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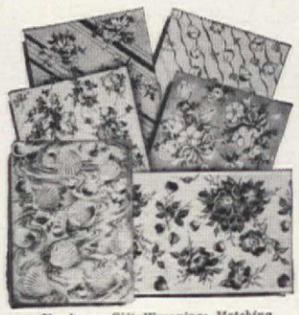

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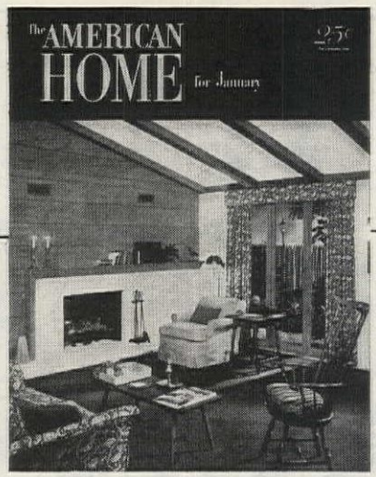

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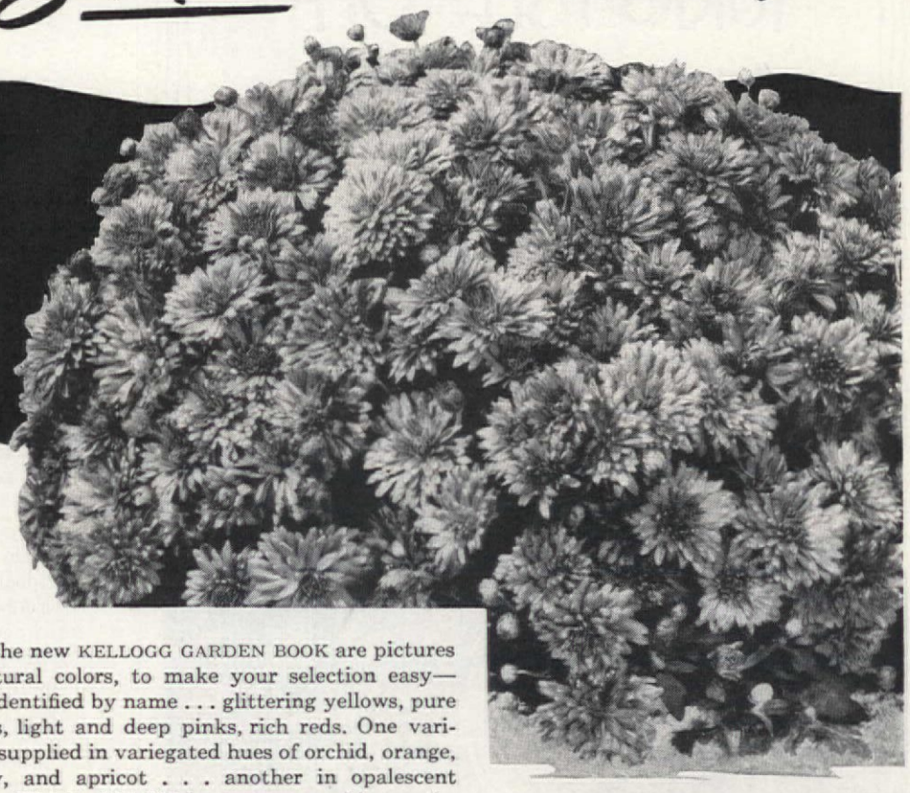

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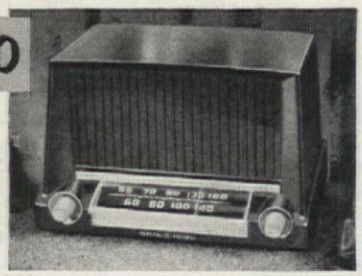

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• • • **JANE TIFFANY WAGNER,** our new Food and Home Services Editor, gives a thorough briefing on meat cookery and buying this month (see page 56). A graduate in Home Economics of Iowa State College with a Master's degree from Columbia University, her varied career has included educational, radio, and television work; she also directed home economics divisions in industrial and utility companies. Lives in Mamaroneck, N. Y., with husband Albert R. Perkins and her four children.

• • • **EDWIN P. (BUDD) BUCKMAN,** who contributed some of the furniture designs in this issue, has a sturdy combination of Pennsylvania Dutch and Welsh ancestry. He is a graduate of Williamson Trade Institute in building construction and architectural drafting. He has lived in Los Angeles for 22 years where he and Mrs. Buckman raised two fine sons, Jim and Tony. An employee of L. A. City School System, he spends his leisure time reproducing furniture of rural Pennsylvania.

• • • **DOROTHY STICKNEY,** the lovely lady who collects "Star Lights" (see page 27), was the first of her family to enter the theater. She was raised in North Dakota where her father was a pioneer doctor. She and her husband, Howard Lindsay, played the leads in the incomparable "Life With Mother" and "Life With Father." They have a 200-year-old country home and a black cat named Friday the Thirteenth. She collects fairy lights, "because they keep Christmas in the living room all year long."

• • • **FRED SWARTZ** has been taking photographs for more than a decade but it wasn't until 1947, after attending the Art Center School in Los Angeles, that he decided to make a profession of doing what he enjoyed most (see "Bake Your Own Pictures" on page 36). His previous business experience had been in hotel management and financing. He prefers tennis, swimming, and riding to "spectator sports" and hopes to expand his free-lance photography and writing to cover his home state, California.

• • • **LENORE E. THOMPSON** developed a fondness for plants during a childhood spent on a Maine farm. In addition to a Cornell B.S. and a Master of Landscape Architecture from Smith, she has had ten years' practical experience in nursery and florist work in a landscape office and on farms. Now married and teaching in a Midwest teachers' college, she shares her ideas by lecturing and writing (see page 30). She hopes to get back to gardening again on a farm she recently bought in Maine.

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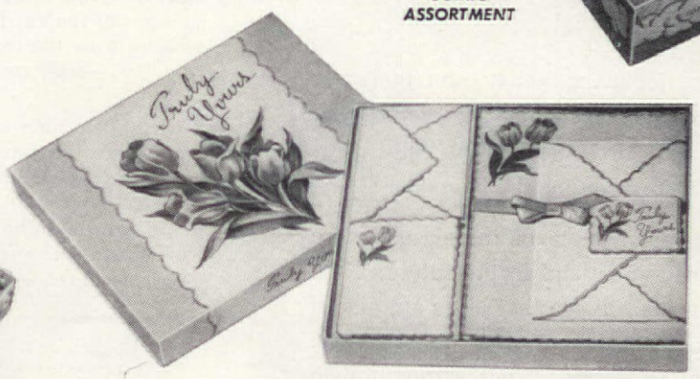

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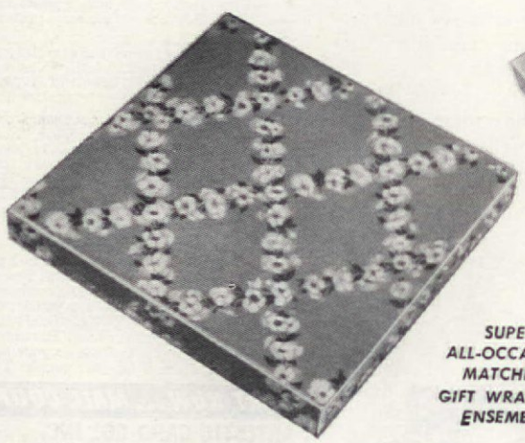

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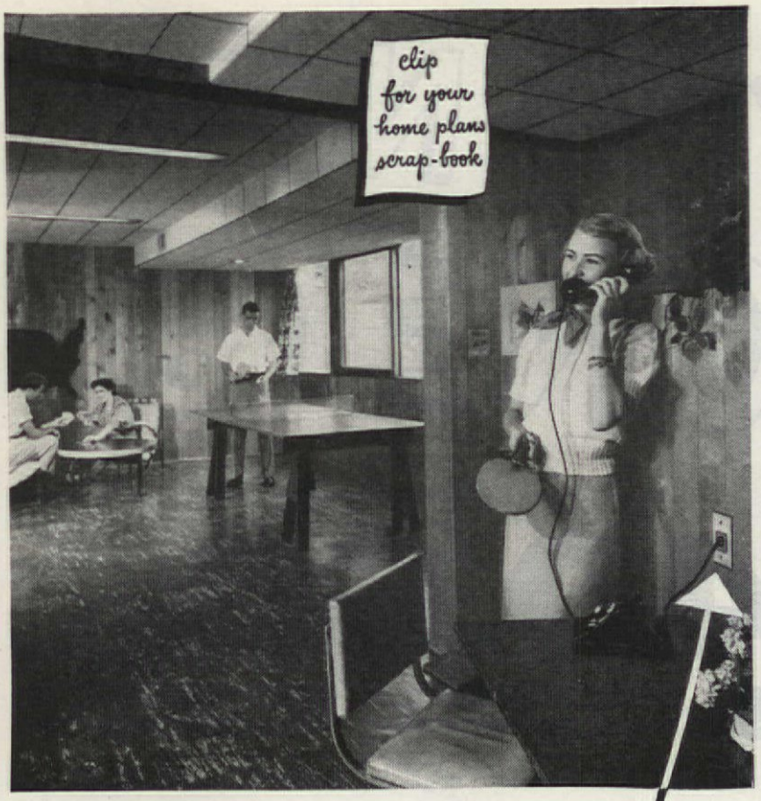

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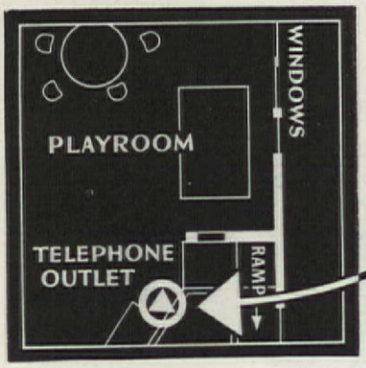

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Letters

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It is 16 by 22 feet and the blocks are dyed alternately red and green with a square of six red ones in the center. I am enclosing a snapshot of it to prove that your "Do it yourself and save" ideas really work.—MRS. JAMES L. WINNING

This letter refers to Irene Glenn's article in the December, 1938, THE AMERICAN HOME—"Cookies for your Christmas Tree." I have wanted to tell you all these years how much pleasure my little girl, now 10, and many, many children in Flint have received from that article. I am not the least bit artistic, but enjoy cooking. I copied your patterns and have hung them on the tree every year for our mothers'-and-daughters' cooky party. The children, starting at age 2, make some little Christmas favor while mothers have tea and visit. My Martha serves her friends and we have lots of fun watching them choose a cooky from the tree to take home.

—MRS. HERBERT MILLIKEN

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Q. How much does insulation add to the cost of a new home?

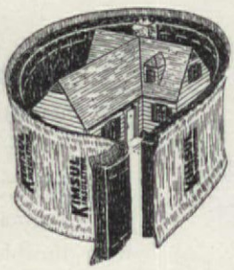
☐ Nothing ☐ About 1% ☐ Almost 9½%

A. Initially, insulation adds about 1% to the cost—around $150 in an average new 6-room home. However, an insulation like KIMSUL* (Regular or Reflective) pays for itself in fuel savings within a few years.

Q. Does a reflective insulation provide the best protection?

☐ Only in hot climates ☐ No ☐ Yes

A. A reflective insulation alone does not provide maximum protection. However, a reflective *blanket* insulation like KIMSUL combines an aluminum foil cover to turn back radiant heat, *plus* fiber blanket to resist convected heat. This *double* protection principle is the most effective method of stopping heat loss ever devised. The aluminum cover also acts as a vaporseal to shut out condensation. And this same double protection keeps your home up to 15° cooler on hottest summer days.



Q. How long will insulation last?

☐ 5 years ☐ About 15 years ☐ Lifetime

A. Reflective KIMSUL (or Regular KIMSUL) will last the lifetime of your house. This many-layer blanket can be easily installed by the home-owner himself, or installation may be arranged by building supply or lumber dealers. It comes in a blanket of uniform thickness to provide uniform protection over every inch of covered area (no thick spots, no heat-leaking thin spots).

Q. Why should I insulate my house?

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Letters

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—MRS. WAYNE EVANS

I would like to thank your staff and contributors for the many fine ideas in home-planning we have received from its pages.

Two years ago we purchased a garage-apartment on the shore of Lake Erie. The "before" picture shown here was snapped after 3-foot weeds were cut down.

The only outside help we have had in our remodeling project was hiring a "block layer" for a few days. My husband, a teacher, had no building experience. The interior has also been transformed with knotty pine paneling. I took on the job of papering, painting, and gardening.

—MRS. S. R. CARBIN

The Contributors column is one of THE AMERICAN HOME's personal features that has long held a very special interest for this reader! It's good to know the people whose contributions in THE AMERICAN HOME make it such a lovable magazine to all homemakers! One month I discovered a college friend was contributing some of her rich talent in the Food Department; and in the September issue after dog-earing the pages of "To Make for Christmas" I was so pleased to know Zeleme Cottrell whose original designs are different and delightful! She offers, I think, a real inspiration to those of us with little talent, who want to *make* our own Christmas, and she has given to me a very special inspiration to go on trying with my painting hobby.

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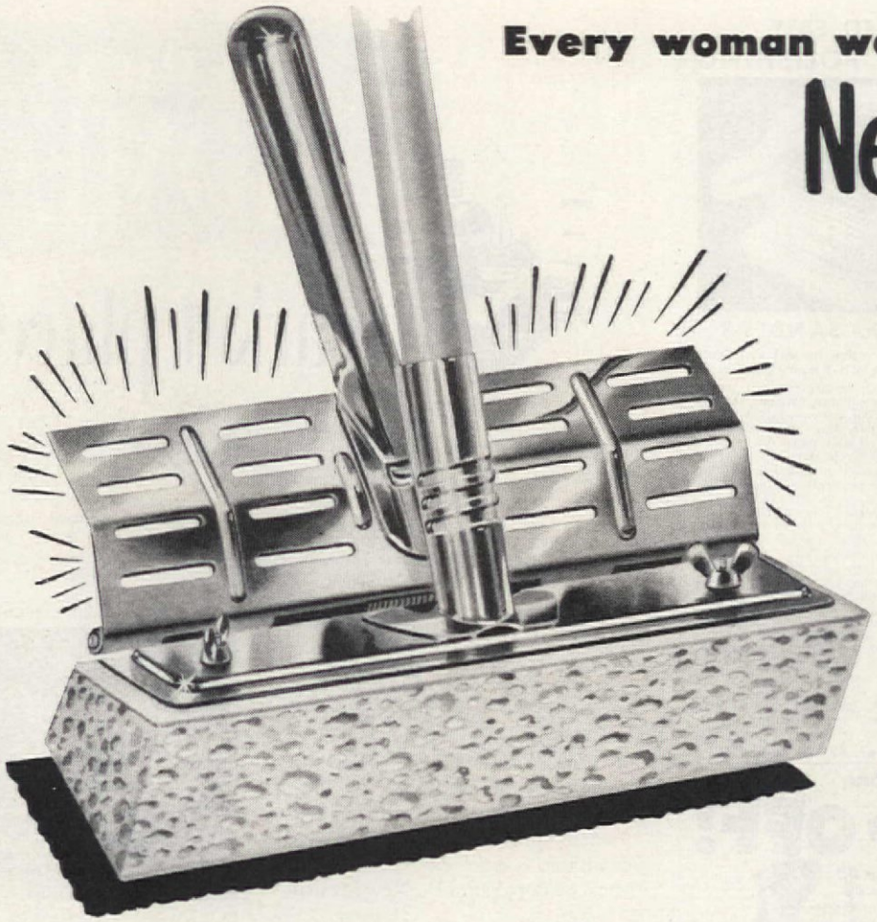

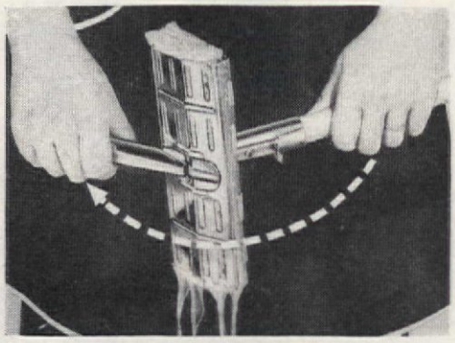

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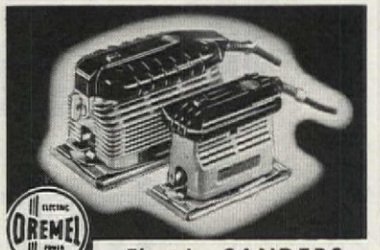

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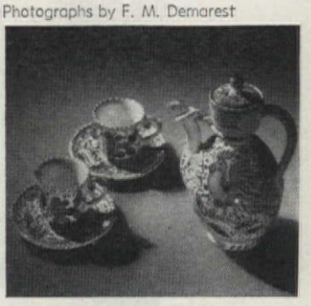

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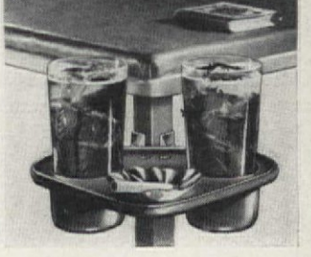

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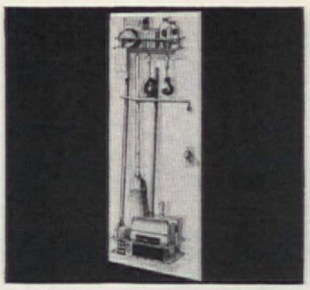

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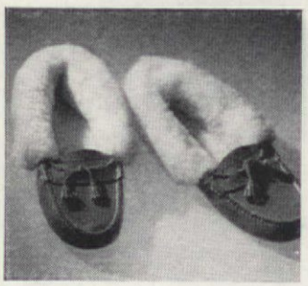

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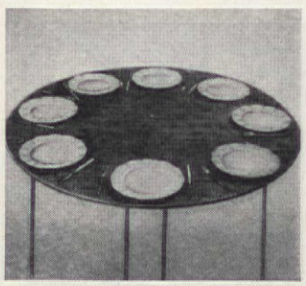

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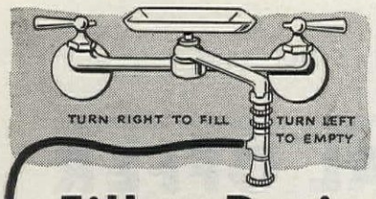

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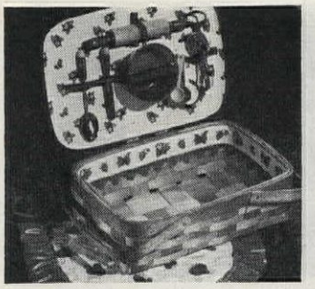

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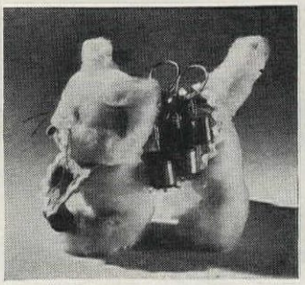

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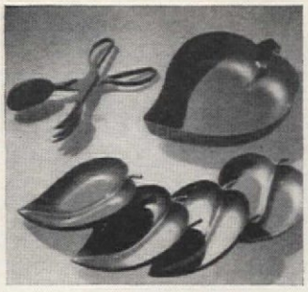

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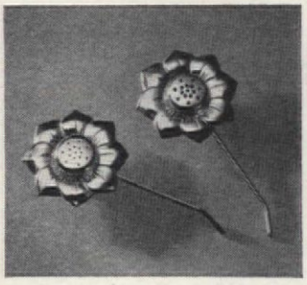

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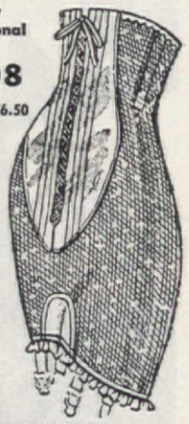

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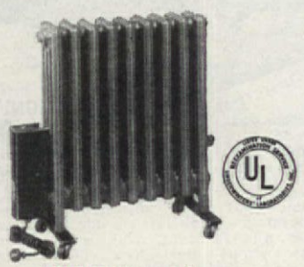

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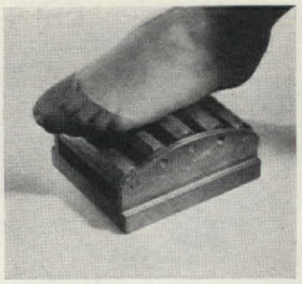

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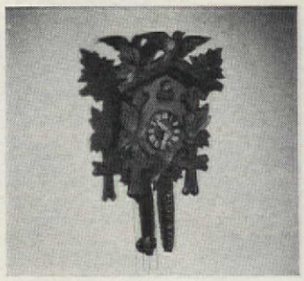
ARE WE CUCKOO about this clock that really cuckoos to bring a smile to the face of an early A.M. grouch. Hang it in your front hall, breakfast nook, or over the living-room desk. And the price is so right, you'll want to remember it for a wedding gift or a couple moving into a new house. Walnut finish, 9" high x 6½" wide, $9.85 plus 50¢ post. Old Guilford Forge, Guilford, Conn.



NICE DOGGY. A man's best friend, when besieged with fleas or ticks or after a romp in a field of thistles, would love a rub-down with the chemically treated Kleen Dog Cloth. Scientifically processed to clean a dog without bathing him, it helps also to avoid colds, kills odors, and relieves itching. $1 prepaid. From Kleen Dog Products, Dept. A. H., 844 W. Adams St., Chicago 7, Ill.

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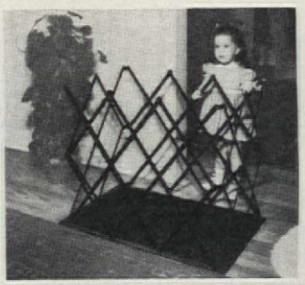

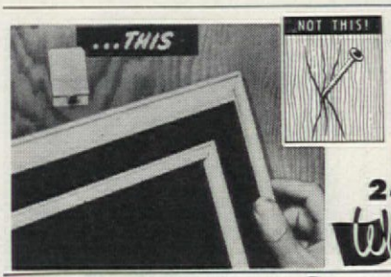

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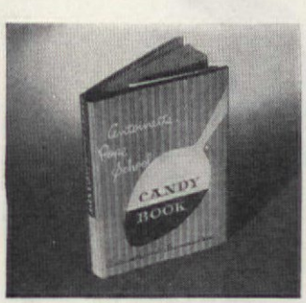

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CIGARETTE BUCKET. One of the most effective things to bring a touch of elegance to a polished coffee table, desk top, or breakfront is this silverplated bucket. The hinged top is an exact replica of its illustrious ice-bucket ancestor, and it makes a handsome wedding or housewarming gift. 3½" high. $6.95 prepaid from Haig Giftware, 446 E. 20th Street, New York, N. Y.

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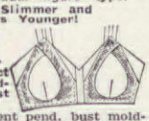

Special patent pend. bust molding feature on inside of all "Yuth-Bust" styles, lifts supports and cups large busts into the smaller youthful alluring shape you want, whether they are extra large, spread out or sagging. Style No. 101 and 202 Longline also have Special Y-Midriff Control to flatten bulging stomach; also girdle hooks. Light comfortable, firm, adjustable! Durable washable fabric.

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BEFORE Mrs. Hauft wore the "Yuth-Bust" Bra, she looked tired, older, matronly and heavier because of her large, spread out bust.

AFTER she wore "Yuth-Bust" Bra, her glamorous bustline permitted her to wear youthful, smart style clothes and go places with her husband.

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SIZES 32 to 42

Colors: Nude White Blue Black

Style No. 505 only $2.49

You rarely see a woman with an average size bust which is naturally perfect. That is because a woman's breast muscles and tissues break down leaving your bust shaped with one or more problems that should be overcome. Your medium bust may be too flatly spread out, or it may sag too much, or it may have lost its firmness and roundness. Your ordinary bra is not designed to correct your individual bust problem. For this reason a famous bust culture stylist designed the "Glamour-Form" Bra to specifically correct the medium size bust problems. Does wonders for your figure in any outfit you wear—like no other bra! Gorgeous, wonderful quality fabric that washes like a dream! Simple adjustable shoulder straps and adjustable elastic back ⅝" closing. Only **$2.49**

INNER BRA BUST BEAUTIFIER which does marvels for your individual medium bust problems.

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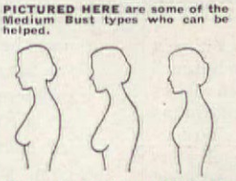

Famous bust culture stylist created this wonder-like feature underneath the bra. It instantly flatters and accentuates the average size bust, gives them a firm uplift, roundness, and highness, no matter whether your medium size bust sags too much, or is too flatly spread out, or is not firm or round enough.

Here's Another Satisfied Customer Below who says: "I can't thank you enough for my 'Glamour-Form' Bra. Your inside feature does more for my bustline than any other bra I ever wore." —Miss J. Ward, Birmingham, Michigan.

BEFORE Miss Ward wore the "Glamour Form" Bra, her unattractive bustline, gave her clothes a "baggy" look. She looked unappealing and was rarely invited out.

AFTER she wore the "Glamour-Form" Bra for her average size bust, her bewitching bustline made her clothes fit her like a movie star. She now sparkles with personality and is socially popular.

SMALL BUST

SIZES 28 to 38

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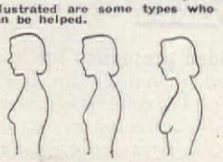
NO PADS!

Self conscious about your flat looking bustline? Figure Beauty starts with a glamorous bustline. The sensational "Up-an-Out" Bra has an exclusive secret patent pend. feature that tends to lift and cup flat, unshapely, small busts into a Fuller, Well-Rounded, Exciting Bustline like magic instantly! NO PADS—no artificial bust build-up needed! Firm elastic back and easy to adjust shoulder straps. Beautiful fabric—easy to wash. Now Wear All Dresses, Blouses, Sweaters, etc. (No Matter How Form Fitting) With Bustline Confidence! Only **$2.49**

Profile View of Hidden Feature in Bra which does wonders for your individual small, flat bust problem.

Illustrated are some types who can be helped.



This special patent pending bust molding feature on inside of bra lifts, supports and cups your busts, NO MATTER WHETHER THEY ARE SMALL, FLAT, OR SAGGING, into Fuller, Well-Rounded "Up-and-Out" curves like magic instantly!

One of Our Many Satisfied Customers Below Says: " . . . It's amazing how its special feature gives my bustline real glamour." —Miss Doris Harris, Wichita, Kansas.

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Three members of the five-family project take a breather from the task of whipping five back yards into shape

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The five families—Tates, Davises, Wills, Johnsons and Howards—moved into the block of new homes at virtually the same time and together tackled the problem of making back yards and play areas for their children where the building contractor had left more than 2,000 cubic yards of excavated earth.

The men called a council of war—war against the tons of earth—while their wives and children listened in.

Robert Howard summed up the first aspect of the problem. "We'll have to move these mountains before we can even see where the yards should be," he said. The question was—How? The job would require a power shovel and trucks, plus the time they didn't have to give. They scouted around the neighborhood and found a contractor at work on a nearby street and gave him the sales talk of his life. The contractor agreed finally to take on the leveling job, providing his men would work on week ends, at 40 cents a cubic yard of earth.

Since the homes were built on a grade, the amount of earth removed from each lot varied somewhat, but the average cost was $75 for each yard, although the Howards, for example, found the cost to them was $95. When the mounds of earth were gone, the neighbors found their yards were well below the alley grade level, and no two lots were at the same elevation. They moved up like a succession of great flat stairs. Although this meant the men would have to do some terracing and rock work, it also meant they had a greater opportunity to give each yard its own personality by individual landscaping.

Tools became common property and one man's labor was his neighbor's. The five men went to work with shovels and picks, on evenings and week ends, to

When five families moved into their new houses on this block in Seattle, they found great piles of earth where back yards should be. A contractor leveled the ground for them, and all five pitched in, built retaining walls, fenced in play areas, seeded the lawns. Women took over flower planting and weeding

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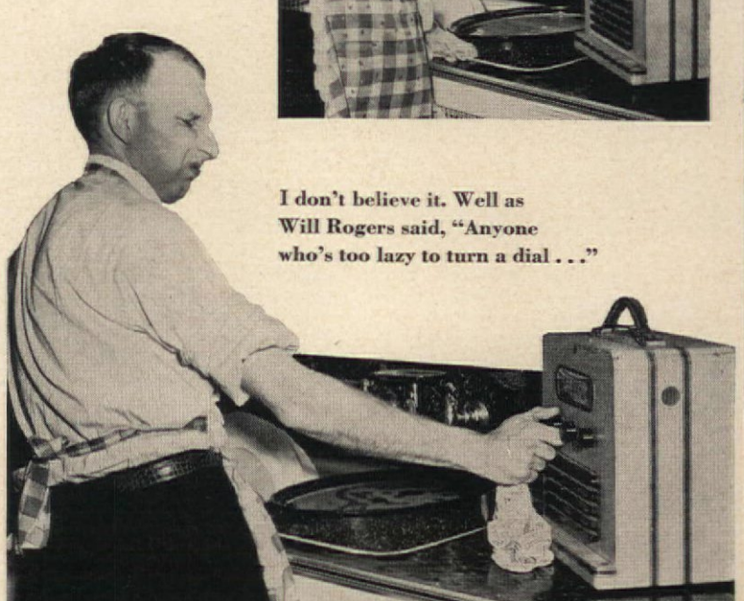
I don't believe it. Well as Will Rogers said, "Anyone who's too lazy to turn a dial . . ."



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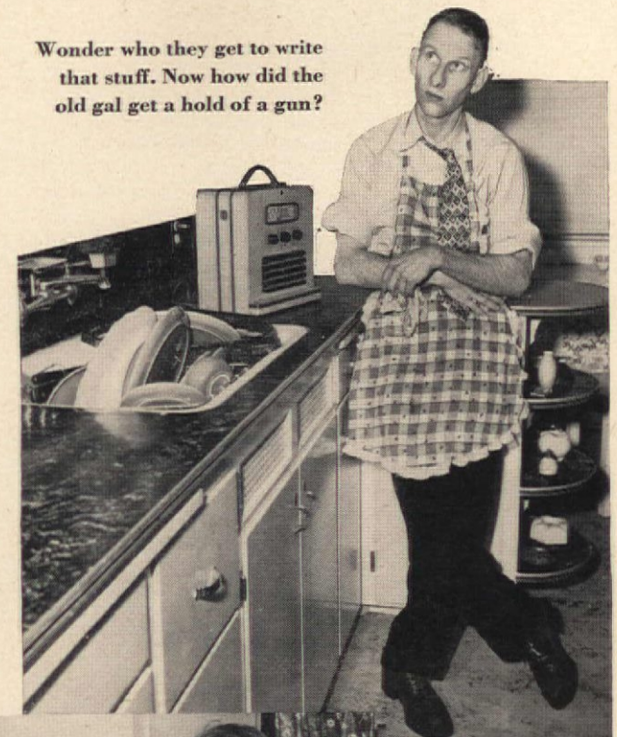

Wonder who they get to write that stuff. Now how did the old gal get a hold of a gun?

