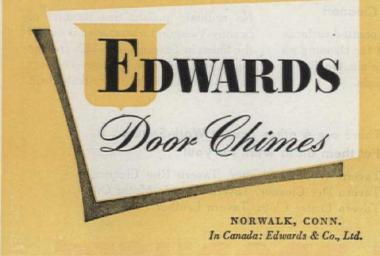
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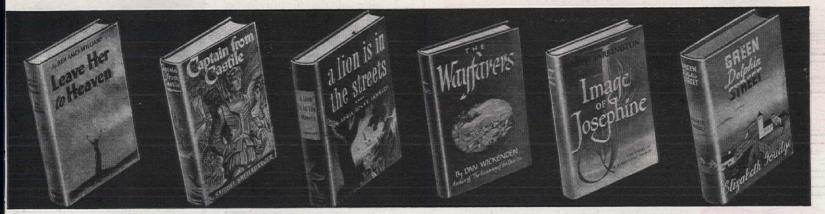


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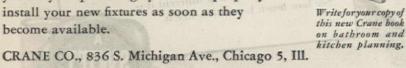




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Official AAF Photo T/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles C. Waller select ideas for their postwar home

their wives drafting plans for their respective post-war homes.

The two couples, both of whom are intending to build homes in Memphis with the help of a GI Bill of Rights Ioan, attend classes at the hospital's arts and crafts shops.

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Mrs. Finlayson and daughter Jeanne in their "American Home" nursery

dresses later. The draperies are red and white striped cotton gabardine with Indian head ruffles sewed on with blue rickrack for an extra color note."

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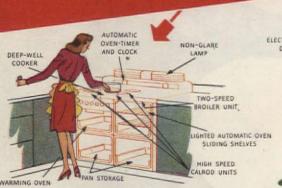
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# Greetings, Little Sir!

#### R. Langenkamp

Nothing so complicates a mere usband's life as fatherhood. Of this I speak with umble authority. Only last week I was more or ess an honored member of the household. My vishes were heeded, moods tolerated and, on ocasion, I was even allowed an ash or two on the ug. Justifiably or not, I was lord of the Manor. But, alas, this is no more. When the spotlight of arenthood fell upon the stage I found myself in the wings, a victim of the hook. And all beause of a pink-faced little citizen who put in is appearance with no more fanfare than a flower.

The first day as I came home I still entertained lusions of importance. This delightful business if being a father left me wholly unprepared for he inevitable side-tracking. All a-grin I bounded up the front steps. The nurse challenged me. Vould I please go to the back door?

In an hour the Forbidding One said I might to in to see my son. Eagerly I strode toward the aby's room. "Hey, you, wash your hands first."

I was unused to being addressed as "Hey, You" out I knew who she was referring to so I washed nd polished myself again. At last I stood in the resence of His Highness. Suddenly my remaining poise deserted me; I felt very much like a Neanderthal in the presence of a fairy. He lay here unruffled and secure never troubling to even ook my way. "Is it all right to pick him up?" To my surprise I got the nod. Now the problem vas how to pick up such a soft little thing? I oon discovered that handling a small baby is kin to juggling a loaf of bread dough. If you ise fewer than two hands it will sag in the middle, it both ends or may elude you altogether. I lipped my hands carefully under the little bundle. Now that I had it safely in my arms I hardly knew what to do next. I was sensitive about ising baby talk in the presence of a virtual stranger so I greeted my son on a man to man evel. "Hello. How are you," I began. The little one gave no sign of recognition.

I was proud to observe that his eyes were blue —just like mine. But the nurse, skeptical of my parental talents, said that all babies' eyes were blue at first and that its eyes would probably be brown like its mother's. Anyway he had a fine thatch of black hair possibly inherited from me. Ah, no, heredity says that, for the most part, hair qualities are determined by the mother's branch of the Tree. I was becoming more of an appendage all the time much to my sorrow.

Next morning I was allowed to come in and watch him get a bath. There were pans, tray, bottles and clothes all around the bed. On the tray were bottles and jars filled with olive oil, cotton on sticks, special soap, powder and eye wash. Cleopatra could not have had much more of a layout when she set the trap for Antony. About all there was to the bath was a good oiling and probing in ears, eyes, and nose with those cotton-covered sticks. His clothes consisted of things I was not aware of when I was a babe



Storkline furniture; R. H. Macy accessories; Karger-Pix

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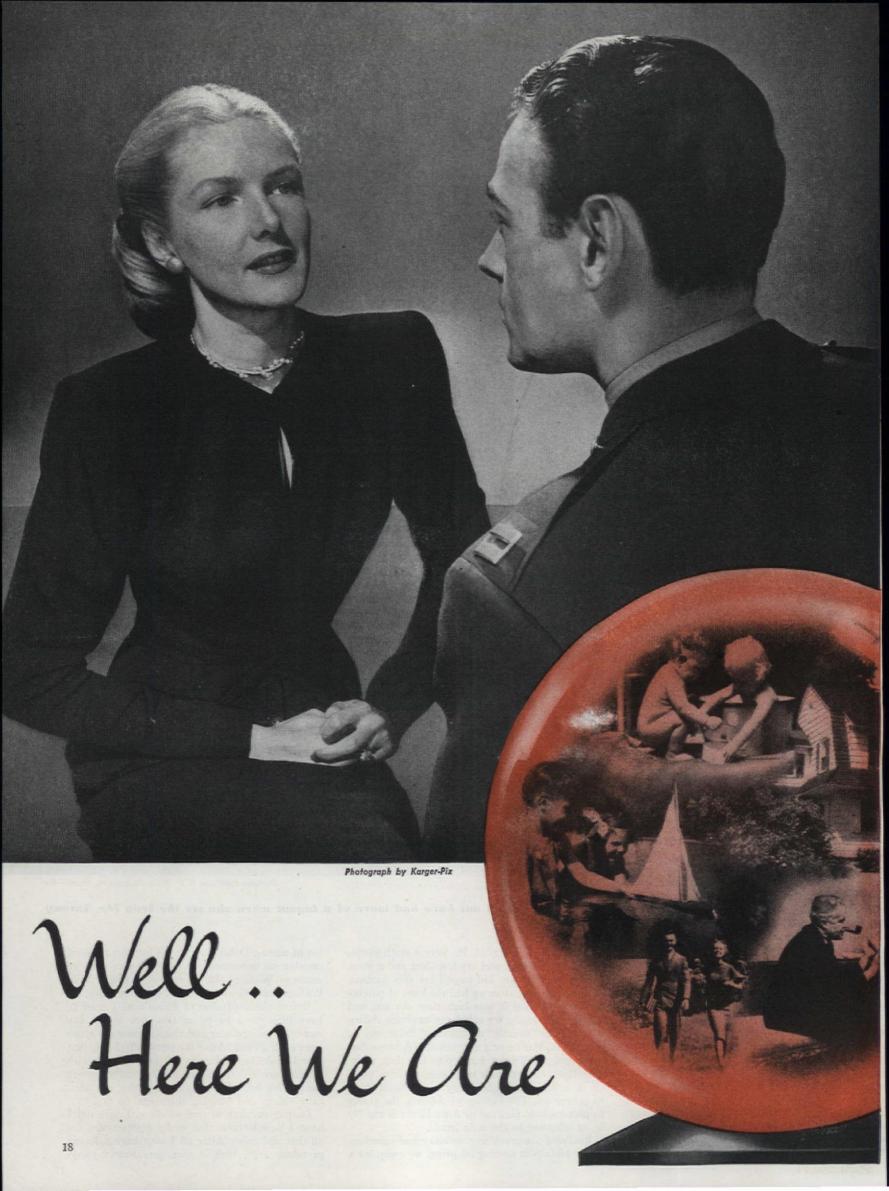
back around the year '13. He wore a cloth girdlelike thing, a diaper, and armless shirt and a dress I know Aunt Penny had ruined her eyes making.

In a few days, after we had the hang of parenthood, we decided it was high time our son had a name. Obviously we could not continue calling him "he" or "sweetie" or "snooks." Some day he might be a Marine or a quarterback. A name that fits equally well from infancy to the time when, with three of your pals on a side, you are toted off to a well-clipped cemetery is a difficult thing to conger up. The custom of dubbing the young to please Uncle Gastrod or Aunt Hema is rapidly being relegated to the attic trunk.

Realizing our grave responsibility and conscious of the pitfalls in naming offspring, we compiled a list of names. Down through the long list we went crossing out unharmonious and sissy ones until we came to William. Ah, there was a name. Will, William, or Bill would never be out of place.

Before the confusion of fatherhood I used to have time for a hobby or two, but not so any more. As breadwinner and chief worrier my spare time is at an end. After the nurse left I felt that now I could help take care of the new babe with interference cut to minimum. But sadly enough for me my helping consists of washing countless Little things and hanging them out to dry.

Despite my lack of time to do as I once did I have a new interest that really compensates for all that and more. After all I may have a future president . . . well, a vice president anyway.



According to the prophets who picture our imminent glorious future, it seems that we are about to take off into a new and bewildering world of material comfort. Take off from just where? Most of us, lost in the fog of the last few years' upsets, want to know. Where we are going must depend on where we are! A search among our past performances will give us the key to that. The history of American families, together with the fill-ins of the numerous questionnaires with which our years are sprinkled, prove beyond a doubt that we Americans want most just three things: comfort, security, and a fair chance for our youngsters to build a satisfactory and useful life for themselves.

Toward these three counts we have already come a long way. Take the hearthstone about which our lives are built; the American family home a century ago was a comparatively crude and inexpensive affair. Great Grandad left his family \$750 of home, which in modern dollars would be \$1,500 of house with little comfort and no conveniences. By 1940, the \$750 had grown to an average of over \$3,000, including all homes in America. Every second family owned its own home and more than half of these homes were owned clear, without a trace of mortgage. Our home base security was tops, a record surpassing that of any other country in the world.

A century ago, we had little enough besides our homes. Most of the money Great Grandad saved was in an old sock or sewed into the mattress. There were approximately 3,000,000 American families then, and savings in the banks averaged just \$4.62 a family. By 1940 that average had mounted to \$870. With the war, our savings began to boom. In 1944, the average savings account in banks was \$1,160 for each family plus an average \$1,180 in War Bonds—a pretty good and solid financial basis for a take-off toward

achieving and holding our three ambitions!

Nor are these savings the end of the story. One hundred years ago life insurance was just beginning to assume commercial importance; policies numbered about 4,000 and the insurance coverage for each American family was about \$1.54. By 1940 life insurance, with its many protection and saving factors had grown to an average coverage of \$3,720. During the war years, it increased to \$4,400 per American family according to statistics.

Not only had Americans again established a world record; they had developed life insurance into a family service. A century ago and down through the years, until recently, life insurance was Dad's affair. Few wives carried insurance; many companies would not insure children. Today, look at the Allings. Captain Allings is still overseas. His private life insurance continues in force with his wife, Dorothy, paying the premiums. If she should not be able to make the payments, an Act of Congress provides that Ben may apply to have his insurance continued in force during his duration in service and for two years after his discharge. Uncle Sam guarantees the premiums up to \$10,000 coverage. Since his induction Ben has taken out National Service Life Insurance, which is the low-cost insurance the U.S. Government offers to all men and women in the armed forces. Dorothy has made up her mind that when Ben returns, he will convert his National Service policy into a permanent one with Uncle Sam.

"He'll never get a better buy in insurance," she says, and she is right.

Dorothy and Ben Alling are like thousands of other American couples. They own their own home, have two young children and believe in saving both for their own future comfort and the security of the youngsters, Jack and Edith.

"Ben took out a term policy covering the amount due on the mortgage on the house," Dor-

Soon after V-Day when Sue was no longer needed on her war job, she found herself a new one which she'll keep until her Marine husband finally comes home, so she is still with me.

Sue and Dorothy are typical young women of wartime years. I talked with many girls working in offices and industry. Fully half of them were the wives of service men. All had been buying War Bonds; nearly all had started savings accounts. A majority had life insurance policies. Like Sue, a number were looking ahead to a comfortable retirement fund. Other girls who had dependents—children, or younger sisters and brothers—bought twenty-payment life policies, "because the next twenty years will be the ones in which we earn most," or endowment policies, "because you are insured and save at the same time."

Children's educational policies, like those on Edith and Jack, are being bought today, not only by mothers and fathers, but by grandmothers and grandfathers as gifts for the children! These juvenile policies have made history during wartime. Our babies and young children are becoming better insurance risks every year. In 1940, a baby under one year had just three times as great a chance at living as one born in 1900. In many states, children may now be insured from the day they are born, and enjoy the advantages of early insurance. For, as premium rates depend in part upon age, a child pays a relatively low premium, which stays fixed for his life.

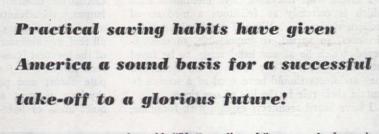
The character of policies on children has become more flexible; instead of endowment insurance for a set term of years, it is possible to cover just the time between the issuing of a policy and entrance to college, whether it is seven or thirteen years the policy is arranged to mature in time. And to make certain any child receives his endowment, it is possible by means of a payor clause to provide that if the person paying the premiums should die, the policy will run on to full maturity without further payment of premiums. Logically, this payor clause means an additional charge.

Our family is sitting pretty, if we can continue to hold our place," Dorothy Alling assured me. Ben, bless him, has wisely arranged his private insurance so that it will come to me as monthly income. Uncle Sam's policies are all paid in that way, as after World War I, he found that lump sums paid to widows and families of service men were likely to be quickly dissipated. Now suppose we Allings all live on and on. The policies Ben took out before the war will, when he is sixty-five, pay him a retirement income. My little policy is also arranged to pay me a similar but much smaller income. Jack and Edith will be on their own, with their matured policies to give them a lift. And by that time Ben and I will own the home, clear. Altogether we have quite an amount of protection and security. And if a hurricane comes, we have anchors to windward. Cash values in all our policies, including Uncle Sam's permanent policy, and loan values as well. We can borrow or cash in, and hold fast with security and safety until the blow is over."

Dorothy and Sue are just two of all the Americans who have also saved throughout the war years. In War Bonds, savings accounts, and life insurance we Americans put the immense sum of 52 billions aside against the hurricane. In 1945 we shall, it is expected, add 20 billions to those savings. From that huge pile Dorothy and Sue and the rest of us can see just where we take off into that imminent and glorious future.

We have enough now to go forward a long way towards our three obectives: comfort, security, and a better chance for our children, if we put to use the discipline learned during our years of rationing and price ceilings. Now that the war is finally won, we must spend, slowly and wisely, thus sidetracking disastrous inflation.

Well, here we are!



othy said. "If Ben dies while away, the home is mine and the children's free and clear. If all goes well, as we reduce the mortgage, both the amount and the cost of the insurance lessen until it just stops and the home is clear.

"Since Ben went away, I took out a small policy on myself; I know I am worth something to my family. And I added an educational policy on Edith like the one Ben took out on Jack. That runs until Jack is eighteen when a sum each year will see him through college, or if he wants something else, he has cash toward a start in life.

"Now I know you are wondering where I got the money to do this—with a husband in service; well, I earned it. No day nurseries around here; I couldn't leave the children and go into war work. But I did have an extra room and I took my cousin Sue as a boarder. Sue married a Marine, and she was a war worker. She paid me more than I think she should have and my net paid for our new policies and War Bonds."

Sue, I found, was also saving. "At first," she explained, "I put all my spare cash into War Bonds. Then I found out that life insurance companies invested in War Bonds with policyholders' money. So I bought a retirement income policy. When I am 65, this will yield me \$25 a month to add to whatever else we have saved or may get from Social Security. If bad times come, I can borrow on, or cash in, my retirement income policy."



# Many Are the Miracles

## WONDERFUL AS OUR "NEW SPACE"

WE MUST rely not upon the wonder and drama of our inventions but upon the qualities, beyond wonder and beyond utility, which we can give them. Take, for example, space. Of all the inventions of modern architecture the new space is, it seems to me, the most likely to attain a deep eloquence. I mean by this not only that we have attained a new command of space but also a new quality of space. Our new structure and our new freedom in planning-a freedom. made possible in part at least by the flat roofhas set us free to model space, to define it, to direct its flow and relationships; and at the same time these have given space an ethereal elegance unknown to the historic architectures. Our new structure permits almost every shape and relationship in this space. You may give it what proportion you please. With every change in height and width, in relation to the spaces which open from it, in the direction of the planes which enclose it, you give it a new expression. Modern space can be bent or curved; it can move or be static, rise or press downward, flow through glass walls to join the space of patio or garden, break into fragments around alcoves and galleries, filter through curtains or end abruptly against a stone wall. You may also give it balance and symmetrical rhythms .

If then we wish to express in this new architecture the idea of *home*, if we wish to say in this persuasive language that this idea accompanies, persistent and eloquent, the forward march of industry and the changing nature of society, we have in the different aspects of space alone a wide vocabulary for that purpose.



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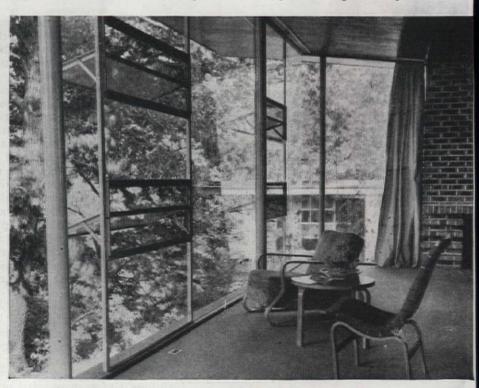
I might with relevance have mentioned light which is certainly as felicitous a medium of modern design . . . When I think of all these elements, so varied, so impressible, so unhackneyed, which lie at our hand ready to be fused into the patterns of our houses, I am astonished that architects should have need of a science to sustain their role in the life of our times . . .

I have heard architects explain with formulae,

calculation, diagram and all manner of auricular language, the advantages of the glass wall—of wide areas of plate glass opening on a garden—when all that was necessary was to say that here is one of the loveliest ideas ever entertained by an architect. People who feel walls do not need to compute them; and people who are deaf to the rhythms of great squares of glass relieved by quiet areas of light-absorbing wall may as well







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# Promised Us- BUT NONE SO





resign the enjoyment of architecture. Because we are free of those "holes punched in the wall," of that balance and stiff formalism in window opening which proclaim the Georgian mode, because we can admit light where we please and in what quantity we please, we have in effect invented a new kind of light. We can direct light, control its intensity and its colorations; diffuse it over space, throw it in bright splashes against a wall, dissolve it and gather it up in quiet pools; and from those scientists who are at work on new fashions in artificial light we ought to expect not new efficiencies merely or new economies merely, but new radiances in living.



Charles Trefts

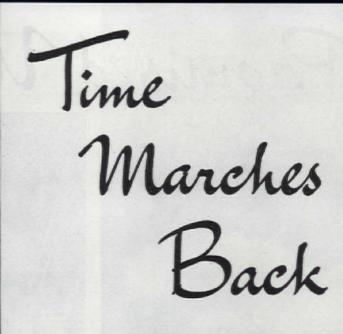
WALL' . . . MODERN SPACE
THE SPACE OF PATIO OR GARDEN

AGAINST A WALL, DISSOLVE IT

AND GATHER IT UP IN QUIET POOLS

Joseph Hudnut

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TREASURED TIME PIECES OF THE PAST FROM THE GEORG JENSEN COLLECTION

Pocket sundial and pocket alarm, both French 18th century



Clock group above: Blue enamel French clock with elaborate Swiss movement and modern satin-lined leather case; American Victorian clock, glass dome, 8-day pendulum movement and hour strike. Early 19th century French Urn clock, case by Ravrio and works by Masnil. Immediately above: French Windmill clock, about 1875, with Centigrade and Fahrenheit thermometers



Photographs by F. M. Demares

Italian Grandmother clock: movement by Carl Sormani, circa 1736, very rare crown wheel escapement numbered locking plate on back for strike

FOR seven centuries scientific knowledge, careful workmanship, and artistic endeavor have gone forward to make the recording of time one of the most skillful accomplishments in the world. The earliest clocks were made laboriously and proudly by hand. There was no such phrase as "mass-production" in the vocabulary of the old-world craftsman. Into each clock he put his full artistic attention and skill. Not content with efficiency alone, he selected his materials with a definite eye to beauty, and decorated them with the most imaginative artistry at his command. His clocks were true works of art, richly beautiful and deservedly presented as great gifts of the day to high ranking members of nobility, and handed down from family to family. Today many of these wonderful old clocks sound their mellow strikes and delicate chimes through modern homes-and are among the best beloved relics of a lesshurried age when esthetic qualities were considered only a breath behind efficiency in importance. The grandfather clock and the delicate wood and alabaster clocks found in many homes are hallmarks of American tradition, binding the present to a dimly imagined past. It is difficult to picture a childhood not filled with friendly remembrances of an old hall or mantel clock.

Yet there was, of course, a time in the world when there were no clocks. How they evolved, slowly but as surely as time itself, in all their intricate mechanisms and often entrancing beauty, is an interesting story. Let us turn back to the clockless era of civilization and briefly glimpse this historical evolution.

Long before a clock was ever heard of, or possibly thought of, man recorded time. He worked closely with astronomy and his instruments took the shape of the hour glass and the sundial, both large and pocket-sized types. The latter, shown on this page, is a very rare and coveted item in any antique collection today. There was also the clepsydra or water-clock, consisting of a

basin filled with water set in a corner of a public square. At the extreme end of the vessel the water trickled out drop by drop through a spout and into a receptacle with markings indicating the time. Later came the day when the hour was marked by bell strokes, by hand, or mechanically.

