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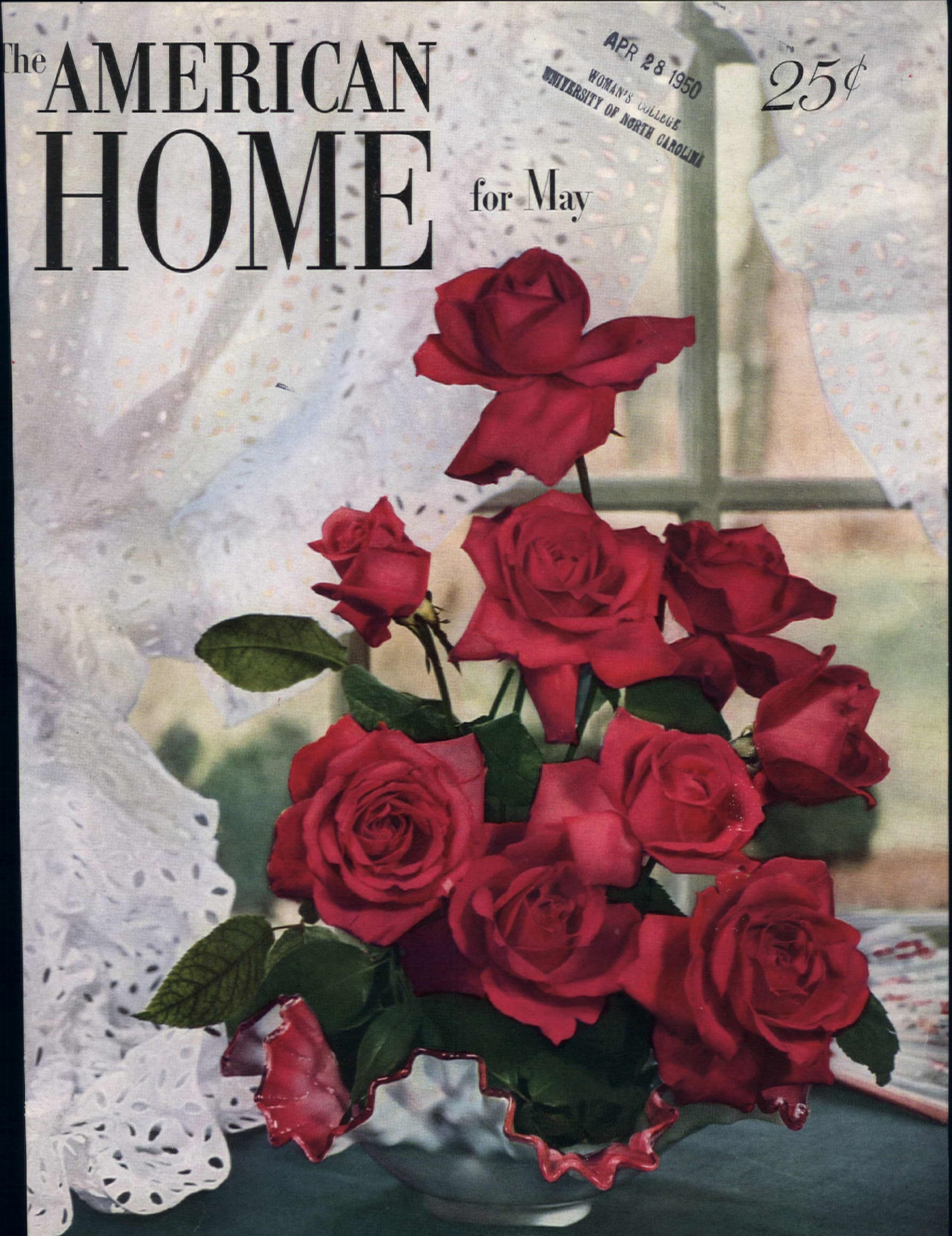

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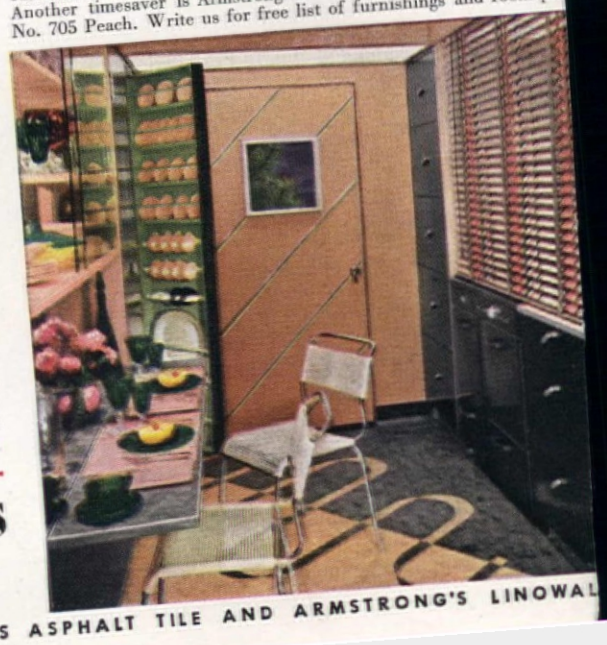

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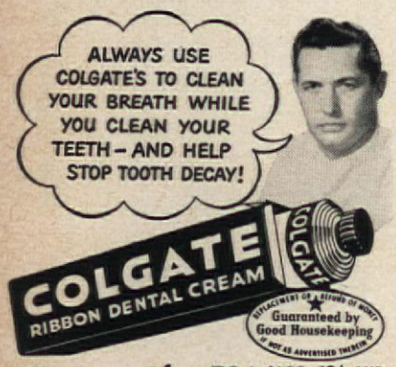

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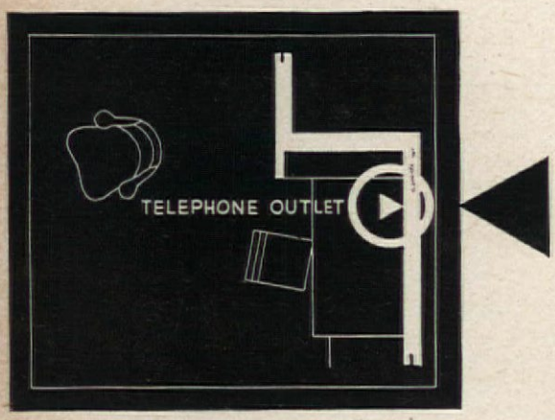

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. . . **P. H. PARROTT,** who describes his brain child, the "Disappearing Play Yard" (page 43), says "nothing adds so much sales value to a city home as paint, green grass, a garden, and grandchildren." And he ought to know, for he is a grandfather, a past president of the Portland, Oregon Realty Board, and is widely known for his activity in the National Association of Real Estate Boards. Now retired, he and Mrs. Parrott make a hobby of their own back yard, their own grandchildren and the gorgeous birds of the Pacific Northwest.

. . . **CHARLOTTE B. HERBERT** is the manager of a family with a three-year-old girl and infant boy, but whenever a lull occurs in the general family uproar, she writes. Born in Connecticut, educated in New England, she married a geologist, helped him gain the family Ph.D., and is at present searching for a "Plain, Friendly House" (page 27) of her own in Illinois. In anticipation the Herberts are busily collecting an-

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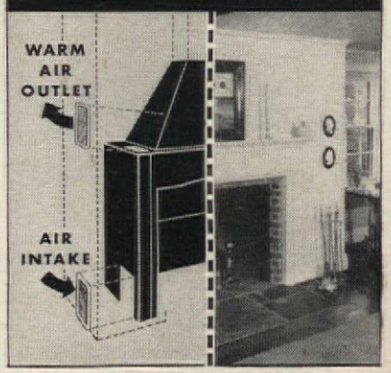

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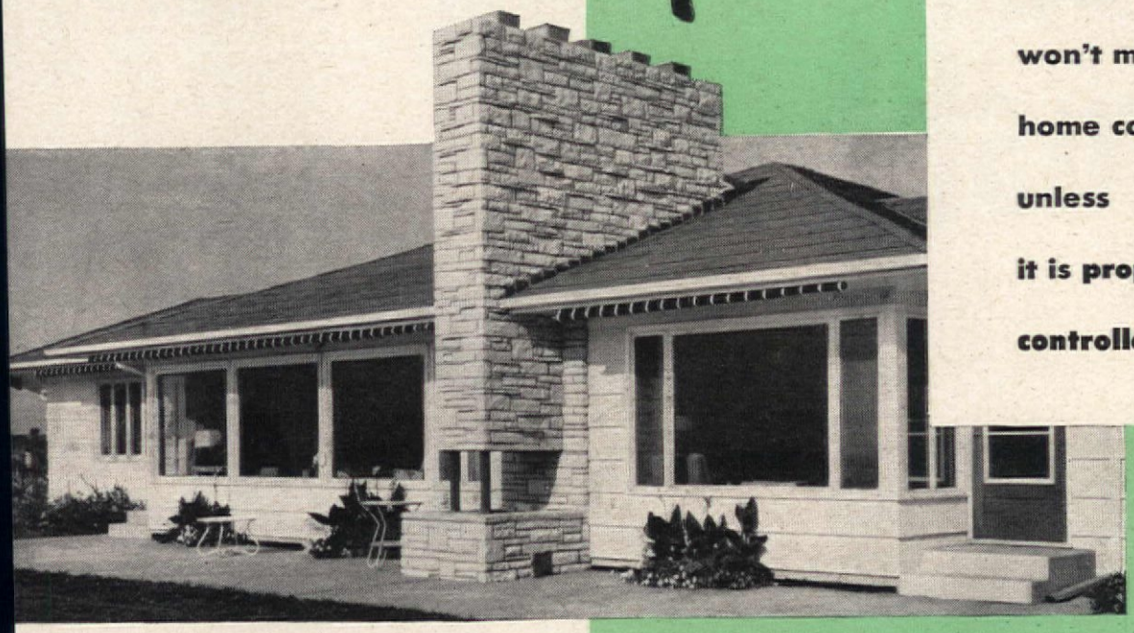

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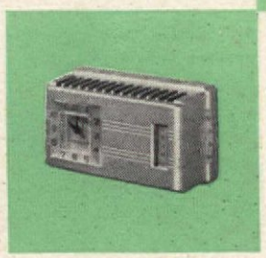

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. . . **CHARLOTTE M. MILL** "just planted" a sunny, Michigan hilltop —and everything grew. Then she learned the why's and wherefore's of horticulture. Now 55, she writes that "life is full and good" with free time for ceramics, for children's stories, for painting walls—and for arranging cut flowers "as God grows them" (page 133). Her only problem—what to do with the vegetables that keep piling up in the garden.

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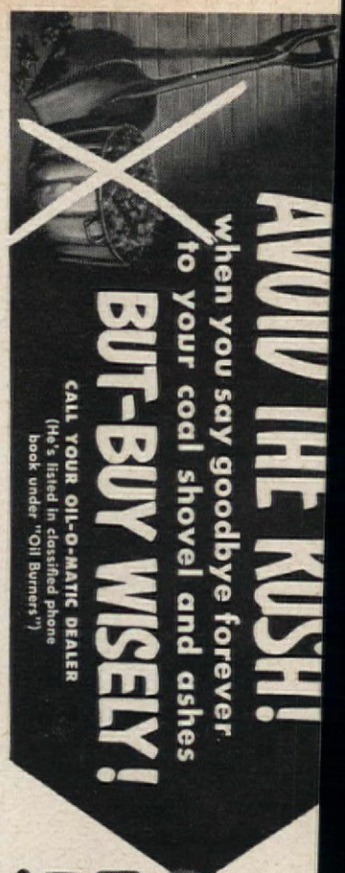

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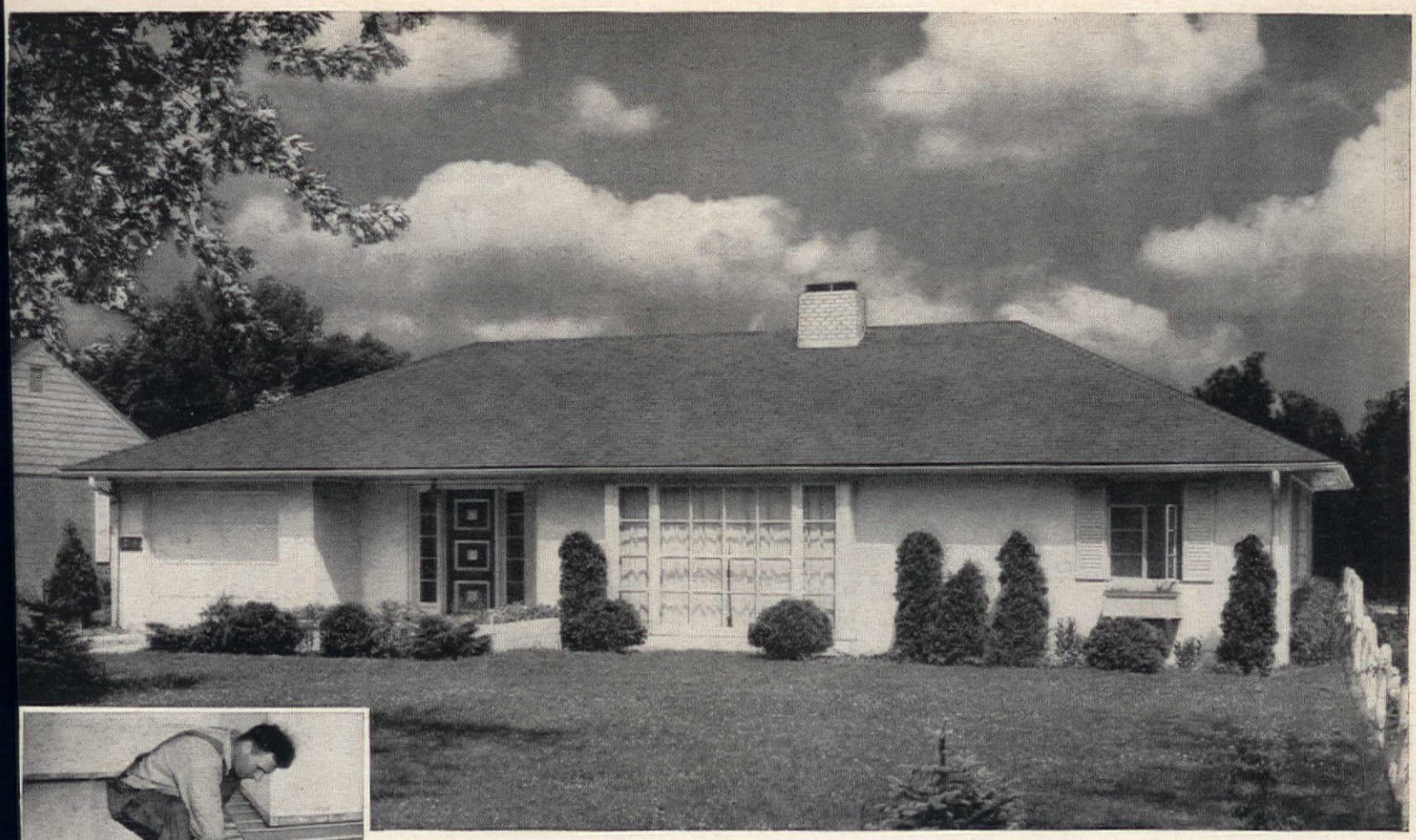

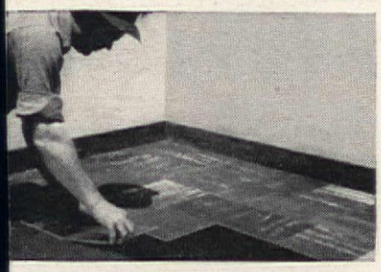

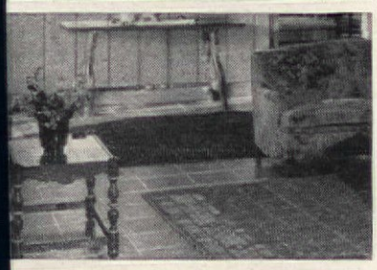

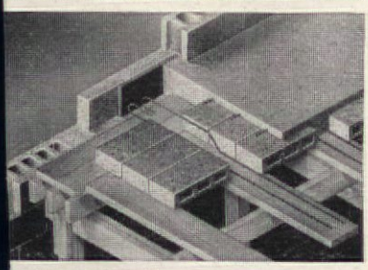

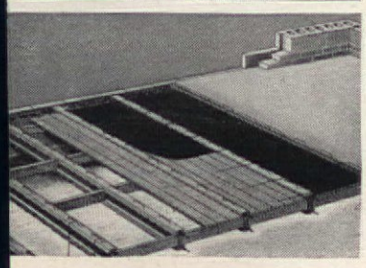

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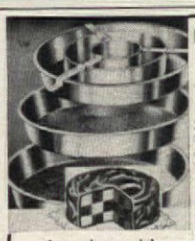

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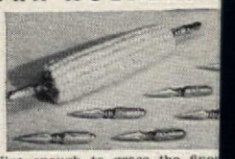

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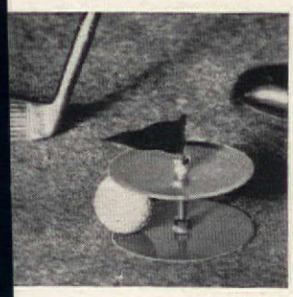

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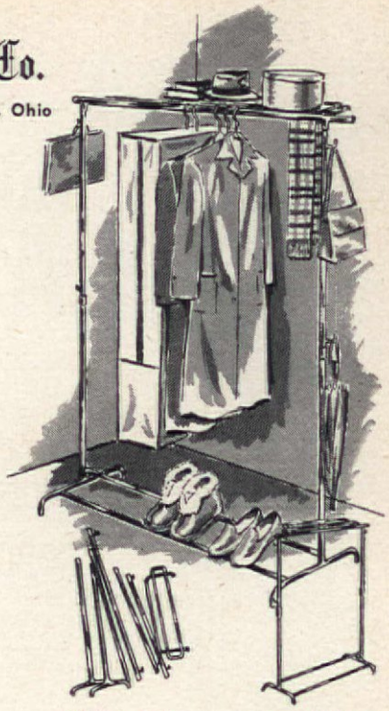

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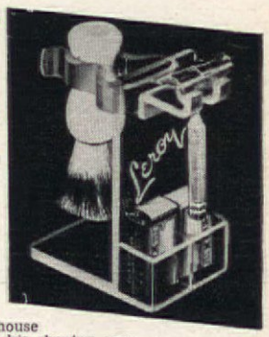

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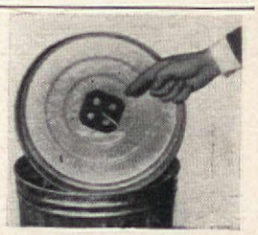

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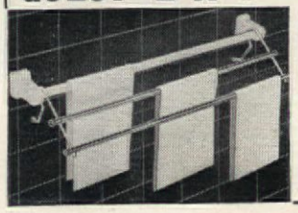

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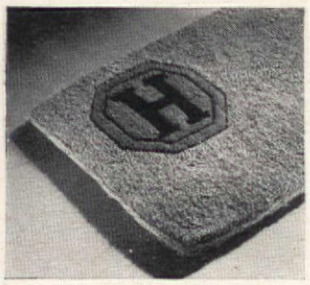

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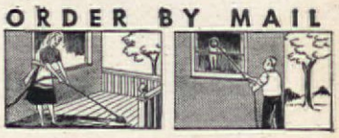

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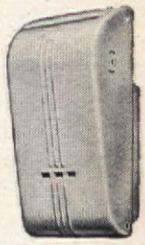

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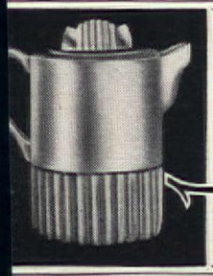

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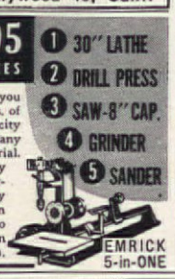

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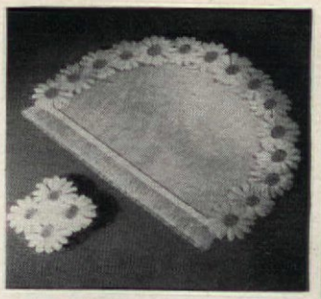

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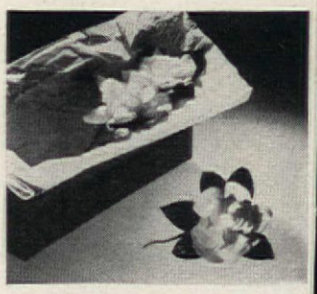

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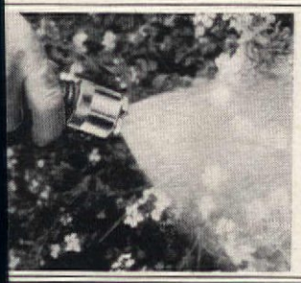

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Books

(Begins on page 10)

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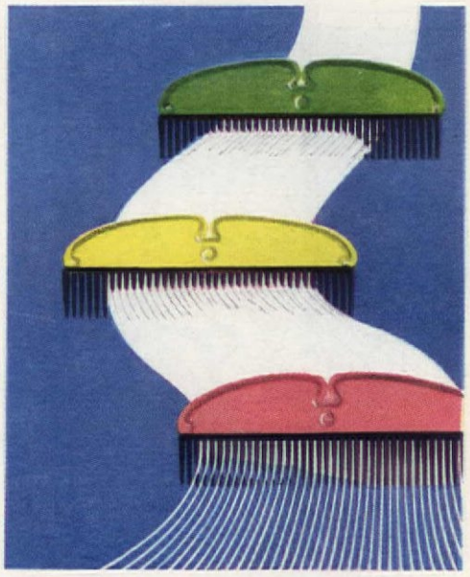

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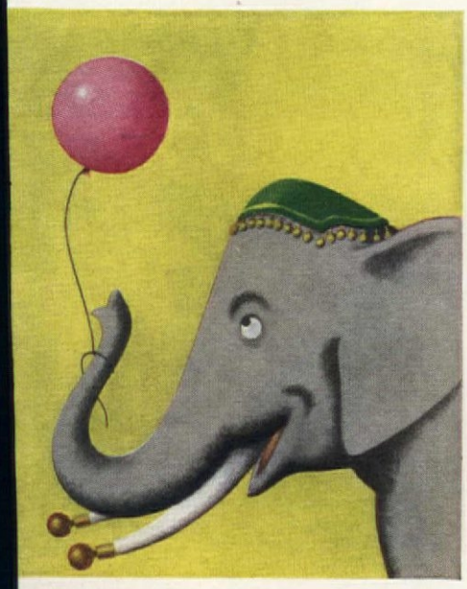

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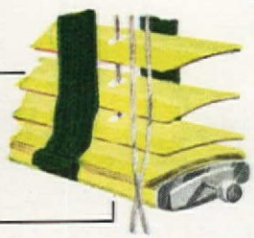

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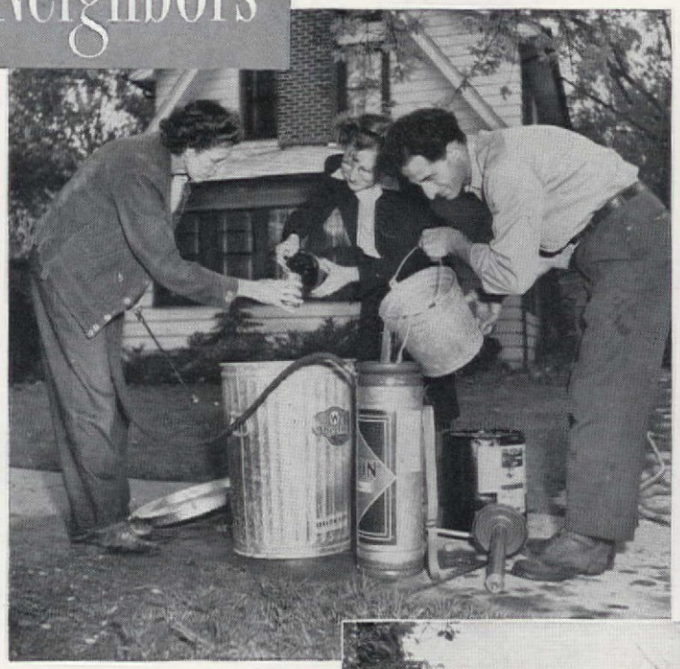

"Routing a public enemy like poison ivy is no cinch," say residents of Malba, L.I., whose 3-year-old ivy-control program is receiving national acclaim. Spraying with a selective herbicide is biggest part of job, must be done yearly for good results. Malba's drive is spearheaded by Garden Club, backed by entire community

Poison Ivy's Been Arrested!

RUTH DAVIS

For the third year now, residents of Malba, Long Island, are continuing their non-stop war against one of man's most noxious enemies—the plant with "leaflets three," known as poison ivy. Thanks to co-operative efforts of Malba's 150 families, the drive to control this public health menace has been overwhelmingly successful.

Malba's death-dealing operations against poison ivy got under way back in 1948 as part of a local clean-up campaign. At this time, the Garden Club decided that "poison ivy nurseries" must go and instructed its Civic and Conservation Committee to develop a program to this end. Mrs. William Ingram, energetic chairman of this committee, describes the resulting project.

"Our first job was to determine the seriousness of the situation," Mrs. Ingram reports. "This we accomplished by sending out questionnaires to residents and a Health Department survey of the land. We found that at least 23 families had suffered ivy poisoning in 1947, that the ivy-infested areas amounted to four

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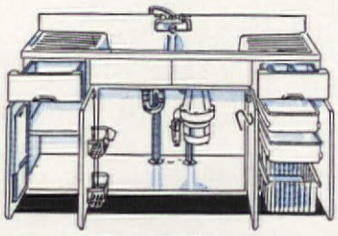

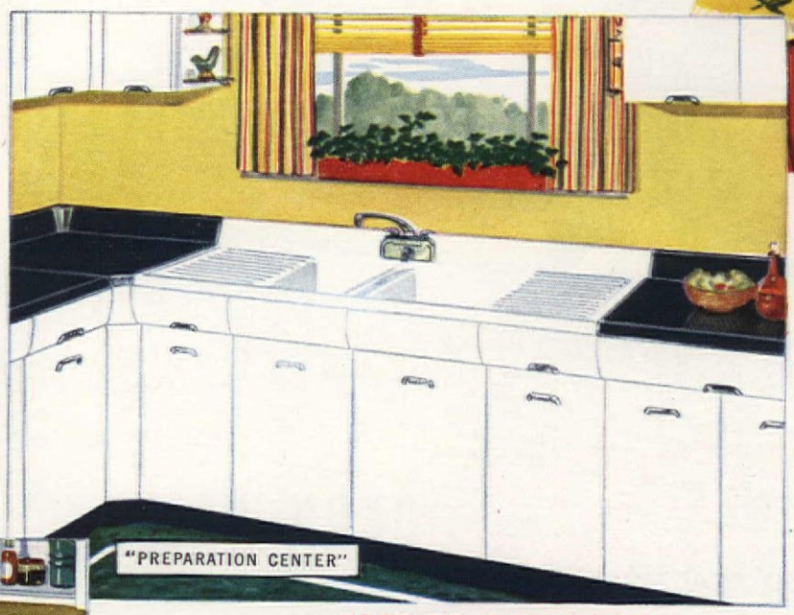

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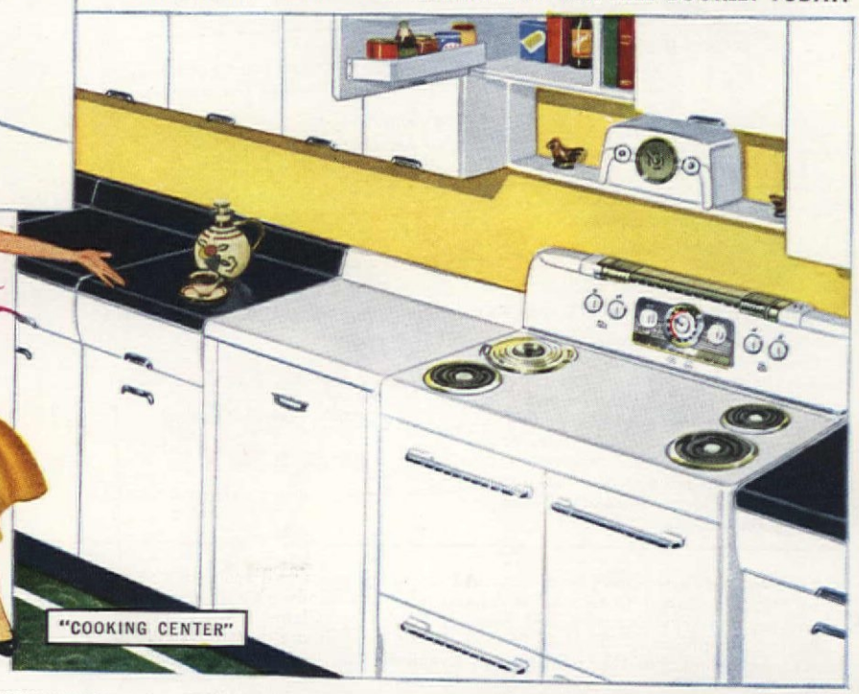

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Neighbors (Begins on page 20)

solid acres. Then we went to work to map out and clean them up."

A modern selective herbicide was selected for the community spraying, and Malba's men and women pitched in with donations of time, effort, and money to make the campaign possible. (In this connection, Mrs. Ingram advises that best methods for attacking poison-ivy growth can be secured by writing U.S. and State departments of agriculture and health authorities.) Applications to kill poison ivy wherever it occurs are now sprayed each year in Malba.

"Malba is fast getting rid of its most undesirable resident," Mrs. Ingram concludes. "With cases of ivy poisoning becoming almost non-existent, we feel that our control program *is* successful, that it's contributing to the well-being of the community."

Poison ivy flourished everywhere in Malba—in home gardens, playgrounds, vacant lots. Control project has already reduced it by half, may some day eliminate it

Photographs from Three Lions

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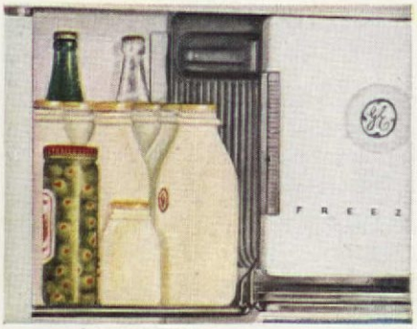
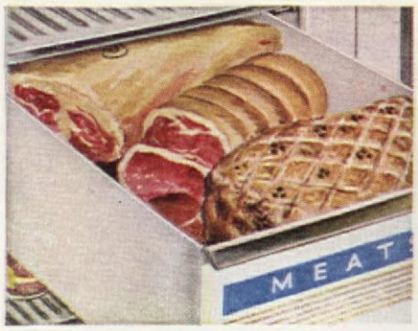


Holds 12 square, quart-size bottles! No more fumbling and fussing about where you're going to set those bottles! There's plenty of room here . . . and space for those *extra-tall* ones, too!



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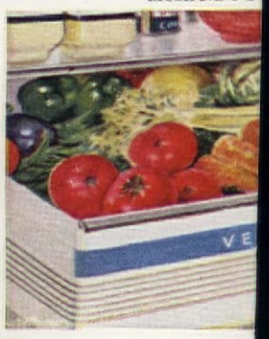

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Letters

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nd boy were "fussy." So I con-
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carded meat can with water and
boat (complete with sail) sail-
pon the water. The boat I made
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into place. Then I dodged the
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—VIRGINIA WALTZ

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—MRS. JESS TINDALL

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In California the "ranch house" trend is bringing the kitchen back into its own.

I can and cook and use the kitchen so intensely—and the rest of the family does, too—that each spring we move out to the guest cabin while Hubby paints her up again. Then the windows get a new ruffle and we're ready to go another round.

Thank you and Mrs. Cimino for the gold star for kitchens as living rooms. It's my idea of a good life.

—MRS. CECIL DRISKELL

Your "May Basket" on the cover of the May '49 issue gave me an urge to say, "Thank you for fond memories."

As a child in Colorado, I remember making such baskets, filling them with blossoms or candy, and hanging them on doorknobs. My thanks again.

—MRS. MARY HOLCOMB

We could see our own daughter in the picture which was on the cover of the May '49 issue of THE AMERICAN HOME. We believe this to be unusual and therefore are sending a picture of our daughter, Roberta.

—ROBERT D. WALTER

Mr. Blandings is not the only one who built his "dream house." The Hills built theirs, and, although we had our ups and downs, the result has surpassed our rosiest dreams. It is just what we hoped for, and we felt it was realized mainly through the help of THE AMERICAN HOME.

In your September 1948 issue you offered a design for a wall painting, "Fairyland Tree." It looked so effective, we sent for it, planning to use it in the dining room.

My sister, using the idea of your design, painted a mural that looks like scenic wallpaper in that it extends all around the room above the dado. The work has excited most favorable comment from her fellow artists in Birmingham, as well as outsiders, and the room really looks like a bit of fairyland.

Both our home and yard reflect many helpful suggestions we have borrowed from you and we thank you for making them available to us.

—MRS. ELSIE S. HILL

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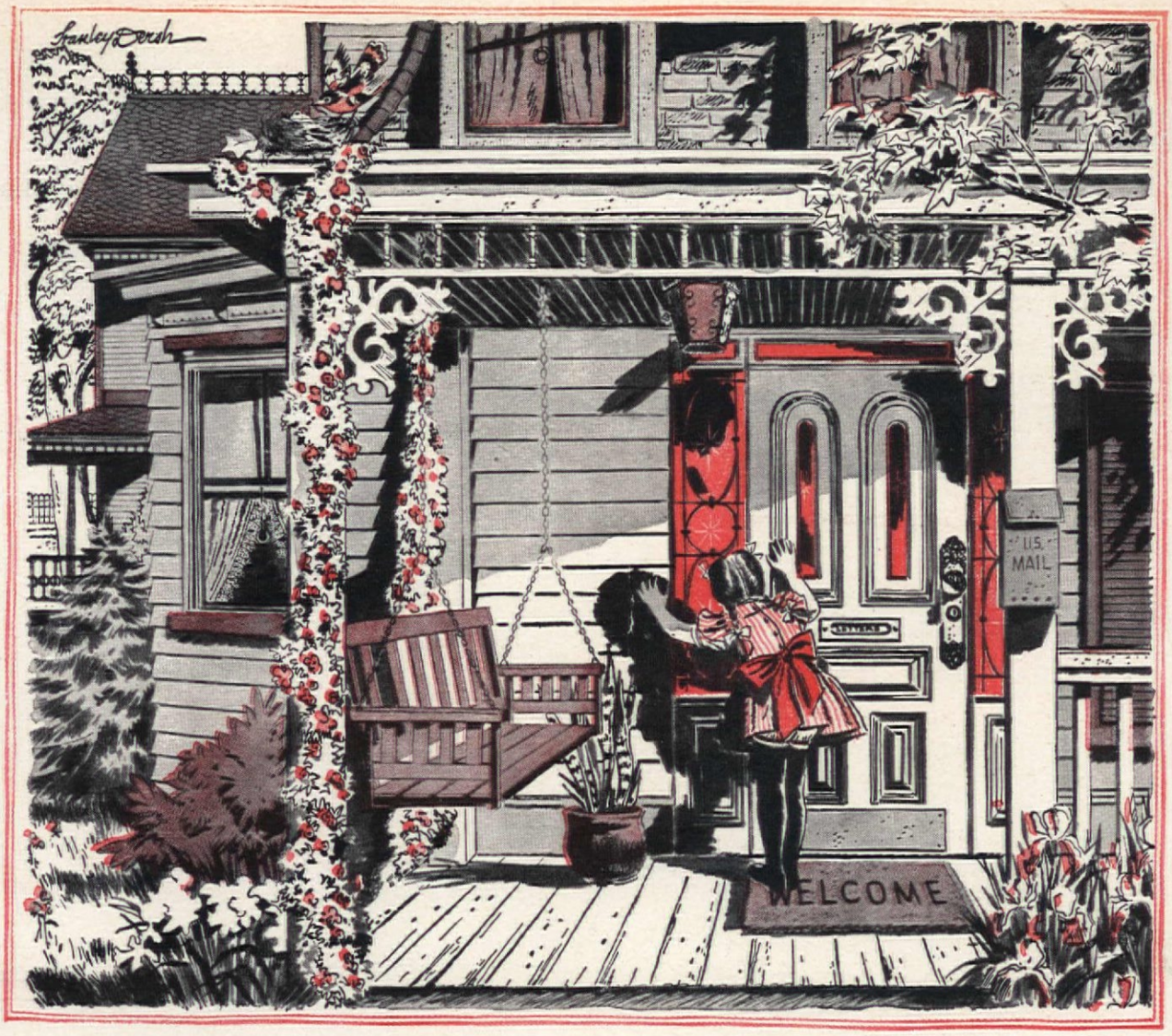

The Plain, Friendly Houses of America

". . . There was a time when a view called not for a picture window and a flagstone terrace, but for a verandah, complete with gingerbread brackets, a porch swing, Dorothy Perkins roses, and a high, wide, beautiful sky-blue ceiling . . ."

CHARLOTTE B. HERBERT

When I was a very little girl, one of my favorite places was a house whose front door was flanked by small panes of red glass—the wiggly kind. I looked through those panes in sheer delight into a ruby world peopled with the magic creatures of fantasy. Even now, whenever I look through wiggly red glass, I recapture that wonderful enchantment for a moment. Another pleasure left over from childhood that sometimes catches me unaware is in gingerbready, white front porches with sky-blue ceilings. I still love them!

For years I have felt self-conscious and apologetic about my tastes in houses. The homemakers' magazines and my more sophisticated friends are all out for good functional modern or authentic Early American, or quaint Swedish peasant, or something. Many of my *favorite* houses have been labeled "just bastard" by these authorities and I have been too mousy to protest.

But now the mouse has rebelled! I'm no longer apologetic, I'm combative! Their taste is no better than mine—it's just *different*. And it's time the plain friendly houses all over the country had a champion.

A few families, I am happy to note, have had the courage to admit they like some of these architectural outcasts. And by scrapping the "lovely little place in the country" ideal, they have found an excellent solution to the home problem. These people, I really believe, are pointing the way to many more people—if they would but follow.

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Photographs by Nowell

This is the dining room, with its share of treasures, mementos collected through the years. The stairway used to be enclosed. The de Gignacs opened it, put in a railing and spindles found in a lumber wrecking yard. Under the hanging lamp is the cherry drop-leaf table used for dining

The prim country parlor has been turned into a big living room. Two narrow bedrooms (walls stood about where the sofa is) were thrown into the living room to make a space 14 by 24 feet. The wood-burning fireplace is new—the old parlor was heated by an iron stove. Far right, the remodeled kitchen. Wooden cupboards were built, a new sink installed. The little breakfast nook was built where the old pantry stood. Nobody ever uses the front door at the de Gignacs'; they come right in through the kitchen door. Sleighbells on the door announce arrivals

Is this the kind of house you mean, Mrs. Herbert?

Sensible remodeling is like a good corset—just pulling the parts together a little more gracefully! Here's a house that made the most of what it was, without trying to be anything it wasn't . . .

