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SOMETIMES you have to see faults in someone else before you realize *you* have them, too. That happened to me when we went to the Coles'.

Her house was lovely. I knew the minute I came in the door that Jean Cole had good taste and was a fine housekeeper. Later, I went to the bathroom to repair a little lipstick damage. Then I had that horrible feeling of invading someone else's privacy—the rack of toothbrushes, a soggy washcloth on the tub, a row of half-empty prescription bottles.

I winced at the realization that every guest who ever went into my own bathroom must have felt the same way.

On the way home, I told Dave that we just had to have a powder room.

"Don't see how we can manage it," he said. "We've got a one-bathroom house, and we'll have to make the best of it."

That last phrase stuck in my mind. Were we making the best of it? Couldn't we take our family bath and decorate it so that . . . ?

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"Your powder room's lovely," Virginia Mehler whispered. "I do wish we had one, but we only have room for our one bathroom."

I couldn't keep a straight face, so I finally broke down and showed her that my powder room and the family bath were the same room.

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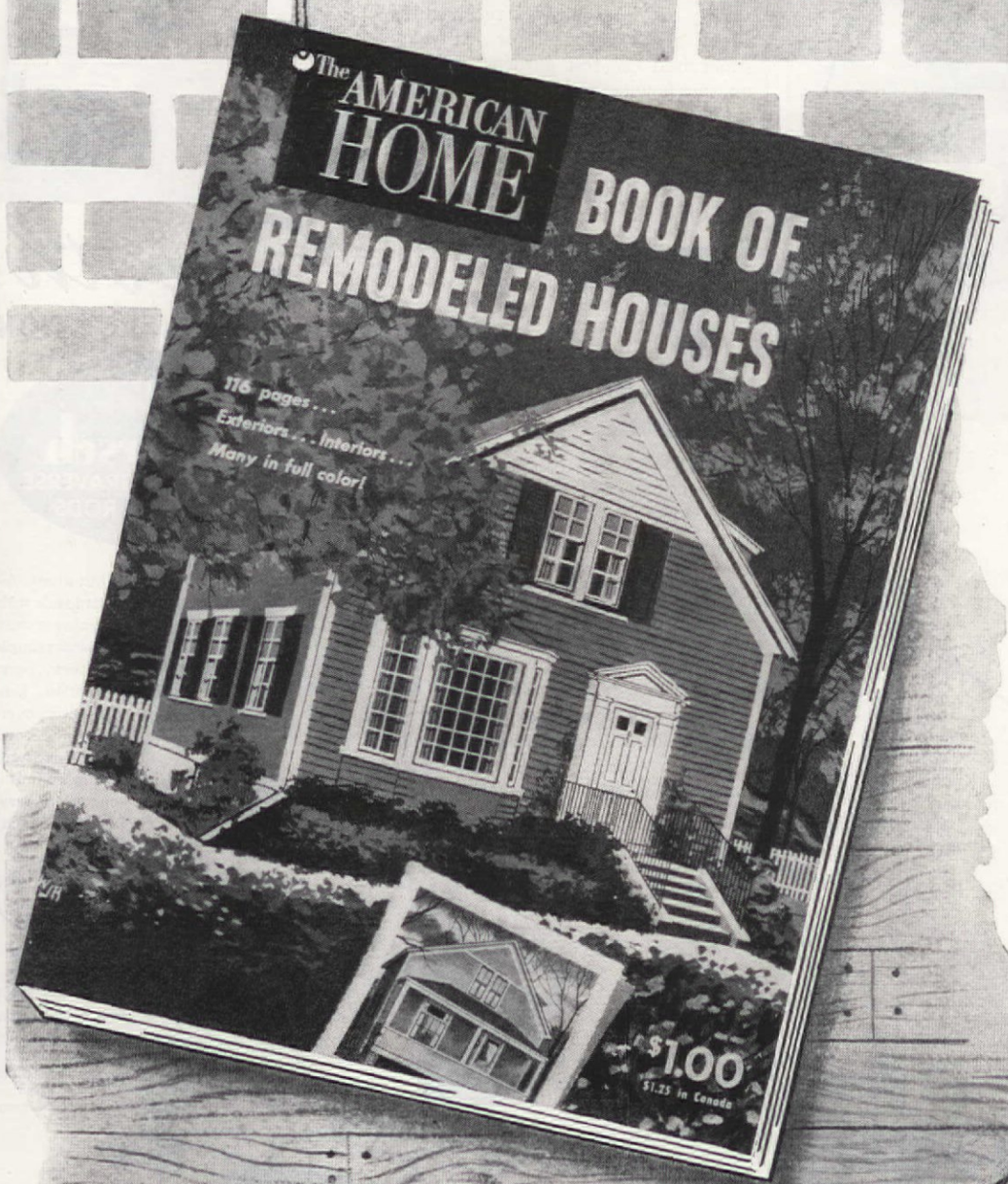

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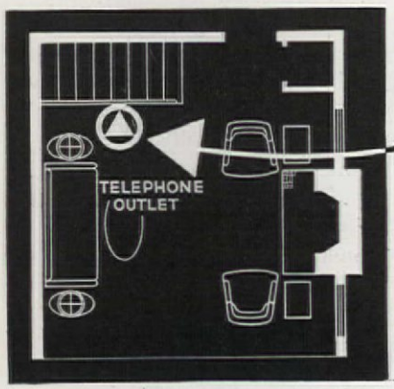

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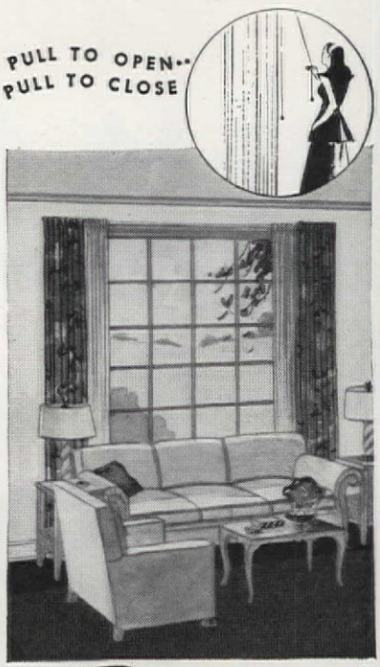
. . . **JEANNE CRAIN,** as a young girl, didn't know whether she wanted to be artist or actress. Daughter of a California high school teacher, she liked to draw, often acted in school plays, made her first dollar modeling for a magazine cover. Then Hollywood "discovered" her in the audience of a theater. Seven months later she was pigtailed "Char" in *Home in Indiana,* and you've been seeing her ever since at your local movie house. A far cry from the screen, she is co-designer, with her husband, radio-manufacturer Paul Brinkman, of an outdoor barbecue for their new home near Hollywood. They have two little boys, ages 1 and 3, plus wire-haired dog "Terry."

. . . **CHARLES B. MOORE** is a New York suburbanite who enjoys all "the usual" suburban pastimes—bridge, golf, reading, and sitting on the beach. More important to this issue, he is an expert on paint—and how to paint your house yourself (page 106). Ever since he was graduated from Yale, he has been connected with the paint industry and has also contracted painting jobs for large hotels. Plus that, he is the author of "Painting and Paper Hanging for the Home Owner," has always made a hobby of doing his own, and recently bought an old summer house on the New Jersey shore—a house he plans to fix up from "top to bottom."



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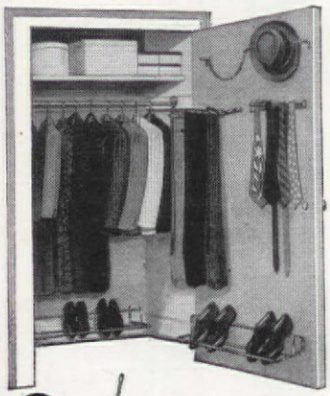

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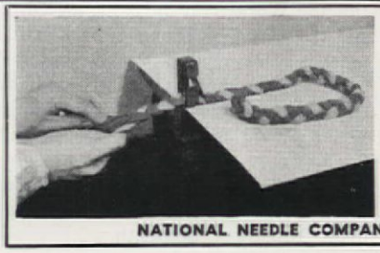

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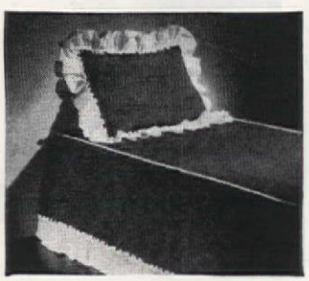

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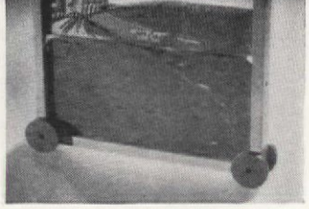

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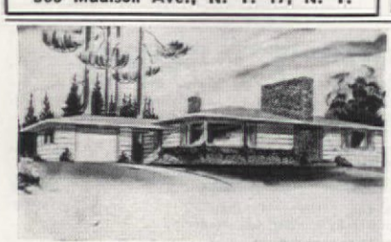

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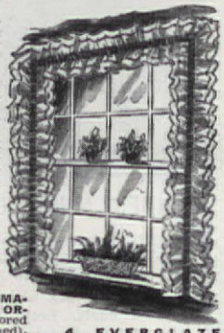

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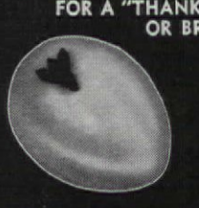

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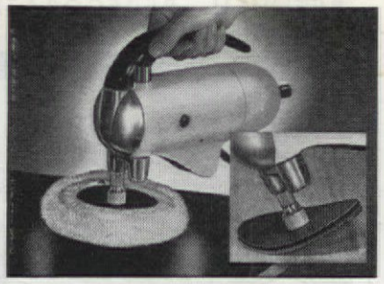

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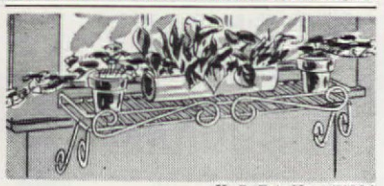

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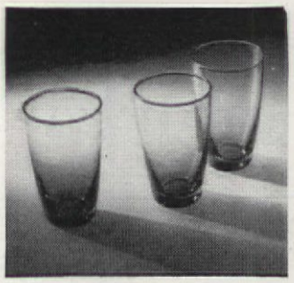

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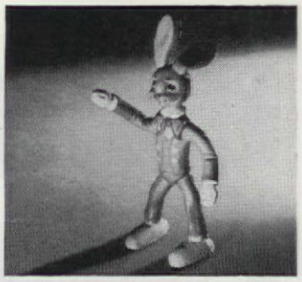

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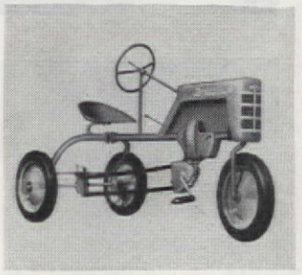

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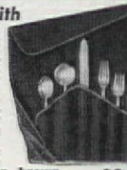

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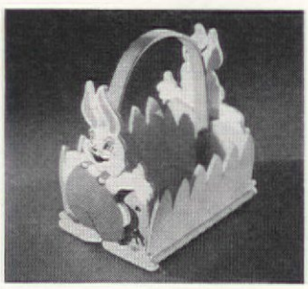

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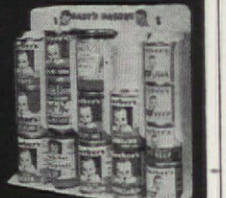

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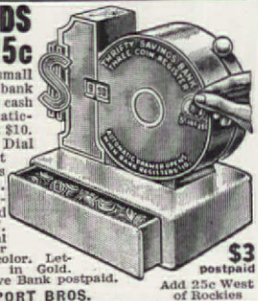

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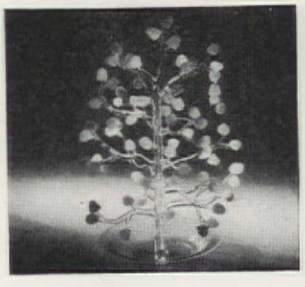

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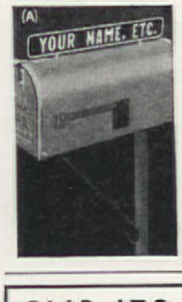

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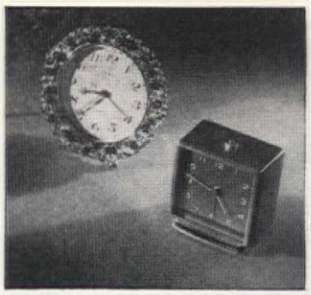

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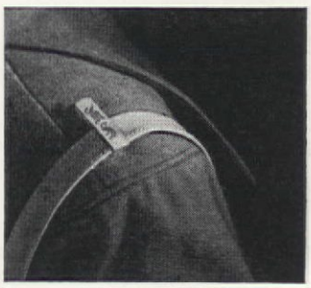

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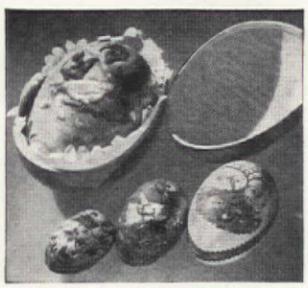

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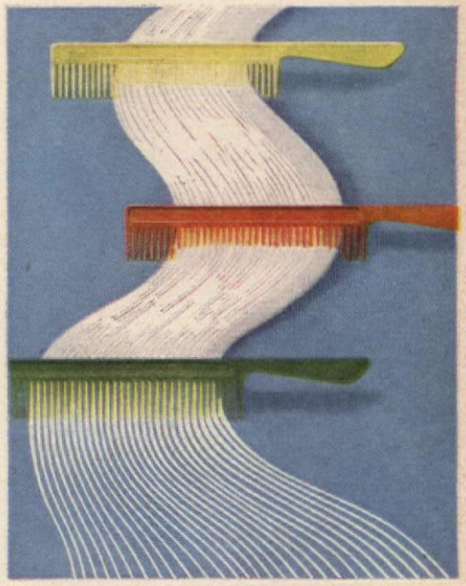

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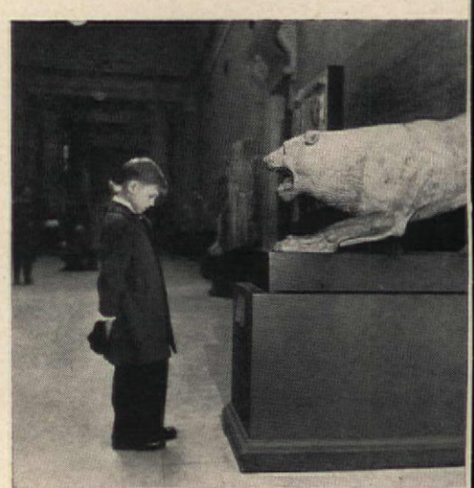
Five-year-old Anne greatly enjoys water colors. As is proper, Mother does not presume to judge results by adult standards, gives Anne freedom to work out her own ideas



Thanks to healthy parental attitudes, Robert likes art, doesn't call it "sissy stuff." Actually, art is big interest in his young life—along with baseball, music, Cub Scouting

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expression is not to produce diagnostic tools, but to give pleasure.

It is essential for parents to understand that results must not be judged by adult standards, but in terms of what is satisfying and pleasing to the child. Most children are not mature enough—either mentally or physically—for highly technical achievements until the latter part of their first decade. Scoffing at musical and painting efforts leads not to improved singing or pictures but to discouragement and possibly to a cessation of all effort in these directions. Many a parent will recall the constant nagging he endured during the times when, as a child, he didn't quite feel up to practicing a minuet assigned to him. He'll remember the day when he finally rebelled and decided to separate himself permanently from his instrument to avoid the constant criticism of his parents.

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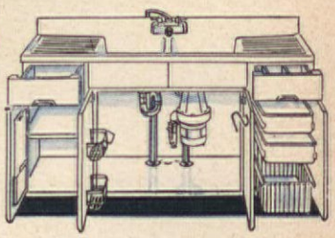

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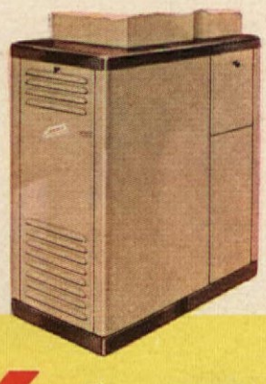

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Favorite record at the moment is "Sing Along," but Anne also likes Mozart and Brahms. Player of her own stimulates interest in music, saves wear-and-tear on family machine

Robert began taking lessons at nine, now looks forward to practice hours. Big mistake parents make is forcing lessons before child is ready —in mind and body— to handle instrument

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If a child is given freedom to express himself, he will show from his earliest years an interest in rhythm, sound, tone. He also has the ability to manipulate raw materials in a creative fashion.

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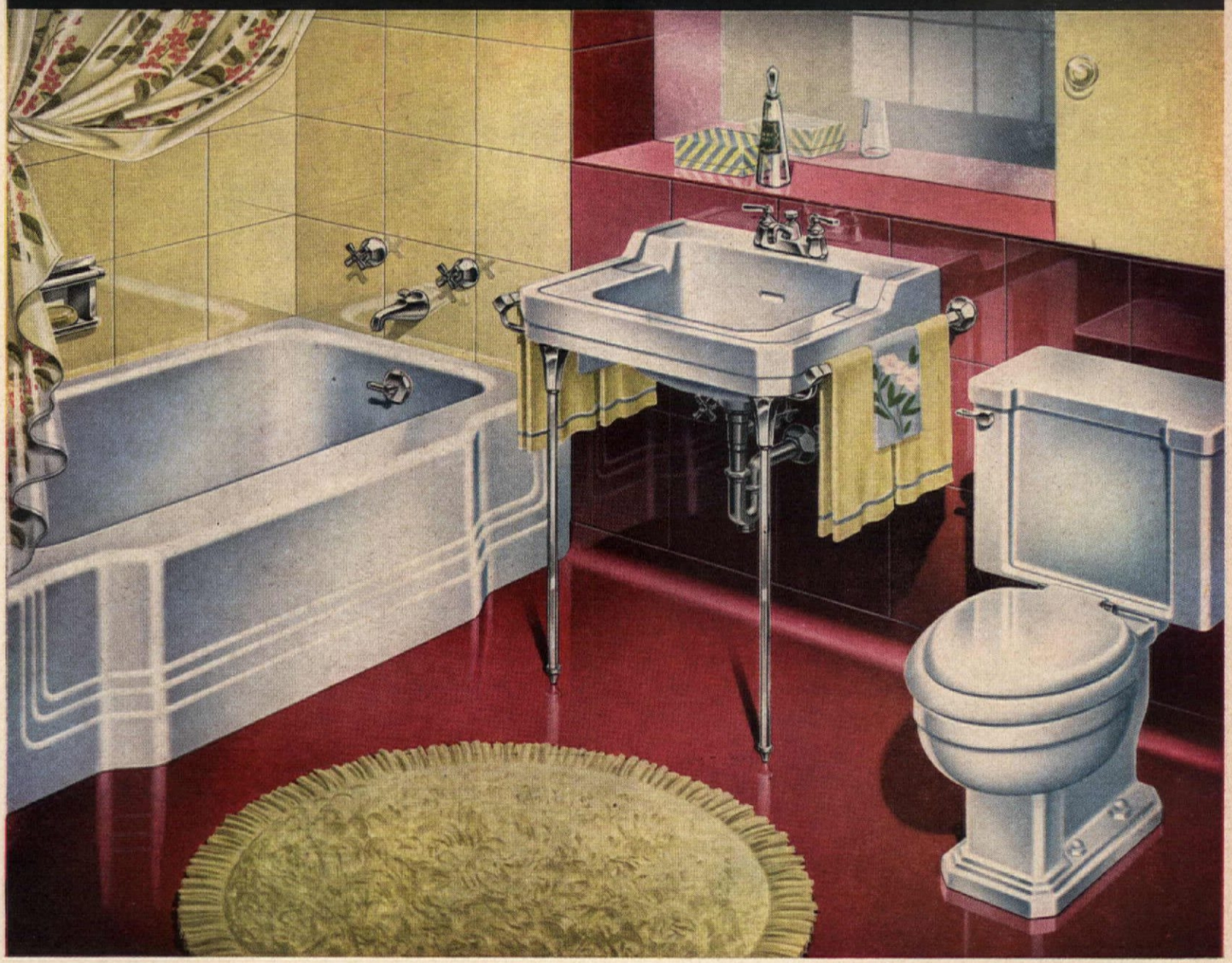

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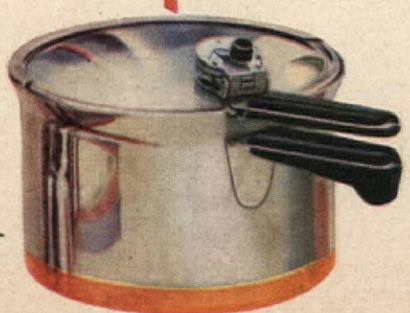

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Love Thy Neighbor...

A small community in Northbrook, Illinois, has discovered something that the whole world would do well to put into practice!

Photographs by the author

This is the story of a neighborhood that became more than just houses and trees and sidewalks with children playing on them. It's a report of how the miracle of friendship transferred a collection of builders' houses and lots into a community where good will is the order of the day and everybody flourishes because of it.

Several years ago, if you had passed through the 22nd and 23rd blocks on Illinois Road in Northbrook, an outlying district of Chicago, Illinois, you wouldn't have seen much. Just a duplicate of many other real estate developments throughout that area. Standard houses, each one precisely placed on its own uncultivated lot. But just two years later, this barren, unimaginative little cluster of houses bloomed into a thriving community of individually attractive, highly desirable little homes, each with its own charm!

For most of these young people it was their first house—the builders, Wyatt and Coon, were able to offer the best value in the Chicago area by putting them in mass production. Priced low enough to meet GI loan requirements—$9,750 and $10,000 including the lot—those who inquired found that they could get a two-bedroom house with a full basement, and in some cases enough second-floor space for additional bedrooms.

One of the first big problems was cultivating the lawns, which required the use of expensive tools. Prohibitively priced for the individual, the men grouped together and bought them co-operatively. Gordon Galloway, Howie Warren, Dave Rowe purchased a three-way-owned lawn mower. Mark Howlett bought a seeder which the others were welcome to use.

When the time came to pour the foundations for the garages, several neighbors were always on hand to smooth the concrete before it had a chance to harden. By ordering concrete from a ready-mix company and making their own foundations, the men saved money. Some built their own garages while others had professional aid. Within two years nearly all of the houses had garages added and almost half of them have had screened porches built on, too. All of the lawns are now planted, the back yards have been worked on enough for children to play in and parents to relax in, with a little space left for flowers and vegetables.

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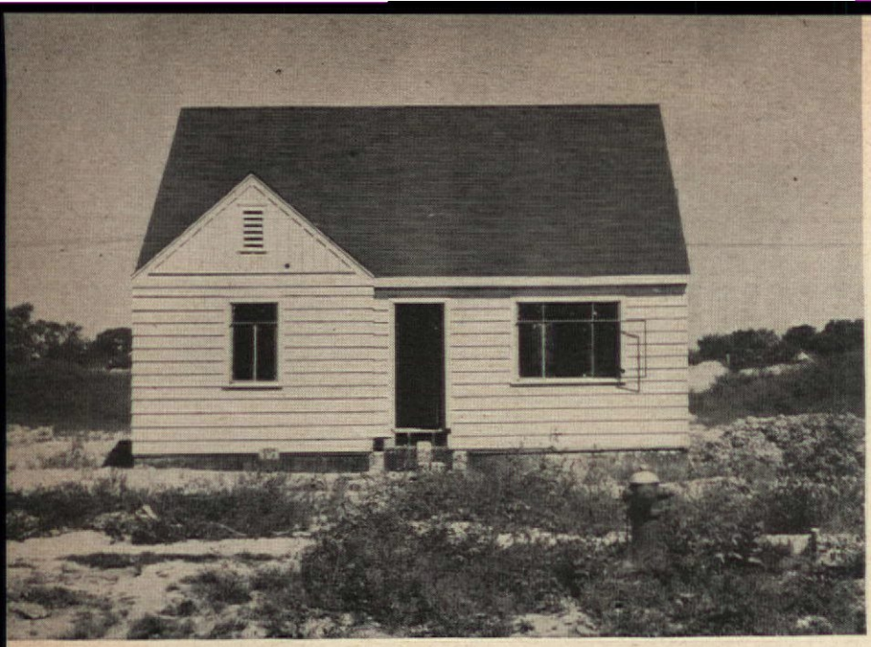
The wonderful story of Northbrook is almost completely told by these two pictures. Two years ago, a group of bare, impersonal builders' houses, each with two bedrooms, living and dining room, bath, kitchen, and basement. Through great effort and the untiring helpfulness of each for the other, same houses transformed into the captivating, extremely attractive community seen below



When Gordon and Geth Galloway bought their house, youth, optimism, and good taste gradually transformed it from what you see above to the charming house below. Shutters made from scrap wood, a rustic fence of cedar posts and two-by-fours, a fresh coat of gray paint made such a difference!

Love Thy Neighbor

Two big problems faced the young mothers: how to get some free time for shopping in town without hiring a baby sitter, and how to get the children back and forth from school with the least confusion. They worked it out to a "T": one mother will care for several children in order to free her neighbor for a day's shopping in town, and each one with school-age children takes her turn driving them to and fro, thereby freeing the others for a long stretch at a time.

What a change you'd see now after several years! Each house has its own personality, its own distinction. For instance, Gordon Galloway made some rustic shutters from scrap lumber. Elmer Olin built storage cabinets in the waste space over the basement stairway (wonderful idea there!). His wife, Marge, lifted their kitchen cabinets out of the ordinary by painting them with bright colors in a frisky pattern. The Freemans and Hamiltons added screened porches to serve as sleeping rooms on hot nights. Bill Freeman and Ralph Wever helped Bob Olson build a brick garage and dining-room addition.

How do the people of this little Northbrook community feel about the friendly spirit by which they live together? Well, ask them and they'll tell you! Their method of living in harmony with their brothers is the nugget, the nucleus from which could grow such a wonderful world of good fellowship. Charters and pacts, alliances and agreements—such things are unnecessary if the rest of the world would take its example from a two-block community in Northbrook, Illinois.

This garage and dining-room addition were built by Bob Olson by referring to his encyclopedia—plus the help of his neighbor Ralph Wever. The Olsons saved about $1,000 by doing it themselves

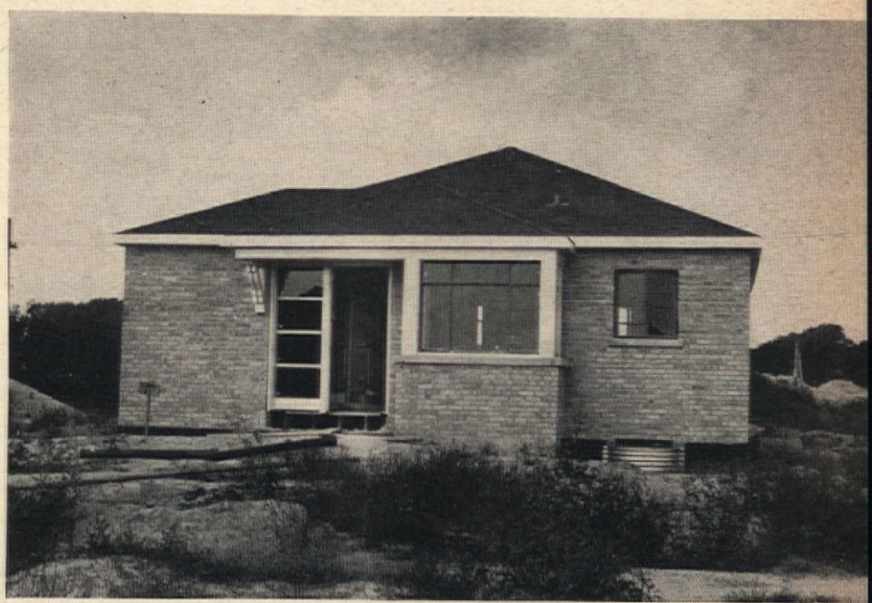
Everybody's gathered around to help pour the foundation for Howie Warren's garage. With all these hands, the concrete will be smooth before it hardens. They're planning a square dance when the floor is all set and dry!

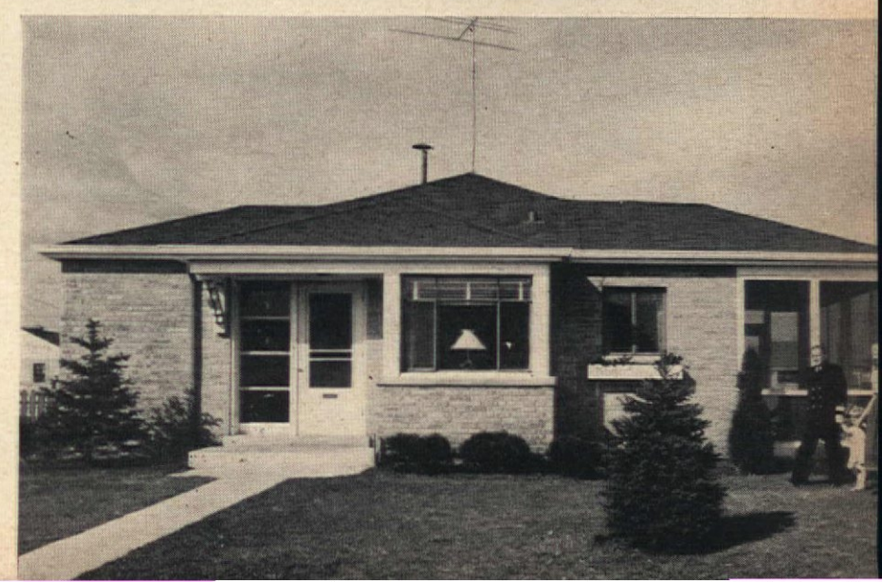
SEE HOW NORTHBROOK COMMUNITY ENTERTAINS ON PAGE 50

At upper left, one mother takes her turn for the week, escorting the youngsters to and from school, freeing their mothers for shopping. Lower left, Geth Galloway entertains several quite young friends by reading them a story while their mothers take a breather in town. Baby-sitting is shared by all the mothers. The three young men above are acting like little boys, taking their jointly owned lawn mower apart. "Inspecting it," they say. The young gentleman in the light coat is interested

Should you visit this neighborhood, by any chance, you'd be charmed with the variety of ways in which the approaches and settings of these little homes have been developed by their owners. In some cases handyman skills were involved—for building trellises, rail fences with lamp-posts, picket fences. In some, you'd notice the pleasant use of a variety of well-chosen plant materials, such as shade trees in the front and back yards, vines over the doorways, roses and many annuals in flower beds. But one thing is a stand-out in the picture you bring away with you—even though these little places started out looking terrifically alike—even though they all had, in the beginning, a kinship with the cracker-box—thanks to the individuality of the owners, thanks to the imagination and ambition which inspired these young people to make of their home a castle, you'd just never mistake one for the other—each one is different!

Naturally, as time goes on and these young pioneers in good living find the need and the desire for more room, for more luxurious living quarters, some of them will move away. That is to be expected, for while there is plenty of room now for a small family, a good-sized brood would be cramped. With the exodus of some, other young people will move in to take their place in the house, in the community. They'll be welcomed just as the owners before them.





Baker and Hope Hamilton added a screen porch to their house for hot summer-night sleeping. But besides, look at all the other things they added! The grass is well-kept, the shrubbery is interestingly arranged, the entire house has taken on a new look because besides just adding the structural pieces, a great deal of loving interest was involved

DOROTHY MONROE

Azaleas reclaim "that Awful Lot"

When the M. V. Cousins finished their brick bungalow in Shreveport, Louisiana, friends admired it but shook their heads over the unsightly grounds around it. "What," they said, "can they possibly do with that AWFUL LOT—the drainage ditch across the back, that big hole full of rubbish at one side? Why, it will cost a fortune to make the place look like anything!"

But it didn't. The owners visioned an unusual garden, didn't want just a level, uninterrupted lawn, and proceeded to capitalize on the unevenness and irregularities of the site. The ditch, which crosses the lot and runs under the garage and driveway, was cleaned and had its sides reinforced with old brick. The rubbish hole was turned into a lovely pool with a central island planted with some of the many azaleas that make the place breathtakingly beautiful in spring. More old brick went into winding paths and two charming, tree-shaded terraces.

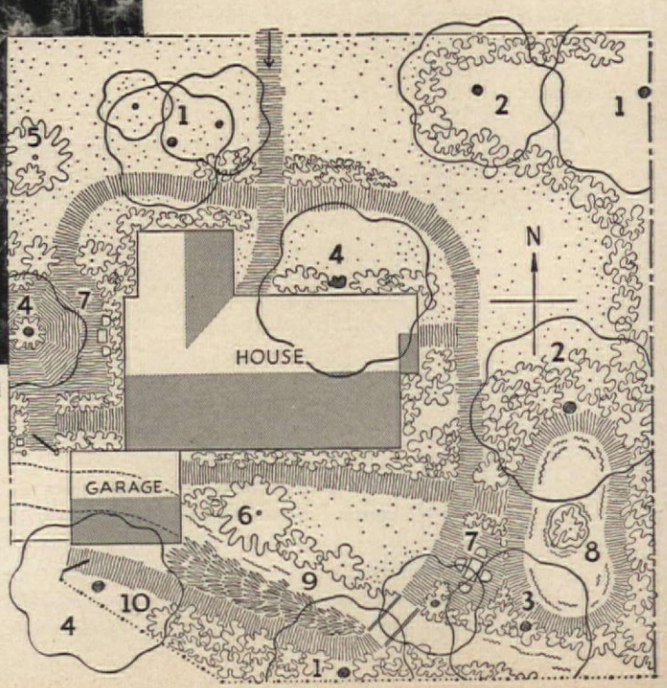
As they studied each situation to see what plants would be most at home there, the resulting naturalistic design proved an ideal setting for native wild plants of the Louisiana woods and swamps, in which the Cousins are especially interested. So they made collecting trips into the surrounding countryside and gradually built up a veritable dream garden that features azaleas (both native and introduced forms), iris to border the ditch, phlox, plantain-lilies, ferns, pink oxalis, ivies, etc. Where lawn was needed, they established a soft St. Augustine grass turf.

Not only have they enjoyed the rewards of a labor of love, but also they have changed the tenor of comments about their place. Now Shreveport gardeners tell their visitors, "Oh, but you *must* see the Cousins' garden. Be sure you don't miss it!"

Photograph by Hence Griffith

This view is from the northeast corner of the lot, where the drainage ditch enters it. Azaleas, in full bloom, rise from the center and sides of the pool in the foreground. The big vine-draped gum tree (Nyssa) is marked 2 on the plot plan

Plan by Dietrich Neyland, rendered by H. McClelland



A plan with lots of interest. Key: 1, 5 pines; 2, 2 gum trees; 3, elm; 4, 3 oaks; 5, white redbud; 6, dogwood; 7, 2 brick terraces; 8, lily pool, with island; 9, transformed drainage ditch; 10, the service yard

JAMES M. WILEY

Decorating Is Easy as Pie!

It is—when you think of color schemes as room recipes. Here's a formula you can follow. Measure carefully, season to taste!

We figure that decorating a room is somewhat akin to following a good recipe for, say, apple pie! There's just so much that makes a good pie, and no more. It's the same way with decorating a room.

The best cooks in the world delight in breaking the rules—so do the best decorators. But it's because they know the rules frontwards and backwards that they can toss them out the window and still achieve a stunning effect. For most of us, however, it's a case of learning to walk before we run, mastering the simple fundamentals before branching off into the more complicated paths of "high-style."

We've planned a basic room recipe for you to follow, put it in kitchen language to take the awe out of professional decorating vernacular.

Here's how it works: Think of the four walls of a room as representing a one-gallon jug. Figure them as roughly a quart per wall; the total

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Blue your favorite color? There's lots of it in this recipe! Combine one gallon of Wedgwood blue walls with one quart of darker blue carpet. Mix in one pint of gay provincial print for cottage curtains and sofa. Add one-half pint of chintz for two chairs. Before guests arrive, garnish prettily with brass accessories

Decorating Is Easy as Pie

comes to four quarts or one gallon of wall area.

Think of your floor area as a quart—a quart milk bottle as the symbol. You combine one quart of floor covering with one gallon of wallpaper (or paint). That's your room background, the "body" of the recipe.

Think of your most important decorative fabric as a pint when you assemble your color scheme. Use just about that much of it, proportionately speaking. In the average room it would figure out to about enough for draperies and a sofa. Or two lounge chairs and a sofa.

Your secondary fabric, perhaps a plain color, would appear in the scheme in the proportion of a half-pint in the room recipe. For curtains alone. Or slip covers on two lounge chairs.

Then comes the all important matter of "seasoning" in the recipe. This can vary—it can be just a pinch of vibrant color, or you can use a teaspoonful or even a tablespoonful, according to your taste. Don't let it get much beyond the tablespoonful measure, though, or you're apt to spoil the dish!

So there you are: Take 1 gallon of wall color; add 1 quart of floor covering; mix with 1 pint of your favorite fabric design; blend in ½ pint

Like semi-formal 18th Century furniture, quiet colors? Then this is your dish! To one gallon of warm gray striped wallpaper add one quart gray floral rug. Blend in one pint solid green fabric for draperies and chairs. Sweeten with one-half pint cocoa-colored cloth for sofa. Before serving, add pinch cayenne pepper— in sofa cushions, a picture mat

For the young in heart (and the Irish!) a green scheme. Take one gallon of dark green walls, leaven with one quart of white string rug. Add one pint of color-packed chintz for sofa, two chairs. Frost with one-half pint white curtains, white lamps, milk glass. Before serving, spike the mixture with tablespoon of red and white stripes for two chair seats

Photographs by F. M. Demarest

of plain or small-scale fabric. Season to taste.

It is important to remember that for best results you should choose only one strongly figured pattern in your room recipe. You can use lots or little: a gallon of it (floral wallpaper), or a quart of it (patterned rug), or a pint of it (figured cretonne or chintz furniture coverings)—but only as *one* of the measures. Your other measures then should be bland and smooth to play up the flavor of the pattern.

The seasoning is the spice; here's where your imagination takes over! It can be almost anything, but it should go well with the other ingredients, yet have definite character and contrast. Here are some good seasoning ideas: Orange taffeta ruffles on curtains and the skirt of a sofa, in an otherwise all brown and beige scheme. Tomato-red mat on a big picture, tomato-red sofa pillows in a predominantly green scheme. Rich purple velvet upholstery on a pair of small Victorian chairs to spice up a pink and blue room. White lamps, white milk glass against deep-toned walls. Black tôle pieces with pine paneling. Gleaming brass and copper in a room with blue walls and rug. Or try cranberry glassware in a blue room.