It was not until the 13th century that clocks with toothed wheels and weights came into use, although there is evidence that they were invented several centuries before. Credit for the invention of the first clock is given to Pope Silvester II in A. D. 996. These weight clocks were first put in cathedrals and public buildings.

Early in the 15th century the invention of a coiled spring or ribbon of steel to be used instead of weights made portable timepieces possible. This meant people could have timepieces in their homes and with them when traveling. In 1533, Henry VIII gave Anne Boleyn a copper-gilt clock on their wedding day.

By 1658 domestic clocks were to be found almost everywhere, especially in England. Made by jewelers, locksmiths, blacksmiths, and astronomers, the clocks were very much



German Biedermier clock (about 1790): charming old painted glass case with enamel medallion inset; has the original two-day Biedermier movement



Fountain clock: spun glass spray creates illusion of water. First such mechanical clocks made about 1730. Has an eight-day French movement



Terrestrial clock: globe revolves every 24 hours, dials indicate hours and minutes. Designed and made by Timby, an upper New York state clockmaker



English white porcelain clock on base: presented to the Duke of Cambridge by Queen Victoria. Designed and made by Justin Vulliamy between 1730-1775

alike in appearance and construction

-bird cage, lantern, bedpost, or Crom-

wellian, they all followed the lantern

forms and hung on walls. According to most authorities these clocks were

the true bracket type. The first table clocks had architectural cases, either

with flat or portico tops. These clocks

In art the clock occupies a posi-

tion of eminent distinction, and an-

tique examples are treasured and col-

lected as much for their decorative

are extremely rare today.



Italian table clock: Eighteenth century case with original two-day movement, unsigned piece. Note sloping handles and niched base of very graceful case

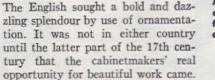


Lovely eighteenth century French provincial clock, encased in an unusually fine decorated four-legged case. Has mechanical eight-day Tohl alarm

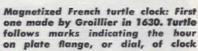
of French artistry in clock cases. In the same group is a small, exquisite blue enamel clock in its satin-lined leather case. By pressing the green jade button on top of the clock, the clock will strike the hour.

English and French clockmakers were governed by a Guild, with strict regulations regarding apprenticeships. There are examples of clocks, dating from about 1600, called "Essay" or "Skeleton" clocks. Made without a case to show the mechanical works, these were built after the apprentice had served his term. Thus the apprentice proved the type of craftsmanship of which he was capable. The maker took pride in his creations, and generally signed them on the dial of the case or the back of the clock plate.

Most clocks in America before 1700 were imported. Since the first American clockmakers were carpenters, the first clocks were completely of wood. Most were English in style, but there is one outstanding example of an antique American clock-the Banjo clock. An example of Victorian art in America is the old mantel clock with glass dome shown on page 22.



The bracket clocks, encased in brass, bronze, or some other metal, gave comparatively little scope to the talents of the woodworker. But subsequently came the highly decorative wooden cases. For these, the beautifully marked wood of oak, ebony, satinwood, mahogany, and walnut all at one time enjoyed a height-offashion heyday. Alabaster and marble were favored, too, and clock cases of porcelain were in vogue during the 18th century. The Urn Clock (at the top of page 22) is a graceful example





German skull clock: fine musuem picce, about 1600. Eyes and jaws on skull move to remind onlooker that life's seconds are steadily ticking away



cases as for their timekeeping. Clocks made by the French and

English cabinetmakers were especially delightful. The French aimed at precise utility, often made exquisitely lovely by fit proportions and the employment of finely grained woods.

# Again-The "Rules" Work!

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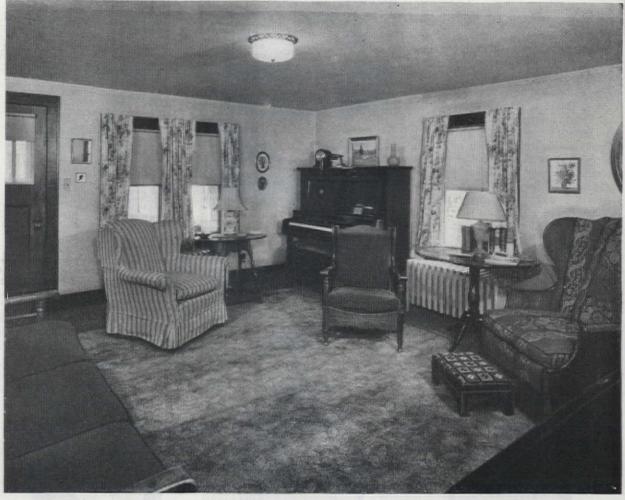
NONDESCRIPT RENTED COTTAGE

Jean Austin

Confronted with a little rented cottage, rooms miserably small and low ceilings; perfectly good, livable furniture but furniture definitely out of scale; the necessity of using the existing furniture with a budget that allowed only for paint and draperies—the Lund house was definitely a problem. Obviously, color, good furniture arrangement and built-ins would have to do the job. These and the rules of good decorating were all we had to work with. But we "dood" it and so give you another of our "we-practice-what-we-preach" stories!

Photographs, we decided could tell a far more convincing story than words, and so we have tried to illustrate each step of the methods and rules we used to achieve our final result. Shall we then, begin with the pictures on these two pages.

Starting with the floor covering-a little sermon we always preach-we used lighter tones of the soft green in the existing rug, not only on side walls, but on trim and ceiling, too, to gain a feeling of space. We took down all the little pictures that did nothing but add more "spots" to the room. We discarded the clumsy slip-covered wing chair. The large maple wing chair was all the "over scale" furniture the room could possibly stand. The gauche piano, irreplaceable at this time, was built-in and, along with the shelves over it, was painted the same soft wall green that it might appear to recede into the wall and not assert its bulk as it did in its original state. We built in more shelves over the desk, making a focal point of the very fine record library, thus achieving some architectural interest in this little rented cottage. And then we painted right on into the dining room and picked up the same green and wine reds used in the living room.



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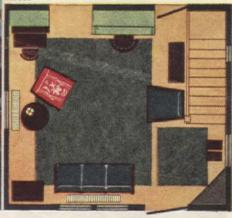




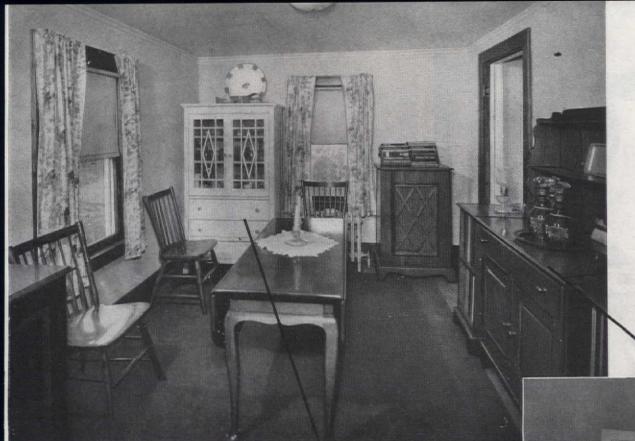




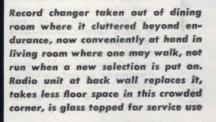
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If you indulge in sadistic tendencies just imagine the leaves of the table up, the chairs pulled around for use, and four to six people in this "before" shot. so-called "sideboard" at right is actually two record filing units and miniature Welsh cupboard with total storage space of one tiny silver drawer and two shelves. Now deservedly in limbo, it has been replaced by capacious, planned-space of cupboard built-in shown below, and which takes not one iota more floor space. Record files now serving more useful life in living room as you'll see on next page



Cupboard not only crowded corner but with its deep shelves and drawers was inefficient for dish, glass, and china storage. Having moved to second floor is now doing duty as perfect "linen closet" in house where there is none at all! Mrs. Lund did painting, Mr. Lund made all "built-ins" himself, has put everything together with screws that they may be disassembled and used elsewhere. Renters, please note!

We completely ignored bad proportions of the

window opening, and hung our new smart, but ap-

propriately simple, checked cotton taffeta draperies

right on up to the ceiling, the swags concealing the

far too large area between the top of the windows

and the ceiling. You'll notice, too, that we opened

up every available source of light preventing the

draperies from covering any part of pane and

making the two little windows at the front into

one unit, that they might make an important back-

ground for the sofa. The curtains draw at night,

obviating the necessity for further "trappings" in these small windows. The fabric was determined

by the rose and wine reds in the furniture, giving

just enough warmth to so much cool green. The

maple butterfly table that you see in the top



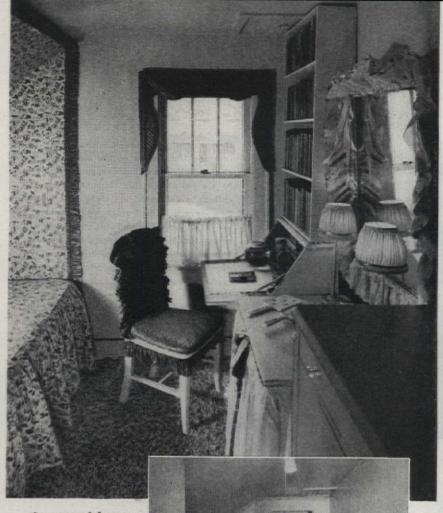
the room (see page 28). But most of the unimportant, fussy little accessories and pictures we discarded entirely, using only the very nice Van Gogh reproduction and letting the record album bindings give color and interest. We got a two-gallon carboy, wired it, and over a dollar parchment shade, pleated some striped wallpaper, using it horizontally to give the lamp a fat round look, in scale with the table it is used on. Instead of a tippy little table lamp, we hung a simple pin-up lamp where it is so much needed over the record changer we took out of the cluttered dining room. When we took our pictures, the upholstered spring cushion for the maple dining chair used as piano chair was not completed. This chair now serves as an extra conversation chair in the living room, can at a moment's notice be brought back as "Papa's" chair at the table if needed, and is at all times practical for piano use. With the seating capacity as great as before, with uncluttered floor

space gained through rearrangement, the room sparkles and seems amazingly spacious! A really nice little living room now, don't you think?

It is the dining room, however, that is our pride and joy. It was perhaps the most hopeless of the little rooms but in its present state, is a chic and even dramatic little room! The pictures tell the story very well, though like all the other pictures, they do not quite convey to you the appallingly small scale of the room. And in the dining room, as elsewhere, it was "weeding out," built-ins, and rearrangement that accomplished the comfort, while color supplied cool dignity or drama as needed.

There is not a bedroom in the nouse over 9 feet wide and 10 feet long. All have sloped ceilings, thus taking away wall space. All have miserable little windows. Yet on all three, we've done a job in accomplishing fresh, charming little rooms that are completely adapted to their occupants' uses. Daughter Jeananne's room we showed in full color

"before" photograph is now being used as a dressing table base in Mrs. Lund's bedroom. The glass lamp base that you see on the tilt-top table was given an oversized shade, and used elsewhere in



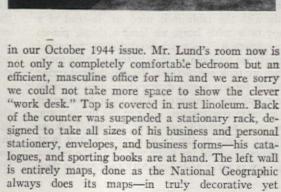














interest to a room of necessity kept severely simple

scholarly fashion and, for one with a passion for maps, the perfect wall covering. Heavy-textured plaid that doesn't muss or "come off" every time a man sprawls on the beds, a dark blue string rug in small pieces for easy handling—everything in it was planned to "take it" man fashion.

Particularly because of the fact that it is a rented house, there was no new furniture purchased and most of it accomplished by home labor. We hope you've found it a practical and helpful little "how-to-use-the-rules" story.

# The Jack Smiths make a City Home

Mary E. Monze



Photographs by F. M. Demarest

A COUNTRY home in the city," aptry describes the charming apartment of the enterprising Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of New York City. So truly Early American and "homey" are the furnishings and atmosphere of this apartment that except for the presence of other apartment buildings and the East River seen from the large living-room windows, one could easily imagine himself in some quiet country home far from the madding noise and rush of the city.

Jack Smith, tenor on the Prudential Family Hour radio program, and his wife, Victoria, planned their apartment carefully for this delightful effect. It took work and perseverance—but the effort was fun, and the results more than worth the time and energy expended.

The couple spent countless hours tracking down their collection of early pine furniture, milk glass, pewter, etc. They found their treasures in OUTSIDE ARE TALL APARTMENT BUILDINGS, THE EAST RIVER, AND DIN OF CITY TRAFFIC; INSIDE, ALL THE GRACIOUS CHARM OF A COUNTRY HOME—EVEN TO THE CRACKLING FIRE WHICH THE SMITHS ENJOY WITH FAITHFUL LITTLE COCKER SPANIEL "BUFF"

many out-of-the-way places in and around New York. "Each trip was an adventure in itself," says Mrs. Smith. When starting on one of their collecting jaunts, they always took along plenty of strong rope, several old comforters, and a packing case or two with which to get their "finds" home at the end of the day. Low ceiling bridges often posed a complicated problem, Mr. Smith told us. "Those clearance signs on bridges make interesting reading if you have a four-poster or a big cupboard tied on top of the car."

After a collecting session, the Smiths would return home and begin the final phase of work—the washing, scraping, or refinishing of each piece.

From beginning to end, the apartment has a congruity that shows a distinct knowledge of Early American furnishing and decoration. As far as possible, all furniture is of pine, closely matched and refinished to the same tone quality. Even though charming, every piece collected had to pass the test of usability. Colors were carefully selected to give the best possible background to the Early American furnishings.

In the living-room the walls and woodwork are dark green with rugs in a slightly lighter green. Draperies are of a sturdy mustard fabric trimmed with ruffles of an old-fashioned print in shades of red, blue, and off-white. The curtains





Mr. Smith takes great pleasure in refinishing old pieces
with his electric sanding machine, while
Mrs. Smith's great delight is her collection of rare old milk glass

board which shows part of the collection of milk glass, and a large pine table, especially dear to the Smiths. The table is about six feet across, and is topped with a revolving "Lazy Susan" about three and a half feet in diameter. The "Lazy Susan" is detachable and can be lifted off when the table is being used for playing games. The table top has been finished so that rings, spots, and hot dishes cannot mar it. Over the dining table is a unique lighting fixture cluster, an original idea conceived by Mr. Smith.

The walls of the master bedroom are done in powder blue, and the rug also is blue. The two four-poster beds (Mrs. Smith explains that these will have canopies when the family moves to a place with ceilings high enough for them) have covers of gay plaid with dust ruffle in plain blue. Pillows are blue with plaid ruffles. At the double windows there is a tailored valance of blue and a wide ruffle of the plaid is skillfully tacked to the outside of each window.

For Mrs. Smith's mother, who often visits them, there is a special room, decorated with soft gray walls, window curtains of yellow, blue, and rose chintz, and a colorful bedspread

of bright, checkered cotton fabric.

The tiny guest room has pink walls with window curtains and dressingtable skirt of red and white candy striped chintz. A pink and green rose print covers the bed.

The Smiths do all their own furniture refinishing with the aid of motor-driven sanding machine. This machine was bought several years ago after they had weighed its cost against its money-saving possibilities. At that time they had just bought six dining-room chairs for \$2 each, and unable to find anyone interested in refinishing the chairs for less than \$5, and unwilling to pay a fee so completely out of proportion with the cost of the chairs, they decided to invest in a sanding machine. In the intervening years since its purchase, it has more than paid for itself in work and results.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith have made their living quarters a special and rewarding hobby. The result is an apartment that can be truly termed "a home." Skillfully and unpretentiously decorated, the Jack Smiths' apartment with its country-side atmosphere would be refreshing anywhere; found in the midst of a large city, it is delightfully unique.

are made wide enough to pull across the windows at night so that blinds are unnecessary. The cushion on the window seat—a wonderfully comfortable place to sit and watch the tugboats chug up and down the East River—is covered in the same print as the ruffles of the curtains. On the window sill, red geraniums add a gay note of color and trailing green ivy in white pots set in wall brackets frame the big living-room window.

A lovely, soft green fabric covers the two fireside sofas. At the far end of the room there is a large swing chair covered in the same mustard fabric as the curtains. The bottom ruffle is made of the red print. Another large sofa in the room (not shown in the picture) is covered in the old-fashioned red print like the cover on the window seat. An oil painting above the mantel is a favorite California scene done in the colors of the room—and the pair of old candle molds with tall, slim candles give the mantel special interest.

In the dining end of the living room is a delightful old pine cup-

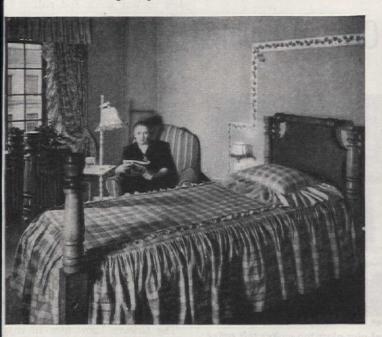


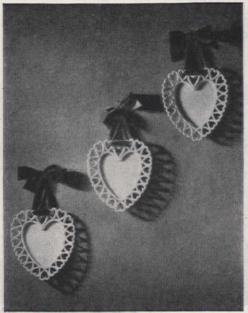
A matching pair of four-poster beds, "find" of one day's jaunt into the country, brings Early American charm to the master bedroom



An exciting find was the old pine dining table—six feet across, complete with revolving Lazy Susan more than three feet in diameter

The lighting fixture above the table was an original project of Mr. Smith. Pewter ware and milk glass collections add distinction







In Mrs. Smith's mother's bedroom, an ivy wallpaper border frames checkered-covered bed. Walls, soft gray; curtains, bright chintz

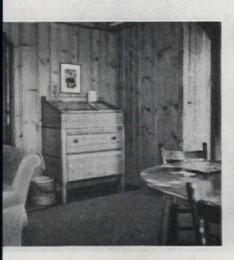
Milk glass plates hung with red velvet for decorations, guest room dressing table gay with red and white candy striped chintz



Photographs, Lt. H. W. Grieve

# Officer's Quarters

### With Ideas Galore for Civilian Living





Refreshment center is this old schoolmaster's desk converted to hold bottles and glasses. Shelf pulls out in front for serving.



An old ship wheel plus glass top makes this coffee table. Wheel top spins to pass the potato chips!

FROM the sand, the se and the sky came the colors and is spiration for this all-year-round hou near the ocean at Charlestown, Rho Island, decorated by Lt. Haro Grieve, well-known Los Angeles de orator. The Grieves were also th tenants in this case, as Lt. Grie was stationed in Charlestown before proceeding to the Marshall Island

This particular living room w done on a budget with plenty clever tricks substituting for cas and contains a number of ideas avail able "for free" to people who kee for a simple, carefree sort of room whose perfection isn't spoiled by bit of a rumpus and a barrel of fu Because the house is near the se the blue of sky, the beige tones sea-washed sand, and the gree of shore vegetation suggested L Grieve's color scheme.

The major possessions they starte with were a sofa and two love seat and some folding officer's chairs. Th rest of the furniture was found small antique shops in the neigh boring villages.

A bedroom which opens off th living room was painted sky-blue, an the knotty pine living-room wal were left natural and given only coat of wax. The blinds at the win dows, free of draperies, are whit with tapes dyed the bright red a fisherman's sails. The carpet is co ton, covers most of the floor, and the color of wet sand. Two love seat and the sofa are upholstered alike beige linen. An excellent idea to pre serve the fabric and at the sam time inject color into the schem are the bright red antimacassan on the upholstered pieces, which ar simply rectangles of red cloth flappe over back and arms. They butto right over the regular upholstery but tons (they're "buttoned-back" lov seats) and stay securely in place, ye are easily detached for cleaning. Th officer's chairs were covered in plaid of leaf green and red.

The one splurge on furniture is th handsome American Empire secre tary in one corner; however, it just fies itself by threefold usefulnessa desk, book shelves on top, an bureau-drawer space below. The larg table beneath a window is a mapl tavern table found in a local antiqu shop. Commodious enough, it coul easily be replaced by a pine or dea table with equal effectiveness.

Of local origin, too, is the school master's desk-now painted red in side, it becomes the headquarters fo potables. The top lifts up to dis close bottles, and there is a shell that pulls out to hold glasses and ice

The coffee table is a glass-covered ship's wheel that revolves at a touc of the finger. It easily dismantles fo shipping. Lamps are simple, sturdy of the indirect-lighting type.

The Grieves know how to enjoy simplicity, inexpensively and ye with their own fresh originality



# Modern House in the Woods

In the midst of its three acres of towering greenery this modern, one-story house refutes completely the belief that contemporary design must, to be successful, be harsh and austere in appearance. There's warmth about its natural cypress and stone exterior; its lines enhance the vertical drama of surrounding trees. In other words, it is completely "right" both as to appearance and function. For, like most successful houses, the one planned by Dr. Raymond had a definite purpose. Its owner had recently come from California; he had been tremendously affected and impressed by much of the fine modern work there. He was also the owner of a number of lovely Chinese objets d'art. His new home must not only express his philosophy of living; it must, too, prove a suitable background for the modern Chinese design he favored. Last, but not least, it must fit unobtrusively into its natural background . . . an integral part of the surrounding rustic landscape.