Here is one plain, friendly house with nearly a hundred years of good comfortable living wrapped up in its walls! It's as solid and sound today as our own American Constitution. This house has known many families in its time; it has heard the first squall of life in an upstairs bedroom; it has watched the last solemn procession from the front door down the road to the little cemetery. Such a house inevitably has a personality, a being of its own; it sighs in the night as it relaxes its old joints; you can almost feel its welcome when you've been away for a long time. But, like people, this old house has kept young because of the constant flow of life within its walls.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden de Gignac of St. Charles, Illinois, its owners, have remodeled the house to fit the needs of their own family, and have done the job with uncommon sense and taste. All the mellowness, the feeling of a time-honored past, are there; whatever modern touches they have added as matters of convenience have fitted comfortably into the plan.

The friendly dining room, top left, was enlarged. The big bay window with its starched organdy curtains was formerly the front porch of the house. Just to the left of the bay, in our picture, is a pine-lined book room—once a large pantry. Here Mr. de Gignac keeps his library, and there are shelves for Mrs. de Gignac's collections of pressed glass and blue satin glass. The living room, seen through the doorway, was the seldom-used parlor of the house. Quite small and formal, it adjoined two bedrooms in the rear. Walls were removed, and these three rooms became one large living room measuring 14 by 24 feet.

The big farm kitchen is one of the homiest we have seen. It is cheery red and white—white cabinets, red wallpaper, bright red linoleum. Yet the wooden cupboards might have "come with the house."

Right in the middle of the room is a sawbuck table for mixing or eating. A modern, practical note is its stainless-steel top. Because they like it that way, the de Gignacs set a pretty table—with pressed glass, ironstone ware, and milk-glass plates.

Drawing by Pucci after photograph by the author

FRED C. HUBBARD

Miracle Plant from Peru

Where do you live? In the cold North, below the Mason and Dixon's line, in the Deep South? Oh, well, it doesn't matter. Wherever you garden, you can grow Ismene—which seems to justify the rather spectacular title I have given these notes of mine. Perhaps you do not know it as Ismene, but by one of its popular names—spider-lily, basket-flower, or Peruvian-daffodil. (Why that last one it's hard to say, for the big, richly fragrant flowers don't much resemble daffodils. However, the bulbs are rather like those of a giant narcissus.) Before we leave the matter of nomenclature, note that, although catalogues usually list "Ismene," botanists say that the proper name for this handsome member of the Amaryllis Family is Hymenocallis calathina.

Since it hails from South America, Ismene (I'm going to stick to that) is not frost-hardy. In the South, it can be treated as a perennial, but where freezing temperatures occur, the bulbs must not be planted until the soil warms up and, in the fall, they must be dug and stored in a dry, moderately warm, but airy, place until spring. However, the plant's rapid growth enables us to overcome adverse climatic conditions. Even where the growing season is short, it gives a wealth of impressive bloom in a surprisingly short time. Also the bulbs, by fall, are much larger and produce a number of nice offsets which separated, planted and given an occasional side-dressing of 4-12-4 fertilizer, grow to flowering size in the gratifyingly short time of a few seasons.

At first, I grew Ismene for its fine blossoms—which last well indoors. Then, finding that, after the flowers fade and dry up, the stalwart, strap-shaped leaves retain their bright green color until cut down by frost, I began to use the plant for its decorative foliage effect in various places. It has proved its usefulness in many ways. Along a garden path, for instance, I consider a row of Ismene much more attractive than one of iris. I have also used it to border a circular flower bed in which tall subjects like cannas occupied the center, with a row of scarlet sage between them and the Ismene border. A few clumps will bring a welcome touch of green to a drab, drought-dried

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How to be Mosquito-Proof!

JOHN MAGUIRE

Any day now you'll be swatting angrily at the first of those perennial warm-weather invaders—the fly and the mosquito—and wondering how the annoying and potentially dangerous pests sneak into your well-screened home.

Entomologists of the United States Public Health Service and of the Tennessee Valley Authority have proved that even dilapidated rural shacks can be made mosquito-proof, but most people seem satisfied with halfway protective measures.

Each spring, the man of the family puts up the screens, buys some fly-spray, and lets it go at that. Essential steps, it's true, but only half of the job. The experts say no home is well protected until *all* openings have been screened—and they add that it's amazing what large openings are often completely ignored.

Chimneys, for instance: Malariologists label the chimney a favorite port of entry. Worse, it's an ideal lurking place for the daylight-shunning malaria mosquito. If you suddenly notice skeeters in the living room at dusk, maybe you should install flameproof metal screening in your chimney.

Mosquitoes and flies squeeze through cracks in floors, walls, and ceilings, too—so plug any openings with heavy paper or metal. Naturally, your home won't be as windswept as the rickety cabins mosquito-proofed by TVA in its malaria-control program, but even well-kept houses often have small apertures in attics, cellars, and attached pantry-sheds.

When you've blocked all possible openings, check the screen door. If it hangs poorly, or has swelled so that it doesn't quite meet the frame, it won't discourage persistent flying pests. A door or window screen needn't be glaringly out of fit to be ineffective; any crack wider than 1/16 inch is a skeeter highway. Make the necessary repairs, or pay a professional to make them. It's worth the cost.

While you're at the door, how about a spring-closer? Most states require them in restaurants and food-handling establishments. Homes should have them, too—especially if the family includes tireless youngsters who dash in and out a dozen times an hour. Incidently, screen doors should open out so that insects are pushed away from the house when the door is opened. Any fly or mosquito resting on the outside of an in-swinging screen door is drawn into the house when the door is opened.

You should have an insecticide on hand, as mosquitoes can enter well-screened homes on clothing, or on the family dog or cat. The insecticide is also needed for very small gnats and flying insects that no screening can stop. However, entomologists warn against over-dependence on killing agents, which usually must be mixed carefully and applied repeatedly to all possible hiding places. Residual sprays are very effective, but must be applied several times a summer, especially on screens or other likely resting spots exposed to the sun.

For complete protection, you should also attack enemy bases outside the home. If there's a swamp or low area nearby where the pests may breed in standing water, try oil-spraying. One pint of oil is enough for five hundred square feet of water surface. With thick vegetation or debris, more oil will be needed. It's very important to oil debris-laden areas, as they are favored breeding haunts of the malaria-carrying Anopheles mosquito.

Any oil puts a thin film on water which shuts off the air and suffocates mosquito larvae and pupae, but toxic oils such as kerosene and light furnace oil, and a number of special chemical preparations kill quicker by poisoning. Some of the available preparations are highly toxic to plants, birds, and fish, as well as skeeters. They must be used with great caution. But several larvicides have been developed which are perfectly safe where there are fish, waterfowl, or aquatic plants, since they only kill the larvae.

To be really thorough, the entomologists say that you should not feed the fish in your garden pond during mosquito-

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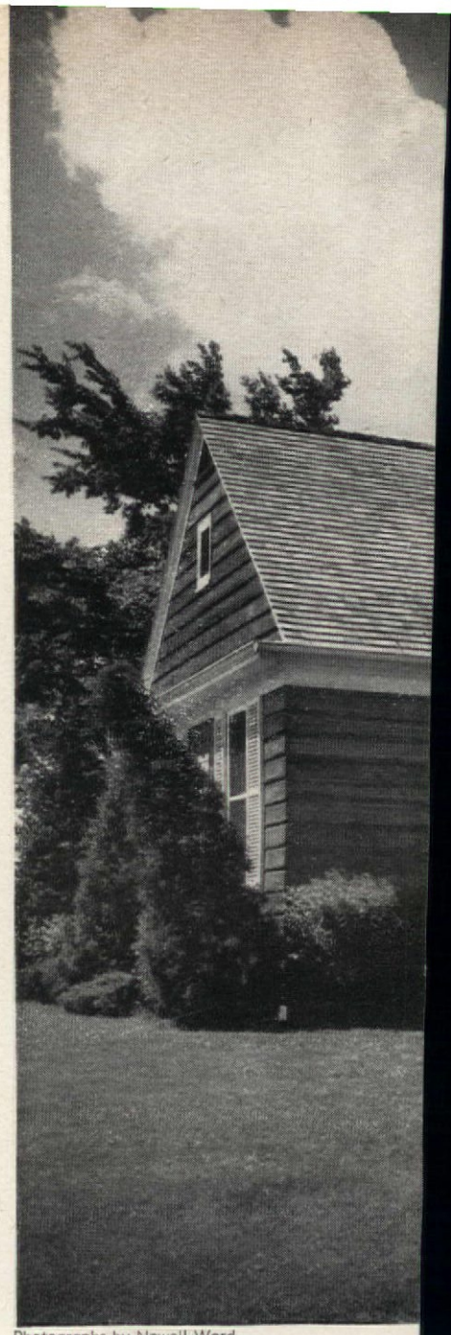
The living room (see plan) is well balanced architecturally. Sofa and good-sized chairs can go directly opposite the wood-burning fireplace. Mrs. Henry, an author of children's books, likes to work in the pleasant corner of her living room

This is the rear of the house, with screened porch at the far left. The big windows near the middle are in the living room. The two shuttered windows belong to the small and the large bedrooms. Exterior is made of natural redwood boards



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Here's a house that's a honey!

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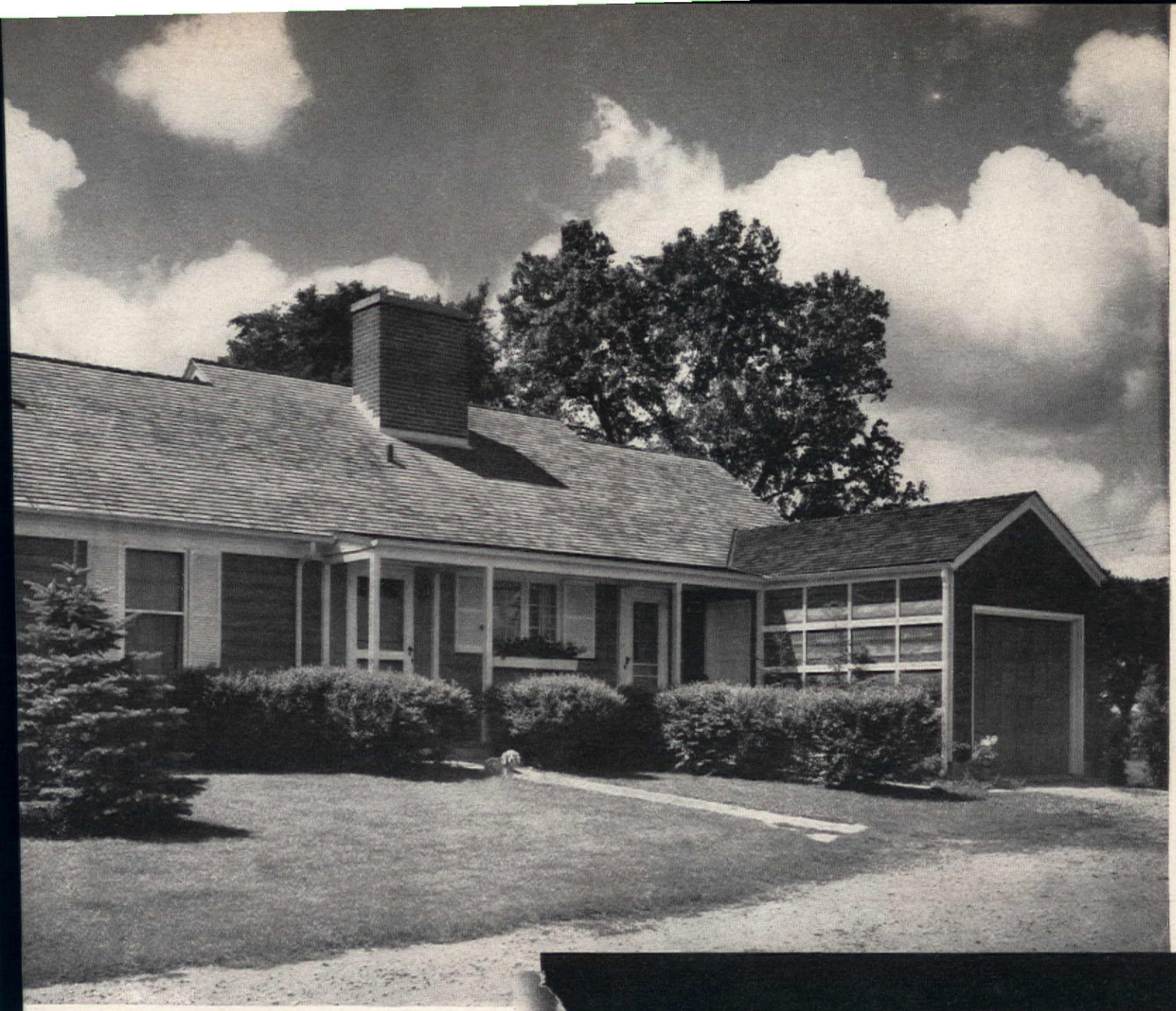
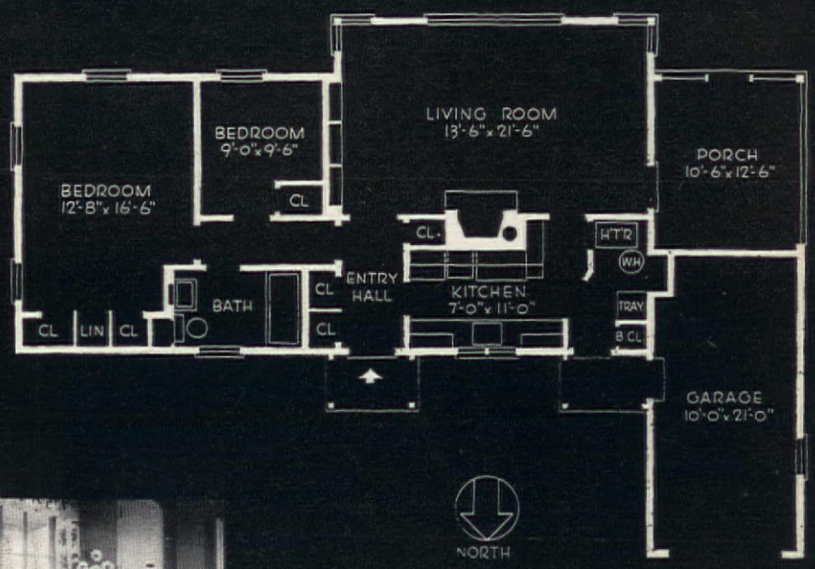
It isn't very often that one sees even a large house which has as many fine qualities as this small four-room house. AMERICAN HOME's editors think it so good, so right for a small family, that we have made plans, elevations, and outline specifications available which you can order for closer study.

Architect Herbert Banse sensibly placed the main rooms to the rear for privacy's sake. Even if the house faced a busy highway, you'd be well insulated against street noises because the least-used rooms act as a "buffer"—kitchen, bathroom, entry. Even the master bedroom has a wall of closets between it and the street. Usually in houses this small you open the front door and step right into the living room. Not so here—the separate entrance hall screens the people in the living room from unwanted callers.

The kitchen is really the control unit—you're just steps away from the front door, service door, garage, living room, or the porch. On rainy nights you're under cover all the way as you lug groceries from the car to the kitchen. Sidney and Marguerite Henry of Wayne, Illinois, who own this little home, wouldn't change places with anybody. They are in love with their honey of a house!





8 closets in this small house!

Kitchen controls both front and service entrances to house

Bedroom wing can be closed off

Separate entry shields family when "not at home" to canvassers or visitors

WILLIAM J. HENNESSEY

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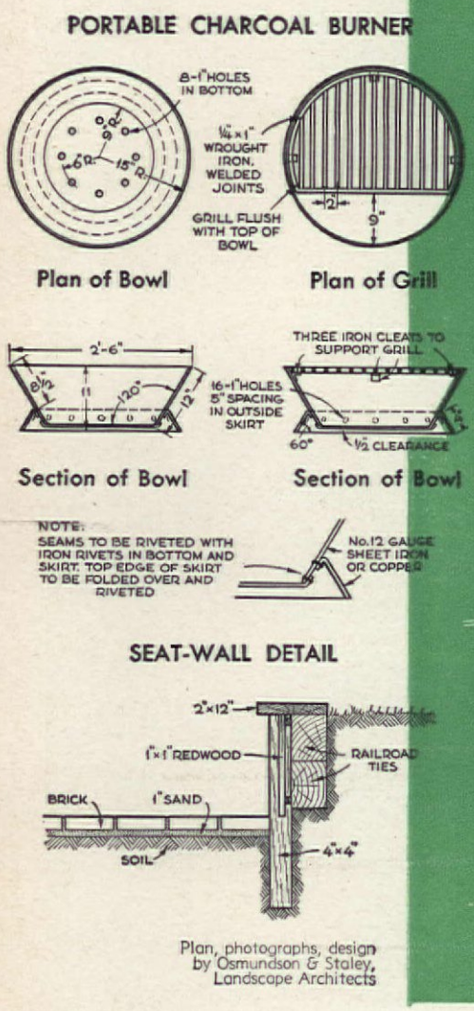

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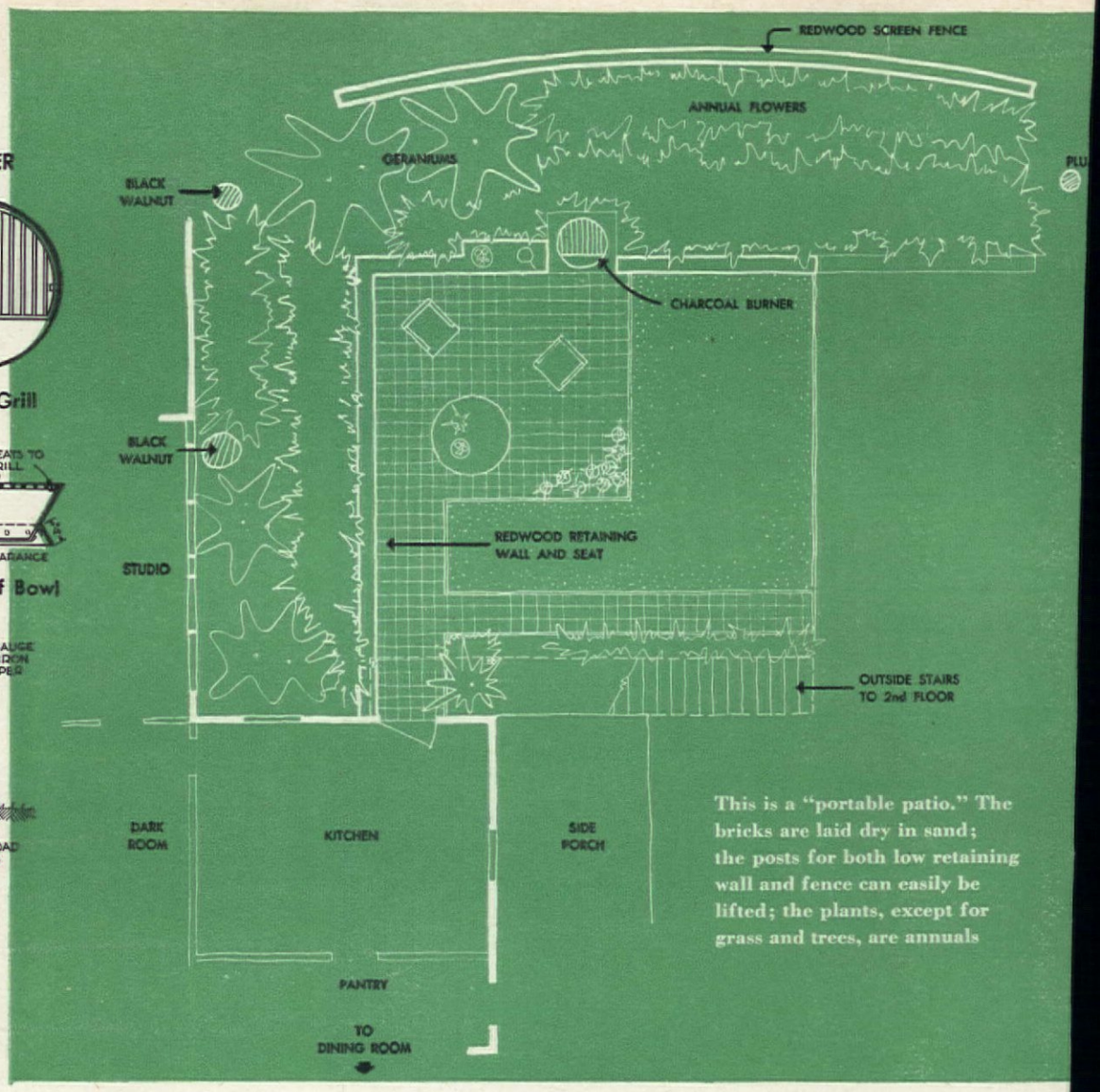


This is a "portable patio." The bricks are laid dry in sand; the posts for both low retaining wall and fence can easily be lifted; the plants, except for grass and trees, are annuals

We'll take it with us — paving and all!

This pleasant patio—owner-designed and owner-built—is on rented property. But it can be taken along when the family moves!

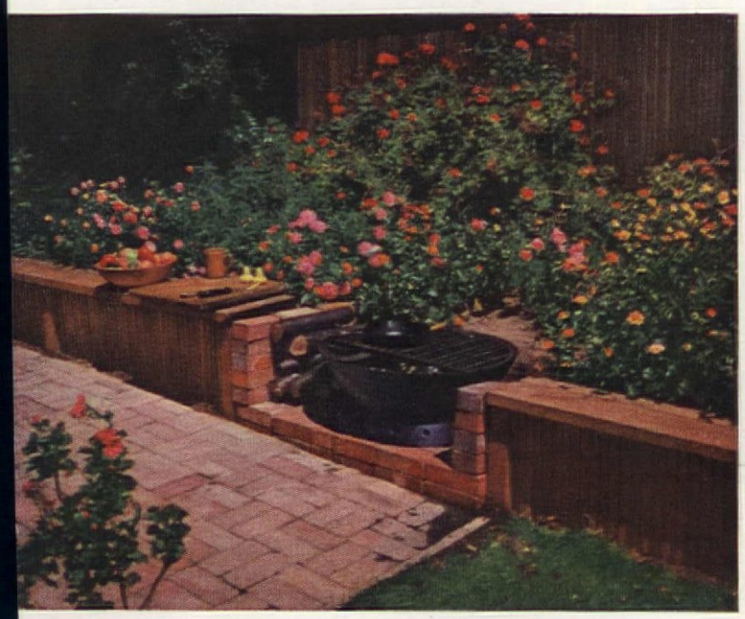
THEODORE OSMUNDSON, JR.

We moved into our present home more than a year ago not knowing how long we could stay, for it is on an apartment house site and for sale. But because of the comfortable house and the view westward across Lake Merritt and the Oakland skyline, we decided to rent and make the most of our stay. At the rear, the kitchen opened onto a sheltered area that sloped gradually upward toward the back, with two huge black walnuts shading part of it. It was ideal for a patio—but could we have one without losing too much if we had to move? The answer was, first, to use only as much of the space as we really needed; and, second, use only materials—plants and structures—that we could take up, and with us, when we went.

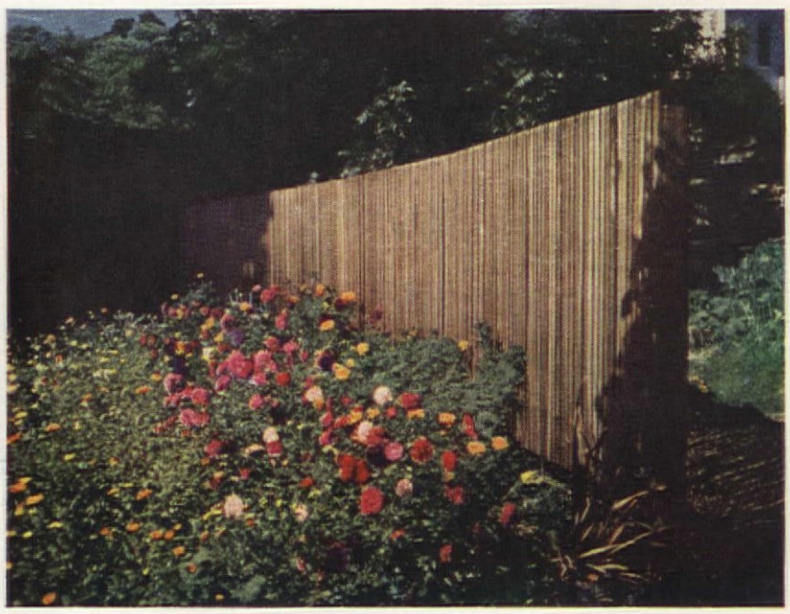
First came grading to give a flat living area; then the combination low retaining wall and bench. Next, we built a curved screen fence to give protection, background, and an intimate feeling. We paved the patio with brick laid carefully in sand, without mortar. And the planting is all of annuals and perennials bought from a nursery in flats and set out—no shrubs at all.

The costs were: Lumber, $36.00; bricks, $50.00; flowers and garden material, $15.00. The charcoal burner we had. Now we step out of our kitchen onto a cozy paved patio—fine for outdoor meals and small barbecue parties. And we can take it along with us when we move.

A bird's(on a branch)-eye view of the patio shows most of the important details, including basket-weave brick paving; redwood retaining wall which doubles as garden seat, with bricked opening for charcoal burner; potted geraniums; annual flowers; redwood fence; a walnut tree



Grading left the patio 2 feet below surrounding level, so a retaining wall of railroad ties faced with redwood stakes was built as shown in plan. One-foot plank top is both seat and handy bench for preparing and serving food beside portable iron charcoal burner for which space was left in the wall



Twelve feet back of retaining wall, a 6-foot fence of 1 x 1-inch redwood stakes on a 2 x 4-inch framework provides privacy, background for asters and marigolds (in front) and rampant geraniums partly shaded by walnut tree (in rear). Beyond the fence are the clothes-drying yard and a vegetable garden

ISOLINE WOODROFFE HEADSTROM

We furnished our apartment for $863.46

It's a neat trick to wash up with no kitchen sink. Dishpan goes on stove, tray under rack catches drips

BUDGET

Room	Decoration	Furniture	Total
Living Room	$20.85	$204.51	$225.36
Bedroom	4.50	265.24	269.74
Kitchen	53.21	298.87	352.08
Bath		16.28	16.28
	$78.56	$784.90	$863.46

Itemized Account

Paint	$ 42.22
Lumber	29.00
Wallpaper	7.34
Studio Couch	81.90
Easy Chair	8.00
Card Table	9.95
Desk Chair	6.75
Desk	28.00
Draperies, Living Room	8.25
Phonograph Cabinet	4.00
Chest of drawers	4.00
Desk top linoleum	7.50
Mirror	9.95
Floor lamp	23.18
Picture frames	15.83
Twin beds	168.92
Twin chests	25.00
Stool	4.50
Fluorescent light	$ 5.00
Bedside tables	5.50
Bedroom draperies	18.00
Bedspread	11.00
Clock	6.00
Glass top for chests	15.45
Pillow	3.07
Hot plate	10.00
Oven	35.00
Utility cabinet	14.37
Kitchen chairs	13.50
Ironing board	11.00
Refrigerator	200.00
Apartment washer	15.00
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Medicine cabinet	3.50
Bathroom tube lights	8.28
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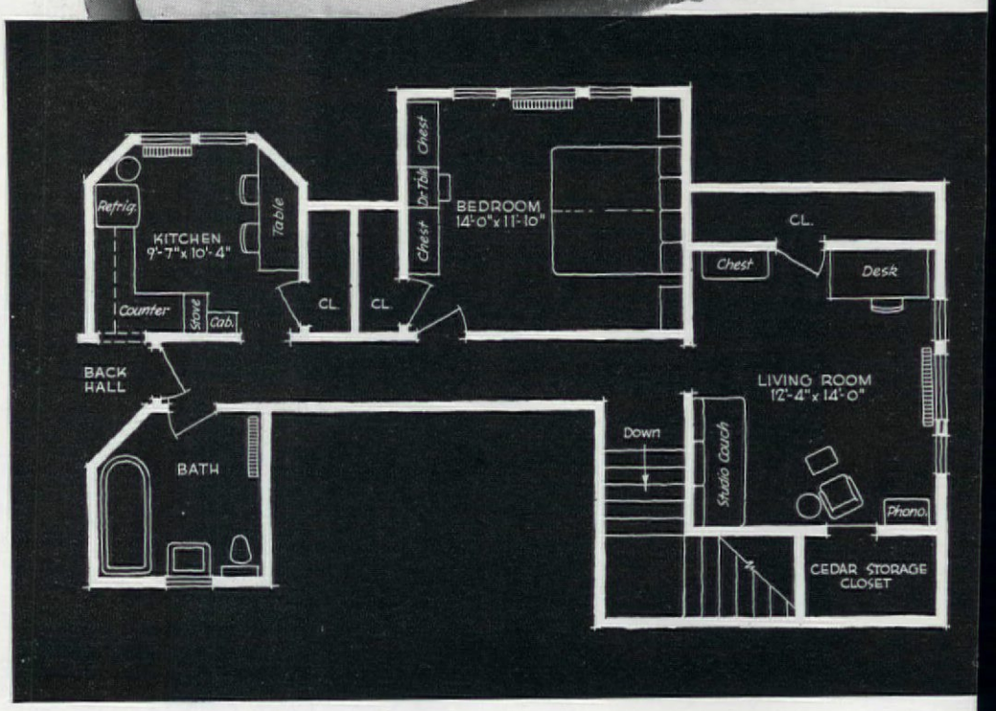

Color did it! We used it to transform three drab bedrooms into our first home—and how we love it!

Few couples would think of painting their kitchen ceiling fire-engine red, papering a bedroom wall shocking pink and outlining living-room windows with deep red. But we did, and we like it! We used color to accent, diminish, and substitute for more costly items.

Ours is a practical family, and when we'd checked off the last thank-you note, our "wedding loot"—as our best man called it—included $880 in cash. We fingered it lovingly! We'd be starting our home just off Yale campus and our income, while Dick spent three more years on his architectural course, would be limited to his G.I. allotment plus my salary as a radio writer.

Our first tree-top apartment grew from three former bedrooms on the third floor of one of New Haven's many double houses. Feeling that eating is rather important, we started on the kitchen first. To make the tiny boxlike bedroom across from the bath look like a kitchen was a real problem.

First, we covered up the pink walls and brown woodwork with ivory enamel. Then—hold onto your hat—we painted the ceiling flame red and pasted a red Mexican border around as a molding. This bright color pulled the ceiling down and pushed the walls out so the whole room looked larger.

With no room in the budget for either store-bought or custom-made cabinets, Dick built a sturdy counter around one corner of the room with a shelf below for cooking utensils, two above for dishes. A red plastic curtain beneath the counter hides all the useful but not ornamental kitchen paraphernalia.

Our cooking facilities were to be a two-

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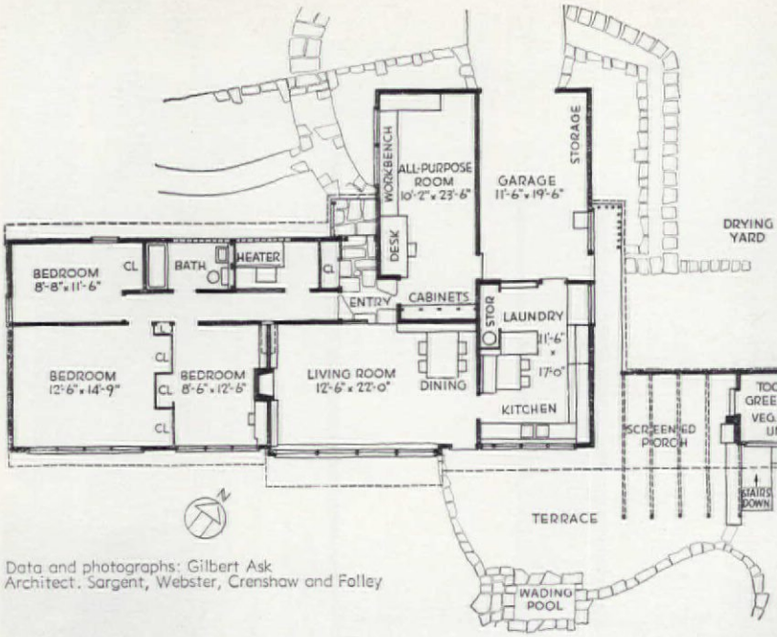
Photographs by Friedman-

Wallpaper around windows gave us dramatic effect at fraction of cost of draperies. We used inexpensive pressed-paper blinds, plain rayon draped on plastic brackets. T-Top makes our card table company size

Bright pink paper and plaid draperies carry out the colors in our floral prints. Under them, we put twin beds pushed together for king-size effect. Bedside tables are plate glass supported by angle braces. It's a far cry from room we started with (left)

We streamlined two old dressers with saw and paint to form modern chest unit with plentiful storage space and dressing table. Mats on pictures are leftover wallpaper, frames from the dime store



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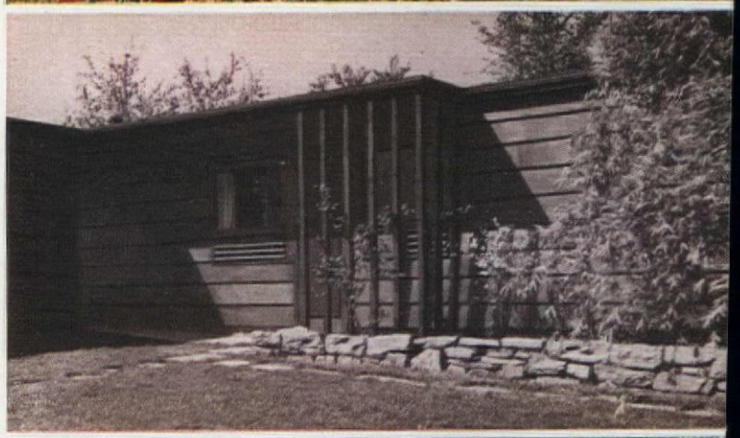

They knew what they wanted – and built it!

When Milo D. Folley, architect, started planning his own house in Liverpool, New York, he had only one thought in mind. Whatever the style, whatever the material, it wasn't going to be a showplace. Simplicity, informality—those were to be the keynote. And that's exactly what he accomplished. Set right in the lap of an apple orchard, the Folley house is a thing of beauty and bids well to be a joy forever.

Look at it! The house itself is straight, clean, modern in feeling with simple roof lines and trim. The reddish-brown clapboard exterior is not only rustically right in appearance, but also it doesn't show the weather-wear some of its lighter neighbors do! The main rooms face south, to take advantage of the warm sun, since winters in that section may be really cold. Glass has been used lavishly on this south side in order to offer wide views of the orchard, an ever-changing natural mural in every important room.

On the north there's a flat-roofed wing which juts out from the body of the house to form the garage and all-purpose room. Mr. Folley does some of his work at home, and this serves also as an office, reached directly from the main entrance. The entire family has several hobbies, and much of their handicraft is put into shape in this same room. Gardening is their special avocation, which should be quite a pastime midst such lavish natural beauty. The all-purpose room stores tools for all projects and is especially handy for garden equipment.

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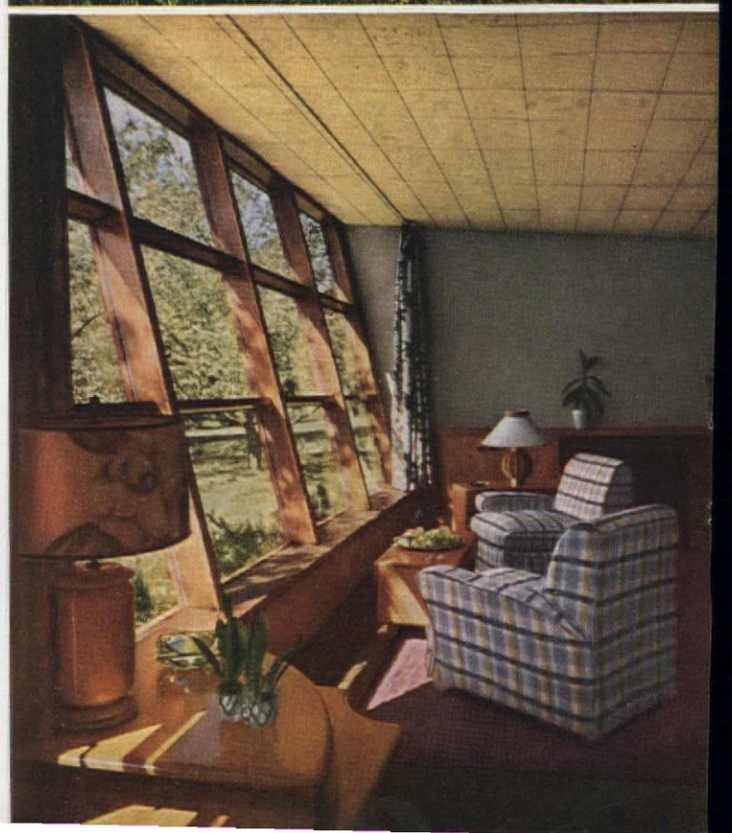
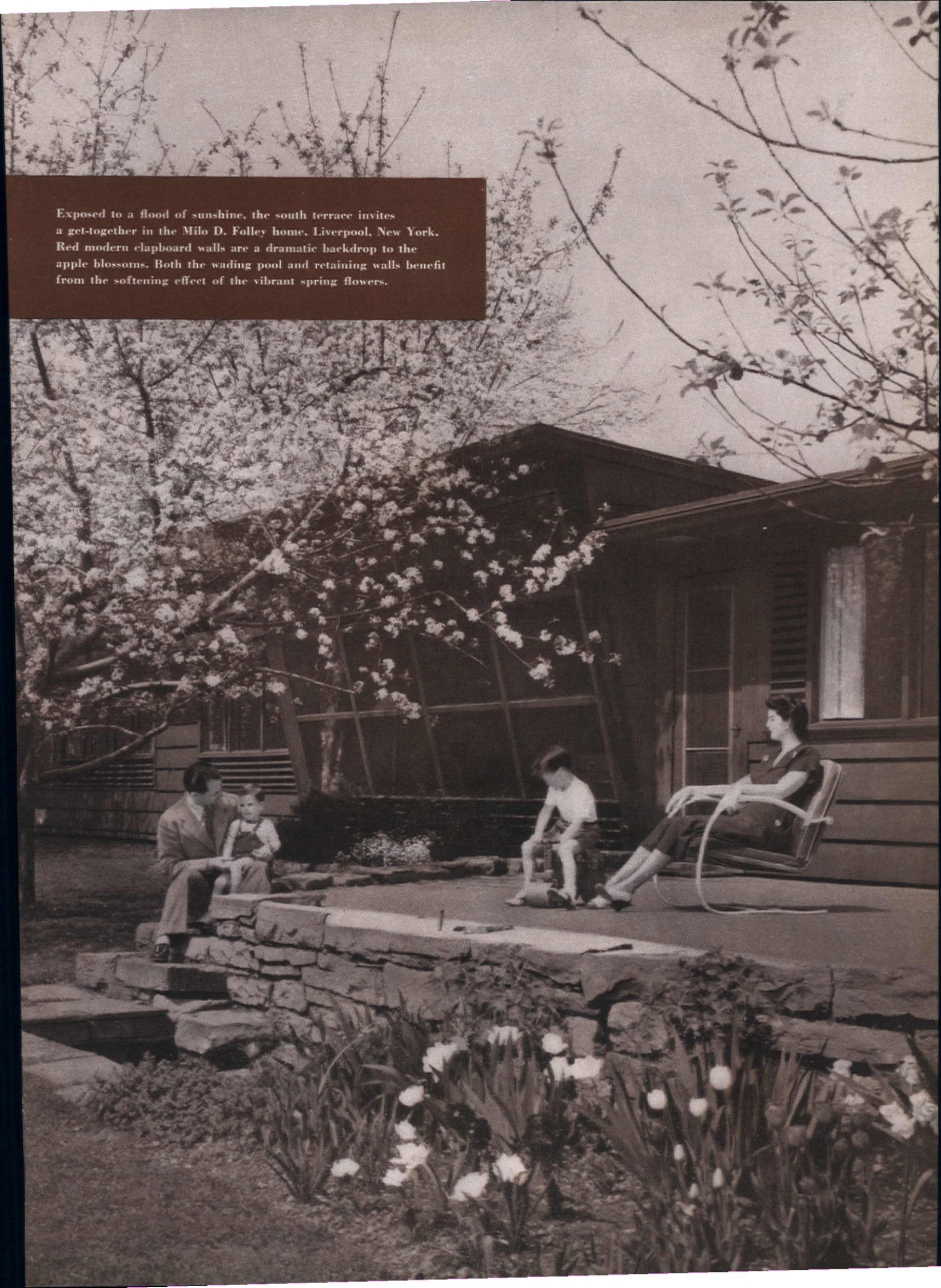


Rich red-brown clapboards make a charming picture against the enchanting beauty of an apple orchard in full blossom. Horizontal ventilating louvers and geometric entrance trellis form the only break in an otherwise simple, straight line. Notice how the flat roof lines follow the contour of the ground. The Folleys have placed their living room across the south in order to absorb all the sunshine possible and gain the gorgeous orchard view



Exposed to a flood of sunshine, the south terrace invites a get-together in the Milo D. Folley home, Liverpool, New York. Red modern clapboard walls are a dramatic backdrop to the apple blossoms. Both the wading pool and retaining walls benefit from the softening effect of the vibrant spring flowers.

