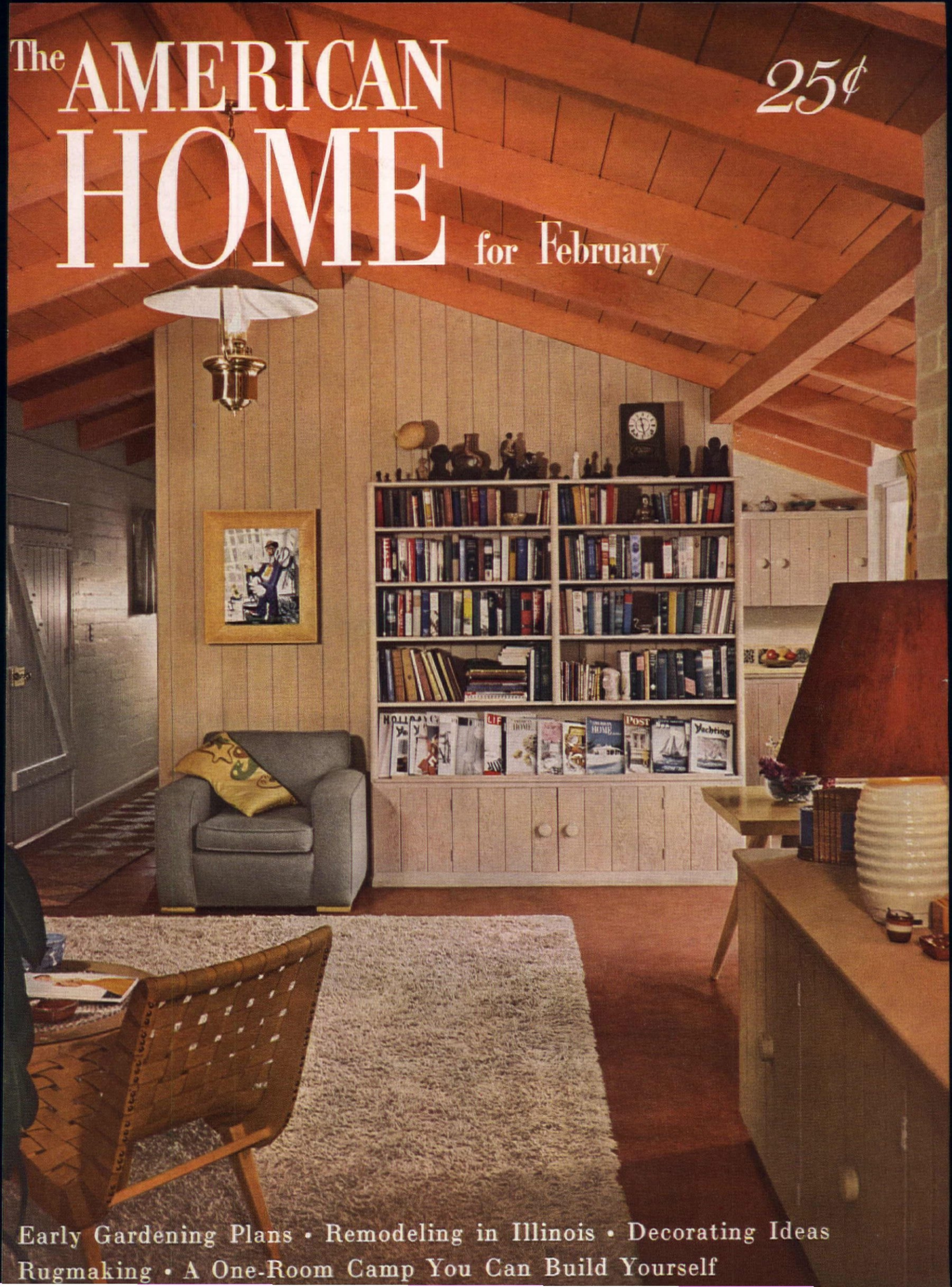
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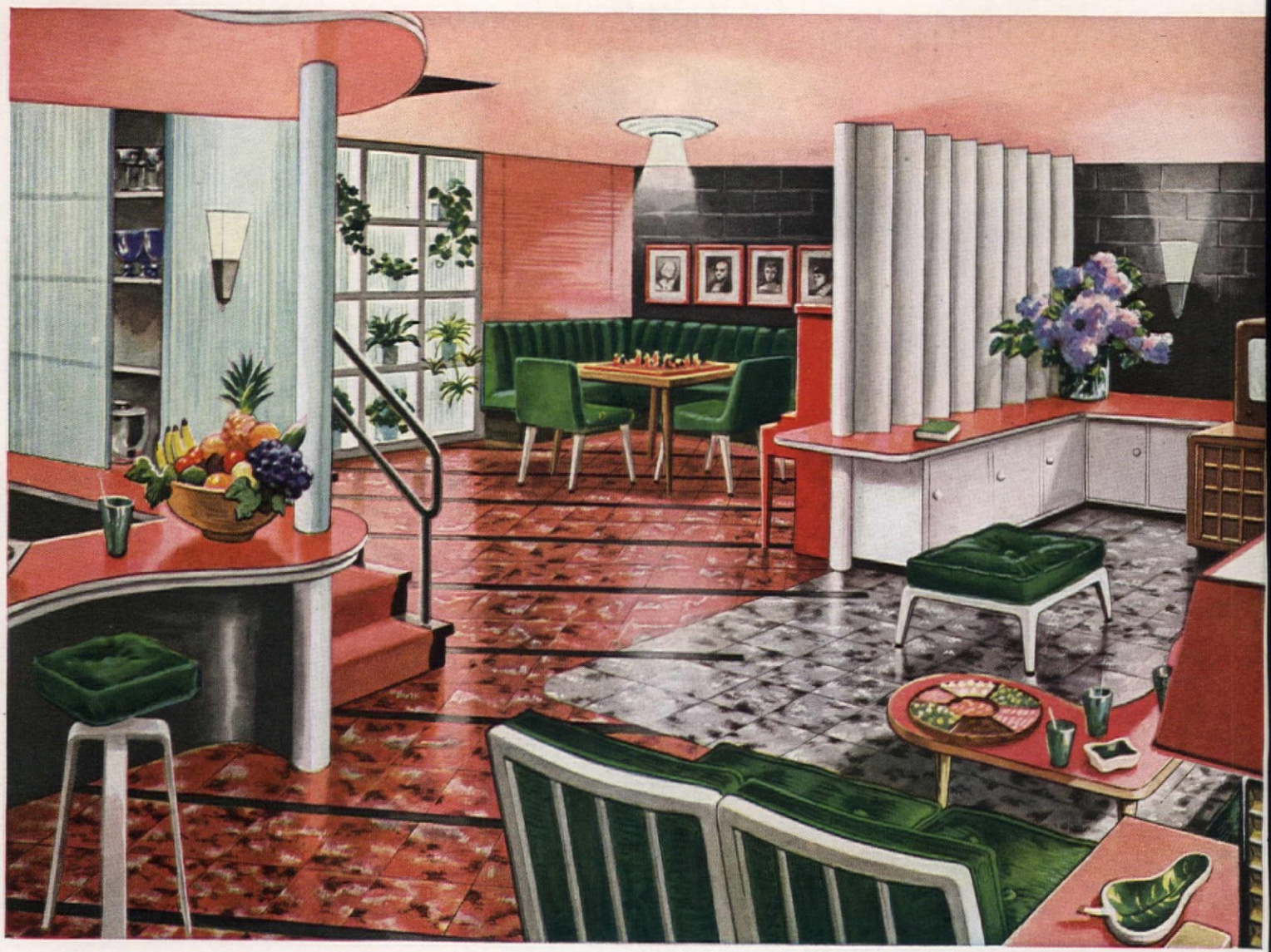

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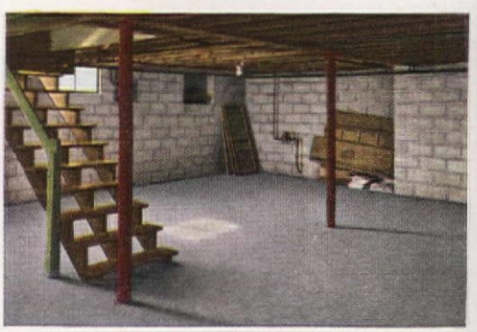

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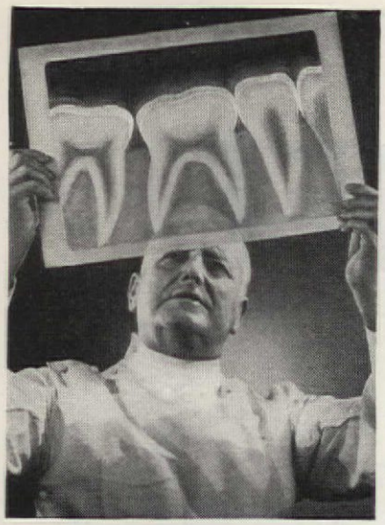

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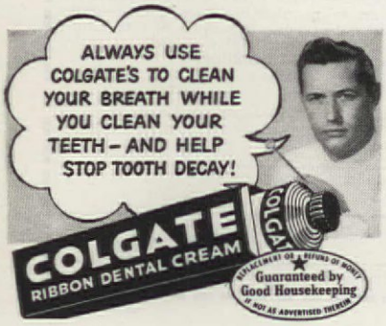

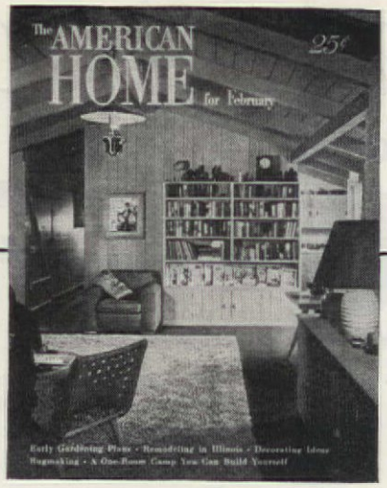

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. . . **EVA BEARD** lives in old Rip Van Winkle country—the Catskills of New York State where, at this time of year, she looks upon lacy tree tops etched against snow-piled mountains. In such a setting, it is not surprising that she is a composer of poetry, a writer about nature and gardening, and, in odd moments, a woodcarver. Her knowledge of horticulture is more than local, however, for, on page 36, she suggests fruit trees for home gardens, describing varieties suitable to each of many different American climates and soils.

. . . **ALICE GOWLAND,** whose photographer husband, Peter, was among our January contributors, has her turn this month as author of "Birthday Party for Pennies." And she's had experience entertaining young ones, for she is the mother of two little girls—Ann, aged seven, and Mary Lee, six months. Although Mrs. Gowland sometimes writes children's stories, she and her husband usually collaborate on magazine articles. They have even built a combination studio-home so they can work together and, at the same time, watch their daughters grow up.

. . . **MIRIAM POPE CIMINO** is the grandmother of the "best thimble biscuit maker" in Falls Village, Conn. She's also the mother of three "good and cheerful" cooks—and, no wonder! She sets quite an example, is always "at home" in her own kitchen (page 21), and entertains her guests while she bakes. A native Georgian, she's been a Connecticut Yankee for 20 years, says—"these beautiful Berkshire Hills have got me for the rest of my days." Besides cooking, she helps her husband in his designing studio and free-lances articles—mostly food-flavored.

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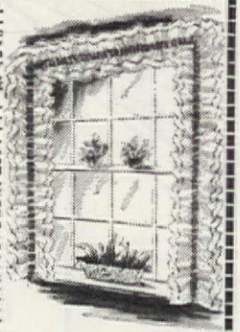

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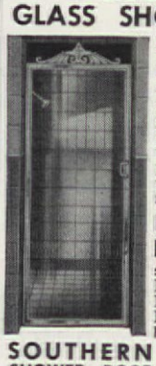

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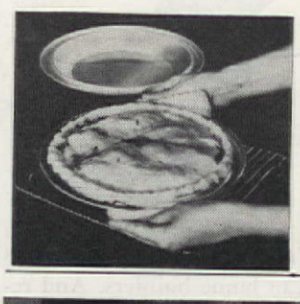

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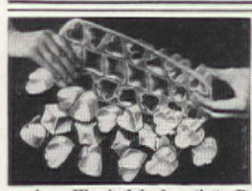

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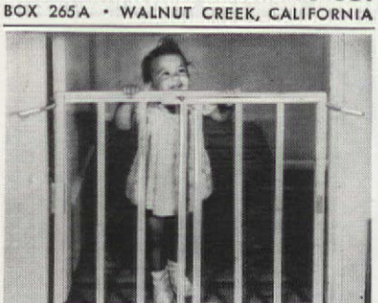

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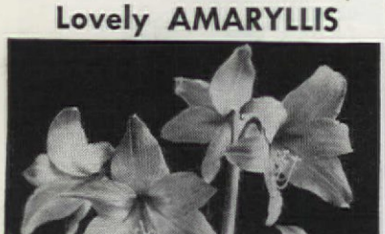

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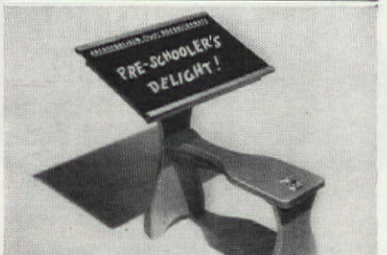

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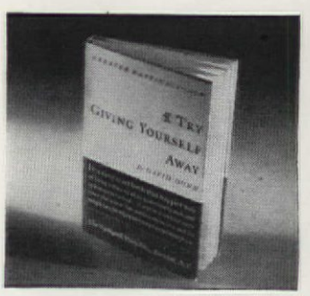

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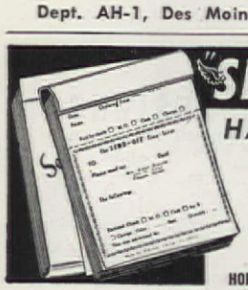

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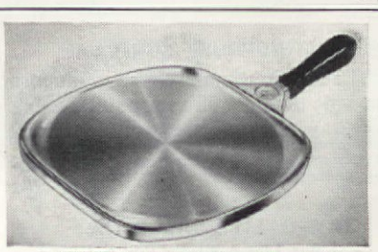

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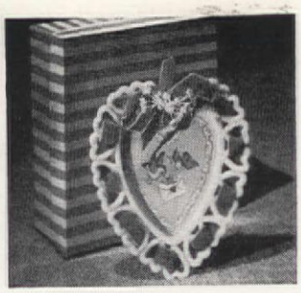

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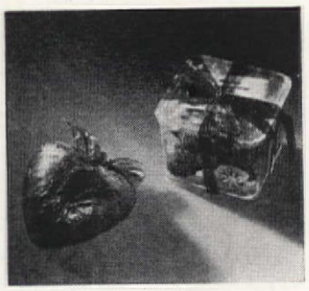

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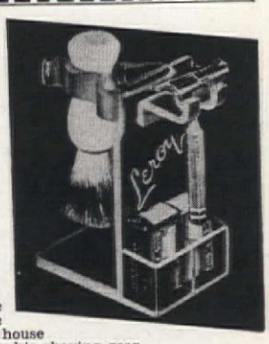

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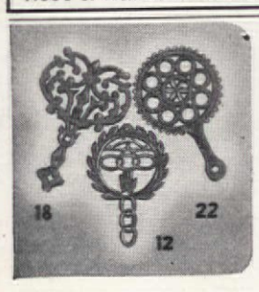

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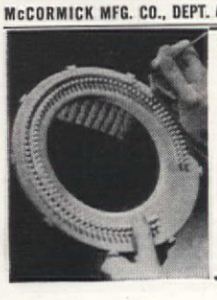

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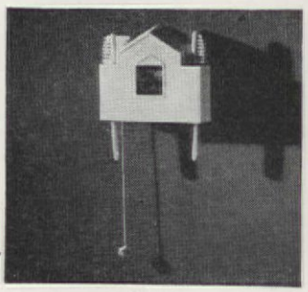

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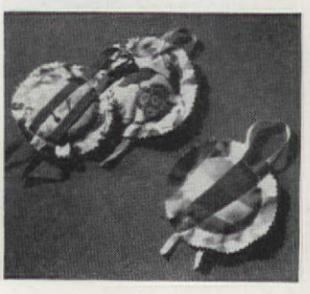

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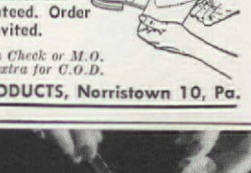

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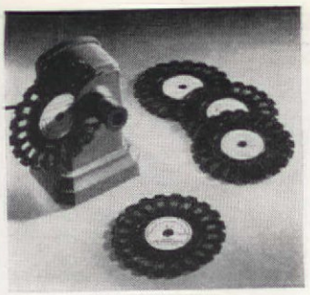

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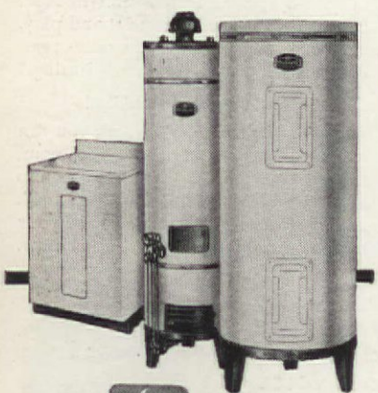

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Birmingham, Michigan, is a smallish city with lots of civic pride. Its "Garden Week," staged yearly when flowering crabapples bloom, is a dynamic project—with work and profits shared by all

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Neighbors

Birmingham, Michigan celebrates "Garden Week"

GLADYS GAGE DIBBLE

A shared interest promotes compatability among neighbors, say the psychologists, and this is proved in Birmingham, Michigan, where residents share a common interest in gardening. The particular project which draws people together in this city of some 11,000 people is a community beautification program which culminates each year in Garden Week. To make the event a success, everyone co-operates—doctor and merchant, social leaders and working girls, teen-age Polly and nine-year-old Johnny.

Garden Week, held yearly since 1946, was launched and is still being sponsored by the Birmingham Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. Actually, this event is the outgrowth of an idea developed back in 1941 by Garden Club members who spearheaded a drive at that time to beautify the city with mass planting of trees.

The flowering crabapple was chosen for planting because it is easily available and inexpensive, hardy, adaptable to local soil conditions, and as nearly pest-free as possible.

Local business concerns entered the campaign to raise funds, as did the city administration, the newspaper, various clubs and organizations. School authorities announced a "penny-per-child" drive, and children raided their piggy banks to oversubscribe it. Landscape architects and nurserymen contributed their time, Boy Scouts planted, and residents ordered over four hundred trees for their own gardens. In one year, more than a thousand young flowering crabapples were planted over a city area of approximately four square miles.

So happy was the tree-planting experiment that in 1946 Garden Club members decided to reintroduce the co-operative planting idea via Garden Week. Appropriately enough, this event now takes place each year during flowering crabapple time, and the beautiful tree has become its symbol.

As is true of all successful undertakings, the Birmingham Garden Week doesn't just happen. It's planned. The simple but flexible program, designed to give pleasure and enjoyment, includes a flower show, a poster contest for students, visits to local gardens, and a horticultural clinic.

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Young artists dream up ideas to "sell" Garden Week, enter posters in competition. Coveted prizes are flowering trees to plant at home

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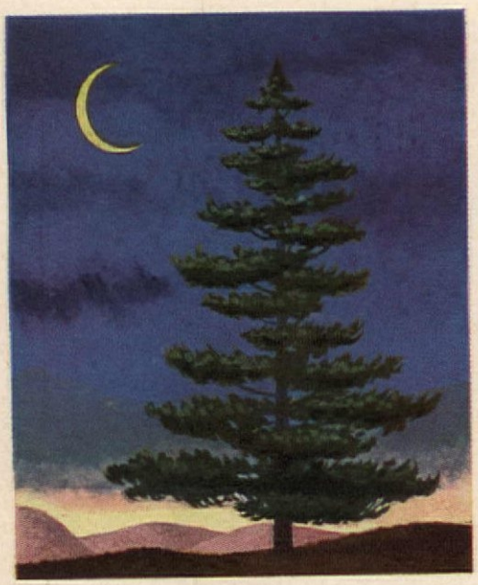

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Garden Week (Begins on page 14)

In the beginning, flower arrangers displayed their bouquets in shopwindows, but today flower arrangements are grouped together in one big, exciting, colorful flower show held in the public library. Here, against a background of books, are arranged blossoms from anyone's and everybody's garden, all of them named as to species and variety. Typical of exhibitors' spirit was the note which last year accompanied a tiny bowl of pale blue forget-me-nots and purple pansies shown in the children's reading room of the library. It read, "My all—from a new garden!"

The Birmingham experiment in growing beauty will always be more than a time, a place, or a schedule. It is a spirit reminding people that what they think, say, and do about gardening is reflected in the lives of the coming generation, the community as a whole.

At flower show, plant expert H. L. R. Chapman, botanist and plant pathologist, answers queries of local gardeners. This, he explains to interested young ladies, is home-grown *Viburnum dentatum*

Most popular spot in town during Garden Week is public library, where annual flower exhibit is held. Here are shown the city's choicest blossoms, among them tulips, iris, others not so common

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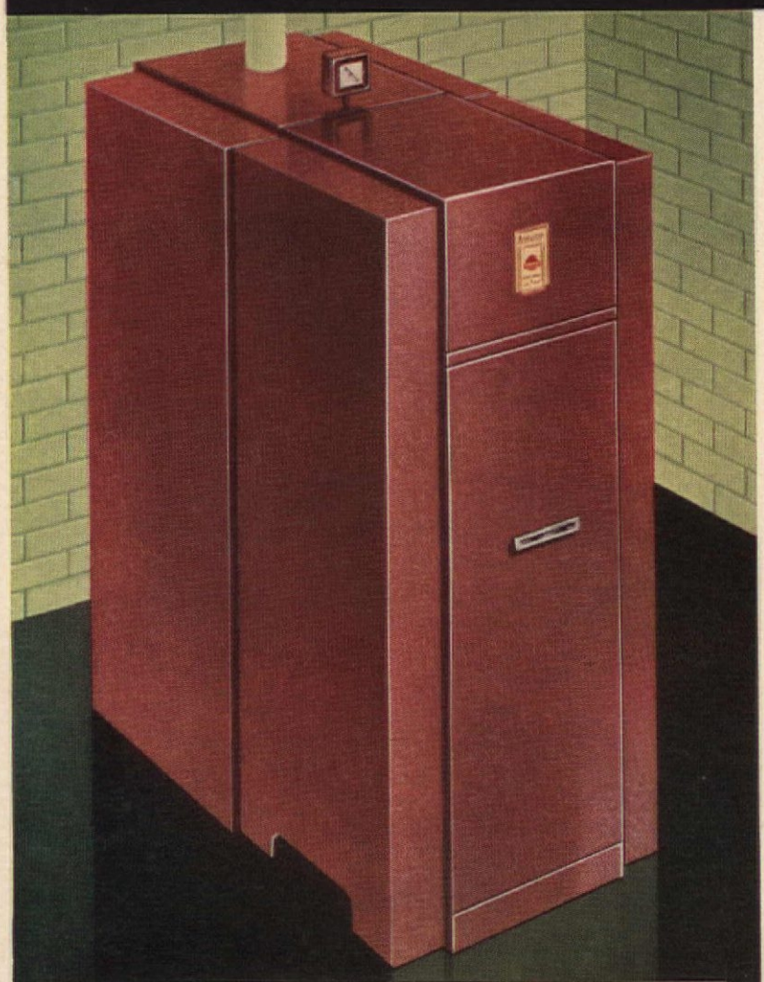

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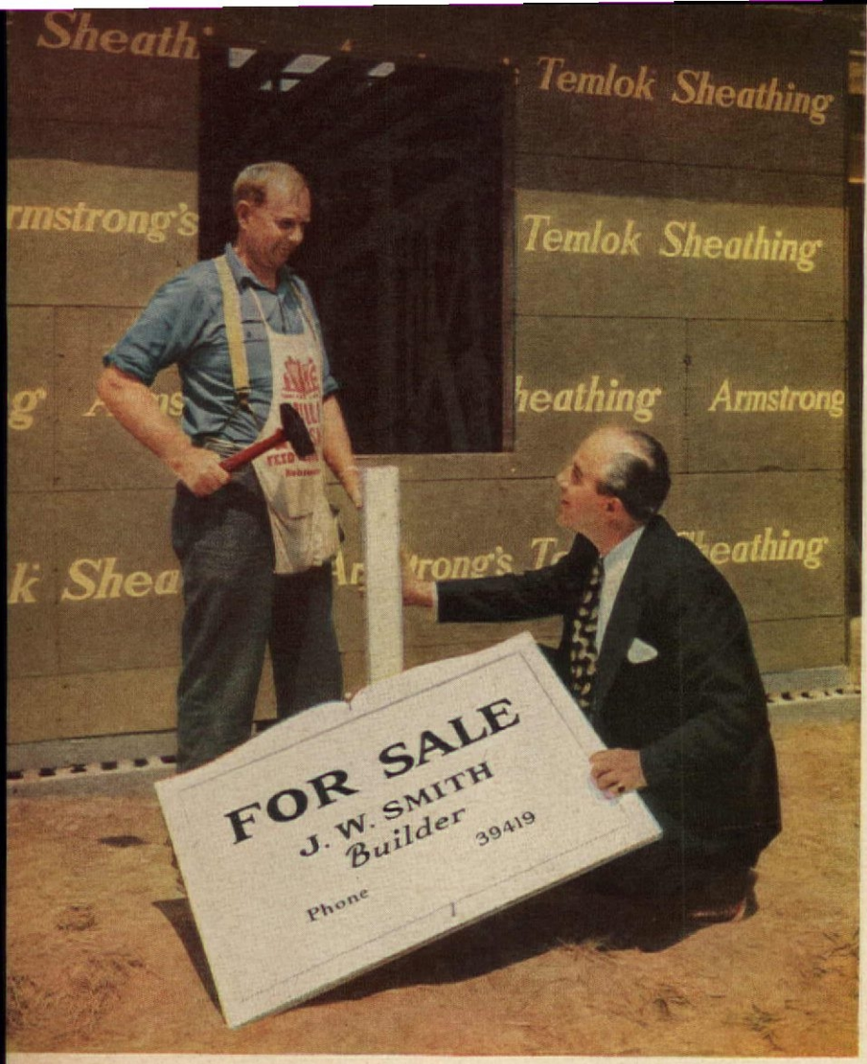

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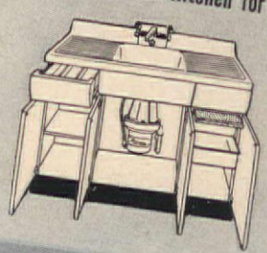

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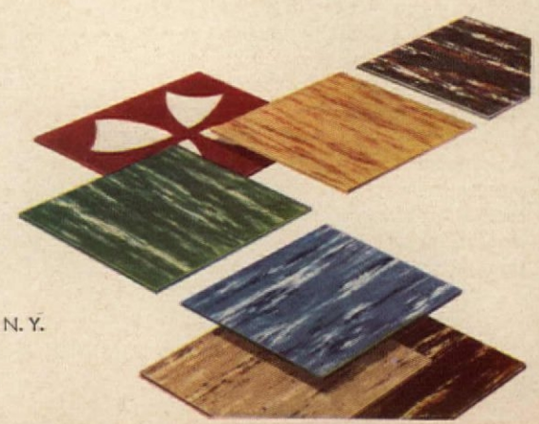

You enter my home through its heart...

MIRIAM POPE CIMINO

Photographs by F. M Demarest

My kitchen, which is really the main entrance to my house, is a dead give-away of the kind of person I am. It announces instantly that, instead of being a hired-woman's room, it is my own hanging-out place, my favorite cove, and that I find creating food a fascinating hobby as well as a household duty. It reveals my dislike of the strictly laboratory type of kitchen and my preference for a livable room, warmed with more than the stove's heat.

Since I spend so much time there, people just naturally fell into the habit of beating a path to my kitchen door. At first this would fluster me a little—I peel potatoes in a most unorthodox way, stand a turkey on its neck to stuff it, and sing to the rhythm of the waves when I wash dishes. A soft footstep might catch me unawares, and you can imagine how foolish I felt, while singing a robust mountain carol, suddenly to discover a bewildered meter reader or lost truck driver confronting me.

But that was years ago when I was still hugging my secret, the fact that I actually loved kitchen work. Now, on the rare occasions when the front door gets used by formal ladies with white kid gloves, the knocker almost startles me out of my wits.

A heart-of-the-family room needs so much more than modern equipment, and now that more women are doing their own cooking, more family life is certain to center in the kitchen, as in pioneer days.

Good food cheerfully prepared—with those who are interested being let in on its preparation—is such an important part of homemaking. Somehow, space *must* be left over from today's streamlining to permit a homey atmosphere in our modern kitchens. In the present trend toward uncluttered steel and enamel efficiency, there seems to be a danger of eliminating this essential quality. Everything seems to be whirling toward factory

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Most of my entertaining is done right here in this spot. My friends, children, and especially grandchildren just naturally gravitate here with visions of toasting marshmallows, popping corn, making candy or, in this case, hearing a wonderful fairy tale . . .

R for Retirement

IDA M. ANDREWS

Bright gay slip covers for my dark furniture certainly gave the room a lively look and made the sofa look like new!

You'd be astonished to see what a difference this wallpaper made in the bedroom. It was quite a job to match it and hang it up, but I was all smiles when I saw the result

You can retire and quit everything, or you can retire and begin to do all the things you've wanted to do but somehow never got around to. If you've been a wife, mother, and career woman, you simply won't be able to sit in a rocking chair and putter out your later years. No, I think retirement is the time to bring your long-postponed plans to realization. I was an art supervisor in the public school system for years, but I never found time enough for the painting I really wanted to do. I was a homemaker with a growing family and a strong interest in decorating, but naturally I never did have enough time to experiment with all my ideas. Now I find time to do both.

I didn't start off on this new phase with any great fanfare. I bought a small (550 sq. ft.) beach house that had a multitude of things wrong with it. The windows were odd-sized to say the least, and such a supply of curving archways! There was even one over the bathtub! There were a number of built-ins which served no obvious purpose. But it was reasonably priced, the view of the ocean was delightful, and I had plenty of time to work on the problems the house presented.

Much of the work I did myself—in fact, I'm still doing it. Papering, painting, making slip covers, curtains, dust ruffles—my days were full, active, interesting. I refinished some furniture, made over several lamps, and drew up plans for some slight architectural changes. I had someone lay the brick for a little patio, build a fence for privacy. Inside the house I had new shelves, a breakfast bar, and storage partitions installed. I've been able to keep the cost of all this down to a minimum and I've had a really wonderful time being my own decorator. The house is still small and certainly unpretentious, but it's comfortable, it's colorful, and I love to live in it!

This is my patio—you can see what it was before I changed it. The fence and bricklaying I couldn't do—so I'm taking it easy. But in just a minute I'll be back into the house all primed up to start on a new project. The patio is very gay. I used strong-colored fabrics against chalk-white backgrounds

The two windows in this room bothered me very much. Finally I hung a valance from the ceiling, and extended the draperies about a foot extra on each side. This gives the impression of much greater width—it even fools me sometimes!

I was certainly glad to find the space for these shelves. Now my books are taken care of, and I can display some awfully pretty china pieces which I've collected over a long time. It's a nice divider between the rooms

Here's a view of the dining alcove, and I do so like this wallpaper! My drop-leaf table has drawer space in the front where I keep all the necessary "tools." The high stools are bamboo

I squared the arch above the bathtub, put some provocative paper on the walls, and it really looks like something now. The dark ceiling makes it look a lot bigger, too!

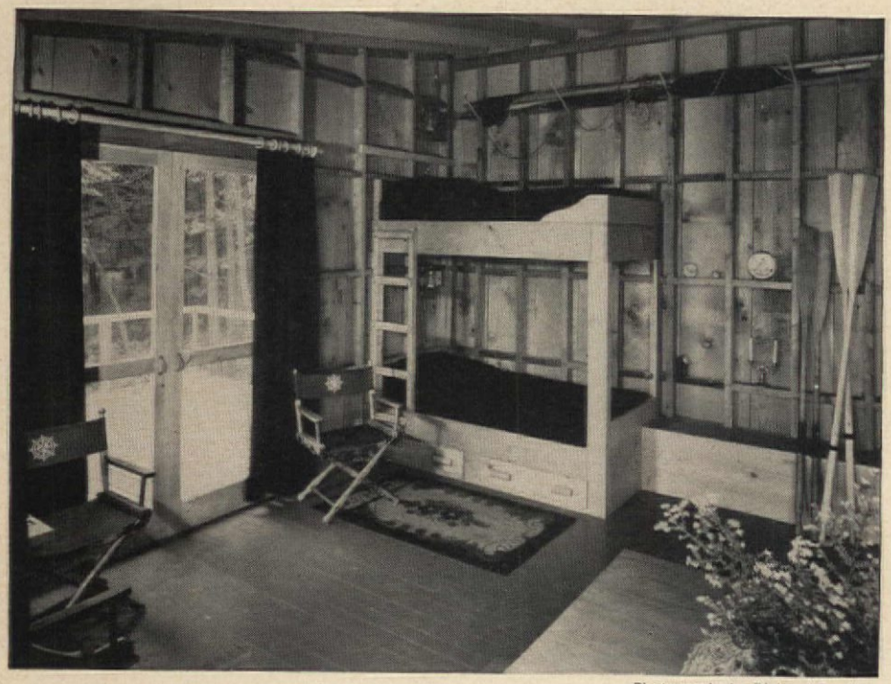
By this time I'm so expert at painting I rarely drop a drop! Good paint, a good paintbrush, a steady hand!

