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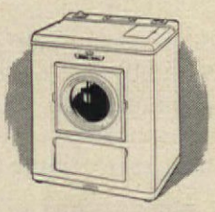

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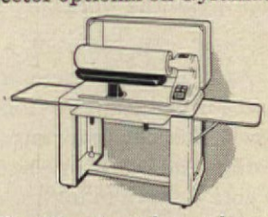

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. . . **HUGH MOORE, JR.** believes the warm characteristics of the old can be fused with the technical advances of the new—and graphically illustrates this in the Craig Moore farmhouse (see page 44). He himself holds an architectural degree from Yale, a Civil Engineering degree from Penn State. In fact, he carried off more than a sheepskin from the latter, for he married the architectural librarian, now includes her as decorating consultant on many jobs. After a stint with the Army in the Philippines, he settled down to commercial and residential practice in Easton, Pennsylvania, where he also serves as Secretary of the Zoning Board and as member of the City Planning Commission.

. . . **MELVA MICKELSON** is a fashion artist by profession, a designer of peasant decoration by request of her friends and her friends' friends—and a contributor to THE AMERICAN HOME by reason of her colorful Scandinavian motifs. Melva says they're the McCoy and she should know—one whole summer was spent in Europe searching and researching for authentic peasant pretties. On the domestic tally her score is: one husband—an artist also—one little girl Joan aged three—and one very small angel who's coming down to earth about the 1st of December.

. . . **BETTY DUITSMAN** is no stranger to AMERICAN HOME readers. Her delightful idea for a children's circus party, "Big Top Time," appeared in our July issue. She returns this time with a new, warm, altogether enchanting suggestion, "Gift Certificates for Christmas" (page 68). Born in California, a Los Angeles City College graduate, 27-year-old Mrs. Duitsman combines marriage, managing a home, mothering two boys—Johnny six, Alan four—and still finds time to write.

. . . **DORIS ALLER,** who, together with her husband, Paul, and daughter, Diane, built her own home of adobe (page 80), between homemaking chores finds time to devote to free-lance writing. Her enthusiasm for the attractive house built from the good earth itself even led the two adult Allers to collaborate on a book, *Build Your Own Adobe,* published by the Stanford University Press. Now, while Diane is a student at the University of California, Paul and Doris have found that house-building brings new hobbies that fill spare hours with decorating, wood carving, even tile-mosaic making.

. . . **JERRY GORDON,** who authored the story of the Aller adobe house-building success, "America Builds Its Own," is himself a believer in nomadic life. Except for what he describes as an "ineffectual try" at farming and selling women's shoes for Macy's, he has spent most of his working life newspapering—making the circuit of southern papers, covering the White House for CBS in Washington, D.C., serving in the Pacific as a Marine Corps war correspondent. Now, for three years in San Francisco with radio station KNBC, he writes that it looks as if he had violated his own tenet—that a newsman shouldn't stay put—but adds, "if you have to be stuck anywhere, you couldn't find a better city than San Francisco."

. . . **BEN SCHNALL,** who snapped the pictures of the Craig Moore farmhouse, bought his first camera in Germany in 1928. Then on a vacation jaunt throughout Europe, the loss of his trip films in a London developing shop led him to learn the how-to's of printing his own. After several years of acquiring more and more equipment, and less and less room at home, he decided to open his own studio. Even war years were spent as an Army photographer, partially as a staff photographer for *Yank.* Back in his own studio, he specializes in architectural and industrial pictures.

How we retired with $200 a month

HERE WE are, living in Southern California. We've a little house just a few minutes' walk from the beach, with flowers and sunshine all year. For, you see, I've retired. We're getting a check for $200 a month that will keep us financially independent as long as we live.

But if it *weren't* for that $200, we'd still be living in Forest Hills, and I'd still be plugging away at the same old job. Strangely, it's all thanks to something that happened, quite accidentally, in 1926. It was August 17, to be exact. I remember the date because it was my fortieth birthday.

To celebrate, Peg and I were going out to the movies. While she went upstairs to dress, I picked up a magazine and leafed through it idly. Then somehow my eyes rested on an ad. It said, "You don't have to be rich to retire." Probably the reason I read it through was that just that evening Peg and I had been saying how hard it was for us to put anything aside for our future.

Well, we'd certainly never be rich. We spent money as fast as it came in. And here I was forty already. Half my working years were gone. Someday I might not be able to go on working so hard. What then?

Now this ad sounded as if it might have the answer. It told of a way that a man of 40—with no big bank account, but just fifteen or twenty good earning years ahead—could get a guaranteed income of $200 a month. It was called the Phoenix Mutual Retirement Income Plan.

The ad offered more information. *No harm in looking into it,* I said. When Peg came down, I was tearing a corner off the page. First coupon in my life I ever clipped. I mailed it on our way to the movies.

Twenty years slide by mighty fast. The crash . . . the depression . . . the war. I couldn't foresee them. But my Phoenix Mutual Plan was one thing I never had to worry about!

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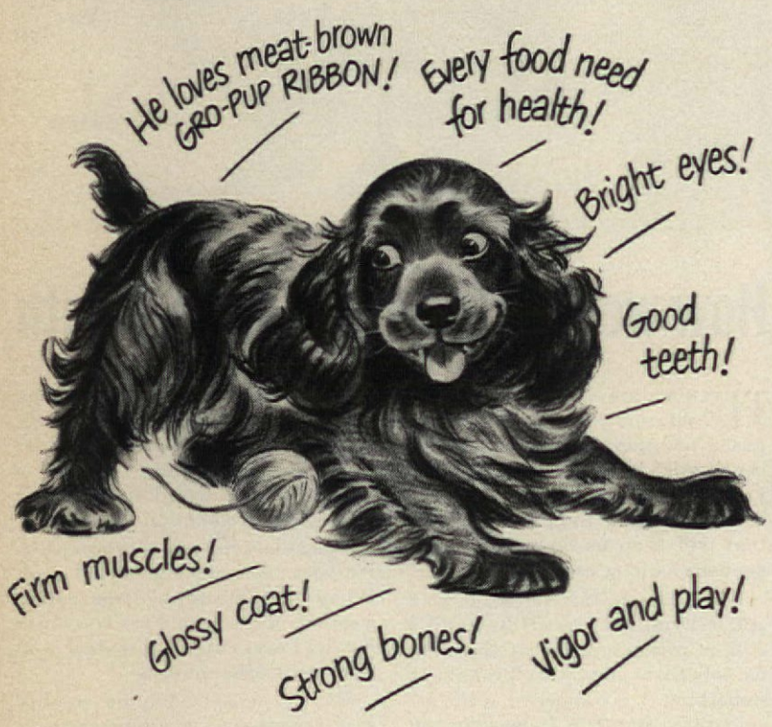

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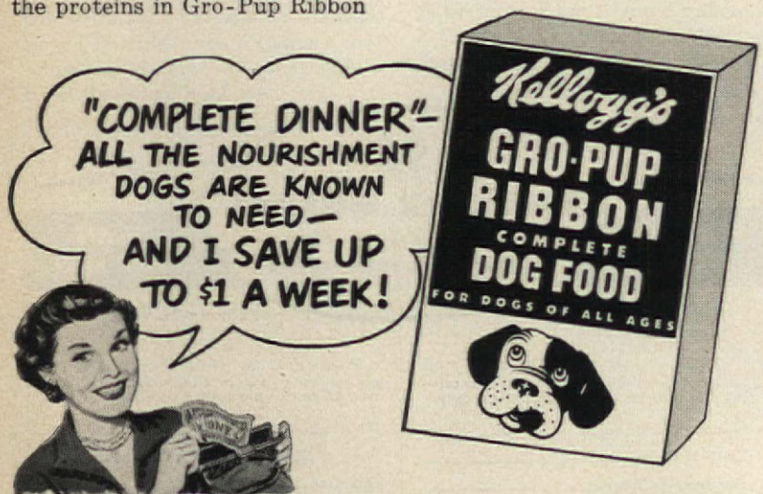

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Letters

The article, "You Can Entertain Often at Little Cost," October 1949, if followed by more couples, would do more to bring pleasure than all "night spots."

Twenty years ago we moved to an Iowa farm. There were no social activities for folks of limited means. So, I decided to ask some people I'd met to a co-operative pot-luck party to celebrate my husband's birthday.

Out of this party grew a twelve-couple club. For fifteen years on the second Saturday evening of each month "our gang" gathers. Each in turn is hostess. All food is carried "potluck." Then, eight games of 500 make a grand eve.

Our club was so popular, a second club was formed . . . still another several miles west . . . all three going strong for more than twelve years. No one ever wants to miss.

—MRS. ARTHUR CLARK

As a child, I often mixed up quotations. One of my favorites was "the irony of fate" which, for me, became "the ironing of fate." The following experience has brought it to mind again.

A while ago, while visiting a dear old lady, I idly glanced through an old April issue of THE AMERICAN HOME and noticed a lovely child, holding a song book. Her eyes were uplifted, and the lilies near her, were, of course, symbolic of Easter.

Below the child's picture was an article entitled, "The Stories No One Else Knows." It urged the reader to put pen to paper and record stories of grandma and grandpa. Glancing through it, I thought about the notes I had been jotting down through the years—little incidents of my childhood to be incorporated into story form for my two grandchildren.

All the time I was visiting with my neighbor, in the back of my mind I kept dragging characters out of the past by the scruffs of their necks, and when I got home, I sat right down to my typewriter and began to write. Before I knew it, "bestemor" and "bestafar" (grandma and grandpa) were on their way over from Denmark for the express purpose of seeing me, their first grandchild, and in no time I was reliving incidents of my childhood. I wrote and wrote.

My family finally began to whisper behind my back, and at last openly wondered when they could reasonably expect me to come back to earth and take charge of such humdrum affairs as sewing on buttons or doing the family wash. I even noticed my son ironing his own shirt, and my conscience slowly came out of its lethargy when my husband threatened to "shoot that woodpecker that pecks far into the night."

Now, everything is back to normal. Several reams of typewriter paper were used up, the masterpiece has been inflicted upon my friends. The sixty-four-dollar question is "What do I do next?" Miss Freeman, who wrote the article, forgot to tell us where to send our "Gone with the Winds"—whether to tuck them into drawers or just paper the walls. Mine has now reached some 30,000 words. Finally, at the suggestion of friends, I have sent it to a publisher.

So I now wait to see whether it was the "ironing of fate" that guided my footsteps that day when I visited a convalescent neighbor.

—A'DEL CHRISTE

If furniture moving is the result of an unsatisfied longing to travel, as psychologists claim, my mother must have been around the world several times in her mind. She is a chronic furniture mover. I used to say that when I had a house of my own I would have the furniture nailed to the floor, like they do on ships. When I returned with my date from an evening out, I was always apprehensive until I found which room, by now, was the living room. I thought I had seen the extreme, the last word, in furniture moving. But, so help me, my mother never went as far as Arline Murk Meyer advised in an article published some time ago in THE AMERICAN HOME.

Arline told us to shove the bed out of the downstairs bedroom near the kitchen and make a dining room out of it. My mother has done this very thing. But she always had another room in which to set up the bed. Where does Arline put this bed and where are the occupants of said bedroom going to sleep?

The next suggestion is to reverse the "living area" and "dining area" in the same room that has to serve as both. Put the living furniture in the dining end and the dining furniture in the living end. Didn't it occur to Arline that the reason the dining area *was* marked "dining area" was because it was nearer the kitchen?

Yes, the situations *are* endless, indeed. And, as Arline says, they are also downright confusing to men. In closing, Arline asks whether or not the changes would be worth it. No, they would not be. Not to me. For my husband would walk out of such a house, never to return. Seriously, is Arline serious?

—ETHEL BRASWELL PUBOLS

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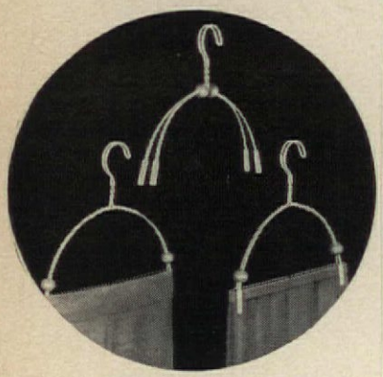

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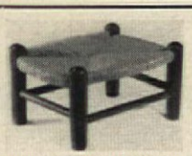

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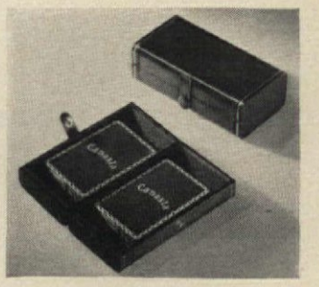
SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN, and right into the hearts of good little children everywhere, to the tune of "Jingle Bells." A musical St. Nick, dressed up in the reddest red suit you ever saw, has a bright green bag slung over his shoulder, and his snowy white bearded face makes you want to hug him. 13½" high, $10 plus 50c post. The Children's Shop, West Hartford 7, Conn.



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IN LOVE WITH A WONDERFUL GUY? We hope so because we've found a wonderful present for him, and you know how hard he is to shop for! An all nylon white dress shirt has a French front, French cuffs, a soft collar, and it dries *overnight.* If you're his wife, that's good news for you. And it comes in standard sizes for him. $8.95 plus postage. I. Hess, 24 Dey Street, N. Y. C.

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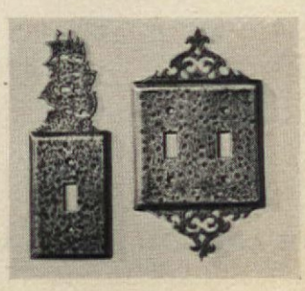

MAKE A SWITCH and prettify the walls of your home by framing the light switches. Cast aluminum plates with hammered, wrought-iron finish are made to fit over single or double switches. Single switch with a ship motif, $1.25; three are $3.25. Double switch with provincial design, $1.50; three are $4. Postpaid from William Spencer, 710 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 6, Pa.

market place

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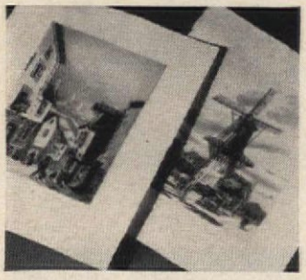
IT'S CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE! Glasses decorated with three Christmas red candles, sparkling in a wreath of glossy green holly, will echo the glad tidings during the holiday season. And on the reverse side of the gold-edged glasses, there is a spray of mistletoe. 14-ounce highballs, $13.50 a doz. 8, $9; 6, $6.25; 4, $4.50. Exp. coll. Plummer, Ltd., 734 Fifth Ave., N.Y.



PARIS ORIGINALS can do as much for a weary living room as a Paris hat can do for a weary woman. Original etchings from France are part of a collection of 50 different subjects, all signed by the artist, showing colorful scenes from Belgium, Holland, and France. In vertical and horizontal shapes, 10" x 13" overall, $2 ea. Ppd. Camilla Lucas, 36 W. 47th St., N. Y. 19, N. Y.

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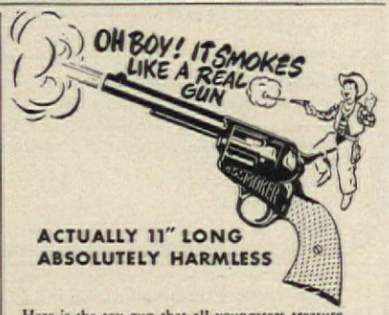

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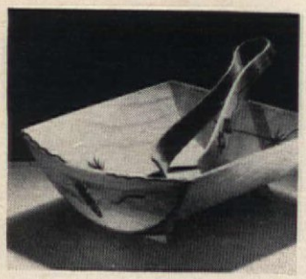

GREAT BIG BEAUTIFUL BOWL. Think of this mammoth birch salad bowl with a heaping supply of potato chips at a party; a luscious batch of brownies with milk after ice-skating; a prize arrangement of greenery? Handpainted with pine cones, it's washable, won't retain odors. 10″ wide, 12″ long, with matching tongs, $10 ppd. Johanna's, 630 S. Fourth, Corvallis, Oregon.

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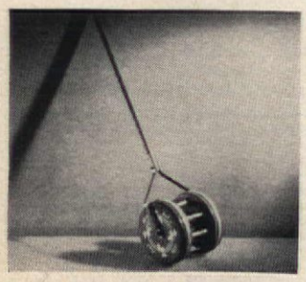

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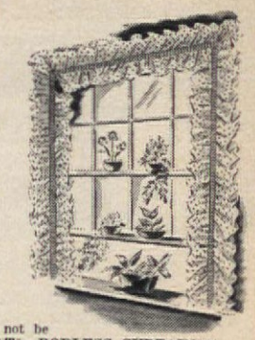

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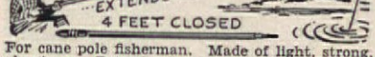

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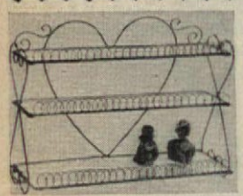

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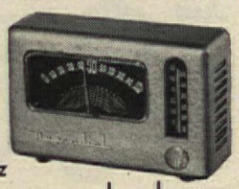

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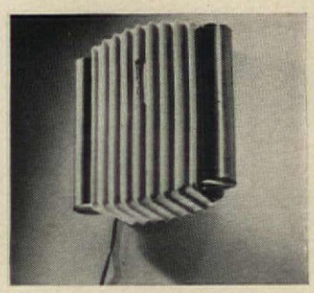

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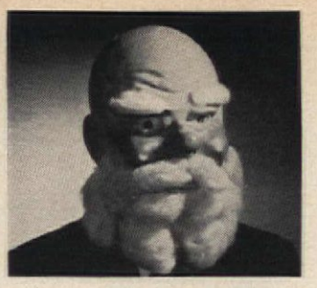

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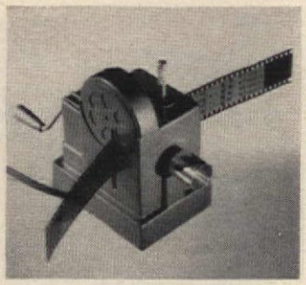

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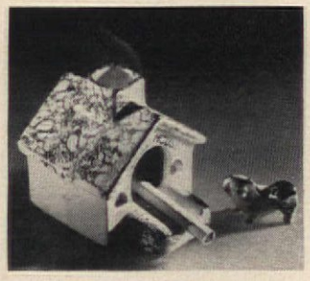

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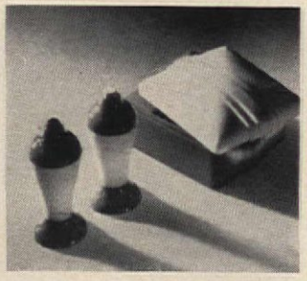

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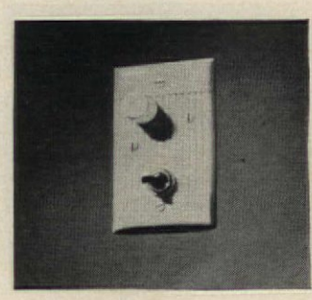

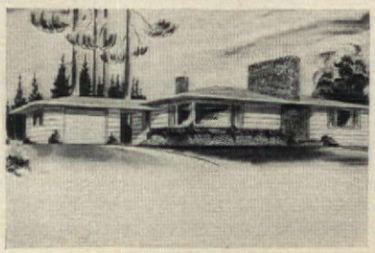

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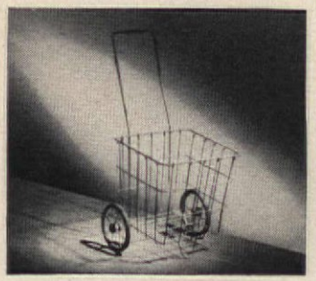

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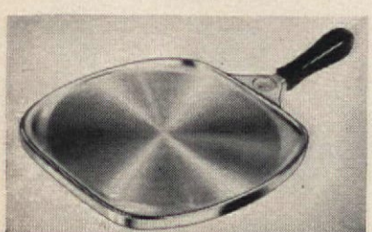

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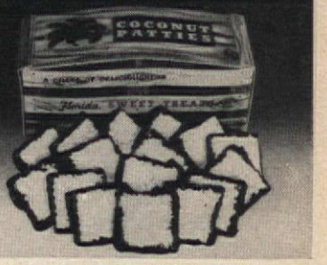

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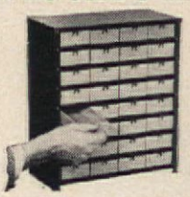

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If a child is given books of his own as soon as he is able to handle them and if he has parents who enjoy his books with him, he will learn to love books and have a genuine affection for them all his life. The boy or girl who makes friends with books in the early years, through being read to and looking at illustrations, is likely to acquire quite painlessly the good reading habits which are so important and necessary during the school years.

When is a child ready for books? Between the ages of one and two, or as soon as he's able to handle and manipulate things, when he becomes interested in form and color, when he begins to identify and recognize specific

PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 20

Books help a child to learn, to think, to grow. They should be chosen as carefully as clothing—for design, size, genuine worth

Photographs by Giles

"Does my child need books?"

Hard as it is to believe, Johnny at one-and-a-half is keenly interested in books. Because it's natural for him to rip and tear, he should have books of cloth or heavy cardboard that will withstand his onslaughts. Only in this way can he become familiar with books, gradually learn to respect them

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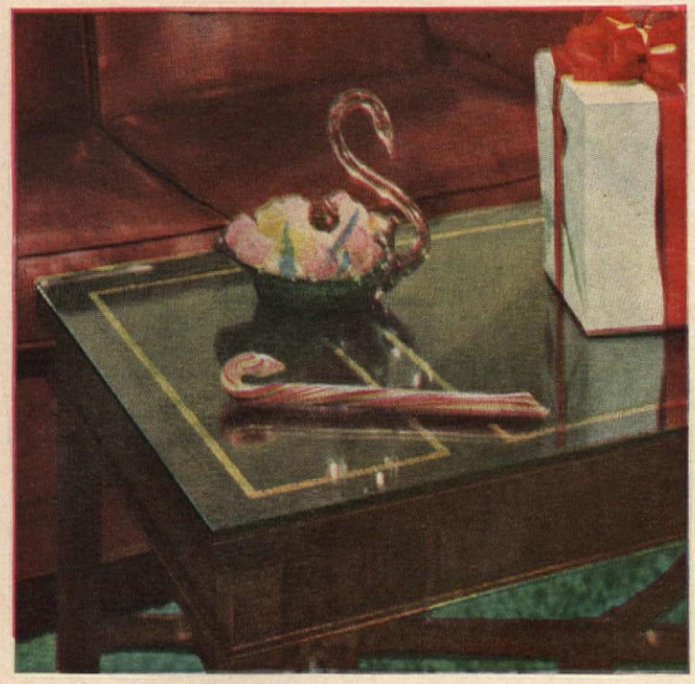

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Behavior Problems (Begins on page 18)

At seven, Pete has developed imagination, is ready for adventure stories and fairy tales. Mother sees to it that reading activities are happily balanced with outdoor play

objects. For those parents who seem to be at a loss when it comes to choosing good books, here are a few general rules to use as guides:

Chief points to consider when selecting a junior book are size, format, color, picture and story content, feel, and construction.

Books for little children between the ages of one-and-a-half and three should be of medium size, stoutly constructed of cloth or heavy non-tearable cardboard, with pages that will stay back when turned. Because the young child has poor muscular co-ordination, he should not be given very small books with tiny pages that are difficult to handle and with small pictures that fatigue the eyes.

(These very small books, with minute pages, should be reserved for the older child of six or so, who is able to handle a small book with ease and who tends to be interested in small things, like miniatures.)

Regarding picture and story content, the emphasis during the early years should be on material which helps to develop an understanding of the real world. The child of two or three is just learning to distinguish between the separate objects which make up his own environment and is in the process of developing "mental images" (what he thinks of when something is named, such as *table, spoon, horse*). Thus animals, people, and familiar things of everyday life should be presented realistically to promote an understanding of the real world he lives in.

Young children up to the age of five like stories about familiar things like birthday parties, daddies, horses, kittens, busses, the milk and grocery man. They enjoy text that has rhythmic or repetitious sounds, sounds they can repeat or imitate.

Pictures in books for the very young should be large, bright, and clear, concerned with single, easily recognized objects. If too many details are crowded into one picture, the child will have difficulty separating one object from another. Pictures which adults recognize as caricatures or charming fantasies are only confusing and unreal to a young child.

The associations a child makes between the pictures he sees and the words that are read to him help to develop reading readiness. When he's old enough to be interested in the printed word, the printing should be clear and legible. Letters should be large and standard in form and size.

At five, the child is ready for stories about things which he doesn't know but which are related to things he does know. For example, a story about a Christmas festival in another land is comprehensible because it is related to his own Christmas celebrations. A story about a steamship is interesting because he's familiar with rowboats. By reading stories of this nature, the child's background of factual knowledge is gradually broadened.

While fairy tales are not recommended for pre-school children because they tend to add to normal fears, the elementary school child is able to enjoy them without unhappy consequences because he's able to distinguish between what is real and what isn't. Adventure stories, tales of make-believe and imagination are excellent for this age group.

If reading is presented as a pleasurable experience in the early years, it will never be thought of as drudgery. Good books broaden the child's horizons, widen his understanding, help him to think and express himself. Juvenile books make their own very special contribution toward creating a full and happy life.

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Dear Editors:

Kenny John's door faces the loch. The third of a series of letters from Judith Gellert Tennyson

An 18-hour train ride takes you from London to the little town of Plockton, high up on the western coast of Scotland. Every few years an inquisitive foreign visitor finds Plockton and brings in his strangeness for a few weeks' vacation. Two years ago an electrical engineer brought in the 20th century. In the back of his truck was a shiny metal generator. Now it provides the village with electricity to cook by, see by, and be warmed by and with aloof dignity lends itself as a neck-scratcher for passing cows.

Plockton's houses are implanted on a stretch of curving, sheltered land rimming Loch Carron. Kenny John MacKenzie's front door opens onto the widest of Plockton's two streets and directly faces the loch. Kenny John is a ruddy-skinned Scot with narrow blue eyes. He is a school master by profession, but every spare hour is turned to his ancestors' livelihood—sailing. During the war Kenny John visited Egypt and there married a soft-eyed English woman, Elsbeth. Now they have three children: Kenneth, 3 years; Douglas, 1 year; and Marsali, all of three weeks old.

The house is a box of gray stones with sloping slate roof and tiny windows like squinting eyes. Its two floors are divided into five little rooms, a bath, and small rectangular kitchen, plus a garret for storage. Decorations are limited to sea paintings and oriental rugs brought from the East. In the living room there is a radio. The only telephone in town has its throne in the Post Office.

The day begins at 6 for Elsbeth when she feeds the baby. 7:30 is breakfast time. In winter, at 8:45 Kenny John heads for school down the road about half a mile; in summer, he wends his way to the quay for sailing and fishing, or to his rich flower plots for gardening. After the baby is bathed, fed, and in her carriage, Elsbeth begins her cleaning. She has no mechanical devices, has to depend on elbow grease and brushes, dust cloths, and mops. Between times, she gives Kenneth and Douglas orange juice (canned—fresh oranges are rare in Plockton), and has her mid-morning coffee. She does her daily washing, prepares the noontime meal. Elsbeth's stove is electric, but she has no refrigerator and keeps all perishables in a small outside pantry. After lunch there's shopping to do. What isn't obtainable at Plockton's two "general" stores is ordered by mail from Inverness or London.