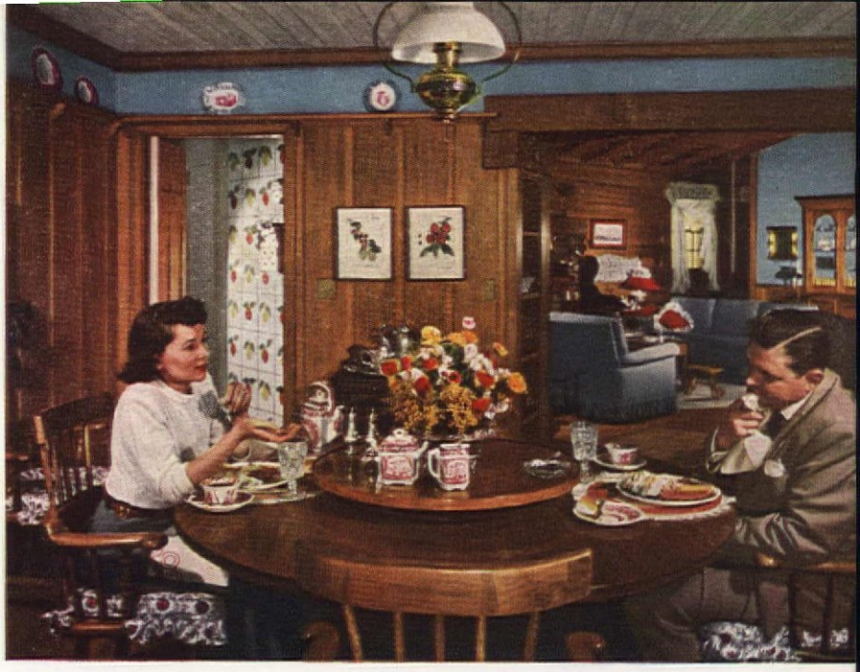
Data by Martha B. Darbyshire. Photographs by George de Gennaro

Colonial in Cowboy Boots!

GERTRUDE BROOKS DIXSON

Lock, stock, and barrel-stave—Californians are invading New England thresholds, are busily adapting Colonial furnishings to their Western mode of living. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Root is a particularly happy blend of Western ranch-style comfort with down-East traditions—proving that sometimes the twain do meet!

Chester Root interrupts his busy day to dash off to look at a "beaut" of a horse for sale fifteen miles away. Distance means so little to these Westerners! Maybe that's the reason they think nothing of transporting Cape Cod to California. The Roots have done it—from picket fence to fireplace



It's a rare thing to catch the Roots alone at their Lazy Susan table. Most often it's extended to accommodate their friends, for their hospitality is the true ranch type. The room—Colonial from ship's lamp on the pine ceiling to the braided rug on the floor—is just as genuine

Blue trim on white tiles that march around the fireplace set the color scheme for Robin's room. Everything's washable, from rug to walls, from the spread on the little four-poster bed to the slip covers. Robin and Ronnie, all dressed up for a trip to town, are being entertained by their mother so they won't get in trouble before leaving. How many mothers have done this before!

It looks as if California has pulled a switch on the familiar song, and started singing "Old New England, here I come!"—for in many homes up and down the Pacific Coast you get the feel of the Boston Post Road. Any resemblance to Paul Revere is strictly intentional! Believe it or not, more New England Colonial furniture is sold in California than almost any other state in the Union.

Home magazine editors have noted with increasing astonishment, during the past several years, this overwhelming trend toward Colonial furnishings all up and down the West Coast. You can't exactly tell a house by its cover any more: the most rustic ranch house may conceal an interior right out of old Salem; a whole wall of modern glass may expose hand-hewn beams, captain's chairs, pewter, and old glass.

The wonderful part about it is that Californians seem to handle their Colonial almost better than anybody else! Perhaps one secret of their success is their fearlessness: they take the best of Colonial and Provincial furnishings, then proceed to adapt, modify, recolor them to suit the native mores of the California scene. The result is nearly always charming, easy, extremely comfortable—and bright as the Western sunset.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Root is one of the most livable examples. The house itself is rambling, definitely ranch-style. But the interiors are a beautiful blend of Colonial furnishings pointed up by colors unclouded as the sky.

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Outdoor exercise sets the mood for many a quiet evening of reading and music by the fireside in the bed-sitting room. Strap-hinged pine cabinet to the left of the fireplace conceals a built-in radio and record player. Often Mrs. Root works on one of the braided rugs used throughout the house

Cowboy Boots

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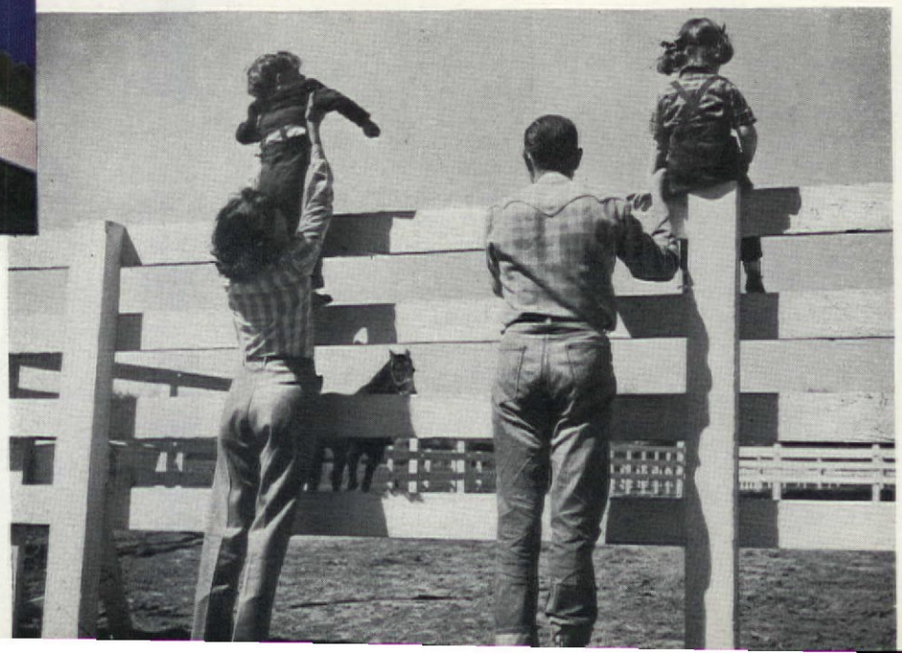
In their living room two comfortable, contemporary sofas flanking the copper-hooded fireplace are covered in a wonderful blue-green. This same vital color repeated on walls above the dado seems to breathe fresh life into the original Colonial pieces as well as the reproductions. Lovely old cranberry glass takes on a new glow from the dash of brilliant red used as accent on lamp shades and sofa cushions. Here, as all through the house, brass, copper, collector's pieces of Staffordshire, old glass and lustre show the Roots' real love of the traditional, and each clear, strong background color was unerringly chosen to give added interest to these treasures.

Their master bedroom is "colonized" from spinning wheel to Early American pine blanket chest. And it's set into a beloved Early American color scheme—red, white and blue. But there's nothing trite about Mrs. Root's use of this trio. The block design on the white wallpaper is a crackling firecracker red, and so is the carpet. The twill covering on the wing chair, window-seat pad, and the deep cornice stretched over the bank of windows is a good fierce blue. The prim Colonial furnishings are so comfortably and contentedly at home, you know a bold but sure hand was on the color checkrein. The windows are left uncurtained, for the Roots wanted an unobstructed view of the valley with its backdrop of mountains.

With this one bold gesture, the Roots give the answer to Californians' approach to Colonial—an unobstructed, unfettered view of things as permanent as their hills.

Much of the food in the Roots' well-stocked deep freezer is home-grown. Robin strikes up an acquaintance with some likely-looking prospects that will take a bit more fattening. Ranch life can be a world of wonders to the pigtail age!



This is Mr. Root's domain—but the whole family shares in it. He's busy as a bird dog from morning till night with all the problems that come up when breeding horses. But he loves it. Certainly, their children will be familiar with the traditions of their country—East and West!

Grandpop's Disappearing Play Yard

. H. PARROTT

Nothing quite takes the place of a sand pile in the interest, amusement, and happy life of a small child. Unfortunately, the average open, loose sand pile is untidy and unsanitary; and most 50 by 100 foot lots cannot afford space for one. The sand pile in a box as pictured here not only solves the space problem, but also keeps the sand sweet and clean because it is dog-, cat-, and birdproof. Furthermore, the accessories (all of which can be stored in the box) provide a real play yard that can be dismantled in short order and trundled away on its rollers, leaving the lawn undamaged and ready for any other kind of outdoor fun.

Both sandbox and wading, or paddling, pool are made of 5/8-inch waterproof plywood. The flat surfaces on three sides of the box, plus water from the pool, offer a delightful combination of wet sand and play table and help keep the sand *in* the box. If water is spilled, it simply benefits the grass. The rollers have 6-inch bolts as axles, and holes bored in the "boxes" that house them (at the lower corners of the sand compartment) form sockets for a lawn umbrella, which is good protection for little children on hot summer days. The other equipment that adds fun and adventure to this miniature three-ring circus includes a teeter-totter, play bar, swing, and merry-go-round. The weight of the box and sand make the whole thing stable; the rollers make it mobile, and every bit of apparatus packs snugly into the box which, with the two-piece cover in place, can be up-ended and rolled into a space 4 feet deep and 8 inches wide beside the outdoor fireplace, as is demonstrated in the picture,

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Dismantling starts with the teeter-totter. Here Mr. Parrott has just lifted the cross-arm sleeves off the upright supports which will be unscrewed from flanges in the box and one of the cover sections. Judy Parrott, one of his granddaughters, is an intensely interested spectator

Taking the merry-go-round apart is the next and probably the largest single part of the half-hour job. All handles and seats must be turned flat to fit into the box. However, a Stillson wrench is the only tool needed

Idea: Mrs. Earl W. Dible

Do them over...

HERE'S HOW!

Old chairs may be creaky at the joints. Before doing them over make sure they're sturdy enough for wear. Use a good strong glue to strengthen the cross members. Keep tightly clamped until glue is thoroughly dry

If you're sick and tired of looking at those same old oomph-less dining-room chairs, cheer up! We've found a way for you to do them over into something not only really eye-compelling, but also for very little cash. The chairs you see glamorized in these pictures cost just $7.60 to do over, but if you're as smart as we think you are, you can probably shave even that price. It all depends on what kind of material you use. We tried red-and-white denim, which is inexpensive and sturdy. After you've made your chairs over, you'll probably be clever enough to transform some other old pieces. It isn't hard at all, and, oh, what a difference it makes. All you have to do is follow the step-by-step directions below.

Even if you're a genius, you can't work without tools. Here's what you'll need: tacks, needle, thread, welting, hammer, cotton batting, about 10 yards of material. Please try this idea—see what a change it'll make in your dining room! Probably be the talk of the neighborhood.

Begin with an underlayer of material to serve as backing for new upholstery. Almost any sturdy material will do. In this case, discarded crib pads were cut to shape of chair back, sewn together, then slipped over chair like a pillowcase

Next, pad the chair back for comfort—and for a more tailored appearance. Use upholsterer's cotton batting, stitch it to underlayer material. Enough batting for four chairs costs 75c, was purchased at a local dry-goods store

Place your choice of upholstery mater wrongside out over cotton batting. (W used striped denim.) Pin back and fro pieces, with welting between, to exact shape of chair back. Slip it off chair, s seams, turn rightside out, replace on c

Only $7.60 magically changed a dull dining room into a bright mealtime setting! How? By making red and white striped denim chair covers. Try it yourself! The directions are below

graphs by Stan Raymond

xt, unscrew and remove seat of chair. ck strip of fabric all the way around ter edge of frame, bunching material you go to make ruffles, or gather it your machine. A magnetized tack mmer would make the work easier

Stretch denim over top of seat and tack it tightly to underside. Then, using an upholsterer's needle, sew welting around edge of seat. Screw seat back on chair and continue sewing welting around back of chair

Recognize it? What a difference between this, the finished chair, and the sad-looking original on preceding page! For four chairs, 10 yds. denim cost $5.90; 15 yds. welting, 75c; batting 75c; upholsterer's needle, 10c; tacks, 10c—total, $7.60!

Triple-threat service cart with three attractive trays, sized from 20 by 24 to 20 by 36 inches. Entire unit of baked-on enamel over bronze. Weather-resistant!

Brown-Jordan Co.

Keep coffeepot and casserole on outer edge of barbecue brazier to keep hot. Each one cooks his own! Lots more fun, and no one gets too warm

Edward A. Vandy

M. C. We

Redwood table and bench, lightweight and easy to move. Good-sized table top, 28 by 60 inches. You can leave it out in the rain or sun, too, and no harm's done. Very practical!

Simtex Mills

You'll want these right at hand! Ranch Brand stainless-steel cutlery, three-tined steak fork with leather thong, hickory-handled grill for individual hamburgers, and mirror-finished turner will get and take plenty of use

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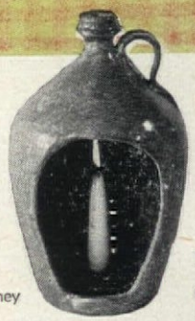


Mary Rodney

Mastercraft

Food baked in this blu green ovenware casser stays hot when it's ove fat candle in wrought-iron base. Mighty useful in back yard, far away from electricity, as is blue j with candle inside protected from breezes. Checked cloth is casual, informal—comes in several colo

Steel-framed sun-tan cot has back which drops for full-length stretching. Coated-fabric cover of the thick pad is easily cleaned with a damp cloth

Simmons Co.

Ficks Reed

Cedar that's been specially treated to ward off rot and termites, metal fastenings that are weatherproof, cushions covered in vat-dyed duck add up to a chair that takes its place in the sun

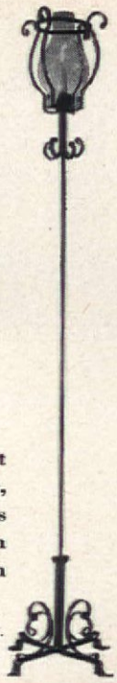
It's no longer "Step right up!" Everything's on wheels. Aluminum serving wagon has detachable canopy over top shelf to protect cool drinks or hot food. All-steel barbecue with special cone-shaped heating unit rolls right up to serve as many as twelve

Auto-Bye Co.

Huntington Iron Works

California Bell Co.

Not a school bell, but a modern barbecue-caller, invitation to the feast. This particular bell comes in bronze or verdigris-green



Carbone, Inc.

Tall garden hurricane lamp of wrought iron gives just enough light on those moonless nights when you can't bear to go inside

Three-tiered server of Hong Kong reed is light to carry even when trays are filled. Wonderful for porch or terrace

Langbein

Suddenly it's Summer!

Funny thing about warm weather—it always sneaks up on us fast. But from the minute that first balmy breeze betokens hotter days to come, it's outdoor living for anybody who can manage it! So regardless of your summer-living facilities, whether you're on a plantation or a postage-stamp plot, let's get ready to soak up the sun!

Everything on these pages except the barbecue table and collapsible chairs is wheelable. Now you can really "follow the sun around" as it dips in and out of the trees and shadows. The three chairs which are shown below are so light they don't need rollers, can be lifted with a whisper of strength. Most of these warm-weather wonders are made to take a beating, too. The wood is sturdy, the canvas is rugged, the steel is just what the word means. The ideas on these two pages are presented to help you relax and enjoy summer days and evenings, with an eye to minimum upkeep, a maximum of work-saving, and a sympathetic glance at your pocketbook.

Calif-Asia

Peel cane, a long-time outdoor favorite, is back again. Looks so fragile, but it's durable and weather-resistant

Durham Mfg. Co.

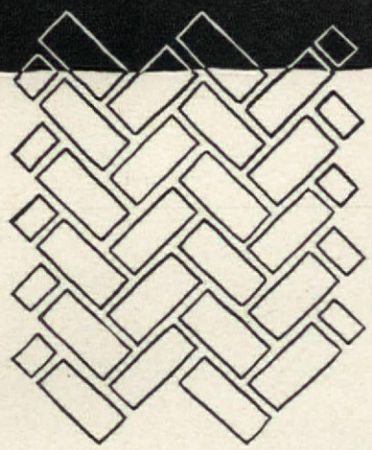
Universal Converting Corp.

"Take-Along" Travel Chair Co.

Fold-up chairs to take any place. Aluminum one, at left, has foldaway tray, with seat and back of water-repellent duck. Bentwood chair comes in clear varnish or with slats enameled in various colors. Steel frame of the rockerless rocker shown has baked-enamel finish

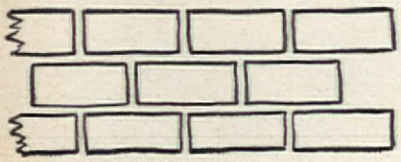
How to pave your way!

Photographs by author



Brick patterns are many. This is a simple herring-bone type

The running flat design gives most coverage for bricks used



Simplest of all built paths—stepping-stones laid directly on firm earth

More formal effect—flagstone cut to sketch, laid without foundation or cem

MAX ALTH

Almost anyone can pave a garden walk, and for much less than a contractor would charge. For example, materials for a 4-inch-thick concrete walk laid on cinders cost about $1.00 per square yard; a contractor would charge around $4.50 for materials and labor. For brick on a concrete foundation, materials will cost about $4.25 a yard; a contract job will run at least $20.00. (A bricklayer will hardly pick up a trowel for less than $3.00 an hour.) Of course, some hard work is involved, but it doesn't have to be done in one day or in a hurry. Only a few inexpensive tools are needed, and wood for forms can be secondhand to start with, and used over and over again.

In planning a walk, consider these factors: Frost action, supporting soil, and probable traffic. A walk must be strong enough to withstand the heaving and breaking movement of soil when acted on by frost, as well as the force of freezing moisture in the walk itself. It must be laid on ground that is dry or so well-drained that water will not collect beneath it; or else sufficiently flexible to rise and fall with any movement of the soil. Any soil solid enough to stand on will support a walk. Dry, hard earth needs no treatment, but soft, fairly moist soil should be well drained in frost country; and really wet, squashy soil *must* be, to support a firm walk at any season. Drainage is provided by 2 to 8 or more inches of cinders or gravel. In extreme cases, a foot or more of rock fill should underlie the cinders. Water all such foundation layers well and tamp them firm; dry material does not pack well and steals moisture from the fresh concrete and weakens it. As to traffic, even the lightest paving material recommended will support as many fat people as can crowd onto it—if properly laid. Garden paths are usually 2 to 2½ feet wide; walks vary from 2 to 4 feet, and sidewalks from 4 to 5 feet . . . Now, what materials can we use for building a walk?

Tanbark and *sawdust,* which can be laid directly on tamped earth, make a woodsy, naturalistic path. However, they act like a blotter and are often wetter than the ground around them. A supporting bed of cinders or gravel will help. Frost presents no problem.

Gravel comes in various sizes. Grit, the ¼-inch grade, is commonly used for surfacing; the ¾-inch size for the underlayer. Dryer than tanbark, it can be laid directly on somewhat wetter soil, though on soft earth it tends to sink in and be lost. It is not too satisfactory for a much-used path as traffic tends to scuff it up and kick it away. But frost does not affect it.

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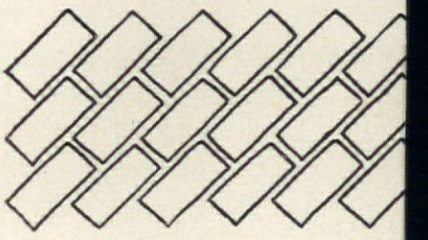


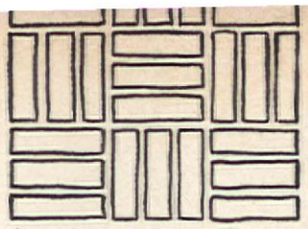
Diagonal design, bricks laid flat

1. Pieces are planned and cut to required size by first scoring with a cold chisel, then breaking across a straight, solid edge. Chip rough margins smooth with mason's ham

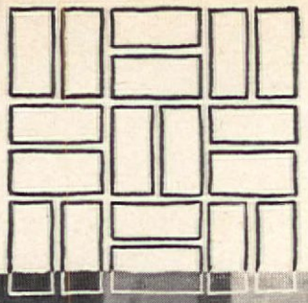
2. Bed of 1 to 2 in. of cement mortar is spread evenly to cover entire area where slate will be set

3. Slate is fitted into place and rocked gently to insure a firm setting at every point. This is vital

4. Use hammer or chisel handle to slate to exact level. Then fill with cement mortar between slates and exposed front edge. Trowel smoo wipe off excess cement while soft

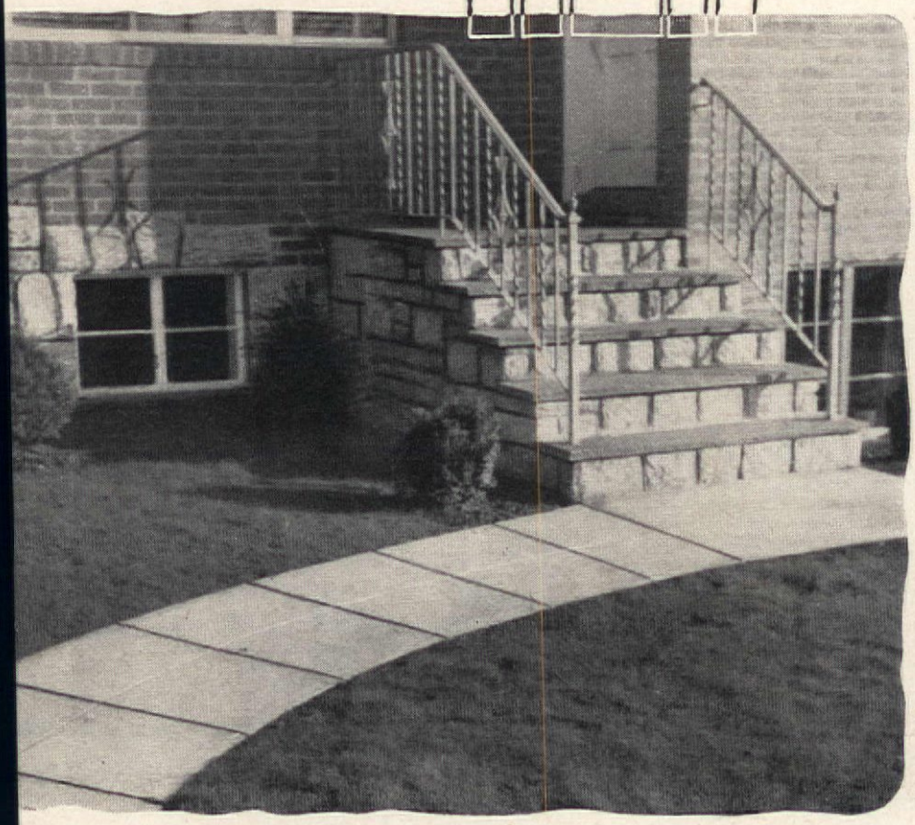


Basket pattern, bricks on edge



Same, with bricks laid flat

In all these patterns, the joints—of sand or cement—are ½ inch wide



Deep scoring with edging tool, or use of spacer strips, adds interest to a plain concrete walk

Hard brick laid flat on concrete and lower than grass to make mowing easier

A cemented walk of tile or larger-than-ordinary brick, with neat raised border of same brick on edge

Four simple steps in paving path or terrace with slate

Sassy or Sweet...

4 ways to decorate unfinished chests

Pardon our pointing, but we're so puffed up about the ideas we've whipped up on these pages that we're about to bust a button! All kidding aside, did you ever see four cuter ways to dress up a plain old, dull old unfinished chest of drawers? You know the kind: You've seen them in the newspapers, advertised by department stores and furniture stores. For the money, they're one of the best buys on the market. We paid $29.95 for ours, made by Aristo-Bilt. But if you're like us, your imagination might have fizzled like a flat soufflé when confronted with those acres of unfinished wooden fronts.

What *could* you do, we thought—besides pasting on Donald Duck decals!—to get some real zip and charm into these worthy but plain-Jane jobs? We got ourselves into a huddle; we pawed over clippings, swatches of chintz, photographs—even a lollipop someone had brought back from San Francisco. Our Arts and Crafts department put them all together, the paint began to fly—and the results you can see on the opposite page.

Any one of the ideas could be a real conversation piece anywhere in the house. Because of the nature of the designs, each could fit into living room, dining room, bedroom, or hall. There's only one—Number 2—that is really bedroomy. Wouldn't it be a lovely thing in a frilly room for a little girl?

We gave our chests a thin coat of shellac to seal the wood, then an undercoat and a finish coat of paint. A tip: Tint your undercoat to something near your finish coat—but not quite. If it's a little paler, you can see any spots you might miss later. We did our decorations in oils, right from the tube but mixed with a bit of varnish to make them more durable. Always consider giving your finished work a coat of clear varnish. It will change the color slightly, but it's worth it in wearability. Always let oil decorations dry for two full weeks before varnishing a piece. So put your thinking cap on—and cock it at an angle if you want a gay result. Like everything worth while, painting chests is definitely work—but when they're finished, compliments will come so thick and fast you'll be glad you took the trouble.

1 **The French call the technique *trompe l'oeil.* We call it a très gay deceiver, with the fringe-trimmed swags painted right on! A snazzy piece to lift a room right out of the ordinary**

2 **Roses that bloom in the spring, tra-la! They bloom all over the front of our pretty painted chest, all tied together with little-girl ribbons. Wonderful to highlight a pastel bedroom scheme**

3 **A truly handsome piece with scrolls and flowers softly antiqued in a rich parchment color. They blend with tradition furnishings, are lovely in a formal room or equally at home with Colonial backgrounds**

4 **Cute as a bug's ear—polka dots and clover leaves (actually inspired by a fancy lollipop) marching all in a row. Surprisingly modern in feeling, but coy as Miss Muffet in a provincial room**

Designs by Hillary Knight (1283), Catherine Macauley (1284), Isabel O'Neil (1285 & 1286). Photographs by F. M. Demarest

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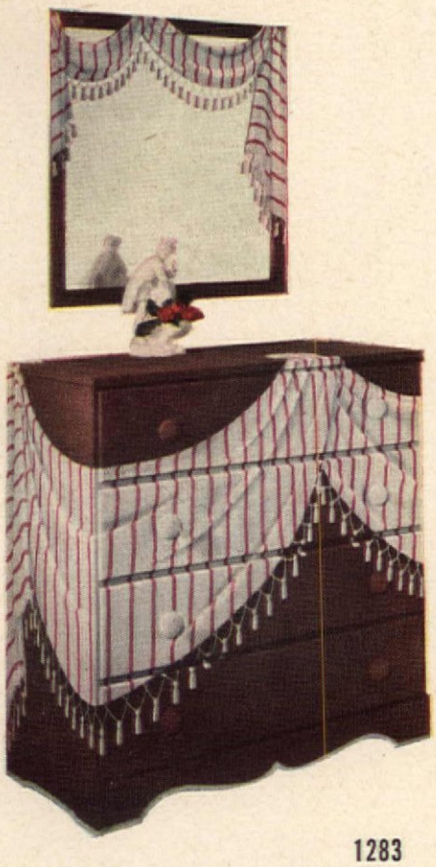

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Remodeled kitchen of the Roy A. Bridges in Mansfield, Ohio. Every old feature was removed, including range placed dangerously between two doors, and counter which formed the side wall of staircase leading upstairs

How Two Families Spent

Kitchen of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Noppel, Montclair, New Jersey. Transformed from a colorless, energy-consuming area into an efficient, cheerful room by use of modern units, bright color contrast

Here the Bridges have transformed the sink corner into a dining space, used attractive decoration, plus a movable three-tiered cart which serves as working table, tea car, jack-of-all-portables

The kitchen door which you see directly before you is now the corner in which the breakfast table (upper right) is placed. Cabinet at left was removed, staircase behind it was moved into rear hall, releasing much needed space. New range was placed to form working U

Their Kitchen Dollar

JANE McNAMARA

Two small kitchens in widely separated parts of the country. Two homemakers—one with the family grown up and gone . . . the other with a growing daughter and prospects of a home overflowing with teen-age neighbors. In the first, Mrs. Edward P. Noppel wants simplicity in her kitchen plus warmth and color, for she entertains a lot. She is now doing all her own work, has many civic interests, and now that the family has flown, father's interest in such things has perked up. In fact he is developing quite a hobby of redesigning the old closets in the house since proper compact kitchen storage has been brought to his attention. He even consented to mother's idea of bringing her favorite colors from the garden right into the kitchen in the pale pink steel cabinets and the deeper pinks of the shades and wallpaper. Gas is his business, so gas appliances were first choice.

The layout in the Roy H. Bridges home was certainly a dud. In came the experts from Westinghouse Home Institute, counted all those waste steps, watched the work patterns Mrs. Bridges employed, and together we all worked out the best and simplest solution. Sensible cabinets, range, and refrigerator were installed plus the least expensive new sink. Mrs. Bridges is an excellent housekeeper and is teaching her daughter how to be a real part of this homemaking picture. When the budget allows, there is room for a dishwasher. Sunlight pours in, but adequate lighting and wiring have been installed. Coated-fabric wall covering with its gay river scene was used because it's easy to clean in this industrial town with

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Doesn't this look familiar? This type of kitchen used to be the ultimate in luxury, even though it seems to us to have been arranged to insure discomfort. The Noppels left most of the original plan, shortened window at right, put range under it. Everything was isolated in the old kitchen

This is Mrs. Noppel's cozy corner where she serves breakfast to Mr. Noppel, luncheon or "kaffeeklatsch" parties to her numerous friends. What a difference wallpaper makes! Woodwork is painted to match the wallpaper, to give a much greater feeling of space

Red and black mat-stock or blotter card symbols, any size, for room or added buffet table decoration. Napkin holders are made from white-mat stock, red or black trim along the edge, with one of the four card symbols placed in the center

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What's Trump?

THESE IDEAS, NATURALLY!

JUNE COCHRANE ORTGIES

What do you say to doing it up fancy the next time it's your turn to have the girls over for bridge? You'll have a lot of fun, the preparation isn't difficult, the results are really something, and you'll establish a high old name for yourself as a hostess.

Teakettle Bridge we call this little party idea, since a teakettle plays a very important part in this get-together. That's where you put your forfeit money! You'll need invitations, table decorations, corsages, favors, place cards, and tallies. Plan on buffet serving. Make your color scheme the same as playing cards. Incidentally, you might use blotting paper instead of mat stock. Notice how the invitation is made, in the lower left-hand corner. You can put your playing-card flowers in a real kettle and use it as a centerpiece. Any kettle will do, but a copper one would be wonderful! Arrange your corsage favors around the base of the kettle.

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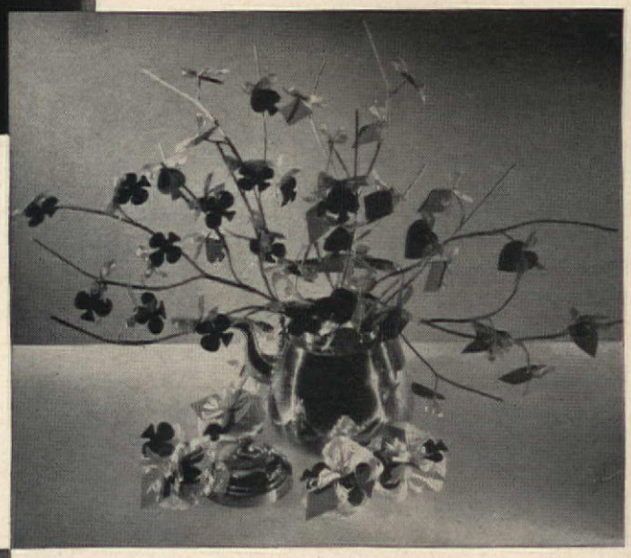
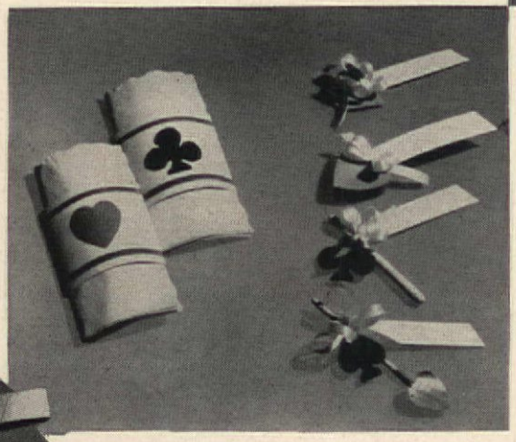


Collect penalties and forfeits in centerpiece kettle. Give to honoree or donate to worthy cause. Failure to make little slam bid 25¢ plus 10¢ forfeit for each trick down; double penalty if grand slam is bid and not made; 10¢ forfeit for player asking "Whose bid or deal is it?" 25¢ for "What's trump?"



Write on back of favor place card "You must bid and make, regardless of cards you hold, one club (diamond, heart or spade) no more, no less, during first rubber. If you fail, please forfeit 50¢ to the kettle"

Glamorous bridge tallies made with red and white mat stock, silver passe partout, narrow pink ribbon and white poster paint. Tiny kettle cutouts with highlight silver markings dangle down

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PROBLEM MEALS? NO PROBLEM AT ALL

...WHEN YOU SERVE SOUP!

At Housecleaning Time...

Rugs up... curtains down... litter and confusion everywhere! *That's* the time for simple, easy meals! For instance: milk, sandwiches, and good big bowls of Campbell's Beef Soup! Grand, deep-flavored beef stock, with hefty pieces of tender beef in it, and plenty of fine vegetables, too! Hearty—and *delicious!*

SERVE Campbell's BEEF SOUP

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SERVE Campbell's CHICKEN GUMBO SOUP

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SERVE Campbell's TOMATO SOUP

ALICE B. KLINE

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MENU

Celery and Radishes
Butterfly Ham Slices
with
Ripe Olive and Mustard Sauce
Green Peas **Apple Sweet Potatoes**
Dixie Sally Lunn
California Trifle

Ham and fixings! Oh, there's plenty to be said for capon and truffles, pheasant and wild rice, guinea hen under crystal—but honestly, was there ever anything more elegant to the eye, more tantalizingly aromatic than handsome ham that's scored and spiced up, crisp and sizzling, inviting all of us to take a knife and fork and get going?

Even a brand-new bride can prepare this ham dinner of ours with little work but with thoughtful and careful planning. For instance, that gorgeous coconut dessert is as simple as one-two-three to put together, but it has to be started a day ahead of time so that it can have an overnight chilling in the refrigerator.

Economical, too, is this ham dinner. Like any thrifty French cook, we thought you'd like to have directions for a good, easy and economical way to use the shank end of a ham for this dinner and several others. See the recipe card on page 60 for cutting directions for a "bone-in" piece and a "boneless" piece from the shank. The boneless piece may be cut into many slices about one-fourth inch thick and then fried until the edges are brown and curly as in our

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- ½ cup syrup from DEL MONTE Sliced Pineapple
- 4 tbsps. olive or salad oil
- 2 tbsps. finely chopped green pepper
- 2 tbsps. finely chopped onion
- 2 tbsps. lemon juice
- 1½ tsps. salt
- ½ tsp. paprika

Combine all ingredients and beat well before serving.

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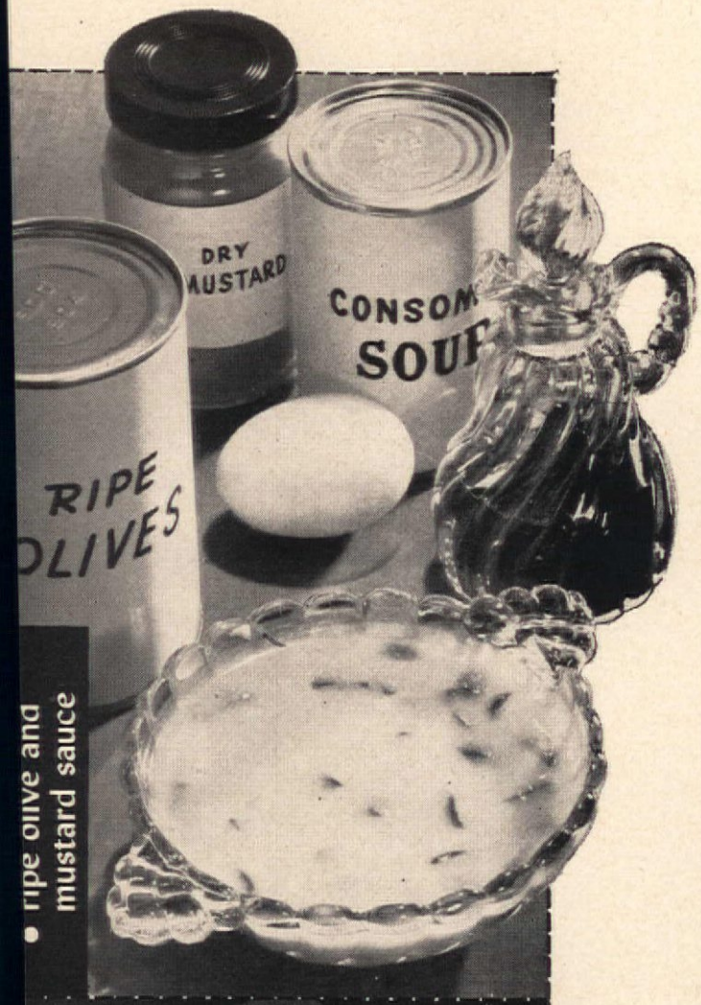
Eatin' High on the Hawg! (Begins on page 56)

photograph. Or it may be baked as one piece with aromatic cloves, brown sugar, and pineapple to a succulent doneness. The "bone-in" piece is simmered for a soup stock and then cut up for casseroles, salads, and sandwiches.