"Retirement" has a new definition for Mrs. Andrews, who at last found time to do all the things she'd planned!

Photographs by Peter Gowland

This is certainly an odd-shaped window, wouldn't you say? I painted it the color of the walls, small-paned it to point it up!

Hunting, fishing, just plain being lazy! What a hide-out! Can't you just smell those fish frying? Bunk beds sleep two in solid comfort, army cots can be stowed away in closet. Interior woodwork treated with linseed oil



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Here's No. 13 in our series of comprehensive drawings with all plans, elevations, and outline specifications for home study

Man alive! A camp you can

Imagine—the entire floor plan of this small summer camp measures 16 by 24 feet, about the dimensions of an average living room! Construction is simple enough to tempt even the most amateur craftsman, and the cost of keeping it up is low enough to appeal to even the slimmest purse.

Exterior walls are built of vertical fir board-and-battens, the rugged grain standing out in bold relief to form an overall rustic pattern. A shed roof, sloping slightly towards the front, ends in a wide overhang, guarantees against dripping of rain into the house through the large opening which forms its main feature (see drawing above). In the interests of economy and easy upkeep, materials were left natural. Painting was limited to exterior doors, windows, and trim to minimize later upkeep.

The main entrance to the house faces away from the water; since the side fronting on the lake is a sliding door the size of the entire wall, the living room dominates the floor plan, leaving just enough space for a fully equipped bathroom and two flanking dressing closets. Each closet is small but serves its purpose adequately and is well lighted and ventilated by small barn-type windows which are set high up on the walls.

Though the camp is just a few minutes drive from Burlington, Vermont, one might be worlds away from civilization. This makes it possible for the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Smith, to indulge that old "getting-away-from-it-all" feeling without traveling far. They're both ardent sailors and originally built the camp as a base from which to operate their boats. Way down below the house proper, and reached by a stairway that hugs the rocky cliff on which it stands, is a narrow concrete dock jutting L-shaped into Lake Champlain. This forms a snug little harbor for the owners' cabin cruiser.

We feel that the house is just about right for anyone yearning for the simple life where cares can be thrown to the wind. It would be equally at home on a beach dune too, for its lines are simple, materials are used honestly, and its size is right for a beach house. There's no need for continuous foundations since concrete piers are adequate to hold the light con-

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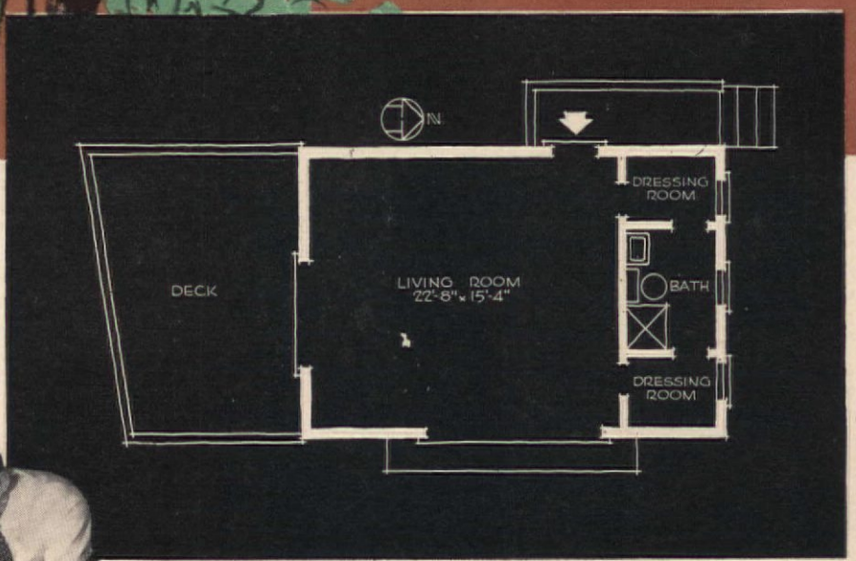

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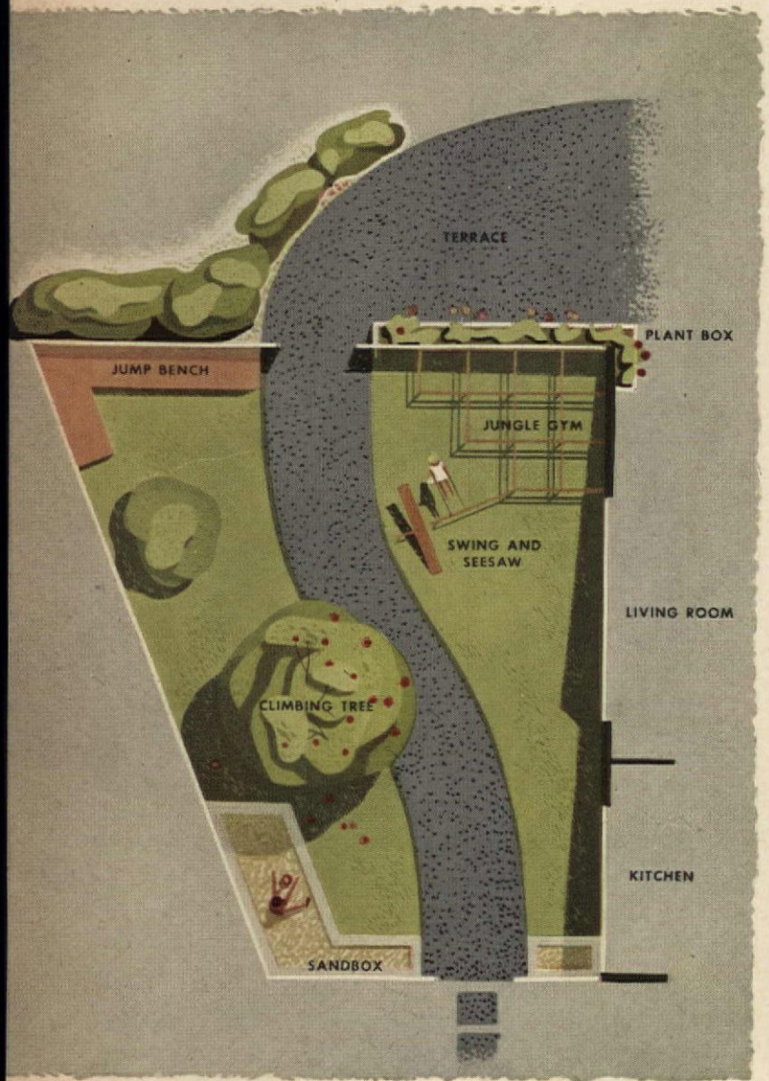
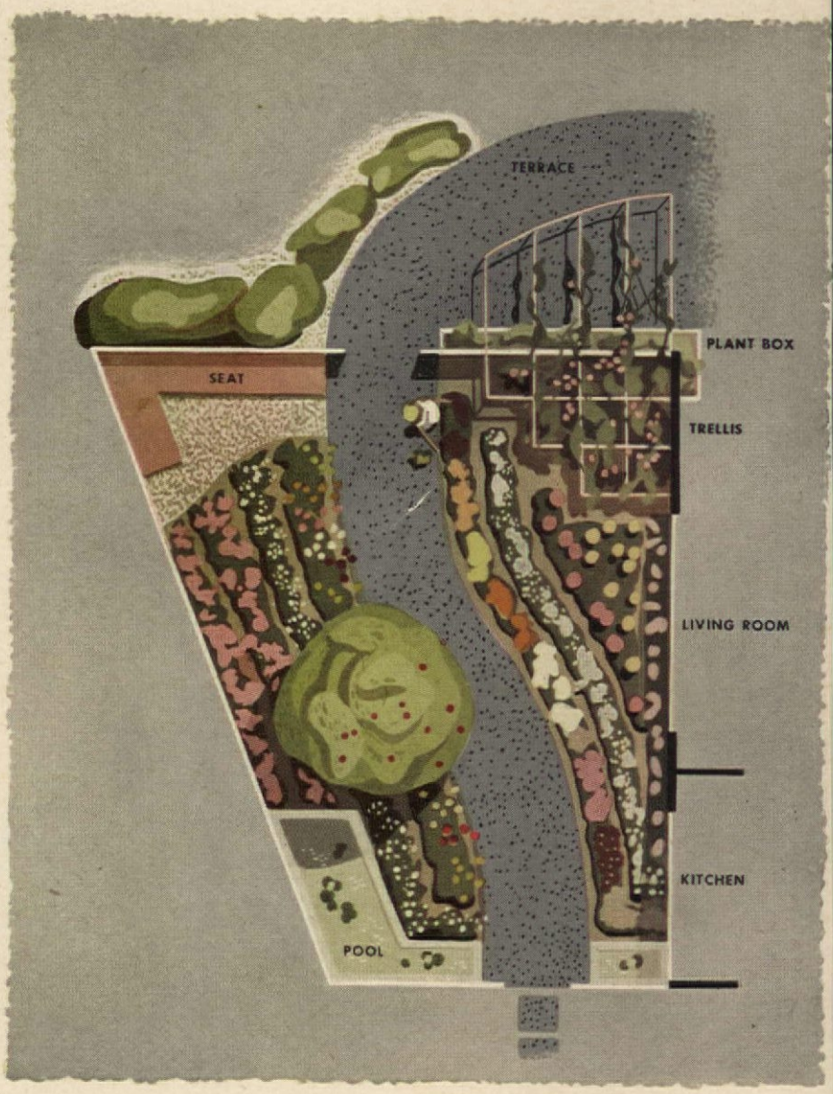
BEFORE—Black-top path leading to terrace crosses (or appears to cross) sandbox, splits play area into unequal portions, and provides place for wheeled toys and, in time, roller skates. Jump bench and climbing tree are simple sources of much fun

AFTER—Without basic structural change, the garden develops in modern manner as sandbox turns into pool; jungle gym into arbor; grassed or tanbarked play space into flower beds and borders; jump bench into seat, with pebbles for dry footing





Play Yard Today... Garden Tomorrow

Many compromises must be made in present-day gardens to prevent waste of both money and space, especially by the young family with a small lot, small budget, and small child or two. One solution that fits all together is—literally—a baby garden. For a garden is a place in which to grow things safely and happily—and what better garden crops than babies now, and flowers later? Success boils down to a logical plan for the plot, such as the two shown here, before and after. Of about equal area, they differ to fit the respective properties. The first illustrates modern or contemporary development. The second is one of more conventional design. You will like one, I will prefer the other; but then, some people like onions, others don't. It's a question, not of style, but of content.

The "before" plan of each garden shows it while the children are in the sandbox, mud-pie stage. As they become active little shavers, and then problem adolescents, the garden can change or grow up with them until, in the "after" condition, it is a place where "our baby" is married under the rose arch. Everything is built or planted so the children can enjoy it, but with an ultimate use in mind. The sandbox, for instance, if made of concrete, can later become a pool. So build it the right size and shape for that purpose, complete with means for filling and draining it. For several years, the inlet will be capped and the valve kept closed, and the drain temporarily fitted with several layers of fine screening to let rain water seep out but prevent sand from clogging the trap. In a few years, water in place of the sand makes a fine splash pool and boat pond. Still later, as school or college

BEFORE—Here the same elements are arranged more symmetrically to conform to plot. Twin jump benches give onto paths in front, grass or dirt in rear. Path is narrower, longer, more formal; the circle is a millstone, compass, or other flat feature set in it

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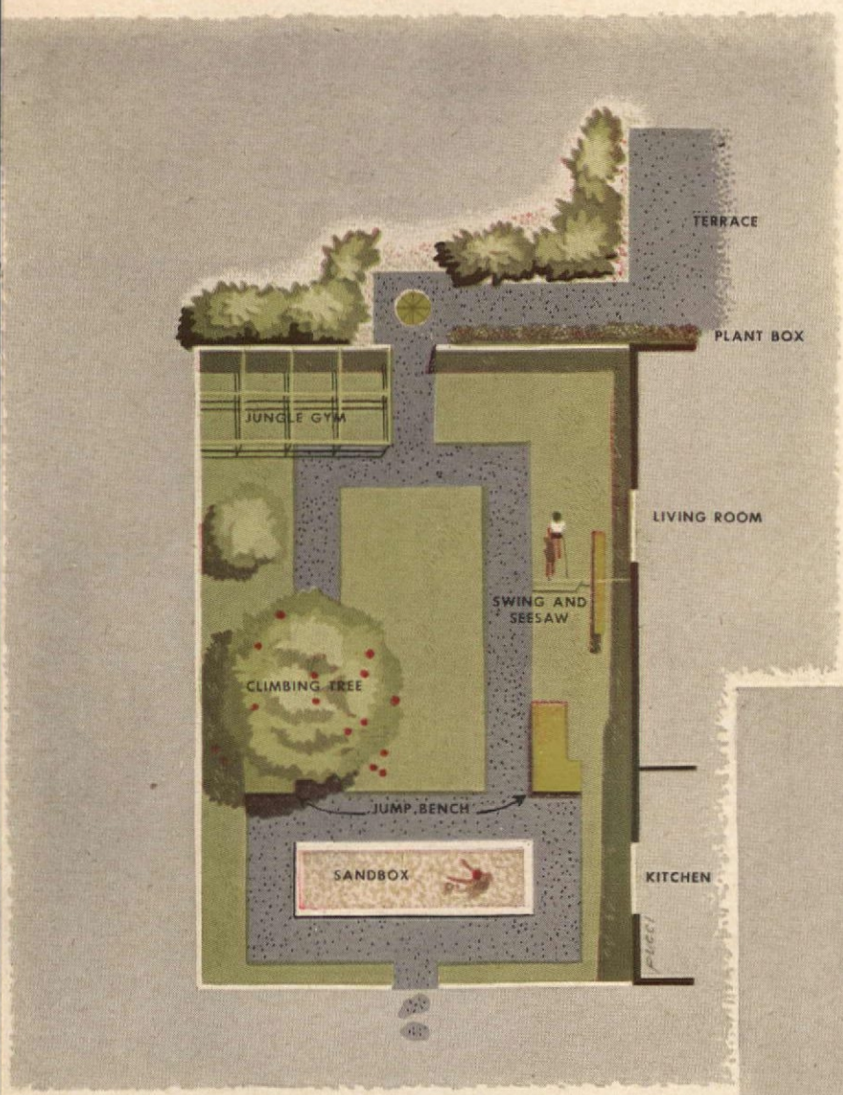


Plans designed by author, rendered by Pucci

A "Baby Garden"—literally a place for babies to grow up in, happy and safe. Where, later on, plants and flowers can take their place

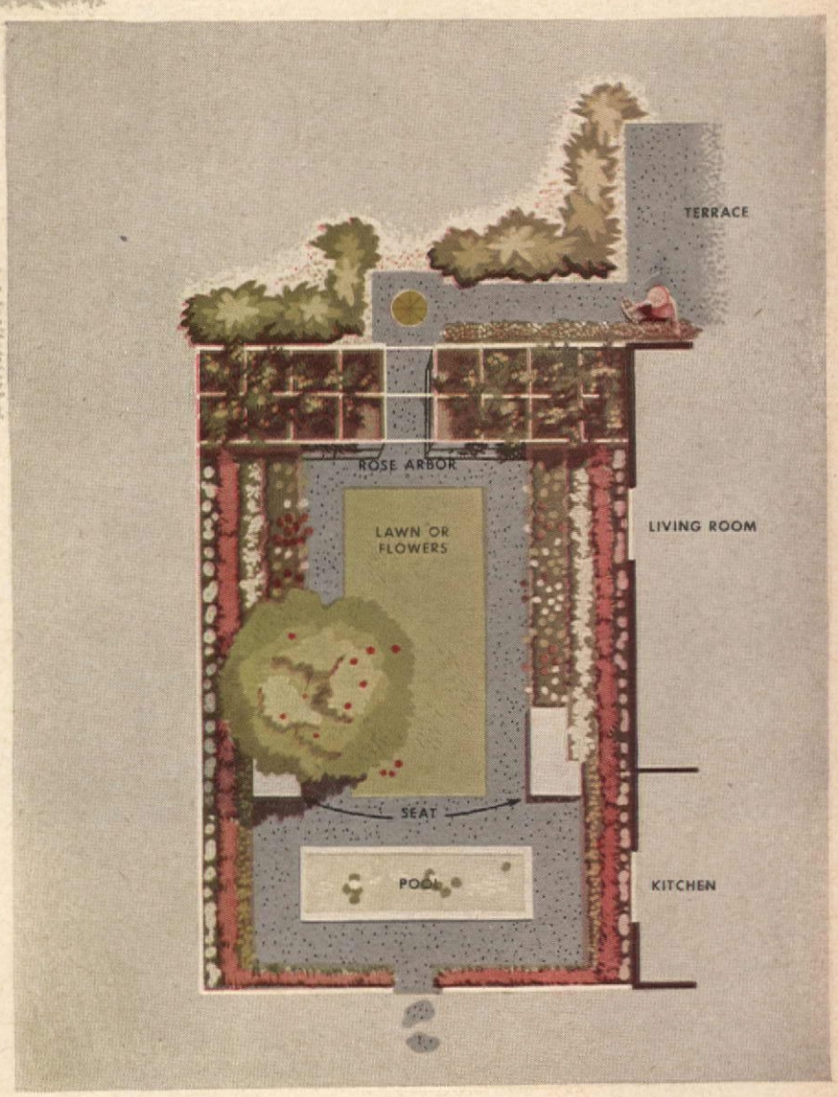
JACK W. CADDICK

beckons, mother (or father) can start raising lilies in the pool.

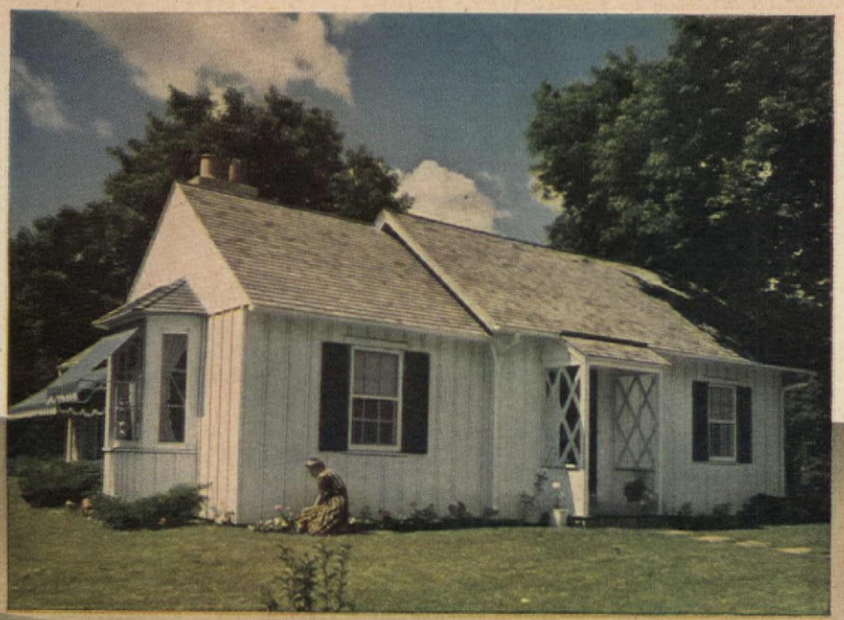
Another permanent thing to be put in at once is the walk. Essential for all kinds of wheeled playthings, it need undergo no change over the years. A climbing or jumping bench, with a soft landing space beside it, should be located where, later, it can be enjoyed by the oldsters as a seat. Somewhat later comes the jungle gym—rose arbor. The permanent (arbor) part should be made with solid joints, while the temporary members are put on with split T's, etc., for easy removal. Another item which may be permanent or not is the "climbing tree"—an apple is ideal. Its life will depend upon its vigor and that of the children that use it, but it should be planted where, if it lives, it will fit into the mature garden picture.

Temporary items (swing, teeter-totter, etc.) which cannot easily be converted will, in time, be discarded. The expanses of grass may or may not be kept. But, at first, don't expend much effort on them. Remember, the garden is for children, and if they wear out the turf, don't worry. Similarly, large, cheap groups of shrubs should be planted on the theory of the survival of the fittest. Something tough and fast growing, like sumac or elderberry, adapted for climbing around and under, is best. If some branches are broken and cut back, others will replace them. In time better plants can be substituted.

Other features will be planted or built with this same sort of progression in mind, to be converted each in its own time. But if this part of the grounds is dedicated to active juvenile rampaging, it will save other parts while they are developing.



AFTER—Balance is now accentuated by building a pergola (extending jungle gym) right across garden, spanning path. Center panel can be in grass or planted, as desired—to roses, perennials, annuals, herbs; with or without a hedge



Simple latticed entrance porch invites you in to remodeled shack with its sparkling white board-and-batten walls. New living-room wing follows old roof line, adds definite ranch-house feeling to exterior

Invitation to quiet relaxation. Living-room view shows deep bay window with ruffled curtains of white sheeting, green tie-backs. Fireplace, flanked by twin bookcases, blends with Colonial atmosphere of room

Family meals are served on screened porch, gay with butter-yellow walls, white trim. Green table with Victorian side chairs makes attractive setting for cranberry and milk glass. Partially open Dutch door leads into kitchen, French doors into living room

Data: Ruth W. Lee
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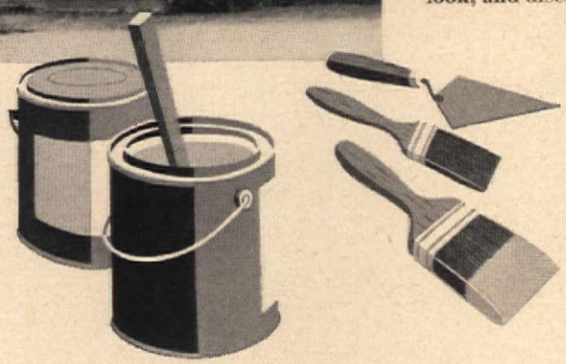
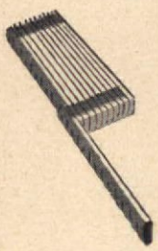
Photographs: Nowell Ward Associates

BEFORE: Obvious reason Hess family passed by without interest—until necessity made them stop, look, and discover shack's good, basic features



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hess find future home almost in own back yard—but it took lots of determination to bring derelict to present glory



They dolled up a tumble-down shack in Illinois

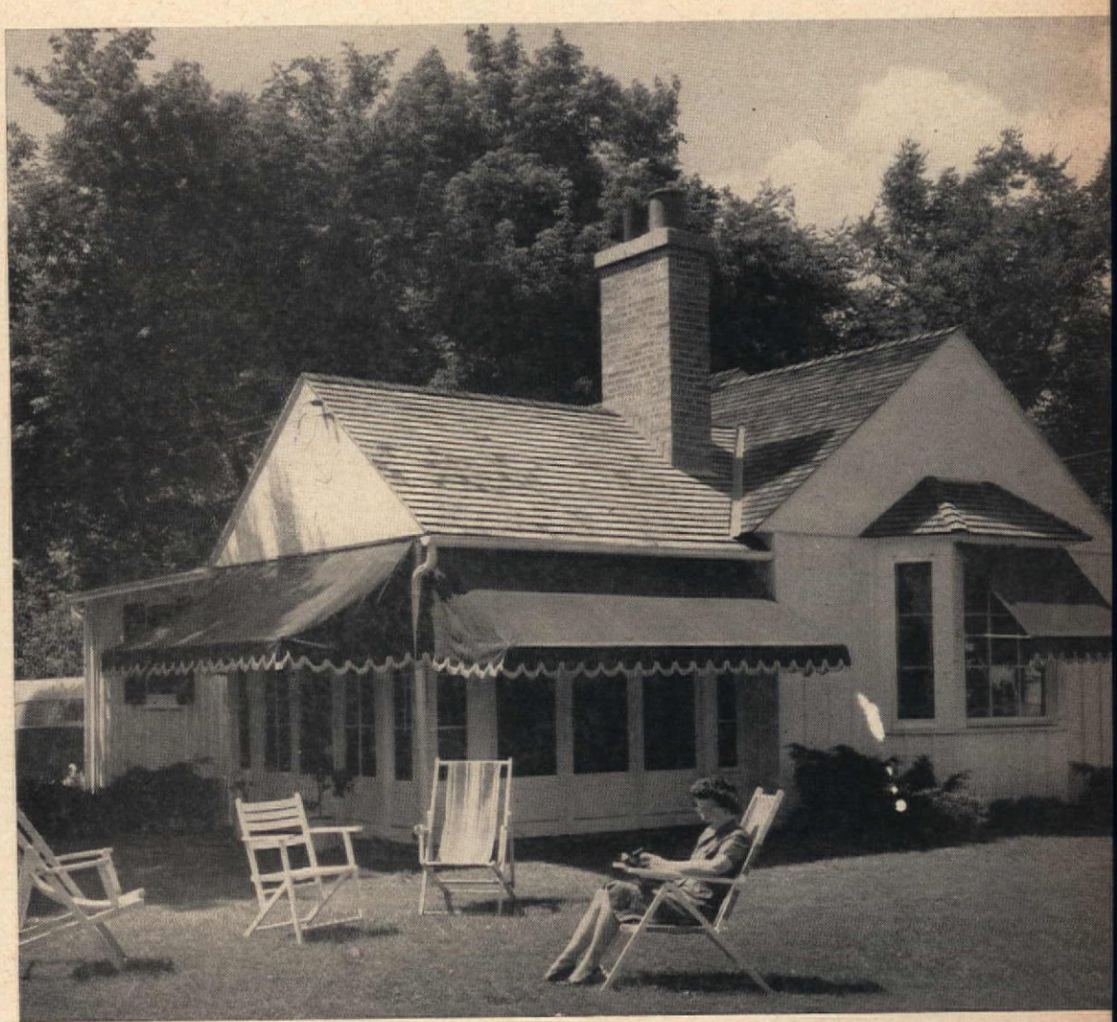
A silk purse from a sow's ear? Not an easy trick to pull off but possible if tackled with grit and imagination. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hess of Wayne, Illinois, think so anyway and have a charming little home to prove their point.

A housing shortage first made them conscious of the deserted two-room shack on the road leading to their large farmhouse. Their married daughter needed a home, and this seemed the quickest way of acquiring one. In spite of its diminutive size, the house did stand on plenty of land, surrounded by lovely old shade trees.

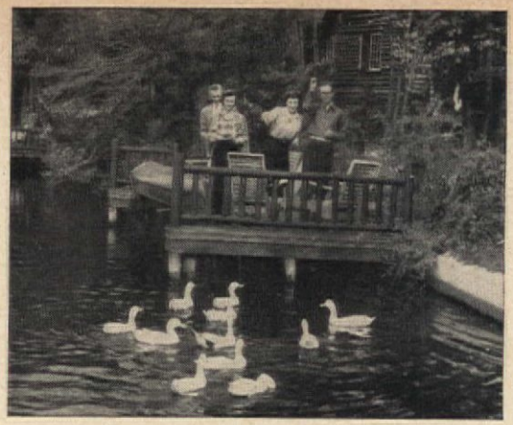
The original roof lines were simple, attractive and so were left untouched. Inside, the large room became a master bedroom, and its small companion was divided into two really ample storage closets. Fortunately, the original lean-to could be used to house bath and kitchen. To provide space for a living room and porch, a new wing was added, its roof lines in complete harmony with traditional style of the original.

Then the entire exterior was covered with board-and-batten, the windows dressed up with slat shutters. Both new and old roofs were protected by narrow cedar shingles. Painted white with dark-green accents, the transformation was complete —the ugly duckling had grown into a swan!

By the time alterations were finished, daughter had already found herself a home, so her parents sold the old farm and moved into the bright new cottage. Since they were antique collectors, rooms were decorated simply, traditionally. This feeling overflows into the screened porch, too, for here we find butter-yellow walls, white trim plus an old-fashioned washstand acting as server for outdoor meals. Butter-yellow is used, too, in the kitchen, compact, corridor-like in plan, made an integral part of the house by means of a Dutch door leading directly into the living room.



AFTER: Its place in the sun—garden view shows how well new living-room wing and porch were integrated into original design to form L-shaped plan. Board-and-batten runs vertically to eaves, flush boarding fills gable end, natural cedar shingles cover all roofs



Feeding the ducks is favorite sport of Corcoran guests. Tree-shaded flagstone terrace connects boat dock with porch

Log Cabin Living—Year 'Round

Vacation setting surrounds permanent home of Joseph A. Corcoran at Medford Lakes, New Jersey

The trip from Philadelphia was short, much shorter than we had imagined. Until then Medford Lakes had been just a name to us—a vacation retreat with about 300 cabins—but hardly associated with year-round living. One look at the log-cabin home of Joseph A. Corcoran changed our thinking completely. Here was that pearl of pearls—12-month-long vacation living within commuting distance to work!

The house is directly on the lake; in fact, the large screened porch almost touches the boat landing. Towering trees shield it from the road, and dense masses of rhododendron, azaleas, laurel, and numerous other shrubs blend it naturally into the woodland setting.

According to the owner, the original cabin was nothing to look at. Small with tiny dark interiors, it was suitable only for summer and week-end use. With the help of architect George Daub, Mr. Corcoran soon put an end to that. Large banks of windows in the living room brought lake and gardens right into the house. Space for heating pipes was created by raising the entire structure and placing it on stone foundations.

At the beginning of alterations, the new owner insisted on only three things: an inside wall of stone, a

Fortunate guest at Medford Lakes, New Jersey home of Joseph A. Corcoran is immediately surrounded by atmosphere of rugged simplicity combined with every modern comfort.

Architect: George Daub. Photographs, data: Cortland V. D. Hubbard

Snug and comfortable before crackling flames in native stone fireplace, week-end guests relax on circular modern sofa. Scene was shot from open Lodge Room balcony, shows handsome old wrought-iron chandelier, Mexican posture chair, and growing plants in tin-washed copper urns

Warmth of natural woods makes kitchen homey place for party gatherings, attracts the eye to collection of faience plates hung in decorative pattern on wall

circular staircase and a circular sofa in front of the fireplace. These he now has and lots more! There's a new wing, for instance, which houses kitchen and heater room. Except for the Lodge Room, formerly the living room, the house is completely insulated. For the last two winters fuel consumption averaged less than 1,200 gallons, despite considerable heat loss in the Lodge-Room ceiling.

Some radical changes were made in the roof lines. Dormers now provide light and air for the upstairs bedrooms, and a sun deck, actually the porch roof, accessible from this floor, provides plenty of space for lounging or gazing at the surrounding picturesque countryside. The three bedrooms and two baths on this floor are approached by an open balcony along one side of the Lodge Room and connected to the first floor by means of the much-desired circular staircase.

Spaciousness in the Lodge Room is accented by the open ceiling which follows the natural lines of the roof. Rafters are slim cedar logs, stripped smooth and varnished. A small study, actually a part of this room, doubles as dining room and is directly adjacent to the kitchen. Also accessible to the study is the owner's bedroom which has its own outside door leading to the porch and, like the other bedrooms, is furnished with a built-in bed. Below the bed proper are drawers for blanket and linen storage.

Since Mr. Corcoran is a professional florist, plants have been used as decorative motifs everywhere. Under the large windows in the Lodge Room, for instance, large copper pans present

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Views of kitchen and study show effective use of wood throughout house. Natural finish oak, cypress, fir, and pine are excellent backgrounds for collections of copper and brass. Circular staircase can be seen leading to upper balcony at right

Owner's prized collection of candlesticks from Poland, Scotland, England, and China are exhibited in study. Rarest items are pair of red hurricane globes from Persia, reflectors from Korea

You Have a Sewing Room!

Take a good look around and you'll find several likely spots!