'Course, if Uncle Albert finds out she's got a gun and is going to tie him up, he's liable to go down and get the hand grenade . . .

No wonder Myrtle gets so nervous. Where's that station? I just wouldn't put anything past that old geezer

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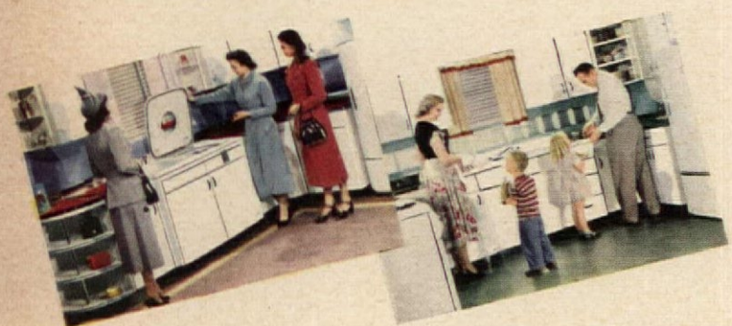

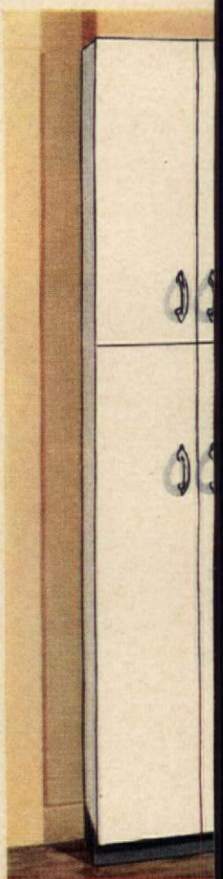

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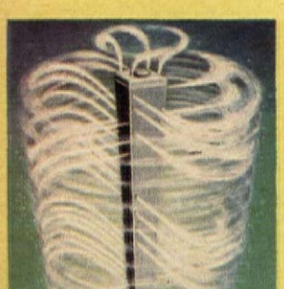

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Amazing Youngstown Jet-Tower—the newest idea in work savings! 64 swirling jets of piping-hot, booster-heated water brush-flush every part of every dish sparkling clean. Thorough Hydro-Brush Action, from top to bottom of the tub, and a *double rinse*. Then Dishwasher stops, pops open cover for fast self-drying of dishes. All in 9¾ minutes (average water pressure)—all automatically, electrically!

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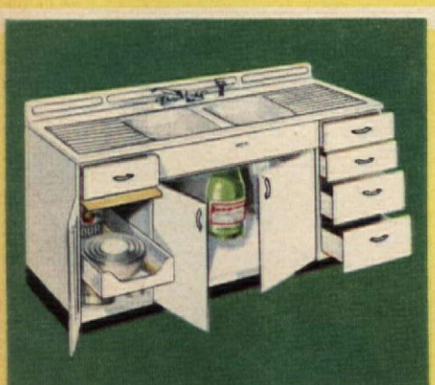

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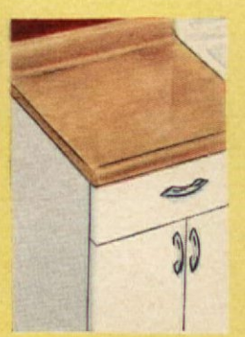

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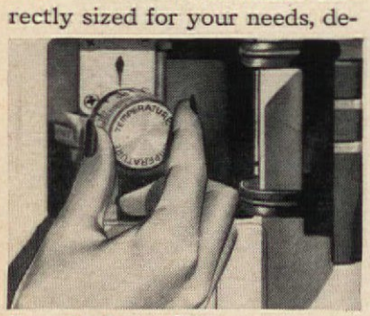

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Neighbors (Begins on page 18)

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Trees, lawn and rockery combine to give this yard its own personal stamp. Stepping-stone walk was made of salvaged concrete blocks. Here Mrs. Davis helps Mrs. Howard

create their yards. There wasn't much the women could do, at first, except cheer their husbands on, but as soon as the ground took shape they began to plan their lawns and flower beds. Mrs. James Davis, noted for her "green thumb," took the lead in the planning and by the time the rock work was in, the gardens were pretty well planned and planted.

The rock work was a problem, both from the standpoint of material and labor and cost. Wherever possible the men salvaged broken concrete paving from wrecking jobs. Jim Davis struck it rich by finding a pile of small concrete blocks on the beach at Puget Sound where they had been dumped from a ship as ballast.

In three months the five families accomplished the task of building the back yards and putting in the lawns. Fences were next, and no two are alike. One is of wide pickets, stained and varnished, while another is a traditional picket fence, painted white. Terraces, walls, fences, elevations, and individual taste in gardening all contribute toward giving each yard its own uniqueness. There is none of that dreary sameness about them that too often marks the yards of homes built by one contractor.

With labor for the entire project costing nothing, aside from the hiring for the original leveling job, the question of how much to spend on each yard was a matter for personal decision by each family. Davis, with his retaining wall of salvaged concrete, was spared the $150 which Howard spent to have a rock wall built. The only thing in common among all the yards is the retaining wall of one kind or another at the alley end of each lot. Since each lot gradually inclines upward to a different level, there are no fences between them. Each yard, however, does have a fenced-in area as play space for the children.

The women added a social fillip and turned their work sessions into tea parties. After a few hours of tending their flowers, taking turns in each yard, they would relax and plan the next day's program. Strangers when they first moved into the neighborhood, the co-operative yard-building program made them acquainted quickly. Today they form a congenial social unit and see a good deal of each other. Evening square dancing is one of their favorite pastimes. There are always four couples available for a square with one left over to do the chore of baby-sitting.

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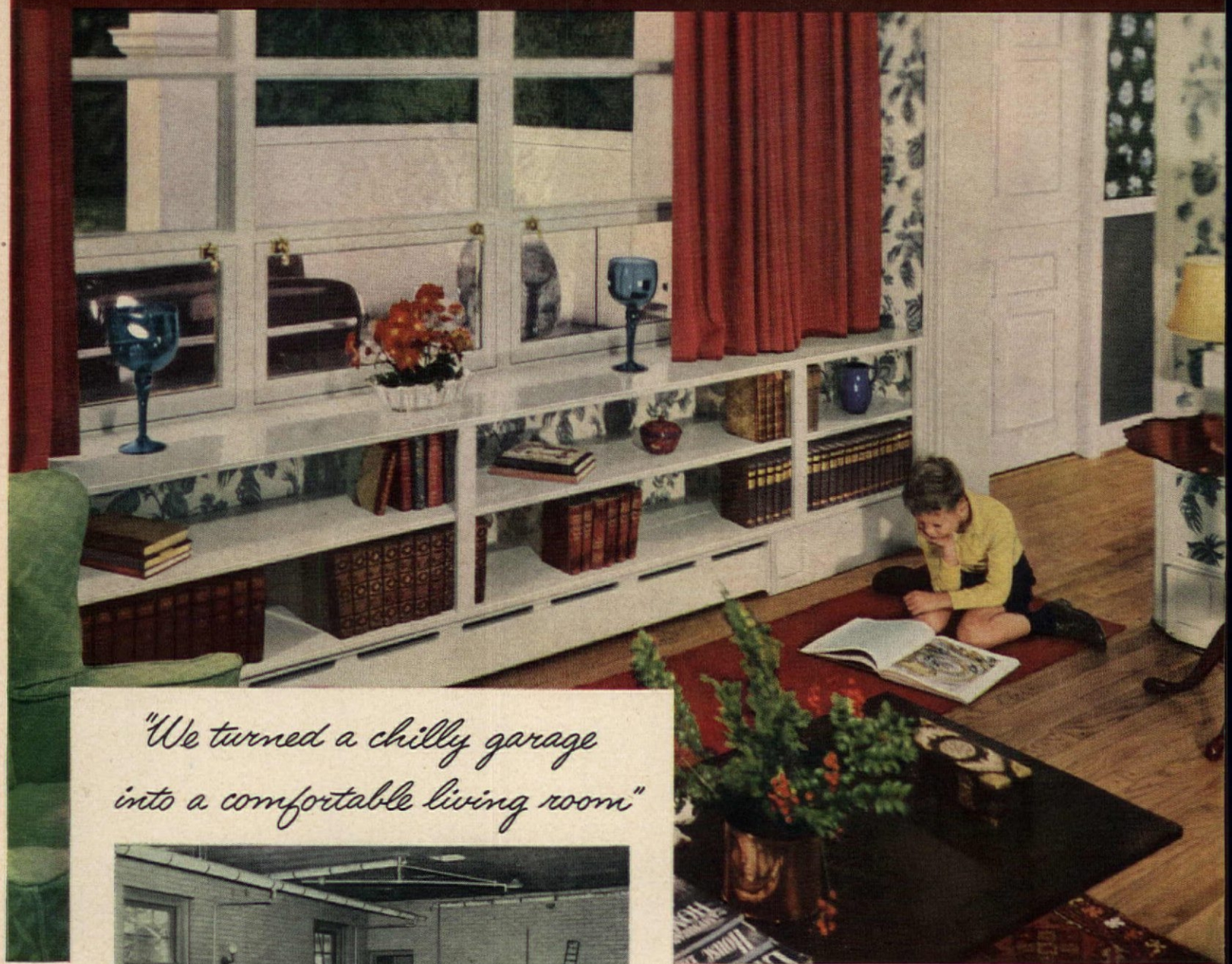

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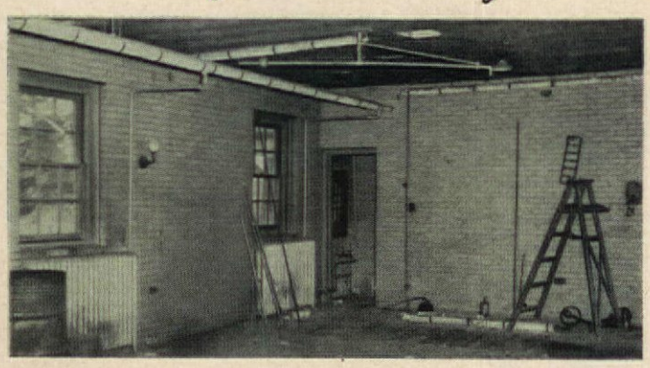

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MARY E. MONZE

Star Lights

One of the stellar examples of the early glassmaker's art is the miniature Fairy Lamp. These lovely lamps, which bring with their soft lights some of the enchantment and nostalgia of the past, consist of two pieces, a holder for candle and globe.

Dorothy Stickney, famous actress and wife of Playwright Howard Lindsay (his latest, along with Russel Crouse, is "Call Me Madam"), who collects antique lamps, prizes these fairy lamps above all others. Made in satin, pressed glass, and other types of the period, they burn a candle instead of oil as the better known miniature lamps do. The fairy lamps shown here are of satin and pressed glass, both clear and colored.

The best known is Clark's Fairy Lamp, patented in England in 1880 and introduced in America at the World's Fair in 1893. Miss Stickney was lucky enough to find some old boxes containing candles made especially for these tiny lamps. One of the windows in the Lindsays' living room is shelved in glass, a fitting showcase for these storybook lamps.

The beautiful lamp shown on the table next to Miss Stickney, in the picture at right, is an old pink Bristol vase mounted on a modern brass stand. It combines effectively with the ruby glass globes and brass top which originally were set atop an old brass standard. The lights of this reconstructed lamp are removable and in the good old pre-Edison days each member of the household carried one at night to light the way to his room, where it was placed in a metal bracket attached to the wall.

Miss Stickney, "Mother Day" to many, also collects actress glass, shown in our August, 1950 issue.

Planting Pointers

Who paints garden pictures with flowers has a rich and varied palette at his hand. Below, Coreopsis, a golden symbol, in both annual and perennial forms, of things easy to grow. Opposite, clockwise: One of the large-flowered Clematis hybrids; Shasta Daisies, an improved form of the familiar, perennial field weed; Columbine (Aquilegia), a useful, hardy perennial; a named variety of the perennial Oriental Poppy; slender, quilled petals characterize the cactus type of Dahlia; thistle-like blossoms of Sweet Sultan, an Oriental form of Bachelors Button; Salpiglossis, an annual from Chili

A Program of Profitable Practices that will soon have you Praising the Land for its Generous Bounty

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

Perhaps you're a new gardener, or possibly just a going-to-be gardener, and are wondering about what lies before you; about what steps are involved, and in what order, as to both time and urgency. Well, here is a Program for you, necessarily brief and in bare outline, but actually a package of pointers. Pin it up in your mental workshop and put it to work.

PONDER for a while at first, and decide what you want your garden to be, to do, and to produce. Is its function to provide beauty only? Or will there also be products to be eaten in all their fresh, high-class perfection? Will it be a place primarily for play, parties, and palate-tickling cookery? Or a pleasant setting for amateur or semi-professional plant-growing hobbies? And how many people will use it, of what ages? In other words, first visualize your project in the large, then . . .

PLAN well. Put your thoughts and ideas on paper, as to what you will build, what plants you will grow, how much of how many things you will need—and where you are going to put them. At this point, you should pore over those glorified descriptive price lists (called seed and nursery catalogues) and whatever practical pamphlets and standard books you can lay your hands on. Inspect other gardens and plantings wherever you can. Consult your gardening peers, especially those with experience gained under conditions like yours. Having planned, you next . . .

PREPARE thoroughly for the work that is to follow, by making sure that you have on hand all essential tools and supplies. Decide how much of the actual work you will be able to do, come summer time; find out if hired labor can be had if needed. Start to get the land in shape by clearing away debris, rocks, etc., and by spreading compost (if you can get it) or ground limestone—if you or your advisors deem it necessary. All this preliminary work will occupy you until early in the spring, when you . . .

PLOW (or dig) your garden deeply and well, the details depending on your soil and its depth, condition, previous handling, etc. Some land will have only to be harrowed or otherwise scratched, and smoothed before receiving the season's seeds or plants. By thus stirring the ground you will also incorporate and distribute the plant food that you have applied in proper amounts. Next, you will . . .

PLANT, properly and with precision, whether the things planted be minute seeds from a packet, fat bulbs or tubers, lusty little seedlings, or plentifully rooted shrubs, vines, or trees. Of high priority here is the old advice always to

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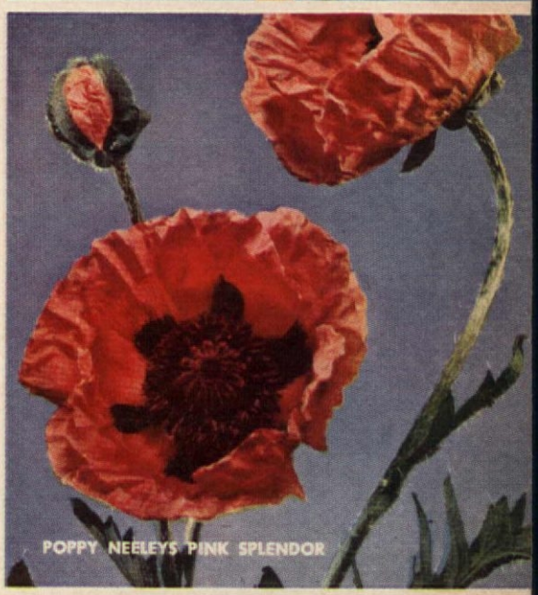
SHASTA DAISY

COLUMBINE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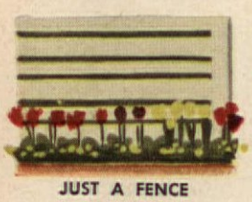

JUST A FENCE

OR

ONE THAT SUPPORTS

LENORE E. THOMPSON

Don't see much sense in doin' all this work just fer flowers. Can't eat 'em, can you?" . . . Jed, who raised the point, was a New Hampshire farmer. He had allowed himself to be persuaded to help me in my garden, but he did *not* approve of flower gardens, and did not hesitate to tell me so. All that work, he figured, ought to produce something; something practical, that a man could eat.

Many farmers who have moved into villages and suburbs during the last decade have found that they still want to work the soil, but don't like the idea of doing all that work and spending all that money on a garden just for flowers. And not a few city folk who have moved out of town feel the same way. Well, there's one answer for both of them: they can plan their garden using a farmer's materials. In other words, they can use fruits and vegetables in making their design.

In a plan for a small lot, the first need is an enclosure, a fence, or hedge to mark the boundaries and provide some privacy. But why stick to time-honored privet or barberry when useful bushes like blackberry and raspberry can be used? They can be set inside a wire fence erected on the lot line, or grown in a row supported by strands of wire fastened to stout cedar posts. With raspberries along one side, and blackberries along the other, an informal hedge of currants and gooseberries can enclose the far end. A farmer, whether country- or city-born, will enjoy caring for hedges such as these, and his shrubbery will be fully as effective—in foliage, in flower, and in fruit—as his neighbor's.

A well-designed garden should also have a place in which to sit—an outdoor living room. Why not, for that purpose, a good old-fashioned grape arbor? Our forefathers found it justifiable even on a working farm; how much more fitting it would be in a garden designed to be both pleasant and practical. On a small lot the place for it is close to one boundary and near the house, so as to be easily reached by the housewife who will appreciate a spot where she can sit outdoors while peeling potatoes, darning socks, or just relaxing.

Shade is so desirable, especially in summer, that it becomes another must in a good design. To supply it, nothing is nicer than an apple tree, either a crab or one of the larger standard kinds. In flower, it is as lovely as any exotic novelty; properly sprayed (as a farmer would spray it), it yields fruit that makes all the effort worth while. To balance the design, and for additional shade, a mulberry tree might be added. The birds will probably harvest its fruit, but that's all right, for when they can get mulberries, they will often leave alone the strawberries, raspberries, and other really desired crops.

The outdoor living room with its grape arbor and shade trees should be separated from the vegetable garden at the rear of the lot by a low fence of some kind—woven wood, rail, wire are all good. Besides being part of the design, the fence can be useful as a support for garden peas, pole beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, etc., all of which can best be grown in a small area if trained up over something. In front of the fence, on the house side, is a good place for some flowers. The city farmer, like the acreage farmer, will usually cooperate with the womenfolk to the extent of fixing up the ground for a flower bed; flowers, he'll admit, are pretty enough—if they don't take too much time and money. Nice to look at, and they make nice bouquets for the table and around the house. Annuals will probably be most satisfactory for a garden of this sort. Their requirements are simple, they provide an abundance of color over a long period, and the whole color scheme can easily be changed from year to year if desired.

As a higher enclosure along the back of this outdoor living room, dwarf fruit trees can be spaced along the fence. Low-growing, quick-starting, early-bearing, they are

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Farmer on a City Lot

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BORDER OF FLOWERS

OR

BORDER OF VEGETABLES

Plan by Lenore E. Thompson
rendered by Al Pucci

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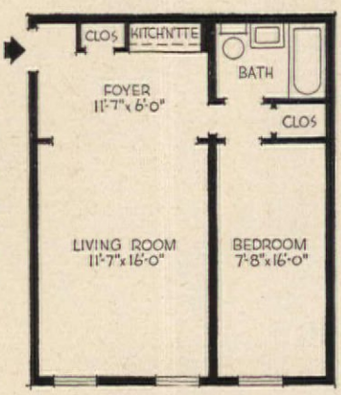
This room really isn't narrower than the others. Vertical lines of draperies and tall desk direct the eye upward, seem to increase ceiling height and narrow the width of the room

Same Space

JAMES M. WILEY



Believe it or not, the three rooms shown on this page are all identically the same size. We know that sometimes the human eye plays tricks on us, and that a smart camera lens can make things seem what they are not. But these pictures are the McCoy—they were deliberately photographed from the same angle by the same camera with the same lens. The lesson they teach is a lesson in space. Space—how it can work for you, or against you.

The problem here was, really, not what to do with space, but what to do about the lack of it! This tiny apartment is typical of many in large eastern cities. A 2½-room "efficiency," it's called—and believe us you've got to be efficient in order to find room for living, let alone swinging an occasional cat! The living room measures a scant 11 feet 7 inches by 16 feet, plus a small foyer. The small bedroom is less than 8 feet wide, 16 feet long. There's an inside bathroom, a tiny kitchenette in the foyer wall and two closets.

Three different decorators tackled the problem of furnishing these small quarters and came up with three completely different results. On two points, however, they were consistent: each employed a basic color palette of greens to "stretch" the walls visually and make the most of little space, and each managed to camouflage the kitchenette in the foyer by other means than the usual telltale Venetian blind.

Omer Menard's traditional-Victorian scheme will appeal to many who like a sense of elegant clutter, mementos of the past, rich contrast in fabric and textures. Actually put together on a strictly limited budget with much of the furniture acquired in secondhand shops, most of the furniture refinishing and reupholstery was done at home. Whether it's your school of decorating or not, the success of this particular scheme depends on a planned balance. The hand-me-down chair upholstered in fake leopard skin and the coffee table made of a mirror frame set on a box are acceptable because of a few really fine things—rare Victorian scenic window shades, a mellow oil painting over the sofa, a pair of antique alabaster lamp bases. In spite of the limitations of space, seven people can be seated in comfort in this room.

In his modern version, in the center of the page, Preston Smith has achieved the most uncluttered, spacious look of any of the three—but with certain definite sacrifices. He had to accommodate a baby

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A tiny "Pullman" kitchen is built into the wall of the foyer (see plan). Omer Menard used a curtain of washable glass-cloth to hide it. Curtain divides in the center, pulls closed on a ceiling track

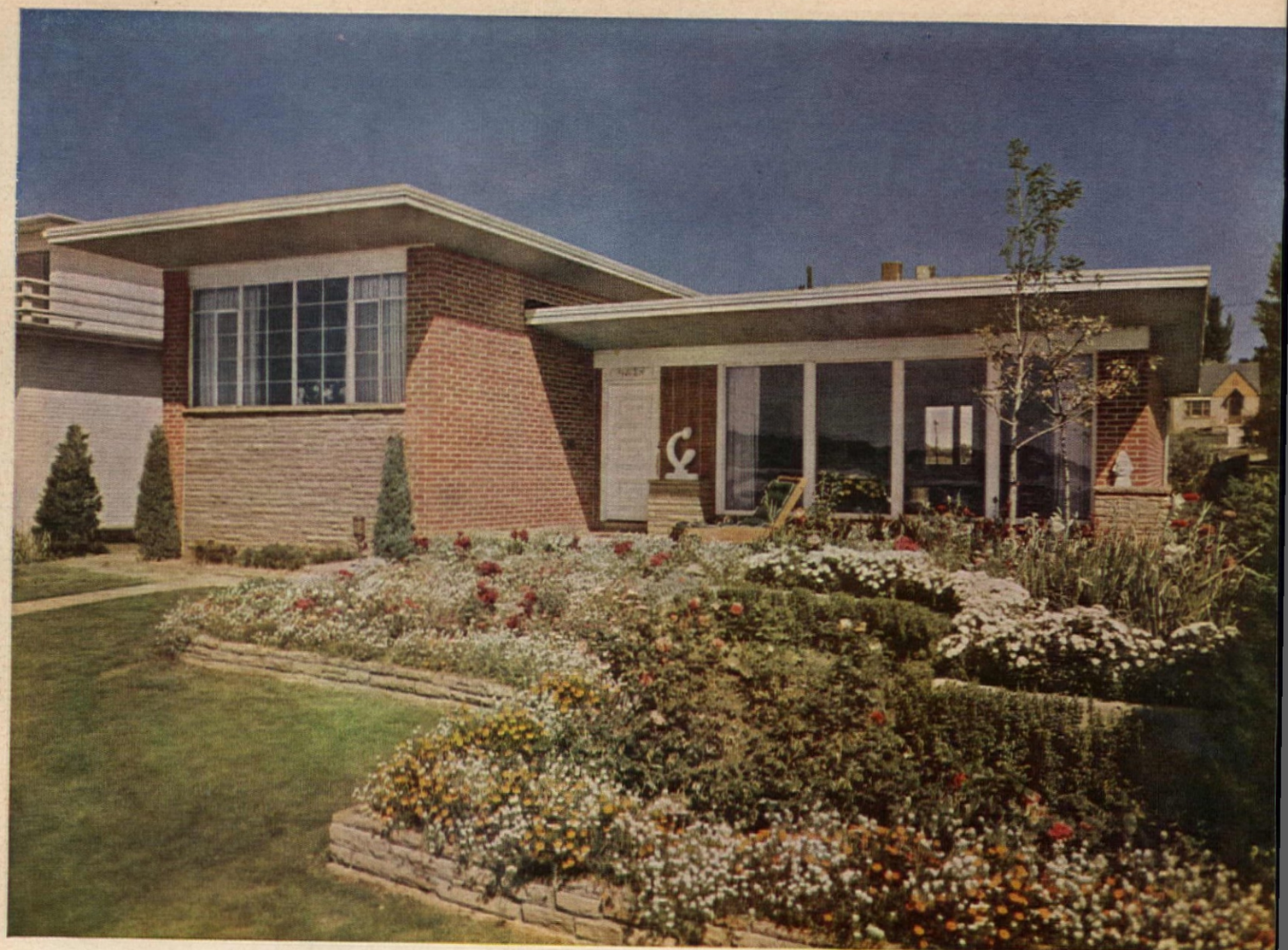
wo things make this room seem wider than the others:
e strong horizontal area of the wall-to-wall curtains
d the mirror panel which carries the eye beyond the wall

Horizontal cornice above windows appears to widen this room. Continuing draperies across wall space between windows would give illusion of more width, as would glass curtains over blinds

—Look at it Three Ways

Preston Smith dealt with the same problem this way: he designed a light wooden framework with translucent plastic panels. Set about two feet into the room, there's a door at one end

Here an eight-fold screen made of old shutters is angled around the kitchenette. Main section is fastened to floor, but two panels at right are hinged, can be adjusted several ways



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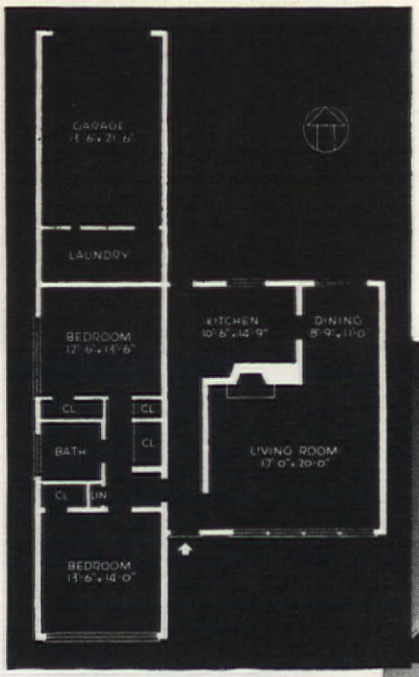
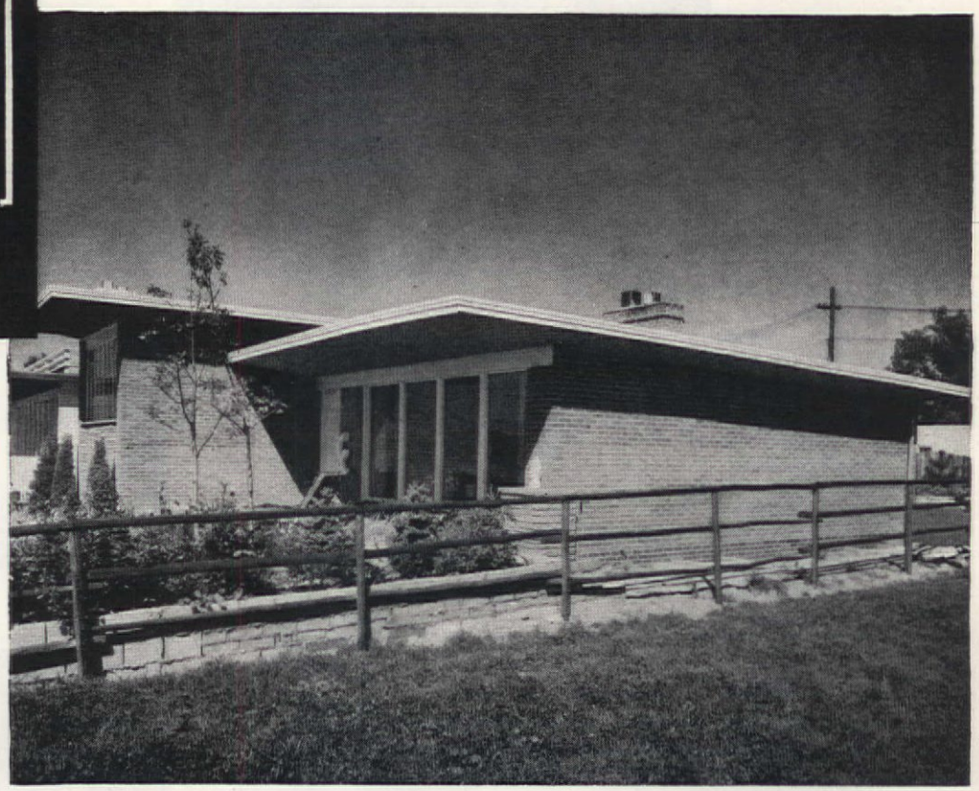


Unusually well-integrated plan, providing extraordinary amount of unbroken wall space, rare in a small house



iew of the front, with the terraces full bloom, and certainly much more tractive than a prosaic, flat-surfaced wn. Windows in bedroom are placed high

Side view of the house shows unbroken wall space down entire side of living room and dining area, with picture windows in front for plenty of light

in this Plan

Many people who don't care at all for modern houses have one complaint in common. They dislike the "fishbowl" look which too many windows in the wrong place often cause. They claim it's one thing to be neighborly and another to have your neighbors see every move that's made in your house from morning to night.

