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The overhead cabinets above the shelves are easy to reach with the clever step stool that turns into a breakfast table by lifting the drop leaves. Put it in front of the settee, and you have a place for dining, yet there's no space lost when it's not in use.

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BAD-NEWS GIRL (10:00 A.M.) "Uh-huh, Ann's beau jilted her—and her with a hope chest full of Cannon Combspun Percales."

SO-I-SAID QUEEN (10:25 A.M.) "So I said, 'Silly, Combspun means the cotton is combed till it's smoother and softer.'"

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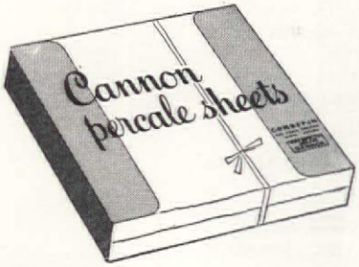
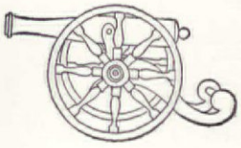
SHOPPING HOUND (4:30 P.M.) "Let supper wait—come while I spend some smart money on Cannon Combspun Percale Sheets!"





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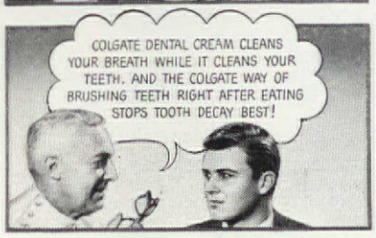

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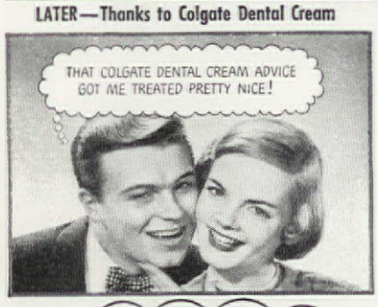

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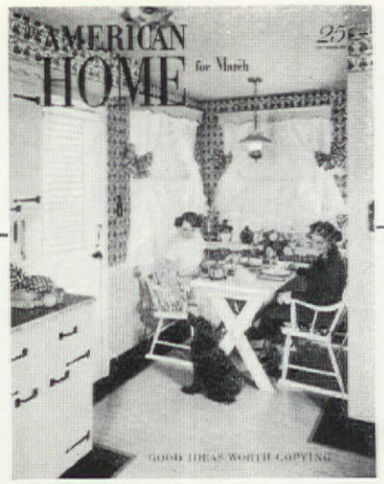

Bright corner of Mrs. Hilda Schuler's kitchen, as described in "Practically Perfect, Perfectly Practical" on page 50. Photograph by F. M. Demarest

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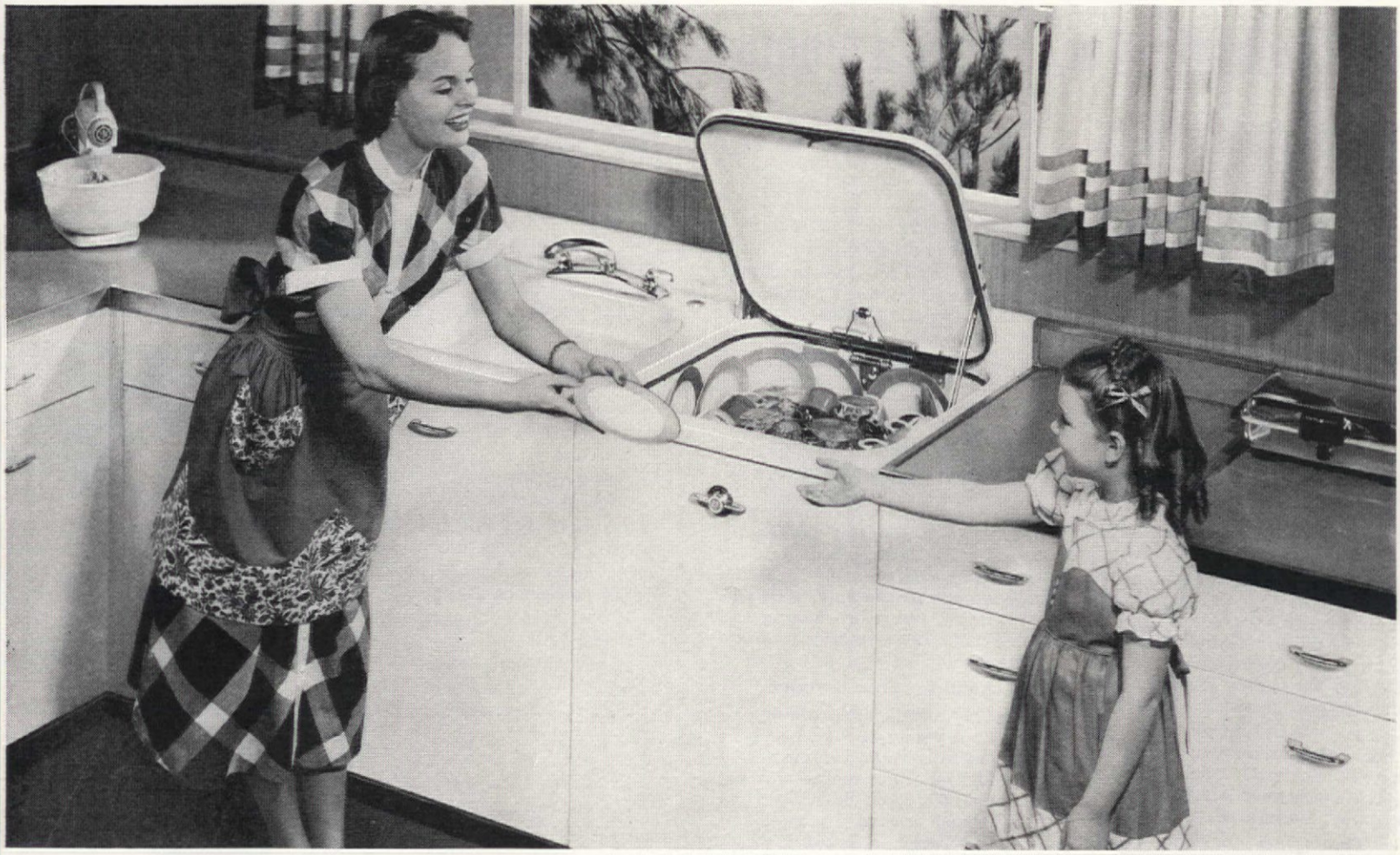

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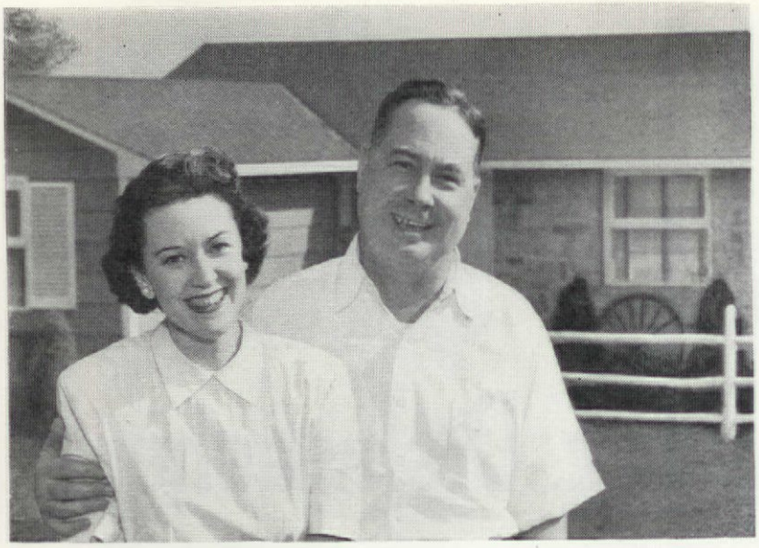

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But one day she stopped me. She asked me how much I'd earn in the next twenty years—not counting raises. I did some quick arithmetic, multiplying my salary by 20. It ran up into *six figures!* I gave her the answer, and grinned.

Betty wasn't impressed. "How much of that do you think we'll save?" she asked. I had to be honest. We were spenders. "A thousand or two," I admitted.

"That's just our trouble," she said. "We can't seem to save. That's why you ought to get one of those retirement income plans. *And now.*"

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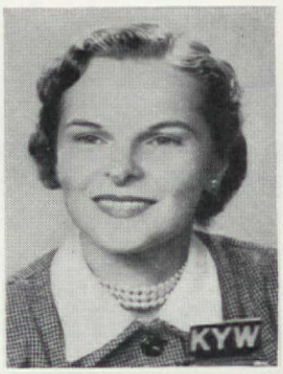

. . . **JEAN PHILLIPS,** who tells on page 18 of a "Lending Library That Gives Much More" writes modestly: "I wish I had something spectacular to offer. The facts are: I am married and the mother of a four-year-old daughter who is actually boss of the family. When she was younger, I occupied with writing what free time she and the care of the house left. Now she is in nursery school and I am a free-lance women's commentator at station KYW, which fits in congenially with our family life."

. . . **EARL W. MORRILL** writes on page 34 about his terrace which was born to make a virtue of a defect. After receiving his B.A. from the Univ. of Wisconsin, he became a newspaperman in Rhinelander, Wis., then to Detroit where he was technical writer for Office, Chief of Ordinance, writer-editor on business magazines, and at present managing editor of Buick Magazine. He and his wife now live in their new Colonial home in Dearborn, Mich. with their two enthusiastic sons, David, 13, and Billy, 8.

. . . **CLARICE COX,** in addition to being a full-time homemaker, is a part-time writer. Not a stranger in our book, as her articles have appeared in previous issues, she tells on page 22 "How to Visit School." Her chief interests being cooking and writing, she frequently has something cooking on range and typewriter simultaneously. She, her husband, and two young sons, Bill and Jim, live in Whitehall, Mont., a small town surrounded by mountains 17 miles from the Continental Divide.

. . . **H. F. STOKE,** born in an Iowa farm log cabin, grew up in the Ozarks, taught school for two years (found it too slow), tried hardware (found an 86-hour week too much), and in 1903 homesteaded in Minnesota ("liked it fine, people far away, God very near"). Married (has three grown children), and after four years in Texas opened an electrical shop in Roanoke, Va. Spends much time on an old farm growing flowers, fruits, nuts; tinting photographs of them, and writing about them (page 42).

. . . **EUNICE FAY BOLLER,** Ohio-born and the eldest of a large family, attended Wittenberg College but, she says, was "arm-twisted" into marrying instead of graduating. New Yorkers until two sons were born, they then returned to Ohio and have spent happy, hectic years raising the boys, several foster children, and grandchildren. Hobbies? She has dozens—young people, music, her church, rug-hooking, studying people, cooking, and writing (see "Aren't Gardeners Queer?" page 29).

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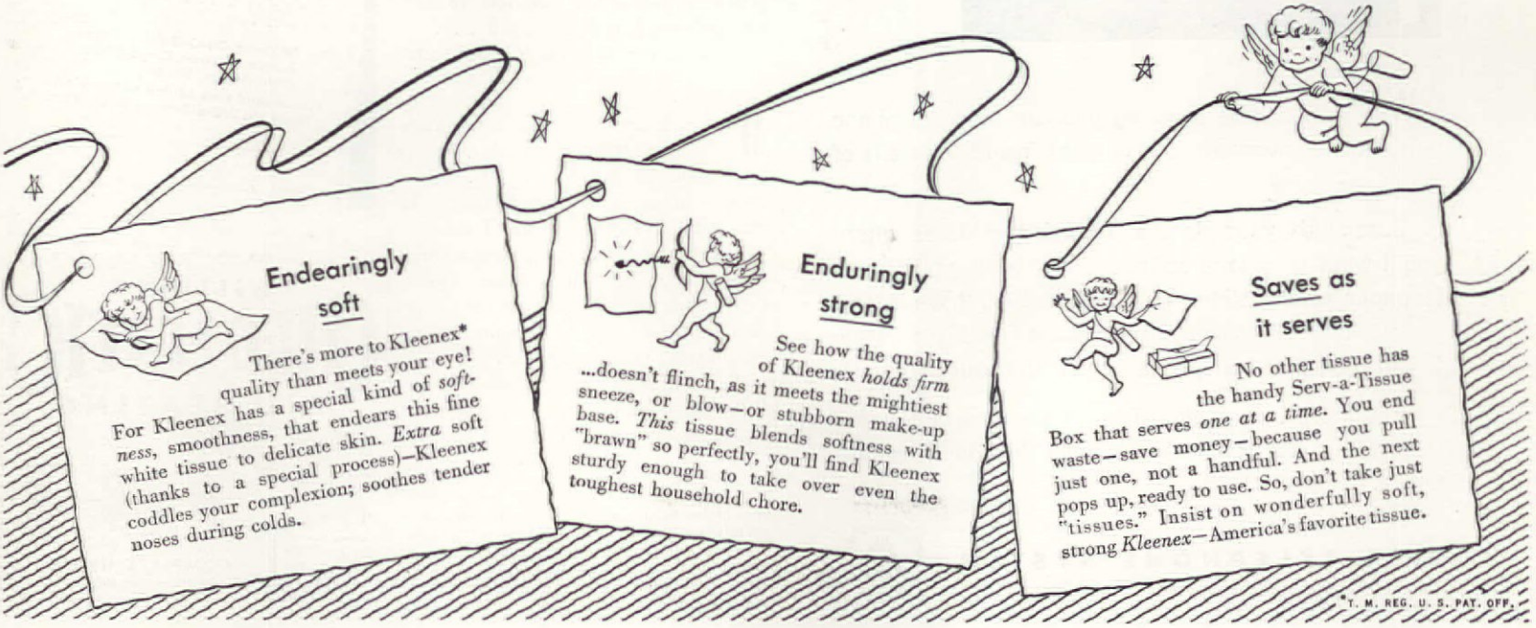

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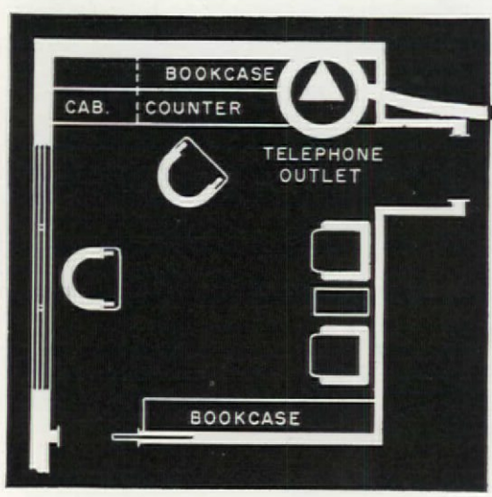

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Letters

I disagree with the allegation that "time is for free" [November "Letters"]. The only thing free about time is the freedom to do what we like with our leisure. But how much leisure we have varies with each of us. The woman with no children has a great deal more free time than the woman who has children. The woman with money can buy time by paying others to do her work . . .

I believe that it can truthfully be said that one person does have more "time" than another, despite the twenty-four hours daily allotted to each of us. It is also true that we can exercise our individual judgment as to what activities are most rewarding. Even with equal incomes, one woman may voluntarily limit her family to one child and thus have more money and time to devote to other pursuits, whereas her sister may choose to have several children and consider her time and money better spent . . . Baked apples take less time to prepare than an apple pie, but I'll wager that a child who eats a baked apple with two or three of his siblings is happier than a child who eats pie alone. One woman may be ashamed to have her home in anything less than shining order, whereas another may consider the time better spent in playing with the youngsters than vacuuming the floors. In this sense it can be said that we "take time" to do those things which are most important. And each of us must have her own sense of values as to what things are most important. I have never learned to do any fancy handwork, since I prefer to read or to spend my time with mentally stimulating friends. One acquaintance was most pressing in her offers to teach me to knit, pointing out that when she finished a scarf, she had a scarf, but when I finished a book, what did I have? I never could answer that question to her satisfaction, but I still read . . .

—MARION D. KORTJOHN

Mine is a wee voice in this huge city, but it is praising ever so loudly the cover of your December issue—the scene of the Nativity. It was a lovely selection and I can assure you I've heard many, many compliments on it. There never was a time when the message of that "Infant of the Crib" was more to be emphasized than at present.

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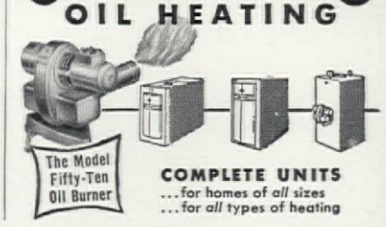

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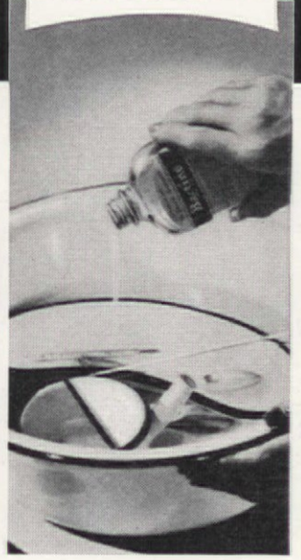

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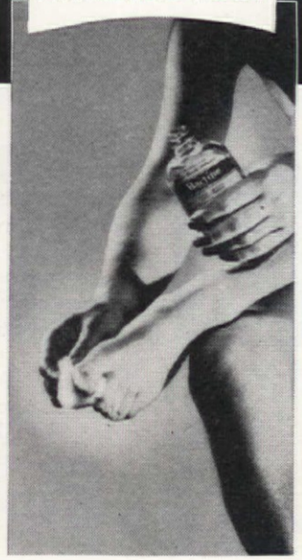

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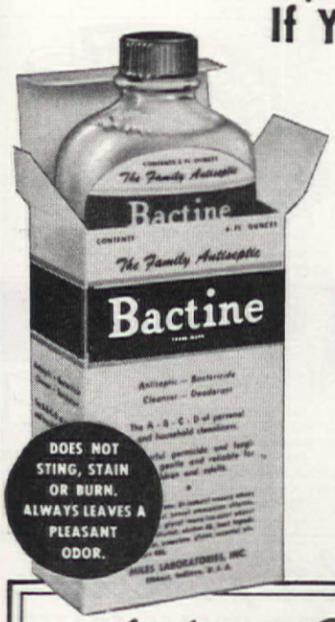

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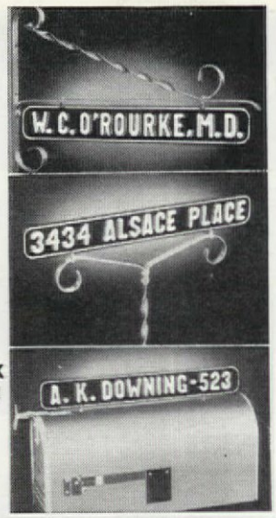

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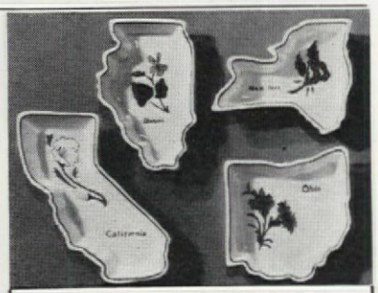

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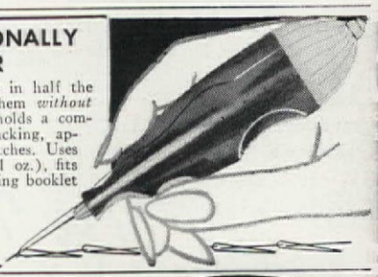

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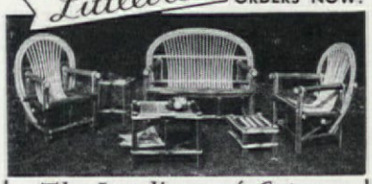

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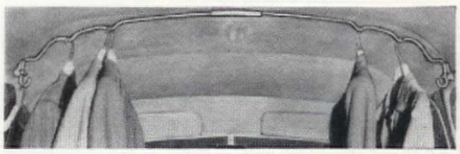

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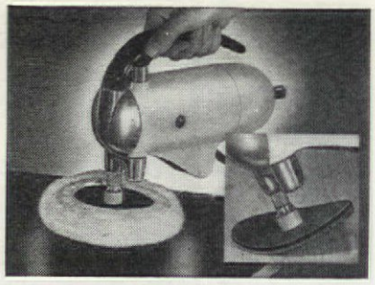

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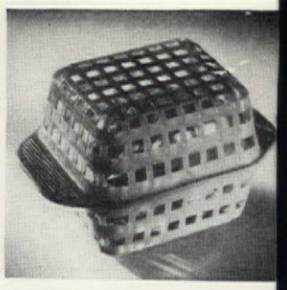

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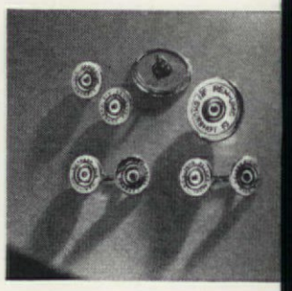

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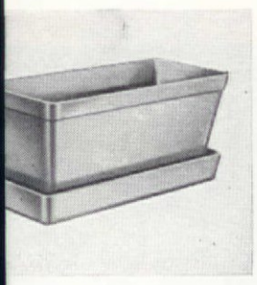

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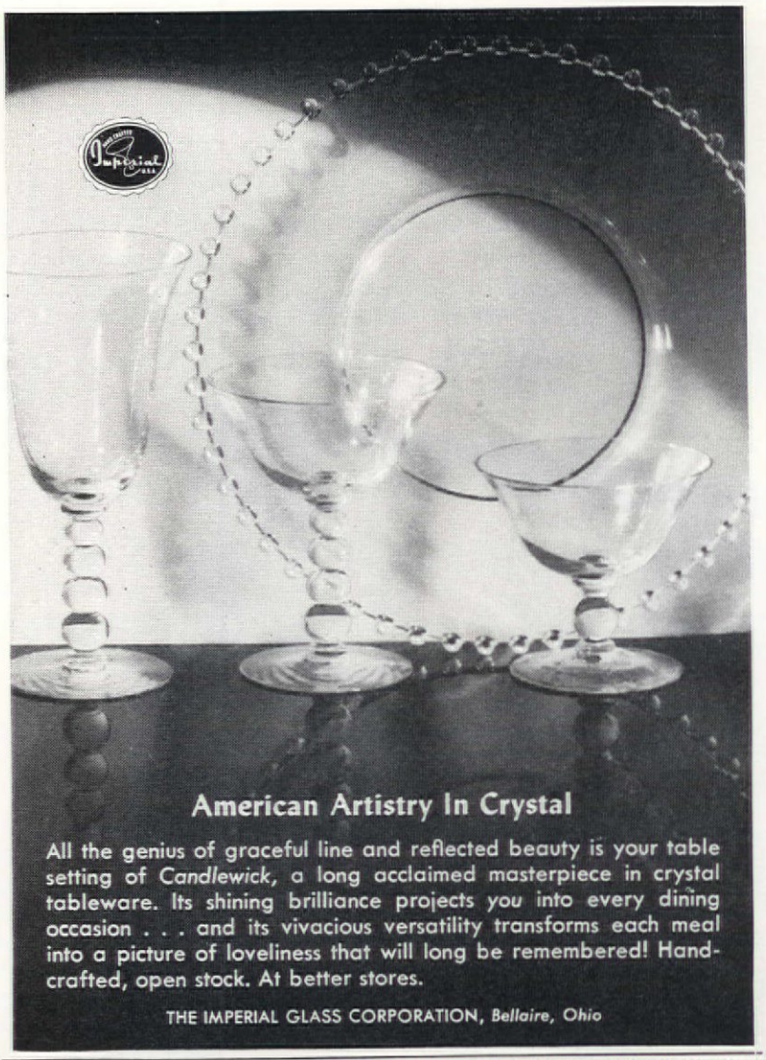

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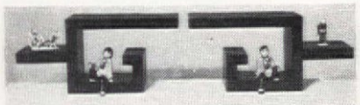

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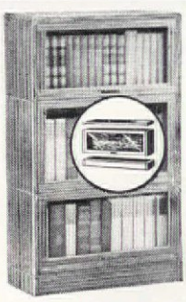

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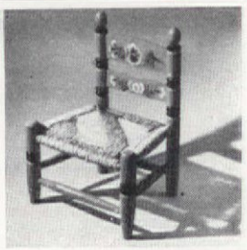

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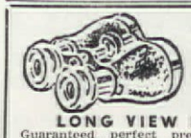

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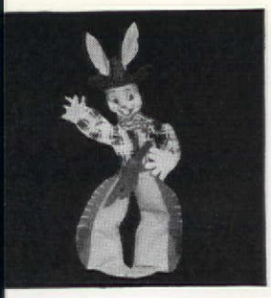

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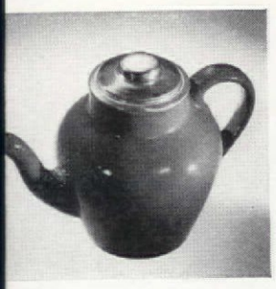

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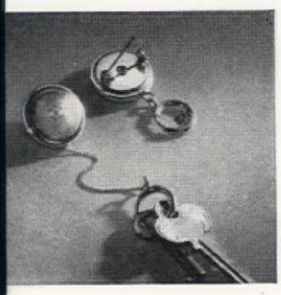

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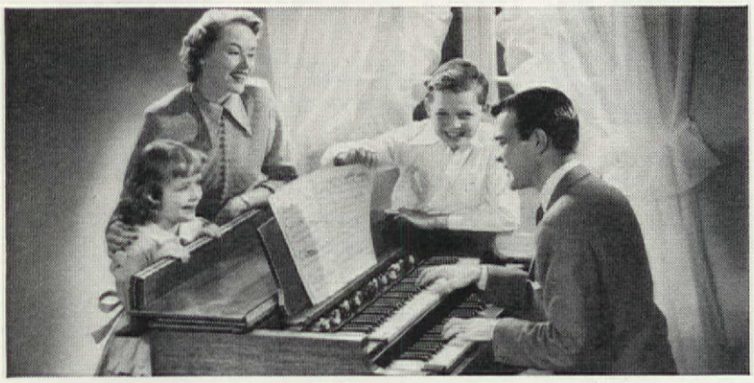

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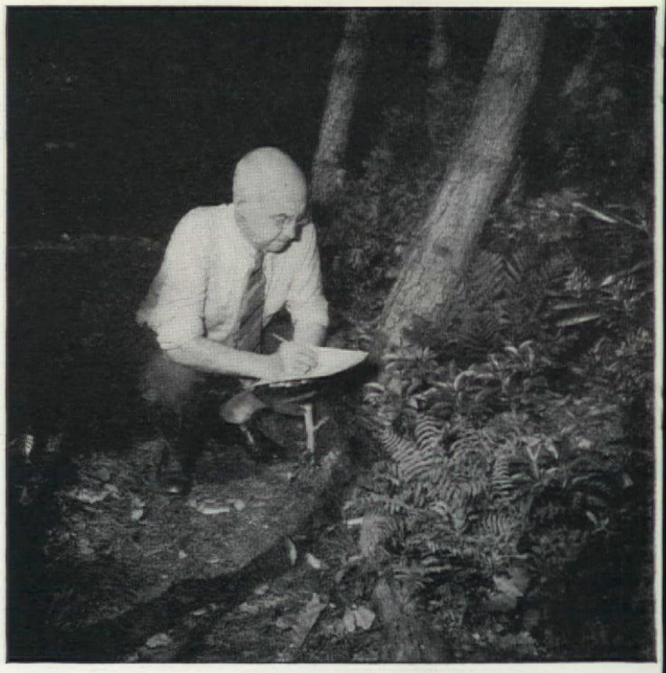

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CLARENCE BIRDSEYE

During the Labrador years

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That was when I quit being a hairy-chested harpooner and began

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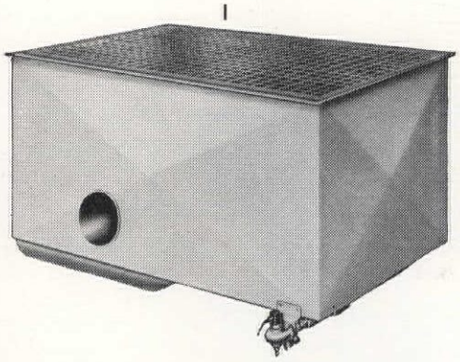

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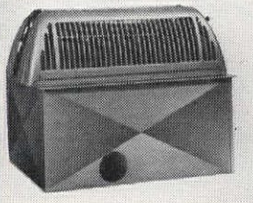

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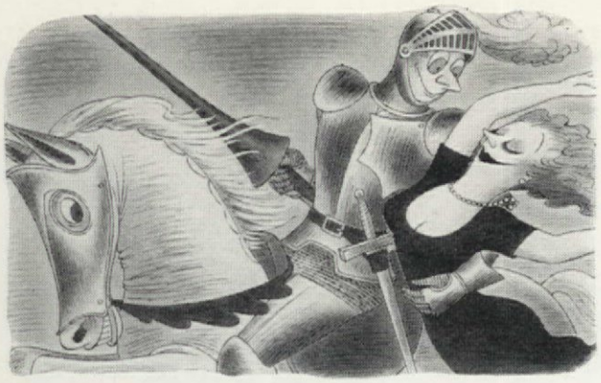

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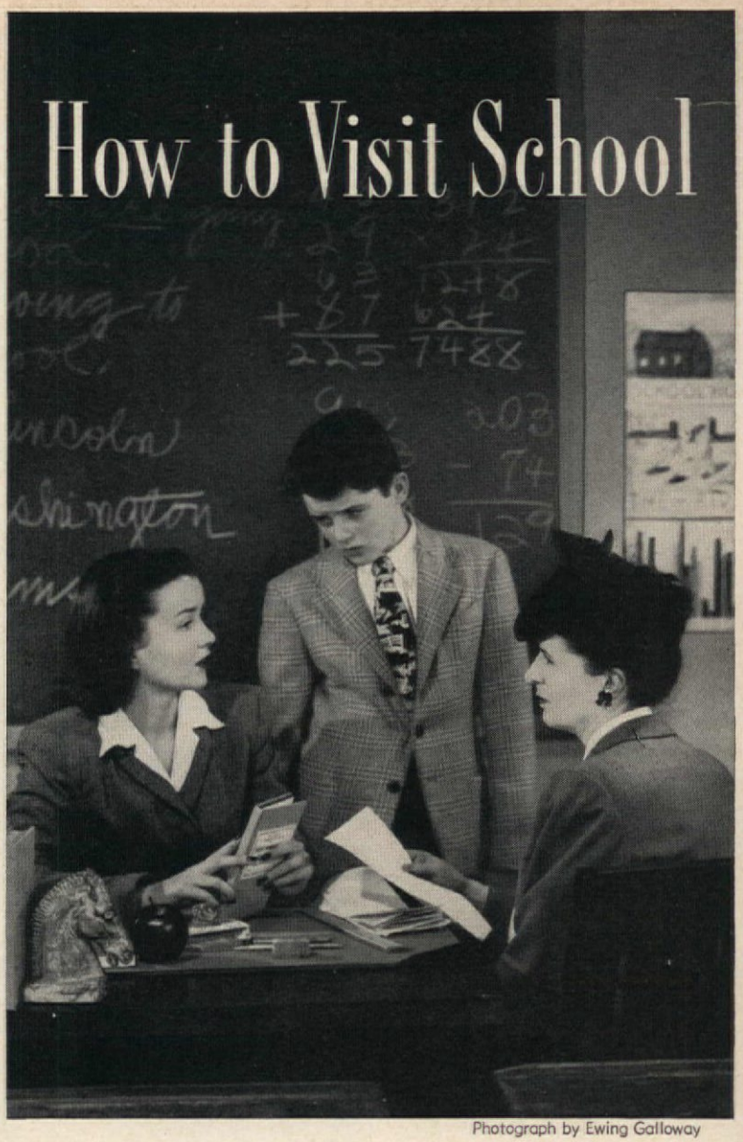

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CLARICE COX

Let's face it—there comes a time in every parent's life when a visit to school is necessary. Here are a few pointers which we would all do well to note if we would get the most out of our visit, and suffer the least repercussion.