At 4 comes teatime. Kenny John returns, often bringing a neighbor or friend. By 5 Elsbeth is ready to feed the baby, give the boys their evening cereal, their bath, and tuck them into bed by 6:30. Soon dinner is bubbling on the stove and the MacKenzies have their first peaceful moments of the day. Plockton meals are rich in fare compared to the spread on English tables. Vegetables and fruits are grown in the garden in summer, preserved every fall. And, although rations are the same throughout Britain, in the wild highlands deer are everywhere, rabbits (very like chicken in a stew) are easily caught, and lakes are a fisherman's paradise.

Evenings are busily spent, too: Kenny John off to a dramatics rehearsal, school or sailing meeting; Elsbeth into the kitchen to her baking, ironing, or canning. But at 10 the evening social hour begins. Until midnight people drop in for coffee.

For entertainment the villagers look no farther than Plockton. Every two weeks at the town hall all join in the lively dancing of Scottish reels. In winter energetic whist parties raise money for community projects. All summer long there are sailing races on the loch in converted work boats. The racing ends with a regatta and the annual "concert" in the town hall, when melancholy Gaelic songs ring to the rafters, bright kilts swish neatly to the stirring accompaniment of the whining, whistling bagpipes.

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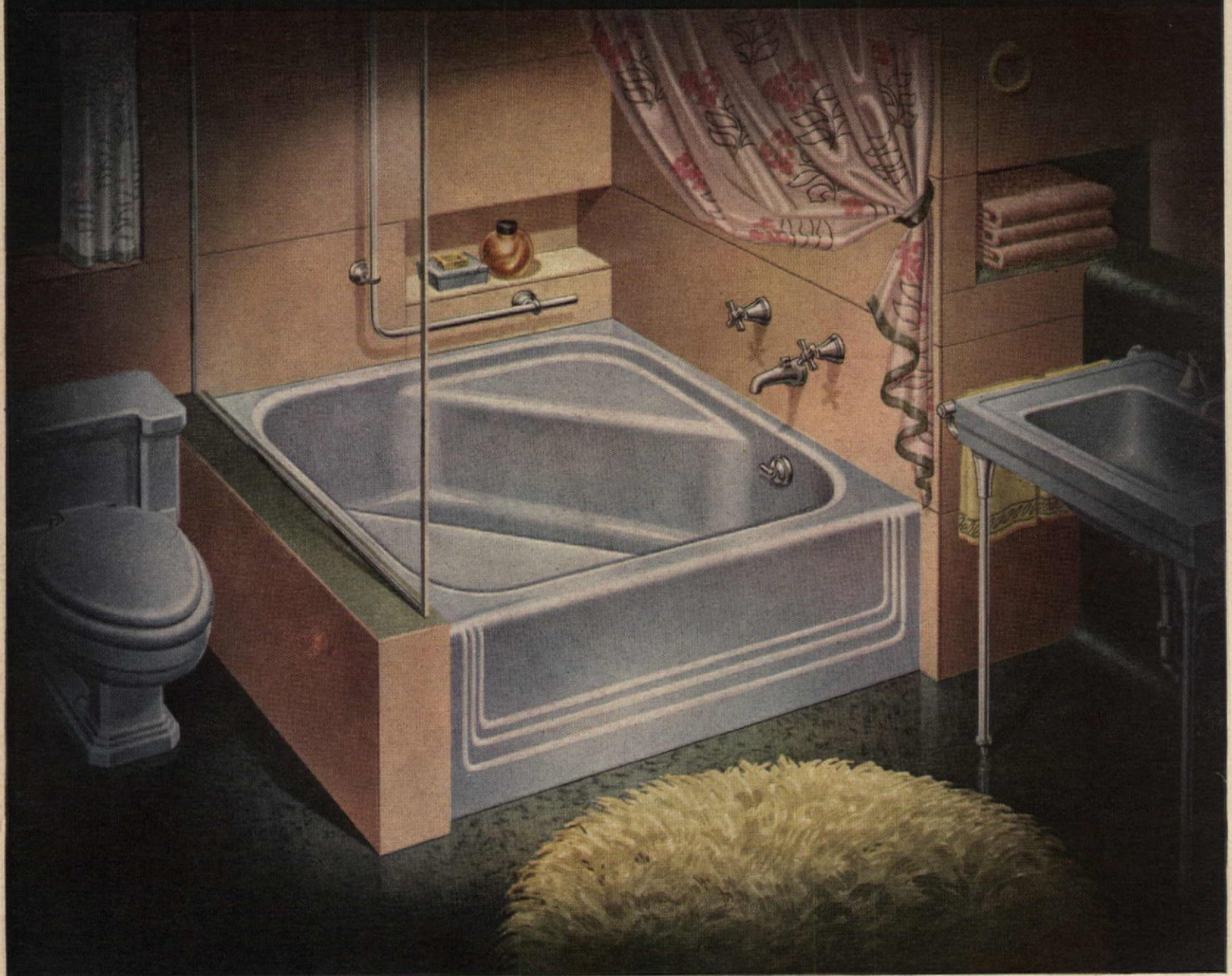

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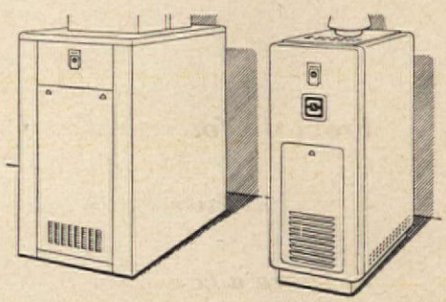

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Journeying from far and near they come to the holly-wreathed door to renew family ties and old friendships. They come to share the tinseled, starlit tree, to bring their gifts and be part of today's Christmas story. For the joy of Christmas is sharing—sharing your home, your love. The deepest happiness comes when children, relatives, or friends join in cherished yuletide traditions—the hanging of stockings, the lighting of trees, the singing of "Silent Night."

Your Christmas story is the fun you make, the things you do to make merry the holiday season. There's happiness in making ornaments and decorations, in decking walls with holly, mantels with fragrant pine, green boughs with bright, shining balls. The fun grows as the family together sets the friendly candle in the window, places the wreath on the door to shout to all the world a jolly St. Nicholas greeting. Holly and mistletoe and candlelight are merely symbols, but they tell the yuletide spirit we feel. Truly, home is the most wonderful place in the world. Isn't this something worth making a fuss about!

Light the yule log, deck the halls, and if you've a bright red front door, tie it up as a giant Christmas package, like this one!

Eda Johnstone

From the four corners of the land, trains, planes, and highways are packed to the gunwales with folks who share a common joy—"I'll be home for Christmas!"

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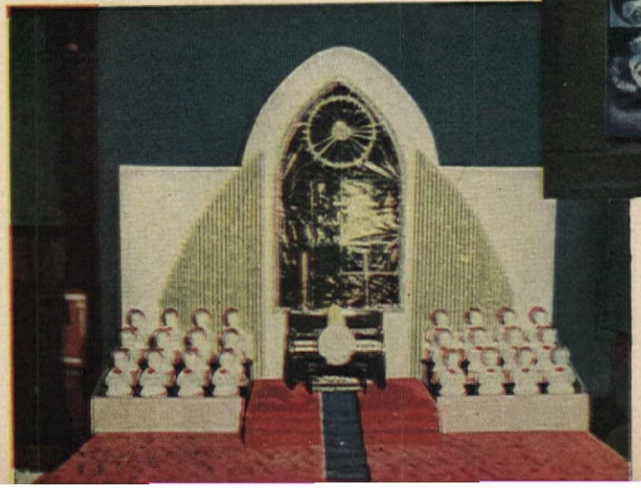
Miss Laura McVay made this pretty arrangement on a hall table in the Herbert Sturdy home. She has used red hibiscus flowers with varicolored Christmas balls stuck on the ends of Hawaiian wands. A low red bowl is the container

19-year-old Bruce Williams decorated the 7-foot Christmas tree in the window of his parents' home. Under the tree is the exquisite little church scene which took him several weeks to make. Pipes for organ are gilded soda-fountain straws, choir boys are small Christmas candles



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John P. Roche of Caldwell, N. J., sent this "buttons and bows" tree. Branches of juniper in an iron bowl make tree; glass buttons and red satin bows are decorations. Candles are in high-button shoes

The Herbert Sturdys fastened a lovely Christmas corsage to their front door. Pine cones, evergreen, holly leaves and berries, loops of satin ribbon nestle in a fancy gilded paper doily

Mr. John Guibert of Baldwin, N. Y., constructed this under-tree scene of the folks arriving home for Christmas by train, bus, and auto. Made in sections of plaster, wood, sponge, it is easy to take apart

Tinkling, decorated bells add to top-hat welcome at Edwin Wenner home. Impish features on white cotton protected by net. Perky red bow ties up the whole friendly holiday greeting

Frosty look on greens decorating market basket comes from bath in fluffy soap. Packages done up in red-and-white gingham ribbon bear symbol of tradesman for whom intended. Harold Ramser home

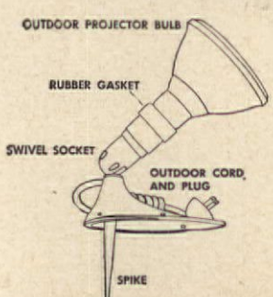
The L. J. Harrises give a triple boot to Christmas, arranged in pleasing formation to hold packages wrapped like stick candy. Letters cut from heavy colored paper are strung on linked chain

For All To See...

MYRTLE FAHSBENDER

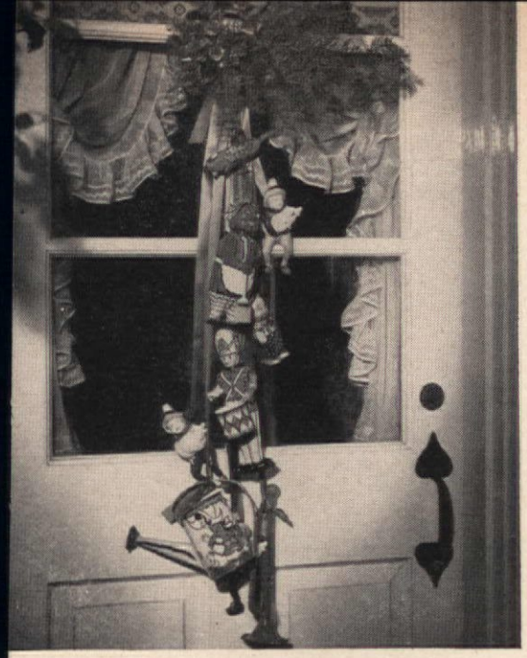
Deck your doorway for the holiday season! Make it a symbol of the hospitality that waits behind it, a personalized greeting to all who pass by. Extend the seasonal, cheerful message of your doorway beyond the daylight hours, work out a way of lighting it. Materials with which to work are as unlimited as your imagination. Final results depend on their use in interpretation of existing ideas or exciting creations of your own devising.

All of the doorways pictured on these two pages show unusual ways to use diversified materials put together without a confusing amount of detail. In most of them, lighting that can be bought or made (see sketches right) was an important part of the original planning. Adopt a few precautionary measures. Cord sets should be weatherproof, of heavy rubber with water-tight sockets. For color effects, get outdoor lights with coloring on inside of bulb so it can't fade. rub or wash off. Both flood and spot projector lamps can be had with reflector and light source incorporated in hard glass bulbs impervious to rain and snow. Use them in swivel brackets to direct light where desired.

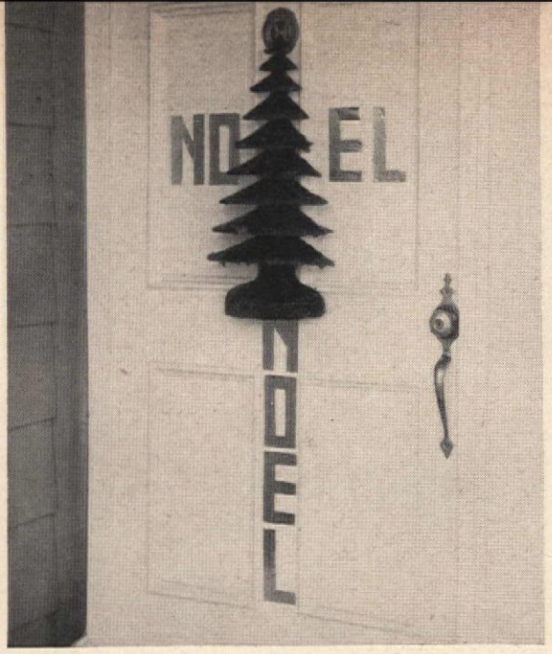


White cane wrapped with red cellulose tape is central motif of spruce-bough spray hung on wine-red door. After dark, it is brought to life by light projected from left. (See detailed sketch at left)

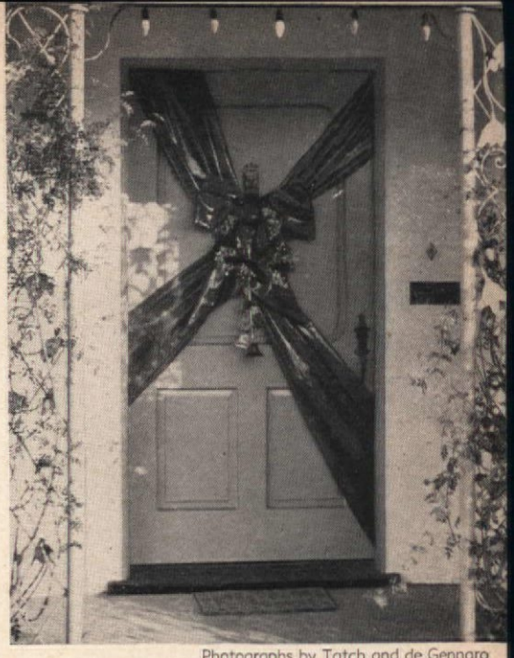
Illustrations, courtesy Westinghouse



Gay dime-store tin and plastic toys hang by red satin streamers from a bunch of greens and pine cones. An imaginative, inexpensive salute to the season devised by the Herbert Sturdys



The old, old sentiment expressed in telling simplicity by block lettering cut from foil and pasted on door. Half-opened tree cut from tissue puff-ball held in place by Scotch tape. M. V. Beesley home



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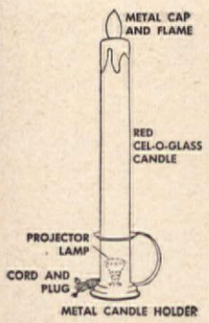
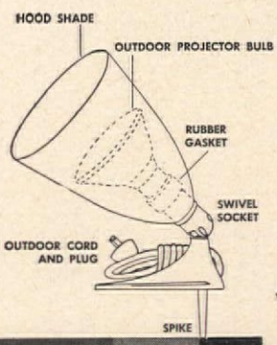
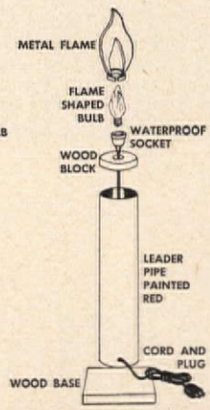
The Charles S. Cooks wrap up the holiday season. Use red cellophane sheets for ribbon bands and bow, spike it with holly and multicolored cellophane bells. Candle-type lights glow at roof's edge



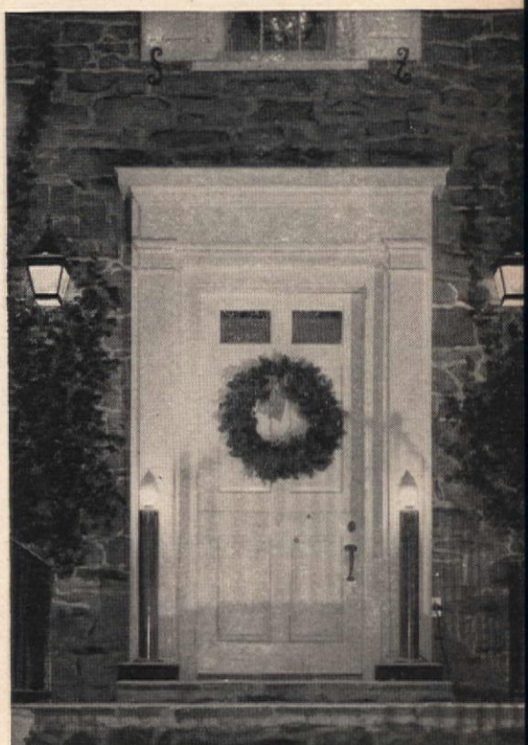
Laurel punctuated with varicolored bulbs outlines doorway; spotlight accents wreath; candles of red Cel-o-glass project light upward

Spotlight (sketched right) is on Santa. Ropes of laurel with colorful lights entwine pillars, outline the portico





Stately candles you can make (details left) flank doorway. Projector bulb with red color-cap directed on door will tint it, intensify red of candles



The Herbert Sturdys wrote a letter to Santa from Sally and Nancy. Traced with glue on paper, writing was finished with heavy red yarn

How many times have you seen it happen? The tempo of the few weeks before Christmas increases to a hurly-burly: last minute presents to be bought, a thousand things to do, the weather is foul, your money is running out, you've overspent, you're bone-tired, bedraggled, and thoroughly sick of the thought of Christmas!

You hadn't planned to do much about decorating the house this year. Then some sudden small thing (the expectant look on a child's face? the stab, as you hurry along, of a choir somewhere singing "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"?) brings a small cold panic to your heart —oh! awful to be left out of it! It suddenly seems terribly mean and heartbreaking not to do *something* about Christmas!

Well, maybe a small tree, you think, or some pine branches for the mantel. Perhaps you could make a fruit cake. You handle the holly in the market. Your tree arrives. You get out the old familiar things—the tinsel rope, the string of lights with the bulb that always goes out, the dear white angel that topped your childhood tree. Memories come. Maybe you think, it might turn out to be a nice Christmas after all! Suddenly you're caught up, you're in it, with your own two hands! Then you remember the old truth which we all forget and remember anew each year: Christmas is what you make it!

Christmas is what you make it...

Simple, effective mantel done by Harold Jordan in the Edward Wyatt home, Dallas. Tiny, Scotch-taped reindeer float on angel-hair clouds pasted to mirror. Reindeer prance in snow on mantel top

Bright touch of Christmas in a tiny apartment: lamp shade made gay with satin ribbon, glistening balls

Garland of cedar wrapped around a newel post, festooned with gold balls, ribbon. Edward Wyatt home

For modernists: Jack Albans' tree branch growing strange fruit of Christmas balls; a straw basket of gifts

Beautiful modern interpretation of Christmas: Small Madonna on bookshelf, figures of Wise Men, in a cloud of angel hair. Stars stream upward, Scotch-taped on wall. Miss Elaine Miller's home

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Mrs. Everett Rowley lights candles on her traditional Christmas mantel. Blue candles are set amongst boughs of blue juniper on mantel ledge. Centered in the gold-framed mirror is an antique angel robed in blue and gold. Behind the figure are short sprays of golden cedar

Lavish, handsome fireplace arrangement in Herbert Sturdy home. Swags of greens are spiked with real red apples and golden balls, held on with florist's wire. Copper scoop on pine mantel is overflowing with red apples. Hanging from mantel shelf are apples which are suspended on gold streamers. Coal scuttle is filled with popcorn

Perhaps women find the color scheme too subdued, miss ruffled curtains at the windows or cabbage roses on the shower curtains; but whatever, it is invariably the men who exclaim "what a beautiful bathroom." Now, it is neither de luxe in fitments or size. Sun streams through the corner windows morning and afternoon. There is a place for everything, things are not piled one on the other, doors slide, not bash. Towels dry, guests do not confuse theirs with ours. Granddaughter Clyte and I are soakers, but my husband wouldn't be caught dead in a tub. Now he sloshes around far more comfortably than in a long, narrow elbow-in-wall-space. A ceiling that follows the roof line, instead of being furred down to cozy ceiling height, practically eliminates the turkish bath he usually left behind him. All of us make honest attempts to watch the forward paunch, but the flattest tummy finds the shallow lavatory more compatible for mowing down whiskers or applying lip service than stretching over a washtub area to get near the mirror. Soft, warm colors make one feel clean without being aseptic. A bite-in color of shower curtains and towels takes away any namby-pamby "pastel" feeling. Tile walls and floor, washable paint and wallpapers make for easy maintenance. And everywhere there is space—space for us, space for things. Perhaps that is what men mean by beauty in a bathroom.

The story here is space!

27 feet of shelf and storage space. 8½ feet of towel hanging. 4 x 4 feet for showering. 2 x 3½ feet of mirror. All in a 6 x 9 bathroom!

Builder, Thomas Bocchino
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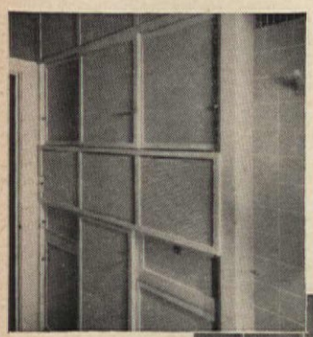
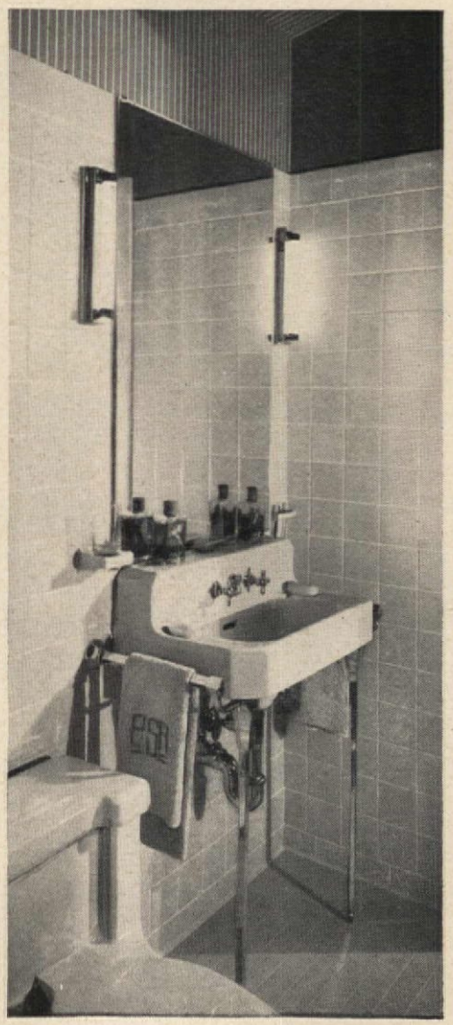
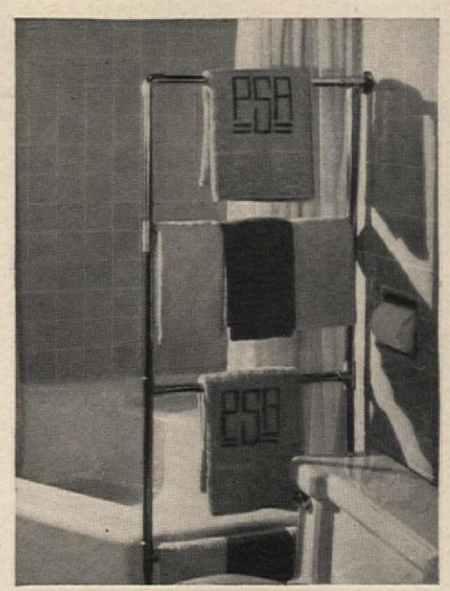
JEAN AUSTIN



Storage wall takes only 6 inches floor space. Top 3 sliding doors reveal separate medicine, Mr. and Mrs. toilet and cosmetic sections, *each* as ample as usual all-family medicine cabinet. Center section, back-up of headboard in bedroom. Lower section provides hamper with sliding door "exit," storage for paper goods, soaps, bath salts, cleansers, etc. Covered in Katzenbach & Warren's textured plastic wallpaper





Local plumber made towel rack of ordinary pipe, then sent it out for lustrous chrome finish. Attached to floor and side wall. Towels are Cannon Mills' Dresden pattern in gray mist, bittersweet and citron

Plumbing fixtures are American-Standard's, Ivoire de Medici, the color. Wall and floor tiles, Tile Council of America. Pittsburgh Plate Glass mirror. Accessories: Knoll Associates' stool; Detecto's new folding scale; Cabin Craft bath mat; ceiling paper, Basset and Vollum's Shirtwaist Stripe

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BEFORE Truly elegant—and beyond dream of so many—was this bathroom partially walled in marble. Only mirror hung from hook over basin. Towel rods unhandily located. Window area unnecessarily large, no storage space

AFTER Good salvaging is good planning, so new fixtures are placed to use existing pipes. Red, black, and gray Formica covers built-in units and walls. Linoleum floor, plastic curtain pick up same three colors

GERTRUDE B. DIXSON

Why dream you dwelt (and washed!) in marble halls?

Today's stain-proof, color-sealed plastics dreamed up

a wonderful new make-up for these two tired, old

bathrooms. Even Roman emperors never had it so good!

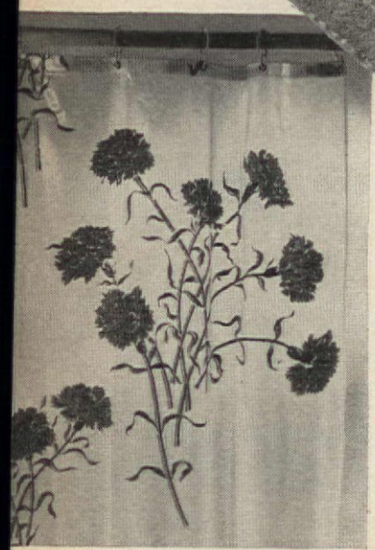
Grandma wouldn't have believed it!

BEFORE The best materials then available went into this cluttered-looking bathroom. Best part of a day went into cleaning it. Tile floor is retained in remodeled job, colored border sets new color scheme

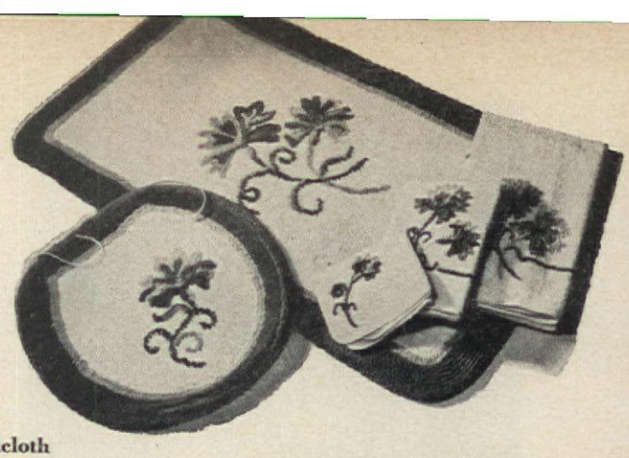
AFTER All slicked up in smoothly flowing color! Heat from concealed radiator comes through color-matched convector set in panel. Walls, built-in unit surfaces wash as easily as practical turkish-toweling curtain

Thirty years ago, the two bathrooms shown on this page were considered unusually good. Fixtures in the larger one were purposely strung along one wall to simplify plumbing problem. The radiator was placed under a window to catch cold drafts and, incidentally, any unwary user of the basin who backed up too far! Marble walls were moistureproof and only a small charge of dynamite was required to make holes necessary for attaching fixtures. The smaller one had some noteworthy features: a niche for the radiator was a good safety measure, but made it loom as a focal point; the cabinet boasted mirror in excellent position for any six-footer; accessory fixtures were too well-exposed. Scrubbed up, a process requiring plenty of elbow action, the tile walls were starkly, uncompromisingly white. Almost daring was the dash of color in the border of the tile floor.