Well, here's one answer to all that. It's a small modern house built on a narrow city lot with neighbors close by, which takes full advantage of the view across the way, yet doesn't expose itself to prying eyes. There are two big picture windows across the front of the house, yet the wall along the living-dining room side presents an unbroken surface from front to back. The other side has only two openings, a small one in the bathroom, larger ones in the bedroom, set high up on the wall to prevent a view from outside. We don't often see rooms so adaptable to furniture groupings. Both bedrooms have two unbroken wall surfaces, each long enough for twin beds with room for night tables.

There's room on the living-dining room wall to arrange a sofa grouping, and the dining end can take care of a full-sized buffet. Another advantage is the long "room-divider," a half-height partition separating the living room from the hall.

Jack Harenberg of Denver, Colorado, owns this attractive house. He spent 30 months in the South Pacific dreaming it up, when he wasn't working hard in the Merchant Marine, that is.

There's a reflection here of unified planning—the house, the plot, and the interior—something often missed when a separate expert in each field works independently of the others.

Living room, far left, features a fireplace of native cut stone. Dining area is ample without being too prominent. Through the four-sectioned picture window there's a lovely view of a lake with sailboats perched on it. This treatment gives spacious look

1. When ready to start, cut flowers with half-inch stems as handles. Single, flattish kinds are best

Bake Your

Photographs by author

2. Fill 3-inch-deep dish about one-third full of sterilized white sand. (Beach, desert, or builder's sand will not do.) On it place flowers face down. Cover gently and completely with more sand

3. Put container in gas-range oven and leave for 12 to 14 hours with pilot light on. (If oven has none, leave 2 hours with heat at 200 degrees. Experiment to find best time-heat combination

FRED SWARTZ

If you would like to enjoy your garden all the year around—or at any rate its flowers—here is a simple recipe, developed and perfected by Mrs. Mae Delano of Los Angeles. In some ways it may resemble methods you have already heard of, for the drying of blossoms without loss of their natural colors in sand and in borax has been described from time to time. But in at least one respect this process is new to me and may be new and interesting to you. Mrs. Delano first heard about processing flowers at an art lecture; after experimenting for several years she worked out what she considered a successful technique. Its results were recognized at a California Hobby Show a year or more ago when she was awarded first prize for a display of her preserved flower portraits. And now, she is glad to pass the secret along so others may share the pleasure she has derived from this delightful hobby. The materials needed are few and easy to get: Fresh-cut blossoms (preferably single, and large enough to handle easily); sterilized white sand, as supplied with children's play boxes; transparent cement; a small camel's-hair brush; a picture frame with mat cut to fit—and the kitchen (gas) oven. Mrs. Delano follows no set pattern, but starts by pasting a few key flowers in place then tries others in various relations to them before fastening them down. Foliage is arranged the same way. Beginners may want to trace a design on the mat, or follow a flower print as a guide. Beyond that point, the only limit is your imagination.

Your flower pictures, that is. They are not for eating,

Own Pictures

but are lovely to look at and fun to do

4. Remove dish from oven, let cool to room temperature. Then—not before—gently remove upper sand and the flowers. Hold them by stems; softly brush off rest of sand; lay face downward until needed

5. Cut mat of neutral-colored poster board to fit selected picture frame. On it lay out design, fastening each leaf and flower as its place is finally determined. Remove stems so blooms lie flat

6. These "living pictures" of flowers make fine gifts, conversation pieces. No glass is needed. Use proper sand, bake just long enough, use restraint and good taste—and have lots of fun

This plain, unpretentious little house on the left became the attractive place below by simply adding a coat of paint, some shutters, a fence and flowers. Bermuda-type shutters painted white not only give the place an unusual look, they provide both light and privacy

Mr. and Mrs. Harkness with their friends Bob Anderson and Bob Harlow, who helped them. The rejuvenation of the garden was a real project, all of it done by themselves

Photographs by George de Gennaro

Living room and dining room are simply but colorfully furnished. Kitchen opens to left of dining room. Furniture is modern and casual without being too stark

MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

Face Value

This plain little house became the talk of the block after it had its face painted, flowers tucked in front, its garden fenced in

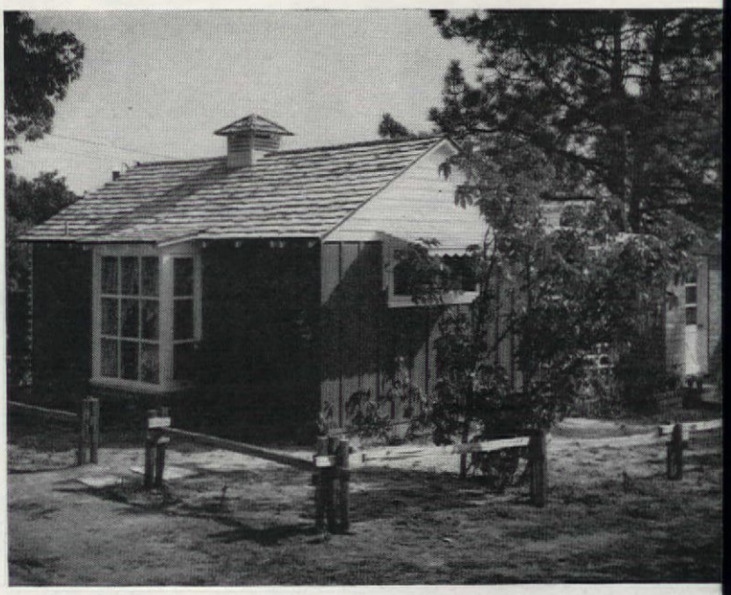
Here is a little house that would look like many other dumpy, boxy little nonentities were it not for the good taste and fine flair for color which its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harkness, have in abundance. When they bought it, during the war years, it looked like the little picture up in the left-hand corner. But not for long.

First of all, they asked two interior decorator friends to help them, which was wise. They all agreed to paint the exterior black—yes, coal black—with Bermuda-type shutters and part of the door painted white. Two large tubs of gardenias sit prettily on each side of the walk. A black house was something different, to say the least, especially in a neighborhood of conventional structure, but now it's the place they all point to when they're showing off the beauties of the community.

Since the house is built on a high foundation, they have pulled it closer to earth by putting up a solid wood garden fence, painted black, with the top cut in shallow, swooping scallops finished with white finials, repeating the design of the catwalk railing on top of the house. The garden was a garden in no sense of the word when they moved in, with thick undergrowth and castoff furnishings littering the ground. Now it's bordered with shrubbery and flowers, paved by their own four hands, and furnished with smart, modern, iron furniture. The result is in the picture.

Since the colors in the garden are flamboyant, the Harknesses decided to restrain themselves on the use of color inside the house, otherwise the whole thing would get out of hand. The ceiling and one wall of the living room are painted prairie-brown, three walls and the woodwork a dusty white. The floor is licorice-color, a sort of black-brown, topped by a lighter brown rug. The sofa is the color of gorgeous pink hydrangeas, and one chair is blue. Without being blatant, the entire combination is utterly eye-compelling and makes the room look newer and bigger. This is, indeed, the triumph of mind over matter.

Before they could paint, the walls had to be covered with burlap to camouflage the cracks. An excellent example of what a good imagination and a poor purse can do when they get together.



Designed and built by J. Cal Rambeau as a guest house, this trim home was once a tool shed. New part of house is built of cement brick. Bay window was added to enlarge bedroom. Fence is made of split redwood t

Home Sweet Home. Marie Cooper's tiny house may be humble, but it also packs a heap of living. Bedroom has separate entrance door

A Toolshed Gets Trimmed

MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

Marie Cooper is her own permanent house guest. She was providentially offered the shelter of someone's guest house when friends of a mutual friend (yet!) heard she had no place to live.

Cal Rambeau, having finished building his house, was at work on a guest house. He was building it out of his former tool shed with the addition of one room. When he heard about Mrs. Cooper's dilemma he decided that being without a guest house didn't compare with being without a roof! The house was hers. She moved in alongside the wood shavings before the lights were even connected.

Mr. Rambeau has converted the tool shed into a bedroom, bath, and bedroom hall. The connecting new room, made of cement brick, forms the living room and an aisle kitchen with the two areas partially divided by a partition made with cupboards below and open shelves above.

Being an interior decorator by vocation, Mrs. Cooper has been able to solve that aggravating and perplexing problem of making small rooms look spacious. She has done it by simple methods which even the most frustrated amateur need not be hesitant about trying—small-scaled pieces of furniture, a minimum of side tables, and a soft and quiet color scheme with very little fabric pattern to focus more attention on one spot than on the next.

Her box couch is undersized. The upholstered fireside chair is squatty, the Country Sheraton rocker low-backed and open, so by sitting on the couch, you look through and over the rocker to the fire. Reading lamps are low-standing and made from similar candlestands which set back out of the way against the wall when not in use.

Two walls of the living room and the ceiling are gray-blue. The gray-blue ceiling carries on out into the kitchen and is seen plainly through the open shelves between the areas. Curtains are made of muslin and the couch cover is plain blue slack-suiting. The only fabric pattern in the room is a small amount of blue and red plaid gingham, and a document pattern on the lounge fireside chair.

By any adjustment of perspective—either from the living room looking into the kitchen, or from the kitchen looking back through the living room, the impression is of an unusually roomy small house. Mrs. Cooper calls her little place "Halo House" and says that she wouldn't change places with anyone.

Marie used deep blue and red plaid gingham for valances, mantel ruffle in living room

Box couch is undersized yet completely comfortable as emergency guest bed. Pine dropleaf table used for dining, takes up little room. Ingenious guest book (right) is made of architect's tracing paper held with clothes pins, rolling pin

Photographs by George de Gennaro

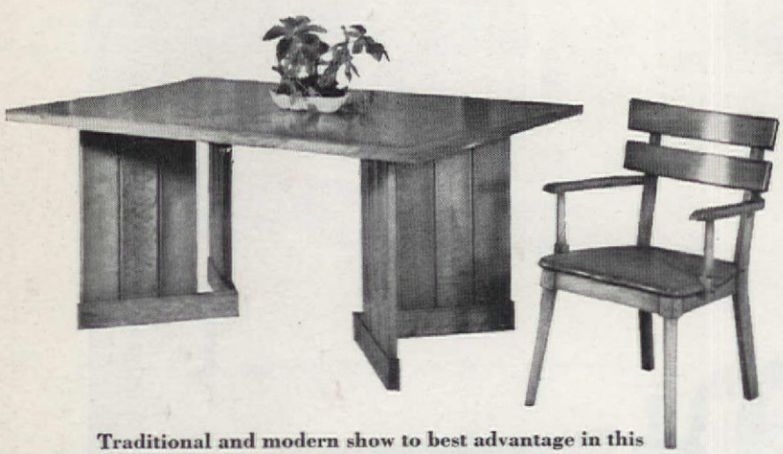
Absence of side tables, low chairs give fireplace importance, feeling of openness. Coffee table in center serves both chairs, leaves elbow-room at the sides. Shelves partition room from kitchen. Lower part is solid cupboard

GERTRUDE BROOKS DIXSON

Different upholstery and finish can switch this knotty-pine occasional chair from Provincial to Modern. Habitant Shops, about $70

Ranch-style on a Wide Range

Drawer fronts and wood handles of this saddle-leather-finish maple dresser have expensive hand-hewn look. Base is 54 by 21 inches. From Kling factories, about $170



Traditional and modern show to best advantage in this birch dining-room group in sage-honey-color finish. Chair has peg construction. On West Coast, chair about $30, table, $130. Furniture Guild of California

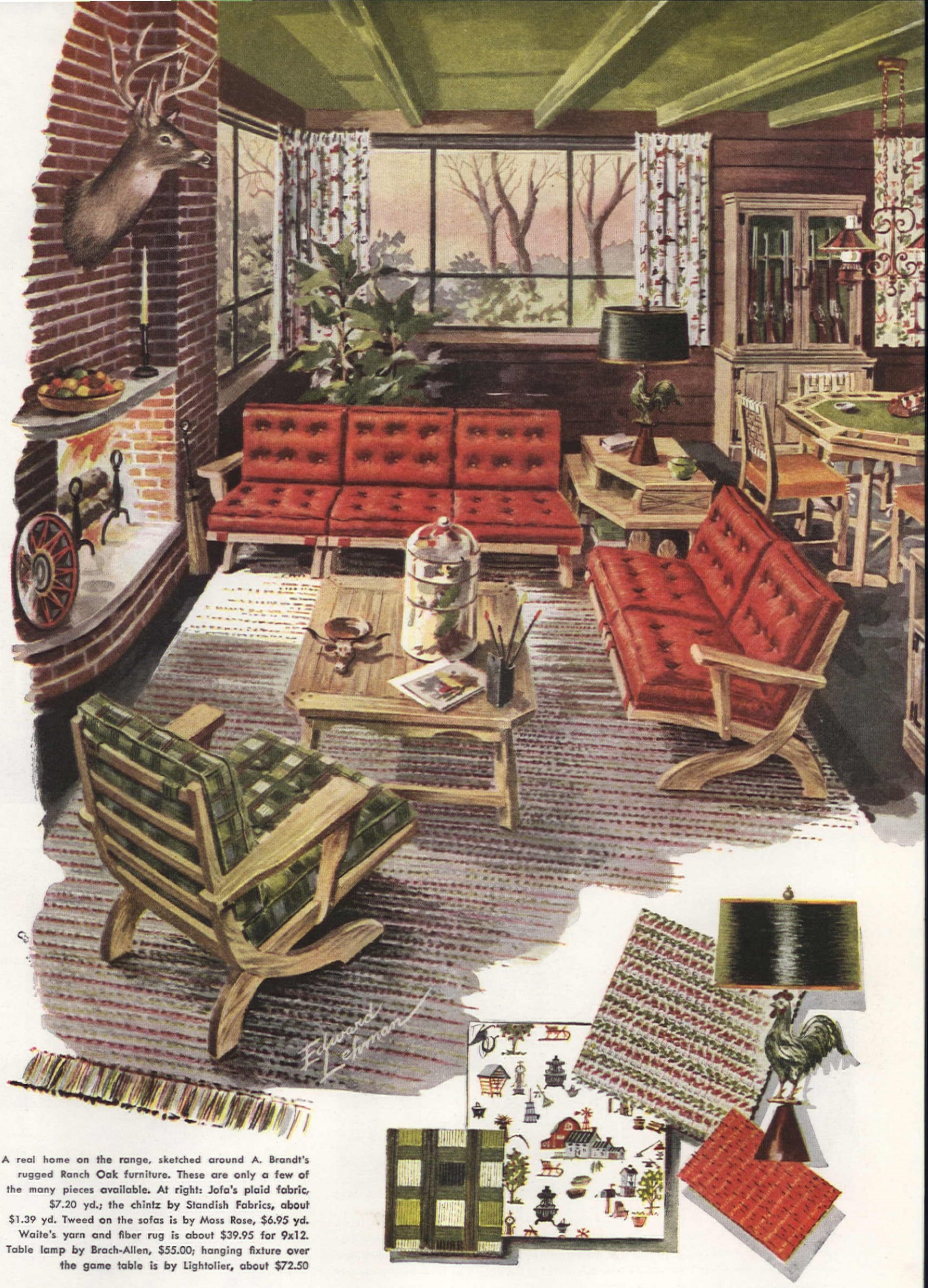
Bedroom group combines oak and wrought iron. Note horsehoe motif on headboard. Bed about $57.50, chest $99.50, table $47.50. By A. Brandt

Ash desk or dressing table, finished in canyon-brown, has smooth, clean lines typical of new ranch house furniture. Note scissor-leg. On West Coast, desk about $70 and chair about $23. Mode Furniture Manufacturing Company

Americans, who know a good thing when they see it, have developed a real case of love at first sight. The object of these national affections is the western ranch house with its air of friendly, casual living. Now comes the demand for furnishings that are as sturdily forthright, as adaptable and functional as the house itself. Again, the West and Southwest have come up with some of the best answers.

Typical of the ranch house is the room at right—a large open living area that serves more than one purpose. Oak sectional pieces are grouped to take full advantage of the fireplace and define the living-room area. The game table and handsome gun cabinet set the informal tone of the room. Substitute a chuck cupboard and a dining table, however, and you convert this section into a dining area. A little imagination, a few changes in accessories and the whole room could take on a more urban character.

Made of native woods—oak, ash, pine, maple—ranch house furniture is both simple and sophisticated. Like the house it is meant for, it has a look of substantiality without being overscaled. And the blending of the old and the new give it plenty of leeway for individual taste in its handling.



A real home on the range, sketched around A. Brandt's rugged Ranch Oak furniture. These are only a few of the many pieces available. At right: Jofa's plaid fabric, $7.20 yd.; the chintz by Standish Fabrics, about $1.39 yd. Tweed on the sofas is by Moss Rose, $6.95 yd. Waite's yarn and fiber rug is about $39.95 for 9x12. Table lamp by Brach-Allen, $55.00; hanging fixture over the game table is by Lightolier, about $72.50

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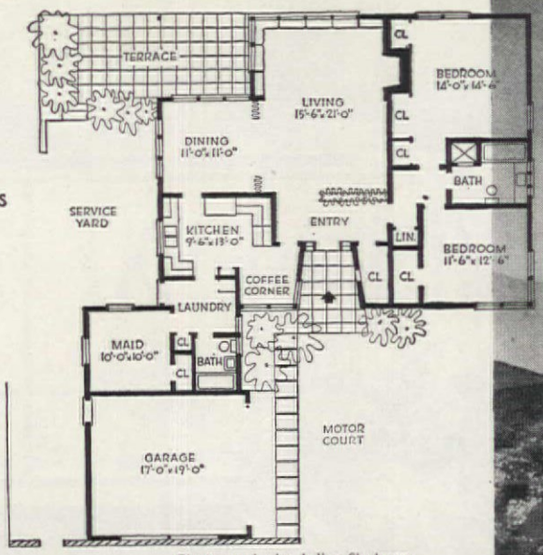

One of the finest small homes we have ever published, one needs study the plan to understand how much comfort and beauty expert architects can compress under one small roof

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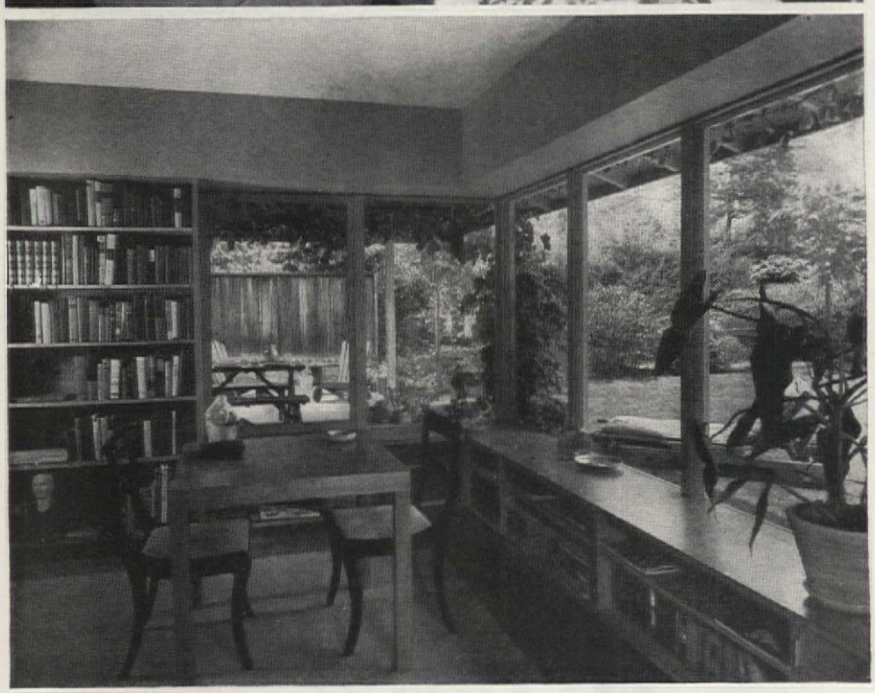
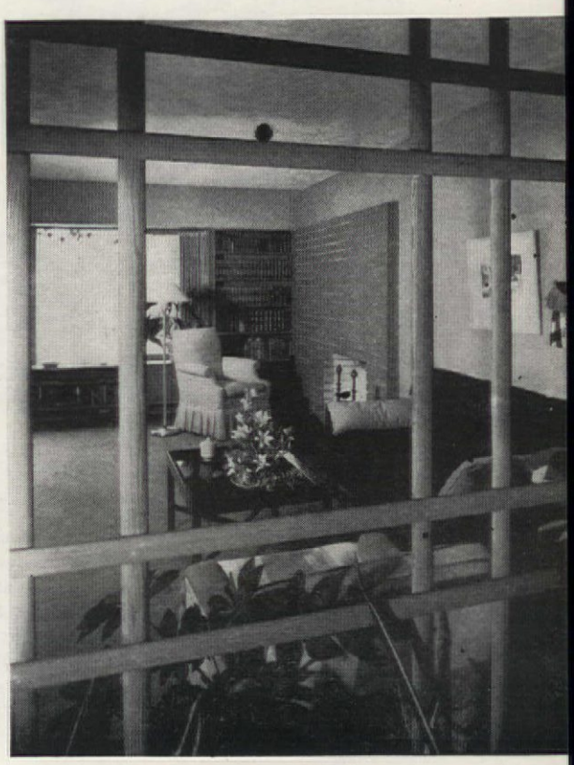
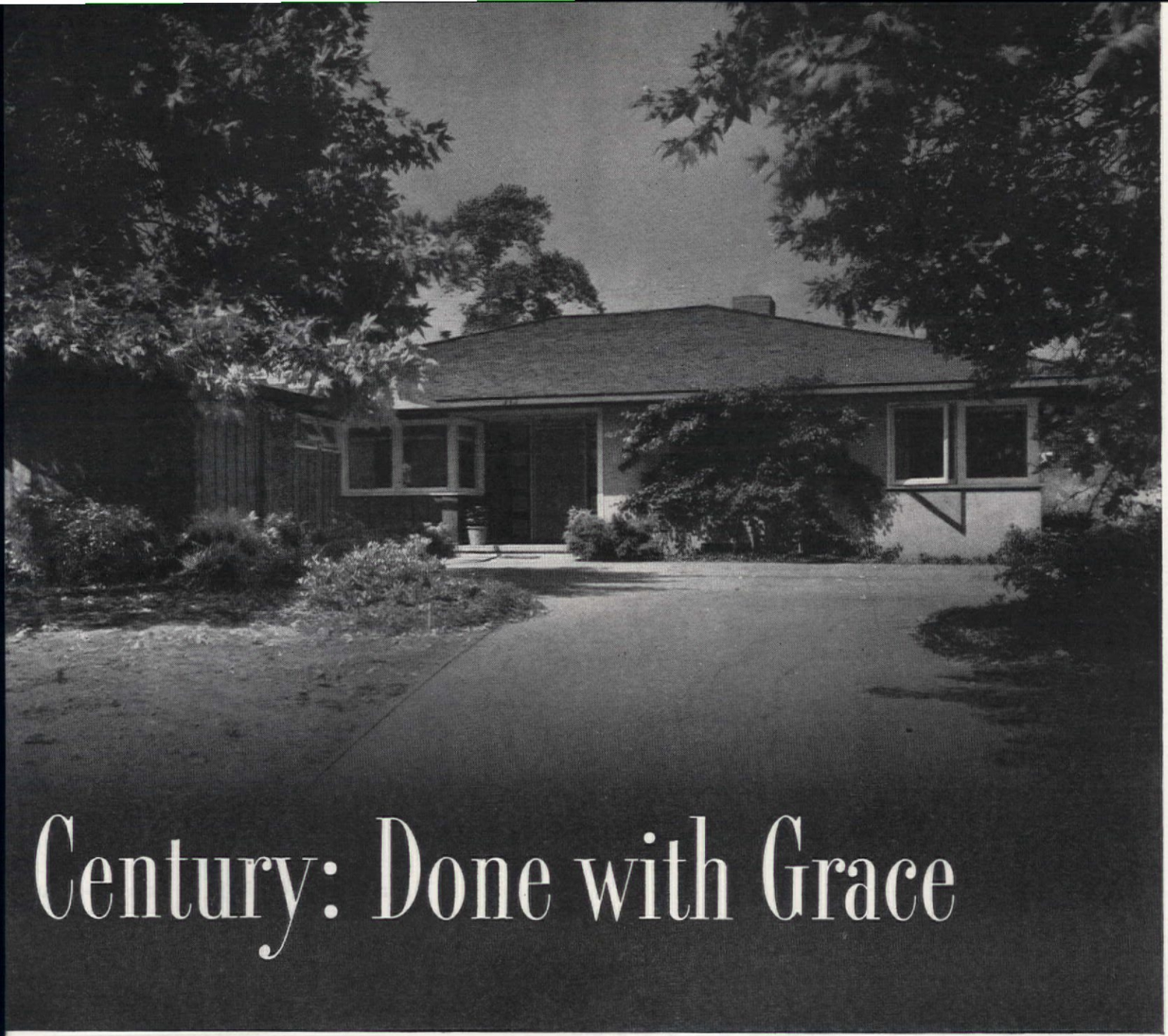




Remember "Everybody's Doing It"? In that article we tried to point out the thoughtless use of glass in locations where its use was meaningless, even stupid. The Jeffries house shows how beautiful glass walls can be—used properly



Century: Done with Grace

ETHEL McCALL HEAD

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jeffries has a peculiar appeal because, while it turns back on the past, it makes no attempt to strain after effects in order to be "different." It is thoroughly comfortable to live in, is modest in size and cost, and has a grace which makes it at home in a neighborhood of stylized homes.

Low, simple in line, and set between two sycamore trees some distance back from the road, the living quarters face the rear, full enjoyment of the mountain ranges to the northeast. The house itself is a combination of natural redwood with plaster, —a pleasing earthy color like reddish clay. Garage is redwood with diagonal redwood louvers along street side, making an unusual wall which continues as a fence and gate to give complete seclusion to the service court beside the garage. Neither the architects nor the owners saw anything wrong in putting a conventional hipped roof on this simple house, for it made it more at home in the neighborhood than either a flat or shed roof would have. It is this freedom from formula—Traditional or Modern—which gives character to the house.

The plan is wonderfully direct and compact. One enters from a recessed entrance porch into a rectangular area which gives access to every room of the house without making the living room a series of aisles to service and bedroom quarters—the fault of so many new houses. A sense of separation between living room and entrance is created by a redwood trellis and planting box at the west end of the living room—a good method for creating one large spacious room without wall partitions yet giving a feeling of isolation to the front entrance.

The living-dining space is all one, but here again a sense of seclusion is achieved by placing the dining area at a right angle to the living room. Soft gray-blue walls and rugs in both areas make the two parts of the room flow together in a pleasant continuity. The entire east wall of the dining area is glass, with a sliding door opening to outdoor dining terrace. In the living room there are glass walls, but here they are not quite to the floor, to permit low redwood bookcases whose continuous top forms a ledge for pots and flowers. The east wall of the living room turns the corner with glass to give a vista of the terrace and at the corner where living and dining join there are bookcases which reach almost to the ceiling. On the dining room north wall a variation of the gray-blue plaster wall is created by the use of horizontal redwood boarding with transom windows. Why? Because this side of the house adjoins service court and neighbors, and privacy was desirable! All these points in handling glass areas wisely add up to a charming living-dining room with every vista giving out to the terrace, garden and distant mountain tops.

The fireplace is set in a simple brick wall of pale pink brick—stunning against the soft blue walls. With a warm yellow wing chair next to the pale pink fireplace, and a navy-blue couch flanking it on the other side the room is colorful yet restful, for with the garden flowers, oak trees, and mountains framed by the glass wall it was essential that

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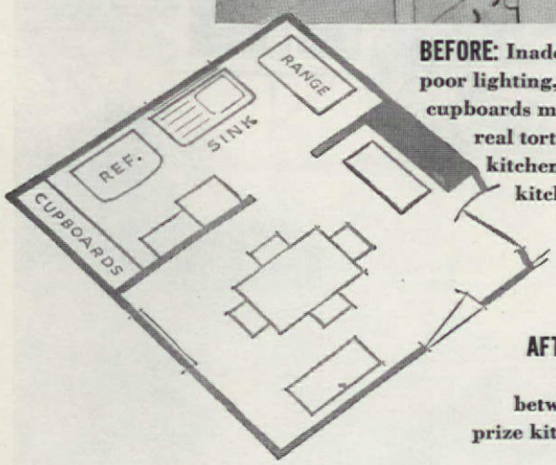


BEFORE: Inadequate work space, poor lighting, inaccessible cupboards make this kitchen a real torture-chamber. New kitchen was formerly separate kitchen and dining room

AFTER: There's hardly a point of comparison between Mrs. Hogg's new prize kitchen and the old one

JANE McNAMARA

The Winner!

Imagine getting a brand-new kitchen from a fishbowl . . you should be so lucky!

This should happen to you! Mrs. Charles F. Hogg is the lucky, lucky winner of a complete General Electric Kitchen-Laundry. She didn't have to write a jingle, enter a contest, or stand on her head on a radio program. As the wife of an American Legion member, all Mrs. Hogg had to do was send her name and address to convention headquarters. Her name was simply drawn from among thousands of others out of a fishbowl.

The kitchen was donated by the Seagram's Post of the American Legion and awarded at the Legion's National Convention in Philadelphia. The Home Equipment Staff of THE AMERICAN HOME designed the layout of the kitchen, and, believe us, it was a real pleasure.

The Hoggs live in McDonald, Pennsylvania, a pleasant little town outside of Pittsburgh. Mr. Hogg is a steel-worker. Mrs. Hogg was a full-time housewife. Her new kitchen makes her job strictly part-time, and she says she still has to pinch herself to believe that it's all really true.

The laundry has been moved from the basement to the kitchen. The automatic washer, dryer, and ironer are all within three steps of one another. The dishwasher takes care of after-dinner fuss. It shuts off automatically when finished. And there's no garbage problem with the new Disposall on the premises.