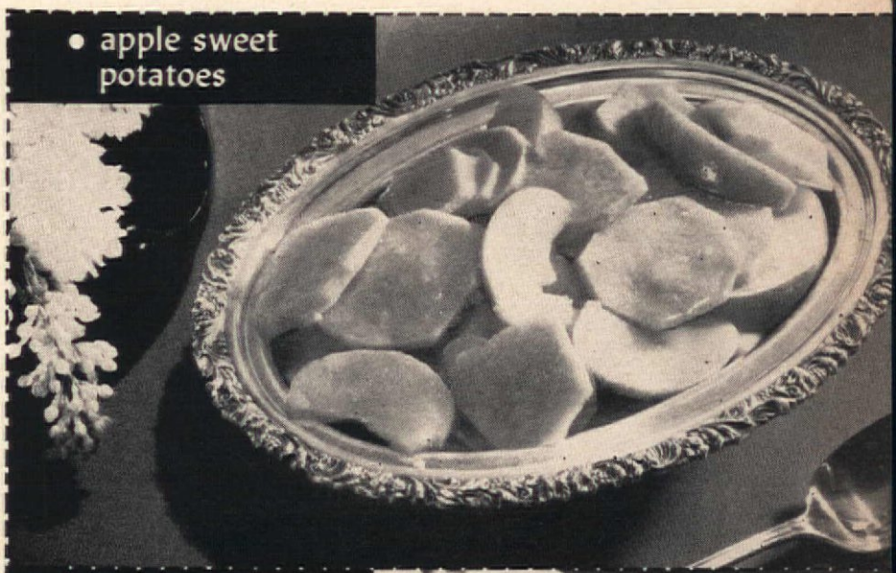
When you give thought to ham, give thought to a sauce to accompany it. We have a brand-new, mustard-y, ripe-olive sauce for you this month. Serve it warm or cold—it has a hearty flavor that will appeal to those who do not like sauces that are too subtle.

Hot breads from mixes are fine; indeed, we who do the cooking are coming to consider them the wonder of our age, but occasionally the creative spirit grips the cook and we just have to *bake*. Dixie Sally Lunn was devised



• ripe olive and mustard sauce

• shank end of ham



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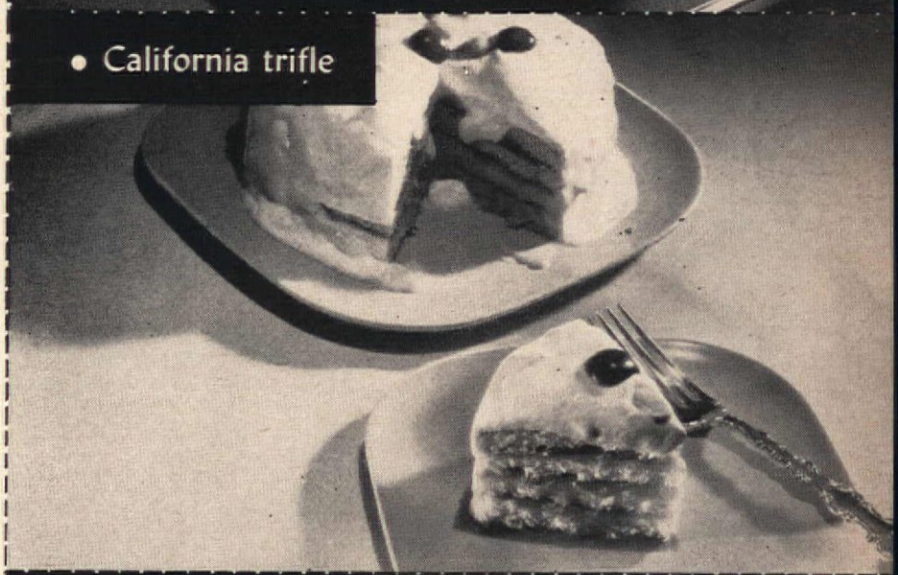
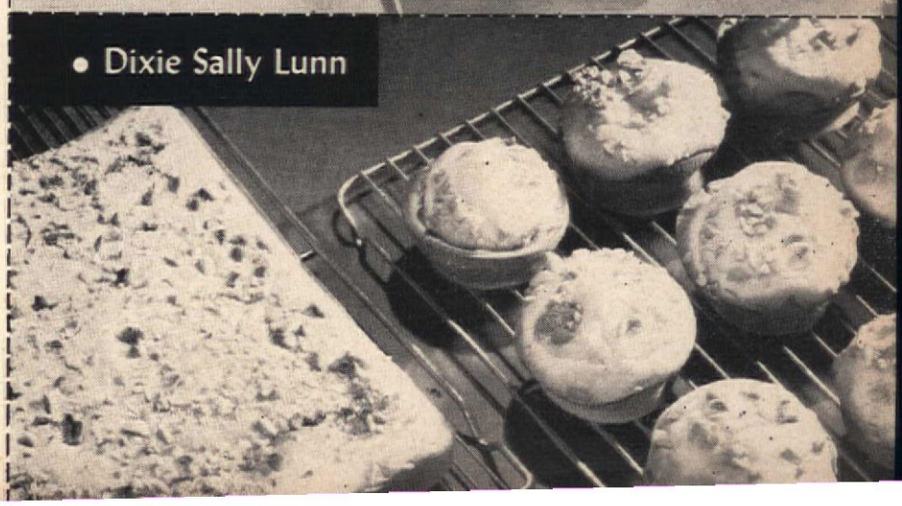


• California trifle



• Dixie Sally Lunn

especially for these days; quickly mixed and generously sprinkled with chopped peanuts it comes to the table carrying a subtle aroma that attracts men and small boys like bees to the honey pot.

Seems to us that each day brings another idea for using concentrated frozen orange juice in recipes. We used it for our sweet potatoes, and, just to make things more colorful and interesting, we blended an old recipe for sweet potatoes with apples.

Crowning glory—that's the dessert for this meal. It's California Trifle fashioned after its English cousin but with a hatful of ingenious Americanisms. First, our cake is packaged white-cake mix; quick-as-a-flash preparation with incredibly lovely results. Layerings of luscious apricot jam from your own hoard or purchased especially for this dessert (you may substitute other favorite jams, of course). You must plan this cake a day ahead because it's so much better if it can have an overnight chilling in the refrigerator after it gets a thorough coating of vanilla pudding. Just before serving give it a whipped-cream covering and a lightly tinted shredded coconut topping.

• apple sweet potatoes

Preparation time: 35 min.

4 medium sweet potatoes
2 tbs. butter or margarine
2 tbs. light brown sugar
½ tsp. dry mustard
⅛ tsp. powdered cloves
¼ tsp. allspice
1 tsp. salt
¾ cup orange juice
1 large red-skinned apple

Pare and slice potatoes ¼" thick. In large saucepan melt butter, blend in sugar, spices, salt, and orange juice. Add potatoes; cover. Cook until potatoes are barely tender. Core and slice apple ½" thick; combine with potatoes, cook two to three minutes. Occasionally spoon orange juice mixture over potatoes and apple slices.

Makes 5–6 servings ***216 calories per serving***
Source of Vitamins A, C, D, Thiamin, Riboflavin, Niacin

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• California trifle

Preparation time: 1 hr. plus overnight chilling

½ pkg. vanilla pudding
1 cup milk
1 pkg. white cake mix
1 1-lb. jar apricot jam or jelly
½ cup heavy cream, whipped
Tinted coconut

Combine the vanilla pudding and milk in saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture just comes to a boil. Cool. Prepare cake mix according to directions on package for two eight-inch layers Split each layer in half. Spread a thin layer of apricot jam between layers. Spread cooled pudding over top and sides of cake. Chill overnight. Just before serving, cover with whipped cream. If desired, sprinkle with shredded coconut lightly tinted with vegetable coloring.

Makes 6–8 servings ***270 calories per serving***
Source of Vitamin B complex, Protein, Calcium

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• Dixie Sally Lunn

Preparation time: 40 min.

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
3 tsp. baking powder
¾ tsp. salt
½ cup shortening
½ cup granulated sugar
2 eggs, well-beaten
1 cup milk
⅓ cup chopped salted peanuts

Sift first three ingredients together. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually continuing to work until light. Mix eggs and milk. Add flour alternately with egg mixture to sugar mixture. Turn into greased 9" square pan. Sprinkle salted peanuts on top; and bake in hot oven of 425°F. 20–25 min. Serve hot. Makes 10–12 servings. (If desired, Sally Lunn may be baked in greased 2" muffin pans for same time period.)

Makes 14–16 muffins ***208 calories per serving***
Source of Vitamin A, Niacin, Vitamin D and Calcium

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(Begins on page 56)

• ripe olive and mustard sauce

Preparation time: 12 min.

¼ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 tsp. dry mustard
¼ tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
⅓ cup cider vinegar
½ cup condensed consommé soup
1 egg
⅓ cup chopped, pitted, ripe olives

Blend brown sugar, mustard, salt and pepper in top of double boiler. Add vinegar and consommé and heat over hot water. Beat egg lightly and stir slowly into hot mixture. Cook and stir over hot water until slightly thickened. Add olives; stir and heat thoroughly.

Makes about 1¼ cups

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• shank end of ham

TO BONE: Place shank, cut side down, on board. With sharp knife, cut it lengthwise into 2 pieces, starting at small end and following the bone all the way. Now there are two pieces—a Boneless Piece and a Bone-in Piece.

TO COOK: Place *Boneless Piece*, rind side up, on rack in uncovered roaster. Bake in moderate oven (325°F.) 33 min. per lb. or until meat thermometer reading is 160°F. About 30 min. before meat is done, remove rind from ham using a sharp knife or scissors. Cut fat surface with knife into squares or diamonds. Stick whole clove in center of each square. Glaze with mixture of ¼ cup brown sugar and ¼ cup canned crushed pineapple. Return ham to oven to finish baking.

Or slice uncooked ham ¼" thick; trim off rind. Rub hot skillet with piece of ham fat. Brown slices on both sides. Reduce heat to moderate and continue frying ham, turning once, until tender—about 5–6 min.; if ½" thick, about 8–10 min.; if 1" thick, about 16 min.

Cover the *Bone-in Piece* with boiling water; add a few celery tops, a few whole black peppers and 1 sliced peeled medium onion or 1 peeled clove garlic. Cover; simmer until tender, about 33 min. per lb. Remove from liquid, remove rind and use ham, cut up, in casserole dishes, salads, or sandwiches. Use stock for soup.

JEAN AUSTIN

FOR YOU, SIR, a gourmet dish to make a great reputation in twenty minutes flat! It's the veal scaloppine, a favorite dish in the most famous gourmet restaurants, rarely encountered at home—yet, believe me, far easier than hamburgers. If you've an outdoor grill, it's a natural.

Bring the floured veal out between layers of waxed paper—and in a few minutes, your gourmet dish is ready. Do not stint on the butter and do not substitute for the Marsala. No other kind of wine will do. And there, brother, is the whole secret of this simple but beautiful dish thought of as "fancy."

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Good Victuals

• fancy muffins-quick!

To corn-muffin mix add 1 cup diced ham. Excellent with light luncheon salads.

To your favorite muffin mix:

1. Add ½ cup frozen peas
   ½ cup grated raw carrots
   Fold into muffin mixture. Supplies 2 vegetables with your salad meal.
2. Add 1 cup drained, crushed pineapple. Fold into muffin mixture. (Muffins do not take kindly to much mixing.) Good with ham.
3. Add 1 cup coarsely grated Cheddar-type cheese (not processed). Good with all salads, most meats.
4. Substitute tomato juice for other liquids. Pink, pretty, and good.

food as good as theirs. They, in turn, had inherited their recipes, and for centuries before them they had been "good victuals." To them, as to me, wine or liquors are merely another ingredient, and I'd as lief leave out the fish as the wine—so inseparable are they to the final result. Which reminds me—the other day I browsed through Martha Washington's cookbook—and while I do not wish to hide behind that estimable first lady's skirts—she, too, found wine and liquor indispensable to the fine food which made her famous as a hostess.

Now all of this is for those readers who have violent convictions on this subject, and not an apology. It is quite true that veal and fish and cakes can be mighty good victuals without wine or liquor. But it is unwise—and unfair—to substitute ingredients and call them by this name. In each issue there will be enough recipes so that all may find a few to their taste, and I hope that my own experiments with "quickies," ready-

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Good Victuals (Begins on page 61)

FOR YOU, MADAM, plenty of things to make the doing, as well as the eating, more exciting. If your family doesn't "care for fish," I am willing to wager a week's pay they will like this one, as subtle in "smell" and color as it is in flavor. And the beautiful cucumber ice is something you do with your left hand—it's that easy—as are the muffins, the desserts, and the beets. There's no long cooking over a hot stove, yet there's nothing ordinary-looking in taste or appearance. So if spring has made the family appetites lag—here are picker-uppers far more palatable and just as efficacious as grandma's sulphur and molasses.

In the two issues in which I have presented some of my pet recipes, you will have noticed that I use wine or "likker" quite often. I should like to tell you why. First, my recipes have been collected from good cooks all over the world. I have followed their directions to the letter—because I wanted to bring forth

• orange-coconut desserts *(quickie)*

Follow directions on package, using orange juice in place of milk or other liquids. Add ¼ cup shredded coconut.

1. Sprinkle stale leftover sponge cake with sherry until moist, but not wet. Cut rounds with cookie cutter or cut in bite-size portions. Cover with orange-coconut pudding and top with whipped cream garnished with orange rind or toasted coconut.

Easy, light dessert—but with these extra "fixin's" not remotely the ordinary tapioca pudding!

2. Fill ⅓ sherbet glasses with leftover orange gelatin. Fill to top with orange-coconut pudding. Garnish with toasted coconut.

• fish in wine sauce cucumber ice

Grate in large mixing bowl:
2 large cucumbers
If watery, press out excess water

Mix with: ½ cup sugar
2 cups boiling water

Fold in 2 egg whites.
Tint pale green.

Freeze in refrigerator tray.
Mix once again when edges set, but do not freeze too stiff.

In top of double boiler, over boiling water mix: ¼ cup sugar
1 tbs. cornstarch
Rind and juice 1 lemon
Well-beaten yolks of 4 eggs

Heat: 1 pt. white wine with
¼ cup butter. (Do not boil)

Add to first mixture.

Stir constantly until thick.

Add: Salt and cayenne to taste
½ cup seeded and skinned grapes
(small white seedless grapes need not be skinned)

Pour over fillets of white fish which have been poached in wine or milk.
Garnish with blanched and slivered almonds.

• beets in orange sauce

Melt in top of double boiler: 1 tbs. butter
Add and mix well: 4 tbs. brown (dark) sugar
1½ tbs. flour or cornstarch
Add and stir constantly: ¾ cup orange juice
Rind ½ orange
Cook until thick
Add: ⅛ tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. sugar
2½ cups diced cooked beets

Equal parts of finely chopped cooked beets and raw cabbage, with minced onion, brown sugar and horseradish to taste—marinated and cooled in refrigerator, is quick and also very good with fish.

• veal scaloppine *(gourmet quickie)*

For 4–5 servings, 1 lb. veal, cut not more than ¼" thick.

Pound veal until paper thin, cut in pieces or squares (about 3"). Rub with flour, salt and pepper. Sauté in butter until both sides are golden brown. Remove to hot platter, or use very large frying pan and push to one side.

Add 3 to 4 tbs. Marsala wine and any leftover meat gravy on hand (excepting ham or bacon), 2 tbs. butter.

Stir and cook for 5 minutes. Pour over the *hot,* cooked veal.

What's Trump? (Begins on page 54)

The food is simple, but, with a little twist here and there, it takes on a party look. Jellied sea food or chicken salad prepared in a shallow pan, covered with mayonnaise and cream cheese blended, is cut in oblongs, each piece decorated with two half slices of tomato put together to form a heart. The bread is arranged in thirteen slices, fanned out like a bridge hand. Open sandwiches of cream cheese are decorated with radishes and ripe olives cut like the symbols on the cards.

For dessert, make a two-layer cake from your favorite recipe, or a good cake-mix, cover with 7-minute frosting, outline a heart on top from little heart-shaped red cinnamon candies. If you have a heart-shaped cake mold, so much the better.

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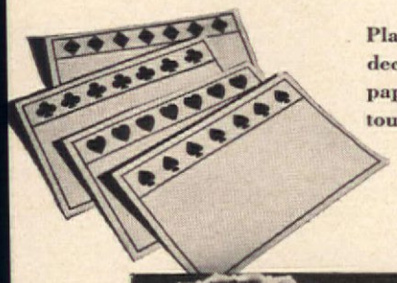
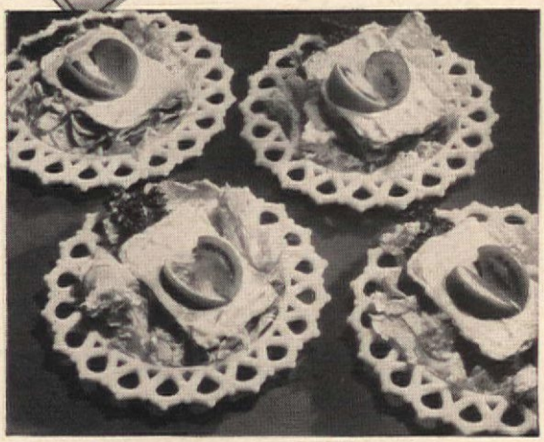


Place mats of white stock, decorated with crepe paper and red passe partout. Easy to make



Molded chicken or sea-food salad, with tomato slices forming a "heart"

Cut your bread into hearts, diamonds, clubs, spades. Cover with cream cheese, trim with fancy card symbols. They look so good you somehow hate to eat them!

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What's Trump?

(Begins on page 54)

CORSAGES, easily made with black and red mat-stock symbols. Pierce hole at top, tie pink ribbon bow to each; slip 6" spool wire in back loop of bow, bend in half. Wrap wire with ½" strip of Nile-green crepe paper cut across grain. Stretch crepe as you wrap. Group several in a 4" doily.

CENTERPIECE, same procedure as corsages. Then cut three pieces of #7 wire in 8, 10 and 18" lengths. Wrap each with ¾" green crepe cut across grain. Wrap 3 lengths again separately putting symbols on wire 4" and 5" apart. Wrap wire 21" long twice with 2 symbols at top. Arrange four lengths in kettle.

FAVORS. Cut 3 hearts from red mat, about 2" in size. Cut red strip ¾" wide, 6" long. Along 6" edge make a tab fringe ½" deep. Apply paste, place around a heart to form box. Fold tabs onto bottom. Cover bottom with second heart, use third for cover. Make hole in top of heart cover and box band for pink bow and place card.

Diamond—Make tiny ring from strip silver passe partout ½" wide, 4" long. Fold in half lengthwise. Moisten glue side; stick together. Glue ends together to form ring. Glue two 1" squares silver passe partout together for stone. Fasten ring and place card on top of diamond shape. Add pink fluffy bow.

Spade—Cut 2" square white paper. Cover both sides with silver passe partout. Cut square into spade shape. Curl wide edges slightly over blade. For handle, bend 12" piece wire in half. Wrap double wire several times with strip medium pink crepe cut ½" across grain. Wrap until handle is ¾" in circumference. Paste base of spade around one end of handle. Cover pasted strip with band red mat ¼" wide. Fasten black-mat spade and place card to handle with pink ribbon.

Club—Bend 12" piece spool wire in half. Wrap several times with strip medium-pink crepe cut ½" wide across grain. Wrap one end heavier than other to form shape of baseball bat. Fasten black-mat club and place card to bat with pink ribbon bow.

TALLY. Cut red mat stock 4¼" wide, 5½" long. Bend in center to form book 2¾" x 4¼". Write "Tally" on cover with white crayon or paint. Paste card symbol on 2" square white mat. Paste square below word tally. On inside of back cover make two slits (½" from top and bottom). Draw narrow ribbon through slits from back. Bring ribbon over top edge and paste on back. Allow ribbon to extend 1" below bottom of book. Paste end of ribbon between two tiny kettles. Draw tally lines inside.

Table setting (p. 54): Dining table and tea cart, Drexel Furniture Co.; Cloth, Ellison & Spring; Silver—"Spring Garden," Holmes & Edwards; Milk glass dinnerware, Westmoreland Glass Co.; Copper teapot, The Post Mart, Inc.; Lemon dish, Imperial Glass

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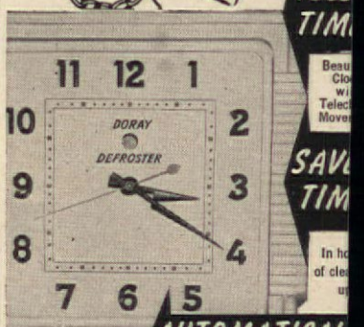

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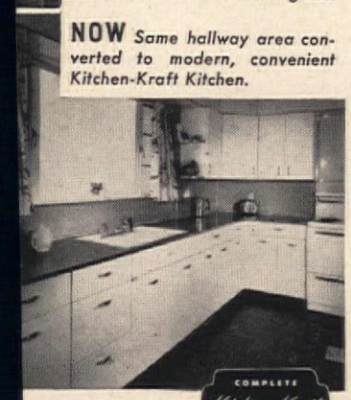

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Doctors, public-health nurses, nutritionists, researchers, and modern industry have brought much interest, hard work, and knowledge to the aid of young parents. Especially is this true of baby food.

The babies of this era are, we think, proof-positive that the selection of food to maintain good health is of paramount importance. The story of baby's advance on the road to right eating shows less infant mortality, less infant disease, fewer howls before dawn, better growth, bigger smiles, and bigger appetites!

Small wonder the babies of today have big appetites. Excellent foods are being prepared especially for them. Farmers harvest the pick of the crop for them. Manufacturers study and use methods that conserve to the utmost the precious nutrients in foods. Scientists hang over cribs watching the effects of infant feeding. Above all, watchful parents are forgetting food prejudices while they accept foods recommended by their pediatricians and nutritionists.

Babies are not born with food prejudices; they acquire them from observation and attitudes of their elders. Not long ago a government nutritionist reviewed the amazing variety of foods that babies have at their beck and call and she said, "Just think, we are raising a generation who will *like* squash and liver!" In comparison with the "good old days" when baby's diet was milk and gruel, we now have an awesome parade of some fifty strained and specially chopped ready-to-serve baby foods on our grocer's shelves. The latest of these products is meat; many babies are introduced to strained meat when only a few weeks old.

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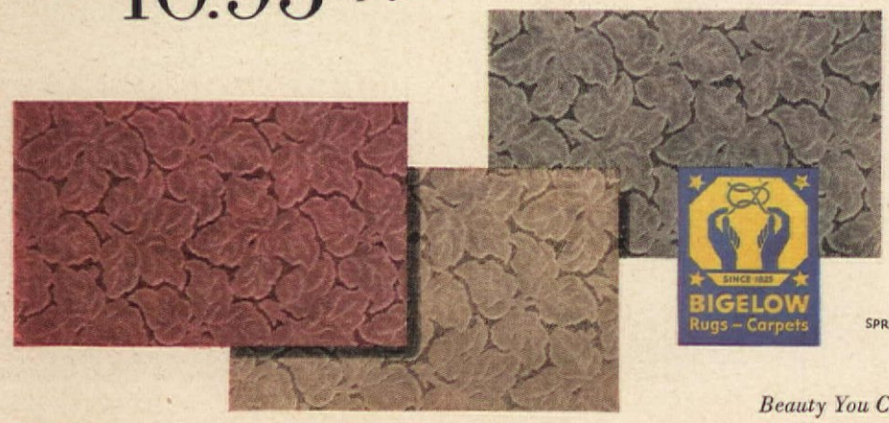

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Dishwashing may be dull—but it needn't be deadly! Here are two ways to save time and energy

We've shown you in previous issues how to save 174 hours a year by using an ironer, how to get the most out of your vacuum cleaning tools, how to save enormous amounts of time and energy with a washing machine. In this issue, with the help of those little white lines on this page, we show you how to cut your dishwashing time more than half with the dishwasher.

Thirty million women might disagree about many phases of housework, but we all meet on one common plane two or three times a day—we don't like it! Well, who can blame us? It's dirty work, unimaginative and tiring, but until some genius invents a disappearing dish or glasses that one eats after using, somebody's going to have to do those messy devils, and you know it'll be you!

Now we can't make like abracadabra and toss your toil into thin air, but we do have a couple of good ideas

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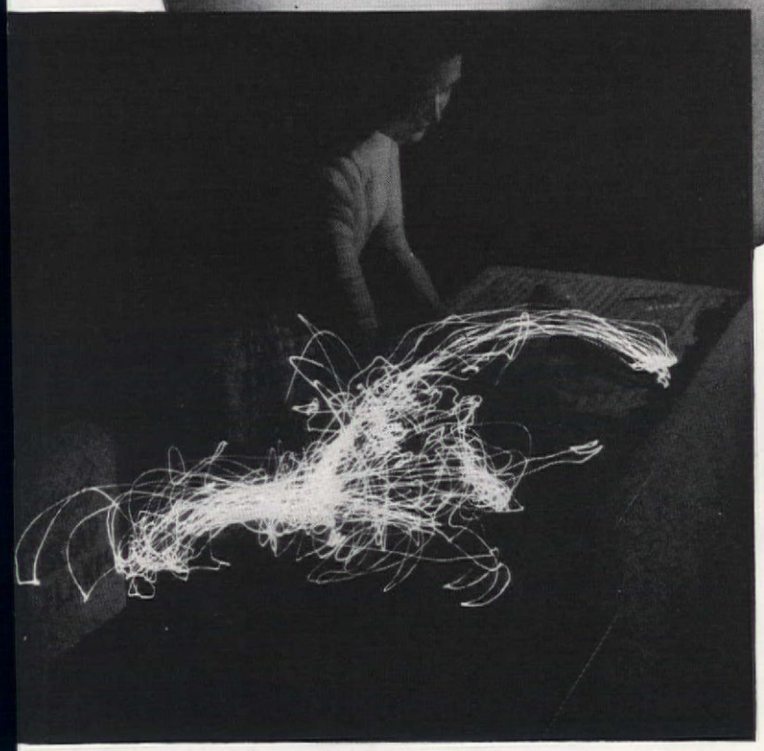
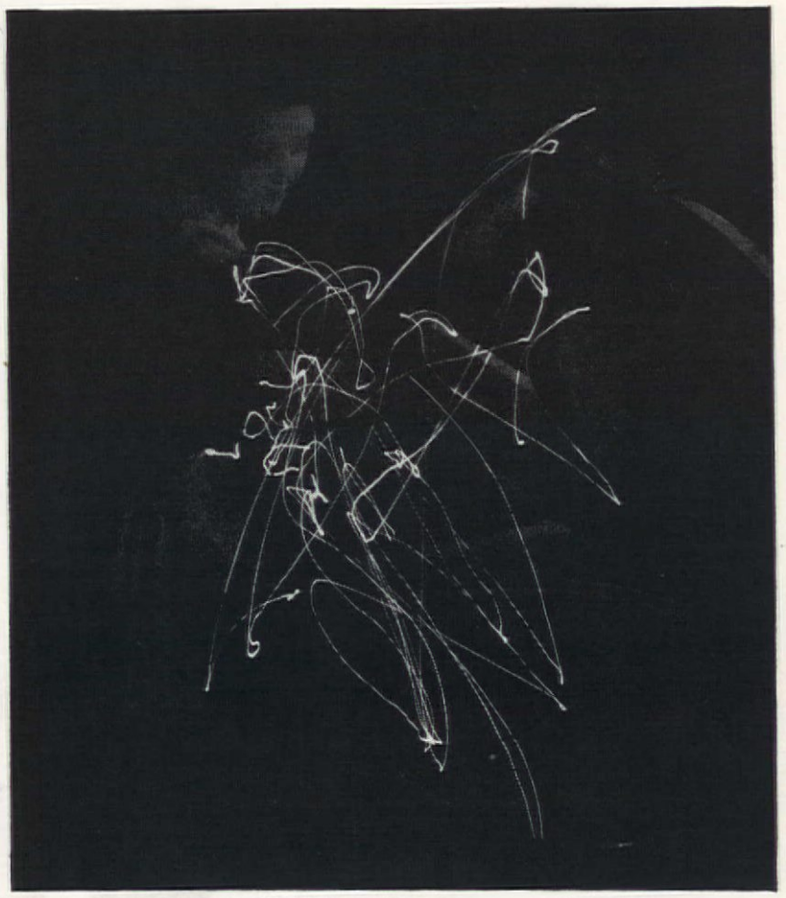


WRONG HAND DISHWASHING METHOD—466 HOURS A YEAR
This way, one place setting takes 150 motions for washing alone, not counting the drying. Yearly dishwashing for a family of 4, not including the serving dishes or utensils, takes 446 hours, handling 4,380 pounds of dishes. Isn't that depressing?



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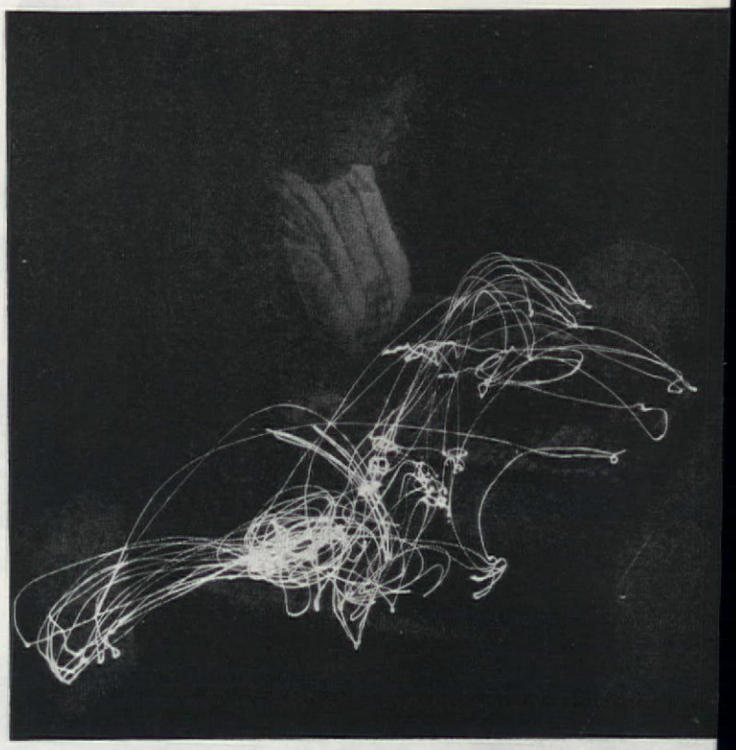

SYSTEMATIC HAND DISHWASHING CUTS TIME MORE THAN HALF
A comfortable stool at the right height, methodical rinsing of silverware, glasses, dishes beforehand will save time, energy. Work from left to right, or vice versa, but don't switch in the middle of your work. Keep hand lotion handy

on how to cut it to the bone. First of all, there's that wonderful little genie, the dishwasher. Naturally, if you serve three meals a day, you'll never use anything else after it's once tried. It saves time, it saves energy. For instance, it isn't necessary to wash your dishes three times a day with the dishwasher. You can place your dishes in the machine after each meal, then do them all at one time in the evening.

Don't use soap in your dishwasher. Lots of trouble can be avoided if you use the special detergents which you find on any grocer's shelf—besides which, it only requires about a dozen packages a year if you use these, as against some 25 packages of soap or general detergent for hand dishwashing.

If you find, for the time being, that washing dishes by hand is your fate, there are certain rules you can follow which will cut your time and effort down considerably. First of all, sitting down on a comfortable stool, placed at the right height, will save your feet and back. Then, too, try stacking your dishes in a methodical way as you scrape and rinse them. Wash them either from right to left, or vice versa, but be sure to stick to the one direction for the greatest efficiency. If the bottom of your sink isn't high enough, try placing a wooden rack under your dishpan. Use a good rubber-covered dish rack to stack them systematically as you wash and scald them at the end. Dry the glasses and silver, but leave the dishes to drain. This saves wear and tear on the dish towels, on you, and is far more hygienic. If you're the type who can't stand to see your kitchen decorated with a single dish that ought to be in its lawful place, scald them with extra-hot water. Then you can put your plates away immediately after the glasses and silver—still without using a towel.

Naturally, there's not one of you reading this article who doesn't know how to do everything we've mentioned above, but if you're like us, you're apt to overlook many of these hints in the bustle of cleaning up the stuff in a hurry. Try to remember all these little

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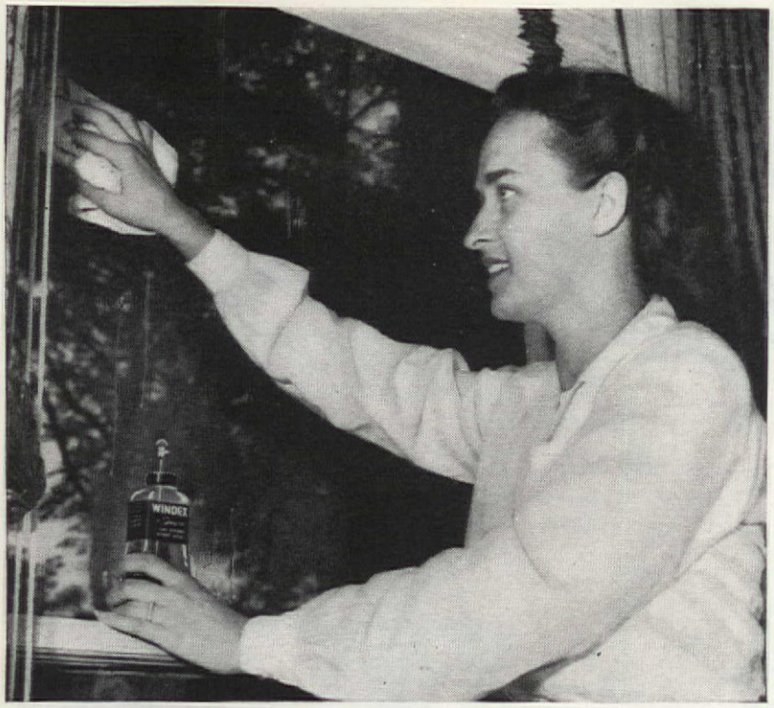

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details the next time you attack this thankless job, and you'll be surprised how much easier it'll be. Well, maybe someday we'll all be rich enough to throw them away after each meal, but until that time comes—let's all face the dishpan with a smile!

Then, too, there's always the chance that some of your devoted family will roll up their sleeves and give a hand, but it has always been a source of wonder to us how eagerly our little group of loved ones will skip to the table when dinner's ready, and how eagerly they dance as far away as possible from the kitchen's vicinity the minute dinner's over! Oh, we do know a few finicky women who can't stand to have anyone "messing around in my kitchen" and would much prefer to do the work themselves. As for us, you may certainly give us a hand, and make it snappy, please!

Spotlight of the Month

WOMAN'S WORK IS QUICKLY DONE!" has been selected as the May 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 readers with their homemaking.

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RUTH K. GOODWIN

I'm a busy person with a house, a family, and ever so many hobbies. I used to plod through the daily routine while little imps marched across my brain like men in a picket line, waving a banner for each of my hobbies. Somewhere I found a favorite saying of my aunt, "Make brains save feet." Already my mind was spinning but I knew I must find time-savers for work.

My family loves food and lots of it. Since there are over a thousand meals to be prepared a year, I developed some good short-cuts. I made menus for weeks in advance. If the day is not to be a particularly busy one, there is more time for food preparation. If there is a club meeting, I plan an oven meal, set the controls before leaving. I buy prepared mixes and also serve wholesome one-dish meals. Imp number one drops out of the picket line.

Good equipment is a must for a quick and thorough job of washing. Sudsing and rinsing is a timed routine, but short-cuts from there really count. The trousers go on stretchers. Towels, pillow slips, and sheets are hung straight and folded carefully so they are ready for circulation again. Baby's tiny anklets are pinned to the dress they match and none are lost. When the clothes are dry, they are sorted as they come off the line.

As I iron, I stack each person's clothes together. Shirts, dresses, and blouses are put on hangers. Now even fewer imps are demanding time.

A big paper bag is a catchall for toys as you make the early morning rounds of the house. I make a clean sweep as I go, so there is no need to back-track and a few imps are brushed out of the line. I carry waste-paper baskets to the basement when I go to refuel the furnace.

The arrangement of kitchen utensils is very important. They must be near the working space and easily reached. I can't save time if I have an avalanche each time I reach for a pan. Spices are arranged on steps so the labels are legible. The electric mixer is always connected at the outlet, ready for instant use. Trays save many trips to and from the table.

I don't let the dishes browbeat me; they have only a passing acquaintance with the towel due to the synthetic detergents and scalding water.

When the dust cries, "Here I am," I answer back, "So what?" I sing a lively tune as I hang the clothes. The imps now have little to complain about. They gained the time they desired. They have folded their banners and left the picket lines.

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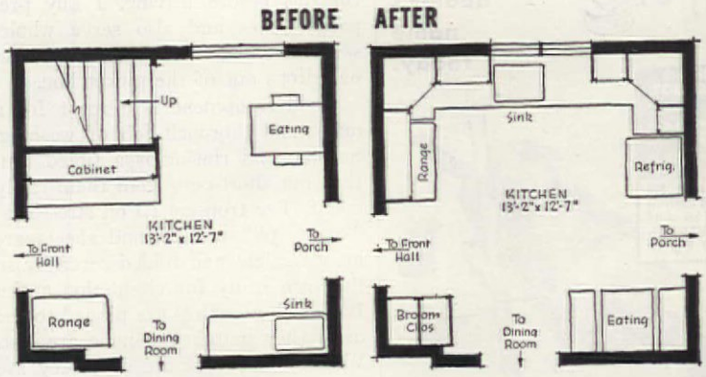
all its grime. Mrs. Bridges is a believer in "using your head to save your heels," so a cart is used constantly whether the family eats across the room from the work center in the kitchen or the meal is wheeled into the dining room.

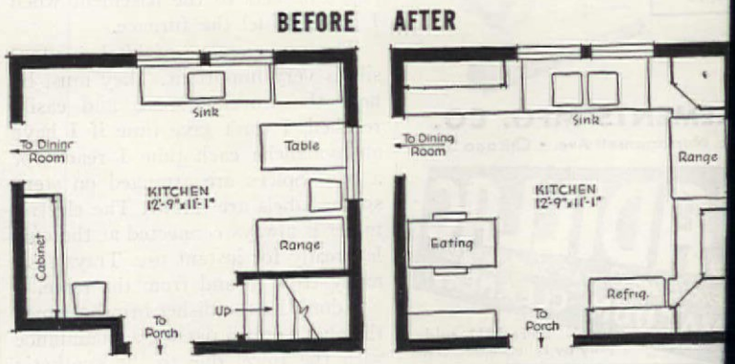
The rear kitchen door leads directly to an enclosed porch, a spot where the Bridges take up permanent residence from June to September. The kitchen table is moved out and the utility cart continues to shuttle back and forth.