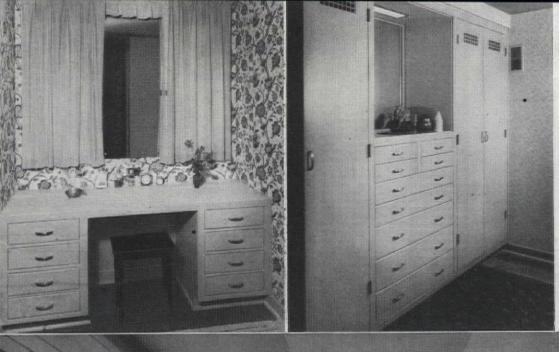
His architect, Herbert Banse, was in complete accord with these specifications. Both he and the owner realized the importance of large picture windows in such a setting. By their use the comforting coolness, the exciting play of light and shadow reflected through swaying branches could be captured and brought into each interior. The plan itself is a masterpiece of openness and flexibility. There's a continuous flow of space in the living areas, uninterrupted by walls and partitions. Looking through the wide expanses of glass it is difficult to judge where house ends and outdoors begins. No wonder Mrs. Raymond is one of its most



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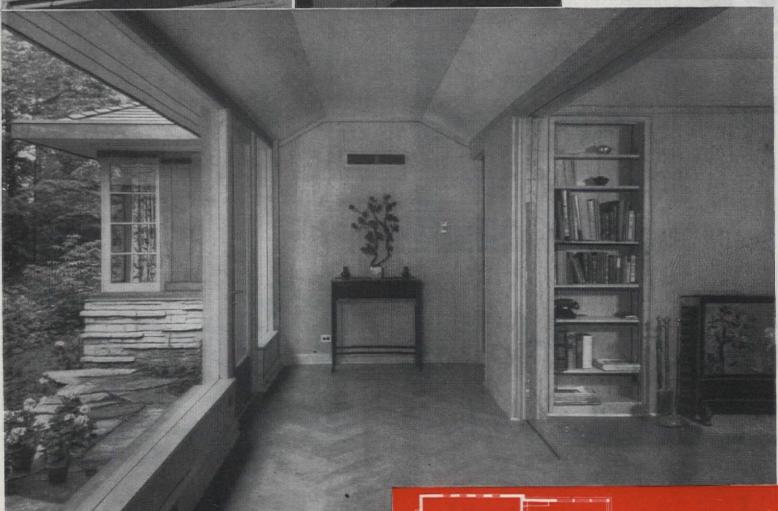
Inviting the surrounding landscape into each and every room, the low-eaved Albert L. Raymond home at Northfield, Illinois, reflects the owners' philosophy of gracious living

Ruth W. Lee



windows from sun and rain. House foundations are of poured concrete and are a continuous part of the concrete slab resting under each floor. This guarantees against vermin and mold. Concrete joists support the house. Over the living-room floor is carpeting of natural Chinese grass matting in geometric weave. The floors in the rest of the living areas are of rectangular cork tile laid in herringbone pattern. The bedroom wing has teakwood floors with hand pegs while the kitchen and pantry have tilepatterned linoleum. Colors and textures for all floors not only suit the outdoor feeling of each room, but they're also practical and easily kept clean. Mrs. Raymond is particu-

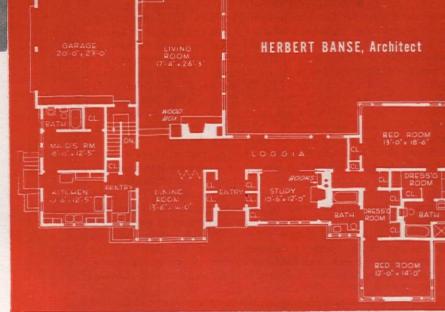
Convenient to master bedroom are two compact dressing rooms with built-in drawers and closets galore



Loggia with floor-to-ceiling windows extends from living room to bedroom wing—there are folding doors which readily close off a part of the area to form an emergency guest room

enthusiastic rooters. Even in its present condition with much of the furnishings still in the process of being planned, there's a great amount of warmth and livability about it.

A wise choice of natural cypress boards, laid vertically, plus the soft warmth of weather-edge Fondulac stone add greatly to the general effectiveness of its exterior. A recessed door of pickled oak at the main entrance opens into a loggia between walls of storage closets. On the west side of the house, windows are all wood casements with built-in storm sash in aluminum frames. These frames are an integral part of the windows and are easily opened by a crane-cperated arm. Adding to the functional plan of the windows are the roll screens which pull down like shades. This skilled planning eliminates all the labor of changing storm sash and screens each season. The wide eaves further protect the





Lily pool and woodlands beyond are attractively framed by large glass walls of living room . . . patterned grass matting plus grass-cloth walls form proper background for Chinese brocades and teakwood

larly enthusiastic about the ease with which the chores can be done. The central portion of the plan includes the living and recreation areas—that is, a large living room, adjoining dining room, loggia and study. One wing at the right includes two bedrooms, two baths with dressing rooms. Dr. Raymond planned this wing for the maximum amount of seclusion and privacy. At the opposite end of the house we find the service wing composed of kitchen, butler's pantry (fondly called "bachelor's pantry" by Mrs. Raymond), maid's room and bath and a two-car garage, the latter easily accessible to the kitchen. Notice the large closet in the maid's room. This is only one of thirteen closets conveniently placed throughout this well-planned house.

Two walls of floor-to-ceiling windows in the large living room face south and east, commanding an uninterrupted view of the stone terrace and garden with lily pool and deep woods beyond. A fireplace wall on the inside short side of the rooms serves as a partition, separating living room from dining room and loggia. This wall extends only part way across the end of the room. In order to screen the dining area from view, there's a large, handsome Chinese lacquer screen that is not only decorative but functional. Walls and woodwork throughout most of the living area are of natural Avodire African mahogany plywood. All woods are beautifully marked and matched, having been especially selected and cut for this job. Grass cloth covers two inside walls of the living room and three walls in the dining room. In keeping with the architectural interior design, furnishings are simple Chinese modern, selected by or designed by Dr. Raymond himself. For the living room he aided in the design of the sofa and lounge chairs with attached teakwood arms as end tables. Chartreuse sail-cloth draperies can be drawn across the full two walls of windows at night and act as protection for part of the room against direct sunlight by day. Wood valances conceal the curtain tracks. The dull gold brocade of the sofa and the Chinese red brocade of the lounge chairs harmonize dramatically with the natural mahogany walls and chartreuse draperies. Accenting the room are smart Chinese accessories. The large teakwood





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temple gong, mantel globe lanterns, low coffee tables and subtle-toned Chinese paintings act separately and collectively in giving the room an over-all unity. Outside, seen through the immense windows, low planting of funkia, euonymus, and aronia frame the view of garden terrace. A mezzanine ceiling conceals lighting which dramatizes colors at night and brings down the height of the center ceiling.

Leading to the living and dining rooms is a long loggia with a wall of windows on one side. Opening from



Ingenious use of typewriter desk mechanism forms perfect base for storage and use of kitchen mixer

this wall is an entrance door to the garden terrace. The other end of the loggia leads to the bedroom wing. A small fireplace, built-in bookshelves and a wall of windows facing the front of the house makes a comfortable dual-purpose room.

Careful and clever planning included two dressing rooms on either side of the master bedroom. One of these is definitely masculine with high chest of built-in drawers with mirror above and many wardrobe closets for hanging and storage space. The other dressing space is most unmistakably feminine. This boasts a built-in dressing table in front of a window flanked by low chests of drawers plus ample wardrobe closets opposite the windows. Dr. Raymond's dressing room is painted chartreuse and its lighting is concealed behind flush frosted glass panels. Mrs. Raymond's dressing room has an English tapestry-patterned wallpaper with apricot celanese panels at the windows. Alongside the master bedroom and dressing rooms is a guest room with bath which also connects with the study. Corner sash in both bedrooms provide plenty of cross ventilation and allow enough space for twin beds and tables.

Using his talents as a research chemist (Dr. Raymond is director of research at G. D. Searle and Co.), he planned the kitchen and pantry with all the efficiency of a laboratory. Natural birch cupboards and cabinets line three walls of the U-shaped kitchen with ample storage space for



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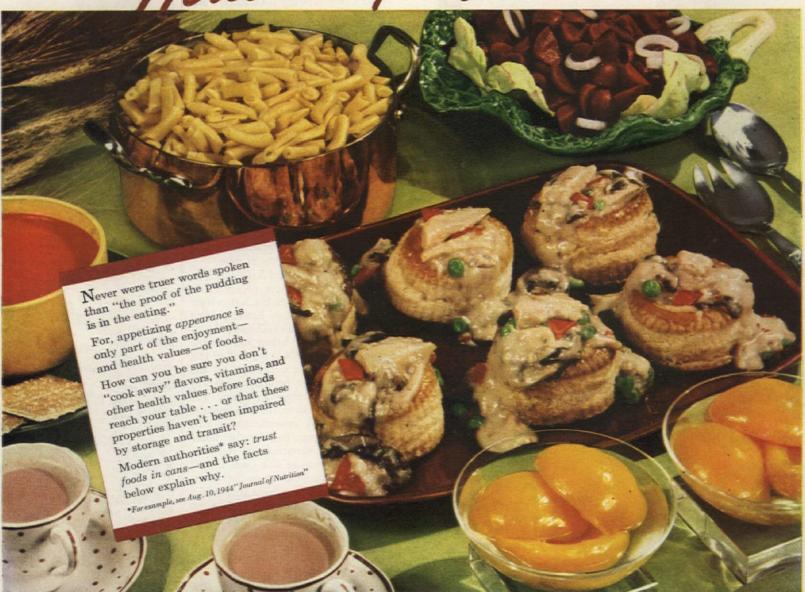
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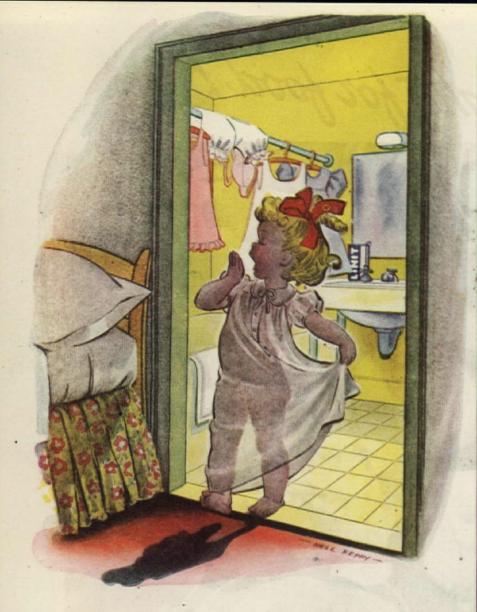
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all kitchen utilities. After much experimenting, he selected an English bamboo paper in natural tones as the most fitting covering for the walls. In one cupboard, a typewriter desk shelf was installed which swings up and down allowing both storage and perfect support for their Kitchen-Aid. On upper shelves, between cupboards, is space for cookbooks and toaster. In the adjoining pantry, there's a metal sink, small icebox and sliding doors on two walls of the cupboards for their much prized china and glass.

Mrs. Raymond appreciates the efficiently planned kitchen with its built-in breakfast and work table, its many storage drawers and cabinets and its fine equipment. She appreciates the ease of maintenance of the whole floor plan, in these maidless days. She admires the subtle colors and beautiful wood textures of the interiors but above all she shares Dr. Raymond's far-sighted planning which brings the outdoors right into every room.

A maid's room and bath stand, in readiness for a future occupant, directly off the kitchen and a step from the service entrance. Leading down a few steps from a small hall and part way down to the heater room is the two-car garage. Along one wall of this ample space is a work table for the many important functions necessary for the industrious gardeners. The garage opens out onto a wide circular entrance court conveniently located to both approaches to the house proper. Low terracing and stone retaining walls make this court a most attractive introduction to the house.

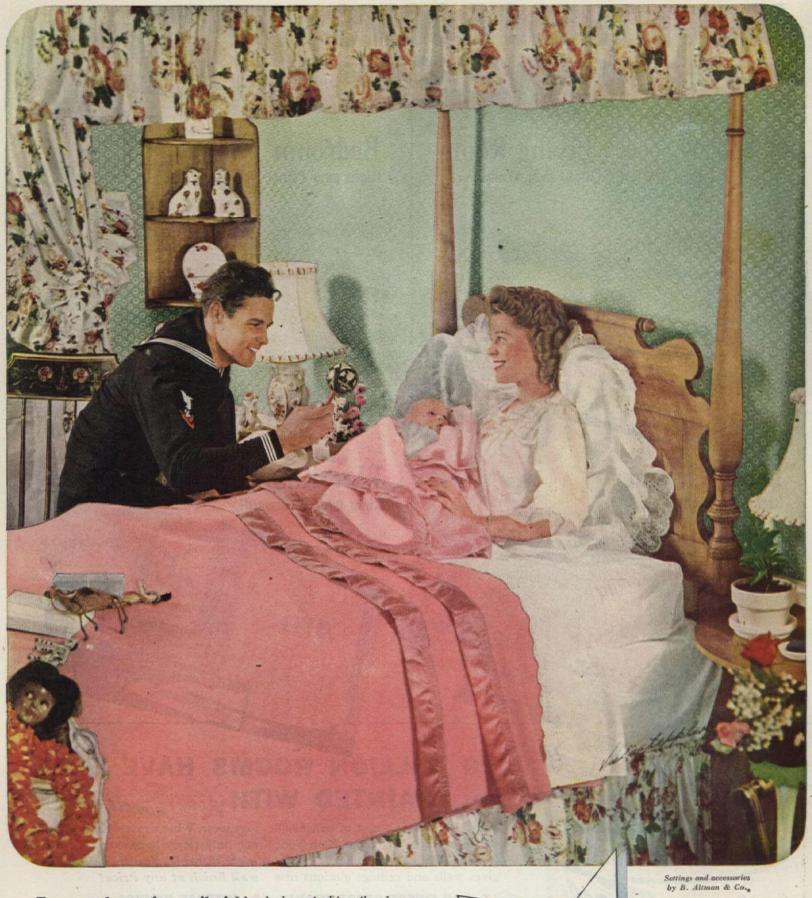
At present both owners are bending their energies towards developing the gardens and grounds. They do all the planting themselves, using the laboratory method of trial and error. Dr. Raymond rebuilt the stone terrace outside the living room and loggia several times until it exactly suited the lines and design of the house. In the same way they are experimenting with plants and shrubs, selecting only those which suit the natural quality of their terrain. Most of the flowers are wild flowers and the shrubs are the wild flowering variety. They realize that it will take time in order to get just the right effect but since it is a labor of love, no complaints are heard. They feel that the work is the never ending kind but that makes it all the more fun. New ideas are constantly popping up and are immediately put into practice. In the meantime there's that tremendous satisfaction in creating one's own landscape and watching it grow under constant care, loving attention, and hard work. We're certain that when finished, the garden and grounds will be an integral part of the modern house in the woods, just as the modern house is an integral and important part of their philosophy of living. We think it's a fine house as it stands today. We even like it in its semifurnished state with its experimental garden a little ragged here and there. In fact, we liked it so much that we made it our cover house this month.



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Alfred D. Bailey

Inished houses during the hectic days immediately after Pearl Harbor will sincerely sympathize with the Oren Arnolds of Phoenix, Arizona. Their lot was a particularly trying one in that they were not faced with but one dilemma—theirs was a twin affair. The contract to build had just been signed, the structural skeleton nicely taking shape when their contractor was stricken with a fatal illness. Then followed a period of complete idleness. Lumberyards were almost empty. Craftsmen had gone to war. The outlook was indeed black. Yet, despite all this, the Arnolds were determined to have the home they had dreamed about and planned for so many years.

Mr. Arnold is an author accustomed to challenges of all kinds. Hands that had rocked the typewriter soon became calloused hands on hammer, saw, and trowel. Every member of the family pitched in. Today their new home is a gem of regional architecture with furnishings rich in individualism and charm. The house, homemade as it were, was built for less than half its real value. And best of all, no priority ruling or other war effort could take any possible offense. This writer's project (Mr. Arnold authors western books, serial fiction, and a radio strip show) started right back down at the soil. Adobe bricks were needed but labor for such had evaporated especially after the contractor's death. Eventually two aged Indian men were engaged. Barefooted alongside

these two, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold and three daughters tamped the mud and straw, molded it, baked it in the sun and, finally, mortared it into the walls. Pine poles from the forest had been delivered, by a miracle, but the task of trimming them and erecting them became a saga in itself. Now they are beautiful varnished ceiling beams with false stubs for vigas on the outside of the house.

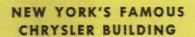
Mexican men who normally dress down adobe interiors for that rare western finish couldn't be hired for love or money. This didn't daunt the Arnold clan. They studied the technique, hired four high school boys, and pitched in with rags and brushes. It was a mud pie business de luxe for nearly a month. Similarly, red and turquoise cement was poured into the floors, room by room. Fireplaces were another bit of special work completed by the family. They designed and built every one of them. Knotty pine walls, one to each room, were erected. Painting throughout the interiors was shared by all. Unskilled hands did every square inch of exterior plastering. Naturally this took a lot of time and patience-but did it go easy on the family purse strings!

Meanwhile Mrs. Arnold gave heed to the furnishings. Here we had dilemma number two. Only a few of the originally planned pieces could be purchased now at any price. War was the country's most important concern. New products were just not being manufactured any more. No one in this enterprising household uttered a word of



Indian olla—the original American refrigerating system—hangs on patio porch

disappointment or complaint. They had come a long way towards gaining their end and a little thing like furniture-making wasn't going to throw them now. Unavailable factory goods were forgotten until after the Victory parade. Meanwhile the lady of the house interested her husband in doing a bit of work at night. Wherefore, those massive double-deck beds in Rosemary's room with endboards showing cutouts of Superstition





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and Camelback Mountains were handmade from scrap lumber. Judy, the eldest daughter, a high school sopho-more, snitched four low-grade pine planks to make a bed frame of her own, then painted it beautifully with Spanish roses, using her fingers dipped into tag ends of paint to do the job. The bed for the master room was a more elaborate affair. This required six planks. End boards were bolted together with two straps of iron and the whole thing antiqued with a rub of brown over flat white paint.

From then on, possibilities were seen at every turn. A neighbor strung lights over for night light. In fact the neighbors were most co-operative throughout the entire project. Chairs, chests, desks, ladders, tables, toys, and countless other things began to roll from this factory, family style. What to do with that old box? Well, just smooth it up, tighten it a bit, then rough it a little to simulate years of wear in some Spanish ranch house. Antiquing cost about twenty cents and the finished product made a good place for storing winter clothes. It would certainly cost lots more to buy and besides, there's the satisfaction of creating one's own design. Then, there were the discarded nail kegs. A night was spent painting them green to resemble bisnaga or barrel cacti complete with yellow or red flowers on top. They made wonderful wood boxes and wastebaskets. Those deerskins from last year's hunting came in mighty handy. Cut into strips, rawhide can be very handsome. With scrap leather from a local harness shop, the dining-room chairs, the stools and many other pieces about the house today have leather and rawhide decoration that has made many an artist green with envy.

An Indian breadbasket turned upside down became the living-room chandelier. Bits of sheet and scrap metal from an old car made lovely lanterns for other rooms and halls. More glorious is the twenty-point star on the patio porch which started this life as a series of tin cans and broken window panes. An old Mexican was the artist who wrought this miracle! Another elderly craftsman, theoretically retired, was enlisted to make lanterns and door latches and hinges. Latches are in pioneer motif with a rawhide string always hospitably outside. These cost but a mere \$1.75 each. For fun, friends cut out switch plates from an old iron stove, in designs of Mexican hats, Indian ollas, tom-tom drums, rain clouds, and thunderbirds. Rugs could not be afforded at the time but a Western writer naturally has lots of friends to help him out in time of need.

Sacks of wool came from here and there in the Indian country. Then followed a deal with some Navajo women -and the Arnold home is now brilliant with many floor coverings of aborigine design. The main rug measures ten by fourteen and, while easily worth over a thousand dollars, actually cost but two hundred. The author's work on a book of cattle brand lore









Bright and authentic in character, the living room with its many pieces of early Western furniture and homemade fireplace bears witness to the patience and industry of the entire Arnold family

launched him on a branding iron collecting bender. Six of these irons have been transferred into a dining-room chandelier. Curtains for this room are of monk's cloth with cross-stitched steers' heads and brands, handiwork of Mrs. Arnold. Enlargements of their own collection of cowboy pictures become a striking panel of sepia prints against knotty pine walls. A corner cabinet, handmade from lumber pile scraps, takes care of china and heirloom punch bowl. Special closets and storage nooks were put in during spare evening hours. A shower was installed in the double garage for a quick clean-up after gardening, and a toilet room right next to the kitchen. Six hours more labor and \$8 in scrap lumber resulted in a maid's room in the garage corner. Until maids appear again, space can be used for a guest room or for isolation quarters for illness. "Our house is very early American," says Mr. Arnold, "a homemade sort of home adapting the Indian and frontier theme in whatever way we could. Any good pueblo has functional as well as artistic value and is close to the sentiments we cherish. But style doesn't matter. What did matter was that we have a love of the project and many friends to share it with us."