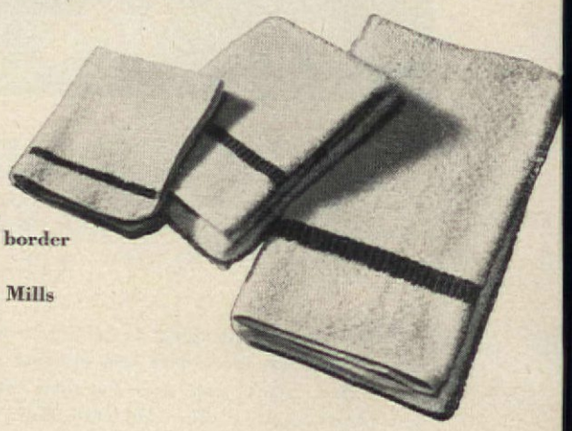
Bathrooms of today use color to the hilt—in combinations as strikingly bold or subtly subdued as desired. Chosen to remodel these two was Formica's decorative surface, a plastic laminate with the color sealed in. Bonded to plywood cores varying in thickness, it comes in paneled lengths and widths to meet construction requirements. Durable as the marble and tile it replaced on wall surfaces, it required no major operation to cut through it in order to place recessed accessory fixtures and convector outlet in panel covering radiator. Used again on all exposed surfaces of well-planned storage areas (which conceal all unsightly pipes) and on specially fabricated unit around wash basins, it put every inch of space into colorful operation. Topped by sizable, well-lighted mirrors, counter tops of these units have easily become centers of good grooming for the whole family. No one worries about spilling nail polish, after-shave lotions and such. They just wipe them off—their bathroom's new make-up can take it!



Carnations in red, blue, maize, rose, peach, or green on translucent white Koroseal shower curtain by Comprehensive Fabrics



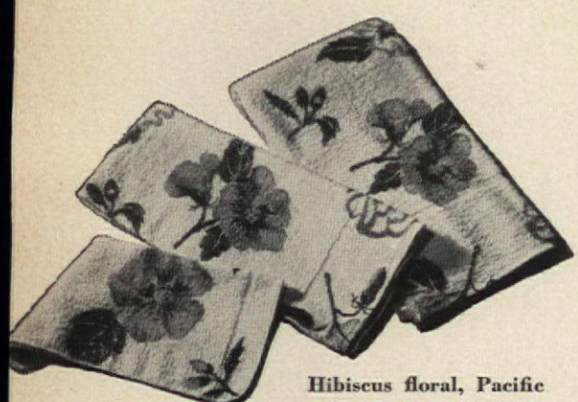
Bath mat, bath towel, face towel, washcloth in Cannon's "Laurel Leaf" pattern. Beautiful heavy quality. Comes in variety of colors. Five-piece bath set, carnation-embroidered from Martex. Other pretty designs available



Three-piece set—bath towel, guest towel, face cloth—comes in white with striped border in green or one of a variety of colors to blend with bathroom scheme. Dundee Mills

Bathroom Lifts

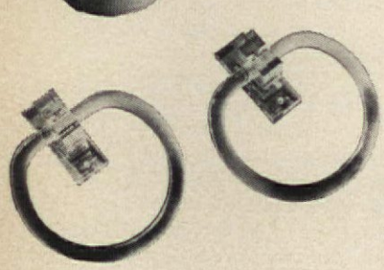
MARY E. MONZE



Hibiscus floral, Pacific Mills Supersorb towels make attractive three-piece set for gift giving

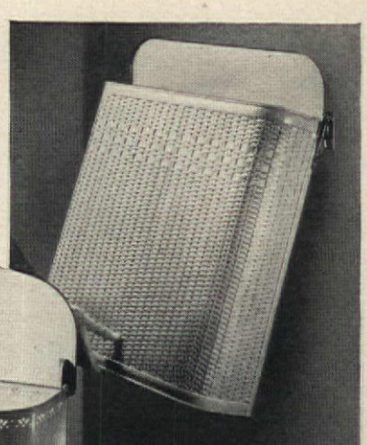
Hide-A-Brush metal container, enameled white, with floral decoration, disguises toilet-bowl brush hung at back

Tow-L-Ring. Personal towel holder of clear lucite can be engraved (blue or red) with any initial, His, Hers, or Guest. Saxon Plastics Co.

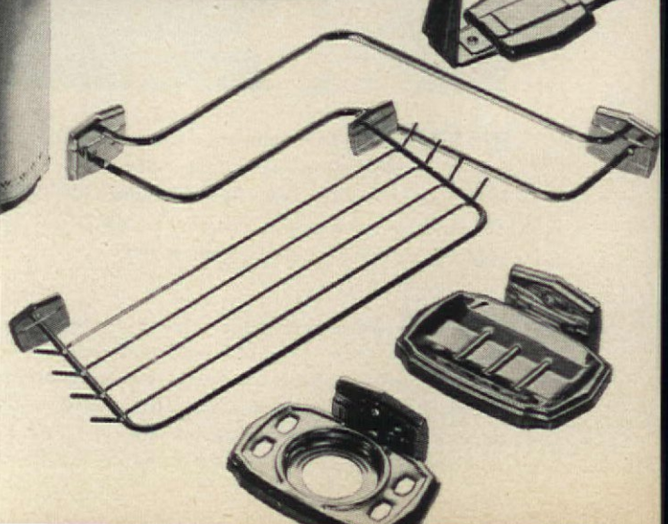


Vanity Hamper has convenient drawer, tilting removable hamper with metal grille. All white or white with grille in color. Metalvent Corporation

Dor-O-Matic, self-ventilating, easy emptying door or wall hamper. Pearl-Wick Corp. Detecto's aluminum hamper, rustproof, sturdy. Pastel colors



Matching bathroom accessories solidly constructed with high lustre chrome finish—twin corner towel bar, five-towel bar-shelf, toilet tissue holder, wall soap-dish tray, Toothbrush, glass holder. Autoyre-Fairfield



F. M. Demarest

We pay another visit to our versatile friends—

when decorations, gift-wrappings, fruitcake take the stage

They steal a quiet evening from the seasonal rush to glance through the books they have bought to give for Christmas. "Now this is a really good garden book," says she. "I do hope someone gives it to us!"

Photographs by Jack Roche

The Rowleys get ready for Christmas

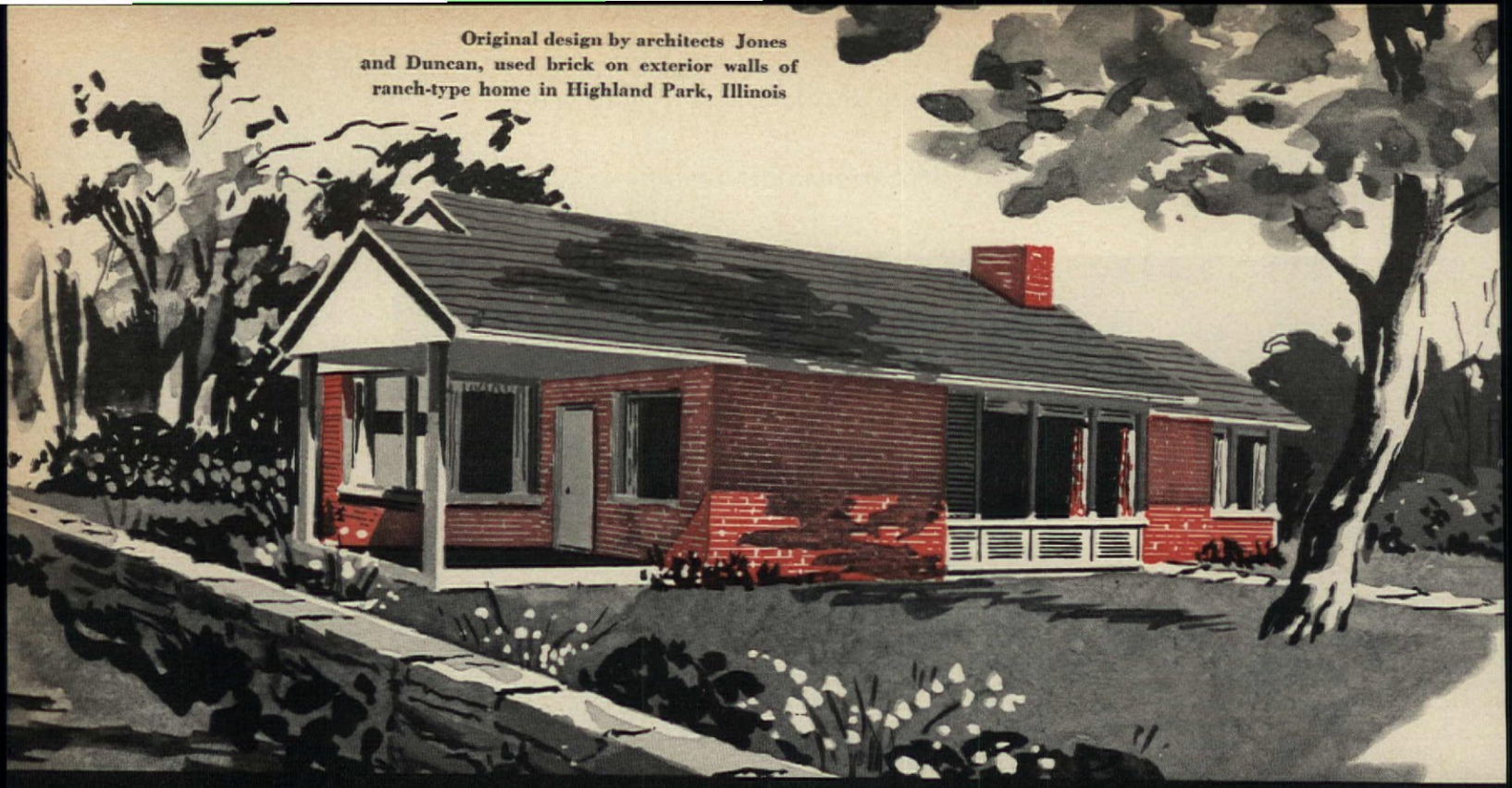
MARY ALICE ROCHE

The next time I visited the Rowleys, flower shows being over and gardens tucked in for the winter, I found them, not bustling about as usual, but quietly reading. "Just making sure," Mrs. Rowley explained, "that the books we have bought to give our friends are as good as they should be!" Most of their gifts were already wrapped in gay holiday papers, bright calico, sprigged chintz, or a bold French wallpaper. Just before delivery time, there would be added to each a sprig of holly, bit of silvery sage, a chaste Christmas-rose —some memento from their beloved garden. The hemlock wreath on the front door came from their garden, too. Likewise the giant dried Allium (onion) heads and the exquisite fern spikes that Mrs. Rowley had gilded for decorative accent. . . . Oh, yes, there was much of interest to talk about, but, by and by, I left them to go back to their books—about? Why, mostly about gardening, of course.

A long, lingering sniff pays homage to the precious ingredient that Mrs. Rowley pours over the fruitcake before putting it away in the crock to season

Mysterious boxes, gay paper, brilliant ribbons accumulate all over the house. Finally Mrs. Rowley wraps the last presents, then helps Mr. Rowley trim the front door with pine and a hemlock wreath made from their own hedge. For Christmas is just around the corner

Original design by architects Jones and Duncan, used brick on exterior walls of ranch-type home in Highland Park, Illinois



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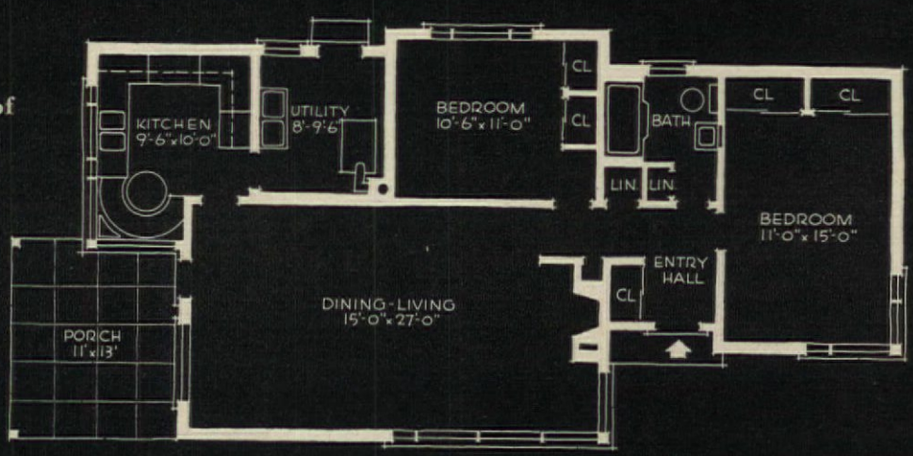
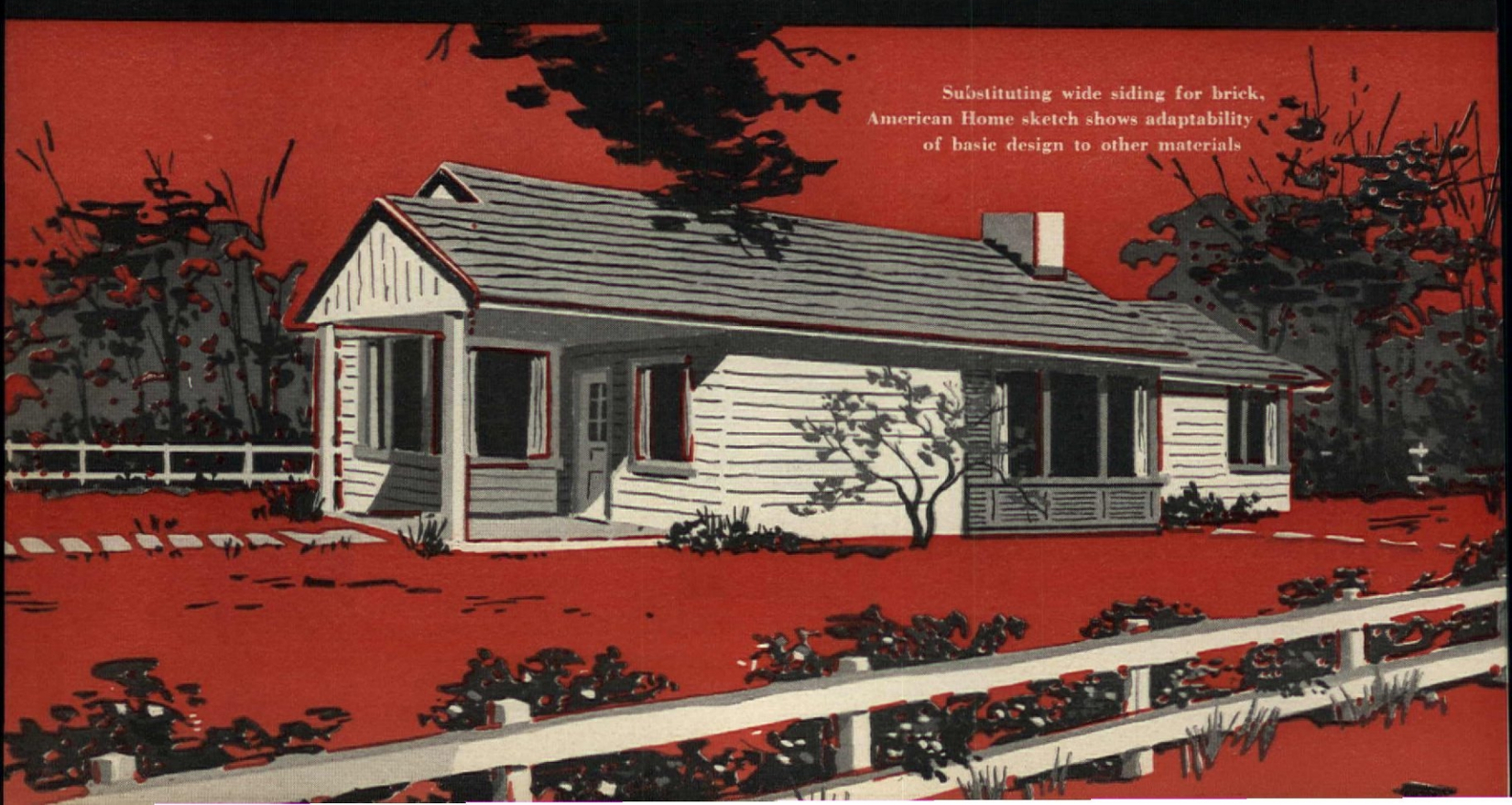


Substituting wide siding for brick, American Home sketch shows adaptability of basic design to other materials



WILLIAM J. HENNESSEY

The American Home Study Plan

FOR DECEMBER

When we first set eyes on the low-roofed modern home of the Jack Rettigs in Highland Park, Illinois, we were tremendously impressed by its clean, straightforward appearance. Here was a house, basically right, that would look well built of any material. That's why we commissioned our artist to sketch it in wide white siding, and we're sure that the architects, Jones and Duncan, will agree that the house looks equally attractive in its new dress. Just proof again that good design can stand any test.

It's easy to see why Jack and Betty Rettig are so pleased with their new home. The plan is a compact one, therefore a step-saver for the housewife. They especially like the large windows which give such an open feeling and a oneness with the outdoors. The exterior is of common brick with gray trim and gray asphalt roof. Windows are fixed since all ventilation is achieved by means of screened louvers set underneath. Eaves

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tographs by Nowel Ward Associates

Corner windows curtained in rose and green percale brighten dinette corner of kitchen. Walls are painted cherry red, match base of circular table. Leather-covered bench and table top are beige

Focal point of living-dining room is raised fireplace with overmantel of natural pine boards. Draperies of tropical-leaf print on white background, fiber rug, sectional pieces in chartreuse felt plus leopard-cloth chairs carry out modern, informal atmosphere

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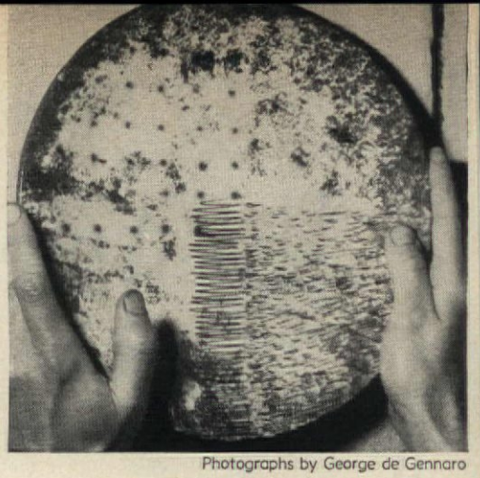
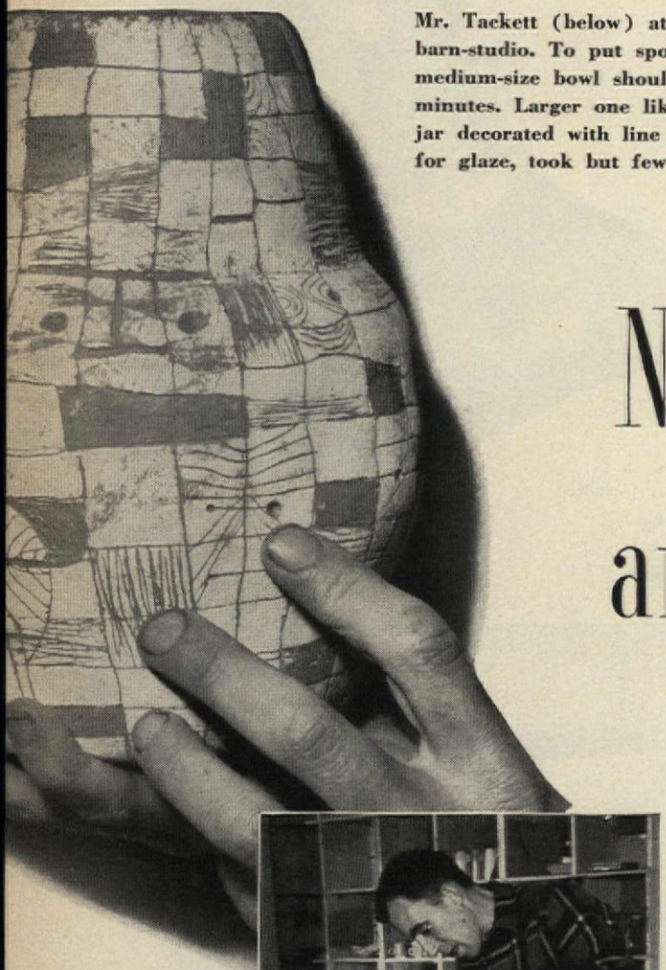


In Europe during the war, Mr. Tackett learned secret of sgraffito process. Mrs. Tackett spent tedious hours developing right glaze to give it glitter, sharpness. (Plate right) Second and fourth plates shown are combined sgraffito and engobe. Third is of natural terra cotta, drawing done with stylus and free use of brush, glaze to be added

Photographs by George de Gennaro

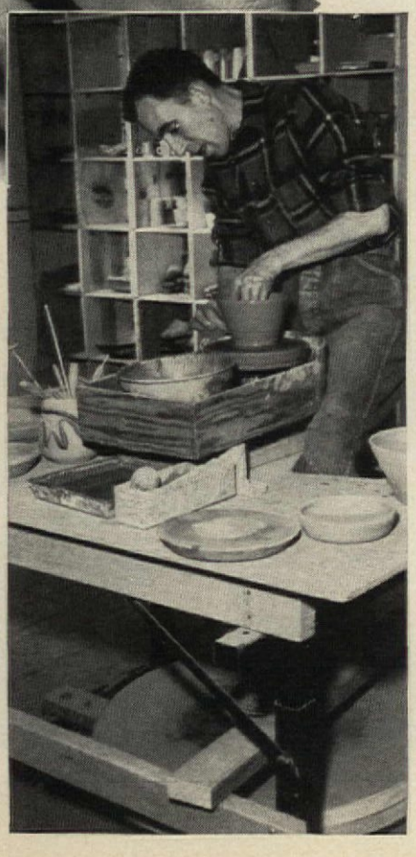


Mr. Tackett (below) at potter's wheel in barn-studio. To put spontaneity into form, medium-size bowl should be "thrown" in three minutes. Larger one like porous pottery jar decorated with line pattern, now ready for glaze, took but few minutes longer

MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

Not every man and wife's cup of tea...

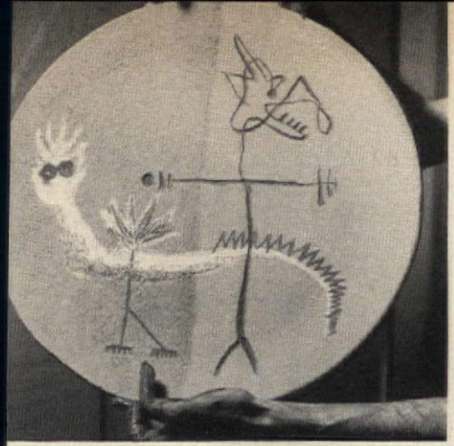
These two live and work together 24 hours a day, 7 day a week—without getting in each other's hair. Could you?



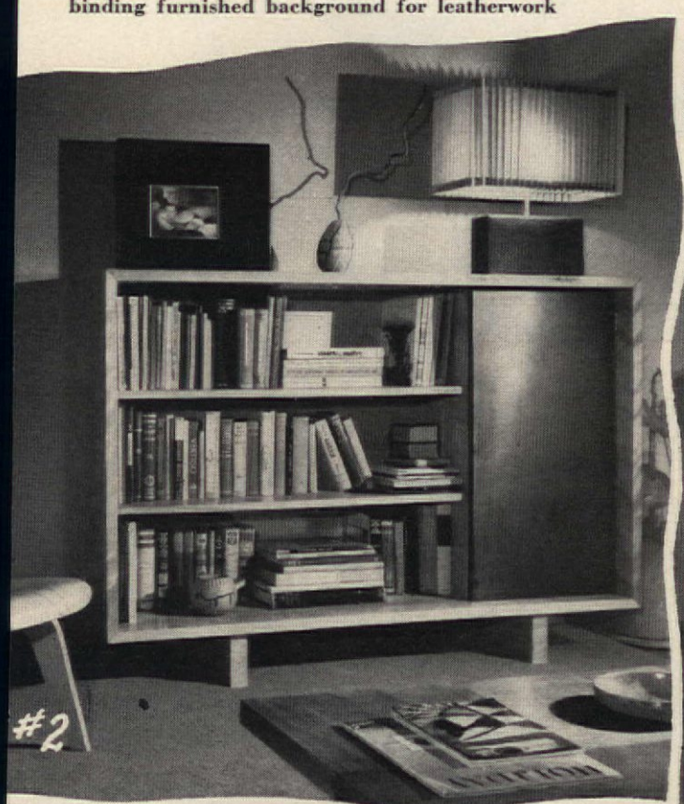
Some people profess that carrying marital partnership to business is the fastest way to end all partnerships. Not so with the LaGardo Tacketts; 24 hours of running a home, feeding children, working side by side in their now thriving ceramic business leaves this indefatigable couple wishing there were 24 more hours they could cram into each day. Their home, mainly furnished with pieces they have designed and built, swivels easily from living to work areas where Mr. Tackett does his designing, Mrs. Tackett her experimentation with glazes. Much of their creative planning is done while they drive by jeep from Los Angeles to their remote workshop.

The Tacketts make their thin, tough, modern earthenware—called Terra Cotta Ware—in an old red barn. In form, their ware has a vital, primitive simplicity to which Mr. Tackett applies surface decorations that have been worked and reworked to fit each piece. Through his drawings and rich color harmonies, his ceramics convey feelings not to be cornered in words. Mrs. Tackett's glazes heighten this design interest. No wares are marketed until they are tried out in their own home to see how well they wear. Day-by-day their partnership-marriage gets the same test—and works!