The four plans on this page graphically show what structural changes were made. By the removal or shifting of stairways (an unused one in the Noppel's), we added many square feet of wall and floor space. If you would like to remodel your kitchen, but the budget says no, plan what you would like. Then itemize what you actually need, and finally decide how best to attain your goal. Structural changes may be made one year, equipment may be purchased the following. It may take several years to completely finish the job, but you will have your dream kitchen, and it will last for many years. Our two families figure their improvements as long-term investments for better living.



Bridges Kitchen: Westinghouse—sink, refrigerator, range, cabinets. Cosco—utility cart, step stool. Sanitas—wall covering. Krene—plastic curtaining material. Murphy—paint. Armstrong—linoleum. Photographs—Buell-Kraft Studio

Over-all dimensions of Bridges kitchen were unchanged. Stairway removal added 33 sq. ft. Wide window over sink was centered on outside wall. Remodeling objective: Greater convenience and good looks for a 24-hour workshop



Noppel Kitchen: Servel—refrigerator. Roper—range. St. Charles—cabinets, sink. General Electric—kitchen ventilator. Armstrong—linoleum. Imperial—wallpaper. Wesley Simpson—curtain fabric. Cosco—step stool. Photographs—F. M. Demarest

Kitchens becoming smaller? On the contrary they are being enlarged. Sink location remains unchanged, range was moved under shortened window, refrigerator was brought into kitchen proper. Dining unit is Mrs. Noppel's pride

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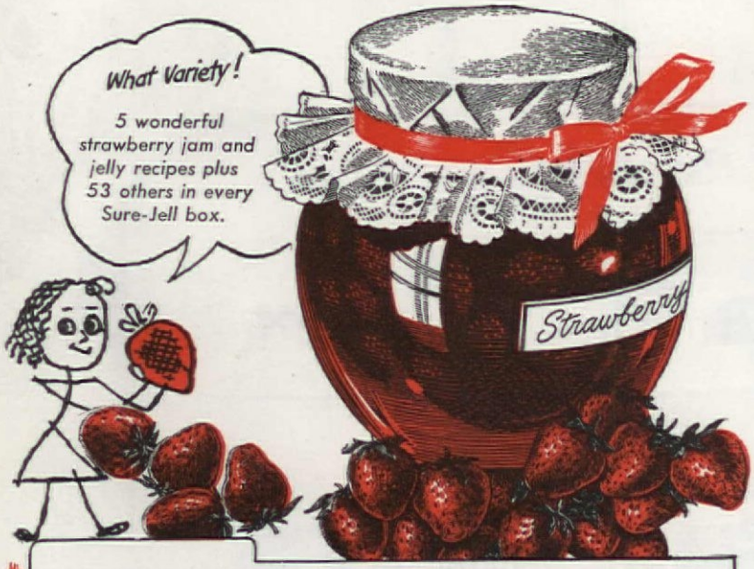

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HOMEMADE STRAWBERRY JAM

4 cups prepared fruit
6½ cups sugar
1 box Sure-Jell

To prepare fruit. Crush completely about 2 quarts fully ripe strawberries. Measure 4 cups prepared fruit into a large saucepan.

To make jam. Measure sugar and set aside. Place saucepan holding fruit over high heat. Add Sure-Jell; stir until mixture comes to a hard boil. At once stir in sugar. Bring to a *full rolling boil* and *boil hard 1 minute*, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, skim, ladle quickly into glasses. Paraffin at once. Makes about 10 six-ounce glasses.

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Good Victuals

(Begins on page 61)

mixes and ready-to-use foods may bring me greater fame than those cherished recipes I have collected from others over these many years.

And that brings us to garlic—and sundry other strong-armed flavorings. Here's a subject I am violent about! Why should Americans, exposed to every nationality in the world, not have more curiosity about food—more adventure in their souls about tasting something new? In my own native parts—New England, to be exact—vegetables are boiled in great vats of water until there isn't a particle of flavor left. They douse on the salt, add a bit of pepper—and occasionally go berserk and use onion. Yet I'll challenge any section of the country to produce better pies and rolls. Most German cooking is not to my taste—yet some things are superb and can't be duplicated in any other style. Armenians and Greeks have a way with lamb unsurpassed by any. Some Jewish recipes I have are out of this world—as are my middle-Europe ways with sour cream. And so it goes—the whole world has wonderful things to teach us—and the greatest of these, the wisdom of the French and Italians with a little clove of garlic. So if you encounter it often—and you will—in my recipes, will you please try it *my* way?

Before leaving this subject of garlic, I must tell you now a story that's on me. I was attending a very famous cooking class. I had paid my dues in full, had learned much. There were several lessons to go. Came a lesson where I saw before my very eyes brook trout, firm and beautiful from a cold, rushing mountain stream, being smothered in garlic. I bolted, for keeps. What is to me the first principle of all good cooking had been violated. Food so perfect in itself it needed nothing to gild the lily—much less garlic wrapped around it to kill every bit of its natural, delicate flavor. And I feel that way about many foods available in this fertile country of ours with its many growing climates and fast transportation. They don't need to be tiddley-poohed up—they're good as is. But when they *do* need added flavor or zest—let us borrow secrets from those who have learned to make a gourmet dish from the simplest or poorest of materials. Believe me, cooking will become creation if you will but try new ideas—and don't misunderstand me. I do not mean "new" in the sense of *anything to be different* nor, heaven forbid, do I mean bizarre. But if, for the same amount of time and effort—well, why not build up a reputation? When Bob Mahn comes in my office and brags about his wife Sue's cooking, I know she must be good, for he likes good eating. And I know she's smart, too. She's always trying out new things on that family!

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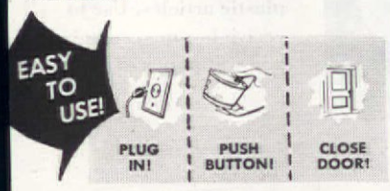

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From the Crumb Jar

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My grandmother kept an old, creamy-white earthenware jar with tight lid on the shelf above her kitchen worktable. It was the most intriguing of all her treasures, which I begged to "play with" when visiting her. But it was the one item I could not have. The jar was always busy—it held bread crumbs.

I am reminded of it each time I get out my crumb jars. Mine are plain mason jars, not fancy like Grandmother's. They contain various kinds of crumbs—bread, sweet-bread, cake, and cookie crumbs.

Saving every crust of bread and even dry, stale cake during recent years has become a habit with me. Now when it is soaring food prices rather than a patriotic duty or sugar-rationing necessity, I find I *need* those crumbs. They can inspire delicious dishes, nutritious and thrifty, too.

HOW TO "CRUMB" CRUMBS

All breads, cake, and cookies must be thoroughly dried out before crumbing. Any scraps that are not sufficiently dry may be baked in the oven until they are dried.

There are four methods of crumbing which are quick and easy: (1) a food chopper will reduce stale bread and cake to the required coarseness or fineness; (2) a rolling pin is excellent for crisp crackers, bread, or cake; (3) a food mill is easy on the elbow and very efficient; (4) the electric blender reduces crumbing-time from minutes to seconds.

STORAGE OF CRUMBS

Keep each type of crumb in a separate, labeled jar—such as Bread Crumbs, Sweet-Bread Crumbs, Cake Crumbs, Chocolate Crumbs. Stored in the refrigerator, they will keep much longer than on the shelf.

RECIPE SUGGESTIONS

For meat patties, meat loaves, dressings and stuffings, coarse bread crumbs are excellent. Use one-fourth to one-half cup of crumbs for each cup of ground meat for meat loaves.

Crumbs can be buttered for casserole toppings by browning one cup of crumbs in one-third cup melted hot fat in a heavy skillet.

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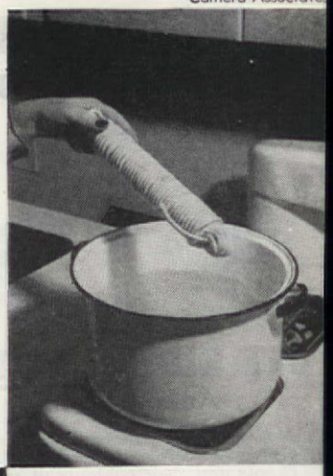
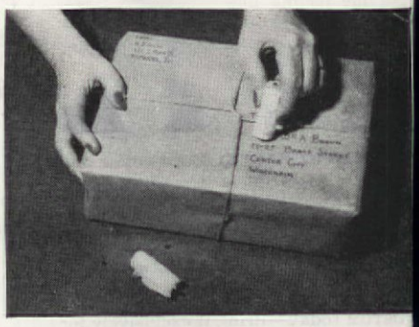


Before using new cotton clothesline, boil it for half an hour. This minimizes stretching and tangling—any knots are easier to tie, too

Soap and water are reliable for cleaning plastic articles. Use to revive brooms, curtains, and wallpaper of plastic

- The scaly deposit left in teakettles can be removed by boiling one cup of vinegar to a quart of water in the kettle. To prevent this scale from forming, keep an oyster shell or flat stone in kettle. When shell or stone has become covered, replace it with a new one
- Piano keys need light now and then to remain white, as natural ivory turns yellow in the dark. Do not clean keys with water, but wipe them with flannel dipped in alcohol or cologne and wipe dry
- Old powderpuffs (washed, of course) are excellent material for cleaning and polishing silverware and metal jewelry
- Stubborn curled corners of small rugs can be remedied by cutting corners of linoleum to match and punching with holes for sewing to underside of rug. The stitches will be lost in the pile



Don't throw away old candle stumps. They can be used for rubbing over an ink-written address on a package several times to protect it from smears, rain, and snow

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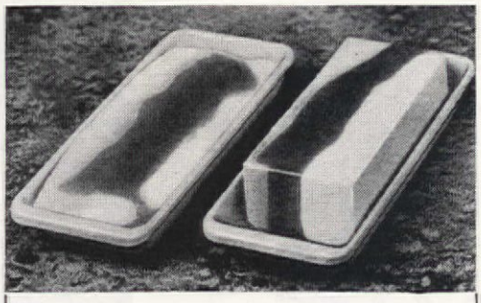

The Amazing Story of Two Identical Bricks of Ice Cream

The ice cream on the right went through a defrosting cycle in the new "FROST-FREE" *Westinghouse. It came out as you see it here—still hard, the two flavors still separate and rich.*

The ice cream on the left went through so-called "automatic" defrosting in a refrigerator equipped with a defroster. The camera tells what happened. The ice cream had melted, flavors ran together. The ice cream lost its shape, flavor, richness and appetite appeal.

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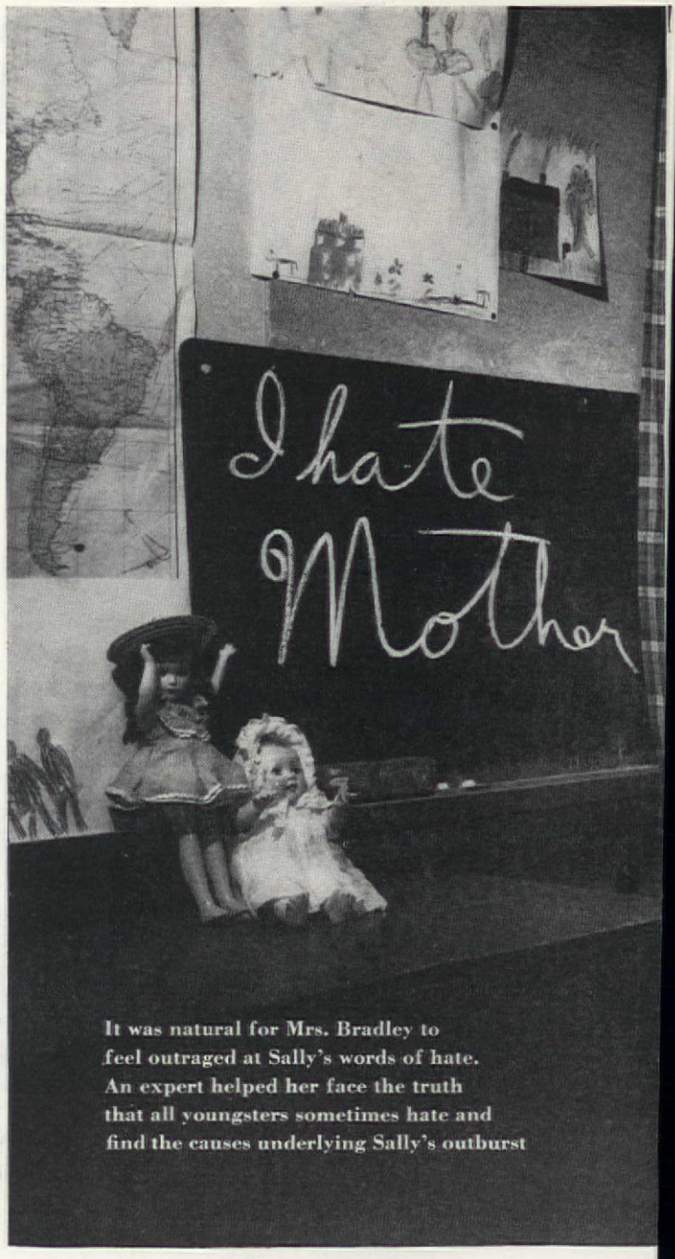

It was natural for Mrs. Bradley to feel outraged at Sally's words of hate. An expert helped her face the truth that all youngsters sometimes hate and find the causes underlying Sally's outburst

NBC photographs by Elmer W. Holloway

Deep down inside, 8-year-old Sally resented her mother's "boss" attitudes, such commands as "You do this or else . . ." Mrs. Bradley learned that Sally, like most children, will respond to more democratic methods of control

Mrs. Bradley recalled the incident of the pink dress she'd forced on Sally. "You may not like the color, but it's becoming," she'd replied to Sally's protest. In matters of this nature, a child has a right to be consulted

MARGERY EVERNDEN
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"It isn't that I don't love my child," Mrs. Bradley told the psychologist at the child guidance clinic. "I worship her! I've done everything I can to make her happy—made lovely clothes, given her nice books and toys. But it's done no good. I've made a terrible mistake somewhere. Sally hates me!"

Mrs. Bradley had made not one, but many mistakes in bringing up her child, but the psychologist's first words were reassuring. "The truth is that children *do* sometimes hate their parents," he said. "But they generally love them, too."

"Actually, in one way you're fortunate," the expert continued. "Sally gave vent to her hatred—if that's what it was—by scribbling 'I hate mother' on the blackboard in her room. She expressed herself freely, didn't seek escape from tension by lying, stealing, running away."

Mrs. Bradley was further relieved to learn that her problem was by no means unusual. That very morning the psychologist had interviewed a five-year-old named Patty who primly smoothed the ruffles on her skirt as she informed him, "Sometimes I wish my mother were dead!"

But how should Mrs. Bradley respond to frank expressions of dislike? She should try to control her own outraged feelings and "count to ten" while she considers the fact that punishing a child for hateful words is attacking a symptom, not curing a disease. A quiet "Well, Sally, I suppose we all feel that way sometimes about people we really love. You'll feel better after a while" is likely to

Other incidents, too, lay behind Sally's rebellion. There were the times Mrs. Bradley was "too busy" to listen to accounts of a day at school, a family of squirrels seen on the way home. Particularly crushing blow to Sally was that her birthday-party list excluded her special chums—in favor of children of Mrs. Bradley's friends!

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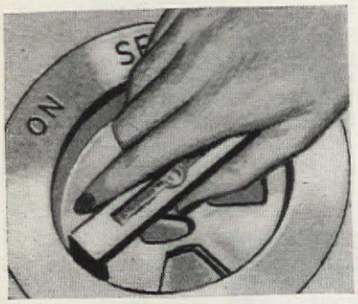

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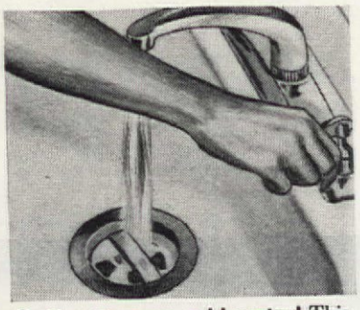

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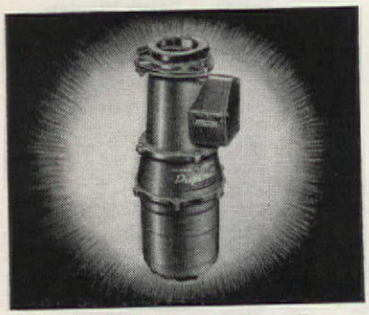

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I Hate Mother

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accomplish more than a self-righteous "I would never have dreamed of saying such a thing to *my* parents."

However, a "gentle answer" doesn't get to the root of behavior like Sally's, nor does it cure the problem. Studies of child behavior suggest what many parents have long suspected—that it isn't always the kind, good things done for him that a child recognizes. It's the parent as "boss" or dictator who looms large in his eyes, and it's only natural for him to register objections when a parent forbids and punishes. How then is it possible to keep a child's affection without yielding on points essential to safety, health, and happiness?

For Mrs. Bradley, as for many parents, the answer to her child's behavior problem seemed to lie simply in a change of technique—from an autocratic, authoritarian system to a democratic one. Specific ideas suggested were the following:

Whenever possible, ask for Sally's suggestions and take them seriously. In many instances, she has a right to be consulted—when choosing wallpaper for her room, the color of her new dress, the dessert for dinner once in a while. If her choices are outlandish in the beginning, she'll learn.

Make a definite effort to listen to Sally's opinions, questions, and stories. She's a member of the family, deserves her share of "holding the floor." She may have to learn that she can't tell the exciting story of the baby robin with her mouth full of supper, but when the food is safely swallowed, her words should receive courteous attention.

Try to make necessary rules seem impersonal, like laws of nature, rather than arbitrary commands. A bright-colored vitamin chart tacked to the wall may be a better way of persuading Sally to eat her carrots and spinach than a gruff "Eat it because I say so."

Take it easy on scoldings and harsh punishment. Any mother loses her temper occasionally, but habitual shouting and slapping will have an unhappy effect.

Take time out to laugh and play with Sally, entering into games *she* likes. Praise her for jobs well done and tell her often that you love her.

Prompted by the psychologist, Mrs. Bradley could remember dozens of small incidents in which she had behaved badly toward Sally. She was astonished that she had never stopped to wonder how the child felt and thought, astonished too, that with the solid affection existing between Sally and herself, she had worried about losing her love. Of course, she had never lost it! Sally's words of hate had been a warning signal—and she would change her ways!

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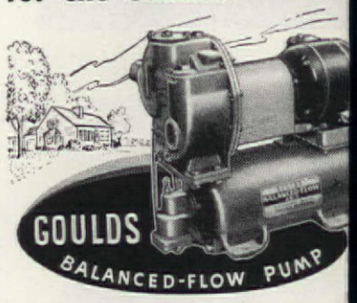

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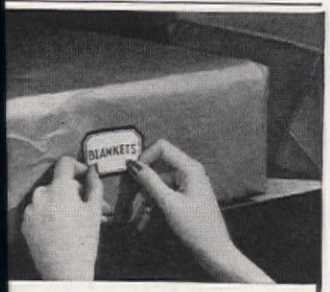

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Although most sewer lines today are initially impervious to roots, soil settlement tends to work the joints loose, and leave small fissures where thirsty roots may enter. That's why trees are quite often associated with drainage lines.

Once the roots are in the pipe, they send out thousands of root hairs which grow larger, widen the fissures, grow more hairs, and form a tangled mass which eventually stops the flow of water in the pipe.

There are a number of ways of uncorking a line that's plugged with roots. Chemical preparations are available which are designed to disintegrate the root mass. Digging down to the clogged line to repair it is always a sure cure. And there are sewer cleaning service men who have special equipment to cut the root mass out of the pipe without digging. This last method is the quickest, easiest, and surest method of attack on the stoppage.

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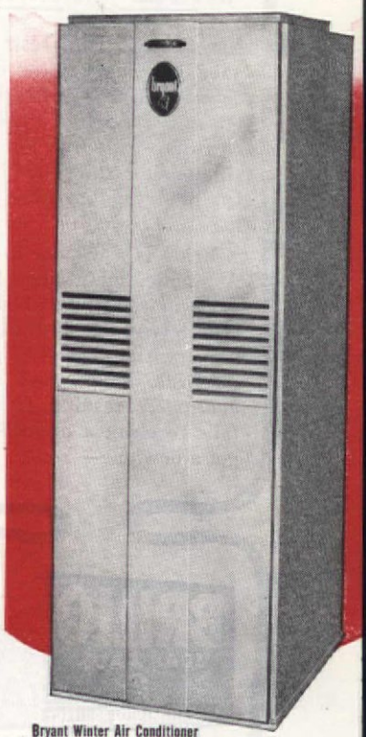

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How to Understand Your Chinese Treasures

PART II

Many other creatures have their significance in Chinese art. The stork implies long life rather than birth, as in America. The stork was once supposed to live to a fabulous age. Also his long legs subtly suggest the long-life wish, as does the long vermicelli or spaghetti served the honored one at a Chinese birthday feast. The deer and the fish are symbols of wealth because of the pun element as in *bat* and *happiness*. The tiger and the elephant signify strength according to their nature, and their likenesses are associated with war lords. Monkeys are often carved from seed and these are used as charms against witches and hobgoblins.

The horse is a symbol of wisdom. In the Chinese markets there are often found attractive little replicas of the famous eight horses of Emperor Mu Wang who lived about 1,000 B.C. The horse came, in time, to be so revered for his wisdom that the Manchus adopted the wearing of a queue in imitation of the tail worn by the honored horse.

The toads of the Chinese paddy fields always seemed to come from heaven with the rain. They were good food and became known as "heavenly chickens." Also in legend there was a three-legged toad who lived in the moon. He could at rare times be snared with golden coins. Therefore he became a metaphor for the unattainable; and also he became the symbol of luck in money-making. Businessmen like having paperweights and ink-pots in his likeness on their office desks. Sometimes, too, in an office niche or on a business desk one may see the figure of the legendary *Liu Hai* coaxing the three-legged toad with a gold coin.

Another legendary creature is the hare who mixes the pill of immortality in the moon. At the moon-festival seasons in China, the market stalls are full of hare-shaped toys and lanterns, suggesting our own Easter rabbit season. The hare in design expresses the wish for long life and immortality.

The cat is seldom seen in complex design. He often appears, however, in single, close-up effect or in figurines because he is the protector of the silk industry, the destroyer of the mice which are the worst enemies of the silkworms. The cat therefore seemed to bring luck to the industry long before the law of cause and effect had become evident. A cat of paper or porcelain or metal therefore became a charm against evil forces in the rooms where

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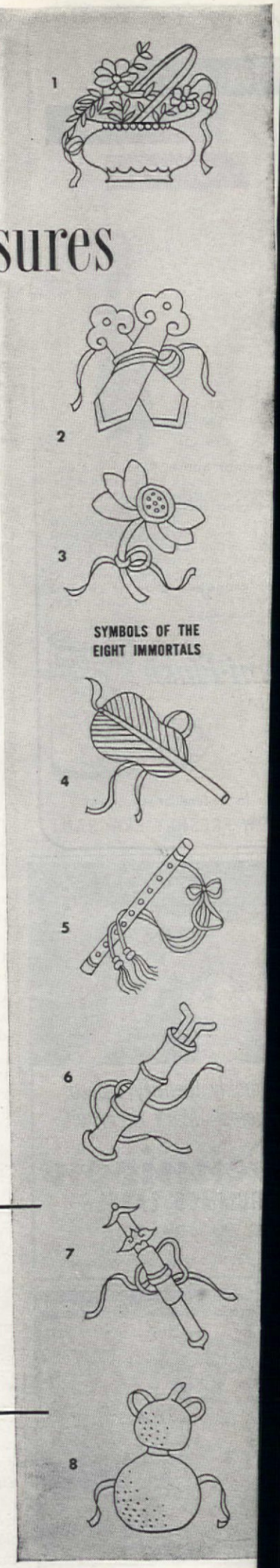

SYMBOLS OF THE EIGHT IMMORTALS

SYMBOLS OF THE EIGHT IMMORTALS: 1. *Hua Lang*, flower basket. Patron of florists. 2. *Bo*, castanets. Patron of theater. 3. *Lien Hua*, lotus. The lotus lady. 4. *Shan*, fan. Magician of souls, chief of the eight immortals. 5. *Ti*, flute. Patron of musicians. 6. *Yü Ku*, bamboo tube, drum. Patron of music. 7. *Chien*, sword. Warrior diety or patron of barbers (disputed). 8. *Hu Lu*, gourd. Guardian of travelers

Symbols illustrating this article are taken from "Chinese Art Symbols," the Oriental culture chart published by W. M. Hawley, which pictures 160 Chinese symbols, together with the written language character for each, English pronunciation, a list of their meanings. Many symbols have multiple meanings, are often subject to controversy among different authorities. There are 12 Hawley charts on Oriental culture

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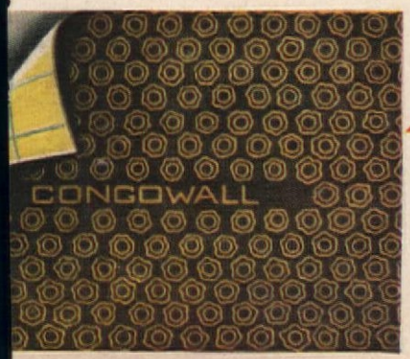

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women fed mulberry leaves to the trays of plumping silkworms. Whiskered cat faces are very frequently seen on shoes and caps of children, symbolic of the protector cat of legend.

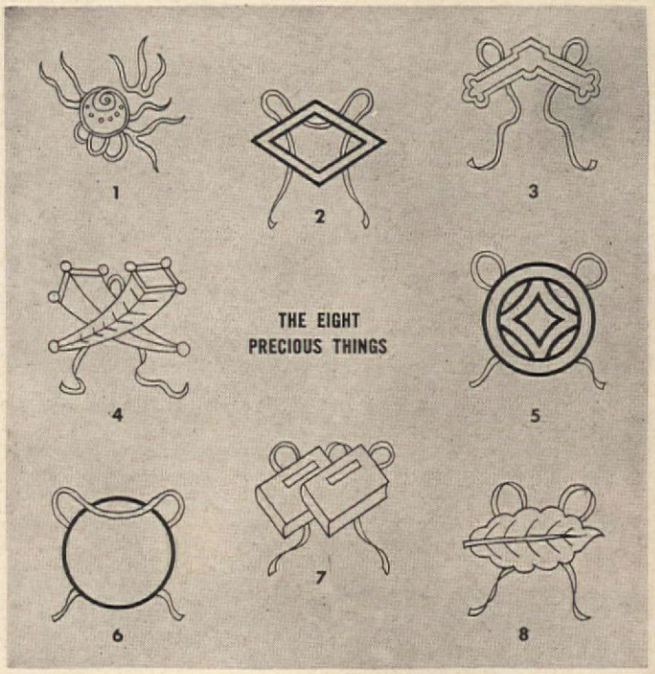
The silkworm itself is one of the oldest sources of design for bronzes, porcelains, and embroideries. The curved position of the "recumbent worm" had long been a favorite for borders. It was especially desirable on women's garments and utilitarian bronzes, because the silkworm expressed quiet and patient industry, a necessary admonition for the womenfolk of a household.

The butterfly is much beloved in Chinese art because of its color range and also because of two famous legends. One legend tells of a philosopher who dreamed that he became a butterfly and found extreme happiness in his flights as he sipped the flowery nectar. In another legend, a student was lured by a large butterfly into the garden of a magistrate, where he fell in love with the magistrate's daughter. Thus the butterfly is known as the Chinese cupid. The butterfly carries then the double message of joy and love. It also offers beautiful possibilities for needle and brush.

Because of the great honor given old age in China, *Long Life* is always the major wish expressed to loved ones on festival occasions. There are said to be a hundred different ways of writing this wish in the single Chinese character, *shou*. Other single character wishes most frequently used by artists are happiness (*fu*) and riches (*lu*).

One of the oldest of all Chinese motifs is the Eight Trigrams design. Full lines and two-segment lines are arranged in groups of three in all possible combinations. This grouping has been used for more than four thousand years by philosophers puzzling out the affairs of heaven and earth; by weather prophets interpreting the moons and the seasons; and by matchmakers juggling matters of sex and propitious influences. The great German scientist, Leibnitz, borrowed these same trigrams to discover his calculus of variations. These much pondered line relationships must have occurred to some primitive philosopher-scientist when his only solitaire materials were bamboo joints. Some of the oldest picturings suggest this bamboo origin.

For centuries pottery makers have enjoyed the use of the Eight Trigrams. Sometimes they are used as sole decoration with border



THE EIGHT PRECIOUS THINGS: 1. *Chu*, the pearl. Charm against fire. 2. *Fang Sheng*, the lozenge. Victory. 3. *T'ê Ch'ing*, jade gong. Good luck, discrimination. 4. *Hsi Chüeh*, horn cups. Happiness, charm against poison. 5. *Ch'ien*, coin. Wealth. 6. *Ching*, mirror. Charm against evil influences. 7. *Shu*, two books. Learning. 8. *Ai-yeh*, artemisia leaf. Felicity, guard against evil.

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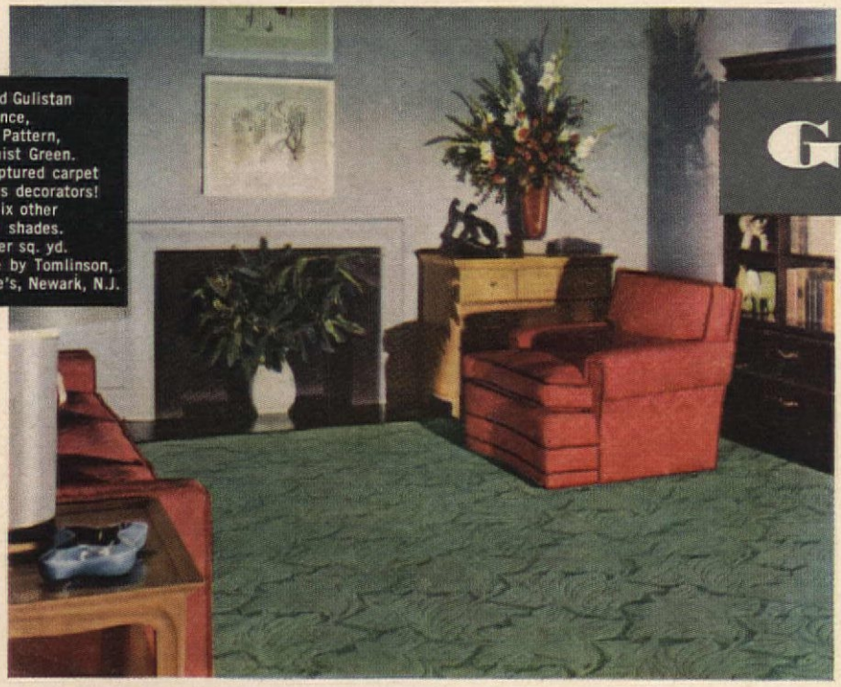

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of the conventionalized cloud and thunder pattern, later known as the key pattern. But more often they are grouped around the famous Yang-Yin circle which portrays the positive and negative forces of the universe. The ancient philosophers who originated the design seem to have regarded it as an egg, the source of life, with the masculine (Yang) and the feminine (Yin) elements equally differentiated into light and dark. The syllables themselves mean light and shadow.

More modern Chinese sometimes explain the Yang-Yin circle as the two harmonious fish that hold a balance in the universe. A pair of fish has always expressed marital harmony which in itself involves the proper balance of masculine and feminine forces. Therefore this modern interpretation does little harm to the original idea and perhaps makes it more concrete to the practical minded.

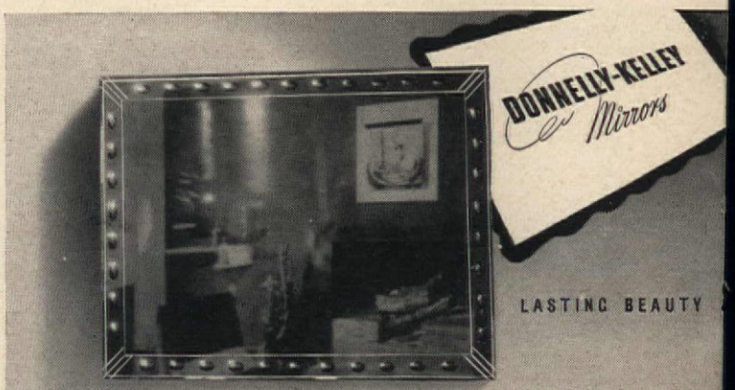
This Yang-Yin balance influences much of the everyday thinking of the Orient: light and shadow, speaker and audience, good and evil, strength and delicacy. Furniture must go in pairs; vases must match; and floral decorations must be balanced against one another. In Shanghai some years ago it was easy to buy a rather expensive vase for a small sum because its mate had been broken. At a Cantonese home two large flowering coxcombs flanked the doorway to give welcome. Their almost perfect likeness was unbelievable. "How could two blooming plants be so exactly alike?" "Perhaps some of the blooms are tied on," was the hostess' answer, and she quickly verified her answer. The need for perfect balance had expressed itself in the gardener's mind. This idea of similarity plus contrast influences artists, calligraphers, philosophers, hod carriers, designers, and cooks. Yang and Yin is their goal for political harmony, for happy home life, and for wisdom in dealing with all heavenly and earthly matters.

The perfectly achieved wisdom that the Chinese honor so highly is well presented in their most loved Star God, Longevity. He is a sort of Father Time and often appears in figurines and pictures with the other two Star Gods, Wealth and Happiness. The eyes of Longevity twinkle because of his wisdom, for he knows the worst and can still smile about it. His brow is heavy with learning. His long ear lobes, thumbs, and snowy beard indicate his great wisdom. He carries the 3,000-year-old peach staff of immortality. Sometimes a design shows him riding his deer of wealth and plenty, thus suggesting inadvertently our own Santa Claus and his reindeer.

One of Longevity's deified associates, Wealth, is universally honored in China. Various presentations in figurines and paintings show him to be well-fed and proud. He usually wears gold-trimmed robes and carries a *ju-i*, his weapon against the unexpected.

The second of Longevity's associates is the Star God of Happiness. He usually carries a child in his arms. He is the deification of a good citizen who had such great virtue that he was asked to present his son at court, the highest privilege known at that time.

The sacred *Kuan Yin*, the Goddess of Mercy, though of Indian origin, has long been worshiped in China. She is the giver of sons



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and of many other blessings. Because of her Buddhist origin she can usually be identified by some use of the lotus flower: petals in her drapery, blossoms in her hand, or clusters growing at her feet. She is supposed to live in the happy and flowery regions of heaven and this fact is sometimes suggested in leafy design.

Many of the feminine figurines available in China and at times in America represent heroines, famous Helens and Juliets of Chinese legend and drama. Similarly the masculine figurines represent famous heroes, though some of them are merely figures of men of various occupations, such as fishermen, herd boys, poets and scholars.

Also the famous *Eight Immortals* of Taoism often appear as figurines in American markets. They suggest in a measure the nine muses of Greek mythology. These Immortals are both the source and the product of numerous involved legends. Conventionally each carries a significant and appropriate symbol: (1) the patron saint of florists and gardeners carries a basket of flowers; (2) the guardian of actors, castanets; (3) the lotus lady, a long-stemmed lotus; (4) the magician of souls, a magic fan or whisk; (5) and (6) the two patrons of music, bamboo instruments—one a flute and the other a tympanic affair that looks like a golf bag with two clubs; (7) the warrior deity, a magic sword; and (8) the guardian of travelers, a pilgrim's double-necked gourd which has become a favored shape for vase makers. This eighth fairy had bad luck. Once his "itching foot" carried him to heaven prematurely and he was sent back to earth. Alas, a beggar had stolen his body and he had to be content with the beggar's body, lameness, and crutch. Often simply the eight symbols of these Eight Immortals are used in single design or in pairs, with flowing ribbons indicating their sacred nature, as does the halo in our religious portraits.

There are two other well-known sets of sacred religious symbols: the Eight Lucky Emblems of Buddhism, and the Eight Precious Things of Confucianism. The Eight Lucky Emblems sacred to Buddha are: (1) the lotus, perfection rising from the slime; (2) the vase with cover, symbol of completeness; (3) the conch shell, source of the voice of Buddha; (4) a pair of fish, metaphor for married harmony; (5) the state umbrella, symbol of authority; (6) the canopy, sign of official rank; (7) the prayer wheel, sacred to the priesthood; (8) the endless knot, intertwined intestine fashion, a symbol of longevity.

Confucianism, a system of ethics, rather than a religion, has chosen from the Hundred Antiques of Chinese Culture eight symbols, known as the *Eight Precious Things:* (1) the pearl, a charm against fire and other disasters; (2) the lozenge, an old musical instrument of victory; (3) the sonorous stones, good-luck stones; (4) a pair of rhinoceros horns, supposed to sweat in case of poison; (5) a coin, emblem of riches; (6) a mirror, to ward off devils by the horror of their own reflection; (7) a pair of books, symbol of learning; (8) the artemisia leaf, a guard against evil.

Confucianism has also glorified the four fine arts of China: music, painting, literature, and chess. These often are represented on four-sided bowls and elsewhere by a funnel-like flute, rolled painted scrolls, a stack of books, and a chessboard. These emblems are also adorned with the sacred flowing ribbons.

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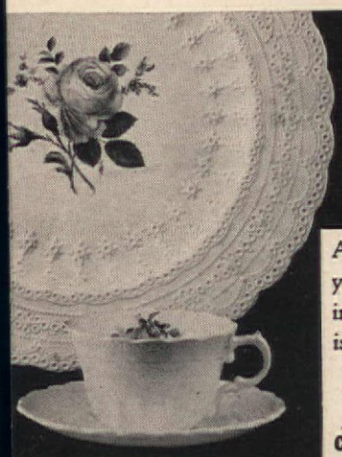

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Chinese Treasures (Begins on page 82)

gray blue, both known as celadon, have been adapted by Wedgwood for plain dinner sets.

The Chinese love their eggshell porcelain teacups. This almost glaze-thin ware adds delicacy to their sipping. Old pieces of this eggshell porcelain are rare indeed because its very delicacy dooms it to a short life and a narrow shipping range.

Another far-famed porcelain is the crackleware. The crackleware is made by dipping hot glazed porcelain into liquids of varying temperatures, the size of the crackles being controlled by the respective temperatures.

The familiar rice-grain pattern porcelain in blue and white is still found in old pieces and in new. It was once thought that actual grains of rice were set in the clay; but of course that is not true. Rice-shaped holes are made in the soft clay by hand and then the glaze is allowed to fill them up. If you have a piece, prize it.

There are many other conventional patterns that are loved by westerners as well as the Chinese. One of these is what is known as the "Thousand Flower" pattern. Because of its allover diaper-like quality, it suits most any size of plate, vase or bowl.

The pattern of the "Hundred Children" has legendary origin. If a piece of porcelain is large enough for the hundred children, there will probably actually be only ninety-nine, for the legend is that a twelfth-century father having only ninety-nine children adopted one to make a hundred. Because it is difficult to present the full one hundred children on a given piece, often only a selected group appears. Given as a wedding gift, this pattern implies a wish for many heirs to the happy couple.