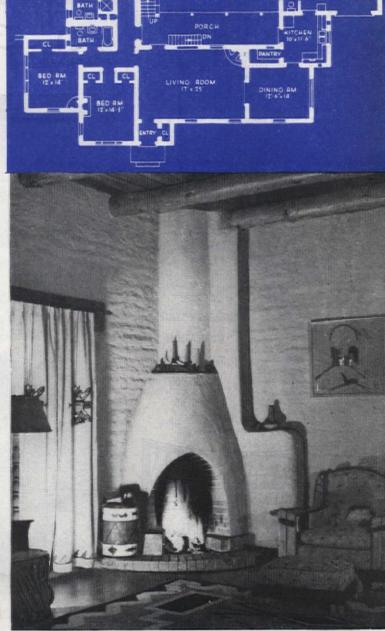
Pine poles being lifted into right place to form the ceiling rafters





Indian ladder gives easy access to Rosemary's double-decker bed









### 2. In Pennsylvania-



Building anew on the ruins of the old might sound like a pretty romantic idea. Perhaps it is yet in most cases the results are plenty of trouble and headaches. There's bound to be a certain amount of compromise, too. Naturally the Chester Lampes realized this when planning their new Bucks County home in Pennsylvania. They were the proud owners of a lush two acres of farm land; on this land were the solid foundations of an 18th century barn. Since strictest economy was the order of the day, it seemed only logical that some use be made of the stonework already in place. Their architect, Paul Beidler, who had built many contemporary dwellings in this locality, was in complete sympathy with their prob lem. The house, shown on these two pages, certainly justifies faith in him and also in themselves.

William J. Hennessey

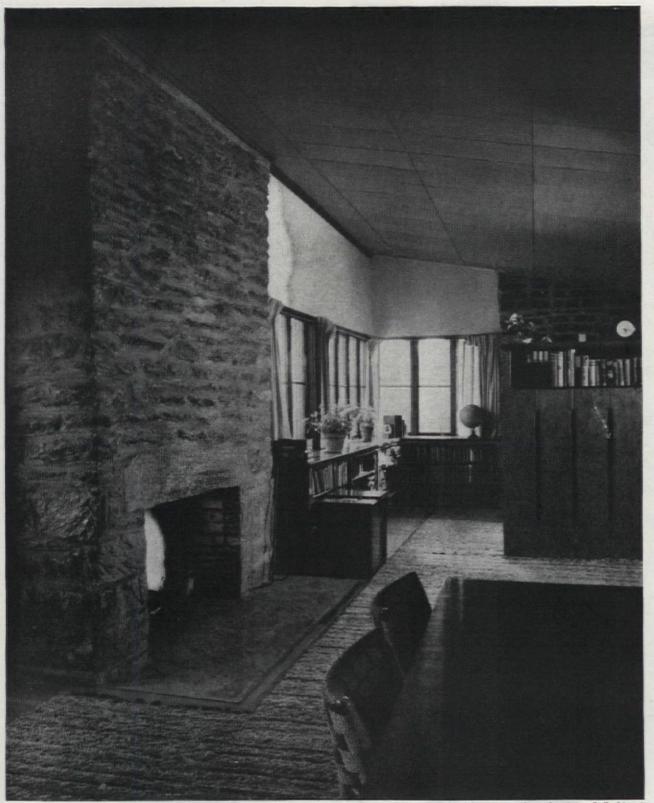
Here's a fine example illustrating a way in which traditional forms may be allowed to influence contemporary design. It suggests that an agreeable relation may be worked out without sacrificing the new to the old. It also points out the success that is bound to be the result of grit and a firm determination to own one's home, no matter how severe the obstacles.

The carriage shed still had the original wood roof in place and was good enough to be used as garage



#### THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. CHESTER LAMPE IN FEASTERVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

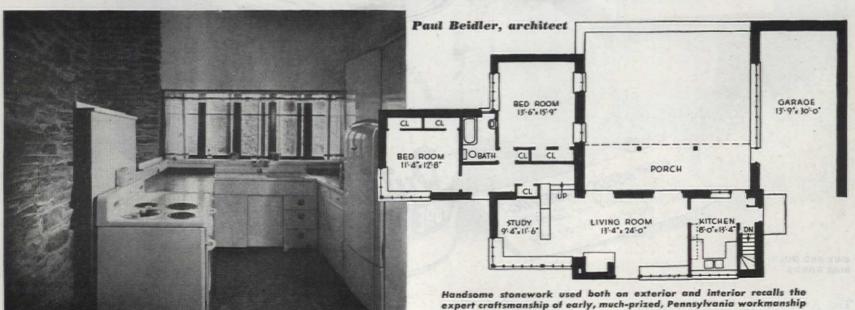




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and workshop. New roof slopes were determined by the existing roof in order to maintain a sense of unity to the exteriors. The stable part of the old structure consisted of walls only; these now enclose the ample courtyard. This three-sided patio is one of the chief joys of the owners. As they are in a part of the country noted for fine stonework, every effort was made to maintain a high quality in all walls. Difficulties were encountered at first but the finished work matches the best patterns laid down by early Pennsylvanian farmers.

The owners are a couple of simple tastes and circumstances. Their main desire was to live a life of intimacy with the rural countryside. Sophisticated lines would have been out of character in their home, Mr. Beidler felt that a rugged, naive expression had to be found that would be a natural component of the surrounding hillsides and which would be a genuine expression of the simple life to be lived there. In seeking a sound expression for masonry construction, the stone walls were exposed inside as well as out. All spans with the exception of the fireplace opening were carried by wood construction in order to eliminate the use of stone-bearing lintels. The owner was eager to do whatever he could, not only for the sake of economy, but also to establish an intimate relationship to his home. He therefore acted as general contractor and did what manual work he was capable of. An important part of the carpentry work, digging excavations, grading and bringing in service lines were his contributions. He also hired labor and bought most of the materials. Because of this, costs were greatly reduced. In spite of forceful criticisms by the sub-contractors hired to do many of the jobs, the owners bravely stuck to the course they had set. The great satisfaction they find in their home after several years of occupancy certainly puts these earlier critics to shame. Theirs is a contemporary house in complete sympathy with its surrounding-one of the really successful attempts at building a new life on an old one.



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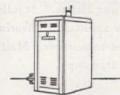
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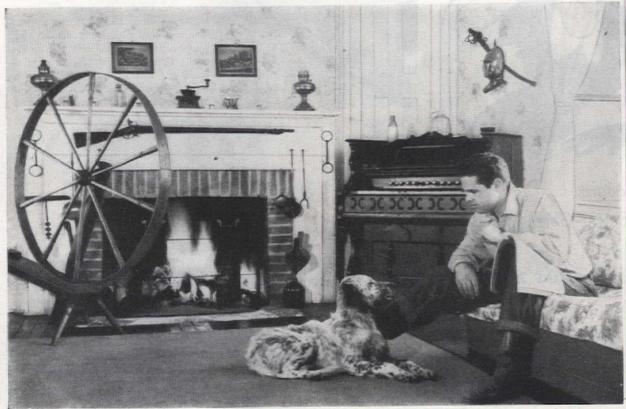
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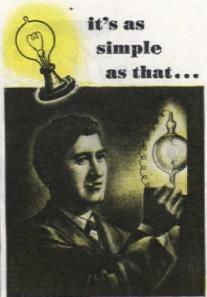
Robert Sully



THE single man has little choice when chasing about for a place to rest his head. I had to live in town at a club for businessmen but have always been led by a great desire to get out into the country. True, I had never lived in the country but the mere thought held a fascination for me. Driving around on week ends, I visited many rental agents, farmers, and landowners until I found just the right place. It was a little house of one hundred and twenty-five mellow years on a combined country estate and farm. Immediately I began setting up a household of my very own.

The first problem "how to furnish" was partially solved with the aid of a local furniture store. Later on other pieces were acquired from farmers and local auction sales. I never realized before the complicated but necessary business of knickknacks. I soon found out! You just can't get along without things like egg beaters, mops, brooms, wastebaskets, and such items I had heretofore taken for granted. Brides have showers, so why not bachelors? Well, the guests, over a hundred of them, came to warm the house with their presence and presents. It was a great party. The result was that there were no more trips to the five-and-dime for dustpans and such for quite a while thereafter. The pantry was stocked and there were





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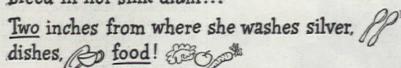


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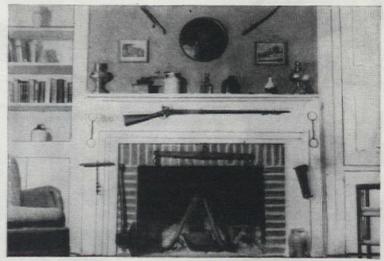
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Out here there's so much to do that every waking moment is filled completely with all the refreshing joys of living. Quail and rabbit run free across my yard. After all, I'm an intruder, so there's a law that says "Hands Off" when Nature's little people come out to play, eat, fight, and live.

Decorating? Holy Joe! I never decorated a thing in my life and, furthermore, I didn't know the difference between chintz and wrapping paper. Yet, windows must have curtains and so, bravely, I tackled one of Cincinnati's department stores, causing a small riot with my explanation (with wild gestures) of just what I wanted. It worked out well at the end, though;

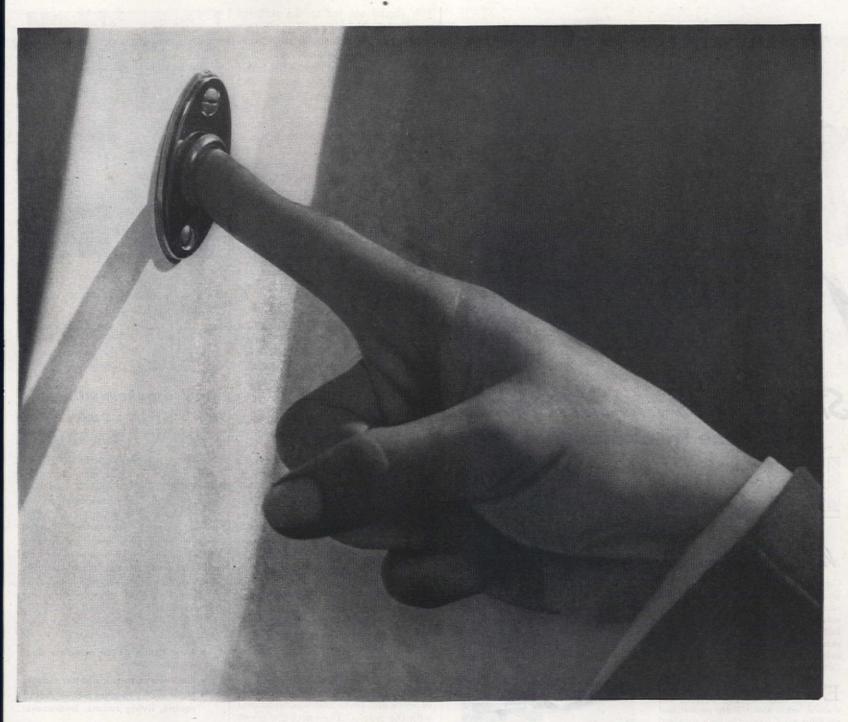




glasses and plates as well. So, with the house filled with the comforts of home, life began in a rural way.

Since then the most persistent question thrown at me is-"Why did you move way out here?" The answer is easy. From my front porch you can see fifty miles of unbroken hills and fields. Birds seem to hang on the rainspouts and scream at you in the morning. The air is filled with simple, friendly country sounds-crickets all night long, frogs in the woods, the bark of a dog miles away. You are on top of the world at my house. The sky presses down on the roof, the moon lights the pastures with a daytime brilliance. Saturday and Sunday -what are they in town? Merely a constant question-"What to do?"





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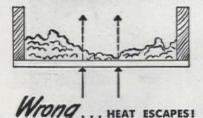
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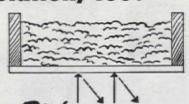
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Never look at anything as if it were a long job, one that had to be done according to schedule. For instance. I'd get full of energy and paint the bathroom. Then I'd sit whittling under a tree for days contemplating my next project. I'm certain that I didn't spend more than fifteen hours on the whole interior. I even tackled the floral decorations on the cabinets. The dining room was simple to furnish. I found an oldfashioned kitchen table in the barn. bought four simple chairs and painted them all black enamel. Then I did a pretty good peasant decoration job on them. Cooking, housework? Well -I do it. And my mother used to constantly keep after me to clean up my room and drag the shoes from under the bed. Now, this lad actually sweeps, dusts, and oil mops the place. Armed with a free cookbook given me by the grocer, I began to find chickens in the pot more fun than I realized I would. After the day is done, I arrive with the groceries for the evening meal, start something cooking, then take a long walk through the pasture with Punkin'. Oh, yes, you must have a dog. Mine's an English setter. So, the evening meal is prepared and eaten before too much time has elapsed. Then the evening is mine. The woods, the stream for a swim, a horse to ride, a tree to "set" under. Perhaps there's a sunset to watch or a friendly neighbor to talk to for an hour or so.

There's a lot to do in the country. Of course, you don't really have to get out and have it with rake and hoe, but there's always a real desire to do something with your place. Personally, I bought my first fistful of seeds and bulbs and was astounded with the results. They actually grew! I was given a half bushel of strawberry plants by a neighbor and planted them according to his instructions. There was less to do for the strawberries than anything else for they just came forth to be eaten. Incidentally, don't allow weeding to frighten you. I did it just twice during the season. Together with a local farmer, I had a vegetable garden. He supplied the working knowledge. I supplied seeds and we both supplied the effort. No, it wasn't a hard job. It was the first time in my life that I ever raised my own food. Seeing something grow from a few dried seeds gave me a sense of real artistry.

If you work as I do on a farm, you can work with the tenant farmers if you so desire. Everyone turns out at haying time and you'll want to, too. The Harvest dinner is the greatest thing in the world of eating. Sharing helps the inexperienced city farmer. You can borrow a tractor if necessary and get the advice of those who have had more experience. For this you share your crops. Of course,



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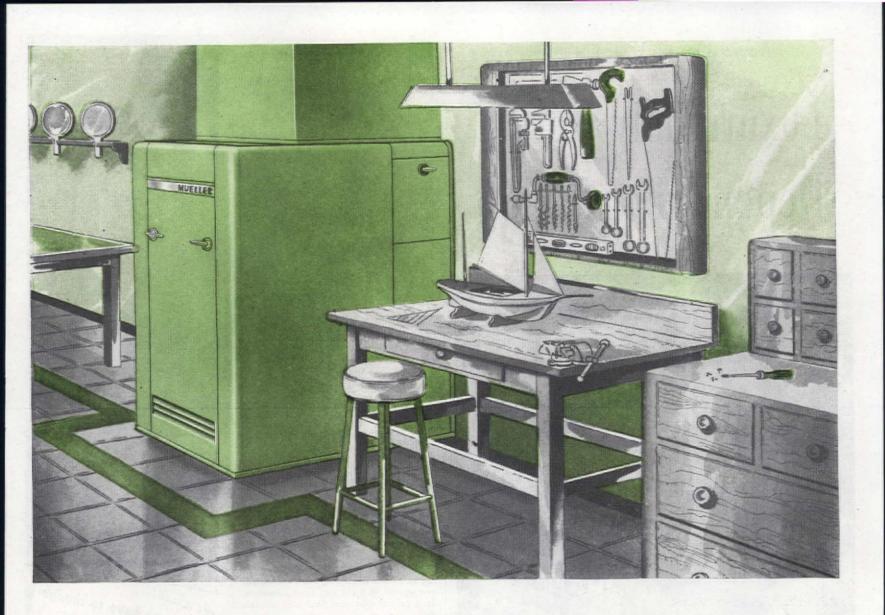
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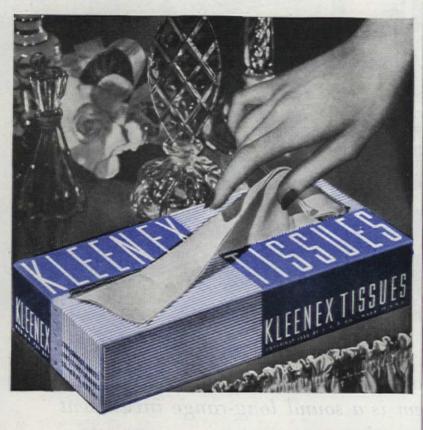
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It was a cold, blustery mid-winter day with snow up to our knees when Jill Riccardo, clever young Chicago decorator and a personal friend of Miss Yarrow, took us around to meet her. As the brightly painted front door opened to us, we were greeted by the warm, welcoming color of the yellow walls, thick blue string carpets, and bright flashes of red sparking through the scheme. It was a relief to throw off heavy wraps and relax while Miss Yarrow bustled cheerily into her kitchen to mix some of her special, Mexican hot chocolate.

"In the beginning it seemed hopeless," Miss Yarrow told us as she poured the steaming chocolate. "Chicago, like every other large city in the country, has a critical housing shortage. I wanted desperately a place filled with sunshine where I could escape the gloom of a Midwestern winter. I needed strong, lively colors to keep me happy and warm."

Enlisting the aid of Miss Riccardo, the two of them went on a search to find out what was available. After many weary hours, they finally came upon this second floor of a commercial building which was then in the process of reconversion to apartments. Quick to see the possibilities, they signed a lease and were thus able to dictate several minor alterations to fit their requirements.

As Miss Yarrow is of Spanish and Mexican ancestry, Miss Riccardo took the colors from the clear, sunshine hues of our own Southwest and Mexico to best express her friend's personality. However, a secretary's budget is necessarily limited, so furniture purchases had to be made with a canny eye to prices.

"We tramped through secondhand stores and antique shops for days," laughed Miss Yarrow. "I thought I would drop in my tracks before we at last discovered a dubious collection of pieces which Jill firmly declared had 'possibilities.' At any rate, the price was right, so we had them carted over to the apartment and spent another day deciding what we could do with all of them.

"While mulling them over in our minds, we had a painter come in and paint two walls a clear butter-yellow to match a bolt of cotton crash drapery fabric we had found. The

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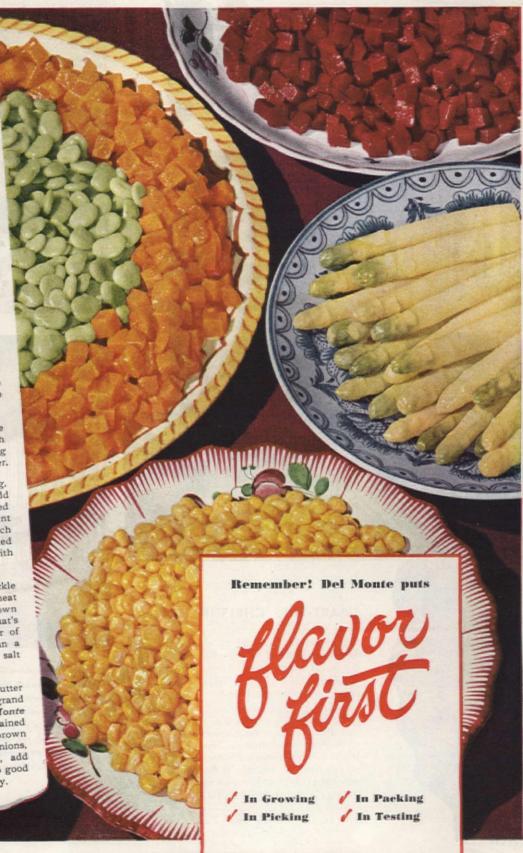
Beets: Serve in sour-cream dressing.
Or drain and warm in butter, add orange juice with a bit of grated orange rind, and a small amount of cider vinegar. And try the rich flavor of Del Monte Beets accented by Harvard sauce flavored with powdered cloves.

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end wall and the back wall of dining alcove were painted it Eventually the curtains were in and hung clear across the entire wall of the living room."

Among the "finds" was a

Among the "finds" was a redescript dining room sideboard withey had bought secondhand for The legs were sawed off and top part painted royal blue with so of the paint left over from the w. To give it added sparkle, they sterdashed it in yellow and red. Firthe back part firmly to the wall, t suspended the front of the piece for





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The apartment as she found it

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Two day beds angled into the corner of the room cost \$14 each. Perhaps the largest expenditure on the budget was for the blue string rug which covers most of the floor and the extra matching rug which was cut up and used for upholstery on the day beds and square bolsters.

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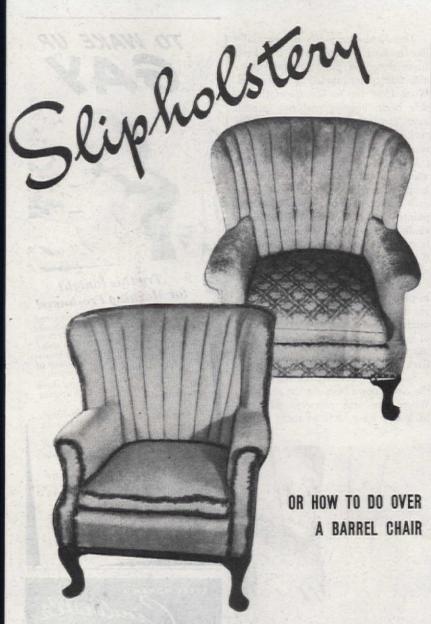
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The cagey part about slip covering a barrel chair is in keeping the slip cover in place. Regardless of how well it seems to fit just let someone plop down-and Fatima sags and bulges. The reason is that the vertical channel cushions in the back call for ample tuck-in while the outside back really requires a good tight fit.

Upholstery is, of course, the best way to cover a barrel chair. But there you run into a hired-out job as well as the problem of finding a practical and permanent fabric.