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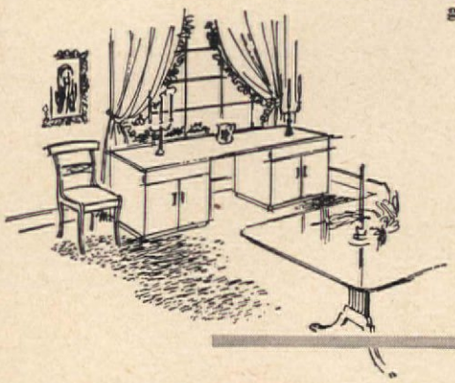
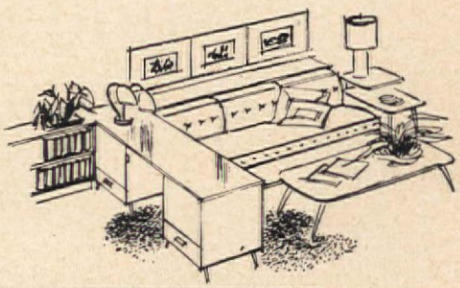
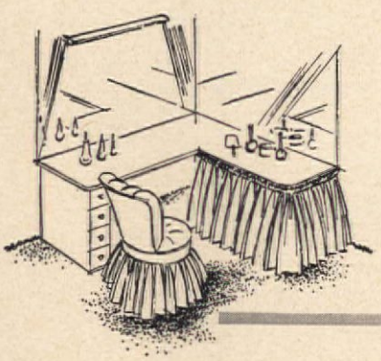


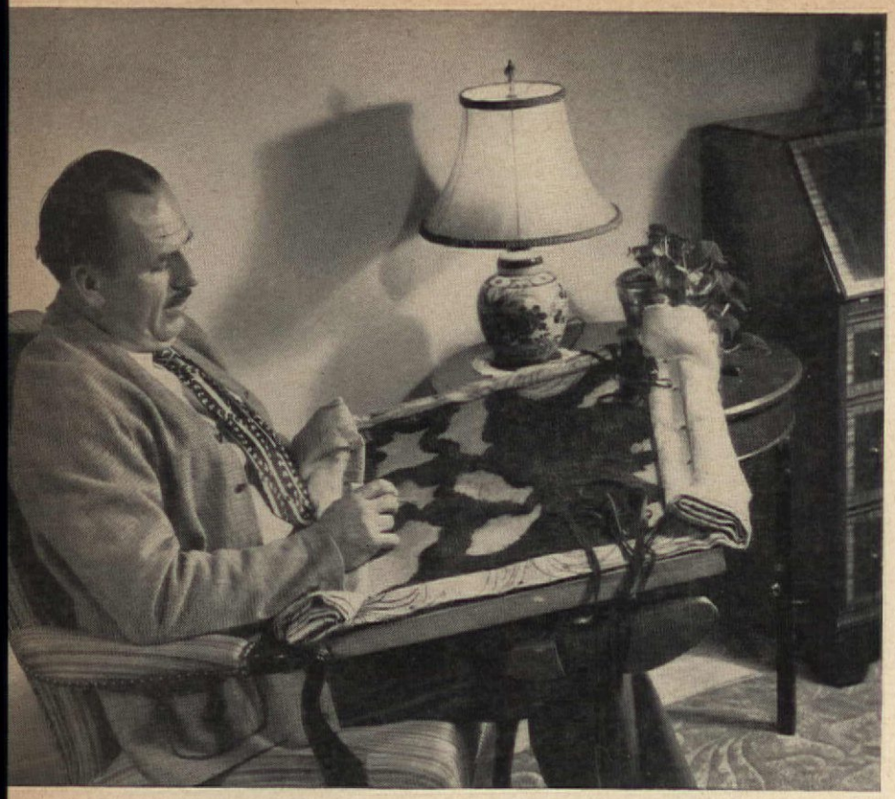
Fine sewing deserves good aids—large window in dining room gives ample light. Furniture used is build-it-yourself variety. Perhaps your server will lend itself to slight alteration by local cabinetmaker

If your living room is where you prefer to sew, two small cabinets with a polished wood plank laid across the top will serve either as a desk or sewing table. Keep writing materials in one side, sewing in the other





Here a very feminine vanity is simply changed into a hard-working, practical sewing table. Skirt hides storage space. Narrow drawer chest holds cosmetics, sewing supplies, helps support work top. Another home workshop item



Harold L. Kistler of New York City hooks rugs as a hobby, but he works like a professional. Here he adds one more to an already large collection for his future Cape Cod cottage

The good old American custom of making rugs is gaining momentum as a pastime. Our scouts throughout the country tell us that even hundreds of men are taking it up as a hobby, hooking their loops like veterans, clicking their scissors like professionals, and giving the girls a run for their money!

Harold Kistler, Director of Physical Education in the West Side Branch of New York City's Y. M. C. A., is a good example of a big he-man who turns out hooked rugs as a way of relaxing, and Mr. Kistler really knows his stuff! How did he get started? Well, years ago he was walking through a big department store, saw some mountain boys hooking on room-size frames for a store promotion, and he became fascinated by their facility. He pigeonholed the incident in his mind and figured he'd try it himself when he had some leisure time. But being a very busy man, with his full-time job at the Y. M. C. A., refereeing football games on autumn week ends, playing handball and volleyball regularly, the idea of hooking rugs got buried deeper and deeper over the years. Then, at a home-show exhibit in the city thirteen years later, he heard a fast-talking gentleman mesmerizing the audience with the wonders of a shuttle

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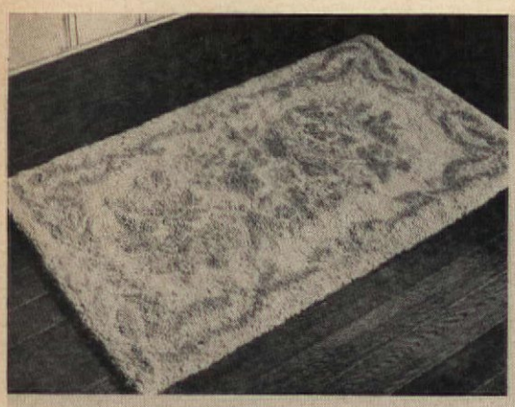
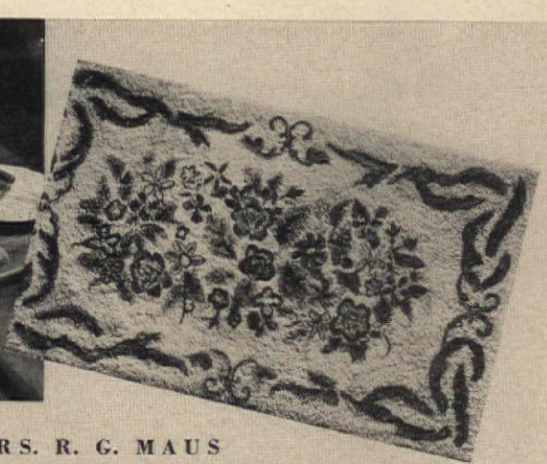
Everybody's making rugs today!

Mr. Harold L. Kistler makes of it a fine art—and how!





HOW TO RESTORE FADED HOOKED RUGS

MRS. R. G. MAUS

Problem: Floral hooked rug faded by sun and time. We never say "die," but we do advocate DYE to bring new life, new color, to old floor coverings

Materials: Any commercial dye (one packet each color), equal number of ten-cent bulb-type medicine droppers, tin cans to hold dyes, boiling water

Solution: Fill medicine dropper 1/3 full of warm, not hot, dye. Fill design from center out to eliminate running. Let each color dry before using next

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1163

Show off your china collection on a pine Welsh dresser. Excellent lines, little over 7 feet tall, with deep base cupboards

1246

Unusual in shape, a braided rug that's a work of art! Thirteen circles, from anything woolen—old clothes, odds and ends

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Especially inviting in front of your fireplace. "New England Floral Bouquet," old-fashioned and friendly, in warm-toned colors

1163, 1246, Dorothy Holden; 847, Pearl McGown; 1248, Arline Rawlins; 1247, Mary Zeller

1247

This hooked rug's a honey! Family footprints, initials, mottoes, everything from odd scraps of cloth—a real conversation piece

1248

The center is hooked, the border is braided. Unusually effective and subtle when one blended color predominates. Can be any size you prefer

"A heavenly paradise is that place
Wherein all pleasant fruits do grow."

–AN HOWRES RECREATION IN MUSIKE, 1606

EVA BEARD
Drawing by Pucci

Fruit the Country Over...

Every home garden has its possibilities. They vary with location, soil, climate, altitude . . . Here are hints for typical, widely separated regions of the U. S.

East, west, north, south—higher prices for fruits as well as other commodities are making us more home-orchard conscious than ever. Throughout the nation's suburbs echoes the thought: Of course it's just a small lot, but there's room for a tree or two; dwarf kinds begin to bear in a few years; they're lovely in spring, and think of home-grown apples and pears right off your own trees!

Close on the heels of the wish, the decision. Soon the nursery order in the mail, and then the happy, if strenuous, day when the plants arrive, ready to be set out in the garden—with the utmost care, of course.

All this assumes that even the very smallest orchardist takes note of what his State Agricultural Experiment Station and its Extension Service worker in his locality can tell him, *before* he mails his order for plants. In New York State, for instance, the co-operating Stations at Geneva and Ithaca have issued an excellent bulletin on "Varieties of Fruit for New York," which actually is helpful over a much larger area of similar climatic conditions. Most of the states in which fruit growing is important and popular have similar publications for general distribution. With them, the problem of selecting varieties from long nursery catalogue lists is greatly simplified and success with them is made much more likely, even if not certain. The beloved McIntosh, Delicious, and Northern Spy apples, one will learn from the publications, must have a pollinating companion near by if they are to bear well. So must some pears, notably Bartlett and Seckel. Sour cherries, on the other hand, are self-fruitful; but sweet cherries are not, and usually the trees grow too large for a small place. All Japanese plums and many European kinds need cross pollination; but peaches don't. Furthermore, by careful choice of peach varieties one can prolong the season well into autumn.

Move to Iowa and you will really find out about winter—and about summer, too. You can still grow good apples, of the hardier sorts, even in the northern part; desirable, but more tender, varieties can be grafted on hardy stock —Virginia Crab or Hibernal. Plums are the fruit most widely adapted, and here are seen results of western fruit-breeding activities—hybrids of the native South Dakota sand-cherry, the large Japanese plums, and the native Toka plum. In the southern part of the state, sour cherries and such pears as Anjou, Kieffer, and Seckel can be added to Lincoln, Patten, and Parker which withstand northern conditions. Peaches may winterkill after yielding a crop or two, but here, as well as much farther north, small or bush fruits are the great dependence.

Everyone, for his soul's good, should live for a time in one of the Northwest Plains States. South Dakota orchards are now pretty good ones, having profited immensely from years of experiment, plant introduction (from cold Russian and Far Eastern areas), and breeding for hardiness. Chief among the many workers in this field to whom lasting gratitude is due is the veteran, Dr. Niels E. Hansen, whose bush cherry has made his name familiar to many home gardeners in many places. Even in the western half of this rigorous zone, you can, with the help of low windbreaks and by planting on north and east slopes, raise such apples as the early and productive Anoka, Whitney and Dolgo crabs, Maga (a McIntosh hybrid), and Haralson, developed by the Minnesota Experiment Station. You have a chance of success with the new Manchu hardy apricots from China; bush and Nanking cherries; the cherry-plum hybrids like Opata and Sapa. To the east and south, the list can include sour and sweet cherries, pears, and certain eastern commercially grown apples like Wealthy and Greening. North Dakota leans heavily on some marvellous, red-fleshed crabapples —good eaten out of hand, the jelly made from them like unto rubies. Wonderful wild plums, too, the saskatoon (or Juneberry), the Missouri currant, and the buffaloberry. One thing about the Plains country—your orchard is likely to be so far from your neighbor's that there is at least a chance of insect enemies getting worn out traveling between them!

Westward to Oregon or Washington and you are in a different world and one of the earth's great fruit gardens. The home orchardist's choice in the mild, moist coastal region is enormous; it becomes a matter of growing what he likes and for what he has suitable land and enough water. But if he climbs a mountainside to find a site, he must adjust his list of varieties to fit the altitude. And so it is all the way down the incredible West Coast. Californians, for example, even at elevations of 5,000 to 6,000 feet can still grow apples in protected locations, though late spring frosts may injure their crops some seasons. They can also have the wild Sierra plums and eastern grapes. At 4,000 feet, the Wild Goose types of plum and eastern sour cherries are possible; at 2,000 to 3,000, some of the hardier pears, European plums, sweet cherries, quinces, and even, in sheltered locations, such peaches as St. John, White Heath, and Salwey; lower still, more peaches, plus apricots and Japanese persimmons.

North of Monterey, cold winds and foggy days keep fruit from ripening well along the ocean and up many inland valleys; little hope of success, therefore, with oranges, lemons, peaches, or Japanese plums. But in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys and over adjacent foothills, the snow-weary northerner's dreams of an orchard can be realized with the hardier citrus fruits, Mission or Kadota figs (which require little care and no wasp-aided pollination), nectarines, peaches, apricots, cherries, European and Japanese plums, the Japanese persimmon, early apples like Gravenstein, Red Astrachan, and Yellow Transparent, olives, strawberry guavas, avocados, pomegranates (beautiful in the dooryard), loquats, jujubes, and, if you like, a Persian walnut for shade as well as crops of nuts.

Between Santa Barbara and San Diego you are south of apple country and really in the citrus belt; but even here, with care, some apples can be grown. A few peaches, too, adapted to short winters. Japanese plums are

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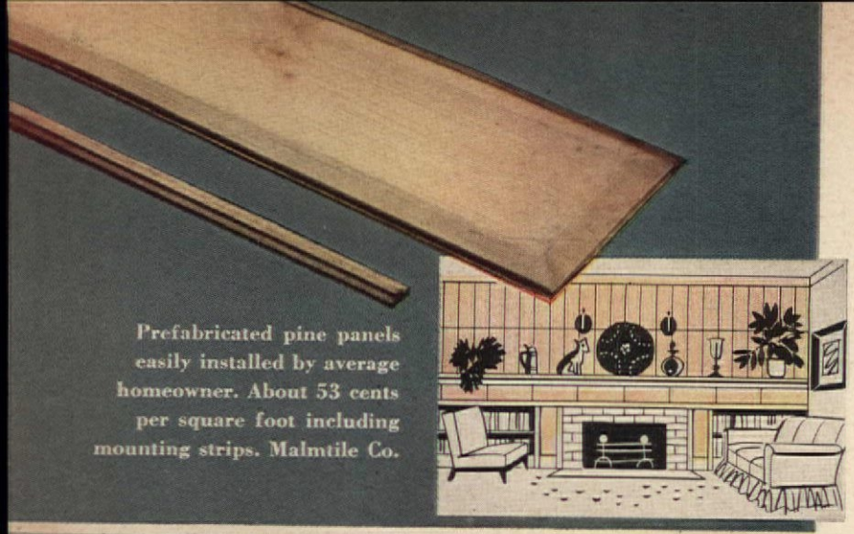
Much for Little

These materials should be labeled— "Use Lavishly!" They give you such big effects for little cost and effort



Prefabricated pine panels easily installed by average homeowner. About 53 cents per square foot including mounting strips. Malmtile Co.

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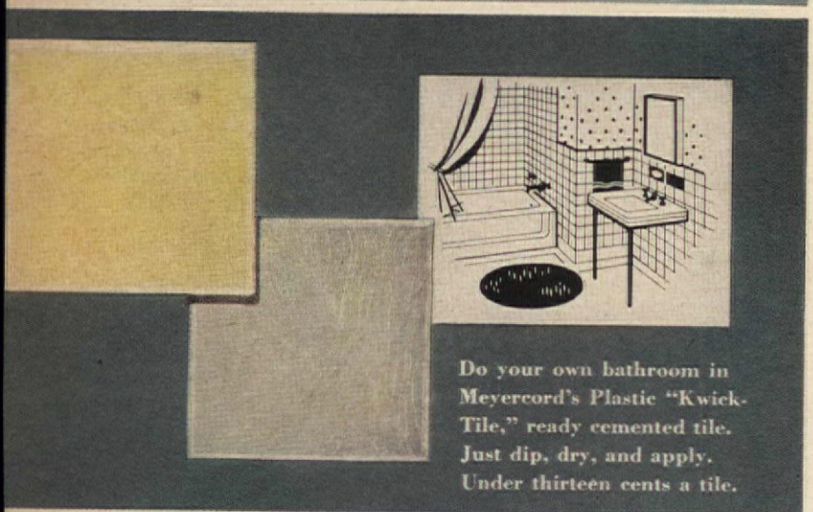

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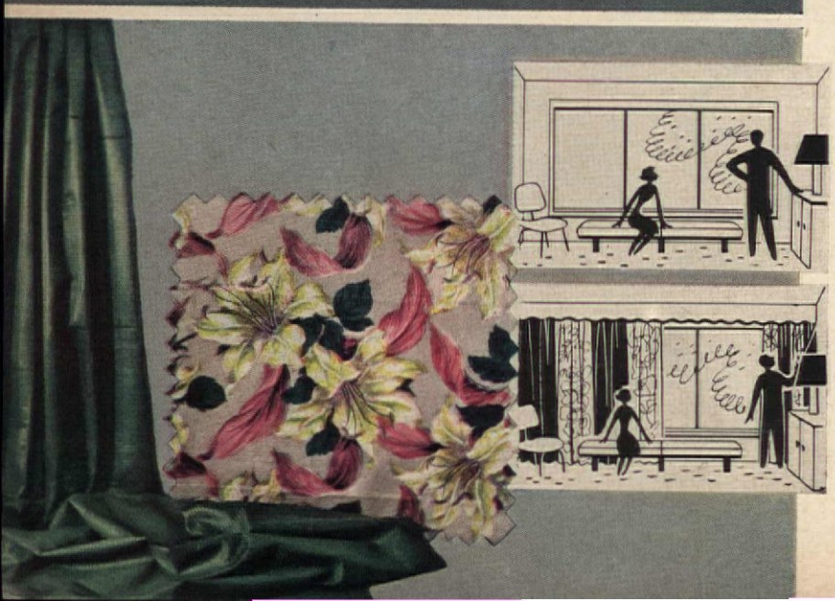

No need to skimp on material for those big, big windows. "Lustron" non-woven rayon draperies have the nice look and feel of woven fabric. Fade-proof plain colors or prints, $1.95 pair

Even if your fingers are all thumbs, these materials are for you. The pine paneling shown above comes cut in a variety of sizes from 6-inch square tiles up to pieces 8 by 24 inches, together with mounting strips precision-cut to allow for natural expansion. Smallest package will cover a wall space of 4 square feet; largest covers 52 square feet. Manufacturer has done everything but nail it to your wall, includes instructions for that.

Wherever you've longed to use leather as a decorative trim, you can let yourself go with any of the high-note or blending colors of Deks. Each cleanable plastic square simulates the texture of fine-grain leather with even the folds of quilting molded in. There's a neat little hole in the center through which to drive an upholsterer's tack and attach square to desired form. That form can be anything from a headboard to a baseboard. With inexpensive Deks you can afford to try out any idea.

You can anchor any of 24 permanent colors permanently to your walls with Kwik-Tile. Its ready-cemented backing will adhere to any clean, dry, fairly even surface. Work out your own design for a panel over sink or stove—or for a full room with the handy home-estimator chart provided by dealer. Do the actual work whenever you're in the mood—it takes only half a minute to prepare a tile to go on. Place in very warm water and slide off paper backing, rinse and thoroughly dry. Apply with firm pressure in center and at four corners of tile.

You can throw your worries out the window when you hang them with Lustron draperies. Sun and rain won't harm them, and they're flame-resistant. Made of bonded rayon fibers pressed together, they come in solids, stripes, and patterns to fit in any decorating scheme. Designs are printed through so your windows look pretty from the outside. Use lavishly for big effects.

Drawings by Margaret Nielsen

Let the cold breath of February blow, you'll find warmth and cheer in this cozy room when staying in is a must. The Henrys not only enjoy themselves in this attractive combination play-room, hobby-room, living room, but they also get a double kick out of it because they have done it all themselves. They had the fun of seeing the place blossom through their efforts, and the satisfaction of saving money!

The bar is useful inside in winter—can be rolled out on casters to the garden in summer. Everything's very simple, from the barrel end table to the wooden bar stools. The entire room is pine-paneled, with simple curtains at the windows. There's a slight provincial touch to the painted toy chest and side chairs. The whole picture is cozy, inviting, and indicative of a job well done

Made Over for Fun

The Patrick Henrys of Des Moines, Iowa, turn a plain nondescript basement into second living-recreation room

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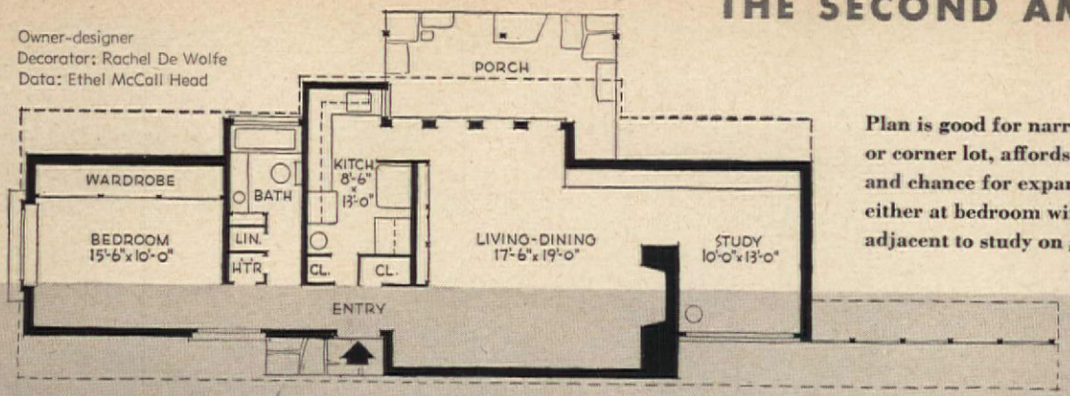
Owner-designer
Decorator: Rachel De Wolfe
Data: Ethel McCall Head



Plan is good for narrow or corner lot, affords privacy and chance for expansion either at bedroom wing or adjacent to study on garden side

Low roof lines, exposed rafters, and texture of cement-block walls give ranch-house quality. Lack of windows along street side guarantees privacy in rooms, allows perfect background for ground planting

Garden is restful spot for lounging, thanks to board-and-batten fence along street side. Wall made an integral part of house design by extension of cedar-shake eave lines. Future expansion will take place at this end of house

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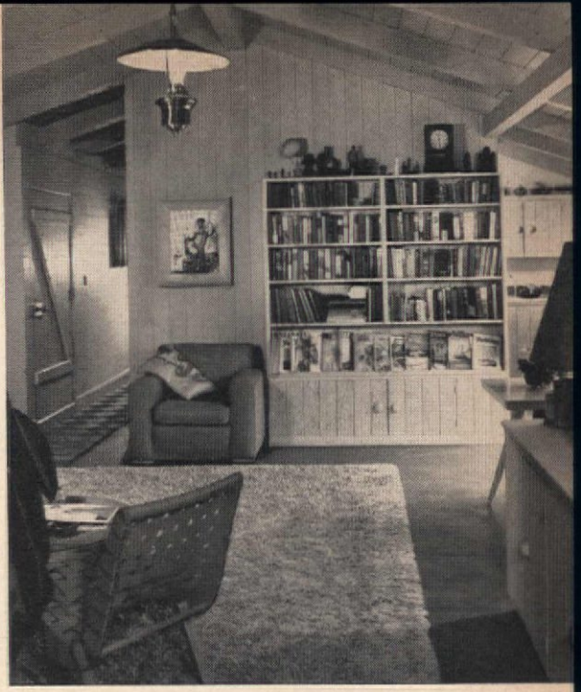
Cozy little ranch house you can add to



Living-room view towards entrance hall shows uniformity of cabinetwork throughout house. Kitchen is doorless, its details reminiscent of those found in early ranch houses

WILLIAM J. HENNESSEY

Once in a blue moon we come upon a house that makes us want to shout and throw our hats in the air! Such a one belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Haldane Douglas of Los Angeles, California, who deserve double "Bravos." They not only designed the house themselves, but it was planned under difficult circumstances. In the first place, their lot is a corner one—long, narrow, and hemmed in on two sides by larger residences. Planning to include much desired privacy for outdoor living seemed just about impossible.

The trick was pulled, however, and most ingeniously. Plot and plan are in complete agreement, following the same long narrow lines, while privacy was gained by means of a board-and-batten fence, an integral part of the over-all design. It's a starter house, exactly right for a young couple, but there's plenty of chance for expansion when the budget permits. The plan is honestly flexible, each room blending gracefully into its neighbor with only one interior door used in the whole house. The result is spaciousness in a capsule.

Since the owner is one of those rare beings, a practical artist, it is not surprising to find economy married to beauty throughout. For instance, the exterior walls are of cement block. Its semi-rough texture, soft green on the outside, further emphasizes the sturdiness of the rough cedar

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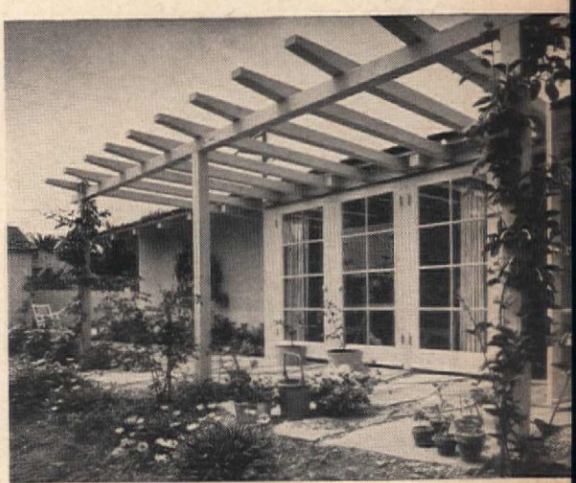
The Haldane Douglas house is No. 14 in our series of comprehensive drawings which include scale plans, elevations, and outline specifications for home study



Large glass doors make trellis-covered terrace actual part of house plan. Garage and fence at rear block view of adjacent house. Gallery for painting display leads into owner's studio, will become access to new wing when house is enlarged at future date

Birthday Party for pennies

ALICE GOWLAND

Being of a curious nature, I decided to see how inexpensively I could create a party atmosphere for my daughter's sixth birthday and still gain the enthusiasm of the children. As a result, the dining-room table became a circus playground complete with tent, animals, balloons—and for only a few pennies. How was it done?

To begin with, I substituted my time and strictly amateur artistic talents for money. From my husband's studio, I obtained six yards of ordinary brown wrapping paper, the kind that comes in a roll 36 inches wide. I'm sure that it's available at any stationery store or even at one of your neighborhood stores where, if you're a regular customer, it'll be easy for you to buy enough for the party.

I covered the dining-room table with the paper, allowing an overhang of four inches and making a pleat at each corner. The seam down the middle of the table was pasted with ordinary white paste and was not noticeable when the table was set. Around the overhang I painted scallops with red poster paint and added dots of yellow, green, and red. In each corner on top of the table, I traced the figure of an elephant which I had copied from one of my daughter's story books.

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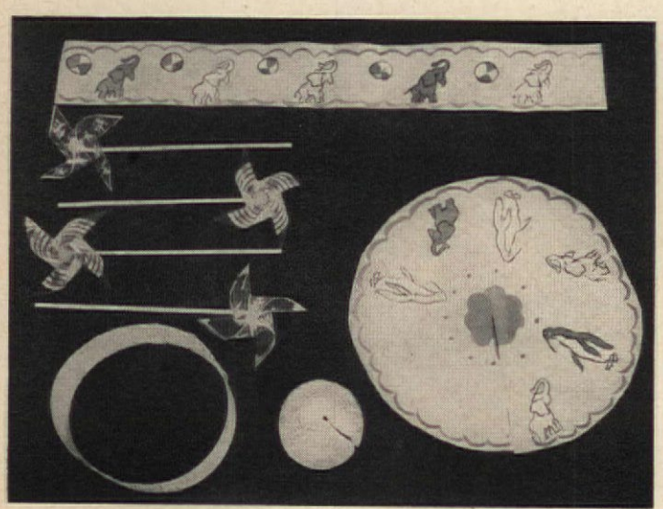
Photographs by Peter Gowland

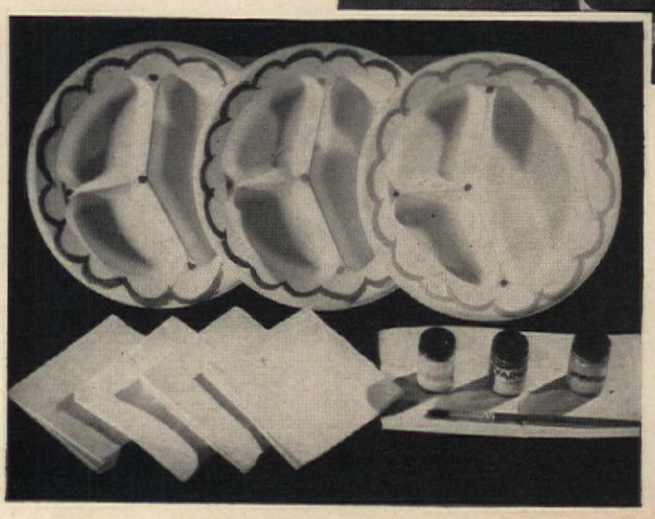
The lull before the storm! In a moment this tranquil scene will be transformed into a real live circus, with the young guests in their highest party spirits

Homemade nut cups carry out circus theme. Filled with chocolate pennies, jelly beans, and gumdrops, the kids will take them home as souvenirs

Centerpiece supplies: Four pinwheels as supporting posts. Wooden pieces hold center stick. Cardboard ring is sturdy base. Draw, paste or trace on colorful circus figures



Get some vegetable colors, like the reds and yellows you see in a circus. Circle paper plates with an easy design, and see the effect!



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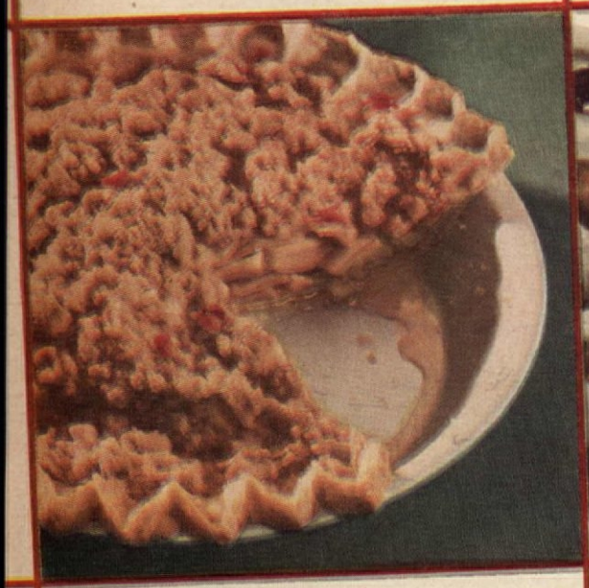	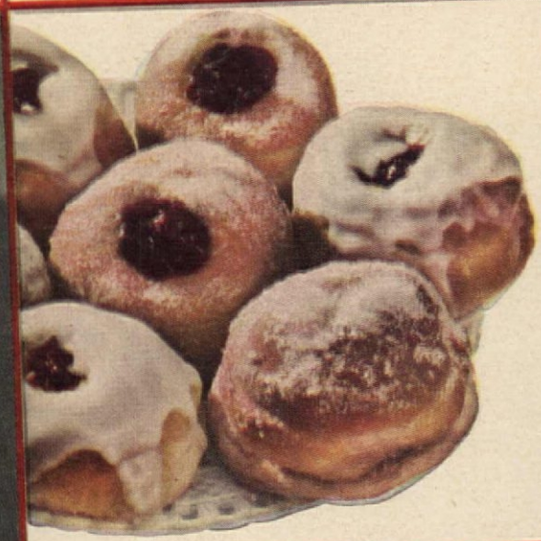	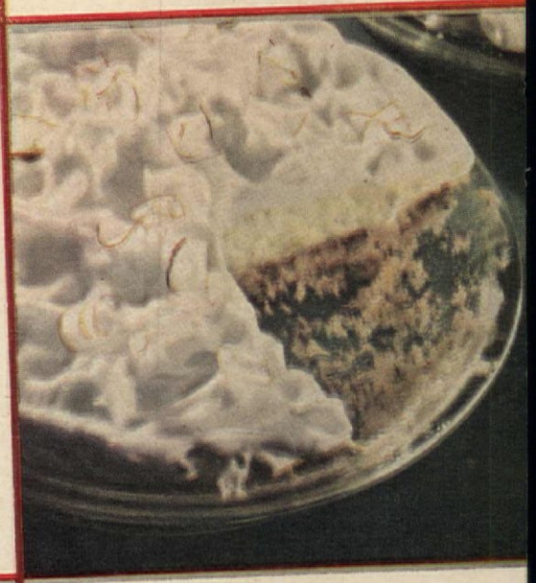

"Everyday baking's
a breeze with these!"