Busy Tacketts furnished their attractive home largely by dint of own efforts. They adapted principle of music rack for base of brass standing lamp. Beige ceramic shade was done by Mr. Tackett. They made the table (4). Daughters Lyn and Cheryl in front of chest Tacketts made and upholstered in steer hide (5). Six blocks of tropical wood put together by a friend form slab top of Tackett-designed table. Two-way base allows it to stand at either coffee or dining table height (6). All pottery shown their own



Mrs. Tackett works in bedroom-studio at desk they designed, made of inexpensive wood. Top was covered with cork, apron with pineapple cloth, legs wrapped in brown binder twine (1). Birch bookcase with dull black lacquer cupboard stands on wood blocks (2). Mrs. Tackett designed five-sided dining table (3). They upholstered table, two chests in leather. College course in book binding furnished background for leatherwork



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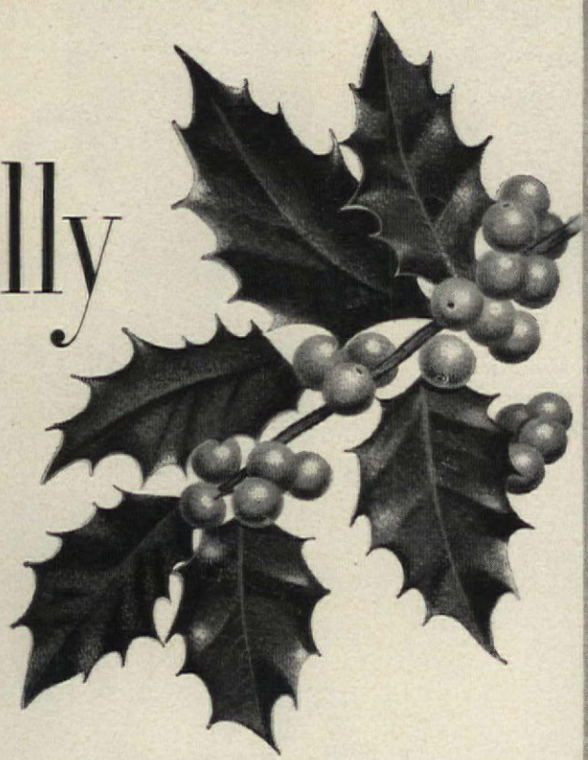
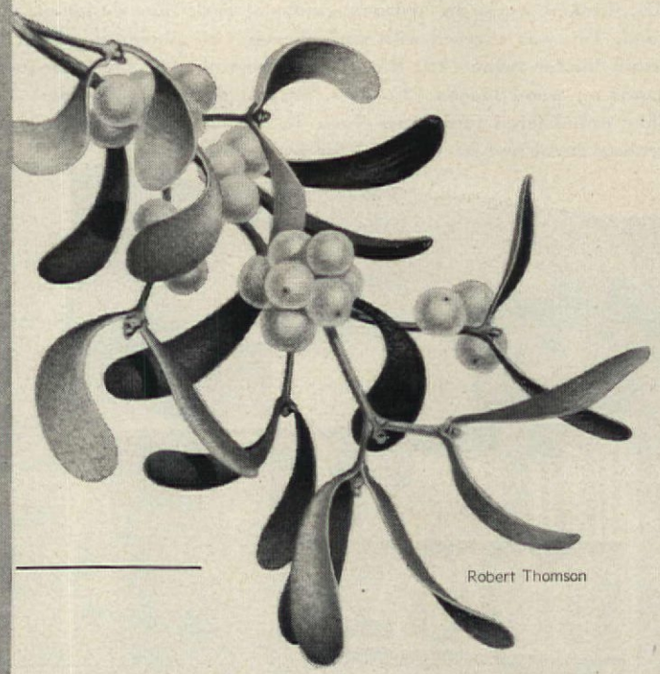
Holly ...Mistletoe





Robert Thomson

Modern Facts and Ancient Myths

HOLLY: THE SIMPLE TRUTH—The glossy- and sharp-leaved plant most often associated with Christmas is the English holly, *Ilex aquifolium,* so named by the Swedish botanist, Linnaeus. The popular name, whether derived from *hulver, holegn, holm,* or *hulst,* is probably a corrupt spelling of "holy" since legends of many countries mention it as The Holy Tree. This species (*aquifolium* meaning sharp-leaved) is native in the British Isles, Central and Southern Europe, and many parts of Asia. Linnaeus' choice of the generic name Ilex probably heightened the confusion already existing between this plant and the holm or holly oak (*Quercus ilex*) which, like the true holly, was used in Roman religious festivals. Altogether, there are nearly 300 holly species distributed throughout temperate and tropical zones of the world, plus many hybrids and natural species. In this country, some of the best known (and their distinguishing characteristics) are:

Name		Region where found	Grows to—	Leaves E–evergreen; D–deciduous	Berries
Popular	Botanical				
American holly	Ilex opaca	E and SE	50 ft.	E–toothed	Red
Winterberry	I. verticillata	S and E	10 ft.	D–simple	Red
Dahoon (Cassena)	I. cassine	SE	25 ft.	E–simple	Red
Inkberry	I. glabra	E	8 ft.	E–simple	Black
Possumhaw (Swamp holly)	I. decidua	S	25 ft.	D–Irregular	Orange-red
Mountain holly	I. montana	E	25 ft.	D–Simple	Red
Smooth winterberry	I. laevigata	E	10 ft.	E–Scalloped	Red
Yaupon	I. vomitoria	SE	25 ft.	E–Scalloped	Red
Not true hollies but closely related are—					
Christmas-berry	Photinia arbutifolia	SW	15 ft.	E–Simple	Red
Holly-grape (Oregon-grape)	Mahonia aquifolium	W	8 ft.	Persistent —toothed	Purple
Mountain-holly	Nemopanthus mucronata	NE	10 ft.	D–Simple	Red

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MISTLETOE: THE SIMPLE TRUTH—Mistletoe is one of those anomalies—a plant with no roots in the earth. It does, however, have aerial roots which penetrate the bark and grow into the sapwood of whatever tree provides the nourishment which it, like any plant, must have. Authorities differ as to how many kinds there are; but whether 20 or 100, all are parasitic.

The word mistletoe comes from the Saxon *mistl-tan,* meaning "different twig"—an obvious description of something different from the tree it grows on. The "true" or European mistletoe of Christmas association and legend is *Viscum album,* so named by Linneaus because of its sticky white berries. The most common of the native American forms was named by Thomas Nuttal, first director of the Harvard Botanical Gardens, *Phoradendron* (from an old Greek word meaning "tree-thief") *flavescens* (yellowish). This is the mistletoe of our southeastern woods, most often found growing on tupelo (sour gum) and red maple. On the poplars and willows of the Southwest, there grows a variety called bigleaf mistletoe (*P. f. macrophyllum*). Along the Pacific Coast is found the one species which prefers the oak for a host—*P. villosum;* and three others whose popular names indicate their respective host plants: Mesquite mistletoe (*P. californicum*), cypress mistletoe (*P. densum*), and juniper mistletoe (*P. junipericum*). Despite these specific preferences, however, mistletoe grows on many kinds of trees, both deciduous and evergreen.

It cannot be said that any mistletoe is cultivated, but certainly the plant is valued, sought, and harvested for use as a Christmas green; in some places its occurrence is therefore encouraged. Wide distribution, especially in the North, is made difficult by its perishability. When cut, it is extremely susceptible to frost. Under favorable conditions, however, a cut spray will last almost indefinitely (except for a gradual shriveling of the berries), both leaves and bark becoming an odd golden color. Technically an evergreen, it has leaves of pale gray-green, thick, dull, and rubbery. Birds like the sticky, translucent berries, and help spread the plant by wiping their beaks against branches to remove the viscous fragments (and seeds) of berries gathered

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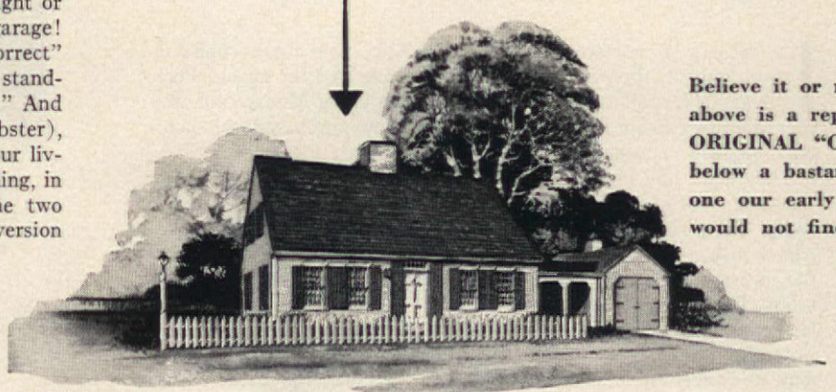
Let's throw away those rose-colored glasses and face facts. This is the original Cape Cod house—stark, primitive, a far cry from today's sentimental interpretations

Courtesy, Plimoth Plantation, Inc., Plymouth, Mass.
Photograph by Randall W. Abbott

"Would it be Correct?"

That is the question most often asked us by readers, most often asked architects and decorators. Why this timidity, this queasy conscience about using an inheritance in something other than a reproduction of its original setting? If you know your American history, you know that as soon as finer furniture was obtainable and could be afforded, it was used. Backgrounds and interior architecture quickly became more elegant to keep pace with this "better living."

So why this awe of sticks and stones—particularly window openings? You can bet your bottom dollar that as soon as the Colonists above could obtain and afford to pay the tax on window glass, they HAD bigger and more windows! You don't carry reverence to the point of heating and cooking with fireplaces, reading by candlelight or giving up a car because no Colonial home had a garage! What kind of nonsense then, is this "would it be correct" complex? "Conforming to a proved or conventional standard" is one correct meaning of the word "correct." And another from the same source (Colonial Mr. Webster), just as "correct" and of far more significance to our living today—"conforming to fact or truth; of reasoning, in accordance with logical principles." Obviously the two families whose homes follow have accepted this version of "correct" for today's living!



Believe it or not, the house above is a reproduction of the ORIGINAL "Cape Cod"; that below a bastardized version, one our early Colonists would not find recognizable

R. E. Kelley, Jr.

Wonderful what a few well-chosen changes will make in a house. The open-roofed porch, especially planned to let light into the living room, balances kitchen wing, helps cut down original attenuated appearance of house

Sacrilege, you say?

It's entirely a matter of personal taste. If you are a confirmed traditionalist, then it may seem outrageous to alter an old Pennsylvanian farmhouse as extensively as the Craig Moores did. But, the Moores are not traditionalists, and they purchased the house only because no other one was available in that locality.

They don't like small square rooms; so they tore out partitions on the first floor to make space for one large, modern living-dining room. They hate that shut-in feeling, so out went the old, many-paned sash and in its place went enormous picture windows. Now the entire rural countryside may be seen and enjoyed from every room. The neglected lean-to is no longer recognizable. Bright with red, gray, and yellow, it's an efficient, modern kitchen, a joy to Mrs. Moore as she goes about the day's housework. The old farmhouse may no longer be an historic landmark—it's just the Craig Moore home and they don't regret for a moment the alterations made.

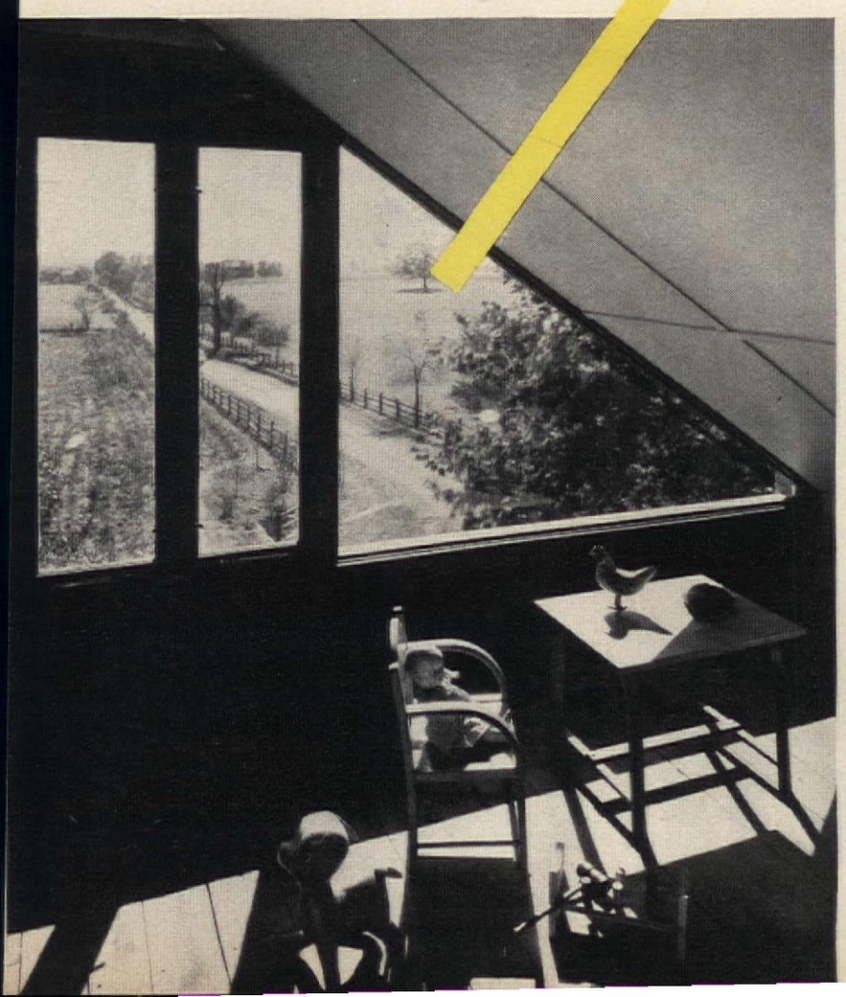
Traditional to the teeth when bought, house was definitely out of step with the times. Shed roof on north behind kitchen was raised to make additional bedroom

Data: Madelyn Moore, Hugh Moore, Jr., architect

Photographs by Ben Schnall

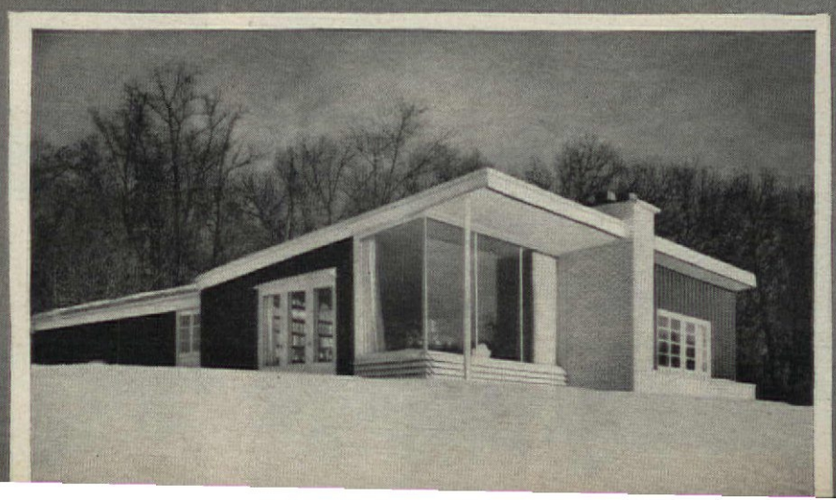
No need to apologize for altered south wall. Half gable was turned into glass wall, letting in light and sunshine and bringing picturesque surroundings into all rooms. New porch joins old to form "L", allows choice of full sun or deep shade

Not incongruous at all are large picture sash in living room and attic and what a difference they make! Two small rooms and stairhall were thrown together to form combination living-dining room on first floor; attic used as playroom by day, father's den at night. Fully insulated, it is perfect for quiet reading and work, presents envious view of main roadway or, at night, twinkling lights of faraway towns



Not "Correct"–but Successful

Minneapolis home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Partridge proves that tradition and modern can marry happily

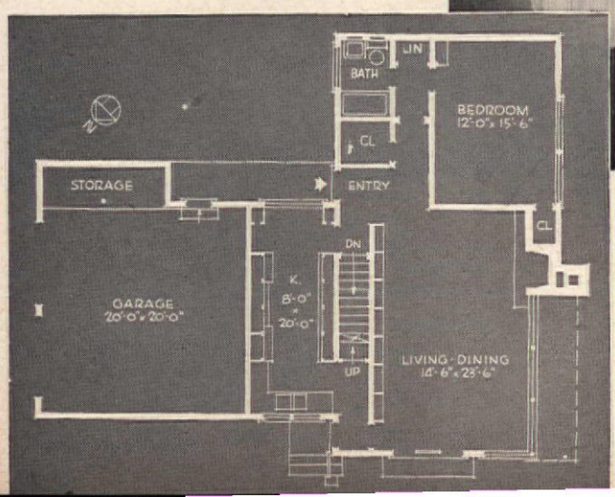


Afraid to mix your styles? Don't give it another thought, especially after seeing how well traditional pieces fit into the charming, modern home of the George H. Partridges at Long Lake, Minnesota. This intrepid young couple were determined to have a contemporary house even though their budget was a restricted one. The traditional furnishings seen in the photographs were a premium, surplus from the home of Mrs. Partridge's mother.

The house is located on five acres of cleared land, formerly a cornfield —land that slopes gently and offers a view of the lake itself. Exterior walls are red-painted board and battens with chimney and trim painted white. Today the house is small, befitting the budget, but has been laid out with an eye to future expansion. For instance, a combination music-dining room is planned adjacent to the present living room on its north side. Cupboard and drawers at the end of the hall have been temporarily installed to form access to a future wing with two bedrooms and bath towards the south.

Although her husband is a decorator by profession, Mrs. Partridge takes justifiable pride in the fact that all decorating ideas are her own. Walls of living room, hall, and entry are of striated plywood, painted forest green. Along one entire wall of the living room, banks of bookcases display their rich contents and add just the right amount of detail as complement to the plain wood expanses. Floors are of wide, pegged-oak planks, stained gray, and waxed to a gleaming finish. Fabrics and decorative touches also enhance the rural motif. For instance, bird and flower prints seem definitely appropriate. Davenport and wing chair, covered with a catalpa-blossom design of quilted chintz, blend softly with the outdoor foliage hues.

The kitchen, a masterpiece in itself, is functional, yet it sparkles with colorful peasant designs. These sketches are the work of Melva Mickelson who also helped decorate the bathroom. A two-car garage with large storage closet, almost mandatory for a house set so far in the country, has been nicely integrated into the overall pattern of the house.



Photographs by Reynolds of George Ryan Studio

Insulated glass wall combats severe cold of Minnesota winters, allows sunlight to penetrate far into living-dining room. Wool draperies are of same forest green seen in wood walls and brickwork. Flower and bird prints reflect rural surroundings

Humphrey and Hardenbergh, designers. Data: Charles Raymond

In the Partridge kitchen modern equipment, peasant decor—another "correct" blending

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Above, pungent colors mark costumes of figures taken from cabinets, lower right of photo

Kitchen Marriage

1225
Boy and girl, left, illustrate steps from peasant dance, appear in upper left corner of photo. Ducks and tulip tree are on cabinets at lower right

Scandinavian peasant motifs—and streamlined modern equipment unite harmoniously in the Partridge kitchen. For functional, utilitarian, time-and-energy saving equipment has not banished good designs of the past! Even in the most modern of houses, there's always a place for the fun of gay, even quaint, decorations—and it *is* correct to marry the old with the new when they join for pleasanter living.

Sophisticated handling of floral and leaf designs, exquisite coloring and grace of line are all incorporated. These designs need not be used only in the kitchen, but would be ideal for a playroom. A small girl would love these peasants and their charming flowers in her room. They would also "make" a powder room. The smaller motifs would be ideal for wooden bowls, boxes, breadboards, slat-backed chairs, chests, bureaus, kitchen safes. For tinware, too, such as trays, boxes, pitchers, canisters, pie tins to hang on wall. They can be easily adapted for textile-painting place mats, tablecloths, bedspreads, curtains; could be used effectively, too, on china or pottery with new enamels made for this specific purpose.

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Motifs at right are versatile, equally at home on knotty pine cabinets or maple breakfast set. Similar to Pennsylvania Dutch, yet they are truly Scandinavian

Melva Mickelson

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The Stephensons in their city brownstone wanted a more efficient, attractive kitchen. Structural changes were out of the question. Range and refrigerator were moved to opposite wall. Formerly disguised chimney breast was decorated and fitted with small black iron stove. Kerosene-burning wall lamps helped determine the decor

Christmas in a Brownstone

Photographs by Richard Garrison

Orderly though unimaginative, this city kitchen acquired the charm of a holiday package simply by use of color and wise planning

JANE McNAMARA

No matter where you are—even in a small big-city apartment—the Christmas spirit calls for a bit of sentiment and a bit of celebrating. The C. Eugene Stephensons begin to make something special of Christmas Day at breakfast—baked Smithfield ham, right from the farm, and griddle cakes!

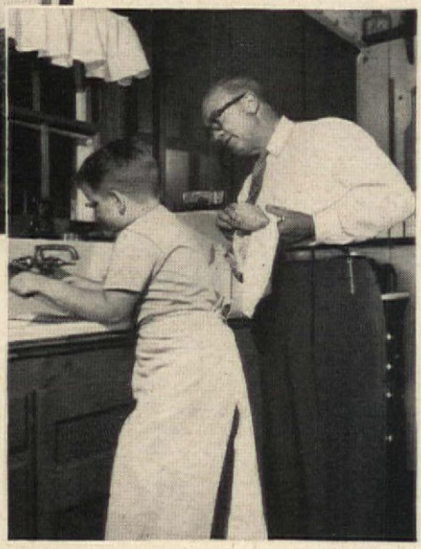
Interesting colors and accessories did much for a once drab and uninviting room—turquoise-blue walls and ceiling, dark wine linoleum and pure white accents. The small table in front of the stove is adequate for two. An antique pine desk in the chimney corner takes care of paper work necessary for a well-run kitchen. Christmas packages and tree show Santa liked this room as much as we did.

Two long, awkward windows when treated as one help give illusion of width to a narrow room. Drop-leaf table opens for ample counter space. Existing cabinets refinished remain as main storage unit. Additional closet behind door is fitted for cleaning supplies, canned-goods storage

EDITH RAMSAY

Visions of Sugarplums

George de Gennaro



Good times and sweet surprises await the children at Grandma's house. At the Harry Manns' this pre-Christmas visit is a happy, well-loved tradition

Johnny Stanton makes a quarter at Grandpa's as well as at home for his dishwashing technique. Here he can always enlist Grandpa's help

Goodies to make—secrets to keep—what better place to learn Christmas tradition than in Grandmother's kitchen! Every year the grandchildren of the Harry Manns, of Los Angeles, gather for fun and frolic the week before Christmas. With eyes fairly dancing with excitement as they enter the house, the older ones now know that each year Grandma will add more secrets to the fund already divulged in years gone by. Boys can be a real part of this kitchen fun by taking over the nut-cracking department—walnuts for candy specials, almonds for cookie decorations and cake flavors.

With only the patience that a grandmother can bestow, the girls go through the simple paces of dipping nuts, rolling fondant, then graduate to the Turkish-delight class. Even baby Christine in her highchair becomes a member of the party. Next year she can probably be allowed to put some of the cloves in the pungent smelling pomander balls for Mother's or Auntie's closets. Midst chatter and giggles, bright wrappings come right into the kitchen as Grandma supervises, but lets each one tie up his or her own little packages.

Yes, Christmas is for grandparents, if they make the children feel that they have a real part in all its work and fun.

Grandma Mann supervises only—all the fun of mixing, making, packaging, and tagging is for the children

Have you tried this?

OLD-FASHIONED VEGETABLE-BEEF SOUP WITH *Pieces of Beef* ALL THROUGH

LOOK FOR THE RED-AND-WHITE LABEL

Pieces of lean BEEF . . . nourishing VEGETABLES . . . mingled in a rich BEEF stock

So they like beef at your house! Then by all means let the family try this old-fashioned vegetable-beef soup. To begin with, they'll taste a fine rich beef stock—really substantial. Then, mingled throughout are generous pieces of lean beef. Yes, beef in the broth and beef all through. Finally, a variety of luscious vegetables add their goodness to this hearty meat-and-vegetable soup.

Serve the family Campbell's Vegetable-Beef Soup soon. They—and you—will find it extra-satisfying, extra-nourishing and heart-warming . . . truly a square-meal soup. Yes, ma'am, *your* kind of folks will say it's *their* kind of soup, and no mistake!

pieces tender,
egetables fine—
up to delight
our folks and mine!

Remember to ask for... **Campbell's Vegetable-Beef Soup**

Christmas is
for Grandparents...

ALICE B. KLINE

Santa is kept on a strict Christmas delivery schedule by children and grandchildren, but all other Christmas glories belong to Grandparents. It is the Grandparents of the nation who take traditions from Christmas Past and hand them across the Present to Christmas Future. Who else can trim a better tree, get up a more appetizing meal, or tell more splendid stories of sugarplums and drumsticks?

Speaking of drumsticks, our Christmas food story will remind you of the dexterity with which Grandfather slices away that drumstick from a plump, well-roasted chicken to a waiting plate heaped high with mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, traditional turnips and kale from the winter's markets.

It will remind you, too, of the sugarplums that fall within Grandmother's special domain, ranging from fruit-stuffed cake to special cranberry treats. And candies! Bonbons, fudge, marshmallows, chocolates, are among the chosen for the Christmas table. Minted walnuts are a recipe from American Home's files, a repetition to acquaint some of our new readers with an

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MENU

Roast Chicken with Giblet Gravy
Mashed Potatoes Cubed Turnips
Kale with Sieved Egg
Hollywood Salad
Cranberry Coconut Pudding
Chocolate Fruit Cake Coffee
Minted Walnuts Assorted Candies

Effective against lime-green draperies in home of Brown and Florence Thomas is the manzanita tree wedged with small stones into a red metallic bowl. We'd suggest covering stones with foil or waxed paper, filling bowl to top with popcorn or nuts for easy nibbling

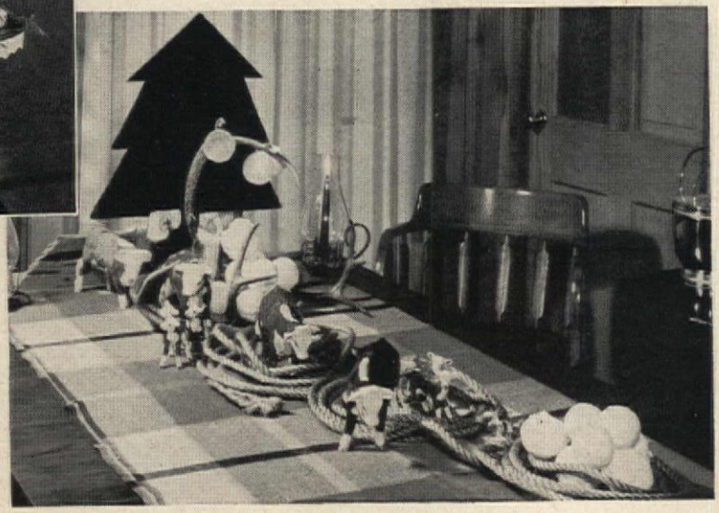
Christmas really begins i

Inverted glass pedestal cake plates edged with red tarlatan frill hold white carnations or popcorn. Herbert Sturdy home

F. M. De

The fantasy of childhood imagination is captured in this candy house inspired by Hansel and Gretel and created by Elizabeth Hall Lee of Hempstead, New York. A Christmas decoration children will adore and can help to make. See pages 55, 56 for directions

Another decorative idea in the Herbert Sturdy home is treatment of tier table laden with fruit, frosted grapes, cranberry strings, and gilded walnuts. Each shelf edged with lace shelving paper held with red satin ribbon. Christmas in the Texas home of the Art Kramers called for ranch-style table: plaid cloth, corrals of rope, tree—shingles secured to wood trunk



George de Gennaro

Practical version of popular Jack Horner pie, created by Grace Walton, uses a hatbox; cover decorated with colored balls may be raised to extract favors

he kitchen!

ragrances of cookies, candy, popcorn, and cakes draw us to the kitchen at Christmas-time. All the activity of package-wrapping decoration-planning is here along with the paration of very special food gifts.