A novice at cooking often has to try out a recipe several times before it turns out perfectly. This would be fine for a room recipe,

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WILLIAM J. HENNESSEY

A House of Many Virtues

If your dreams are 'way up there in the clouds and your budget deep down in the bargain basement, don't despair—we've found the house for you and it's a honey, too. Wrapped up in this little package is a wealth of charm, an ideal "starter" house layout, and a floor plan that fits its narrow lot like a glove. What's more, there's plenty of room for expansion.

It is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Holmes and their young son Stephen. Like so many other couples who couldn't afford a custom-built house, they bought in a development. They did have a choice of floor plans and certain details, however, which helped avoid that "rubber stamp" look so characteristic of many housing projects. From the very start, the Holmeses took their house seriously, watching its progress as if they, themselves were building it. To them it was not to be just a home, but an expression of philosophy about living.

Since they planned to live outdoors as much as possible, great attention was paid to the back yard especially. Realizing that attractive and useful ground around a house would not only add another room but also increase its re-sale value, the owners placed a

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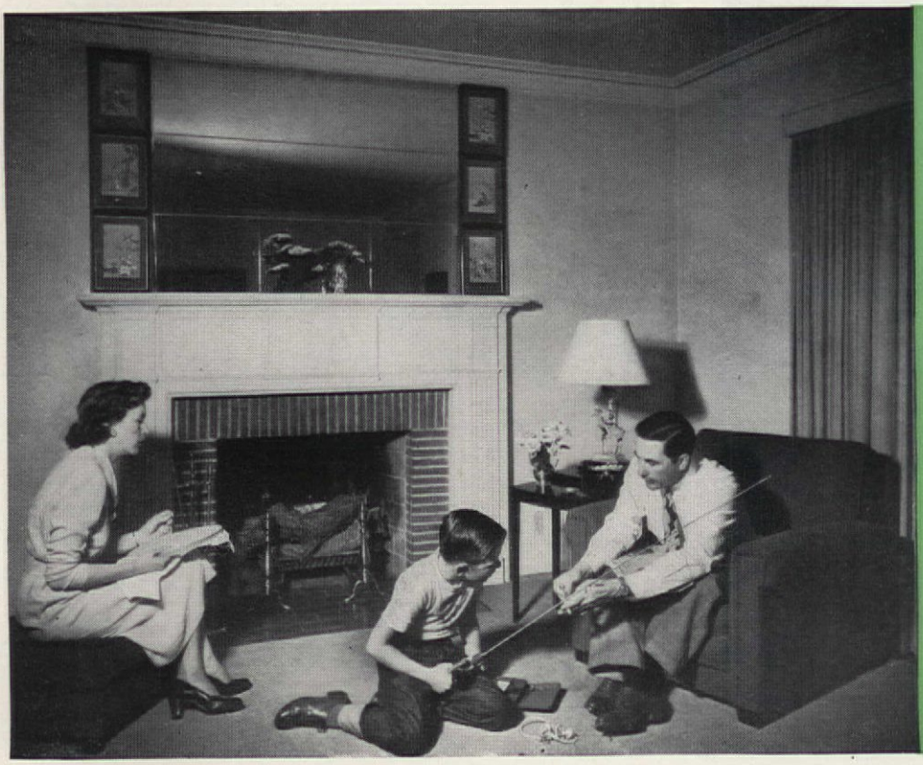
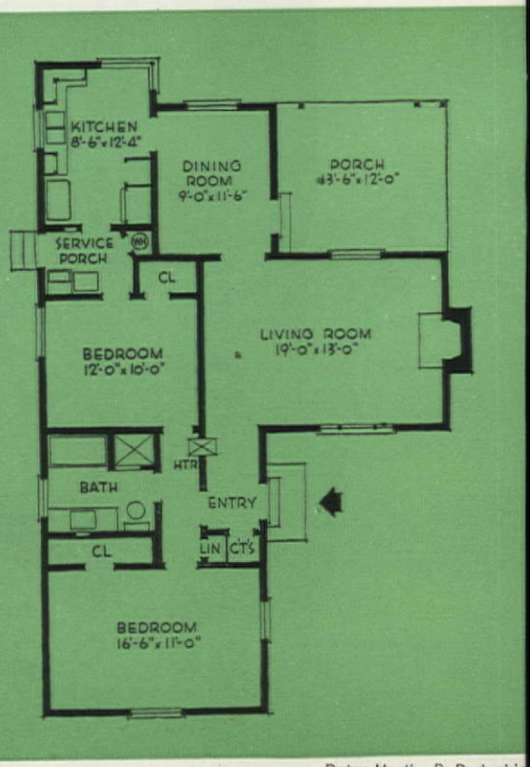
- **Intelligent use of small city plot—garden at the front, outdoor living in the rear**
- **Three dining areas—separate dining room, the kitchen, the outdoor living area**
- **Two bedrooms for building economy—a third is possible**
- **One bedroom has separate entrance for privacy—perhaps for a paying guest**
- **Compact plan with good traffic circulation**
- **Excellent storage space**

Ready-built but not run-of-the-mill, the living room in the Joseph J. Holmes house reflects the owners' tastes and handiwork. Georgian mantel was personally selected. Cornice, draperies, overmantel arrangement were made by owner

You can buy floor plans, elevations and outline specifications of Study Plan House No. 15 by sending 50 cents to the American Home, American Home Building, Forest Hills, New York





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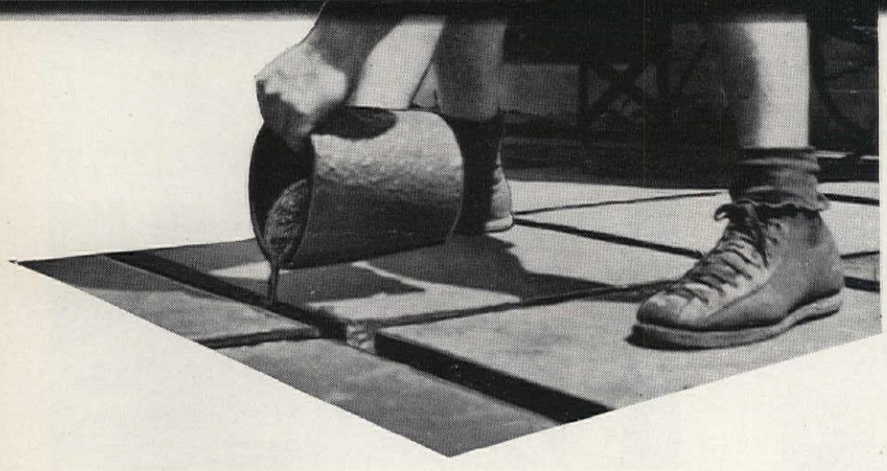
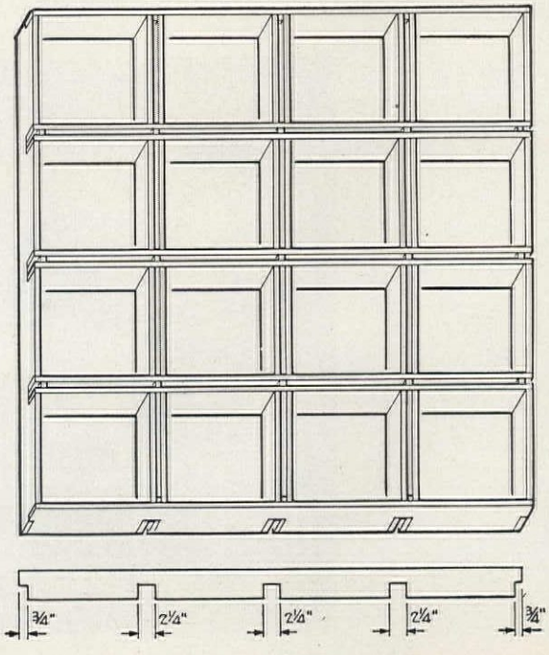
Anyone can tell that the owners are mighty proud of this little green stucco house. Its white trim is kept bright and sparkling, the border hedges well barbered. Fenced-in doorstep garden offers warm welcome

Reserved as a breakfast nook is this part of kitchen with corner windows overlooking rear garden. Walls, ceiling, curtains, and woodwork are bright with yellow paint while chairs are slip-covered with brown, yellow and green plastic fabric resembling linen

How to Make a Terrace

W. T. BOWCOTT





Notch all strips as in lower sketch. Set half with notches up to interlock with downturned notches of other half, to make square form of upper diagram. 4-inch long, ¾-inch square pegs driven in ground hold form in place

Looking for a floor to extend your outdoor living room this spring? Here's one that is attractive and not too hard to make. A simple wooden form is made for sixteen 22-inch squares at a time, and paving is poured right where you want it, without elaborate preparation of the ground.

A simple form pattern is the one diagramed on the opposite page. Or if you want something smaller, you can make it 2 squares wide and 8 squares long. Shape of the squares can be varied when desired by inserting boards or metal strips to cut off corners. You can work out arrangements to fit any site and available space, and you can pour as many as 16 squares each time you set the form.

You can make the form diagramed from sixteen 8-foot strips of 1 x 2 lumber. A thin coat of grease on strips prevents concrete from sticking to wood. Paving materials needed for 16 squares, 3 inches deep are: cement, 1 sack; sand, 2 cubic feet; gravel or crushed stone, 4 cubic feet; and water, 5 gallons. For 8 squares, mix half of the above materials. 6 to 8 shovels each of cement and sand makes topping for 16 squares. 1 sack of cement and 2½ cubic feet of sand makes mortar for joints of 16 squares. Tint topping and joints with dry cement or plaster colors.

When a section of 16 squares is completed, remove and reset forms and pour another section. Keep concrete wet for 10 days at least, to allow it to set completely and attain its greatest strength and hardness.

This one cost only 8 cents a square foot to make. You can have one like it, big or little, any color or shape, with a minimum of work

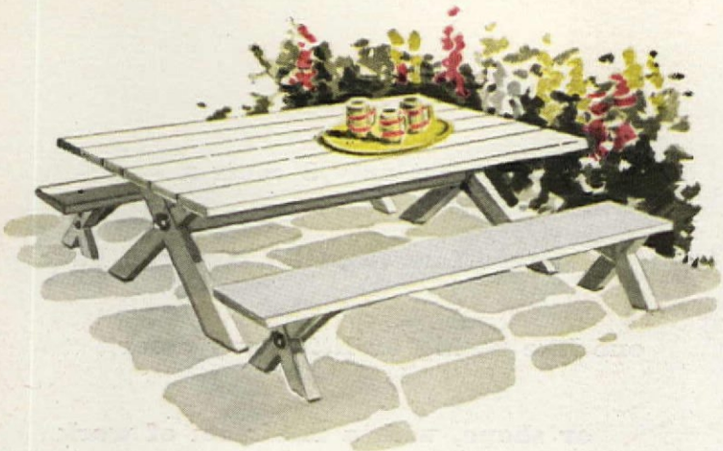
Forms are aligned with simple spirit level to have drainage pitch of 1 inch in 8 feet. Small stones prop form at desired level on uneven ground. Wet ground and shovel concrete into first 8 squares. Then repeat for other 8 squares

Wood float, such as the home-made one in the picture, is used immediately to roughly level wet concrete as each of the 8 squares is filled. This will leave a surface ready to receive the topping coat which is applied after form is completely filled

DO IT YOURSELF *and save*

Topping is applied right after 16 squares have been float-finished. A tablespoon of the dry color is sprinkled on each square and troweled into the topping. Use more color for deeper tints. Concrete is then left overnight for initial set

Next day, pull out the pegs and the forms will fall away from the squares, ready to set for another section. Pour mortar into joints, and trowel smooth. Add color directly in mix before pouring, if desired. White joints in picture on page 82 had no color added



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Here's a sawbuck table and pair of benches that are not only easy to move around, but they'll seat lots of people comfortably. How about redwood, pine, or cypress, all painted white for a cool, clean look?

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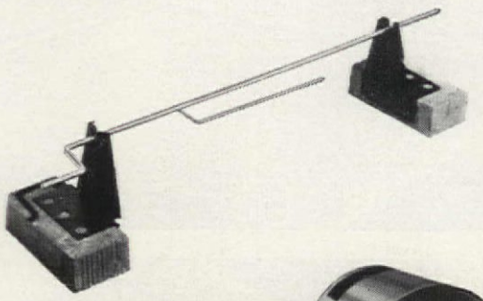
A Lazy Susan table is especially good-looking in cypress, redwood, or pine, and certainly makes for easy serving. Sturdy little stools are easy to carry about. If you put on a coat of boiled linseed oil each year, they'll last long!

Only 60 Working Days Left!

With Burr's Adjustafire, constant temperature is maintained by raising or lowering firebox with regulator handle. Grill and spit remain in fixed position. Unit easy to install

Hand spit with fixed fork is chrome-plated steel, has four locking positions. Spit alone is used for Burr Adjustafire. Uprights and spit pockets make it usable with all other makes



In just that short a time barbecue days will be upon you—and now's the time to latch onto ideas to turn your yard into an outdoor dining room and recreation spot. Get busy on plans right now! As to your barbecue, you can build any size you desire. Put it under the tree for a pretty setting or back it up to the indoor fireplace for practical purposes. Choose brick or stone for masonry, but remember to select your cooking unit very carefully. Decide just what kind of meals you'll want to be cooking this summer. The days are gone when a man was a big hero just because he took a long fork and flicked a piece of meat over every few minutes. Cooking the entire meal outdoors is downright sensible in summer weather—saves wear and tear on the house, too. As soon as the frost is gone, come on, let's get started!

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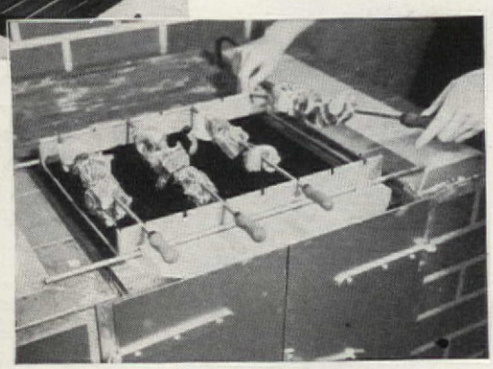
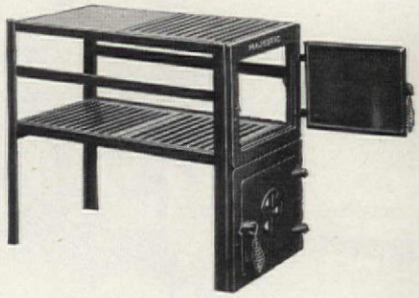
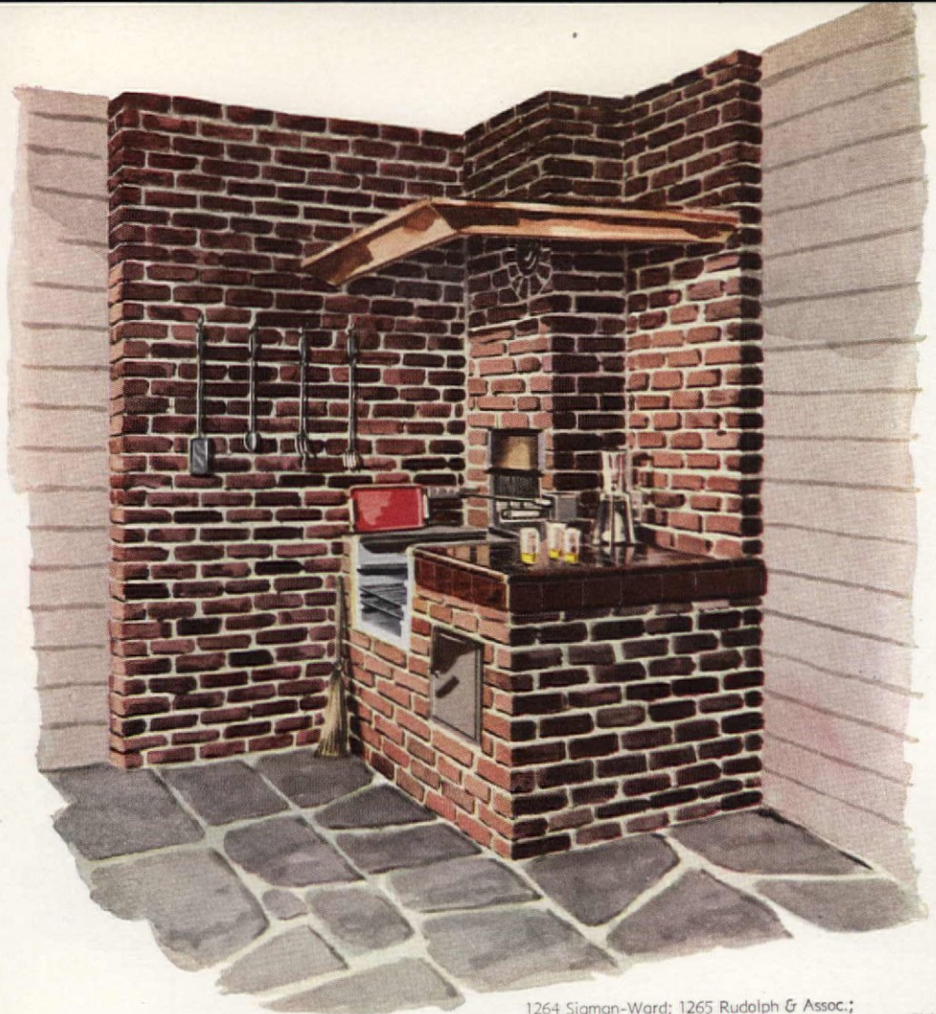


Shish Kebab tastes twice as good when done over barbecue coals. Rack with seven wood-handled skewers—all stainless—comes from Huntington. Elongated rods make it work on any pit



Really want to do the whole meal out-of-doors? For you, Outdoor Oven Fireplace Co. makes a pre-assembled unit (above left) that bakes, boils, and barbecues. And masonry fits like a glove around Majestic's all-metal, ready-built unit (above right). Both firms supply helpful installation data



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This compact barbecue is a honey for the corner of the porch, and if it can back up the indoor chimney, so much the better! Tile top cleans in a whisk, the spit revolves, and there's a good-sized grill. It's exceptionally workable, too!

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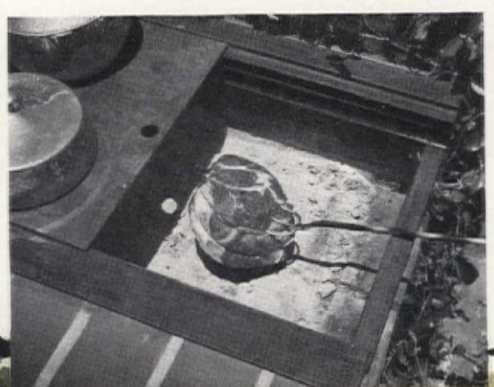
A barbecue that really does its stuff! It serves as an outdoor fireplace, has special deep wells for cooking and keeping foods hot. The grill is conveniently large, and your wood is right there in a handy storage space. All the comforts of home—plus the fun of being outdoors!



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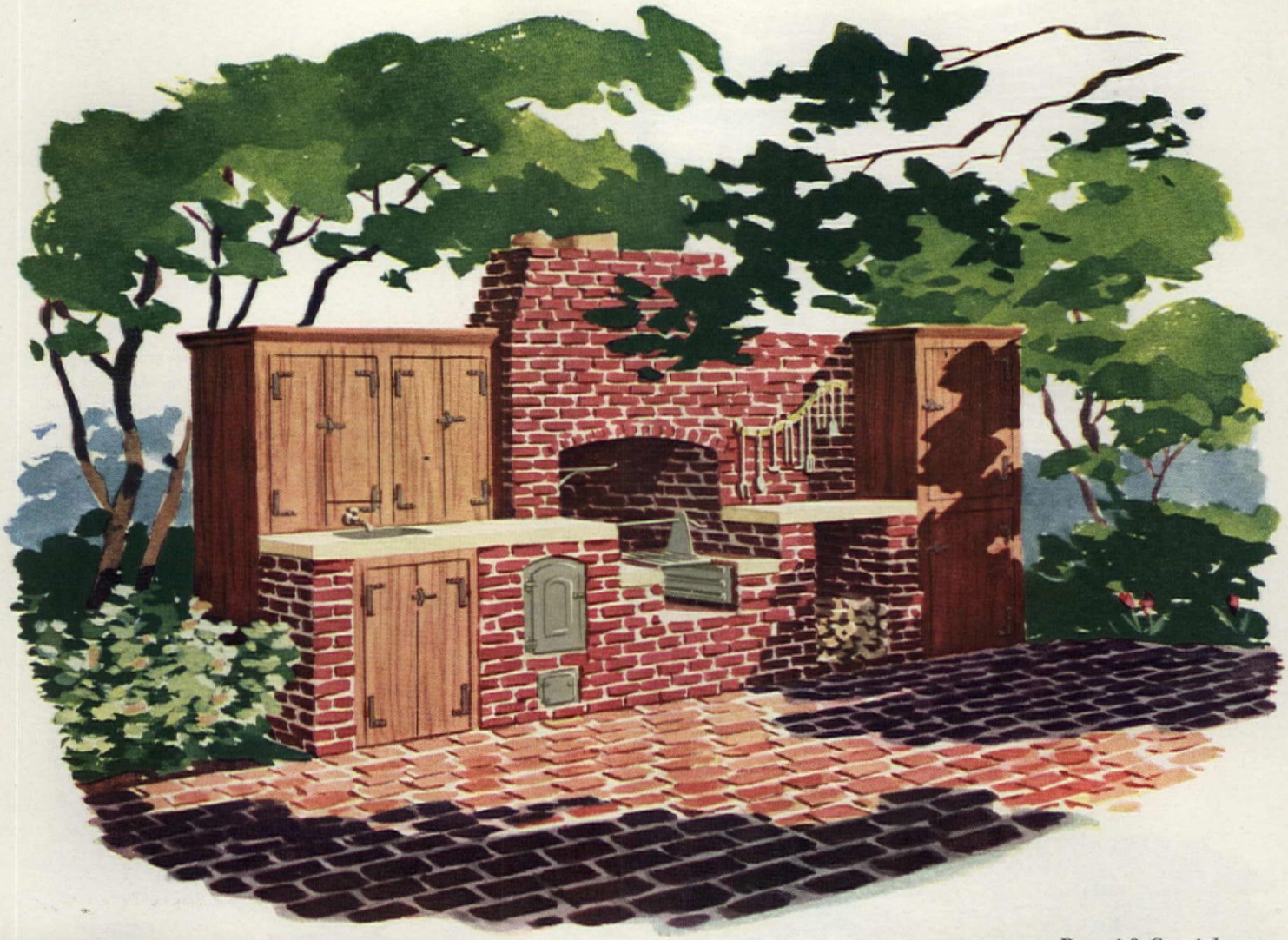

Tired of an old, wooden table? We gave this coffee table a new face—a tile top as handsome as it is practical. We simply cemented tiles to top and put wood molding around edges, keeping wood flush with tile

BEFORE—Burn it? Certainly not. Repair, refinish your battered summer furniture, then CROW! From two damaged single chaises, we found enough parts to construct one complete new chaise, repair a double chaise, and provide stretcher for large sawbuck table. Then we brushed several coats of boiled linseed oil into dried wood frames

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AFTER—By stenciling colorful autumn leaves on new long-wearing canvas cushions, we gave material expensive, hand-printed look. Now our refinished furniture looks more distinguished than when new. Who said that pile of wood was only fit to burn!

1259
Here's a back-yard kitchen idea—so complete even utensils can summer outdoors. There's a barbecue with spit, grill, and an extra oven that has its own flue for long, slow baking. Also a tool rack, handy niche for wood, cupboards galore for pots, pans, dishes—and a sink for cleaning up

1260
No matter how rustic the furniture, bold designs will dress it up. So use your ingenuity! We fashioned this table from an old nail keg, added round top, then made it attractive with bright-colored paint. By cutting door in side of barrel, we provided shaded space for glasses and cool refreshments

Only 60 Working Days Left!

1261
Painted Mexican Thunderbirds turned an old brake drum into dinner gong. It loudly resounds to those faraway reaches where youngsters disappear at mealtimes.

1260 Phyllis Evalenko
1261 Betty Warren
1262 Rudolph & Assoc

1262
No outdoor furniture? Here's chair and chaise designed for comfort, for looks—and for lounging on hot, sticky days. When planning for your summer furniture, remember that pine, redwood, or cypress will weather rain and shine —if protected by yearly coat of linseed oil

In 1939 we first published this twice-remodeled, 191-year-old house. Rich in tradition, absorbing modern touches and change, it still remains . . .

A House with a Will of Its Own

HAROLD DONALDSON EBERLEIN

The salvaging and rehabilitation of an old house is a pursuit that offers a fascinating stimulus. It appeals to the thrifty-minded person who dislikes seeing anything that can be turned to good account destroyed and wasted. When the thing to be saved is a whole house, the importance of salvage looms very large indeed; it acts as a whetstone to one's wits, calls forth ingenuity, and challenges the imagination.

Buying and remodeling an old country house need not mean a repeat performance of "Mr. Blandings" for few people are so naïve, so blindly infatuated, and so utterly oblivious of all the contingencies which are bound to follow buying "a pig in a poke." Most people have at least a modicum of common sense; they usually look before they leap and don't fall prey to the merciless rookings of hillbilly sharpers.

Provided the site is desirable and the old house structurally sound, chances are that the game of rehabilitation will be well worth the candle. Through the years, an old house inevitably acquires a certain personality. It may be wholly pleasing or it may be a bit perverse. In any event, "getting along with it," living with it, requires a degree of tact at times—it may be, a little diplomacy, even concessions—just as it would to preserve friendly relations with anyone of set opinions and pronounced personality. After all, a too rigid adherence to conventionality is often pretty dull.

The personality of a house is a real asset, not to be despised, and for any concessions made to its peculiarities there are always compensations. This is particularly true when a dwelling long-rooted on a spot enshrines some bit of local history. In this case, the bit of history belongs to the Revolutionary War period.

Built in 1759, this farmhouse at Miquon, a few miles from Philadelphia in the rolling country between the Ridge Road and the Schuylkill River, was the home of a lad who—as is the habit of small boys the world over—knew everything that was going on for miles about the neighborhood.

While Washington's army lay at Valley Forge with a small force of Continental troops, Lafayette was at near-by Barren Hill to intercept food supplies intended for Howe's army in Philadelphia. Howe sent out troops to surround and capture Lafayette. The Frenchmen knew of this plan but every avenue of escape seemed to be closed until the lad from Miquon farmhouse told of a way to elude the trap by crossing the Schuylkill at Young's Ford. Thus was the young red-headed marquis saved from capture, a fact for which all Americans give thanks.

When the present owner J. W. Woolston bought the place ten years ago, it was in a sorry plight. Left to vacancy and neglect only a few years longer, it would have been a worthless wreck beyond hope of salvage. Fortunately Mr. Woolston was a man of vision, able to understand what some well-directed effort might accomplish. First the stuccoed-stone part of the house was repaired, ruinous wood portions removed, and sundry additions made. These additions, designed by Paul Forrester Taylor, consisted of two new bedrooms, a guest room, and garage.

Standing on rising ground, the house has two ground-floor plans. From the north or road front, there is direct access to the dining room, kitchen, and laundry cellar; from the south or garden front, one enters the living room and bedroom floor. Above this is still another floor or attic.

At the end of this first stage of remodeling, the house fully answered a bachelor-owner's requirements of comfort and convenience. It was then THE AMERICAN HOME enthusiastically showed it to its readers with "before" and "after" pictures to point up the successful rejuvenation.

Later, the owner's marriage and oncoming family dictated further extension. This second stage of logical growth and improvement, guided by the skilled hands of C. Clark Zantzinger, Jr., architect, certainly justifies the owner's original resolve to repair what existed rather than to destroy and start from scratch.

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Paul Forrester Taylor, architect for first alteration; C. Clark Zantzinger, Jr., architect for second alteration. Photographs: Cortlandt V. D. Hubbard

The lad who saved General Lafayette from Howe's troops wouldn't recognize his old homestead now, but we bet he'd approve. It's a house with two first floors, depending on whether you approach from the garden or garage-court side, and snuggles more cozily than ever into the rolling plot, thanks to the new low west wing

Rear view of first alteration shows how lines of original house were kept, simplified, and extended to include new garage wing at the eastern end

The house originally started out as bachelor quarters, but marriage and children necessitated gradual remodeling to fit the family's needs. A modern bedroom wing has now been added, which gives a suggested U-shape to the entire place, keeps the wind off the flagstone terrace

This entrance under the porch, next to the garage, is a godsend when people drive in, since it's a short cut to the inside. It opens into the dining room which is brick-floored—just the ticket in wet or slushy weather instead of tracking all over the front of the house

Builder: Kristian Ostergaard. Wynant D. Vanderpool, Jr., architect for modern house; T. Langstreth, associate

Not comparisons in architecture but, rather, differences in philosophy. The Wilkerson family were snug as the proverbial bug in their quaint white-clapboarded farmhouse, but the temptation to test a more modern method of living proved too strong, so they sold the farm, built a low one-story modern home in Colonia, New Jersey and moved into a new experience. The result—a complete success!

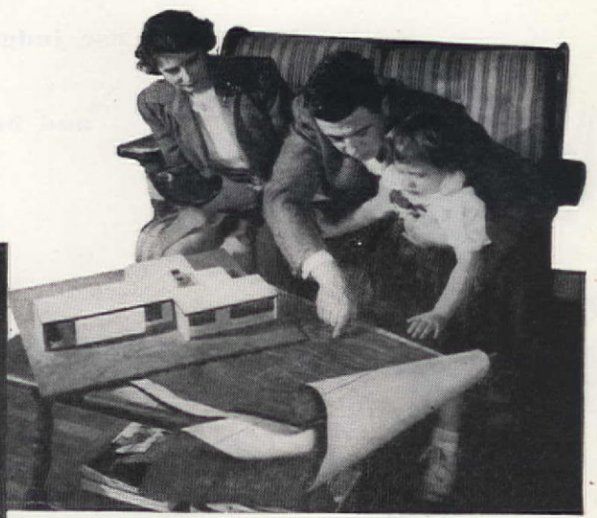
The American scene—two styles. Life could be equally pleasant in either of these living rooms but the Robert W. Wilkerson family prefer the contemporary background. The Early American furnishings, so lovingly collected for their first home, were sold to the highest bidders since, according to their plans, the break had to be a clean one. The pass-through door to the kitchen eases food serving during informal buffet dinners

The traditional pattern leaves nature out-of-doors, creates a cosy, protective atmosphere in each room. Conversely the modernists open wide their walls, bringing the surrounding countryside right into the house to be enjoyed during entire year. Built-ins were used in each house to eliminate need for bulky, movable furniture and create an illusion of space. Early American wallpaper creates pattern in one room, draperies carry design in other

ROBERT W. WILKERSON

They Broke with Their Past...

With some misgivings, the Wilkersons disposed of everything traditional, including their house—they've gone completely modern and prefer it. Do you agree with them?



Photographer: Richard Garrison

Perhaps all families have pet arguments. At any rate, ours did. For years my wife and I had debated the question—tradition versus modern. Neither maintained one side or the other consistently; we often switched for the heck of it. Then one night it happened; we realized that like the J. P. Marquand book title, there was a "point of no return" and that we were fast approaching it.

We were then living in our first real home, settled firmly in a traditional pattern with attic, basement and barn, all fast filling with possessions. If we were ever to test modern living, it was now or never!

We were perfectly content with the little Early American farmhouse—yes, we were even grateful to it since, right after the war, it had solved our own personal housing problem. Though not much to look at in those days, for evil times and neglect had been its lot, it was a roof over our heads and a sturdy one at that. With the zest found only in "first-time-out" home owners, a little cash and loads of ideas, we'd tackled the job from damp basement to leaky roof. Some six months and a few scaled-down dreams later, we'd moved in, happy as larks with our new possessions.

Then the arguments started all over again. We had the traditional life now; we were conscious of its pleasures and drawbacks. What was life in a modern house like? How would we ever know?

We decided to take the chance, to build a modern house right then and there. A hasty move, perhaps, but one we've never regretted. Putting the idea into action, however, was another matter. When we totaled up the things needed to build this house, plans almost went into a tailspin. At this point, Wynant D. Vanderpool, our architect, saved the day. "Why build a whole house?" Why,

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Universally beloved, they

can be grown all over the country—

but use judgment in selecting

and buying them

In the fields of a famous nursery, Dr. Allen (left), Executive Secretary of the American Rose Society, discusses rose types and characteristics for the benefit of two home gardeners—two more potential growers of roses

Acme

Class or Type	
A—BUSH ROSES	1. Hybrid Teas
	2. Floribundas (Hybrid Polyanthas)
	3. Hybrid Perpetuals
	4. Polyanthas
	5. Miniatures
	6. Tree Roses
B—CLIMBING AND TRAILING ROSES	1. Small-flowered Climbers (Ramblers)
	2. Large-flowered Climbers
	3. Everblooming Climbers (Climbing Hybrid Teas)
	4. Trailing types
C—SHRUB ROSES	(Species)

DR. RAY C. ALLEN

Let's go shopping for ROSES

The first step in successful rose culture is the obtaining of high quality plants. Since quality varies according to the growing conditions in the nursery that produces them, it generally pays to buy from firms that specialize in roses. Nearly all such firms guarantee their plants to grow and bloom, and willingly replace any that fail, if a prompt report and a fair claim are made. Always insist on dormant, two-year-old, No. 1 grade, field-grown stock. (Dormant means not actively growing; such plants are dug between fall and spring and either sold at once, or held in cold storage for shipment at planting time in spring.) No. 1 grade, as established by the American Association of Nurserymen, calls for a plant with at least three strong canes (main branches), two of which must be at least 18 inches long before being cut back. The price of rose plants is based primarily on

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		Characteristics and Special Features	
Special Uses	**Size (height), Form, Habits**	**Assets**	**Liabilities**
Bedding; cutting; flower arrangements; exhibiting; culture in greenhouses	Medium (2-6 ft.); upright. Few flowers to stem; 3-7 in. across; few to many petals; high centered; graceful uncurling	Attractive foliage. Wide color range. Fragrance. Continuous bloom. Many fine flower forms. Many varieties available	Need protection in cold climates; also protection from diseases and insect pests
Mass color; bedding; combined with shrubs; borders; hedges; cutting; flower arrangements	Medium (2-5 ft.); bushy and spreading. Flowers in loose clusters, 2-3 in. across; few to many petals	Very decorative. Continuous bloom. Wide range clear colors; free-flowering. Hardier than Group 1. Considerable disease resistance. Plants easily available	Need protection in very cold climates; also protection from diseases and insects. Very little fragrance
Bedding; cutting; exhibiting; arrangements; hedges; flowering shrubs; specimens	Medium (3-6 ft.); upright. Flowers very large and double, 3-6 in. across	Hardiness; vigor; disease resistance. Fragrance. Abundant bloom at beginning of season	Bloom not continuous. Plants lack grace. Small color range. Flower form less attractive
Bedding; borders; mass planting	Medium (2-4 ft.); bushy, dense. Flowers small (less than 2 in. across) borne in dense clusters	Hardiness; disease resistance. Continuous and free-flowering. Good plants for spring effects in pots	Little fragrance. Limited color range and variation in flower form. Few varieties available
Rock and window gardens; edgings; miniature arrangements	Small (12 in. or less); bushy. Flowers ½ in. or less across	Novelty value. Add to garden interest. Need little space	Need protection in cold climates. Only few colors available
For accent points. To give height to beds. To enhance garden design	Medium (3-6 ft.). Plants with both upright and weeping type heads	Height, boldness. Interesting landscape form. Spectacular in bloom	Hard to get established, grow, and protect from cold. Need staking. Expensive. Subject to canker disease
On fences, walls, arbors, trellises, pergolas. For use as ground cover	Large (to 30 ft.). Canes slender and pliable. Flowers small (less than 2 in. across) in dense clusters	Hardiness. Rapid growth. Large coverage. Mass color effects	Small color range. Little fragrance. Subject to mildew. Only one blooming period a year
On fences, walls, arbors, trellises, posts, pillars	Large (to 15 ft.). Canes often stiff, heavy. Flowers 2 in. or more across, borne singly or few to a cluster	Hardiness; vigor. Need less pruning than B 1. Wide variety of flower forms and range of colors	Bloom but once yearly. Little fragrance. Need protection in cold, exposed spots
On fences, wall, arbors, trellises, posts, pillars	Large (10-20 ft.). Flowers as in Large-flowered Climbers (B 2) and Hybrid Teas (A 1)	Bloom longer than 1 and 2; considerable repeating. Fragrance. Color range. More bloom than bush type (A 1)	Tender; need protection in cold climates. Subject to diseases
On banks, and low and retaining walls. As ground cover to prevent erosion	Low (2 ft. or less); thick, dense. Flowers usually double or semi-double, to 3 in. across	Can be used where others are unsuited. Attractive foliage and fruits. Profuse bloom. Need little attention	Usually bloom but once a season. Range of flower forms and colors limited
Hedges, screens, backgrounds, foundation planting, shrubbery, wildlife cover, specimens	Medium to large (4-10 ft.). Habits of growth, flowering, fruiting, etc. vary according to species	Hardiness; disease resistance; vigor; permanence. Attractive foliage and fruits which are relished by birds	Bloom but once a season. Color range limited. Flowers have but few petals

FRANCES COLE

This Is

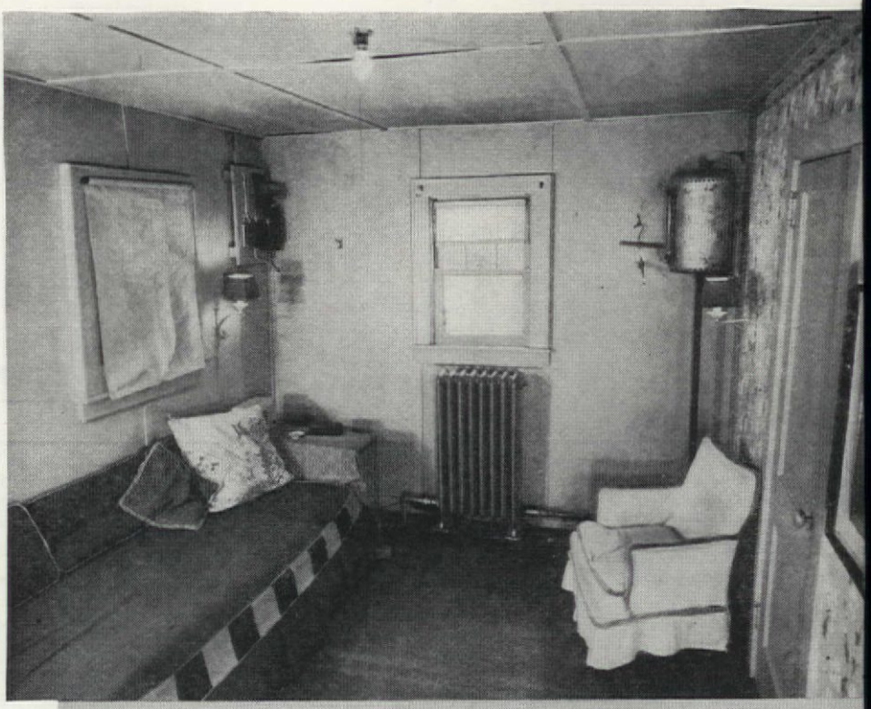
Two years ago when we moved to Westchester County, N. Y., we were pretty desperate for a place to live, and we did all the things everyone was doing—advertised, put our name on waiting lists, followed every lead, hounded real estate agents. Then we discovered this cottage for rent in the "Acreage for Sale or Rent" column of the *Times*. Looking back now, I'm not sure we would have had the nerve to tackle the job of making a home out of this tiny summer cottage if we had had time to think about it. I can still remember standing in the middle of the kitchen while people milled in and out. The coal range—the ugly water tank—the sagging floor. It was all pretty grim.