Then, why not try Slipholstery? This ingenious little technique, as the name implies, combines all the advantages of a slip cover with the sleek, good looks of upholstery. For it is nothing other than an A-1 slip cover which has been anchored temporarily to the chair with the help of bastings and thumbtacks.

This is strictly a home proposition, too. A curved upholstery needle is your tool. You can buy them at an upholsterer's supply shop; look in the classified directory for a dealer in your city, or in a directory of the city nearest you. Use the needle for basting the cloth to the chair between the vertical channels and any other places that seem shifty, and for attaching buttons to give a tufted effect. Thumbtacks or nailheads tacked securely around the bottom give the chair a shop appearance by eliminating the flounce. And who's to object to a bit more leg art in the home!



Allow plenty of surplus material around the seat for a secure tuck-in



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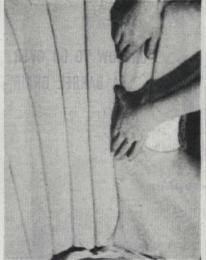
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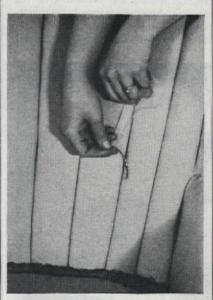
The Slipholstery job is essentially like making a slip cover, but keep these things in mind: Shrink washable fabrics first, including trimmings. Work from top to bottom of the inside back, keeping material smooth over channels, allowing plenty for tuck-ins. Make a small box pleat at top and bottom of each groove-this takes care of the surplus material which cannot be tucked in and also keeps each channel section separate and intact. (Mark between these points, top to bottom, with tailor's chalk so you'll know where to put the basting threads.) Piece the material if necessary between the channels where seams will be hidden.

Use plenty of pins to hold material in place over the channels while you are fitting the outside back. Follow original lines of chair in the placing of seams. No placket or bottom opening is necessary because the fanlike back fits over the chair like a tent.

Start at the center back and smooth the cover down between the channels. Where the arm connects with the back and wing sections there will be



Small box pleats at bottom and top of channel grooves allow plenty of fabric to tuck into depressions. Smooth in well, mark basting lines with chalk



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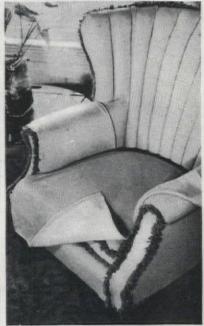


Windows of ALCOA ALUMINUM

quite a pull, but think nothing of it. This part must fit like a glove as there is very little tuck-in, and you want the bastings in the grooves.

Allow a healthy surplus of fabric to poke down in around the seat and under the arms, so the arm and back won't ride up. Make a fat cloth tube stuffed with scraps, about the size and shape of a length of country pork sausage, and wedge this in around the seat. It acts as an excellent anchor to keep the cover in place and can be easily removed.

Use ravellings or a good match in heavy-duty thread, and dig deeply with the curved needle between the channels to produce long underneath



A neat touch to replace grandma's crocheted antimacassars: squares or rectangles of the cover fabric, hemmed, and pinned or basted over arms and seat to prevent soiling the slipholstery

stitches that hold well. The top stitches will not show as they are down in the groove. When you want to remove the cover for cleaning, just loosen the basting thread at the top, pull, and it will come right out. Where arm and wing sections meet, make the stitches as inconspicuous as possible so they won't spoil the effect.

Held around the bottom with thumbtacks or nailheads, the Slipholstery shouldn't be able to slip out of place and will look like upholstery.

If you want to protect your precious project against the rigors of riotous living, cover the vulnerable spots with something bigger than grandma's tidies of crochet or lace. And come right out with it; you need not be ashamed to use them if they are well-tailored and inconspicuous. Make hemmed squares or rectangles of the same fabric as the cover, place them over the arms and the seat cushion, the parts that usually take the beating. A head protector is another item if the chair is used by Sonny who likes hair oil! You can simply pin them in place, or baste on the chair with thread and needle.



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The explanation is this: dust is composed of millions of particles of dirt, sand, soot, and grit that hang suspended in the air throughout the house. Sweeping a carpet frees countless numbers of these particles that pervade a room, finally, inevitably coming to rest again on the floor and furniture. A flick of your dusting cloth on an unprotected wood surface imposes hundreds of almost imperceptible scratches caused by the sharp, abrasive contours of the dust motes. If the surface is oily, or if your



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cloth is saturated with oil, the abrasive action is furthered by the moisture.

What, then, will be your solution? A high-sounding but nevertheless practical undertaking would be to give your wood furniture a furniture facial—which can do just as much to refurbish and refresh your mahogany treasures, old or new, as a whacking good hour with Antoine would do for your own morale and well-groomed personal appearance.

Wax is the answer, wax is the medium. Spend as much time applying, rubbing in, and polishing your furniture with wax as you would massaging cream into your face and







When applying wax, rub gently to remove any oil or dirt. Allow wax to dry a moment. Then polish with clean cloth; rub gently to a smooth finish

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A cream wax contains gentle solvents: apply with a clean, soft cloth, rub only enough to remove any dirt or oil which may be on the surface, permit it to dry a moment. Then polish with another soft cloth until it becomes smooth to the touch.

Cream or liquid wax is excellent for present day use when, due to the rush of modern affairs, you may have to give your furniture only a "lick and a promise" and get on to other things. However, it is a wise precaution if you value your things, to give them an occasional thorough going over with a fine quality paste wax. Build up a very thin film each time (the more the better), allow it to dry, and then rub vigorously

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MY LAWN

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others (including the crab grass region where I live), it's an accomplishment for which most people pay with hours of sit-down weeding and other laborious care. Well, five years of systematic, planned work have given me, right here, a solid, practically weedless turf, thick as a chow's coat, that has been fit to sit on as early, some years, as February 22 and as late as Thanksgiving Day. It is a gracious setting for the house; it blends softly and pleasantly with the boxwoods and rhododendrons, dogwoods and tulips, the old iron bench, and the brown-red brick of the

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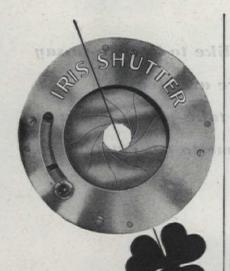
4. Where bare spots are too small to be dug up or sodded, thicken the turf by (1) raking in compost and plant food; then (2) either reseed or, even better, transplant clumps of good grass into them a few inches apart. Where from?



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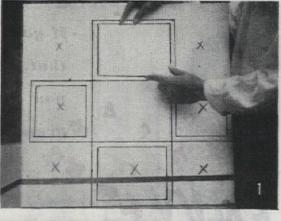
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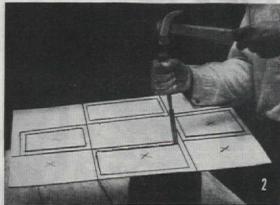


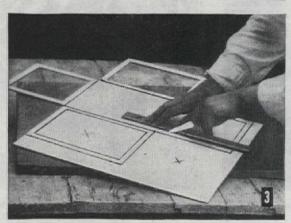
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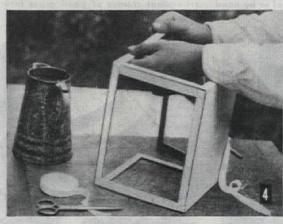
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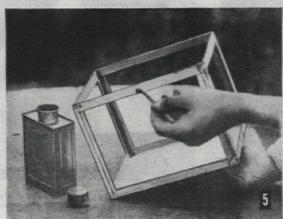
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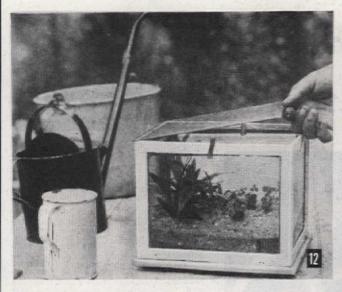
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T MAY not surprise you to learn that you can make a practical and good-looking aquarium of cardboard, for, of course, the cardboard only forms the frame that supports the glass that actually holds the water. However, you may not know that, if you cannot conveniently get hold of a piece of heavy cardboard for the job, you can easily make it yourself! Yes sir, really strong board can be fabricated at home, of wrapping paper or even newspapers, with the help of simple starch paste made by dissolving one teaspoonful in a teacupful of hot water. To start with, lay a sheet of the paper you are going to use on wax paper spread on a smooth table top, and apply a thin coat of the paste with a soft brush. Next, apply paste to a second sheet, place it on top of the first (pasted surfaces together) and smooth them gently, firmly, with a photographer's rubber roller or the kitchen rolling pin. Apply paste to the top surface and to a third sheet of paper, place these together and roll, and repeat the procedure until a board of the desired thickness is built up. Then cover the top sheet, unpasted, with wax paper and smooth boards, weighing these down with rocks or other heavy objects. Leave for 24 hours, then replace the wax paper with fresh, and let stand for another 24 hours, when you can substitute blotting paper. This will have to be changed as often as it becomes saturated with the moisture that is drawn out of the mass as it gradually solidifies and hardens. When it is finally dry, you will be amazed at its strength; even a 1/16" thickness, composed of eight or ten sheets, will be heavy enough for many purposes while 1/8" gauge card is as strong as a board. When you have your cardboard, whether homemade or purchased, construction of the aquarium proceeds as shown in the accompanying illustrations, starting at the upper left corner as follows:

1—Lay out the pattern with the bottom of the tank in the center and the sides and ends attached. The size will, of course, be determined by the dimensions of the cardboard; and the size of the ends and sides will govern the width of the borders or frames.

2—Cut all corners cleanly with a sharp chisel and mallet, placing the board on the end grain of a block of hard wood to insure a clean, even cut.

3—Using a strong, sharp knife and a metal straight edge, cut around the pattern and also around the inside of the end and side frames, leaving the borders to which,



# Aquarium

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later, the glass will be secured. Next, turn the sheet upside down and, with a not too sharp knife, lightly score the lines along which the sides and ends are to be bent; turn it back again and bend them up over a straight edge to insure a clean, square angle.

4—Fix them in place to form a rectangular box by gluing long pieces of bias tape around top and bottom, and shorter pieces up and down the corner joints.

5—When glue is dry, paint the entire frame, inside and out, with two or three coats of linseed oil.

6—When the oil has dried and hardened, smear the bottom of the tank with a mixture of putty and red lead, thinned if necessary with linseed oil, and force the glass bottom plate down onto the soft mass until there is close contact over the entire surface. Remove any excess putty forced up around the edges. Then put the end and side glasses in place in the same way, except that the putty is applied only around the edges of the glass panes. When it has set, give the entire frame at least two coats of good paint.

7—Apply putty to one side of three edges of a small, rectangular piece of glass and set it diagonally across one lower corner of the tank. This forms the "dirt corner" from which the scum that collects is removed.

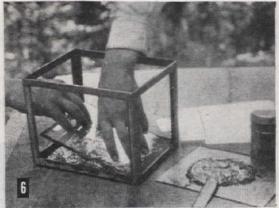
8—Place a few handfuls of sifted fertile garden soil in the tank, grade it so it is highest opposite the dirt corner, and then press it down firmly.

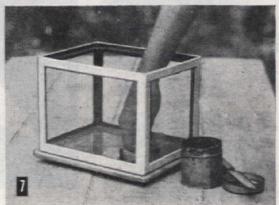
9—Cover the soil with about 3/4" of thoroughly washed sand and set out some well-rooted aquatic plants obtainable at aquarium supply shops or nurseries. Make holes through the sand into the soil for the roots.

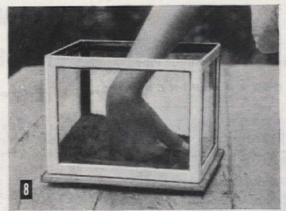
10—When all are planted, lay a sheet of paper on the sand and pour water onto it gently (so as not to disarrange it) until the tank is half full. If the soil is stirred up so as to muddy the water, you will have to start the filling and planting all over again.

11—Complete the planting by gently inserting shallow rooting plants, and tips of kinds that will root themselves (Myrriophyllum, Cabomba, etc.) into the sand. Lay a sheet of paper on the surface of the water and on it gently pour more water until the tank is full, again taking care not to roil the water.

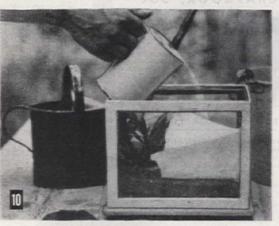
12—Finally, cover the aquarium with a sheet of glass and let it stand for ten days or so before putting in any fish. Meanwhile—if you haven't already done so—read up on aquarium management in some good book.











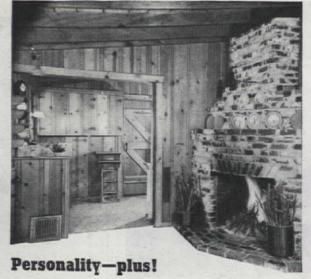


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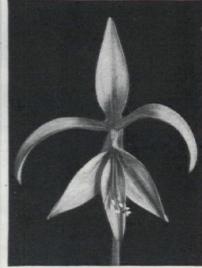
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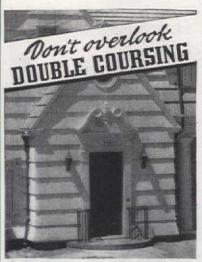
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will be certain to get a little morning sun, so as to prevent their rotting.

The exotic character of the tropical flowers in this Mexican delegation to our garden conference is unmistakable and striking. The vivid crimson of the Sprekelia, the coral-red duet of the Mexican twinflower (Bravoa), the shining whiteness of Milla, and the intense, clear blue of Commelina will all contribute dramatic notes as well as charm and grace to your summer symphony. Their culture is easy and the reward is generous. For you can find places for them in borders and backgrounds, in hanging baskets and skilfully placed pots, used in bold masses or as accent specimens. Considering them in alphabetical order, according to their botanical names, we come first to a little-known, but deserving subject, one of the favorites of grandmother's day.

Achimenes. The name (pronounced (ah-kim'-en-eez) comes from the Greek and implies that the plants suffer from the cold, which they do. Looking for all the world like a cross between a violet and a petunia, they make wonderful companions for the better known tuberous-rooted begonias. They call for the same sort of treatment and can be put to the same uses. Their blooming season can be stretched from May to November, and their flowers range from vermilion through scarlet and rose to pink, cream, white, and several shades of blue. Start them indoors in a shallow box or pot of porous leaf mold in late winter. Water carefully but consistently, for a single drying-out may prove fatal. When the plants are a few inches tall, transplant to their positions for the season, using them liberally to give the best effects. For indoor or terrace decoration you can plant as many as eighteen or more in an 8" bulb pan. Or, for a novel effect, plant them in hanging baskets. A little weak manure water applied about twice a week when the plants are in bloom is helpful.

Bessera elegans (with the accent on Bes'). This bright, friendly little Mexicano, known as coral drops, bears on its 2' stems loose, graceful, drooping umbels of dainty bell-shaped flowers, orange-red outside and creamy white within. Appearing in early July, they are somewhat inconspicuous in the garden, but used in a flower arrangement, they create an effect that is usually judge-stopping and ribbonwinning. So clump the bulbs in sheltered places in the garden as reservoirs of flower arrangement magic. If you start reading up on this lovely little plant, you may run into some confusion, for certain botanists insist that it belongs to a related genus, Milla, mentioned farther on.

Bravoa geministora. This interesting name (pronounced Brahvo'-ah geminy-flo'-rah) memorializes one Bravo, a Mexican botanist, and, in its second part, duplicates the common name—twinflower or twinbloom—in scientific language. Its bright, coral-red blossoms resemble those of

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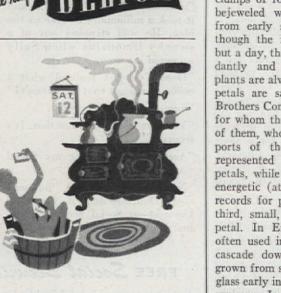
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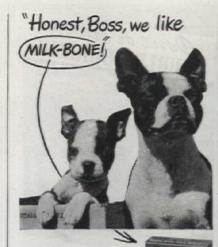




the tuberose and, borne in pairs on two-foot stems in an informal, drooping manner, provide an exotic climax among the Southland natives. Foliage growth starts indoors in late winter and lasts into early fall, while the brilliant flower effect appears in early summer and continues through the autumn. Outdoor culture is simple; just set the plants out four inches apart in full sun when the weather has warmed up. But bravoas are especially good for pot culture, if planted in early winter in a mixture of equal parts loam, leaf mold, and sand, with a little rotted cow manure and a teaspconful of bonemeal added to each potful. Water well and leave for two weeks in a dark place to encourage vigorous root growth. Thereafter watering must be done very carefully to guard against a fatal rot that may be caused by excess moisture. In the fall, after flowering is over, withhold water entirely, put the pots in a sunny spot for a fortnight so the bulbs can ripen, then store over winter in the cellar or other frost-free place.

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Milla biflora. This little bulbous plant bears waxy, snow-white, fragrant blossoms with a reverse stripe of mellow green, which are among the most lasting of all Mexican flowers. If successive plantings are made, they can be enjoyed from early July until frost. For best results, plant them, gladiolus fashion, in deep, rich soil, grouping them along the edge of shrubbery or large herbaceous plants. The flowers are borne in clusters of from two to seven on wiry stems up to 20" tall; the notched base of each petal makes them interesting. In warm regions, bulbs can be left in



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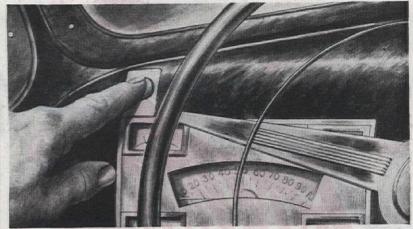
the perennial border over the winter if protected. Elsewhere, plant in full sun and give plenty of water until the flowering period is well along. For pot culture, plant after the first of the year, putting four bulbs in a 6" pot and estimating about three months to blooming time.

Oxalis (in which the "Ox" syllable is stressed). Several species from various parts of the world are already familiar subjects for borders and rock gardens, but three from Mexico are especially gay and colorful. As with the others, the flowers close and the cloverlike leaves fold up at night and sometimes on dark days, but a rampage of blossoms can be counted on from about a month after spring planting until the small plants are cut down by frost. O. lasiandra raises thick clusters of crimson flowers above masses of foliage whose leaves have five to ten leaflets; and there are white and lilac varieties. O. tetraphylla has mostly four part leaves banded with purple, and more open umbels of lilac or rose-colored blossoms. O. deppei is pink-flowered and the leaves are square-cut at the ends.

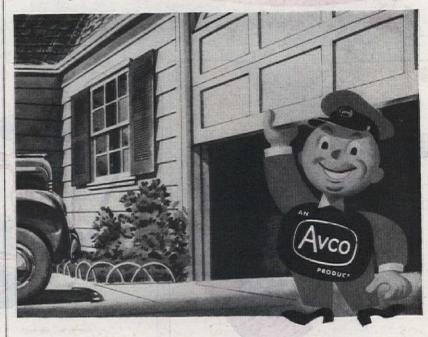
Sprekelia formosissima (sprehkee'-li-ah form-o-siss'-imah). This is the Jacobean- or St. James's-lily, better known as a greenhouse subject, but effective as garden material in its resemblance to its relative, the amaryllis. The velvety red flowers last well when cut and are useful for flower show arrangements. Plant after the ground has become warm and three or four times thereafter at weekly intervals, setting the bulbs with their necks just below the surface; the blossoms appear before the leaves. For indoor plants, put three to five bulbs in a 7" pot, but do not cover the necks with soil.

Tigridia. This name, which means "tigerlike," refers to the striped and splashed color scheme of the flowers which come in white, pink, yellow, apricot, orange and darker tones, with the reds and yellows dominating as if flaunting the national Mexican colors. Plant the bulbs three inches deep whenever the ground is really warm; when they come into bloom, most other summer flowers will have to give way to them if measured in terms of brilliance and variety.

Tuberose is, botanically, Polianthes tuberosa; so the common name, as L. H. Bailey carefully points out, is actually "tuber-ose" not "tube-rose" as some people think. Its chaste white, richly fragrant blossoms contribute a novel beauty and delight to summer evenings, and cut they are effective for all kinds of arrangements-except when placed in small, stuffy rooms where the odor is likely to become overpowering. Plant when spring has arrived, in loamy, rich soil and, for best results, leave the crowns or clumps intact as they were dug the fall before. While moderate division is all right, starting the season with weak, undersized plants is likely to seriously reduce the number and effect of the flowers in your garden.