In the first place, this visit isn't to be approached with the idea that it's one of those things which you have to do and you might as well get it over with. No—if you feel like that, it shows. Don't drop in on your way to the supermarket, with slacks or jeans on, and don't enter like a *grande dame,* all dressed up to meet the city fathers. Dress as inconspicuously as possible, for heaven knows you'll be conspicuous enough as it is.

Try to call on the teacher and children at a time when they won't be at their worst—Mondays and Fridays aren't very good, because starting and stopping days have their own unique disadvantages. And please don't drop in on report-card day. The teacher might tell you the truth about your little genius. The best thing to do is to enter quietly, sit quietly, leave quietly. In that way you can be as invisible as possible, the teacher and the children will appreciate it, and you will learn more because they're at ease. If you bring a younger child with you—necessity sometimes, you know—you'd better arm yourself with a few small toys, crayons and paper—then hope for the best. At least the youngster can get an idea of what to expect within a few years, and when he enters school it won't be completely strange to him.

If the teacher is extra-sharp—and most of them are today—you may be able to pick up a lot of pointers on how to get along with children—all for nothing, too. Perhaps you should go to visit with the idea that you're going to learn a lot about Johnny and children in general, instead of just sitting in judgment on the teacher's methods. For instance, how does she handle the extraverted child

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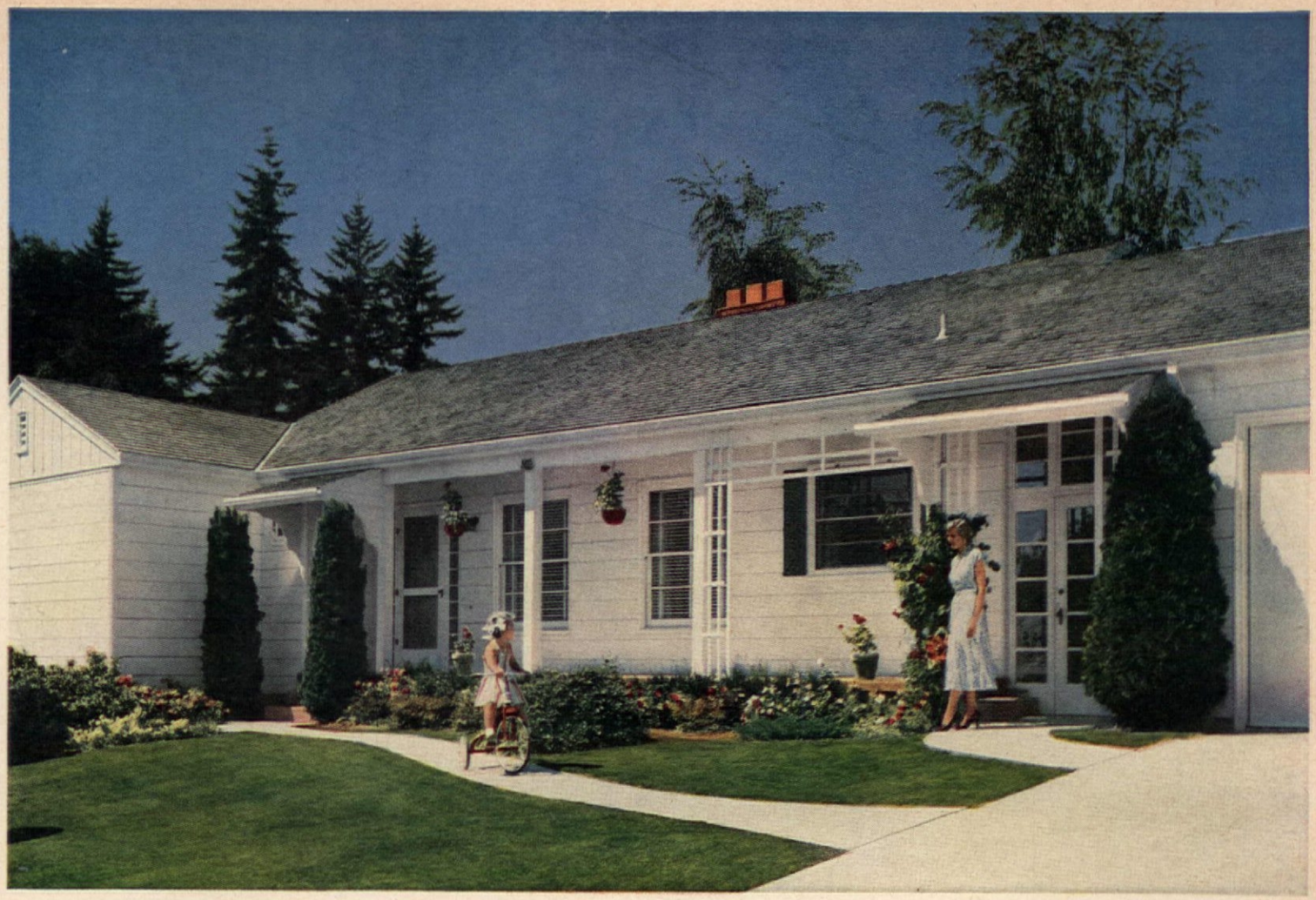

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★By *Patricia Collier,* Dole Home Economist
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Jack Roche

Mrs. Rowley Waits for Spring

MARY ALICE ROCHE

Mrs. Rowley, who was at the telephone when I called, motioned me to a chair and continued an interesting conversation part of which I couldn't help overhearing.

"How would an exhibit of seeds be, to show how plants make sure of their continual rebirth? I have lots of seeds and spore cases and some good enlarged diagrams of how they are spread—you know, the little round poppy salt-cellars; puffball mushrooms sending out spores like smoke; the silk parachutes of thistles and milkweed; winged seeds of maple and plantain-lily; all kinds of fruits . . . You think the children would like something along that line? All right, I'll get at it."

"And what's all that about?" I asked as she hung up.

"Oh, the plant-life exhibit our Garden Club is setting up at the school in conjunction with the P. T. A.," she answered, as she led me into the back sitting room and pulled out the library steps. "I must find that Legends of Seeds book—maybe we could illustrate one. Some of the girls are awfully good at making miniature landscapes, and even figures, of plant materials."

"My goodness! Another of your Club's activities, and with spring just around the corner? I should think that, with their own gardens to attend to, besides helping to landscape the new schoolhouse, your members would want to be resting up."

Mrs. Rowley seemed surprised. "Oh, but a garden club, more than most organizations, is an all-the-year-round proposition. What with the shows and outdoor work during the other seasons,

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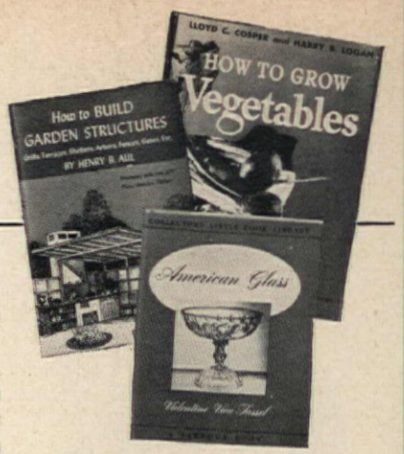

American Glass by Valentine Van Tassel. (M. Barrows & Co., Inc.) Price $2.00. . . A small book in size, but full of information that would do credit to a much larger volume, this is a must for anyone interested in America's three centuries of glass-making. The ten chapters include Wistar and Stiegel, Post Revolutionary Period, the Pressed Glass Era, Vogue for Pictorial Bottles, the Victorian Era in Glass, Cut and Engraved Glass, and the New Art Glass; and 75 pictures of original pieces. "What to do with your collection" is handled briefly; the glossary is clear and concise.

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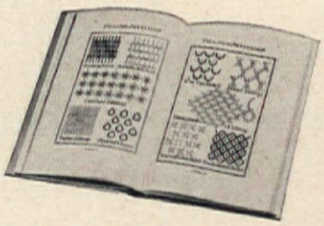

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How to Grow Vegetables by Harry B. Logan and Lloyd C. Cosper. (Duell, Sloan & Pearce) Price $3.50. . . This attractive, 263-page, 8 by 11-in. book calls itself "The complete garden guide to planning, growing, preserving, and storing vegetables, fruits, and berries." It presents the opportunities, problems, and advantages of growing food at home, then tells how to plan and prepare for the actual work, and how to do it, both generally and in detail for some three dozen crops in 12 categories.

Growing Woodland Plants by Clarence Birdseye. (Oxford) Price about $4. . . Mr. Birdseye's article (p. 16) reveals this book's background and his qualifications as an experienced authority in an often neglected phase of gardening. He tells in detail, simply and clearly, how to embark in, carry on, and enjoy woodsgardening (to use one of his terms). The first half (10 chapters) deals with the making of proper soil and other conditions essential to success, and the handling of the plants, whether collected, bought, or home-grown; especially helpful is his advice on collecting, and on using surplus plants to replenish dwindling natural vegetation. The balance describes concisely more than 200 species suitable for woodland gardens, their range, and the conditions they need. Line sketches aid in their identification.

American Rose Annual for 1950 edited by R. C. Allen. (American Rose Society) Price, with membership, $4.50. . . This 35th consecutive yearbook consists of 284 pages, 47 articles or other features, and 20 illustrations, 16 in color. Though its central theme is "The Philosophy of Rose Growing," its information is, as always, definitely practical, such as notes on Japanese-beetle control, "Common Sense Gardening," "Species for Landscape Effects."

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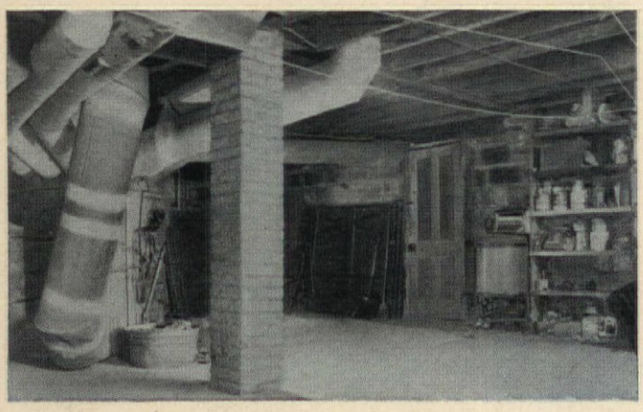

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Aren't Gardeners Queer?

Gardeners *are* queer—even they know it. As one of them, I acknowledge it. Not only queer, but queer-looking. The typical specimen is middle-aged to elderly. Unfortunately, only rarely does a youthful spirit realize that there can be fun, excitement, and satisfaction in such a seemingly staid and static hobby as gardening. Therefore, most of the he's (or, more likely, she's) who *do* have all the limitations and peculiarities that people are heir to when they are fair, fat, forty—and beyond.

For instance, your typical gardener has chins. Not just one, but a whole series. Taken together, they faintly resemble a washboard, and form small, firm pillows between the bottom of the mouth and the neck. I know whereof I speak, for my peak chin production is five. In justice to myself, let me say that I don't always have that many; a hot summer and hard garden work sometimes get me down to three; once it was two. But then come Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's in too-quick succession with the usual quota of family get-together feasts. Long before March, when I start for the garden, I can feel my chins creeping back to plague me. For, in the garden, chins *are* a nuisance. They get in your way. Trying to look down at a plant or flower, the best you can do is a sort of oblique glance as you strive to hurdle them. If you start investigating a bug crawling on the ground, by the time you've got yourself bowed out behind so you can focus a direct downward glance on him, he has disappeared and you never do know whether he was a friend or a foe.

Many gardeners, being fat as well as forty, have middles which also are a distinct liability. I've tried and tried to leave mine where I could reach around it and dig in comfort; but there it remains, always having to be leaned *over* instead of around. Wouldn't it be a good idea, now while materials are moderately plentiful, to bring out a new model gardener—one with regulation head, legs, and feet, but with the middle occupied only by a swivel? My, how a gardener of that design could get around!

Also (and I trust I am not indelicate in mentioning it) gardeners really typical of the genus are unhappily afflicted with derrières. It doesn't seem as though one should have to bother about something that is, after all, behind one. But that's just the trouble; after a while it gets so far behind! Again take my own case, as one of those unfortunates definitely so afflicted—and I mean afflicted. In winter, I exercise, carrying books on my head, squaring my shoulders against the wall, starting out a dozen times a day with disciplinary measures in mind. By late January, I begin to feel that I have things pretty much where I want them. Then comes spring and daffodil time. Now, I know exactly how many daffodil clumps I have and where they are, so there is really no reason for me to go off the deep end about them. But I'm always so glad to see them pushing up their blunt little green noses that, a dozen times a day—whenever I have to shake dustcloth or mop, go to the mailbox, or answer the door, or even when I have no excuse—I must go out and make the rounds to see how many have come up since the last time. I go from clump to clump, bent over like a half-closed jackknife; and, after a while, I get so I never quite finish unfolding when I stand up! I speak from painful experience when I say that after a month or two of the half-closed jackknife stance, one's derrière gets so far behind that one occasionally wonders whether it's still attached!

Of course, like all generalizations, that description doesn't fit all gardeners. We aren't all alike, thank goodness. Some gardeners not only lack multiple chins, but have

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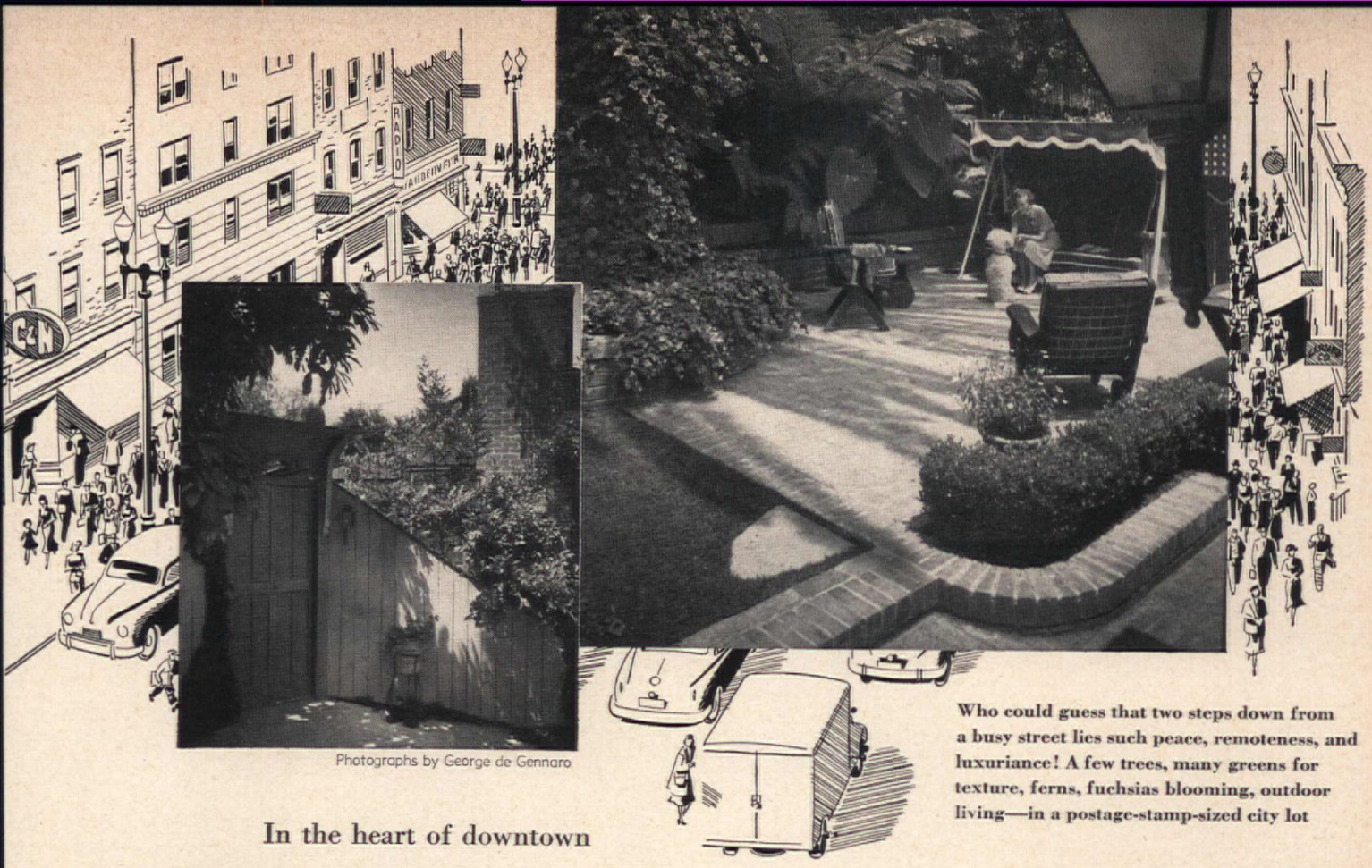
Drawings by William E. Fay

There's a nagging Victorian familiarity in the Farnsworths' little parlor—but definitely not embalmed Victorian



Photographs by George de Gennaro

Who could guess that two steps down from a busy street lies such peace, remoteness, and luxuriance! A few trees, many greens for texture, ferns, fuchsias blooming, outdoor living—in a postage-stamp-sized city lot

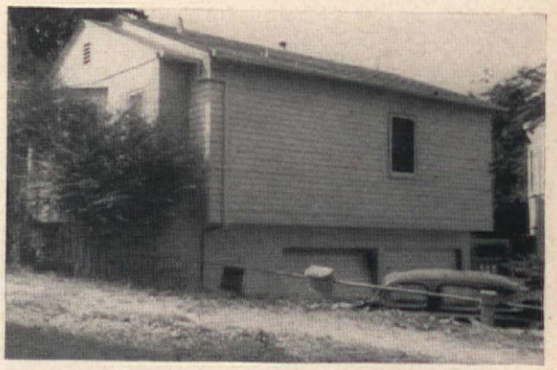
In the heart of downtown Los Angeles' milling crowds and heavy traffic the Farnsworths live in

Sweet Seclusion Nostalgic Comfort

MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

A good address used to be as important as a right hand. To be on the right side of the tracks . . . that was it! Today, an address means nothing. The important issue is the house—a place to live as you wish to live. And if nothing else good came of our last war, chalk up as a mighty plus this definitely good trend that came from the frenzied search for shelter in war-time. People made attractive homes out of everything from hen houses and discarded dining cars, to abandoned mills, barns, schoolhouses, decrepit houses or in garrets or basements of brownstone fronts. The treasure hunt followed up one street, down another, and on out where sidewalks end. The good end result lingers on. Snobbishness and expenditure count less than nothing in gauging the success of a home.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Farnsworth were caught in the frenzied, free-wheeling search, but instead of being free to hunt a house wherever they might find it, a set of relentless circumstances dictated it must be near Mr. Farnsworth's office in downtown Los Angeles. Business, commerce, and fashion had never been their conception of good neighbors! The heat, the gas fumes, the traffic, the milling crowds did little to mitigate the sallow cast of the bedraggled old houses they were shown but finally, near where Second Street spills through the tunnel, only a step from the city's labyrinth of workshops, department



The two shallow recesses added for a dresser and a closet are to the tiny Farnsworth house what wings are to an ordinary house

stores, banks, journals, and brokerage houses, they found this little house that is pictured, and bought it.

It was a little like burying the future. Would their friends come so far, be willing to battle the heavy traffic? Apprehension was not exactly appeased when later Mrs. Farnsworth's best friend facetiously remarked, "If Mildred can put the old charm into *this* place, I'll believe in the plausibility of the snake-oil doctor!" Actually the situation was not so grim. The house had been built during the war, surprisingly well-built, too, which meant it was at least functional. The kitchen and bath were modern. It was, however, commonplace in appearance . . . devoid of even one redeeming, unusual feature. All the rooms were small —especially the living room—and closet space left much to be desired. This was three years ago, we must remember. Priorities, except for housing projects or business developments, were still effective. The addition of even one room was impossible, and small structural changes were questionable.

Never underestimate the power of a woman, though, we are reminded . . . not some women! With prudence, Mrs. Farnsworth worked out the most necessary remodeling features. There were four of them.

There is more than one way to have a picture window—and this little "annex" serves also to extend the living room to the very walls of garden outside

She wanted to extend the living room bay enough to add a fireplace, to enclose the side entrance porch and incorporate it into the living room as an open and adjoining entrance hall, to add a bay recess in the bedroom that would accommodate a bureau, and build a shallow closet off the bedroom hall. The requests were evidently considered reasonable and the City Building Commission allowed them. Once she was over this hump, Mrs. Farnsworth would never be accused of dragging her feet. Beside the major improvements, she added built-in bookshelves in the living room, with a built-in couch that pulls out to twin-bed size to accommodate the emergency guest.

Her next project was the yard. It's the ace in the hole! It's only a small side yard, but by studying the pictures you can see that by enclosing the yard, paving part of it for the comfort of an outdoor living room, and by opening the yard up to the indoors with a wide bank of windows in the new entry-hall side of the living room, the house steps up and out of the small

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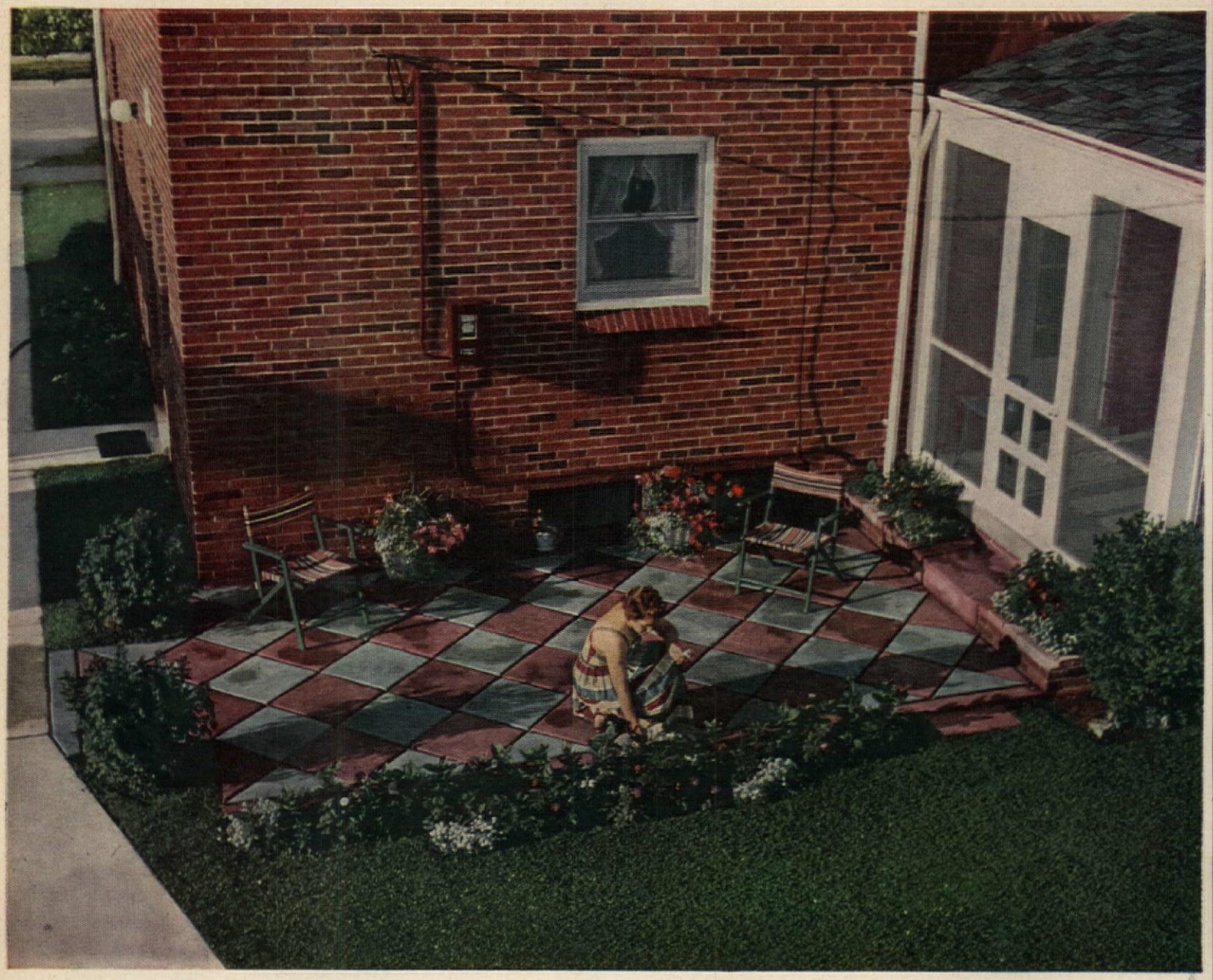
It is hard to believe that the ugly duckling above was transformed by such simple things as enclosing the porch, adding a bank of windows, decimating the ugly bay window and adding a tiny fireplace—small changes, but conceived in love and beauty

No bleak breakfasts in this little kitchen! Cheery colors, gay glass collection twinkling in window see to that

Here's a wren's-eye view of the completed patio, located between the driveway and the screened back porch. You can build one like it in your own back yard, and you'll enjoy using the finished result more for having made it yourself

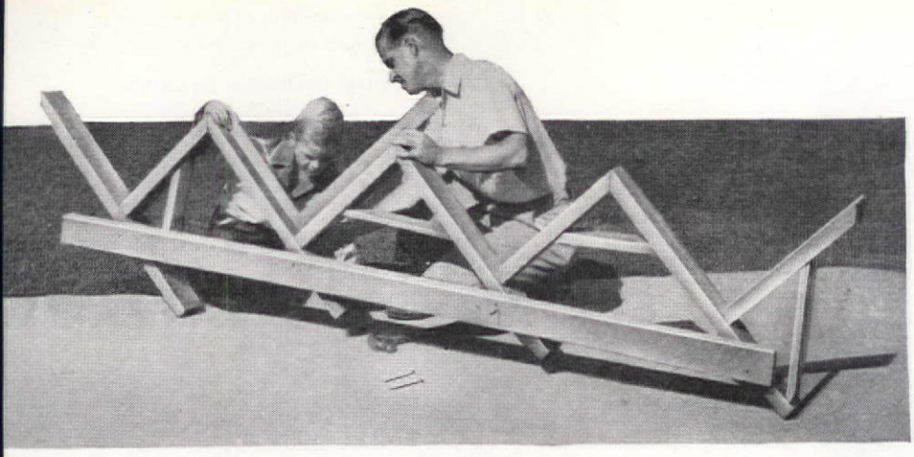


How to Make a Terrace

This 130-square-foot patio can be made in easy stages, costs less than $40

Here's a first-rate, good-looking terrace that you can make in easy stages. A few hours during the week, maybe one big effort over the week end. The form only makes 3 squares a day, so forget about speed and concentrate on workmanship. After choosing your site, lay out the area and select the colors you prefer. Make a few small samples to be sure they're the right shade when dry. Then remove the soil to a depth of about 4 inches. If the bottom is clay, dig at least 6 inches deeper, fill in with sand and gravel back to the 4-inch depth. Level the bottom, wet and tamp it. Next make the form of 2 x 4's with 1 x 3 braces. For the 18-inch squares shown, the form uses 12 feet of 2 x 4 and 7 feet of 1 x 3.