The living room was 23 by 7. However, with our Hollywood beds and built-in cabinets we would be able to use it as a room for Jean and Jeff, 12 and 3 years old respectively. This required changing the entrance and exit, switching the entire plan around, but our imaginations started to click.

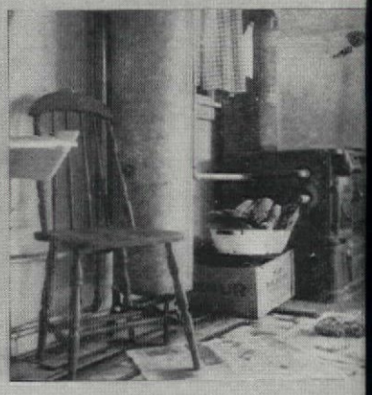
The next two months were like a very bad soap opera. We moved in the middle of the worst snow storm of the year—hired help didn't show up—we had no phone service at the time. Rain storms brought water right down the hill into the house. We used an old mattock and shovel, dug back the bank beside the house about six feet and used the dirt to change the terrain from a "soup bowl" to a turtle-back contour. Later we finished the bank with a rock garden, built an outdoor fireplace, planted flowers around the house. Bill made a new concrete doorstep for the house, and we set in stepping stones at the doorway. While Bill cut a trap door and built stairs into the basement from Jeff's room so we wouldn't have to go outdoors to reach the "dugout" (as we call the partial basement), I built a partition to divide Jean's corner of the room from Jeff's. While Bill made shadow-boxes with indirect lighting, I papered the living room, painted the adjoining walls. We installed an electric unit in the water tank, and I figured out a new cooking arrangement with two electric grills and an electric oven.

The Clara Dudley Workshop of Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Co. was of immense help in furnishing the bedroom. Here, with the use of their up-to-the-minute decorating skill, we have a transformation that's really a delight to the eye.

We did try to buy things which could be used again at some future time—monk's cloth draperies which could be used later for pillows, electric appliances that will augment standard kitchen equipment, cabinets that can be moved elsewhere and rearranged. Yes, and even our salad-bowl light fixture can be reconverted to a salad bowl when we move!



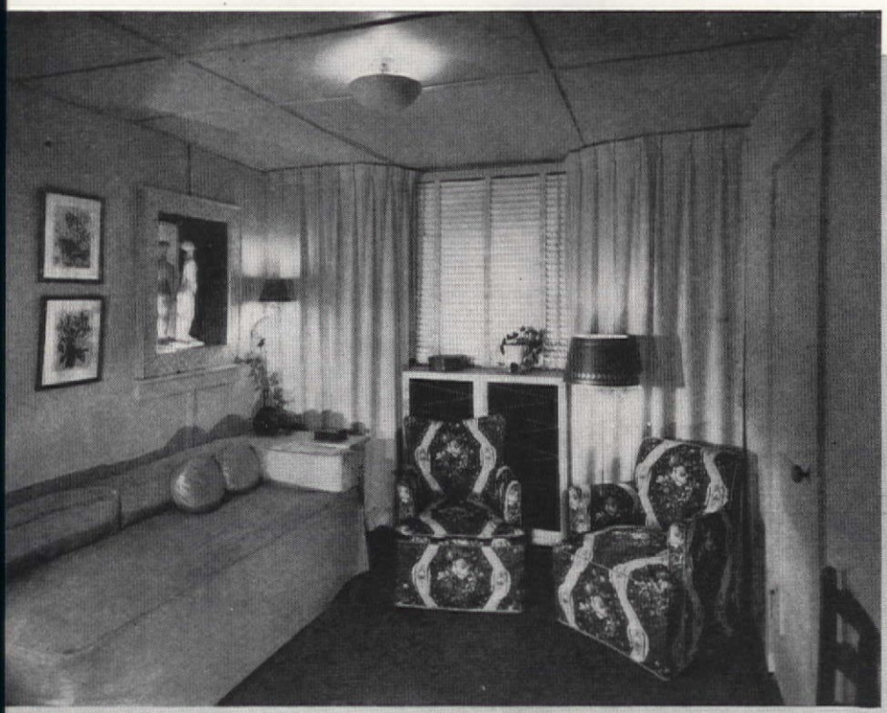
This pint-sized room, only 13 by 9½ feet, with its exposed pipes, overflow tank, difficult windows, shows what I mean when I say we had grave doubts as to whether we could ever do anything with the place



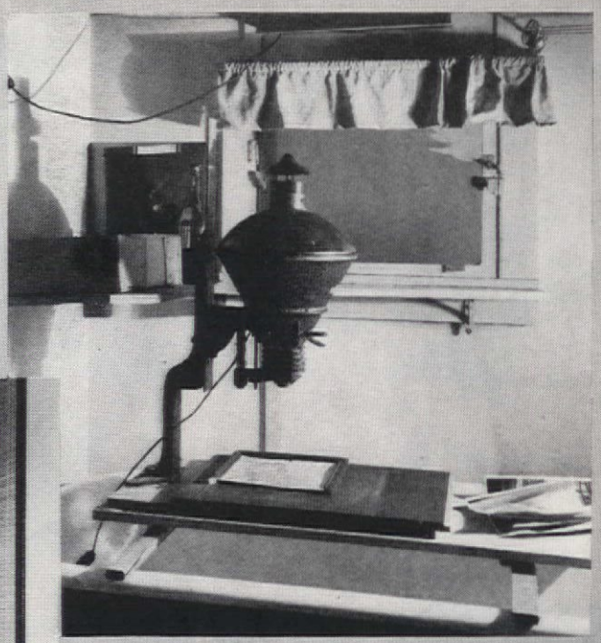
Gay colors in wool crocheted on big black burlap curtains which screen off kitchen area. New cooking arrangement with electric grills and separate electric oven does away with the old coal stove, which nearly drove me crazy! Bill installed an electric unit in the water tank

Poor little place had sagging floors, a water tank in the living room. It was a mess! But we had to have a place to live!

the House that Haunted Us

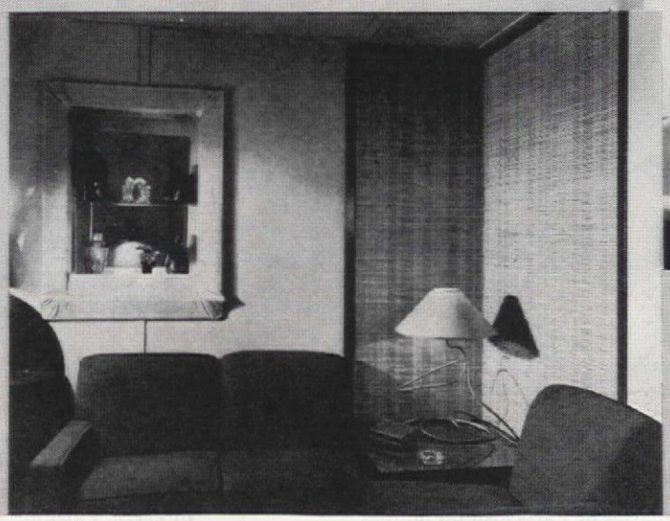


Lady Luck in the form of the Clara Dudley Workshop smiled on me at this point. Our sitting bedroom, above, shows the room completely redecorated, walls painted, new rug, tailored slip covers. Draperies hide pipes and add storage



We used one roll of wallpaper to dress up corner of living room. Made shadow box of inside window to display old bottles. Copper wire, dime-store shade make lamp

I made modern lighting fixture of copper tubing from hardware store. Turned dime-store tin vases upside down for shades



We replaced small-paned window with single large pane to add feeling of space. Flower box I made, filled with flowers, adds bit of cheer. Bill fixed up bathroom so it can be turned into dark room for my photography equipment

ALLAN W. HAZELTON

How to Make a Tree*

Ancient as a long-ago yesterday, yet modern as tomorrow is the Ming tree," says Mrs. Helene Hazard of Culver City, California, who makes this table decoration for pleasure—and for profit. "Historically speaking," she continues, "this odd and colorful table piece dates back to the days of the Ming dynasty when reproductions of living dwarfed Oriental trees first became the rage. Some time ago, the Ming-tree custom came to the United States, soon was spreading rapidly from California across the nation."

Not only is Mrs. Hazard an expert on historical data relating to Ming trees, she is also an expert at constructing them. By following her instructions, which appear below, you can create a distinctive decoration for your home that might bring as much as $50 in a Park Avenue florist's. All you need for the job are a few tools and materials, plus patience, plus a little artistry.

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Mrs. Helene Hazard made this Ming tree for fun—and sold it for a fancy price. She tells how you can make one like it for you own home

Moss—native from near-by woods, or Peruvian from florist's—provides graceful foliage, windswept effect. Use gnarled piece of grapevine, driftwood, manzanita tree for trunk

Scrape bark from trunk, then wire trunk to piece of metal lath. Stain trunk with shoe polish or oil stain. Pour plaster of Paris around bottom of tree and lath for a firm base

When plaster-of-Paris foundation is partially dry, sprinkle it with green or brown flocking to give effect of earth. Flocking can be purchased at your local craft or hobby shop

FROM FAR AWAY PLACES come these fabrics to do wonderful things for your windows. The 36-inch theatrical gauze (54 cents a yard) is made in Belgium. Its colorings tie in perfectly with the theatrical gauze plaid (also 36 inches wide and 89 cents a yard) that comes from Ireland. Plaid comes also in a rust that is so good with the 50-inch wide burlap imported from India and dyed in many colors in this country to sell for 85 cents a yard. So versatile, they'll work in any room in the house with any type of furniture. In living room, den, or bedroom with a modern feel, add the 24-inch horse-head lamp made by Harry Rosenfeld in soft green high-fired china and opaque parchment shade (other colors, too) at $5.00

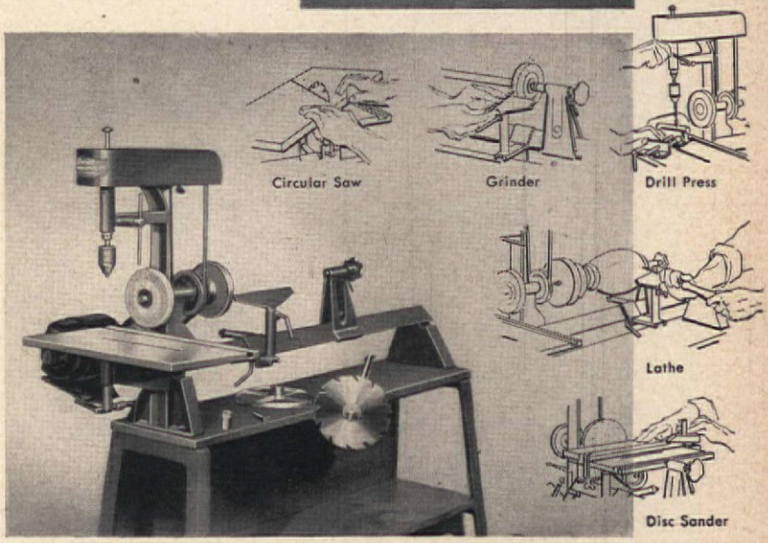
MUCH for Little

GERTRUDE BROOKS DIXSON

Big results for little cost—

to give your home a lift

NEW LITTLE GUEST TOWELS with lots of appeal—especially to men! Until these came along, guest towels were so daintily feminine you couldn't blame a man for snitching a corner of the nearest big towel. He won't be afraid to pick up one of these miniature bath towels—what's more, his big paws will welcome the feel of 17 by 11 inches of thirsty terry cloth. These by Cannon have fringed ends, come in high-fashion colors ranging from mist gray through persimmon to navy blue to make them just as appealing to the feminine guest. Added attractions for hostess are ease in laundering, low price of 39 cents



FIVE IN ONE power machine that works equally well on wood, metals, or plastic is good news for hobbyist and repairman-about-the-house. Made by Emrick ($39.95), it has big capacity, heavy-duty lathe, drill press, circular saw, grinder, and sander—all operated by one motor. Cut your own counter tops, make toys for the youngsters, build furniture for your room. Do all those pesky jobs that cost so much when you have to call in a repair man. If you're a man who likes to DO things for your home—you'll put this machine to work on ideas galore of your own

THERE'S NO WEAR OUT to the plastic mats with the fragile, sheer look of organdy made by Princess Place Mats. Fun to set a table with these 12 by 18 inches of pastel loveliness when there's no laundry problem ahead—and the cost is 59 cents each. Something new has been added to Hemco's plastic dinnerware—their coffee cups and soup bowls are made to resist stains and cracks from hot liquids. This sturdy ware in sun-tan and powder-blue costs about $6.00 for a 20-piece starter set. There are also extra pieces that make it ideal for indoor-outdoor use. Anchor Hocking's tumbler is 12 cents; completes a set-up that's a boon to the busy mother of a destructive brood, who still wants to set a pretty table

Courtesy of Rev. Sefl, of Jan Hus House, N. Y. C.

Linen, silver, eggs; courtesy Mrs. Jan Papanek
Photographs by F. M. Demarest

DOROTHY GLADYS SPICER

Easter Lore from Eastern Lands

Let these delightful Old World traditions bring new Easter customs to your home

In some parts of Europe, Easter is a season of gala festival, of pageant, fancy, and song. In the lands where Easter eggs began, it is a time when curious legends and whimsical folklore enchant small villages—when housewives prepare special foods and artistic decorations.

Food has always played an important role in the celebration of Easter, after Lent's long days of fasting. Among peasants of Central Europe, the Easter food-laden table is set against a background of colorful, painted decorations, similar to the scene photographed on this page. Although this room actually exists in New York City, these motifs are nonetheless authentic. On the opposite page, you can see these same rich designs adapted for an American kitchen and breakfast nook—to show how the arts of other lands can be transplanted. And on page 68 you will find recipes for the Lamb cake and Easter breads—adapted from time-honored recipes for use in your kitchen today.

Among the most charming customs—as well as the most delicious Easter foods—are those which have been handed down from generation to generation. In the small villages of Central Europe, for instance, Easter begins long before the holiday table is set, long before Easter Sunday itself. It starts with a curious ceremony called "Carrying Death Out of the Village"—on Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, or the third

or fifth Sunday of Lent. This strange celebration has as many variations as dates; yet if you were to traverse this area of Europe, you would find that each of these ceremonies notes the end of winter, or death, and the coming of spring. And, you would find, in many places, the "egg" makes its first holiday appearance.

Usually children "carry out of the village" a straw effigy of death. In Bohemia, the image is decorated with colored rags and empty egg shells —and is burned or thrown into water. Later, the young ones, bearing flowers and garlands, return to their village to sing of spring and the "renewal of life."

In other areas, young boys bear a straw man through fields, dance about the effigy, then parade through their village, demanding eggs as a reward. In still other places, death is known as *Morena,* a hideous old woman. She is thrown into a stream "in the forest deep and dark" where melting snows will wash her away. Then, the children who have banished *Morena,* dance in the streets, singing that winter has disappeared "beyond the mountains."

A pretty variation of this ceremony occurs on the fourth Sunday of Lent, in a section of Czechoslovakia where young girls lead a flower-crowned queen through the streets of their hamlet. After proclaiming the "coming of spring," the little girls sing verses, begging eggs for their Easter cakes. Some of their songs, like the following, promise punishment to the stingy housewife.

"Far back behind the stove
Your hen roosts by her nest
We see the white eggs rolling
And ask of you her best.
But should you be ungracious
And order us away
Take heed lest your daughter
Have no wedding day!"

On Palm Sunday, in some areas, the pussy willow is blessed in church. Later, peasants carry the blest sprays to the fields and wave them over the crops to insure against damage by rain and hail. Willows are also fastened to roofs to protect homes against fire. Some people, thinking the blest willows possess medicinal value, even swallow the "pussies" as a safeguard against sore throat.

The Thursday after Palm Sunday is known as Green Thursday. According to legend, on this day the hawthorn weeps because it is the tree from which the crown of thorns was fashioned.

On Green Thursday parents waken their children early—to send them to the brooks to bathe "so they may be cured of laziness." For breakfast the youngsters are fed honey and "Judases," rope-shaped cakes to commemorate the fate of Judas. The honey, it is believed, will protect young boys and girls against serpent stings.

Green Thursday is a busy day for the housewife. It is the day she bakes the *beranek,* a rich coffee cake fashioned in the shape of a lamb to symboliże the Lamb of God. The *beranek,* dressed up with bright ribbon and a tiny bell tied about its neck, will occupy the place of honor on the Easter dinner table.

As folk song celebrates the day:

"Soon it will be Green Thursday
When we will make the lamb
We shall eat Judas, farina
And three spoons of honey."

Peasants of eastern lands would tell you that, on Great Friday, you can stare at the sun and not be blinded. Also according to legend, on this day, hidden treasures may be revealed to fortune seekers—before sunrise or while the Passion story is being read at church. An old ballad sings of the woman who took her child to the mountain on Great Friday. Suddenly the rocks opened and pieces of gold glistened from within. Hastily laying down her baby, the mother greedily filled her apron with treasure, then ran home for a jug to gather still more. By the time she returned to the mountain, the sun had risen and the child, alas, had vanished into the earth. A year later, so continues the ballad, the sorrowful woman went back to the same spot, again before sunrise. Again the rocks opened, and there lay the baby, alive and well!

On Great Friday, the church bells are tied. "They have flown to Rome," the children say—and then, to make up for the silence, boys and girls alike swing rattles and loud clappers. In the evening, after church services, all the villagers gather and run around the church "to drive out Judas."

For the housewife, Great Friday is another important day, dedicated to the making of *mazanec,* or Easter bread. The *mazanec* is marked with a deep cross, in memory of Christ's Passion. And, although it is baked on Friday, it must not be eaten until the words, "Christ is risen," have been pronounced in church on Easter morn.

Great Friday and White Saturday are favorite days for egg painting parties. Weeks before Easter, peasant women begin hoarding hen and goose eggs to paint for the holiday table or to sell at market. Young girls, too, collect their share of eggs to give away on Easter Monday.

The art of egg painting is an ancient skill in Slavic countries. Many designs are traditional to specific hamlets, where patterns and coloring secrets have been handed down from mother to

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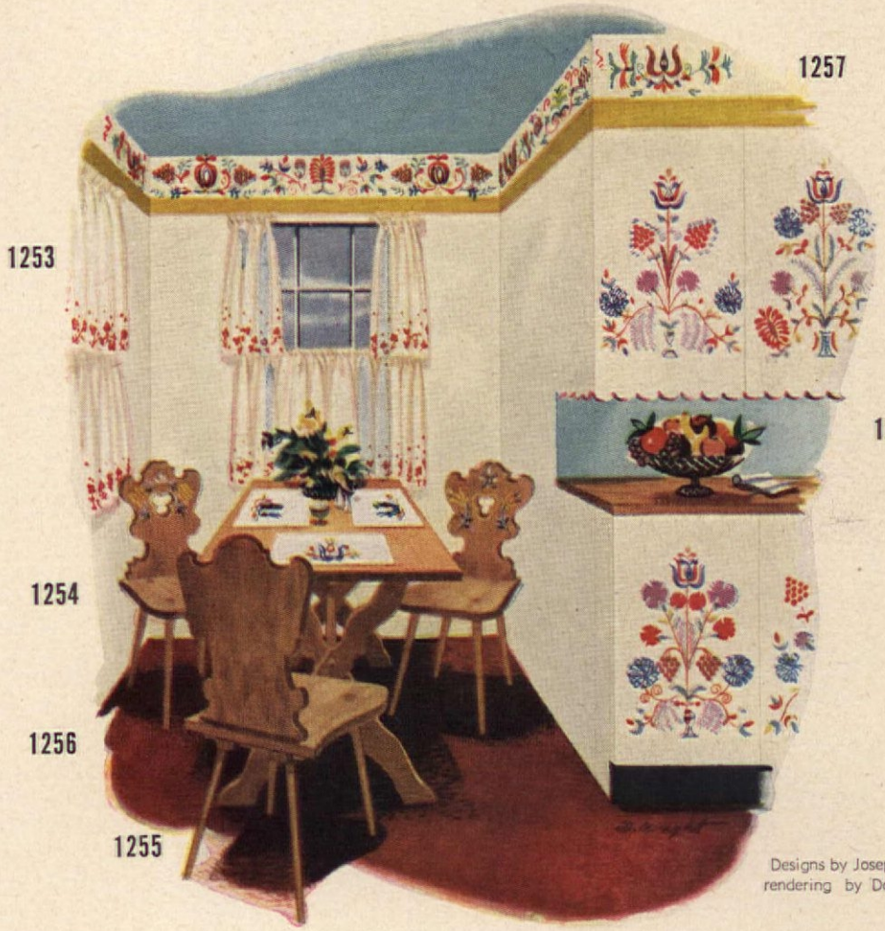

Designs by Joseph Mrazek, rendering by Doris Wright

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Old World folk art lends character to this modern American kitchen. Even curtains, mats, chairs are peasant-painted

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Breakfast nook furniture adapted from dining room on preceding page. Chair has splayed legs, back with cut-outs

1255
Companion chair has differently shaped back, no cut-outs. Peasant design brings friendly look to otherwise clinical room

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Sawbuck table's graciously curved legs were developed over centuries to soften straight lines of top, stretcher

1257
Three border motifs, rich in folklore symbolism, festoon kitchen furring. Grapes, pomegranates denote fertility

1258
Large panel designs, adapted from murals on preceding page, add rich color and dress up cupboard doors

PATTERNS AND BLUEPRINTS MAY BE OBTAINED BY MAIL FROM AMERICAN HOME PATTERN DEPT., AMERICAN HOME BUILDING, FOREST HILLS, N. Y. SEE PAGE 133

How Northbrook Entertains

Photographs and data: Jessie Walker

Everybody chips in and does his share when a party's in the air— no champagne and caviar, but they sure have a swell time!

Since the young married people of Northbrook, Illinois, work together in a close spirit of friendliness and co-operation ("Love Thy Neighbor," page **23**), it would naturally follow that they'd spend their fun-time together, too. The same congeniality holds during their leisure hours, such as the outdoor movies every Friday night which are sponsored by Bob Hall, including an early movie for the children, a later one for their parents.

Sometimes they get together for real dress-up stuff, too—like the formal dance that twenty-seven of the neighbors went to in a group last winter. Or maybe it's one of those simple, chatty get-togethers that we all love best —where everything's informal, with just simple food and refreshments. Northbrook teems with these parties, everybody does his share of work, antes up for his part of the expense. Gordon and Geth Galloway give frequent informal Saturday night parties on their own, also—where all the neighbors are welcome. They may play cards if they want, put on one of the Galloways' choice recordings, maybe toss back the rug and turn a trick with a dancing partner.

One wonderful thing about this setup is that, while these young parents are enjoying themselves with their adult contemporaries, each couple lives near enough to be on instant call should any of the children need them. All parents reading this realize how lucky they are. These young people do, too, and it looks as if the little community is going to remain and grow where it is for a long time!

Card-playing, kibitzing, dancing, and the inevitable kitchen-chatters. Everybody's all smiles at the table later—cheese, crackers, and coffee show up at midnight. Floor-sitting is popular, especially when the chairs don't go around!

Here come the Saturday night guests, greeted by their host Gordon Galloway. He made the valance and cocktail table of pine, bought an old washstand for $6 and contrived from it a record-player. Leave it to the men to get out the blueprints, while the girls sample the food. One poor man is trapped there in the corner, but he seems to be glad!

CREAM of ASPARAGUS: Purée of fresh asparagus, blended with butter. Garnish of tender asparagus tips.

CHICKEN GUMBO: The famous chicken-and-vegetable soup of old New Orleans. Yours to enjoy today.

CREAM of MUSHROOM: A blend of cultivated mushrooms and whipping cream, with mushroom pieces.

BEAN WITH BACON: Old-fashioned thick bean soup filled with plump beans—made savory with bacon.

CHICKEN NOODLE: Rich chicken stock, with tender pieces of chicken and old-fashioned egg noodles.

OX TAIL: Robust English-style soup made of beef stock, meaty ox tail joints, barley and vegetables.

BEEF: Plenty of tender pieces of beef, with nourishing vegetables and barley, in a hearty beef stock.

GREEN PEA: A nourishing purée of green peas, blended with table butter and expertly seasoned.

BEEF NOODLE: A full-flavored stock, simmered from selected beef—pieces of beef and egg noodles.

PEPPER POT: Cubes of meat, macaroni, carrots, herbs, potatoes in meat stock. Early American-type soup.

BLACK BEAN: Once enjoyed only at famous restaurants. Made of fine black beans, deftly seasoned.

SCOTCH BROTH: A thick soup prepared with choice mutton, vegetables and barley. A hearty main dish.

BOUILLON: (Beef Broth) Beef broth delightfully flavored with garden vegetables—a tempting, clear soup.

TOMATO: America's favorite soup. World's finest tomatoes, blended with creamery butter, seasoning.

New! **CREAM of CELERY:** Crisp garden celery, extra-heavy whipping cream, delicate cuts of celery. Delicious!

VEGETABLE: Fifteen different kinds of garden vegetables in homey beef stock. "Almost a meal in itself."

CHICKEN with Rice: Fine plump chickens simmered for a rich broth—with rice and pieces of chicken.

CLAM CHOWDER: Chopped clams, tomatoes, potatoes, and savory seasoning, in a tangy clam broth.

VEGETARIAN VEGETABLE: Another fine vegetable soup made with vegetable broth and filled with vegetables.

CREAM of CHICKEN: Deep-flavored chicken stock, heavy whipping cream—pieces of chicken and celery.

CONSOMMÉ: Appetizing, clear beef broth flavored with herbs, tomatoes, celery, carrots. (Also serve jellied.)

VEGETABLE-BEEF: Old-fashioned vegetable-beef soup, pieces of beef and vegetables in a stout beef stock.

Campbell's "put the kettle on"

TO MAKE THESE SOUPS FOR YOU

How many of these fine Campbell's Soups are *you* using? They're all delicious . . . all soundly nourishing . . . all good value. So choose your favorites to please your family . . . your meal-budget . . . your convenience. And try some, too, that may be new—to you. Perhaps, like many women, you'll want to let this page serve you as a handy soup-shopping guide.

It's a dinner that leads a double life! For not only does the delectable, delicious main dish make you roll your eyes with delight the first time you meet up with it, but it also reappears the next evening in an entirely new setting, just as full of flavor, just as tantalizing to the appetite as it was in the first meal!

Fish is the dish in question, since this is the season that lends itself so greatly to its use. Bohemian fillets make up our first-day-dinner main course. Frozen fish fillets are so easy to handle. We chose ocean perch fillets, although cod or haddock may be used in this recipe.

Any of these fillets may be used in our leftover main dish recipes —in either the hot, fragrant Seafood Coquille which is pretty enough for a party, or in the coolly satisfying tuna fish salad which combines canned chunk-style tuna with the leftover fillets, cooked and flaked.

Once the main dish is planned, doesn't everything fall into place in the menu plan? For our Number One dinner with Bohemian Fillets we like green beans with onion rings and that old stand-by, French Fried Potatoes. The fillets are prepared by dipping in beaten egg and fine bread crumbs, then into a hot skillet and sautéed in melted butter and

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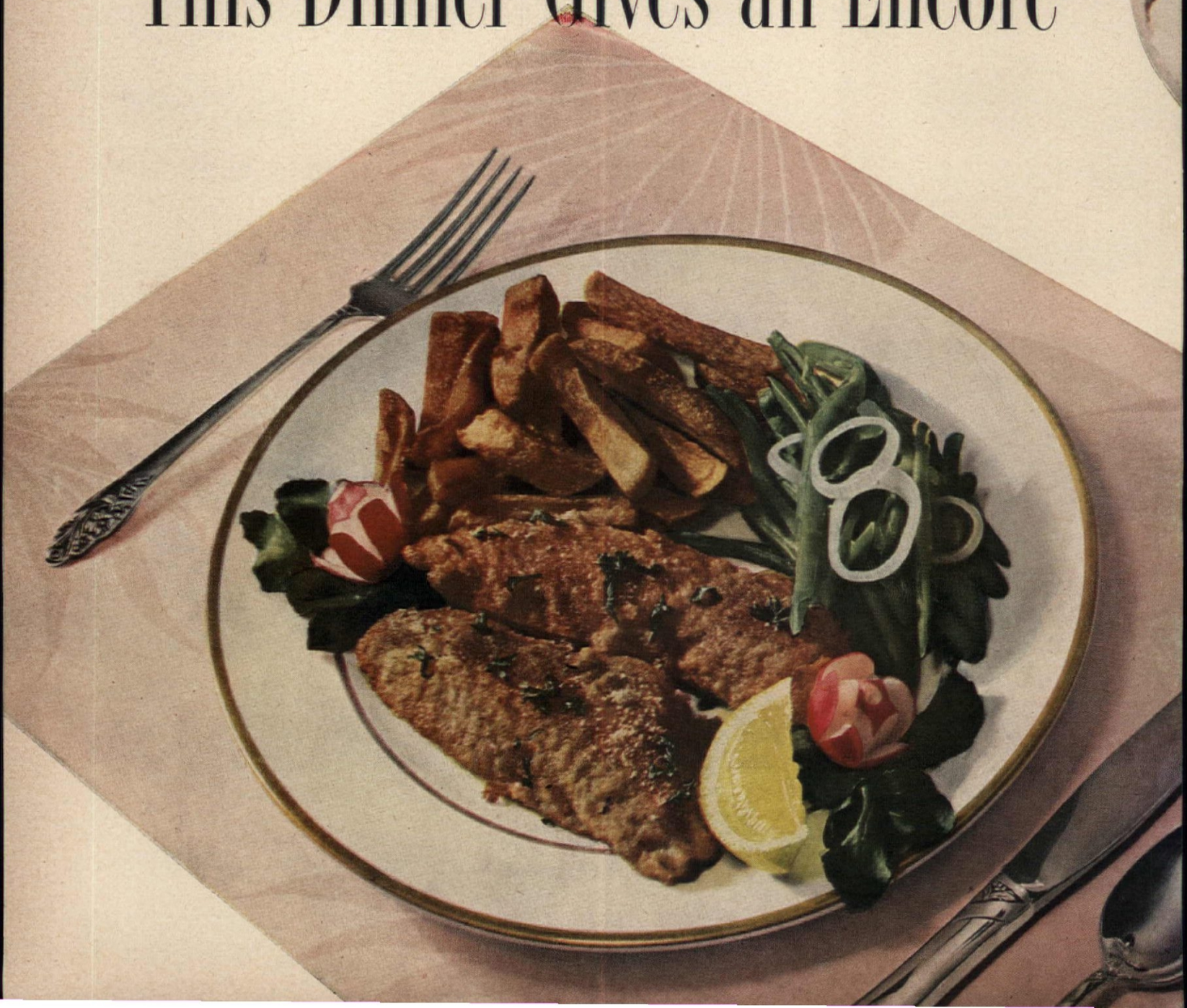
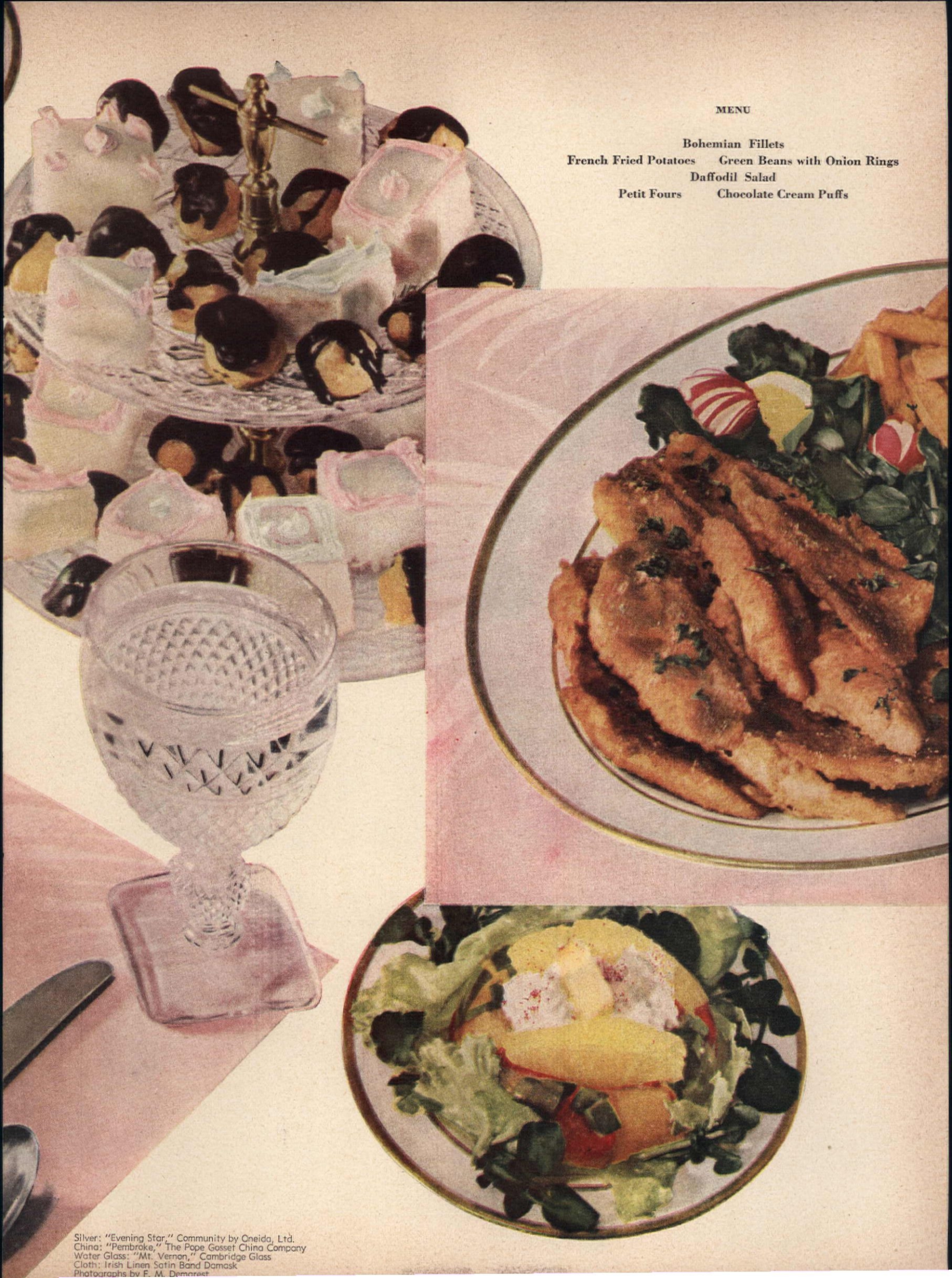
ALICE B. KLINE

This Dinner Gives an Encore





MENU

Bohemian Fillets
French Fried Potatoes Green Beans with Onion Rings
Daffodil Salad
Petit Fours Chocolate Cream Puffs

Silver: "Evening Star," Community by Oneida, Ltd.
China: "Pembroke," The Pope Gosset China Company
Water Glass: "Mt. Vernon," Cambridge Glass
Cloth: Irish Linen Satin Band Damask
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Pineapple Pattycakes*

Let winter clouds gather, there's sunshine on the table with easy-fixing sausage patties and Dole Sliced Pineapple. Make your patties Dole slice-size and fry them slowly until done. Then top each patty with a Dole slice which has been quickly browned in the skillet from which the sausage fat has been poured. Be sure to make plenty of Dole extras for a hungry crowd.

DOLE does company quick-ups with

Tropic Salad Molds*

New Dole Fruit Cocktail in molds, gives a bright start to a buffet supper on a bleak night. Prepare your favorite lime gelatin—pour into molds—and when it is thick and syrupy, stir in drained fruit cocktail. Chill until firm, then invert on lettuce. For a flavor-surprise dressing, mix spoonfuls of the fruity syrup with the mayonnaise. It's a can't-fail salad that you can prepare easily—and early in the day.

pineapple - new fruit cocktail, too!

Pineapple Upside-down Crush-Cake*

All ages—from pigtail crowd on up—will love upside-down cake with Dole *crisp-cut* Crushed Pineapple! Drain those inviting pineapple cubelets, then spread them in a pan with melted butter and sugar. Add batter—your own recipe or instant cake-mix—bake. For extra delight, top that glowing Dole *crisp-cut* Crushed Pineapple with whipped cream.