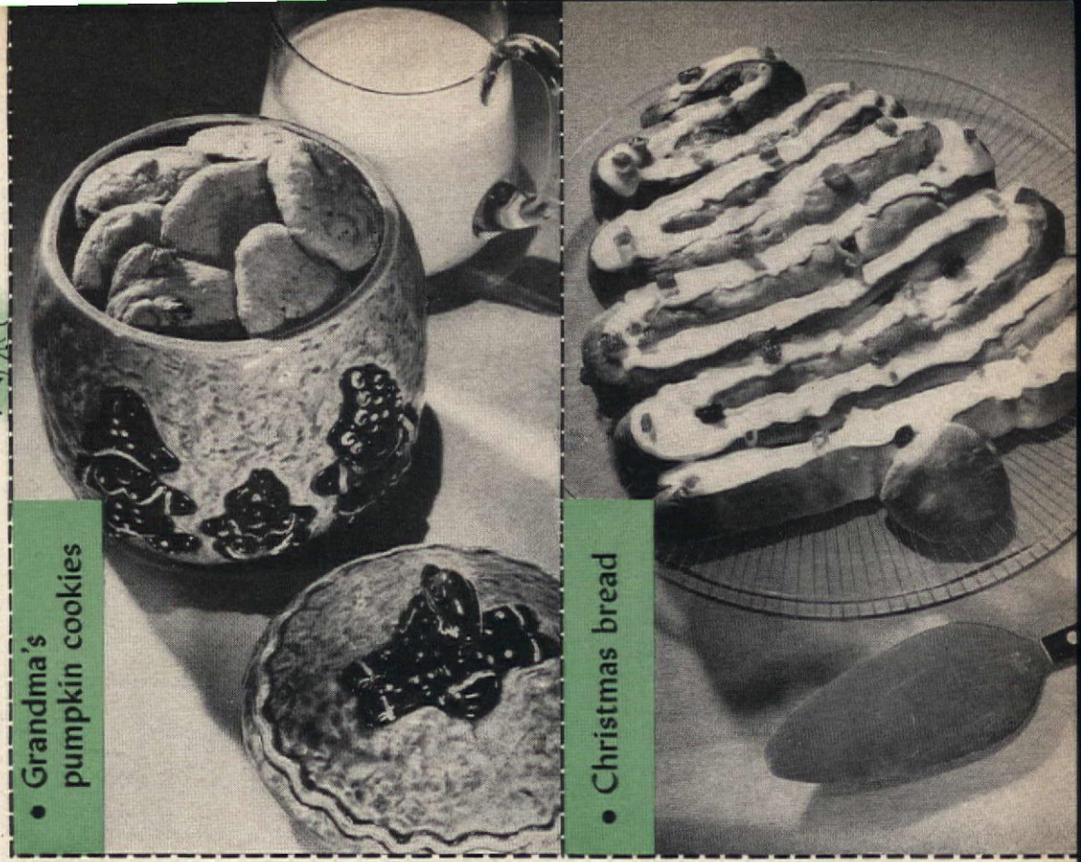
omes are buzzing with "it just won't be istmas without Grandma's cookies," and uldn't it be a fine idea to put a special trim nd that bay window in the dining room?"

he manzanita tree or an interesting branch n your own garden (top of opposite page) candidate for a new tradition, we think, and recommend a table centerpiece (upper left, osite page) that uses three glass pedestal cake es which are inverted to make a triple tier. white cellophane trees are from the dime e, and the cloth is of eyelet embroidery.

rom story and fable, right to your table, that's Candy House! You'll not want to eat this se. It's just for fun and to keep for next r (if you're very thrifty and the children are eful). Be sure to start with a good firm card-rd foundation (see diagram, page 56) and then te the sides and roof in place. If you have erness in your fingers, you may add to our ple little Hansel and Gretel type of cottage. x only the amount of the recipe (make a sugar te of 4 tablespoons of gum arabic, 8 table-ons of hot water, and 4 cups of powdered ar) for the sugar base at any one time and p hot water close by to add to it for greater ibility. It stiffens rapidly. Work in small sec-ns starting with the foundation and working wards. Only hard candy should be used. Pepper-nt sticks are effective in outlining doors and ndows. It isn't easy to estimate how much ndy is necessary for a candy house; be sure buy plenty and then if any is left over, it can sily be consumed during the holidays.

A table that is small often lends itself to ique decoration like the triple-tiered one which s each shelf edged with lace shelving paper ld in place with red satin ribbons (lower left, posite page). So many very young cowboys e invading our living rooms and kitchens that might be a good idea to let them into the ning room with a real ranch-style table decora-n planned just for them (see lower left, op-site page).

Little Jack Horner started something with his um pie. Now we have a Christmas gift "grab g" centering around Jack's pastry. A round hat-x is cut down to a size which will just hold the fts to go into it. Each gift is tied with a rib-



• Christmas bread

Preparation time: 3 hrs.

1 pkg. hot roll mix
1 tbs. grated lemon rind
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. nutmeg
2 tbs. granulated sugar
½ cup raisins

Prepare according to package directions, adding lemon rind and spices with liquid and sugar and raisins with mix. Let rise until double in bulk; punch down and turn out onto lightly floured board. Knead lightly; roll out into rectangle 13" x 7". Cut lengthwise into 4 strips. Roll each strip into long roll about 1" in diameter. Starting at the top of greased cookie sheet with one roll, twist in snake-like fashion, joining with other rolls to make tree. Use part of last roll to make trunk of tree. Brush lightly with melted butter and let rise in warm place until double in bulk. Bake in moderately hot oven of 400°F. 12 to 15 minutes or until brown. Cool on cake rack. Frost with confectioner's sugar and water frosting.

Makes 12 to 18 servings ***164 cal. per serving***

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• Grandma's pumpkin cookies

Preparation time: 45 min.

¾ cup vegetable shortening
1½ cups sugar
1 egg
1⅓ cups mashed pumpkin
2¼ cups sifted all-purpose flour
4 tsp. baking powder
¾ tsp. ground nutmeg
¼ tsp. powdered cloves
½ tsp. powdered ginger
½ tsp. cinnamon
1 cup raisins or chopped nuts

Work shortening with spoon until creamy. Add sugar gradually, beating well to blend. Add egg and pumpkin and beat well. Sift flour with next 5 ingredients, then add to first mixture. Beat well. Fold in raisins. Drop batter by tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake in moderately hot oven of 375°F. 15 minutes or until golden.

Makes about 4 dozen ***45 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamin A***

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• candies kids can make

Preparation time: 20 min.

Molasses Chews: ¼ cup molasses
¾ cup dry skim milk
½ cup finely crushed graham cracker crumbs

Pour molasses into a mixing bowl. Gradually add dry skim milk and crumbs. Knead lightly and form into small balls, or shape into ¾" roll on board sprinkled lightly with dry skim milk. Cut roll into ½" pieces.

Makes about 30 pieces *26 cal. per serving* *Source of vitamin B complex*

Shredded Coconut Creams: ***Preparation time: 25 min.***

1¼ cups cereal crumbs (shredded wheat, cornflakes, or crisp rice cereal)
2½ tbs. cream
½ tsp. almond extract
3 tbs. melted butter or margarine
1¼ cups confectioner's sugar
¾ cup shredded coconut

Roll cereal into crumbs. Add cream and almond extract to melted butter. Stir in powdered sugar, about ¼ cup at a time. Stir until smooth. Mix in coconut and ¾ cup of the cereal crumbs. Shape into inch balls. Roll in remaining crumbs.

Makes about 2 dozen *78 cal. per serving*

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• gifts from the kitchen

Gift Meal No. 1. Olive rice with tomato rarebit:

Prepare one package of pre-cooked rice according to package directions. Heat one can condensed tomato soup; add 2 cups (8-ounce package) grated sharp cheese and ½ teaspoon dry mustard. Cook over low heat until cheese is melted stirring constantly. Add ¼ cup chopped stuffed olives and 2 tablespoons butter to rice and serve with tomato-cheese sauce. ***Serves 4.***

Gift Meal No. 2. Tuna casserole:

Combine one 7-ounce can chunk-style tuna with one can condensed mushroom soup and place in casserole. Cover with buttered corn flakes and bake at 450°F. until top is brown. ***Serves 4.***

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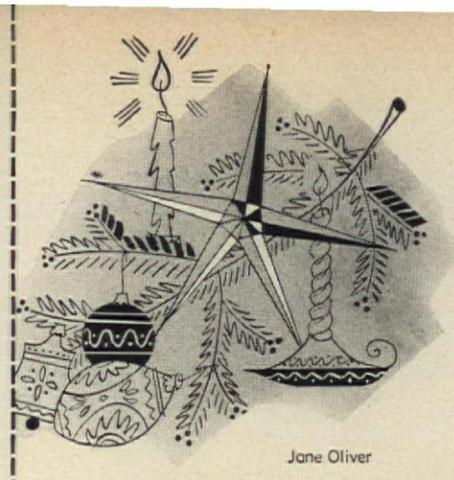

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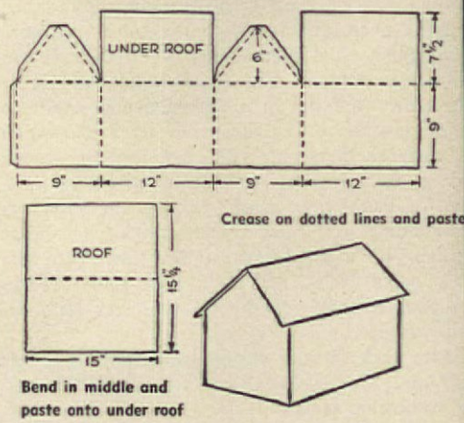
bon having a good long streamer. The hatb is covered with red paper and the top decorat with Christmas balls of varied colors, mound to give a pie effect. Just before the gifts are be distributed, the top is tilted to allow the gif to come out without damage to the "pie" whi can be used again next year.

All this is hungry work that calls for Gran ma's Pumpkin Cookies and milk or Christm Bread and coffee. That Christmas-tree Bread w bring a glow to the Christmas Eve snack or t special breakfast that heralds the great day itsel Since we are giving directions for using package hot-roll mix, it's a pure delight to prepare. M lasses Chews and Shredded Coconut Creams a both candies that we selected especially for t children because no cooking is required in eith recipe, the ingredients are in the high nutritio brackets, and the success of the recipe is pra tically guaranteed.

Last of all from the kitchen comes a suggestio or two for last minute gifts *for* the homemake *from* the homemaker. Don't forget to copy th menu and any needed recipes and suggestion onto your gift card. A jar of your best jam o jelly, a package of precious tea tied with perk holiday bow, or the ingredients for a "gift meal in a basket are welcome holiday gifts.

DIAGRAM FOR CANDY HOUSE



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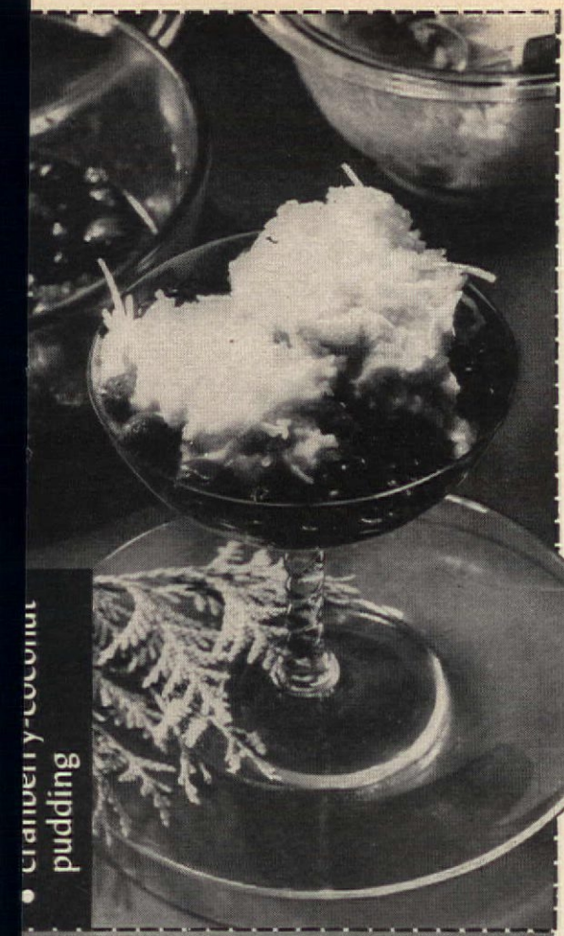
oldtime treat that is sure to start a tradition growing in your family where none grew before. We have room, too, to give you a new recipe for marshmallows made with unflavored gelatin. We recommend that, unless you have a specially gifted candymaker in the family, the other sugarplums for your table come from those Christmas candies that Santa left as he passed by.

This year, serve a brace of chickens. They will provide twice as many drumsticks and twice as many wishbones for the grandchildren as well as goodly supplies of "firsts" and "seconds" for all. We considered for a short time the elimination of turnips from the Christmas dinner menu but hurriedly reinstated this favored vegetable when an informal survey of family, neighbors, and business associates revealed a vigorous protest against



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Christmas Is for Grandparents

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any slight to tradition. Turnips are here for Christmas! And will be as long as we have grandparents to reminisce about their virtues and to pass along cooking hints.

A popular green winter vegetable that is moving ahead rapidly is kale; I guess because it's in all the winter markets and has such a fresh spring flavor. Frozen kale is available, too, at times, and amazingly good. Cook kale with bacon or salt pork and season it with butter or margarine.

Desserts should be double on Christmas. A dessert that is so pretty it sparkles like a Christmas tree, is a creamy coconut pudding that wears a wreath of candied cranberries and tastes better than *that!* With it serve a piece of Chocolate Fruit Cake. Our spanking new recipe is a splendid flavor-blend for lovers of both fruit and chocolate cake.

• holiday candies

Minted Walnuts: Mix 1 cup sugar, ½ cup water, ¼ cup light corn syrup and ⅛ tsp. salt in a saucepan. Cook gently until mixture reaches 230°F. or until just before it forms a soft ball when a little is dropped in cold water. Remove from heat, add 6 marshmallows and stir until melted. Add 3 drops oil of peppermint and 2½ cups walnut halves. Stir until every nut is coated and mixture starts to harden. Turn onto unglazed paper. Cool. *47 cal. per walnut half.*

Wonder Marshmallows: Soften 1 envelope unflavored gelatin in ⅓ cup cold water. Place over boiling water and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Add ½ cup sugar and stir until dissolved. Remove from heat. Into large bowl of an electric mixer pour ⅔ cup light corn syrup, 1 tsp. vanilla flavoring, and the gelatin mixture. Beat on highest speed until mixture becomes thick, about 15 minutes. Line a greased 7 x 10 x 1½ inch pan with crushed cereal flakes. Pour in marshmallow mixture and sprinkle top with crushed cereal flakes. Let stand in cool place (not a refrigerator) until well set, about 1 hour. Loosen around edge and invert over board. Cut into 1-inch squares with a sharp, wet knife. Roll in cereal to coat all sides.

35 cal. per marshmallow.

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• chicken, how to bake

1. Place stuffed chicken, breast side up, on rack, in uncovered roaster. Wring piece of cheesecloth out of melted fat, lay over top and sides of bird. Do not add water.
2. Roast at 325°F. as follows. Differences in birds may necessitate increasing or decreasing time.

Time and Temperature Table for Roasting Chicken which has been kept in refrigerator until ready to roast.

Drawn Weight (*minus head, feet, organs*)	Oven Temp.	Approx. time per lb.
2 lbs. to 2¾ lbs.	325°F.	66–63 min.
2¾ lbs. to 3½ lbs.	325°F.	55–51 "
3½ lbs. to 4½ lbs.	325°F.	49–45 "
4½ lbs.	325°F.	43 "

To test for doneness: Shortly before chicken should be done, grasp end of drumstick. If thigh joint moves easily, bird is done. Also drumstick meat should be very soft when pressed between fingers. Do not pierce meat with fork.

3. If cheesecloth dries during roasting, spoon on fat from pan. 4. When bird is done, remove string, skewers or poultry pins. 5. Make gravy from drippings in pan.

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• kale, how to cook

Preparation time: 30 min.

Strip veins and stems from kale. Wash remaining leaves thoroughly but do not soak. Cook rapidly, uncovered, in ½ inch of boiling, salted water only until tender (about 20 minutes). Frozen kale should be cooked according to the directions on the package. Kale is good combined with bacon or salt pork, seasoned with butter, or steamed with green onion slices. Garnish with chopped, hard-cooked egg or a wedge of lemon.

2–2½ lbs. kale serves 4 ***Source of vitamins A, C, B complex***

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• cranberry-coconut pudding

Preparation time: 3 hrs.

1 cup light cream
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
2 tbs. cold water
½ cup granulated sugar
1 cup moist, grated coconut
1 tsp. brandy flavoring (optional)
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
2 cups fresh cranberries
1½ cups sugar

Heat light cream over boiling water. Add gelatin which has been softened in cold water. Stir until dissolved. Add ½ cup sugar. Cook, stirring, about 4 minutes. Remove from heat and cool. Then fold in coconut, flavoring, and whipped cream. Turn into 1 qt. serving dish or oiled individual molds. Chill until firm.

Meanwhile pick over and wash large, firm cranberries. Drain cranberries and spread in bottom of buttered baking dish. Sprinkle berries with sugar, cover tightly and bake in a moderate oven of 350°F. for 50–60 min. Stir once to mix sugar from bottom of dish. Cool, chill.

Serve pudding with candied cranberries spooned over the top. Garnish with sprig of holly.

Serves 6 ***593 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamin A***

• chocolate fruit cake

Preparation time: 3 hrs.

1 lb. packaged mixed glacé fruits
1 cup raisins
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
¾ cup vegetable shortening
1 cup granulated sugar
3 eggs
4 sqs. unsweetened chocolate, melted
¾ cup milk
2 cups coarsely chopped nuts

One half hour before mixing cake, place glacé fruits and raisins in bowl and cover with boiling water. Let stand 30 minutes, then drain *well*. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Work shortening with back of spoon until creamy. Add sugar gradually, beating well with spoon until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Now stir in melted chocolate; beat well to blend. Add flour mixture alternately with milk, beating well after each addition. Fold in drained fruit and nuts. Turn into 10" x 5" x 3" loaf pan which has been greased and lined on bottom and sides with waxed paper. Bake in slow oven of 300°F. 2¼ hrs., or until well done. Cool on cake rack before removing from pan.

Note: Wrap cake tightly in waxed paper or aluminum foil and store in refrigerator.

Christmas Breakfast

Cranberry and Orange Juice
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Christmas Bread
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Christmas Supper

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Every hour in every day this year, more than 200 people in the U. S. will reach the age of 45 and more than one hundred people will reach the age of 65. In other words, say the statisticians, we are rapidly becoming a race of older people. A very good thing if, as older people, we keep producing and keep active.

Concerned with the problem, nutrition people have met the issue head on, and more and more evidence of thoughtful research is piling up. So many people are engaged in this work, and so much has been accomplished that a new word is creeping into common usage, *geriatrics,* the proper feeding of older people.

What foods should old folks eat? The diet should include a high level of protein, moderate carbohydrates, a low level of fats, and a higher than average amount of vitamins and minerals. Unless you've been specially trained in nutrition, you may find that diet a little difficult to translate into breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The reducing plans we suggested last month in this column are good ones to follow; in case you missed them, here are the points to remember: eat plenty of vegetables, fruits, lean meats, fish, cottage cheese and eggs; eat lightly of cereals, fats, sweetened fruits; stay away from alcoholic beverages and concentrated sweets.

A new way to telescope your nutrition worries for old age is to use a food which is especially adapted for old people, geriatric special milk. Available nationally at drug stores, it has a balanced proportion of protein, carbohydrate, fat, vitamins and minerals; two glasses of it a day (11 level tablespoons of dry product to 2 glasses of water) are an easily prepared and economical food for persons on the other side of forty.

On the theory that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, we are adding a geriatric milk cocktail to our daily intake, and we make it like this:

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1 cup water
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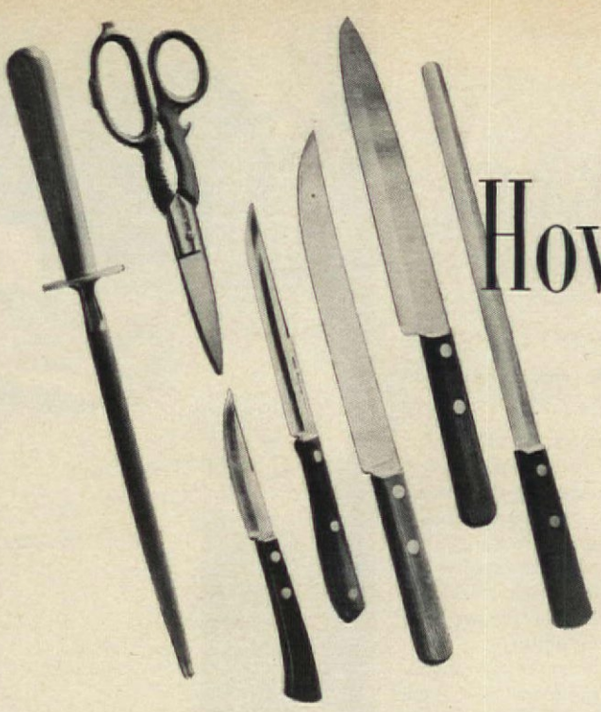

How to Buy a Starter Set

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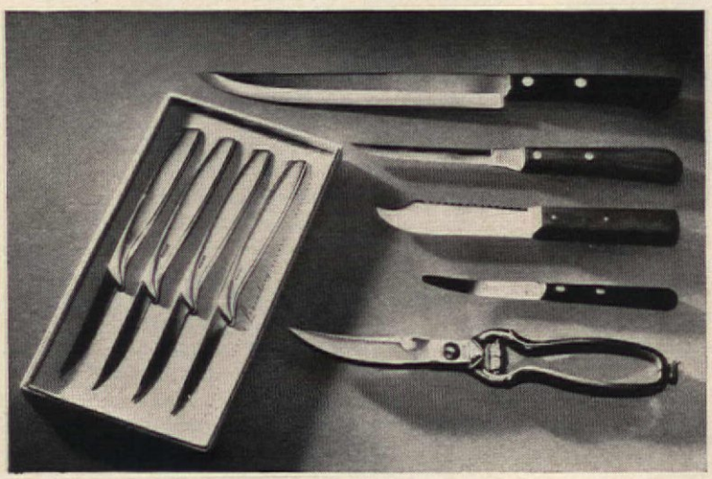
French cook's knife uses a "rocker" motion for dicing, shredding, mincing parsley, onions, green peppers, nuts

Ham, poultry, or beef slicer gives even, thin slices. The rounded, non-tapered blade firmly cuts through large roasts

Photographs by F. M. Demarest

When you shop for cutlery, bear in mind that poor quality cutlery is a waste of money as well as a constant source of irritation. The day of the dime knife is past, and high quality cutlery is recognized as a lifetime investment. In order to select the pieces you need, it is necessary to know the jobs they are to do. Knives, for example, are used on an average of 129 times a day for such tasks as paring, slicing, shredding, trimming meat from bones, carving, dicing, and mincing. No one knife will do all these things skillfully and efficiently. Have you ever tried to dig out the eyes of potatoes with a "butcher" knife? If you have, the results were mighty unsatisfactory—perhaps even a cut finger—all because the knife used was not the proper size or design for that purpose.

Blades which hold a keen cutting edge are made of high carbon and vanadium steel. Stainless steel blades are of a steel, nickel, and chromium alloy. The chromium content prevents rusting, while the high carbon content produces a blade which will take and hold a razor-sharp edge. Forged blades are best and can be recognized by the tapering from handle to point and from back to cutting edge. These blades have greater strength at the handle and flexibility nearer the tip of the knife. Hollow-ground blades like the old-fashioned straight razor, are preferable for most general purposes. These concave ground blades, which have been ground almost half the width of the blade, are easy to keep sharp with a few well-applied strokes on a sharpening steel (one manufacturer now guarantees no sharpening for three years). In a well-constructed knife, the blades should extend the entire length or half the length of the handle and be fastened by two or three good-sized rivets. Handles of molded plastic, hard rubber, metals, or fine-grained hard woods are satisfactory. Test the balance of handle and blade by the way it feels in your hand. A well-balanced knife is comfortable to hold, a joy to work with. Our starter set, under $20; complete set can be assembled for under $50.



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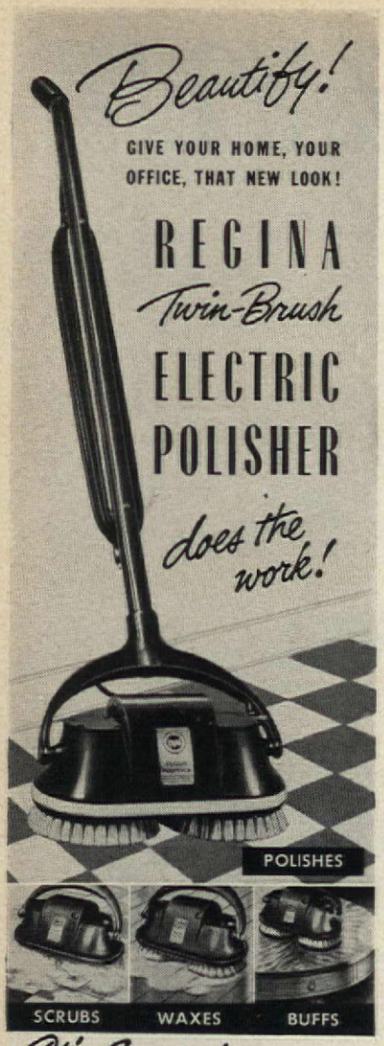

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Sock-away supper for Santa

George and his father, boon companions, making a festive wreath out of evergreens, holly, and lots of chunky pine cones

Busy as bees, the Cunningham children fill up stockings with candy, dates, fruit, for "Santa and his helpers" to eat after their long trip from the North Pole

Patsy, aged 10, gets a peek at the turkey for Christmas dinner as her mother makes room in the refrigerator for the stocking suppers which they'll all dive into after tree trimming

Idea suggested by Jane Olliver
Photographs by F. M. Demarest

GERTRUDE BRASSARD

There's magic in the date December 24th, in that breathless moment just before the glorious, bursting joy of Christmas morning. There's magic in the rushing of hundreds of hurried feet up Main Street . . . in a small boy's fervent yearning for Santa "to please bring me a two-wheeler" . . . in a teen-age girl's longing for a shining new party dress . . . in a father's grumbling as he dons his Santa Claus suit. In homes all over the world, it's the happiest and busiest night of the year.