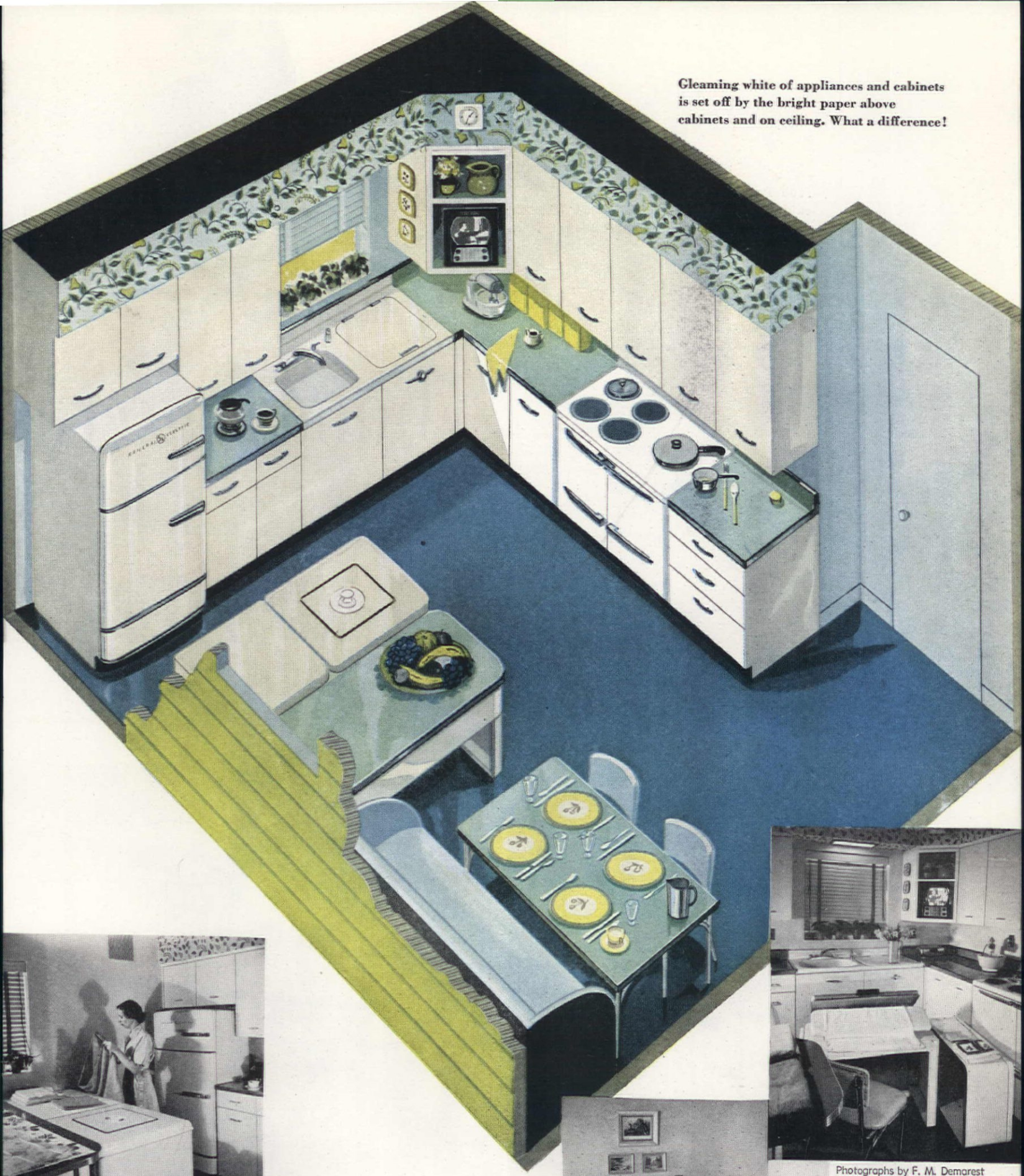
The electric push-button range has a pressure cooker and warming oven. The freezing compartment in the refrigerator cuts Mrs. Hogg's shopping time down to a nubbin. This same time-and-labor-saving story is repeated in each work area.

Mrs. Hogg picked her own colors of blue and yellow. Her kitchen has a deep blue linoleum floor, pale blue walls, and a festive printed wallpaper on the ceiling and upper wall. Counters are Textolite.

Here's the stopper—Mrs. Hogg has television, too, right in the kitchen! And with the new freedom her kitchen gives her, she has plenty of time to watch it.

BEFORE: Laundry is hauled from second floor to basem then carted halfway up again and hung outside. Anoth trip to collect the dry clothes and carry them up again

Gleaming white of appliances and cabinets is set off by the bright paper above cabinets and on ceiling. What a difference!



FTER: Any resemblance? Automatic washer nd dryer take over, leaving Mrs. Hogg with ee time for other household activities

Kitchen plan provides for convenient sit-down areas. Flat plate ironer makes short work of what can be a grueling task. And while Mrs. Hogg works, she can watch her favorite television show

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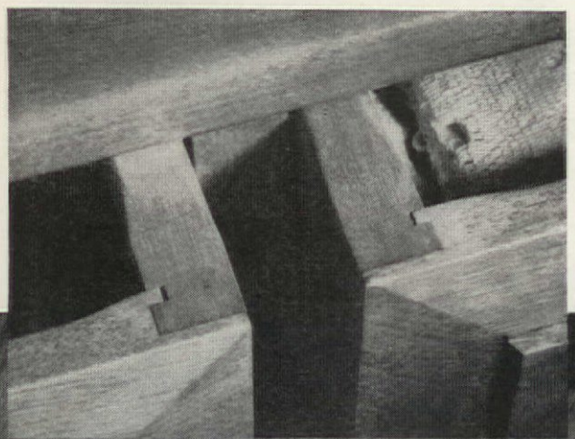
1168 Pattern for building dough-tray sewing cabinet. Fitted to hold supplies. Room for mending, materials, trimmings. 20¢

Good Patterns

Detail of sideboard drawers showing combination dado-rabbet joint. Photograph also shows exactly how front corners of drawers are beveled back from front panel



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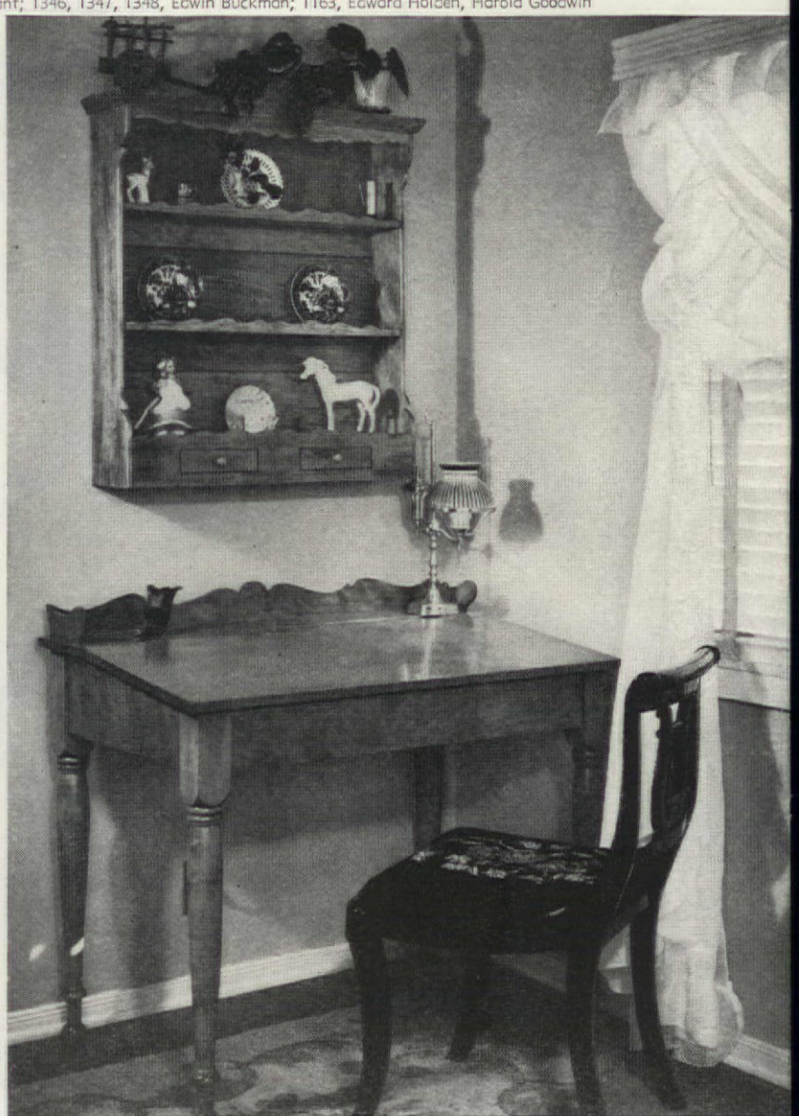

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1347 Blueprint construction pattern for building hanging wall shelf, 27 in. by 32 in. 50¢. **1348** Blueprint construction pattern for building schoolmaster's desk, 36½ in. long, 24 in. deep, 31 in. high. 50¢

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With a little practice the wood lathe becomes a wonderful tool for turning legs for desks, tables, chairs—originals or authentic copies such as those shown on the desk at bottom of the opposite page

DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

You can buy yourself a pattern for one of these good-lookers and get started right away. Now that the weather's ready to act up, you'll probably spend a lot of time around the house, so why not make your choice from these six beauties, start the ball rolling, and when the first crocus comes out to look around, you'll have a handsome piece of handiwork to show off. They look professional, and well they should, for the talented men who worked on them are good at their craft. With the exception of Harold Goodwin, who made the Welsh dresser, however, they are skilled amateurs. Here's your chance to join the charmed circle.

There are three new blueprint patterns and three old favorites. Take your choice of the Welsh dresser, a little schoolmaster's desk, a hanging wall shelf, commodious sideboard, and a honey of a dough-tray sewing cabinet, which can also be used for an end table. Or a cobbler's bench which may never see a shoe on it, but will make a dandy coffee table, sprouts ivy at one end, and stores your cigarettes in the drawers. Some of the patterns have full-sized cut-outs for scrolls and curves, to make the project easier. All have complete instructions and detailed drawings, full list of materials, and in most of them a "cut-out" diagram for cutting the lumber. So with some lumber, our excellent directions, and your own hidden talent, you might turn out to be another Duncan Phyfe. Who knows?

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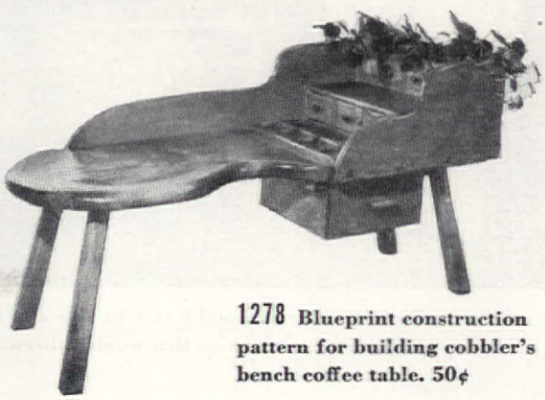
1163 **Blueprint construction pattern for building Welsh dresser, size 7 ft. 3½ in. high, 5 ft. wide, 21 in. deep. Full sized cut-outs for scalloped top, sides, and feet. Base has excellent storage space. $1.00**



1278 **Blueprint construction pattern for building cobbler's bench coffee table. 50¢**

A Good Fire deserves a Good Fireplace

C. B. COLBY

In the old days a fireplace was the center of all family home life. Too often, today, it is just a dust-catching hole-in-the-wall. Two fireplace weaknesses can be blamed for this unhappy situation. One is dull and uninteresting fireplace designs. The other is poor fires which smoke and need constant attention.

On this page, the next three, and on the cover, we have collected a number of designs that can be used in today's houses, along with attractive and convenient fire-tending tools and accessories, to provide a real center of interest around which any family would enjoy relaxing. A good fire in such settings will give many hours of cheer and pleasure.

Poor fires may result from several factors. The fault may lie in the flue size or some other structural detail of the chimney or fireplace. However, with today's understanding of fireplace requirements the trouble seems more often due to poor handling of the fire itself, although it costs no more to build a fire well.

There are three elements that must be present and in the right place for any good fire: air, fuel and heat. The air, from the room of course, is drawn into and through the fire by the draft of the chimney flue. But even with a satisfactory draft, the fire will still not act right if the fuel is packed so poorly that the air cannot get together with the fuel and heat.

Fuel can mean logs or other wood in most instances, and it varies considerably in burning qualities. A few types of wood burn fairly well when still green, but all woods burn best when well-seasoned. A few of the better, clean-burning woods commonly available are: hickory, oak, ash, beech, maple, birch, locust, and apple. The logs should be almost long enough to fill the hearth, leaving a bit of space around the ends for free passage of air. Very thick logs should be split to make them

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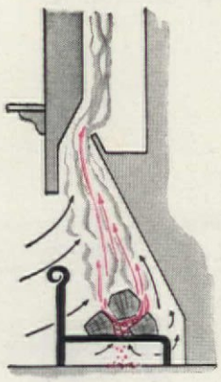
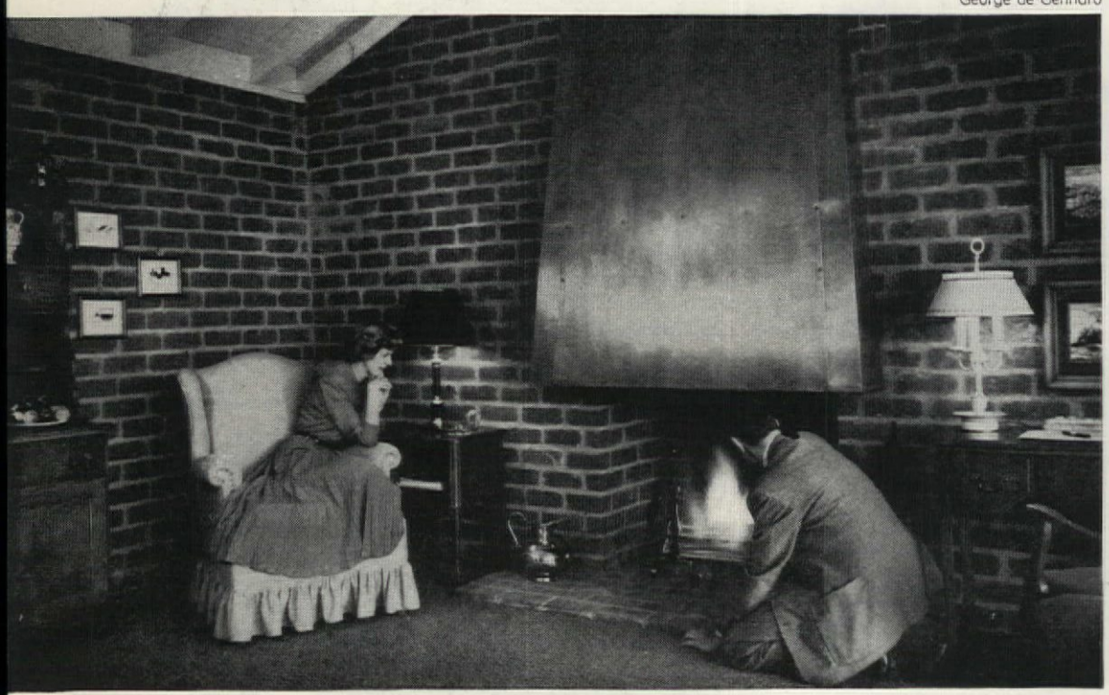
DO leave a bed of ashes to keep air and hot embers close to logs for lively, vigorous fire



DON'T clean all ashes from hearth. Air supply and embers' heat are weak, fire is anemic

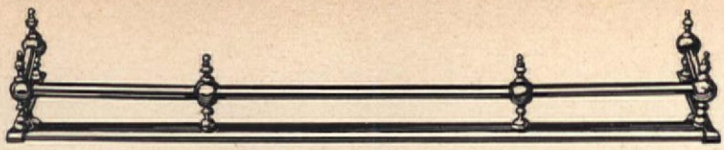
George de Gennaro



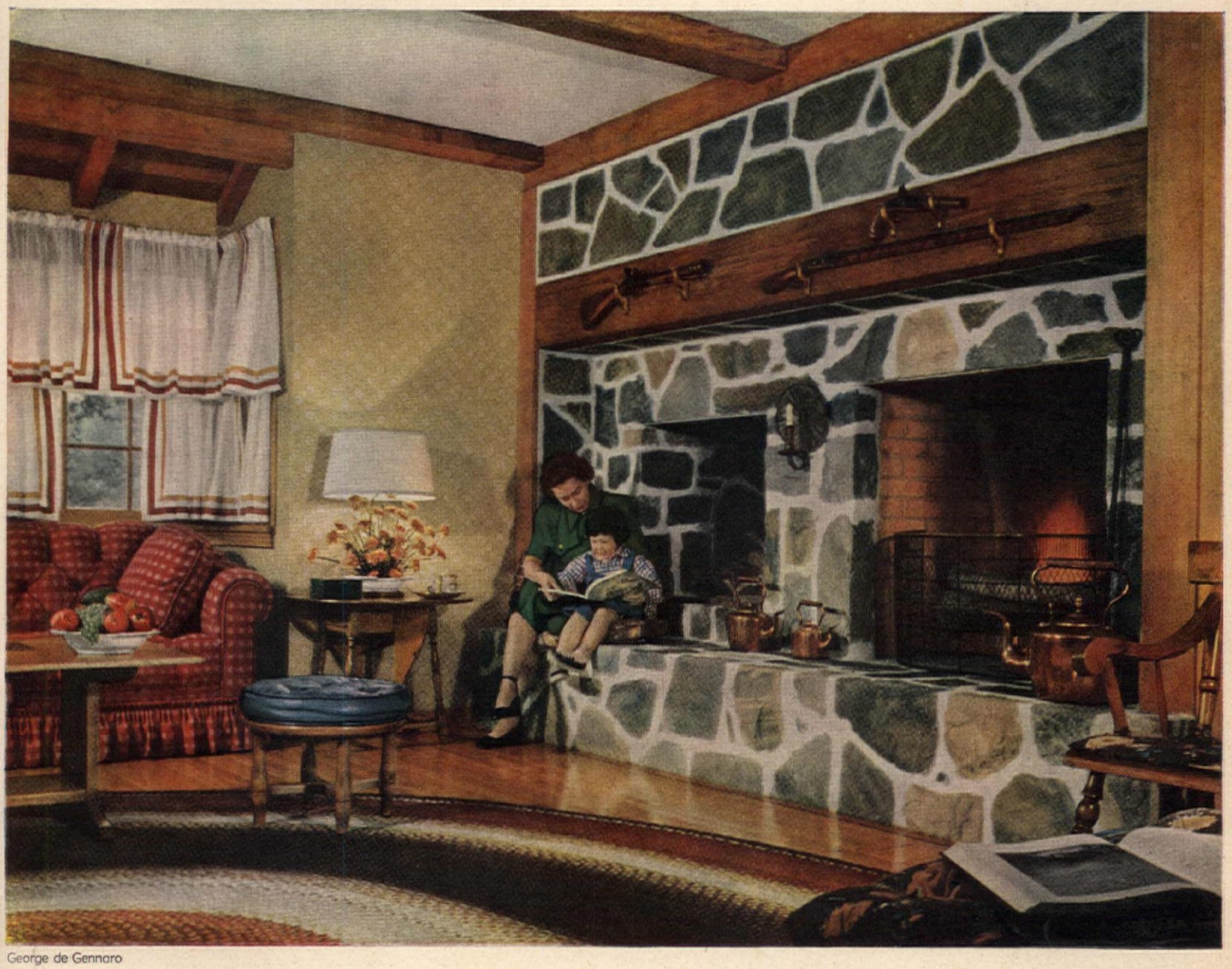
16-ounce copper hood is rich in tone and texture, but also is functional, radiating to room heat that would otherwise be lost up the chimney

Courtesy, Bennett-Irelan

Wide open, this king-sized fireplace throws heat and cheer in three directions. Around the tremendous hearth and logs is a metal mesh screen. The roof partly supports the concrete mantel and chimney



Rail fender and foot rest in gleaming brass, 6 in. high, 12 in. deep, 48 in. long, about $24.00. Art Colony Industries



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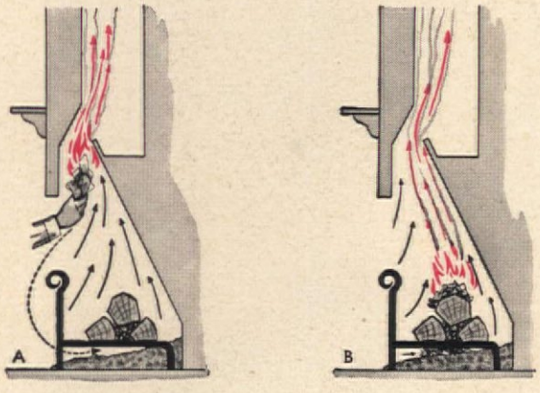
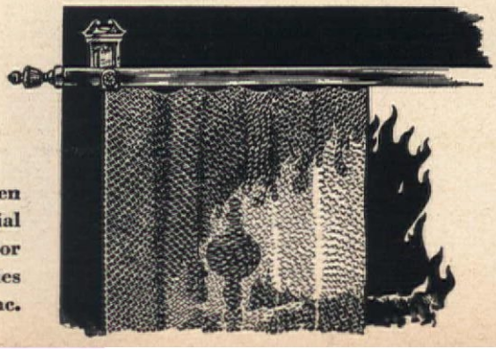
With a yawning wood-storage recess, and a seat-level raised hearth, this informal stone fireplace is based on Colonial precedent



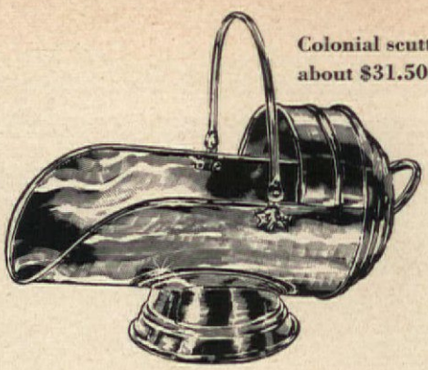
Warm a cold chimney to start fire quickly. (A) Hold burning paper in chimney throat a few minutes, then thrust it under kindling. Or (B) before lighting kindling, light a paper fire atop logs

Handsome andirons in solid cast-brass, polished and lacquered, 21 inches high, about $82.50 from S. P. Skinner Co.

Drawings by Bertrand Zadig



Woven metal mesh in black or brass finish to screen your fireplace in beauty and safety. Colonial design in face-mounting type shown. Can be had for inside, outside, or recessed mounting. Cost varies with size and finish. From Bennett-Ireland, Inc.



Colonial scuttle of sheet-brass, about $31.50. S. P. Skinner Co.

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White-painted paneling and dark marble are especially graceful in this formal, Colonial fireplace

F. M. Demarest

A Good Fireplace

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ignite better, burn more freely, and handle more easily, too.

When building a fire, remember that two logs are better than one, and three logs are best. Four logs or more wastes wood. The two bottom logs should be split pieces, or ones with a flat side to prevent rolling. Place them on the andirons a few inches apart, with the back one an inch or two from the rear of the fireplace. Put kindling between these logs and on top of the kindling place the third log. Then place some paper beneath the kindling and light it.

The heat comes from the lighted kindling initially, and later from the burning logs and the hot embers beneath the fire. The logs will ignite and burn better with a sloped bed of ashes on the hearth to guide air into the fire and hold

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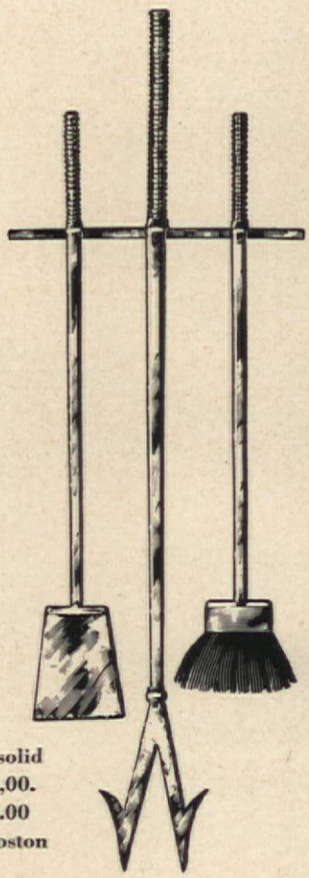
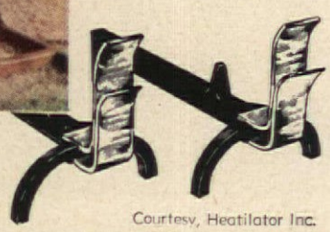


16-inch-high modern andirons cast in solid brass about $55.00. In aluminum, $45.00. Fire tools with wall bracket, about $85.00 in brass. Aluminum $68.50. Cray of Boston

A larger than average fireplace in an interesting but simple wall of block-bond Roman brick is truly handsome



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Here and on the cover are examples of how gracefully the circulating fireplace unit warm-air ducts can be blended into the decorative scheme of any room so that they don't stand out as something foreign

Rodney McCay Morgan

A simple frame of yellow brick around the fireplace opening, with a raised hearth but no mantel, set in a cement-block wall, is another inviting combination

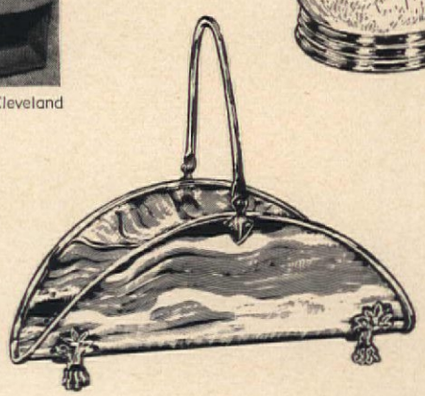
A stratiform stone facing, and the clean-cut lines of a plain bronze mesh screen are well suited to a modern room

P. A. Dearborn

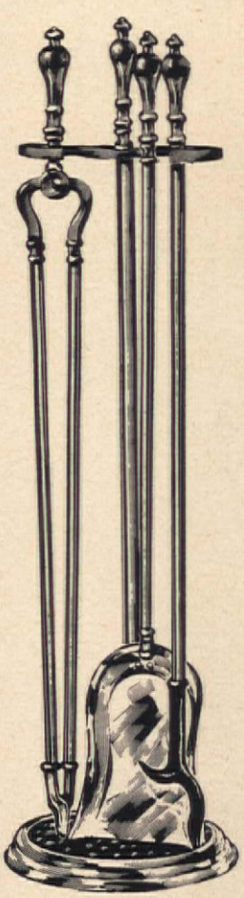
Robert C. Cleveland

The rugged beauty of a fieldstone wall is accented by the precise lines of the cantilevered, raised, concrete hearth

Polished and lacquered sheet-brass coal hod in Colonial design, 11 inches high, about $28.00, has look of authenticity. From S. P. Skinner Co.



Wood holder in the Georgian manner. Polished brass, 23 inches long, 13 wide. S. P. Skinner Co., about $20



ll-brass lacquered floor-stand re-tool set 31 inches high rom H. A. Bame, around $44

Nowell Ward

A quite unadorned brick fireplace can be framed very beautifully to fit the rest of the room, as in this example of the fireplace wall of a room paneled with tongue-and-grooved pickled pine in the French Provincial spirit

BETTY B. MERRIAM, Flower Arrangement

GERTRUDE BRASSARD, Table Setting

Photographs by F. M. Demarest

The dull green oxidized finish of container was painted light gold, allowed to dry, then rubbed with white powder—shoe cleaner would do. Same method could be applied to any metallic container of your choice

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Place and Show

Now that the holidays are over, we thought you might like to see a table setting which doesn't suggest any particular day, but simply lays claim to uncluttered loveliness. The crisp carnation, fresh and beautiful, drapes itself with an air in our handsome chalice, a replica of the Etruscan Cup now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. It's a copy of Buckroo, clay that oxidizes when fired, becomes a dull rough black, then is overlaid with a green patina which brings out the design and looks very old. For this special setting, however, both the container and base have been painted light gold, allowed to dry, then rubbed with a sprinkling of white powder. Elegant effect! Carnations are available in January, and a grower will probably sell you crooked-stemmed flowers at a good price.

"String," pottery dinnerware with swirls of gold and vermilion on a white background, is a pretty complement to the rest of the table, especially when set off by attractive Spun-Glo place mats of cotton and cellophane. They reflect a nice glow, and are inexpensive. Scrolls and flowers decorate the sterling in "Prince Eugene" pattern. The crystal stemware is hand-blown, rings like a bell when flicked. Gilded candleholders, a heavily plated cigarette lighter, and pressed-glass accessories are the finishing touches to this quietly sumptuous picture.

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Chalice, Alva Studios. "String" dinnerware by Taylor, Smith and Taylor. "Envoy" goblet; "Sprite" salts and peppers; "Century" ash tray; "Sonata" almond dish, all from Fostoria Glass Co. "Princess Eugene" sterling from Alvin Silversmiths. Flower holder, Dazey Mfg. Co. "Mayfair" table lighter from Ronson. Candleholder, Decorative Kilns

SOUP'S ON

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SO WELCOME FOR THESE WINTER DAYS

ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

BY Anne Marshall

IF ANY DISH speaks a cordial winter-day welcome straight from its steaming depths, I'm sure it's a bowl of good hot soup! First of all you catch its fragrant aroma. Then you dip your spoon, take a sip . . . and this favorite American warmer-upper goes right to work, cheering you up and setting you up.

As an editorial in the New York Times says: "What can surpass the leisurely delight of a steaming bowl of full-bodied soup after a brisk day in the open? Not as an appetizer. Not as a prelude to a meal. Simply as a meal in itself."

Your choice of soups

And what a choice of fine ready-prepared soups you have, nowadays, to build your family meals around. You've tomato, "the soup most folks like best". You've vegetable, "almost a meal in itself". You've old-fashioned vegetable-beef, and chicken with rice, chicken gumbo, chicken noodle, cream of chicken. . . . And let's not forget hearty beef soup, rich cream of mushroom, velvety green pea, spring-tasting cream of asparagus—to name just a few of the appetizing array!

3 of America's favorite lunches

Yes, around these soups, and many others, you can build delicious, nourishing, varied midwinter lunches and suppers the family will simply delight in. The menus pictured here show you three of America's favorite lunch combinations. Try them; then let your ingenuity and your family's tastes suggest others. In every case, your folks will be well fed indeed, when—SOUP'S ON!

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Chicken with rice soup
Deep-flavored chicken broth, fluffy rice and tender pieces of chicken.
Cream Cheese and Olive Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread

Vegetable-beef soup
Pieces of beef—lots of 'em—in a sturdy beef stock, thick with vegetables.