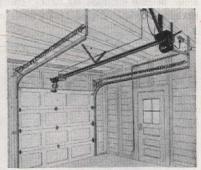
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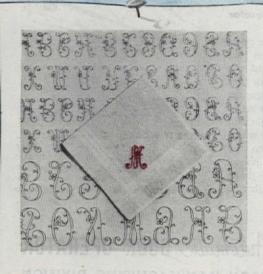
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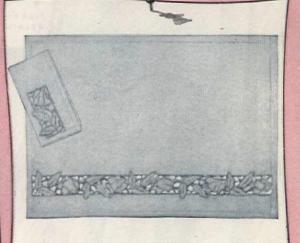
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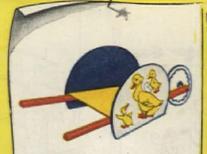


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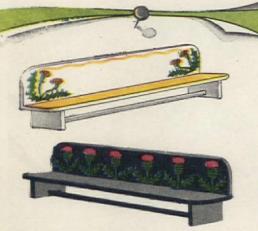


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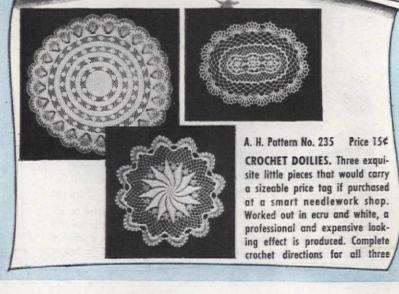


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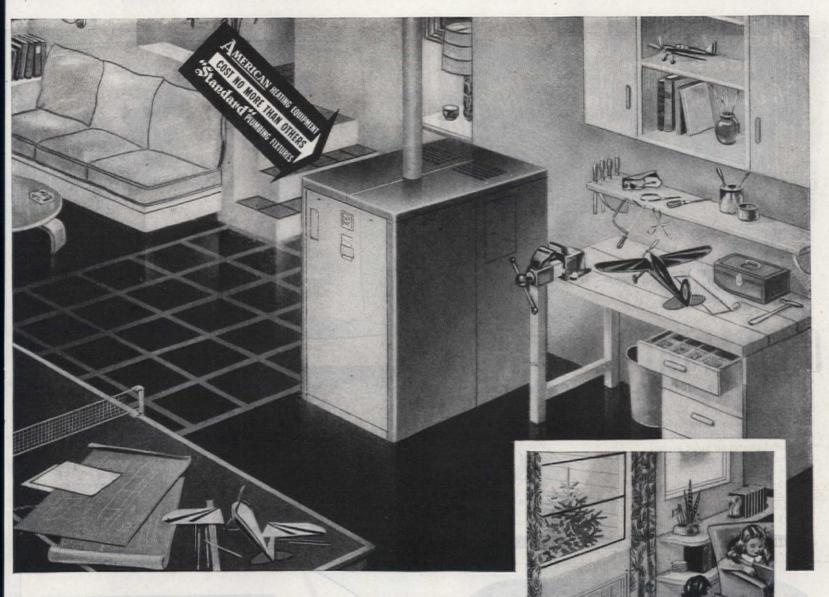


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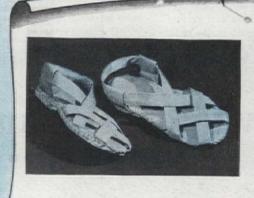
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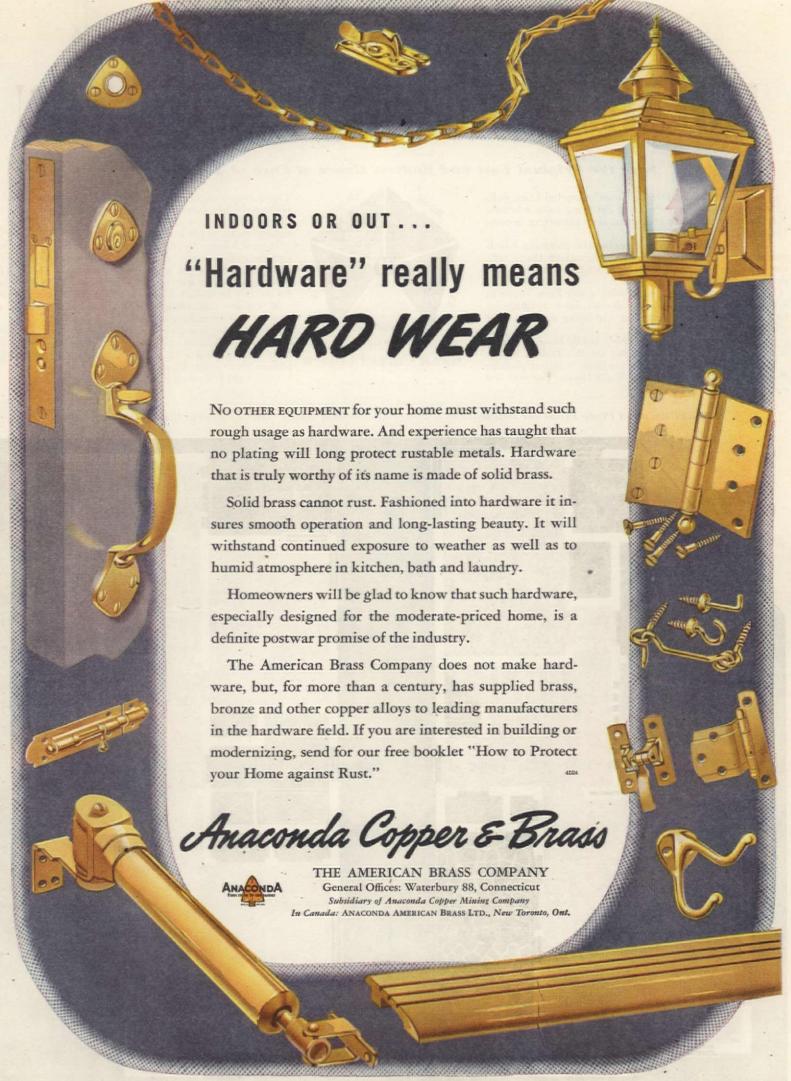
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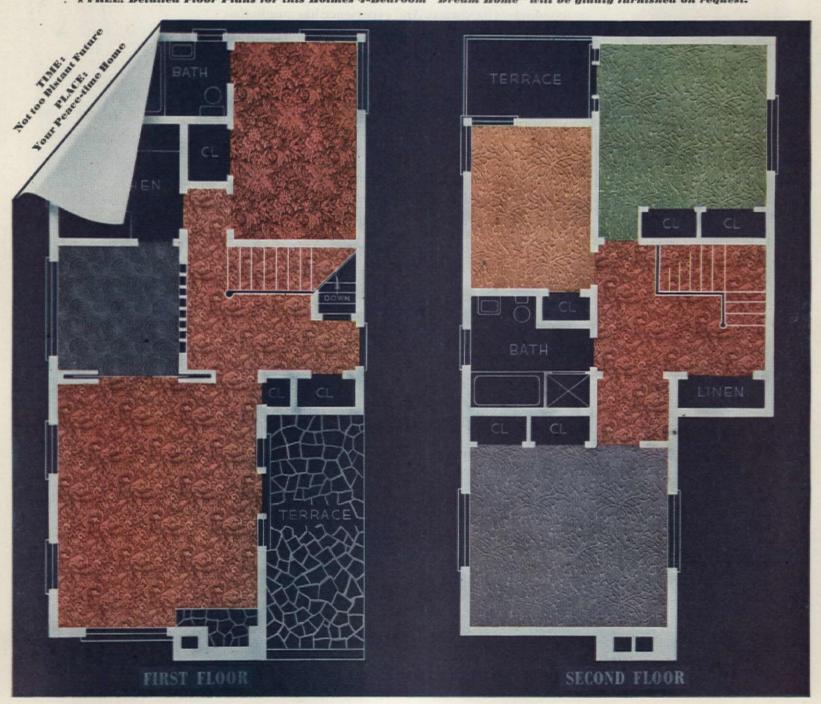
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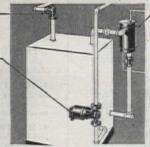
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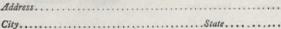
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Fuel rationing during war years taught us how to keep warm at lower than usual temperatures by making proper clothing adjustments. Most Americans keep their homes unhealthfully hot. When the house becomes too feverish for comfort, windows are flung open allowing heat to fly out. The cold air rushes in and your house suffers from chills. To cure the chills, you push up the thermostat or dash down to the basement and heave more coal on the fire. You should take every precaution to prevent your house from getting a chill rather than allowing the house to get chilled and then going to extremes to cure it.

Controlling family house cooling habits, keeping rooms as draft tight as possible, and keeping a sly eye on heat thieves are elementary fuel conservators. Put them into practice and you will say your house is "resting comfortably" instead of it's suffering from chills and fever.

An unused room, particularly a sunroom, is a notorious heat robber. Lock it up. An unused side door leading to your terrace or porch is another suspect. Board it up and then paint the boards attractively or cover them with wallpaper. If an inside north wall is giving you goose flesh, hang a heavy portiere, drapery, or tapestry on the wall. This will cure it. Beware of such



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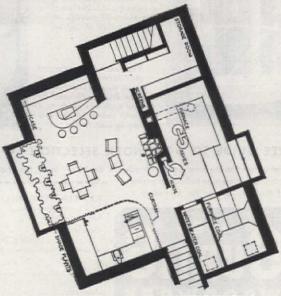
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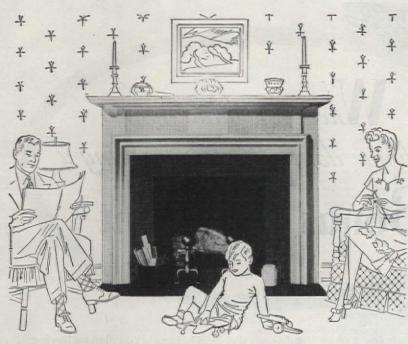
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> Make every member of family



comes over the top of the radiator about two inches, it will direct air out into the room, as well as save curtains, drapes, and walls from dirt.

If you have a little I-forgot-to imp in your home or a weak-armed Willie v.ho never closes the door tightly, make closing the door his special contribution to the fuel conservation program. If necessary, tack a little sign on the door at the eye level of the little offender. Even if the child cannot read, he'll pretend he can after you have read it to him once or twice. Grownups have a habit of standing at open doorways and prolonging good-byes to the freezing point. Stop this unnecessary dawdling. If your problem is a fresh air enthusiast who simply cannot breathe at night unless the windows are wide open, you can-not say "don't" and keep peace in the family. You can, however, show him how to fold an unused blanket or a small rug and place it at the threshold of a tightly closed door to prevent the cold air from escaping into the next room-and, of course, turn off the heat. Another habit, which should be a pleasure to break, is that of leaving newspapers and



Easy tricks will save fuel and stop drafts

magazines on radiators. Not only do they look untidy, but they interfere with the circulation of air around the radiators; this is important if you are trying to conserve fuel.

Heat rises. That is elementary to you, of course, but it is not the only reason your toes grow numb. The cold air from the basement creeps through the cracks and crevices of the floor boards. Newspapers spread underneath the rugs will cure that. You can likewise prevent the warm air from seeping through the upstairs rooms to the attic if you place newspapers on the attic floor. Many a home is gifted with a fireplace that doesn't work right; it is as welcome as an unnecessary wedding present. Board it up with wood, beaver board, or some other composition board. Cover it with wallpaper or paint an



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Let's start daily habits for improved home comfort

into strips and place them between the sill and the windows so they do not show, or between the half sections of the windows. This will keep the cold air where it belongs.

As much as 30% of the heat produced by your heating plant is lost, strays, or is stolen around the windowpanes. A systematic daily plan in the proper use of your window shades will help you put the skids under this thief. If you plan to leave the house for some time, draw all the shades so that they touch the sills. Lower them at night and during the day when the sun is not shining directly on the windowpanes or when light is not needed. The air space between the pane and the shade creates an insulation that prevents the cold air from coming in and the warm air from making a getaway. An automatic thermostat control on your hand-fired furnace will save 15 to 20% of your coal and make unnecessary many trips to the basement. All you have to do is shovel on the coal and set the thermostat at the desired temperature. A constant heat will be maintained. Dampers will open and close automatically. There are many other ways in which fuel can be saved and your home made more comfortable; such things as not wasting hot water and wearing warmer clothes inside the house. Just put on the old thinking cap, enlist the cooperation of everyone in the house, and you will all live happily even after the thermometer drops to zero.



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THEY'RE soon to be upon us now-those long winter "washproblem" days, when the snow covers all outdoors, the wind howls, icicles hang from the garage eaves, and the clothes hamper simply bulges with the week's accumulation of soiled laundry waiting to be washed.

Despairingly you look over the wash list: two dozen diapers, ten shirts, six sheets and pillowcases, three tablecloths-a really frightening array when you imagine them hanging ice-slaked and flapping in the howling winter wind outdoors!

Definitely, you'll have to hang them indoors—but where? You've thought of the basement, but you've also recalled the last time you hung clothes there. The lines sagged, and the sheets licked along the basement floor, picking up a really incredible amount of dark edgings. (Not that the basement wasn't clean, you understand-but the sheets were so white, and maybe there was a little griminess on the floor that the broom didn't whisk away entirely!) Then, of course, there was the incident when the Lord of the Manor nearly hanged himself trying to get the clothes off that maze of lines you strung-and then Junior's friends arrived to play Ping-pong before the lines were down. All in all it was a harrowing experience indeed.

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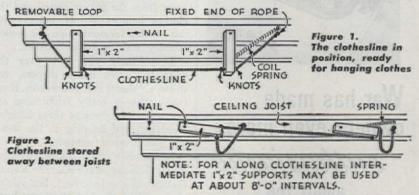
clotheslines each time you fill one with clothes. And there's no trouble with sheets dragging the floor because the Walford line does *not* sag or droop!

Your husband, any handy man, or you, yourself, can install this neat arrangement. Here's how. Supply yourself with a number of 1" by 2" supports each 18" long. (The number depends on how many lines you may need.) In one end of each of these pieces, dr'll a hole large enough to allow a 41/2" nail to pass through easily. At the other end, drill a hole at right angles to the first, making it large enough to allow the clothesline to pass through. Nail these supports to the ceiling joists (as shown in Fig. 1) at 8-foot intervals, and place a washer between the nailhead and the support to prevent wear on the wood. Clinch the nail on the other side of the joist, but not too tightly to allow free rotation of the supports for "storing," or folding against the joist as shown in Fig. 2. On each side of the clothesline-end of the support is a knot so that the support will be vertical when the line is in use. The other end of the line has a loop which is hooked over a nail, properly placed when the line is in its extended position from one support to the next.

To make the clothesline "collapsible" fasten a spring to the support. (See Fig. 2.) When the loop is removed from the nail, the whole line will fold up next to the joist. The end with the loop in it is hooked over another nail placed in the proper position for that purpose.

The writer has six clotheslines of this type in his basement. Three of them are operated with springs from an old photograph lid; the other three are fitted with pieces of rubber cut from a worn-out automobile tube. Both sets operate highly satisfactorily.

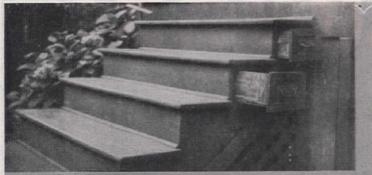
Let the Walford clothesline solve your winter washday problems!







Jeannette, Pa.



Idea by George Wilfred Wright

# STEPS THAT ARE MORE THAN JUST STEPS

For clever space-utility, make your steps into a "chest-of-drawers" for household odds and ends. It's easy. Simply mark space on one side of riser, bore a hole, and with a keyhole saw cut out carefully. Cut around any protruding nails and later level off ends with metal hack saw. Smooth a perture edges, and nail in bottom and sides for drawer to run on. Make the drawer in regular way, giving it play enough to run easily. Nail a "stop" in the back so that the drawer does not go in too far. A small board underneath the steps will hold sides and bottom.

Idea by E. B. Woodwa

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N AMERICA 400,000 homes and 10,000 lives are lost in avoidable fires every year. To help combat this appalling situation, school children of all ages have been enlisted to give their aid in preventing and fighting fires in the home. The children are known as "Junior Firemen" and with the guidance of their teachers and the supervision of regular Fire Chiefs, they are actually helping to improve our very bad fire record. They have had amazing success, too. Elizabeth Taylor, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star of "National Velvet" and "Hold High the Torch," leads a well-organized group of junior fire inspectors known as "Hazard Hunters." This group, as do similar ones in Dallas, Fort Worth, Los Angeles, and other cities, limits its work to "inspection" and "correction" of fire hazards in the home-in closets, in kitchens, in attics, in cellars-any place at all where the fire menace may lurk. On inspection blanks provided by their respective schools or local Fire Prevention Councils, they record the number of fire hazards they have asked their mothers to correct and, at the end of the term, the child recording the greatest number of hazard-corrections receives a cup or a certificate of merit. The children achieve ranks of Inspector, Lieutenant, Captain, or Chief and wear corresponding badges.

During four months, in Los Angeles alone, children corrected 100,000 fire hazards in their homes-two years after the formation of the Akron Junior Fire Fighters the fire loss in homes went down 60 per cent! In some cities the Junior Firemen go beyond inspection and actually assist Fire Departments in fighting fires. In Fort Collins, for instance, boys learn, under the direction of the Fire Chief, how to handle ladders, hose, extinguishers and other fire-fighting equipment, and how to jump safely into life nets from two-story drill towers. These boys, and those in other large cities have been very helpful to their Fire Departments, especially so these days because most of the country's Fire Departments have lost one in every eight firemen to the armed forces.



Courtesy Safety Research Institute, Inc.

- "HAZARD HUNTER" Elizabeth Taylor examines the date on a hand fire extinguisher noting the time that it should be recharged
- Elizabeth Taylor, MGM star, takes care of her clothes by using non-inflammable cleaning fluid to remove a stain from a jacket
- Elizabeth always disconnects the iron after using it if she plans to leave the ironing board for a short time and then come back
- Papers and oil-soaked dustcloths invite fires. Elizabeth eliminates this fire hazard by removing such debris from broom closet













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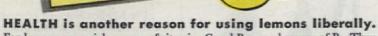
### VEGETABLE SALAD

Toss together...in wooden bowl...such thoroughly chilled leftover vegetables as peas, beans, beets, cauliflower. Serve with this special no-point dressing: 6 tbs. cottage cheese, 6 tbs. milk, 3 tbs. lemon juice, season to taste and stir well.



### EMERGENCY PUDDING

Steam leftover fruit or spice cake through. Top with this Lemon Clear Sauce: Blend 1 tbs. cornstarch with ½ cup sugar; add 1 tsp. grated lemon peel, 1 cup water. Cook 2-3 minutes until clear—stir constantly. Take from heat—add minutes until clear—stir constantly. Take from heat—add stbs. lemon juice, 2 tbs. butter or margarine, a pinch of salt, chopped maraschino cherries. Serve with tea and lemon.



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5 Elizabeth places the fire screen before the fireplace so sparks won't fly out on rug or floor



6 Frayed wires, faulty sockets cause innumerable fires. Check plugs often for these hazards



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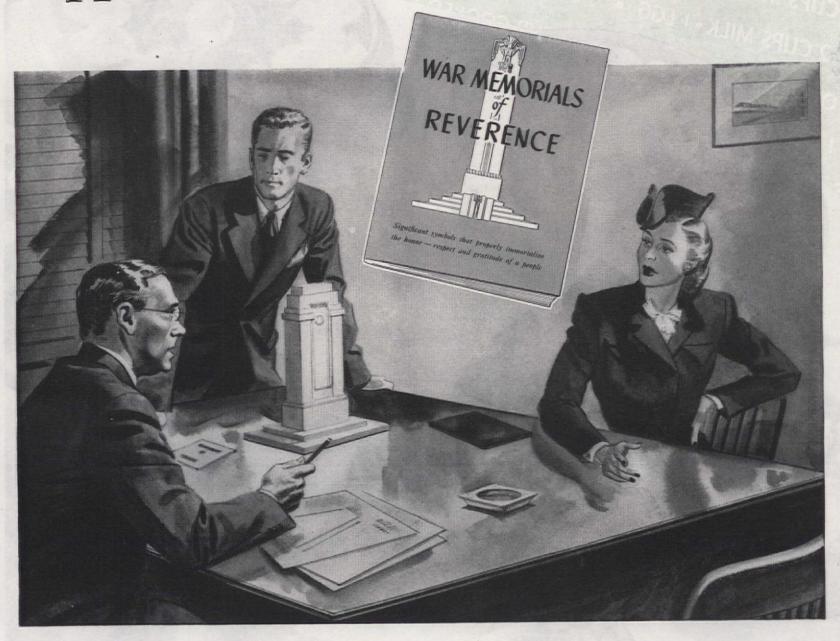


Elizabeth Taylor examines the fuse box, makes sure they are of proper amperage for safety



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## Help for Community Planning Committees



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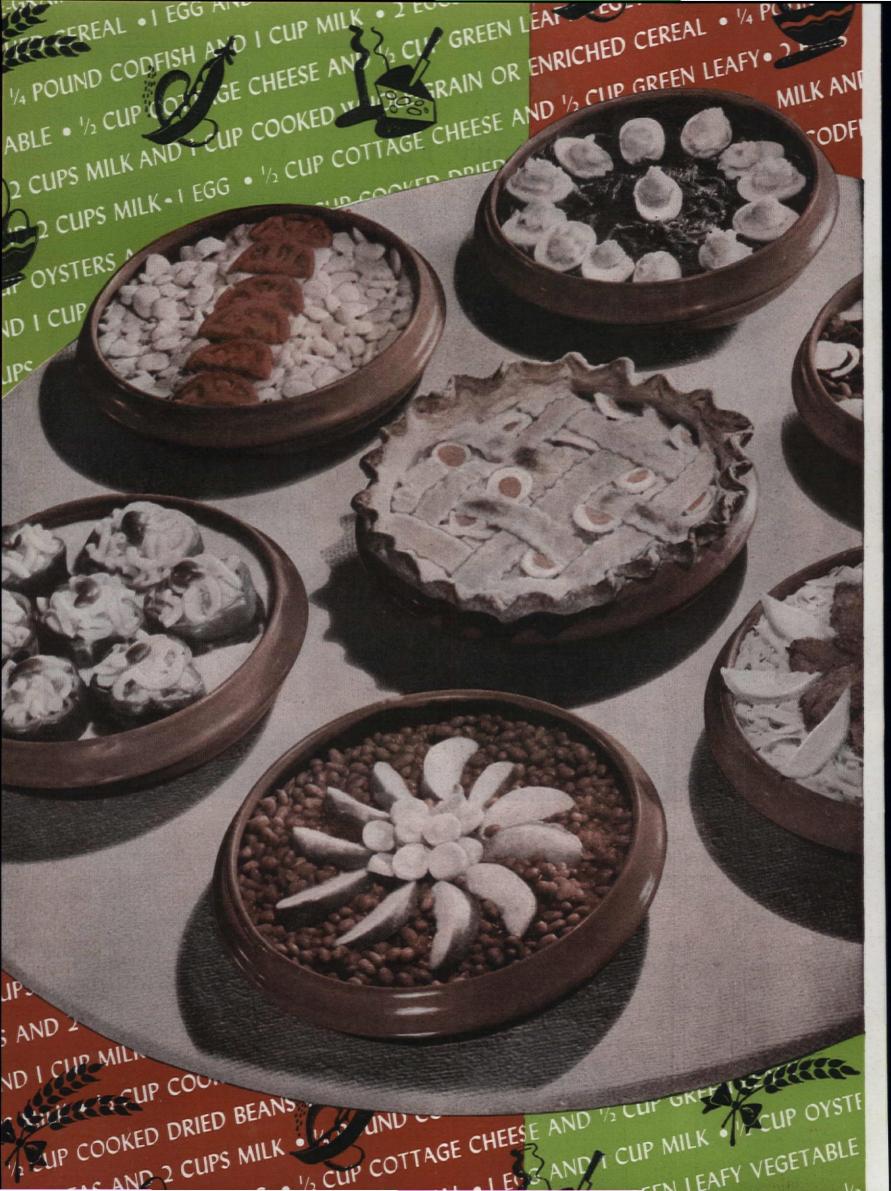
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in the United States—to the Barre Granite Association, in Barre, Vermont, "The Granite Center of the World."