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cunningham, of Teaneck, New Jersey, there is one particular tradition that stands out above all others. And that is their project of preparing a supper for Santa Claus and his helpers to eat after they have left their bag of presents under the Cunninghams' tree. Although the Cunninghams' two daughters, Agnes and Patsy, have outgrown their belief in Santa, they eagerly act their parts in nurturing the starry-eyed faith of their young brother, George, aged four, who still believes in St. Nick and all the wonders of his North Pole workshop. Called "Sock-away Supper," the children take care of this phase of the evening all by themselves, while their mother and father string up the tree lights, and have an occasional word or two about where this or that ornament should be hung on the tree.

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- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 2 tbsps. sugar
- ⅛ tsp. each, almond extract and lemon extract
- Dash of salt
- 1 No. 2½ can or jar Del Monte Fruit Cocktail, well chilled
- ½ cup grated coconut, toasted

Combine scalded milk with egg and sugar: add flavorings and salt. Pour into small casserole, set in pan of hot water, and bake in a slow oven (325° F.) 30 to 40 minutes or until sharp knife inserted in center comes out clean. Chill. Empty chilled Del Monte Fruit Cocktail into serving bowl. Place spoonfuls of custard on top, and cover custard with toasted coconut, as illustrated. Serves 4 to 6.

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Sock-Away Supper

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George, Jr., feels that Santa Claus must be awfully hungry after such a long trip driving his reindeer, and so he decides they should stuff the stockings with candy, dates, apples, oranges, cake, sandwiches, and stalks of stuffed celery. After this work is finished and the stockings are put in the refrigerator to keep fresh, George is trundled off to bed where he'll listen very hard for the sound of reindeer outside his window.

Downstairs, the rest of the family is busily finishing Santa's last-minute work. As soon as every light shines on the tree, all greenery has been arranged, each bow has been tied, the hour for Santa's sock-away supper begins. All four repair to the refrigerator door. Each one takes a food-filled stocking, carries it back to the living-room hearth, and, together, under the radiant light of the Christmas tree, they munch their stocking supper. (For, in truth, there's no realer Santa Claus than Mr. Cunningham, no abler helpers than Agnes, Patsy, and Mother.)

After they've enjoyed the "sock-away" suppers, the Cunninghams gather around the piano to sing favorite old-time

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All set to crawl into bed, his letter to Santa written. Mother helps George pin up his stocking before he makes the nightly rounds of kissing everyone goodnight

Patsy, with a flair for making things, can hardly wait until her sister finishes setting the holiday table so she may add the exclamation points: ribbon cups

Secret closet is now unlocked and down come packages as a guessing game takes place. But Mother isn't telling her eager and inquisitive Patsy which gift belongs to what person

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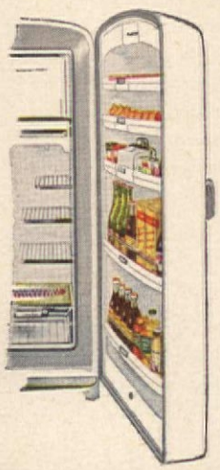

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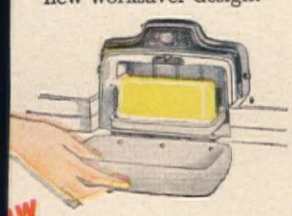

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BUTTER YOU CAN SPREAD

Look again now—don't miss that w "jewel box" in the Shelvador! That's the delightful Crosley utterSafe"! It's a *separate* ulated compartment with *separate* tomatic control, that keeps a full pound of butter the *way you like it* for easy spreading! The ButterSafe keeps butter from "picking up" other food flavors and odors too—and it *lifts right out* for easy cleaning!

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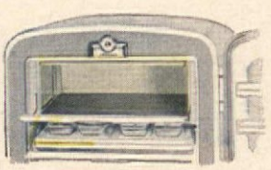

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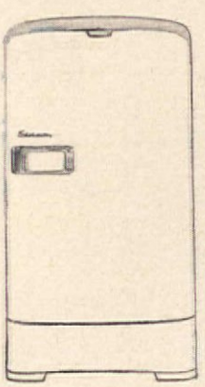
Beautiful high-style lines—stunning heavy chrome door-handle with trigger-action latch ... gleaming Dulux enamel exterior. Acid-resisting, easier-to-clean



porcelain enamel interior with sparkling chrome shelves ... even a new temperature and humidity control to take care of seasonal changes in weather! And remember—the marvelous ELECTROSAVER unit in every 1950 Shelvador operates more quietly, more economically than ever before. *Five-year warranty!*

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Holiday treats like these are so easy with Canned Fruit Cocktail from California

Holiday Fruit Mold

1 package strawberry Jell-O*
2 cups hot liquid (syrup from fruit cocktail plus water)
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1½ cups canned fruit cocktail
¼ cup chopped walnuts
Salad greens

Dissolve Jell-O in hot liquid and stir in lemon juice. Cool until slightly thickened. Fold in 1 cup well-drained fruit cocktail and nuts. Turn into oiled 1-quart star-shaped mold. Chill until firm. Unmold on salad greens. If desired, frost star with fluffy cream cheese dressing. Decorate with remaining fruit cocktail. Serves 4.

Note: If you have no star mold, chill Jell-O in a round pan until firm. Cut in 5 wedge-shaped slices. Arrange points outward to make a star.

*Jell-O is a registered trademark of General Foods Corp.

Fruit Cocktail Appetizer

Marvelous way to start or end a meal! Sparkling fruit cocktail spooned right from the can. The smart hostess will find many a holiday use for this luscious 5-fruit blend of golden California cling peaches, pears, pineapple, cherries and grapes. Ready-fixed, ready-mixed in perfect flavor balance, it's the ideal fruit for gelatins, salads, sauces, fruit cups. And what showy holiday tarts, pies, puddings and cakes you can bake with fruit cocktail! Your grocer has it!

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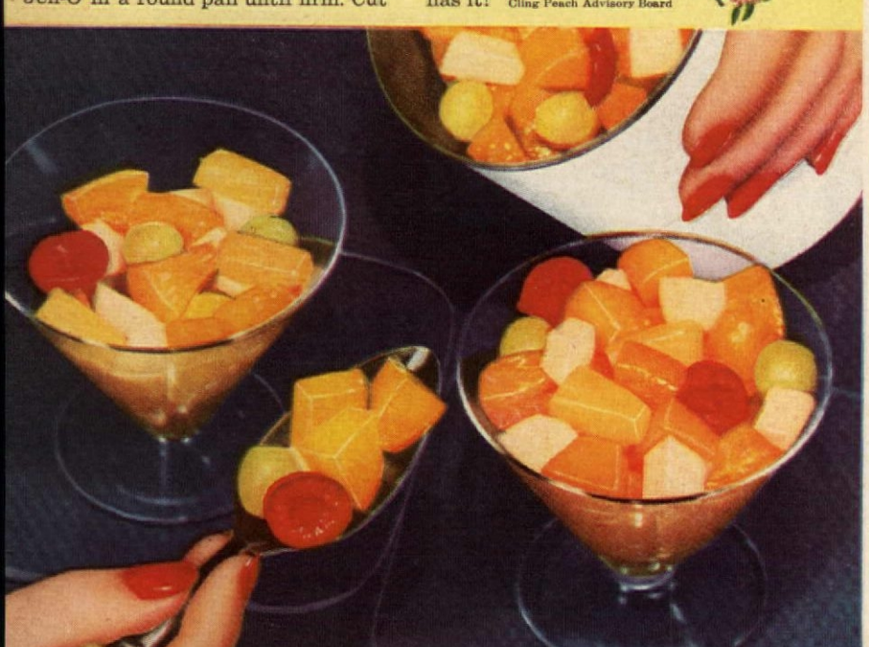
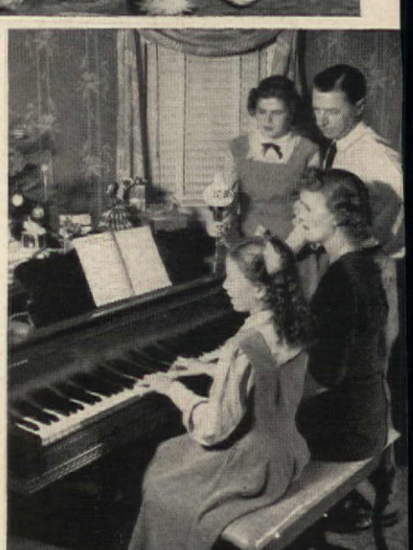


Sock-Away Supper (Begins on page 62)

Christmas carols. Sometimes if the night is not too cold and the snow is packed on the ground, they are serenaded by caroling neighbors. But this year they warm their hearts in close harmony over "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and other traditional tunes. With one last look at the resplendent tree, they soon wander sleepily off to bed, assured of a night filled with pleasant dreams.

The Cunninghams' stocking snacks can be easily adapted to Christmas parties for children—or for lunches to carry to school. If you have a stubborn eater, this method is sure to whet his interest and his appetite. Fill a cellophane stocking or a make-believe Santa's sack (paper bag) with sandwiches, a hard-boiled egg, a carrot, and a fruit or candy bar. Before you know it, they'll be pleading with you for more "stocking snacks." Round up your Christmas stockings now and start your children on the tradition of "Sock-Away Supper for Santa." They'll enjoy it until the time comes for them to hand it down to their own children.

Christmas decorating is now in full swing as Mr. C. checks tree-light wires, Mother arranges the greens around living room, and girls wrap up bright Christmas packages



Daughter Patsy, the prima donna, has been practicing up on the carols, needs no coaxing to play for family sing

Holly, English Holly Packers; Net Stockings, George E. Mousley, Inc.; Dinnerware "Geranium", Dick Knox; Wooden Bowl, Glenwood Mfg. Co.; Cloth "Holiday", Simtex Mills; Trays, American Art Works; Aprons, Warren Featherbone; Mother's Dress, Emma Domb, Inc.; "Orlando" lace cloth, Wilkes-Barre Lace Mfg. Co.; Xmas Cluster Tree, Max Eckardt; Glassware, Imperial; "Governor Clinton" China, Syracuse China; Masslinn napkins, Chicopee Mills; Nut Cup Favors, Tie-Tie; Closet Accessories, Protex Products; Wrapped packages, Ribbon Guild; Luggage, Amelia Earhart; Candle, Emkay; Star Bright Tree, Monrovia Plastic Co.; Games, Parker Bros.

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Family favorite for any meal—Walnut Bread! Try a quickie version with packaged biscuit mix. And for variety, add 6 or 8 chopped maraschino cherries or a handful of raisins. And for best flavor, use *Diamond* Walnuts—to make any hot bread better!

Grand for guests—Walnut Canapes. Spread crackers with cheese and top with chopped walnuts or walnut halves. Don't forget Cheese Bonbons—balls of cream-cheese between big walnut halves. And for best results, use *Diamond* Walnuts, of course!

Perfect for parties—sparkling Pearmint Salad. Add green coloring and mint flavoring to canned pear syrup; chill fruit in syrup for few hours. Serve on cottage cheese mixed with chopped *Diamond* Walnuts; add big *Diamond* Walnut halves for festive looks!

4 ways to feast your family . . .

Picture the excitement when you serve this luscious, brand-new pudding-cake! Chopped *Diamond* Walnuts inside, golden halves outside, make it party-proper, but not party-priced! Just *one pound* of *Diamond* Walnuts makes this dessert *plus* all the other treats shown here!

WALNUT PARFAIT CAKE

- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1 cup cold milk
- ½ cup sugar
- Dash of salt
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- ½ tsp. lemon extract
- 1 cup whipping cream
- ½ cup coarsely chopped *Diamond* Walnuts
- 8" layer of chocolate cake (use packaged mix or your own recipe)
- *Diamond* Walnut halves for decorating
- Maraschino cherries or gum drops (optional)

Add gelatin to ¼ cup of milk. Heat rest of milk with sugar and salt. Remove from heat, add softened gelatin and extracts. Chill until partially thickened, then whip with rotary beater until fluffy. Fold in whipped cream and chopped *Diamond* Walnuts. Pour into 8-in. layer cake pan; chill until firm. Put together this way—it's easy! Loosen edges of gelatin mixture. Place cooled cake on top of gelatin, place serving plate over cake and invert whole thing. (Or, when gelatin mixture is slightly stiffened, just spoon onto cake layer and chill together.) Frost sides of cake, and decorate with golden *Diamond* Walnut halves. For special holiday gaiety—garnish top with wreath of chopped walnuts and sliced gum drops or cherries. Makes 10 to 12 delicious servings.

DIAMOND WALNUTS (each shell branded) packed in 1 lb. cellophane bags (red for large, blue for medium size). Ready-shelled *Diamonds*, always fresh in 8 and 4 oz. vacuum tins.

with just *one pound* of DIAMOND WALNUTS

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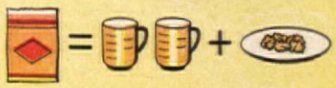
See for yourself! 

One pound of *Diamond* Walnuts yields 2 cups of halves and broken kernels *plus* extra halves for decorating. Insist on *Diamonds* for full measure!

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Dear Sirs:

In the holiday rush last year my son asked me at supper table to bake a cake for a school dance that evening. I quickly threw a package of Swans Down Cake Mix in the mixer, and what do you think? My cake won a prize! The reward surely belongs to Swans Down, the best cake mix on the market.

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A friend in Cincinnati sent me two packages last Christmas and I made one chocolate cake and one Instant White Cake for a New Year's Party. Both cakes vanished completely in no time at all, leaving my own fruit cake almost untouched.

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MRS. YEOLAND MAGUIRE
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Thank you, Mrs. Maguire; your good wishes are coming true! American women are baking so many delicious variations from this Mix that we have to make more and more all the time.

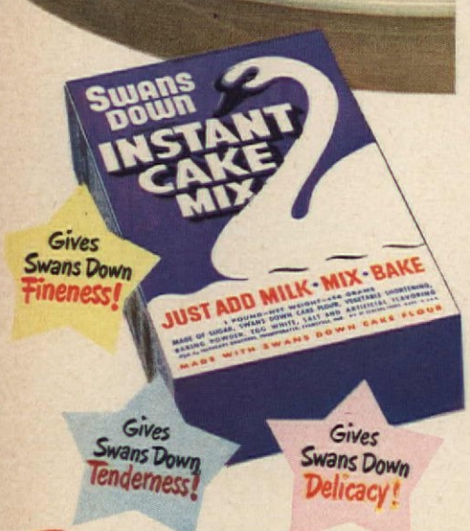
CHRISTMAS SNOW CAKE

Make a Swans Down Instant White Cake, using directions on back of Mix package. Cool thoroughly. Frost with

HOLIDAY FROSTING

3 tablespoons butter
½ cup Borden's Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
2½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar
Green coloring, if desired
1 cup Baker's Shredded Coconut

Cream butter; add ¼ cup condensed milk gradually, blending well. Add lemon rind. Then add sugar gradually, alternately with remaining milk, beating until smooth and light. Add coloring to desired shade. Spread on cake and drift high with coconut. Decorate with holly wreath of red and green maraschino cherries.



See box for other exciting recipes.

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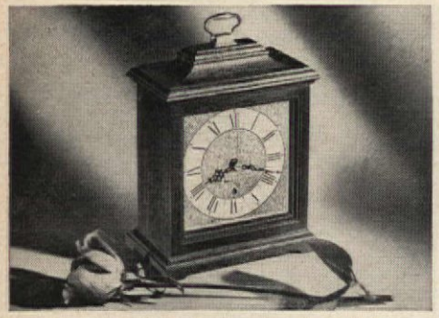

Make it a friendly Christmas—give the Seth Thomas Buckingham, charming period clock in mahogany for mantel, wall bracket, bookcase or desk. Height, 7¼ inches. Width, 5⅛ inches. *It's electric! $19.95.*†

For your own Christmas—the new Seth Thomas Homestead (shown at right), Colonial banjo clock in rich mahogany. Ht., 24¾ inches. *It's electric! $29.95.*† Another banjo clock is the Brookfield (not shown). Ht., 29 inches. *Electric or spring wound. $70.*† Musical chords sound hours and half-hours.

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Crash! A defective wire or hook that loosened from old wooden frame-back and your favorite gesso frame lies on the floor, corners broken, sides chipped

How to repair a gesso frame

J. R. E. CAMERON

Gesso frames are often very beautiful. They are equally expensive to have repaired. Here is a simple way to repair even bad breakage. You will need 24 oz. strong liquid glue, ½ pint water, ¾ pound resin, ¼ pint linseed oil, 4 to 6 pounds finely powdered whiting ("gesso" powder available at paint stores). Place resin in double boiler over boiling water (if resin is in lump form first pulverize it with hammer). Don't overheat, it's highly *flammable.*

Place glue and water in saucepan, heat slowly. When resin is melted, add boiled linseed oil, mix well. When thoroughly mixed, pour into glue, stirring constantly. Sift a small amount of whiting over mixture, blend carefully. Dust work table and hands with whiting. Mix and knead whiting into hot glue/resin/oil solution until it resembles putty or modeling clay.

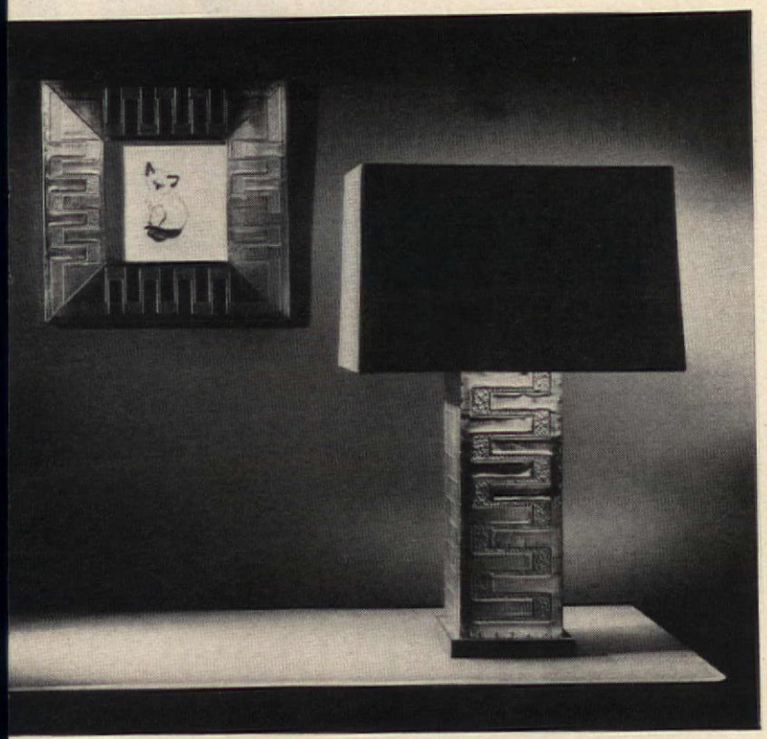
If only slightly chipped portions or cracks are to be touched up here and there, gesso may be applied and modeled with bits of wood or small knife. When cracks have been filled and modeling completed, brush over with water until areas are smooth.

If complete corner or section is required, make cast from corresponding corner or section of frame that is undamaged: Oil area with olive or linseed oil. Take large lump of gesso and press it firmly down over part to be reproduced. Remove and let it dry hard, about one week. Now oil cast well and fill with additional gesso. Place wet piece of board over this and press down hard. When cast inside mold has hardened, it will come away readily, attached to board. Remove from board and trim to shape. Before gluing to frame, be sure all old glue has been removed. Glue into position on frame and paint or gild as necessary. Note: Wrap leftover gesso in waxed paper.

By careful adherence to directions given above you can repair your gesso frame neatly at very little cost. Follow instructions carefully. Do have patience. It will be rewarded. Repairs will scarcely be seen

F. M. Demarest

Copper Lamp and Matching Frame



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Modern tooled copper lamp base and matching frame will add a warm glow to any dull corner and are elegant ideas for the home craftsman. Handsome tall square base starts with a form of scrap wood or plywood. Frame easy to put together in sections. Ideas from Hortense Price

How to Pour Turpentine

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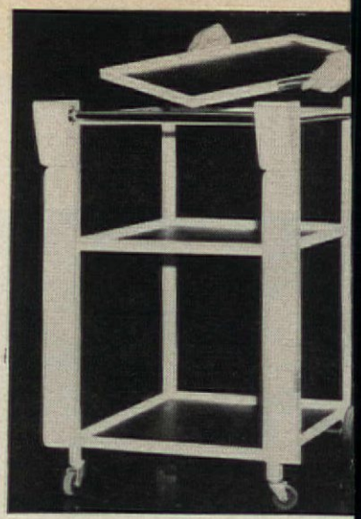

Roll into place, snap up extensions. Plastic tops in gay colors are attractive addition to any decor

On the move...

MARY WARNER

Your need might be a shallow drawer and added portable work space

A place for small electrical appliances and a supplemental working surface

Literally, we are on the move, wit information and items that yo have been asking for. Gathered o these pages are several readily avail able work-savers; silent, completel obedient servants to do your bidding

Some will be relegated to the kit chen and laundry; others will mak the rounds of the whole house an the neighboring shopping center.

It is hard to give these servants blanket name, but utility table or car may be adapted for all items. All ar constructed for hard use—sturdy metal frames with tops of bake enamel, linoleum, laminated plastic and even radiant glass.

The laundry and shopping carts have metal frames with hard-wearing canvas, plastic, or twill bags, easily removed for quick launderings.

Outdoor dining has become part of our daily summer schedule; living room and front-of-the-television-set dining is a year-round habit. Fill up your utility cart and wheel it out to the table.

An invalid or one of the children down with the measles needs a spot for reading matter, medicines, and a place to set the tray.

That extra counter in the kitchen may be moved where it is needed, and with one movable table an extra 200 sq. inches is made available by a flick of the wrist.

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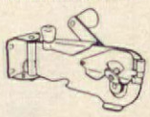

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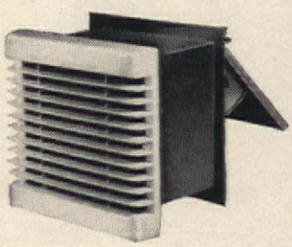

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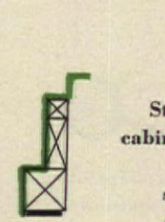

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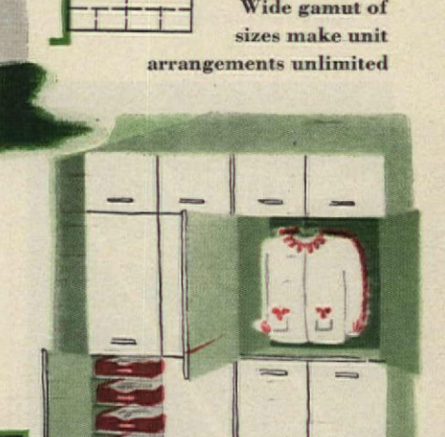
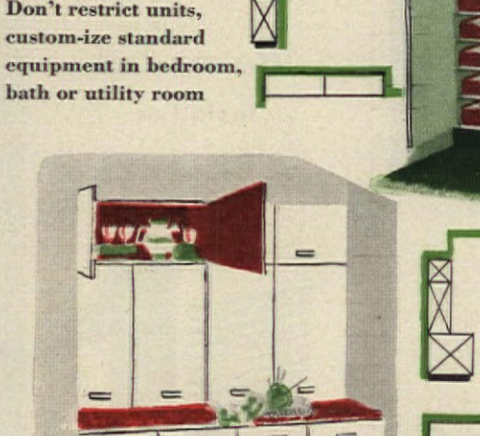
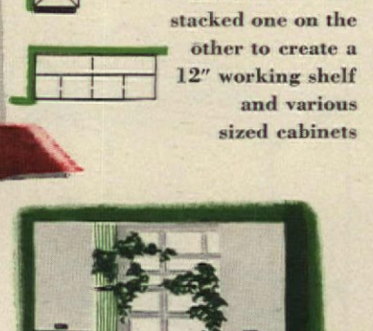


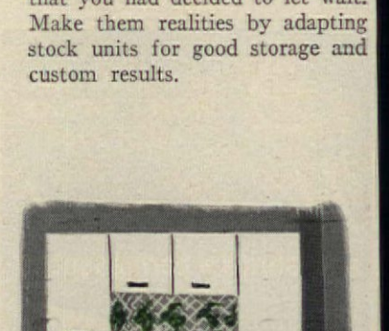
Wall cabinets, some reversed, in lieu of structural wall. File flat pieces in lower cabinets. Don't restrict units, custom-ize standard equipment in bedroom, bath or utility room



Base and wall cabinets—as pictured in perspective, plan, and section—are stacked one on the other to create a 12″ working shelf and various sized cabinets



Camouflage techniques applied to bare window and ugly radiator. Flanked by cabinets and decorated, one as a desk the other as a book shelf



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Ideas for supplementary storage space are not new. But storage units which are not a permanent installation, but a wall of steel cabinets as versatile as your imagination, are always news to modern homemakers. Stock units combine to afford storage for innumerable items, depending on where the cabinets are to be placed, and on the particular habits and hobbies of the family.

Many times shallow cabinets lend themselves more readily to a particular wall space. Double-door wall cabinets with shelves removed are perfect for hanging short garments—blouses, childrens clothes. Multi-purpose metal cabinets are wonderful for summer cottages—they lessen the task of cleaning and danger of vermin. To achieve a smooth wall of various sized cabinets, line the front of the cabinets flush and block shallow wall cabinets from behind. Compartments and divisions in closets provide more actual storage space than a closet twice the size with no means of hanging or placing supplies.

Reconsider those storage dreams that you had decided to let wait. Make them realities by adapting stock units for good storage and custom results.