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Soup and salad

Cream of asparagus soup
A rich purée of tender, fresh asparagus—smooth, delicious, nourishing.
Fruit Salad
(grapefruit, orange and banana)

JANE TIFFANY WAGNER

MEAT: The Mainstay

ONE OF THE 7 BASIC FOODS

On this good earth of ours there are many ways to sustain life, energy and strength in the human body. Food, of course, is a major factor, and many of us agree that meat is the keystone upon which to build a good meal. A helping of well-cooked, adroitly seasoned meat, cut with a generous hand, goes far toward brightening the day, satisfying your hunger and making life beautiful. Besides which, as our mothers used to sum it up, "it's good for you"—since in varying degrees all meat contains proteins, minerals, fats and vitamins—to sparkle your eyes and put spring in your step.

For January we've chosen a wide variety of main meat dishes, each one accompanied by a complete menu of suggested "before, with, and after" foods. There are also some extra-good recipes for leftovers, since we believe that good things deserve good treatment no matter how you use them. See recipes on pages 68 and 72.

Taking first things first, let's start with a trip to the meat counter. Nobody suggests that meat is cheap today. What is? And since it's the main part of your meal, your family expects it—so the next best thing to do is be sure you get the best your money can buy. Wrap it loosely when you put it in the refrigerator. Bacon, hams and smoked, cured meats lose some of their flavor if they're kept too long, so it's better to buy them as close to cooking time as possible.

There are two main ways to cook meat, as you know. One is with dry heat, the other with moist. The dry-heat method surrounds the meat with hot air, as in roasting, oven-broiling, and pan-broiling. This is the

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JEAN AUSTIN

Good Victuals

THIS LITTLE OLE DEPARTMENT got powerful swollen back there in November and December, those months of mighty eating. But here we are, whittled right down to normal again, with just a few good things to try and, of the four, one an absolute "must." It's a recipe preposterously good—there's just no other way to describe it. Reading over the simple ingredients, the easy preparation, one can't believe the result will be light as a feather, subtle and delicate in flavor—a true gourmet's dish. Preposterous that this could emanate from a simple little recipe—but it does. What is it? Ah, there's the catch. It has no name. For the life of me I can't bring myself to call it a Fish Pudding. I know about you Midwesterners and fish. And I know how unglamorous, unimaginative, and unattractive the name Fish Pudding looks in print. But my husband Paul (Iowa), to whom the very word Fish is anathema, considers this a great and wondrous dish—and so will you. All these years I've served it merely as one of my specialities. Mr. P. will not have it called Fish Pudding! So here's what. You cook it and

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TIDBIT TRAY★

Something different! . . . Pineapple Tidbits by Dole in a hors d'oeuvres role! So inviting when those golden, juicy bits from Hawaii are dotted on stuffed celery. Such an appetizing surprise when placed on cheese-topped, crisp crackers circled by tangy strips of anchovy. Accompanied by deviled eggs, your Tidbit Tray will be an instant hit.

Holiday, Hawaiian way

PINEAPPLE CARTWHEELS★

Try this—for the best-trimmed "bird" that ever came to the festive board! Cut rounds of jelled cranberry sauce, right out of the can—and put one each on a bright wheel of wonderful Dole Pineapple! See how your fork sinks into those flavorsome slices . . . only Hawaii (and Dole!) can grow pineapple so tender, so mellow, so supremely *good*.

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PINEAPPLE PUMPKIN PIE★

Pumpkin pie with a "plus"—that turns it from an ordinary dessert into one that's *marvelous!* Make your pumpkin filling using evaporated milk for extra richness; take pie from oven 10 minutes before it's done and give it the luscious-touch—Dole *crisp-cut* Crushed Pineapple spread across the top. Return to oven to let that true Hawaiian pineapple taste simmer in!

★*By Patricia Collier,* DOLE HOME ECONOMIST
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you name it, and for the name I think describes it best—I'll send a little present to its originator, and publish it so that we can all write the name in on our recipe card. Is it a deal?

You'll like the chicken Bo Lo Gai for several reasons. It is a deliciously different way to tenderize an old hen—slightly exotic in its hot, sweet-and-sour taste. The

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• chicken bo lo gai

Cut in serving pieces 4–5 lb. roasting chicken.
Dredge chicken in flour, seasoned with celery, salt, pepper, paprika and a few grains of nutmeg.
Brown chicken on both sides in ½ cup melted butter.
Place browned chicken in casserole (with cover) or a Dutch oven and pour over: Syrup drained from a large can of sliced pineapple
2 tbs. lemon juice
3 tbs. soy sauce
Cover. Bake in a 350° oven or cook slowly over very low heat 1½ hrs. Serve with rice and green peas and the pineapple slices browned in butter and a little brown sugar melted over them.

Recipe by Jean Austin

Chop 1 lb. halibut (preferably fresh) very fine.
Cook: 2 cups soft bread crumbs in
1 cup light cream, until it is,
when stirred, a smooth paste.
Add to chopped fish and season with:
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. white pepper
¼ tsp. grated nutmeg
½ tsp. celery salt
Beat 4 egg whites until stiff. Fold into fish mixture. Turn into well-greased baking dish and bake in 350° oven 45–60 min. or until firm and mixture leaves sides slightly. Serve with almond, oyster, lobster or shrimp sauce.

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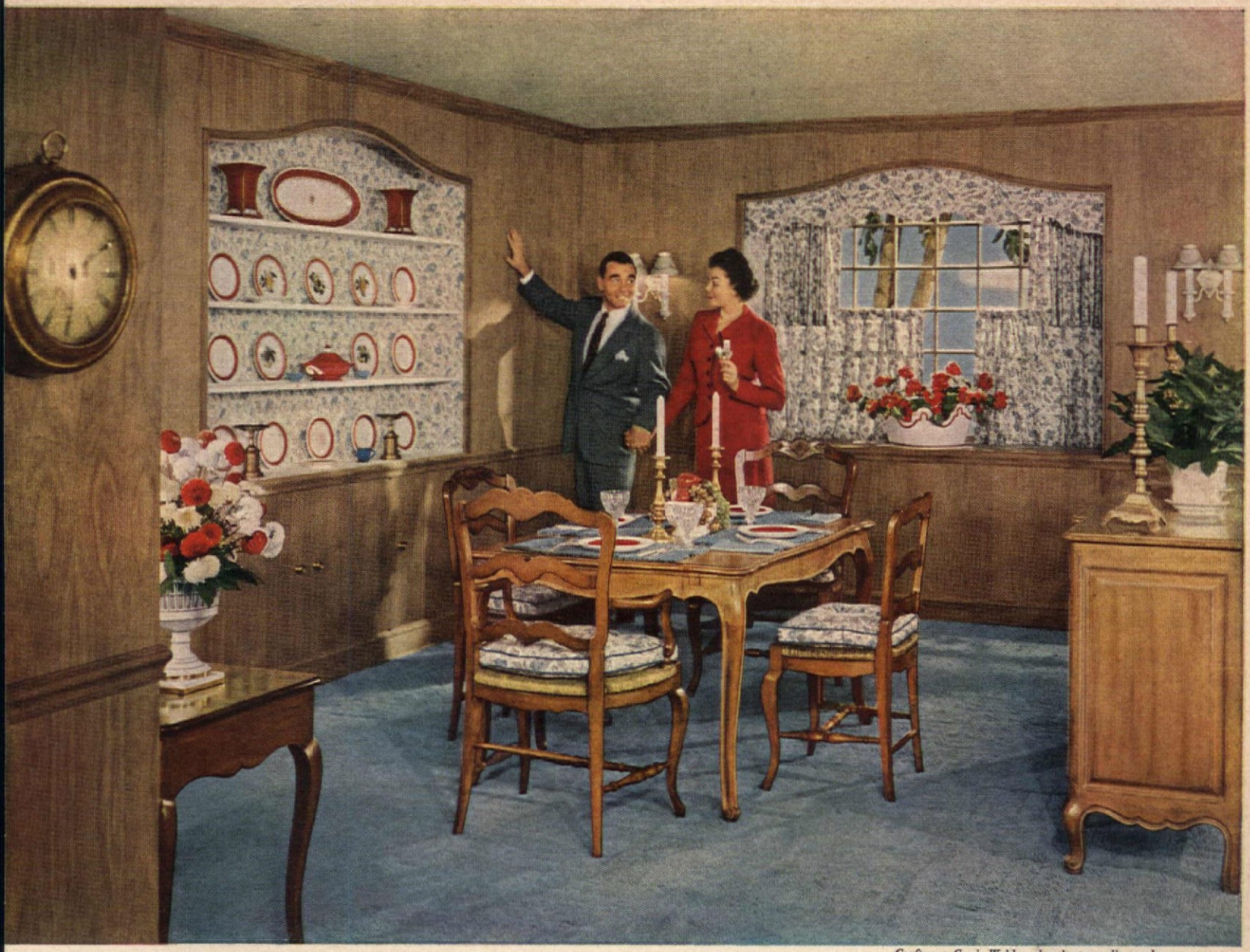

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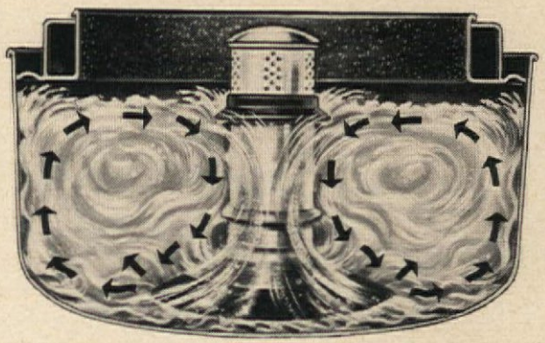

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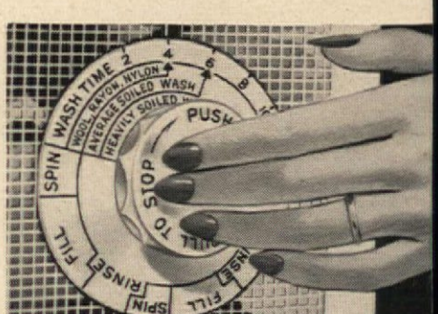

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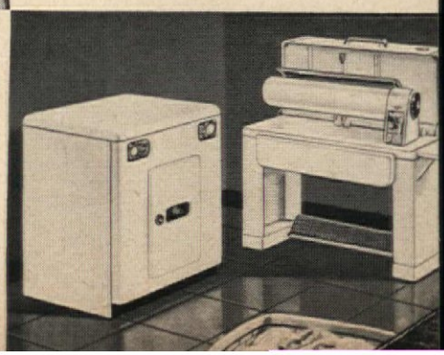

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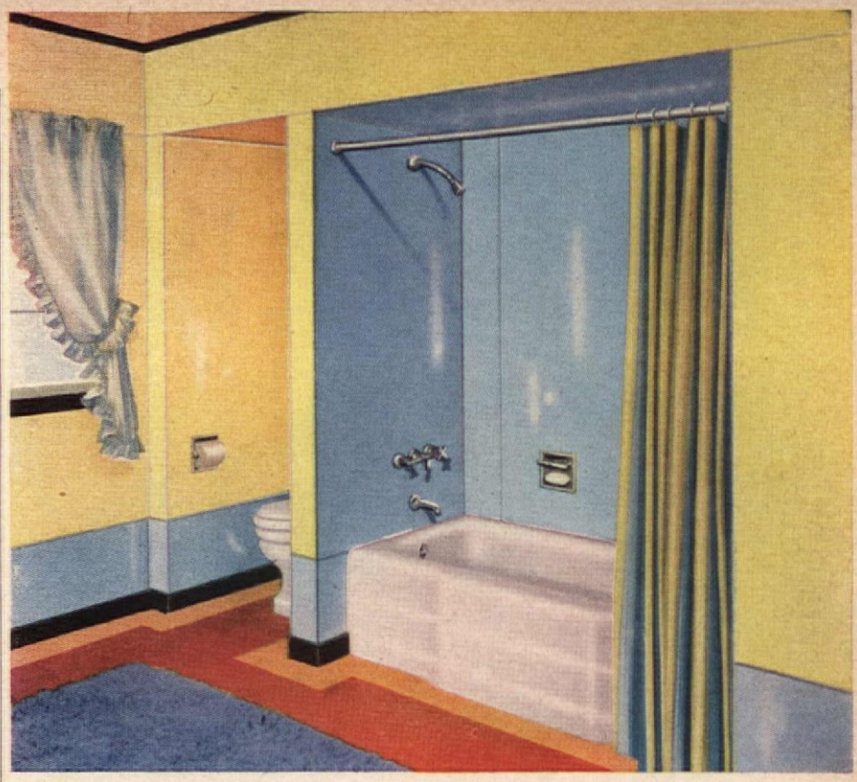
• Mrs. Norton's sherry bisque



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• Florence Kuhn's pineapple dream

Cream together: 1 cup sugar
½ cup butter or margarine
Add: beaten yolks 2 eggs and mix well
Add, then mix: 1 cup raisins and ¾ cup shredded pineapple (put through food chopper together)
To 1 cup buttermilk add 1½ tsp. baking soda
Sift: 2½ cups cake flour with 1 tsp. baking powder and ½ tsp. salt
Add, alternating with buttermilk, to first mixture, beginning and ending with dry. Beat well. Pour into greased baking dish, or two 8" layer cake pans. Bake at 350° for 40–50 minutes. Ice with Boiled Frosting or serve as pudding with Brandied Hard Sauce or Hot Brandy Sauce.

HOT BRANDY SAUCE: In upper part of double boiler beat with rotary beater (about 4 min.): ¼ lb. butter
½ lb. dark brown sugar
1 lemon (juice and grated rind)
1 whole egg
When it begins to thicken, add and stir, off stove, ¼ cup brandy.
Serve hot. Makes about 2 cups sauce.

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• Mrs. Norton's sherry bisque

Soften: 1 envelope unflavored gelatine in ¼ cup cold water
In top of double boiler Beat: 3 egg yolks
Mix together, and add: ½ cup milk, ¼ tsp. salt
½ cup sugar (save out 2 tbs.)
Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly with wire wisk or rotary beater until of custard consistency. Take off stove and add softened gelatine. Stir until dissolved.
Add: 6 crumbled macaroons or 6 crumbled meringue shells (preferred, for fineness of texture) and beat again with rotary beater.
When almost cool, add: ½ tsp. almond flavoring and 4 tbs. sherry
(Never add wine to hot mixtures or strength and aroma will be weakened)
When mixture begins to stiffen fold in stiffly beaten whites of 3 eggs to which remaining 2 tbs. sugar has been gradually added.
Fold in 1 cup heavy cream, whipped stiff and flavored with 2 drops almond flavoring.
Turn into baked pie shell and chill. Spread with sweetened whipped cream and sprinkle with more crushed meringue or macaroon crumbs or sliced bits of maraschino cherries.

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heavenly brown gravy is super over rice, and some browned pineapple slices and green peas make a meal that's good—real good. If you're doing it for buffet—and what's better sense than a succulent, aromatic big old roaster to serve a lot of hungry people—mix your cooked peas right in with the boiled rice and serve as one big fluffy mound.

Mrs. Norton of Lancaster, Penna., stuck with some leftover macaroons, dreamed up what she calls a Bisque Chiffon Pie. She assured us it looked rich and fancy, but wasn't much trouble and cost little. We cooked it her way and then did another version of it. It's here, as Mrs. Norton's Sherry Bisque. She was right. It makes a big pie and a rich one. It looks like a $3.50 caterer's job, tastes much better and costs ever so little. Mrs. Norton's family and friends yelled "encore" so she uses it frequently for parties and general good-behavior reward. So do we—it's a perfect wind-up for twelve buffeters who want their dessert and want it rich though resting lightly.

We have another guest contributor to "Good Victuals" this month. Florence Kuhn, of Waterport, N. Y., had a "dream," too, whipped up a delicate dessert she calls Pineapple Dream Cake. We cooked it exactly as she told us to, but found it a bit too crumbly and promptly connived a very good dream-like pudding from the lady's basic recipe. Like Lucille's Pudding in December "Victuals," it can be served either as cake or pudding, and if the family's small, is there anything more useful than a recipe that doubles as a plump iced cake one day, a pudding with a good hot sauce the next? And this, like Mrs. Norton's "dream," a company-tasting dish that won't demoralize the budget—that January budget!

Some readers' letters I'd like to share with you—but before we do get on with them—may I again beg you to try the soufflé-pudding that is nameless? Asking you to try to give it a name, is not a "trap," believe me. I think you will be deeply grateful to me for this contribution to your cooking repertoire, and I am eager to know that you think so, too. And when you do make it, please be careful of the fish you use. Some brands of frozen fish are very good, many are very poor indeed. Strong in taste, unpleasantly gray in color instead of white and coarse in texture. I use fresh halibut for this—but if you do use frozen fish be a martinet. Insist on a good brand—for there's no such thing as penny-wise when you buy fish.

A letter from S. F. Kellogg of Duarte, Calif. "In your August issue the recipe for 7-boy Curry has been of great interest to me. I am one of

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1 envelope Knox gelatine
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Few grains salt
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1½ cups drained canned fruit cocktail
½ cup whipping cream

Soften gelatine in lemon juice and dissolve in hot water. Blend in sugar, salt and syrup from cocktail. Cool until mixture is slightly thicker than unbeaten egg white. Fold in well-drained fruit cocktail and turn half of mixture into 1-quart mold. Chill. Whip cream until barely stiff and fold into remaining gelatine. Turn into mold over clear layer. Chill until firm. Serves 6 to 8.

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Good Victuals

(Begins on page 59)

these terrible amateur cooks who has to rely implicitly on the directions of a recipe so this one leaves me perplexed.

"If using shrimp you mention to cook only seven minutes and NEVER OVERCOOK. But the recipe goes on to tell of various vegetables to add to the salted water and then to cover and watch. From this I assume that more cooking is in order but nothing is said about how fast to cook, how long or if at all. Later on it tells to fry the onions to a golden brown but not brown. Does that mean that brown is not brown but some other color when the word golden has been added to it? If so then what color is it?

"I'd certainly appreciate the answer to these questions as I am anxious to try out a curry recipe with a fair chance of making it taste almost as it should."

A gentleman, I presume? Sir—the vegetables and seasonings you throw in the pot with the shrimp—discard after the shrimp—and they—have cooled. Sorry about the onions. Redundant I was, to have used "golden brown." Let's settle for golden, pale, beautiful, and golden. And now get going, my man. If it's a curry wizard you would be, here's your big chance. It won't taste "almost as it should" —it will taste scrumptious, and a great big eight-boy like you *can't* spoil this 7-boy Curry—and it would be fun to hear you say so!

From Mrs. Harvey Williams of Springfield, Mass. "In your September issue under the title of 'Good Victuals' on page 63 was a recipe called 'topside-down cake, a glamorous quickie.'

"I certainly agree with you that it was a luscious dessert. However, both my friend and I who tried the recipe ran into difficulties and our final product was good tasting but not as attractive as yours. Perhaps you can tell us wherein our trouble lies. We made the cake independently, I first and then she later at my request to see if her results were like mine, and they were.

"The baked cake was lovely in taking it from the oven but after sitting at room temperature, the center fell in and left almost a hole except for the chocolate topping. Our stoves are both in fine working condition and we followed the recipe implicitly; so I hesitate to believe that our trouble was in the preparation and baking procedures.

"Can you enlighten us a bit? It's a wonderful, easy dessert and we want to add it to our regular file of usables but we also would like to have it come out somewhat 'according to Hoyle'."

Well, Mrs. Williams—and your

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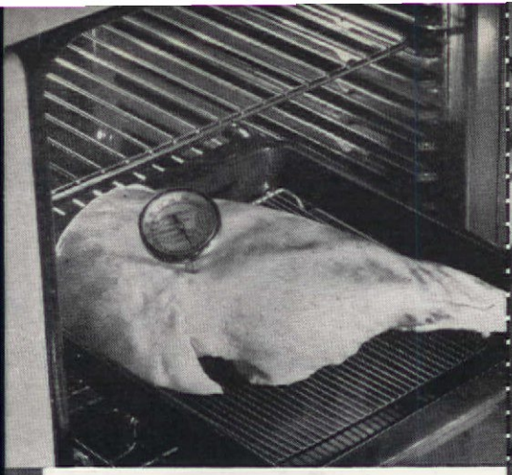
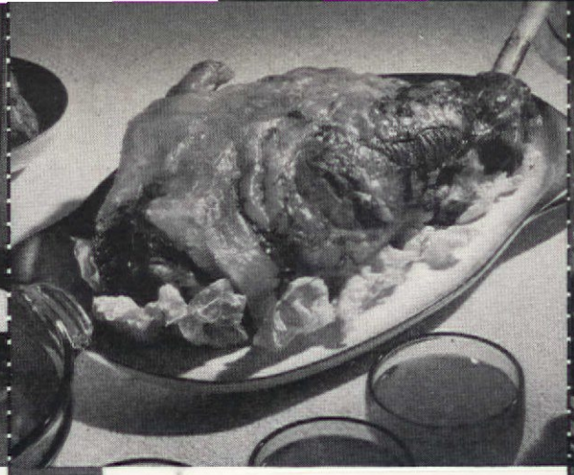
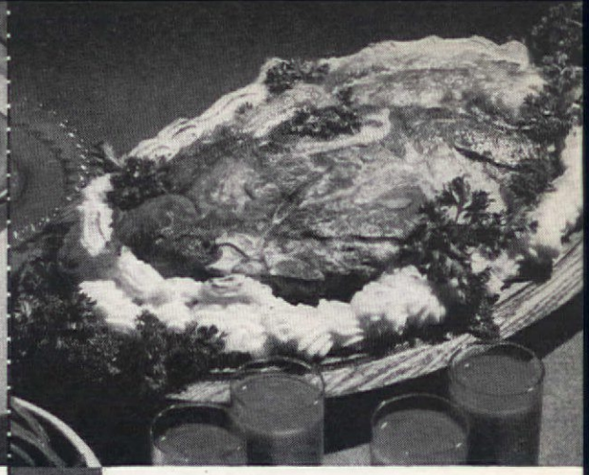






• roast leg of lamb

MENU

Minted Pineapple Juice
Roast Leg of Lamb Baked Potatoes
Cauliflower au Gratin
Celery and Carrot Strips Olives
Fresh Fruit Ambrosia Nut Cookies
Beverage

Note: Lamb should be served very hot or cold, never lukewarm. In selecting a leg of lamb, look for a smooth covering of clear, white, brittle fat over most of the exterior. The texture of the meat should be fine-grained and velvety in appearance. For a leftover dish, try our "Lamb Shortcakes."

• planked steak

MENU

Tomato Juice Cocktail
Planked Steak with Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans with Pimiento
Toasted Garlic Bread
Lemon Sherbet Sugar Cookies
Beverage

Note: A planked steak has many advantages. For example, it avoids extra dishwashing since the steak is broiled and served piping hot on the plank. It also looks attractive with the browned mashed potatoes and parsley arranged around it on the sizzling plank.

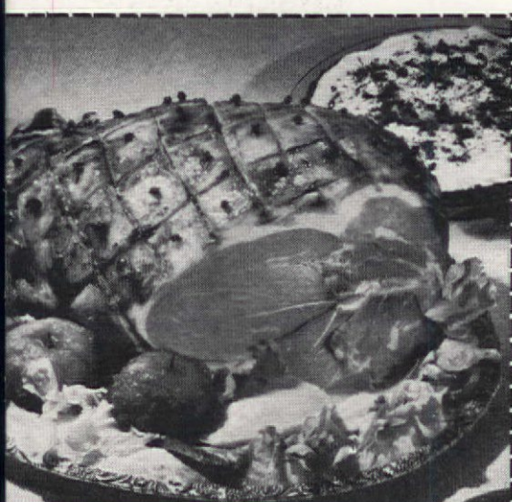
Photographs by F. M. Demarest

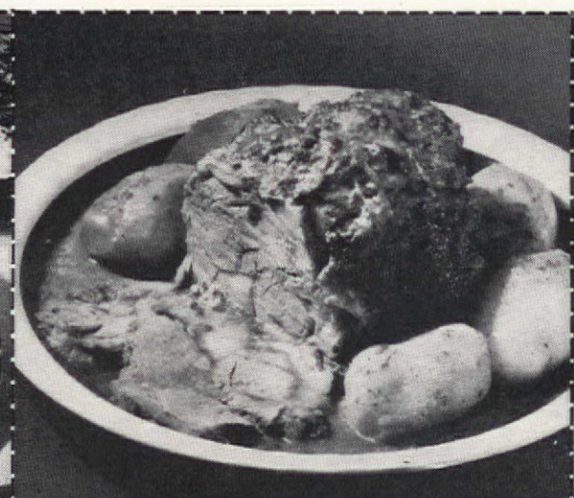
Meat: The Mainstay (Begins on page 56)

most of us cook the better cuts. The moist-heat method envelops the in hot liquid or steam, generally called braising, frying, and stewing. ug-fitting cover keeps in the moisture. Connective tissues and tough are softened by the longer, slower cooking-time and continuous ture. For this reason you can use less tender and less costly cuts.

egardless of the way you do your meat, here's one important thing to remember always: Take it easy. Low temperatures and slow cooking can do wonders for flavor and tenderness, keep your meat from shrinking, allow more servings per pound. Overheated, overcooked meat loses many of its juices, is much harder to carve. Beef may be rare, medium or well-done according to preference; lamb should be served medium to well-done; veal and pork should always be cooked until well-done, never overcooked. The experts agree that you don't have to sear meat to keep in the juices.

Another hint: If you let your roast stand for about 15 minutes before serving, the juices will "set" and it's easier to carve. This also gives you time to make gravy, while the mainstay of the family sharpens his favorite carving knife and carefully eyes the mainstay of the meal—meat!





• baked ham

MENU

Hot Consommé
Baked Ham Spiced Apples
Diced Creamed Potatoes
Fresh Vegetable Salad Bowl
French Dressing
Peppermint Chiffon Pie
Beverage

This diagram shows how to score your meat. In basting we moisten the meat with the syrup and pan drippings while the meat is cooking. For a leftover dish try Sunday Night Ham Chowder.

• veal pot roast

MENU

Broiled Cinnamon Grapefruit
Veal Pot Roast with Savory Sauce
Pan Roasted Potatoes
Carrots and Onions
Tomato Aspic Mayonnaise
Heavenly Hash
Beverage

Note: This is an economical dish made with veal. The same recipe can, of course, be adapted to other inexpensive cuts of meat. The trick is in the savory sauce which brings out the full flavor of the meat used. Cooking time will vary with the type and cut of meat used. For a leftover dish, try "Veal Aspic Salad."

• cranberry pork chops

MENU

Cream of Mushroom Soup
Cranberry Pork Chops
Parsley Potatoes
Tossed Green Salad
Roquefort Dressing
Baked Indian Pudding
Beverage

Note: Spiced chopped orange and cranberry sauce is excellent served uncooked as a cold relish with other meat dishes. Pork chops, the old favorite, combined with cranberries, put on new color and flavor.

• cranberry pork chops

(File under "Meats")
Serves 6

6 pork chops
1 tablespoon fat
¾ teaspoon salt
¼ cup flour
3 cups cranberries
1 orange, small
¾ cup honey
½ teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon nutmeg
Dash of cinnamon

Lightly flour the chops, season with salt and brown on both sides. Quarter whole orange and grind with cranberries. Add other ingredients and mix well. Pour cranberry mixture over chops and cook slowly in a covered pan about 1 hour, or until chops are well done.

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• veal pot roast

(File under "Meats")
Serves 6 (leftovers for 6)

6 pounds veal, rolled rump
¾ cup flour
¼ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
¼ cup shortening
6 potatoes, medium
6 onions, medium
10 carrots, small

GRAVY FOR POT ROAST:
Fat (use all pot fat)
2 tablespoons flour
2 cups water
2 tablespoons chutney sauce
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper

Wipe meat with a damp cloth; rub well with salt, pepper, and flour. Place shortening in a large skillet or heavy iron pot; when hot, brown the meat completely. Remove meat; now, add to the fat, gradually, the 2 tablespoons of flour. Stir to a smooth paste; add 2 cups of water slowly. Cook until the mixture has the consistency of thin white sauce. Season with the chutney and Worcestershire sauces, then add salt and pepper. Return meat to original pot, cover. Cook slowly, allowing 40 minutes per pound. Prepare vegetables and add to the meat 45 minutes before the pot roast is completely cooked. Serve on a platter immediately. Garnish as desired.

See: SALADS AND DRESSINGS, "Veal Aspic Salad"

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• baked ham

(File under "Meats")
Serves 8 (leftovers for 6)

8-pound ham (pre-cooked)
1 cup honey
4 tablespoons brown sugar
¾ cup pineapple juice
Cloves

Remove outside skin of ham so that the surface is smooth and uniform. Score diagonally about one inch apart to make a diamond-shaped design. Place in an open roasting pan on rack. Mix honey and brown sugar. Then add pineapple juice slowly to make a syrup. Pour the syrup over the surface of the ham making sure all parts are covered. Put a clove in the center of each "diamond." Bake according to directions on the brand label. Baste ham frequently while cooking to insure an even glaze, and to increase the flavor.

See: LEFTOVERS, "Sunday Night Ham Chowder"

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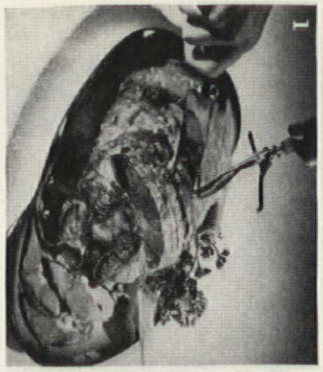

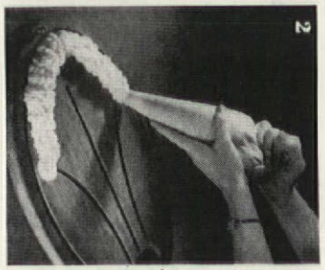

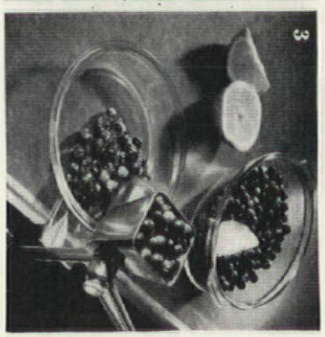

Meat (Begins on page 56)

1. *Carving of Lamb:* Cut slices at right angle to th bone, holding roast firmly with fork. Remove slices b cutting along the bone parallel to the platter.
2. *Mashed Potatoes Around Planked Steak:* Fill th pastry tube full of mashed potatoes. Press with th hands from the top of the tube. Make a design to fi the plank as shown here.
3. *Cranberry and Orange Sauce for Pork Chops:* Pu into grinder the raw cranberries and quartered unpeele orange. Use a wide, shallow dish that fits under openin of the grinder to take care of ground fruit and juice

• planked steak

(File under "Meats")
Serves 6

4-pound steak, 1 inch thick
8 potatoes, medium—mashed to make 3 cups
Parsley

Put steak on plank. Place 2 to 3 inches under flame. Broil until top side is brown, then turn and brown the other side. Steaks 1-inch thick, total time: rare, 15 to 20 minutes; medium rare, 20–30 minutes; well done, 30–35 minutes. As steak is broiling, mash potatoes and season. Fill pastry tube with mashed potatoes. When steak is ready, remove and season to taste. Squeeze potatoes around outer edge of steak plank. Return plank to broiler and brown potatoes slightly. Garnish with parsley and serve on plank immediately.