*By *Patricia Collier*, DOLE HOME ECONOMIST

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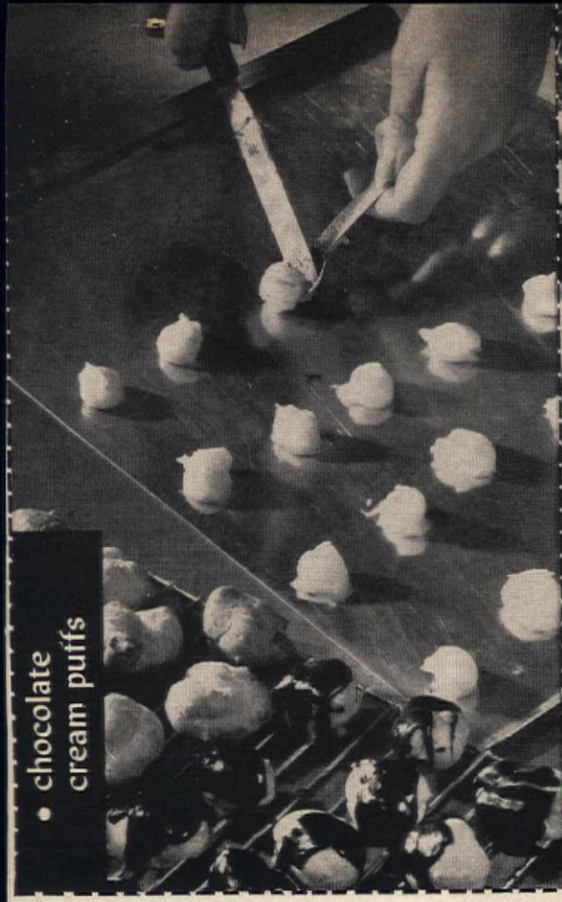
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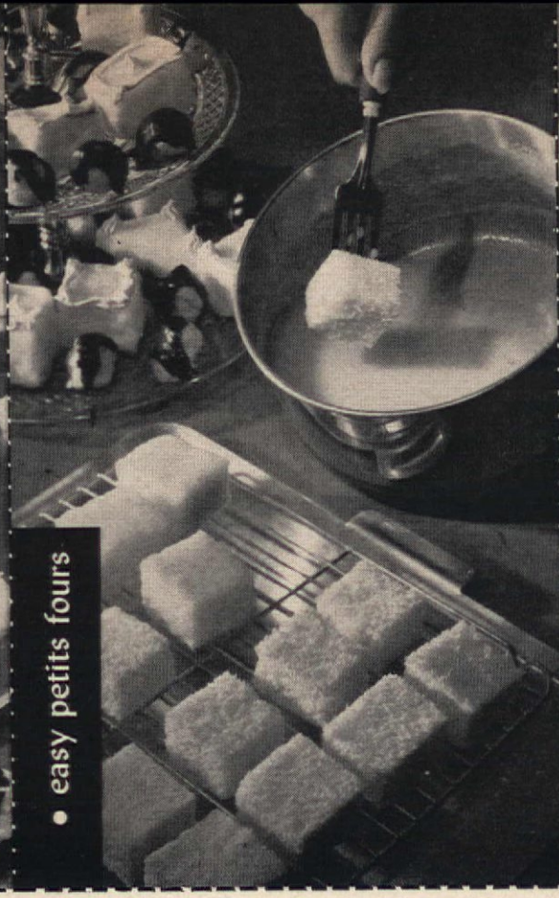
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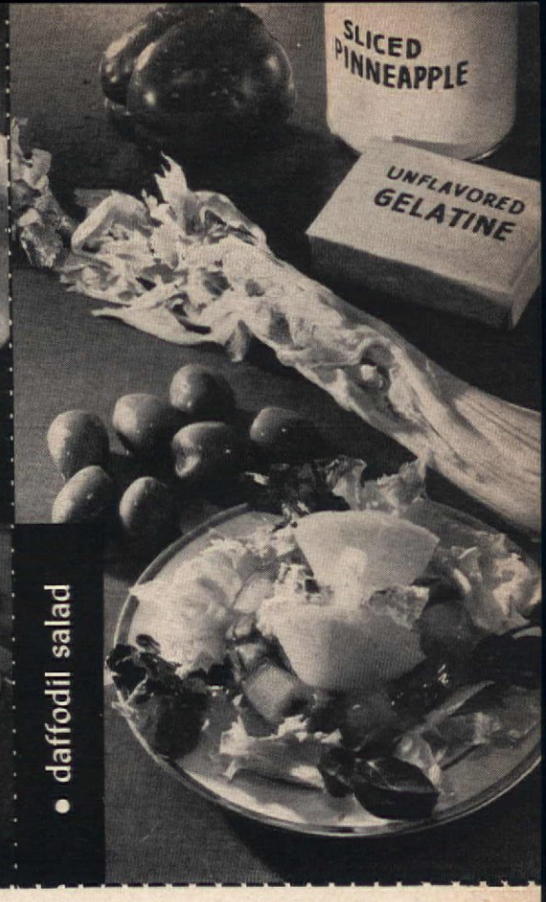


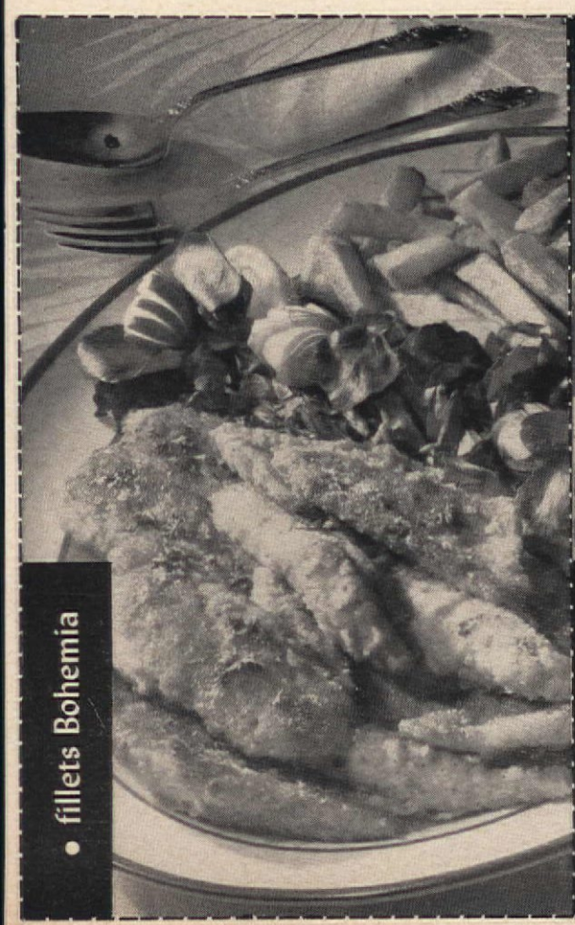
• daffodil salad

Dinner Encore (Begins on page 52)

olive oil—white wine and chopped parsley contribute subtle flavors, and grated Parmesan cheese adds the crowning touch. Daffodil salad is a sparkling gelatin mold flavored with pineapple syrup; cottage cheese and pineapple slices fill the center. For a picture finish, Petit Fours frosted with white and pastel colors make a pleasing and exciting dessert. They can be served with tiny, bite-size Chocolate Cream Puffs that are pure enchantment. Or either of these may be reserved for the encore dinner.

For our Number Two encore dinner, Seafood Coquille has great versatility. Crabmeat, lobster, or shrimp can be combined with leftover fillets and sliced mushrooms in a superb sauce of mushroom soup, grated cheese, and white wine. Served up brown and bubbly in individual scallop shells or ramekins, Seafood Coquille asks only for a simple salad of tossed greens, hot rolls, plenty of coffee, and a fruit dessert supplemented by small cakes from yesterday's cake plate.

Some like it hot, some like it cold. If you favor a cold entrée, you'll find Sis's Tuna Salad a melt-in-the-mouth combination of foods which will meet favor with the most particular palates. This recipe is s-o-o-o adaptable—if you have just a little left over from Bohemian Fillets or if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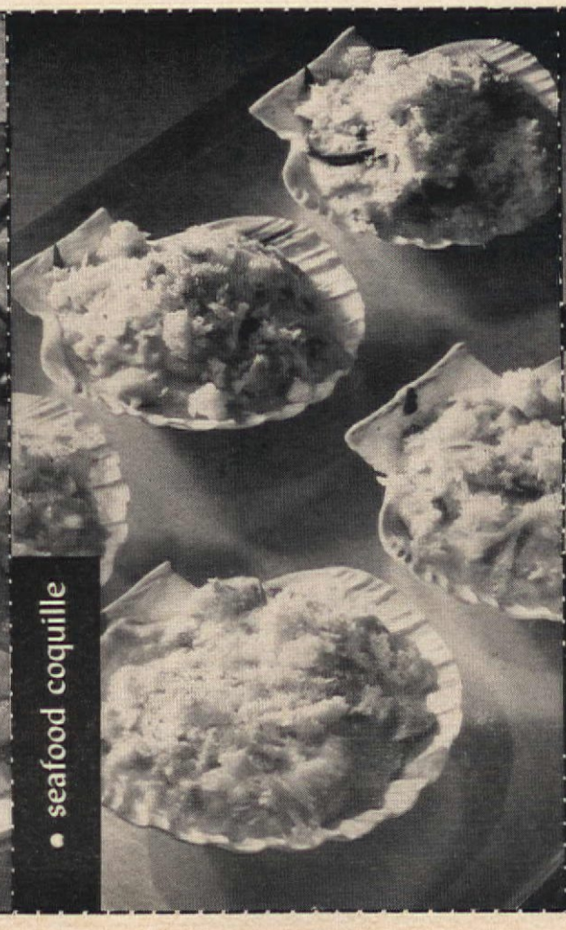
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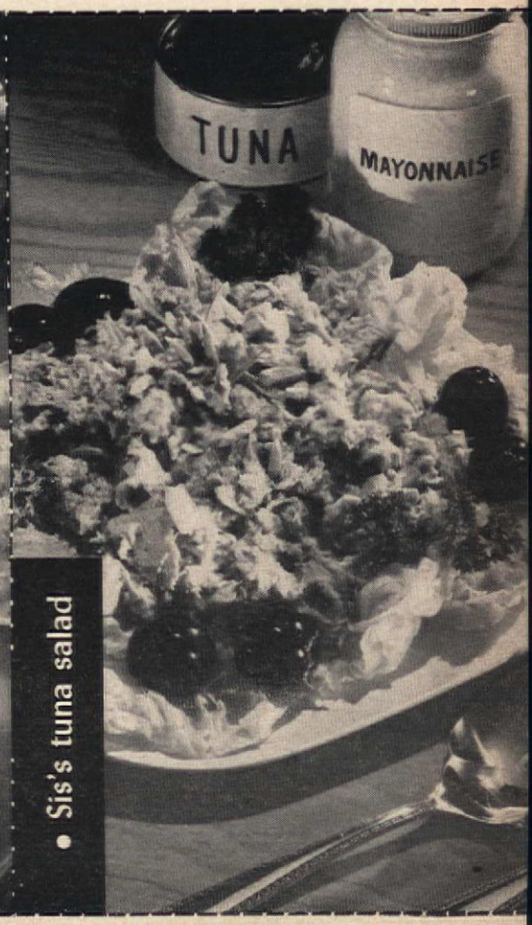

• Sis's tuna salad

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Preparation time: 20 min.

1 7-oz. can tuna fish or
1½ cups flaked fish* or
1½ cups tuna and flaked fish
¾ cup celery, diced
2 tbs. green pepper, chopped
1½ tbs. sweet pickle relish
2 tbs. minced onion
1½ tsp. lemon juice
½ cup mayonnaise
Salt and pepper to taste
¼ cup blanched almonds, slivered and toasted

Drain the tuna fish. Combine ingredients in bowl and mix well. Season to taste and serve on crisp salad greens.

**If using leftover fillets Bohemia, remove bread crumbs if desired.*
If using leftover frozen fillets, thaw, and cook fillets before flaking.

Serves 4–5 ***286 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex, C, D***

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• seafood coquille

Preparation time: 35 min.

1½ cups flaked, cooked fish, crabmeat, lobster, or shrimp
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 egg, beaten
¼ cup grated process American Cheddar cheese
2 tbs. white wine (optional)
1 3-oz. can sliced mushrooms
⅓ cup soft bread crumbs
¼ cup grated process American Cheddar cheese
Paprika

Flake cooked fish. Use leftover cooked fish only or combine with one or more varieties of cooked shellfish. In saucepan combine undiluted soup with beaten egg. Add ¼ cup grated cheese. Heat until cheese melts, stirring constantly. Stir in wine, mushrooms, and flaked fish. Spoon into 6 buttered scallop shells or ramekins. Sprinkle with combined bread crumbs and remaining ¼ cup grated cheese. Sprinkle a bit of paprika over tops of each scallop shell or ramekin. Broil until brown and bubbly. Or bake in moderately hot oven (400°F.) 15 min. or until brown.

Serves 6 ***225 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex***

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• fillets Bohemia

Preparation time: 30 min.

1-lb. pkg. frozen ocean perch, cod, or haddock fillets
1 egg, slightly beaten
½ tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. pepper
¾ cup fine bread crumbs
4 tbs. butter
4 tbs. olive oil
5 tbs. white table wine
2 tbs. chopped parsley
Grated Parmesan cheese
Lemon wedges

Defrost fillets and take apart in serving pieces. Dip fillets in beaten egg which has been seasoned with the salt and pepper. Remove, drain, and roll fish in fine bread crumbs. Melt butter with olive oil in skillet and sauté fillets until lightly browned, turning once. Add wine and sprinkle fillets with chopped parsley and continue cooking just until tender. Sprinkle with grated cheese and serve at once with lemon wedges.

Serves 4 ***371 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex, C, D***

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Seafood Coquille
Tossed Green Salad **Hot Rolls**
Fresh Fruit **Assorted Cakes**
Coffee

French Onion Soup
Sis's Tuna Salad **Bran Muffins**
Assorted Cheeses **Crackers**
Coffee

Dinner Encore

(Begins on page 52)

you have a lot you can make the necessary adjustments with canned tuna fish to make up the necessary quota of this basic ingredient. It's a simple process to combine the cooked flaked fish with diced celery, chopped green pepper, sweet pickle relish, minced onion, and slivered blanched almonds. Lemon juice, mayonnaise, salt and pepper add the flavorings. Let the salad be preceded by a hearty French onion soup and follow it with assorted cheeses and toasted crackers for a final course.

• daffodil salad

Preparation time: 1 hr.

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
¼ cup cold water
¾ cup boiling water
1 No. 2 can sliced pineapple
1½ tsp. salt
Dash cayenne pepper
¼ cup cider vinegar
1 seeded medium green pepper, chopped
⅓ cup sliced stuffed olives
1 cup cottage cheese

Soften gelatin in cold water. Dissolve in boiling water. Drain pineapple. Add 1 cup pineapple syrup, salt, pepper and vinegar to dissolved gelatin. Chill until mixture begins to thicken. Meanwhile, cut up all but 6 rings of pineapple, chop the green pepper and slice the olives. Fold into gelatin mixture. Spoon into individual ring molds that have been dipped in cold water. Chill until set. Unmold on lettuce; spoon cottage cheese into center of each ring. Cut remaining pineapple slices in quarters or thirds and arrange in cottage cheese to resemble a Daffodil (see picture).

Serves 6–8 ***141 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex, C***

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• easy petits fours

Preparation time: 3 hrs.

CAKE: Make your favorite recipe for white, gold, or sponge sheet cake or use a packaged white cake mix and bake in 13"x9"x2" baking pan. Cool; then cut into squares, diamonds, triangles, or any desired shapes.

FROSTING: Combine 2 cups granulated sugar, ⅛ tsp. cream of tartar and 1 cup hot water in saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until sugar is dissolved. Cook gently to 226°F., or to thin syrup. Cool until lukewarm (110°F.), then add enough confectioners' sugar to make of a consistency to pour over cakes (about ⅓ to ¾ cup). Pour over the cut pieces of cake which have been arranged on a wire rack over a tray or waxed paper. Be sure tops and sides of cakes are covered. Or insert fork in bottom of each cake and dip into frosting. Let set about 5 min., then repeat process. The frosting which drips off may be scraped up, reheated over hot water and used for more cakes.

DECORATING: Use a cake decorating set with an ornamental or creamy butter frosting tinted in contrasting shades with food colorings. Or decorate with strips of angelique, candied fruit, slivered almonds, chocolate shot, shredded coconut, etc. When frosting is thoroughly dry, cut cakes from rack with sharp knife; trim off any ragged edges of frosting from the bottom.

118 cal. per cake *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• chocolate cream puffs

Preparation time: 1 hr.

¼ cup butter, margarine, or other shortening
½ cup sifted all-purpose flour
½ cup boiling water
2 eggs, unbeaten

Melt butter in water in saucepan and bring to a boil. Add flour. Cook, stirring constantly until mixture leaves sides of pan in smooth compact mass. Remove from heat. Add eggs, one at a time, beating very thoroughly after each. Then beat steadily until mixture looks satiny and breaks off when spoon is raised. Drop from ½ teaspoon measure on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in hot oven (425°F.) 15 min. or until done. With sharp knife, make slit in one side and fill with Cocoa Whipped Cream. Cover with Chocolate Glaze.

COCOA WHIPPED CREAM: Turn ½ cup chilled heavy cream into bowl; add 2 tbs. sweet cocoa mix and a dash of salt. Beat rapidly until cream begins to thicken. Then beat slowly until cream holds its shape. Makes ¾ cup whipped cream.

CHOCOLATE GLAZE: Combine ¼ cup milk and 3 tbs. butter or margarine in saucepan. Heat until butter is melted. Remove from heat and add ⅔ cup sweet cocoa mix. Stir until dissolved. Add about ⅓ cup sifted confectioners' sugar gradually, stirring until smooth. Make ¾ cup glaze.

Makes 4 to 6 dozen ***32 cal. per cream puff*** ***Source of vitamin A***

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JEAN A. KACER

When a Man Cooks–

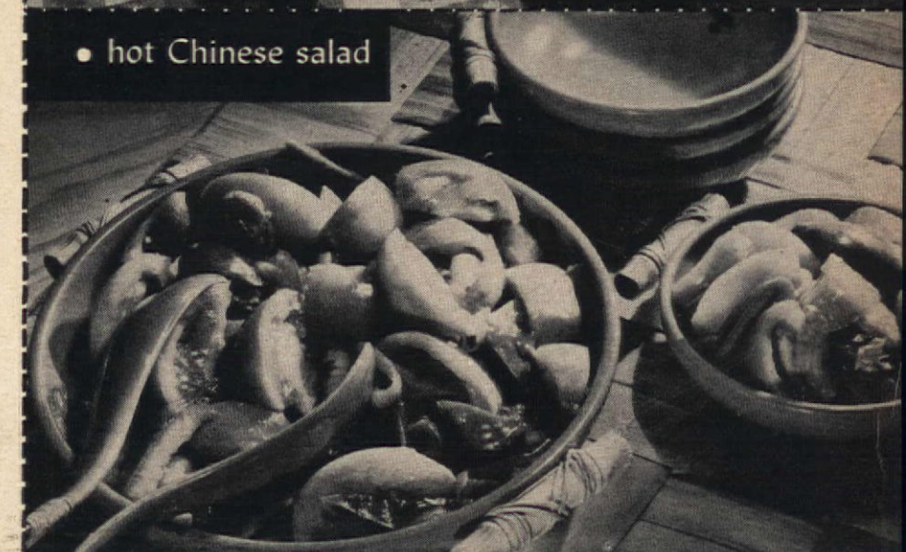
Dick Knox officiates at dinner in outdoor room of his California home. Handy wall barbecue furnishes entertainment as well as food to hungry guests

When a man cooks, it's apt to be exciting. With the rage for outdoor cookery spreading over sizzling fires from west to east and south to north, more and more men are being attracted to cooking, both indoors and out.

We've selected three famous outdoor chefs to present to you this month. Eric Barclay, well-known West Coast house builder leads off; you see him above putting the finishing touches on a Barclay specialty dish at his outdoor barbecue. Eric Barclay's wife, wise woman, subscribes to the belief that too many cooks spoil the broth and long ago relinquished woman's prerogative to rule the kitchen. This might well be a lesson to many women who thwart the budding gourmet aspirations of their husbands. No stickler for culinary convention, Mr. Barclay

• lamb shanks à la Barclay

• picnic frijoles



• hot Chinese salad

juggles his menus with a free hand—a dish from the Chinese, a Mexican delicacy, or a good old British roast of beef may all be served at a single dinner. And there's no doubt that the result is an international good neighbor policy approved of wholeheartedly by the lucky guests.

Our second chef of the month is Dick Knox, writer, artist and ceramic designer. His spontaneous, unaffected hospitality has a deep-rooted love of good cooking and good dining. He loves to surprise guests with his own original recipes that, while imaginative, have practicability enough for the most thrifty of French cooks. Take Avocado Slush for example. Mr. Knox directs: "Thoroughly whip one generous ripe avocado with enough mayonnaise to create a slushy slush. Add a small amount of fresh garlic oil and a dash of lime if you like. Serve in a bowl with a surrounding ring of crisp crackers and potato chips."

Mr. Knox is famous for his generous hospitality. Because he is never sure how many guests will bring unexpected—but never unwelcome—friends to his dinners, he always plans "something that will stretch." Here is one of his pets—Almond Beans. Mr. Knox says: "French-cut as many pounds of green string beans as you think you'll need. For each pound of boiled and partially drained beans, add one cup of fairly thick white sauce, one-half cup canned pimientoes and three-fourths cup of sliced almonds. Cook all together for five minutes, season to taste and serve."

Sam Garvin, bachelor and famous host is another chef for our roll of honor. Mr. Garvin agrees that the secret of successful entertaining lies in cooking. He

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Picnic Barbecue

Guacamole, Assorted Crackers
Picnic Frijoles Sausages, Sauté
Hot Chinese Salad
Cheeses
Coffee

Porchside Barbecue

Ripe Olives Celery
Lamb Shanks à la Barclay
Baked Potatoes Green Salad
English Trifle
Coffee

• picnic frijoles

Preparation time: 45 min.

3 tbs. butter, margarine, or fat
2 1-lb. cans red kidney beans
1 cup grated process American Cheddar or sharp cheese
½ cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped green pepper
2 tbs. butter, margarine or fat

Melt butter in skillet. Add beans and mash slightly with fork. Add cheese, onion and green pepper. Cook slowly, stirring occasionally, until beans are almost dry and mixture will hold shape when dropped from spoon or fork. Turn mixture into shallow baking pan and chill. Cut into squares. Sauté in butter in skillet until brown on both sides. Serve at once.

Makes 6 servings ***332 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex, C, D***

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• hot Chinese salad

Preparation time: 35 min.

2 large onions
2 seeded green peppers
4 firm, red tomatoes
3 tbs. vegetable oil
1 tbs. brown sugar
1 tbs. cornstarch
1 tbs. soy sauce
½ cup water

Peel, quarter onions from center core and break into natural sections about ¼" thick and make sections of green peppers of same size. Cut tomatoes into eighths. Measure oil into skillet; heat. Add onions and cook for 5 min.; stir frequently. Add tomatoes and green peppers. Mix brown sugar, cornstarch, soy sauce with water and pour into skillet. Cover. Cook 15–20 min. or until tender-crisp, turning frequently and with care to avoid mashing.

Makes 5 servings ***124 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex, C***

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When a Man Cooks

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Bachelor Sam Garvin prepares sizzling steak to accompany baked Idaho potatoes and salad of crisp greens, tomatoes, chopped anchovies with tangy dressing

• lamb shanks à la Barclay

Preparation time: 1½ hrs.

4 lamb shanks
¼ tsp. dry mustard
¼ tsp. onion salt
¼ tsp. garlic salt
¼ tsp. ground pepper
4 peeled cloves garlic
3 tbs. olive or salad oil
2 diced, seeded green peppers
2 sliced, peeled medium onions
1 #2 can tomatoes (2 cups)
3 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. dried rosemary
⅛ tsp. celery salt
⅔ cup water (red wine may be used, if desired)

Rub each lamb shank with a mixture of dry mustard, onion and garlic salt and pepper. Insert a clove of garlic in each lamb shank. In Dutch oven or covered skillet brown shanks in olive oil. Add diced green pepper and rest of ingredients. Cover. Cook slowly for 1¼ hrs. or until meat is tender. Thicken gravy if desired.

Makes 4 servings ***332 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex, C***

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- Sugar to taste
- Shredded coconut

In a small bowl, thoroughly blend cream cheese, peanut butter and orange rind. Add 2 tbsps. syrup from pineapple and mix well. Sweeten with sugar to taste. Chill in freezing unit or on ice. Form into 8 balls. Roll in coconut; chill thoroughly. Serve with DEL MONTE Pineapple slices, garnishing with maraschino cherries if desired. Serves 8. May be served as dessert, or as salad, with crisp greens and your favorite fruit dressing.

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Household Scuttlebutt

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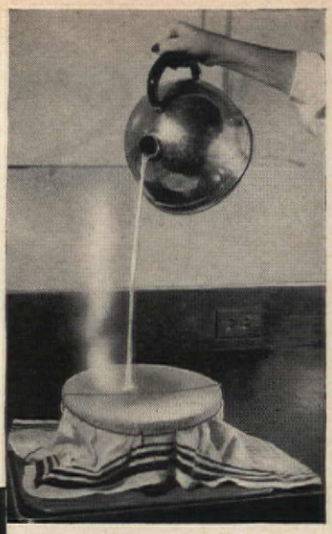

To remove fruit or berry stains, stretch material taut over bowl—pour boiling water from height

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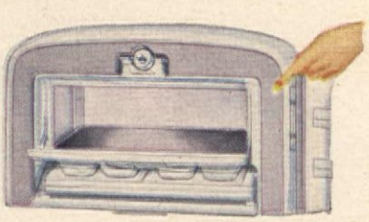

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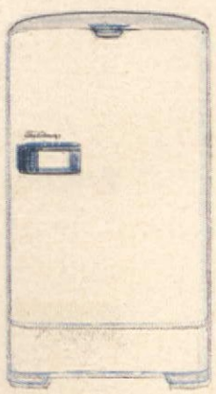

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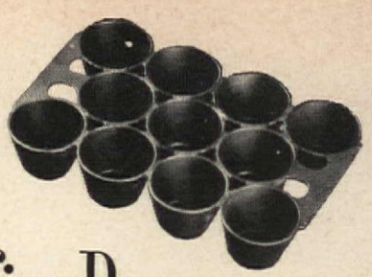


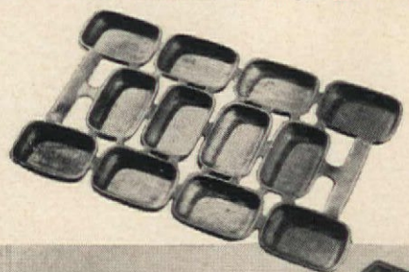
Old Muffin Pans Put to Work

ELIZABETH DOYLE

About the year 1875 an iron skillet and a muffin iron were included with the purchase of a cast-iron cook stove. A number of these pans have survived three-quarters of a century. I have found them an interesting hobby. I collect them for the pleasure I find in their shapes and forms, but I put them to good use, too.

One pan I especially like has molds shaped like assorted fruits and vegetables—a bunch of grapes, a cherry cluster and leaves, a peach, a pear, an apple, a beet. I use this pan to mold gelatin salads.

They give such a lift to meals that I must use imaginative muffin recipes: bits of chopped bacon sprinkled on batter; kernel corn scattered in; a spoonful of apple butter added; chopped apples or cranberries mixed in with sugar and cinnamon on top.



Mrs. Doyle collects fascinating shapes and forms in antique muffin pans, bakes with them frequently

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Left center pan has stars, hearts, fluted and plain circle molds. This and waffle iron with heart-shaped molds are always used Valentine's Day. Pan at bottom right of big picture bakes cup cakes like four-petaled flowers. Pans range from 2 to 13 cake capacity

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All fish are rich in *phosphorous,* the mineral so necessary to the growth of healthy muscles and tissues. *Calcium* which helps build strong bones and teeth is found in large amounts in shellfish. Oysters and shrimp are excellent sources of *iron,* so important, as you know, in preventing anemia.

Vitamins: One of the best sources of Vitamin A is fish liver oils. Fish liver oils also abound in Vitamin D. Vitamin B complex is found in varying amounts in seafood, too.

GOOD FOR REDUCING DIETS: Fish such as cod, haddock, and flounder contain very little fat, yet at the same time provide protein, minerals, and vitamins so essential to health. Lean fish is a good bet for those people who are trying to shed a few inches and pounds.

REMEMBER: Frozen fish are just as nutritious as fresh fish. You don't have to worry about quality if you buy frozen fish prepared by reputable companies. Be sure the fish you buy has been kept under constant refrigeration by the retailer.

EASY ON YOUR BUDGET: Fish is generally an economical buy, offering an abundance of nourishment at low cost. Varieties in large supply usually give the most help in lowering food costs. When buying, allow ⅓ to ½ lb. of boned fish per person.

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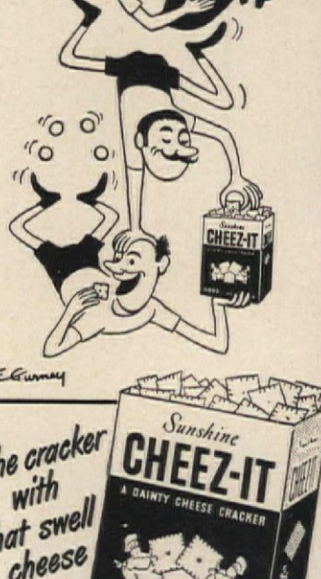

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Use this information to get more value from foods you buy

• left over egg whites

Uses of leftover egg whites
Recipes from American Home Menu Maker File

1 egg white	2 egg whites	3 egg whites	8 egg whites
1. Boiled Icing	1. Date Nut Fluff	1. Angel Food Pie	1. Coconut Angel Food
2. Holly Cookies	2. Blackberry Flummery	2. Meringue Shells	2. Star Cake
3. Chocolate Fruit Pie	3. Prune Whip	3. White Cake	3. Heavenly Fluff
4. Sugarless Vanilla Ice Cream	4. Frosted Cranberry Delight	4. Richer Macaroons	4. Wedding Rings and Bells
5. 7-Minute Icing	5. Banana Sherbet	5. Divinity Fudge	
6. Raspberry Fluff Pie	6. Orange Sherbet	6. Decorating Icings	
7. Frosted Grapes	7. Chocolate Macaroons		
	8. Meringue Pears		

• carrots (storage)

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Easy recipe

Fruit Peppermint Puff

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1 envelope Knox gelatine
¼ cup lemon juice
¾ cup hot water
½ cup syrup from canned fruit cocktail
Few drops peppermint flavoring
Drop or two red food coloring
2 egg whites
Few grains salt
⅓ cup granulated sugar
1½ cups canned fruit cocktail

Soften gelatine in lemon juice and dissolve in hot water. Blend in syrup and flavoring. Tint pink with red food coloring. Cool until thickness of unbeaten egg white. Beat egg whites with salt until stiff. Gradually beat in sugar. Fold into gelatine. Fold in well-drained fruit cocktail. Turn into molds and chill until firm. Unmold and garnish with additional fruit cocktail if desired. Serves 6 to 8.

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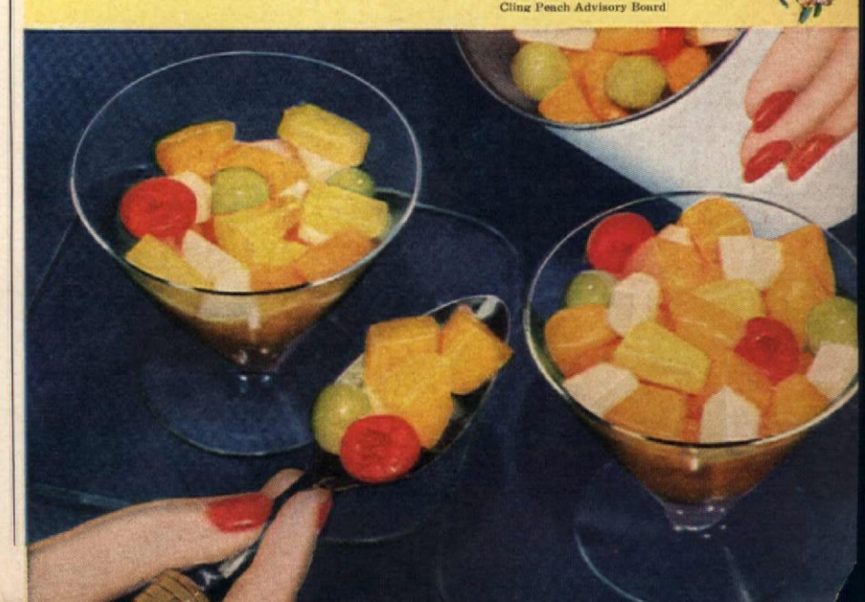

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MORE TRICKS of the TRADE

• bran-raisin waffles

For added interest in the ever-popular waffle, try adding raisins and whole bran (one half cup each) to the waffle batter

• egg whites

Egg whites are a valuable food; plan to use them carefully, wisely

1. Although eggs should always be refrigerated, egg whites will produce more volume when whipped if they are allowed to come to room temperature before whipping.

2. To separate egg whites from yolks, separate them while they are cold.

3. Egg whites are mainly protein and are therefore a low calorie food, good for a reducing diet. Put extra egg whites with one egg and scramble for a main dish.

4. Use beaten egg whites in milk drinks and in fruit juices for extra nourishment and for an attractive frothy appearance.

Easter Lore (Begins on page 48)

daughter, from generation to generation. Some eggs are boiled for eating. Usually, however, a tiny hole is made in both ends of the shell, the contents blown out for use in cooking, and the empty shell reserved for decorating. Dyes are prepared from vegetables and roots. Onion skins, beets produce shades of yellow, brown, red.

Wax from homemade tallow candles, a stout needle or sharp knife, and a little lamp to heat the metal point are the only tools these people need to create a beautiful egg. Some eggs are painted by brush. More often they are bedecked by a process similar to batik. First the shell is dipped into wax, then a design is etched on the surface with the needle. Next, the egg is plunged into a cold dye bath. The dyed portion is covered with wax and another design etched and dyed. By repeating this tedious process many times, elaborate eggs are finally produced—like those shown in the photographs on page 48.

Not all eggs are made according to traditional patterns, however. On Easter Monday, a festival

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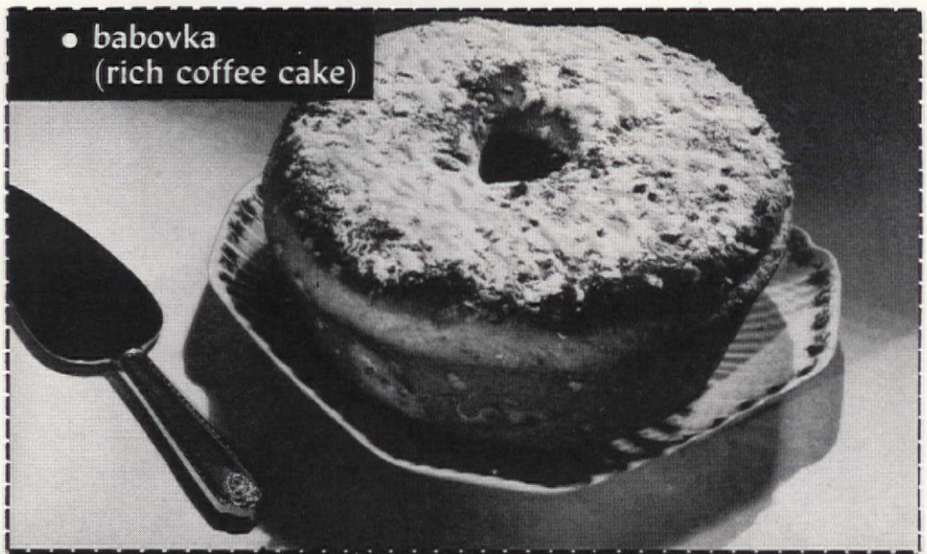
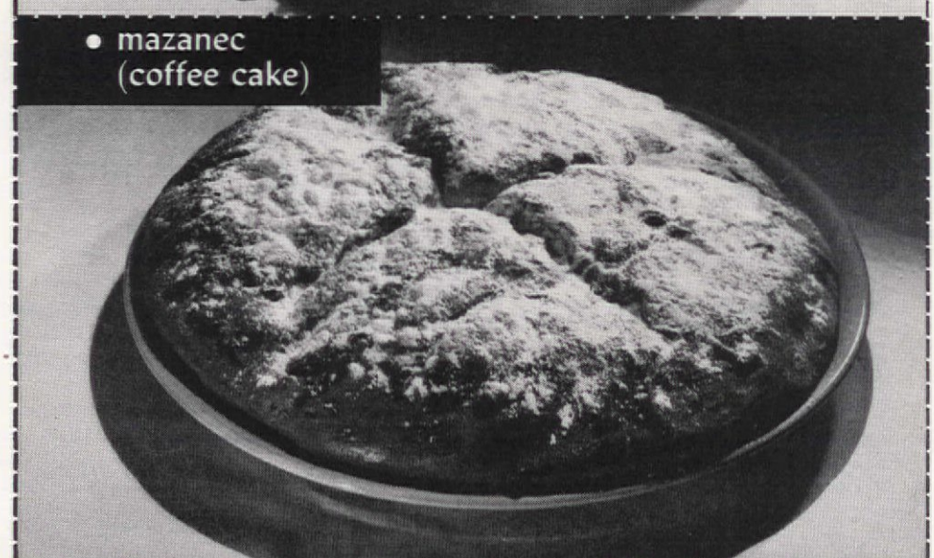


• babovka (rich coffee cake)



• mazanec (coffee cake)

• beranek (Easter lamb cake)

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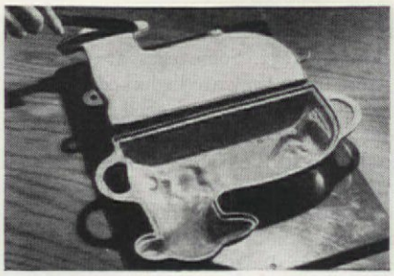
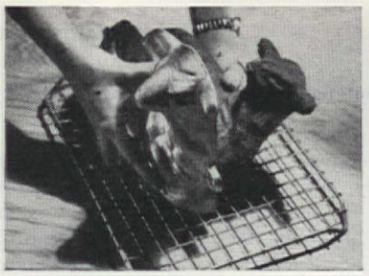


White-cake-mix batter is poured into the face-half of a well-greased lamb mold. See recipe



Back of mold comes off first; cake cools in face-half for five minutes. Remove cake carefully

Lamb cake stands upright to be covered with Snow Frosting and shredded coconut

• babovka (rich coffee cake)

Preparation time: 3 hours

1 pkg. dry or compressed yeast
½ cup warm water
1 tbs. granulated sugar
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
½ cup shortening
½ cup granulated sugar
4 egg yolks, well beaten
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
4 egg whites, stiffly beaten
1 cup chopped blanched almonds

Dissolve yeast in warm water; stir in 1 tbs. sugar. Set aside to rise for ¼ hour. Then add 1 cup flour to the yeast and set aside to rise again for ½ hour or until spongy and light. Meanwhile, beat shortening until creamy. Add sugar and egg yolks and beat well. Sift together remaining 2 cups flour and salt and add to shortening-sugar mixture. Combine with yeast mixture. Fold in vanilla, beaten egg whites and ¾ cup almonds until well blended. Spoon into well-greased babovka form or a 9" tubepan. Sprinkle with remaining ¼ cup chopped almonds. Let rise in warm place until double in bulk. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) for 40–45 minutes.