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ALICE B. KLINE

"I'm baking double with half the trouble—

thanks to prepared mixes and new ideas that

cut my time in half, taste twice as good!"

The work's been taken out and the fun's been left in! That's why you can do a little baking every day and enjoy every bit of it. Do you pine to make a pie? You can do it—quick and easy! Do you ache to bake a cake? Nothing to it—because trained men and women have done all the figuring, taken out all the trouble of measuring and blending. All you do is follow simple directions and your cake is a delightful reality.

Talk about mixes—they're here right now, and in a fine selection! White-cake mix, chocolate-cake mix, mixes for biscuits, breads, rolls, pies, frostings. They're practically foolproof for a bride or a beginner. Of course, if you're the type who likes to start from "scratch," there are also a host of new intriguing recipes such as our Blue Ribbon Chocolate Cake and our Frosted Fiesta Pie, shown on these pages.

How about Apple Crumb Pie for dinner some evening soon? Monday is usually a week-end casualty, and a homemade pie for dessert will taste like a mighty happy ending. You can use either the packaged pie mix and make your own filling or try the very successful apple pie mix which includes even the apples! If you prefer to prepare your own, we've suggested cinnamon candies to give a warm red color and pungent flavor. Either way, this pie is a show stopper!

Doughnuts 'n coffee, doughnuts 'n milk . . . how often we'd like to have fresh, sugary doughnuts for hungry kitchen callers. But doughnuts made in this regulation way, while they have our admiration and respect, do take time and work; we thought you'd like to know how to make Oven Doughnuts from hot roll mix! They do not require frying in hot fat at all; they can be prepared in all sorts of ways and with many different fillings and decorations. Our recipe gives you directions for the simply prepared and very popular sugar doughnut and a variation for jelly-filled type. Packaged pudding mixes in vanilla, butterscotch, or chocolate flavors make excellent fillings for these doughnuts, too. Just prepare the pudding according to package directions and then place a tablespoon or two into the indentation in the top of the doughnut (see recipe directions on following page).

Is there anyone among us not looking for a new recipe? These words are not for her! For Frosted Fiesta Pie is brand new. It was created here in the Test Kitchens of THE AMERICAN HOME especially for the hostess who wants a new and exciting dessert for her best party or dinner. Perfect for a girls' afternoon party and magnificent for a dinner dessert, it's a joy to create. The lining for the pie is made of crushed Brazil nuts and sugar, the filling is a custard that is a heavenly blend of citrus flavors, the whole topped with a *cake* frosting! Decorated with thin, curling slivers of shaved Brazil nuts, this pie has gaiety and glamor. A real charmer, the taste tests in our kitchens show; and the men outdid the women by far in their complimentary comments. Our grade: "Excellent." But your own taste test will tell.

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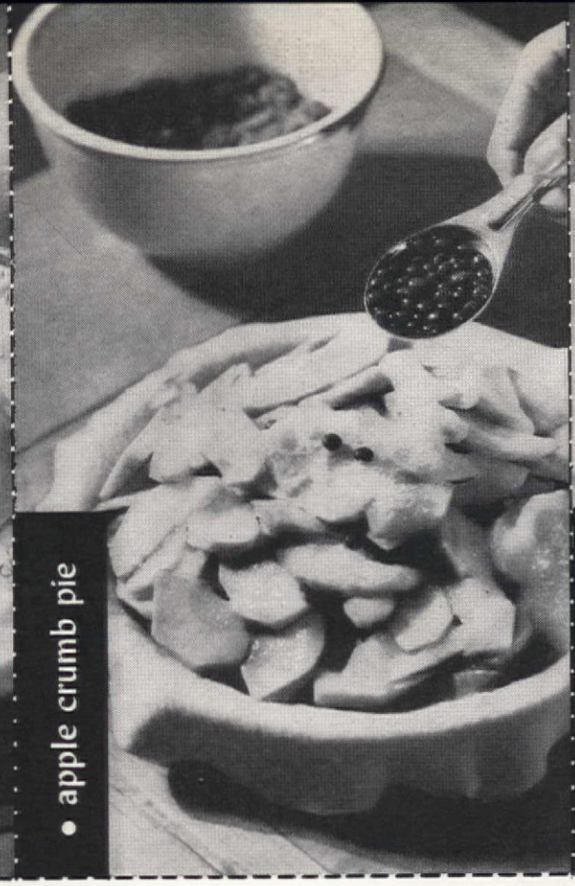
HOT 'N' HEARTY SUPPER SPECIAL

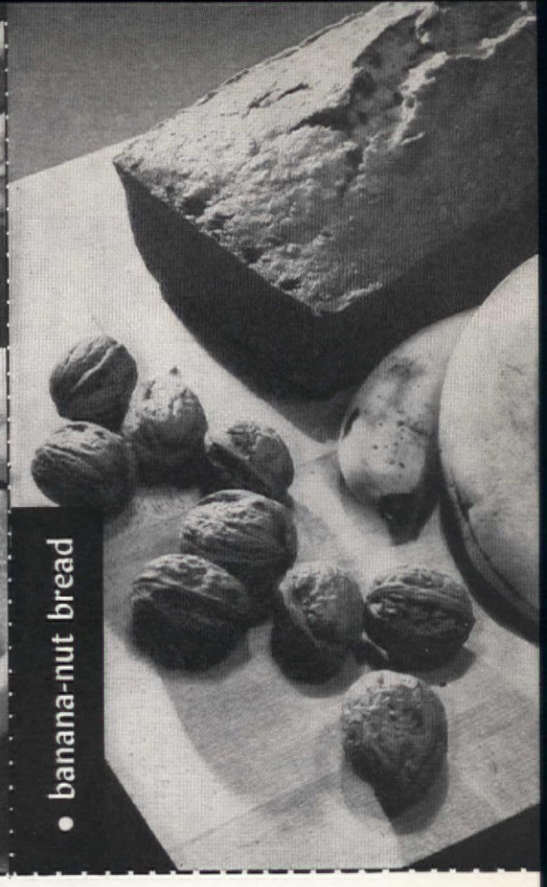
- 6 tbsps. sugar
- ¾ cup hot water
- 3 tbsps. cinnamon drops
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- Dash of salt
- 2 firm, tart apples
- 1½ lbs. small pork sausages
- 1 to 2 cans DEL MONTE Golden Whole Kernel Corn

Combine sugar, water, cinnamon drops, lemon juice and salt in frying pan. Place over low heat, stirring occasionally, till cinnamon drops dissolve. Peel and core apples; cut each in 3 slices (about ¾" thick). Add rings to syrup; cook slowly, turning and basting till just tender (test with toothpick). Remove from syrup and keep hot. Boil down syrup till slightly thickened, while sausages are frying or broiling. Pour syrup over rings; serve with the sausages and hot, seasoned DEL MONTE Corn. Make milk gravy using sausage drippings, if desired. Serves 4 to 6.

• frosted fiesta pie



• apple crumb pie



• banana-nut bread

Everyday Baking

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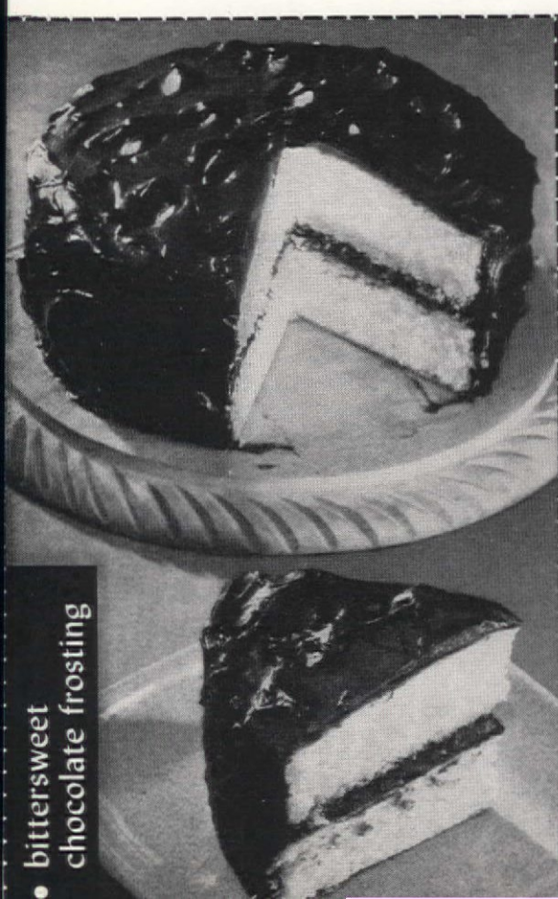
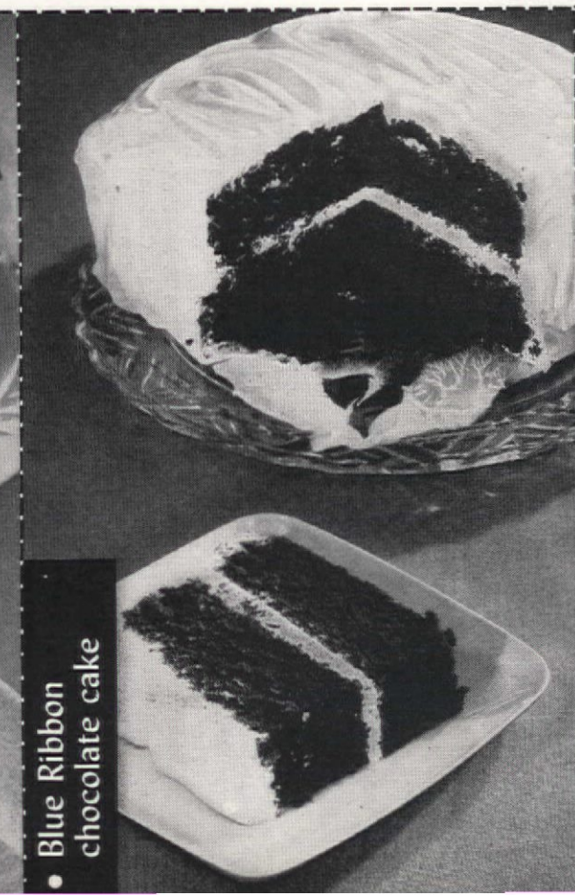
Cake mixes, it seems to us, are saving marriages and promoting kindness among all men. They have met with instantaneous success in all parts of the country where they have been introduced. It's like magic! The cake mix goes into the bowl, liquid is added, a little beating and into the pans. No wonder the girls are proud of their cakes. When the cake is so easy, so good, and takes so little time, there's more time to be spent on frosting and decorating. There are many frosting mixes available today in chocolate, vanilla, and penuche flavors that are quick and easy to use. For the day when there's a little more time and a special frosting is called for, we recommend Bittersweet Chocolate Frosting for our Thursday's white cake (prepared with cake mix of course).

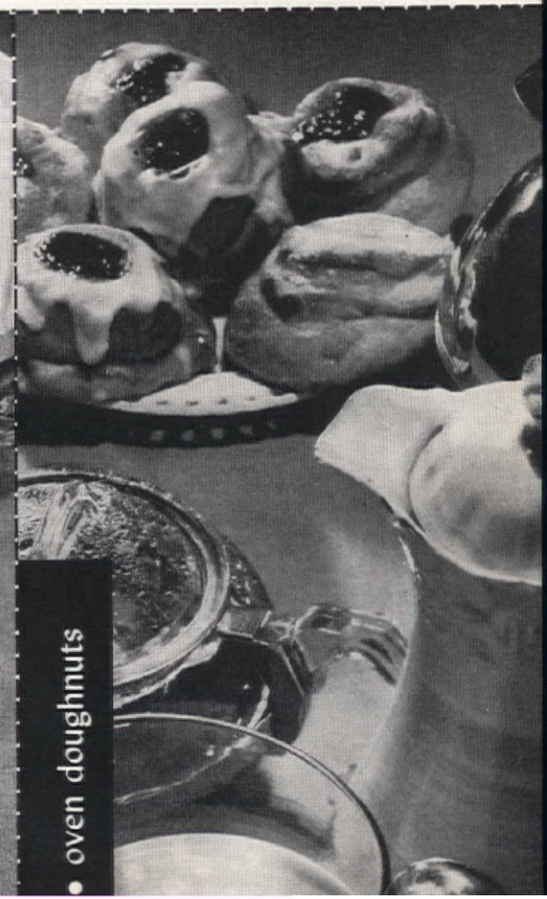
A special occasion calls for a special cake, so we give you the recipe for Blue Ribbon Chocolate Cake; a really chocolate-y chocolate cake such as finds instant approval from men and small boys (to mention only half of its admirers). It's a rich, moist, tender dream of a chocolate cake that's all swished up with frothy frosting. Almost like a dream—it'll disappear



• bittersweet chocolate frosting



• Blue Ribbon chocolate cake



• oven doughnuts

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Preparation time: 3 hrs.

BAKED DOUGHNUTS:

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

Prepare hot-roll mix according to label directions, adding lemon rind, spices, and sugar with dry ingredients. Let dough rise as directed until double in bulk. Then punch down and turn out onto lightly floured board. Roll or pat dough out ½" thick and cut out with 2" doughnut cutter. Place doughnuts 2" apart on greased baking sheets. Brush with melted butter or margarine and let rise in warm place (80°–85°F.) until double in bulk. Bake in hot oven (425°F.) for 10 min. or until brown. Remove from baking sheets, brush with melted butter; roll in granulated sugar or glaze with confectioners' sugar and water icing.

Makes about 18 doughnuts ***150 cal. per doughnut***

JELLY DOUGHNUTS:

Prepare dough as above. Roll out ½" thick and cut out with 2" biscuit cutter. Place half the number of circles on baking sheets. Make indentation in center of each and fill with 1 tsp. tart red jelly. Cover with remaining circles. Proceed as above.

Makes 8–10 doughnuts ***215 cal. per doughnut***

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• Blue Ribbon chocolate cake

Preparation time: 1¼ hrs.

4 sqs. unsweetened chocolate, melted
2 cups sifted cake flour
2 cups granulated sugar
1 tsp. salt
½ cup vegetable shortening
1½ tsp. baking soda
¾ cup milk
¾ tsp. baking powder
½ cup milk
3 eggs, unbeaten
1 tsp. vanilla flavoring

Melt chocolate. Combine with next 6 ingredients in mixing bowl. Beat with spoon 300 round-the-bowl strokes or 2 min. (If using electric beater, beat 2 min. at low to medium speed.) Stir in baking powder; add remaining milk, eggs, and vanilla. Again beat 300 strokes or 2 min. Scrape bowl and beaters often during mixing. Pour batter into 2 8" square pans which have been greased and lined on bottom with waxed paper. Bake in moderate oven of 350°F. 35–40 min., or until done. Cool on wire rack 10–15 min. before removing from pan. Cool and frost with your favorite frosting.

375 cal. per serving

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• bittersweet chocolate frosting

Preparation time: 20 min.

4 sqs. unsweetened chocolate
1 cup granulated sugar
1½ cups milk
3 tbs. cornstarch
2 tbs. cold water
2 tbs. butter or margarine
1 tsp. vanilla flavoring

Melt chocolate in top of double boiler. Add sugar, milk and cornstarch which has been mixed with cold water. Place over direct heat and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add butter and vanilla. Cool and spread on cake.

Frosts tops and sides of two 8" layers

1889 total cal. ***Source of vitamins A, B complex, C, D***

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like one, too! Of course, it also has keeping qualities to recommend it.

Aside to the inner circle of real chocolate lovers: Blue Ribbon Chocolate Cake and Bittersweet Chocolate Frosting are a combination that really satisfies the desire for chocolate. Careful cooks will note that each recipe calls for four ounces of chocolate—a good way to use a half pound package without any left over to take up room on the pantry shelf.

We developed the Banana Bread recipe because it seemed to us a g Saturday evening sort of thing; adaptable for several courses, it accompany soup or a main course, go with salads, reinforce a fruit pudding dessert. It goes to tea parties, too, all spread as a sandwich to a cocktail party cut into small squares, toasted, and spread with cr cheese. Children love it for after-school snacks.

We've come to the end of our baking story. But only the beginn for some new bakers, we hope. Biscuits for the bride, a cake for crowd, a pie for papa, all these are possible now for the inexperien cook. There's help on all sides but, best of all, the mixes are here!

• banana-nut bread

Preparation time: 1½ hrs.

½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
3 bananas, mashed
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. soda
1½ tsp. sifted baking powder
2 cups all-purpose flour
3 tbs. sour milk or cream
1 tbs. lemon juice
Grated rind of one lemon
1 cup chopped nut meats

Cream shortening and sugar together, add beaten eggs, and the bananas which have been partly mashed with a fork. Sift salt, soda, and baking powder with flour and add to the banana mixture with the milk, lemon juice, grated lemon rind, and nuts. Turn into well greased 9" x 5" x 3" loaf pan. Bake in moderate oven of 350°F. for 1 hour. Remove from pan and cool on wire rack.

Makes 16 ½" slices ***221 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex, C, D***

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• apple crumb pie

Preparation time: 1 hour

1 pkg. pie-crust mix
5 to 6 medium tart apples
⅔ cup sugar
3–4 tbs. flour
2 tbs. cinnamon candies
Pinch of salt
2 tsp. butter
1 tbs. lemon juice

Make pie crust as label directs. Line 8" pie plate with pastry. Pare, core and slice apples ⅛ inch thick. Lay apple slices carefully in pie plate. When half the apples are in, sprinkle with half the combined sugar, flour, and cinnamon candies. Add remainder of apples; sprinkle with the remaining sugar mixture. Dot with butter; add lemon juice. Top with crumb topping.

CRUMB TOPPING:

¼ cup butter or margarine, softened
¼ cup sugar
½ cup all-purpose flour, sifted or 1¼ cups soft bread crumbs
2 tsp. cinnamon

Cream butter and sugar together. Blend flour and cinnamon and add to butter-sugar mixture. Sprinkle over apples in pie. Bake in hot oven of 450°F. for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F. and bake 20 to 25 minutes or until apples are tender.

444 cal. per serving (⅛ 8" pie) ***Source of vitamins A, B complex, C, D***

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• frosted fiesta pie

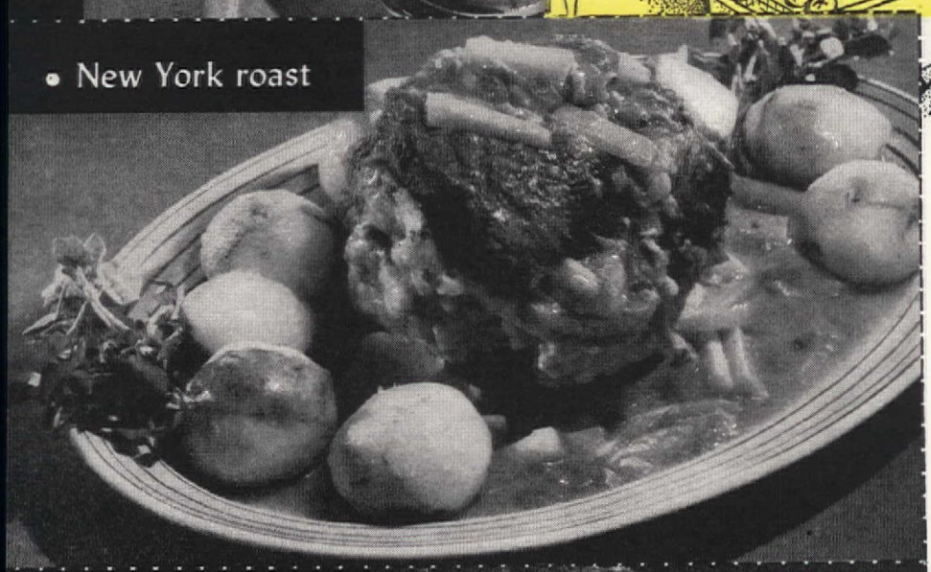
Preparation time: 2 hrs.

1⅓ cups finely ground Brazil nuts
3 tbs. granulated sugar
4 egg yolks
⅓ cup granulated sugar
1 tbs. grated lemon rind
1 tbs. grated orange rind
2 tbs. lemon juice
2 tbs. orange juice
2 egg whites
¼ tsp. salt
¼ cup granulated sugar
1½ tbs. cornstarch
¼ cup granulated sugar
½ cup water
2 egg whites
½ tsp. almond flavoring
½ tsp. vanilla flavoring

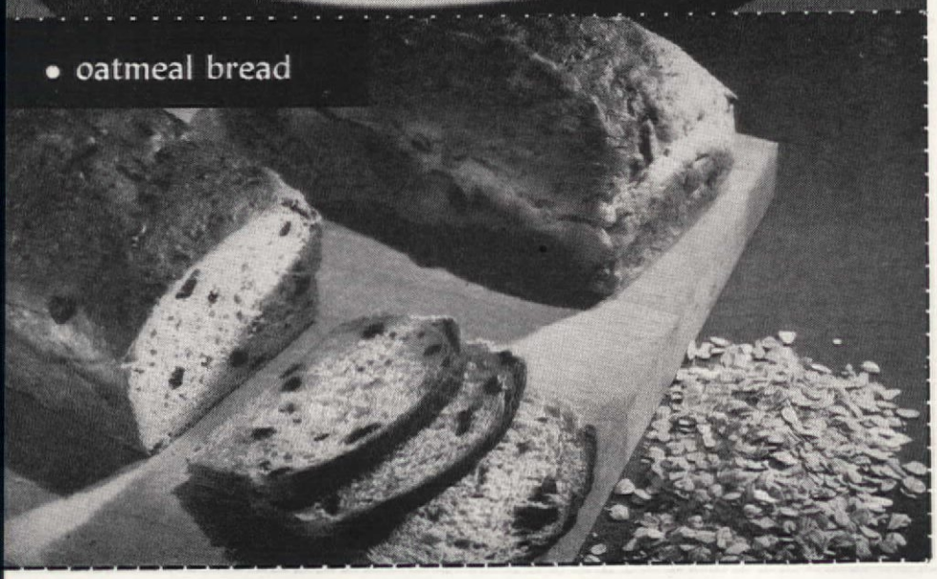
Combine ground nuts with 3 tbs. sugar. Press firmly to sides and bottom of 8" pie plate. Bake in moderately hot oven of 400°F. 8 min. or until golden brown. Cool. In double-boiler top, combine egg yolks with next 5 ingredients. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly, for 5 min. or until mixture is very thick and mounds when dropped from spoon. Remove from heat. Beat 2 egg whites with salt until they form moist peaks. Gradually add ¼ cup sugar while continuing to beat until stiff. Fold into hot egg-yolk mixture. Cool. Turn into baked pie shell. Chill. Meanwhile combine cornstarch with remaining ¼ cup sugar and water. Cook, stirring, until very thick and clear. Beat 2 egg whites until they form *very soft* peaks. Slowly add hot cornstarch mixture while beating until thick and creamy and rounded peaks are formed; add flavorings. Cool. Spread on pie. Garnish with shaved Brazil nuts.

550 cal. per serving ***Source of vitamins A, B complex, C, D***

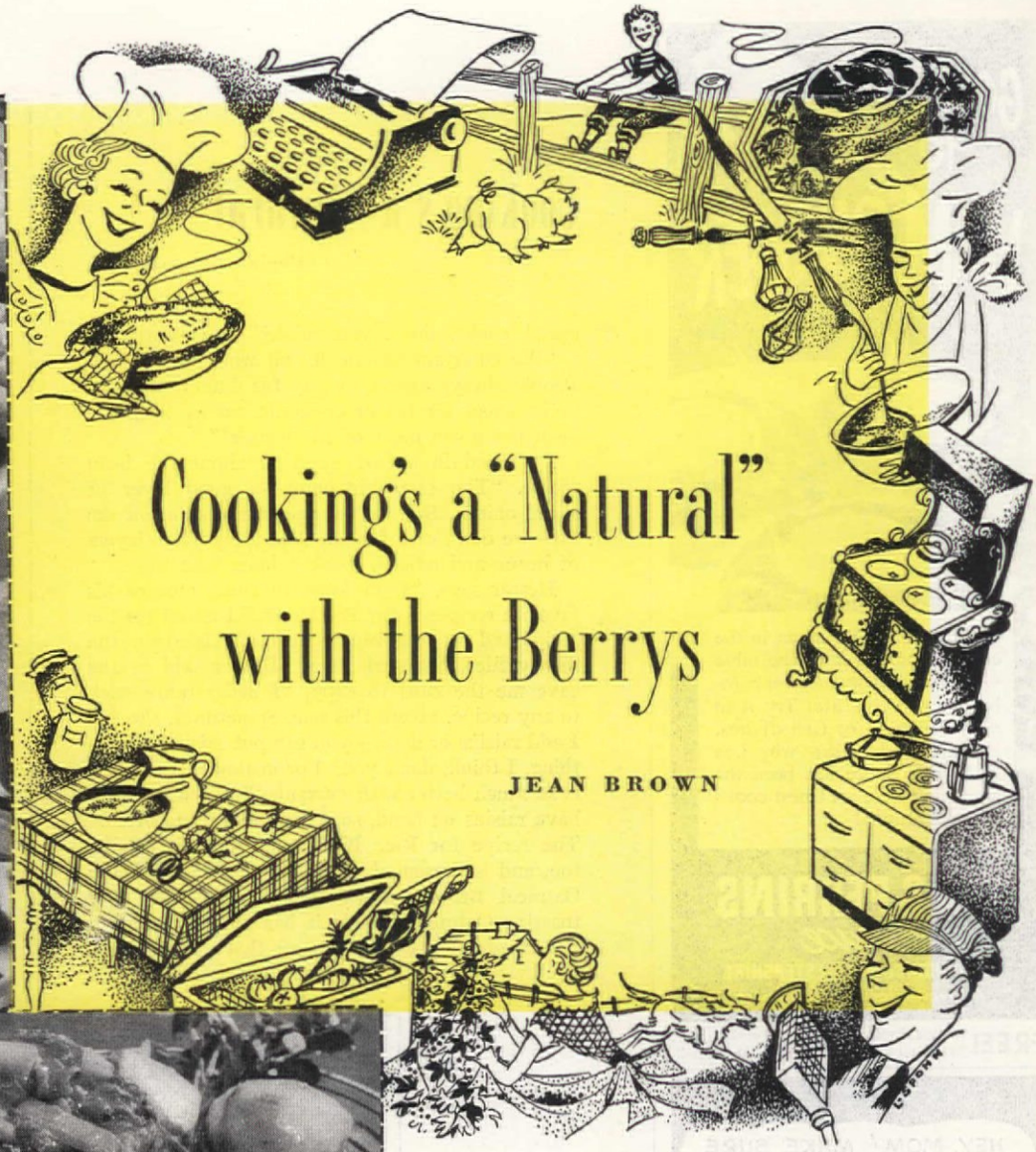
• sweet rice pilaf



• New York roast



• oatmeal bread



Cooking's a "Natural" with the Berrys

JEAN BROWN

You'll find a sparkling new electric range within cuddling distance of an old-time-y cookstove at Hester and Romeyn Berry's house in Jacksonville, New York. Here is the blending of new and old, rural and urban, homespun and streamlined. From both sources come foods that are justly famous.

The Berrys, both enthusiastic cooks, are well-known throughout New York State and indeed much farther. Since the turn of the century, thousands of graduates from Cornell University have been tooting the horn about "Rym" Berry, his homespun radio talks and his nostalgic newspaper columns. His latest book, *Dirt Roads to Stoneposts* (Century House), contains the essence of much of his writing.

Hester Bancroft Berry is a sculptress, farmer, homemaker, PTA member, and (most important, she says) assistant Den Mother for the local Cub Scouts. Nine-year-old Warner, called "Butch," is the Cub Scout responsible for the last title.

Food is the leading topic of conversation in the Berry home. "We've been freezing food for nine years," said Rym comfortably. "I kind of freeze by ear, you might say. We freeze what we want, the way we want it."

"The back-breaking work in canning is all gone, too," put in Hester. "No more 'canning feet'."

While we visited about methods of food preservation, a lemon pie was rapidly coming to life in the Berry kitchen. Lard from their own pigs is used for the pastry but the pie filling comes right out of a package. "I haven't time to stir a lemon custard like my mother did," says Hester. She added the juice of a lemon to the pie mix as a substitute for part of the water called for in the package directions. "Most people do add a little to a recipe, especially experi-

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enced cooks, don't you think?" she continued.

"We entertain practically all winter in droves. People always expect to stay for dinner when we invite them for tea or cocktails. So we keep the bean pot going most of the winter!"

I slipped in a fast question about the bean recipe. "The secret is onion—a good layer of sliced onions. Boil up your pork and skim off the fat—we don't care for fat. Add the pork in layers of beans and onions. Cook a long, long time."

Hester says, "Rym loves to cook. One of his favorite recipes is for Pot Roast." I asked for the recipe and got it as well as an old recipe from the family files, Oatmeal Bread. Hester said as she gave me the card to copy, "I never quite stick to any recipe, except this one. Sometimes, though, I add raisins or dates—you can put raisins in anything, I think, don't you? For instance, Rice Pilaf is so much better with currants, but I'm liable to have raisins on hand, so I use them more often." The recipe for Rice Pilaf came out of the file, too, and is presented on this page along with the Oatmeal Bread and the Pot Roast. Hint: Try toasting Oatmeal Bread; it has an old-fashioned homemade flavor and texture that's marvelous!

• sweet rice pilaf

Preparation time: 40 min.

2½ qts. boiling water
1 cup raw rice
2 tbs. butter
3 tbs. honey
1 cup raisins
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. salt

Cook rice 20 minutes in boiling salted water. Drain. Add butter, honey, raisins, vanilla, and salt. Steam in double boiler until water is absorbed and rice is puffy and dry.

Serves 4 195 cal. per serving Source of vitamins B complex, D

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• New York roast

Preparation time: 2½ hrs.

3–4 lbs. rump beef
3 tbs. fat
1 medium onion, sliced
1½ cups canned tomatoes
1½ cups water
1 large green pepper, diced
1 cup diced carrots
2 cans condensed mushroom soup

Wipe meat with damp cloth and season with salt and pepper. Brown meat well on all sides in hot fat in heavy skillet over medium heat. Add onion and brown. Add tomatoes and water and cook, covered, for 2 hours or until meat is tender. Add peppers and carrots ½ hour before meat is done. Just before serving add mushroom soup.

Serves 8–10 371 cal. per serving Source of vitamins A, B complex, C

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• oatmeal bread

Preparation time: 4 hrs.

1½ cups boiling water
1 tbs. shortening
1 tbs. salt
1 cup rolled oats
1 pkg. dry or compressed yeast
¾ cup lukewarm water
¼ cup molasses
¼ cup brown sugar
5–6 cups all-purpose flour, sifted
¾ cup raisins
½ cup uncooked prunes, pitted and diced

Combine boiling water, shortening, and salt; stir in rolled oats; cool to lukewarm. Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water; add molasses, brown sugar, and 1 cup of flour; beat until smooth. Add raisins and prunes. Add rolled-oats mixture and enough flour to make a stiff dough; mix thoroughly. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead about 10 minutes or until smooth and satiny. Place dough in a warm greased bowl; brush surface very lightly with melted shortening; cover and let rise in a warm place about 2 hours or until doubled in bulk. Punch down. Turn out on board; divide into two equal portions and mold into balls; let rest, closely covered, for 10 minutes. Shape into loaves. Place in two greased loaf pans, 9½ by 5½ inches; brush tops with melted shortening; cover and let rise 1 hour or until doubled in bulk. Bake in 400°F. oven for 40 to 45 minutes.

Makes 2 1-lb. loaves 112 cal. per ½" slice Source of A, B complex, C

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Want to save up to 174 hours a year?

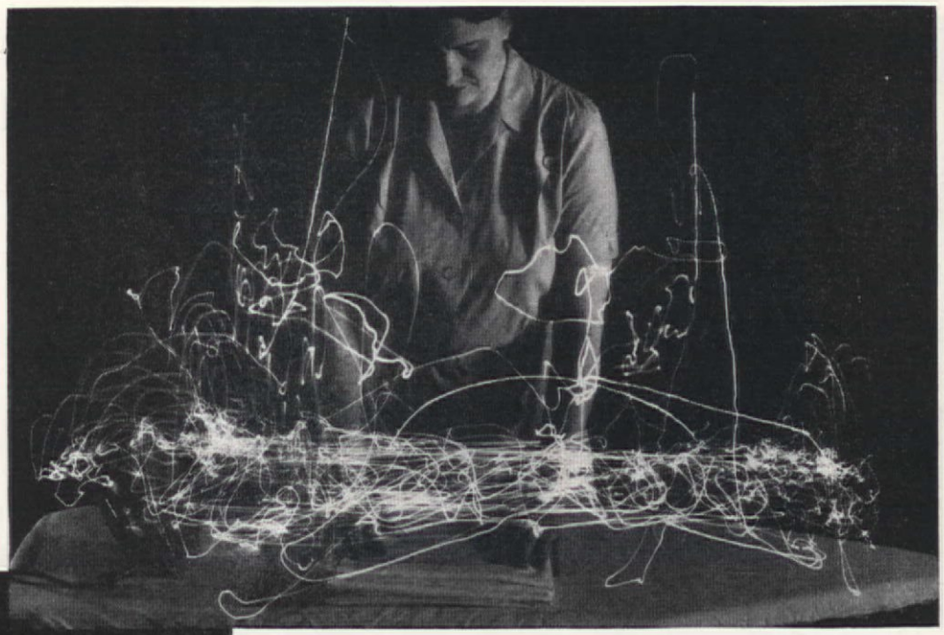
This mountain of laundry is one year's washing for an average family of four.