The study of regnal marks, glaze, people groupings, landscape, and symbols may lead you further into the fascinating history and legend of a great people. Be very sure though that if this interest once takes hold of you, you will never enter a room or a market place without knowing almost at once whether or not there is "a piece" there from China. It may be cloisonné, enamel ware, bronze, or porcelain. It may be brass, silk, teak, or apricot wood. It may be a lacquer box or a painted scroll. But for you, it has interest, and you will want to get your hands on it, for in all your looking you perhaps have never seen its duplicate.

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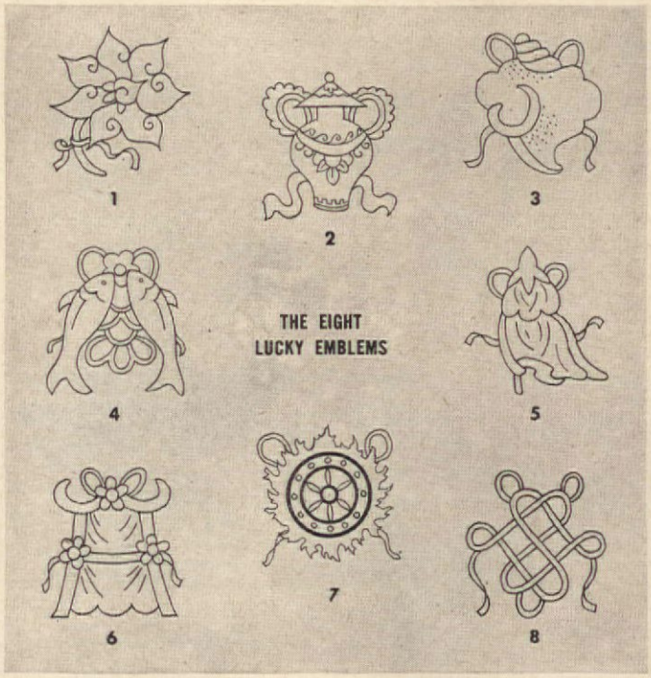

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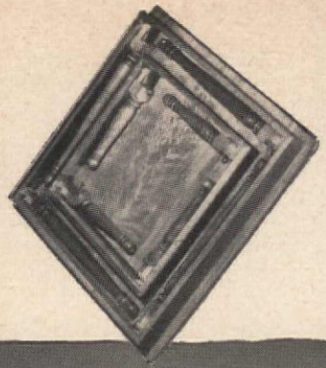
Hospitality table—with a changing top. Closed, it's antiqued mahogany, 39½ inches long. But when guests arrive, it opens to double size (below) with a gleaming copper surface. By Brandt Cabinet Works, about $78

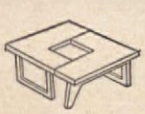
Right: Like a puzzle, there are dozens of different ways you can combine this pair of modern, L-shaped coffee tables. Placed together as pictured, they're 44 by 22 inches overall. By Marcek in blond, gray, or Cordovan mahogany, about $60 a pair

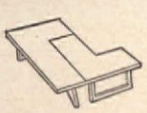


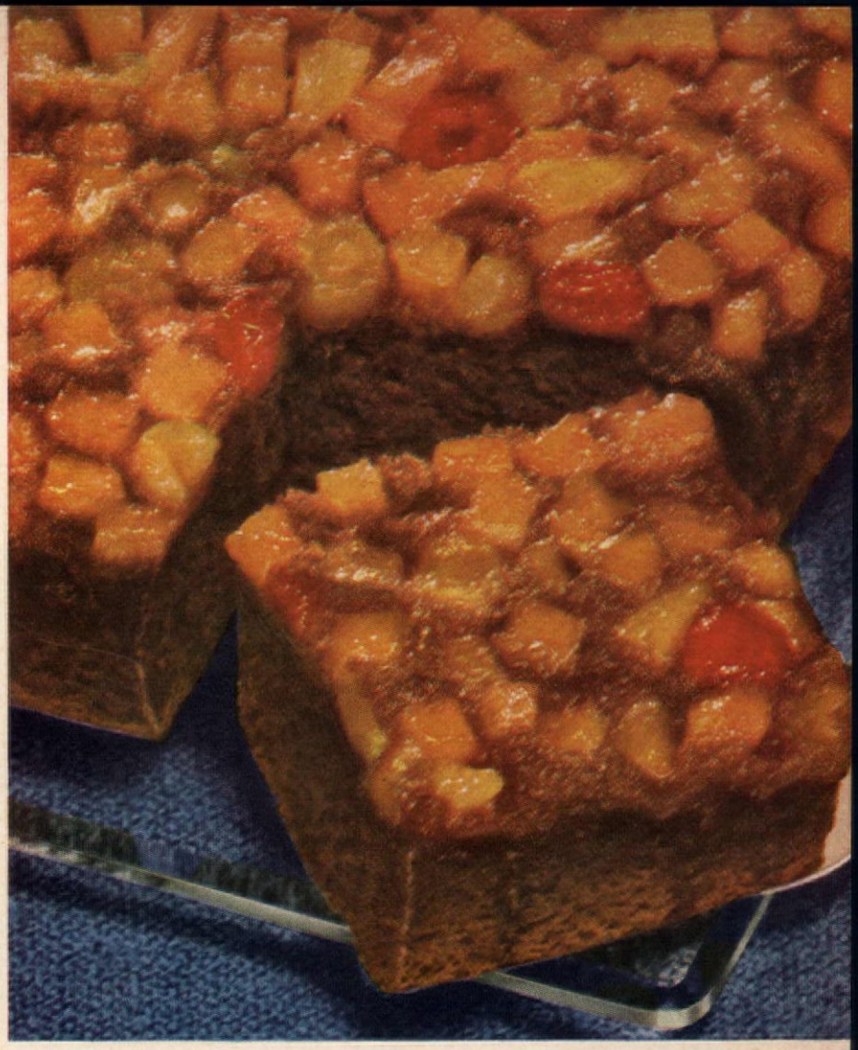
For coffee or Canasta—this Early American table (left) changes its look and its height. The secret? Two sets of folding legs (the shorter ones slant when in use). Made by Acme Mfg. Co. in a variety of finishes, it's 36 in. square, about $49.50

Do Tricks

By just pressing a knob or gently lifting the top, High-Lo mahogany hostess table lowers for cocktails (top) or rises for dinner. Drop-leaves up, it's 36 in. square. About $69.95. From Sligh







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Canned Fruit Cocktail from California

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Fruit Cocktail Upside-Down Gingercake

¼ cup melted butter or margarine
½ cup brown sugar (packed)
1⅔ cups canned fruit cocktail
1 package Betty Crocker GingerCake and Cooky Mix
¾ cup water

Combine melted butter and brown sugar in 9-inch square pan. Arrange *very well-drained* fruit cocktail on top. Mix GingerCake according to directions on package, *reducing water to ¾ cup.* Pour over fruit in pan. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 40 to 45 minutes. Invert over serving plate. Allow pan to stand over cake a minute before removing. Serve cake warm. Serves 9.

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breeding season. Underfed fish gobble up mosquito young, it seems, but too much prepared food makes them ignore the larvae, which then grow to pesty adulthood.

Generally speaking, good housekeeping is the best preventive against mosquito breeding. These "ten commandments for mosquito control" from the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station make an ideal check-list:

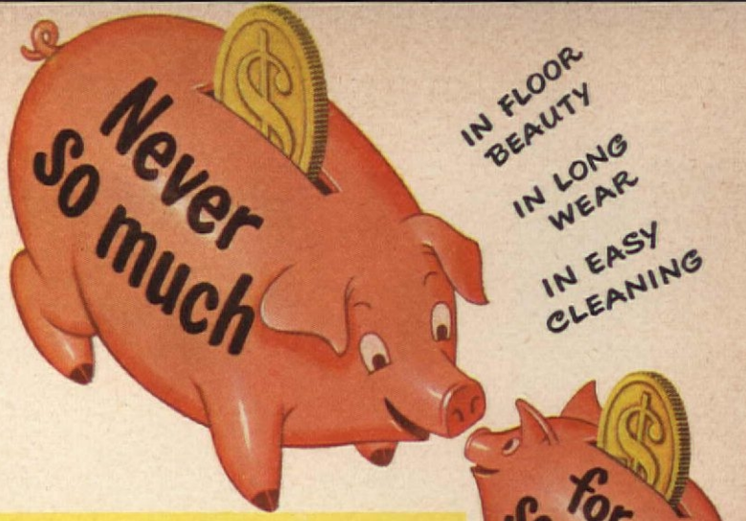
1. Eliminate all standing water.
2. Cover rain barrels with mosquito-proof screens.
3. Seal cesspools tightly.
4. Drain clogged roof gutters and puddles on flat roofs.
5. Cut up or take away old tires.
6. Tilt wheelbarrows and pails so they can't hold water.
7. Oil sewer inlets, cisterns, and excavations weekly.
8. Change water in troughs, fountains, and bird baths twice weekly.
9. Empty or crush cans or other water-holding receptacles.
10. Be sure screens fit tightly, that doors open out, and that screen mesh is not larger than 16 to the inch.

The size of the mesh for insect screening, either wire or plastic, is indicated by two figures, as 18x14. The figures tell the number of openings per inch in each direction. In a mesh such as the example above, there are 18 openings to the inch in one direction, and 14 to the inch in the other direction. The openings for this mesh are therefore 1/18 inch wide and 1/14 inch long, less the thickness of the wire or plastic that is used.

Of course, no mosquito-proofing campaign will be effective if a wide mesh screening is used. The National Bureau of Standards recognizes only the following mesh sizes as satisfactory: 16x16, 18x14, and 18x18. Larger sizes once thought to furnish protection—notably 12x12 and 14x14 meshes—were found unsatisfactory in experiments conducted by universities in areas heavily infested with mosquitoes, and are no longer considered effective. Smaller openings restrict the passage of light and air to an undesirable degree.

Of the standard meshes 16x16 and 18x14 proved equal in protective efficiency, and are satisfactory in most areas. However, the greatest protection is offered by 18x18 mesh, which is needed in locations where species of mosquito smaller than average are prevalent.

One final warning. Despite all precautions, an occasional fly or mosquito *will* enter your home. If you have a baby, give him double mosquito-proofing by screening or netting the crib. Infants are practically defenseless against flying pests, and usually highly susceptible to some of the deadly diseases they carry.



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One rather distressing fact has forced itself on me over these years—that many otherwise meticulous and artistic homeowners have a blind spot toward their mailboxes. Time and again I have seen rusted or decrepit boxes perched on drunken posts in front of neatly painted, carefully landscaped houses. While they might make picturesque subjects silhouetted against a desolate landscape, they certainly add nothing to the looks of those homes. On the other hand, I have found in many localities mailboxes that truly enhance their houses and surroundings.

If you are one of the 35 million people who use mailboxes, look at yours with a critical eye. Is it sagging, or battered? Has the printing on it become illegible? Does it match your house in color and design? Would a new location make it more accessible for both the mailman and you? Would an appropriate cover or decorative treatment make it more attractive?

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G. M. Relyea

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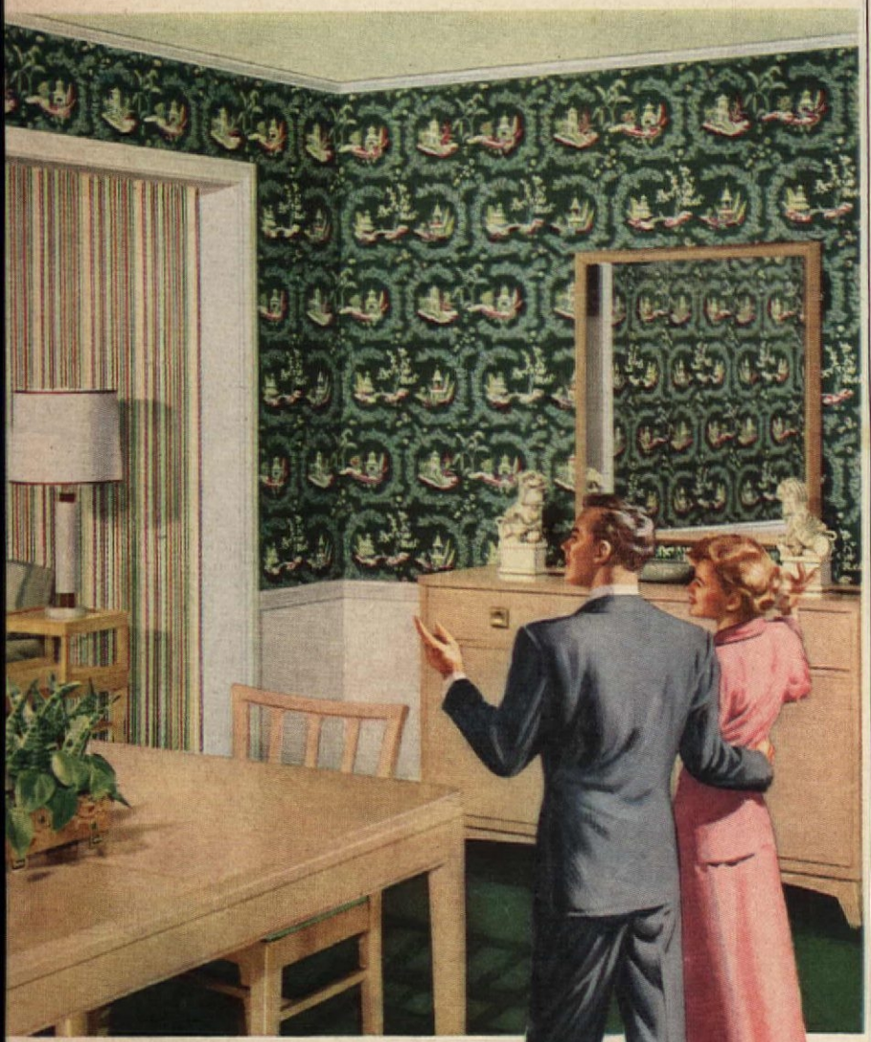

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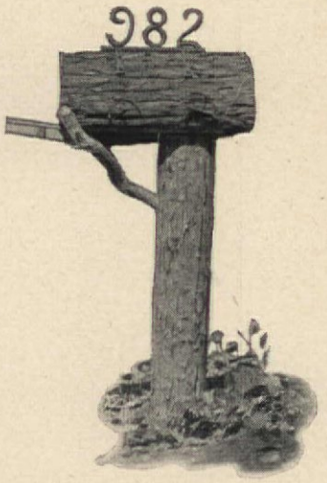
taking any radical step, consult your mail carrier. If he feels that anything you plan will hinder him in his work, the U. S. Postal Regulations give him the right to refuse to deliver your mail. Once you have his approval (and I have yet to hear of a carrier who will not prefer a sturdy, easy-to-use box to a dilapidated one), there are, in general, two ways in which you can improve the appearance of your box. You can leave it as is (if sound and clearly labeled) and partly hide or embellish it by means of a shrub, vine or clump of flowers planted at its base. A woody or per-



Ingenuity and good taste

ennial evergreen subject is preferable because it is effective the year around and becomes increasingly beautiful with time. Or, as a variation, you can embed the box in a stone wall, a cavity built in a fence, etc., keeping it, of course, within easy reach of the carrier. A second course is to add some sort of decoration to the plain Government-approved receptacle. It can be of wood or metal, as simple or as complex as your skill and time permit. Wooden covers are usually fitted over the metal box so as to leave the drop-

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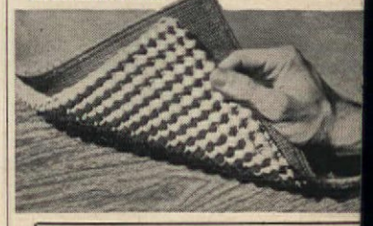

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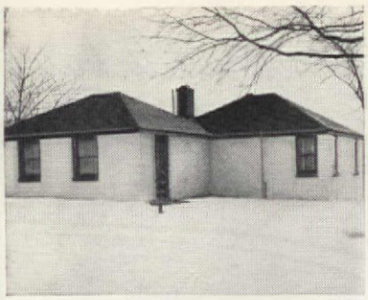

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front open at the carrier's end. A miniature replica of your own house, a little red schoolhouse, a white New England-type church, a rustic log cabin, neatly done, will always attract attention. Sometimes merely painting the box to match your house and mounting it on a harmonizing, well-proportioned support is enough. Or an unusual tree trunk, fence post, boulder, ledge, or other natural feature may provide a logical setting.

But whether or not you have a mailbox to improve, you can still, as I have, find mailbox-collecting, with camera or sketch book, an interesting and even fascinating hobby.

Editor's Note: Almost as if in response to Mrs. Relyea's ideas and suggestions, there came to us recently, from Lucille M. Capwell, of Rhode Island, the accompanying picture of the "tandem" mailbox arrangement that she shares with a neighbor. The shelf or bridge fixed between the two peeled and painted posts is for packages too large to go in the boxes. The three-sided bin, set into the bank at the bottom and held there by the posts and corner stakes, holds two barrowloads of soil in which are planted, in the fall, hardy bulbs for spring bloom. Then seeds of annuals are sown or plants are set out for later displays.

"Last July," Mrs. Capwell writes, "in front of basic baby cedars were, first, French marigolds, then blue larkspur, and tall African marigolds in the 'back seat.' Heavenly Blue morning-glories twined around the posts and a 'permanent' show of red geraniums in bloom was achieved by keeping a stock of plants in 3-inch pots coming on in the little greenhouse; whenever the six in the box grew weary and sad-looking, they were carried away and replaced by six brisk, blooming brothers. The miscellaneous foliage concealed the pots.

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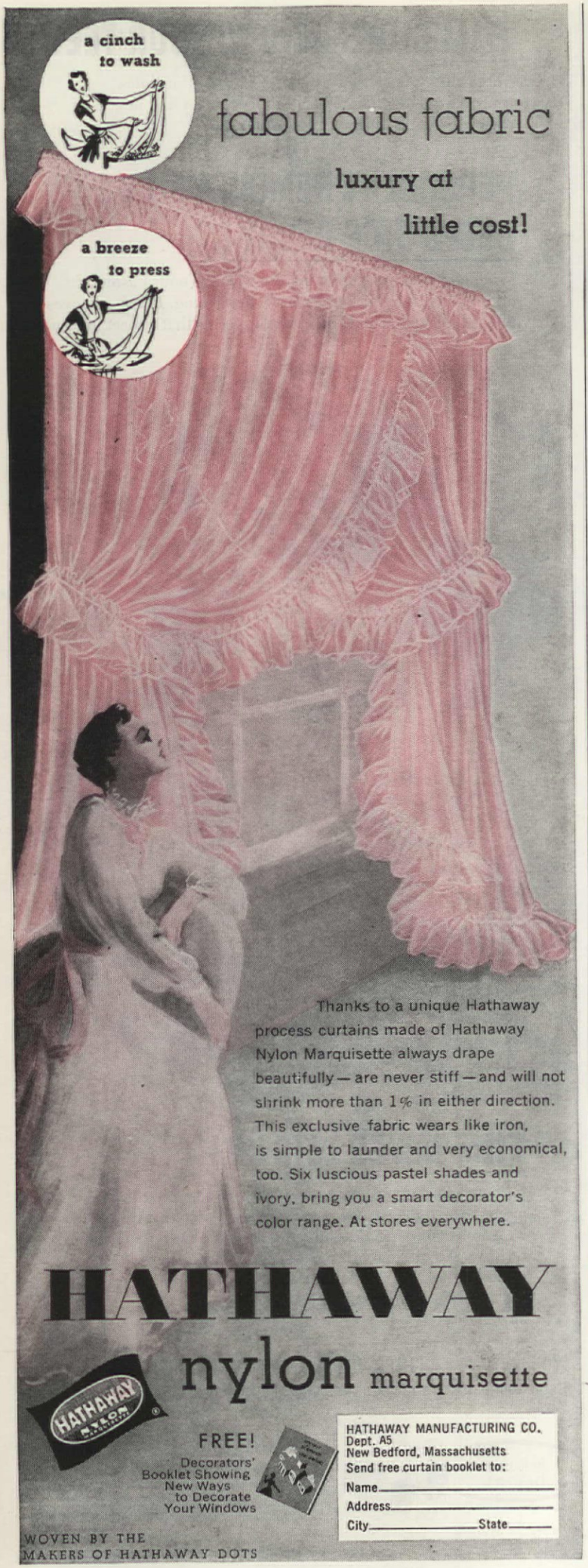

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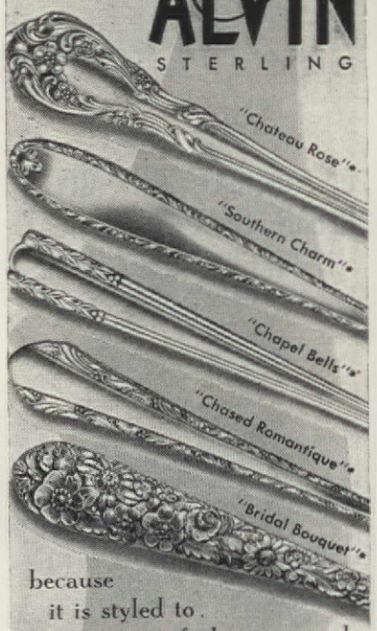

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burner electric plate and electric oven, and we had no sink. It took real figuring to make a workable kitchen. Dick made a step-down on the end of the counter so the electric plate is exactly counter height. This allows me to put my dishpan on the stove and keep the water hot to the last greasy pan.

With a six-foot piece of plywood left over from the counter, Dick made a table on the opposite wall. With an Indian rug as a gay wall hanging, we find this a delightfully convenient place to eat, backs turned to dirty pots and pans!

Two floral prints were the starting point of our bedroom color scheme. A shopping tour located a gigantic plaid picking up our bright pinks and greens. We also bought twin beds, but no headboards. Here, we decided to substitute with pictures and color. When we saw that shocking pink wallpaper, we knew it was just the background we needed.

And that's how we got into the paper-hanging business. Since neither of us had ever hung any wallpaper, we used a few unprofessional touches—like putting the paste through the kitchen sieve to get the lumps out, and applying the paste with a paint brush!—but we finally got it on relatively straight, and the effect was terrific!

Sophisticated spreads for our twin beds were way out of sight money-wise, so we got out my cream-white chenille double spread to see how far it would stretch. With the beds pushed together, it just covered the top, so we added a dark green underskirt and zippered our pillows into green bolsters.

Our bedroom budget just wouldn't cover the streamlined twin chests we'd admired, so we set out to find satisfactory substitutes. On the top floor of a second-hand store we found two forlorn chests with mirrors attached. One was a tired brown, the other a dirty white, but they were similar in design and size. We could hardly wait to get them home and start amputating.

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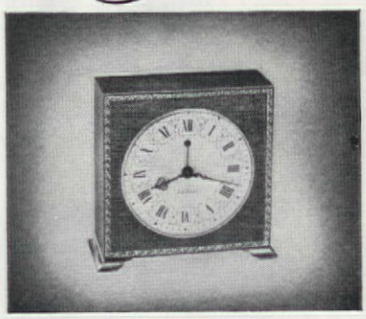

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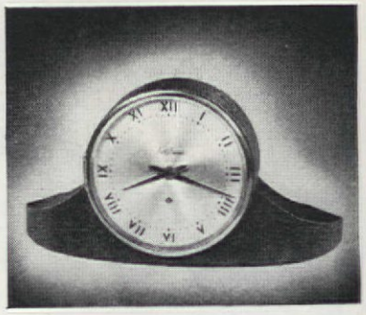

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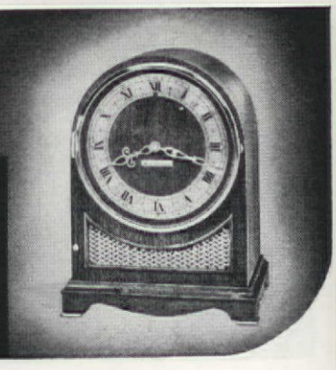

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We removed the brackets holding up the mirrors, then sawed off the legs to bring the chests down from Victorian heights and painted them Killarney green. They fitted perfectly along the wall with enough space between for a knee-hole dressing table. Dick used leftover lumber and cardboard to bridge the gap. Our splurge was a nine-foot plate glass to top the whole unit.

The best of the two mirrors went over the dressing table, but upside down—in unique shield-shape. Eight of our favorite magazine reproductions went into dime-store frames painted green. We individualized them with white and bright pink (leftover wallpaper) mats.

The only remaining parts of the chests (we'd used the legs with casters to hold up our oven) were the mirror brackets. These we combined with plate glass and angle braces to form bedside tables fitting snugly into the corners.

During Dick's Christmas vacation the living room got a major operation. We scraped off the two coats of wallpaper and painted ceiling, walls, and woodwork French-blue. We wanted to make a focal point of our beautifully centered windows, but the price for our required nine yards of colorful material was stratospheric. But we still had our hearts set on a dramatic treatment, and we set about to get the effect in another way. We did with wallpaper what we couldn't afford to do with fabric! The triple windows take up all but 26 inches at each end of the entire wall space. We papered these ends and across the top of the windows in a deep red paper patterned with large ivory and chalk-white fern leaves. For our Hollywood drapery treatment, we used ivory-colored rayon. Inexpensive but pretty venetian blinds of pressed paper blot out the panes.

A studio couch that's really comfortable as a double bed for week-end guests was our only purchase of brand-new furniture for the living room. The rest was bought second-hand and then redesigned and remodeled.

I guess once you get started, you never want to quit until every inch of your home reflects *you*. Anyway, that's the way we feel about it. We now have a very livable apartment out of the three former bedrooms, but we're not finished yet—we have still more ideas to improve it.

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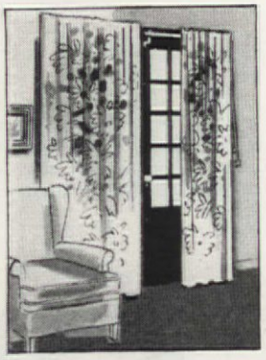

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If, the next time we move into a house, a moose should thrust his head through the door to welcome us, I wouldn't be surprised. We've lived in many houses. They've been large, small, old, new. But they all had one thing in common: strange fauna.

I attract everything from flying squirrels to sapsuckers. It isn't because I love animals (I don't especially) or because of strange vibrations between us. It's because animals know they are smarter than I and are quick to take advantage of the fact.

There is a story, probably apocryphal, about a man who, at great effort and expense, secretly brought a horse to his tenth-floor apartment and installed it in his bathtub. Then, when horrified guests rushed from the bathroom to report the presence of the horse, he would nonchalantly polish his nails on his lapel and say, "Yes, I know."

That man has nothing on me. When friends visit us and hear a loud noise emanating from the basement, I merely say, "Nothing at all, really. Just beavers eating the floor."

I recall our first house with mixed feelings. It was our first try at country life, and we moved in with high spirits. An old, serviceable frame structure, we thought it delightful because it sat on the banks of the Wisconsin River. But, we were wrong.

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Traps, poisons and a pair of dogs had no effect. I was about to lay it all to ghosts when the former owner paid us a visit. No sooner had he seated himself than the corpse-dragging began.

"Aha," said the former owner, "I see you still have them."

"We sure have," I answered. "Have what?"

"Oh, why muskrats, of course," he answered.

So that was it. Muskrats, eh? After that we went to work with all kinds of infernal machines. But night after night hordes of muskrats swarmed up from the river to make our life hideous. Two factors finally led me to place our nest on the market. I found that muskrats are rigidly protected by law, and my youngest son almost stepped on a mink in the back yard.

House number two had neither muskrats or mink. It had ground hogs. Things went smoothly enough for a while.

Then one day in late fall we had a visitation. Rip, a clumsy and exceedingly cowardly springer pup, descended into the basement where he proceeded to emit yelps and yipes. Then he hurled himself up the steps and dived under the couch, where he lay whining for the better part of three days.

Grabbing my rifle I descended the stairs ready to grapple with the beast in hand-to-hand combat if necessary. Backed up in one corner of the basement was a large and very angry gray-brown animal which immediately charged me. The gun went off, the bullet drilling a neat hole in the washing machine, and "it" zoomed out the back door and into the garden.

Reference to an encyclopedia revealed that this furry fury was a *Marmota monax,* or common ground hog. The same animal that predicts the weather every February 2.

Things went quietly for a while after that until we began to notice small, scurrying noises emanating from the attic. The attic could only be reached by a trapdoor twenty feet up the outside wall of the house. Placing a ladder against the wall, I took a flashlight and ascended. When I opened the door and flashed on

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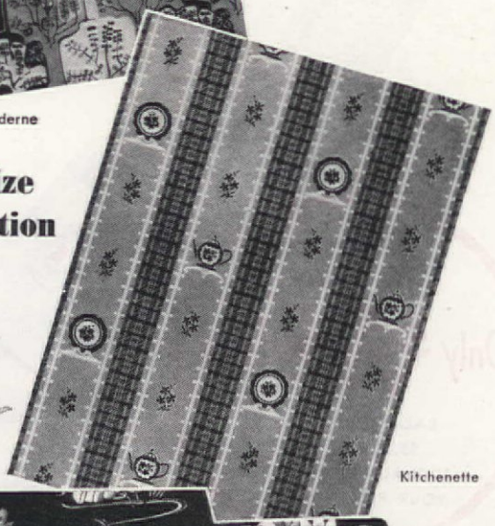

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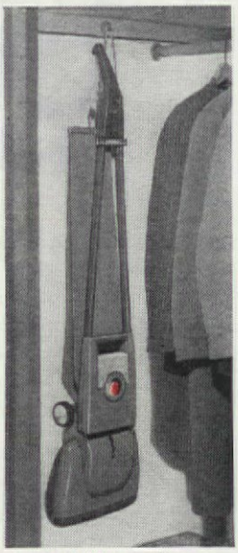

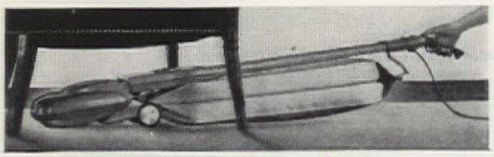

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The Horse in the Bathtub

the light, I was confronted by the largest and most ferocious gray squirrel in the state of Wisconsin who stood exactly one inch in front of my nose and gnashed his teeth in a most aggressive manner. I touched only one rung in descending the ladder.

I followed the only sensible course. I sold the house.

House number three in many ways was the worst of the lot. It had bats. As a bat haven, it ran close second to the Carlsbad Caverns. It was so densely populated we felt neglected if a week went by without a clash with a bat. Ugh!

My first encounter with these monsters left me shaken and pale, but I eventually got to the point where I no longer screamed when I saw one. A week after moving in, my wife and children went to the movies and I seated myself in an easy chair with a book called "The Case of the Dismembered Corpse." Just as I reached the blood-chilling climax of the book, there was a whoosh as a horrid black monstrosity flashed before my eyes. It was almost a week before my hair would lie down and the hole in the ceiling is there to this day.

My customary procedure when a bat was in the house was to hide under the bed while my wife sent the bat to his reward with a tennis racket. This instrument, by the way, is the most efficacious de-batter, although a snowshoe will do admirably. You can't possibly hit them with anything smaller.

It was during this period that we acquired a summer cottage on the shores of a lovely lake deep in the woods. An idyllic place, it had but one drawback. It was a Grand Central Station of the animal kingdom. It was the only house I ever saw where you could trip over a raccoon on the front porch.

In addition, it had roaches. Not just ordinary city-slicker roaches, mind you, but a king-size monstrosity called a woods roach. These horrors were the approximate size, shape, and tough-

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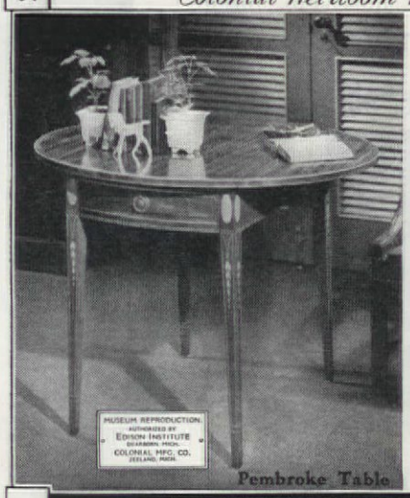

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ness of an ambulatory flatiron. We never succeeded in conquering the woods roaches, but we did the next best thing and made sport of their pursuit, issuing B-B guns to every member of the family. Wounded quite a few, too.

There were a number of things that prompted us to sell this sylvan Shangri-La. Our cat was severely mauled by a prowling badger. A beaver removed one of the porch supports to build a dam or something, and the chipmunks, porcupines, red squirrels, gophers, and assorted lesser mammals were rapidly reducing the rest of the house to a pile of sawdust. When my wife met a bear in the back yard, that did it!

House number four was another old, but serviceable building, and during our year's sojourn therein we were untroubled by bird or beast. This house had only amphibians. The lawn outside was overrun with toads. The boys felt that, next to dogs and cats, toads made the best pets, and they usually had a half dozen or more in a box in their room. The box was not always an adequate cage. Until you have stepped on a live toad with your bare foot, you don't know what it is to be startled.

In the old, stone-walled basement there dwelt most curious, lizard-like creatures which a zoologist friend identified as salamanders. Up to that time I had thought they were the young of a dinosaur. It didn't make us feel better when we heard that the presence of a salamander meant death in the house.

We sold this house, with no extra charge for the salamanders, and moved into house number five.

House number five, in which this is being written, is a fifty-year-old, two-story house which, so far as we know, is entirely uninhabited except by us. There are no squirrels, woodchucks, toads, bats, or salamanders. Just us. That's the way I like—

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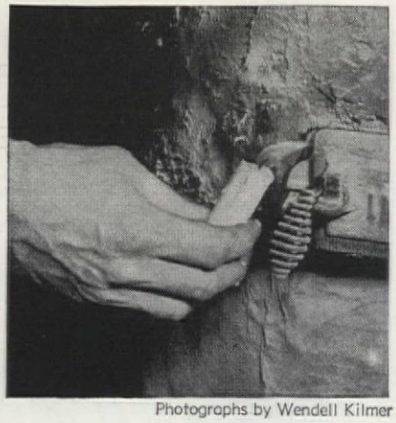

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Before killing the fire for the season, test with a lighted candle for air leaks at all doors, flues, and possible cracks

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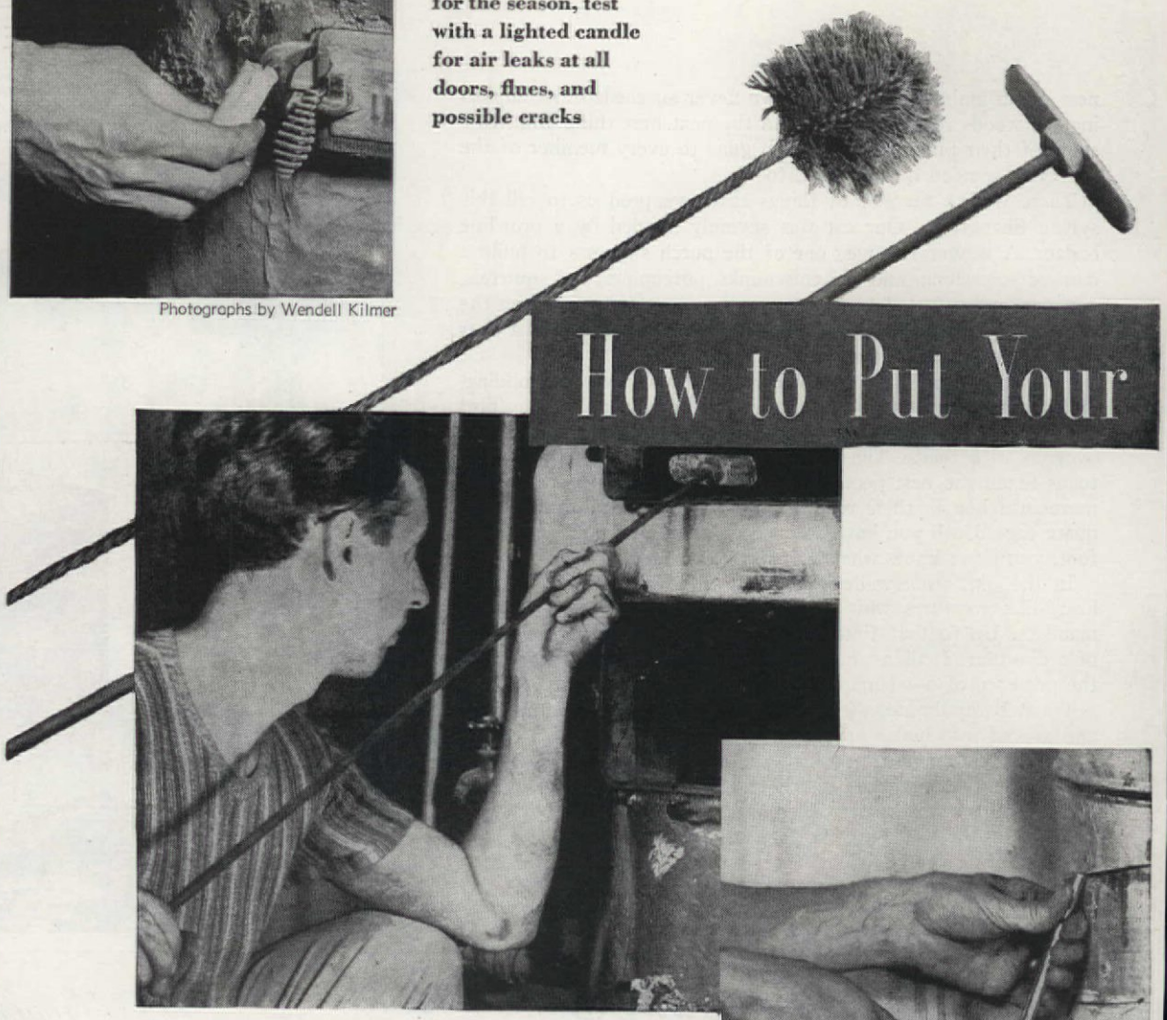


With the boiler cool, remove all soot and fly-ash from heating surfaces, using the wire brush and the scraper through the fire and clean-out doors

JAMES A. OEST

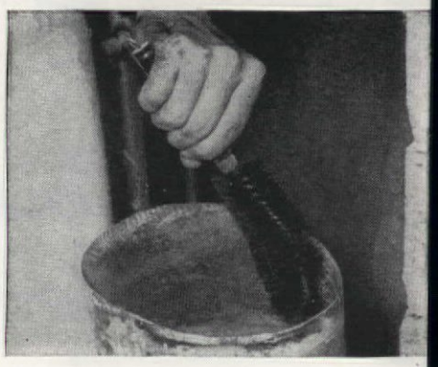
Your boiler deserves good treatment after working hard, day and night, all winter long! At the end of the heating season, it is dirty and worn. Follow the steps in the pictures and give it the cleaning and repairs it needs. Do it now, so it will be ready to do an efficient, steady job next fall when the first cold snap hits. If you get going, you can also prevent some summer deterioration that would otherwise occur.

If you have an oil burner, you can still clean the boiler, but don't try to service the burner any further than cleaning or replacing the supply-line filter. Automatic heating equipment requires special testing equipment and tools for proper adjustment, and should be checked at least once a year by a reliable service man.