Makes 10–12 servings ***262 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex, D***

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• mazanec (coffee cake)

Preparation time: 3¼ hours

2 pkg. hot-roll mix
1 cup granulated sugar
2 tbs. grated lemon rind
1½ cups raisins
¾ cup chopped blanched almonds
2 pkg. dry yeast
1¾ cups warm water
¼ cup lemon juice
2 eggs, beaten

Combine hot-roll mix with sugar, lemon rind, raisins and almonds. Dissolve yeast in warm water. Add yeast, lemon juice, and beaten eggs to dry ingredients. Mix well. Grease top of dough, cover, and let rise until double in bulk. Punch down. Knead on lightly floured board until smooth and elastic. Mold into round loaf. Place in the center of a large greased baking sheet. Brush top with melted butter. Cut a deep cross on top of dough. Let rise until almost double in bulk. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 45 minutes or until nicely browned.

Makes 24 servings ***178 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex, C***
(This is a modern adaptation of Mazanec)

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• beranek (Easter lamb cake)

Preparation time: 2 hours

1 package white cake mix

Prepare cake mix as directed on the package. Pour batter into the face-half of well-greased lamb mold. (Be sure some batter is placed in each ear.) Cover with back of mold and wire or tie mold together. Place mold face-down on baking sheet and bake in hot oven (450°F.) 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F. and bake 35 minutes longer. Remove mold from oven and open, removing back of mold first. Allow lamb to cool in face of mold about 5 minutes. Loosen cake from sides of mold and remove carefully. Stand lamb cake upright on cake rack until cool. Frost with Snow Frosting. Cover with 1 can moist coconut. Use raisins for eyes and nose and slice of maraschino cherry for the mouth.

SNOW FROSTING:

Combine 1 unbeaten egg white, ¾ cup sugar, dash of salt, 3 tbs. water, and 1 tsp. light corn syrup in top of small double boiler. Beat with rotary egg beater about 1 minute, or until thoroughly mixed. Cook over rapidly boiling water, beating constantly with rotary egg beater 4 minutes, or until frosting will stand in stiff peaks. Remove from boiling water. Add ½ tsp. vanilla and beat 1 minute, or until thick enough to spread.

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Easter Lore

(Begins on page 48)

day, young girls present their sweethearts with prettily bedecked eggs. Some of these love tokens are dipped in plain dye and decorated with a spray of lilies-of-the-valley. Each is inscribed with a little verse, such as might have appeared on an old-fashioned Valentine of your great-grandmother's day. One reads:

"In this dear little painted egg
I send you a kiss."

Another is sarcastic:

"He who wants to know all
Must sit on this egg a year."

Egg painting stops on White Saturday. On that evening, holy oil is burned before the church door in a ritual known as "the burning of Judas." And, is it not known that keys rattled on White Saturday will frighten away poisonous creatures?

At last, Easter dawns. Peasants carry baskets full of eggs and holiday foods to church to be blessed. Later, each family partakes of the traditional Easter dinner which includes roast lamb or ham (sliced across the top with the grain of the meat); boiled potatoes with parsley butter; hard cooked eggs; *mazanec;* rich yeast bread made with almonds and raisins; and the *babovka,* a round coffee bread with a hole in its center. Cups of steaming coffee accompany the holiday meal. Last of all comes the *beranek,* or lamb cake, which was prepared on Green Thursday. (On page 68 you will find our adapted recipes for *mazanec, babovka,* and the *beranek*—they're fun to try for your own Easter dinner!)

The holiday centerpiece usually consists of the first snowdrops and primulas, together with cuttings of the revered pussy willows, or other early spring flowers. The table is spread with the choicest, homespun linen, embroidered in ancient designs. And, note that the silver flatware is placed with prongs down, not up!

Easter Monday is, for young people, the most important holiday of the year—and for older folk, the climax of the whole Easter season. On this day, popularly known as the day of whipping, boys weave willow branches into small whips, decorating them with ribbons and flowers. They carol for eggs and whip girls so "they won't be lazy and have fleas!"

In return for their whippings, the girls reward their tormentors with specially decorated eggs and with generous presents of goodies.

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Those scratchy little white lines you see in the 4 pictures on the right are the result of properly exposing the tracery of light—which is brought about by fastening lights to the backs of the hands—while cleaning a Venetian blind and an armchair. They indicate how many motions each undertaking required, and show simply and understandably how much energy we waste when we perform our household chores in a helter-skelter, carelessly planned manner.

Did you know that the average home collects about a quarter of a pound of dust and dirt *every day?* Now a quarter of a pound doesn't sound like very much when you kind of slide over it, but if you weighed up a quarter pound of dust on a scale, you'd be astonished at such a dismal statistic. In fact, the experts say that a quarter pound of dust equals a quart in volume. The easiest way to take care of this is with your vacuum cleaner, using all the wonderful attachments with which most of them are equipped. Regardless of the type you use, it's so much easier, so much quicker, so much better all around to let a machine do your work.

With this kind of operation it's not necessary to take down your draperies every so often, hang them on the line, beat them, and hang them back. This way, with your vacuum attachments you can swoosh the dust out in a few minutes without moving them at all. Simple?

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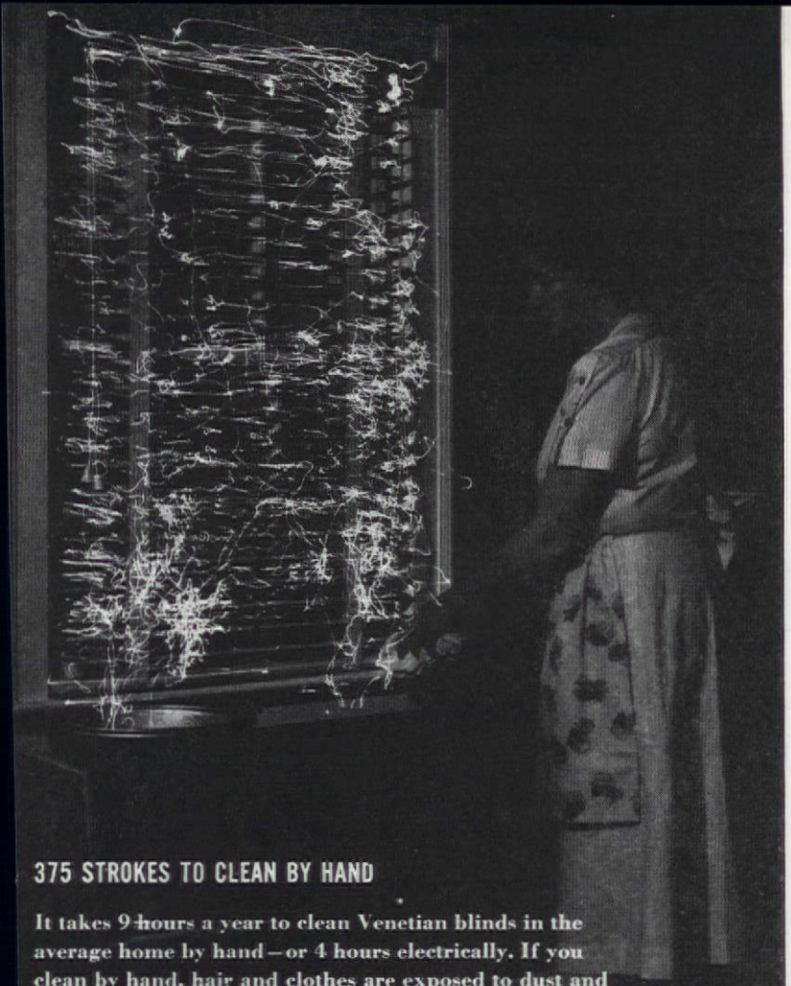
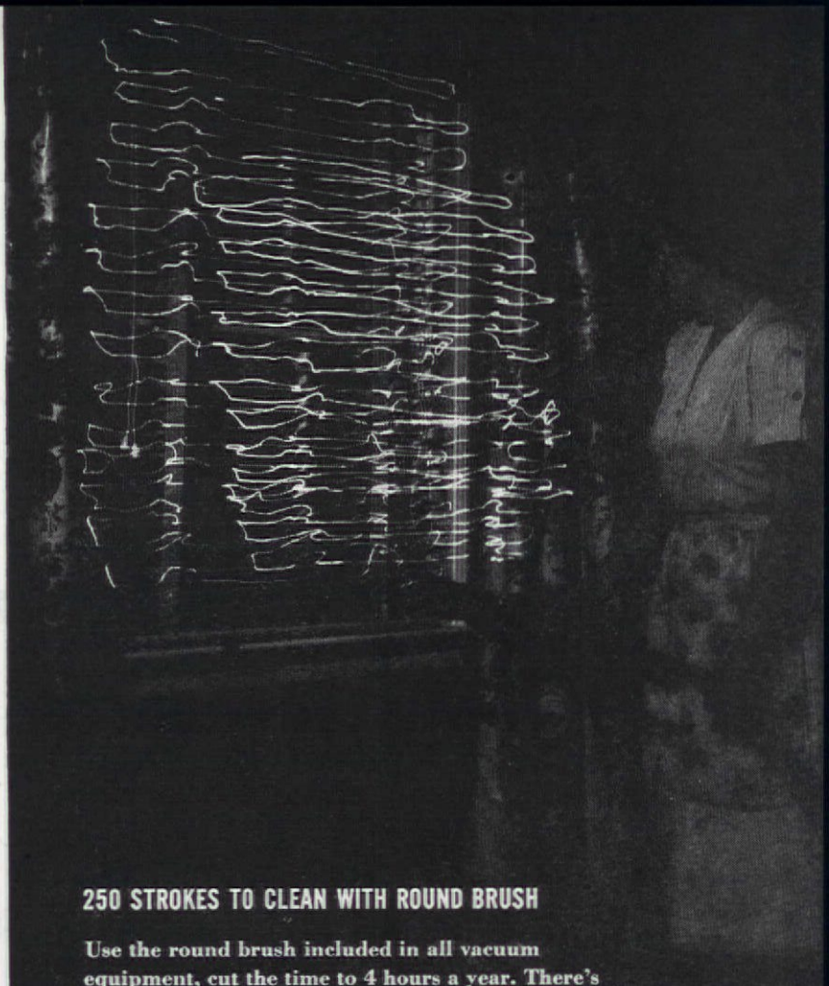


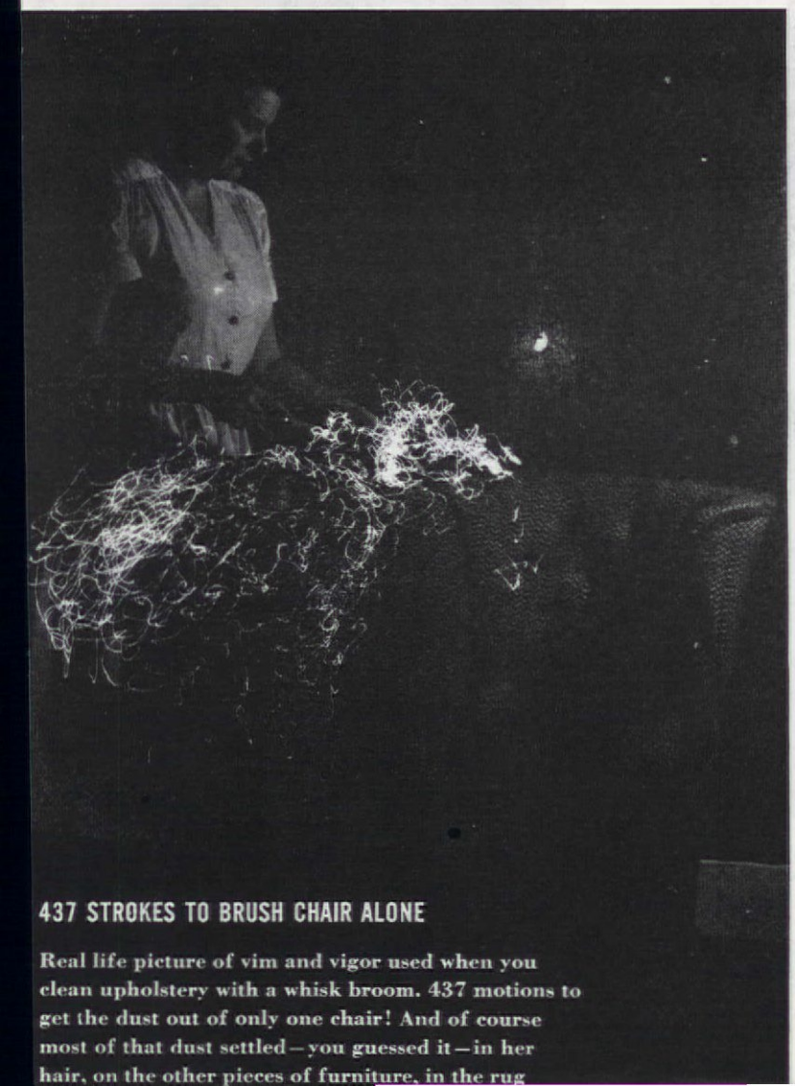
375 STROKES TO CLEAN BY HAND

It takes 9 hours a year to clean Venetian blinds in the average home by hand—or 4 hours electrically. If you clean by hand, hair and clothes are exposed to dust and grime, you drag around a pail, soap or cleaner, rags, a ladder or stool. Time and energy consuming, always the chance you'll crack a bone if you slip



250 STROKES TO CLEAN WITH ROUND BRUSH

Use the round brush included in all vacuum equipment, cut the time to 4 hours a year. There's a marvelous split-suction brush (an extra) that cuts time to two hours a year on the average. Inquire about it. It cleans like a dream!



437 STROKES TO BRUSH CHAIR ALONE

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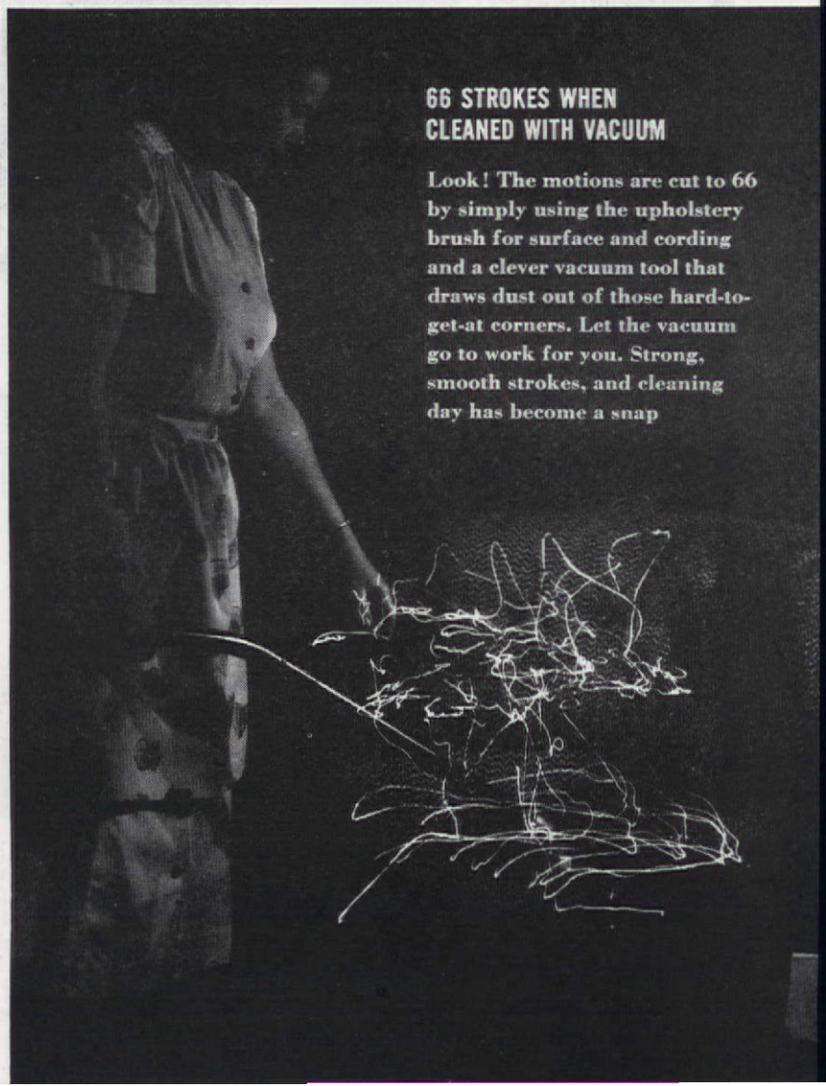

66 STROKES WHEN CLEANED WITH VACUUM

Look! The motions are cut to 66 by simply using the upholstery brush for surface and cording and a clever vacuum tool that draws dust out of those hard-to-get-at corners. Let the vacuum go to work for you. Strong, smooth strokes, and cleaning day has become a snap

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You Bought It—Use It (Begins on page 70)

Please take special note of the Venetian blind split-suction brush we've shown. It's a honey, and does the job of cleaning those ornery slats with quickness and dispatch. Then, too, notice the wily little vacuum tool which gets down into the darkest, deepest parts of your upholstery and nags the dirt until it just has to come out.

On the next pages we show twenty-one ways to use these attachments. Each one will save your energy, your time, the wear and tear on your good disposition. Use them constantly, take good care of them, and you'll be surprised what a wonderful world this is—even on house-cleaning day!

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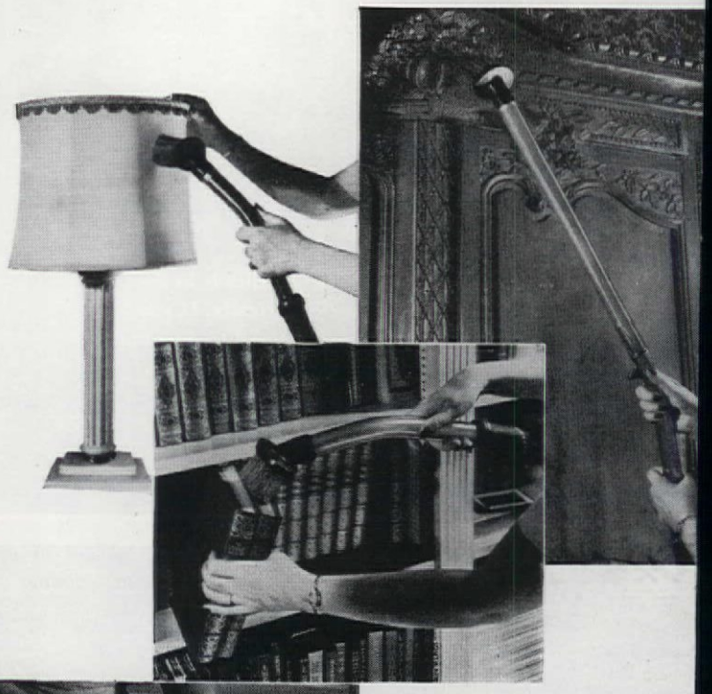

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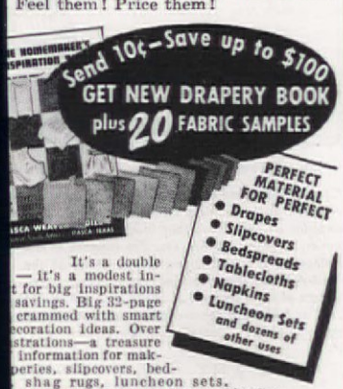

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When a Man Cooks

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says: "Let your cooking be the entertainment of the evening as well as the dinner." It's surprising how many people love to watch a man cook! With a modicum of effort and a maximum of pleasure, Mr. Garvin can cook and serve dinner for eight and enjoy himself hugely. It's as simple as this: Host Garvin has the salad ready—a whopping big bowl of crisp mixed greens, red ripe tomatoes, slivers of anchovies, laced with a tangy dressing. Beside it on the snack bar are plates, silver, and linens arranged buffet style. Man-sized Idaho potatoes with their brown jackets oiled keep hot atop the ceramic broiler which is a feature of Mr. Garvin's indoor-outdoor room. Plates are warming. Mr. Garvin appraises the steak with a gourmet's eye. "Three minutes more," he tells guests. After that, they are on their own, each guest serves himself.

As with most men who are cooks, our chefs of the month prefer outdoor cookery—but not too far from the kitchen door.

Most men are not secretive with their recipes. They "give" with their culinary tricks and hold nothing back. Their enthusiasm often spreads to doubting Thomases of their own sex who begin to think it might not be a bad idea to try this cooking business in their own castles and castle yards. It's a short step from cooking over an open fire on fishing and hunting trips to the barbecue in the back yard.

Let's not thwart these budding gourmets, girls! We're giving you three tested recipes from the kitchen of Eric Barclay (see page 58). Picnic Frijoles are an adaptation of an old Mexican recipe that provides just the right amount of appeal for a new outdoor cook. The kidney beans can be prepared ahead of time by friend wife if necessary. Cooked in a skillet with butter; cheese, onion, and green pepper added with an occasional stir, that's the advance preparation. Then to chill until the big moment arrives when they will be sautéed in butter over the open fire. They are absolutely tops! Convenient, economical and "something that will stretch."

Lamb Shanks Barclay are another treat that will startle and amaze. They are cooked in a Dutch oven over a slow fire. Sparked with mustard, green pepper, onions, and other aromatic foods, this is a dish that will tempt all within smelling distance.

Chinese Hot Salad is one of those rare treasures that appear once in a blue moon. Cut out the recipe carefully and use it at once, and then remember it for those summer days when tomatoes are plentiful. A combination of tomatoes, green pepper, onion, with a dressing of brown sugar, cornstarch, soy sauce, it will live with you forever once you have tried it.

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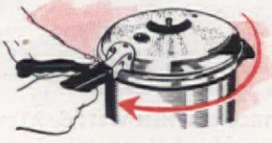

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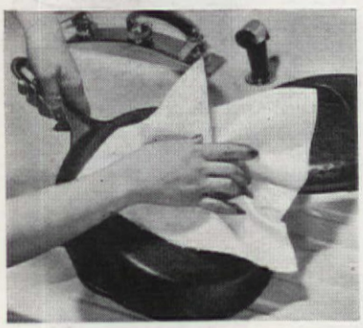

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Every homemaker would do well to look into the way she runs the housekeeping end of her job and check up on her efficiency. Minutes wasted here and steps taken there offer a challenge to her ability to curtail lost energy and frayed nerves and save time for that welcome bit of relaxation or extra activity..

Each has her own pet devices and ways of doing things which seem quite simple because they have always been done that way, and yet, she might profit by other suggestions if they were given a fair trial. Don't continue with old, ineffective habits when a new idea may mean those extra minutes. An orderly kitchen workshop is easy to maintain when equipment has a designated place and is readily accessible.

Assemble all baking equipment and supplies, for instance, in one place within easy reach of table or counter top. Experiment with the height of the working surfaces in your kitchen to determine whether or not they are correct for you. Remember that you wash dishes in the bottom of the dishpan and prepare a meal on top of the table. What is right height for your neighbor may not be for you.

Line a market basket with cretonne and have pockets around the sides. Equip it with thread, needles, pins, buttons, elastic, scissors, thimble, etc. Fold up mending jobs and lay them in the center of the basket. This may be picked up at a moment's notice and taken to a friend's or neighbor's for an afternoon visit, or carry it into the living room by the radio for hand mending or to the sewing machine for machine mending.

Spring and fall housecleaning have been overrated. A well-kept house shouldn't need its face lifted that often. Sandwich your paint-washing and curtain-tubbing in with your regular cleaning and you can be outdoors enjoying spring flowers and fall foliage with nary a twinge (of conscience, that is).

It is indisputable: men would rather come home to a serene, attractive wife and dusty rooms than to polished furniture and a wilted wife. A husband has every right to expect both the clean, cheery spouse and the clean, cheery house.

But if you still feel it is better to do a thorough job twice a year, housecleaning should not be too much of a bugaboo.

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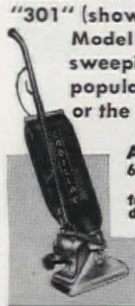

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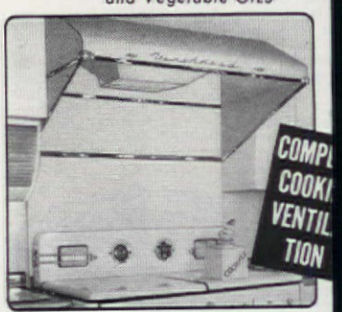

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contents outdoors. Clean basement (or do that last, if you wish to wait until the furnace is no longer needed). Some dust may rise upstairs when the basement ceiling is brushed off, but I like to do it first, because it is the dirtiest and most unpleasant part of the whole procedure. Clean the upstairs bedrooms beginning with the one farthest from the stairs, and the upstairs bath. Then clean the halls and stairs. Clean the living room. Clean the bath downstairs. And finally clean the kitchen.

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2. Clean. To remove dust and dirt from such inaccessible spots as radiators, bookcases, and piano, use crevice-tool attachment with your vacuum cleaner. Make use of long-handled brush to remove loose dirt from ceiling, walls, and floors. Vacuum large rug, roll, and remove from room. Vacuum mattresses and upholstered furniture. Wash woodwork with mild soapsuds or paint cleaner. Wash mirrors, windows, and light fixtures. Wash springs and slats of beds. Finally, wipe the floor, then wax thoroughly.

3. Reassemble. Rehang curtains (or put up fresh ones), pictures, and mirrors. Return small rugs. Polish furniture, and return light pieces and incidentals. If you're working in the bedroom, make the bed.

4. Evaluate. Sit down, now, in your nice clean room, especially if it's your living room, and give it a critical once-over. Pretend you are a stranger and look at it for beauty, for use, and for comfort.

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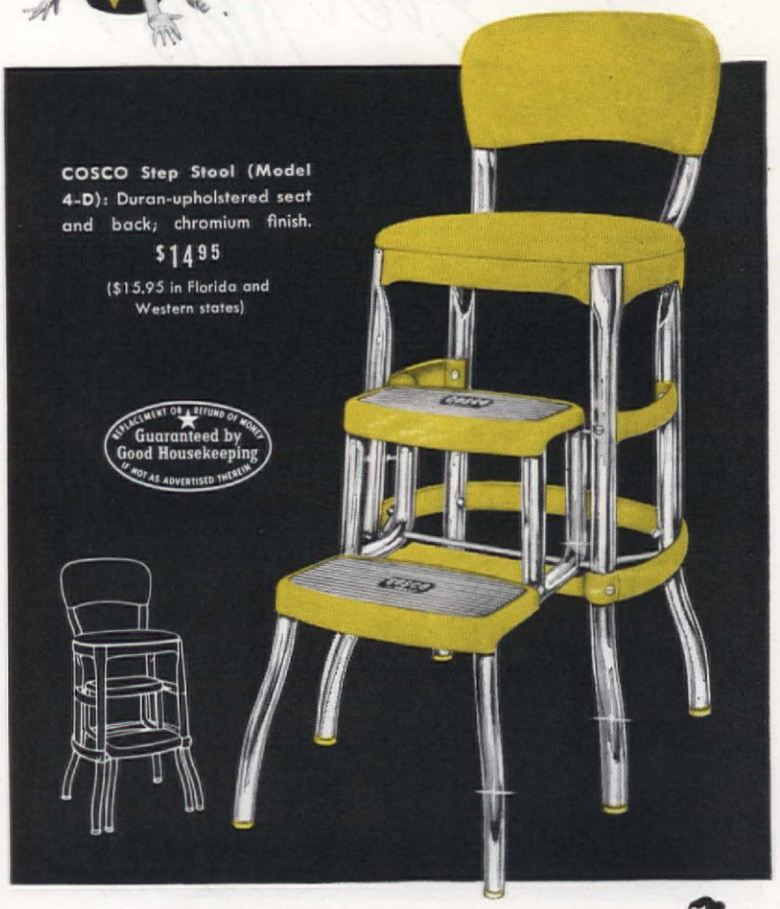

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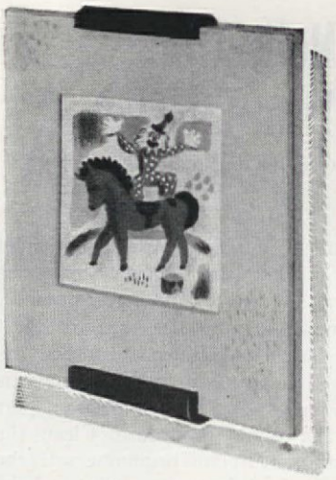
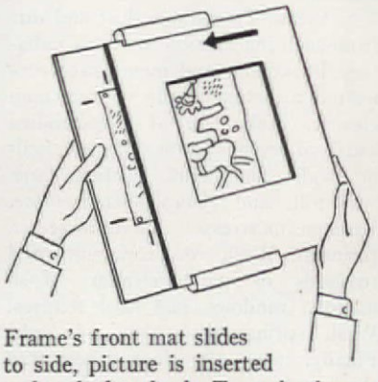


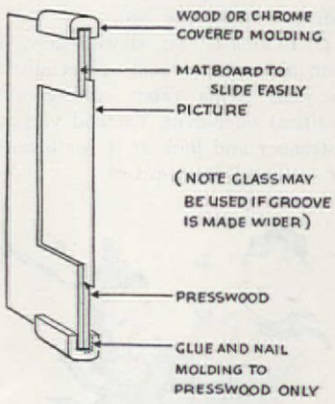
Here's a Way to Have Lots of Pictures

R. R. RAMSELL

Looking for a way to make blank walls livelier? Then make a panel of favorite photos over the sofa or a line of story-book illustrations across the nursery wall. Change the scenes with magazine pictures or long-collected prints—as swiftly and as easily as moods shift. How? With an inexpensive, simple and attractive frame you can mass-produce yourself.



Frame's front mat slides to side, picture is inserted and tacked to back. To make frame, follow diagram below. Mat and back are of presswood. Clamps of 1 x 1 white pine should be grooved so front mat fits snugly. Glue clamps to back



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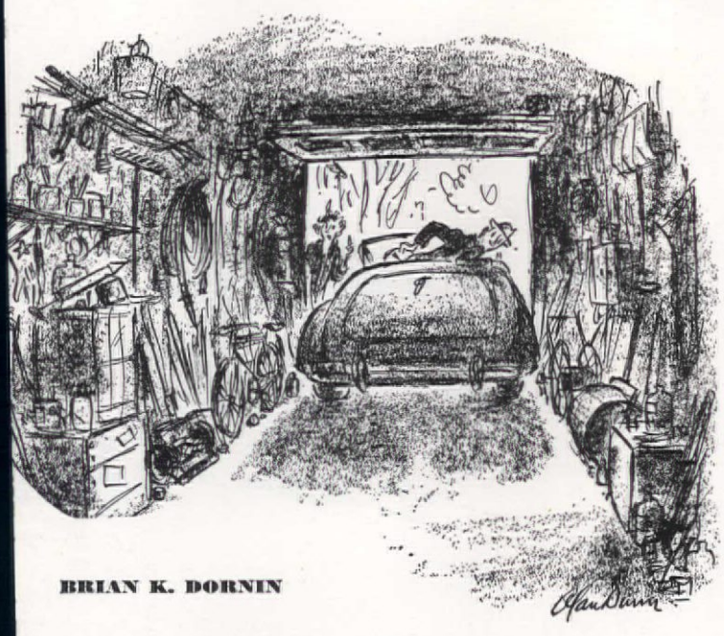


BRIAN K. DORNIN

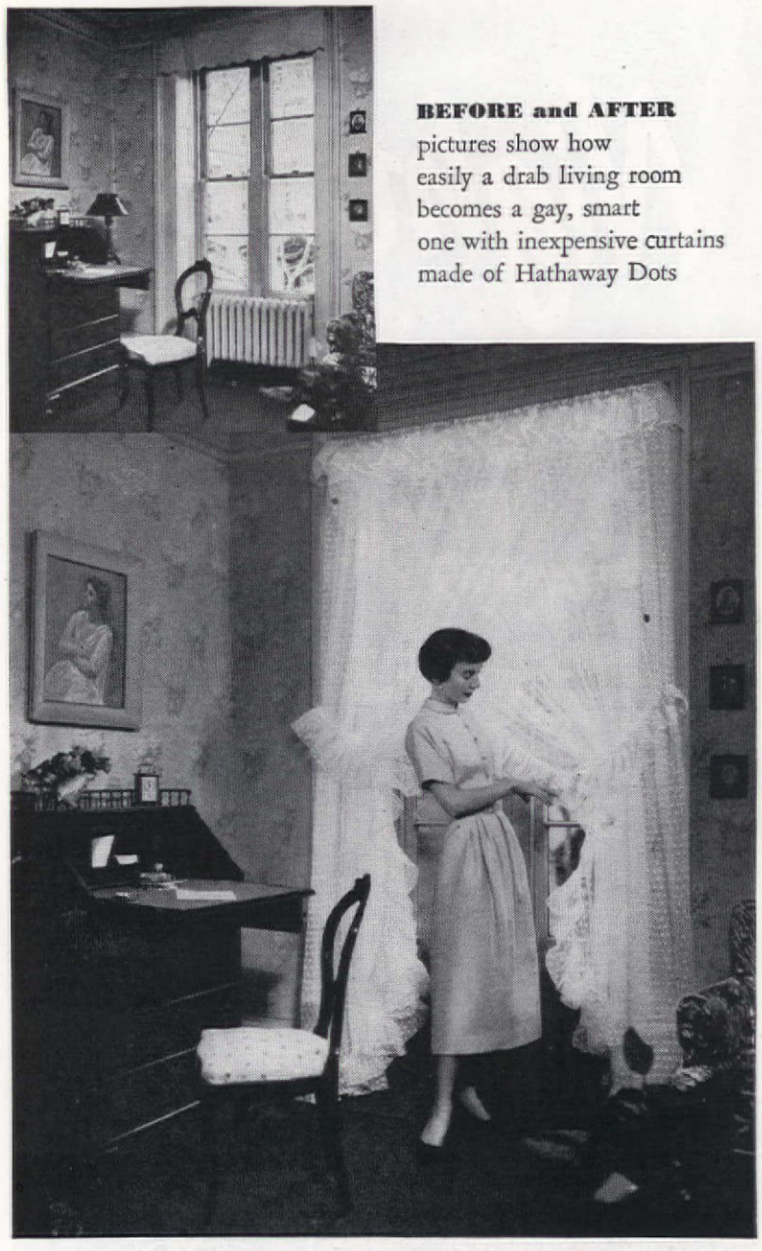
The American Approach

This is the saga of that long-neglected architectural tidbit—America's contribution to domestic design—the garage. Year after year in our travels through most of the country's well-kept residential districts, we're amazed at the treatment given this all-important stepchild. The garage is now as integral a part of our homes as its front door and, in many ways, plays a more necessary part in our daily lives. It should enhance, not detract, from the appearance of a house. Yet, in most instances, it might be miles away as far as the owners are concerned. So we've decided to plead for the garage and see that it receives its rightful place in our residential world.

The best thing to do with a gripe is to get it off your chest fast! Well, that's just what we intend to do, and we're sure you'll agree that our complaint is legitimate. We refer to the open garage door! Why, oh why, do homeowners, otherwise neat and orderly, merrily back the family car out of the garage day after day leaving a dark, messy cavern for all passers-by to see? Such slovenliness is inexcusable since it not only detracts greatly from the appearance of a house, but also gives a black eye to the neighborhood as well. If we must leave doors open, then for goodness sake, let's keep the garage interior in order.

The trouble seems to be basic. Most of us try to skimp and save when a garage is designed, thus bringing forth the ridiculous minimum job. We forget that today, in addition to housing the family jalopy, a garage is supposed to hold garden tools, children's bicycles, Dad's workshop and hundreds of other odds and ends the family can't store elsewhere. Under such conditions, it's an easy matter to plan storage closets for these. Then, if we expose its innards to the world, at least they won't offend.

We now come to another question. Where should a garage be placed to most benefit a house? This depends greatly on many factors—climate, size, and topography of lot, width of street, traffi., need for off-the-street-parking by guests, and style of house. Sometimes the physical properties of a plot, plus climate,



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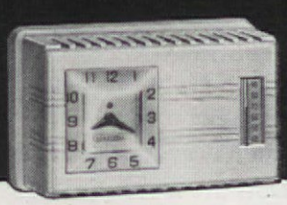

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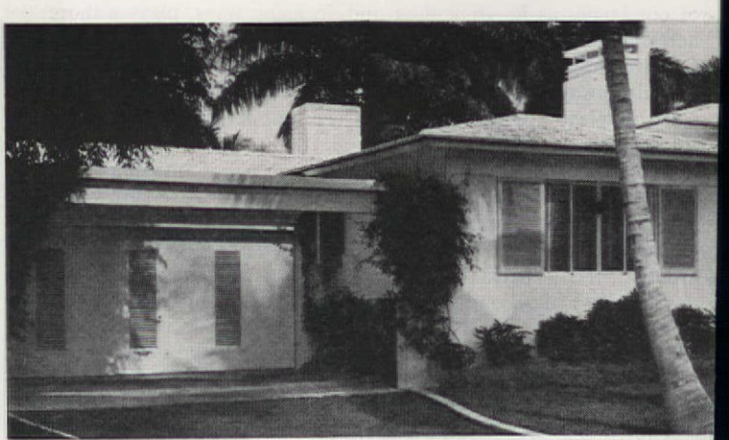
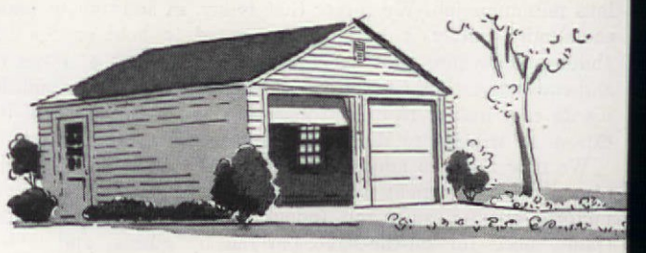
make a detached garage preferable. This is no handicap as long as its design is in keeping with the house. Connecting the two by means of a fence or hedge will add unity to the composition. In most instances, additions are easier to make on a detached garage for that extra storage space or play area. Remember, if you live where snow shoveling is a major winter pastime, the shorter the drive, the happier the owner.