A recent national contest for new war memorial ideas produced some inspiring and economical designs which should be of vital interest to community committees charged with the practical solution of this imposing current problem. The prize-winning designs from this contest have been bound into a profusely illustrated brochure which is available to properly identified members of community planning commissions. The edition is limited so please make your request as soon as possible. Address:

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Everybody Needs Protein

Julia Bliss Joyner

PROTEIN is a fundamental. Its very name, derived from the Greek, means first. It is absolutely necessary for the growth and upkeep of the human body. In fact, all our vital organs are themselves composed of proteins and must be maintained and repaired by protein foods. There is no known life without proteins. They must be part of our daily diet.

Chemically speaking, proteins are composed of substances called amino acids. Each plant and animal tissue has its own mixture of characteristic proteins and in the digestive tract these are resolved into their component

amino acids. It is in this form that food proteins are absorbed by the body. Thousands of our soldiers, imprisoned by the enemy, have been saved by predigested proteins when they are too far gone to take ordinary food in any way whatsoever. Likewise, in cases of critical burns which waste away body

protein rapidly and in post-operative recuperation these same proteins are being used with pronounced and ever-growing success by many physicians.

Of the twenty-three amino acids in protein, ten are at this time regarded as "essential" or indispensable to life. Plant proteins do not contain so many of these essentials as animal proteins, but fortunately there are many dishes in which one protein can supplement another and make a nourishing combination. Dried peas, beans, and lentils, whole grains and nuts are the plant protein foods and milk, milk products, eggs, all meats, poultry including game, fish and shell fish are the animal protein foods. The stoutest plant protein is, in itself, insufficient as a constant food without being

supported by its animal cousin. Put together they spell gastronomic harmony and form a well-balanced dish. In cereal and milk, macaroni and cheese, meat and vegetable stew, a small quantity of the high-quality animal protein raises the value of the plant protein.

These are only a few of the table twins which have taken us through the years because we liked them and not because we realized the natural wisdom which started our ancestors eating them in the first place.

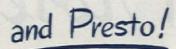
Our national consciousness has become somewhat jittery about the scarcity of meat and poultry in the past year or so. Meat is the form in which most Americans like best to eat their protein. In spite of the scarcity of meat, however, the specialists of the U.S. Department of Agriculture tell us that in this country there is an abundance of the kind of protein required for building and repairing body tissues. Though these more popular varieties of animal protein may disappear entirely from our local markets for a few weeks at a time or appear in limited amounts only spasmodically, these other types can be substituted. Variety is good for us; change means growth and awareness of diet's whys and wherefores. Old patterns, even the ones most appealing to us, if too persistently followed, can keep us in a rut and make our meals monotonous.

The average woman needs about sixty grams of protein in the day's food and a man needs seventy grams. As children grow, their protein needs increase. A child of three needs forty grams while a growing boy of sixteen needs one hundred grams daily. It never has been suggested, except in special cases, that all protein needs should come from animal sources. More than onefourth the protein in America's normal diet comes from flour and cereals.

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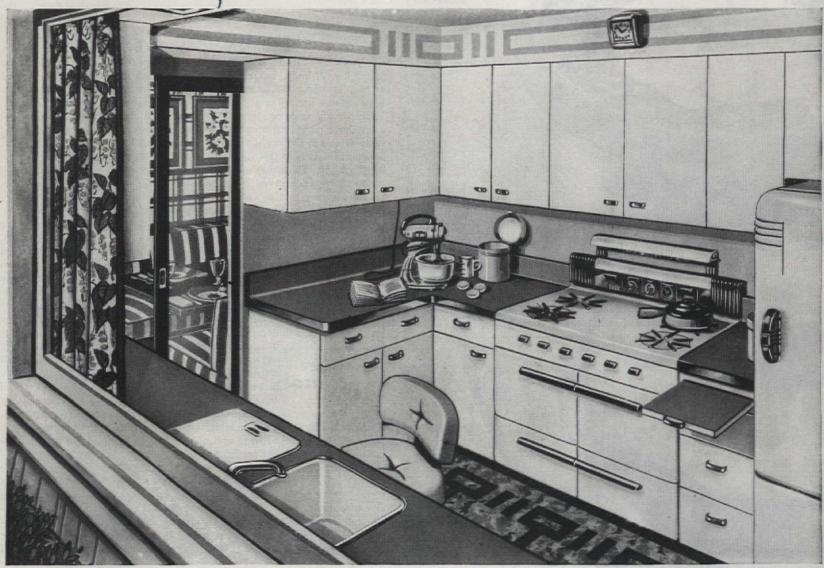
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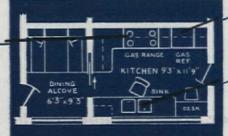
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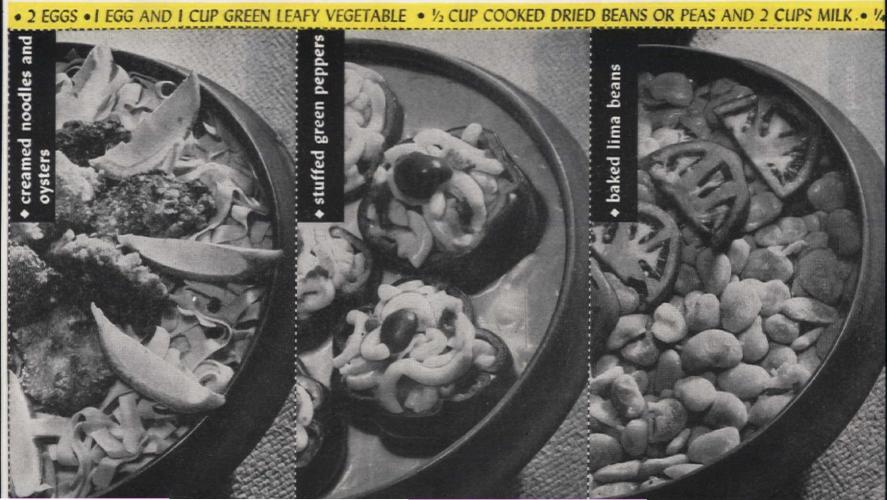
'/2 CUP COTTAGE CHEESE AND '/2 CUP GREEN LEAFY VEGETABLE
 2 CUPS MILK AND I CUP COOKED WHOLE-GRAIN OR

The purpose of this article and of the recipes which accompany it is to show how other animal protein foods such as milk, eggs, and fish may be combined with plant protein foods in a wide variety of dishes in such a way that they will replace the protein, iron, and B vitamins which meat usually furnishes in our diets and make a double team in pulling us along a highway of good nutrition if shortages continue.

Use the following list as a guide in planning meals without meat. These foods and combina-

tions will replace approximately the protein, iron, and B vitamins found in one serving or one-fourth pound of meat or poultry: Two eggs; one-half cup cottage cheese and one-half cup green leafy vegetable; two cups milk and one cup cooked wholegrain or enriched cereal; one-fourth pound codfish and one cup milk; one-half cup cooked, dried beans or peas and two cups milk; one-half cup oysters and two cups milk; one cup cooked wholegrain or enriched cereal, two tablespoons nuts and one egg; one egg and one cup green leafy vegetable; one egg and one cup milk; two slices whole-grain or enriched bread and two cups milk; one-half cup cottage cheese, four to six halves dried apricots and two slices whole-grain or enriched bread; one-fourth pound of liver.

Be sure to include in your meals plenty of fruits, vegetables, eggs, milk and whole-grain and enriched cereal products for other requirements. Remember these combinations will only supplement the one-fourth pound serving of meat in the meal. Here are nine menu suggestions:



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tbs. butter or vitaminized margarine cups cooked lima beans

LACE beans in a greased casserole. Melt butter in the top of a double boiler boiling water. Add the onion and celery and cook until tender. Stir in the flour. per, and Worcestershire sauce. Pour the sauce over the beans. Arrange tomatoes on top of the beans and bake in a moderately hot oven 375°F Season with cook, stirring constantly until the mixture thickens. Worcestershire sauce. Pour the sauce over the bea Dash of pepper 2 ths. Worcestershire sauce 1 or 2 medium tomatoes, slice tsp. salt 4 cup chopped onion 4 cup chopped celery tbs. flour the milk and salt, pepper, and slices of tomate for 30 minutes.

238 cal, per serving Serves 4-6

complex Source of vitamins A, C, B

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Preparation time: 40 min.

butter or vitaminized margarine ) pkg. elbow macaroni salted water

flour

with cold water. Parboil for 5-8 minutes. Drain. Cook macaroni in boiling, salted water until tender (about 10 minutes). Drain. Melt butter in the top of a double boiler over boiling water. Add flour and stir until well-blended. Gradually add the milk and cook, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. the mixture. Arrange the green peppers on top of the macaroni in 352 col. not oven 375°F for 20 minutes. Worcestershire and chili sauce. Remove from heat and add with salt, pepper, Worcestershire and chili sauce. Remove from heal macaroni. Pour ½ of this mixture into a greased baking dish and fill with the remainder of the mixture. Arrange the green peppers on top the casserole. Bake in a moderately hot oven 375°F for 20 minutes.

Serves 6

352 cal, per serving

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Preparation time: 35 min.

wide noodles

1 (9 oz.) pkg. wide n Boiling, salted water

4 cup butter or vitaminized margarine the flour cup milk cup oyster liquor tsp. salt

Cook noodles in boiling, salted water until tender tauvur as water boiling water noodles in a greased casserole. Melt butter in the top of a double boiler over boiling water. Add flour and stir until well-blended. Add the milk and oyster liquor and cook, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Season with salt and pepper. If desired, chop coarsely 2 or 3 raw oysters and add to the cream sauce. Cook for a few minutes longer. hot oven 375°F for 15 minutes. Drain the remaining oysters, Season with salt and pepper, roll in bread crumbs, Sauté in fat or oil in skillet for 3 min. Brown both sides. Remove from pan, arrange in casserole on top of noodles. If desired, garnish with lemon wedges, heat, add poppy seed and pour over the necessary with salt and pepper, as minutes. Drain the remaining oysters, Season with salt and pepper, Source of vitamins A, B complex 74 tsp. pepper 1 doz. raw oysters 1 tsp. poppy seed Salt Pepper Dry bread crumbs 3 tbs. fat or oil per serving 378 cal. Serves 4.6

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12 CUP COTTAGE stuffed green peppers

34 cup grated American cheese 32 tsp. salt Dash of pepper 42 tsp. Worcestershire sauce 2 tbs. chili sauce

cup grated American cheese

Milk

Kale with Lemon Juice

Cabbage and Grape Salad Ice Cream with Chocolate-Nut Sauce Coffee or Tea

to the

Pickled Peaches

2 EGGS • I EGG

Sliced Beets

DRIED BEANS OR PEAS

WHOLE-GRAIN

COKED

noodles and

creamed

oysters

**Baked Sweet Potato** 

Milk

Cornmeal Muffins

Creamy Rice Pudding

Coffee or Tea

Gellied Tomato Aspic with Cottage Cheese

\*Egg and Spinach Casserole

Cauliflower

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Preparation time: I hour

cups sifted enriched flour tbs. baking powder 1/2 tsp. salt tbs. shortening

Whole Grain Corn

Milk

margarine

or vitaminized

8-10 hard-cooked eggs, sliced Salt Pepper 1/4 cup butter or vitaminized no 21/2 cups milk 4 cups milk tbs. melted butter or vitaminized

Cream of Spinach Soup with Chopped Egg

\*Baked Lima Beans

Bran Muffins

Pear and Cream Cheese Dessert Salad

CHEESE

Wix AND sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Cut in shortening until well-blended. Stir in the 1¼ cups of milk. Roll out dough to about ¾ inch thick on a lightly floured board. Cut into two circles, one slightly larger than the other. Make several slits in the smaller circle to be used as the top. Or, if desired, cut out strips of dough to make a latticed-top pie. Line a shallow baking dish with the bottom pastry. Add a layer of eggs, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Put small pieces of pastry from trimmings on top of eggs. Dot with butter. Repeat until dish is almost full. Add the 2½ cups milk. Cover with top crust or make lattice top. Press edges together. Brush top with milk and bake in a moderate oven 350°F for 45 minutes.

391 cal. per serving Serves 6-8

OYSTERS AND 2 CUPS MILK • I EGG AND I CUP MILK

Red Cabbage

Coffee or Tea

CUPS

MILK AND

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egg and spinach

casserole

Preparation time: 40 min.

butter or vitaminized margarine small onion, chopped cups cooked spinach

cup spinach liquor cup flour cup milk

\*Old-fashioned Egg Pie

1/2 tsp. prepared horse-radish 1/2 tsp. prepared mustard 6 hard-cooked eggs 1 tsp. salt Dash of pepper

over boiling water. Add the onion and cook until tender. Stir in the flour until well-blended. Add the milk and the spinach liquor and cook, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Season with salt and pepper. Add the horse-radish and the mustard. Fold in the chopped spinach and reheat. Pour into a greased casserole and top with Stuffed Eggs made as follows: Shell eggs and cut lengthwise in halves. Carefully remove yolks and lay bake in a moderately whites with this mixof a double b th yolks, add 2 tbs. minced onion, 1/4 tsp. prepared mustard, son with 1/4 tsp. salt and a dash of pepper. Refull whites with the eggs on top of the creamed spinach. Cover and babases of 15 minutes. DRAIN the spinach and chop fine. Melt the butter in the top of ine water. Add the onion and cook until tender. Stir in the fi whites aside. Mash yolks, salad dressing. Season with ture, Place stuffed eg

203 cal. per serving Serves 6

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beans and

\* kidney onions

Preparation time: 50 min.

3 cups cooked kidney beans, soy beans,

 black-eyed peas
 butter or vitaminized cup chopped onion tbs. chopped green pepper tbs. flour ths. AND I CUP GREEN LEAFY

medium onion, thinly sliced

ash of pepper tbs. chili sauce

Dash of

cups cottage cheese

tsp. salt cup milk

margarine

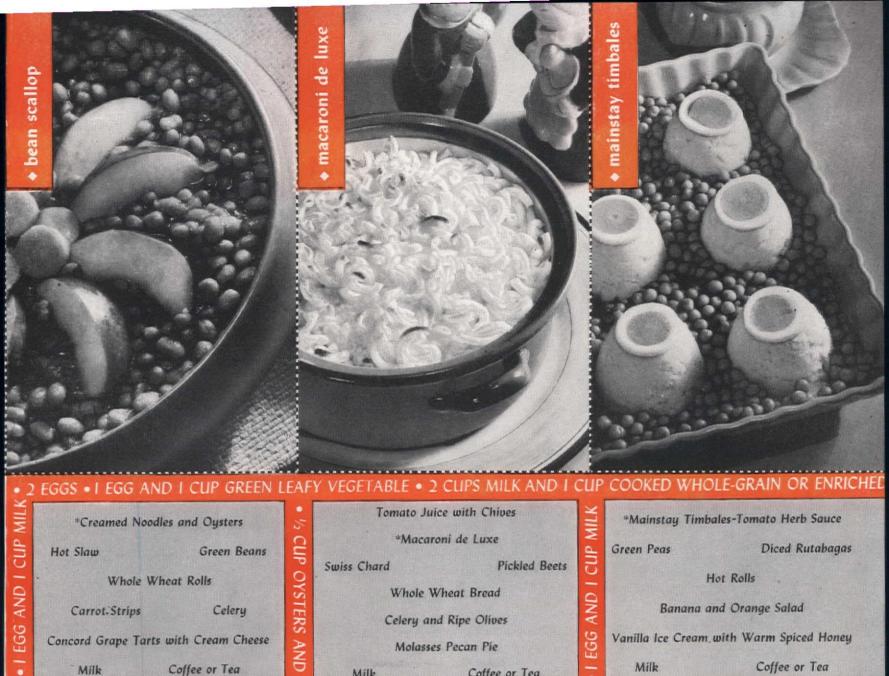
LACE beans in a casserole. Melt butter in the top of a double boiler over boiling water. Add onion and green pepper and cook until tender. Stir in flour until well-blended. Add milk and cook, stirring constantly until the mixture thickens. Remove from the heat and add the cottage cheese. Season with salt, pepper, and chili sauce. Pour over the beans. Arrange slices of onion on top and bake in a mod-

Serves 4.6

227 cal. per serving erate oven 350°F for 40 minutes.

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POUND CODFISH AND



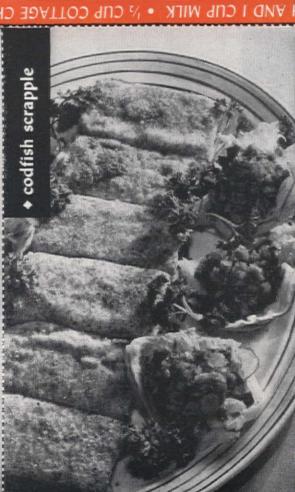
AND I CUP MILK . 1/2 CUP COTTAGE CHEESE AND 1/2 CUP GREEN LEAFY VEGETABLE . 1/3 CUP OYSTERS AND 2 CUPS

Coffee or Tea

Milk







◆ codfish scrapple

pkg. shredded codfish

cup corn meal or other finely ground cups cold water cereal

Dash of pepper 2 eggs, well-beaten

1/3 cup milk Flour or dry crumbs

Parshers the codfish in the cold water according to the directions given on the package. Heat 2 cups of the milk in the top of a double boiler over boiling water. Mix the corn meal with the remaining cup of milk, add to the milk in the double boiler, and cook for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Cover and continue to cook for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat and add the freshened codfish. Season with a dash of pepper. Pour into a 9 x 5 x 3" loaf pan which has been rinsed in cold water. Place in refrigerator and chill until firm. Cut in ½ inch slices, dip in eggs beaten with the ½ cup milk and coll lightly in flour or dry crumbs. Sauté in hot fat until golden brown on both sides. Serve with Tomato Curry Sauce made as follows: Melt 2 ths. butter in the top of a double boiler over boiling water. Add the 2 ths. flour and 1 tsp. curry powder and stir until well-blended. Add 1½ cups milk and cook, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Add salt to taste and 2 ths. tomato paste. Cook 2 minutes longer. Serves 6-8 264 cal. per serving Source of vitamins A. B complex Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

Preparation time: 20 min.

cheese stuffed lettuce

½ cup grated raw carrots 3 tbs. chopped green peppers oz.) pkg. cream cheese medium head of lettuce cups cottage cheese

cup chopped nuts My cup chopped nu My tsp. salt Sk tsp. celery salt My tsp. onion salt Dash of pepper

for stuffing. (Save lettuce for another meal.) Soften the cream cheese and mix with the cottage cheese. Add the grated carrots, green pepper, and nuts. Season with salt, celery salt, onion salt and pepper. Fill cavity with cheese mixture and place in the refrigerator to chill. Cut into 4-6 wedges and serve with French dressing. Wash lettuce and cut out core and enough of the lettuce to make a cavity

Serves 4-6

190 cal. per serving

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Preparation time: 20 min.

oz.) pkg. spaghetti salted water

tbs. butter or vitaminized margarine tbs. flour tsp. dry mustard

11/4 cups grated American cheese 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce Salt Pepper

cup milk

Cook spaghetti in boiling, salted water until tender (about ten minutes). Melt butter in the top of a double boiler over boiling water or in a chafing dish. Stir in flour and mustard and blend well. Add the milk and cook, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Add grated cheese, stirring until cheese melts. Season with Worcestershire sauce and salt and pepper to taste. Add spaghetti and serve at once.