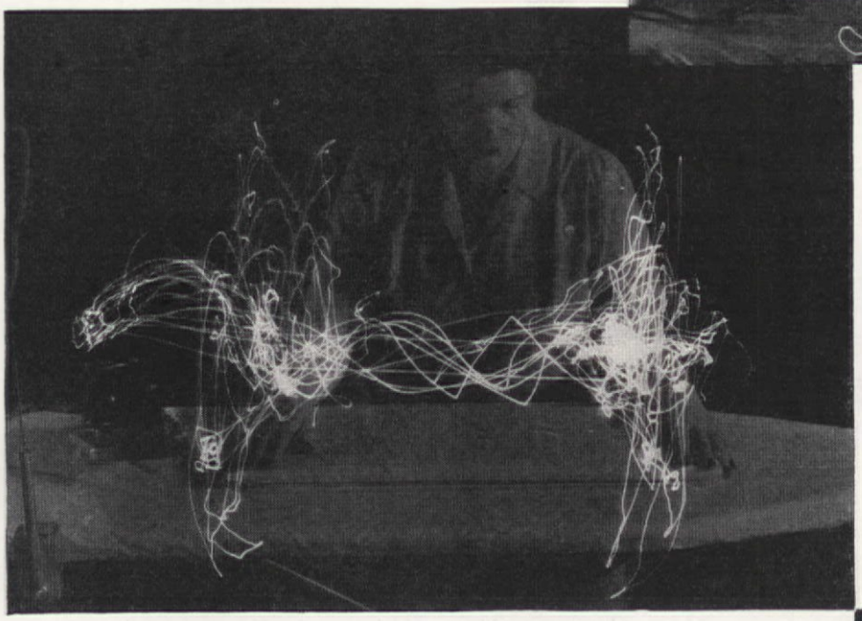
It counts up to approximately 4,696 pieces a year.

You can save almost 200 hours a year if you iron the right way . . .

Photographs by F. M. Demarest

Those little white scratchy lines look silly at first glance? We took the picture in a dark room, with low voltage lights attached to the hands. The lines indicate the actual motions of our friend in the picture ironing one sheet in three different ways





THE WRONG WAY—446 HOURS A YEAR

One sheet alone takes 303 motions, requires 5 minutes, which adds up to 35 hours a year! Too many short, choppy strokes and too much pressure, unevenly applied, used up a great deal of energy

EDITH RAMSAY

HOW TO SAVE 154 HOURS A YEAR

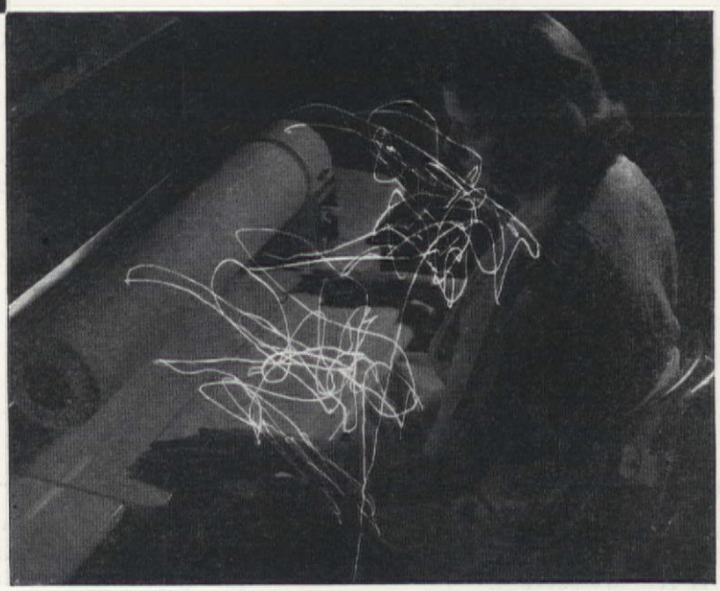
Ironed by hand the right way, this same sheet took 128 motions, 3½ minutes, saving 13 hours a year. Long, gliding strokes, allowing the heat of the iron to do all the work—this did the trick!

We've shown three methods of doing your ironing. First, the most tiring and tedious of all—and we have a hunch that's the way many of us do it—standing up, shoving the poor old flatiron back and forth, back and forth, over the same area time and again, bearing down hard on some spots, easing up on others, thereby doing a very uneven job. And just because you press so hard, you have to stand up in order to bear down. Very bad indeed!

Secondly, we show hand ironing that's been planned to lower the number of motions, the length of time, and certainly the amount of fatigue which the first method inevitably causes. There isn't any great skill required—just a few simple do's and don't's which anyone can understand.

For the third way, we proudly point to that wonderful work-saver, time-saver, back-saver—the home ironer! What a godsend for families that have lots of flatwork! It more than pays its way in the beautiful job it does, the work saved, the ironing time cut, the fatigue it prevents. An ironer for you by all means, if the size of your laundry justifies it. But until you get an ironer, you're going to have to do it yourself, and now is as good a time as any to plan your next ironing day with one thing in mind: as little effort, as little time, as little fatigue as possible.

First of all you can't do good work with inadequate tools, so you should have the best iron you can afford. See that your ironing board is at a comfortable height—with you sitting down, that is—and buy yourself one of those gadgets which keeps the cord from butting in and twisting itself around everything. It'll pay for itself many times over. Oh, and one more thing, be sure your light is good! It's important for your eyes

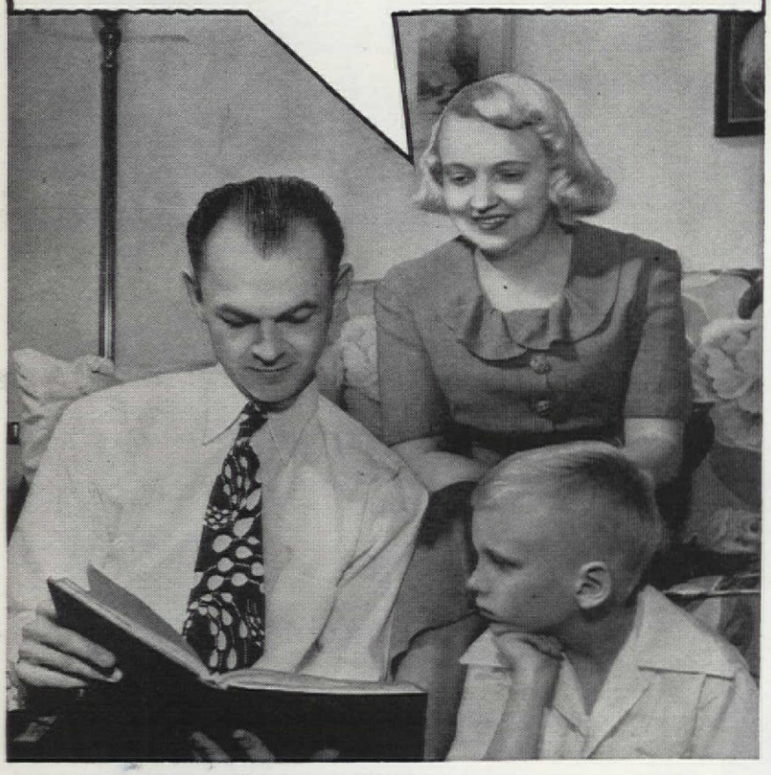


SAVE 174 HOURS OF TIME AND BOUNDLESS FATIGUE!

The home ironer requires but 28 motions, 2 minutes, saves 23 hours on sheets alone in a year! But *the saving in time isn't nearly as important as the saving in fatigue.* Invaluable for flatwork; a wise investment!

"Satina makes starched clothes 3 times easier to iron!"

WRITES MRS. C. E. PEELER, JR., DALLAS, TEXAS



"Ironing was one of my pet hates," writes Mrs. Peeler. "Then I heard about Satina. It's wonderful! It makes starched clothes 3 times easier to iron—cuts my ironing time way down!"

Satina is a wonderful ironing aid that you use with boiled or unboiled starch. It dissolves easily in boiling water or the boiling starch solution.

It not only makes ironing *lots* easier, it makes clothes *smell fresher, look newer,* and stay *clean longer,* too!

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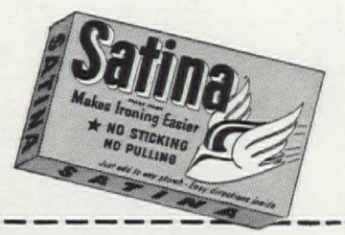

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Satina users say: "Put SATINA in your starch! It makes starched ironing 3 times easier!"

Want to Save 174 hours?

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Sit down! You'd be surprised what a difference this makes at the end of the day. Be sure your basket is close at hand, use a cord control to avoid any twisting of the iron. Have plenty of hangers nearby, and if possible a metal clothes tree

and necessary for a good job. Use daylight whenever possible, but have adequate electric light near by just in case.

DON'T CROWD THE DAMPENED CLOTHES. It's a good idea to have them in a large enough basket so you won't have to. Fold them, don't roll them up—makes many more wrinkles. A table opposite your basket is good for finished work. Keep some hangers handy because there are some things that simply must be hung up if you want them to look like anything.

KNOW HOW TO HANDLE YOUR IRON. Naturally, the most important item in intelligent ironing is how you use the iron itself. We're all inclined to run over the same surface time and time again, with little choppy strokes, and not one of us would know why if we were asked. It's a habit—it doesn't mean a thing, it's a waste of motion! If your article is dampened evenly, and not soaked, which is one thing to watch carefully, if your iron is the right temperature, all you need to do is run it slowly just once over the surface—period! But please be sure of one thing—*iron the surface dry!* If you leave a smidge of moisture in the cloth, it'll start puckering up again and you'll be going through the same routine once more. That's one thing which can't be emphasized too much—iron till it's bone dry!

FOLD FLATWORK CAREFULLY. If you find it necessary to do your flat work by hand, fold your sheets hem to hem, and we mean hem to hem—iron them with the hems at the right side of the board, fold and do the other sides. Some people aren't finicky about every square inch of the sheet being ironed, in which case you can do a powerful amount of folding before you start. Be sure to do it carefully, though, because a good job beforehand will certainly save you an awful lot of concern later.

DO FIRST THINGS FIRST. In ironing shirts, dresses, blouses, in fact almost everything except flatwork, it's a good idea to iron first the things which can hang off the board without being affected: cuffs, collars, sleeves, and belts. Then start the body of your garment. Much easier all around, and no re-ironing is required.

DON'T IRON WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO. Yes, we know there are some people who are so dainty that everything they use has to be ironed, but we aren't talking about them right now. There are plenty of everyday things like washcloths, turkish towels, dishcloths, knit underwear, flannel things for baby, and lovely, delightful, fantastically wonderful nylon—all that's necessary is a little patting into shape while they're still damp and you don't have to worry a bit about any other finish.

This time, just before your ironing day, approach it with the idea that you might not like ironing, but as long as it has to be done, you're going to make the best of it. And you will—wait and see!

TRICKS of the TRADE

What to do with leftover egg yolks? Here's a suggestion or two . . .

• egg yolks (storage)

Leftover egg yolks may be kept for several days if properly stored. Place raw egg yolks in a small container and cover with cold water. Place in refrigerator. To cook leftover egg yolks: simmer in salted water for 15 minutes. Drain. Chill.

• egg yolks (sauces)

Sauces often call for egg yolks; two of the most popular of these are Hollandaise and mayonnaise, each calling for two egg yolks (raw). There are other sauces—Butter Sauce, Egg Nog Sauce, Custard Sauce—calling for from two to five egg yolks.

Try PAN-FRIED BANANAS

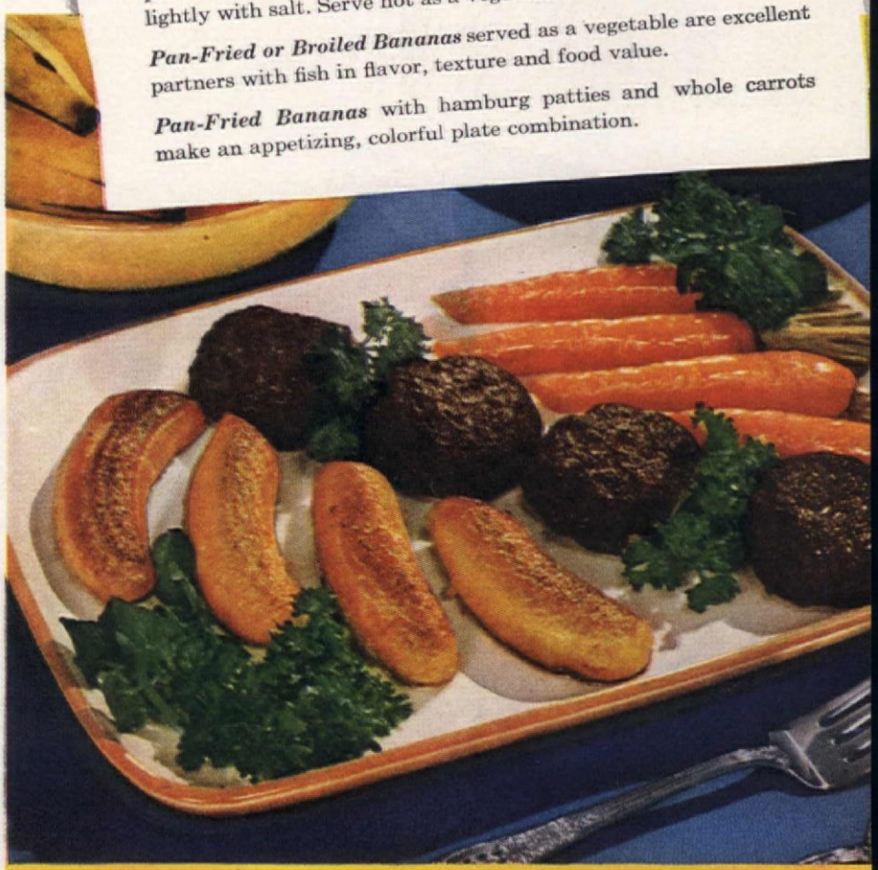
4 firm bananas* **¼ cup melted butter or margarine** **Salt**

**Use all-yellow or slightly green-tipped bananas.*

Peel bananas. Keep whole or cut crosswise into halves. Fry bananas slowly in butter or margarine until tender . . . easily pierced with a fork . . . turning them to brown evenly. Sprinkle lightly with salt. Serve hot as a vegetable. Four servings.

Pan-Fried or Broiled Bananas served as a vegetable are excellent partners with fish in flavor, texture and food value.

Pan-Fried Bananas with hamburg patties and whole carrots make an appetizing, colorful plate combination.



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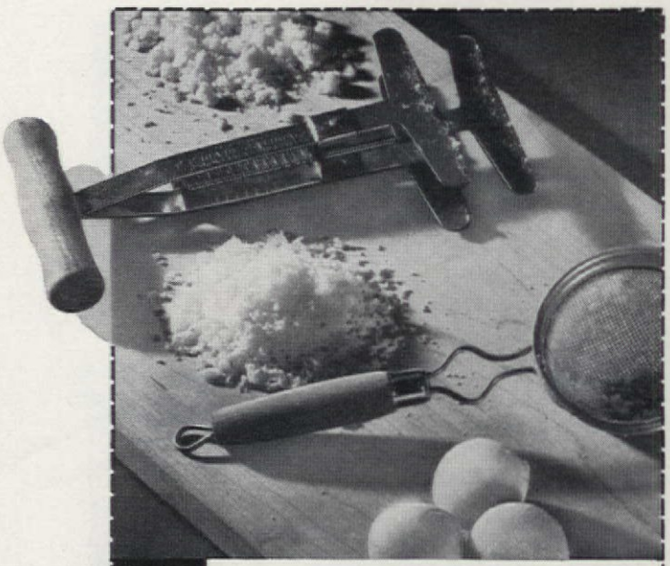

• egg yolks (using leftovers)

Leftover egg yolks (raw) may be used in any recipe calling for them. Or they may be cooked, drained and chilled, chopped or rubbed through a sieve for use in sandwich spreads, in salads, or as a garnish for vegetables.

• egg yolks (ice cream)

Scald 1½ cups milk in double boiler. Mix ¾ cup granulated sugar, 2 tbs. flour and few grains salt with a little milk, then add to milk in the double boiler. Stir until thickened, cover, cook 10 min. Stir mixture into slightly beaten yolks. Cook 1 min. Cool. Add 1½ tsp. vanilla and 1½ cups heavy cream. Freeze.

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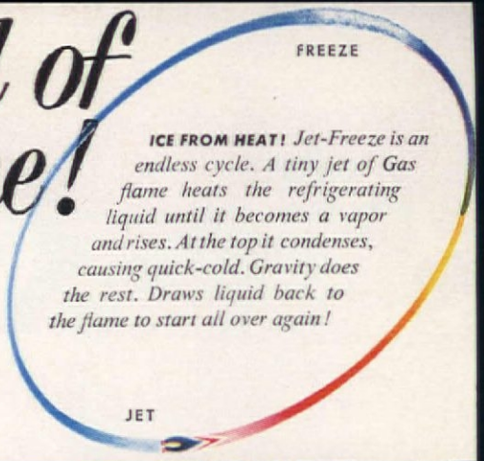

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Lacy pink glamour on a thrifty Valentine cake. Snowdrift beauty on a Washington's Birthday pie. Tempting white fluffiness on a homemade sundae to serve on Lincoln's Birthday—or any "special" day.

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"BE MY VALENTINE" CAKE

Bake a thrifty cake with Swans Down Instant White Cake Mix following directions on box. Then spread with a luscious coconut frosting. For square cake pictured, use ½ frosting recipe on Baker's Coconut package, cooked only 4 minutes instead of 7.

Spread top and sides of cake with frosting and sprinkle with flavor-fresh Baker's Coconut tinted pink. Decorate with small red gumdrops arranged in heart shape.

To tint coconut. Place 1 cup Baker's Coconut in a glass jar. Sprinkle a few drops of diluted red food coloring over coconut. Cover jar and shake vigorously until coloring is evenly distributed.

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Washington's Birthday Pie. Prepare coconut cream pie filling using recipe on Baker's Premium Shred Coconut package. Cool. Pour into baked pie shell. Top with whipped cream and sprinkle with snowy Baker's Coconut. Garnish with maraschino cherry halves and mint leaves.

Lincoln's Birthday Sundae. Serve strawberry ice cream with chocolate sauce. Drift generously with tender, fresh Baker's Coconut. Decorate with red, white and blue striped ribbons tied on toothpicks.

A lamb's-wool covered shoe brush does a fine job of polishing waxed surfaces of most pieces of furniture. Can be gripped firmly

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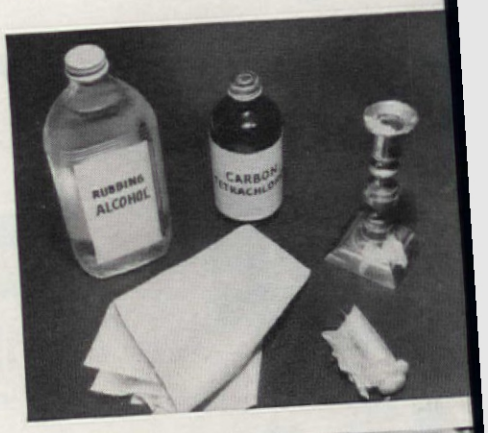
Household Scuttlebutt

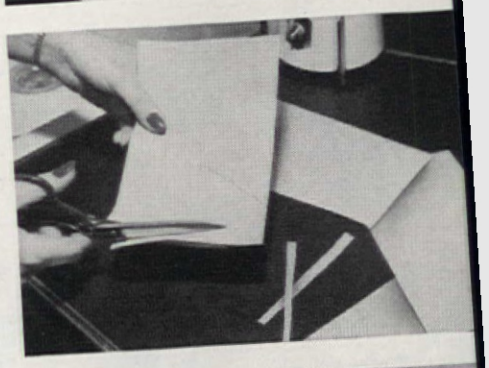
ROSALIE A. VOIGT

To clean stubborn bits of wax from all types of candlestick holders, try using a soft cloth moistened with rubbing alcohol or a non-inflammable solvent like carbon tetrachloride

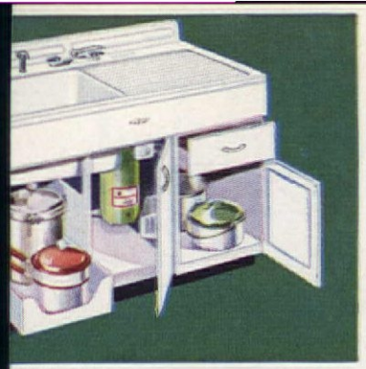


A piece of strong wax paper wrapped around the blade of a knife will be very helpful in cutting slices of cheese and making butter pats. Be sure, though, butter is thoroughly chilled

Look around the house for the old, dulled scissors you thought no longer useful. They can easily be sharpened by cutting through a piece of sandpaper once or twice



To hold several skirt pleats in place, use piece of string tied to a weight—a bottle will do. Slip string over end of board, adjust it against ends of pleats, allow bottle to hang under board



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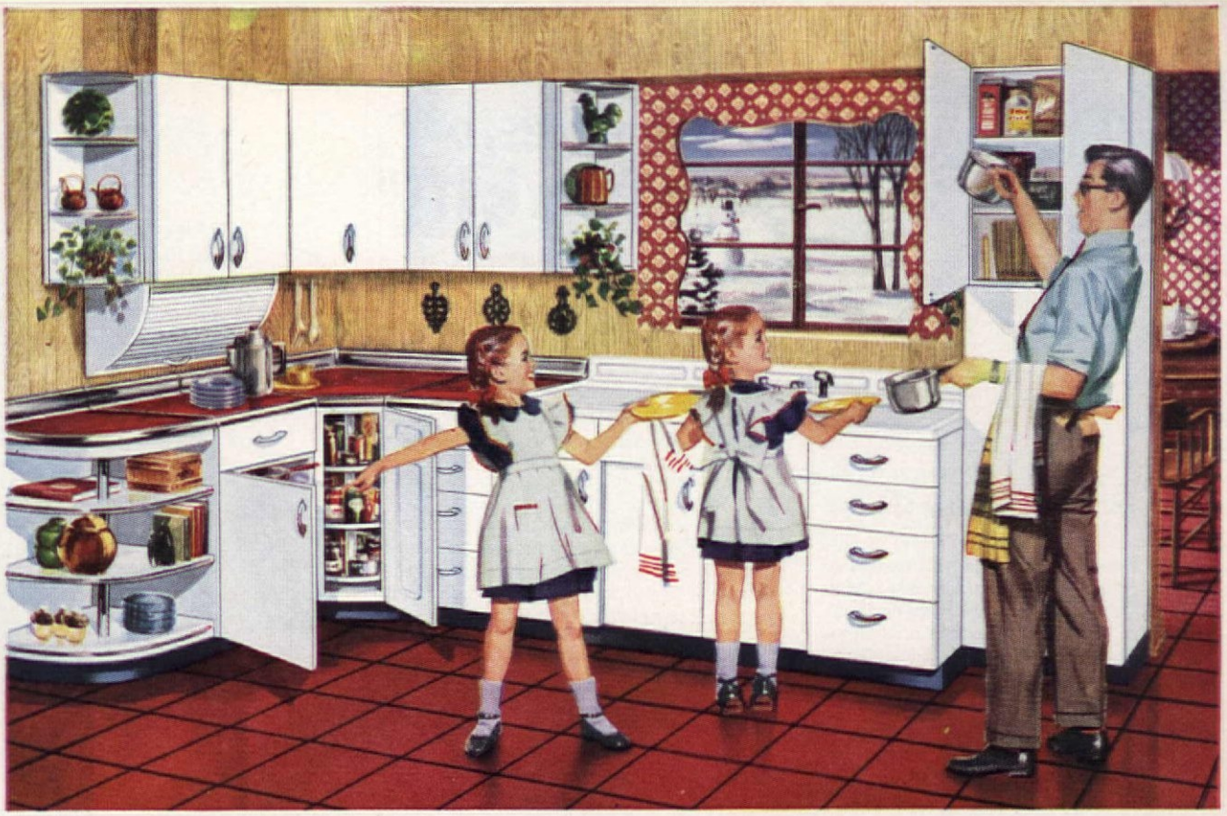

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MRS. D. C. MARSHALL,
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P.S. It's really the finest of its kind, I've tried them all!

If Swans Down Instant Cake Mix really can outshine crack cakemakers like you, Mrs. Marshall, it's because we use ingredients as fine as your own. Egg whites that taste farm-fresh, prepared by an exclusive process, fresh, all-vegetable shortening, and delicate, home-type flavoring. And, of course, soft, superfine Swans Down Cake Flour.

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MRS. J. G. CARHART,
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"No work" is a feature mentioned by many Swans Down Instant fans, Mrs. Carhart. Just 4 minutes from box to oven!

Dear Sirs:
I want to compliment you on the best cake mix I have ever used—Swans Down. I have tried many cake mixes and never cared for them until I tried Swans Down which I will use for all my cakes in the future.

MRS. ED. B. HUGHES,
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You really can use Swans Down Instant for almost every type of cake there is, Mrs. Hughes. It makes dozens of luscious variations—and we're always hearing of new ones.

Makes all your favorites—white cake, chocolate cake, cupcakes, upside down cake, yellow, spice, orange—cookies and brownies, too. Try this de luxe variation:

SWANS DOWN INSTANT MARBLE CAKE

1 box Swans Down Instant Cake Mix
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 tablespoon sugar
2 tablespoons water
1 square Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, melted

Mix Cake Mix with 1 cup milk as directed on package, adding almond extract. To 1 cup of the batter, add other ingredients and blend. Prepare two 8-inch layer pans or 9 x 9 x 2-inch pan as directed and put batter by large spoonfuls into pans, alternating light and dark mixtures. Then with knife, cut carefully through batter in wide zigzag course to "marble." Bake at 375° F. about 25 minutes for layers, 30 minutes for square cake. Frost.

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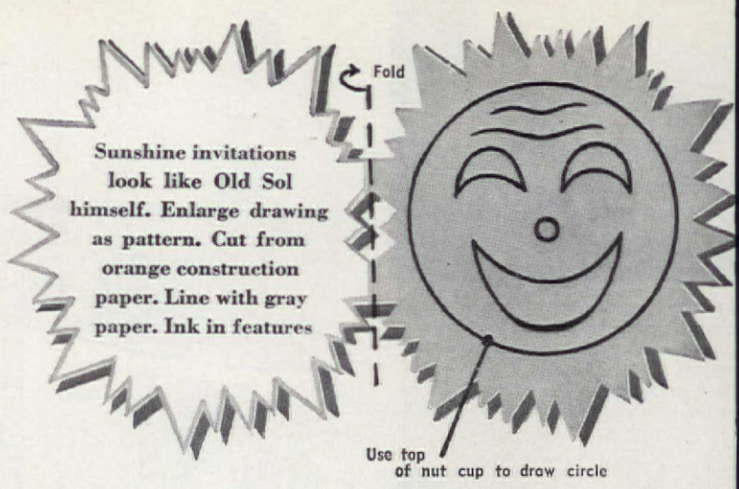

Sunshine invitations look like Old Sol himself. Enlarge drawing as pattern. Cut from orange construction paper. Line with gray paper. Ink in features

Sunshine and Shadow Party

Ground-hog centerpiece: For body, use a bulbous, long-necked squash. Attach brush tail, carrot ears and legs, potato snout, prune eyes and nose

Will ground hog see his shadow? Cut large, lop-sided question mark out of gray cardboard and place near ground hog as his shadow

STELLA HARE

Here's a clever twist to an old saying—and a lively way to pep up your next dinner party. "Will the ground hog see his shadow?" Legend says he will emerge from the earth on February 2nd. If skies are sunny and he sees his shadow, Mr. Ground Hog will scoot back to his hole for six more weeks of winter. But if the day is cloudy, he knows that spring is just around the corner.

The ground hog and his puzzling weather prophecy make merry material for table decoration. And to give your party more zest, make prophets out of your guests, too—by turning even the menu into a guessing game. But first, send out invitations that look like chuckling Old Sol himself. Write:

Tired of winter sleet and snow,
Wishing spring were not so slow?
February 2nd is the date
Mr. Ground Hog settles fate—

How much longer winter lasts,
Whether spring is coming fast.
Join us for dinner—a quarter of eight,
So you may help us celebrate.

Spread your table with a simple, pastel green cloth. Place Mr. Ground Hog in the center. You can make him in a jiffy with a bulbous squash, carrots, a potato, a brush, and some prunes. And don't forget his shadow! Then make two types of nut cups—one to symbolize sunny skies; the other, cloudy weather. Set at alternate places.

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THREE WAYS TO MAKE CAKES:

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2. The second method is used for Sponge-Type cakes which do not use shortening.
3. The New, Quick, or One-Bowl Method is a blending method in which no creaming of shortening and sugar, or separate beating of eggs is needed. Shortenings, such as Crisco, Snowdrift, Spry, or Swiftn'ing, which have an emulsifying agent added, should be used in recipes of this type. This method should *not* be used with a Conventional-Creaming-Method recipe.