However, there's a definite trend towards the attached garage. Since it then is part of the house proper, great care must be exercised in order to integrate the two without having the tail wag the dog. The attached garage is often nearer the street, thus making it a target for our first shots at open doors. On the following pages, you'll find many examples of both detached and attached garages. Let's hope they prove an inspiration to new home planners who feel that home and garage should be one in design.

But no matter what your garage looks like, many new innova-

Graceful driveway leads directly to garage and master's quarters in this Florida home. Long, rectangular panels in garage doors repeat similar detail found in house shutters





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Too much distance between house and garage definite drawback in extreme climates, makes radiant heating installation costs prohibitive

ons have come along to make life a bit easier. Radiant heating nder the driveway will add much to the flexibility of its length. A product of modern scientific development is the automatic rage. We find doors that swing open as a car approaches, saving e average motorist about three miles of walking a year. The Open Sesame" principle is applied to the overhead style of door d should go a long way towards eliminating our No. 1 gripe. ow by merely pulling a button on the dashboard we set up a agnetic wave which, in turn, contacts a solenoid switch buried in e driveway which, in turn, starts the electrical mechanism for ening our doors. After getting out of the car, a mere pressing another button inside the house closes the door and puts out e garage lights.

Anyway, the approach to the house, and it's usually right up the garage, is a visitor's first introduction to our homes. Let's ercise a little more care and try to make good first impressions.

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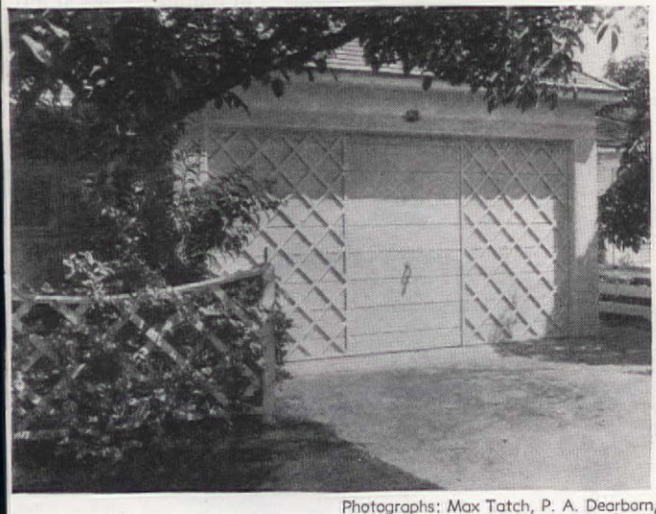
Diagonal latticework provides camouflage on garage door below, particularly useful since door was too wide for scale of house



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Electrically controlled garage door enables you to drive into yard without slackening speed. Same action closes door on way out

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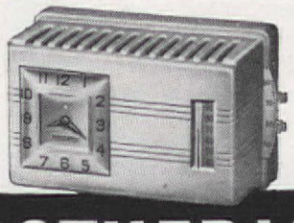

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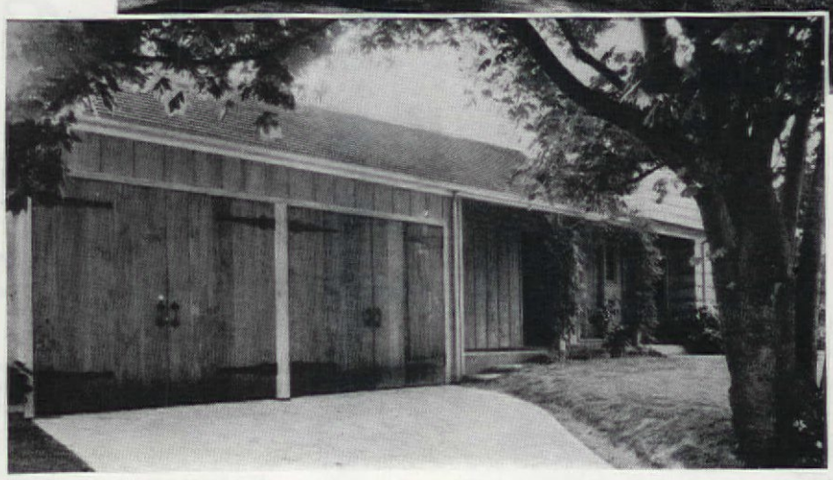
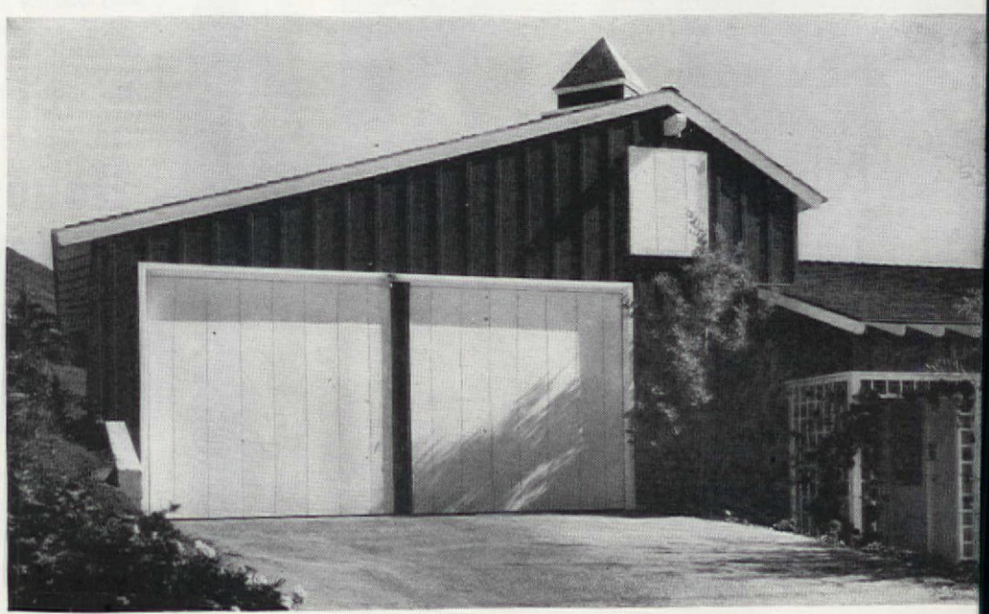


New England from tip to
is this garage with crown
cupola. Flush boards pa
same barn red as house
trim offers white contra

Ranch-house feeling of
board-and-batten house
walls continued in door
of double garage at left

Solid white doors focus attention; low-pitched shed roof adds informality



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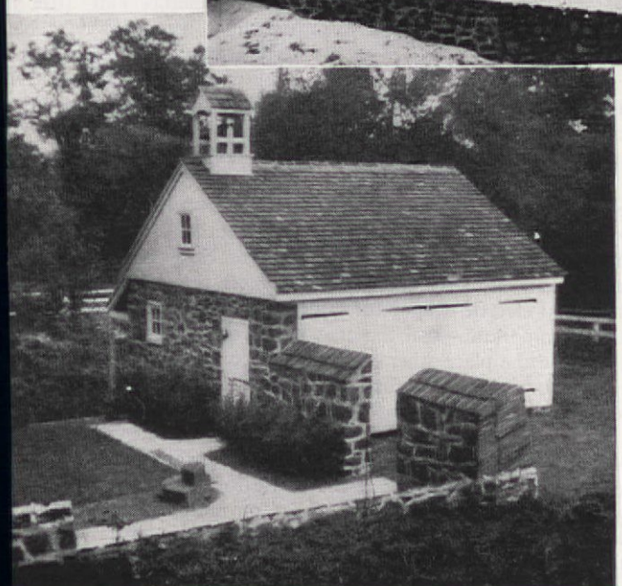
DETACHED GARAGES—can add beauty to garden, reflect design of main house

Reminiscent of Early American carriage houses, this has porch for protection

...w stone retaining ...ll connects garage ...main house, adds unity to overall ...ure. Combination ...f stone and white flush boards is ...cturesque, recalls barn design of ...rly Pennsylvania



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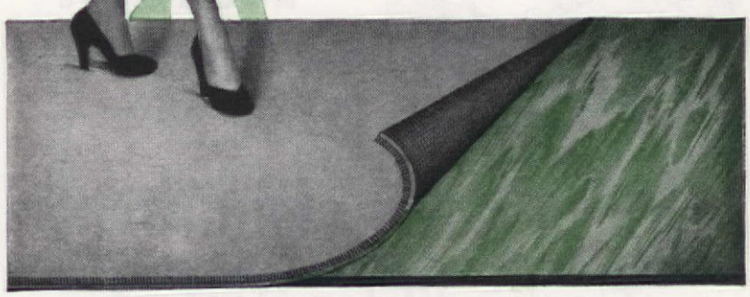

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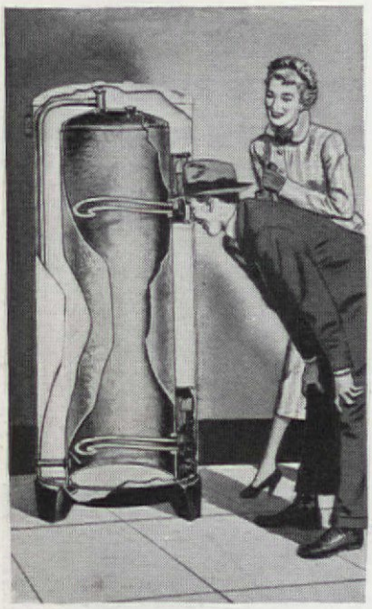

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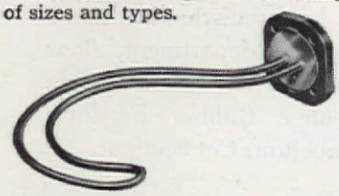

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Battling the wrong bug?

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Every year about this time, some poor wo
begone homemaker takes a good look at th
family woolens and discovers that regardless
the painstaking care she's given to them, M
and Mrs. Moth have pitched their tent in h
afghan or carpet. In many cases, this isn't tru
The tenant isn't a moth at all; it's a raffish litt
forager commonly named the carpet beetle, which is a misnomer b
cause he settles down and does his damage wherever a few threa
of wool get together. However he does not actually live in wool
goods. Fast on his feet, he will crawl into clothes and, after t
damage is done, scurry back to a snug little home behind a bas
board, window sill, floor crack. The worst of it is that this spee
devil is hardly visible, 1/8" long, but with voracious larvae, 3/8" lon

The Department of Agriculture says that any good contact mo
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naphthalene or "para" products are good preventives if they
properly used. Best results are usually obtained if you allow o
pound of either to each 100 cubic feet of closet space. Then, p
your vacuum cleaner together with its moth-prevention attachme
or a special electric evaporator of crystals inside the closet door, a
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the door. Leave it alone for the number of hours specified on yo
direction folder so the closet will be completely saturated. If y
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closet will comfortably hold, and use DDT every once in a wh
you should have good luck in the battle to evict your tiny tena
The blame shouldn't always be placed on moths who, after all,
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Together they're a terrible twosome. Let's declare war here and n

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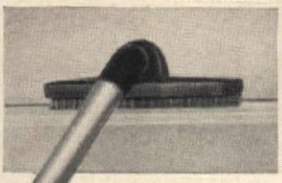


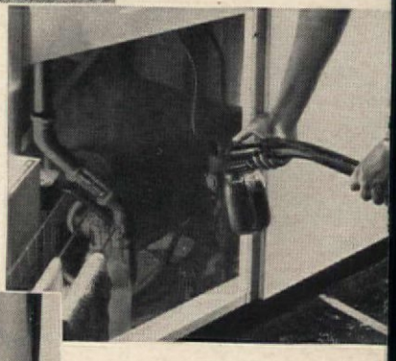
WINDOW CORNICE

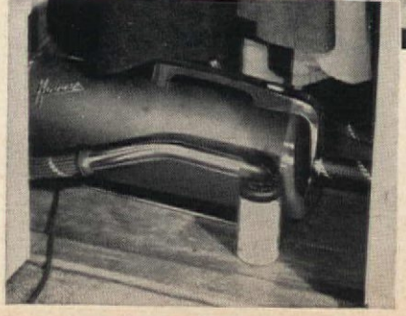
CEILING

Dirt and dust can be removed from all types of floors and around hearths with this nozzle. As shown, it can also be used on stairs, walls, and ceilings. Before storing screens and awnings, clean thoroughly with vacuum, not water. Water will cause rust and mildew during storage

Keep the sprayer clean and in readiness at all times to swish a bit of moth killer at those special hideaway nooks—under furniture, radiators or dark corners

Insecticides are more effective when they reach into the hard-to-get-at places under sinks or tubs, behind stored belongings





Frequently fumigate closets with a good fumigant, lots of it, and seal the door for several hours while running the machine

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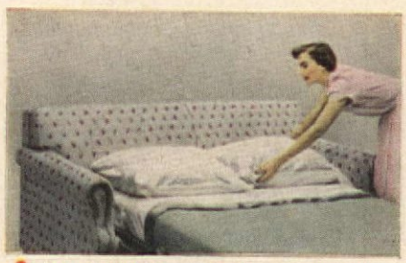

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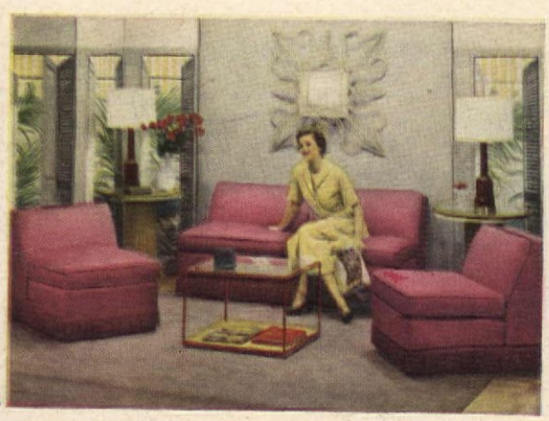

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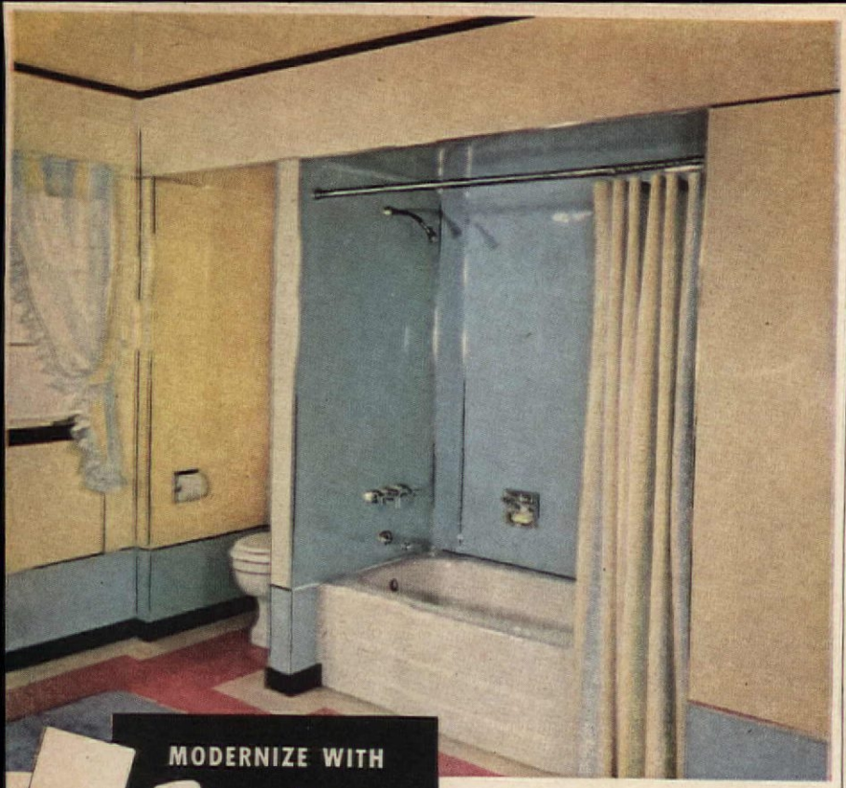

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The crevice tool really gets into those narrow places. Used with the blower to fluff up pillows or cushions or, with the suction end, for aerating under rugs. It is equally adaptable for getting into deep cracks of upholstered chairs or davenports. Hot and cold air registers are reachable and cleanable with it too

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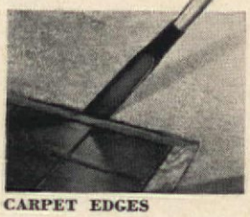

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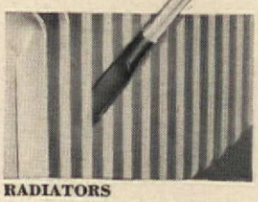

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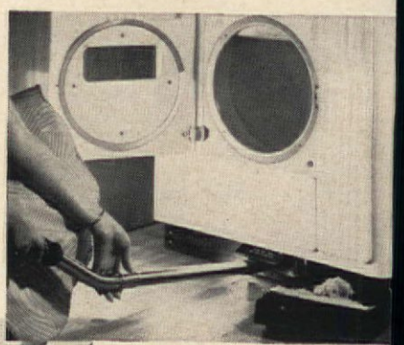
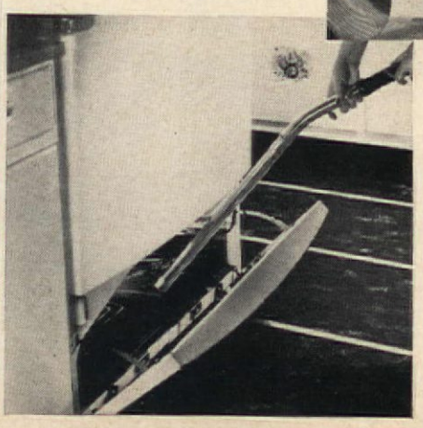


To run at top efficiency, your clothes dryer must have lint removed regularly, and there is no simpler or more effective manner than with the vacuum that traps it completely



The newer refrigerators and freezers have the evaporators really accessible. No excuse not to dust them off regularly. But older ones with evaporators at the back should be cleaned too—some day when the man of the house is home to help move it out

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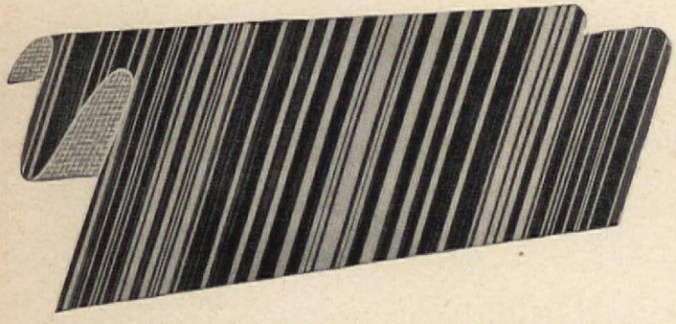

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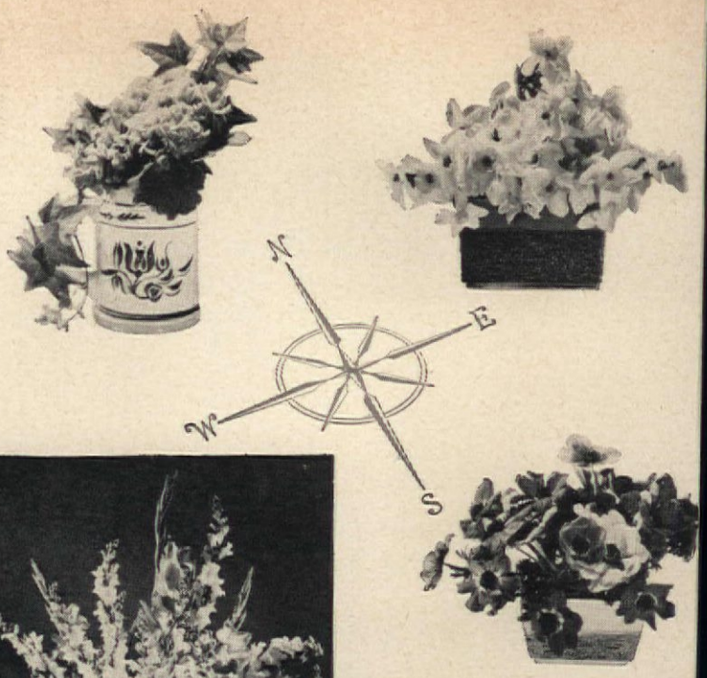

NORTH—Red geraniums in ceramic mug. Pennsylvania Dutch Potteries

EAST—Medium-sized ceramic window box holds narcissus. Bishop's

SOUTH—Various colored anemones in square, flared planter. Bishop's

WEST—Spun-aluminum vase, yellow snapdragon, red gladiolus. Yorkville Craftsmen

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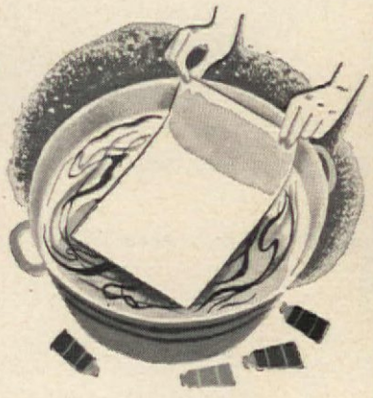
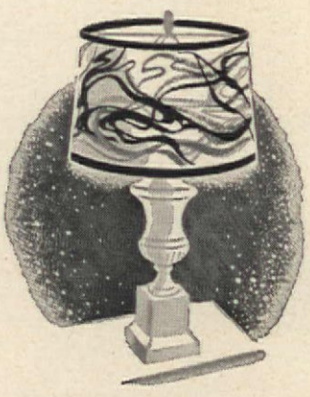


Choose paper or fabric large enough to cover lamp shade. Place flat on top of water to absorb swirls of paint



Place paint-side up on flat surface until dry. Then attach to frame of shade

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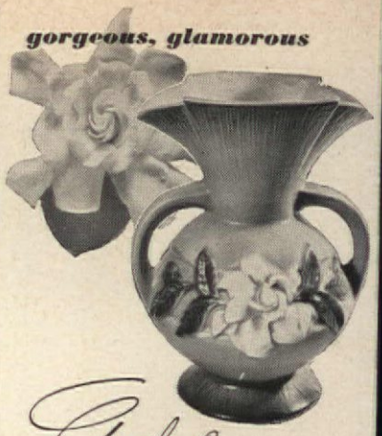

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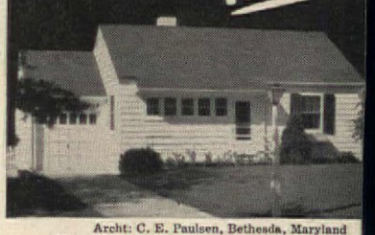

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Entrance to the living room is from the lower balcony through one section of the two-story window. Sawed redwood sections form terrace floor

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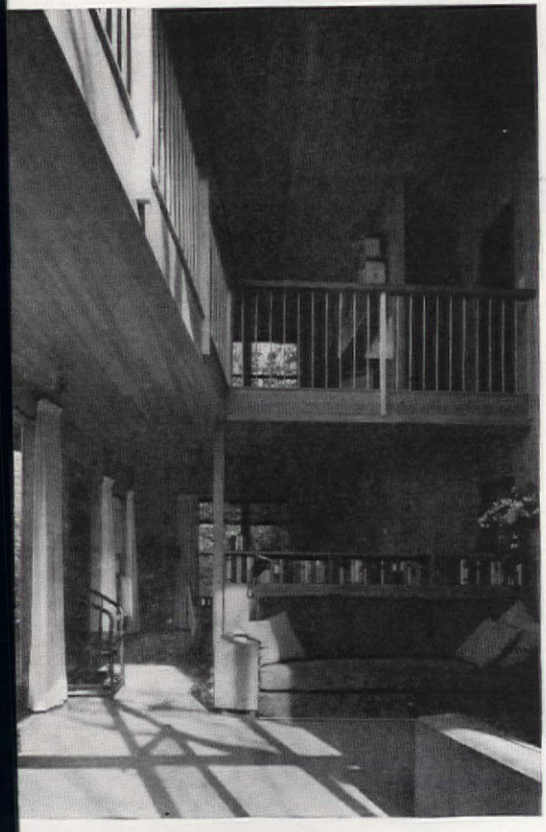

door balcony connects with upper one on tside of house, travels L-shaped around ing room. Built-in sofa and bookcases vide living area from dining space in rear

In Marin County, California, there was a piece of property, a veritable cliff held together by a tangle of trees. It was the last lot on a big development; its price was cheap; its view more than exciting. To the Joseph Eshericks, both trained architects, here was a challenge and, more important, the answer to their acute need for a home. An overambitious landlord had convinced them that renting was not in their future.

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A two-story living room, paneled with vertical redwood boards emphasizes the upward feeling. Ceiling and built-ins are also of redwood, left in a natural finish. There's a dining area under a balcony which contributes to the feeling of greater height. This balcony serves many purposes—it can be guest room, sewing room, study, or a play area for the two Esherick youngsters. Through the two-story window, one feels that here life is really among the treetops, for it's always a guess where building ends and nature begins.

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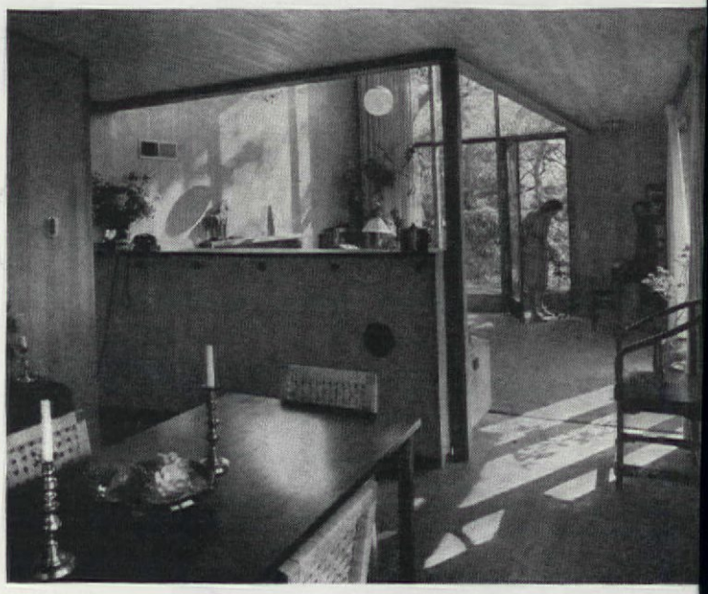
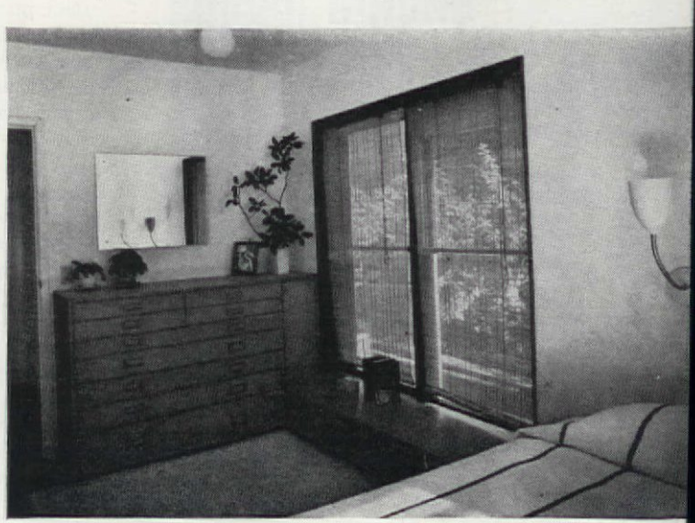
Penny-wise Cliff Dwellers (Begins on page 91)

Upper balcony is a many-purpose room, serves as study, playroom, sewing room, or architect's drafting space, leads to two bedrooms and bath



From dining area, there's a dramatic view of redwood-lined living room with its tall picture window and treetops beyond terrace



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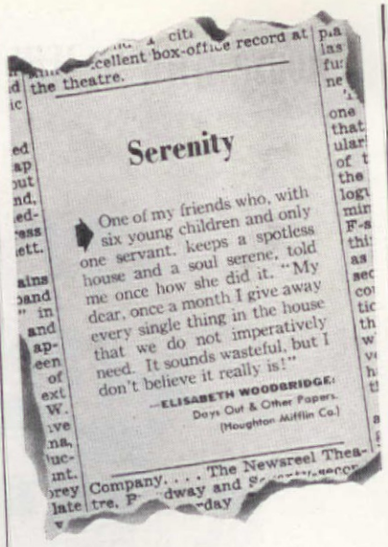

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Serenity

One of my friends who, with six young children and only one servant, keeps a spotless house and a soul serene, told me once how she did it. "My dear, once a month I give away every single thing in the house that we do not imperatively need. It sounds wasteful, but I don't believe it really is!"

—ELISABETH WOODBRIDGE: Days Out & Other Papers. (Houghton Mifflin Co.)

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What price "Serenity"?

ANNIE CRIM LEAVENWORTH

This clipping has been simmering in my desk for some time, popping up to annoy me whenever I go rummaging for pencil and paper.

Actually, the idea expressed in this quotation is monstrous to me. I am not of the school that thinks a baby's fingerprints should be carefully preserved, nor do I enjoy skidding on carelessly thrown marbles. But I do think neatness can be carried too far.

Many of the joys of my own childhood were connected with what might be called "useless things"—a trunk of old clothes for dressing up on a rainy day, a Victorian china shepherdess, a bronze Chinese dinner bell with a monkey perched atop. In later years, visits to my parents were made doubly satisfying by seeing again these loved though useless things. I suppose the lady in search of serenity would have given them away years before.

The too-neat mother may be cheating herself of future pleasures when she throws out useless things. How many times have I felt a warm glow when I've run across a carefully saved sheet of paper with little red blobs on it. "Lightning bugs," my three-year-old said when he presented it to me.

I often wonder about the home that is just a house, lacking those intangibles that give atmosphere and individuality to a human dwelling. Will children feel the urge to come back to it when they're grown?

A friend once said to me, "I love your house. It feels so *lived in.*" Our house *is* lived in, but it contains many items which we do not "imperatively need." I firmly believe that unnecessary things can be the most necessary things in the world.

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House with a Will of Its Own

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Warm hominess is the keynote of pine-paneled dining room on lower floor where honey tones of wood blend nicely with rich terra-cotta colors of herringbone brick on flooring

End of living room shows one of its two fireplaces, a novel feature due to combining two original small rooms. Old wo floor is painted rich bottle-green, the ceiling apple-green

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Will of Its Own

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The most recent work includes an addition to the west on the upper level. This consists of an entrance hall, stair, two bedrooms, and a bath. The addition of a new stair certainly improves the internal arrangement of the house, for the old stair divided the living space into two small rooms. Its elimination results in one well-proportioned living room and also enlarges the size of the dining room. One of the most commendable features of the new stairway in the west wing is that its wall is lined with bookshelves, an arrangement both decorative and useful. By removing the old ladder-type stair, the attic, too, became usable. Originally the stair well interrupted the space up there, dividing it into two small areas. With its omission, there's now room for a good-sized bedroom.

In the living room which, incidentally, now has two fireplaces, the small eighteenth-century, many-paned windows on the north side remain untouched; on the south wall, without any incongruity, much of the space is occupied by a wide, unobstructed area of glass allowing a view of a rising expanse of hillside and garden. In the two new west bedrooms, too, the wide picture windows bring a broad slice of the outdoors right into the rooms. These rooms have built-in clothes presses. In fact, the whole house abounds in good closet space, much of it ingeniously contrived in the old nooks and crannies.

One of the two front doors opens into the dining room and is the most used since it is so convenient to the motor court. Absence of a conventional hall or entry proves in no wise awkward, not even during stormy or muddy weather, for the dining room is paved with brick. Not only does the material display an agreeable color and patina, but can be easily kept in condition by sweeping with clean sawdust moistened with a few drops of boiled linseed oil.

Color throughout has been used to good advantage. In the dining and living rooms, the walls are sheathed with vertical pine boards, stained a deep honey tone. Old wide board floors in the living room are painted a full-bodied bottle green, the plastered ceiling a light apple green. In the doorway from living room to the new stair hall, cut through the thick stone of the old structure, the reveal has been painted a strong red, best described by the heraldic term "gules." This is agreeable contrast to the pale buff waxed poplar of the stairway bookshelves and railing. In the older bedrooms, the door trims are light jade green; the doors, deep, luminous blue. This truly medieval color combination seems appropriate in a house so harmoniously composed of elements old and new.

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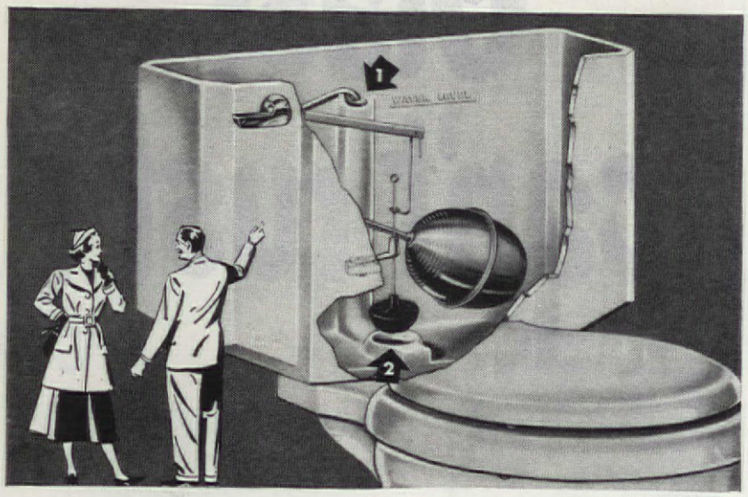

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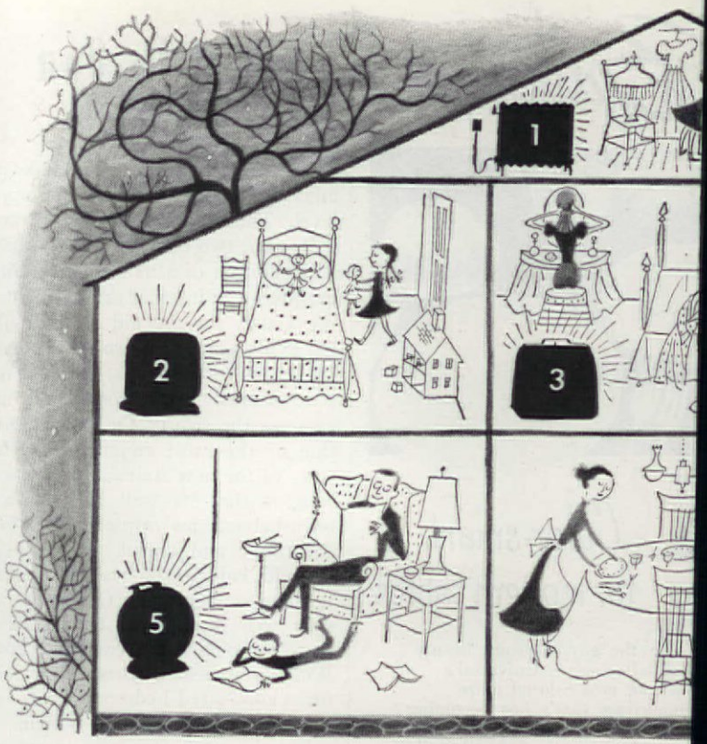

For an extra glow— Portable Heaters

JANE McNAMARA

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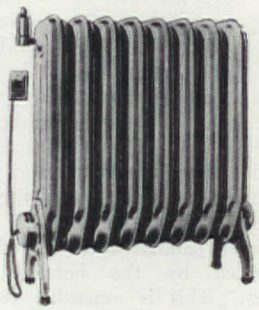

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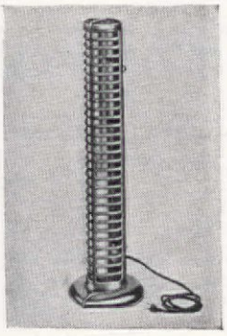

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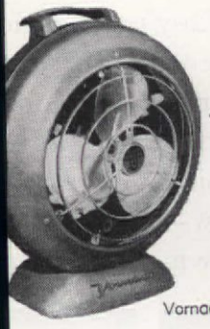

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Decorating Is Easy as Pie

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too—but pretty wasteful. When you've got hold of one that appeals to your taste, try putting it together with samples of color and patterns, using great care to measure your ingredients. Let it stand overnight to be sure the flavor is just right. If it's a little flat or a bit too spicy, you can try it until you get just the right blend.

Think of a decorating scheme as you'd think of a wonderful recipe—and you'll have a lovely room in apple pie order!

Spotlight of the Month

"DECORATING IS EASY AS PIE!" has been selected as the March American Home Spotlight of the Month. Below is a partial list of the stores that are co-operating with THE AMERICAN HOME publishers in developing the educational theme of this article, which is designed to help homemakers with their decorating.

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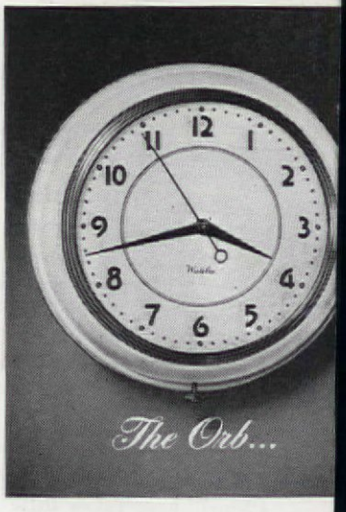

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A homebound sailor bought a Christmas present and became a collector of lamps—by making his own

Joseph Stefanelli

A Hobby for a Mainsail

THOMAS F. KANE

The whole idea started when the war was over, and our ship berthed at its dock, where smiles and friendly welcomes assured us that we were home at last. As for me, I was one big grin as I anticipated the long holiday I had planned. No work, nothing but rest, rest and more rest. That was what I planned. Fate was thinking otherwise. Here's what happened.

I was hurrying over to the railroad station from the ship, the streets were blanketed in snow, windows with bright lights shouted that Christmas was just around the next chimney. I thought: "Let's give her something different this year." Just then I passed a small shop in which a miniature oil-burning lamp was sitting precisely and sedately in the window, like a little lady at her first dance. I went in, asked the shop-keeper to show it to me. She produced it, beamed on it as though it were the Kohinoor diamond, and chirped, "Thirty-five dollars, and a bargain at that. Very rare." I'm a sailor. I don't quibble. "I'll take it."