The concrete for this 130-sq.-ft. terrace requires 11 sacks of cement, 24 cu. ft. of sand, and 36 cu. ft. of gravel. To measure out the small batches of concrete needed for three 18-inch squares 4 inches deep, you can make a box of scrap lumber, with the inside a 10-inch cube. This is about .55 cu. ft. Mix 1 box of cement, 2 boxes of sand, and 3 boxes of gravel for each 3 squares.



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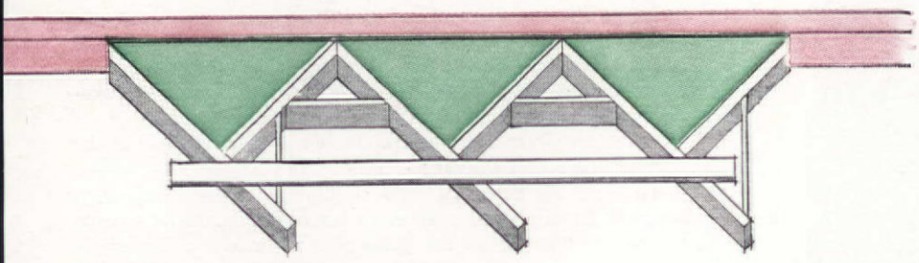
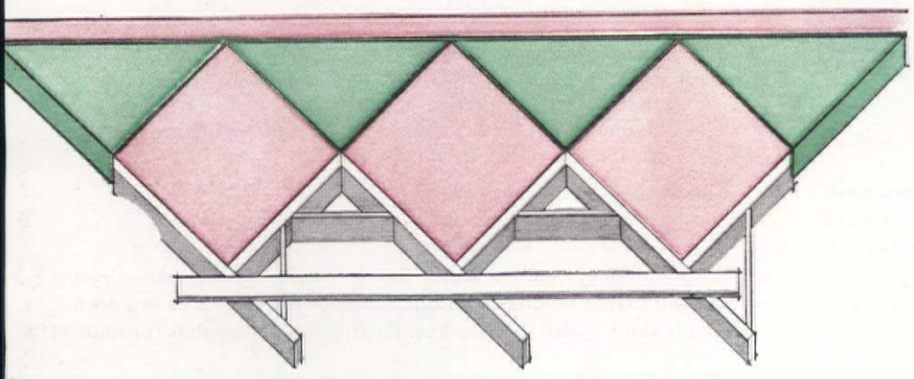
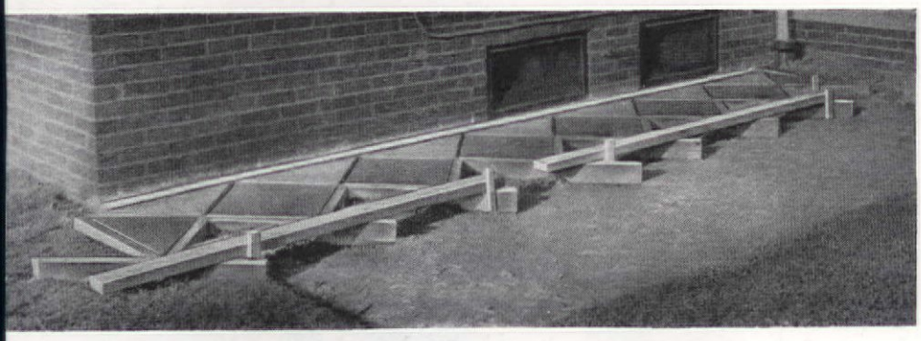
Key to the project is this angular form, built of 2 x 4's and 1 x 3's. Be sure the angles are 90 degrees, and the points are equal distances apart. The form is used repeatedly, so nail it carefully and solidly together



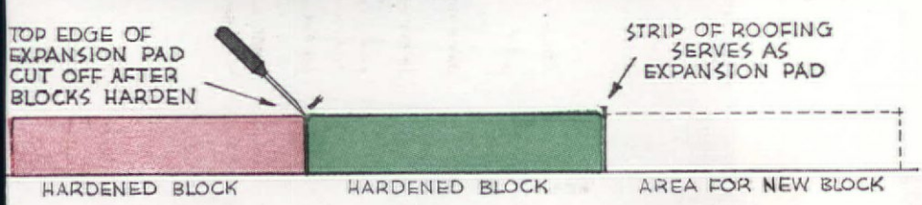
Staked against a wall or border, and checked for level, the form makes the triangular starting blocks. For these 3 half squares use half the quantities of cement, sand, and gravel listed in the text for 3 squares



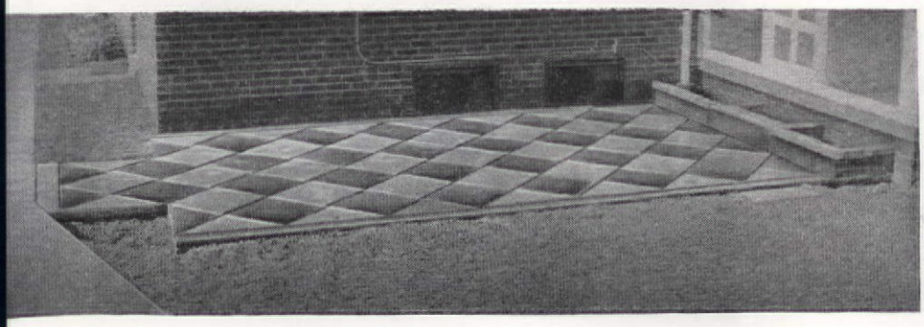
Let concrete set overnight, then the form can be moved and staked and leveled in next position with points tip to tip against previous squares. Place strip of roofing felt against hardened block to keep color from running



Two sets of forms, as used here, will speed the work. Note the stakes against the long brace, to hold the forms in position. Color may be mixed in the concrete, or sprinkled on the surface and troweled in. Color is obtained from mason's supply companies in powder form



The strip of roofing felt between squares keeps the color from running before it is set, and also is an expansion joint when concrete is hard. Leave the strips between the squares, and cut off the exposed portion after the concrete hardens, using a knife or chisel. The edges of squares are rounded with a mason's edging tool. There is no mortar in the joints



Each square is independent, and can move with the frost without cracking the concrete. The deep joints emphasize the diagonal pattern and drain off rain quickly

Photographed at Stern's by F. M. Demarest

Lock your treasures away from prying fingers of the very curious in an 18th Century mahogany breakfront china. Low base allows extra shelf space. 79½ in. high, 71½ wide, 17 deep, about $420, Drexel

GERTRUDE BROOKS DIXSON

How to House

Good collections don't just happen. They represent hours and hours of searching, discovery, bargaining. And anything which is so hard to come by certainly deserves to be shown off to the best advantage, with none of this plunking on a window sill or on top of a bookcase, where a careless sideswipe might land it in the dustpan.

Properly displayed, your collection can become one of the most important conversation pieces in the room—any room. Here are six beautiful ways to show your treasures, from small hanging wall shelves to imposing breakfronts, each one as different as the collections themselves. Especially the china, bookcase, and secretary. Even without adjustable shelves, the width and spacing allow good groupings.

So whatever your collecting hobby may be, whether you spend your time unearthing old money banks or the most delicate figurines, remember that the frame is just as important as the picture, and a well-planned, tastefully selected background, properly scaled and well-designed, will double the pleasure you get from it.

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Hutch cabinet in mellow maple finish is right for Early Americana. Over-all height 66 inches, width 36, top of cabinet 18 inches deep, middle shelf 7, and top one 5½. By Heywood-Wakefield, around $108

Photographed at Gimbel's by F. M. Demarest

Rich, warm Wildwood finish lends additional appeal to Federal china in cherry. 37 inches wide, 17 deep, 70 high. By Consider H. Willett, about $187

Your Collection

Your collection deserves a good background—
here are six different ways to show it off
to the best advantage, protect it from damage

Photograph by F. M. Demarest

Reproduction of Queen Anne bookcase in antiqued cherry with antiqued glass doors here holds money-bank collection. 65½ inches high, 44½ wide, 14 deep. From L. & J. G. Stickley, about $385

Versatile mahogany hutch cupboard in the traditional manner, perfectly scaled to hold few important items, fit small room. Base is 35 inches wide, 17 deep, over-all height 62 inches. About $150. From White Mfg.

Antiqued finish, grill fronts on cabinets add charm to low cherry French Provincial secretary-bookcase. Use shelves for small figurines. 48 inches high, 56 wide, 16 deep. Around $380 from Colonial Mfg. Co.

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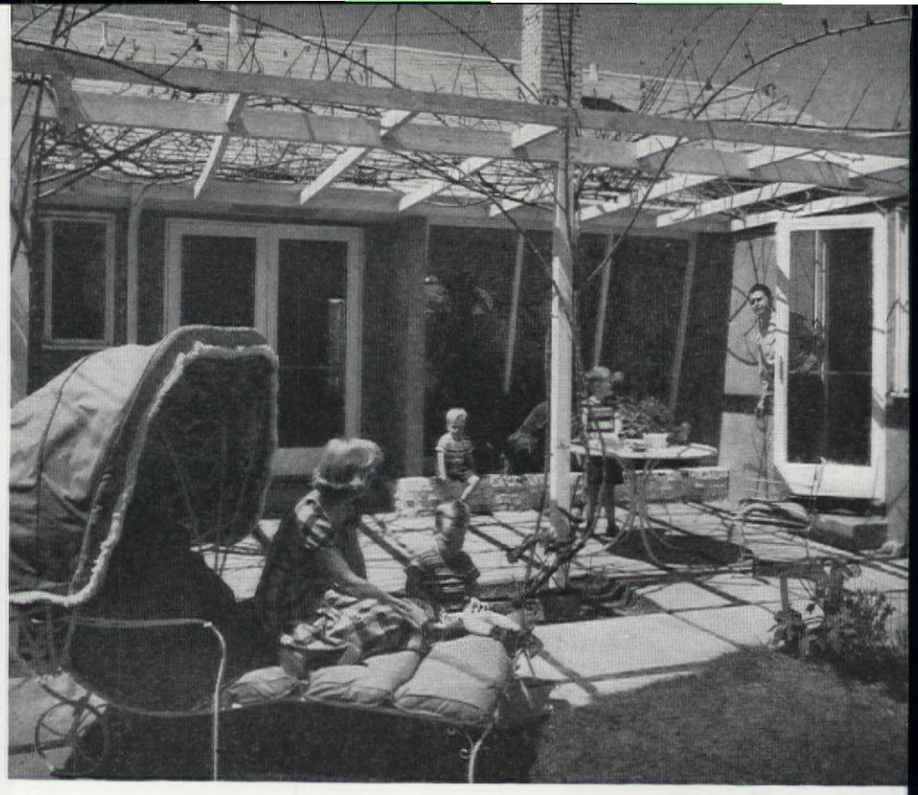

Three little Eisens vote Dad's hamburgers superior to any ever dished up at a drive-in. Paved, enclosed outdoor living room for a family who take their outdoors from sunup to sundown, provides private lounging, dining, badminton, and safe tricycle speedway. "Roof" obligingly sheds leaves for maximum winter sun

American – Sure as Shootin'

MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

Photographs by George de Gennaro

Unless it is a house built for the out-and-out joy of sharp line and balanced form (as startling and objectionable to the traditionalist as they are delightful to the true modernist), the modern house going up in your block may have a very familiar look about it. You may even find yourself asking if it is modern or actually traditional.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Eisen have what may be called one of the *new* modern houses—a house with an unexpected merger of old and new architectural features. Mr. Eisen, a capable designer, had been at work on their house only a matter of days when Mrs. Eisen requested, as hundreds of clients the country over are doing, that their house should be a compromise between modern and traditional. "Remember, not too severe lines!" was her warning, and knowing that no amount of pure functionalism which short-cuts housework would make up to his client-wife for an exterior appearance of academic unadorned modernism, he merged the old and new architectural features that give a changed, yet familiar new look to their modern house. He retained, for instance, a pitched roof, but used wide, clean-framed windows and a glass wall at the rear which walks the outdoor living room straight into the inside living room. He worked by will power, his own and his wife's, to bring a new facial expression to the house. *How* he got it is understood only, probably, by the hundreds of other designers and architects from coast to coast, who have successfully created a similar composite mold. To the rest of us, what matters mainly is, he got it. It's important, it's an accomplishment, and should make fractions out of small talk about all modern houses neces-

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WILLIAM C. EISEN, DESIGNER AND BUILDER
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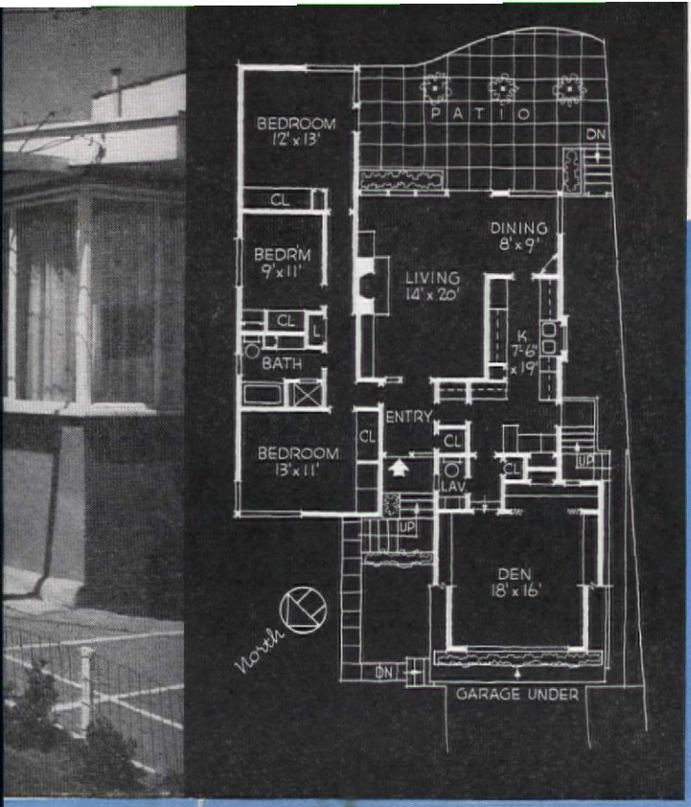
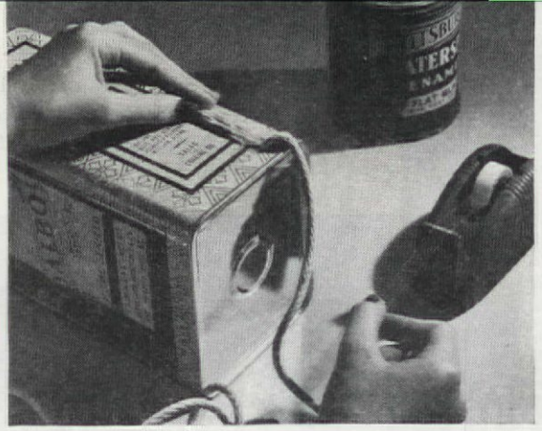


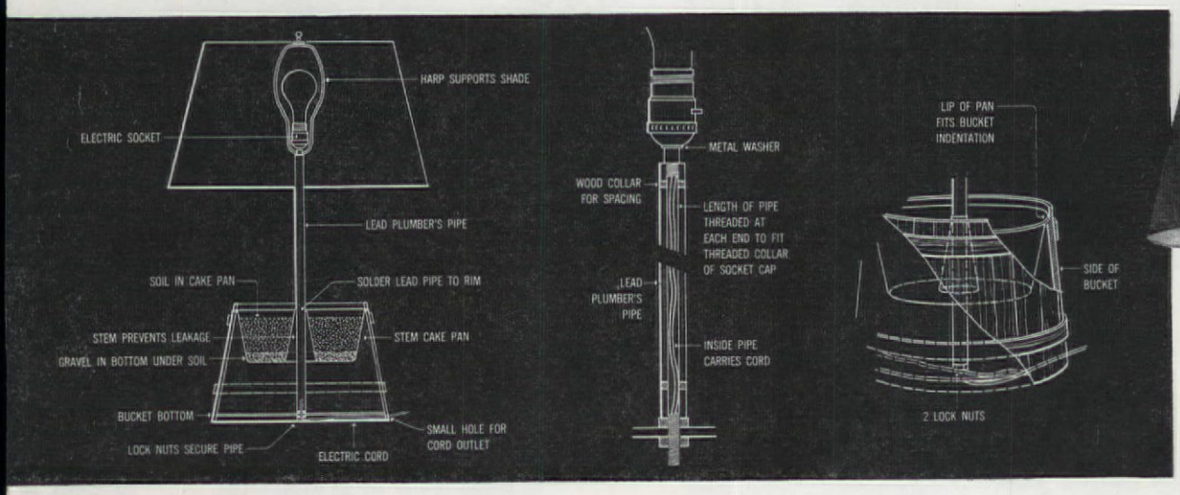
Aggravatingly difficult lot proved blessing in disguise. Garage cut into slope provides view above-street-traffic, maximum use of back lot for outdoor living, safe playground for youngsters

You need an empty olive oil can. Punch hole in center for pouring oil, use as opening for threaded pipe. Also 75 feet of sash cord and some flat black paint

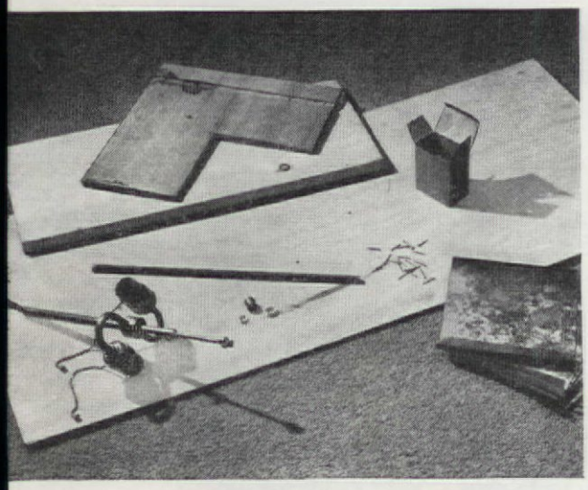


Fray one end of sash cord for about 3 in. Flatten and spread ends apart then fasten with scotch tape just above bottom of oil can. Keep very flat so it will not make lump under wrapped cord

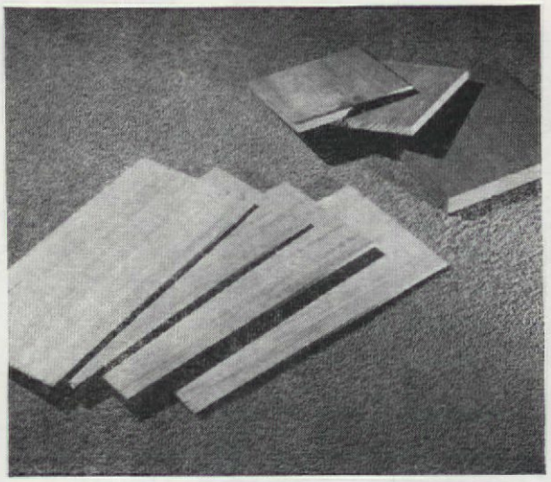
Wrap sash cord round and round oil can. Keep strands close together and very taut. Light fixture attached to threaded pipe that is run through cent of oil can (drawing at right). Paint black, dry, wa



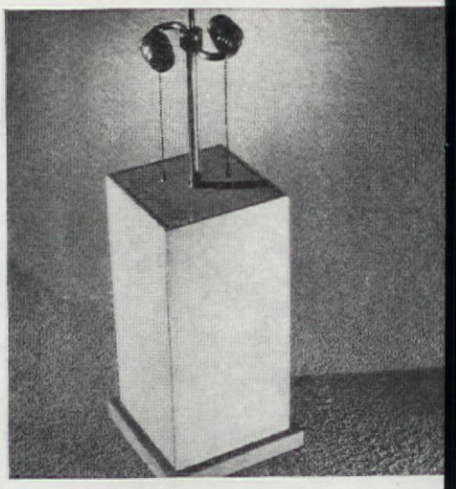
Harry C. Malone made this unusual planter lamp from an old oaken bucket. Aluminum angel food pan fits into top. Put layer of pebbles on bottom of pan for surplus water, then add well-prepared soil for plants. Add your own favorite greenery and a simple rustic shade. Drawings show details of wiring and placement of pan



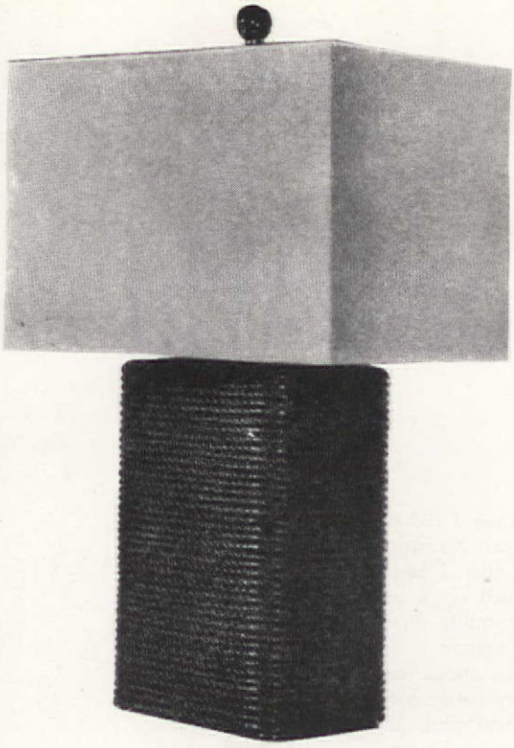
For standard of mirror block lamp you will need 1 piece ¼-inch plywood, 1 piece ½-inch wood, and 1 piece 1-inch pine for base. Also electric fixture, pipe, nails, 8 mirror squares

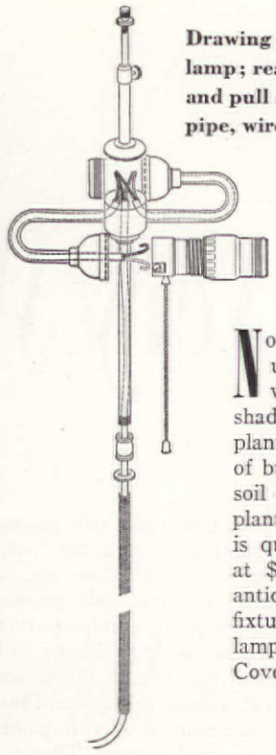


Cut ¼-in. plywood into four pieces, each 7 in. x 14 in. Cut ½-in. wood into two 6⅜-in. squares, one for top of standard, nail other on top of base as a nailing surface for side pieces. Cut 1-in. pine base 8 in. square



Drill hole for fixture through top and 2 bas pieces. Nail 6⅜ in. square to center of 8-in. square. Nail side pieces to this after 4 sides are nailed together. Then nail in top piece





Drawing of double light fixture shows parts required for lamp; reading from top to bottom, extension rod, sockets and pull chains, brass rod, coupling, washer, threaded pipe, wire. You also need nut and washer for lamp base

DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

No special talent required to make these lamps. For number one use an empty olive oil can, 75 feet of wash line (sash cord) wrapped around can, then painted black. Add plain rectangular shade and *violà* a modern lamp, simple and casual. Wooden bucket planter lamp can be either table or floor model depending on size of bucket. Aluminum angel-food tin set into top is first filled with soil over a layer of gravel in bottom for surplus water. Then it is planted with favorite greens. Elegant tortoise-mirror block lamp is quick, easy and surprisingly inexpensive. 7-inch squares retail at $2.00 apiece. Silver leaf is applied to top, base and shade, antiqued to match background of tortoise mirror. Drawing of light fixture at left may be used for oil-can lamp and mirror-block lamp. Use nut and washer at bottom of base to hold fixture steady. Cover bottom of bases with felt to protect table tops.

How to Make a Lamp

You can make a lamp from almost anything you want, at very little cost, with just patience and care

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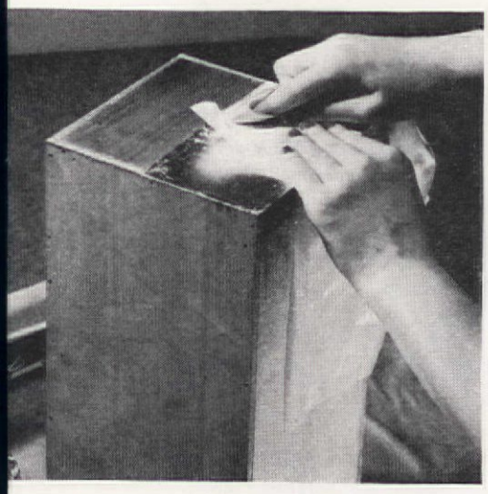
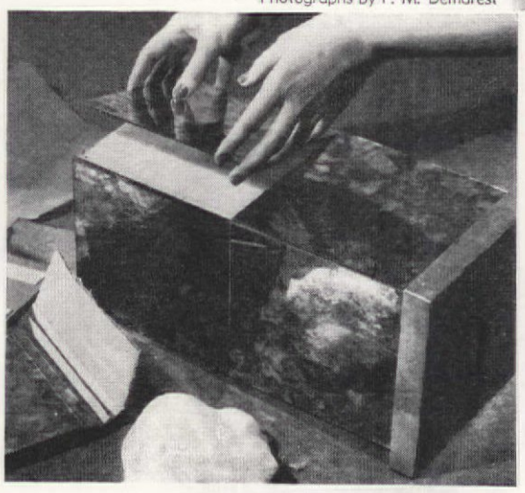
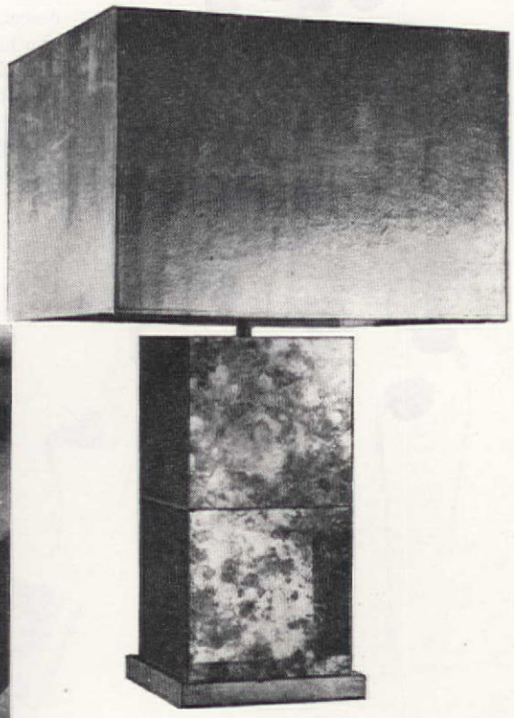


Remove light fixture. To apply silver leaf to top and base, brush on a coat of varnish. When it dries to a tacky stage, lift silver leaf from booklet with a piece of waxed paper. Press on varnish



Mirror squares have adhesive tape on backs. Press square firmly into place, close together. Replace fixture, securing with nut and washer at base. Cover bottom with felt to prevent scratching



Finished lamp is as handsome as any to be found and will not break the budget. Shade has been covered with Chinese tea paper

H. F. STOKE

Little Grown, Very Worth While

No one could have known less about tree peonies than I did when, back in 1932, I placed an order for some seed with the Yokohama Nursery Company of Japan. Certainly I had never seen any; I am not sure that I had even heard of them until I received the firm's catalogue and was intrigued by a picture of kimono-clad Japanese ladies shoulder-deep among shrubs bearing enormous flowers which, the caption said, were tree peonies. I just decided I'd have to have some.

In due time the seeds arrived—hard, black, shining, about the size of garden peas. Early in the spring I planted them in my small nursery between rows of oriental chestnuts which came in the same order. A year passed, and while the chestnuts sprouted, nothing happened in the tree-peony rows. Thanks to a combination of faith, hope, and ignorance, I thought that, if I left them alone, the seeds might come up the second spring—and so they did, at least a few of them. That first season the tiny plants developed from one to three leaves each. But when, in the fall, these leaves fell, they left no visible stalk above ground. However, their growth the second season was stronger and in the fall there were stalks an inch or so high. Apparently the plants were alive, but, despairing of real results as long as they were in competition with the lusty young chestnut trees, I moved the tree peonies out of the nursery to an out-of-the-way place where they would receive some afternoon shade, and left them to their own devices. Probably permitting nature to take her course was the wisest course I could have taken, for she certainly knew more about the ways of tree peonies than I did then or ever will. From then on the plants steadily developed sturdier tops and also, down in the soil beyond my sight and ken, strong systems of fleshy roots.