FOR SUCCESS IN CAKE MAKING:

1. Choose a well-balanced tested recipe from a reliable source. Such recipes have been carefully developed to produce standard results.
2. Assemble ingredients and utensils before starting to mix cake.
3. Have ingredients at room temperature before starting to mix cake. This makes for ready blending.
4. Preheat oven so it will be up to the desired temperature when cake is ready to bake.
5. Use ingredients as called for in recipe. Make no substitutions.
6. Sift flour before measuring. Flour packs down as it stands in the package or canister.
7. Measure carefully; use level measurements and standard measuring cups and spoons.
8. Be sure to use exact size and depth of pans indicated. Grease pans as directed for easy removal of cake from pan. If your pans are not as deep as required, fill only half full; bake rest of batter as cupcakes.
9. Do not peek at cake while baking. Wait until minimum time is up, then test quickly by touching cake lightly in center. If it springs back, cake is done. If impression remains, bake cake a little longer. Or use a cake tester which should come out clean when cake is done.
10. Let baked cake cool in pan 10–15 mins., so it will be easier to turn out without breaking. Cakes will become soggy if cooled completely in pan. However, sponge-type cakes should cool completely in the inverted pan to allow the delicate cell walls of the cake to become firm.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. Elliott Brennan at entrance of apartment house where they luckily found home

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Storage wall made up of five different pieces of furniture does important furnishing job in looks as well as storage space for books, china, glass. Unit painted by Mr. Brennan

Lower cabinet of storage unit, opened, shows space for china and glass. More space in side cabinets

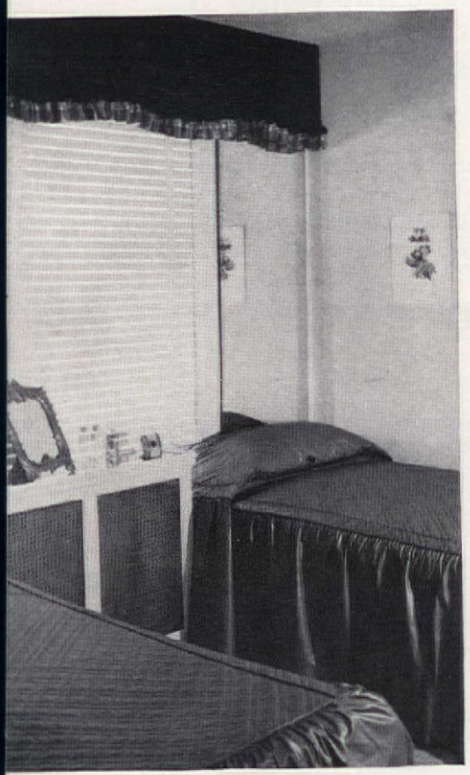
MARY E. MONZE

Mr. B. E. Brennan, a furniture buyer at Macy New York, and Mrs. Brennan, in charge Macy's Home Center, have, with intelligen planning, hours of work, and some advice from ou decorators, made their first home a successful ven ture. Landlord forbade changing off-white wall colo so bright green carpet, chintz draperies in green pink to mauve add necessary color. Storage unit an chests painted green, iron furniture painted pink

Mrs. Brennan, known professionally as Peg Lawless, addresses group of women in Macy's Home Center

Portrait of Mrs. Brennan and tea service were welcome wedding gifts. Spacious sofa, handsome coffee, end tables lend elegance

Two small chests from unpainted furniture department, painted dark green by the Brennans to sharpen contrast with off-white walls. They make attractive and inexpensive setting, provide drawers for linens. Pictures are prized embroideries, framed



Tiny bedroom creates arrangement problem. Twin beds fit into the only possible space. Mirrored walls act as headboards. Windows are treated simply with Venetian blind in same color as walls. Valance with plaid cotton taffeta ruffle adds colorful touch

The Brennans enjoy a hearty breakfast. Ivy leaves give interest to long dinette wall by breaking long off-white sweep of walls. Glass-topped iron table, chairs, and plant holders painted pink. Ivy plants are fresh and effective

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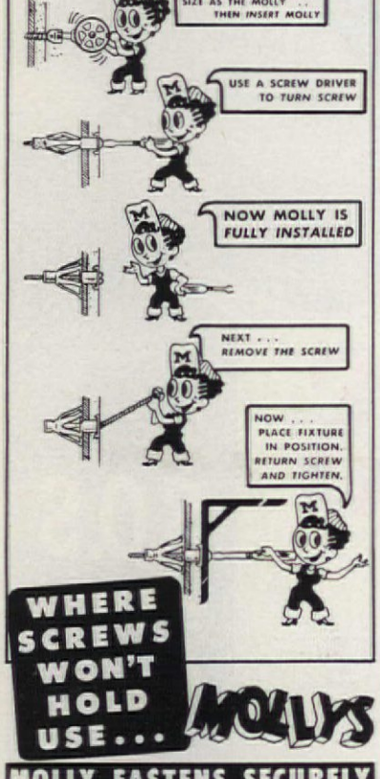

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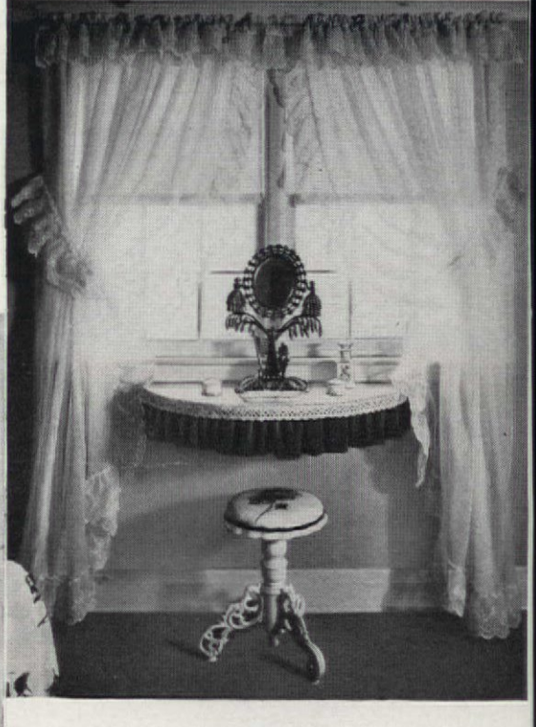
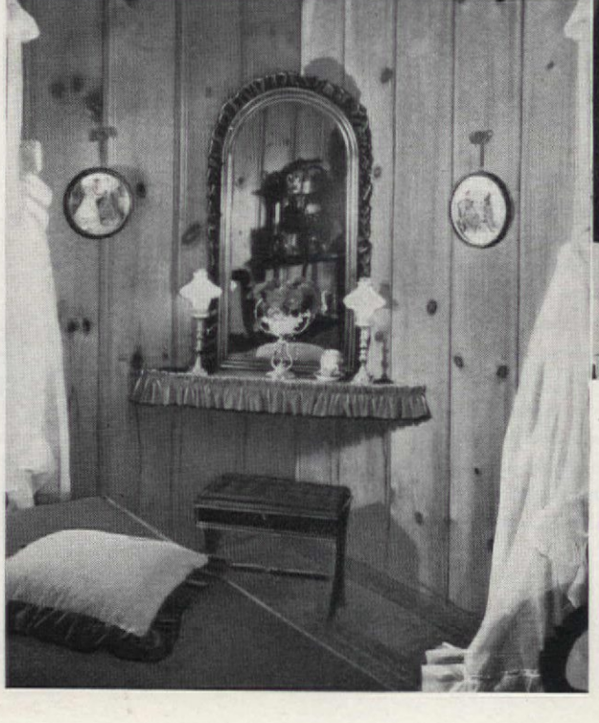
Put your powdering place in front of the window! Simple semi-circular shelf, with a ruffle to match the color of the flowers in the ceiling and spread. Fix up an old piano stool with a little paint and fabric— the bare space becomes a useful, charming spot





Isn't this the cutest thing! Just a little old corner, with a triangular shelf added to it, a sassy ruffle, plus a mirror with more of the same ruffle. You'll never miss the space, because so little is needed. Trim it with bright chintz to play up the pine wall

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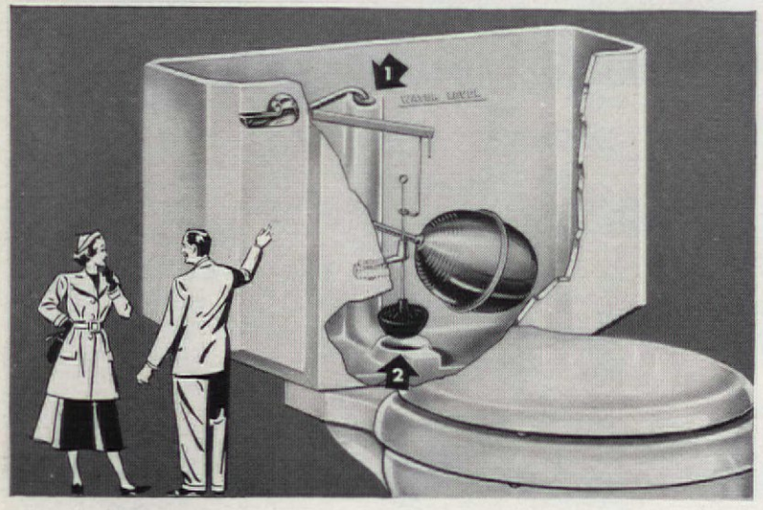

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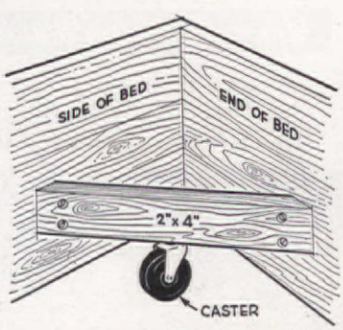

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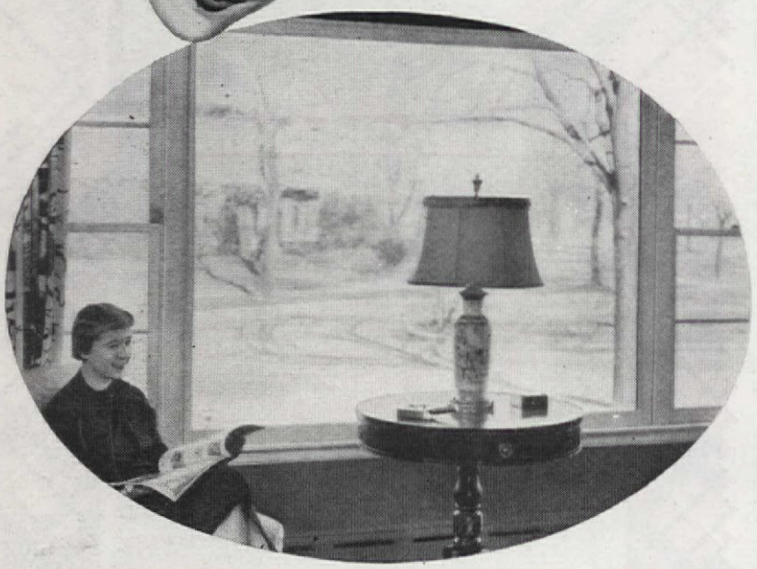

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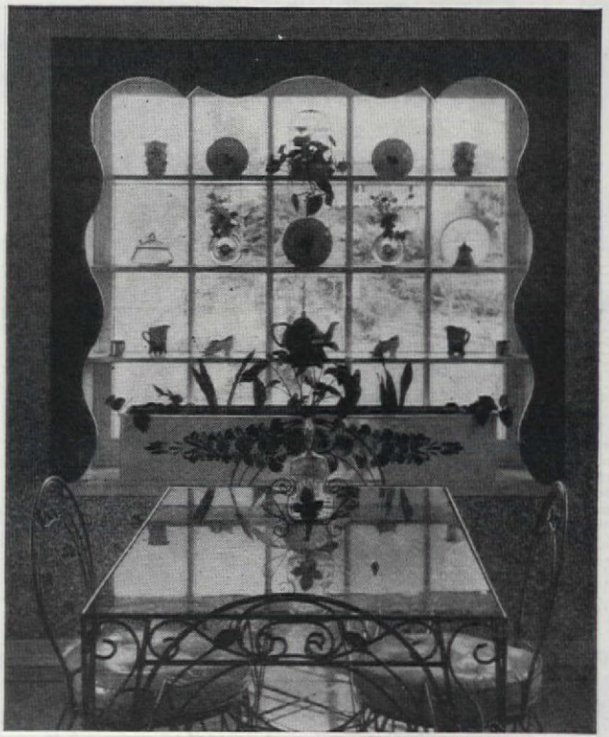

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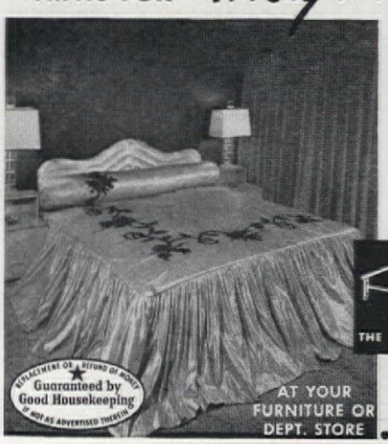

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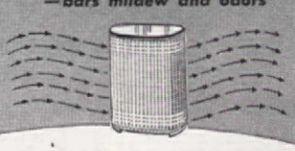

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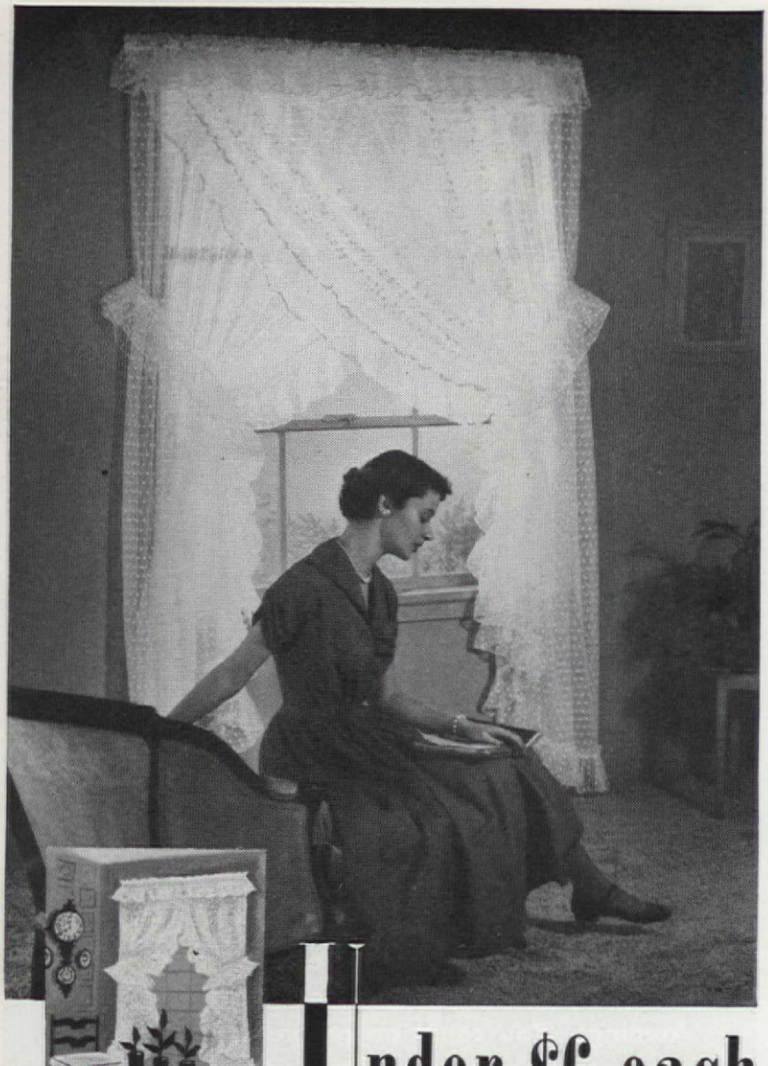

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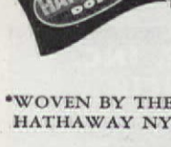

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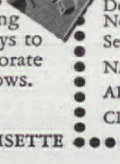

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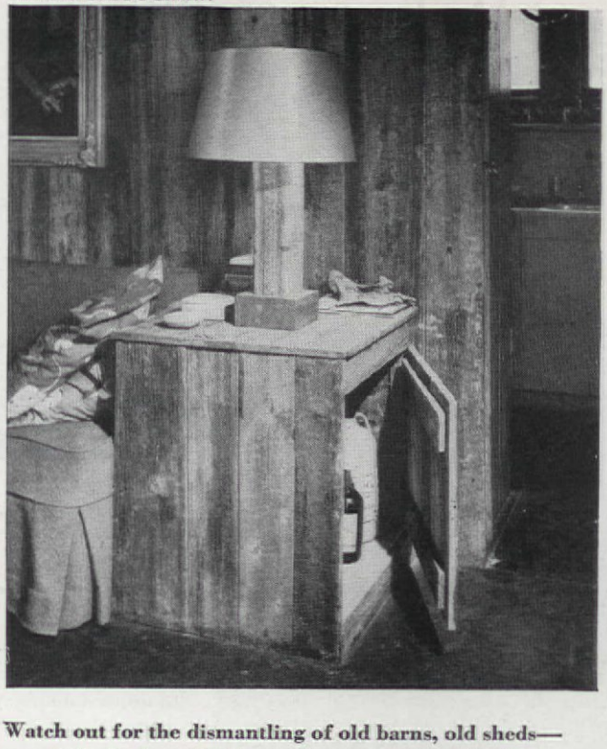
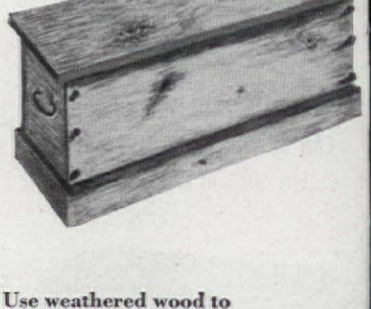
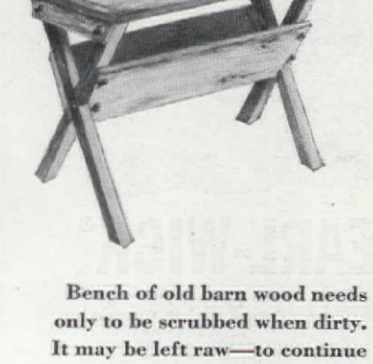


Watch out for the dismantling of old barns, old sheds—especially for beautifully weather-grained planks. End table-cabinet was made from barn wood. Lamp base is section of wooden drain pipe from a Cape Cod beach house

Furniture made from weathered wood

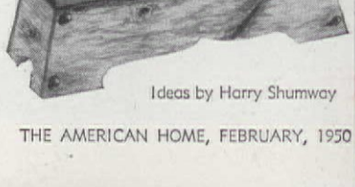
Wood that has softly weathered on old buildings sometimes has all the beauty of driftwood. Note finely etched grain of chest





Use weathered wood to make summer-camp, porch, or outdoor furniture. Like this table, designs should be simple. Edges may be painted in bright colors—green, barn-red, blue

Bench of old barn wood needs only to be scrubbed when dirty. It may be left raw—to continue aging, or may be waxed or coated with waterproof spar varnish



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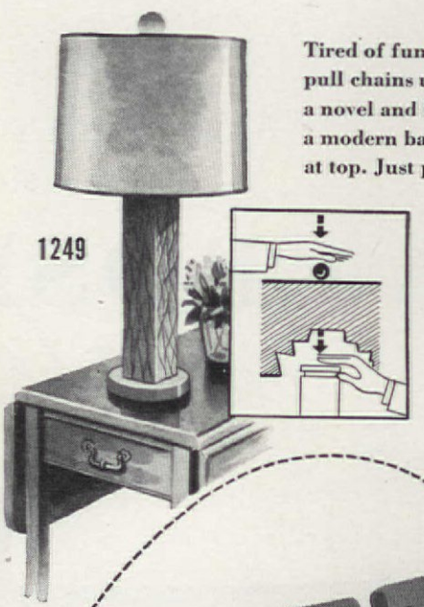

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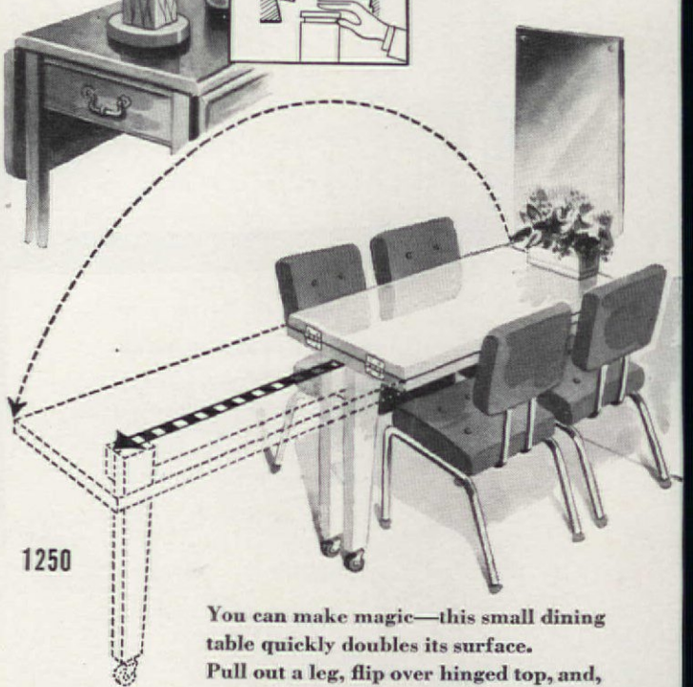

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February days have a habit of being bleak and rainswept, but there's an easy way to combat this depressing atmosphere. Capture springtime indoors! You can do this with artificial flowers, so real-looking that you almost have to bury your nose in them to discover they'll last you forever. Make a centerpiece out of a big red satin heart (once filled with Valentine's Day chocolates), and through the ribbon wind artificial red roses and pink scabiosa. Anchor the tip of the heart box in a mound of modeling clay (or a needle holder may be used), against a background of long-stemmed pink heather, quince, and clover, and place the arrangement on a milk-glass plate. The chop plate in the above picture is used underside up so the pattern of astrological signs may be clearly seen.

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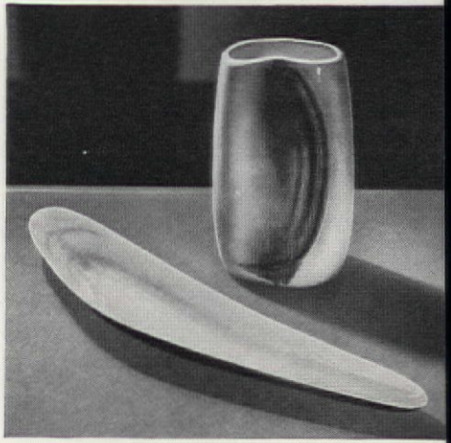

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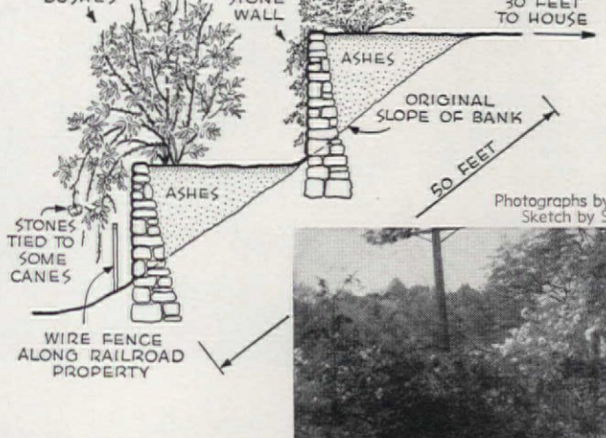
Ash heap into rose bank

L. WIELICH

We moved from a New York apartment to a real-estate development in the New Jersey woods because of a tempting picture of one of the houses and this statement: "The difference between renting a New York apartment and owning a home in the country is like that between nothing for breakfast and breakfast for nothing." That did it 35 years ago, and we're still here. For ten years after the first World War we did little but remove rocks, briars, and rubbish left by the builders in what they called "rough grading." Thus we learned a lot about handling rocks with a crowbar. By that time, the front slope toward the street looked fairly presentable. But the back yard remained a problem. After 30 feet of almost level



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On the lower terrace, as shown in diagram. Note vigorous growth of roses planted in thin soil on 6 ft. of ashes; also how rock "sinkers" gave drooping effect

ground, it dropped off at a 45-degree angle for another 50 feet down to a wire fence separating us from a railroad used by commuter and freight trains.

In those days, houses were heated by coal which, in our case, had to be carried by hand up the hill (called by our friends a "low eminence"). We also had the problem of ash disposal, but what more convenient—and economical—a method than to dump it down that back slope seen only from the trains? The card-playing commuters never looked at the ashpile, and the road didn't even fuss when some of it went through the fence.

Came the Coolidge paper-prosperity years, and money for improving and beautifying. Acquiring one of the first oil-burners in the borough, we came to look askance at that unsightly, now obsolete moraine of ashes. Prosperous people, we said, don't have that sort of thing in their back yards. As stocks went higher, so did this city slicker's ambitious courage, with the result that a substantial stone retaining wall was built just inside the railroad fence, six feet high and 150 feet long, the entire width of the property. Ashes were shoveled down behind it, leveled, and covered with an inch or two of topsoil. Then a second wall paralleling the first but higher up was built so we could dispose of the rest of the ashes and extend the level space at the rear of the house.

We might have been satisfied with grass-covered terraces, or flower beds, but that would not have impressed the passing commuters nearly as much as a bank of roses overhanging the wall. The fact that only a little soil covered the ashes did not dampen the ardor of the incorrigible optimist who had read that some climbing roses have 10-foot long branches. He rejected old-fashioned red and pink ramblers because of their messy appearance after blooming, and bought seven Pauls Scarlet Climbers and seven Silver Moons, planting them alternately every ten feet along the terrace. At fifty cents each (at that time!), the total investment was seven dollars. To our delight, the plants grew rapidly and lustily, developing 20- and 25-foot stems covered with blossoms. Later they became veritable trunks that gave rise to other branches. Before long, the card-playing commuters began to raise their eyebrows as they rode by in June and to mumble, "How in thunder did they do THAT!"

One day the nationally known rose-grower from whom we bought our plants came to verify the rumors of our 25-foot growth. "What did you fertilize them with?" he asked. "Nothing," we said. "There's just a little soil on top of six or seven feet of ashes."

"Holy mackerel!" he exclaimed. "How did you—a city slicker—know that roses must never have their feet in water? That's the secret of that growth—ye gods, what drainage!"

There's another whimsical angle to this story of unusual growth—which gave us one year, according to actual count of one bush and careful estimate, 40,000 roses in bloom at one time. Because we, as commuters, were home only on Sundays, we wanted to enjoy the rose show on our daily trips to and from New York. The wall was still too prominent and an eyesore, for the roses tended to grow straight up instead of drooping as I had expected they would. Our six-foot son suggested that I stand on the terrace behind the roses and bend the stems down with a rake so he could grab and tie them down. But the slope was too steep and he too short.

"O.K., my boy," said I. "Take it easy. I'll do the job myself."

"Is that so?" said he incredulously, starting for the house.

As soon as he was out of sight, I began to pull the main stalks toward me, one by one. I tied a stone to the end of each one, then threw the stone over the wall. Weighted down, the branches stayed put. And so, in time, the wall and most of the hillside was hidden under foliage and flowers. It was as simple as that. Yes, sometimes even city slickers and fathers of country-bred sons develop a bit of imagination.

Mr. Wielich and some of the estimated 40,000 roses which, in spring, deck the retaining wall on his reclaimed hillside

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Fruit

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Somewhere within the borders of the vast domain that is Texas almost everything can grow, but soils, rainfall, and winter temperatures are all limiting factors. In the Wichita Valley of the north, for example, true cherries are not happy, but the cherry-plum hybrids from farther north thrive, as do some of the Japanese plums and a few late-flowering varieties of peaches. Hardy apricots such as Moorpark do fairly well, and such grapes as Champanel and Lomanto are popular because they resist the prevalent cotton root-rot which has other hosts than cotton.

As you go south, the fruit list lengthens until again citrus country is reached. First, along the northern Gulf Coast, the hardy little Satsuma oranges and kumquats; then more tender kinds—grapefruit and even limes. Texas is, of course, the home of the pink-fleshed grapefruit. And the home orchardist can grow fruits that do not travel well—tangerines, tangelos, Temple and King oranges. In the lower Rio Grande Valley, avocados are often grafted on West Indian stocks, less sensitive to salt in soil or winds off the Gulf, and to wet soils. The hardy little Lady Finger bananas sometimes do well; also some peaches and plums if budded on nematode-resistant stocks. Papayas can be handled as annuals, and several ornamental fruiting shrubs are popular—Natal and Governors plums, the Surinam cherry.

Other regions, other problems. Floridians must combat certain mineral deficiencies in some of their soils. Yet between the Georgia border and Key West, home orchardists can, without following too difficult a spray program, grow more fruits than most of us see in our fairest dreams. Along the northern Gulf Coast can be found the same array as that which adorns the California garden of like climate. The home fig tree grown in sod or near a building seems to be less affected by root-knot nematodes than when intensively cultivated on a large scale in orchards. The best home vine for central Florida is the hardy muscadine or one of its crosses. As to apples, this section, like the South in general, could use more of them if varieties better adapted to conditions there were available.

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After dividing the bird seed for her club members, she took out enough to fill her own feeders

At the market, Mrs. Rowley was buying a head of curly cabbage. "Having ham tonight?" I guessed. "No, soup meat," said she, smiling. "If you have time, come on home and I'll introduce you to one of our favorite dinners." I always have time for a visit with the Rowleys, and entering the kitchen I found the table covered with paper bags and pails of seeds, the air full of an aroma reminiscent of circuses and county fairs.

"It's the peanut hearts in the bird food," Mrs. Rowley explained. "We buy it in quantity—costs less that way—then divide it among the Garden Club members. I love the twittering of the juncos and nuthatches in the cedars and the visits of my cardinal, who comes right up to the back door." . . . Just then another visitor knocked—little Mary Jane from down the road, wondering how her birthday cake was coming along.

"I was just getting ready to ice it. Want to scrape the bowl?" asked Mrs. Rowley, and Mary Jane nodded until her hair ribbon jumped up and down. While the sugar and water boiled, our hostess finished measuring up the bird seed, carried out enough to fill her own feeders, cleared the table, and brought out the golden layers she had baked that morning. When the syrup had spun its thread from the spoon edge, Mary Jane watched breathlessly as, poured into beaten egg whites, it changed to a marshmallowy fluff to be spread between the layers, smoothed over the sides and swirled on top. Then happily she scraped away at the bowl as Mrs. Rowley decorated the cake with rose-petal and candied-mint flowers with slender stems of angelica and cheerful

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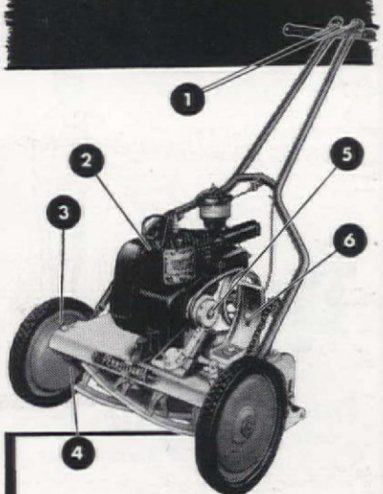

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The Rowleys

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Mary Jane heaved a tremendous sigh (whether from admiration or inner satisfaction, I don't know), silently put on her coat, received the masterpiece, and marched out the door and down the path, never taking her eyes from the precious burden she carried proudly before her. Then, suddenly remembering her manners, she called back joyfully, "Thank you, thank you, oh, thank you!"

"Well," laughed Mrs. Rowley, "I'd better start my dinner." The Savoy cabbage was chopped fine and set to cook in boiling water to half cover it, plus plenty of salt. Then into bubbling water in a soup kettle went a teaspoon of salt, 2 pounds soup meat and some bones, a carrot cut in two, an Italian parsley, root and top, and an onion (both whole), several peppercorns, a few whole mace, and a small pinch of saffron—"Spanish, not meadow saffron," Mrs. Rowley cautioned. "It's expensive, but gives a wonderful flavor. Trina, my Austrian friend, who taught me how to cook this dinner, says she always had to show her mother how much saffron she had taken before she could put it in the soup, it was so precious. And now, as the cabbage must cook half an hour and the meat two or more, I'll have time for a fresh centerpiece."

I wondered where she was going to get fresh material in February until I followed her into the laundry and saw the two long windows by the tubs filled with all sorts of foliage and flowering plants. "I shouldn't think you'd mind in the least doing the wash—in here," I exclaimed.

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The Rowleys

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gotten over being sorry that none of the other windows are big enough for plants. With the sink close by, I can spray them often; they like it, especially my particular joy, rosemary. It gives such a pleasant, fresh scent when touched; it's good for seasoning, and the leaves, chopped fine and mixed with butter, make wonderful thin bread sandwiches for tea." As she talked, she cut a tall stem, some big leaves from a Rex begonia, several white blooms from another variety, and arranged them in a low bowl which she put on the dining room table. "Begonia foliage is so variable in shape and color," she mused. "And then, when you're through with an arrangement, you can cut slips, root them, and soon have plants for your friends."

"If you root that Rex leaf, I'd love to be the friend who gets *it*," I hinted. "And maybe I could have a taste of that cabbage?"

"Of course," said Mrs. Rowley. Back in the kitchen, she browned a small onion, chopped fine, and 2½ tablespoons of flour, in one of butter; added half the liquid from the cabbage, and cooked the mixture to a heavy sauce. Then in went the drained cabbage, a garlic clove chopped and mashed, a grinding of white pepper, and salt to taste. My mouth watered as I watched, and when she handed me a good portion, I felt just like Mary Jane when she got her icing bowl.

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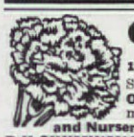
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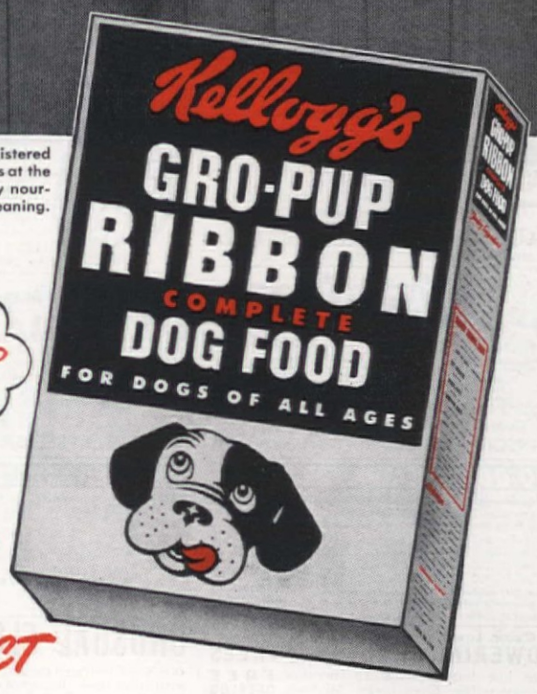

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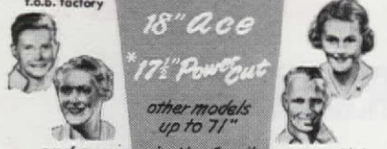

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as collars, name plates, license tags, etc., could easily be—and often were lost, or torn off in battle. Capt. Conar conceived the idea of applying the system to civilian dogs early in 1948, hoping to save the lives of the dogs destroyed each year in Los Angeles for lack of identification. Making sure that code numbers could be applied quickly, painlessly, and indelibly, he initiated the system with his own Doberman. Thinking, at first, of merely a local, or possibly statewide, scheme, he soon realized that, to be of real use, it must be national.