It was bought for little Mary. But it turned out that I really bought it for myself. A few days later I picked it up, took a good long look at it. $35 for this thing? Why, I could do it better and

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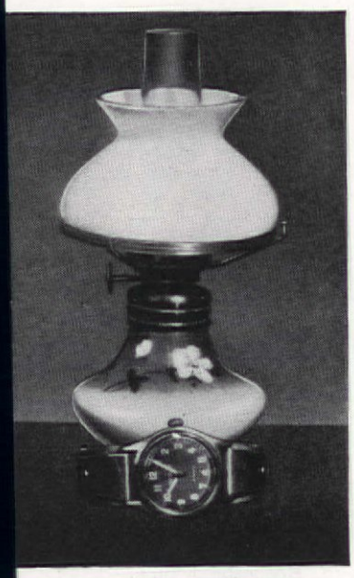

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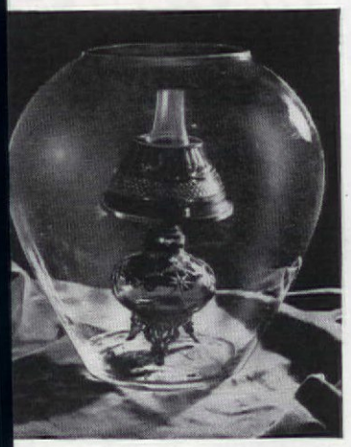
miniature size—5 inches high



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erald base and sherbet glass
ade. Stands in 8-in. petal bowl

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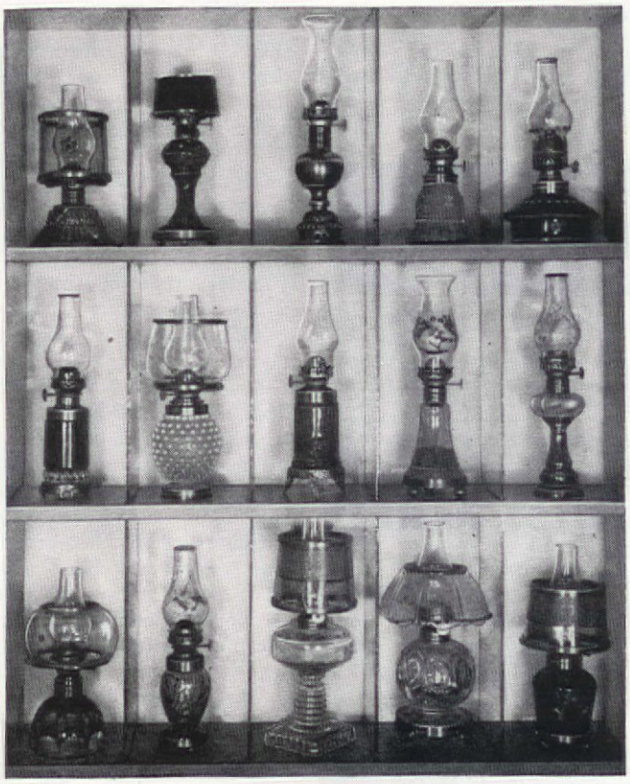

Part of my collection of miniature, kerosene-burning lamps. I now have over 150 pieces, all between 4 and 9 inches high. Many kinds of porcelain, glass, and metal went into their making. Burner and chimney were bought. The rest was ingenuity. Sometimes I even painted decorations, free-hand, on the chimneys—to match the design of the font

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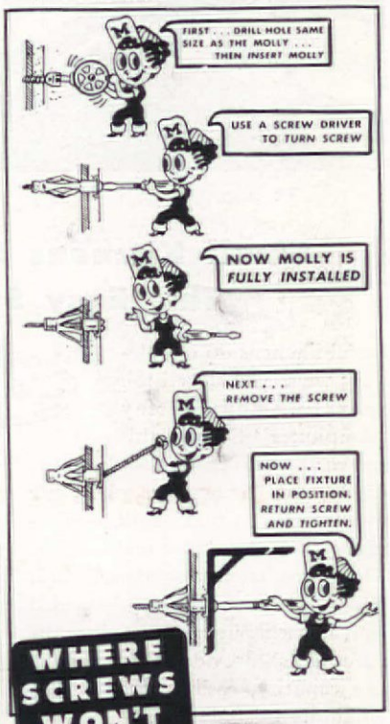

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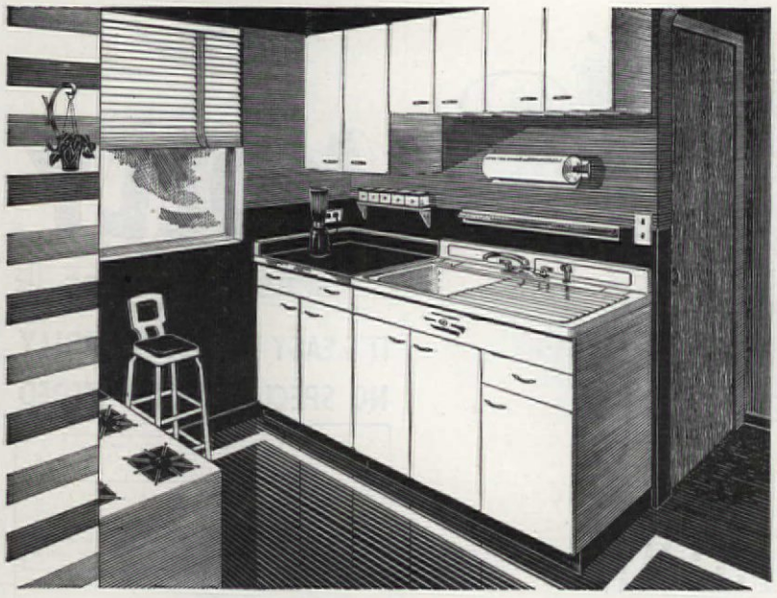

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much cheaper myself, without any experience! So I began a hobby which hasn't stopped yet. And I've never taken that vacation. Today I class that little lamp and its price as the foundation of something very worth while. It's turned me into a hobbyist, a sort of creator and the maker of 150 miniature, kerosene-burning lamps. How is this lamp-making done? Here is the way, as simply and easily as I know how to tell you.

First, I'd suggest a trip to the public library to find a book on old oil lamps. There are several. You'll find pictures of many types of old parlor lamps. Choose the one you like best. After that, it's necessary to find a base or "font." You can use a perfume bottle or atomizer, a salt or pepper shaker, maybe a small-necked bud vase. The squattier the better. Try to find glass, porcelain, cloisonné, satsuma, or bronze. Your best chance of finding one easily is in a second-hand store or antique shop, maybe your own attic—anywhere.

Try the dime store for your next requirement, which is a miniature perfume oil lamp. From this you can use the burner and the chimney. You'll also need some plaster of Paris and transparent cement. If you know anyone who owns a lathe, you're in luck. Otherwise, you'll have to contact the foreman of a small machine shop to make you some metal base rims and some metal necks, which will hold the burner on the bottle. For feet, odd pieces of costume jewelry—metal bits, beads, matching links of bracelets or necklaces—will do. These can be soldered or screwed to the base rim.

Shades can be made from old sherbet glasses, nicked tumblers, damaged glass vases, little flower bowls. Try to use something that will harmonize in color with the font. The bottom of the glass can be cut off by a diamond-cutting wheel.

An old drinking glass makes two shades if you cut off the bottom and cut the rest in half across. Should you do any cutting, use kerosene as a lubricant to avoid overheating or cracking. One thing to remember: in decorating, always use tiny, dainty parts to insure a miniature look. Sparkling rhinestones are effective when inserted into drilled holes in the neck or base rim. It is surprising what odd objects you can paste, solder, or screw onto your lamp. Chains, shoe buckles, bracelets, earrings, scraps of stones and metals. And, if you're frowning at the cost, let your concern be small. One of the most attractive lamps I ever made cost me just 85 cents complete!

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-filling charm, but unlike many other hobbies, with just a cents and plenty of leisure you can enjoy this for a lifetime! ow that your parts are all carefully selected and gathered ther, you're really ready to go to work in earnest. How is one? By carefully following the steps which you see pictured w, and on the following pages. I spend almost all of my time re making my little lamps in just this way, and now have xtremely large accumulation. May I modestly say that most ny friends and acquaintances love to look at them, examine n, admire them? May I also suggest that if you once start ing your first lamp, you'll probably wind up just like I . . . and I could wish you no better fate.

ertainly, I know now where I'll be going the next time my docks in some strange port. You'll find me in the back n of a dingy, smoke-blackened shop searching carefully for e hidden bit of stone or metal or bronze or glass, looking with ticed eye for a wine-glass or a tiny vase or a squat cruet—hing with which to make another miniature lamp!

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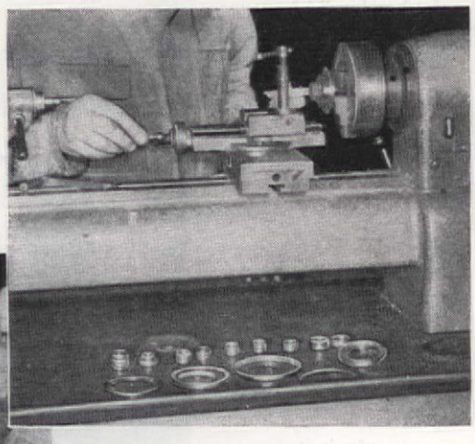
asic materials gathered to make miniature lamps. Costume welry serves as base feet and decorative trim, bottles as lamp nts. Bottle necks are removed and replaced with metal necks

hine shop, making l necks and metal se rims. Necks are aded for kerosene Base rim 1/32 in. larger in diameter n bottom of bottle



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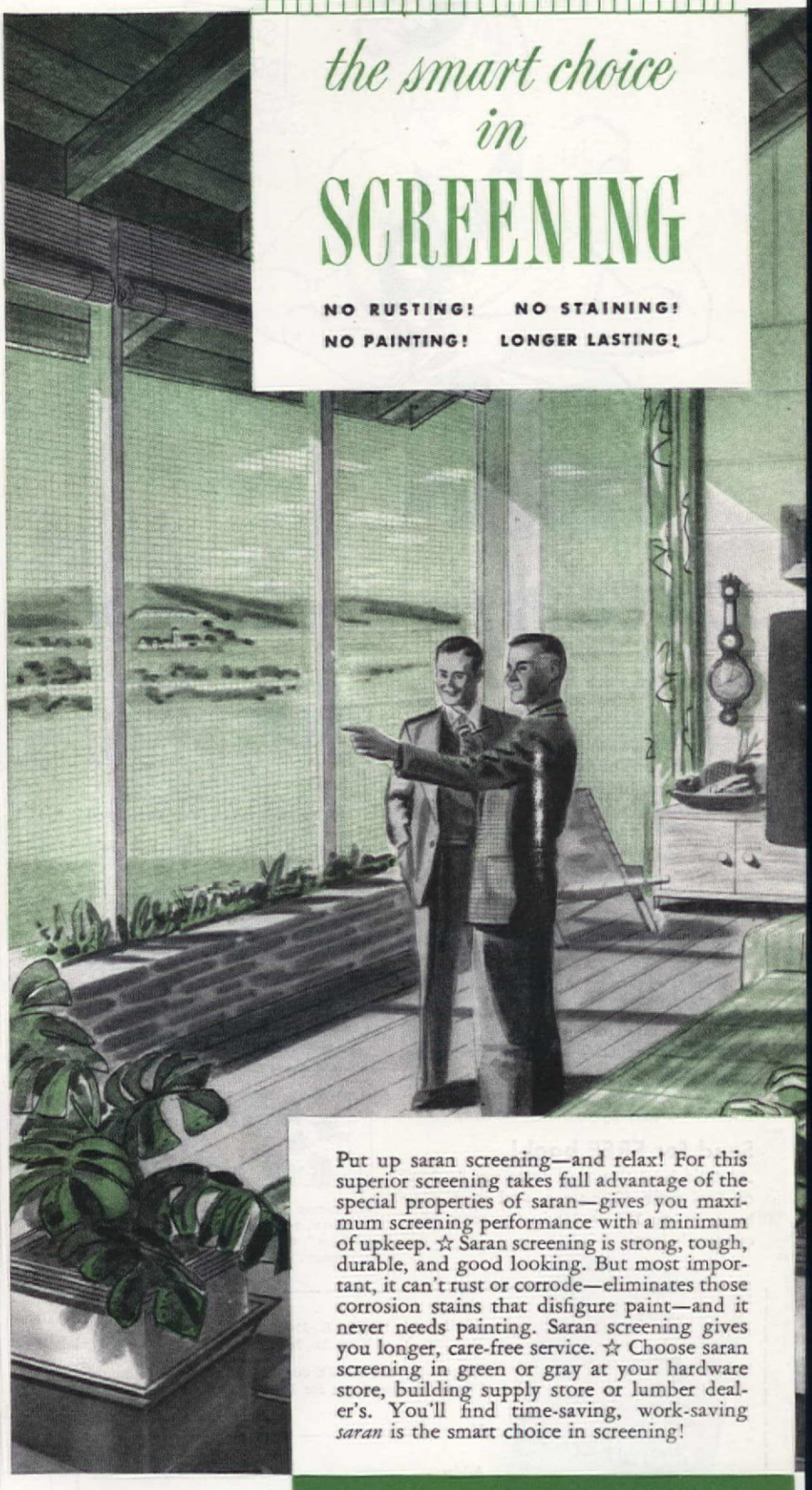

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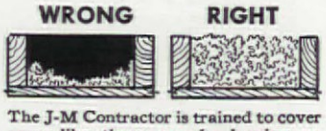

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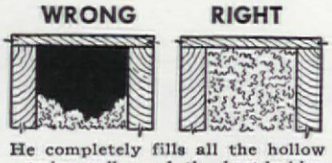

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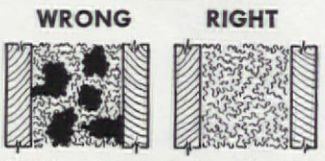

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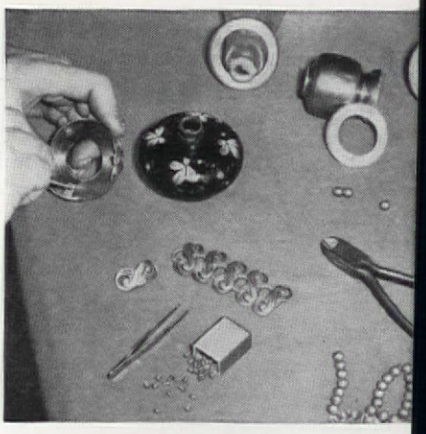
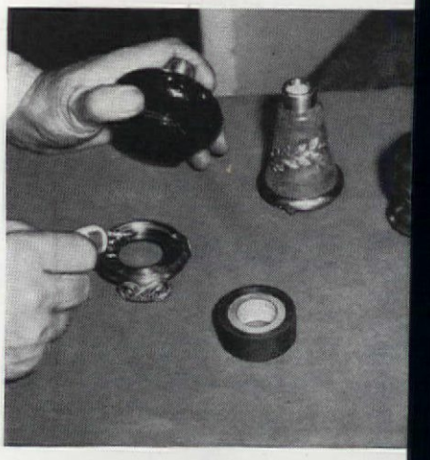
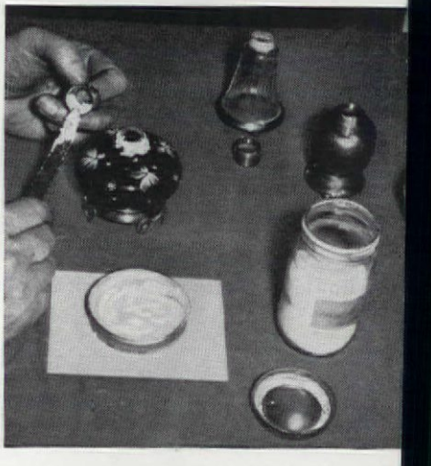


I apply transparent cement to footed, metal base rim. Then I press bottle, or lamp font, into rim and allow to set for three hours. Excess cement can be scratched off later



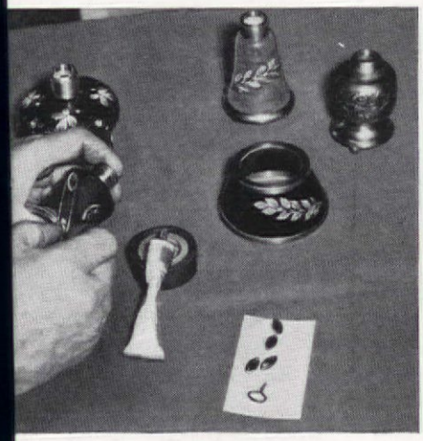
To make sure metal neck is properly aligned on bottle, I first assemble neck, burner, chimney. Then I apply plaster of Paris, mixed with water to cold-cream consistency, to interior of metal neck and exterior of bottle. I press neck to bottle, let harden 24 hours. Scrape off excess plaster with grapefruit knife



Making glass shades. Ruby sherbet glass is having its base cut off by diamond-cutting wheel. Upper part will be used as shade. Amethyst bud vase awaits its turn at cutting wheel. Custard glass gas-shade is already cut to shape

(Begins on page 99)

Shade holders are made of 1/16 in. soft brass wire. Cut three pieces slightly longer than ½ diameter of shade and solder one end of each to air holes of kerosene burner. With pliers and small hammer, turn up opposite ends to form stoppers that hold shade in place



Mock jewels or costume jewelry serves as decorative trim for bottle or lamp font. Attach with transparent cement. I use scotch tape to hold in place until cement hardens (3 hours)

Metal rims, turned in a lathe, make neat borders for shade top and lower edges. Again, use transparent cement and scotch tape. After three hours or so, remove scotch tape

Finished group of kerosene-burning miniature lamps. All glow efficiently. Lamp at left has salt-shaker body, metal appliqué trim. Others made from perfume bottles, bud vase, pepper shaker. Trim and feet on lamp at right originally from 15 cent necklace

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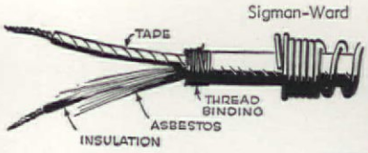
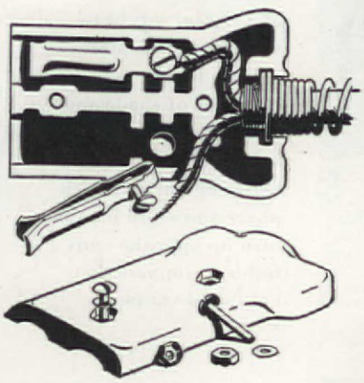




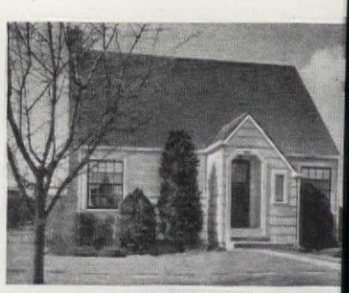
How to Fix Appliance Plugs

Appliances such as portable roasters, coffee makers, and older model electric irons have a heavy duty plug and cord. The cord is wrapped in asbestos due to the heat generated in the wire when in use. There is also electrical insulation on the wires. In spite of the asbestos insulation, due to the heat from the appliance—especially with irons—there are more frequent breaks and need for repairs than with the usual lamp or extension cord. The break is usually very close to the connections in the plug. Repairs are quite similar to those for the lighter extension cords and plugs and will last much longer if work is done correctly and carefully.

First, be sure the cap at the other end of the cord is not in a receptacle. Then remove the screws or clips that hold the halves of the body together. The plug will then open, and the wire, terminals, and cord spring will come out.

Next, cut the cord back to an undamaged section, strip the woven cover and asbestos away from the insulated wires for approximately 3 inches back, cut the woven cover at this point and bind the cut edge with a few turns of thread to keep it from unraveling. Strip about ¾ inch of insulation from each wire, scrape the wire clean, and twist the strands together. Then wrap each wire with half of the asbestos and bind it with a narrow strip of friction tape. Run the exposed ends of the wires clockwise around the terminal screws and tighten the screws.

Now place the contact springs in one half of the body, shaping the wires to fit the grooves in which they lie. Slip the cord spring down and into its groove. Replace the other half of the body and the screws or clips.



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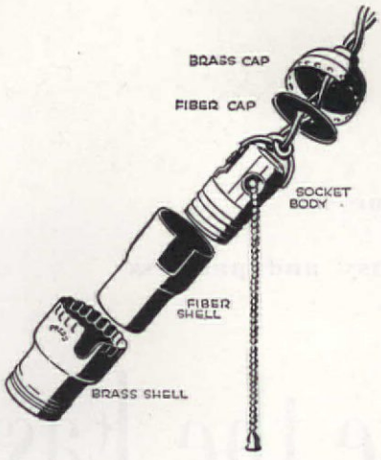

How to Wire a Lamp Socket

Don't just sit there in the dark. Fix that lamp socket that doesn't work. It really isn't difficult to make the repairs.

In every instance, regardless of the type of switch, it is necessary to take the socket apart to work on it. But first, for safety's sake, be sure the fuse is removed for permanently connected lights, or that the cap for a movable lamp is not plugged in a receptacle.

Holding the socket firmly, with a screwdriver press the shell where it is so marked near the cap. Work the screwdriver under the cap as you press to disengage the shell from the cap. Some sockets require a twisting action which disengages a small tongue on the shell from a slot in the socket cap. Then brass and fiber shells will slip off the body, and the body will pull away from the cap and loose wires and terminal screws can be tightened.

If the wire has been broken, pull it through the rubber brushing or lamp stem and the brass and fiber caps, to expose an undamaged portion of the cord. Cut off the broken wire, split the cord back about 3 inches, remove any woven covering and insulation not directly on the wires, and wrap the end of the woven covering with a single layer of tape. Carefully strip the insulation from about ½ inch of end of each wire, scrape the wire clean, and twist the wire strands together. Next, tie an underwriter's knot (explained in December issue, page 82) in the cord, wind the wire ends clockwise around the terminals and tighten the screws.

Reassemble the socket, pushing the knot against the fiber cap, and slipping the fiber and brass shells over the body. Press or twist the brass shell into the cap.

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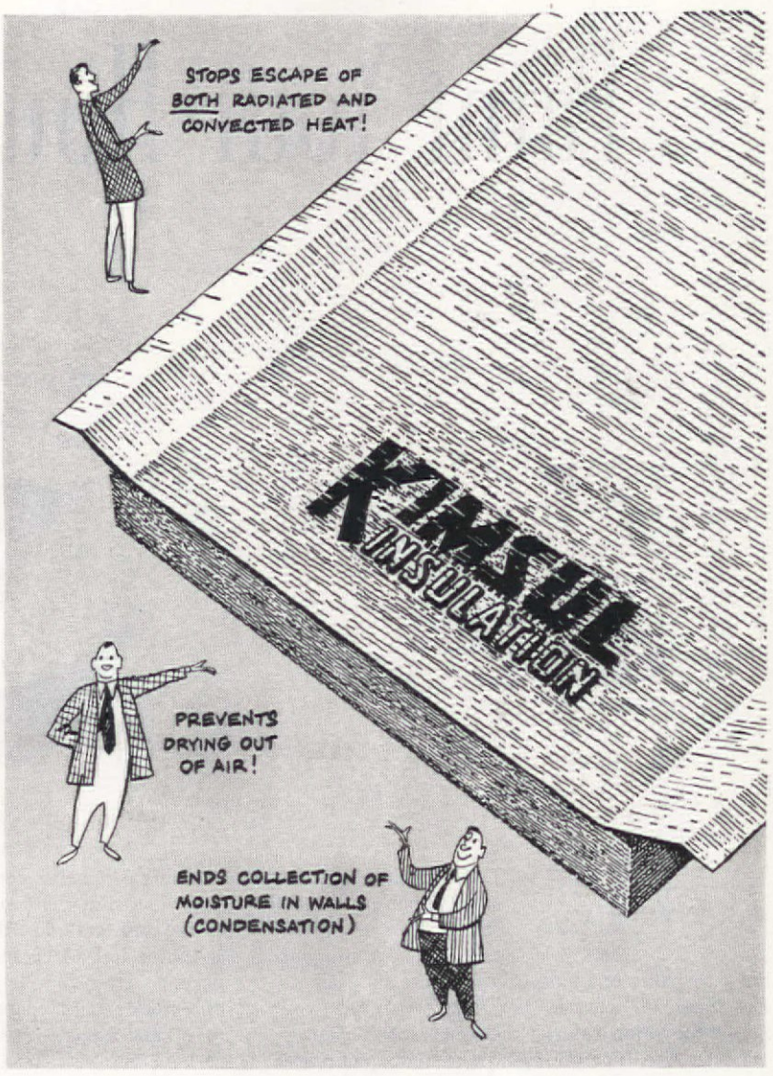

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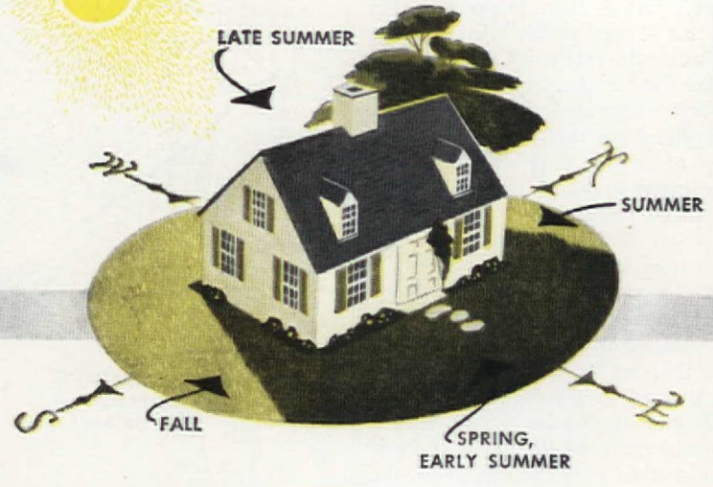

DO IT YOURSELF *and save*

The world-shattering secret that takes the pain out of house painting is, "You only have to paint one side of the house at a time!" Providing, of course, you are repainting your house the same color, which most people do.

Of course, everybody thinks that painting a house is a huge undertaking—heavy ladders to move, a whole season of week ends ruined, the house and lawn in a continual shambles. But it doesn't have to be that way. You can keep your house well-painted and do it yourself with little mess, and hardly a soul will know you're doing it. It just requires thought and planning.

There's a lot more than the secret above for easing the pain, so let's go ahead and paint your house step by step and you'll see what I mean.

DO THE SHUTTERS FIRST. Taking down shutters brings up the problem of a ladder. Tall wooden ones may be too heavy for you to move—get yourself a lightweight metal ladder. A 32-foot extension model is tall enough for most homes. It will cost a bit more than a wood ladder, but it will last forever, and you'll like it—just don't get it between you and a live wire.

Put all the shutters in the cellar or garage and let them get good and dry. Then place a shutter flat on two sawhorses, boxes, or chairs and give it a coat of house-paint undercoat. If the back is in fair condition, only paint the front.

After the undercoat has dried for a couple of days, fill any holes or cracks with knife-grade caulking or glazing compound which is more durable than putty. Be sure to look at the top edge of the shutters and fill any openings because that is the easiest place for water to enter and cause peeling. After completing the filling, apply a coat of exterior trim enamel. When the shutters are dry, hang them—already your house has begun to have the new look.

THE SIDES NEXT—DO THEM IN EASY STEPS. Plan to do one side of your house at a time and finish it completely. Then, if you interrupt your work for a vacation or other cause, your house still looks well.

Often people want to do the front of the house first. If that's what you want to do, go ahead. But the more scientific way is to plan so that the fresh paint will not be subjected to an excess of hot sunshine until it is thoroughly hard.

For example, do the north side in the summer because it doesn't get the hot summer sun. Do the east side, which doesn't get the hot afternoon sun, in the spring or early summer. Do the west side in late summer since most of the heat is over with. The south side comes in the early fall, and it will have all winter to harden. With such easy stages—beside the house always looking well—you'll not have the pain of a big job waiting for urgent attention, and you can start painting at almost any time of year.

HOW MANY COATS? The fewer coats you put on a house to keep it in good condition the better. If you pile on a lot of coats, eventually the paint will crack and peel. Then you will have a really painful job burning off all the old coats of

Good house paint will wear off by gradual dering, called chalking. Between paintings proximately the same thickness of paint s weather away as you will apply when you re In this way the film never gets too thick will always stay in good condition.

If the paint is in good condition but washing is more practical than painting. I house needs painting, but is in fairly good dition, you can get a one-coat house pain will do an excellent job.

Often the north side, or both the north east sides may be in much better shape tha south and west. In such cases the nort north and east—might well be given but on and the other sides two coats.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR PAINTING. Take down sh screens, mail boxes, and other removable on side you are going to paint.

If there is any peeling, it is probably by leaks. See that all leaks in roof, aroun dows, or elsewhere are repaired or the new will also peel.

Wash off grease with paint thinner. Scra loose or peeling paint with a stiff scraping and sand scars with № 2 or № 2½ sand Touch up bare spots with undercoat pai allow to dry.

Scrape out any loose window putty and c spots with thin paint. When paint is dry, re the spots. Glazing or knife-grade caulkin pound is more durable than standard putty

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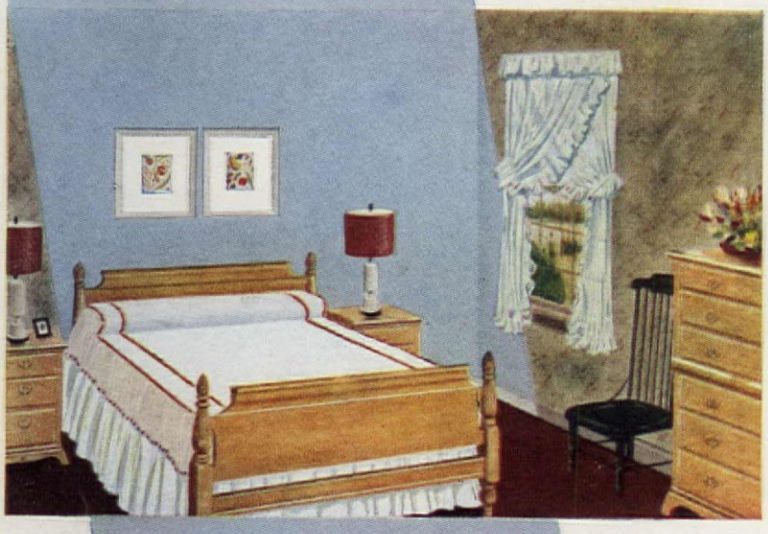

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LADDER AND DROP CLOTHS. It is safer for an amateur to work from a ladder rather than try to rig up a scaffold.

Don't be careless with ladders. The distance from the foot of the ladder to the wall should be from a quarter to a third of the height of the ladder. If the ladder rests on a cement walk, use ladder shoes to prevent slipping, or tie the foot to some solid anchor with a rope. It is a good plan to tie the top of the ladder to a downspout or gutter to prevent slipping.

If the ladder rests on a lawn, place a board beneath it to protect the grass.

Cover walks and shrubbery with drop cloths to catch paint drippings.

APPLYING THE UNDERCOAT. Thin the paint according to the manufacturer's directions. Use either a branded thinner or turpentine, whichever is cheaper. Stir the paint thoroughly. You should have a 6-quart paint pot to paint from. After stirring, pour paint back and forth several times from can to pot to be sure it is completely mixed. If the finish coat is colored, pour half a pint to a pint of the finish paint into the undercoat to tint it.

Use a good 3½-inch flat wall brush. Cheap brushes double the work and give you plenty of grief. Hang the bucket on a rung of the ladder with a pot hook, and paint strips as wide as you can reach comfortably, from top to bottom of the wall. Make the edges uneven to minimize lap marks. As you go along, dust off the surface before painting it.

Don't try to spread out house-paint undercoat too far. Put it on so that it hides the surface, then smooth it with the tips of the bristles.

Paint the underedge of the boards first; then use fast, long strokes in the direction of the grain. The last strokes of each brushful should be back into the part previously painted.

It saves time to undercoat the trim while doing the siding. Take two pots of paint up the ladder if the trim is to be a different color.

When painting a window, use a 1½-inch brush called a sash tool. Paint around the glass first, starting at and brushing away from each corner. It helps to hold a small cardboard or metal strip on the glass, against the edge to be painted. Paint the wood, holding the brush sideways, and let the brush lap onto the strip. Wipe off the strip before plac-

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PUTTYING. After the undercoat has dried overnight, fill nail holes and cracks with glazing compound. A flexible putty knife is easiest for this work.

APPLYING THE FINISH COAT. The finish coat should not be applied until the undercoat is thoroughly dry. This takes from two days to a week.

Apply the finish coat in the same manner as the undercoat, except that it brushes easier and spreads farther. Do not spread it, however, so thin that it does not hide the undercoat.

Always mix enough finish coat for a whole side of the house. Never start with a new can in the middle of a wall. Even though it is the same color, it may look different because of dust which has been picked up on your brush and deposited in the previous paint. When the paint pot gets down to about half full, fill it again with the paint you have prepared.

If you must pause for a week, or overnight, be sure to end your work at the edge of a window or door to prevent a lap when you start again.

Having painted one side of a house, don't be alarmed if you can't get your paint the same color for the next side. Take a good look at any house and you'll see that the play of light and shadow makes it impossible to tell whether paint color on adjacent sides is exactly the same.

STORING PAINT. When you have stopped for the day or week or month, pour left-over paint back in the original can, and pour in about a quarter inch of paint thinner so it floats on top.

Clean out the pot by pouring in a quart or more of thinner and swabbing it around the can with your brush. Pour the thinner back into its container—it is perfectly good for use again for thinning or cleaning. Then wipe the pot with a newspaper and a rag.

When you want to use the paint again, stir it thoroughly, as before. If there are lumps or skins in it, tie a double thickness of cheese cloth or a piece of wire screening over the pot top and pour the paint through it.

STORING BRUSHES. For storing overnight, fill the brush with paint and wrap in several thicknesses of newspaper.

For storing a week or so, suspend it in a bucket of half and half raw linseed oil and paint thinner.

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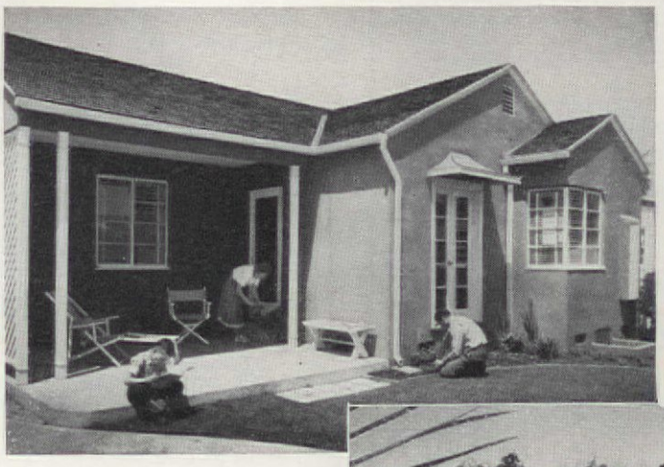
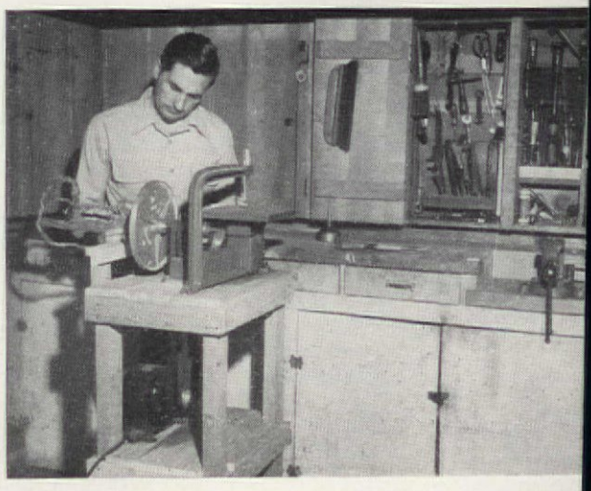
trellised outdoor dining room at the rear of the garden with a barbecue ten feet away. Up to now the back yard has not been landscaped. The reason—if they kept the house, and at first there were doubts about living in a ready-built house, the rear porch would be enclosed as a den and an outside entrance made into the dining room. Actually the latter change was made shortly after they moved in. Now, with close neighborhood friendship cemented and with excellent schools near by for Stephen, they are going ahead with the den addition. Work was started the day after our pictures were taken. New foundation planting at back will tie in with that along side garden walls.

The exterior is low with simple gabled wings; walls are stucco covered with formal quoins molded at the corners. Extremel



Dining-room doorway was added after owners moved in. Since this picture was taken, the porch has been transformed into a comfortable den

Dining area in rear of yard is partly shaded by redwood trellis, giving privacy from neighbors by low wall, fig tree, high growing shrubs



Mr. Holmes busy in his garage workshop polishing r of a desert grapevine from which he makes decorati trees. All room and window cornices were handmade

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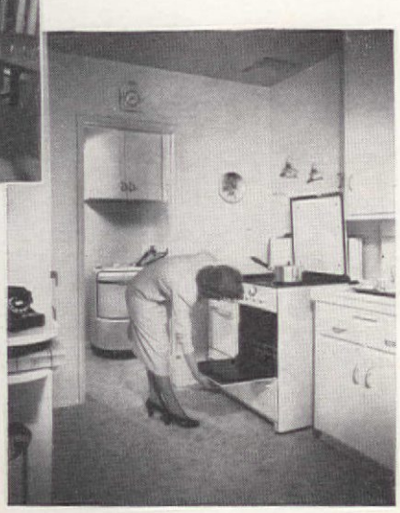
narrow shutter slats and graceful metal brackets holding up the front entrance hood, add refining notes to the simple green walls. The low-pitched roofs are covered with natural cedar shingles.

Once inside, one is instantly conscious of the convenience of the plan. Access to both bedrooms and bath is possible without ever crossing the living room. These bedrooms are well protected, too, against noises from the main part of the house; each, too, is provided with one ample closet. The bath will satisfy both scrubbers and shower-lovers for it contains, in a minimum area, a tub as well as shower stall.

As the plan stands now, living room as well as dining room command a view of the rear garden though this view will be transferred to the den when the latter is built on the porch foundations. New glass doors have replaced the dining-room window.