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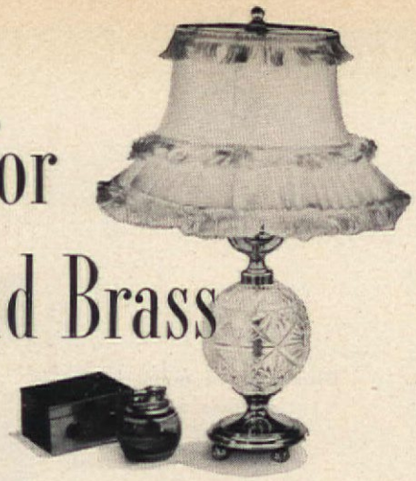

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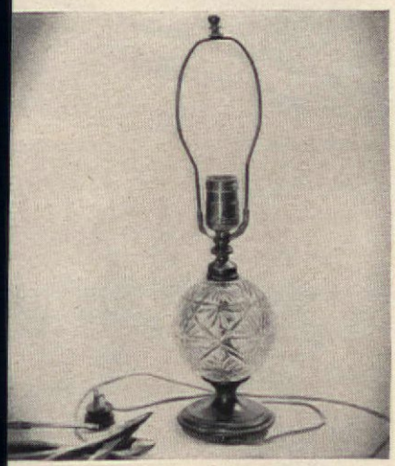

This little lamp of pressed glass with brass fixtures, so beautiful and shining when new, now dulled and discolored by time, can be restored to its original brightness

To start dismantling, slip end of a screwdriver between socket shell and cap. Separate. Work gently, avoid bending thin metal parts

Remove lamp cord from socket by loosening the two terminal screws with small, fine-bladed screwdriver

Usually a small set-screw will be found in the side of socket shank. Loosen this enough so that cap may be turned

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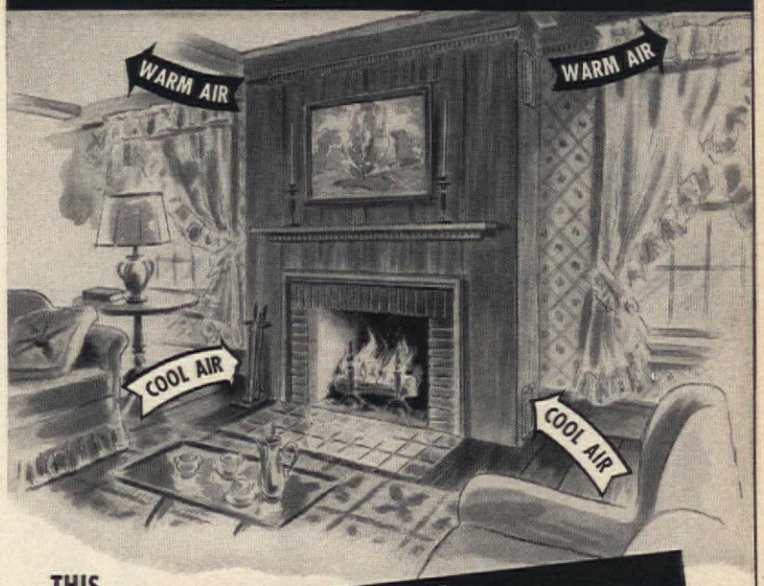
Warms Every Corner of the Room



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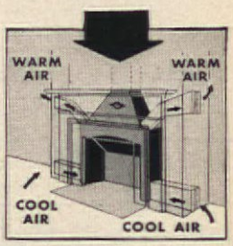

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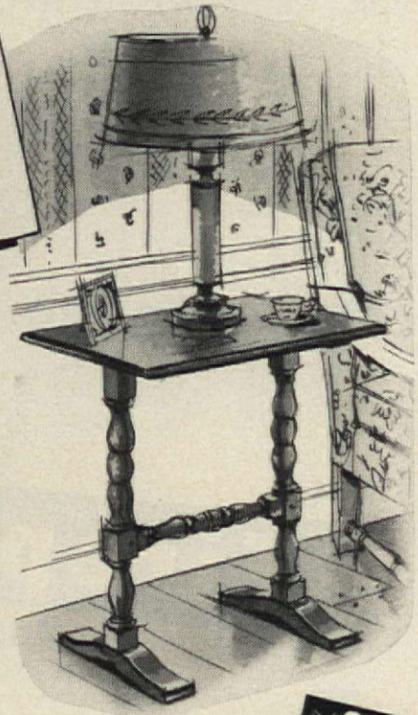

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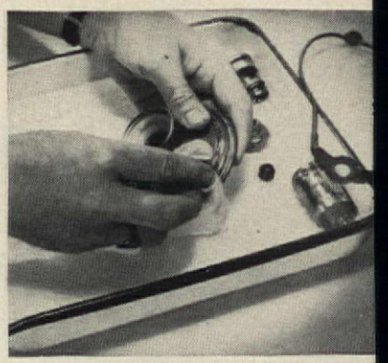
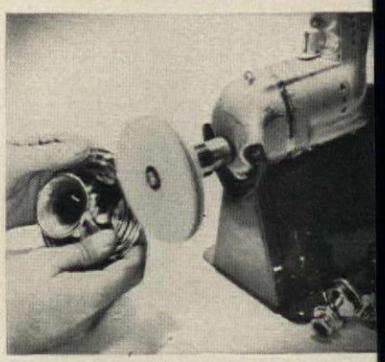
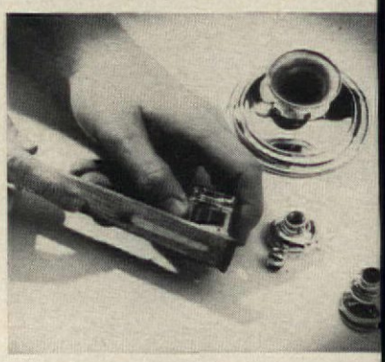


Disassembled metal lamp sections are washed in pan of thinner to remove old discolored lacquer. Be sure to use an enameled pan for this

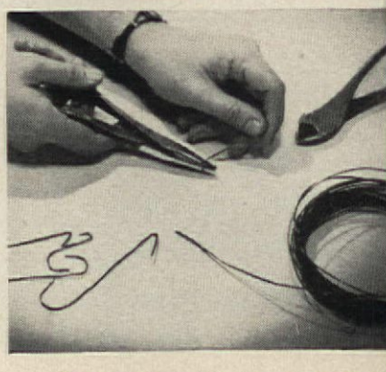


Buff parts with a "cotton wheel" on electric polisher loaded with tripoli. Finish with another buffing wheel and jeweler's rouge. Don't handle polished surface



No electric buffer? Finish by hand. Not so brilliant—but good. Glue strips of chamois skin on two thin pieces of wood. Polish with one of those rubbed over tripoli, then other loaded with rouge

All traces of polishing compound must be washed off in thinner. Use soft cloth and brush to get down into crevices. Do not handle polished surfaces more than necessary



A number of wire hooks are bent up to suspend parts while dipping. No. 14 wire is right for all but heavy pieces. Shape hooks for pieces to be dipped

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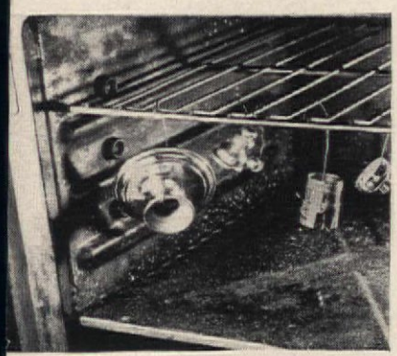
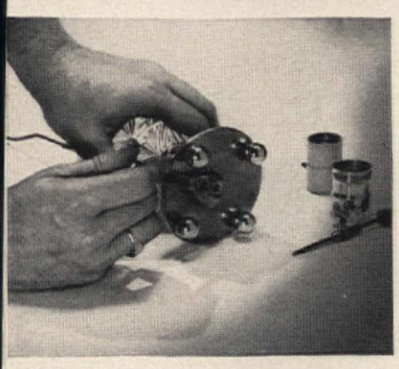
While still wet with thinner, place parts on hooks and dip into 50-50 mixture of lacquer and thinner. Remove and drain excess back into tank. Hang up to dry. Repeat

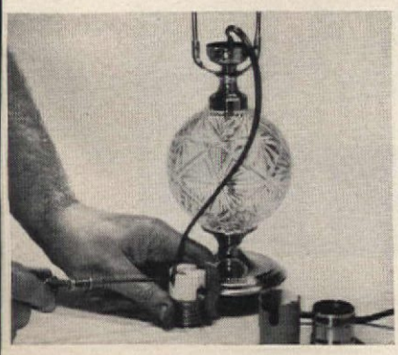
Suspend pieces to let lacquer drain off at corner which will be least conspicuous when reassembled. Touch droplets with absorbent paper toweling until excess has been removed and finish starts to set



After two to four coats have been built up by dipping and drying, suspended parts are transferred to a cold oven. Bake 15 minutes at 100° to 150° for brass. Copper at a lower temperature. Cool, do not handle until cold



Reassemble lamp sections over central pipe and tighten snugly. If harp is plated or painted steel, re-gild, using gold bronze-powder mixed with lacquer. Use as thin a mixture as possible without running



Rewire with old cord or new one if necessary. Loop bared ends of wire around terminal screws in the socket, and in direction they are to be turned. Tighten securely, install insulated sleeves and shell

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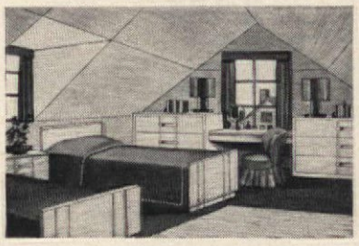

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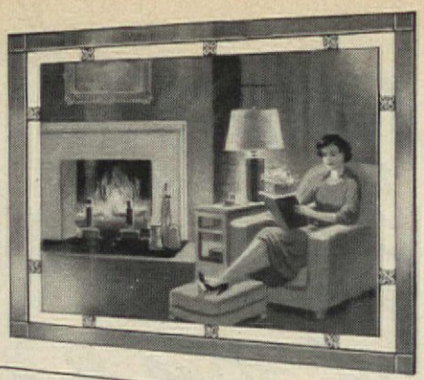

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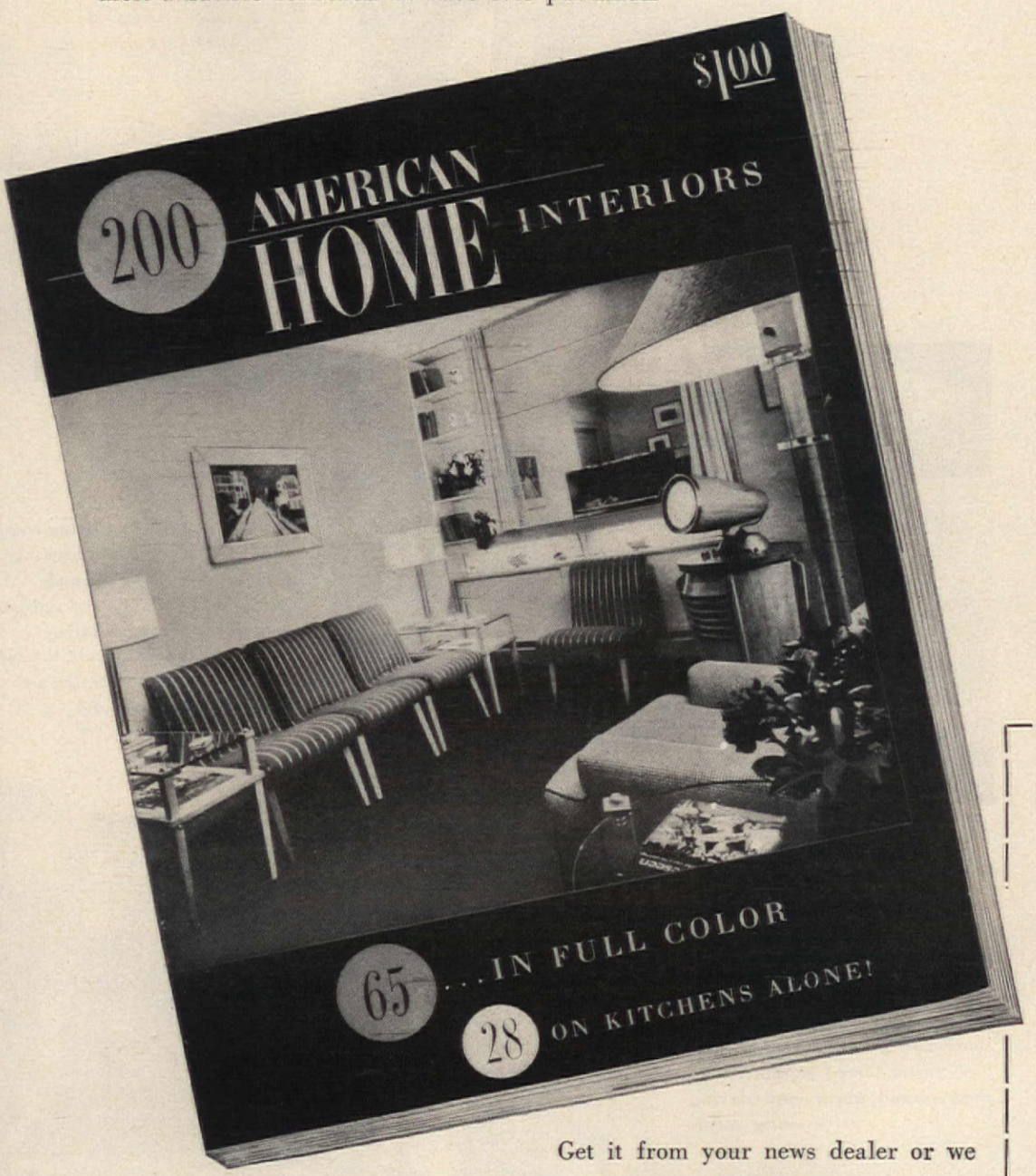

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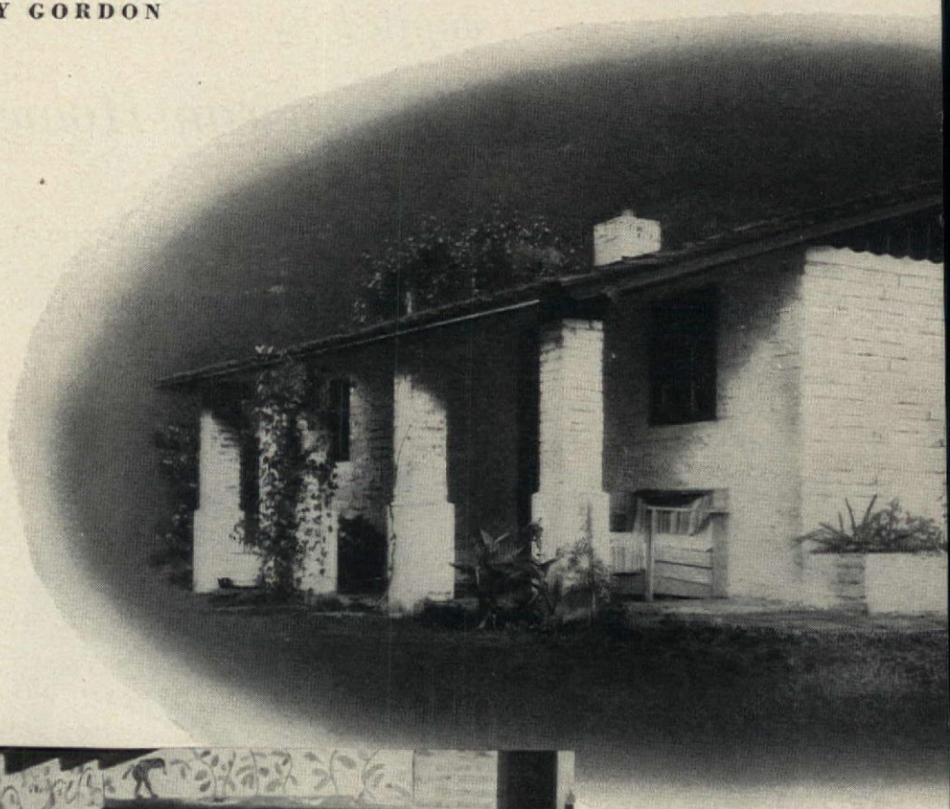

Kitchen end of large living room shows tile counter and backing, colorful decorative Spanish motifs used on walls and redwood beams. Floor is of red tile. Cupboard shown at right is hand carved, displays china against bright blue background

At rear of house is patio with raised brick fireplace. Its low enclosing wall affords plenty of seating space for barbecue get-togethers. Several rustic lamps supported by posts spread warm glow during evening meals

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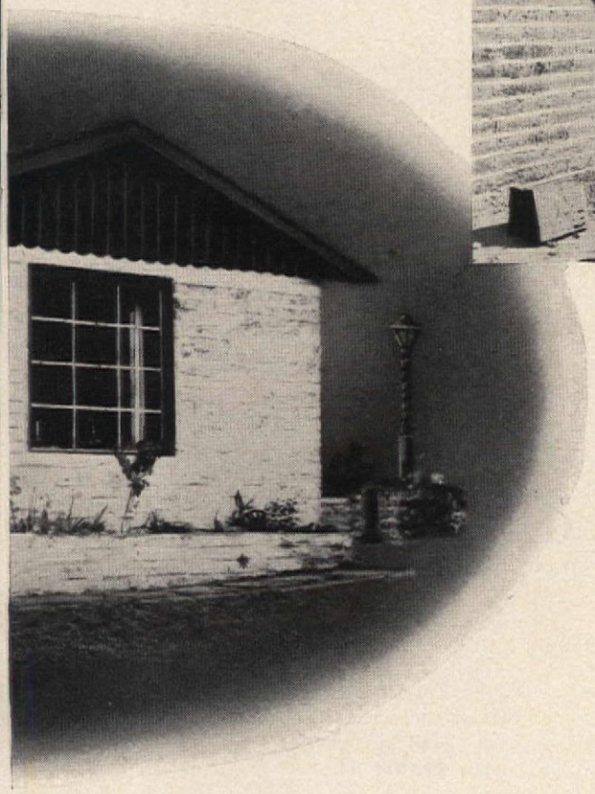

Daughter Diane was absent when this picture was taken, but she added her bit towards molding brick and erecting adobe walls. A deep porch shades the living room-kitchen; its redwood roof is supported by sturdy adobe brick piers. Front door is also redwood, intricately carved, knockers of wrought iron

We didn't know anything when we started." Like so many other modern pioneers, the Paul Allers had never attempted any construction work before starting to build their adobe house near Santa Cruz. Adobe is the cheapest material in the world, being just earth, water, and waterproofing, and one of the most satisfactory. It affords its own insulation, doesn't sweat or freeze, and is fireproof to boot.

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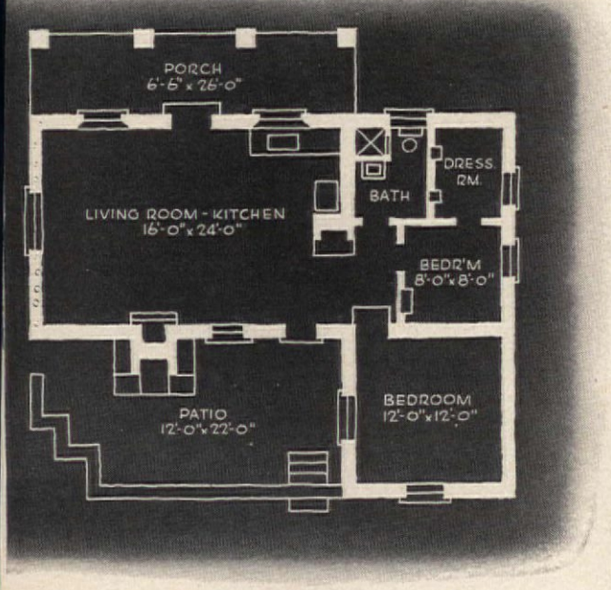
The ingenuity of the Allers didn't stop with manufacturing their own building material. They made their own plans, installed the wiring and plumbing themselves, constructed a well and septic tank as well. In addition, they made every stick of furniture that went into the house. Doris claims that it was a good way to relax over week ends and that it brought the family closer together. Since no books were kept, the exact cost is unknown. While building, they still had the same money to spend as before; they saved on movies and theaters, but shed no tears over this.



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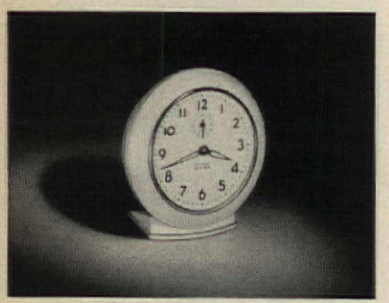

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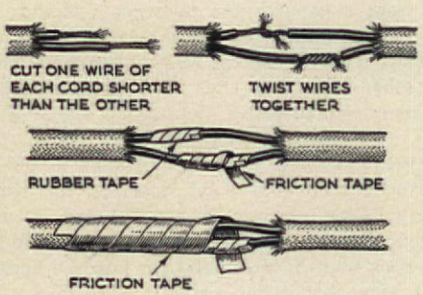
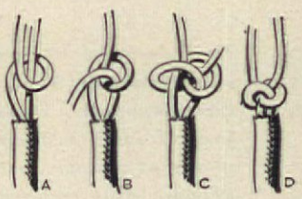
Caps, Taps, and Splices

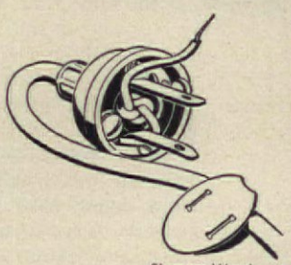
Before they give you real trouble, repair your frayed lamp and extension cords. Remove any worn covering, wrap damaged insulation with electrician's rubber tape, and then apply a new covering of friction or adhesive tape. If the wire is broken, cut out the damaged section and remove the covering for about 2 inches back on each of the cut ends. Then splice the ends as shown below. With the two splices offset, the repair job will be stronger and smaller than when the splices are side by side.



The plug itself should be grasped when pulling it from a receptacle, but sometimes it is yanked out by the cord, and the connections are broken. As a protection against occasional strain on the connections, the underwriter's knot should be used; it applies the stress to the shoulder of the plug. To make such a knot: A) loop one wire around the other; B) pass the second wire over the loop; C) pass the second wire through the loop from behind; and D) pull the knot tight, as in the sketch.



Some modern plugs cannot be repaired, and others have patented fastenings, but the ordinary male plug, or cap, available in hardware stores and already on older lamp and appliance cords can be repaired easily. For loose cords, remove the fiber shield and tighten the screws. For broken wires, first cut the cord back to an undamaged section, and split it back about 2 inches. Remove the covering and wrap the end of the woven sheath with a single layer of tape to prevent unraveling. Strip insulation back ½ inch from the wire ends. Scrape wire clean and twist the strands together. Tie an underwriter's knot at the base of the split in the cord and pull it against the plug shoulder. Run each wire clockwise around a prong and a binding screw. Be sure there is no contact between bare wires, and slide the fiber shield over the prongs.



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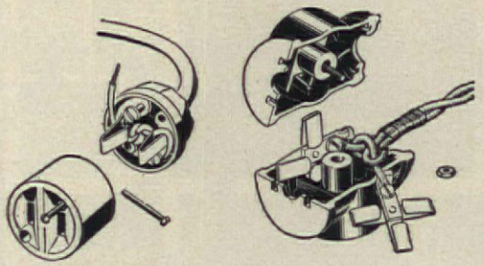
On the other end of an extension cord is a female plug, or tap, in which loose and broken wires are repaired in much the same manner as in a cap. But, first be sure that the cap at the other end of the cord is disconnected from any source of electricity that might give you a shock. The tap is opened by removing the screws or small bolts that hold its two parts together, and the spring contacts and binding screws will be exposed for repair work. The sketches above show typical single and multiple taps opened for repair or tightening of connections.



Home Study Plan (Begins on page 38)

Buff-tone walls complement chocolate brown at living-room dining area. Large picture window overlooks pleasant garden view, is framed in tropical-leaf design draperies

re wide and have been designed to ontrol sunlight all during the year o that the welcome rays of the un penetrate far into the rooms dur- ng cold winter days and cool shade esults during hot summer days.

It's an easy house to maintain— lose proximity of utility and kitchen reas make it possible to do the day's vash while, at the same time, break- ast is being enjoyed or the baby's ormula prepared. Radiant panel eating in the floor, serviced by a gas-fired furnace has proved an economy and eliminated the need for basement. Betty appreciates this ack of running up and down stairs since care of a young baby neces- sitates saving every scrap of energy.

There's a feeling of owner-accom- plishment about the house, too. Both Rettigs pitched in and did all the painting and decorating themselves. Finished curtains, draperies, and bed- spreads are all Betty's handiwork; Jack installed a wall of wardrobe closets in the nursery and also built shelves and cupboards under the nursery picture window.

In each room the large windows gave them the key for their decorat- ing scheme. Living room is in forest- green, chartreuse, and brown. Softer, more personal colors, lime green, rose and gray, were chosen for their bedroom. Since the baby's room faces east, powder-blue and yellow guar- antee a sunny atmosphere all day.

When our outside photographs were taken, landscaping had not been started, and the house sat rather starkly on its plot. By now the owners have remedied this defect and are already on the way towards gain- ing a wide lawn and proper ground planting near the house.

Functional U-shaped kitchen has white wood cabinets, red walls and ceilings. Linoleum on counter tops matches wall tones— rose and green percale curtains are similar to those in dinette

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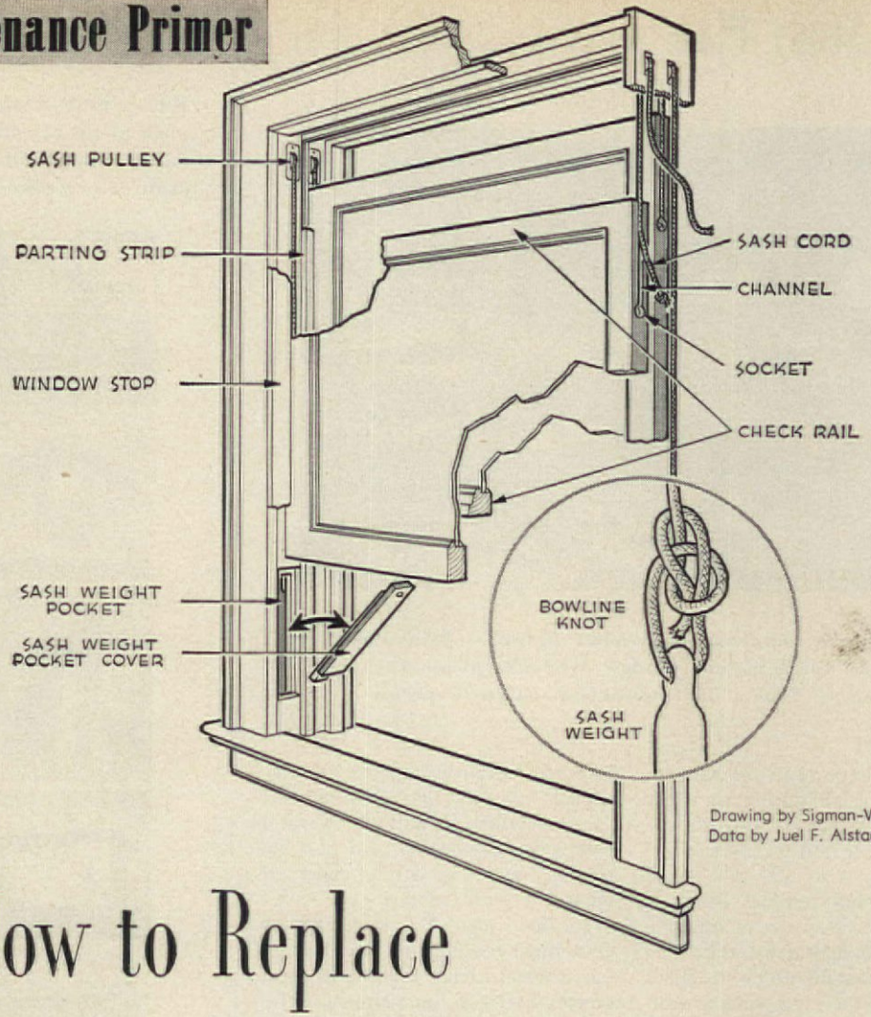

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How to Replace Broken Sash Cords

JAMES A. OEST

You need no special tools, just a hammer, screwdriver, putty knife, chisel and pliers, plus, of course, the new sash cord.

On the side of the broken cord, cut the paint between the window stop and the trim with a putty knife, and carefully pry out the stop with a wide chisel. If there is a weather strip, loosen the piece by the window stop at this point, extracting the few nails holding it. Depending on the design, you may have to slip it away from the adjacent strip. Then pull out the lower sash and weather strip.