With the help of his friend, James Schermerhorn, Jr., noted journalist and author, he devised a code in which the states are numbered in their alphabetical order. Thus California received number 4, and, within the State, Los Angeles, for instance, became 19. Below these figures, when tattooed on the inside of the dog's right flank, would go a third number designating the dog's owner. So Capt. Conar's Doberman, as the first dog identacoded in California, received the symbol

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which positively and permanently identifies it as a California dog from Los Angeles belonging to Capt. Conar. The numbers, as assigned by the National Dog Record Bureau, are microfilmed and stored in a vault.

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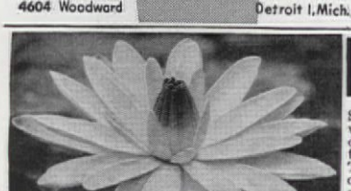

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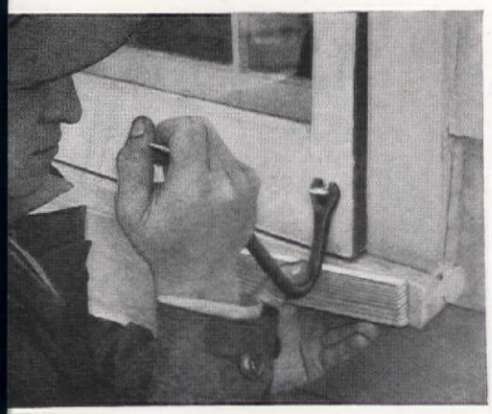

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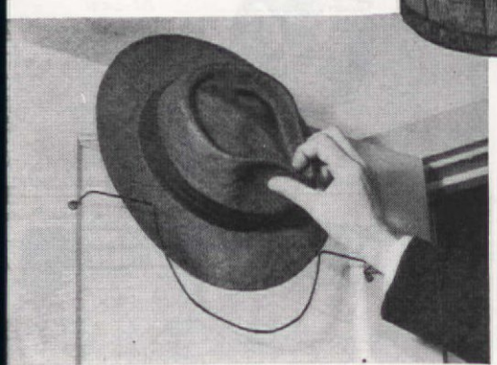
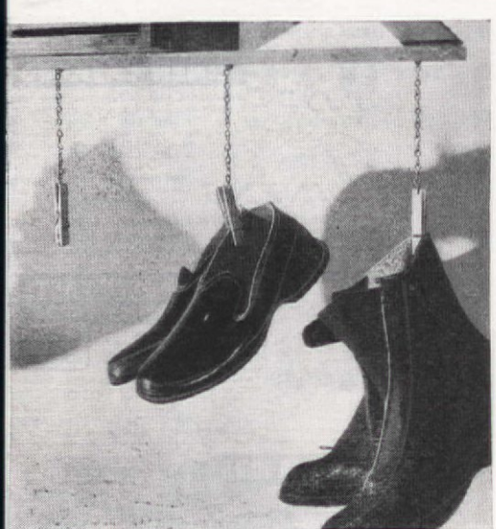
Don't throw out that nail keg. Cut it down, add a handle of broomstick or 1x2 lumber. Use it to carry small maintenance and garden tools to site of garden and repair jobs



Convert an extra wire coat hanger into a hat rack for your coat-closet door. The only tools needed are long nosed pliers and a screwdriver. Bend wire to fit hat size and door panel



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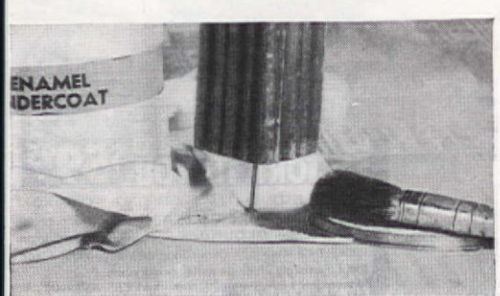

Hammer a small nail part way into the bottom of chair or table legs when painting them. Then paint can be applied all the way to the bottom without leg sticking to paper

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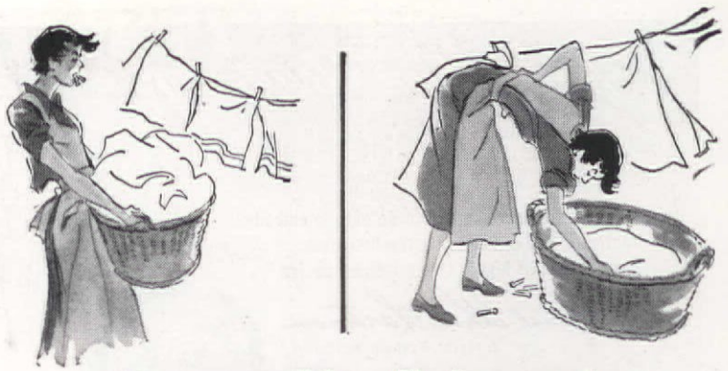

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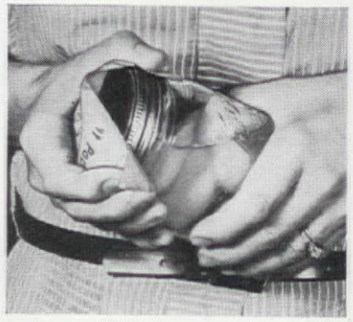
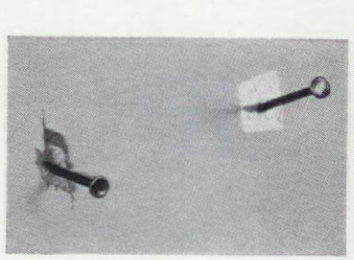
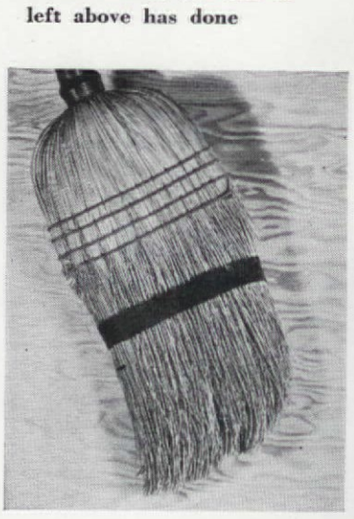


Keep a piece of fine sandpaper handy to provide a non-slip grip on a smooth jar top that is stuck. Good in the kitchen for food jars or in the shop for storage jars containing paint or small repair parts



Use a small piece of Scotch tape when driving nail into plaster to hang anything on the wall. The tape will prevent cracking and crumbling of the plaster and loosening of the nail as the one at left above has done



A heavy rubber band made from a piece of an old, small auto tire inner tube will hold the spreading straws of an old broom together. This way you can coax a few more miles of sweeping from that old broom. Don't throw out old inner tubes. There are many uses for the rubber around the house and garden

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Rugmaking

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that would automatically take all the trouble out of rugging. $1 for the works. Mr. Kistler bought it, tried it, and decided he'd prefer the orthodox method of doing it by hand. Today he has a collection of hooked rugs that are a joy to behold, a feast for the eyes, and proof-positive that just as in cooking and decorating, the women certainly don't have a monopoly on talent!

Rugmaking — whether you hook them, braid them, use crochet hook or knitting needles—is wonderfully stimulating. You can use up all your old clothing, scraps of material, stockings, neckties. You can also make a deal with your friends to take all their castoffs under your wing. Any fabric may be used, but wool will give you the longest and most satisfactory wear. Incidentally, Mr. Kistler told us that he was particularly warned under no circumstances to use rayon in a rug. That was a challenge, so he purposely made a rayon rug. It's a beauty, and Mr. K. says it's wearing fine!

The tools you need are few and simple. A rug hook, monk's cloth or strong burlap backing, and cut-up woolen strips are required for making hooked rugs. A large darning needle, woolen strips rolled into balls, strong thread, and if you wish, the new braiding gadget which saves so much time—these are the ingredients for braided rugs. If you prefer to crochet or knit your masterpiece, get the largest hook or steel knitting needles available. Have your strips cut in uniform widths, choose your pattern, and you're all set. Some people like to dye their materials before they use them, which, of course, makes for more varied patterns. The dyes on the market today make this a comparatively simple operation.

It's a pretty good feeling in these days of high prices to know that you're not only using up old clothing that would otherwise be discarded, but also making of it something mighty fetching! You've probably noticed how even though the eyes may be modestly cast down when someone asks "Who ever made this marvelous rug?"—you never have to ask twice to hear, "I did!" So why not start one? Whether it's a simple little circle to cover a footstool or a more ambitious piece, you'll get lots of pleasure out of watching it grow. When it's finished, you'll really have something to show for your work, and besides that you'll have the most wonderful experience of all—the thrill of doing something well!

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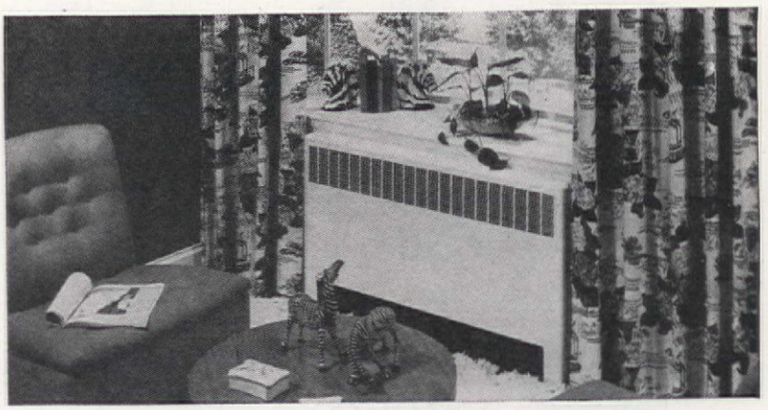

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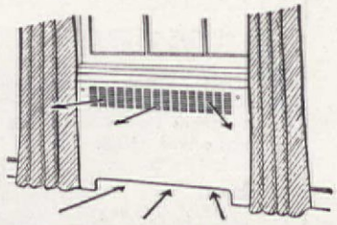

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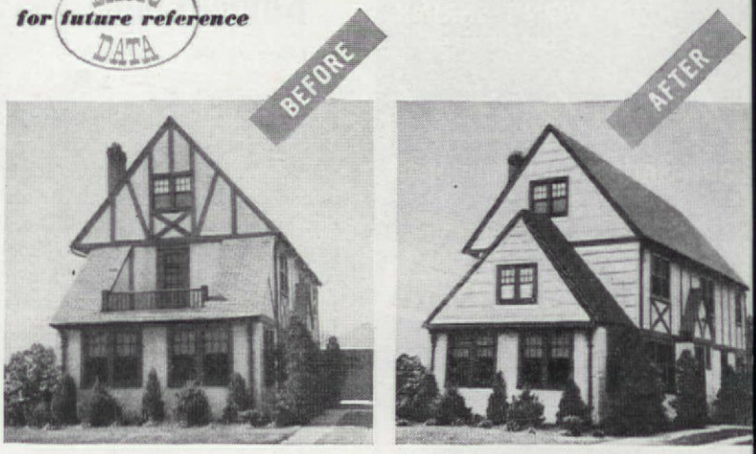

After three different tries, my retouched photograph at the right showed the most attractive way to eliminate a large cavity over the sunroom, enhance the appearance of our house

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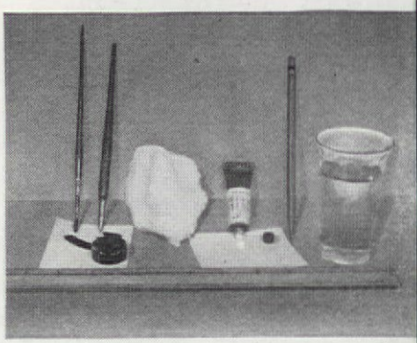
Want to know the best way to remodel that old house of yours? Well, here's a "paint out the old, paint in the new" technique that's easy, fast and inexpensive. When finished, you can take the results to an architect or builder, find out whether you've been too extravagant in your planning and then let him worry about structural details. Take my own house for instance. That cavity over the front sunroom had to go since no better snow-catcher had ever been invented. I was puzzled as to whether a dormer, an entire new roof or just a front addition would best do the trick. With several enlarged prints of my sharpest snapshot, I quickly proved to myself and family that the latter not only solved the problem but added greatly to the appearance of the house. Being a rank amateur myself, I can heartily recommend the method to even those whose hands seem to be composed of all thumbs. Just be patient and remember that watercolor takes time to dry and cannot be reworked too much.

Material needed can be bought at any art store—a small tube of zinc white opaque watercolor, small pan of black watercolor, small brush, old-fashioned pen and metal-edge ruler. Wet cotton for wiping out mistakes



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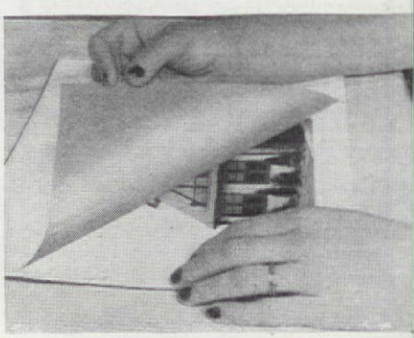

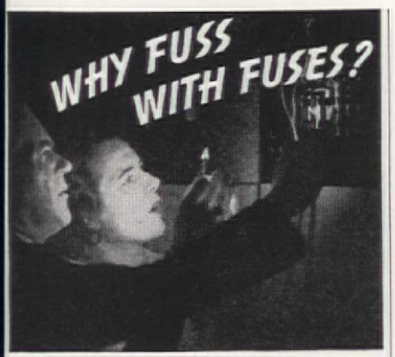

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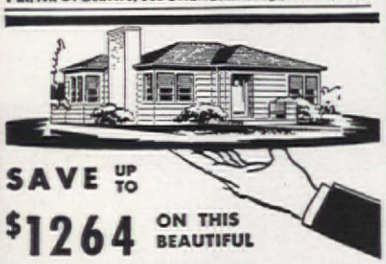

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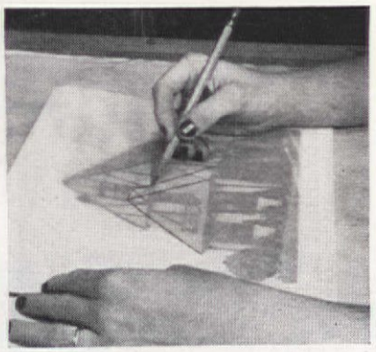

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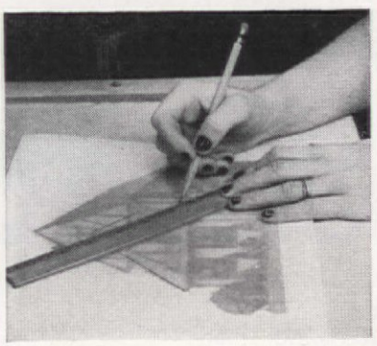

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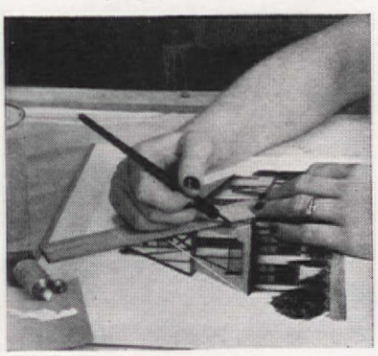

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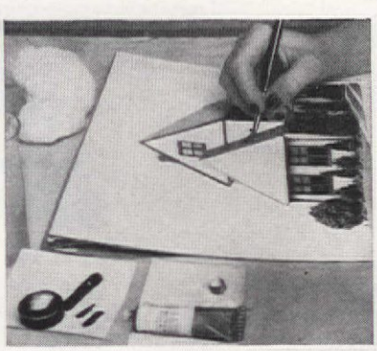

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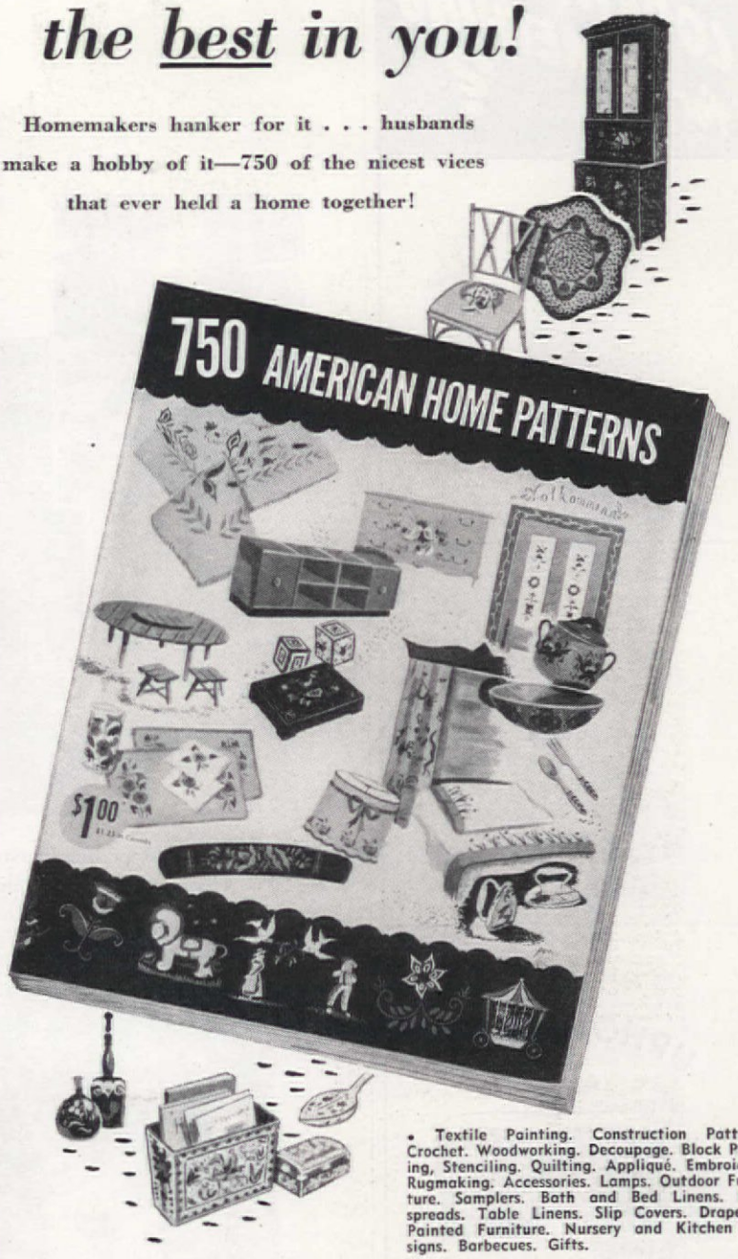

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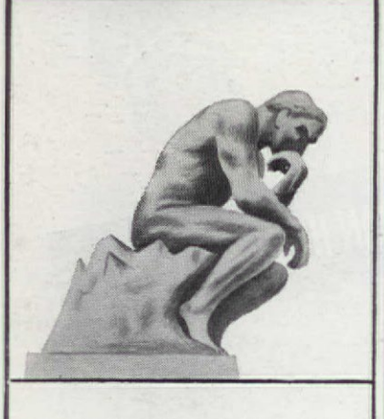

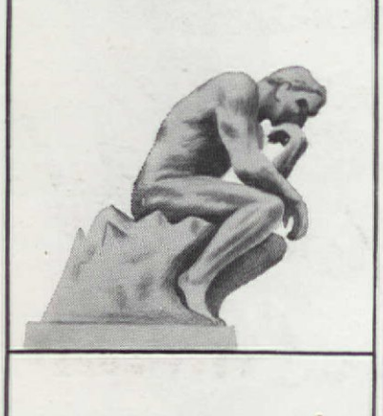

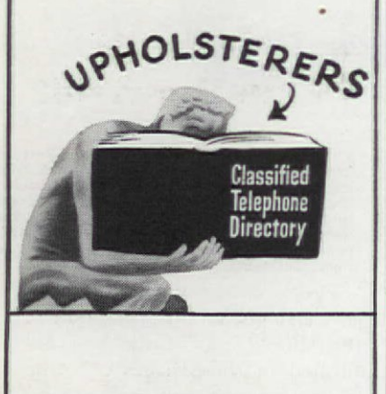

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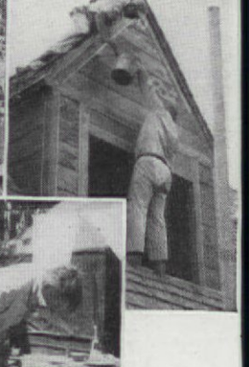

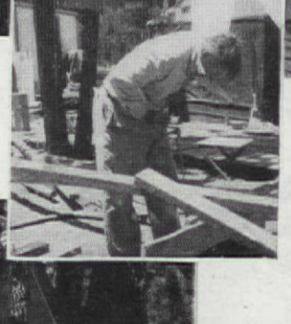

Jimmy and Mary Batchler bear down on bucksaw. The whole family helped clear the lot, felling twenty-five big pine trees in process. Everything was family designed, built, and finished

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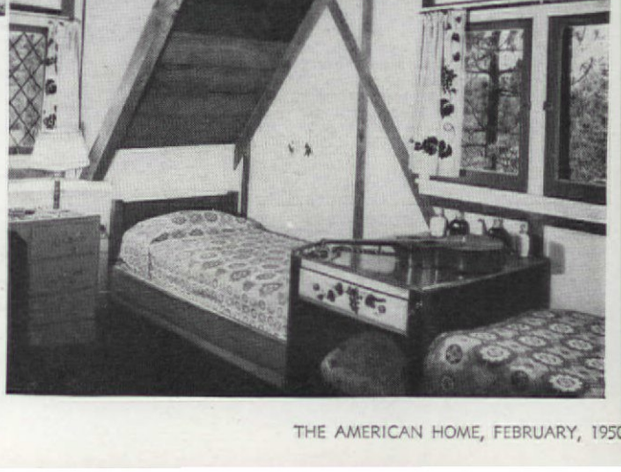
Batchler Quarters, the home of the James Batchlers, after 18 months' hard work. Exterior finish is redwood, trim is fir, roof, split cedar shakes



Jimmy's room has built-in beds, separated by table with large drawer, blanket storage compartment. Finish is natural to match timbers, redwood ceiling

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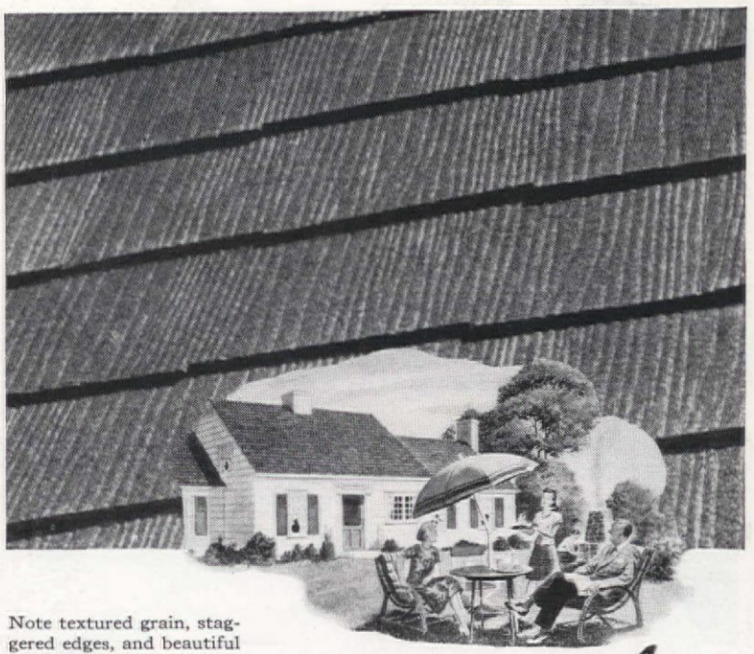
Built-in desk, bookcases in living room are white fir, doors burled redwood. Exposed beams decorated with cutout copper flowers, painted leaves. Waxed concrete floor is dark green

Favorite gathering spot in living room is enormous rough-faced brick fireplace with open stairway leading to second floor



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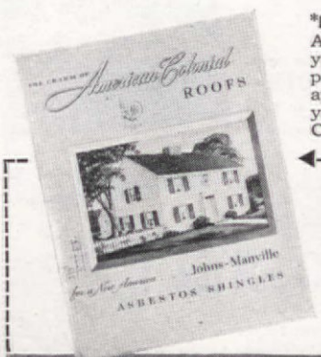

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painting and decorating the interiors." Swiss motifs were used throughout and are in complete harmony with the chalet-type architecture. She painted the exposed overhead beams with hearts and flowers, repeating them on dining-room table and chairs.

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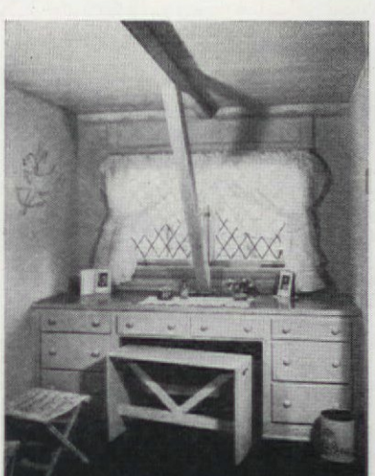

Dressing table in girls' room has eight large drawers, broad top. White organdy curtains, fat cupids for the light touch

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Upstairs there had been a tiny three-room apartment. Young Mike has the bedroom as is, with adjoining bath. The living room and kitchen were combined to become the master bedroom. Alterations completed, the Magees themselves did a handsome job of painting it all!

Painting and decorating was a family project. For Mike's room, Magees built in desk and shelves, papered walls forest green and red

Living room—once garage space. Stairway was originally darkly enclosed by wall. Magees had wall torn down, built in white latticework themselves

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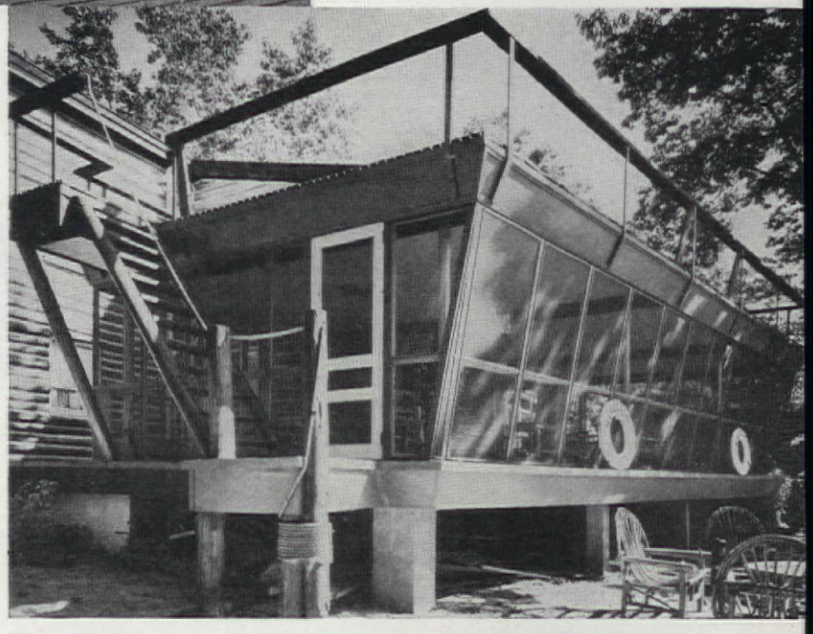
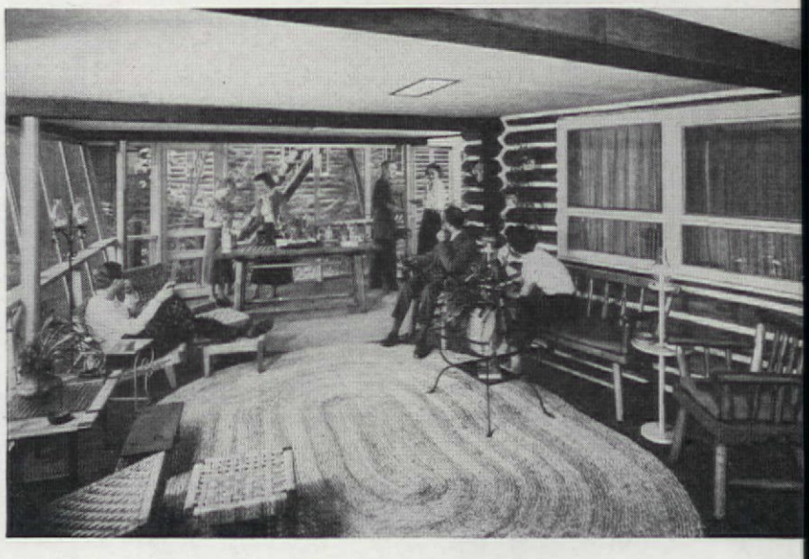


Jaunty nautical look of screened porch is due to slanting lakeside wall. Angle helps keep rainwater from dripping into porch. Open rail above allows uninterrupted view even while lounging on low canvas deck chairs



Enormous porch acts as second living room, is especially good for informal buffet meals. Portable charcoal grill is located here because community safety rule prohibits out-of-door barbecues. Large windows with awning-type lower sash look directly into Lodge Room

a constantly changing display—chrysanthemums in the fall, poinsettias in winter, cyclamen in the spring. Old apothecary scales on a circular coffee table before the hearth overflow with seasonal blossoms.

Because the cabin is set amidst dense foliage, horizontal joints between logs are wide, have been painted white. This definitely adds brightness to exterior walls and gives a sprightly modern look to house. Matching white trim of windows, doors, and porch rail further accentuates this gay appearance.

The house offers a variety of moods ranging from the snug-as-a-bug coziness of the Lodge Room to the open breeziness of the adjacent porch. Large parties are often the order of day or night since Mr. Corcoran enjoys sharing his home with others and the porch makes it possible to take care of overflow crowds without cramping. Dancing under the stars on the upper deck is a most popular pastime.

The reason Mr. Corcoran selected a log home as permanent residence is largely due to its suitability as background for his various collections. Numerous brass candlesticks are importantly displayed in the study and we marveled at the amount of elbow-grease necessary to keep them so bright and sparkling. In the first-floor bath is a collection of old shaving mugs, 120 in all, placed on shelves built especially for this interesting display. In the kitchen, in keeping with old-fashioned atmosphere, are old faïence plates, hanging against one wood-lined wall.