One April day, seven years after I sowed the seeds, I found my first tree peony blossom and was so delighted with it that, the following autumn, I transferred all 30 plants to my home grounds where most of them are still flourishing, along with numerous descendants. Watching each plant come into flower has been a rare adventure, for no two have blossoms exactly alike and one never knows what new pattern of beauty will unfold. Tree-peony flowers occur as singles, semi-doubles, and, rarely, doubles, the number of petals ranging from ten to thirty-two. In size they measure up to more than ten inches across. Their colors usually range from purest white, and white feathered with purple, through shades of pink and mauve, to crimson, purple, and maroon. But

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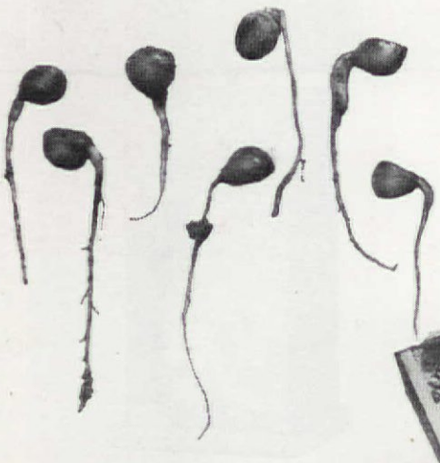
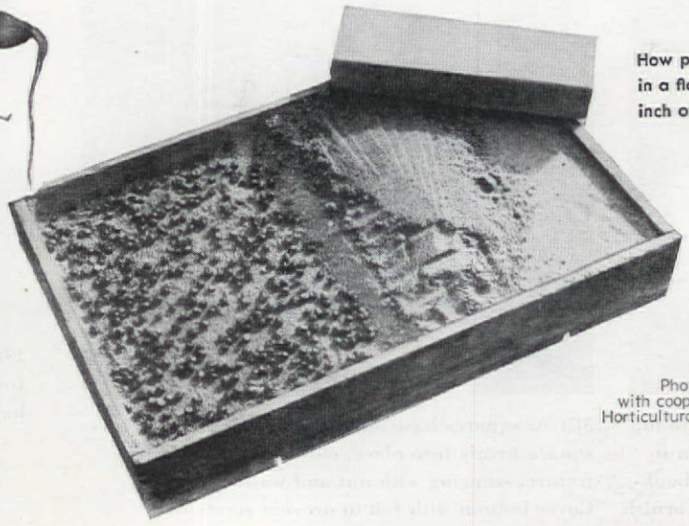


A seed pod, some seeds, and (left) others that were stratified in December, '49, sown in coldframe, May '50, and photographed in October



How peony (or other) seed are stratified in a flat. Left, uncovered; right, half an inch of sand spread, leveled, and firmed

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1. This flower of Vasseur, a European seedling of an older variety, Louis Vasseur, illustrates the semi-double form, the prominent central carpel, and the thick ring of golden, pollen-bearing anthers that surrounds it

2. Flower of the variety Akashi-gata, one of the Japanese moutan type (now called by botanists suffruticosa). Usually semi-double, and consistently of a pleasing pink shade. Japanese names vary confusingly in spelling, meaning

3. Kamada-fugi (meaning, it is said, "Wisteria of Kamada") is one of the fully double Japanese varieties. It was introduced in 1823 and has been popular ever since for its beautifully shaped, mauve-shaded purple flowers

4. Souvenir de Maxime Cornu, a lutea hybrid developed by Louis Henry of France in 1897, shows how tones of yellow have been bred into tree peonies. This variety is a profuse bloomer and the flowers are exceptionally fragrant

5. A typical mature plant of the Japanese semi-double, moutan-type variety, B. H. Farr, named for a prominent American nurseryman and peony specialist. Tree peonies, unlike the herbaceous kinds, have woody, permanent stems

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Kohler Co.

Two important trends in modern bathroom planning ar spotlighted in this bathroom designed around Kohler fi tures. One is the built-in wash basin with generous counte and storage space. The basin itself is a standard Kohler fixtur around which you design your own counter to suit. The oth trend is the partition which separates the toilet from the re of the room, shields it from the door. This partition is of ribbe glass, set atop a tile base. The shower is lined with tile; wal paper and curtains are twin prints in black and brown spatt design. At left: Kohler's corner unit—a cinch if you need a extra lavatory in tiny space. Flank it with two Formica-toppe counters hung on the wall—one his, one hers.

The Fixture Picture

The new trend is to built-ins,

to gain more space, more privacy

Fixtures with a future, these! They'll make your old bathroom want to throw in the sponge. The news here is the handsome built-in basin which is no built-in at all but a unit you can buy ready-made. Called "Dresslyn," the lavatory is American-Standard's bowl assembled in a wood cabinet, flanked on either side by matching cabinets. One is a clothes hamper, the other a roomy storage piece. Several variations in cabinets are available (one's a vanity-dressing table) as well as several color combinations.

The sun lamp lowers right out of your private sky as you tan to a turn on a roll-away cot that has a plastic covering. The warm-underfoot linoleum is brown; walls are yellow Monowall—practically *everything*-proof! The room-divider is a wooden frame screened with metal lath on which to train vines. *They* love this atmosphere, too!

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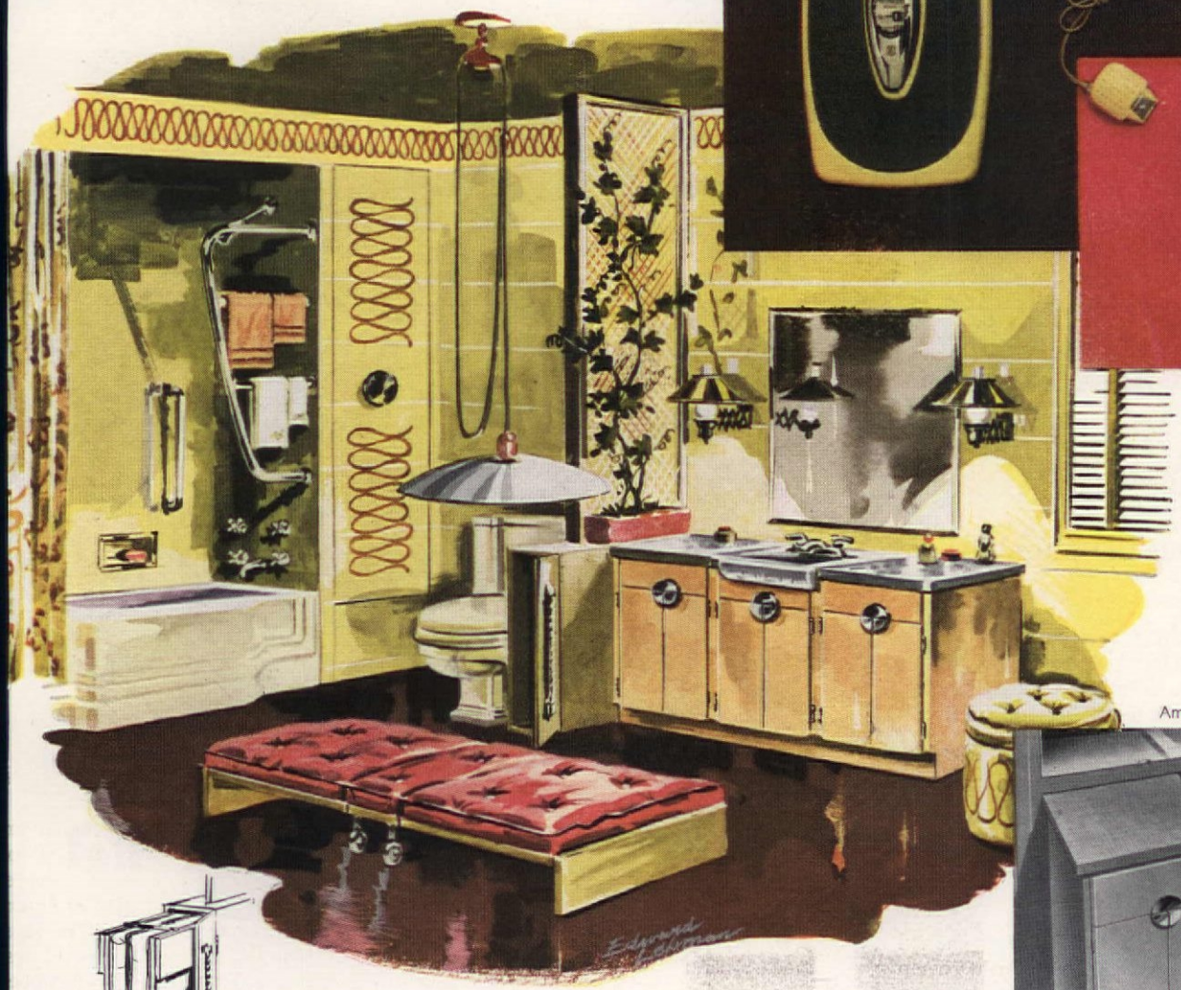

Home-built roll-away cot. The plywood sections are hinged. End flaps let down to make the head and foot. Mounted on casters, it rolls into the divider cabinet

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The Eljer Co.

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Early American—but there's nothing country about the plumbing!

Double wash basins is the idea here, to solve the inevitable traffic jam that usually results in a "one-bathroom family"—when the second bathroom is mere wishful thinking. They're basic equipment in many of the newer houses. But in this remodeled house Eljer's twin lavatories were installed back-to-back, instead of side-by-side, because the wall space was broken up with two windows. Two persons can wash or shave simultaneously in record time. Plumbing is concealed in the dividing partition. The two-faced mirror is hung from iron poles screwed firmly to ceiling and partition. Two of everything—a double student lamp is fixed to the mirror's pediment, floods both sides with light.

Bright color is contained in the tough wall covering, the red and yellow clay tiles which need only to be wiped with a damp cloth. Eljer makes a water closet with a flat rimmed tank top that perfectly matches the design of the top-side gallery on their lavatory—both are handy spots for the toilet articles and shaving things while you work yourself into a lather!

Ornas & La Barre

A new angle in medicine cabinet mirrors! Top half slants upward, bottom half downward. Even small children can see their scrubbed faces—mama can study her stocking seams. No hinges; a finger flick *slides* it upward

The Fixture Picture (Begins on page 44)

Victorian as all get-out—

but it's every inch modern!

With materials as practical as these you can tickle your fancy and let your decorating run riot. From stainproof porcelain enamel fixtures by Briggs, to tough plastic flooring, scrubbable wall covering, structural glass wainscoting, this bathroom is *stain*proof, *mar*proof, *water*proof. You could hose it down with no damage!

The inspiration came from the old Victorian hat rack which was sawed in half and nailed to the wall to hold robes and pajamas. A pair of old carriage lanterns, wired for electricity, of course, are on either side of the mirror. The scalloped valance over the tub is cut from plywood, with stripes painted on to match the plastic shower curtain. In case it all goes to your head, the Briggs tub has a patented safety-bottom so you won't lose your grip!

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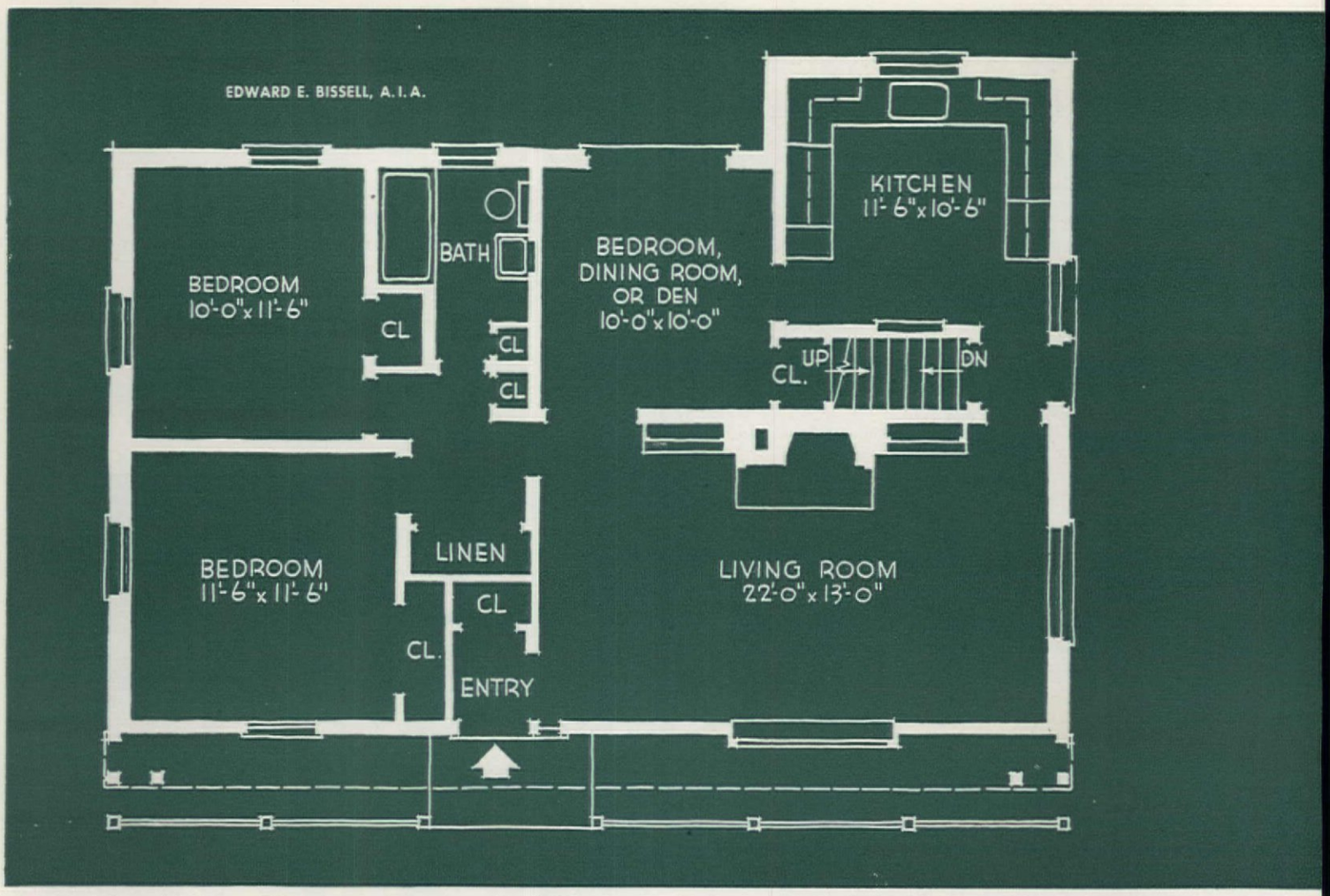

Is This the Home you've Waited

Same pleasant sage green of exterior provides perfect foil for maple and pine furnishings, is special "recipe" of Mrs. Rodgers, given herein in tablespoons after a mix-and-try-and-mix-again method!

Louvered doors to shut off dining room are architect Bissell's wise idea, but evident in every room are signs of the Rodgers' handicraft. Built-in radio and record player in fireplace wall, map lamps with brass rings from a 75 mm. shell are Bill's contribution; draperies, paintings, and color schemes, Isabelle Rodger's

LILIAN JACKSON BRAUN

Today's "ranch house," yesteryear's Cape Cod—and still the most popular and best basic design for American homes. It's the Michigan home of the William R. Rodgers

Big ideas . . . little house! These four words sum up the frustrating situation faced by many an American family these days, the way it was with William and Isabelle Rodger. In the early days of their marriage this Michigan couple invested in a piece of property in a fashionable suburb of Detroit. The house they planned to build for $15,000 had everything: space, good design, and every new feature for graceful living. Came the war—and postponement. When, in 1948, they brought their house plans out of mothballs, their $15,000 dream wore a $40,000 price tag. The Rodger clan now numbered three. Daughter Jean needed a back yard of her own, Bill and Isabelle wanted to put down roots in a community with advantages for a growing-up family. They required a home in the fresh-air belt —with a garden—and space to entertain—and room to pursue their hobbies, which are the creative and cluttery type.

That's when they started studying their real needs, visualizing

For ? *Plans for it are available !

Photographs by Bert Emanuel

a compromise house that would fit the pocketbook and retain the best features of their $40,000 castle-in-the-air. The floor plan remained intact in principle but was scaled down. In the interests of space economy and possible re-sale value, a full basement took the place of a ground-floor utility room, provisions were made for converting the attic into living space at some future date. As the final bow to realism, the Rodgers bought a 70 x 120-foot lot on level ground, consigning their fashionable neighborhood lot to the future.

"Now that we look back," says Bill, "we're lucky in a way that we didn't build nine years ago. During that time our experience with rented property has taught us a good deal." They had sampled the inconvenience of the too-small house, the poorly-planned house, and the apartment with inadequate storage facilities. "And I had accumulated seven years of housekeeping experience," Isabelle adds. "I knew what I really needed and what I could do without. For example, I had never used my electric roaster because it was too much trouble to drag it out. I determined to have a special niche for it at work-level where it would be handy to use. As a result, my roaster has become my most useful helper."

At this point in their thinking, the Rodgers took their dossier

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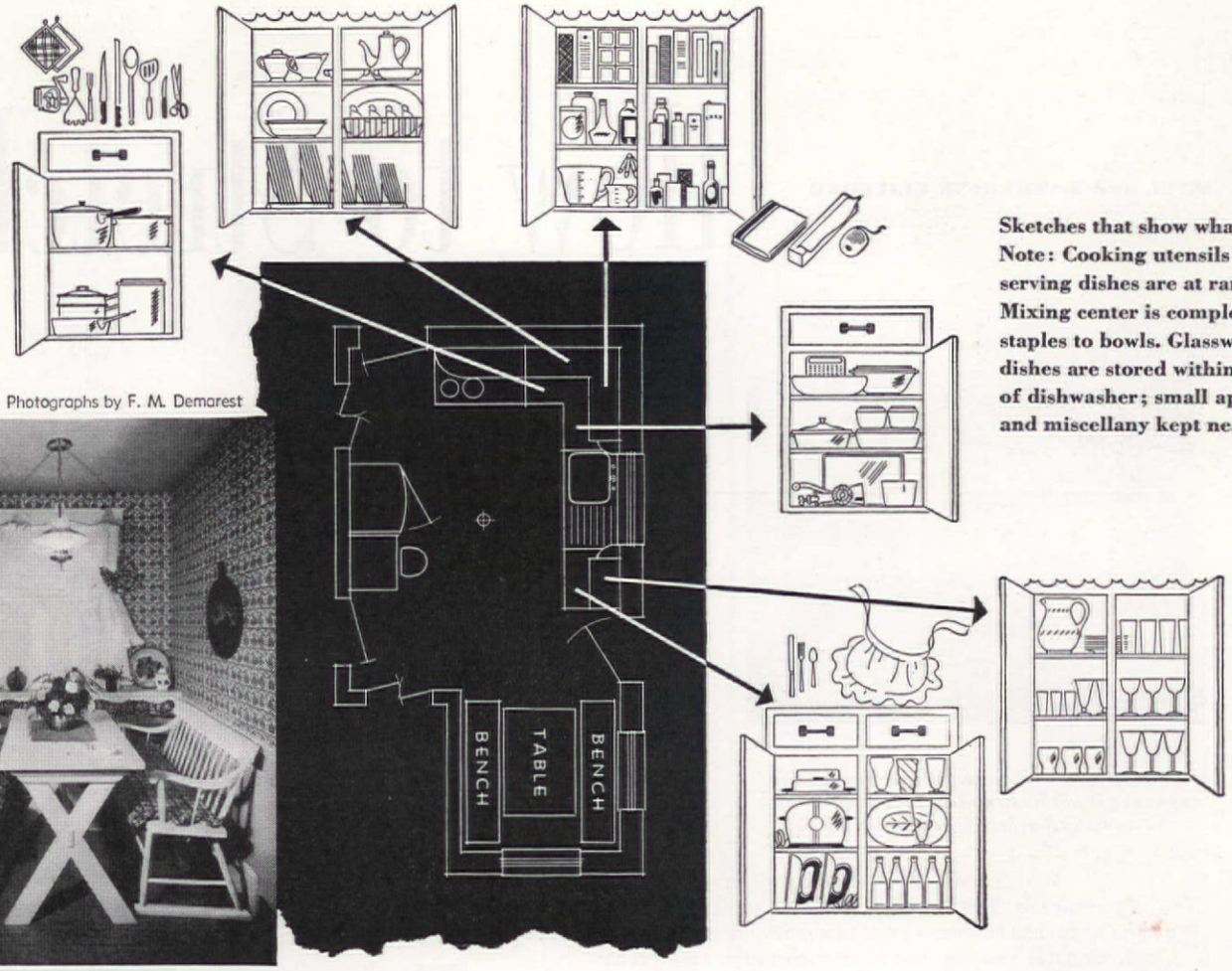

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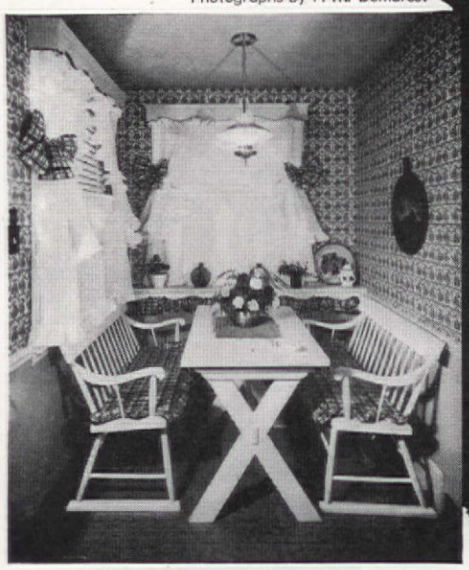
Sketches that show what's where. Note: Cooking utensils and serving dishes are at range. Mixing center is complete from staples to bowls. Glassware and dishes are stored within reach of dishwasher; small appliances and miscellany kept near table



Sawbuck table made especially for this space. Settles picked up at an antique shop. Wall plaque painted by Mrs. Schuler from American Home design

EDITH RAMSAY

Practically Perfect... Perfectly Practical

This is the beautifully decorated and well-planned kitchen which we show on the cover this month. Mrs. Hilda Schuler of Allentown, Pennsylvania, carefully planned and mathematically figured out every detail before a carpenter so much as hit a tack into place, which accounts for its practical perfection. There are five doors here, believe it or not, and with them complete convenience. Living room and kitchen are separated by swinging shutters. All cabinets are made to Mrs. Schuler's specifications and placed so that she can reach the top shelf without climbing. Dark green counter tops and gray jaspé flooring are of Armstrong linoleum. Windows are double-hung wood frame, with metal blinds for easy cleaning. Mrs. Schuler has a part-time job, and her Hotpoint equipment comes in handy for meal preparation and dishwashing. Many times she prepares dinner in the morning, puts it in the oven, sets the automatic clock, and the range does the rest. The dishwasher eases the aftermath. The color scheme is pink, green and white with starched white organdy window curtains, lifting this beautiful kitchen far out of the ordinary.

"The Gossips" painted on the desk make the Pennsylvania Dutch phrase on the wall come to life. Literally: "Don't talk too much over the fence"

PAUL and KATHERINE CLIFFORD

How to Stretch a

" . . . a last sad look at our dining room table, replacing it with a drop-leaf table which occupies little space when not in use . . ."

"What a nice little house" you think, and so you buy it. Just the two of you. Thousands and thousands of you every year, moving happily into your new homes, and trying to fill all six rooms with the furnishings from a small apartment. The trouble is you don't stay just the two of you. A baby would add a sprightly note to the household, you think. It does. So does the next one, and the one after that. There comes the inevitable day when you realize that while yours is still a nice little house, it now shelters a nice big family, and that dovetailing the two has all the allure of a jigsaw puzzle (one with several pieces missing). You look around for a bigger house, but the ones you find for sale are too big, too old, or, most often, too expensive. What can you do? Mortgage yourself indefinitely to provide extra room, or live in discomfort in a house which is too small? We did neither; we stretched our house.

We started with a typical small suburban house, the kind known in real estate parlance as "Dutch Colonial." Translated, this means a square box disguised by a false gable. Ours has a great many advantages: a large, level plot, an enviable location close to transportation, an excellent school, and a park. We even have a brook and a bird sanctuary adjoining our back yard. The house was well built and well kept, but the interior is typical of the Unimaginative School of suburban architecture, with its woeful lack of planning for the exigencies of family living. Our need for larger quarters crept up on us, child by child, from that first fateful day when we looked around for a good place to put a playpen. We selected a corner of the dining room, a central vantage point which kept our baby happy and reasonably inconspicuous. Then came child number 2, and it was obvious that a mere corner of the dining room wouldn't be enough.

"Use double-purpose, space-saving furniture wherever possible"

We took a last sad look at our dining-room table and sold it, (replacing it with a drop-leaf table which occupies little space when not in use) thus leaving the center of the floor clear for children's play space. We settled back comfortably, secure in the knowledge that we now had ample room for everybody, only to be faced with a new problem when child number 3 reached the crawling stage. One playroom no longer sufficed because little brother was prone to ruin, in one careless sidesweep, a block castle which had been hours a-building. We were forced to repeal the embargo we'd placed on toys in the living room. We did, however, cling to one last-ditch rule that no toys could be left therein, having learned (the hard way) that clutter comes not from using things but from leaving them around when the user is through. Now we had two playrooms, with the living room still given over to mother and father in the evenings when they use it most. The two boys shared one bedroom, our daughter had a room to herself. Child number 4 complicated things completely. Even the best bedroom was none too big for twin beds and play space, too; the smallest one wouldn't take twin beds at all. As soon as our latest infant outgrew a bassinet, we knew we'd have to stop moving furniture around and Do Something! According to our friends, the

"Try the universally beloved bunk beds . . ."

"Governor Winthrop desks, one per child . . . side by side, these chest-desk combinations provide dresser and writing room . . ."

House

Your house has lots of usable space that you wouldn't even suspect is there—look around and you'll find it!

thing to do was to buy a bigger house. The consensus of opinion was that ten rooms, or maybe twelve, would be just about right. This would give us a bedroom for each child, an honest-to-goodness playroom, a guestroom, and several extra bathrooms thrown in for good measure. We agreed that this would be a lovely house. It would also be a lovely financial burden, eating its own weight in mortgage, taxes, heating bills, and such sundries, to say nothing of offering mother a lovely problem of housekeeping. We obstinately refuse to have a bigger house. We like the location of our little house, its convenience, its ability to get by on a minimum of care and expense. Perhaps in that nebulous Someday when building costs re-establish diplomatic relations with our pocketbook we'll be able to add to our present house. Meanwhile we're concentrating on finding a way to make a small house do the work of a big one, which means that we're learning to make use of every inch of space, upstairs and down. If you're interested in house-stretching, you'll have to develop that ability. Your job is two-fold—not only to make the best use of whatever empty space is available, but also to fool yourself into thinking you really aren't crowded at all. You might begin by mulling over three basic rules: (1) Create an illusion of space by using light colors, plain walls, uncluttered surfaces. (2) Use double-purpose, space-saving furniture wherever possible. (3) Provide ample storage space to avoid the disorder which makes any house seem smaller than it is. It sounds simple, and it is: no dramatic changes, nothing anyone couldn't do with little trouble and less expense, but it makes the difference between overcrowding and a comfortable fit. Whatever your problem we'll wager we've encountered it, since most small-home builders seem to have the same blind spots. We may not have solved it; we're still working on several of our own, and we have made some headway, so we hope that some of our solutions may provide the starting point for you to unravel a few knots of your own.

" . . . the toy invasion which threatens your peace of mind? What you need are shelves . . ."

" . . . double hanging space . . . within reach of the littlest child. Building shelves or drawers into the closet helps . . ."

Are your bedrooms too small for a pair of youngsters? You can still give each one his own bed and his own place for quiet activities like drawing, reading, and homework. Try the universally beloved bunk beds, and scour second-hand furniture shops for Governor Winthrop desks, one per child. Placed side by side, these chest-desk combinations provide dresser and writing room with little sacrifice of space. Instead of small rugs or a hard-to-clean big one, try linoleum on the floor. Its unbroken expanse makes the room seem larger, adds a note of color, and ends cleaning worries forever, especially for mothers of puddle-making tots. If inadequate closets complicate the situation, you can double hanging space by hooking a second, lower rod over the clothespole. This inexpensive gadget, obtainable at hardware and department stores, has the added advantage of bringing clothing down within reach of even the littlest child. Building shelves or drawers into one side of a closet helps, too, and takes only

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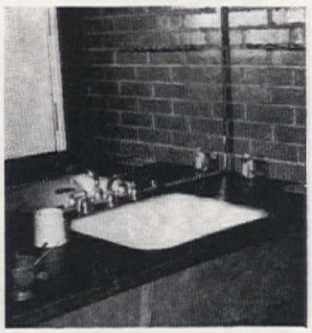
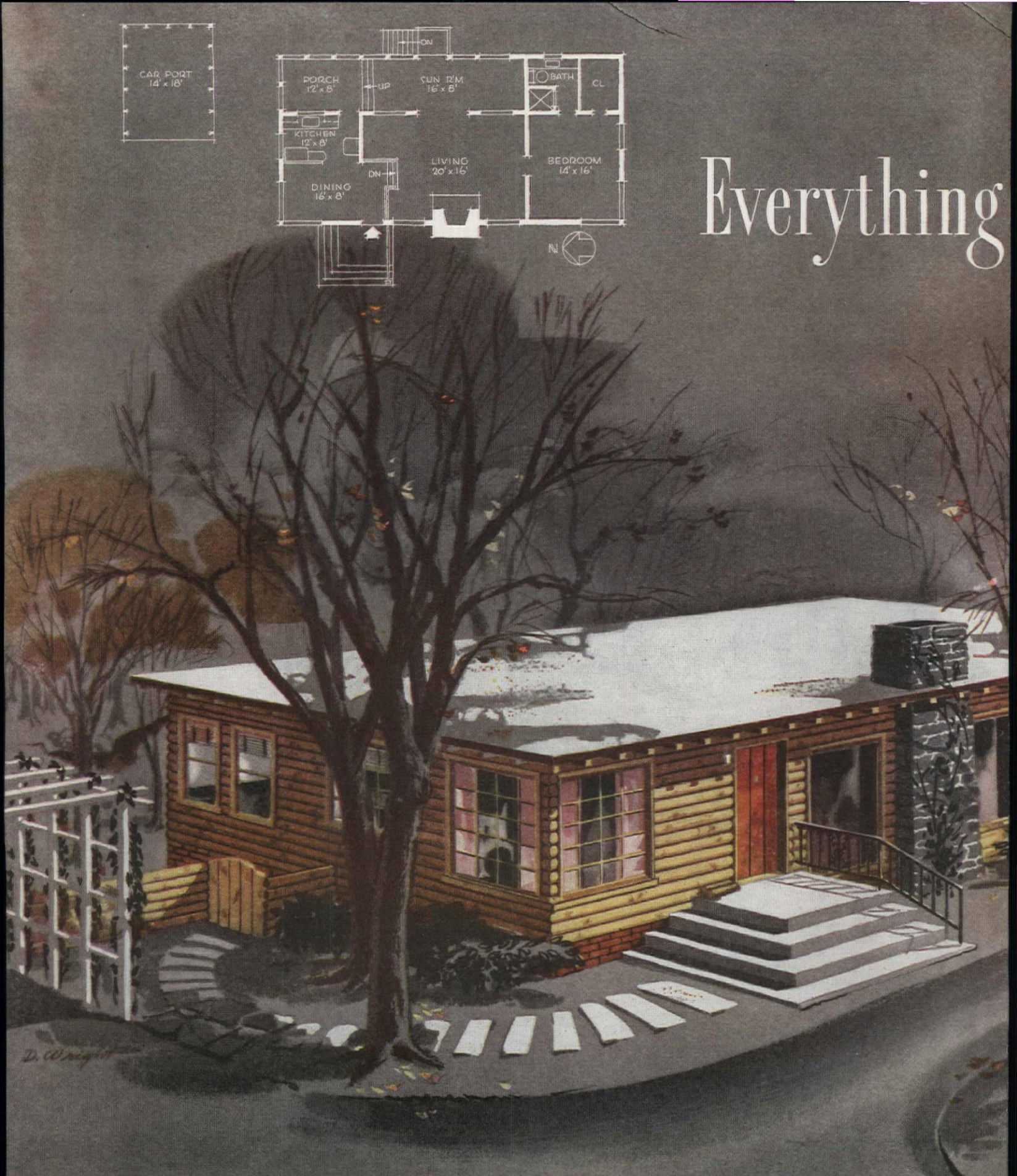


" . . . an extra bathroom . . How about the cellar? . . . a lavatory here to provide that extra leeway . . ."