When the boiler works all year round, supplying your hot water in the summer, it should be stopped to permit complete servicing of the system at least once a year and preferably twice.

Remove smoke pipe. Clean it and repair as needed, oil inside, and store in dry place for summer. If it is badly rusted, get a new one

Clean soot and fly-ash from smoke-pipe connection with any small brush and scraping tool

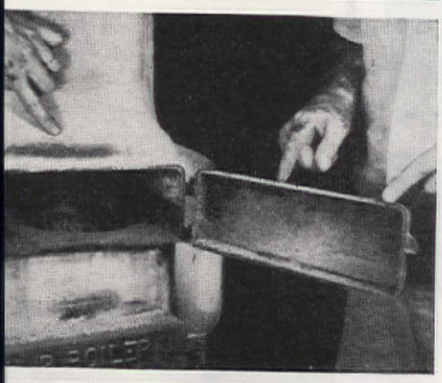


Remove all ash and soot that has fallen to ash pit. Inside of firebox and heating galleries can now be checked for cracks that need repair by welding or with fire clay or iron cement

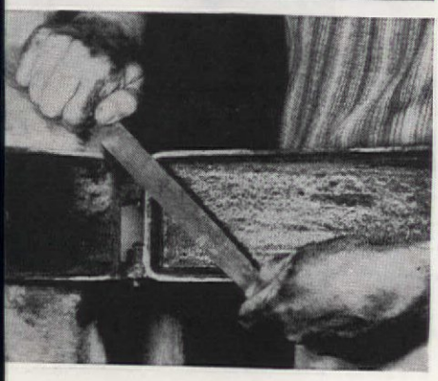
Boiler to Bed

Clean ash, soot and other dirt from the bottom of chimney, through the clean-out door or the smoke-pipe opening. Use a mirror to check the chimney flue for obstructions that must be removed

Take out grates and check for cracks and burned spots that need repairs. Throw out badly damaged grates and get new ones. Replace grates and adjust ash-pit door and damper



White ash along the center on top edge of this clean-out door and the black area above it are a sign that the door is warped and that heat and coal gas leak into the cellar



File down the high spots on all warped doors to make a nice tight fit around the openings where leaks were found. Also scrape ash and soot from inside of doors, using any convenient sharp edged tool

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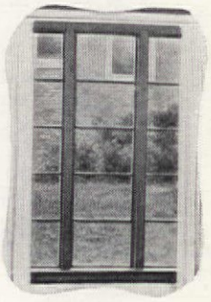

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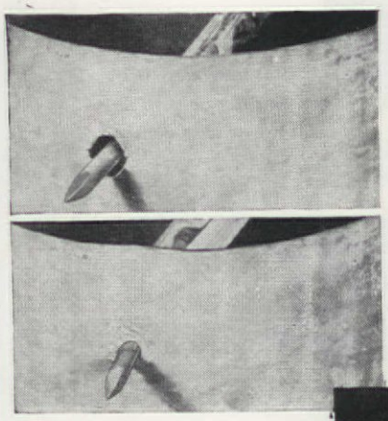

Top left shows a common smoke-pipe leak that hurts the draft and makes it difficult to control the damper position. The spindle hole is too large. If it cannot be repaired as in lower left, fit a new section of pipe

Check and tighten bolts on doors and damper controls. Oil hinges of all doors, and oil contact surfaces of doors, leaving doors ajar during the summer to provide ventilation and prevent rusting

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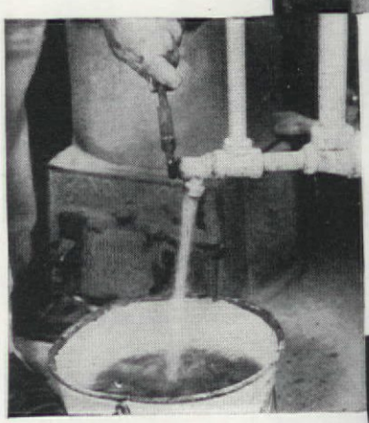
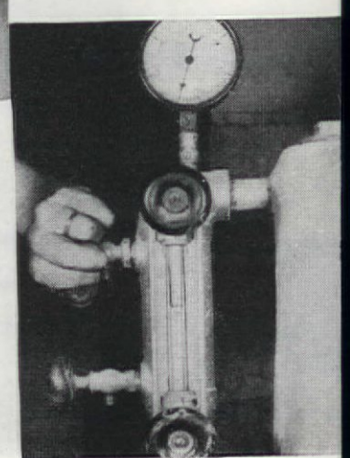


Drain sediment from bottom of the boiler until clean water appears. Then, with a hot-water boiler, refill the boiler and radiators completely, eliminating all air in the system

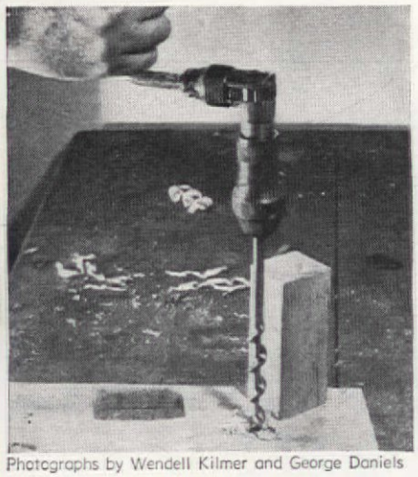


Test the water level gauge on a steam boiler, and then fill the boiler with water for the summer. Safety controls on all boilers should be checked to insure that vents are clear and rust doesn't restrict proper action

How-To Tricks

A length of old garden hose nailed to the garage wall makes an excellent bumper to protect the car-door finish

To keep the foot of a long ladder from slipping as you raise it vertically, tie a length of rope to the bottom rung and walk along the rope as the ladder is raised



The corner of a square-ended block can be a guide for drilling holes vertically. Line up the bit with the edge of the block. For deep holes, the block can be removed after first inch

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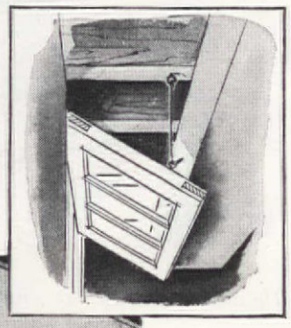
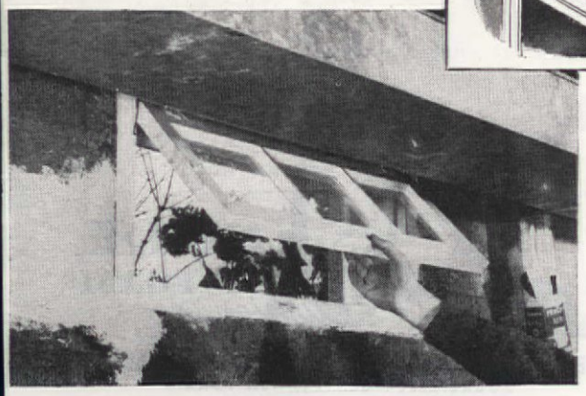
Does a duct or other obstacle keep you from hooking the cellar window open? Wire from an old coat hanger will make a long hook for the job





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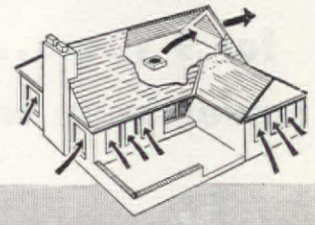

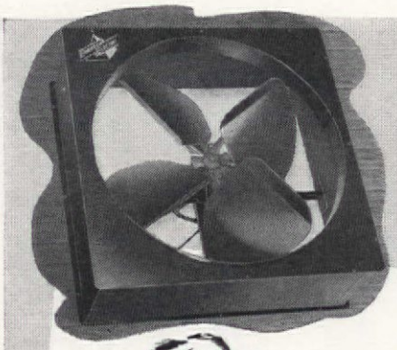

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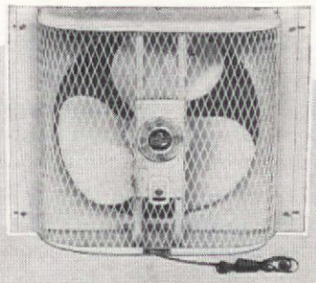

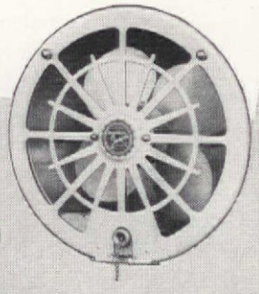

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Friendly Houses (Begins on page 27)

Take the little dream houses you see pictured every week in the Sunday supplements. Is it possible that I am the only one who knows or cares that a Colonial Cape Cod cottage does not belong smack in the middle of the corn belt? Take Betty and Pete, friends of mine, who not long ago bought an eighteenth-century farmhouse tucked back in the hills of Massachusetts, its huge center chimney, tiny paned windows, and many shallow fireplaces indisputable evidence of its great age. Betty and Pete know their New England: The sagging porches and bay windows encrusting the old house were removed. Profaning plaster was removed from the paneling and hand-wrought hinges were installed throughout. Finally the whole house, perfectly restored, was given several coats of the very best, the very whitest white paint. Not a trace of the desecrations of former occupants remain. Not a hint of the humor, the warmth, the tragedy, the *life* which was lived within those walls for so many years remains in tell-tale evidence. It is a perfect restoration. It is one of the showplaces of the Berkshires. And it is just as bald, just as new-looking as the day its original owner moved in in 1795!

Not that I'm all against restorations! Goodness, no! I can remember too well when cousin Louise came back from the grand tour of Europe and glued a tower and a porte-cochere to the family salt-box house. Everyone knows at least one fine old house that has been covered halfway up with brick-patterned tar paper, or a four-pillared meeting house that has been painted the familiar red and white of a national chain of grocery stores. The person who tackles the undoing of such sad mistakes deserves what he usually gets—the approval and appreciation of the whole community. Such opportunities, however, are few compared with the number of families now looking for an old house of their own.

I have seen these friendly old houses—inconspicuous and in-

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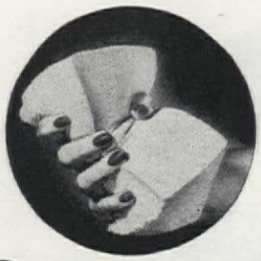

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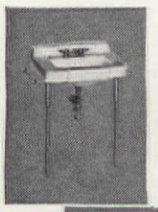
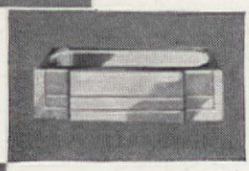
expensive—five minutes from the station in a fashionable New York suburb, in an Indiana river bottom, on a side street in a busy port city on the Gulf. Such a house will never be found on the cover of a homemakers' magazine. It has never been an old wreck "with possibilities," and it doesn't make good *before* and *after* pictures. But it is to such a house that I will look for my dream home.

Practically speaking, they are usually good buys. They have been lived in continuously and have been more or less kept up. Therefore they are frequently structurally sound.

My kind of house is the kind of house where old gray shingles are relieved by not-too-sparkling white trim and lighter-than-usual green shutters. The porch is still draped with honeysuckle and Dorothy Perkins roses and ceiled with heavenly blue. The gingerbread bears the scars of generations of small-boy climbing. Two-thirds of the floors are still wide pine boards and the rest are well-waxed modern hardwood. A frilly-lady Franklin stove still warms the downstairs bedroom, now a cozy library.

It's a house where you'll find all kinds of furniture. The Salem rocker is made more restful by an amusing Victorian gout stool. A well-made and comfortable leather armchair, left over from the prosperous 20's, is not inharmonious with the scarred pine trestle table. The very modern and very comfortable divan is covered with an old handwoven spread. There is room, along with the old flintlock and Grandfather's Civil War rifle, for young Bill's prized Japanese sniper's gun.

These considerations are of minor importance, however, to the Jacks and Jills who want their perfect homes perfect. I wish I could make them feel the rich satisfaction that comes of living in a house that honestly reflects every stage of its long life and those of its inhabitants. I wish so much that they could know the joy of living in a house where Great-great-grandmother's small treasures, brought west in a covered wagon, and the souvenirs of Aunt Hettie's Mexican junket are at home with that first set of dishes from the cabin court near Camp Blanding and the precious trinkets young Buzz sent home from Germany before he died. Such a dwelling couldn't ever be a perfect little period house—it's just a permanent, plain, friendly American home.

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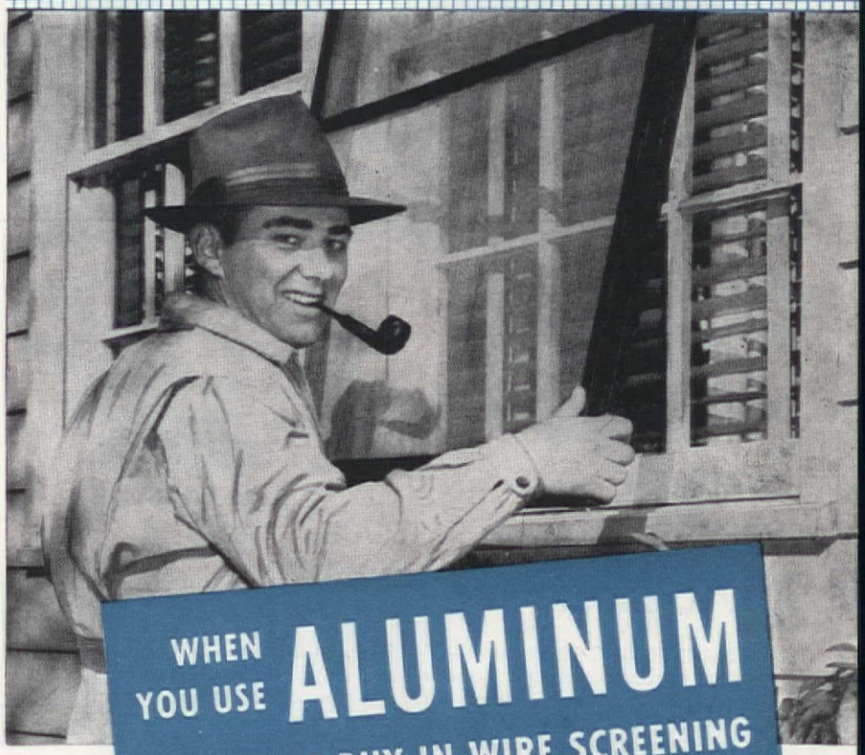

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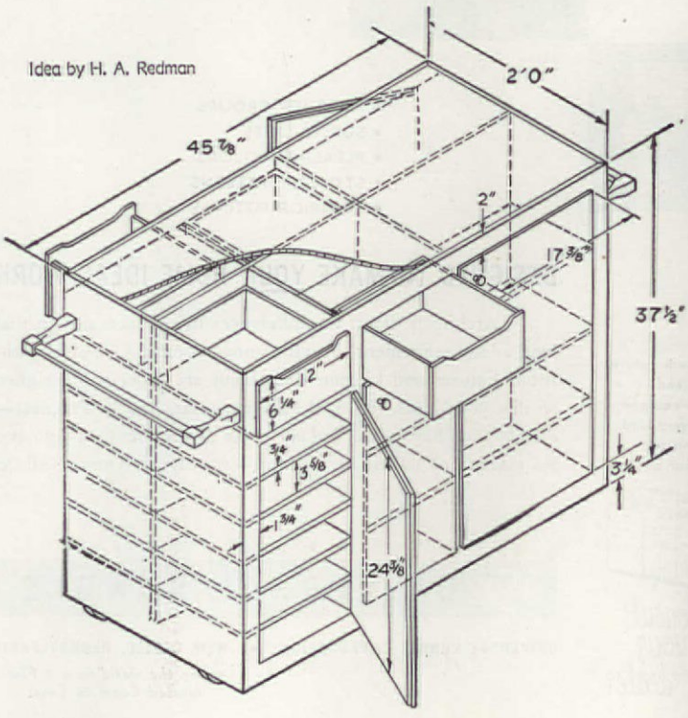

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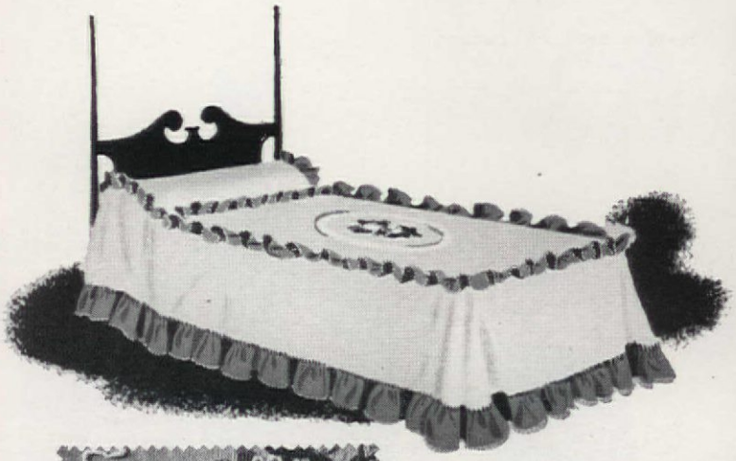

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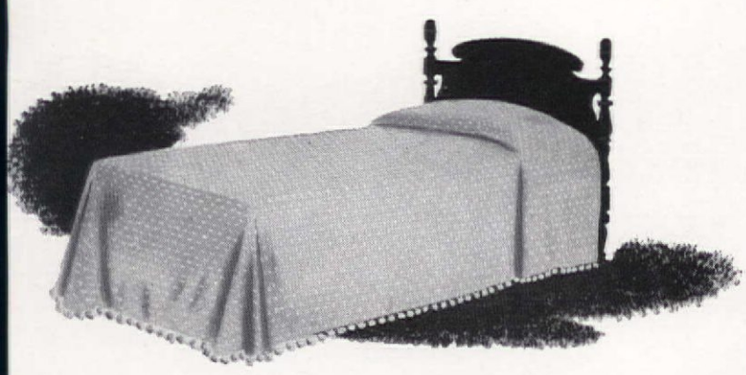

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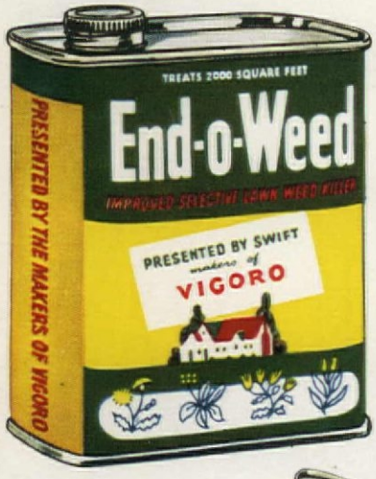

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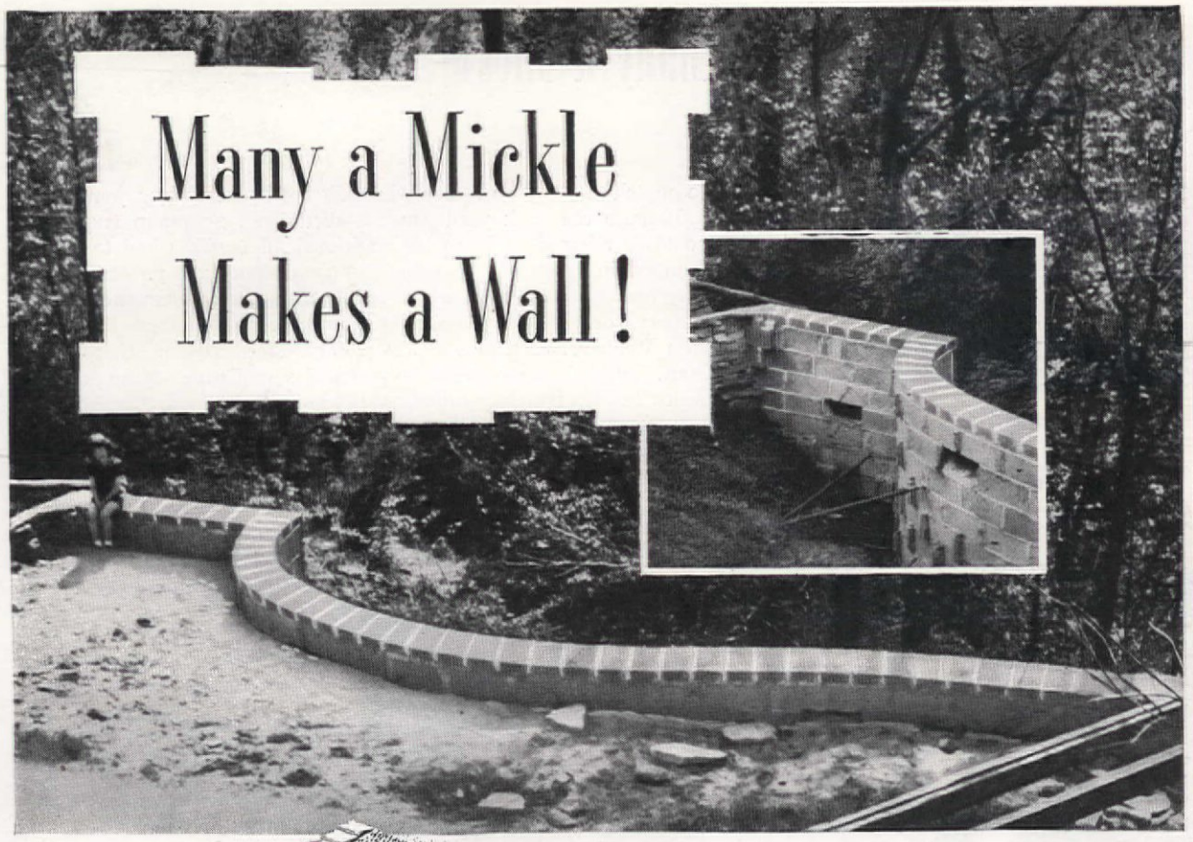
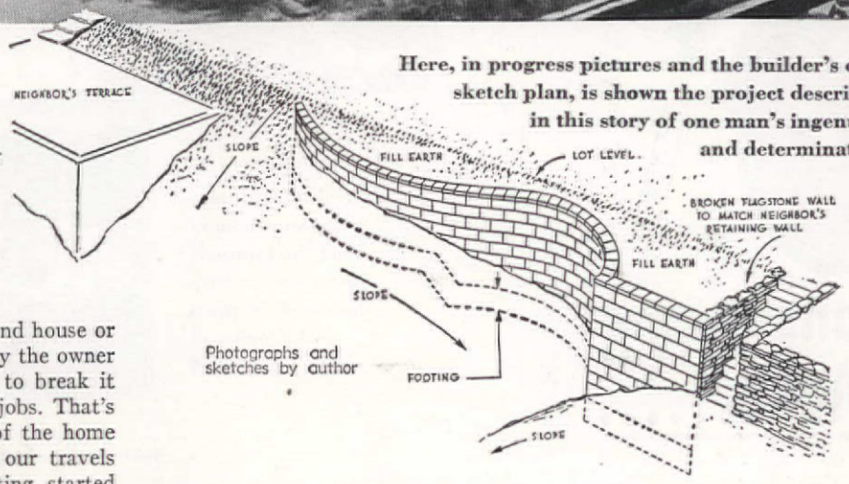




Here, in progress pictures and the builder's own sketch plan, is shown the project described in this story of one man's ingenuity and determination

CARL P. MARTIN

Photographs and sketches by author

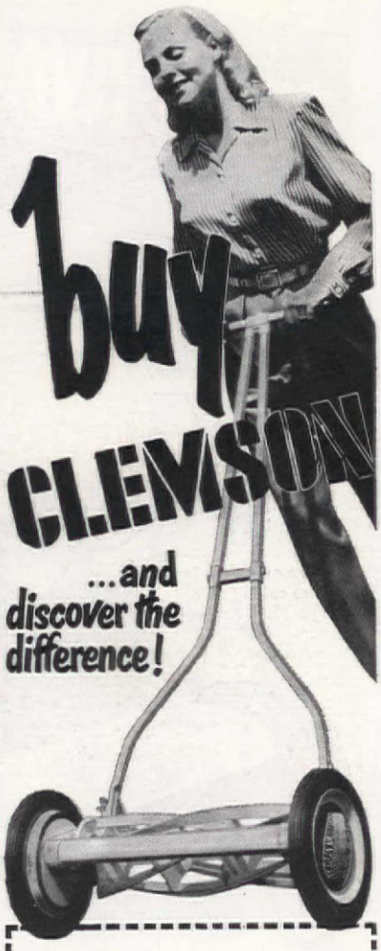
Almost any big job around house or yard can be handled by the owner if he can find a way to break it down into a lot of little jobs. That's the secret behind many of the home improvements we see in our travels and marvel at. And getting started seems to be the key to solving many a problem. There's no use thinking in terms of steam shovel, bulldozer, and a gang of workers if you have only one pair of hands, a shovel, and a wheelbarrow. But even if a railroad is called for—as it was in the Williams case—this can be resolved into a series of little operations that one pair of hands can manage.

The Ray Williams' attractive home is in a good residential section of an Eastern suburban community. All the houses on that side of the street are on a narrow strip of filled-in land that drops away at the rear in a 40-degree slope into a deep ravine. When they moved in, the neighbors on either side had already improved their back yards with retaining walls and terraces, so the logical answer to the Williams' problem seemed to be a similar wall across the back of their yard to join those on either side. This would mean, of course, adding a considerable amount of fill to carry the lawn out to the wall.

Consultations with contractors, stone masons, etc. gave $1,000 as the best bid for the improvement. This seemed much too high a price for 20 feet more of usable back yard, so Ray Williams decided that if the job was to be done, he would have to do it—an important decision for an advertising artist (albeit a well-built, husky one) to make. As the adjoining lots were of different depths, his wall would have to make a curve to tie the other two together in an interesting and pleasing line. This he established by laying down a garden hose as a guide in digging the ditch for the concrete footing.

Because the land sloped sideways as well as from front to back, a step-down was called for in the footing and this he placed about midway of the ditch, setting an old floor register upright as reinforcement and to keep the concrete from running from upper to lower level. Then he poured ready-mix concrete into the ditch through a long wooden chute that could be washed out and used for other future operations. As he poured it, he threw bars of old iron into the soft concrete to reinforce the footing.

Then, starting at the step-down, he laid the first course of concrete blocks, working in both directions and leveling each block carefully. Here the chute came into use for sliding the blocks from garage to working level. The up-hill pitch (or "batter") of the wall was started with the second course by fastening a few pieces of wood to a standard carpenter's level so as to give a gradual taper to the wall all the way up. At points of extreme curve, fragments of block were inserted like wedges and cemented into position. Also at various points he cemented into the wall the ends of iron bars 6 to 8 feet long, setting the other ends in crates full of concrete sunk in the bank on the up-hill side, as seen in the small picture on page 119. As the wall grew, these rods supported a convenient scaffold. Blocks laid on their sides with the holes horizontal were inserted in the wall at strategic spots for drainage. Wire screening backed them up and slag was put in between it and the earth fill. Finally, the wall was topped off with half-size blocks as shown in the title picture on page 119, except that, at one end, a tie-in section was made of broken flagstones



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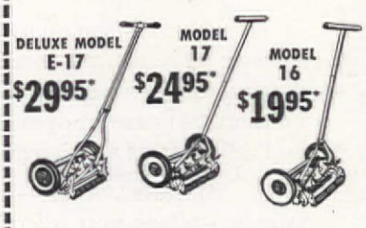

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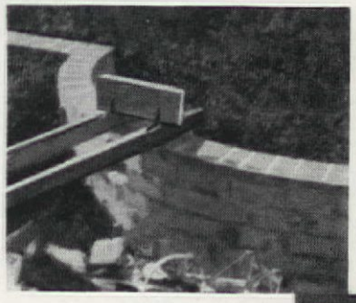
Many a Mickle (Begins on page 119)

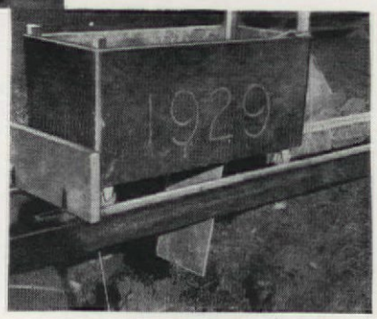
to match the style of the neighbor's wall where they joined.

Because the back yard was on filled land, no dump trucks could be allowed on it, so the additional fill required had to be dumped in front of the garage, some distance away. This is why the "railroad" was needed if one man was to complete the project, for even the prospect of moving 30 tons of earth didn't stop Williams. It wasn't "A Streetcar Named Desire" that he built, but a three-wheelbarrow-capacity miniature dump car which he affectionately called "1929" because, he said, "the bottom dropped out of it!" Friendly neighborhood hecklers who gathered to watch, scoff, and point out that the contraption never would work, remained to cheer.

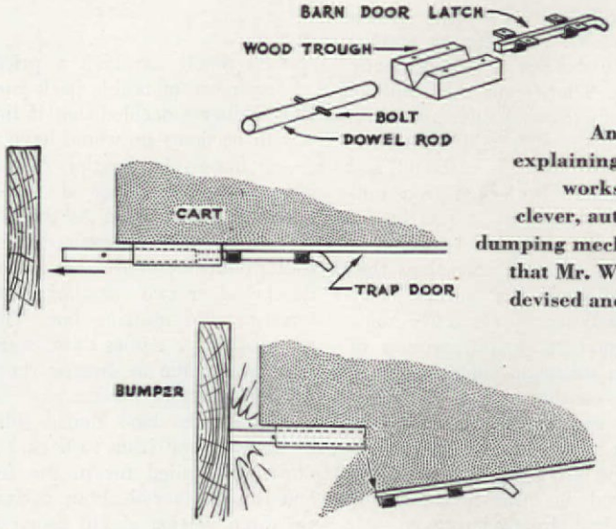
For a track, he used 2 by 4 lumber with 1 by 1-inch strips nailed on to guide the caster-wheels; in 12-foot lengths it could be laid wherever needed to reach from the pile out by the street



Ray Williams' narrow-gauge railroad ran from near the street to the top of the retaining wall. Note bumper here, and in action below



The invaluable dump-cart shown snug against the bumper, just after the trap door had dropped and a load had been discharged



And here, explaining how it works, is the clever, automatic dumping mechanism that Mr. Williams devised and made

to the wall. The end section was of 4 by 6-inch timbers so it would support the cart over the open area. And the cart? It was of used plywood, 4 by 2 by 2 feet, on a 2 by 4-inch frame with hard-rubber casters, and a hinged bottom or trap-door. The dumping mechanism (see sketch) consisted of a piece of dowel rod riding in a hardwood trough; this, when it hit the bumper, pushed back the barn-door latch and released the door and the load. A rope run from the trap up through a pulley in the cart drew the door shut, and the cart back, in one operation.

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Many a Mickle

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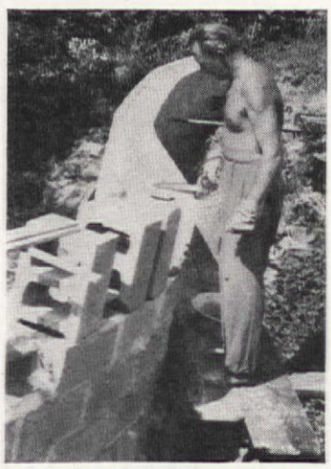
The retaining wall at an early stage showing brick construction and the "sweet curve" laid out with a hose



Ray Williams at work. He conceived and executed, alone, a job that might have taken "x" men "x" days to do

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Behind-the-scenes editorial note: When this story's title was picked, some of our editors asked what a "Mickle" is, and would our readers know? Others, granting that they had never seen one, recalled the old Scotch saying, "Many a mickle makes a muckle," and thought the phrase fitted and would arouse interest and curiosity. We mention this just to show how we try to work out apt and appealing titles. . . And what do *you* think about this one?

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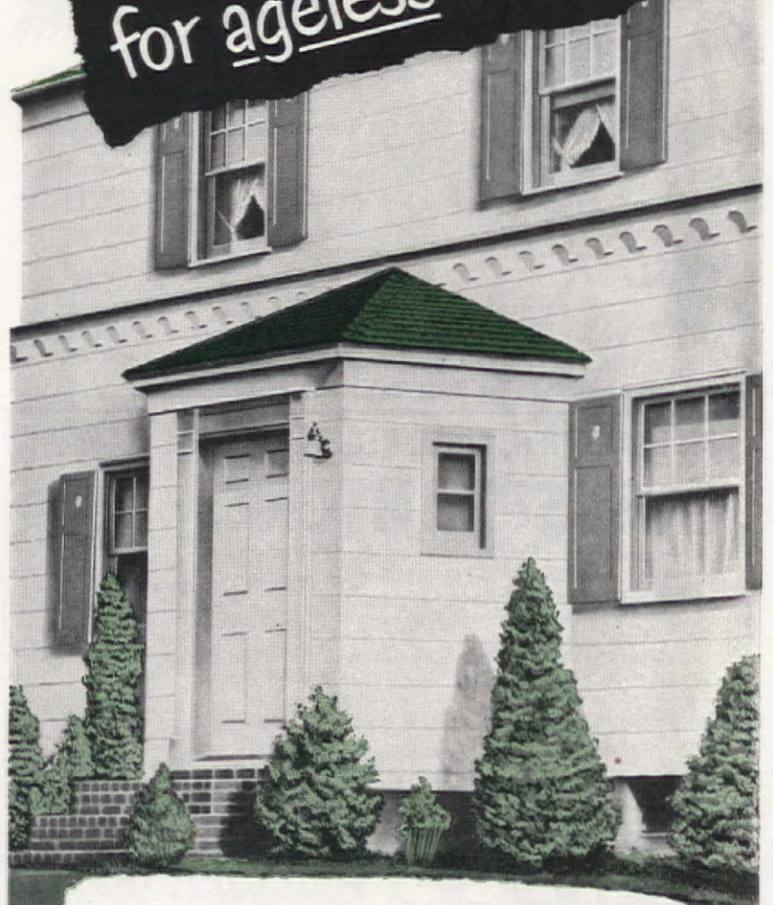

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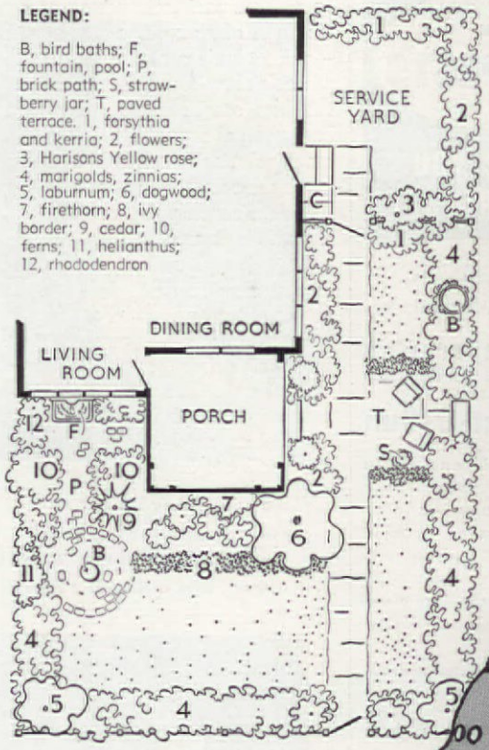

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Plan rendered by H. McClelland. Photographs by Emily Mayer

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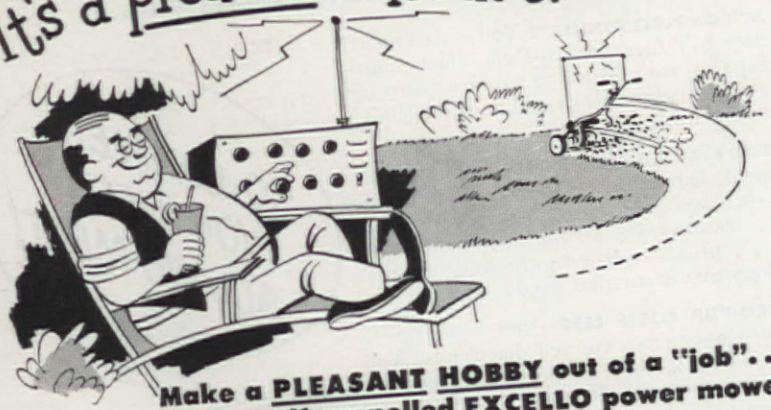

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along the boundaries, leaving bits of open lawn as a setting, and the planting has been kept to a single color—yellow, which, incidentally, is also the color of the entrance gate and the color in which the house is decorated throughout. Yet the effect, far from being monotonous, is harmonious and restful; besides tying house and garden together, it makes the grounds appear more spacious.

From the time when yellow crocuses greet the spring until golden chrysanthemums close the outdoor flower season, the garden is never without bloom. Daffodils and primroses are followed by tulips; then pansies border the beds and violas decorate the porch and the little terrace. Wallflowers, Alyssum saxatile, helianthemum, doronicum, and pretty little Dutch irises take part in the spring procession. Yellow daylilies in variety, thermopsis, digitalis, anthemis, oenothera, ranunculus, and coreopsis carry on until the annuals take over—zinnias and marigolds, of course, but also golden feather (Celosia), lantana, portulaca, and yellow cosmos. Also Lilium auratum and sanvitalia, and then chrysanthemums for a big finale. Spring-flowering shrubs, including corylopsis, forsythia, laburnum, kerria, mahonia, and yellow azaleas, give privacy to porch and terrace, besides accenting the corners of the beds and covering an 8-foot trellis that screens off the service area. Of roses there are the lovely R. hugonis and Harisons Yellow; and in fall, orange berries of firethorn (*Pyracantha coccinea lalandi*) blend with the yellow and bronze tones of the chrysanthemums.

But flowers are not the only interesting features. Another is the 6 by 9-foot terrace made by Mr. Almond directly across the path from the porch steps. A 2-foot-deep excavation was filled with crushed stone; on this went a layer of cinders, and on that

Mrs. Almond's intriguing collection of rabbits of all kinds and sizes is raptly admired by Mary Ann McDonald, 7, and Billy, 4

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the flagstones with cemented joints. It is bordered with boxwood, and after the potted violas stop blooming, French marigolds carry on. A strawberry jar at one end supplies not only an interesting note, but also some fruit—last summer enough berries for three big servings! Mr. Almond also built the pool and wall fountain in a cool, shady spot under the living-room window. The brick walk leading to it is edged with ferns; the pool itself is framed in hemlock, laurel, and more ferns. In building it, he excavated to a depth of 6 feet for adequate drainage, then laid a foundation of crushed stone and 2 inches of cinders. Then, lining the hole with brick, he put in a form into which he poured concrete to make the lining of the pool proper. A big jolly figure of childhood's hero, Humpty Dumpty, serves as a fountain.

As author of fifteen Peter Rabbit books (as well as several books for teen-agers and many short and serial stories for children's magazines), Mrs. Almond has provided for that popular and important character a special place on the coping of the pool. But he is also present—in many forms—in the house, where a cabinet filled with miniature bunnies in crystal, alabaster, wood, carnelian, rose quartz, and china is a tribute to the pleasure the stories about him have given countless admirers. The collection includes specimens from all over the world, many of them quite valuable.