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• roast leg of lamb

(File under "Meats")
Serves 8 (leftovers for 6)

7-pound leg of lamb
½ cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
1 garlic clove

Wipe meat with a damp cloth. Rub surface of lamb with clove of garlic, then add the flour, salt and pepper that have been combined. Insert meat thermometer in the thickest part of the meat, away from the bone and fat. Put lamb on rack of roaster. Do not cover. Put in the oven, which has been preheated to 350°F.; allow 30–35 minutes per pound. Meat thermometer should read 175°F.–185°F. when done.

See: LEFTOVERS, "Lamb Shortcakes"

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• hints on meat

1. ¼ pound boneless meat per serving.
   ¼ to ⅓ pound per serving if meat has bone in it.
   ¾ pound poultry per serving.
2. Always cook meat at low temperatures except when broiling. This insures the full flavor and tenderness of the meat.
3. A meat thermometer is desirable and should be placed in the center of the largest muscle away from the bone and fat. A skewer inserted first helps in the correct placement of the thermometer.
4. *Roast* to cook by dry heat without covering, usually in an oven.
   Broil to cook directly under a flame or red-hot heating unit, or over open fire.
   Panbroil to cook uncovered in a hot frying pan, pouring off fat as it accumulates. Rub pan lightly with fat to prevent meat from sticking.
   Fry to cook in fat, using any amount from a very little up to 2 inches in depth. This is also called sauté or panfry.
   Braise to brown meat in small amount of hot fat, then cook slowly in closely covered kettle, adding small amount of liquid.
   Stew to simmer slowly until tender in just enough liquid to cover.
5. Don't neglect the so-called "Variety Meats": Liver, heart, kidney, tongue, tripe, brains and sweetbreads. Cooking time and method of preparation on these varies

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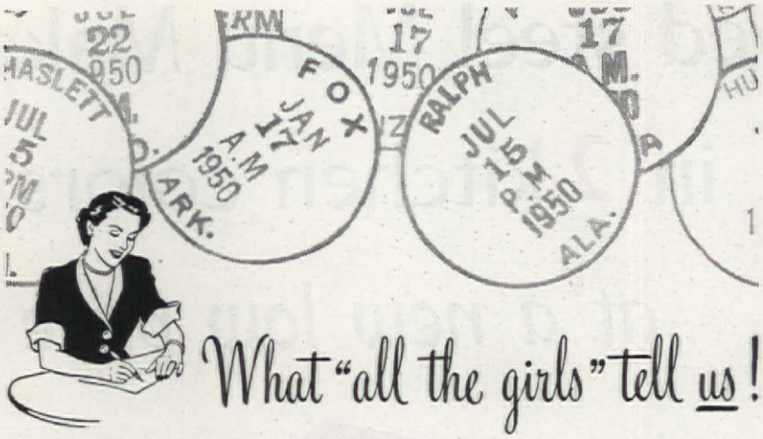

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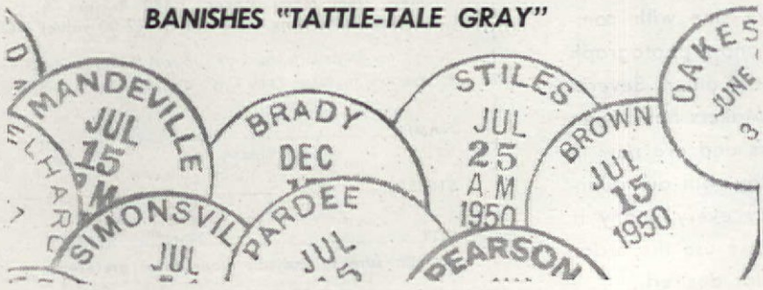
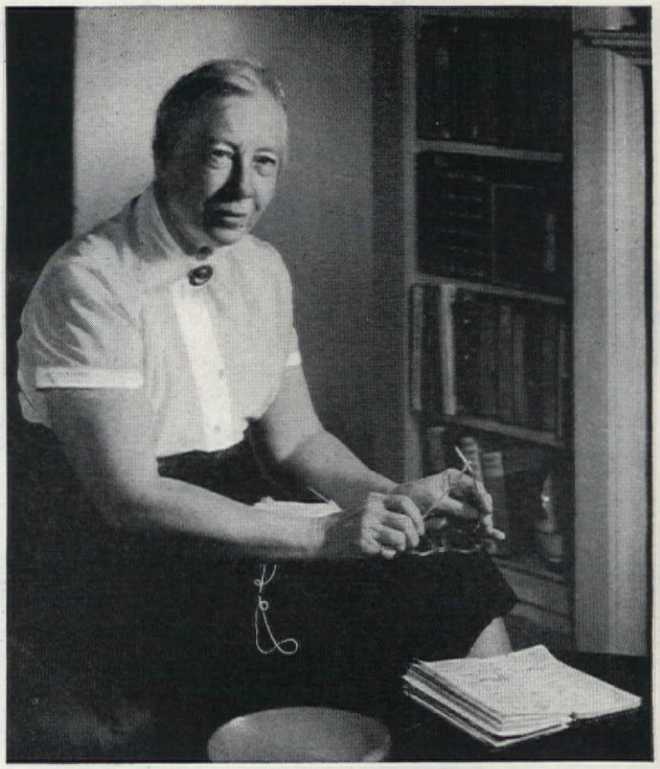




Lillian M. Gilbreth, industrial engineer, mother of the 12 children in *Cheaper by the Dozen*. Good organization highlights her success as mother and executive

Lady With a Job Well Done

Mrs. Lillian M. Gilbreth is an industrial engineer by profession, mother of the twelve children in "Cheaper by the Dozen," and a past master at making both ends meet around a huge family circumference. Her talents aren't limited to just these things, either, tremendous as they are. She has also found time to pioneer in the improvement of family living where labor-saving devices, working surfaces, and table heights are concerned.

Nor does she take a back seat when it comes to the planning and serving of good food. These four recipes using leftover ham, beef, and veal (See "Meat: The Mainstay," page 56) are but a sample of her great versatility.

Naturally, feeding a family of fourteen is a monumental job no matter how you look at it, and Mrs. Gilbreth discovered long ago that the secret lay in being well-organized. She believes this is necessary to insure a happy, healthy family. But she also said, with an understanding twinkle in her eye, that such organizing should never be so rigid that it interrupts family pleasures. In her family, if someone suggested a picnic, everyone got busy making sandwiches, and the dinner she had planned was put off till the next evening.

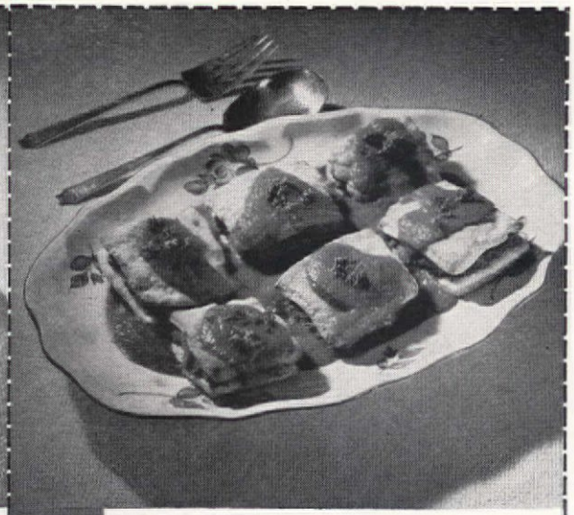
Her family spent many hours in the kitchen, which was the gathering place where the kids had the most fun. It was large, comfortable and old-fashioned in feeling. On Sunday nights they'd all flock into the kitchen and prepare supper together. Some would try a special favorite dish, some would set the table, others washed the dishes. Everybody sang. It was fun and life was good to live. As a result of this warm, friendly atmosphere, the kitchen has a real significance for the Gilbreth children, now grown to maturity. One daughter, when married, received a fine kitchen, tailored to her needs, as a wedding present from her mother. Another daughter has made her kitchen part of the

• ham chowder

MENU

Sunday Night Ham Chowder
Stuffed Peach Halves on Lettuce
Thick Fruit Dressing
Toast Sticks
Hot Gingerbread with Whipped Cream
Beverage

Note: Soup is versatile, and here you have it as a hearty one-dish meal. Any kind of diced leftover meat may be substituted for ham.



• lamb shortcakes

MENU

Lamb Shortcakes with Tomato Sauce
Buttered Cabbage
Fresh Fruit Gelatin Mold

Note: Here's something new and different with a flair. This recipe, even though a leftover dish, is sure to win compliments as party fare. We have suggested you use your favorite biscuit recipe for these shortcakes. However, the shorter the dough mixture, the better the texture of the shortcakes. [*By "short" we mean the addition of 2 tablespoons of fat.*]

living room, so that now while she's getting the meals the whole family can be together.

Now that the children have grown up and scattered, Mrs. Gilbreth applies her same wise ways in planning and organization, although on a much smaller scale, naturally. She loves to experiment with foods now, something which was a little ticklish to tackle when more than a dozen people were involved.

In the field of engineering she has produced

• lamb curry

MENU

Apple Lamb Curry on Rice
Salad Bowl
Buttered Whole Wheat Muffins
Boston Cream Pie
Beverage

Note: This is curry for the novice! Not too strong, not too hot. In this recipe you'll savor the subtle blending of interesting flavors from the East and the West.

• veal aspic salad

MENU

Veal Aspic Salad with Cottage Cheese
Crisp Rolls Butter
Old Fashioned Baked Rice Pudding
Sugar Sauce
Beverage

Note: Simple, easy to prepare, and wonderfully zestful in flavor. Here's a salad hearty enough for an entree, pretty enough for company fare.

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• lamb shortcakes

(File under "Leftovers")
Serves 6

Make 1 recipe of your favorite baking powder biscuits
2 cups cooked lamb, ground
3 tablespoons green pepper, chopped
⅓ cup bread crumbs
2 tablespoons shortening
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons onion, chopped
3 tablespoons celery, chopped
¾ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
SAUCE
1 can tomato soup, condensed
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons pickle relish

Make your biscuit dough. Roll into rectangular shape about ¼-inch in thickness. Divide into 6 rectangles; cut these in half to make 12 squares in all. Brown bread crumbs in shortening and add milk. Combine green pepper, celery, onion, salt and pepper with bread crumbs and milk mixture, and allow to cook slowly 10 minutes. Add ground lamb and mix well. Heap meat on 6 biscuit squares. Top with remaining squares. Bake in 425°F. oven about 15 minutes. Heat tomato soup. Add butter and seasoning. Serve hot on lamb shortcakes.

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• ham chowder

(File under "Leftovers")
Serves 6

3 onions, medium, chopped
3 tablespoons butter
6 potatoes, medium, diced
1 cup water, boiling
2 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
¼ teaspoon thyme
¼ teaspoon paprika
2 cups peas, cooked (frozen or fresh)
4 cups milk, scalded
1 cup cooked ham, diced

Scald milk. Sauté onions in butter. Put sautéed onions, diced potatoes, and seasoning in boiling water and cook for 15 minutes. Add scalded milk, peas, and ham. Cook on low flame until ingredients are thoroughly blended, at least 15 to 20 minutes. Serve.

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Lady with a Job

(Begins on page 70)

many tricks of the trade, including work processes reducing both time and effort; kitchen equipment fitted to limited space; suggested habits of work and activity fitted to the individual family's standard. Here is proof that the spirit of the pioneer is still with us, in an extraordinary, delightful woman whom we are pleased to have you meet.

• veal aspic salad

(File under "Salads and Dressings")
Serves 6

2½ cups tomatoes, canned
¾ teaspoon salt
1 celery stalk, large, chopped
2 bay leaves
1½ tablespoons gelatin, unflavored
¼ cup cold water
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon onions, chopped
1 cup cooked veal, diced
2 cups cottage cheese
Salad greens

Combine tomatoes, salt, celery, bay leaves, and simmer ten minutes. Strain and add lemon juice. Soften gelatin in the cold water for five minutes. Add to tomato mixture. Then combine with veal and onions. Pour into 1-quart mold. Chill until firm. Place mold on salad greens. Serve with cottage cheese.

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• lamb curry

(File under "Leftovers")
Serves 6

3 apples, large
1 onion, large, sliced
1 garlic clove
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon flour
1 tablespoon curry powder
½ lemon, juice and grated rind
2 cups meat stock
1 teaspoon Kitchen Bouquet
½ cup raisins
3 whole cloves
2 cups cooked lamb, cubed
2 cups rice, uncooked

Peel, core, and slice apples. Sauté apples, onion, garlic in butter until golden brown. Remove garlic. Add flour mixed with curry powder, blending well. Combine lemon juice, meat stock, Kitchen Bouquet; add grated lemon rind, raisins, and cloves. Cover and simmer 30 minutes. Add lamb; heat thoroughly. Serve with fluffy rice.

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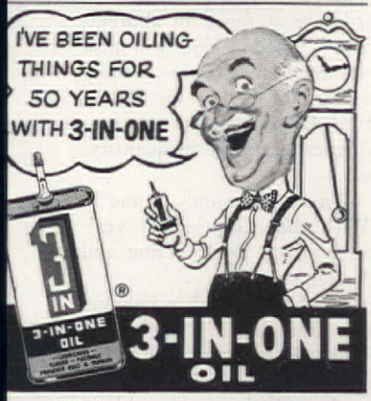

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Good Victuals

(Begins on page 59)

good neighbor—if it isn't the range, if it was a top-flight brand of cake mix—then it's simply got be your haste in removing it from the oven. It was hot, hot, hot in my kitchen when I cooked and wrote up the recipe. About 108°, I should think, for it was July in New York. And so an evening last week, after alternately flushing with pride that it was good, even with a great crater in the middle and brooding over the cause of it, I made it for our own dinner and warily left it in the oven with the door open, after I had turned the heat off. No hole-in-the-middle—so try it, will you? I hope others have not had your experience. I am one of those pinch-of-this and dab-of-that kind of cooks and try conscientiously to write down every simple step along the way. But temperatures outside the oven, as well as in are—well, you know what. One time peas in a half cup of water will look—and taste—as though they'd been floating around in a great vat of water. Other times, when there's rain in the air they'll burn on you quick as a rabbit. It's accounting for these variables that makes a foolproof recipe—and it's letters like yours that alert me to more care in the copying down of them for you to try. Thank you for the bouquet and thank you for the criticism.

Done with Grace

(Begins on page 44)

the interiors be serene and a complement to the outside. In the corner window a blond game table and Duncan Phyfe chairs prove that good pieces of any period fit pleasantly into well-designed contemporary houses.

The coffee corner is a colorful spot with bamboo curtains and a gay little flounce of strawberry-patterned chintz. Secluded from the kitchen, while close to it, it looks out to the sycamore trees bordering the motor court, serves as passage direct to front door and bedroom wing. A tiny little maid's room and bath are tucked behind the kitchen. A short bedroom hall has space for a telephone table, linen and utility closets. Spacious master bedroom looks out on garden.

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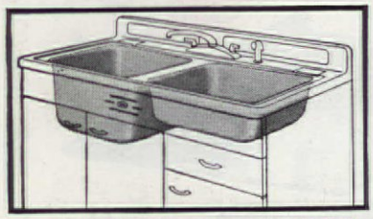
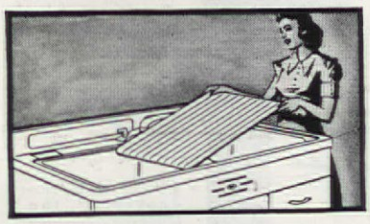


"Phantom" view shows extra-deep laundry bowl, left, and generous kitchen bowl, right.



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How to Buy Meat

There's an old Indiana adage which says: "Don't shop on an empty stomach." It's good advice these days, especially in the vicinity of the meat counter. Many of us have the habit of waiting to see what the butcher has to offer. May we suggest, however, that before you set out to invest your food dollars in meat—and right now that's quite an investment—plan your strategy. The result will pay good dividends in satisfying, taste-tempting food that will give you the most for your money.

The plan: Consider your family's needs and plan your menus in advance. Because there is a wide range in the quality of meats, learn the indications of flavor and tenderness before you buy. Know what you want, how to recognize it, and how you want to cook it. Then, storing the meat properly and preparing it carefully are the final steps in a successful operation.

The specifications: About 70 per cent of all meat sold in the United States is federally inspected. A large proportion of the other 30 per cent is slaughtered under the protective regulations of state and city. Meat products that pass federal inspection standards are stamped in abbreviated form, "U.S. Inspected and Passed." You will also see in many cases another government mark: this symbol identifies the grade of the meat as established by the United States Department of Agriculture. U.S. Grade stamps are:

U.S. Prime: Highest grade of meat. Limited in quantity, little ever reaches retail markets.

U.S. Choice: Highest grade of meat commonly found in markets, rich and flavorful. With the exception of veal, it will have a smooth, moderately thick fat covering and extensive marbling of fat with lean.

U.S. Good: Most popular grade of meat sold in volume. Fat covering is somewhat thinner than that of "Choice."

U.S. Commercial and U.S. Utility: Fourth and fifth in the grading scale. Leaner and lower priced. Fat covering is usually thin, and the cut surface shows little or no marbling.

Grading of pork: Pork sold at retail is not usually graded since it is more uniform in age than other meats when slaughtered and so there's less variation in quality.

In considering labels, look, too, for the packer's brand name as a grade guide. Most well-known, national meat packers stamp their three top grades of meat with their brand names. These meats usually carry the U.S. grading stamp as well.

Let's look at the actual appearance of the meat itself.

Beef: The flesh of high-quality beef is bright red, firm, fine-grained, and well-marbled with fat. Exterior fat should be creamy-white, brittle or crumbly.

Lamb: The flesh is pinkish red, fine-grained. The fat is clear, creamy-white, brittle.

Pork: The flesh is grayish pink, relatively firm with a fine grain. Usually streaked with fat.

Veal: The flesh of young calves is light, grayish pink, fine-grained and sparsely streaked with fat. The small amount of fat which surrounds the larger cuts is clear and white. Cuts of veal have no visible marbling.

Mutton: Can be distinguished from lamb by its dark red flesh and hard, white fat.

Our charts will help you recognize the specific cuts which are generally available. Modern display cases make "window shopping" for meat a relatively easy matter. Often, meats are cut into convenient size for home uses and tagged with the name of the cut and its weight. With a plan for meat buying in mind before you reach the tempting displays, you'll reap a reward in good buying and good eating for yourself and your family.

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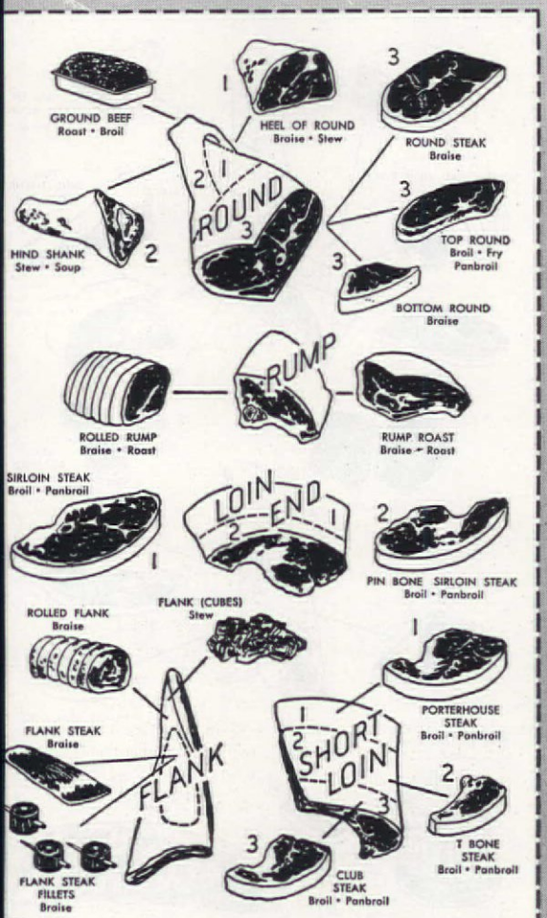
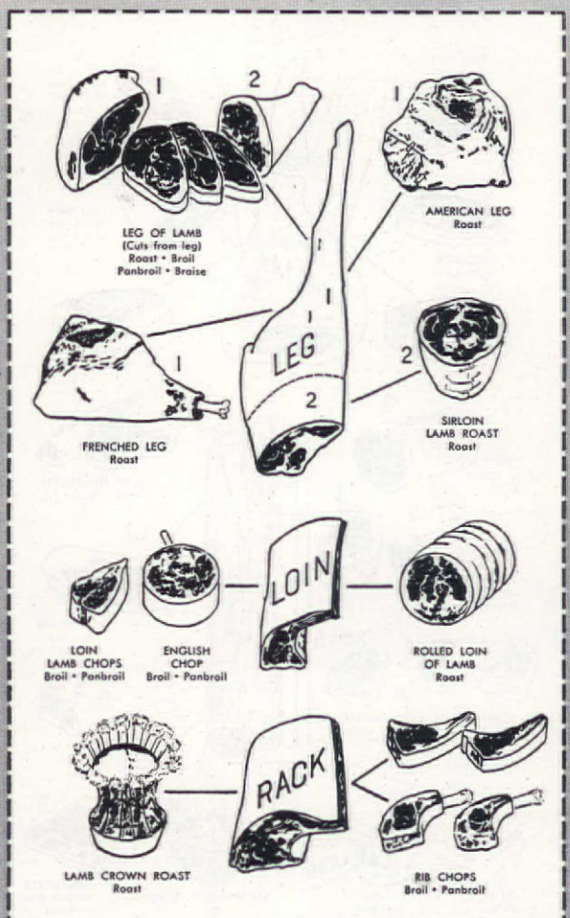
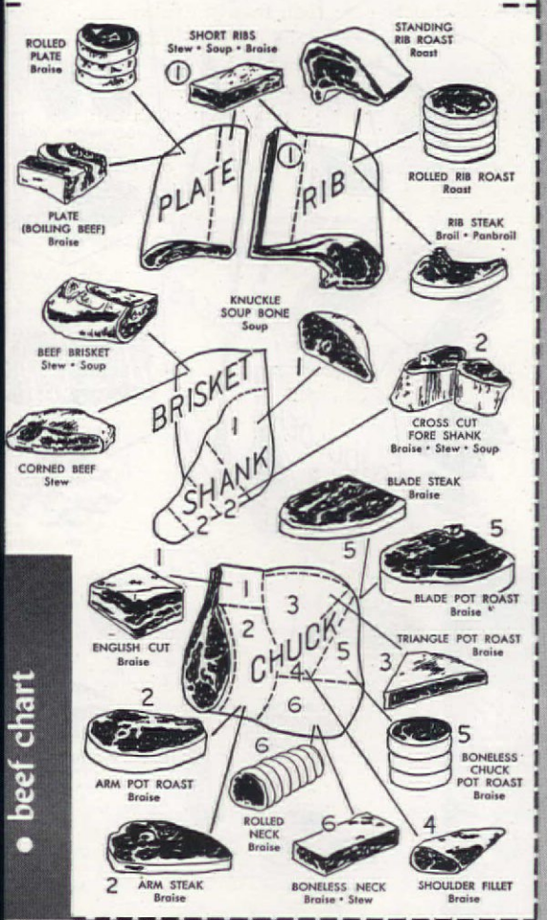
These meat charts are handy guides in meat buying







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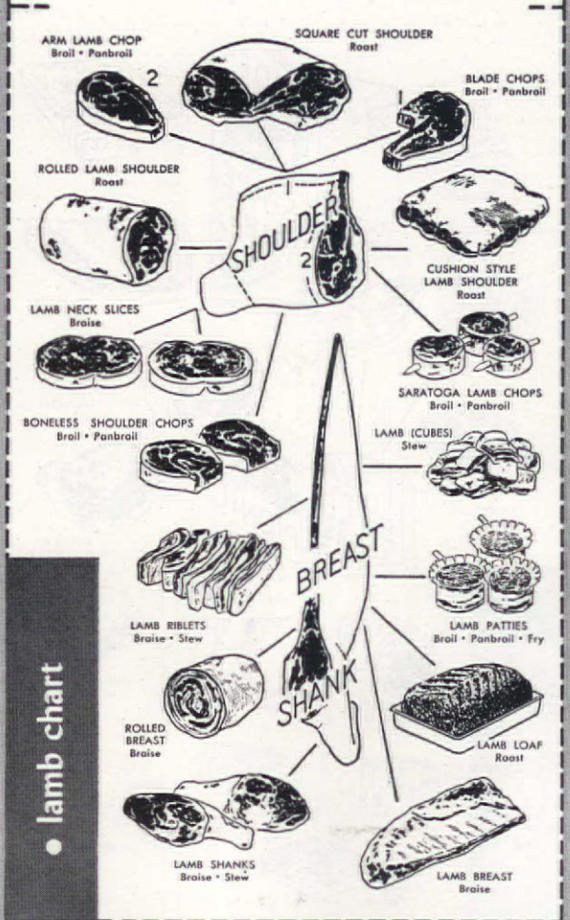

• lamb chart

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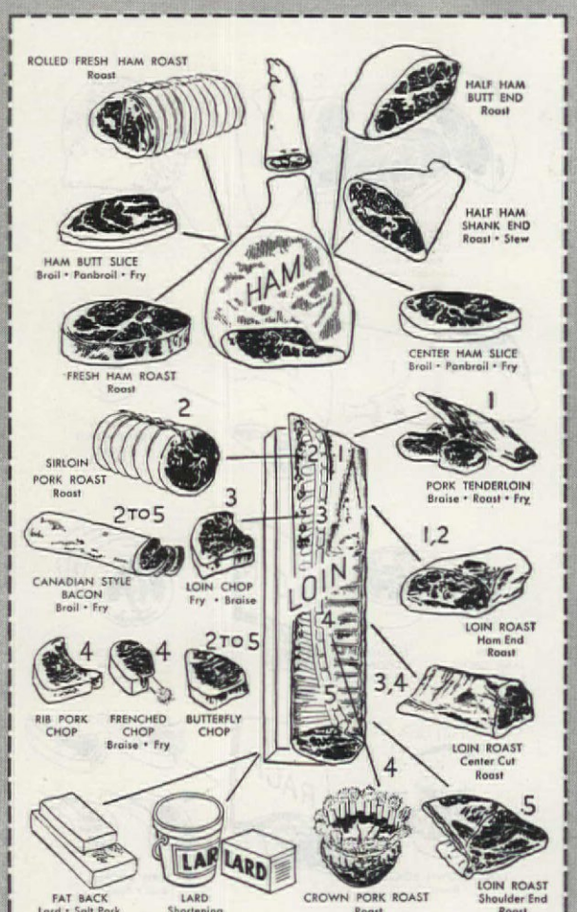

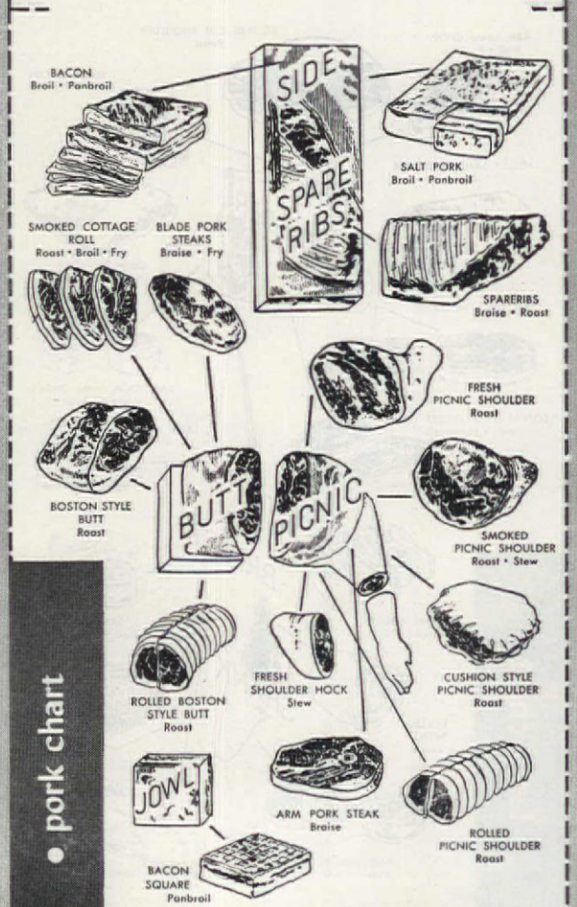

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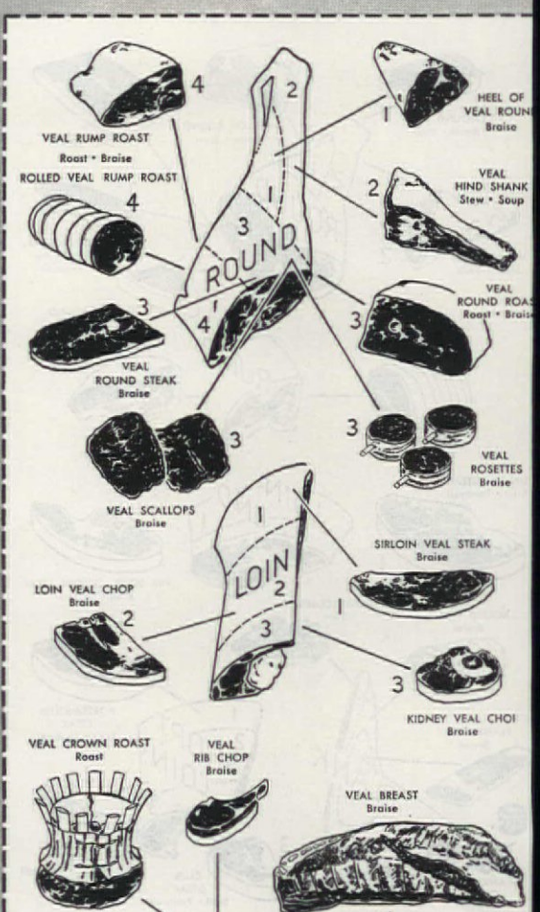

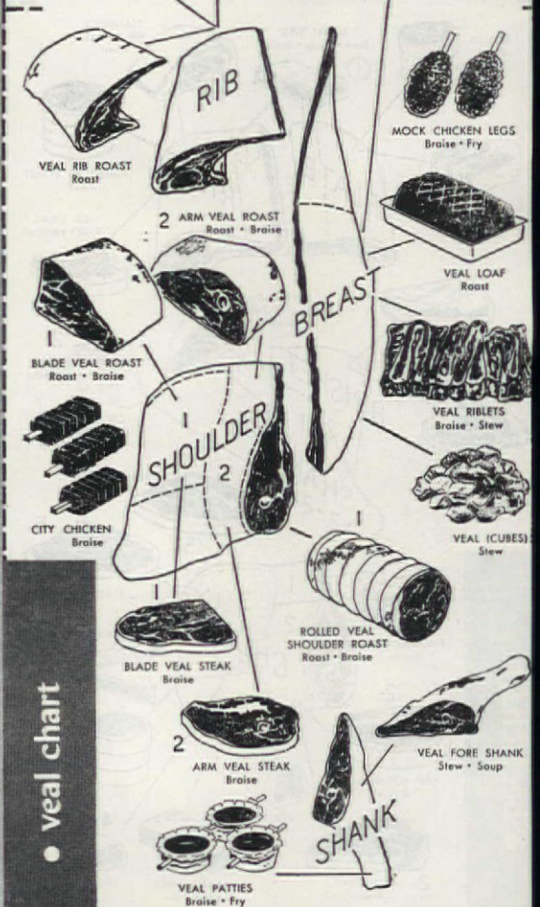

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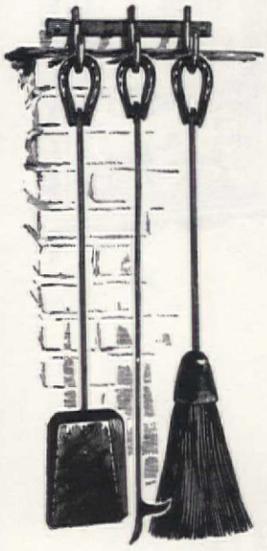

Four-piece fire-tool set in wrought iron. Pony shoe handles on poker, shovel and broom. Simple strap bracket. Complete set about $15.00 from M. C. Wentz of California

Pair of horse shoes make effective unusual andirons. Other designs available in multiple horse and pony shoe combinations. One shown around $18.00 from M. C. Wentz

A Good Fireplace

(Begins on page 50)

embers up where their heat can best support and promote combustion. When cleaning the hearth between fires, leave enough ashes to form a bed under the next fire. Allow sufficient space between the new fire and the ash bed so that new embers won't be held in contact with the andirons or choke the air passage. As the embers accumulate, keep them out of contact with the andirons and the back and sides of circulation fireplace units, to prevent the intense heat from burning and damaging the iron.