" . . . a bit of rearranging will unearth hitherto unsuspected eating room . . ."



Everything

Exterior of white-pine log siding, maple-stained. Flat roof, steel casements, except two picture windows, and native stone fireplace that really draws!

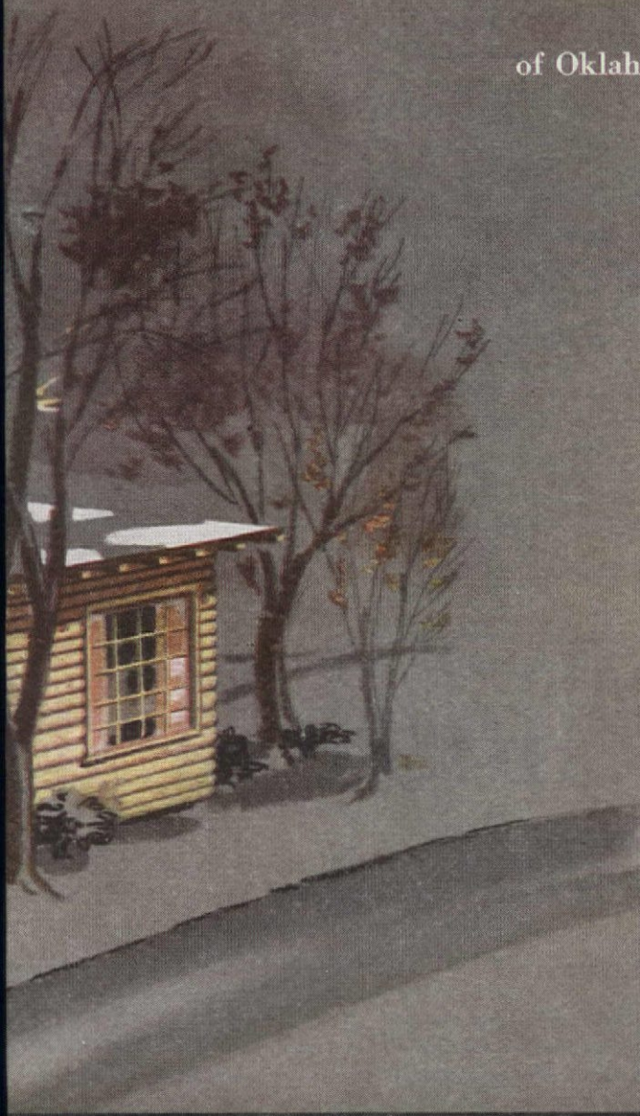
Kitchen and dining area, at right, with useful dividing cabinet. Weldtex applied to the back fits into the dining area, gives it a separate-room look. Yellow and green combined throughout area

Living room, extreme right, with raised dining-kitchen area in rear. Beamed ceiling extends through sunroom so entire wall can be removed to make one large room. Furnishings, big-scaled modern

EUGENIA WHITE

Modern But the Logs

Is a log cabin practical? The Dick Dolphs of Oklahoma City say emphatically yes!

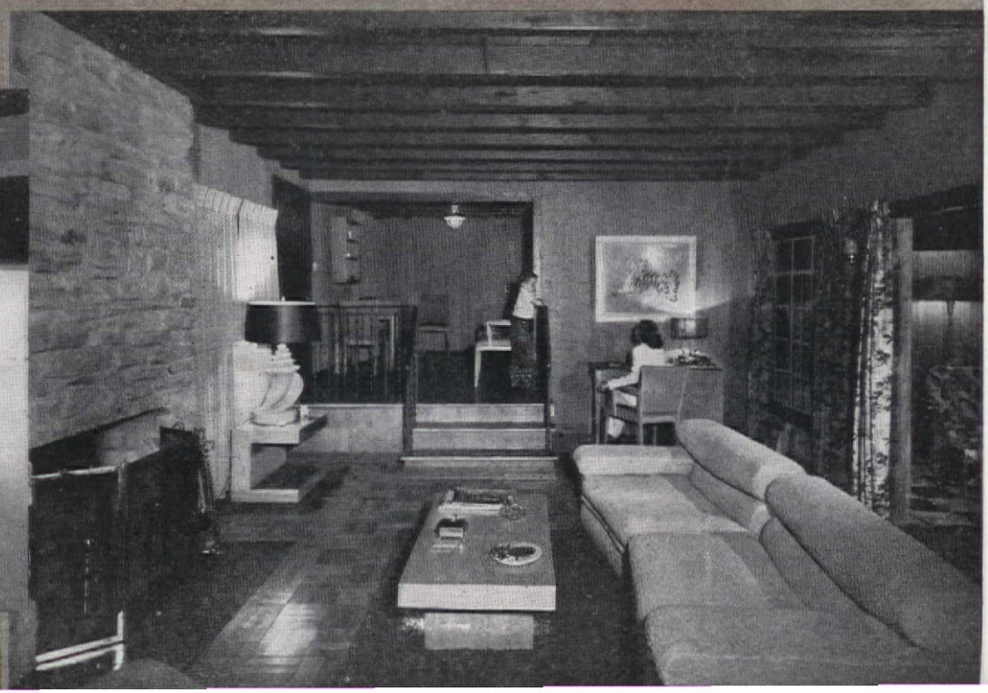


To most people a log cabin means a summer cottage or a hunting camp. To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dolph of Oklahoma City it means home, all year round. Dolph cleared the land himself with an ax, designed the house, and he and his father-in-law actually put up the structure themselves. It would have been quicker, he admits, with a bulldozer and a building crew—but not half the fun.

Set on a wooded hill that slopes down to a ravine and stream, the house is built of white-pine log siding, maple-stained and varnished. The foundation is poured concrete, 8 inches thick, 6 feet high in the back, rock-veneered all the way. Joists are bolted—the house is set in the concrete wall with bolts every 3 feet. Steel sash are used, except for the two picture windows in the living room. The roof is flat—no pitch whatsoever—4-ply tar and gravel. Flooring in the living room is Bruce oak blocks. Living-room walls are natural Weldtex plywood, the ceiling has 4 x 6 cedar beams extending through the sunroom.

The "raise" between the living room and the dining-kitchen area is 21 inches. Tucked away beneath the kitchen floor is a full-sized bed on casters, its foot set flush in the Weldtex wall, which pulls out into the living room. Excellent use of otherwise idle space.

The big sunroom, simply partitioned, suggests that later it can become part of an even bigger living room—part of the Dolphs' plans. The house, as is, is a bit short on closet space, but conversion of the porch could include a big storage or utility room next to the kitchen. When last heard from, the Dolphs had bought a bulldozer and were doing their own landscaping. They have also built a flagstone patio and a barbecue pit big enough for oversized K. C. steaks. To quote the Dolphs, "There's no fun in the world like that of standing back and viewing a good result, knowing you've done every bit of it yourselves."



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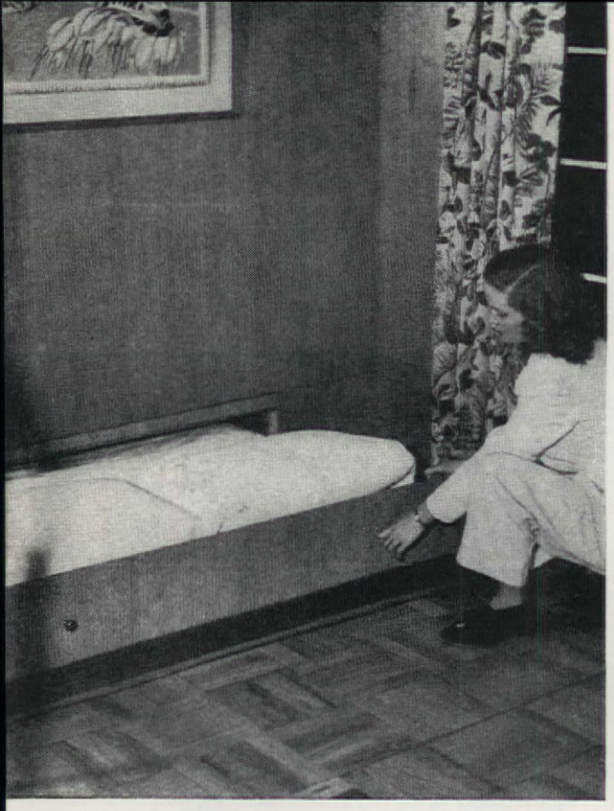
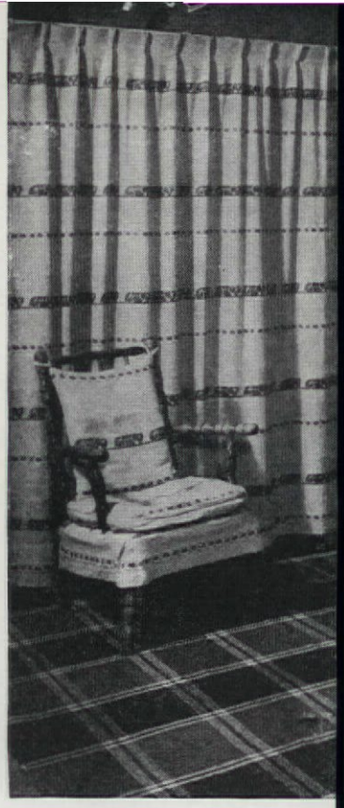
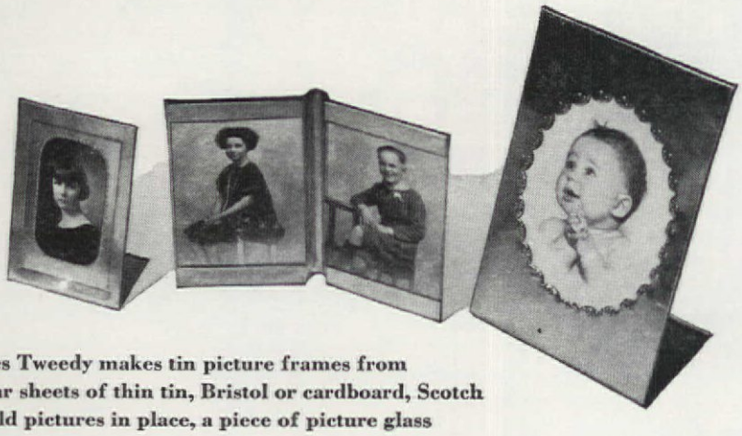




John Ott Pictures

A full-sized bed is tucked away in the Dick Dolph living room, sets flush into the wall, rolls out into the room on casters, slides under kitchen floor, which is raised up from living-room level. Ingenious, inconspicuous

A bamboo screen, designed by M. Hamburger, is highly effective when used in a casual or rustic-type room. Make one for yourself or have your carpenter put one together for you, using your own imagination regarding the size and the top design



Mrs. James Tweedy makes tin picture frames from rectangular sheets of thin tin, Bristol or cardboard, Scotch tape to hold pictures in place, a piece of picture glass

Good Ideas

Keep your spools of cotton in plain view, easily available. A plain breadboard, or evenly cut wooden surface, with nails evenly spaced, holds each color, tacked-on ruffle, large bow to hang

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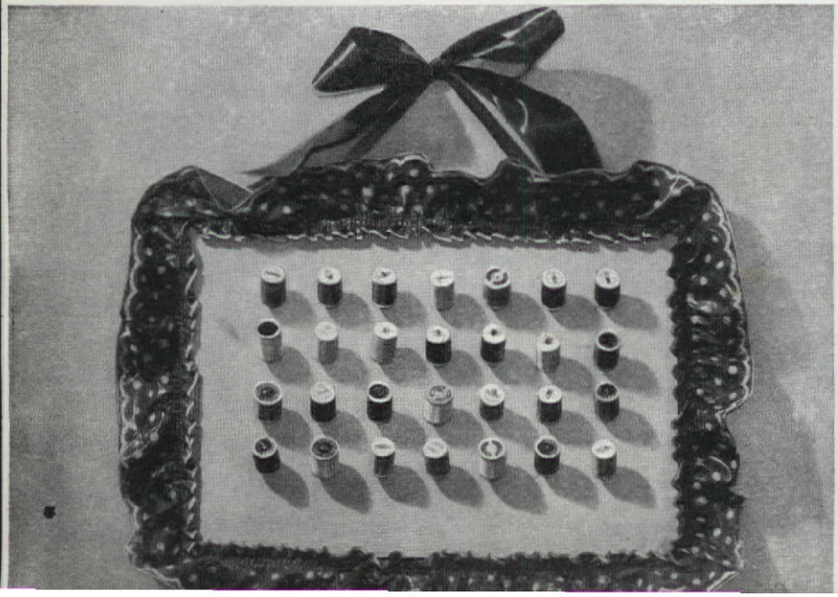
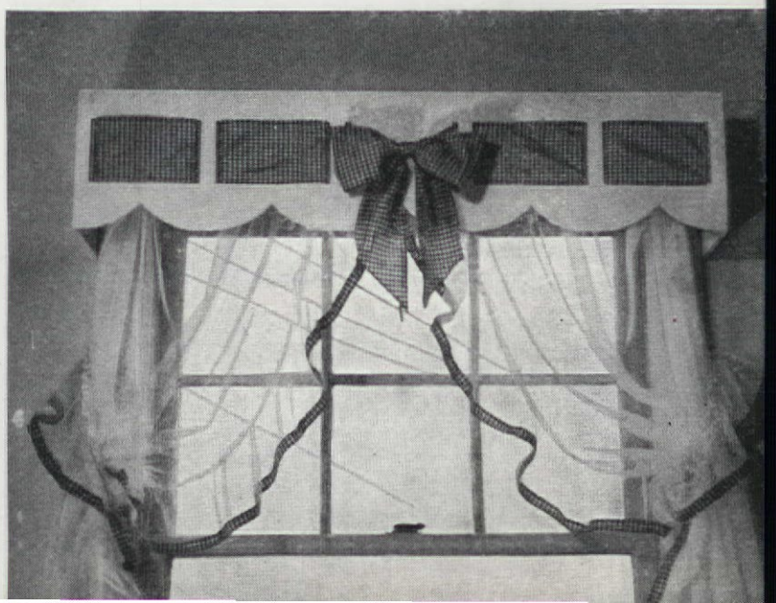
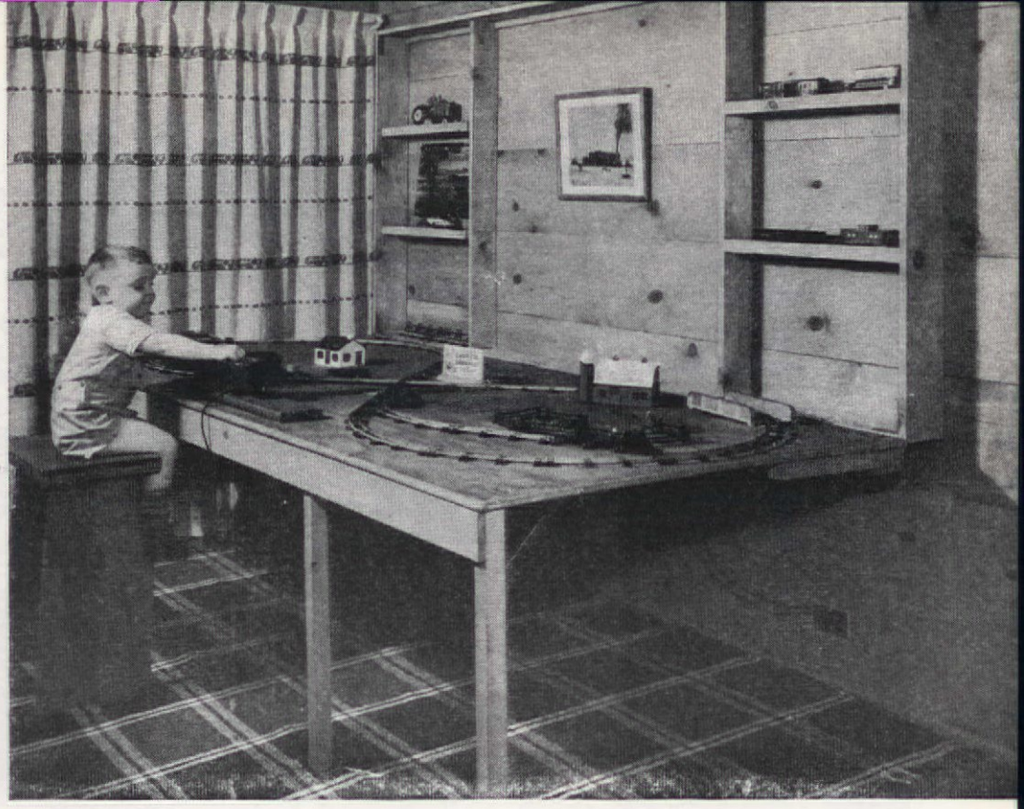


Edna Wood Grier's dainty and crisp idea for a window in a child's room with a taffeta ribbon laced through scalloped cornice board, tied in a bow. Matching ribbon edges ruffles. Cornice board of plywood





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When folded against the wall, the legs of this train table and bulletin board combination become neat dividing posts. Surface of board, covered with dark green burlap, is also bottom of the train table. First carpentry attempted by Wells D. Burnette

Three-year-old Mark Burnette of Deerfield, Illinois, manipulates the electric train which he operates with the transformer fastened to the table. All playtime equipment is placed on the shelves when the table folds up on the wall. Excellent use of space

Worth Copying

Out-of-the-ordinary suggestions to give a new look to your windows, your pictures, a smart touch to the same old things

Headboard frame made from top of a roll-top desk, which may be found in junkyard. Box springs and mattress bed is mounted on legs with no footboard; headboard is fastened to wall. A. P. Catlin

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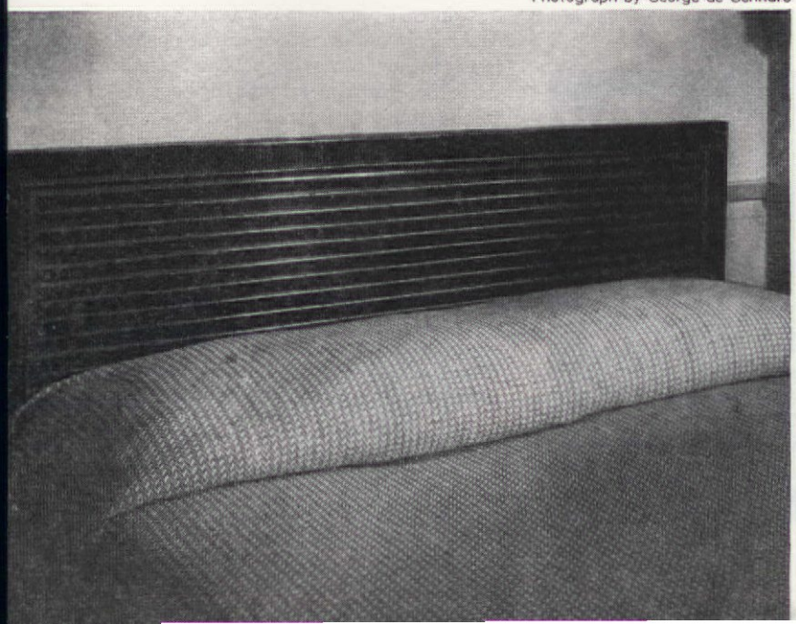
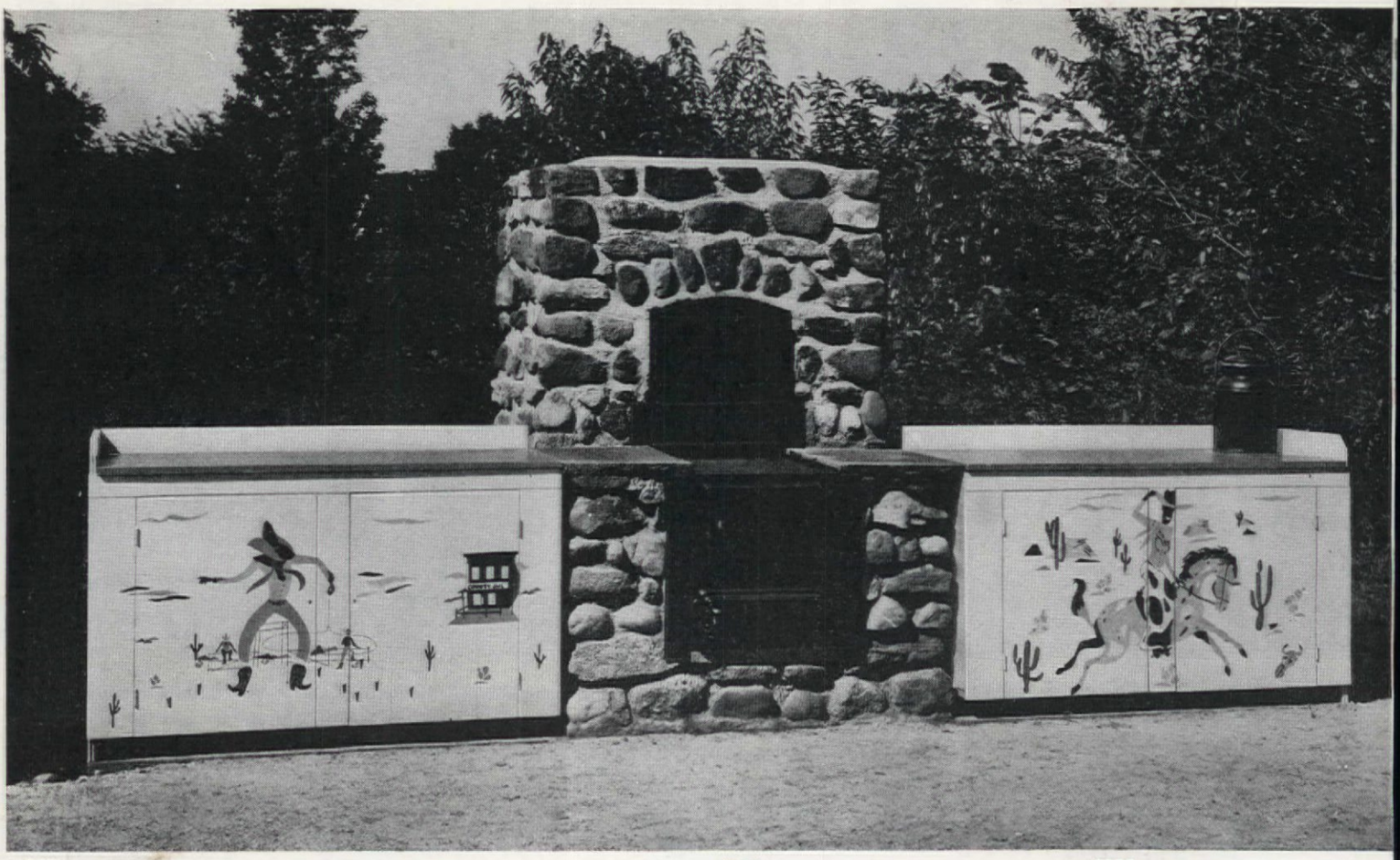


Useful desk made from two-tiered filing cabinet by Wm. Hart. One plywood length, depth of cabinet, narrow piece plus leg for typewriter stand. A sheet of glass will give an extra-good look



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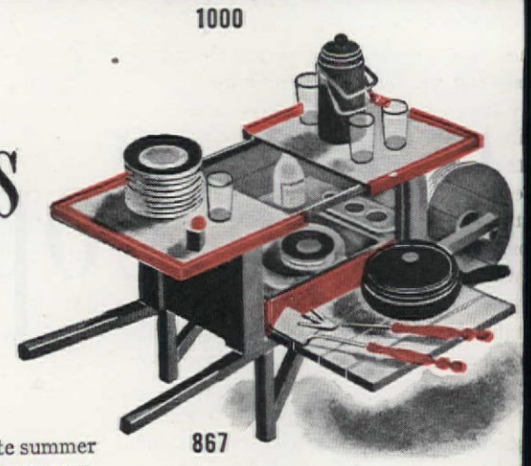

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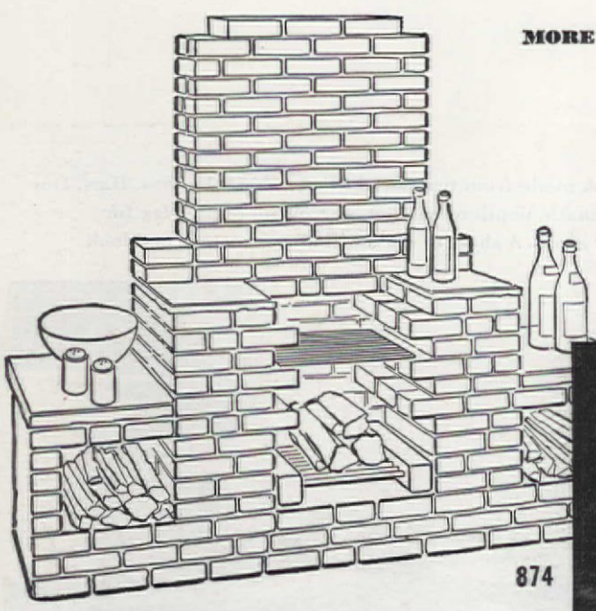

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You can enjoy outdoor living the minute summer starts, if you begin to build your barbecue now. Either of these patterns can be your guide. Ordinary fieldstone or common brick, both have easy simple lines. Take your choice! **1355**-50¢ is our blueprint construction pattern for building compact barbecue of rough fieldstone, with convenient storage cabinets on both sides. Cabinets are demountable and can be stored flat indoors for winter. Upper oven is raised above cooking area so oven door can be opened freely without removing pots and pans from stove top. Entire metal unit slips out of stone frame for winter storage. Cowboy motifs, **999**-50¢ and **1000**-75¢, are painted on cabinet doors and may also be used to bring the West into your small boy's life. Brick barbecue **874**-20¢ with wings which have tiled counter tops for food preparation and serving. Easy to build, pattern contains construction details and scale drawings. Build this portable wheelbarrow server, **867**-20¢ as a handy supplement to any barbecue or terrace. Holds glasses, dishes, cutlery. Removable tray opens at top and sides, provides table when closed.

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The SOUP

at Came before Cook Books

That's Vegetable Soup...variously made
Here are three popular kinds

BY Anne Marshall

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Vegetable soup is one of the very oldest in the world. Long before there were cook books, or *any* books, women were making soup by combining vegetables and herbs. Often they included meat. This was the beginning of our traditional vegetable soup, which has nour-
ıen, women and children for thousands
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y the vegetable soup served, more and
in American homes is ready-prepared
tried and true" recipes. It's enjoyed in
ee equally delicious kinds shown here.
tarian Vegetable Soup seems "made"
ompany salmon salad sandwiches; hot
cake and apple sauce; deviled egg
peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.
table-Beef Soup is grand with toasted or
cheese sandwiches; potato or macaroni
creamed eggs on toast; green salad.
tantial and heart-warming, Vegetable
goes with" just about everything, and
eal to plan meals around. For instance,
ole Soup tastes so good with grilled
ndwiches; cheese soufflé and a relish;
ankfurters on toasted rolls; fruit salad
muffins—to name only a few.
not try the menus pictured here—or
em to suit *your* family's taste?