Master bedroom is bright with color. Wallpaper is green with red, yellow, and white pattern. Book table beside bed serves also as desk, has convenient drawer space

Independent as all get-out, Stephen has own private entrance to his room from rear entry. Beige and brown are the colors here; the desk, father's handiwork, was made from old dining-room table. Carpet is green



Service room, with supply cupboard above washing machine, handy for soap, laundry needs, may be seen through open kitchen door. Counter runs full length of right wall, floor-to-ceiling storage space opposite

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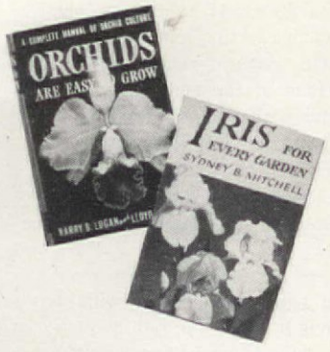

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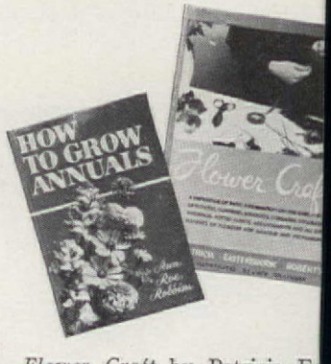

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Yes, lawn-making may be done to best advantage in autumn, lawn care starts when spring begins, and without it the h of lawns will soon go to pieces. Just what proper care me changes constantly; what was written a few years ago is likely be out of date now—which is also true of lawn-making practi Nothing about this subject is static—except certain basic ru

One of these deals with rolling a lawn in the spring. Many g deners want to start what seems like the No. 1 activity too so and compacting wet soil will definitely injure turf. The ri time to roll is when the soil is moderately moist, but not sti Anyway, too much is often expected of rolling. Its real purp is to firm the grass crowns back into the ground if they have b heaved out by alternate freezing and thawing, and to close up open soil texture caused by winter weather. It does little in way of smoothing out surface irregularities; much better to l up the low spots with a top dressing of loam and peat moss. peated rollings accomplish nothing, and the roller should not be heavy. A water ballast type whose weight can be regulated is h

Do not burn over the lawn even if an undue amount of d grass seems present; it will disappear quickly when growth starts, and meanwhile it may inspire a determina to keep cutting the lawn until late autumn. One th however, is certain: All accumulations of leaves fo on a lawn in spring should be removed promp A lawn sweeper is of considerable value h saving much time and labor. It can als used the season thro as it removes any t and litter that may gat If it is run over a lawn after a mowing, it cause the grass to st straight and look green. In fact, not gives a better impression of good lawn grooming. Also, it will r crab grass stems to an erect position, making it possible to them more readily with the mower.

A point to remember in regard to new lawns is that the mo should be very sharp. (This may easily be overlooked if a po mower is used—as is the case in so many homes, now that s

machines are cheaper than formerly.) It will save trouble to have the machine gone over by an expert every year. The average home gardener will find a mower cutting an 18- or 19-inch swath sufficiently wide--and heavy. Don't let it get low on oil or grease, and keep it clean. A hand mower can be washed with a strong stream from a hose, but keep water off a power machine. Any mower should, of course, be oiled every time it is put to use.

Clipping the grass along walks, drives, and flower beds is a slow, tedious task if done with hand shears. So a hand mower with one wheel and a short reel is almost indispensable if there is much of it to do; it is also useful for cutting close to buildings, walls, and trees. Even simpler and quicker is an electric edger with rotating blades and a long handle. But watch out, for it can throw small stones ten feet or more with surprising force!

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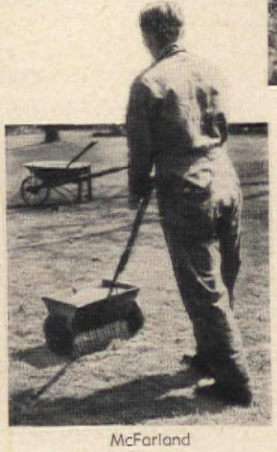

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If lawns look thin in spring, it is wiser to feed them than to sow more grass seed. Often they can be renovated quickly with frequent light applications of fertilizer and plenty of water. Extensive bare areas should, of course, be reseeded, but not too heavily. Top dressing with soil is of doubtful value; it may introduce weed seeds. Except on a very small lawn, a wheeled distributor for fertilizer, lime, seed, etc., will do a more even, economical job than can be done by hand; place a baffle in the hopper and it becomes a small cart.

Liquid fertilizer, good at any time, is especially desirable when rainfall is light. Devices can be attached to the hose to distribute plant food in solution from a pail or other container by sucking it up and mixing it with the water flow. In using them, determine the proper application for a given area so as to avoid overwatering. Early spring and fall are the times to feed a lawn; summer applications may stimulate the growth of weeds.

Water new spring-sown grass until it is well up only enough to keep the soil from drying out, but give established lawns enough water to soak the ground three or four inches deep and attract the roots downward. To test coverage and capacity of a sprinkler, set a tin can at different distances from it and measure the water collected in a given time. Flooding small areas one by one for half an hour or so is effective; a piece of board or heavy canvas under the hose end prevents soil erosion.

New control methods for lawn weeds and soil-infesting grubs are constantly being perfected. Most broad-leaved weeds succumb to a 2,4-D spray; apply it with care so it will not drift or be blown onto valuable plants near by. Hollow plastic canes filled with herbicide are handy for destroying occasional scattered weeds. When a spot is cleared of weeds, feeding will stimulate the surrounding grass to spread over it. Or reseed it lightly.

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Lawn Care (Begins on page 114)

A new insecticide, chlordane, is proving highly effective against ants and other lawn pests including Japanese beetle grubs. But it is definitely poisonous to humans and animals and should be used exactly according to directions. These usually recommend 2½ pounds 10 per cent dust, or ¾ pound 50 per cent wettable powder in 50 gallons water, for every 1,000 square feet.

Where the soil is naturally acid, gardeners often apply ground limestone every third year—5 to 10 pounds per 100 square feet. As the various grasses differ in their soil preferences, and lawn experts often disagree as to liming, it is advisable to have the soil tested for acidity before starting a liming program.

Traffic across a lawn in winter or early spring may injure it by compacting the soil, but this condition can be corrected by "forking" it. That means, not turning it, but thrusting the tines of a spading fork (or the spikes of a tool made for the purpose) into the ground and working the handle gently back and forth.

Roche

Grass is being mowed much higher than used to be advised. This has caused changes in lawn mower construction; the better machines now permit wide variation in cutting height. Some experts urge a three-inch height for new lawns and those badly infested with crab grass which does not thrive when shaded. A long grass lawn may not look as neat as one closely cropped, but lots of leafage means vigorous root growth and stronger plants.

Higher cutting is also changing the grass-seed mixtures offered by seedsmen. Formerly a larger percentage of coarse, quick-growing, inferior kinds was included. Growing rapidly, they would act as a "nurse crop" for the better sorts and then, under close mowing, disappear in a year or two. Mowed high, they last longer, to the detriment of a lawn, so they are little used in good mixtures. If you want clover, sow it in spring, and separately as it is heavy and does not mix well. White clover is deep rooting, spreads well, and endures considerable drought; but it sometimes winter kills and tends to be slippery. If the blossoms are found undesirable, a single application of 2,4-D will eliminate them without injuring the plants. Repeated applications will kill the clover completely.

Removing grass clippings after mowing is not necessary unless they are long and abundant enough to smother the grass, or the weather is so hot and muggy as to induce rotting, heating, and mildew. Some lawn keepers use a long bamboo pole or a twig broom to scatter the clippings and work them down into the grass. There are also special machines, some to be attached to mowers and others to be used separately, which chop up the clippings and distribute them as a fine mulch or top dressing so they can sooner turn into humus and go back into the soil. But the value of clippings in this respect may have been overemphasized. It may be better to remove them and add them to the compost heap.

If your problem is not one of lawn maintenance, but of starting a new lawn right now, your best plan may well be to make a temporary one. To do this, fit the soil (adding 6 pounds of fertilizer per 1,000 square feet), sow (for that area) 5 to 8 pounds of domestic or perennial rye grass seed, rake, roll lightly, water frequently. This will look good in three weeks and until September. Then make your permanent lawn.

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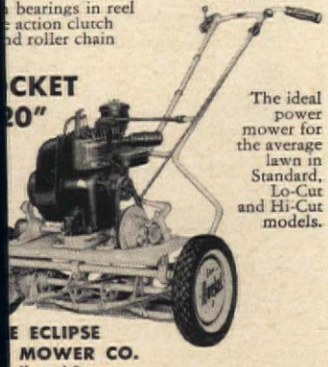

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Roses

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the newness of the variety and its availability. It rarely pays to buy low priced stock, for such plants are usually below No. 1 grade; sometimes they are commercial greenhouse stock discarded as a source of cut flowers after several years of forcing.

Not only general retail nurseries, but also seed stores and even chain and department stores, usually offer roses at planting time. Always examine their stock very carefully, for a rose plant deteriorates rapidly when exposed to the hot, dry air of the average store or kept under other unfavorable conditions. Be sure that both tops and roots are plump and healthy, not dry and shriveled. Prepackaged rose plants, now available from many stores at planting season, have the advantage of moisture-holding packing material which helps keep them in good condition. Never buy plants with long white shoots of forced premature growth which invariably die when the plants are set out. Potted roses are satisfactory for late spring planting, but cost more than bare-root, dormant stock.

Few flowers offer so many types and varieties as the rose. To the enthusiast, these varieties have personalities almost as real and distinctive as those of his human friends. On the basis of growth habit, roses fall into two main categories—bush roses and climbers. Most important of the first-named type are the Hybrid Teas, Floribundas (Hybrid Polyanthas), Hybrid Perpetuals, Polyanthas, Miniatures, and Tree Roses. Actually, shrub or species roses are also "bushes"; but because they are generally larger, more informal in appearance, and rarely used (as are the others) for bedding, they are listed as a separate group or class in the table on pages 42 and 43.

The Hybrid Tea, usually thought of when roses are mentioned, represents the most advanced state of rose development. It is sometimes called the "monthly rose," but modern varieties do even better by flowering continuously over a long period. About 75 per cent of garden roses and most greenhouse roses are H. T.'s.

The Floribundas, next in importance, are called Hybrid Polyanthas by the Rose Society because they were developed by crossing Hybrid Tea varieties with those of Polyantha type, which they have by now virtually superseded. Hardy, vigorous, blooming continuously, they are rapidly gaining in popularity. Though the blooms usually lack the exquisite refinement of H. T.'s, they are of good size and borne in clusters.

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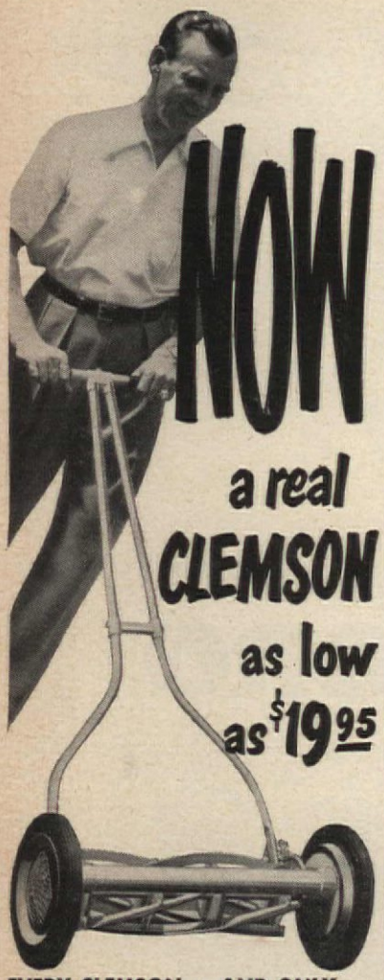

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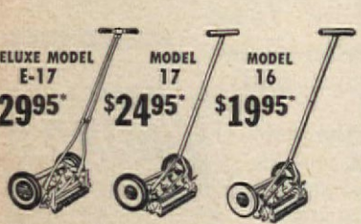

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Roses

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"perpetual" implies a more continuous blooming habit than actually exists. True Polyantha varieties, distinguished by small flowers borne in dense clusters, used to be called Baby Ramblers because they suggested a bush type of the old Crimson Rambler. Few varieties are now listed.

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As noted, Shrub roses are less a well-defined class than a hodge-podge of bush types that do not fit in any of the above categories. They include the wild or natural species, hybrids, and some tall-growing varieties. We should think of them as flowering shrubs—much as we do lilacs and spireas, their chief usefulness being in landscape planting.

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To help the beginner choose from the many varieties listed and described in catalogues, most botanical gardens and many municipal parks maintain rose gardens where kinds adapted to the region can be studied and compared. A reliable guide to the newest things is the annual recommendations of All-America Rose Selections, Inc., a co-operative organization of leading rose growers and introducers. An important function of the American Rose Society, with headquarters at Harrisburg, Pa., is to assist gardeners in choosing varieties best adapted to their sections, both by sending out lists of outstanding varieties in the trade, as well as through personal advice.

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On our property we have two rock gardens. One is on a gentle slope, from which we removed the topsoil before starting to make the garden. The other is on a steep, excavated bank where, of course, there was no topsoil to be removed. Now, I am not advising every gardener to do as we did. It will not be easy, for example, for one man to do all the work necessary. We used limestone exclusively, and some of the stones weighed over half a ton apiece. However, the amateur and home gardener can get smaller stones at nearly any hillside or excavation, work them into his garden, and derive a lot of pleasure from picking out rocks with especially attractive-looking surfaces and forms.

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The rocks took care of the slopes. If we had a gentle grade to work with, we used smaller rocks and made bigger bays; when the slope got steeper, we used bigger, higher rocks and made the bays smaller. In every case, the ground behind the rocks was level when we got through. After tamping it, we wet it down thoroughly. By that I mean we kept the hose running on it for several hours until the ground would not hold any more water. We then left it

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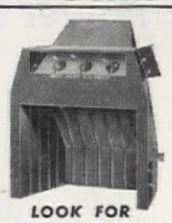

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Rock Garden

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alone for a few days, and only then did we start any planting.

Our two gardens are in full sun, but we are able to grow primroses and other shade-loving plants in them because we plant them against the back part of the bays. There the taller rocks give them some shade and help keep the ground cool. Rocks used as I have suggested have the effect of conserving both moisture and shade, and moisture-loving plants will thrive when planted with their roots close up against the stones.

Subjects like rock-garden phlox (*Phlox subulata*) were planted in the bigger bays in groups of three or more clumps spaced about eight inches apart so that they could spread. In fact, nearly all the plants used were planted in groups of three or more. The exceptions were those that spread rapidly, like cushion chrysanthemums (Azaleamums), which will not tolerate crowding, and one plant of which will, by itself, cover a sufficient area.

Six inches of topsoil will not suffice for heavy feeding plants like the Chinese-bellflower (Platycodon), so we "pocket" them. That means that when we plant them, we dig the holes much deeper and use good soil in the entire hole. This enables the roots to get the nourishment they require and, by concentrating the topsoil instead of broadcasting it, simplifies the problem of getting enough of it.

The next thing to remember is that fast-spreading plants like snow-in-summer (*Cerastium tomentosum*) and many of the rock-mosses (like *Sedum sarmentosum*) should not be permitted to get too strong a root-hold. Thin them or trim them back each year, or oftener if necessary, so that they do not overrun the garden, as they surely will if given even half a chance.

Our garden with the gentle slope is large enough to include, and in fact need, walks. For them, we used sandstone slabs of good size bedded in cinders (as most flagstones are) to prevent their heaving. In the spaces between the stones, we planted several varieties of thyme, including the red (*Thymus coccineus*) and the woolly (*T. lanuginosus*), and permitted them to grow over the rocks. These thymes do not grow tall, in fact, they rarely exceed two or three inches; and they make an attractive and appropriate carpet.

Many rock gardeners buy only dwarf plants for their gardens, but we use both low- and tall-growing kinds. In our garden with the steep slope, we use the taller plants to make the slope seem less abrupt by planting them nearer the front. In the other garden, with its more gradual rise, we use the taller plants at the back to accentuate the slope. We have Adams needle or Spanish

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Rock Garden

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We use quite a few columbines (Aquilegia) and bleeding-hearts, both the old-fashioned *Dicentra spectabilis*, and the plumy or fern-leaved species (*D. eximia*). Also plenty of pinks (Dianthus) of many varieties, both tall and dwarf, and bulbs by the hundred. A few words as to bulbs: For spring bloom we use many of the so-called minor bulbs, such as scillas, Chionodoxa, Fritillaria (guineahen-flower), and Eranthis (snowdrops) as well as tulips (species, earlies, midseasons and lates in generous quantities), hyacinths, narcissus, and oodles of crocus to make up a well-balanced effect. Lilies such as the coral lily (*Lilium tenuifolium*) and lilylike subjects such as the blackberry-lily (Belamcanda) are also included in our plantings. In fact, we try anything we think will grow there. And many of the original bulb plantings are still effective after twelve years. Incidentally, we do not lift our bulbs every year, not even our tulips; we prefer to leave them until they no longer bloom, and then replace them.

We water our rock gardens, if at all, only when the plants start to droop or otherwise show definite signs of lacking moisture. But when we do it, we let the hose run on one spot for several hours before moving it to another location. As a matter of fact, we ordinarily have to do but little watering, as the arrangement of the rocks tends to conserve the water. At any rate, the plants are not only surviving, but thriving for us.

Editor's Note: Mr. Loeb writes for amateurs, but not as one of them. He is a member of the firm that operates the Flower Farm in western Pennsylvania. In the past, it did considerable landscaping, but for the past decade it has specialized in raising perennials, azaleas, and rhododendrons, and importing Holland-grown bulbs which provide color in the gardens he describes for more than ten weeks each spring. For two years he was associate editor of "The Stamen," the publication of the Men's Garden Club of Pittsburgh, to which he is still a regular contributor.

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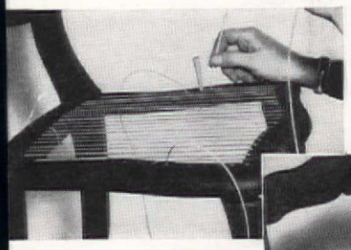

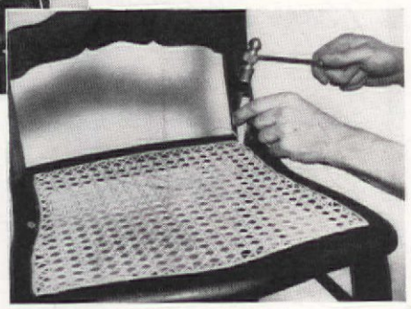

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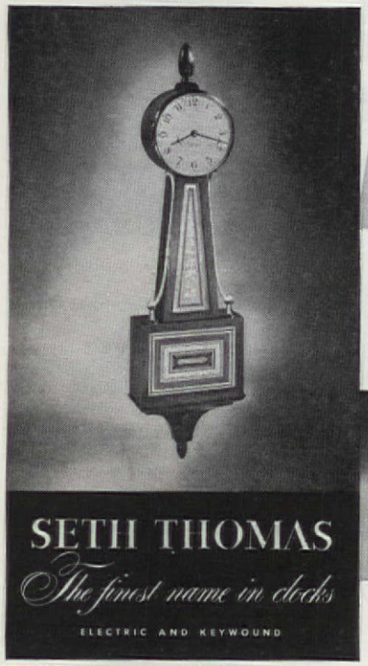

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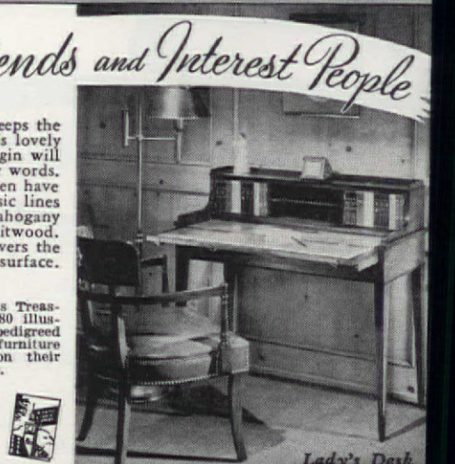

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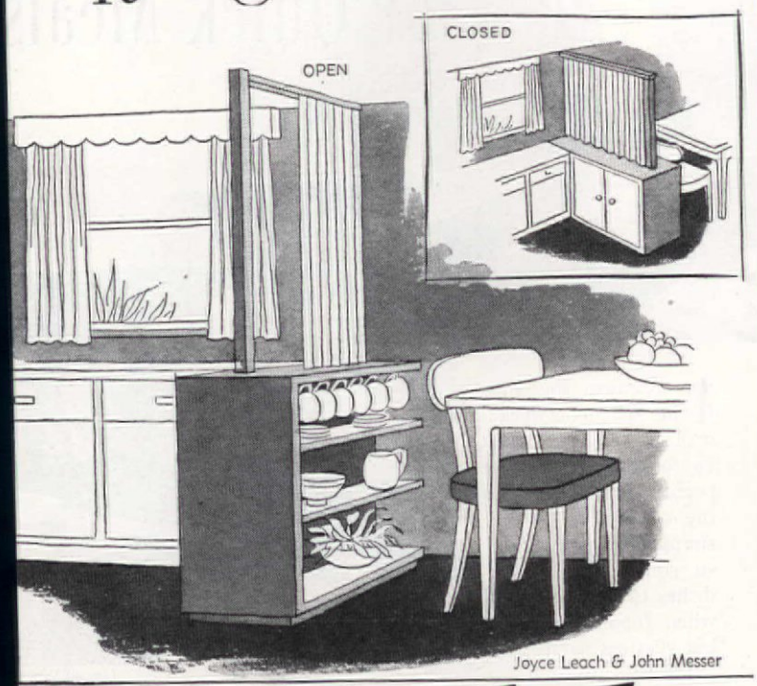

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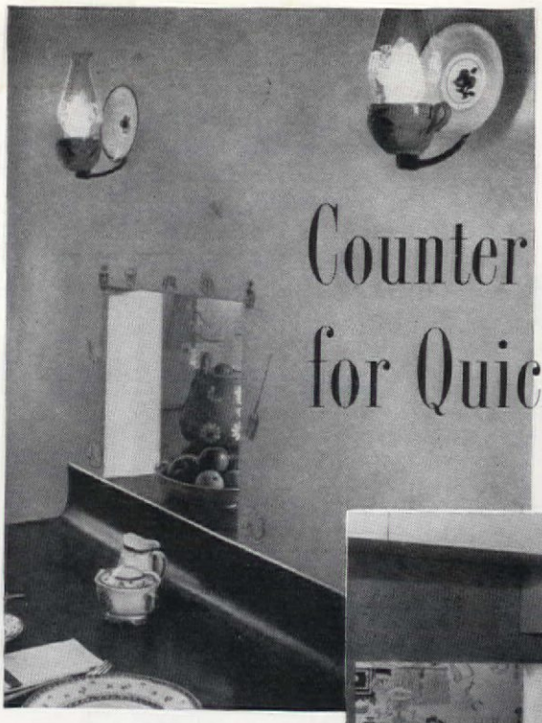

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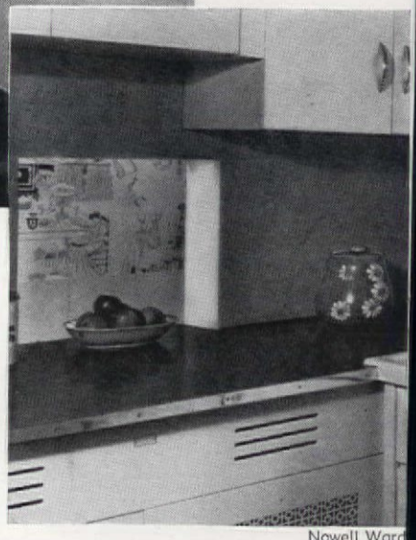

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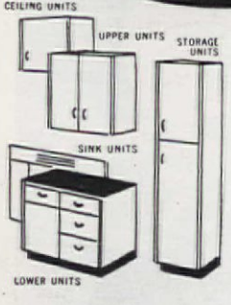

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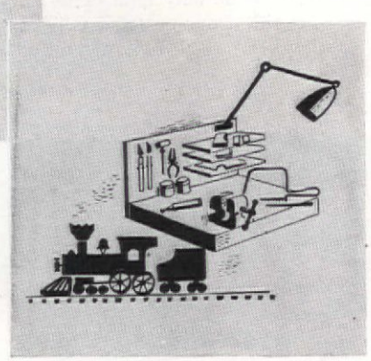

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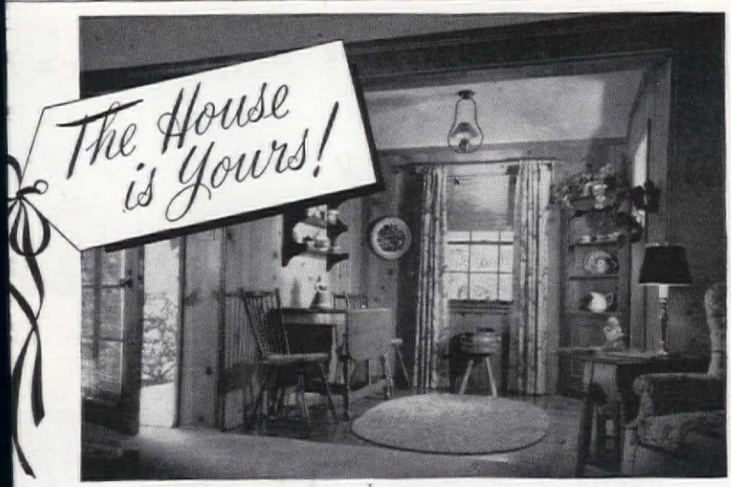

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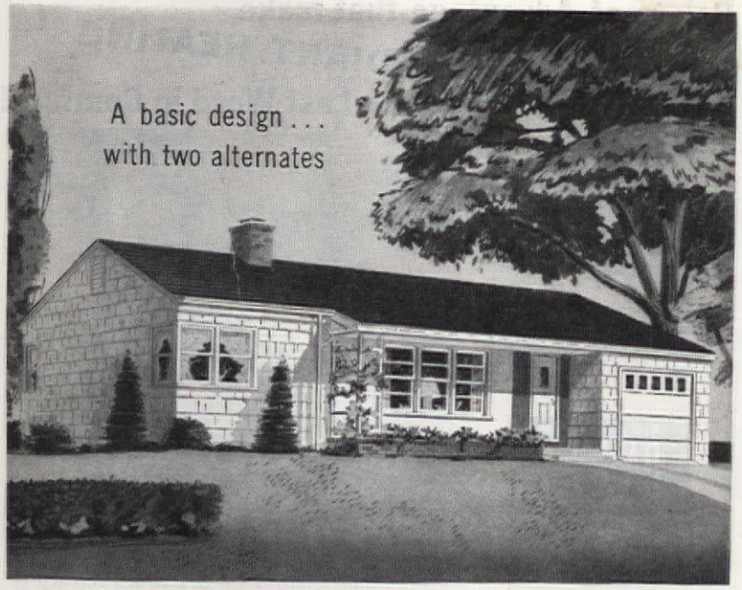

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They Broke with Their Past

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indeed. We gave him voluminous drawings of what we wanted and where to put it. He accepted these pieces of paper smilingly and then proceeded to ignore them completely, concentrating instead on how we lived, what we did with our hobbies, how we wanted to raise the children, and the temperaments of the two adults in the family. He also spent a lot of time looking over our land.

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Broke with Past

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parted, for the sale took place right in the house, we were left with one chair, a passable modern bed and a couple of bedsprings. From then on it was the modern life for us!

The cardinal requirement of our experiment was that it be a house easy to maintain inside and out. It is a servantless house and will always remain so. For instance, there's no separate dining room; extra space was allowed in the kitchen for family meals. To many traditionalists this may seem barbaric, but to us it gives our life a feeling of warm friendliness and informality lacking where a formal dining room is used. We felt, too, that time wasted moving food from one room to another, plus the space saved, outweighed all other considerations. When people come to dinner, we serve buffet style around the living-room fireplace. Food is passed through a sliding panel between living room and kitchen.

Our house has no basement. Instead, there's a storage room which combines laundry and hobby space. At first its size appalled us. Where would we store the things we were certain to collect? The solution is an easy one—when the room gets overcrowded, some stuff is thrown away. People with attics and basements cannot understand how we can do this. Not an easy habit to acquire but, believe us, one well worth cultivating. We still collect, but don't amass!

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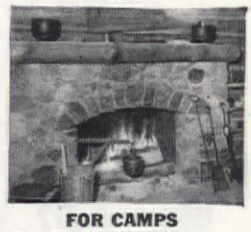

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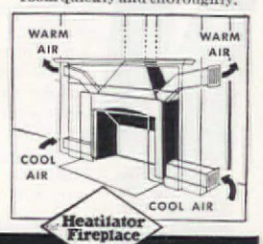

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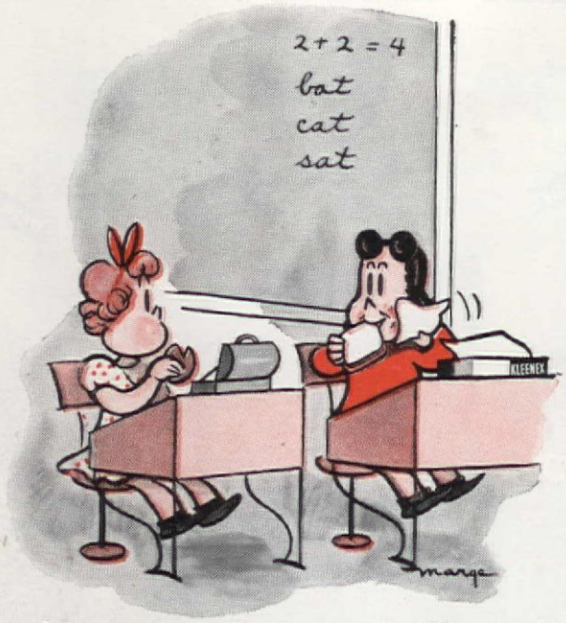

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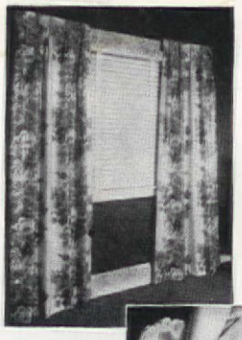

25 step-by-step photos, directions Pattern 1268

4 New Homemaking Patterns

How to make your own draperies and how to recondition different kinds of summer furniture

Here's a new kind of Homemaking Pattern—a picture pattern—to help you do a good job and save money besides. You can use either your own leftover stuff that's outlived its usefulness, or buy some second-hand pieces and for very little cost produce a beauty!

You see, these "patterns" are all explained by photographs of the step-by-step work that we tested and approved. For instance, every single operation in the making of the draperies was tested in our studios—not by professionals, but by amateur handymen. In this way, we were sure you'd also be able to make them.

The metal furniture was provided by some members of our editorial staff. One look is all you need to see how horrible they looked before—how fetching they look now!

The wicker and Chinese Peel furniture was tired looking and certainly time-worn, but the foundation was still good. We used the best paint and varnish we could find in this repair job, because in the long run that's the best investment you can make. It saves time and energy always to buy and use good materials.

The wood furniture was just about to be tossed into the furnace when we asked for it in order to do it over. Don't take our word for it—just look at the pictures before and after.

On page 123 we also offer another Homemaking Pattern all about "How to Re-cane a Chair." Detailed instructions are from a caning expert.

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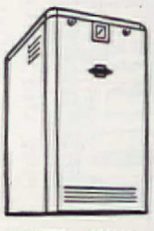

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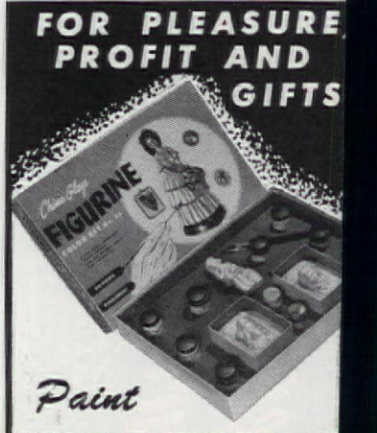

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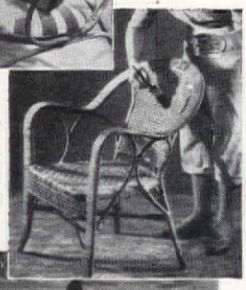
13 step-by-step photos, directions Pattern 1269



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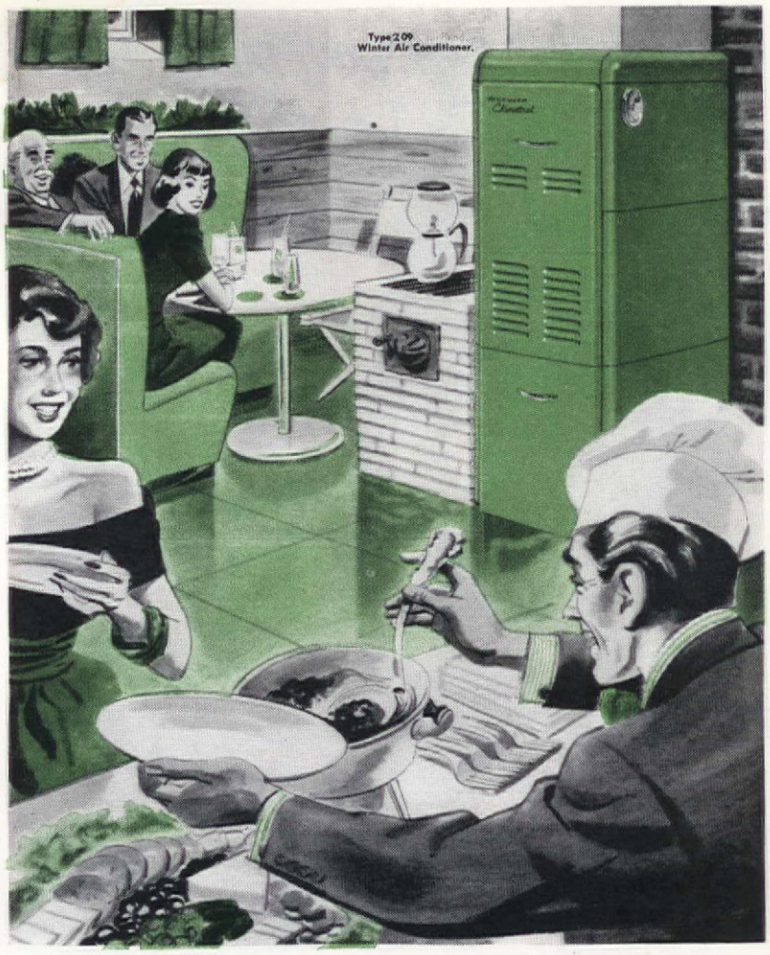

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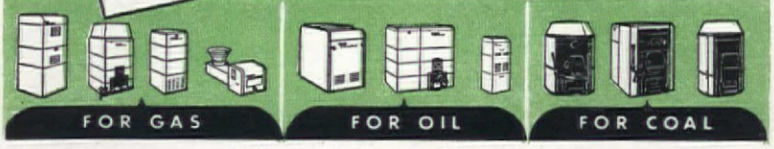

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They Need Music

(Begins on page 14)

and shapes of things. It allows him to have exciting adventures in imagination. Facial creams, dough, and mud are equally satisfying media to the young child, disconcerting as their use may be to parents.

The enjoyment of music is vastly enhanced by opportunities for *active participation* in musical expression. Thus, a rhythm band in which the young child can play as a member of a group is an elementary, but important, musical form. Songs which have repetitive phrases and words stimulate eager interest and real fun. They should have simple melodies and a limited tonal range. Folk songs are a delight because of their simplicity, rhythm, repetitiveness, nonsense syllables. Stemming from the roots of our heritage, they widen cultural horizons.

Even young pre-schoolers can enjoy listening to music for limited periods of time. Their interests range widely—from Brahms and Hindemith to "The Little Fireman" and "Tubby the Tuba." A parent who has gloated over his three-year-old's interest in classical music may be startled when the same child, at five or six, rejects his serious musical past to glory in hillbilly ditties or the latest musical-comedy tunes. This is a normal developmental occurrence and should cause no concern.

A stimulus to the enjoyment of music is a record player which can be used by the child without adult assistance. Such a player will eliminate the inevitable "don'ts" which accompany use of the family machine and which may discourage a developing interest in music. Record players for children should reproduce sound well and be of sturdy construction.

Records suitable for young people can be obtained from record clubs which have carefully tested and selected songs and music most certain to be fun and provide stimulus for children at various age levels.

Dancing is as natural to a child as breathing, and, as is the case with music, should stem from his spontaneous interests. Parents should not expect the young child to develop formal, traditional dance steps, but rather free-flowing motions which more likely than not will have no meaning whatsoever to adults. However, the child derives tremendous joy from the rhythmic movements, the exercise, the sheer fun of dancing by himself or with others in a supervised group.

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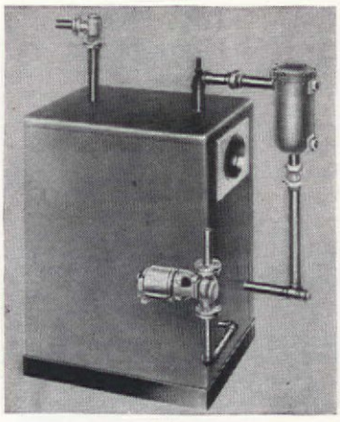

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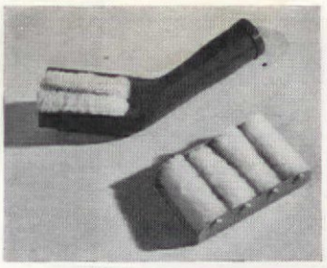

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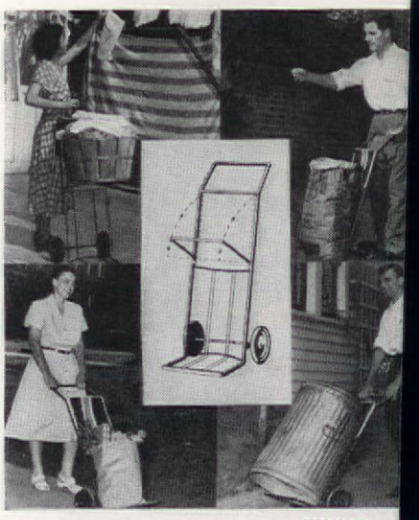

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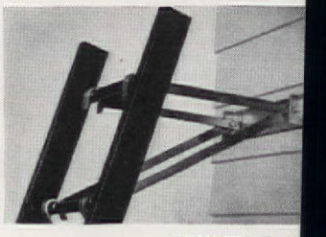

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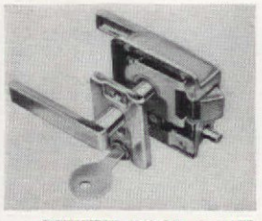

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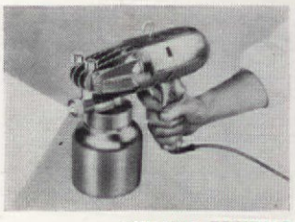

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