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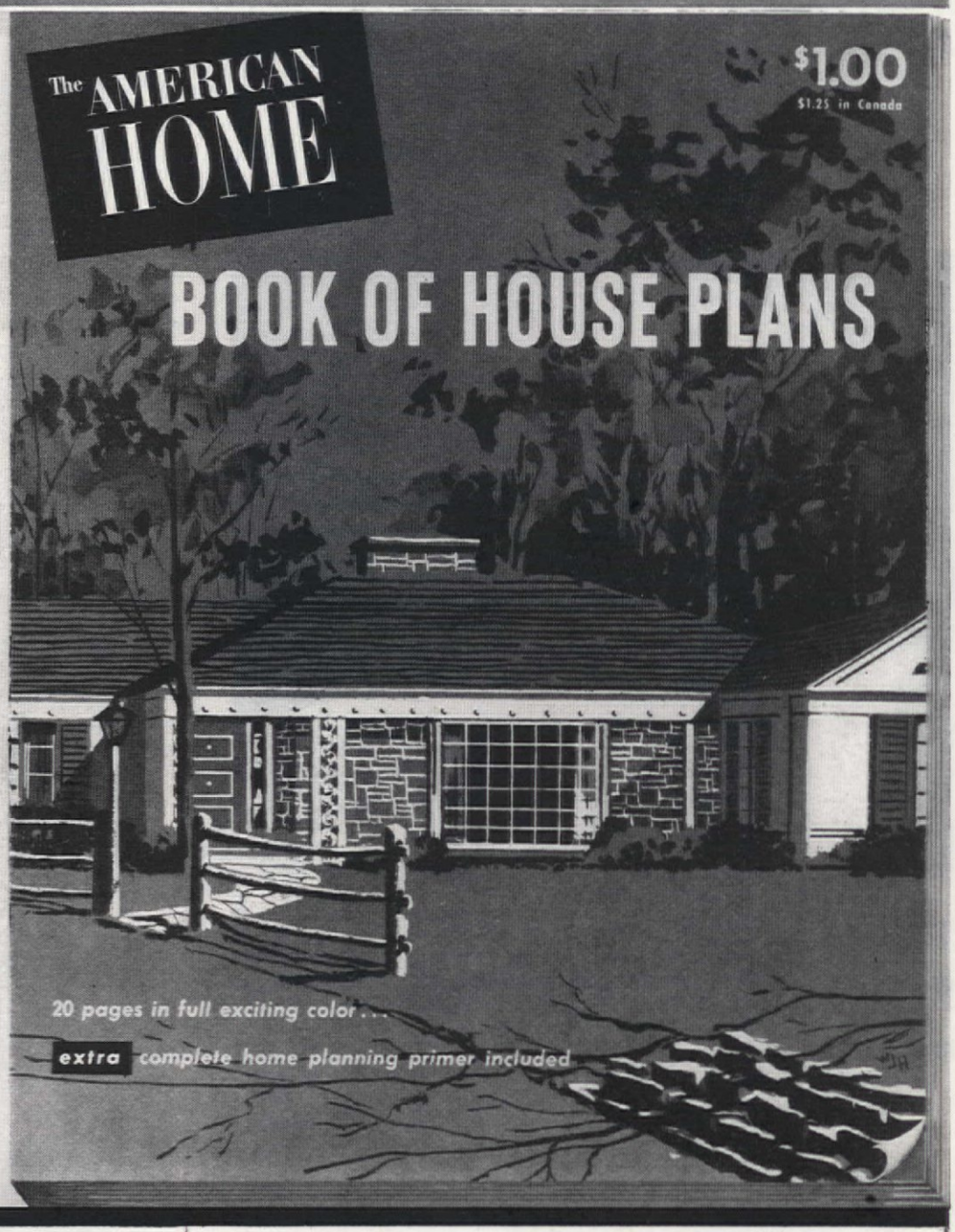

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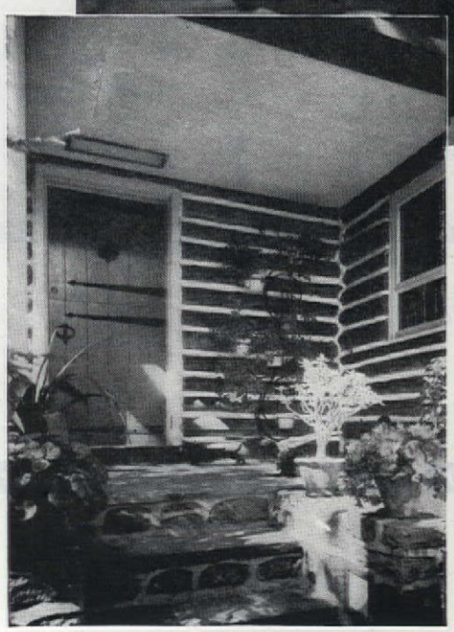
From lake looking towards open paved terrace, large screened living porch, and upper sundeck. Batteries of corner windows are new, add light and cheer to Lodge Room

New stone wall separates Lodge Room from first floor bedroom, is in best Pennsylvania masonry tradition. All furnishings of natural wood, accent rustic look throughout house



Heavy white joints brighten appearance of exterior log walls, are particularly effective at deep, recessed entrance porch. Owner has used planting for decorative purposes both indoors and out; pots allow for continuous seasonal changes

Little Ranch House

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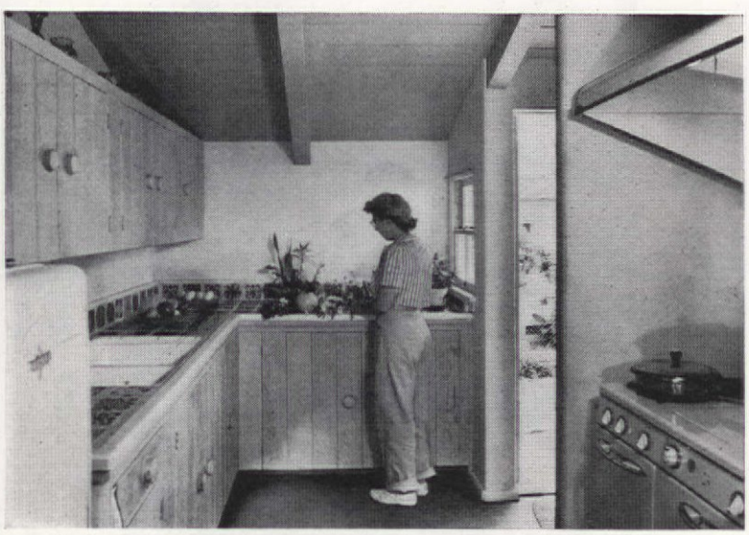
shakes covering its low pitched roof. Inside, just a simple coat of oyster-white paint covers the walls.

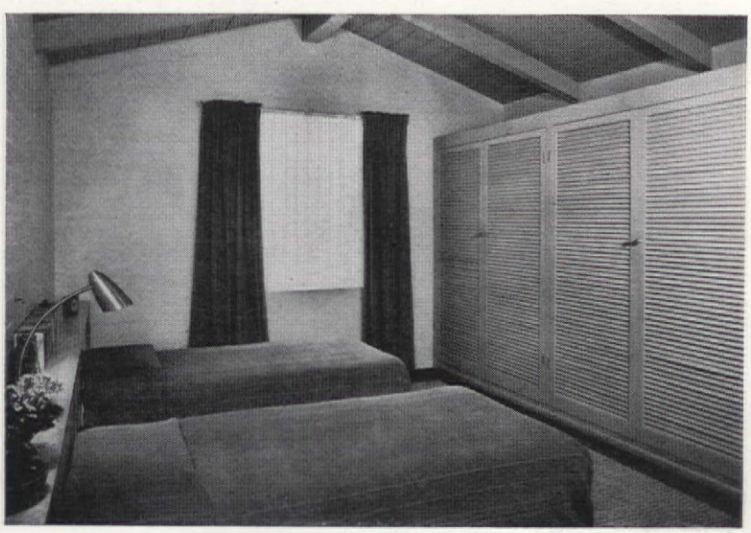
A bank of windows in the bedroom hall and a studio window for north light are the only openings on the street side. Kitchen and living-dining areas overlook the secluded south garden where a hedge of fast-growing eucalyptus, dwarf variety, will soon shut off the two-story house at the back. A blank wall, driveway, and garage face the house at the side.

The interiors are both simple and direct, color being used almost exclusively to produce an inviting, informal effect. For instance, the exposed roof rafters and sheathing are painted salmon pink to harmonize with the dull pink cement floors. The off-white walls are set off in the bedroom by rich cocoa-colored draperies and bedspreads—in the living room by yellows, browns, and greens.

A gallery leading into the studio is windowless for the proper display of the owner's paintings, and a battery of counter-high cabinets takes care of all sorts of storage. In reality studio and living room are one area partially divided off by the chimney wall. The kitchen, also doorless, is small, efficient, and colorful.



Trim little kitchen, with grayed natural woodwork and handmade Mexican tile counter tops, overlooks terrace and is conveniently located for easy serving of outdoor meals



Bedroom, masterpiece of planning in limited space, has one wall of wardrobes and trays behind handsome louvered doors. Twin beds with cocoa-tan spreads are backed against cedar case and headboard

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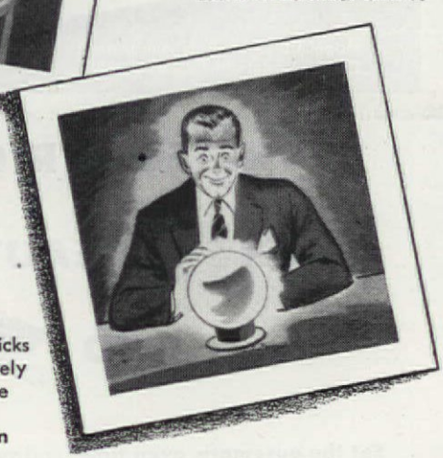

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struction. A single fir floor was laid throughout; an 18-inch air space under the entire house prevents dampness from accumulating and rotting the wood.

Necessity often produces surprises. In this case it brought into being one of the most attractive features of the house, the large opening on the lake side. This was needed so that small boats could be hauled in for winter storage. Screened during the summer months, the barn doors and sliding hardware actually turn the all-purpose room into a large porch with an uninterrupted view of the lake below.

There's an uncovered porch at one end of the house, used now for lounging and outdoor meals. Actually this could easily be the basis for another room should extra sleeping quarters be needed. At present the house sleeps two, thanks to the built-in double-decker bunks, and is sufficient for the present owners. The porch rail, a detail also repeated at the main entrance, is made of 1¾-inch fir boards, the uprights tapered slightly towards the bottom. The result is one of lightness and effects a wonderful contrast to the rugged details elsewhere.

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Sink, stove and cabinets, in foreground, are placed against bathroom wall for sake of economy, allow chance for indoor meal preparation should weather prevent dining around outdoor barbecue

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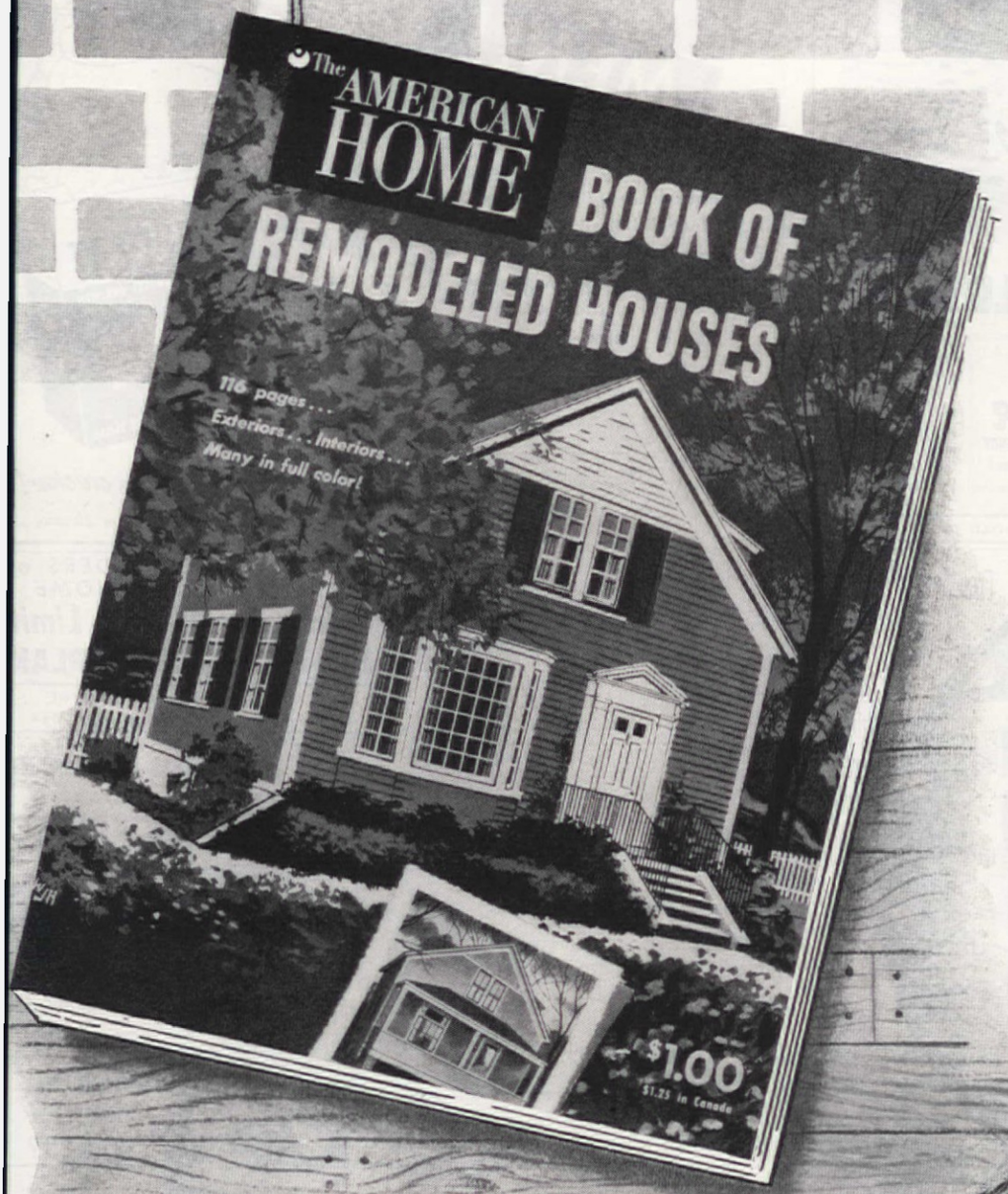

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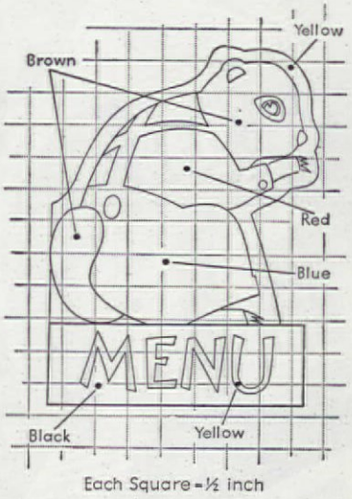

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The merriest fun comes with the menu. Make a booklet in the shape of the ground hog. On each page write a riddle giving clues to the evening's fare. Give each guest a menu booklet and a pencil—plus time to think before serving each dish. And have a prize handy for guests who supply correct answers!

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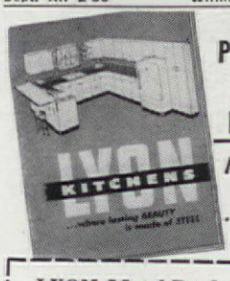

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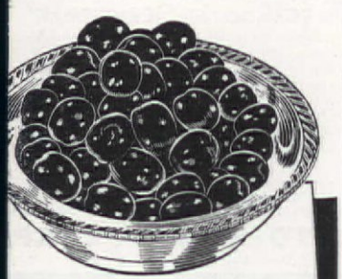

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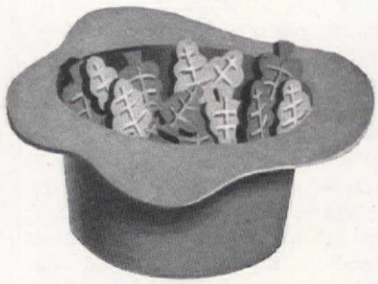
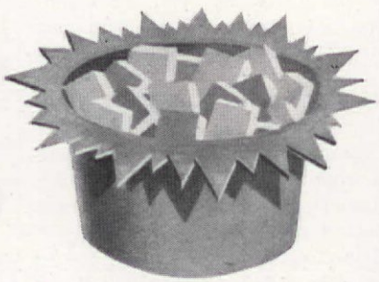


Overcast-sky nut cup: Cut rim in free, curved form, using gray cardboard. Paste to nut cup. Cover cup with gray crepe paper. Fill with green mint leaves—to symbolize coming of spring



Sunburst nut cup: Cut rim from orange cardboard, using outer part of sunshine invitation as pattern. Cover cup with orange crepe paper. Fill with white mints to indicate more winter snow

I was planted down deep in the earth
like a mole.
Hot summer was here when my eyes
saw again,
Though I've since lost my jacket I'm
hotter than then.

MEAT (Sausage in rolls)

Don't pawn your fur coat for six weeks
at least,
There's still lots of winter to chill man
and beast.
Ground hog saw his shadow, said "I'll
not risk it,"
And wrapped himself up in a hot little
biscuit.

VEGETABLE (Brussel sprouts)

Woodchucks like their vegetables,
In diet they are wise.
They would even eat a cabbage head
If it were near their size.

FRUIT (Fried apples)

Eve was bound to eat it raw
And over it did mutter.
She never knew how good it is
When browned and fried in butter.

DESSERT (Date torte and whipped cream)

You might have a date with a nut,
Whose brain is as light as a feather,
You might have a date with an egg,
But seldom like this, together.

As the meal progresses, and guessing continues, it should be a jolly "ground hog" party for all.

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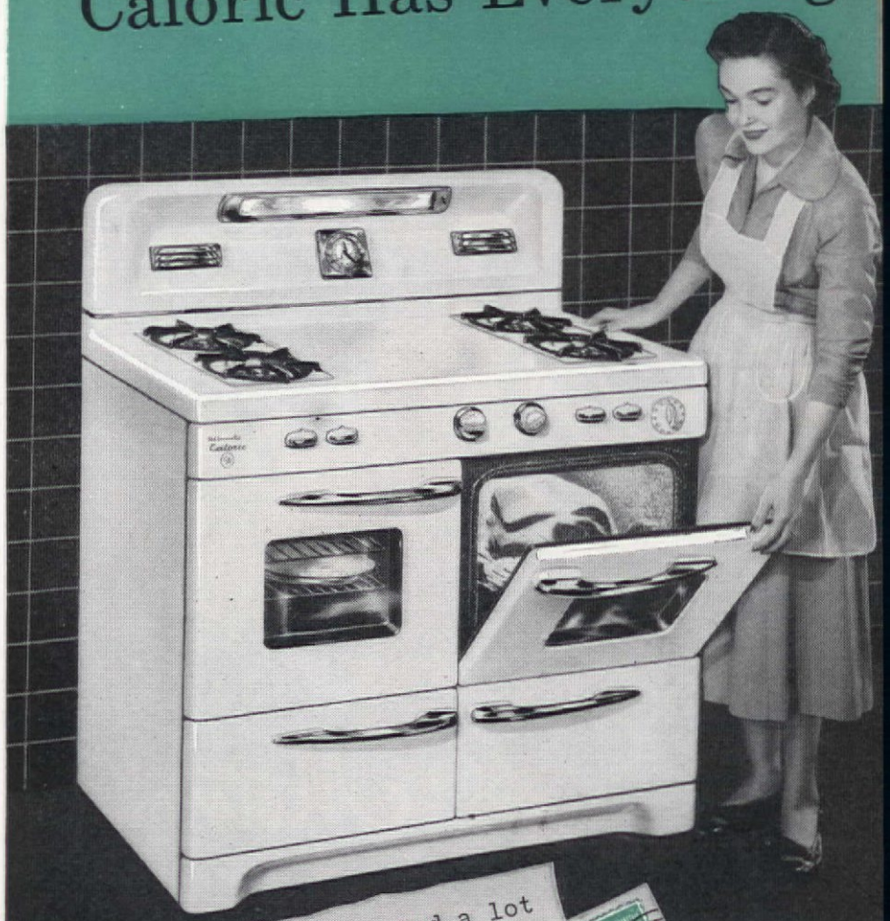

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Birthday Party

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I painted each one a different color. If you have a particular aversion to painting, you may substitute brightly colored pictures from magazines. You can even put your children to work cutting them out. The tent top is just a circle of brown paper which is held up by pinwheel sticks. These I purchased at the nearest dime store. The center stick is supported by a block of wood with a hole drilled in middle. Any piece of wood will do. I just happened to be lucky in finding a round cut thrown away by a near-by builder. The outside ring is of cardboard with brown paper pasted over it.

I bought the most inexpensive favor cups and made little tent tops to match the centerpiece. The top is held in place by two cardboard strips. The paper plates were just plain white but that was soon changed by the use of vegetable colors which provided brightly scalloped edges. From each nut cup, I placed a row of candy covered animal crackers, and from the light overhead, a bunch of colorful balloons added a final touch of gayety.

The children were thrilled, for to them it was the idea that counted and not the amount of money spent or perfection of a professional decorator.

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Mrs. Cimino's Kitchen

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There must be many women like myself who have felt drawn toward kitchen work and been made to feel half-witted for wanting to spend extra time in such a place. That hard-used expression "kitchen drudgery" should be as outdated as the wood-burning range, heavy-broom sort of furnishing which produced it. Science has flicked a powerful wand at kitchen equipment; before we can cease being pop-eyed over one captivating gift, here comes another.

I have some terrifically modern replacements picked out to assist, but not dominate, my kitchen, ready for the time when I can buy them. In the meantime I dare to be quite shameless about enjoying my cooking hours. When I do get these new conveniences, I will not want my entire kitchen to be taken over by their cold white efficiency.

Gone with the wind is the loneliness once felt by some women isolated in their kitchens. Mabel need not "come out of the kitchen" to enjoy companionship. Radio's friendly talks and music for any mood cheer her through various chores, and many Mabels have telephone extensions in their kitchens which allow neighborly chats with a watchful eye turned toward food on the stove.

It was my neighbors' pride in their kitchens which first reconciled me to my own kitchen's conspicuous position. What if people did see it before seeing the rest of the house? I would try to make and keep it worth seeing. I would be honest about my love for it. Someone is always remarking that this room, a wing of the house

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Cimino Kitchen

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with windows on three sides and pleasant views all around, is too good to use for a kitchen; my argument is "What other room in the house could be more important?"

I do not claim a perfect kitchen. Many of you wouldn't approve of the over-age range and refrigerator, or the skimpy closet space. Perhaps you'd like the crisp, dark blue and white curtains at the windows; the arrangement of fruits and vegetables in over-sized wooden bowls; my conveniently tall "sink unit." The best things about it could not be photographed for impressiveness. The remembrance of richly browned guinea hens, plump with pecan stuffing and glazed with their own broth; country cured hams, their overpowering flavor rushing from the oven ahead of them; beefsteak pies; really candied, crystal-clear sweet potatoes; Italian pizzas; Southern spoonbread; fragile buttermilk biscuits; Swedish coffee cakes in almond-studded twists; lemon-lime pies heaped with rich meringues; strawberry short-biscuits coming warm to their topping of thick country cream; golden pound cakes; impressively high angel cakes; and all the fancy layer cakes that would reach from here to there.

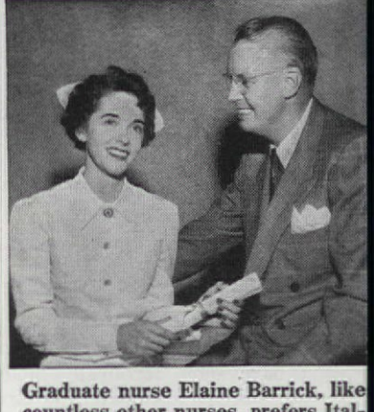
That Nice-Nellie bugaboo of "cooking smells" need not terrify you, provided you make the smells *right*, provided you are discreet about things like fish and cabbage. Why shouldn't a hearty whiff of turkey stuffing be as acceptable as canapés in the living room? Judging by the way they jump at repeat invitations, our guests seem to agree about this matter of smells.

Sometimes when sitting here among my oddly assorted kitchen furnishings — typewriter, canning outfits, rocking chair, scrapbook shelves, sewing stand—I turn magazine pages and ponder over some of today's model kitchens. The ones I like least have all cooking utensils filed away as if not fit to be seen. Not one comfortable low chair for pea-shelling sort of jobs while resting. Not one low space for children to mess around and learn things, all working space being far above their heads and getting higher each year. How can today's little girls become enthusiastic over cooking if they don't have the chance to learn the magic of making good food?

I will always leave a few usable things hanging around in plain view, including idea-provoking things like popcorn poppers, toasting forks, and gay mixing bowls. I will keep better-view footstools for young bowl scrapers, and plenty of sitting-down places, where kitchen lovers of both sexes may feel in the thick of exciting preparations.

You enter my house through the kitchen, my home through its heart.

Graduate



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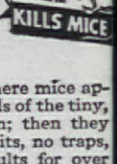

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Children are essentially selfish beings at birth, must learn to give and share gradually. Just as with other characteristics which develop as the child grows, there is no simple, magic formula for teaching a child generosity. It comes with growth.

The rate at which sharing readiness is acquired varies from youngster to youngster. One gets the idea at two-and-a-half or three years, another not until four or shortly thereafter.

It is normal for the child passing out of his toddling stage to raise the roof when another child tears a precious book, or block, or toy out of his hands. This kind of reaction can be expected to last until the child is about three years of age.

Reasoning with the young pre-school child about the niceties of sharing his toys and other possessions is a waste of time, as futile as trying to discuss with him the beauties of Greek lyric poetry. The concept is too advanced for the youngster to grasp, and talking it over will add nothing to his development or understanding. In fact, the young child may become thoroughly confused by the disapproving attitude of parents who lecture him on behavior patterns which can be understood only by the older child of four or five years. He has to learn to share as he grows.

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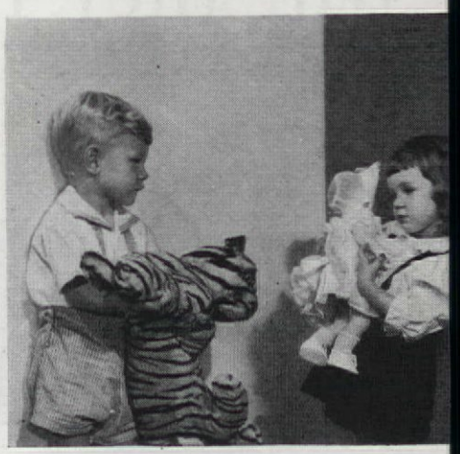

Big step forward is discovery that playmate Debby has things which are "hers"—to share or not as she wishes. Gradually, as he plays with other children, he begins to respect rights of ownership

Mother encourages play with others, sees to it there are enough blocks to go around. Thus, painlessly, child learns co-operation has its points, finds that using things together can be fun

words, before he can learn to share, he must first have things of his own and a safe storage place for them. Once he has the security of knowing that he has toys and possessions of his very own, he'll be able to learn little by little that he can share them freely and enjoy the sharing. He'll realize that his kiddie car and truck will come back to him eventually—because they are his.

When two-year-olds get together, parents can expect that one will make off with the possessions of the other, and a row may develop over the purloined objects. Now is the time to offer a satisfactory substitute to simplify the situation.

Parents may worry about a two-year-old who does not fight back when his possessions are snatched away from him. Even though he allows snatching by older or more aggressive children and is very shy about protesting, this should not cause alarm. Gradually, he'll learn to battle his own way. However, if a young child is the constant victim of deprivation at the hands of an older child, parents should step in to protect him—by keeping him out of the situation. Often it's helpful if parents can talk over the behavior

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At nursery school, Bob and Sally take pride in aquarium which they and others own together. Mutual ownership and care of pets is one good way to teach rewards of shared responsibility

Overjoyed with his birthday gift, Bob rushes out to share the fun with friends. Wishing to share—without prompting—means he's mastered basics of generosity, now enjoys giving

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of children involved. Family friendships can be saved if parents —especially mothers—agree to work out relationships of respective children instead of insisting on punishment.

As children grow into their nursery school years (three, four, and five), they begin to learn how to co-operate with other youngsters. This is the time when they begin to understand how to share their experiences and possessions. In group situations, as at nursery school, they are helped to develop concepts of the values of sharing their things with others. They take pride in community ownership and derive much pleasure from sharing their jointly owned animals, or plants, or work and play experiences. The child who participates in such projects first discovers the joys of being given things, then soon learns to enjoy giving—of his energies and ideas as well as material possessions.

In the well-run nursery school, a four-year-old can achieve a certain amount of leadership and concomitant social status through sharing. Tasks which are so divided among the group that they require rotation of positions of responsibility elevate the child's

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Will They Learn?

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self-esteem. Consequently, he begins to look forward to more group activity and the pleasures of sharing.

Parents shouldn't be shocked when a three- or four-year-old passes the refreshments at his own birthday party and gives himself the largest portion. The fact that he's willing to share at all with others is a healthy sign. It means that he's growing up with good social attitudes, breaking away from his earlier complete selfishness. Even at four or five, when he shouts in anguish, "That's mine," parents can be reassured that he's learning about life in the best possible way—living it without too much coercion. "That's mine" means he's finding out that other people own things too, that he's able to accept the unpleasant fact that he can't garner everything he sees for his own. He's developing a sense of values which will be useful later on when sound judgments must be made.

The older child can usually be dissuaded from completely monopolizing a piece of equipment which some friends might wish to share or borrow—if he's given a reasonable opportunity to take turns sharing it.

A three- or four-year-old, who wants to take over something one of his friends is using at the moment, can be offered a substitute to keep him happy. Duplicate playthings will help to avoid squabbles and fights.

A desire to share is not stimulated by bringing home one toy which can be used only by one of the children in the family. The seven-year-old, used to handling a doll delicately, will not be happy to see the one doll in the house badly beaten by the two-year-old whose real pleasure comes from banging it on the floor. Here again, it is important that each child in the family have his or her own toys and storage space.

The feelings of the parents about sharing with each other and with the family are contagious and will, of course, influence the child's development away from natural selfishness towards spontaneous, socially acceptable generosity.

Growing up takes time, as all parents should be aware. Life is complicated at best, and especially so for youngsters. Adults must remember that children can't be expected to compress all of human wisdom and experience into the first few years of life. Slowly and gradually, as they grow and live with others, they'll learn the civilized art of generosity.

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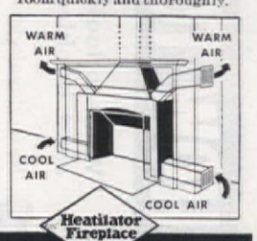

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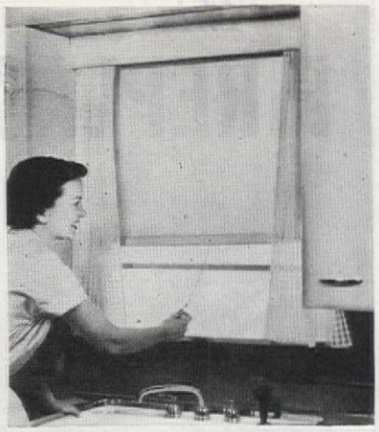

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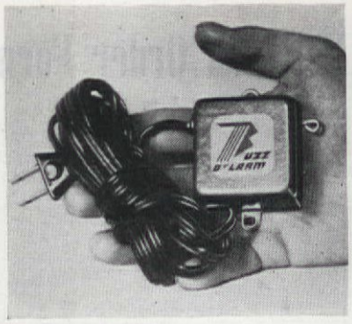

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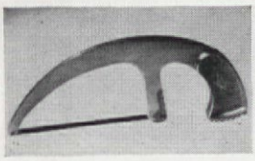

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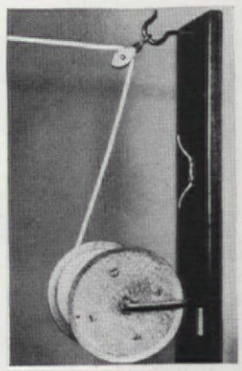

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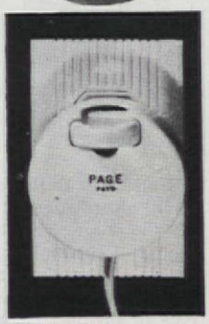

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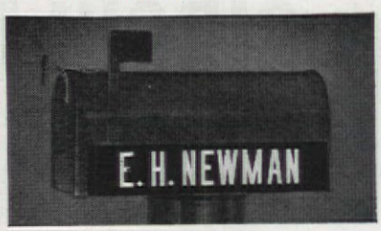

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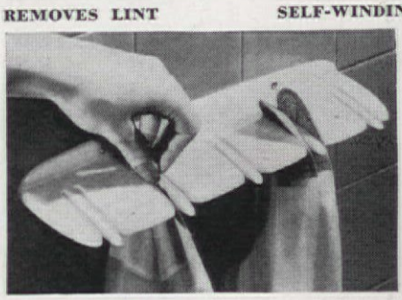

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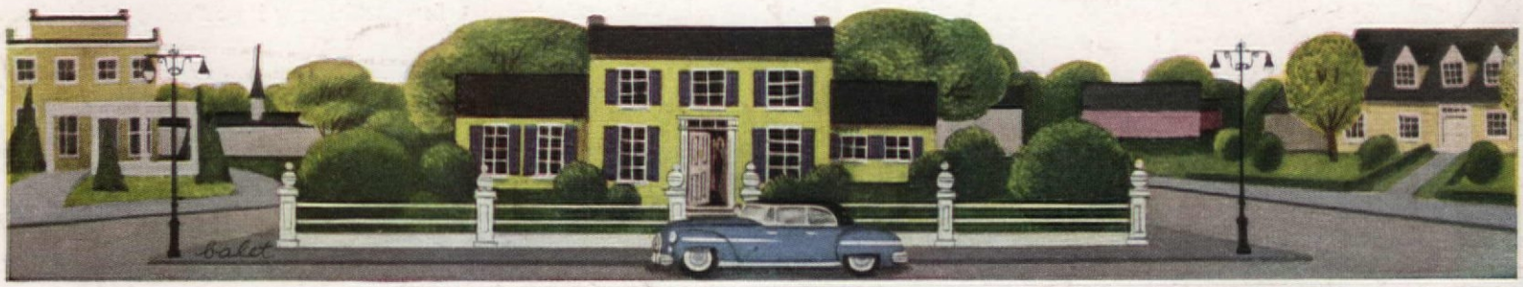

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