1 VEGETARIAN VEGETABLE SOUP For those who prefer a meatless lunch, the menu below features a fine, flavorful soup crammed with luscious vegetables mingled in vegetable broth. It's sure of a welcome:

Vegetarian Vegetable Soup

Tuna Sandwiches **Sliced Bananas** **Tea**

2 VEGETABLE-BEEF SOUP Folks call this "the square-meal soup." If your family like lots of pieces of beef and fine vegetables, then this is their dish! In this lunch, for example:

Vegetable-Beef Soup

Rolls **Lemon Meringue Pie** **Coffee**

3 VEGETABLE SOUP More than a dozen different garden vegetables are blended with a homey beef stock to make this soup women call "almost a meal in itself." Here's an appetizing lunch:

Vegetable Soup

Broiled Hamburgers **Cole Slaw** **Milk**

BETTY B. MERRIAM, Flower Arrangement

To blend dark base with chartreuse container apply water-soluble blue and green poster paints with cloth. Colors can be washed off later

Put pinholder in place and anchor it with melted paraffin just warm enou to pour; keep it below lowest level o pins. Warm water will later remove i

ADDITIONAL PICTURE STEPS ON PAG

GERTRUDE BRASSARD, Table Setting

Place and Show

According to the calendar, spring should be so close we can feel it, although Nature is apt to disagree these days, just to show us who's boss. Regardless of the thermometer, we've planned at this time a spring-like, verdant green and sunshiny yellow table-setting which has a young, modern look, will be within the reach of the pocketbook of practically all, and should bring you warm praise.

This time a tablecloth forms the background, instead of the individual place mat. Our particular cloth is a lovely shade of rich dark green, made of spun rayon and cotton, size 60 by 90 inches, for only $6.95. Napkins are sold separately, plain 16-inch squares, about 50¢ each.

Translucent dinnerware, "Concerto" shape, is new modern for young moderns—either in age or spirit. Each piece is fluid oval in shape, treated by a laminated color process, dark green around the edges, blending into an oyster-white center. Cups are set off-center in the saucer, and the handles are curved to fit the fingers. "Concerto" is priced at $7.50 a place setting.

Russel Wright designed the tumbler, and we chose a solid silver service called "Continental," simplicity itself, contemporary

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China "Concerto" shape, Senegal Silver—"Continental" flatware, International Sterling; Avocado pear dish and salt and pepper, International Silver. Cloth, "South Pacific," Garden State. Tumbler "Highlight," Russel Wright design, Justin Tharaud. Photographs by F. M. Demarest

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Eggs!

ONE OF THE 7 BASIC FOODS

It seems rather far-fetched to imagine Cleopatra ordering "ham and eggs," but the history of this nourishing staple of the average menu goes all the way back to the Egyptians. There are cookbooks which prove that as early as 1500 B.C. the egg was high on the list of popular foods—probably because then, as today, you could use them for every meal, in an almost endless variety of ways. Fortunately for us mothers, it's easy to get the children to eat eggs, since they're full of essential minerals, vitamins, and high-quality protein; easy to eat and digest. In fact, a dozen medium-sized eggs is the equivalent of a pound and a half of concentrated protein. No matter what the price they're a good buy.

Here we show you five ways to use eggs to their best advantage, including fluffy scrambled, a casserole of eggs with spinach and cheese, eggnog, steaming chocolate soufflé, and a smooth custard topped with brown sugar. They taste just as good as they look—and they look good enough to stimulate any appetite.

Some people have the idea that the color of the egg shell has something to do with what's inside. That isn't true. Brown, white, or speckled—the color doesn't affect their flavor or performance. The shell, however, should be smooth, clean, and unbroken. The size of the egg doesn't have anything to do with its quality, either, although generally speaking the large ones are best for table use, the medium-sized for baking, and the small ones for custards and things like that.

To be sure you get good eggs, the Department of Agriculture grades them into four classifications, depending upon the condition of the shell, white, yolk, and air cells between the egg white and shell. The classifications, AA, A, B, and C, are marked plainly on each carton or box, and are your guide to egg quality. Eggs

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Good Eggs (Begins on page 62)

are graded by "candling," which means passing each egg in front of an artificial light to detect any flaws. In the two top grades, the yolks are round and compact, and the whites firm and thick. These eggs, of course, are more expensive, and are especially good for frying, poaching, and cooking in the shell. Grade B and C eggs are satisfactory for scrambling and baking, and for use in sauces and salad dressings. If you want to see the difference yourself, break two eggs of different grades into separate saucers. In the higher quality egg, the yolk is suspended in the thick white, well-rounded, well-centered, and doesn't break easily. In the lower quality, the yolk flattens and the white is thin and watery. But in all grades the nutritive value remains the same.

Keep eggs in the refrigerator, or a cool place, although you'll find they separate easier if you bring them into the room temperature about forty-five minutes before you use them. Another thing—buy them frequently—they perform better when they're fresh. When the time comes to cook them, remember that eggs are like some people we know—they object to being rushed—so cook slowly and go easy on the heat. The protein of the egg as well as the flavor and texture of the food will be better if you keep the fire low and slow. And about the seasoning—a little bit goes a long way, since if you douse it on too heavily you lose the lovely, titillating taste of the egg.

If we made a list of the different ways you can cook eggs, we'd never get to the end of it—the variety is so great. They run the course of an entire meal—from the soup to the dessert. They're at home on the dining table, the picnic grounds, the beach. Who ever heard, for instance, of going out with a basket lunch minus deviled eggs? It would be mutiny to exclude them. And what would Easter be if we didn't have them hard-boiled and all dolled up for the kids to roll, to admire, and to eat?

When cooking them alone, you have a choice of cooking eggs in the shell, frying, broiling, baking, poaching, or scrambling. Time was we used to say eggs cooked in their shells were either "hard-boiled" or "soft-boiled." Today we say "hard-cooked" or "soft-cooked" because we don't boil them. No—you just bring the water to a boil, then turn off the heat; the water will do the cooking for you. To prevent dark circles on the yolks of your hard-cooked eggs, peel them under cold running water. If that dreadful moment of uncertainty arrives and you forget which eggs are hard-cooked and which aren't, try to spin them on one end—if they're raw they won't.

The best—the very best and safest way to make scrambled eggs is in a double boiler. For really fluffy, moist scrambled eggs, remove the double boiler from the heat before the eggs are completely cooked. The heat of the dish and the eggs themselves will finish the cooking job. When you poach an egg, stir the water in one direction to form a small whirlpool as you slide in the egg. This will keep it from spreading, and a little vinegar or lemon juice in the water will help it to set. If you want to try something new—get a new taste to your poached egg—try doing them in hot milk or consommé or tomato soup. Good!

If you cook them in combination with other foods, or as part of other dishes, eggs are as versatile as they are indispensable. For instance, they hold foods together—that's called binding—giving form and smooth texture to meat loaf and croquette mixtures and desserts. As thickeners, they give full and rich consistency to sauces, custards, puddings, and pie fillings. As leaveners, beaten eggs give a light and fluffy texture to omelets, soufflés, meringues, pie toppings, angel and sponge cakes. As clarifiers, for boiled coffee, soups, or sugar syrups, the heated albumen of the egg coagulates, gathering all the loose particles of the liquid. As stabilizers in such things as mayonnaise and Hollandaise sauce, eggs prevent the formation of large crystals, thus ensuring a velvety texture. Then, of course, you can use eggs as coatings for breaded meats and as garnishes for almost any dish. Whenever and however you use eggs in cooking, they add color, texture, and flavor.

A few hints to the cooks who use eggs a great deal in meal preparation: When beating the whites, beat only until they hold their shape and have a glossy appearance. Overbeating will cause the whites to lose their stiffness and shine and will make them less effective as leavening agents. Egg-thickened mixtures such

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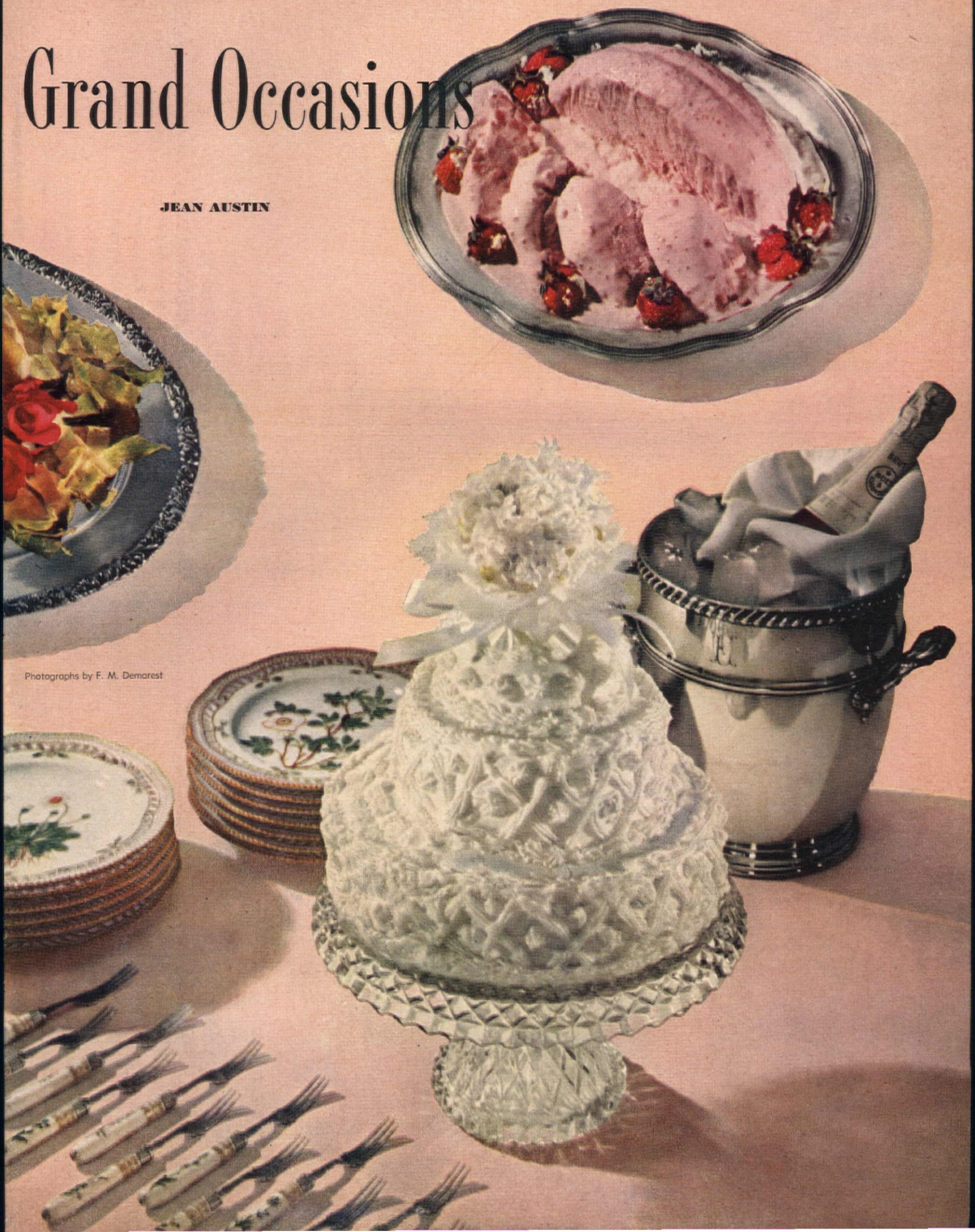
Grand Occasions

JEAN AUSTIN



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• strawberry chantilly bombe

You will need a mold with a tight-fitting cover. It is very important that the mold be thoroughly chilled, the spoon you work with cold, and that all ingredients be ready, and that you work fast, for if ice cream melts, the two mixtures will melt and spoil its handsome appearance for serving, if not its taste.

Strawberry ice cream can be store-bought or a homemade refrigerator tray ice cream used. Line mold with strawberry ice cream put in by spoonfuls and spread evenly with the back of a chilled spoon. Lining should be ½ to ¾ inch thick. Fill balance of mold with Chantilly Mousse made as follows:

To 1 cup heavy cream, whipped stiff, add and blend thoroughly:
¼ cup powdered sugar
⅛ tsp. salt
Stiffly beat 1 egg white, flavor with ½ tsp. vanilla. Fold this into cream mixture alternately with 1 cup crumbled meringues or small macaroons. Do not stir and fold just enough to mix ingredients.

Put in mold by spoonfuls, until mold overflows. Cover with buttered wax paper, fit cover on tightly and put a little butter around the edge of the cover. Garnish with large, ripe strawberries, if available. Chill at least 3 hours.

Recipe by Jean Austin

Good Victuals

(Begins on page 66)

Columbia. The Bombe is Sunday eating for us—it's so easy to do on a Saturday and forget about. The Snow Cake is one of the very few cakes I think worth troubling over. I serve it with a raspberry filling in the summer, with this filling when they're not available. Family style, it isn't a double recipe, nor is it frankly as beautiful a tower as this one—but it is very, very good. As a matter of fact, it is probably a mistake to make this food look so grand. There isn't a thing here that won't be part of your routine repertoire, I'll wager, once you've tried them. For a grand occasion bring out your very best service, of course—but for heaven's sake, don't be awed by the grandness and don't succumb to ordinary, stupid caterer's food when you see, right before your eyes, how handsome good home-made victuals can look. Snatch at the few grand occasions that come your way and do yourself proud. A sweet girl graduate, a beautiful bride—any grand occasion—it's your rare opportunity to prove how much you care, how smart you really are—and not least important, why grand occasions are grander at home!

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Winning name for January recipe on page 76

• snow cake

¾ cup shortening (white)
2 cups superfine granulated sugar
2½ cups sifted cake flour
¼ cup sifted cornstarch
3 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
1 cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. lemon juice
7 egg whites

Cream shortening well, add sifted sugar, a small amount at a time, and cream until very light and fluffy. Sift together cake flour, cornstarch, baking powder, and salt. Mix milk, vanilla, and lemon juice. Mix in some flour, then some milk, alternating until all is used. Do not overmix. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into two 9-in. cake pans which have been oiled and lined with waxed paper. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) for 30 minutes. Cool and spread with filling. (Cook recipe twice for wedding cake. One recipe makes 1 medium-sized deep cake and 1 small deep cake, or 1 large deep cake. Increase baking time 20–30 minutes if pan is very deep.)

FILLING: Make a double quantity of boiled or 7-minute icing. Save ½ for frosting cake. To ½ the frosting add the following filling, prepared and ready to add to frosting immediately it is done.

1 cup stiffly whipped cream
1 cup rolled dry macaroons
½ cup chopped walnuts
½ cup blanched chopped almonds
12 candied cherries, quartered
6 figs, cut in thin strips
½ cup chopped seeded raisins
4 tsp. lemon juice
½ tsp. orange extract
4 tbs. sherry

A small corsage of real flowers is a far sweeter crown than the usual caterer's bride-and-groom or wedding bells!

Recipe by Jean Austin

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A brand new way to serve cottage cheese and pineapple

CARNIVAL SALAD

- 1 No. 2½ can DEL MONTE Sliced Pineapple
- 2 tsps. gelatin
- 2 tsps. sugar
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. grated onion
- 1 tbsp. finely chopped green pepper
- 1 can DEL MONTE Tomato Sauce
- 2 cups cottage cheese
- Salt

Soften gelatin in ⅓ cup syrup from the pineapple. Dissolve over hot water. Cool. Combine sugar, lemon juice, grated onion, green pepper, DEL MONTE Tomato Sauce and ⅓ cup of the cottage cheese. Add salt to taste. Stir in the gelatin mixture and pour into 4 individual molds. Chill till firm. Unmold on greens, surround with remaining cottage cheese and the DEL MONTE Pineapple, as shown. Serves 4.

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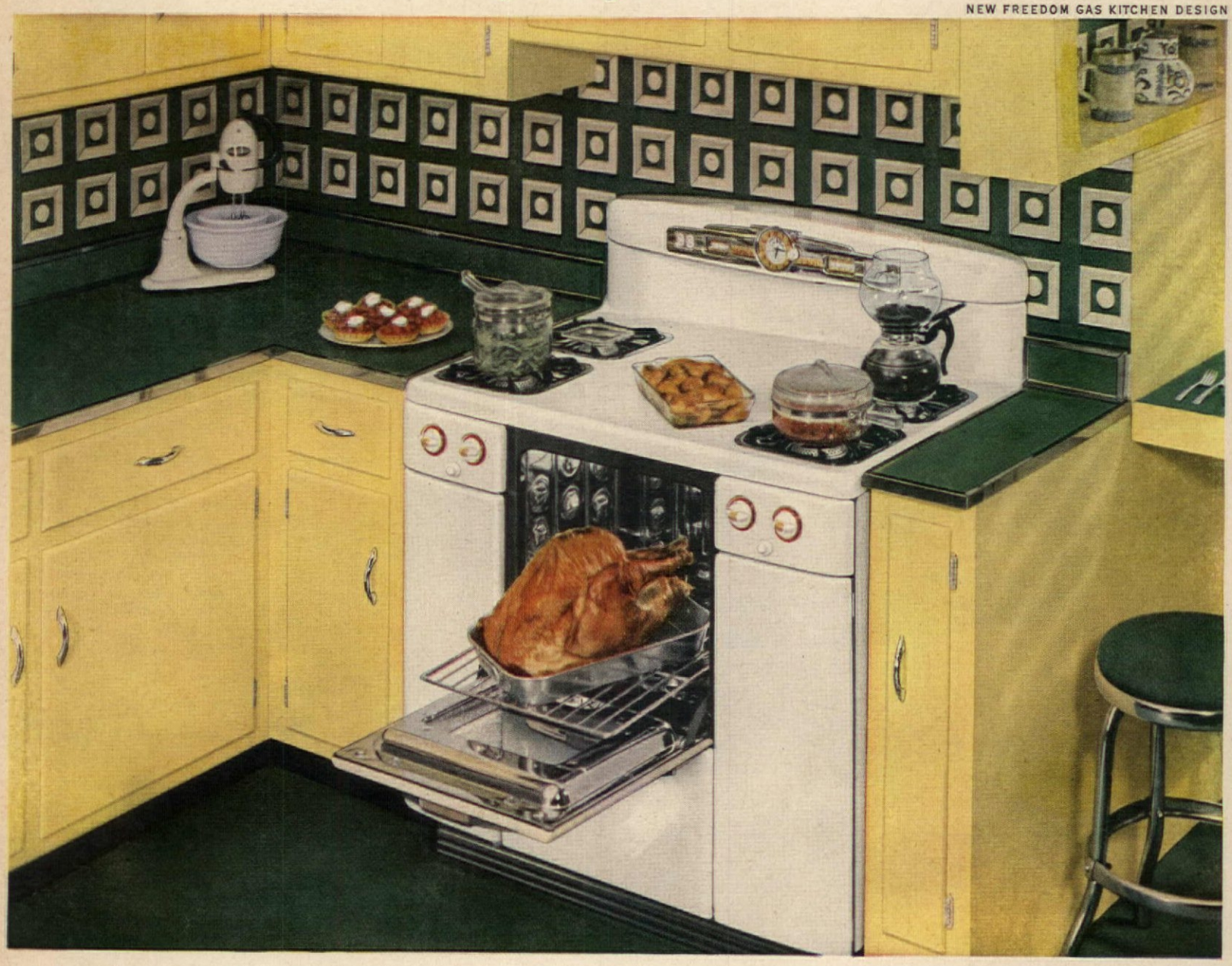

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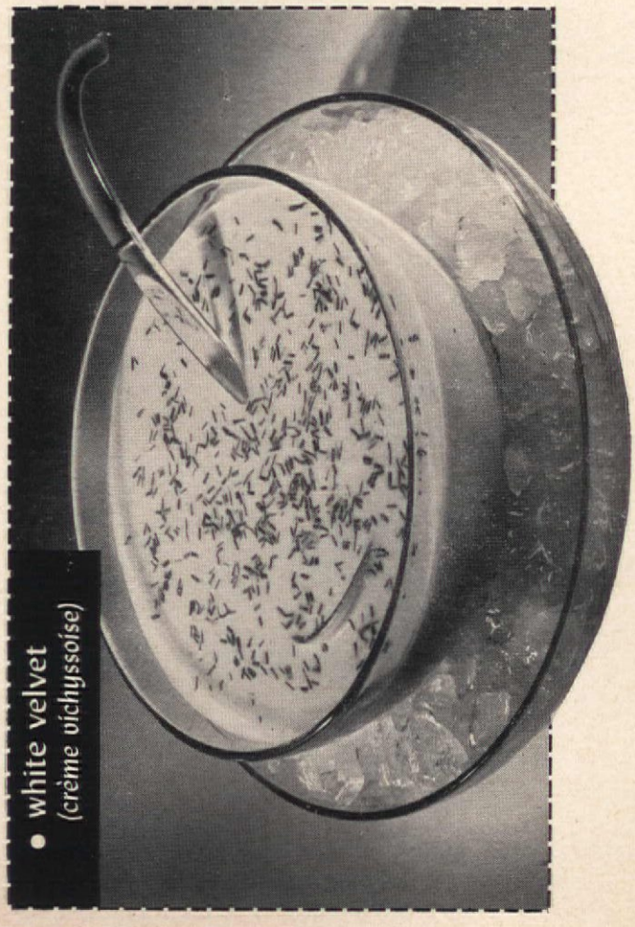
• Swiss salad rolls

Good Victuals

(Begins on page 66)



• white velvet (*crème vichyssoise*)

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2 teaspoons light corn syrup
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Dash of salt
1 teaspoon vanilla

Follow frosting directions on Baker's Coconut package. Spread on cake and sprinkle with flavor-fresh Baker's Coconut. Fill nests in coconut with jelly beans.

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Glorified Ambrosia (below). Grapefruit and orange sections, red cherries, mint leaves, and snowy drifts of luscious Baker's Coconut.

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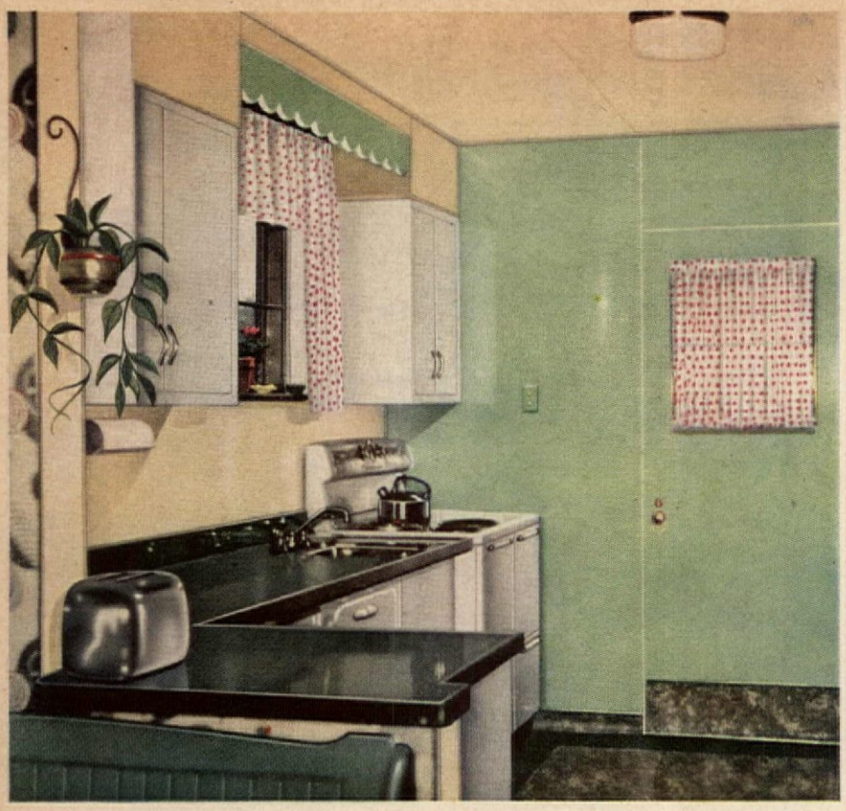

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• Swiss salad rolls

Mix and blend thoroughly:

1 cup cottage cheese
½ cup chopped nuts
½ cup grated carrots
4 tsp. mayonnaise
⅔ tbs. chopped chives
½ tsp. salt

Spread thickly (¼–½ inch) on cabbage leaves, using waxed paper under for easy rolling. Roll, chill 2–3 hrs. Slice about 2 inches thick. These will keep overnight or longer in aluminum foil and are easier to handle if chilled all day.

Recipe by Jean Austin

Good Victuals

(Begins on page 66)

• white velvet (*crème vichyssoise*)

Serves 8

6 heart leeks
1 stalk celery
2 white onions (1½ inches in diameter)
½ cup butter
1 pound uncooked white potatoes, peeled and cut fine (about 3 cups)
2 qts. canned chicken consommé
½ tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. pepper
1 pt. light cream
Chopped chives

Finely chop leeks, celery, and onions. Add to melted butter and cook very slowly (so they will not brown) for 30 minutes. Add potatoes and consommé. Season with salt and pepper and cook, covered, until potatoes are thoroughly done (or about 30 minutes). Put through a very fine sieve, or better, strain through cheese cloth, pressing as little as possible. It will seem very thin, but thickens as it cools. Chill. Skim off butter. Reheat if wanted hot, but if it is served cold it must be *very* cold, surrounded by crushed ice.

When ready to serve, add cream and heat in double boiler. Do not boil after the cream has been added. Sprinkle with chopped chives.

Recipe by Jean Austin

• oysters Columbia

Good Victuals

(Begins on page 66)

• stuffed chicken in aspic

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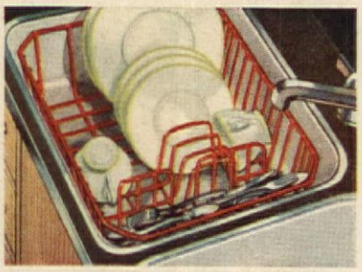

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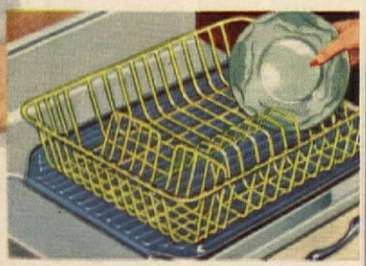

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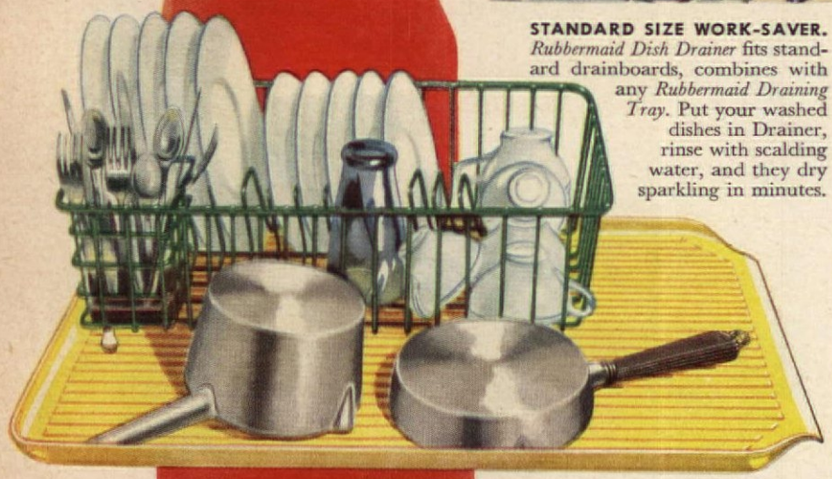

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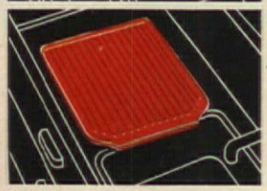

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• oysters Columbia

Serves 6 to 8

4 dozen oysters
2 cups evaporated milk
2 tbs. butter
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
Grated rind 1 lemon
1 cup grated Swiss cheese
1 tbs. cornstarch
1 tbs. cold water
Flour, seasoned with salt, pepper, and celery salt
2 slightly beaten eggs
Toasted bread crumbs
1 cup crushed corn flakes

Drain oysters and save 1 cup of oyster liquor for the following sauce: Chop fine 1 dozen of the oysters. Then heat with liquor, milk, butter, salt, pepper, and lemon rind. Stir in cheese and thicken with a paste made of cornstarch and water. Dredge remaining oysters with seasoned flour. Dip in beaten eggs, roll in crumbs. Put a layer of oysters in a greased casserole. Cover with the sauce, sprinkle with bread crumbs. Repeat layers, ending with sauce on top. Sprinkle with corn flakes, dot with butter. Heat in a hot oven (400°F.) 10 minutes. Then brown under broiler.

Recipe by Herman Smith

Good Victuals

(Begins on page 66)

• stuffed chicken in aspic

1 stewing chicken (4 lbs. dressed)
Salt to taste
4 oz. egg noodles
Salt and pepper to taste
2 tbs. melted butter
¼ cup finely chopped parsley
¼ tsp. celery salt

Fold neck and wings under chicken and tie feet together. Cover with water, season, and cook very slowly (2½–3 hours) until tender. Cool in broth, remove, and cut string from feet being careful not to break the skin. Cook noodles in boiling salted water, combine with other ingredients, and stuff chicken.

Note: For mold use large mixing bowl with rounded bottom 13 inches in diameter and 6 or 7 inches deep. Oil bowl slightly before using. Make a well-flavored aspic, using 3 qts. chicken broth and 4 qts. chicken stock (made with 8 bouillon cubes) and 6 ½-oz. packages of gelatin. Pour ½ inch aspic into mold, let harden. Place chicken in bowl, breast down, pour in aspic to depth of 3 inches, let harden. Then fill bowl with remaining aspic—the chicken should be covered. Chill until very firm. Place on bed of shredded lettuce or parsley. Garnish with red rose.

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"Three servings later, Cap pronounced it a 'Mariner's Dream.' Will you please try this title for size?—CAPTAIN and MRS. WILLIAM L. ROSS, Portland, Oregon."