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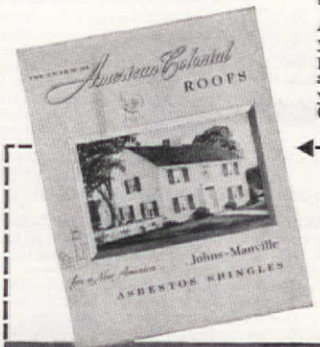

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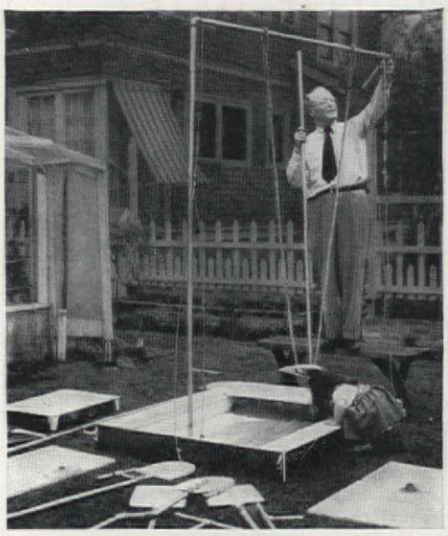
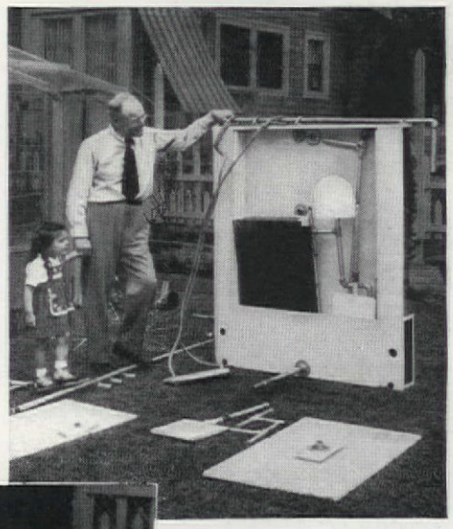
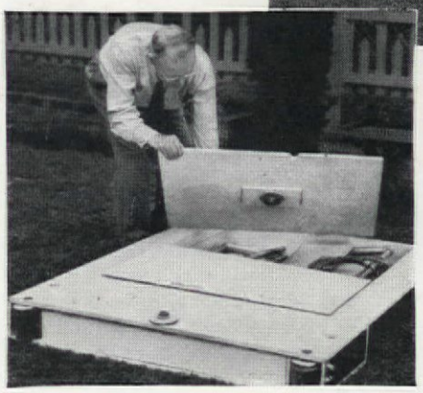
Grandpop's Play Yard (Begins on page 43)



The next step is taking down the swing by loosening guy wires, lifting a pipe sleeve off each upright. In the early model shown here, standards are in one piece; actually they are in two pieces joined in center so as to fit in the box



With everything taken apart, "Grandpop" Parrott shows Judy how it all is stowed away in the sandbox she loves to play in... Note at lower corners of box the heads of the roller axle-bolts and the holes bored to take a lawn umbrella handle if shade is desired



Everything is stowed away and sand is in lower (nearer) section of the box. This view shows two of the flanges that receive supporting uprights, rollers, and chocks for the guy lines

on page 127, back of the garage, or in any convenient, inconspicuous place. When next it is wanted for use, it can be rolled to a new location on fresh, clean grass—which is a good way to protect both the health of the children and the welfare of the lawn.

Practically all the equipment is made of ordinary ¾-inch galvanized water pipe, the three-part base consisting of the box itself and the two sections of its cover, all of which are furnished with the necessary socket fittings to take the several uprights. The operation of erecting it is shown—in reverse—in the illustrations here and on page 43, which actually show steps in the process of dismantling it. Considering the various parts one by one, the uprights of the swing frame, which is 7½ feet high, screw into floor flanges at each end of the box. (The pictures show single lengths; they are now in two sections that fit into the box.) The 6-foot cross-bar screws into elbows that expand to

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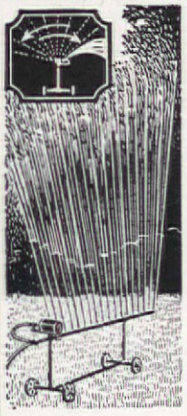

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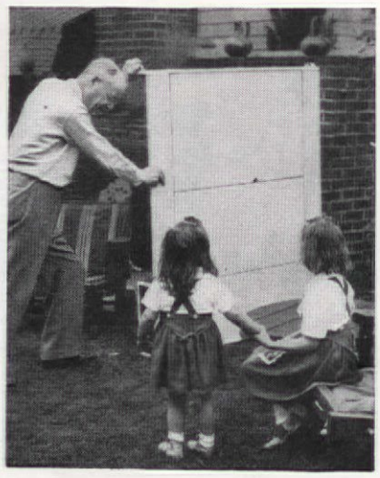

And now, half an hour later, Judy and sister Cathryn watch Grandpop roll their play equipment to its corner

take 1-foot-long pieces of 1-inch pipe that make sleeves to slip over the uprights. This gives added strength and simplifies the setting up and taking down of the frame, which is guyed to the corners of the box with woven-wire clothesline that can be tightened with turnbuckles.

The frame of the teeter-totter is like that of the swing, but only 1 foot high and wide. It forms a play bar when the teeter bar is removed. The latter, 12 feet long including seats, is in three sections and the middle one has, to give added strength, a sleeve to which are welded, at right angles, three 6-inch lengths of split pipe. These fit over the frame to give the right balance for different size children. One leg of the support is fastened to the box; the other is screwed to one of the cover pieces which is placed partly under the box to keep it rigid.

The merry-go-round is mounted on an 8-inch-long piece of pipe flanged to the second cover section, to which two small sandbags give added stability. In the top of the pipe a round-headed bolt serves as a bearing for a 6-inch sleeve to which is welded a four-way cross into which are screwed the arms that carry the seats. One of the latter is higher than the others so one child can be "king of the castle." At least one must be low enough so the rider's feet can touch the ground and supply the motive power. Also the arms must be the right lengths to keep the seats balanced so the supporting sleeve will not tip and bind. If the children's weights are too unequal, a sandbag in one seat will restore balance.

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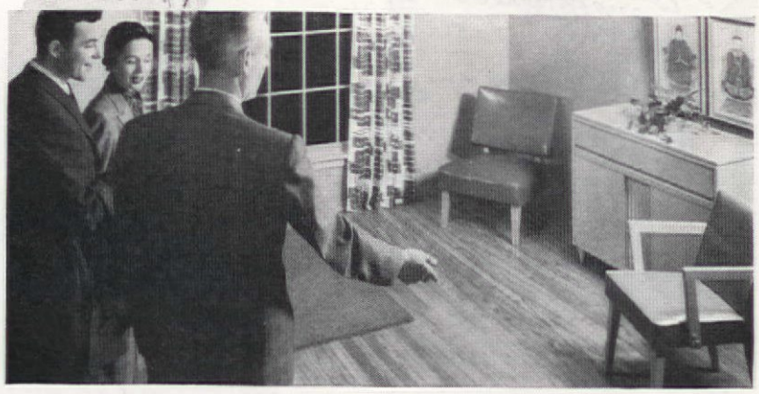

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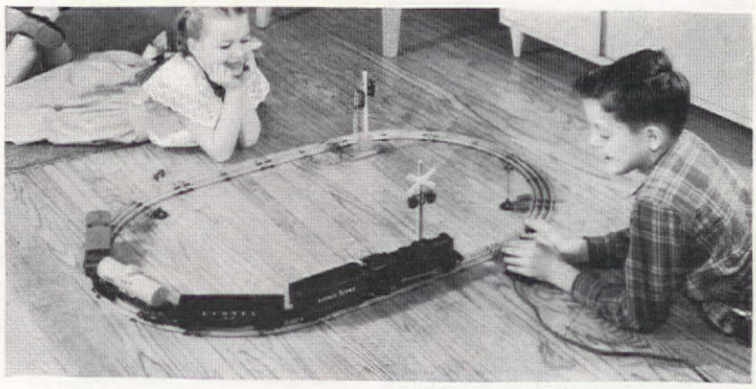

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Year-round Beach House

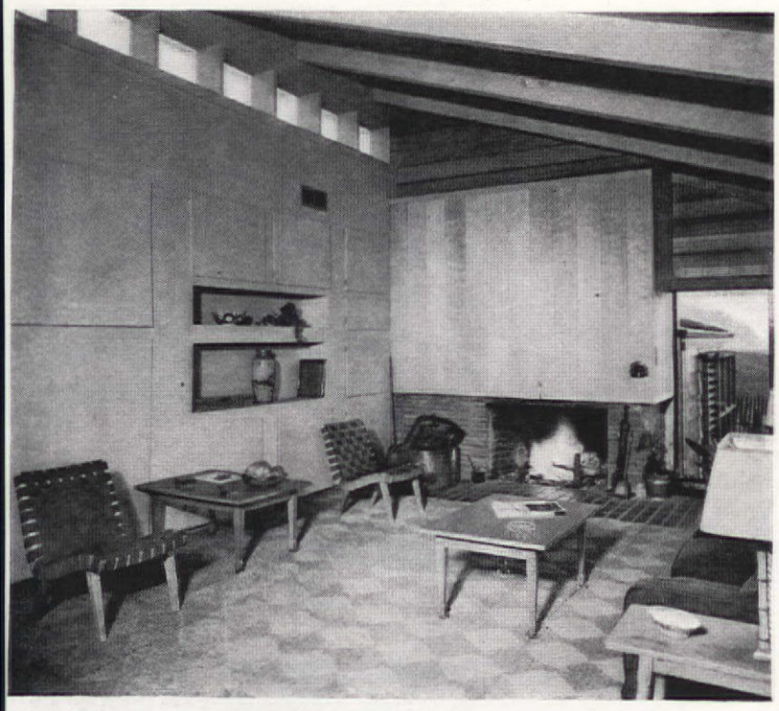
The Neskowin, Oregon, home of the Simon B. Barkers with the Pacific at its feet, deep woodlands at its rear affords owners and guests alike the feeling of a never-ending vacation

REBECCA TARSHIS

Most of us are content with an ocean view during an all-too-short vacation period. Not so the Simon B. Barker family—father, mother, and three young offspring! Their home, perched high on a hillside several hundred feet from the blue Pacific, is for year-round living. In addition to having a complete sense of brightness and freedom about it, the house really belongs to its site. This feeling is due, in large measure, to the clean-cut lines of both exterior and interior as well as the abundance of large sash and clerestory windows. Owners and guests alike are afforded breath-taking marine views at all times, while the children have a playground that might well be the envy of their contemporaries.

The exterior of the house is covered with extra-wide knotty cedar siding with window frames painted white for contrast. Dining and living area blend into one another and are both afforded unobstructed views of the ocean through floor-to-ceiling sash. The dining space is separated from kitchen by a storage wall and also has access to a side porch. Opposite the glass wall in living room is a storage wall with cupboards reached from both sides. This wall is surmounted by one of the clerestory sash to gain added brightness. Exposed structural members of the shed roof and natural hemlock boards above the fireplace add to the rustic feeling.

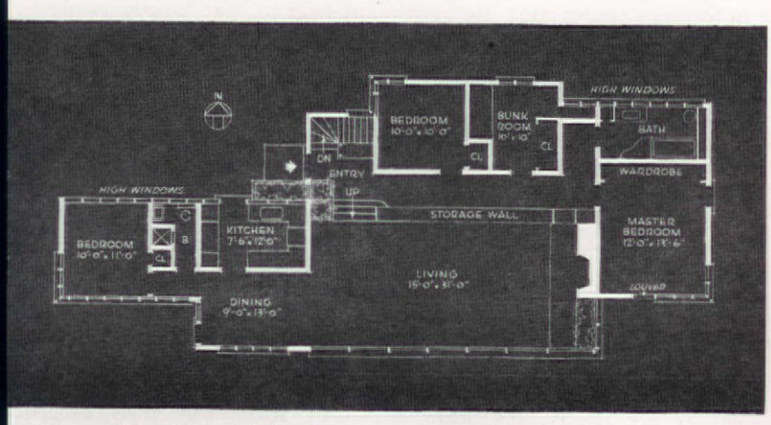
One bedroom and adjoining bunkroom overlook woods and entrance drive while master quarters enjoy the sea view. The fourth bedroom, in a separate wing, has large glass walls plus its own bath.



Roman brick of off-center fireplace in living room is in striking contrast to natural hemlock panels above. Storage wall adjacent has open shelves and cupboards also opening onto bedroom passage behind

Photographs by Leonard H. Delano

Water, water everywhere, seen through the floor-to-ceiling sash on west wall of living and dining areas. Glass door leads to open porch; sash in dining end are deep shadow-box type, also used by architect in other rooms



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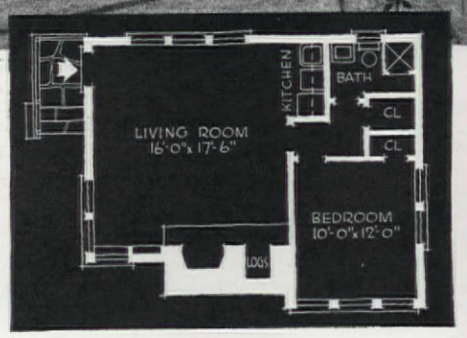

Plan, neat and efficient as exterior, has large batteries of sash to create bright, airy interiors and allow restful view of surrounding woodlands

Reward for Loyal Service

LEWIS GORE

There's no bronze plaque hanging over the doorway of this neat and trim cabin, but if one could be imagined, its inscription would read—"In deepest appreciation for many years of loyal service." That's because the cabin belongs to Mrs. B. H. Mailly whose industry and imagination brought into being Camp Tamiment, a country retreat for teachers and students. In 1921 Mrs. Mailly, who was Executive Secretary of the Rand School of Social Science in New York City at the time, decided to found a camp. Twenty-two years later, after creating one of the largest and most beautiful adult camps in the United States, she decided to retire and let others take over its administration. In grateful appreciation for her loyalty, the board of directors built this little cabin and set it aside for her exclusive use.

Its location is in Pike County Pennsylvania, atop Bushkill Mour tain. The design is simple and ur pretentious, but happily combines feeling of traditional rustic with contemporary look. The roof is lov running beyond the house eaves t form an entrance porch and als spreading out on one side to receiv the massive stonework of the chim ney. The living room is almost squar which makes for good furniture a rangement. Its Ponderosa pine wall laid horizontally, combine with ope roof rafters to produce the desire informal atmosphere. Extendi across one entire wall, a sturdy stor fireplace with adjoining opening f wood storage is a feature of th room. Robin and Vogel, architect designed the house.

The rugged stonework of fireplace extends across one entire living-room wall. Above is a continuous mantel shelf and natural pine boards laid horizontally to match other walls in room. A convenient detail is the built-in stone opening for wood right next to the fireplace itself and matching its design

A mere swish of curtains and the kitchen in miniature comes into view. No stark white clinic is this but rather a homey recall of grandmother's old-fashioned kitchen with its natural pine doors, hanging cupboards. The adjacent opening leads to bedroom and bath

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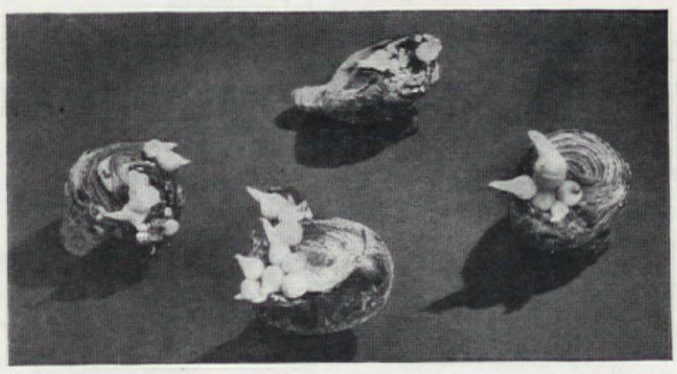
Miracle Plant from Peru

(Begins on page 30)

back yard, for hot, dry weather does not seem to affect the green freshness of these plants from South America. Nor are there serious insect problems in growing Ismene. In dry summers grasshoppers may nibble at the leaves; at digging time a few borers may be found, but they do little if any damage to the big, firm bulbs, typical specimens of which are pictured on this page.

If necessary, plants can safely be moved at any time during the growing season. But in any case, promptly after the first frost dig the bulbs carefully and lay them, with tops intact, in a warm, airy place to dry. Later remove the withered tops and rub off any loose outer, onionlike skin before putting them in winter storage.

One fall, in digging, I sliced several bulbs with the spading fork. Thinking them done for, I threw them into a box to be disposed of later—and forgot them. Imagine my surprise when, at planting time, I found each fragment with a number of small bulblets clinging to it! The next spring, as an experiment, I intentionally cut some bulbs in half before planting them. They behaved quite differently, producing a number of round, marble-sized bulblets while the mutilated parent bulbs dried up and disappeared. I have forced Ismene in a greenhouse, but do not consider it a good subject for that. However, if bulbs are left in storage until the flower buds are well developed and then planted outside, they will bloom almost over night. They can also be started in the basement in pots, which are later plunged rim-deep in the border or elsewhere in the garden. Yes, Ismene is a "miracle flower" all right.



Interesting evidence of the urge to preserve the race: These Ismene bulbs, damaged in planting and thrown aside, not only lived, but produced numerous offspring

Fred C. Hubbard

Bumper crops of big, firm bulbs are the rule when you grow Ismene. Mr. Hubbard (Sorry we couldn't get him in!) had just dug these to show to a fellow gardener

These nice plants were started in pots in the basement in early spring and set outdoors, pots and all, when danger from frost was past. They bloomed quickly and well

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Confessions of a Simple Soul

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Just as I still childishly keep the chocolate frosting of my cake for the last delicious mouthfuls, so I leave the arranging of flowers about our home for the final pleasing and enjoyable task after everything is clean and shining for the day.

I've never had a course in art or flower arrangement. But I love flowers, love working with them, and seem to have (at least, my friends say so) a natural good taste and artistic sense. It's hard for me to understand how anyone with a handful of flowers and a bowl or vase cannot arrange them effortlessly and at the same time beautifully. But evidently there are many such—even as I cannot make bubbles of gum, though it looks easy enough.

To me the rule is simply this: Arrange flowers as nearly as God grows them and you cannot go wrong. I have spent many hours at flower shows, before florist shop windows, and scanning pictures of arrangements made by nationally known authorities; and I have found so many that are *too* perfect, *too* studied and cold, and, to my mind, quite without beauty. Many, of course, are right and suitable for both formal and informal use or displays. . . . However, I am speaking now of arrangements done for pleasure in the home by the average homekeeper.

I once watched a friend trying to put together, scientifically, rule by rule, her flower show entry of exactly two roses, one bud, three green fronds, and a vase just the right number of inches tall. The result of even so small an arrangement was artificial. Why? Because she had no feeling for the flowers or the task. She admired them, but did not truly love them. I know this because of a remark she once made. Her newly bought home had a lovely garden with iris all along the picket fences—but she pulled them all out because "the flowers were pretty for so short a time, and the foliage is so ugly." Think of it. Those lush green spikes

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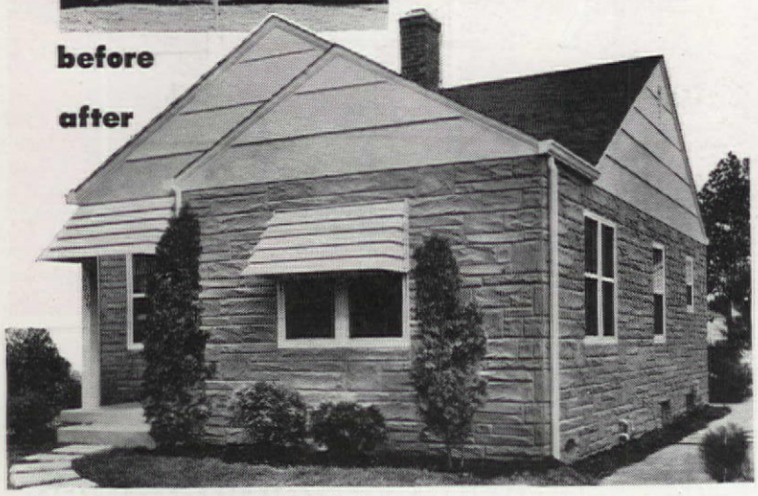

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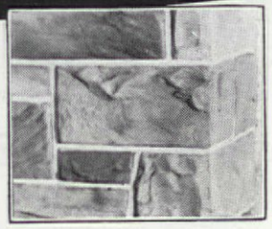

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One thing often stressed by garden club speakers is the danger of combining colors: "You must not combine this with that," and so on. Yet Nature can mix together reds, pinks, yellows, and even orange—and it is gorgeous. I know a woman who will not have yellow in her garden; me, I cannot imagine one without its daffodils, forsythia, marigolds, and lemon lilies. I know a garden in western Michigan which did keep its blended colors separate; but it took five gardeners to care for it! It was a winding garden beside a lake, and as one walked along the low-walled path, each new group of plantings was hidden by a turn. One was of pale to deep pinks, another of blues and whites, a third of yellows and the tawny shades, and the last of lavenders and purples. Of course, I would not deliberately plant a clump of yellow calendulas in a bed of pink petunias. But with a little planning, all colors can be used harmoniously.

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Confessions

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In flower arrangement, the most unexpected beauty sometimes results from mixing improbable colors. Once I filled a big blue earthen vase with blue delphiniums, pale pink cactus dahlias, several stalks of magenta foxglove, and one large, deep red rose! I placed the whole thing on a rumpled square of magenta cloth—and got me a first prize at the local show! And that, in spite of the fact that magenta was then taboo. "Never use magenta," they used to say. "Rip it out of your garden." But I just couldn't. It was everywhere—in perennial sweet peas, foxglove, phlox—and I loved all of it, especially when arranged in bouquets with blues, deep velvety reds, or clear purple canterbury-bells. And now, bless its heart, magenta has come into its own at last, in draperies, wallpapers, dress materials, yes, even in nail polish and lipstick! So why not in gardens as well?

One of my pet peeves is fruit and flowers arranged together. Except for oranges, I have never seen a tree bearing fruit while in flower. It isn't a natural combination and therefore, I think, not a happy one. Last year, I saw one flower show arrangement of carnations with, so help me, strawberries on toothpicks at their base! And another of tropical leaves, yellow carnations, and a bunch of immature, green bananas. I hope it was an intentional "monstrosity arrangement," but I'm afraid not. Of course, for decorative purposes, fruit by itself is charming—but let's not put carnations with it, please. Would you put an avocado or a bunch of cherries on a lovely flower chapeau?

Mixing cultivated flowers with weeds is tricky; results are often incongruous, like a group of high-style city gals at a folksy country dance. Field flowers can make just as pretty an arrangement as greenhouse or garden flowers—but kept by themselves.

Some years ago, I watched a woman famous for her talent with flowers demonstrating good taste in arrangements for different occasions. She tore every leaf and stem from a huge bunch of yellow chrysanthemums and piled the blossoms in a pyramid on a platter! She also arranged a row of lovely white tulip blossoms soldier-fashion along the table *after cutting off their long, graceful stems*. It seemed to me like tearing wings from butterflies, and the result just about as cruel and ugly.

Perhaps it takes book learning and a study of human needs and psychology to arrange and like flowers that way, just as it probably does to understand and like Wolfe and Dali. But I wouldn't know. I'm just a simple soul who loves all God's arrangements, from a little oppressed golden dandelion to a frosty mountain painting on a winter window pane.

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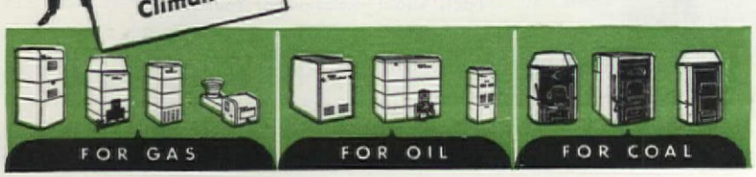

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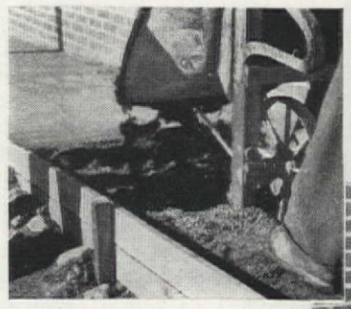
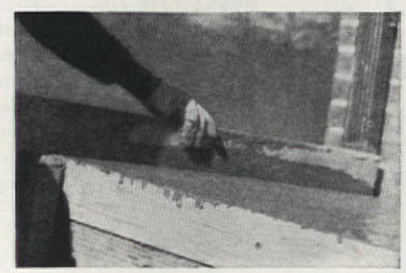
Steppingstones are not troubled by frost or wet soil. To fit the average step, set them 22 inches apart, center to center. To lay flat field or river-bed stones, simply scoop out a bed for each one and set it firmly, flush with the ground to make mowing easier. Or, for a dry path across a wet spot, set the stones right on top of the ground. Quarry stones up to 2 in. thick and slate, which usually ranges from ¾ to 1½ in. thick, must be laid with extra care and only after raking the soil well to remove all pebbles. Then press each piece into the loose earth and test it again and again to make sure there are no hollow spots or stones beneath it.



Concrete for making a walk is easily mixed in, then poured from a wheelbarrow

Spread each batch quickly, using hoe or iron rake to get even, solid distribution



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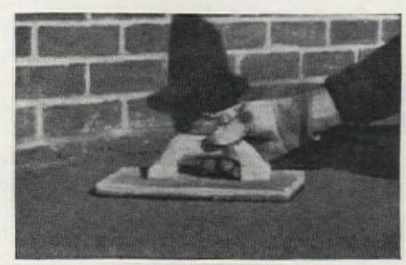
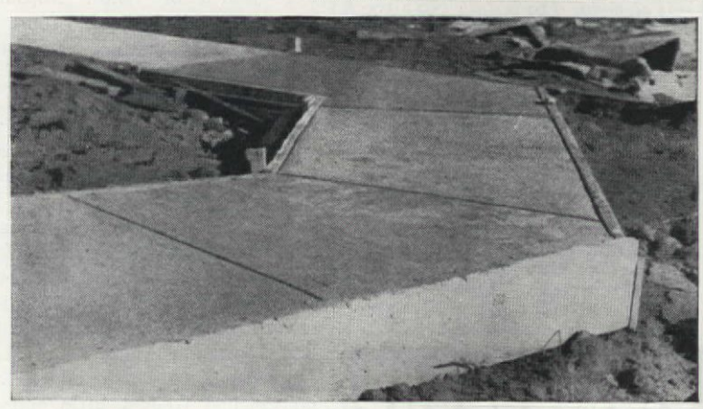


Give desired final finish with wooden float (shown), smoothing trowel, or both. Edge and score with edger



This finished concrete walk shows forms still in place. They support both concrete and cinder-bed layers, each 4 in. deep

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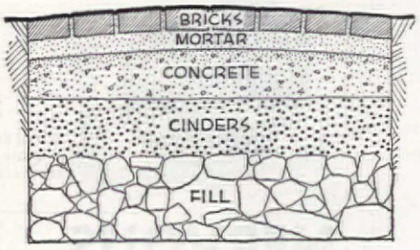
Repair technique: If cement between slates or flagstones cracks, chip and dig it out, wash stone edges, and refill with new cement-sand mixture or neat cement. Smooth surface, keeping cement off stone

An inexpensive walk, flexible and presenting no frost problem. It is of salvaged asphalt-brick laid directly on well-drained, firmly tamped earth. Hot tar is poured into joints



Cross section of standard, permanent walk of brick laid flat on 1 to 2 in. of cement, 4 in. concrete, cinder foundation, rock fill for drainage

Bricks can be laid directly on firmly tamped, well-drained ground without inviting frost trouble—if not cemented. Sand brushed, or tar poured, into the joints gives a flexible walk. Or, if grass is wanted, fill the joints with a mixture of sand, soil, and lawn seed and keep it watered until the grass is well up. Use hard-burned or "face" brick rather than the softer common brick, and for maximum strength lay them on edge.

For a smoother, more permanent walk, dig out several inches of earth, grade the foundation an inch higher in the center, tamp firm, then spread and tamp several inches of damp sand on which the bricks are laid and firmed to the proper grade. Finally spread dry sand and brush it back and forth until joints are filled.

Concrete walks are, in the Northeast, usually 4 inches thick, made of a 1–3–5 mix (1 part cement, 3 sand, 5 gravel, by volume), and laid on at least 3 inches of cinders. In frost-free regions, concrete, like bricks, can be laid directly on almost any kind of ground, except where cinders are needed to insure drainage.

After the foundation is laid, soaked, and tamped, set wooden forms the desired width apart, with their top edges exactly the height of the finished concrete surface. Drive stakes firmly along the outside to hold the forms and brace them if necessary. Curves can be fashioned from sheet metal or plywood. As each batch of concrete is poured, spread it with rake, hoe, or shovel to settle it into all corners. Now move a strong board with a straight edge along the top edge of the form with a sawing, back-and-forth motion to squeeze off excess concrete and roughly level the surface. (This is called screeding.) If hollows appear, fill them and repeat the process. Concrete sets in from 30 to 60 minutes de-

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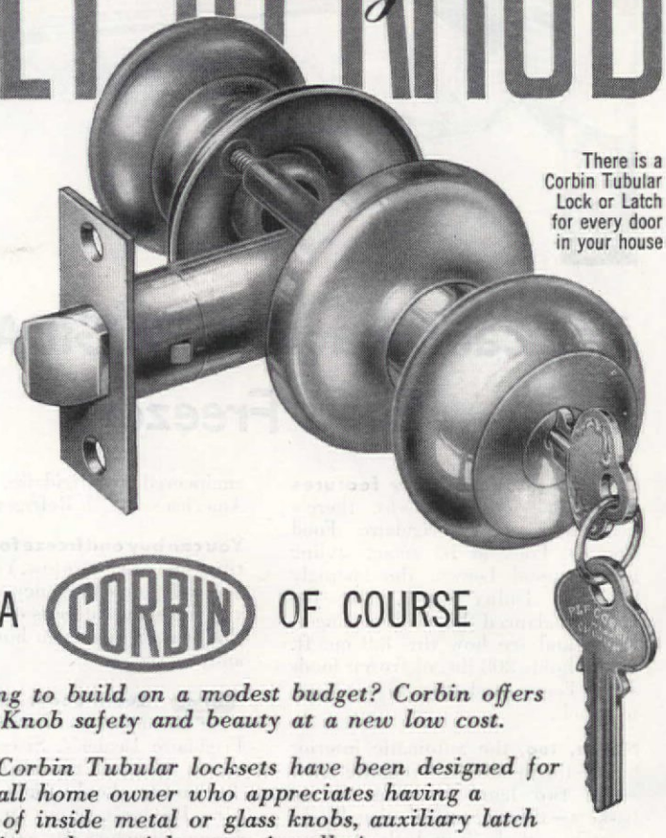

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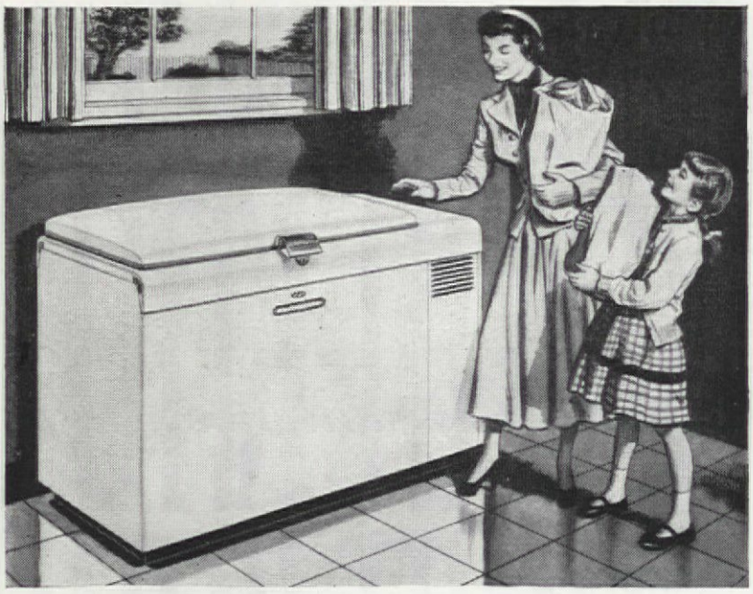

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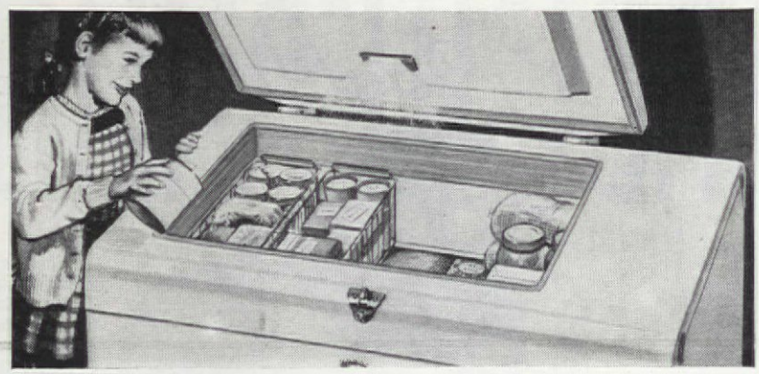

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pending on the formula used, the water content in mixture and air, and the temperature. (Setting is indicated when the surface water film disappears.) Do the final finishing any time before the concrete becomes too hard for the troweling to make an impression. A wood block gives a non-slip "float" finish; a metal trowel leaves a smoother, more slippery surface. For a very smooth finish, slap the concrete with the flat of the trowel to bring water to the surface. Round the edges and make the cross lines or scorings with an edging tool, using as a guide a straight board laid across the form and held firmly in place.

Concrete should "cure" slowly and meanwhile be protected from freezing (unless an anti-freeze is used in the mix) and from drying out. Lay newspapers, burlap, straw, etc., on it when it has set and keep moist for at least three days; the longer it cures, the stronger the concrete.

No single course should be more than 15 feet long, so at regular intervals place a length of spacer material across the form, or insert a thin oiled board which can be removed later and the space filled with tar. For an extra-nice finish, pour a half-inch layer of a 1 to 2 cement-sand mortar atop the concrete within three or four hours of the pouring of the latter, and trowel it smooth. If a colored effect is wanted, mix 3 or 4 pounds of concrete color with each bagful of dry cement.

Brick on concrete is a sequel to the above method. While the concrete is fresh, spread an inch or two of a 1 to 2 lime-cement mortar and lay the bricks, well-soaked, on that. Leave half-inch spaces between, and use a trowel to fill them with mortar. They should not be "grouted" by having a thin, watery mixture poured in around them; it usually runs over on the bricks and is very difficult to remove. In frost country, a few bricks will usually soak up water and crack every year. There is no way to prevent this, although crowning the center of the walk to speed the run-off of rain and melting snow may help.

Asphalt has both advantages and disadvantages. It costs less than concrete, but since a crew and heavy roller are needed for a good job, it is usually best applied by a contractor. It must be handled hot, is a dirty, messy material, and hardens quickly, after which it is hard to move. On the other hand, it is flexible, which makes it useful near trees where roots may cause trouble. By the same token, it will settle or become uneven as the subsoil shifts. It calls for the same drainage precautions and foundation bed as concrete, but a 2-inch depth is usually enough, as against 4 inches of concrete.

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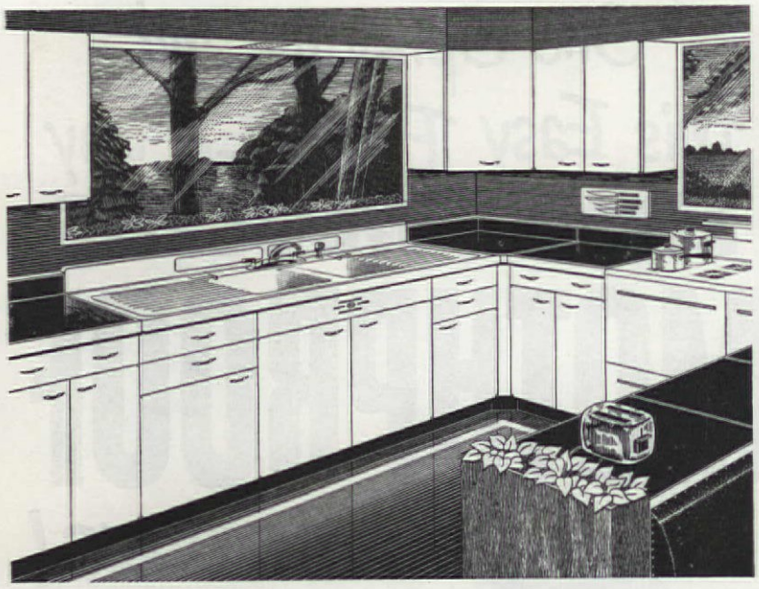

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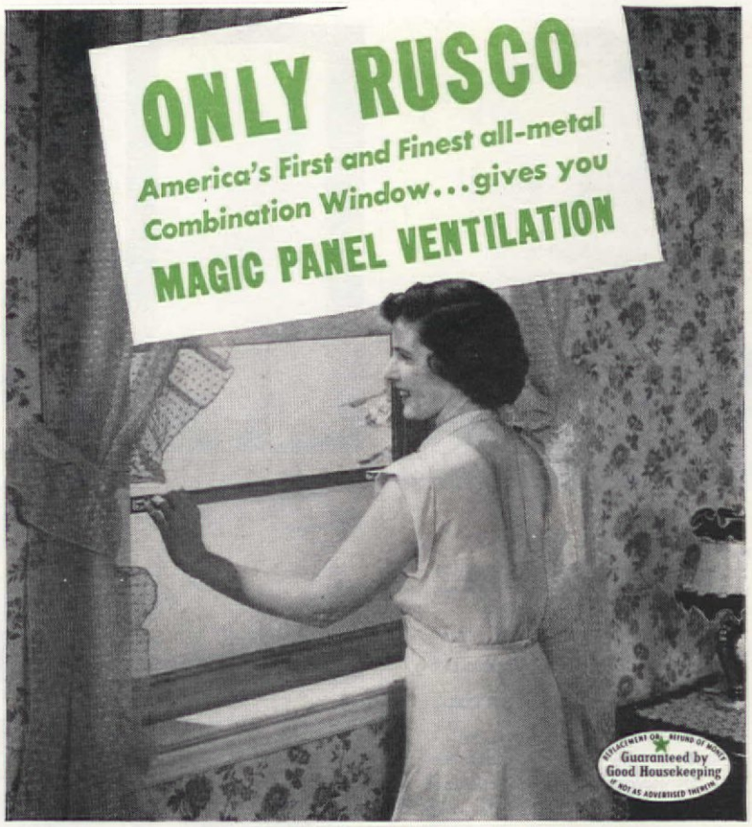

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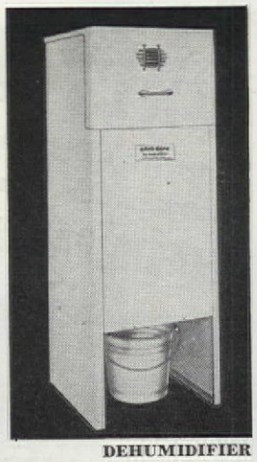

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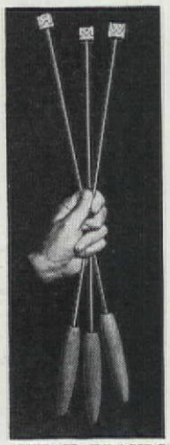

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