Slip the unbroken cord out of the channel and socket of the sash edge. Let the knot rest at the pulley.

Now open the sash-weight pocket. The cover may be a flat piece of wood held by two screws, or in older windows it may be rabbeted under the parting strip with a single screw.

In the latter case, the best procedure is to remove the parting strip. Lower the upper sash to its bottom position, carefully pry the strip from its channel at the top (it's held by 1 or 2 nails) and pull it out and up from behind the sash check rail. An alternate is to leave the sash raised and pry the strip out from the bottom, just enough to permit removal of the cover—and taking the chance of breaking the strip where it bends.

To fix a broken cord for an upper sash, you must remove the parting strip, the weather strip, and the sash after removing the lower one.

If paint holds the cover and parting strip fast, cut the paint with a putty knife, and pry out the cover and strip with a wide chisel.

Lift the weight from the open pocket and cut off the broken cord. Lower a weight such as a small lead fish-line sinker or a nail through the pulley on a light string, to the bottom of the pocket. Tie new sash cord to string and draw it into pocket.

If you remove the pulley to oil it and reduce sticking that may be causing early wear and breakage of cords, you can push the cord through the pulley, and into the pocket with a weight on it. Then replace pulley.

The best knot for a sash weight is the bowline (see inset of sketch above). It allows the weight to hang straight, prevents rubbing and catching on any rough spots in the pocket, and doesn't need tension to keep it tied. After securely tying the cord to the weight, without raising the weight from the bottom of the pocket, pull the cord taut and, for an upper sash cut it with 1 or 2 inches outside the pulley. Cut it 4 inches outside the pulley for a lower sash. Next pull the cord out enough to make a single common knot near the end, to keep the end from slipping through the pulley into the pocket. The weight will be elevated to proper height in the pocket when the cord is fitted to the sash. These lengths allow for stretch and wear in the cord. Now you can replace the pocket cover.

Set the upper sash on the sill and place the cords in the channels with the common knots in the sockets. If the knot protrudes from the socket tap it with a hammer to flatten it and prevent fraying as the sash is moved up and down. Put the weather strip, if any, in place on the edge of the sash, slip the sash into position and replace weather-strip nails and the parting strip, being sure the weather strip is seated in the groove in the parting strip.

The lower sash and weather strip are replaced in a similar manner, and then the window stop is also replaced.

If you want to install sash chain instead of the cords, remove window stops, pocket covers and sash, and fasten the chain in the sockets by screws, and wire to the sash weights.

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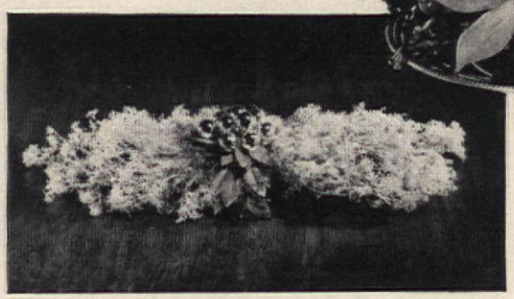
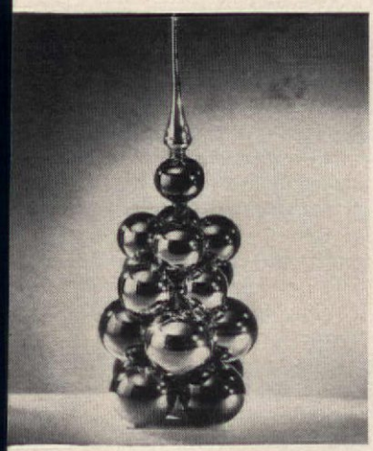


For bright Christmas table talk, try arranging handsome artificial sprays in a shimmering, silver supper dish. You can dramatically group, as shown above, such favorites as holly, mistletoe, and poinsettias, thrusting their stems, for stability, into a base of clay. Any height may be achieved by wiring together long branches of mistletoe. Building down from these shafts, create a triangular design of shining holly. Then add bright red Lady Apples as a transition from the tiny, delicate, white mistletoe to the large, red poinsettias, boldly placed on either side of the dish. Combine other green materials with festive reds for your own variation of this centerpiece.

An ethereal, white Christmas decoration, as fresh as newly-fallen snow, is made of weeds, leaves, and Christmas-tree balls. As pictured above, two bunches of white, "flocked" weeds can be wired together to form a horizontal arrangement. If not available at your florist, leaves can be painted or sprayed silver or gold—or even cut from silver or gold paper, wired down the center of the back, and covered with Scotch tape. Appropriate gold and silver balls are now found in almost any ten-cent store. Balls and leaves are wired onto the white weeds to make a rich center of interest.



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Wanting our garden natural and "woodsy," we refrained from fussing it up with gadgets. No gnomes or darky figures fish in our pool, no one-legged storks peer across it; we, rather than wooden, sunbonneted babies, water our flowers, and our birds are real, attracted by a convenient bird-bath and lavish scatterings of bread crumbs

Graham's Studi

SUZANNE HEWSON

This was once a 20x40 clay bank!

Anyone who gazes wistfully at an unattractive back yard and yearns to transform it into a bower of beauty, must realize that such a change demands vision, ingenuity, persistence, and not a little labor. But it can also be fun! Take stock of the area, appraisingly, with an eye to the sort of garden which will best suit your space and needs. Then pull on a pair of old gloves, grab a shovel, and go to work. But, that your efforts may reward you a thousand-fold, *plan before you plant.* Even with a 40-foot plot, a lovely garden can yield a never-ending series of thrills.

Ours is just such a garden, in Shreveport, Louisiana, where Mother Nature extends a lush and lavish hand. We are testimony that families are spending more time out of doors than ever before, and finding that a garden can be both soul-satisfying accomplishment and inspiration; that the cost can be whatever one desires or can afford. Ours has been amazingly small in proportion to the loveliness it has given us.

Originally, no grass, not a tree or shrub, grew on the clay bank which was our 20 by 40-foot back yard. So we began by transplanting tufts of sod from the front terrace and coaxing them to spread. Soon we had to build curbs to keep the grass from encroaching on the flower beds along the fence. In the center we put a round bed instead of the pool which, for sanitary reasons, a family conclave had hastily and ill-advisedly voted down . . . And then, after several years, we found that all we had was just a well-kept "back yard" with flowers, *not* the garden we wanted. Why? Because we had had no plan, no definite objective.

So then, after discussing our problem with a fellow flower-lover who was also a landscape gardener, we went to work in earnest, on the basis of a plan he made for and with us. First, we needed lots of rocks for a natural-looking pool and little waterfall; hundreds of wild ferns, honeysuckle; some holly trees, and elms. Of course, the magic talisman, money, would have supplied them at a moment's notice. But we chose another way which yielded dividends of pleasure as well. We went after those rocks ourselves, sometimes bringing home truckloads, again just a few at a time, from happy picnic grounds. We found ferns along creek bottoms and banks, and the woods supplied graceful trees which, brought home, took root and grew. The inartistic central flower bed was replaced by an attractive kidney-shaped pool, behind which a rock-covered hillock sloped off to one side; here it joined a rock wall, about 10 inches high, which curved around a grass plot to make it look like a sunken garden. Water piped under the rocks tinkles into a soundbox hidden by ferns.

We paved the triangle behind the pool with flat rocks, planting lush Japanese grass between, and Vinca and ferns around them. A volunteer oak made a splendid canopy for a hammock; clematis and honeysuckle on the enclosing fence mingled their perfumes with that of a sweet-olive. Trumpet-vines, discreetly restrained, tangled in a race with yellow jasmines to see which would bring us the joy of privacy. In every nook and cranny we tucked sedums of many varieties, and other low, creeping plants. Caladiums with their flamboyant leaves were planted to rise above small-leaved ivy in summer, and in late winter to be supplanted by daffodils, iris, pansies, violets.

We enjoy our garden to the full. Our wrought-iron furniture is homemade in simple, attractive, *comfortable* designs; each spring we paint it a cool green, and then forget it. Wrought-iron arches, also homemade, atop our two gates, are draped in morning-glories. From one hangs a light made from a brown glass jug; from the wall of the garage hangs an antique (junk pile) carriage lamp amid the branches of a scarlet climbing rose. We have been generous with water and fertilizer and assiduous in applying both. Ever on the alert for blights and bugs, we consult our gardener friend for remedies. We welcome the birds as allies.

Holly

(Begins on page 42)

In addition, many species have been introduced (chiefly from China and Japan) and used both as landscape material and in developing promising hybrid forms. *I. aquifolium* is the one mostly grown for cutting and decoration because of its fine foliage and dense berry clusters. Less hardy than the native species *opaca*, (in the East, plants rarely survive north of New York), it is extensively cultivated in the Pacific Northwest, whence berried sprays are shipped all over the country. If you would try it, give it a protected spot, acid soil, and plenty of moisture; if it is winter-killed, cut it back severely to promote new growth. *I. opaca*, hardy all up the Atlantic Coast, can be pruned to make a denser, more shapely plant than it is in the wild.

THE COMPLICATED LEGENDS . . . Holly is easily adapted to Christian symbolism with the red berries representing the blood of Christ and its promise of life everlasting. That it is a symbol of the Crucifixion rather than of the Nativity; that the holly wreath originally signified the Crown of Thorns (whence the occasional name of Christ Thorn), makes its traditional use at Christmastime surprising. One explanation is the fact that holly symbolizes the Christian Spirit and may be used in the observance of any day that honors Him.

More deeply rooted in the past, however, are pre-Christian traditions and superstitions regarding it. The Romans used holly in their Saturnalia, in their homes as we use it, and also in processions and to deck idols. Trimming the tree was said to honor Bacchus who shared the festival with Saturn, god of winter sowing.

All primitive peoples seem to have celebrated the winter solstice or change from one season to another. The Druids put holly in their hair as they went to cut the more sacred mistletoe, and hung branches over doorways as a refuge for kindly sylvan spirits during dark stormy December days. (When the birds had eaten off the berries, it was a welcome sign that the spirits had returned safely to their woodland homes.)

In folk tales of a later period, holly was endowed with power to repel thunder and lightning; so trees were planted close to houses. A holly-bark syrup was taken to cure coughs, a common winter ailment. That holly could retain its leaves after other plants shed theirs made it a favorite of the sun, and a particular charm against witches. All beasts revered it, never chewing it as they did other plants, and a holly rod was said to subdue the most stubborn animal. And woe to him who belittled these magic powers, for if one talked against holly, he would hang. In parts

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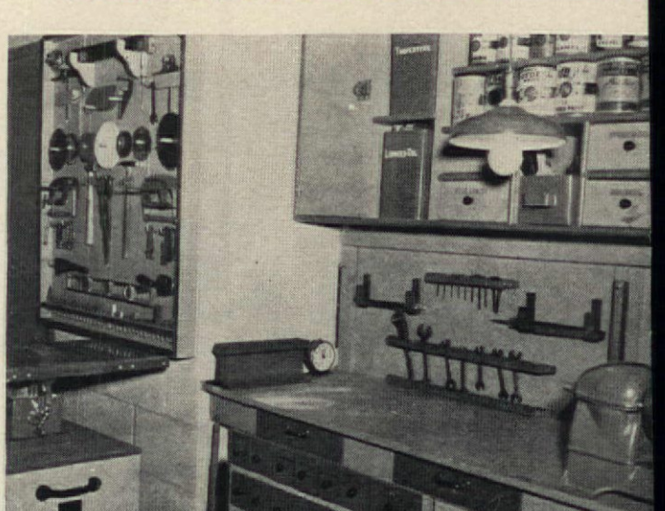
Try as I might, I just couldn't find space to store the tools and other junk accumulated over a period of ten years. I decided to use up all the odd spaces first, so built a workbench with plenty of drawers underneath. In the center are two boxes with casters, one for rubbish, the other for scrap. Drawers are made of #5 cheese boxes with a plywood end. On the top of each drawer I fastened a sample of its contents. Experience taught me that printing the names was most inefficient. Along the top of the bench I fastened a lathe and the drill press.

Turning tools, electric drill, wrenches and buffing heads were placed along the back of the bench. Above, shelves were built for paint and varnish. Here there are small drawers for tube colors, sandpaper, etc. The cupboards can be locked so that drawing sets and valuable tools can be kept out of sight. On the other side of the room I built a maple-topped workbench with folding tool box above. Below is a shelf for large pieces of scrap.

Experience, too, taught me that bench saw, band saw, jig saw, and sander are easier to use if mounted on individual stands. There are drawers in these stands for spare parts. Switches placed at the fronts are real safety factors. I made special cords which can be removed and locked up when children are around. On the wall above the bench saw, there's a rack for blades, clamps, and other tools. So far this arrangement of tools and equipment has worked out most satisfactorily, but I can squeeze in a few more pieces should they come my way.

Everything in its proper place and, believe it or not, an easy practice once you get the hang of it. Cheese-box drawers with contents displayed on front save time, avoid confusion



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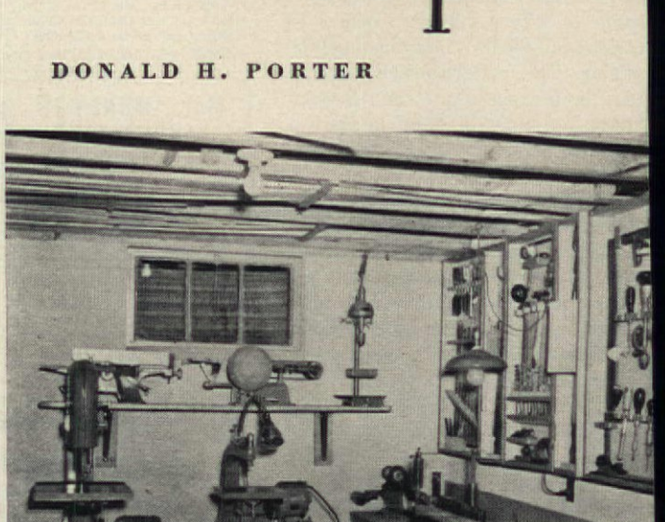

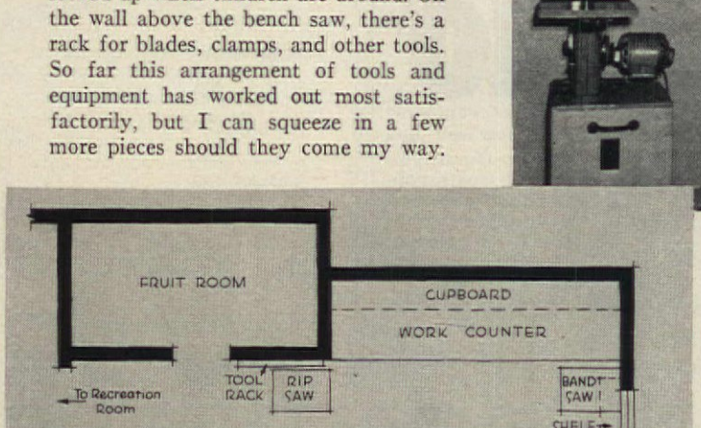

A tight squeeze but power tools mounted on own stands can be moved when working on large pieces. Electric switches at front make for easy safety control; drawers below take care of spare parts

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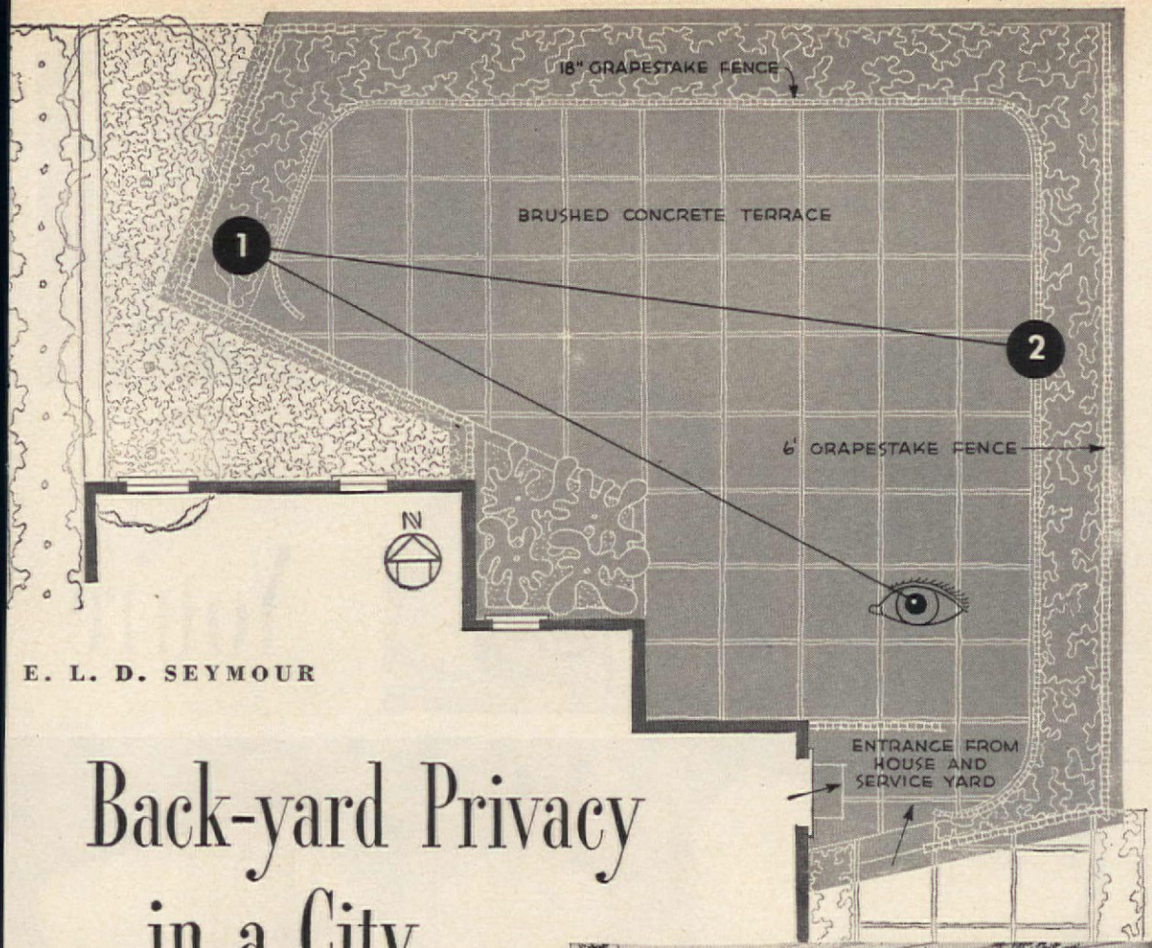

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

Back-yard Privacy in a City

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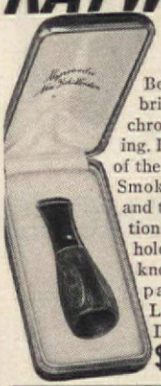

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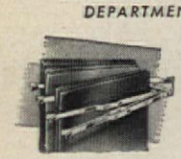

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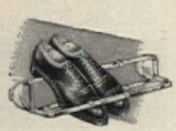

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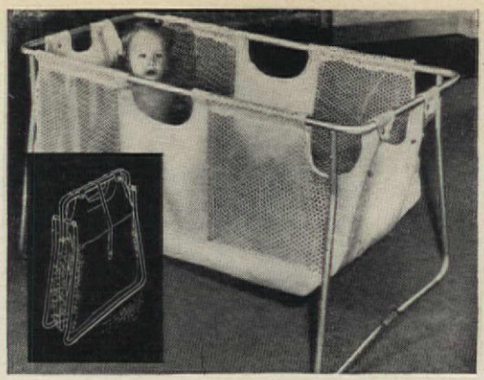

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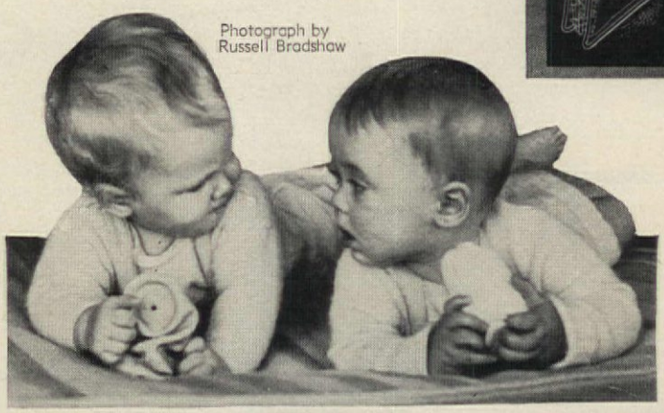

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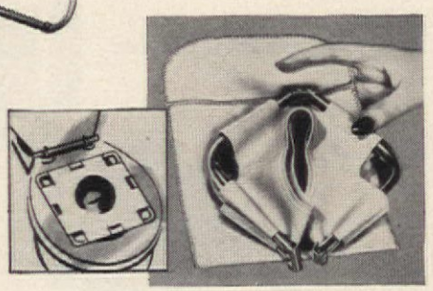

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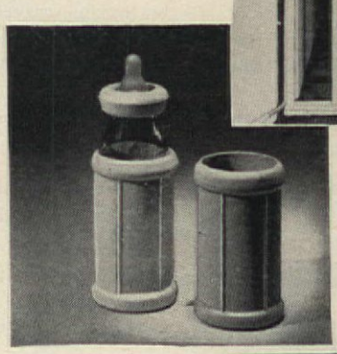

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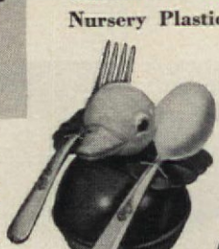

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Holly (Begins on page 42)

England it was considered unlucky bring it into the house before ristmas Eve, and an even more despread (and lasting) belief is t every bit must be removed from house by Twelfth-night (January on pain of grievous bad luck. This mixture of superstition and stom shows how Christian lore was ilt up by the early church around ablished pagan symbols. There are ends that holly sprang up in Christ's footsteps as he went about; that its berries, originally white, turned red when he was crucified. And, as legends are not bound by logical chronology, we find that it not only began its life at the time of Christ, but, by other accounts, was the "burning-bush" from which the Angel of the Lord appeared to reassure Moses! Perhaps it is best to remember the old saying: "A liar lies only when the Hollen is greene."

Mistletoe (Begins on page 42)

om other branches or trees. The ant grows slowly, usually weakenand eventually killing the tree on hich it feeds and then dying itself.

HE COMPLICATED LEGENDS . . To observe our familiar Christas kissing ceremony in good tration, one should pull off a berry and esent it to the lady surprised beath the twig. When the berries are l gone, no more kisses are allowed. Is it because the mistletoe is such lucky omen that happiness is sure result from a kiss consummated nder its protective charm? Or is it ecause mistletoe is so very evil that nly some evidence of love, such as kiss, can break its spell? Legend ould have us believe both. Mistletoe as one of the most sacred plants of he Druids, and was considered a good men by other pagan peoples. Howver, in both Norse mythology and hristian legend we find it associated ith evil of the worst kind. It is said, or instance, to have begun its exstence as a handsome forest tree but ecame a dwarf through shame of aving allowed itself to be used for he making of the Cross.

To some peoples, mistletoe has long een a spiritual symbol, and some ery old customs indicate a belief hat the sun itself renewed its trength from the Golden Bough mistletoe) which grew on the Sacred Oak. To others, it was a sinister thing. The Druids prized mistletoe as an ctual Spirit wherever it was found. But only that found on the oak, their most sacred tree, was used in observng the midsummer and midwinter festivals. The berried sprays were cut by white-robed priests with golden knives and caught in a white cloth held by other priests, for it is a deeprooted superstition that mistletoe must never touch iron or earth.

In Greek mythology mistletoe is considered a charm against all evil. It was the Golden Bough again that Aeneas carried with him on his perilous journey to the Underworld. In Norse mythology it was sacred to Freya, goddess of the sun and one of the goddesses of love. Yet when she was asked if she had told all things not to harm Baldur, her son and the favorite of the gods, she said yes, all but the mistletoe which grew in Valhalla and which she thought too young and feeble to bother about. Then Loki gave a sharpened mistletoe twig to Hodur, the blind god, who unintentionally killed Baldur with it! Yet, to the Norse, it was a symbol of love and peace; if a battle approached a woodland overhung with it, arms were laid down and a truce was made by the opposing leaders meeting beneath the mistletoe. Our kissing custom is thought by some to be a survival of that; but others see in it a survival of the Roman Saturnalia. Two other divergent theories are that (1) the custom is a vestige of pagan marriage rites; (2) it is just an old country custom of Merrie England.

The plant's supernatural powers carried over into early medicine where it became *guidhel*, or All-heal—a cure for everything that might ail one, but specifically for fits, epilepsy, and the falling sickness. It was used to cure animals, too; and branches were placed over barn doors as a protection for the cows within.

But the early church, in building up Christian legends from pagan lore about many plants, never accepted mistletoe, pagan symbol of the Spirit. There are no mistletoe stories in connection with the Christ Child, the Madonna, or the Nativity. So it may have been during the early Christian era that it came to represent evil. Although its use in homes has never been prohibited, never but once has it been used as a church decoration. At York Minster in England, a curious Christmas ceremony developed. Mistletoe sprays are carried to the altar by the clergy and a proclamation is read granting pardon, liberty, and freedom to "all inferior and wicked people outside the city gates, to the four corners of the earth."

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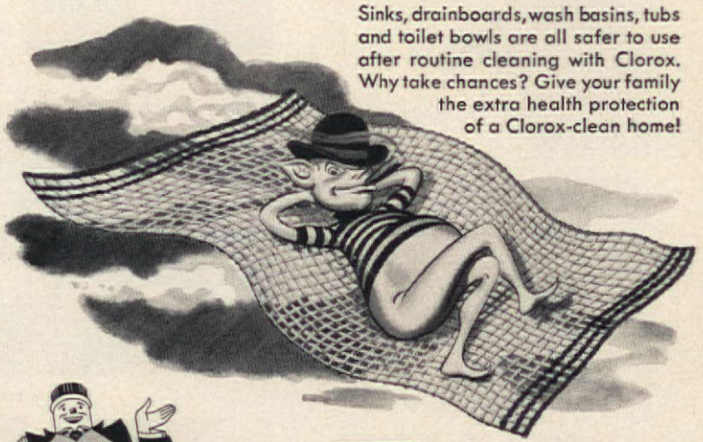

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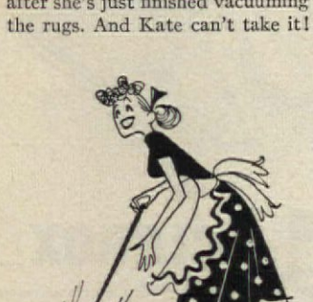

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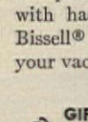

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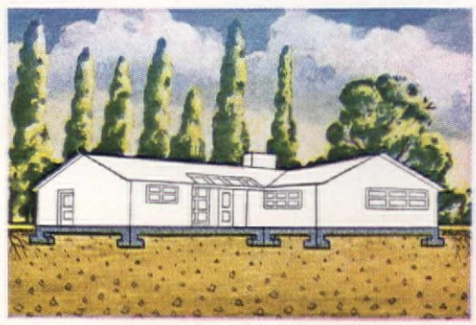

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