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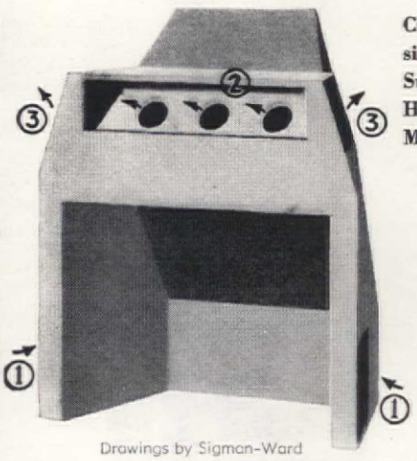

Drawings by Sigman-Ward

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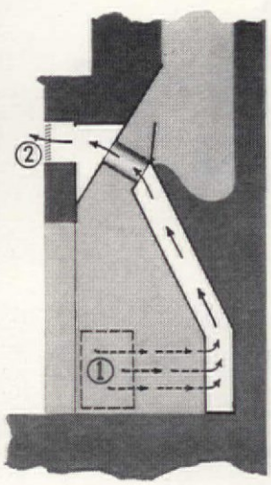

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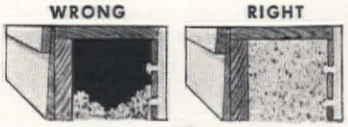

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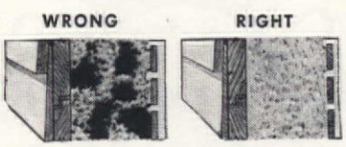

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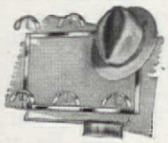

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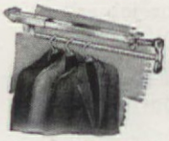

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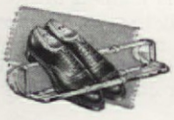

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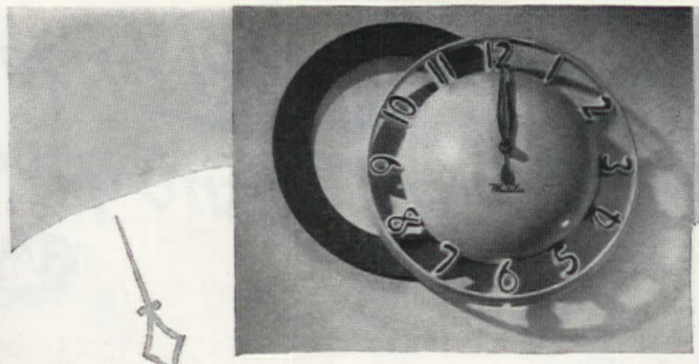

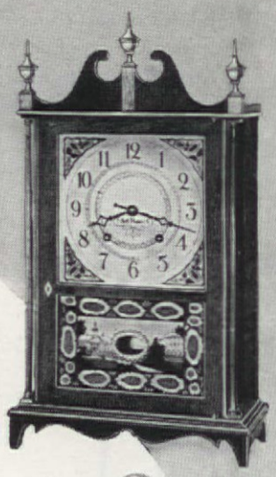

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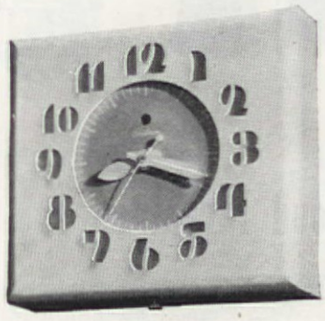

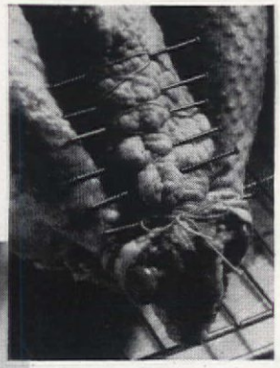

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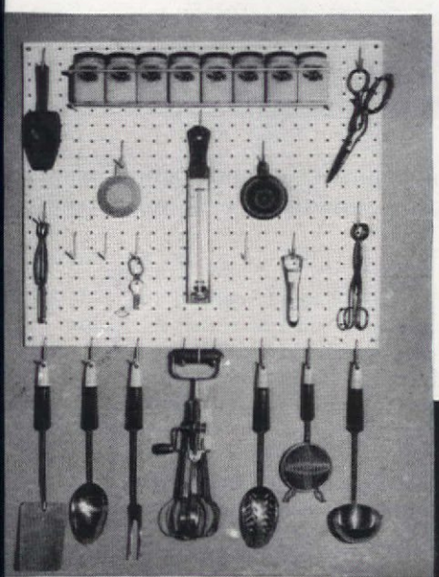

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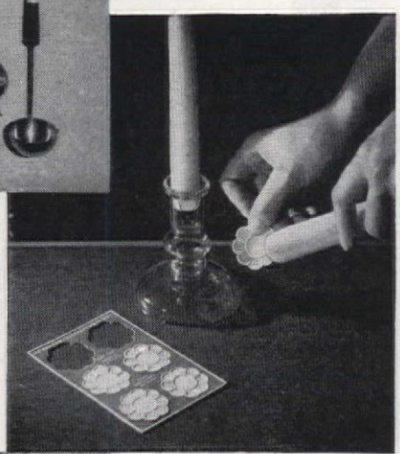

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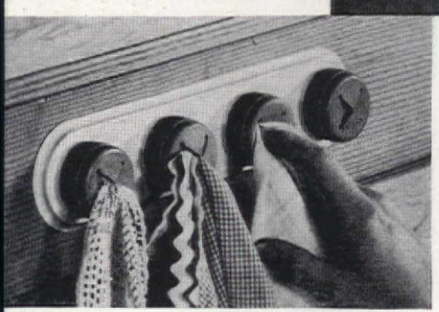

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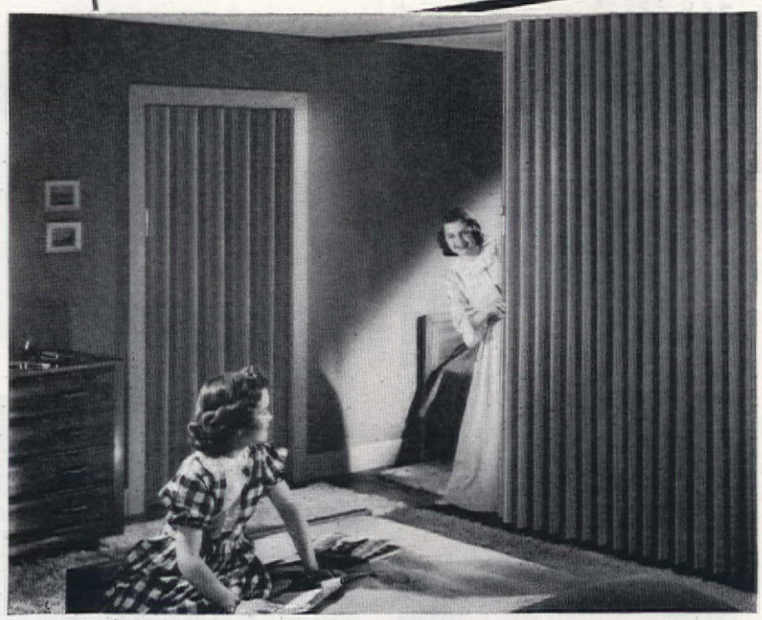

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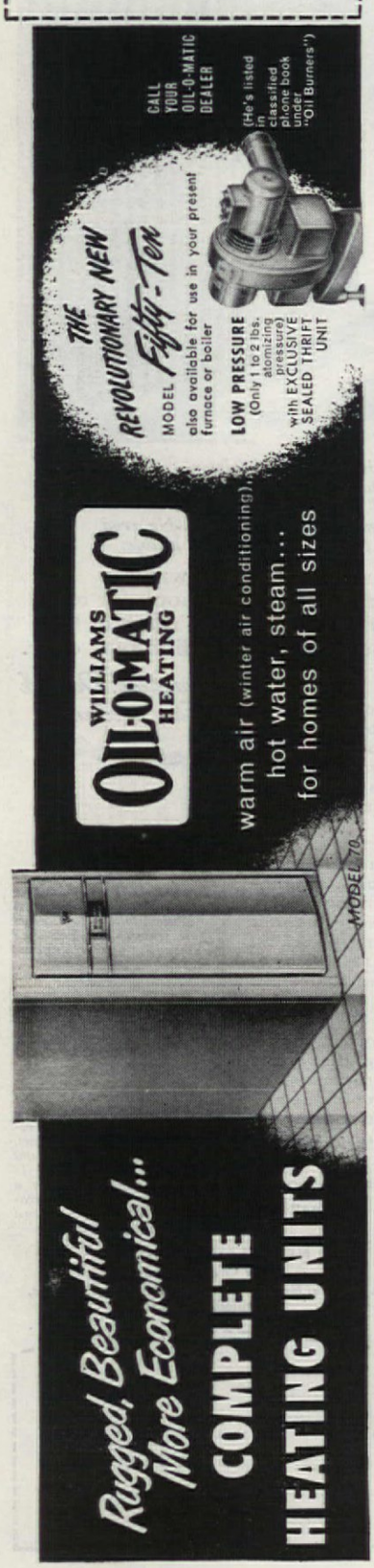

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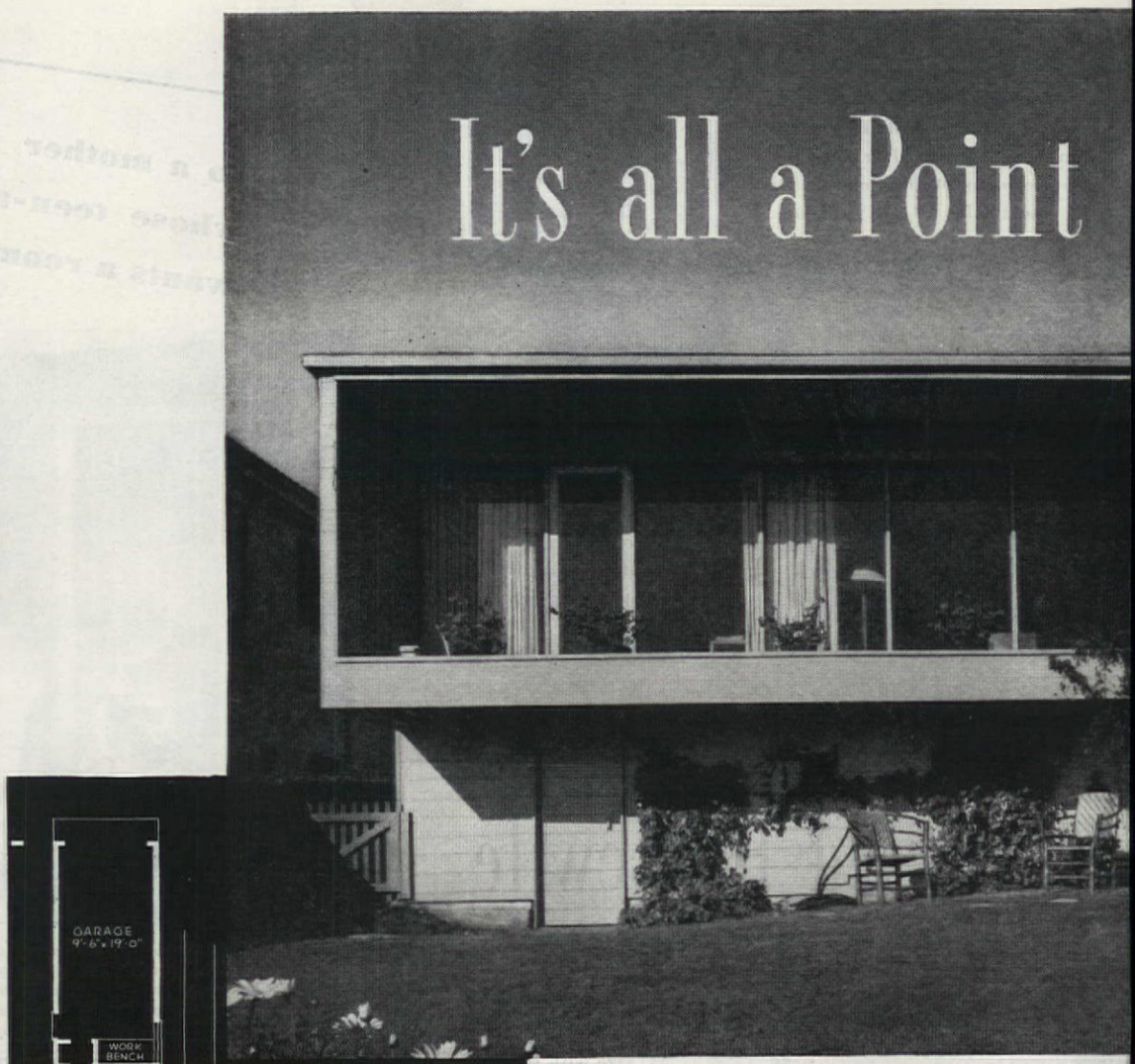

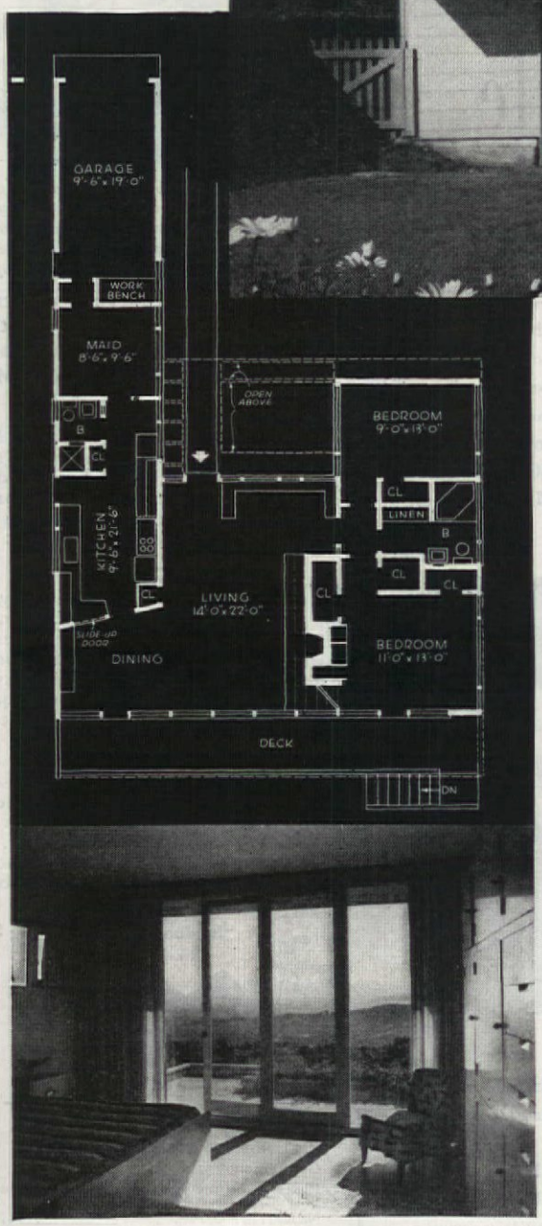

Master bedroom, with glass-panel wall extended from living room, has spectacular view of San Francisco Bay area

A. H. HILL, JOHN DINWIDDIE, AND PHILLIP JOSEPH, ARCHITECTS
DATA AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY ROGER STURTEVANT

When the R. A. Krauses decided to build their home high on a hill above Berkley, California, they presented architects A. H. Hill, John Dinwiddie, and the late Phillip Joseph with a neat little problem—how to capture the breath-taking view of San Francisco Bay and its surrounding cities.

The solution—the straightforward use of glass window walls in a continuous line along the back of the house from the living room through the master bedroom. When the afternoon glare becomes too insistent a sheer white curtain is drawn. A translucent glass panel extends from the window wall to the fireplace and is actually a part of the wall between the living room and master bedroom.

Off the window wall, on the outside of the house, is a deck with a planting box which helps to frame the view and give a feeling of room extension. As the sun and wind make the deck to the west of little use as a sitting place, it is narrow and used mostly to reach the garden.

A wing wall was built to assure privacy. The architects plotted the line of vision so little of the neighbor's view is lost, yet both houses have privacy.

The secondary problem of getting the required number of rooms was solved by the familiar "U" pattern. The terrace on the street side serves as an outdoor sitting area well protected from the wind.

In this little house the owners show proof that a good architect's good design isn't expensive in the long run. Besides, since it had architect supervision during construction, its mechanical soundness was assured. The Krauses are well pleased with their home —and well they might be.

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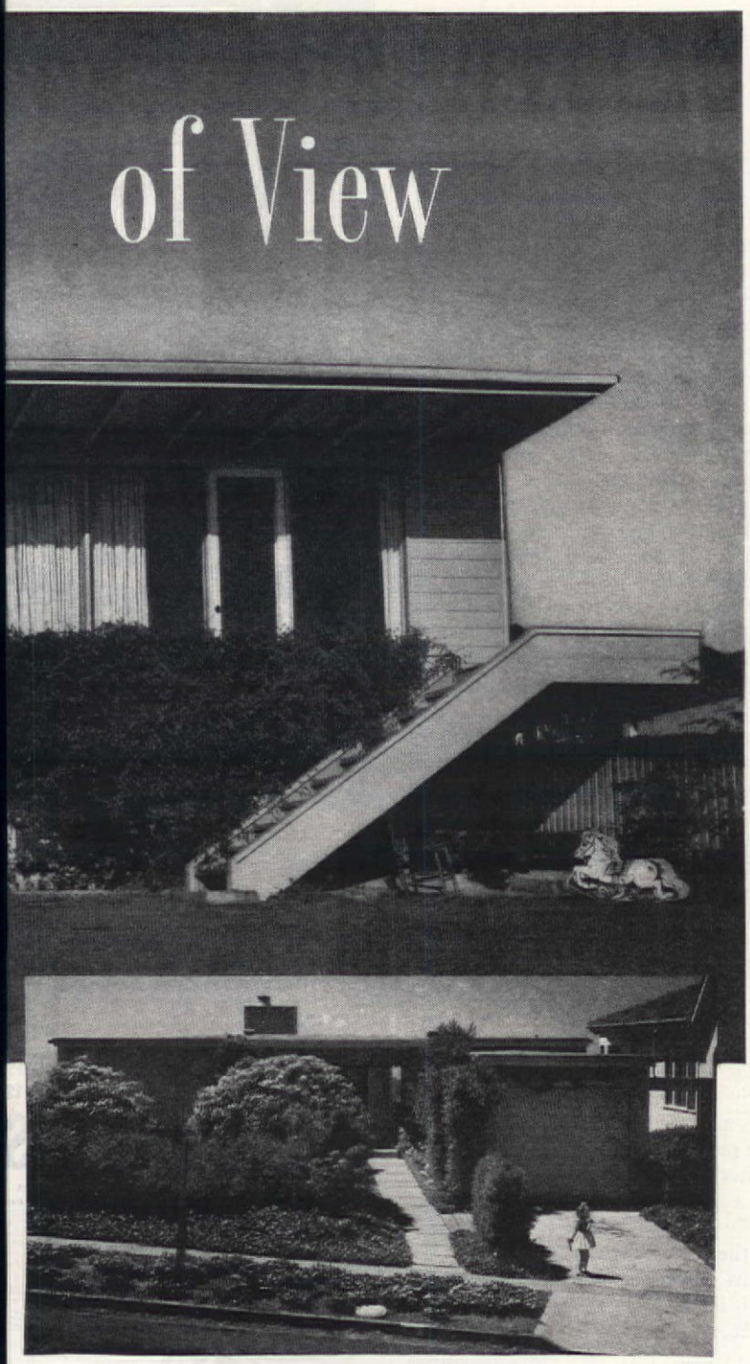
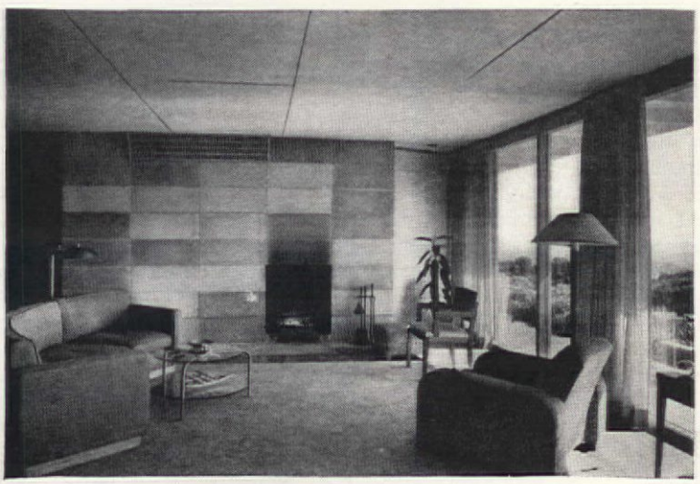


Landscaping screens house from street. Wing wall insures privacy for Krauses and neighbor without cutting across their line of vision



Living room, with glass-panel wall, is done in neutral tones. Mr. Krause, an electronic engineer, had chimney built to serve as sounding board for phonograph speaker

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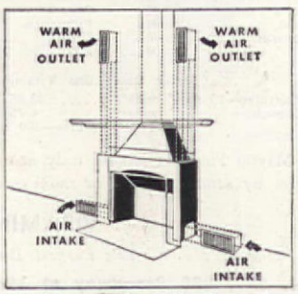

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Three Ways

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grand piano in his scheme, which takes quite a bite of space in itself. To get that uncrowded look he had to eliminate several pieces of furniture. Just five people can be seated comfortably—not including the piano bench, which is hardly a comfortable perch for an evening of talk! To further this feeling of more space than actually exists he used several good decorator tricks. (1) There is no pattern anywhere in the room—walls, floor, curtains, upholstery fabrics are completely plain or subtly textured. (2) Carpet and walls are subtle offshoots of the same color, another inch-stretcher. (3) Translucent draperies hung wall to wall admit most of the light, and also form a strongly contrasting horizontal block at the end of the room, accentuating the width. (4) Mirrors, if you can afford them, are one of the best means of "extending" space beyond the actual dimensions of a room. Here, a large panel of mirror was fixed to one of the long walls of the room, and reflects a good share of the room. The eye does not stop at the actual wall, but penetrates beyond into what appears to be another room.

In the contemporary treatment, on the right hand page, one of the biggest problems was to reconcile large overscaled upholstered furniture, originally bought for a large living room, with the under-twelve-foot width of this narrow room. In order to keep the pieces from looking more massive than they were, they were slip-covered in a plain material which was specially dyed to match the exact color of the carpet. A large panel of mirror helps widen this room—though most of it is out of sight on the wall at the right in the picture. Marbalia wallpaper helps blank out some bad spots on the wall. The room would have appeared far more spacious and composed had the furniture been smaller in scale and had there been less of it. Plain walls would have helped. Yet, one of the stipulations was that extremely comfortable seating space be provided for seven persons, plus facilities for an overnight guest. Study the picture—the demands were met.

Remember these points when you plan to furnish a small room. Plain surfaces are better than patterns—on walls, floors, or furniture. Patterns distract and stop the eye. Too many vertical lines accentuate ceiling height and seem to throw the average room out of proportion—they narrow as well as heighten. Mirrors give an illusion of space—when they're used right. Use small-scaled furniture in a small room—normal size or heavy pieces cramp the space too much. Keep pictures big, simple and few.

Study the pictures on page 83 to see three different ways of treating the same tiny bedrooms.

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Look at It Three Ways (Begins on page 32)

This version of bedroom has fanciful draperies painted on wall, a real swag above window. Bed is in foreground

Still another way: Bed across end of room, leaving small area in foreground for dressing. Chest of drawers at right

Best way to place twin beds is line them up end to end, pullman fashion. Wardrobe cabinets hug the wall at right

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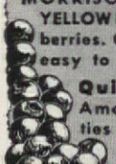

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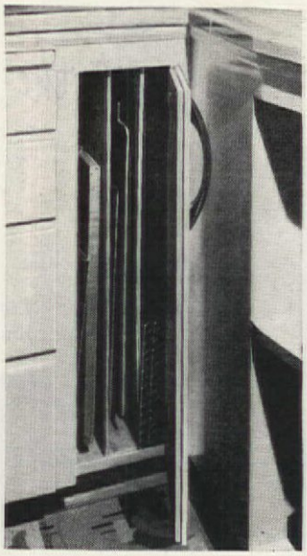
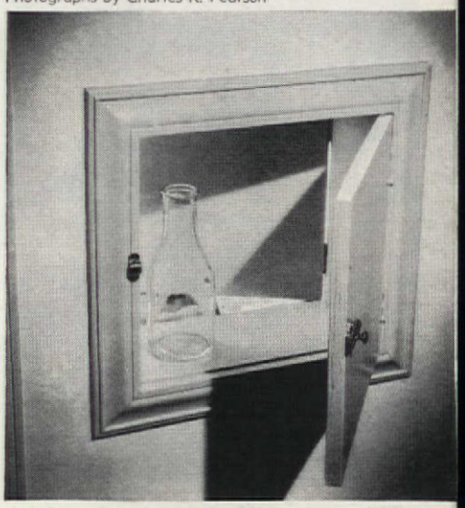


A vertical file, perfect for storing wood cutting-board, trays, cookie sheets. It's worth it alone as a resting place for that outsized turkey platter you have buried away on the top shelf of the clothes closet

Photographs by Charles R. Pearson



The latch string is always out for the milkma with this compartment in the kitchen wall. An outside door, a ledge, and then an inside door that locks securely with a barrel bolt

EDITH RAMSAY

Kitchen Bouquets

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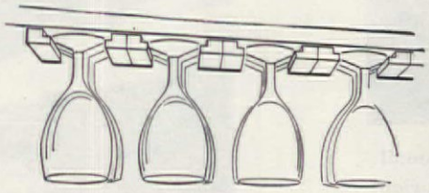

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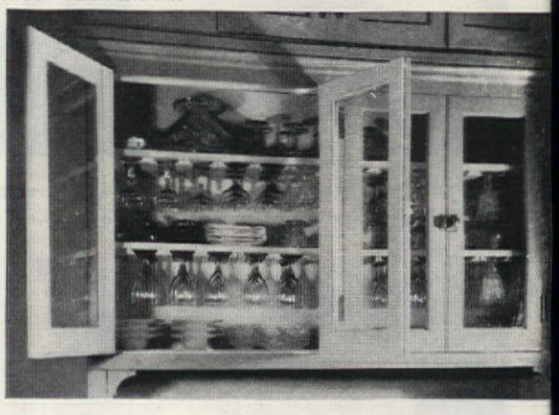

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(Begins on page 54)

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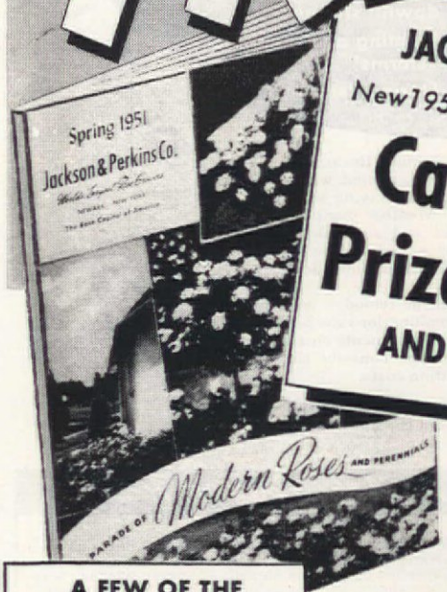

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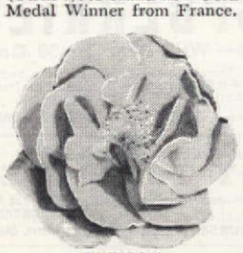

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WHEN WE MOVED IN — AND 4 YEARS LATER

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THE BACK OF THE HOUSE THEN—AND NOW

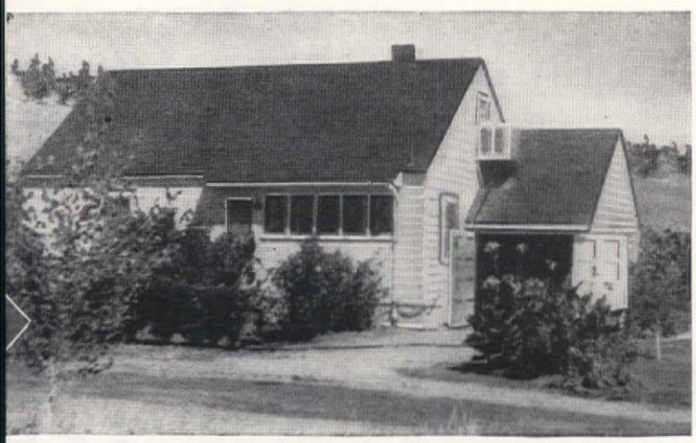
MRS. JOHN PELNAR

I am sending you some pictures, taken by my husband, of the house we live in. Two of them show how it looked when we moved in; the other two were taken four years later. Perhaps you, and others, will be interested in seeing them and in knowing that, although this is a Government-owned property and we are merely tenants, we have gone to work to make it attractive and a real home. My husband, being with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, never knows how long he will be stationed in one place. But that hasn't stopped us from having a garden and chickens, or from building a playhouse for our young daughter.