—And so Mariner's Dream it is, and to all of you, all over the U.S.A. who submitted titles for my nameless fish pudding (recipe on page 60, January, 1951), my thanks. Your letters were so sincere and warming, I wish I could give a prize to every one of you. 31 states had been heard from when I closed the contest—letters from way down south in Alabama and Louisiana and all the way through to Maine and Minnesota. Iowans responded gallantly to the challenge, and Sioux City's Jeanette Barnes and Nina Crawford of Berkeley, Calif. were in the running with their title "Seafoam," as were Mrs. Michael of Columbus Grove, Ohio, with her "Crusty Crown Sea Fare" and Mrs. Corliss of Boston with her "Friday's Topper." Several complimented me by giving it the name Austin, and many were the variations on "Heavenly," "Delight," and "Ambrosia." Both Mrs. Oliver of Monroe, La., and Mrs. Cameron of Delray Beach, Fla., called it "Fish Delish," Mrs. Cameron writing that it is good made of freshly caught snapper or blues "even if caught on Sunday."

Many more letters have poured in since, but to meet March deadline, I had to close much earlier than I should have liked to. Herewith, a very few of the many charming letters received—and since almost all of them mentioned their husband's pleasure and satisfaction with it, had I my way I should somehow name it after all long-suffering husbands who have been made unwilling guinea pigs for new dishes tried on them by wives eager to vary the monotony of cooking over and over again the same family favorites.

"For your nameless fish dish I should suggest that you call it 'Proof-Pudding' and 'nuff said."—MRS. J. G. HILL, Shawnee, Okla.

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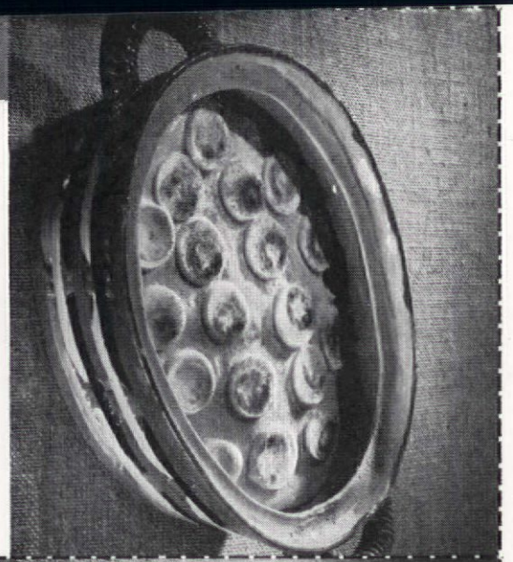
• spinach and egg casserole

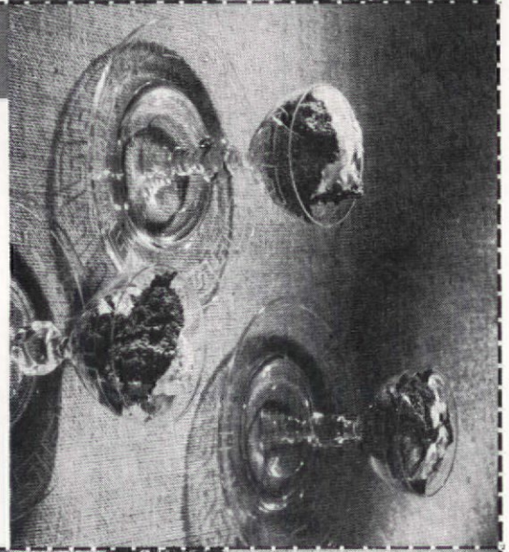


MENU

Spinach and Egg au Gratin
Fresh Fruit Salad Fruit Dressing
Steamed Chocolate Pudding
Foamy Sauce
Coffee Tea Milk

Note: The combination of spinach, eggs, and cheese served attractively in a casserole gives you an unusually good balance of food values as well as being delicious and attractive. What's more, it's easy on your food budget.

• chocolate soufflé



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Black Bean Soup with Lemon
Liver and Bacon Au Gratin Potatoes
String Beans
Olives, Celery, Radishes
Chocolate Soufflé with Peppermint
Candy Whip
Coffee Tea Milk

Note: A silver knife inserted halfway between the center and the outside edge of the soufflé will come out clean when your soufflé is ready to serve.

• eggnogs

MENU

Waldorf Salad
Cream Cheese Nut Bread Sandwich
Orange Eggnog

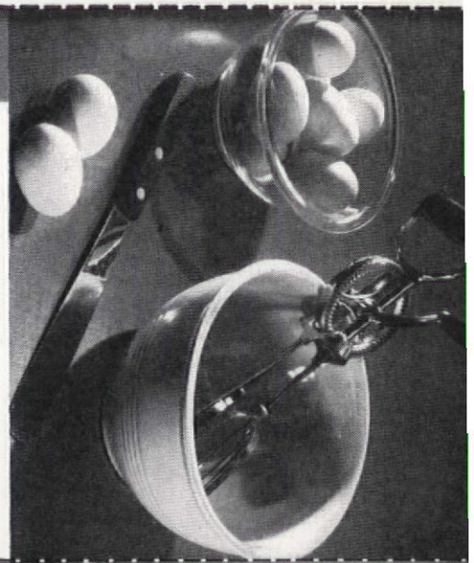
Note: Eggnog in any of the suggested flavors is a pleasant variation on the egg-a-day requirement. This beverage is a meal in one, providing many of the necessary proteins, vitamins, and minerals that you need. Try it and see for yourself how easy it is to make and how much your family will enjoy it.

Good Eggs (Begins on page 62)

as custards, sauces, or salad dressings should be cooked in the top of a double boiler over simmering, not boiling, water. If the bottom of the pan is cool enough to touch with your fingers your eggs will not curdle. Also, when combining hot mixtures and eggs that have not been cooked, pour the hot mixture very slowly into the beaten eggs, stirring and beating constantly. For a soufflé, it is a good idea to let the hot sauce cool for a while before adding it very gradually to the egg yolks. Beat this mixture well, and then fold it slowly into the egg whites. Need we add that soufflés are as fragile as they are delicious, and should be served as soon as they are taken from the oven, otherwise you won't get the full benefit of their airy, feathery fineness.

They have an interesting custom in Borneo. Favored visitors are presented with an egg, as a token of esteem. This is the Bornean counterpart of what we call the "key to the city." Well, we don't hand out any eggs to our distinguished callers, but as a symbol it's an excellent idea. We're all in the habit of taking the many wonderful things of our life for granted, but what do you think would be the reaction of Americans if eggs were just suddenly to disappear? Fortunately, our hens don't watch the clock, but keep on, day in and day out, furnishing us with the means to good health, strength, and vigor. Let's take advantage of it. (SEE COOKING HINTS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE)

• hints on eggs



Note: Eggs are versatile. You can't get along without them. They combine well with other foods. Use eggs in cooking: to thicken as in custards; to leaven by beating to incorporate air; to coat as in breaded cutlets; to add flavor, richness, and color to various dishes; to garnish as in canapés and salads; to bind as in meat loaf; to emulsify as in salad dressings; to clarify as in preparation of "boiled" coffee; to hinder crystallization as in confections.

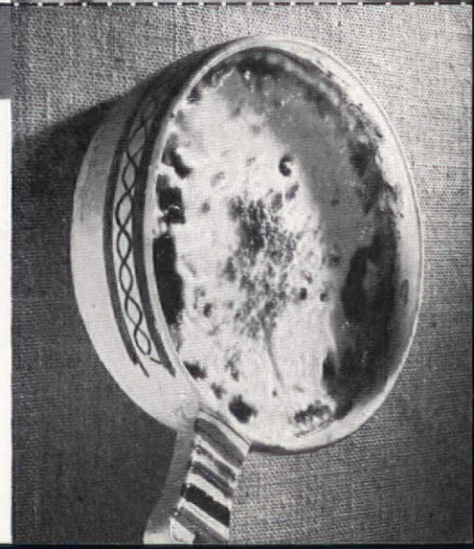
• scrambled eggs

MENU

Stewed Prunes and Lemon
Fluffy Scrambled Eggs
Home Fried Potatoes
Graham Muffins Wild Grape Jelly
Coffee Tea Milk

Note: When scrambling eggs in a double boiler, remove double boiler from direct heat before eggs are completely cooked. The heat that remains will finish the cooking process. Why not try this method the next time you scramble eggs?

• custard (baked)



MENU

Cranberry Juice
Stewed Chicken, Dumplings
Buttered Mixed Vegetables
Quince Jelly
Tomato-Cottage Cheese Salad
French Dressing
Baked Custard with Brown Sugar
Coffee Tea Milk

Note: Although we suggest using brown sugar, you can also serve custard with fruits, jellies, jams, cooked dessert sauces, or syrups.

• eggnogs

(File under "Beverages")
Serves 1

1 egg
Few grains of salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup milk

Beat egg till fluffy. Add salt and vanilla and beat till very thick. Add milk, beat well. Chill if desired, garnish with nutmeg and serve.

Variations: 1) Orange—add the juice of one orange before adding milk. Garnish with orange slice. 2) Mint-orange—add ½ teaspoon mint extract to orange eggnog. Garnish with sprig of mint. 3) Lemon-orange—add 1 teaspoon lemon juice to orange eggnog. Garnish with orange or lemon slice. 4) Cocoa—add 1 tablespoon of prepared cocoa mix to beaten egg and seasonings before adding milk. Garnish with grated chocolate.

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• chocolate soufflé

(File under "Desserts")
Serves 6

¾ cup thick white sauce
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup milk
2 squares chocolate, melted
3 eggs, separated
5 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla

Make white sauce: Melt butter in top of double boiler. Add flour, salt and cook. Add milk gradually and cook until thick. Add melted chocolate, mix and set aside. Now, beat egg yolks, gradually adding 2 tablespoons of the sugar, and vanilla. Continue beating until very thick and lemon-colored. Add to this the chocolate mixture. Beat the egg whites till fluffy, then add the remaining sugar gradually, beating thoroughly after each addition. Fold the chocolate mixture into the whites and put immediately into casserole which has been greased only on the bottom. Set casserole in pan of hot water and bake in moderate oven (350°F.) approximately 60 minutes.

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• spinach and egg casserole

(File under "Casseroles")
Serves 6

2 packages spinach, frozen
6 eggs, hard-cooked, sliced
Cheese Sauce:
3 tablespoons butter
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon dry mustard
⅛ teaspoon paprika
3 tablespoons flour
1½ cups milk
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
½ cup cheddar cheese, grated

Cook spinach according to package directions. Make cheese sauce by melting butter in top of double boiler; combine flour, salt, mustard, paprika, and add to melted butter. Stir and cook well. Add milk gradually stirring constantly until thick. Add Worcestershire sauce and mix. Remove top of double boiler from heat. Let stand 5 minutes. Add cheese, stirring well. Put spinach into greased baking dish. After arranging egg slices on top, cover with cheese sauce. Put under broiler till delicately brown.

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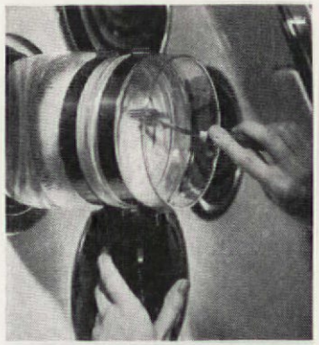

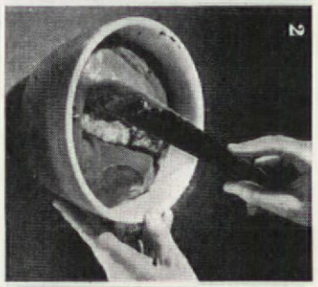

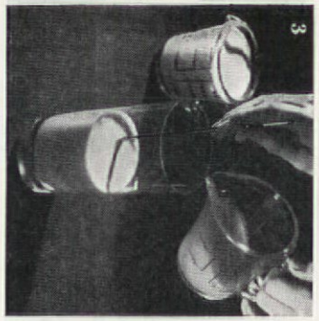

Good Eggs

(Begins on page 62)

1. Light, fluffy scrambled eggs made in the double-boiler should be stirred occasionally with a fork; the fork enables more air to be incorporated.

2. A flexible spatula which will curve to fit the bottom of the bowl is best for folding. Starting at one side of bowl, slide spatula along bottom and bring egg whites up over the top. Repeat this process till ingredients are well blended and uniform in color.

3. Add the orange juice gradually to the well-beaten egg and seasonings to prevent separation of ingredients. Stir thoroughly, chill, garnish, serve.

• custard (baked)

(File under "Desserts")
Serves 4–6

2 eggs
2 cups milk
4 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ teaspoon salt

Beat eggs until just mixed. Add other ingredients and blend well. Put into casserole (custard cups). Place dish in pan containing at least 1 inch hot water. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) about 45 minutes or until silver knife comes out clean when inserted halfway between center and edge of custard. Chill, top with brown sugar, and serve.

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• scrambled eggs

(File under "Eggs")
Serves 6

8 eggs
1 tablespoon milk
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons butter
¾ cup of any of the variations

Melt butter in top of double boiler. Beat eggs with fork or rotary egg beater till fluffy. Add milk, salt, variations, and mix well. Cook in double boiler. Just before eggs reach desired firmness, remove from heat and serve at once.

Variations: 1) Meats—chopped bacon, ham, chipped beef, small pork sausages, Canadian bacon, kidney, chicken or turkey, frankfurters. 2) Seafoods—kippers, tuna fish, shrimps, cod fish. 3) Cheeses—cheddar, American, Swiss or other bland varieties. 4) Vegetables—tomatoes, onions, carrots and peas, mushrooms. 5) Herbs and spices—watercress, parsley, green pepper, thyme, chives, curry powder, chile sauce.

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• hints on eggs

1. One dozen eggs, medium size, is equivalent to 1½ pounds of high quality protein.
2. The color of the shell has no effect upon the quality of the egg itself.
3. Eggs should be stored in the refrigerator since they deteriorate at high temperatures. When used in batters and doughs, or when separating whites from the yolks, remove eggs from refrigerator at least 45 minutes ahead of time.
4. Eggs should be cooked slowly at moderate to low temperatures.
5. *Soft-cooked* (in shell)—Put eggs into pan, completely covering with cold water. Bring rapidly to a boil, remove from heat. Cover and let stand 2 to 4 min. *Hard-cooked* (in shell)—Follow directions for soft-cooked eggs. Let stand 15 minutes. Cool promptly and thoroughly in cold water before removing shell.
6. *Fried*—Melt from 1 to 2 tablespoons fat in skillet. Slip eggs into pan, and reduce heat. Cook eggs slowly to desired doneness.
7. *Scrambled*—Stir or heat lightly yolks and whites of eggs. If desired combine with a little milk. Cook slowly in greased skillet or double boiler. Stir.
8. *Poached*—Slip eggs into a pan containing 2 to 3 inches of simmering water. Cook from 3 to 5 minutes.
9. *Baked*—Place eggs in greased shallow baking dishes. Bake in moderate oven (325°F.) 12 to 18 minutes.
10. In making omelets follow one of two methods: (1) yolks and whites are beaten together; (2) whites and yolks beaten separately and then combined.

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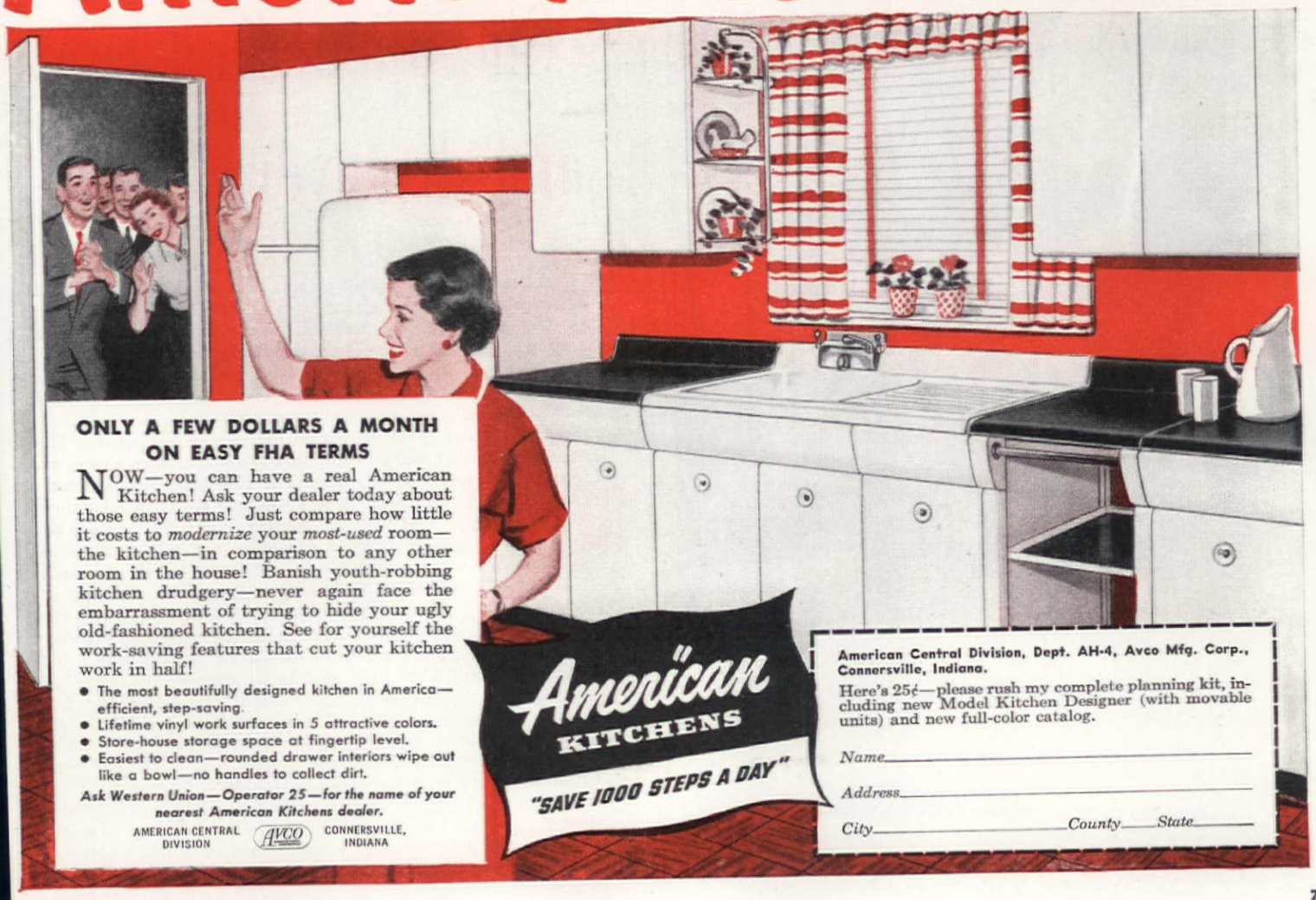

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Mrs. Dione Lucas at her omelet bar in the Cordon Bleu Restaurant

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Mrs. Dione Lucas is the gifted and charming lady shown above, proprietor of New York's famous Cordon Bleu Restaurant and Cooking School. It is here that she employs her own special brand of magic to bring forth the marvelous French omelets which not only keep her patrons coming back time and again, but also have brought her an international reputation as one of the finest cooks anywhere, a remarkable achievement.

Standing behind an omelet bar, in full view of the patrons, Mrs. Lucas works quickly and smoothly with two special omelet pans, and turns out an average of 120 omelets in two hours—that's about a minute for each. She has her own important rules for making them, will tell you simply and quickly in her charming British accent how it's done. First of all, your pan should be cast-iron or aluminum and should never be washed. The butter in the heated pan should sizzle, but not burn. Then add well-beaten eggs. The next step is the shaking and stirring, which insure even cooking and soft consistency of the eggs. Mrs. Lucas shakes the omelet pan quickly over the fire with her left hand, while stirring the eggs with a fork in her right hand. When they begin to set she adds the ingredients for many variations, folds the omelet over these, and quickly turns it onto a hot platter. Spinach and sour cream, cheese, truffles, *bonne femme, aux fines herbes,* and chicken livers are but some of the eighteen kinds of fillings which are offered on her blackboard menu.

Although she has cooked for years in France, Great Britain, and now in the United States, Mrs. Lucas takes consummate care in the making of each individual omelet, and great pride in the perfection of the finished froth, which is light as a feather and delicious in flavor. Watching her work is a unique pleasure, since she believes that cooking is a creative art, and proves it with her results.

• omelet

MENU

Watercress and Potato Soup
Chicken Liver Omelet
Tossed Salad Sour Cream Dressing
Fresh Fruit Compote
Coffee Tea Milk

Note: Remember that the omelet is versatile. You can use grated cheese, herbs, sour cream with spinach or watercress, sautéed mushrooms, chicken livers, onions, or kidneys as variations.

• caramel mousse

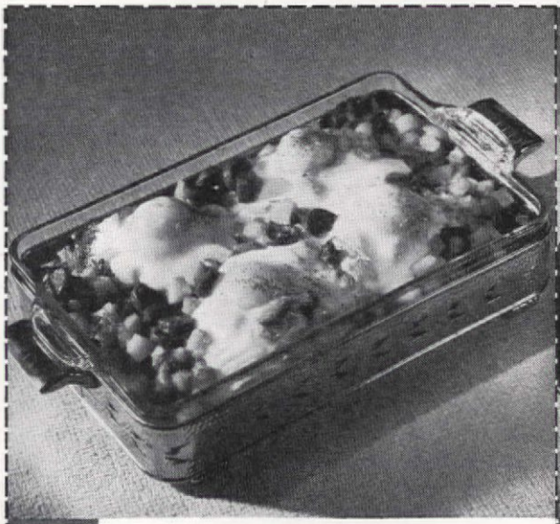
MENU

Filet of Sole Bonne Femme
Mixed Vegetable Salad
Caramel Mousse with Fresh Strawberries
Coffee Tea Milk

Note: This is a real treat for your family or guests. Its delicate flavor and texture are an inviting finish to any meal. Why not try it?

Since she discovered that cooking was even more gratifying than her earlier work with jewelry in Paris, Mrs. Lucas has won the highest international cooking award from l'École du Cordon Bleu, and now we are receiving the benefit of her genius through a tri-weekly television show, cooking school, and cook book.

A huge basket of eggs, tied with a blue ribbon, hangs in the window of the Cordon Bleu Restaurant. Inside, eggs are the specialty, not only in the famous Cordon Bleu omelets, but also in many other ways. Mrs. Lucas uses them generously in main dishes, sauces, and desserts, and as a shortener in pastry for



• baked eggs with sausages

MENU

Pea and Curry Soup
Baked Eggs with Sausages
Zucchini and Tomatoes
Tossed Salad Greens with Hot Camembert Cheese Balls
Coffee Tea Milk

Note: This is a highly seasoned casserole. However, it hits the spot on a chilly day. It's easy to prepare and makes an attractive buffet supper dish that is unique in flavor.

• eggs in beurre noir

MENU

Cream of Tomato and Potato Soup
Poached Eggs in Black Butter
Nut Roll
Coffee Tea Milk

Note: The whirlpool method of poaching merely changes the appearance of the cooked egg, making it more attractive. To eliminate two operations in this recipe, try substituting condensed pea soup or purée of peas.

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• caramel mousse

(File under "Desserts")
Serves 6

4 eggs
3 egg yolks
5 tablespoons sugar
1 cup water
2 tablespoons gelatin
1 lemon rind, grated
½ cup caramel
1 tablespoon glucose syrup
Whipped cream
Fresh strawberries

Beat eggs and egg yolks, add gradually 5 tablespoons sugar, and beat until stiff; dissolve the gelatin first in water over fire. Now slowly beat in gelatin and grated lemon rind to the eggs. Add ½ cup caramel, made as follows: Put ¼ cup sugar, ¼ cup water, and glucose syrup in a pan and cook quickly without stirring until caramel-colored. Then add ¼ cup hot water. Add the caramel to the mousse, stirring vigorously; pour into a mold. Chill in refrigerator. When firm, remove and cover with whipped cream. Decorate with fresh strawberries.

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• omelet

(File under "Eggs")
Serves 1

1 teaspoon butter
3 eggs
1 teaspoon cold water
Salt and pepper

Break the eggs into a bowl. Add one teaspoon cold water, salt and pepper. Beat until eggs are well mixed, but not fluffy. Test the heat of the pan by trying it with a small piece of butter. If the butter sizzles briskly, the pan has reached the right temperature. Now melt the one teaspoon butter in pan. Pour in the eggs. Stir quickly with a fork and shake the pan until the eggs begin to set. Allow to set for a second. Fold omelet in half. Turn out at once onto a hot serving dish.

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She Opened an Egg

(Begins on page 80)

tarts. Some of these recipes appear on the following pages. You'll enjoy making them, and your family will sing high praise when you place these dishes before them. We are glad to bring them to you, and even more delighted to have you meet Mrs. Dione Lucas, the lady who made them possible.

Recipes courtesy of *The Cordon Bleu Cook Book* by Dione Lucas; Little, Brown and Company.

• eggs in beurre noir

(File under "Eggs")
Serves 4

½ cup vinegar
4 eggs
3 cups peas
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons flour
½ cup cream, light
¼ teaspoon salt
1/16 teaspoon pepper

SAUCE:
5 tablespoons butter
⅛ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons capers
3 tablespoons white wine

Fill a deep saucepan ¾ full of hot water; add vinegar, bring to boil. Reduce heat, and stir with a spoon to form a whirlpool. Drop an egg into the whirlpool and allow it to poach gently for 3 minutes. Remove egg and put into another pan of hot water. Repeat this method until each egg is poached. Now cook the peas. Drain and rub through a strainer. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a pan, add flour and stir until golden brown. Combine peas, cream, salt and pepper; add to flour and butter. Cook for 5 to 6 minutes. Pour onto serving platter. Arrange poached eggs on top. Make sauce as follows: Put the rest of the butter in a shallow pan and cook slowly until it is a dark brown color. Add the capers, white wine, salt and pepper. Pour over eggs and serve.

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• baked eggs with sausages

(File under "Casseroles")
Serves 4

2 potatoes
4 tablespoons butter
3 sausages, sliced
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons peas, cooked
2 red pepper caps, diced
1 cup tomatoes, canned
1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
4 eggs
2 tablespoons cream
⅛ teaspoon pepper
Few grains cayenne

Peel the potatoes, place in a pan, and cover with cold water. Bring slowly to a boil, drain, and dry in a cloth. Cube potatoes. Melt butter in skillet, add sausages and cubed potatoes. Shake over a moderate fire until the potatoes begin to brown. Add salt, pepper, peas, and the red pepper caps, and cook slightly. Add the tomatoes and parsley. Place on the bottom of a baking dish; break the eggs on top; season them with salt and pepper. Place in a moderate oven (350°F.). Pour over cream; sprinkle the top with cayenne. Serve at once.