Serves 4-6

391 cal. per serving

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Coffee or Tea TEAFY VEGETABLE • 2 CUPS MILK AND I CUP COOKED WHOLE-GRAIN OR EURICHED CEREAL • ½ CUP OYSTERS AND

Sliced Carrots

Preparation time: 40 min.

melted butter or vitaminized cup grated American cheese 11/2 cups soft bread crumbs cup cottage cheese tbs. grated onion

Hot Consomme

\*Spaghetti Rarebit

Salad Bowl of Mixed Vegetables

Sour Cream Dressing

Garlic Buttered Bread

Pumpkin Pie with Ice Cream

½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce 2 eggs, separated 1/3 cup chopped nuts 4 cups cooked peas 34 tsp. salt Dash of pepper

cheese, onion, nuts and 2 cups of the peas. Season with salt, pepper, and Worcestershire sauce. Stir in the egg yolks which have been well-beaten and mix well. Fold in the egg whites which have been beaten stiff but not dry. Pour mixture into 6 greased custard cups. Place in a pan of hot water and bake in a moderate oven 350°F for 50 minutes or until set. Unmold onto a platter and surround with the remaining 2 cups of peas. Serve with Tomato Herb Sauce made as follows: Place 1 can condensed tomato soup in the top of a double boiler over boiling water. Add ½ cup water or milk. Add 1 ths. grated onion. Tie 1 bay leaf, 3 cloves, ½ tsp. thyme, ¼ tsp. marjoram in a cheesecloth bag. Add to the tomato soup and cook for 20-30 minutes. Just before serving remove the cheesecloth bag.

456 cal. per serving Serves 4-6

Saltines

Coffee or Tea

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macaroni de luxe

Preparation time: 50 min.

1 cup soft bread crumbs
14 cup butter or vitaminized margarine
23 cup grated cheese 1 9-oz. pkg. elbow macaroni Boiling, salted water 21/2 cups hot m lk

2 tbs. chopped parsley 3 cup grated, cooked carrots 1 small onion, grated

Cook macaroni in boiling, salted water until tender (about 10 minutes). Drain. Pour milk over bread crumbs combined with butter, cheese, onion, parsley and carrots and mix thoroughly. Season with salt and pepper. Add the eggs and cooked macaroni and mix well. Pour into a greased 3 qt. casserole. Place in a pan water and bake in a moderate oven 350°F for 40 minutes.

Serves 6

282 cal, per serving

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bean scallop

Preparation time: 40 min.

butter or vitaminized margarine cups cooked pea or soy beans tbs. butter or vitaminismin 1/2 cup bean liquor 11/2 cups milk 1/2 CUP COOKED DRIED BEANS OR PEAS AND 2 CUPS MILK . 1/4 POUND CODFISH AND I CUP MILK . 1/2 CUP COTTAGE

Codfish Scrapple with Tomato Curry Sauce

Pepper Relish

14 cup dry bread crumbs (optional)

1 tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
small onion, grated
cup grated American cheese

PLACE beans in a greased casserole. Melt the butter in the top of a double boiler over boiling water. Stir in the flour until well-blended, Add the milk and the bean liquor and cook, stirring constantly until the mixture thickens. Season with salt and pepper. Add onion and cheese and stir until cheese melts. Pour sauce over 25-30 minutes. If desired, top with glazed apples just before serving, made as folbutter or vitaminized margarine. Dip in honey or corn syrup and place under broiler for a few minutes until apples are tender and well-glazed. beans. Sprinkle the top with bread crumbs. Bake in a moderate oven 350°F lows: Core and peel 1 apple. Cut in slices about 1/2 inch thick. Brush with 405 cal, per serving

Serves 6

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1/2 CUP GREEN

Mixed Vegetable Chowder \*Cheese Stuffed Lettuce and French Dressing

I EGG AND I CUP GREEN

Date Muffins Orange Sections with Custard Sauce

Coffee or Tea

 I EGG AND I CUP MILI Spinach

spaghetti rarebit

Milk

Whole Wheat Bread

Apple Dumplings with Cinnamon Sauce

1 tsp. salt Dash of pepper 3 eggs, well-beaten

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## Sweets from Home

distribution of Christmas mail even more complicated this year than before. Everyone is asked to cooperate in making the task easier. Send no packages, therefore, until you find out the soldier's present location and until you are reasonably certain he is not on his way home. If there is a chance that he may be moved, it is safer to wait until he sends a new address even if he must write a letter requesting the gift. Christmas packages for overseas can be mailed without request letters. But remember that this is possible only from September 15 to October 15.

Men and women in the service appreciate fruit cake, candy, and cookies from the home kitchen. The six recipes for sweets given here were selected because we know that, if packed carefully, the finished product will travel successfully and stand the jolts and jars of a long journey.



cup sifted enriched flour tsp. baking powder cup chopped nuts cup shortening tsp. salt

2 eggs, well-beaten 1/2 tsp. vanilla 2 sqs. chocolate, melted 1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup molasses

NIX and sift flour, baking powder, and salt and stir in the nuts. Cream shortening until soft; gradually beat in the sugar and then the molasses. Add eggs, 8-inch square pan and bake in a moderate oven  $350^{\circ}\mathrm{F}$  for 30-35 minutes. Cut in bars before removing from pan. Wrap each bar separately in wax paper or aluminum vanilla, and chocolate and mix well. Stir in the flour mixture. Pour into a greased foil before packing.

Note: 1 cup sugar may be used instead of the 1/2 cup sugar and 1/2 cup molasses. Source of vitamins A, B complex 219 cal, per bar Makes about 12 bars

Wrap each piece of

candy and cake separately; pack in cans or tin boxes

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Preparation time: 30 min.

1/2 cup brown sugar cup molasses eggs, well-beaten cup shortening tsp. vanilla

11/2 cups sifted enriched 1 tsp. baking powder 1 tsp. salt

11/2 cups whole wheat flour

1 tsp. cinnamon ½ tsp. allspice ½ tsp. cloves

3 cup chopped walnuts

Add dry ingredients and nuts to first mixture and mix thoroughly. Drop by the tablespoonful (spreading dough out a little) onto greased cookie sheet. Bake in a layers of wax paper and put paper between each cookie. Solder the top or put on CREAM shortening and add sugar gradually. Add the molasses and cream thoroughly. Add eggs and beat well. Stir in the vanilla. Sift together the enriched moderately not oven 400°F for 12-15 minutes. Remove from sheet and cool. Cookies may be packed in a tall fruit juice can. Line inside of can with several baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices and mix in the whole wheat flour. securely with adhesive tape.

Makes 3 doz., 31/2 inches in diameter 124 cal. per cookie Source of vitamins complex Tested in The American Home Kitchen

chocolate fudge

Preparation time: 20 min.

1 (7 oz.) pkg. semi-sweet chocolate 7 sqs. (7 oz.) unsweetened chocolate cups (15 oz. can) sweetened

tsp. vanilla cup chopped walnuts

densed milk and stir until well-blended. Remove from heat. Add vanilla and nuts. Pour into an 8-inch square pan which has been greased or lined with wax paper. Place in the refrigerator and chill for a few hours. When firm cut in squares. Wrap MELT chocolate in the top of a double boiler over boiling water. Add coneach piece in wax paper or aluminum foil before packing.

Note: This recibe may be varied by adding a few drops of peppermint, or by using all semi-sweet chocolate, or by adding half walnuts and half almonds.

Source of vitamins B complex Makes 16 2-inch squares 214 cal. per square Tested in The American Home Kitchen

whole wheat cookies





nuts are the most popular food. Shell and pack nuts in cans or buy them vacuum-packed

A ddress packages accurately and completely; use the latest address and then check to be sure you have not made an error

Preparation time: 3 hrs.

+ fruit cake

dates, can-lemon peel 1/2 cup each of citron, figs, died orange peel and cut in 1/4 inch pieces

cups sifted enriched flour 34 tsp. baking soda cup chopped nuts I tsp. cinnamon 11/2 cups raisins

1/2 tsp. each of allspice nutmeg, 1 tsp. each of grated lemon and orange rind and ground cloves 1/2 cup shortening separated 1/2 cup sugar 1/2 cup milk 3 eggs,

Reserve 2 ths. of the sugar and add remaining sugar to shortening gradually, beating until light and fluffy. Add well-beaten egg yolks. Combine milk and molasses. Add dry ingredients alternately with the milk and molasses. Add fruit and nuts. Beat egg whites until stiff, not dry, beat in 2 ths. sugar. Fold beaten egg whites into batter. Fill well-greased paper-lined coffee can 35 full. Remaining batter may be baked in two coffee cans or well-greased paper-lined 4½ x 8½ x 3" loaf pan. Bake in slow oven 300°F for 2 hours. Combine fruit and nuts and dredge with 1/4 cup of the flour. Sift the remaining a baking soda and spices. Cream shortening and add the lemon and orange rind. 34 cup molasses

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fruit confections

**Fruit balls:** Put 1/2 cup washed dried apricots, 1/2 cup figs, and 1 cup raisins through the food chopper using a medium knife. Add 1/2 cup chopped nuts, 1 tbs. lemon juice, and a few grains of salt and mix well. Using 1 round tablespoon of the mixture shape into balls and roll in sugar.

with chopped candied orange peel and sweetened with sugar to taste. 2. Remove pits Stuffed dates: 1. Remove pits from dates. Stuff dates with peanut butter mixed irom dates and stuff cavities with blanched almonds or walnuts. Roll in sugar.

Fancy stuffed prunes: Wash 2 cups prunes, cover with boiling water and let stand or cherries. Add for 10 minutes. Drain. Slit each prune down one side and remove pit. Combine cup chopped, blanched almonds and ½ cup candied lemon peel or cherries. A enough honey to moisten and use to stuff prunes. Roll in sugar.

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Preparation time: 50 min.

chewy date cake

1 cup sugar 3 eggs, well-beaten 1/2 teaspoon vanilla cup dates cut in small pieces cup nuts, chopped coarsely cup sifted enriched flour 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

Add flour mixture gradually and mix well. Add vanilla, dates, and nuts. Pour into an 8-inch square pan lined with wax paper and greased. Bake in moderate oven 325°F for 40 minutes. Cut in squares and, if desired, roll in powdered sugar mixed REDGE dates and nuts in a little of the flour. Combine remaining flour, paking powder, and salt and sift three times. Add sugar to eggs and beat thoroughly, with a little cinnamon. Wrap each piece separately in wax paper or aluminum foil

Source of vitamins A, B complex 108 cal. per square Makes 24 squares packing. before

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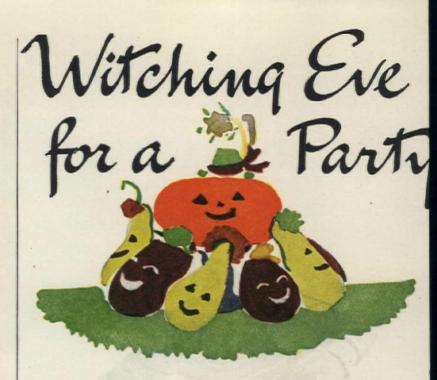
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HALLOWEEN!—the hour for witches on broomsticks, Jack-o-lanterns, popping corn, and shiny red apples, and a perfect night for inviting folks in for a gay get-together while "howling things prowl outdoors!" Make it fun this year-more fun than usual. In wartime we need our celebrations and the relaxation and gaiety that come with them.

Naturally, you'll have a partyand just as naturally you'll keep it simple. Because keeping parties simple-easy on rationed foods, preparation time, and materials is as American today as is Halloween itself.

Start off the festivity by sending out black cat invitations, so easy to make that the small fry can do all the work themselves-and love it! Just sew (with orange thread) two black buttons, one for the cat's head and one for the body, on a plain white correspondence card. Draw ears and tail with black ink, and write or print the following invitation in four lines: "Just waiting on the back fence, Hoping you'll come, With the witches and the goblins, For Halloween fun!"

When the big night finally rolls around, cheery, slightly eerie decorations for the living room can be made by covering the lights with thin orange cloth, and bringing in from the outdoors, lovely autumn leaves, bittersweet, persimmons, or whatever your vicinity offers, for sprays above the mantel and over the doors. Also on the mantel you might put a row of pumpkins of graduated sizes, trailing off at both sides with an orange,

then a tangerine, and finally a piece of orange candy or a wooden bead painted orange. Another clever pumpkin-motif idea is using three or five medium-sized pumpkins, with small vases inside, as receptacles for autumn flower. Pumpkins with flowers stuck through face holes and "hair" of huckleberry branches is also good. Make a witch's cauldron by stacking branches tent-style over an iron pot or kettle filled with vegetables.

Begin the witching eve's fun with the "Black Cat and Moon" game. On a child's block paste the letters "B," "H," "E," "W," "T," and "M." After giving out pencils and paper, show your guests a simple sketch of a cat and moon. Tell them that the



Halloween's familiar pumpkin head with a surprise note! Bright autumn flowers for the face and huckleberry branches for the hair! Another gay pumpkin head idea: fit hollowed-out pumpkins with vases and use as receptacles for lovely floral bouquets

> Ideas and sketches by June Cochrane Ortaies

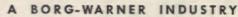




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magic block will direct them in drawing similar sketches. Let each person roll the block in turn by tossing it down on the table or floor, depending upon where you have them seated for this game. If "B" comes up, the player tossing the block may begin his drawing, making the body of the cat. No drawing can be done until "B" comes up. When "H" appears, the head may be drawn. The game continues with "E" indicating ear, "W," a whisker, "T," a tail, "M," a moon, "H" must come up before ear and whiskers can be drawn, but the moon may be drawn any time after the body. A player can roll as many as three times in succession if letters he can use come up. The first three to complete their sketches win prizes which may be round and crescent moon-cookies, or any similar gifts appropriate to Halloween.

If there's dancing, be sure to have some harvest-time square dances—and a Broomstick cut-in dance. In this dance, brooms are given to two extra men who must dance around the room with their brooms and then tap some man, take his partner and leave him with the broom. This is fun and helps people get acquainted.

Witches' Fortunes come at the witching hour of midnight. Turn out all lights except a dim lamp near the witch's cauldron and while someone in a black pointed cap stirs the vegetables in the cauldron, let each guest, one at a time, grope his way blindfolded to the cauldron and pick out a vegetable. When all have their vegetables, turn on the light and instruct your guests to "eat" their way to fortune! Vegetables should be such edible raw ones as carrots, turnips, cabbage slices, etc. Into each a small slit has been made into which you have slipped a strip of paper bearing such happy Halloween fortunes as: "Black cat mewing at the moon sees for you a Fortune very soon."

"Ghosts I have known," is a good quiz game to play at suppertime. Give each guest a sheet of paper and a pencil and bid him write down the names of ghosts in songs, literature, movies, etc., such as the ghost in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol; The Ghost Goes West, etc. The guest with the longest list wins.

Serve a buffet supper with only candlelight for illumination and a Jack-o-lantern centerpiece with a doll dressed as a witch. Or try the harvest-time centerpiece—place a pumpkin on a cake or compote dish to raise it and surround it with eggplant, yellow squashes, and smaller pumpkins around the edge. Paint whimsical faces on each vegetable and for an added touch, make little hats for them.

Your party food can add to the table's holiday decorating scheme. Set out a jug of cider, a big kitchen crock filled with popcorn, a tray of funny face sandwiches, and lollipops and a decorative devil's food cake. With these serve pickles, olives, a mixed salad, stuffed dates, and popcorn balls. Keep the refreshments simple, but make them eye-catching and plentiful!







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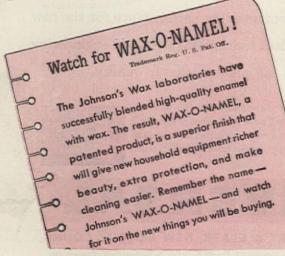
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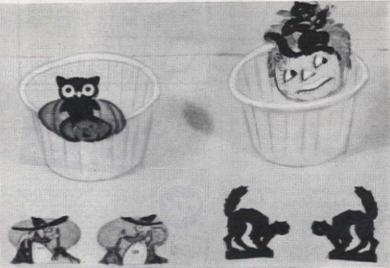




Members of the witch's brood—clever easy-to-make favors that will give bright orange and black accents to your table and carry the spookiness and gaiety of the witching eve straight to your guests

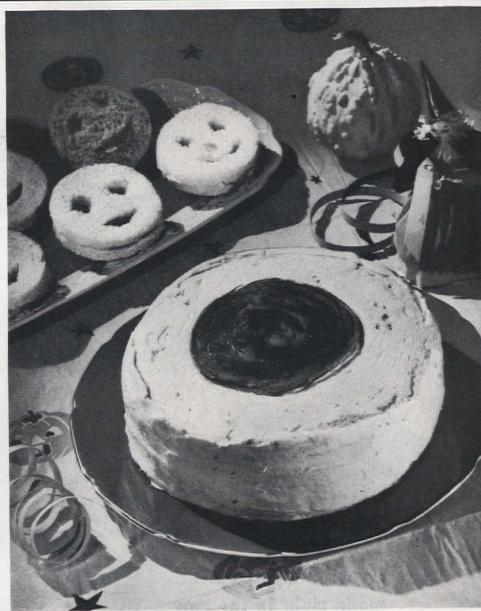


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## Turn the Tables



Toward Beauty

Madelyn Whiting

WE WEREN'T thinking about table decorations as we shuffled home recently through falling autumn leaves. We were too enchanted by the beauty of these spinning gold, red, and brown flakes that tumbled from the sky and rustled crisply around our feet as we walked, to think of anything other than the unspoiled beauty of Nature's autumnal colors.

As we walked, we stopped involuntarily to pick up the loveliest that fell beside us. When we reached home we had pockets full of them and big bunches in our hands-all much too beautiful to throw away and yet seemingly quite useless for any really constructive purpose.

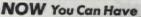
The children took over our gay possessions and pinned them helterskelter over the tablecloth for dinner that night. This not only created a novel and interesting effect, but also marked the birth of new decorating ideas around the house. We used the same leaf-studded cloth for the next day's luncheon, with a small Chinese figurine, bittersweet, and autumn leaves arranged in a copper bowl as a complementing motif.

It wasn't a far cry from here to using flowers in the same manner. With Rubrum lilies, we obtained a most effective and delightful table picture. The lilies were laid on the cloth in the same fashion as the leaves had been used. We found that they lasted better, if the stems were close cropped and the flowers laid in small salt dishes filled with water, also that



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We made at least one meal a day a very special occasion with novel centerpieces. We didn't just decorate for parties, but for family meals, too. We saw no reason why the latter shouldn't be gay and lovely since that added touch cost so little in time and nothing in money. Here are a few of our schemes, which you may find adaptable in your own home:

One of the best ways to utilize the huge, informally shaggy blossoms of the large-flowering dahlias is to cut them with practically no stem and lay each one by itself in the center of a shallow dish or bowl; even a half inch of water will serve to keep it fresh and lovely for a considerable time. Flowers entirely too Gargantuan to be displayed around the average room in vases are both effective and appropriate when turned into broad, low centerpieces for dining room.

Or, lacking dahlias, you can float a smaller single blossom and several colored candles in a shallow dish. Make your candles by melting down old candle stubs, remolding them in salad molds, and inserting a paraffined piece of string as the wax hardens. Or set your table with an old tureen or bowl in which a cascading sweet potato, ivy, or philodendron vine is growing. If you have a large silver tray, use a classic figurine and three long-stemmed roses in a cluster of colored glass balls. You can vary this plan with amusing china piecesa pert pig, porcelain ducks, a pretty glass paperweight, etc. Use flowers suitable for the object selected, such as daisies for the ducks, and shaggy chrysanthemums for the pig. Unusual arrangements can also be made from pieces of a favorite collection such as the children's foreign doll group. Arrange them in a circle on a round mirror and flank with candles. A row of tiny, old demitasse cups with candles at each end makes another charming and unique picture. You can think up many variations on this theme.

A favorite basket, perhaps Mexican in design, can be fitted with a glass bowl and used with brilliantly colored, short-stemmed flowers. Tiny, well-cut fruit juice glasses also make charming centerpiece ideas. Fill with small, dainty flowers and arrange to form a star in the center of the table.

Don't forget the many possibilities of the fruits and pods available not only in the garden, but also in fields and along the roadsides. The orange papery pods of the Japanese lantern (Physalis), the queer, spiny fruits of the wild-cucumber vine (Echinocystis), the shiny white disks of the money plant, or honesty, the long, ribbed milkweed pods (especially just as they open and start to discharge their silky parachutes, and the capacious, flat-topped capsules of the ornamental poppies, are only a few of the subjects you can collect and put to use. Some of them are brilliant enough; others can easily be tinted with dry colors sold by florists so as to fit into any desired color scheme.



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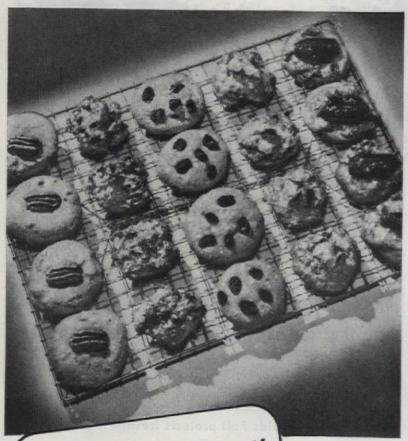
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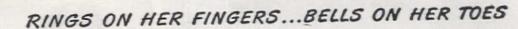
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