When we moved in, the surroundings here in northern California certainly looked desolate to me. I wondered how anything could be planted in such a hard soil so full of stones and boulders. The first summer we didn't do a thing, but the next spring found us hard at work—and I mean work. Rains softened the ground a little, so we started a rose bed. Every time the shovel was put in, it hit a rock; some were so big we had to dig around them and pry them out. But we finally had a trench about two feet deep that we refilled with the soil after adding to it some sandy loam and old manure that, luckily, we found on the place. Drainage is good and the roses have thrived. That same spring we also put in the lawn and a hedge across the front and started digging other flower beds which, by this time, surround the house.

The next summer my husband built a small patio back of the house with an arbor over half of it. I don't think he will ever forget it for, thinking he would get a nice tan, he worked without his shirt and, instead, got a real sunburn with blisters half an inch high all over his back. (Now he keeps his shirt on.) He also put in a flagstone walk leading to the patio.

It always seems as though I couldn't find enough time to spend outdoors. Besides our growing-up daughter, we have a four-and-a-half-month-old baby, but I manage to find a little time each day to work in the garden. Of course, in the summer, in this region we have to water the lawn and flowers constantly; and then the weeds are certainly fast growers. Yet, even if we had to leave tomorrow, I wouldn't regret all the work we have done



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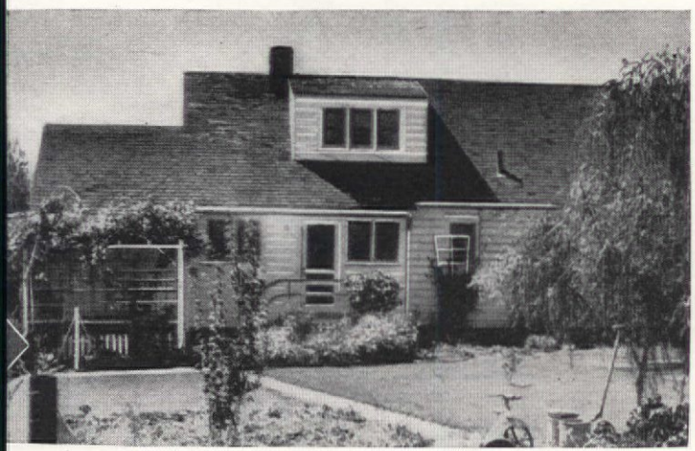

here. We have enjoyed doing it and having a place that we could improve, and that, when we leave, someone else will enjoy.

And now, a sequel that might be given its own title, such as—

"Thar's Gold in Them Thar Gardens"

Last week, while working in one of my flower beds—the one close by the patio—I dug up a string of queer, brown, old-looking beads. Being curious—naturally, I think—I took them in the house, cleaned some of them, and soon discovered they were made of some kind of metal. A few days later I showed them to a man who digs Indian relics for a museum, and he told me that they were handmade, had come from Spain, and probably dated back to the 18th Century. It seemed wonderful to have in my hand a string of beads that had been made by hand so long ago. But to my further surprise and delight, when, later on, I took them to a jeweler and asked his opinion about them, he told me that they were made of gold, pure gold!

Altogether, there are 62 beads in the necklace, 58 of them forming the string and four larger ones hanging from individual little loops of gold wire. Originally, there must have been five of these, as there is one empty loop. The whole string is put together with little gold pins that join each two beads.

As to an explanation of how they came to be in the garden, when we first came here we brought some soil for the flower beds from an old Indian camp site near by. I imagine that some Indian lost the necklace there long ago. Or else it may have been buried there, for I have been told that the early tribes buried their dead at their camp sites. One can imagine that this particular Indian had captured, or perhaps killed, some Spanish lady and taken the beads, for all around this part of California was in those days a Spanish grant. Well, that's all I have been able to learn about the beads, but since finding them I have thought seriously about starting a bead collection. For I have two other long strings that I dug out of an Indian burial mound. Some of those beads also date back to the 18th Century, and also appear to have been made in Spain, but they are not made of metal and certainly not of gold like those I found in my garden.

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On a City Lot

(Begins on page 30)

available at most modern nurseries. As they can be planted quite close together—12 to 15 feet—there should be room for four across an average lot, one each of apple, peach, cherry, and plum. The spraying they need will mean merely an extension of the general garden protection program.

If there are children in the family, one corner of the outdoor living room should be given over to them. On the plan we suggest a sand box at the end of the grape arbor where they can play in sight of Mother when she is working in the kitchen. They can use the end of the arbor as a playhouse, and wise parents will encourage the natural gardening instinct by giving them the area around the sand box for their own garden, to develop as they like.

To tie in with a garden plan of this sort, the planting around the house should defer to the traditions of farmhouse landscaping. That means lilacs or mockoranges at the corners with, perhaps, old-fashioned peonies or flowering quince bushes on either side of the front door. A rambler rose might drape a back or side door, and iris, daylilies, hollyhocks, and phlox will be logical material for beds and borders, both along the foundation and against the boundary fences.

The elements considered so far will satisfy the demands of good garden design and at the same time make any practical-minded man feel that the results justify whatever investment and upkeep he has to put into them. The area immediately around the house shows a nice balance of beauty and usefulness. But if space permits, a section should be set aside at the rear of the property, behind the dwarf fruit trees and the low fence, where the emphasis can be placed frankly on productivity. Here will be laid out the neatly designed vegetable garden with straight rows in beds separated by narrow paths. The beds can have attractive edges of still other useful things, such as parsley, chives, endive, lettuce, kale, or cress. One patch should certainly be allotted to strawberries and so handled that part of the space can be spaded up every second or third year and re-planted with strong, new plants. Near the back fence a permanent bed should be planted to asparagus and a few clumps of the ever-useful rhubarb. Or part of this plot can be saved for a collection of perennial herbs.

With a design like this, the practical person can add to the attractiveness of his property and to its value, and have a garden that is beautiful in flower and fruit, a place in which to spend leisure hours and look with pride on the results of his labors.

CORRECTION: We regret an error in crediting the cookie tree on page 53 of the December issue to Mrs. Clarence Runkle. This tree was made by Mrs. A. B. Ellery, Pacific Palisades Women's Club. Photograph by Bob Cleveland.

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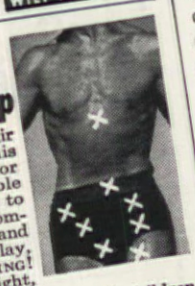

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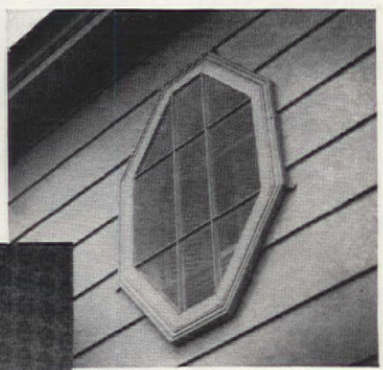

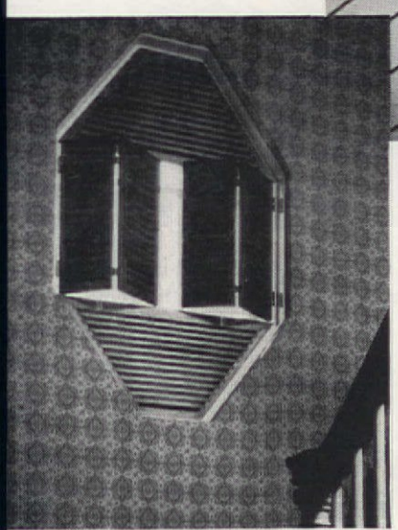

Instead of curtains they installed fixed louvers at top and bottom with small adjustable shutters in the center. Soltons' decorator was Susan Ross with George Hall

Data from Martha B. Darbyshire
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HOW TO HIDE A TV SCREEN

In their den the Soltons can conceal television screen when not in use. Part of the machine was recessed into a kitchen cupboard which backs up to bookcase. Folding doors with fake book bindings close over set to hide it

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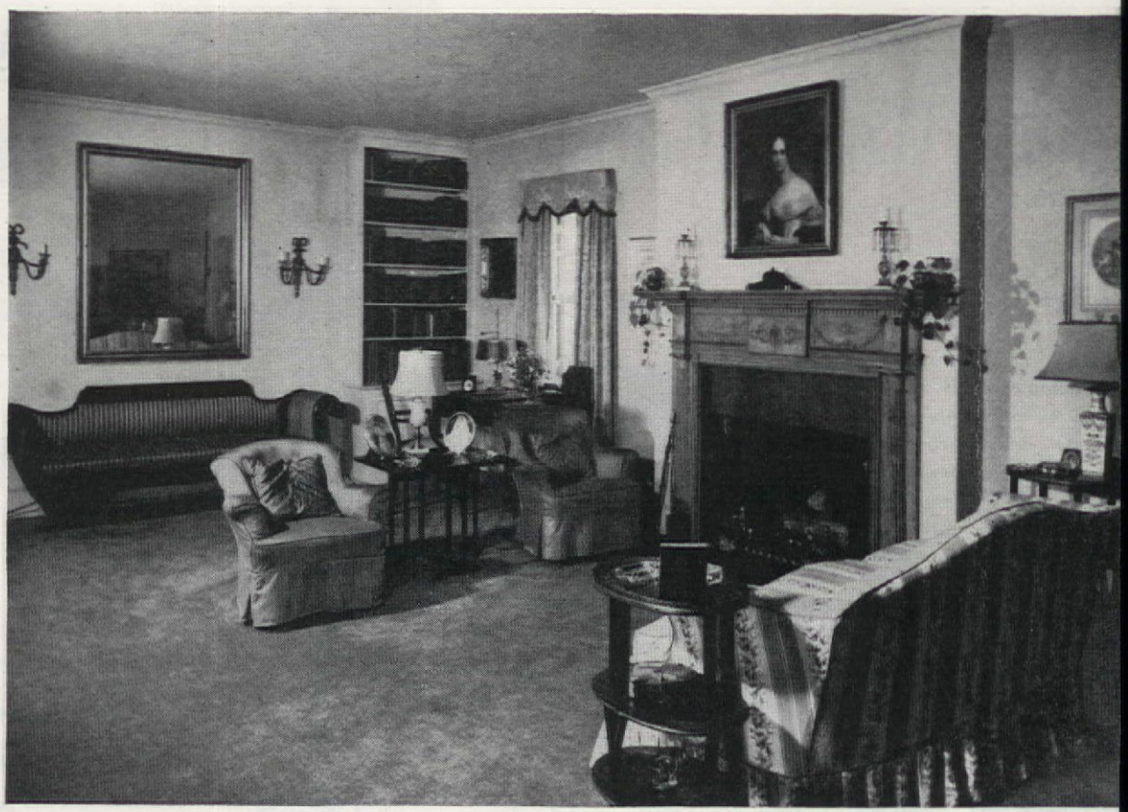

In the drawing room, a comfortable conversation group around the antique stripped-pine mantel. Over the Federal sofa, a huge mirror flanked by Louis XVI sidelights reflects most of the room

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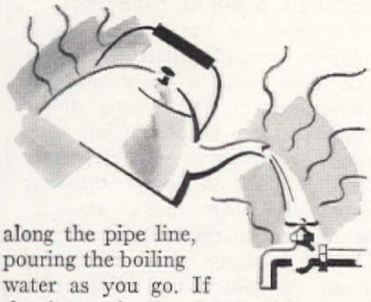
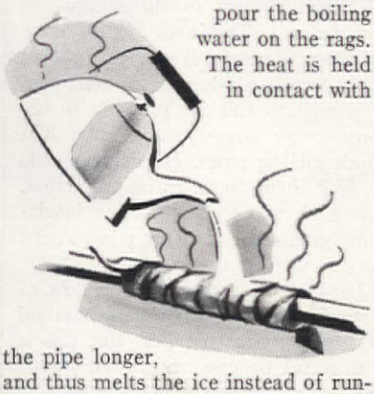
Don't despair. There's a safe way to melt the ice in the pipes. The first step is to open the faucet of a frozen line. Pour boiling water on the opened faucet and then work slowly back



along the pipe line, pouring the boiling water as you go. If the faucet is also frozen tight, pour the water on it until it loosens. Then open it and proceed with the job. Check the pipe temperature with your hand as you go. It's easy to tell where there's still ice. You can start the job at any faucet. In fact several people can speed things by working several lines at once.

With the faucet open and no ice between it and the spot you're heating, the pressure resulting from the expansion of the heated water and any steam that may be generated can escape without bursting the pipe.

Where you can do it, it is better to wrap the pipes with old rags and pour the boiling water on the rags. The heat is held in contact with



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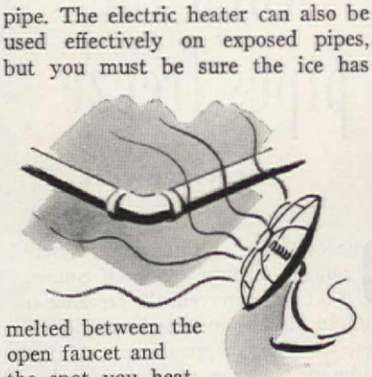
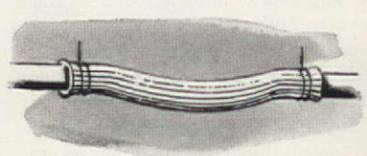
pipe. The electric heater can also be used effectively on exposed pipes, but you must be sure the ice has



melted between the open faucet and the spot you heat.

Never use a blowtorch on a frozen pipe. It will work faster than an electric heater or boiling water, but it may also work too fast. Besides possible trouble with hot water expansion or steam pressure bursting pipes, there's the danger of fire which may be started by the torch on wood parts of the house near the pipes.

If a pipe has burst, there are a number of temporary patches you can make so as to have water until the plumber arrives. Here's one simple method that can be used if you have a piece of garden hose or any other hose that has an inside diameter approximately the same as the outside diameter of the burst pipe. Shut off the main water supply valve, and cut out the split section of the pipe with a hack saw. Then slip the ends



of the piece of hose over the pipe ends and clamp them tight with a regular hose clamp or wire.

The best way to prevent the pipes freezing in the first place is to shut off and drain the unused lines, and put anti-freeze in drain traps in severe winter weather. In unoccupied houses the whole system should be shut off and drained. This task is best done by your plumber and will save money and many headaches in the long run. It is well to call the plumber in before winter anyway, and have him check all the pipes. He may be able to give them some extra protection. One such protection is extra insulation against the cold for pipes in the outside wall of the house.

Permitting a small, steady flow of water is another fairly reliable method of avoiding frozen pipes. But this is a wasteful process and is not advisable except in emergencies.

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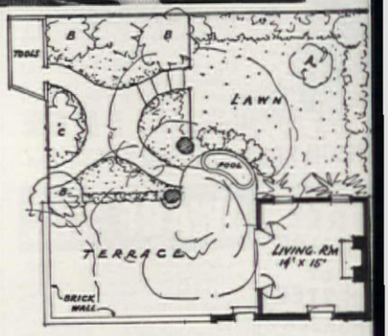

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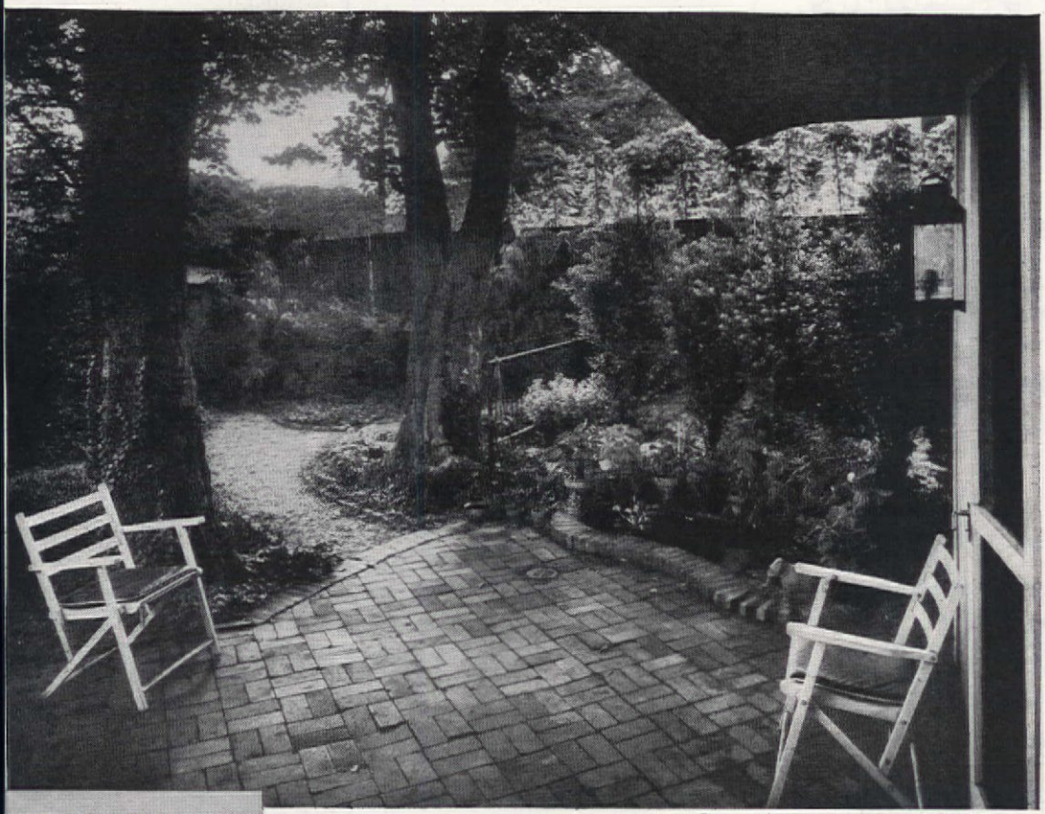

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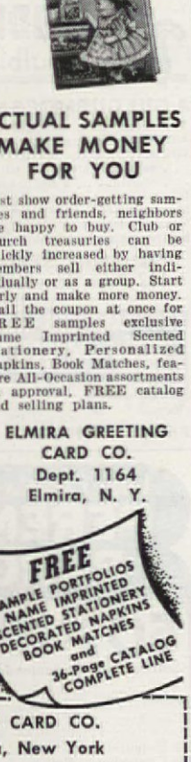

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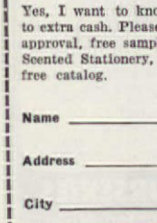

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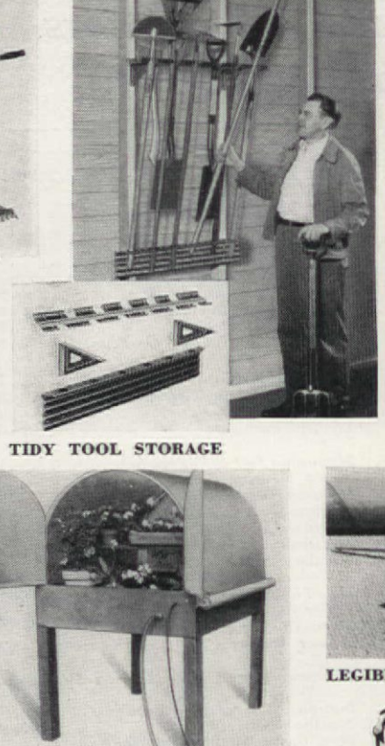

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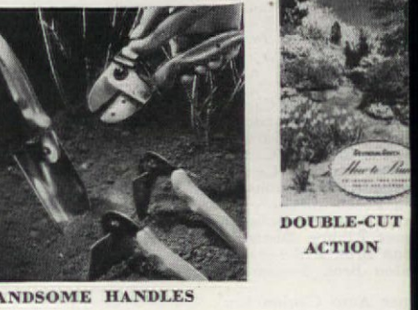

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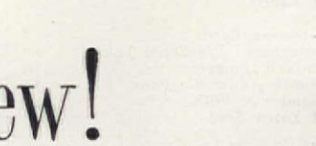

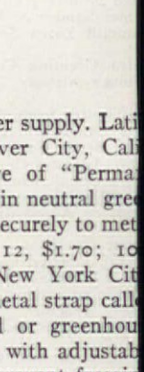

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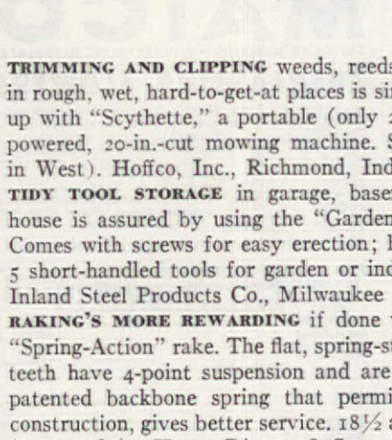

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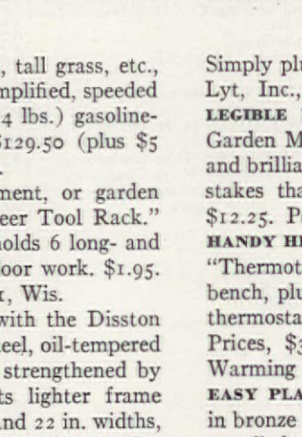

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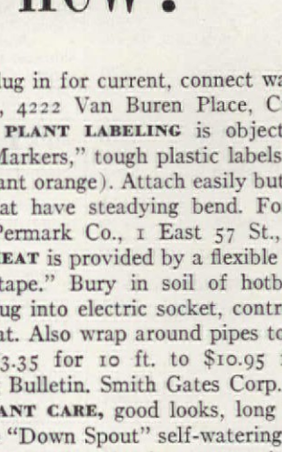

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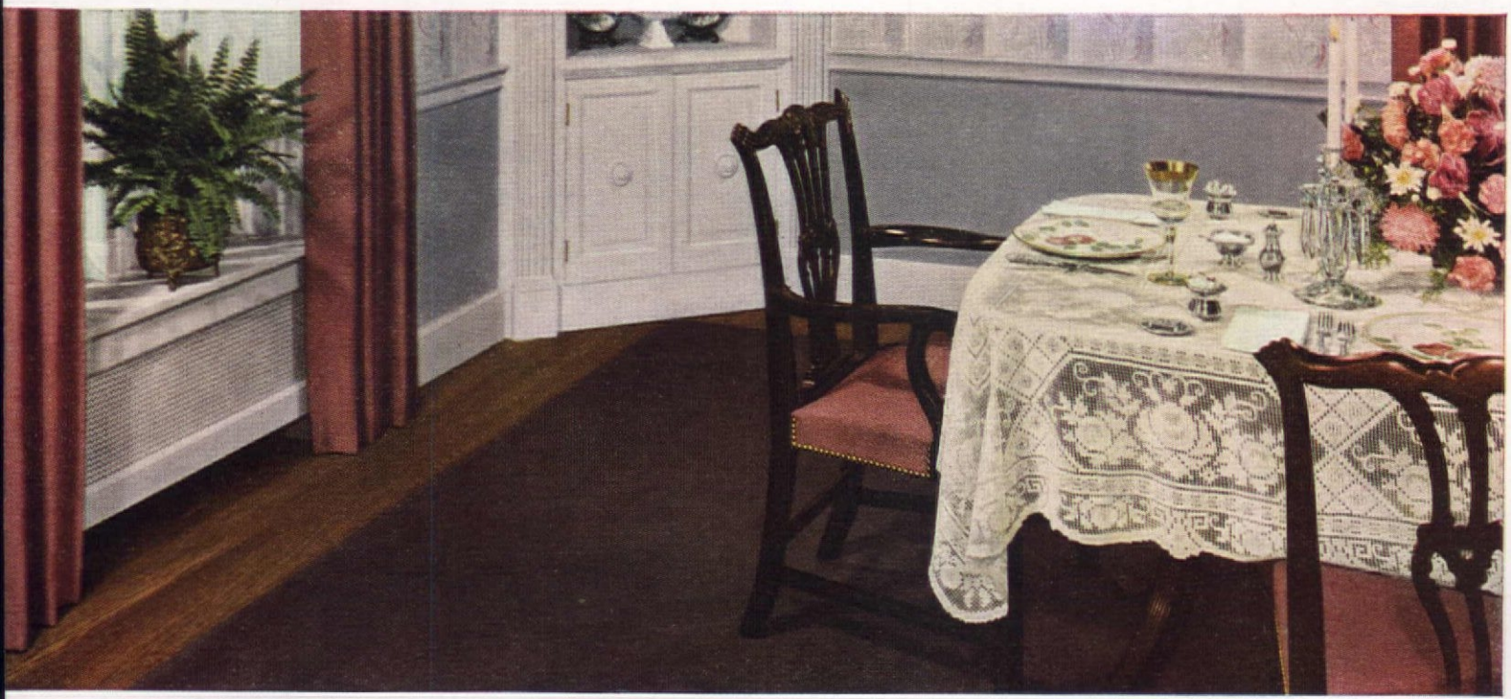

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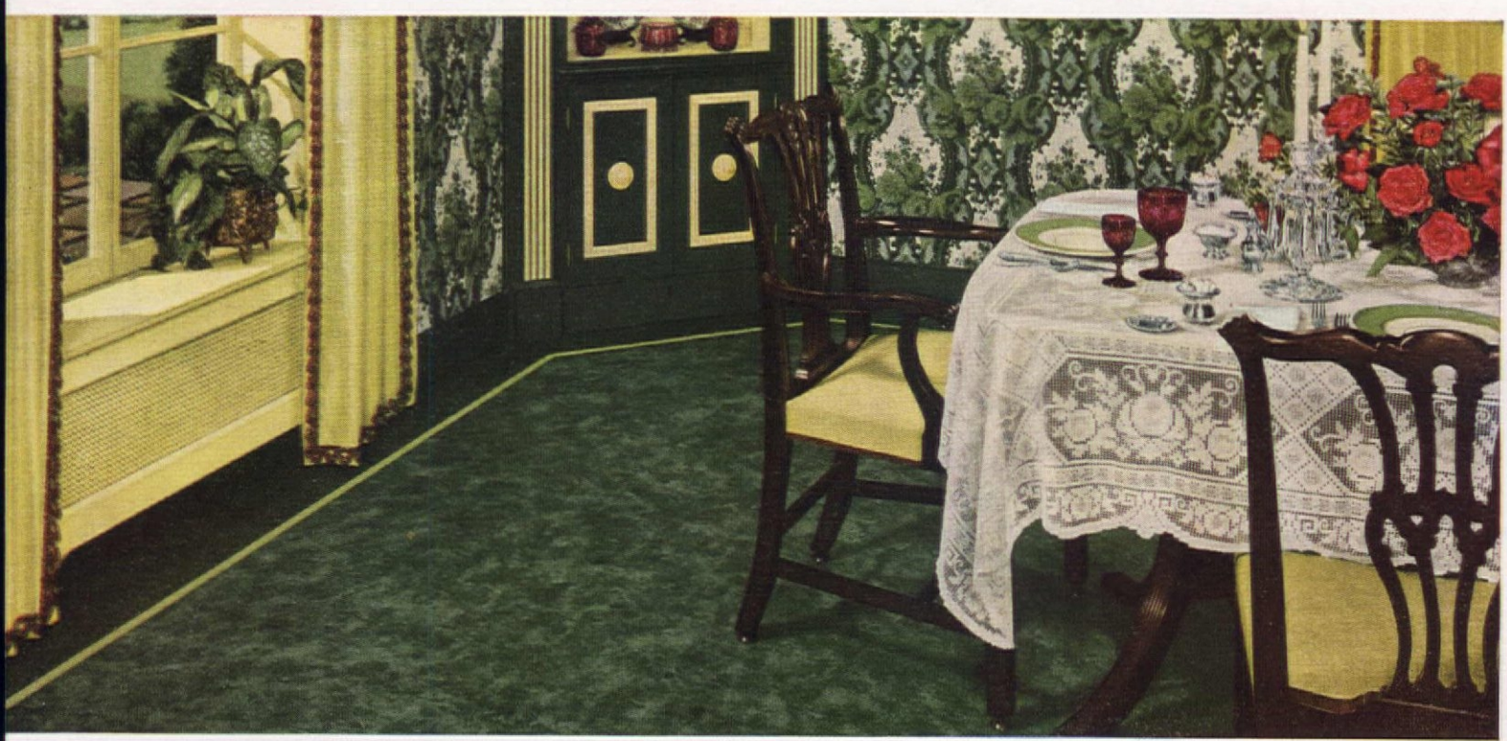

MANY WOMEN are too conservative when they decorate a room. They want rich color, but hen it comes right down to using it, they turn nid. That's why you see so many dull rooms like e one in the top picture.

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