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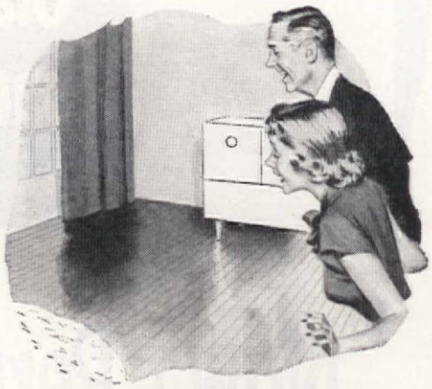

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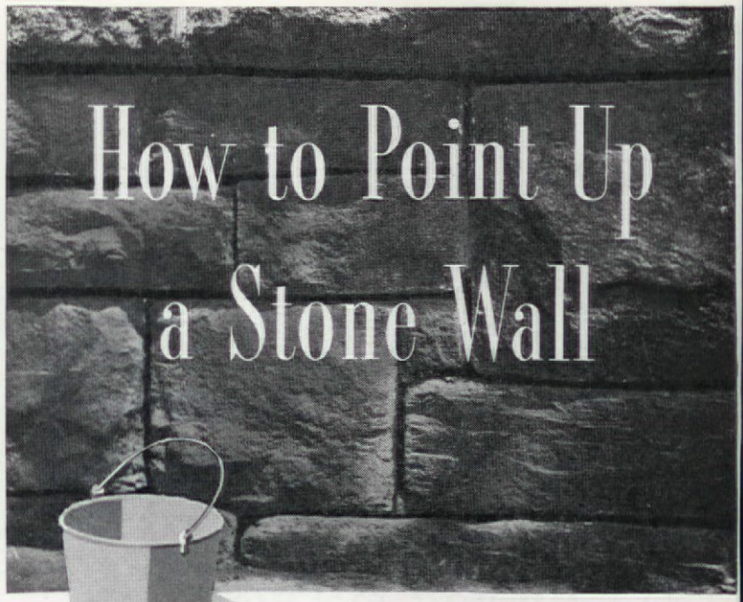

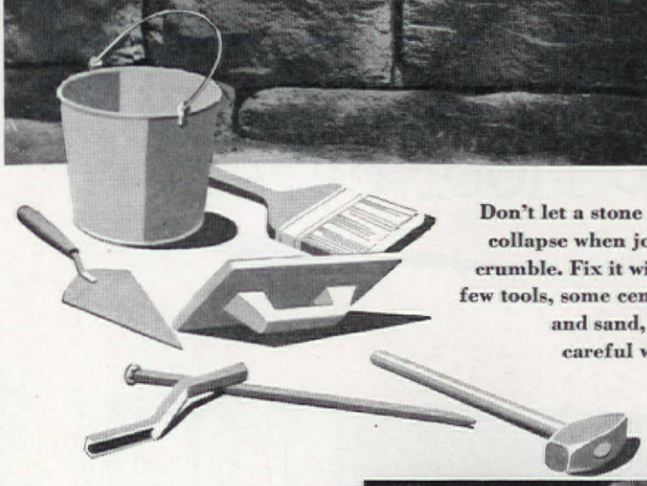

Don't let a stone wall collapse when joints crumble. Fix it with a few tools, some cement and sand, and careful work

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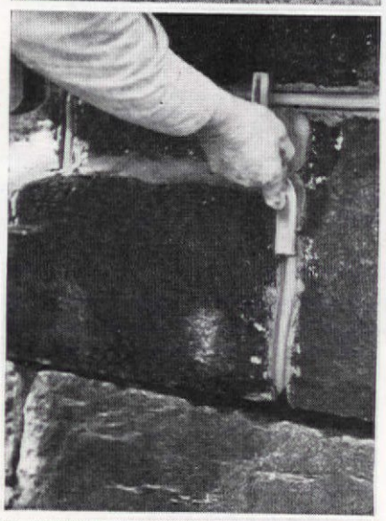
Dig out loose mortar with a cold chisel. Brush out all dusty crumbs and dirt, then thoroughly wet the inside and back of the opening with a long bristle brush like a calcimine brush. In a pail, make a stiff mortar of 1 part cement and 3 parts sand, adding just enough water to make the mix workable

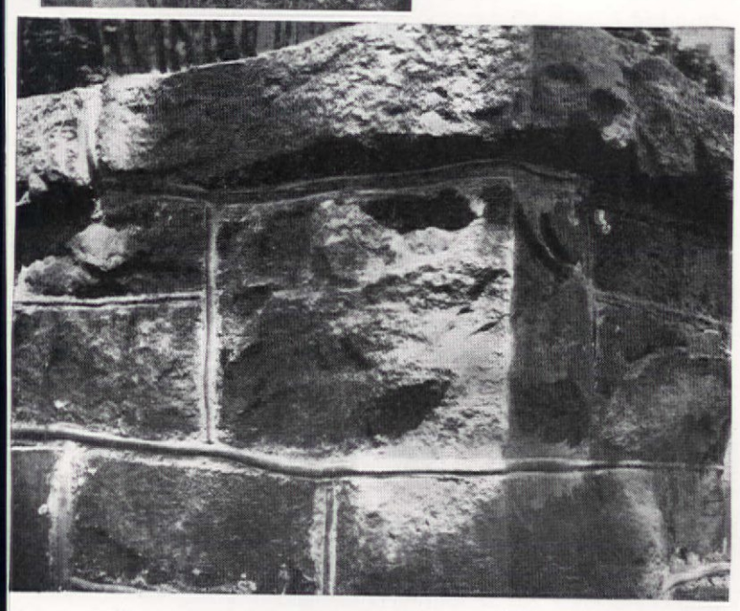
On a mason's hawk, a wood float, or a small board, work a little of the mortar some more with a small pointing trowel before packing it in the joints

Hold the mortar, on the board, next to the wall and push it into the open wet joints with the small trowel. Pack it tight and add about ⅛ inch more mortar on the surface and smooth it with the trowel. For strong joints and least shrinkage, wet new joints for a few days



To match a rounded joint in the old mortar, press a round jointing tool in the mortar while it's still soft, and draw it along the joint. This helps pack the mortar, but is mostly for appearance. Scrape excess mortar from the sides of the finished joint with the small trowel

If the cap stone is loose, remove it completely. Clean away all loose mortar and lay the stone again with a new layer of mortar beneath and beside it, after wetting the cap stone and those beneath and beside it. Scrape joints ½ inch deep and point them as above



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An Old Room Becomes Young Again

As in so many of the fine old houses built about three generations ago, this room was formerly separated into two parlors, each 12 by 13 feet, one used as a sitting room for the family, the other opened only when company came to call. When the present owners, the Frederick W. Osborns, took the house over in 1943, their big problem was how to bring this situation up to date. Mr. Osborn's grandfather had built the house, and while there was very little, if any, gingerbread, and all the rooms were, with the exception of the two parlors, large, sunny, and square, the main thing the Osborns wanted in their house was a big, spacious living room. By this time the second parlor had become a dining room, and, although combining the two had meant sacrificing a real dining room, the Osborns have since decided that a breakfast alcove is adequate, and the large living room more than makes up for any lack of dining space.

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A dead short, where wires have actually come together, causes the bulb to burn brightly; too many appliances or lights cause it to burn with the dull-red glow.

If the bulb you have screwed in is dull-red, all you have to do is disconnect whichever appliance you are using that has the highest current rating. Irons, toasters, radiant heaters, waffle irons and heating pads all require large currents. After disconnecting the appliance, replace the bulb with a new fuse.

On the other hand, if the bulb you have inserted in the fuse socket burns brightly you must operate differently, for this indicates a short somewhere in the house. Most likely one of your appliances is defective. Before disconnecting any of them, however, proceed as follows:

Have someone watch the bulb and call you when the bulb goes out or gets dimmer. Then while your helper is watching the bulb (your children would enjoy helping) disconnect your appliances one at a time. Take your time between appliances, this includes floor and table lamps and radios too, so your helper will have time to call when the light has changed. If after disconnecting every appliance, lamp, radio or electrical attachment, the light has not changed, turn off all wall switches that control lights. As before, allow plenty of time after each switch.

Continue disconnecting appliances and switches until the light goes out or becomes dim. It will before you are through. When it does, the appliance or switch or light you last disconnected will be at fault. If you do not reconnect it until it is repaired, you may unscrew the test bulb and safely replace it with a new fuse.

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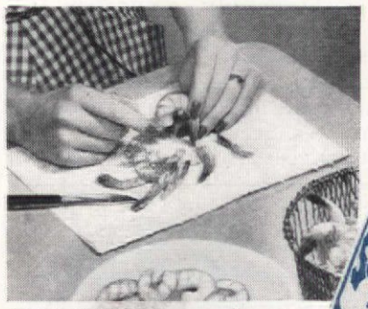

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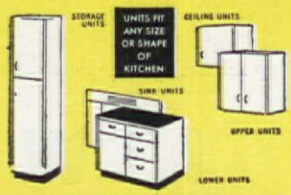

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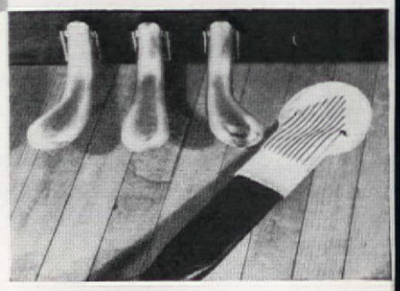

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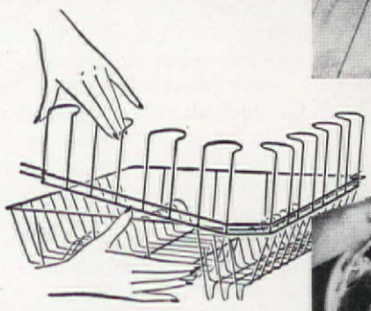

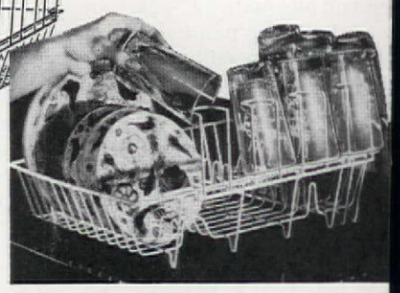

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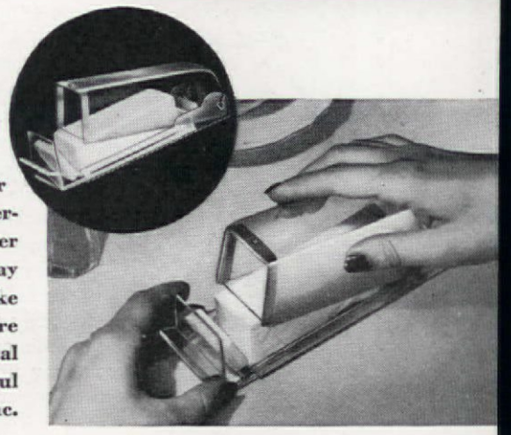

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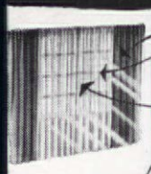

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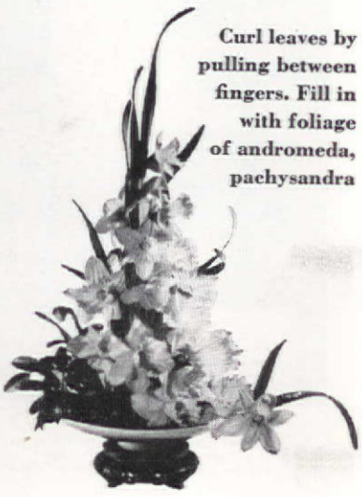

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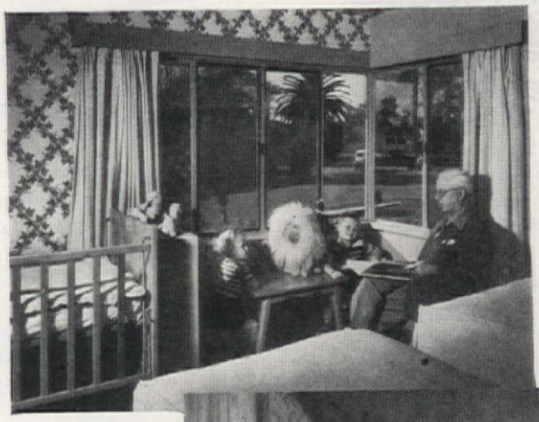
sarily being unfriendly, uncomfortable, and startlingly unattractive.

Mr. Eisen set the house squarely into the slope, with only a small doorstep garden and patch of lawn, planted the rest of the incline in ivy which would be self-supporting, and transferred his interest to building a view of their own that focuses around an enclosed rear outdoor living room. The outdoor room has four areas. One-half of the space is given to a paved badminton court which doubles as a tricycle speedway for the boys—three uninhibited, healthy youngsters who take their outdoors from sunup to sundown. The other half of the outdoor area is divided between a paved dining terrace, garden plot, and a decomposed-granite play area for the children at the far rear. The latter, Mr. Eisen is convinced, was waste motion and waste gravel as the children much prefer the early claim which they staked out on the badminton court. CONTINUED ON FACING PAGE



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Nothing is slipshod about Mr. Eisen's solution of fitting house and outdoor living room into his oddly shaped lot. Nothing is forgotten. Nothing left to chance. He was consistently faithful in his apparent intention, with the floor plan, to get everyone where they were going with the least back-tracking, to supply not one but several dining areas, to build in furniture where built-ins will dutifully count most, and to ease into walls so many near-hand conveniences and such an epidemic of wardrobes and cupboards that his house will never need ask for storage forgiveness. Because boys *will* be boys and must explore every corner of a house, all rooms have easily cleaned surfaces and ceilings are insulated not only for climatic comfort but also to absorb noise. Remembering that toddlers soon grow into active door-slammers who are oblivious to muddy shoes, or even roller skates, if they happen to need a ball bat that is indoors, the floor plan was arranged so that the boys may enter the house via the bedroom wing, the kitchen, or the front door without tracking through the living room. In rainy weather, they come into the house through the basement room where they shed wet coats before coming upstairs into the kitchen.

Since the house is not large, the bedrooms are fairly small—a plan often evolved to give more space for the living areas. The arrangement, however, allots both children and parents a private sanctum they can call their own which, except for sleep, is all that an outdoor-living family require of bedrooms.

On the face of it, the Eisen house has the look of many houses we've seen before, an oddly familiar look. Call it restrained modern, new modern —anything you will, but concede that the living in it, the planning of it, makes it as modern as tomorrow!

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Sweet Seclusion (Begins on page 30)

house category. It may be sired by emergency, but one of its ancestors certainly is Pegasus.

The pictures pretty well tell the rest . . . of the charming decoration, and the friend stuck with her challenging pledge to the snake-oil doctor! Color is handled with finesse, and space is cleverly manipulated, but no camera can show the whole scene and behind-the-scene. Because of close proximity of street and neighbors, privacy had to be achieved, however difficult lumber was to come by. A wall was constructed of whatever odd length boards Mrs. Farnsworth was able to find. Old shutters were used for the garden door under a pediment picked up in a junk yard. The original picket fence across the front of the property was reset to the right and left of the walled entrance, painted the same dark blue-green of the house and, with a hedge set inside it, is inconspicuous. An iron pipe along the lot line keeps the passerby from plunging down to garage drive level, and a low brick wall encloses the garden and patio area.

Although the decoration is studded with many unusual ideas such as elusive lighting behind books, there is one particular point you'll bend an ear to, especially in these days of sail-trimming. The pillows and tailored flounce on the slip-cover of the built-in couch are made from a pair of old velour portieres. The top of the couch cover and the backrest pillows are the same material, but used wrong side out to give texture interest. That's what you call clever and attractive budget-babying! But the whole house is made up of small triumphs . . . small triumphs, as satisfying as a little boy's cup of milk, that belong to all of us yesterday, today, and tomorrow. And its address . . . who cares? In five minutes Mr. Farnsworth is home from his office, into a comfortable jacket—and out in his own garden!

The Farnsworths call it the master bedroom —but as you can easily see, it's a split-second of space and cute as a bug!

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How to Visit School

(Begins on page 22)

who is bound to show off just because there's company? How does she bring out the best in the little boy or girl who's just too shy to talk? If you're there during play period, watch to see how she handles a scrap between two warring personalities. Her methods might come in handy when your own child's friends come over to play.

Another good thing to check on is how your child is clothed compared with the others. You and I might have our own good tastes in dressing children, but we must realize that the average child is sheeplike when it comes to dressing, and the minute you put him or her into something that's different, no matter how "smart" it is, the child is unhappy. Remember that—it's so important. Especially about boys—they hate to be well-dressed, neatly groomed, and clean of face.

One thing you'll probably learn not a thing about when you call—how he is doing scholastically. Not unless you have a private conference with the teacher. You certainly can't very well discuss him while he's standing there shifting his weight.

Naturally, it is important for a parent to know how a child is doing in his grades, but that kind of conference can be arranged without the presence of Johnny. The teacher, who doesn't see your heir with quite the same roseate hue in her glasses, can give you some good objective pointers on how he stacks up for his age, and what you can do to help him develop into a well-balanced, healthy individual. Encourage her confidence. Don't just smile at the compliments and frown at the criticisms. She has no personal ax to grind with you, and you can be sure that she thinks of your child as a member of a community with which she's given the job of working smoothly. That's all.

In fact, with teachers today facing outside enrollments, limited space and equipment, and with salaries so low that they're almost a national scandal, she deserves every ounce of help and consideration we can give her. Show her your appreciation for what she's doing, not only for your own child but for the community, by inviting her to an adult party every once in a while—like you, she enjoys a little time away from the younger generation.

Perhaps most of you reading this have been to your child's school not once, but many times. We're all inclined, however, to forget the feelings we had when we were young and our mothers came to call one day. If we just put ourselves in the place of the youngsters, maybe these little hints will accomplish something—at least they might prevent a worried look coming to your little boy's face the next time you say, "I think I'll drop over to school some day soon and see how you're getting along."

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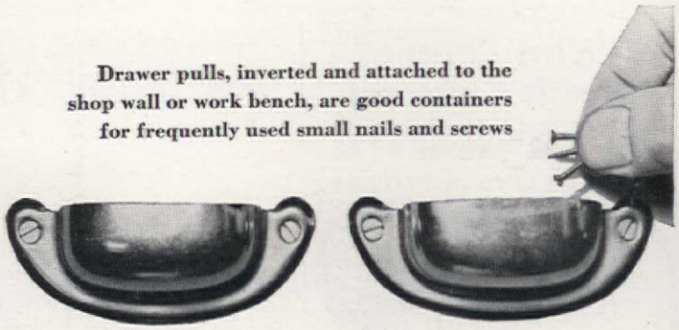
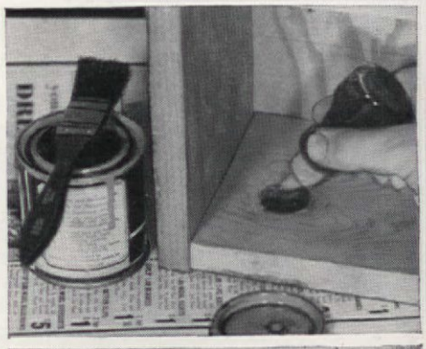
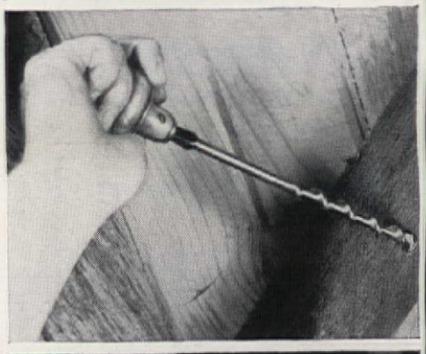


How-To Tricks

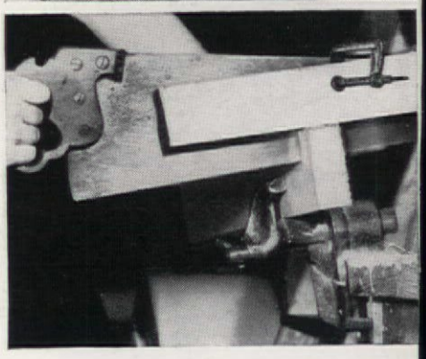
When sealing knots before painting pine, a mucilage bottle is a handy, excellent applicator and container for the shellac. There is no brush to be cleaned when the job is finished



Use a door knob on the end of a drill bit, when you can't get a brace or hand drill into restricted location, such as the small space between two beams, when you want a hole in one of them. Use an old knob, or one borrowed from a door



To make a saw cut of limited depth, you can clamp a lath or other piece of wood on the saw blade with a C-clamp, leaving the blade exposed for the desired depth of cut. One clamp will do, but two are better if available



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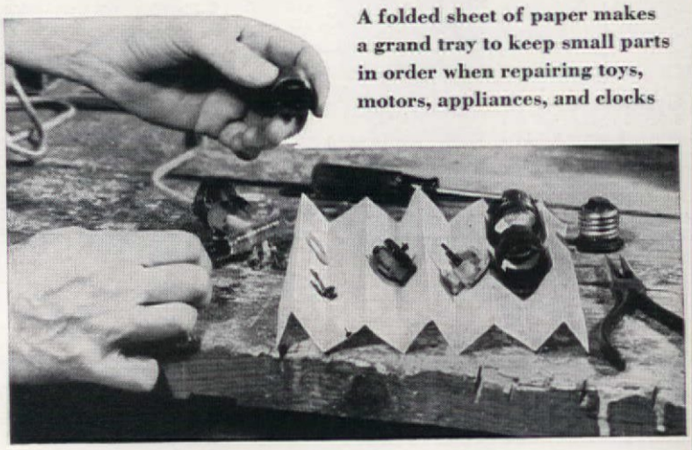

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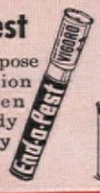

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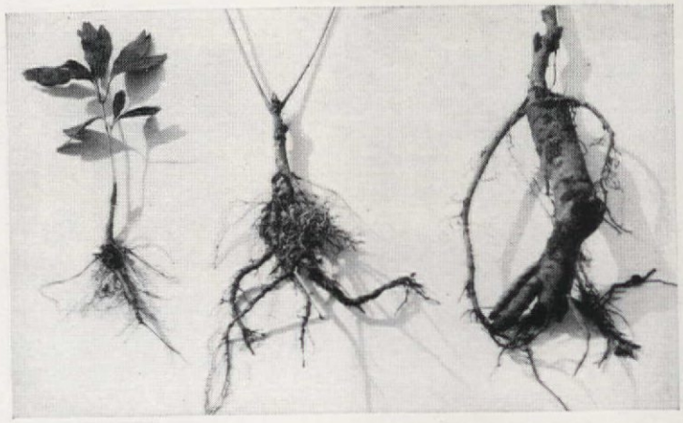
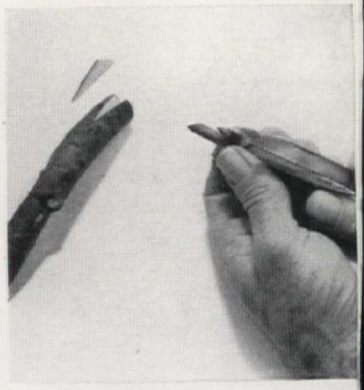


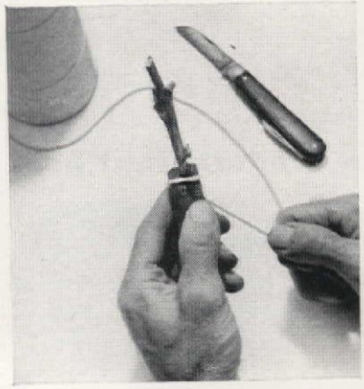
Left and center, one- and two-year-old seedlings. Right, graft made, as shown below, of tree peony scion on old herbaceous root. Note two roots sent out by scion since graft was made

in recent years, as a result of hybridization with a yellow-flowered Chinese species (*Paeonia lutea*), yellow tones have been brought in. The prominent carpel, or seed-bearing structure in the center of the flower, may be the same color as the petals or of a contrasting shade; it sits in the midst of a cushion of golden anthers, or pollen-bearing bodies, the delight of pollen-seeking bees. The exquisite satin texture of the petals is not surpassed by that of any other flower. Coming a month before the herbaceous peonies and much earlier than roses, the tree peony during its season dominates the garden it adorns by the striking size and beauty of its flowers. When cutting blooms (provided one has the heart to do it), one should never take more than three leaves with each blossom. For at the end of the

1. Grafting materials: Cord, labels, knife, piece of herbaceous peony root, scion (twig) from tree peony



2. Root has been notched, scion is being cut to matching wedge shape. Grafting is done August to October



3. Scion is fitted into notch and held firmly while graft is wrapped tightly with strong, soft cord

4. Finished graft is covered with wax or paraffin and labeled (left), then planted with bud just showing

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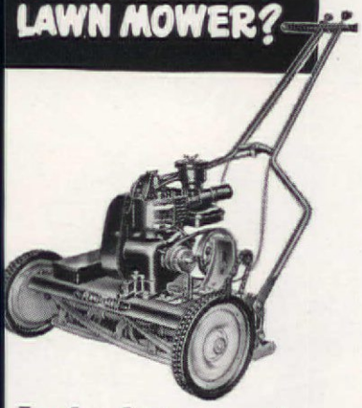

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season the flower stem invariably dies back to the fourth leaf, in whose axil is formed the terminal bud that will produce a blossom next year.

In their native Asiatic habitat, tree peonies form a forest undergrowth, so the plants love a cool soil, partial shade, and a permanent mulch of leaves—or sawdust if more easily obtainable. When, as in my garden, the tendrils of ground-ivy (*Nepeta hederacea*) creep from underneath adjoining shrubbery to cover the mulch with a carpet of living green starred with tiny blue flowers, the satisfaction of the peonies is complete. And so, since I am a lazy gardener, is mine.

One of the chief charms of plants grown from seed, as I grew mine, is their wide variability of form, size, color of foliage, and type and color of flower. My original plants, now eighteen years old, range from eighteen inches to more than five feet in height, and from two to six feet across. Some start into growth as early as late January, others not until late March. Here in southwest Virginia, all of them blossom before the end of April. The new growth of the Japanese strain is surprisingly resistant to late freezes, withstanding temperatures in the low twenties, even though the blossom buds are well advanced. Paradoxically, the tree peony is hardier in the North than in the Upper South. The reason is that the more consistent cold holds the plants dormant until there is less danger of a damaging spring freeze; with us, they are apt to yield to the wooing of the sun on warm winter days, only to be betrayed later. However, thanks to the hardiness and variability in growth habit of my plants, I have never lost as much as ten per cent of my blossoms in any spring season.

If seed is collected as soon as it is ripe and planted or stratified (which means sown half an inch deep in sand in a shallow box and left outdoors over winter), some plants will come up the following spring and the period of waiting for flowers may be shortened to four years, though most plants will dally for a year or more longer before blooming. My plants taught me this by producing in one season volunteer plants from seed that fell to the ground when it ripened the previous summer.

I have also learned—always the hard way, by experience—how to perpetuate the best selections among my plants and hasten results by grafting them onto roots of the strong-growing herbaceous type, as shown in the accompanying pictures. Also by layering, which means mounding the soil up around the base of the plant so as to stimulate root formation by some of the stems which are later cut off and handled as separate plants.

The tree peony is called Paeonia

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suffruticosa by modern botanists, but P. moutan according to an earlier system and in common usage even today. It developed from one or more species native to northern China. Few moderns have seen a wild plant, but as a cultivated flower it has been highly prized for many centuries by the Chinese, to whom it is the "King of Flowers." Their literature on the subject dates back to 536 A.D. and they have been selecting and grafting named varieties almost as long. It first made its appearance in the United States early in the last century, coming here by way of Europe. A Japanese strain came to this country much later, one of the first introductions being a number of plants brought here by Professor C. S. Sargent in 1892. The Chinese type more closely resembles the herbaceous peony (*P. albiflora* or *P. officinalis*) than does the Japanese, and it is decidedly less hardy under my conditions, and in the North as well. A fine planting of the Japanese type has survived many winters in the public parks of Rochester, New York. Buddhist monks are supposed to have introduced tree peonies from China into Japan in the sixth, seventh, and eighth centuries A.D. The admiration of the Japanese for the flower amounts almost to reverence, and hundreds of selections have been named, so many, indeed, that it is often difficult accurately to identify them.

One may ask why a flower of such magnificence, that enjoys such an honored place in art and literature as well as horticulture, and of a persistence that endures for a lifetime, has not been more widely planted in American gardens. Doubtless this is partly because the plants are comparatively rare and expensive, being slow and difficult to propagate; and partly because the Chinese strain is somewhat susceptible to spring frost injury. More probably it is due to American impatience, which demands immediate and maximum results with a minimum of care.

What is considered by many the finest collection of tree peonies in this country can be seen in bloom in mid-May on the grounds of Swarthmore College in eastern Pennsylvania. It is sponsored and maintained by the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation, whose director, Mr. John C. Wister, international peony authority, says in the American Peony Society's *Manual* that tree peonies can be grown without protection from Boston to Richmond, Va. and westward to Chicago and Kansas City.

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Anyway, seeing how much I like house plants—and since her own windows were getting crowded—she wanted me to have it. She brought it in a red pot in the shape of a donkey.

"Isn't it interesting looking?" she cooed. "I've had it for years! It's quite a treasure. I call it 'Baby'."

She put it on my kitchen windowsill, and, as she patted its three, broad, droopy leaves in sad farewell, added, "I'm sure it will be ever so happy here. Just *understand* it. But that's true of everything in nature, don't you think, my dear? All we have to do is understand them. . . . Oh, and water them, of course."

So there it sat for days, along with the flourishing geraniums and begonias, absorbing its daily drink of water, but otherwise just sitting, with its three droopy leaves hanging limply. I like growth and action plants that bud, bloom, and burgeon all over the place. I don't care for cacti that stand still and get dusty. "Baby" was acting like a cactus. It even developed a kind of brooding, morose look. I felt sure it would look more interesting and be more interested in life in general if it was a little bit bigger and had, say, five droopy leaves instead of three. I gave

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it a hearty dollop of plant food, hoping to overcome that look of abject undernourishment. Next morning "Baby" had only two leaves; the third lay on the floor. I could only guess that I had fed it too much. Still it didn't look much worse, and nobody would miss that leaf but me.

But the second morning, it had only one leaf that looked more wilted than ever. For a moment I felt almost hysterical, and the minute I got the family off for the day, I dug it out of the pot, repotted it in fresh soil, unadulterated with plant food, and anxiously set it in the shade to recuperate. Anybody could see it needed a prolonged convalescence.

The third morning the last leaf was gone. "Baby" was dead. Stricken and slightly ashamed, I wondered what Mrs. Peabody would say. What could I possibly say when she asked about "Baby?" What had I done wrong? Maybe it wasn't the plant food, but too much water—or not enough—or maybe the shock of repotting. A house plant has no right to be so darned delicate, I decided. I never have any trouble with geraniums. If they get knocked off the windowsill, I pick them up, dust them off, stick them in new pots, and they carry on.

One thing seemed plain. I hadn't really understood "Baby." Then suddenly it occurred to me that maybe it wasn't really dead after all! It looked dead with its six inches of unadorned stalk. Yet the roots might not be dead and who but the roots would know that? I started the search for that last leaf, hoping that it would be enough evidence to enable the neighborhood florist to identify the plant and tell me what was wrong with it. No luck. Maybe when it fell off, the cat ate it or it just disintegrated with discouragement. Even so, I still did all I could for "Baby." I bought fifty cents worth of special potting soil and repotted the sad remains of "Baby" all over again. Baby didn't respond. I put Baby in the shade. I put Baby in the sun. Nothing happened—that is to "Baby." Myself, I was out fifty cents and considerable time, and my nervous system had suffered. I felt bilked, baffled, frustrated, a failure. And that's not good. Neuroses often grow from little episodes like this. I had my own mental health, to say nothing of my husband and children, to consider. So, with blood pounding in my ears, I gave "Baby" the old heave-ho out the kitchen door. Enough is enough. I gave the geraniums some extra care that day to show them that I appreciated their mannerly behavior.

A week later, the gaunt stalk that was now "Baby" blew around to the front of the house. "Baby" gave me a long accusing stare through the living room window, and blew away again. Then it turned up in the back yard,

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Neurotic Plant

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and glared at me while I hung out the laundry. When I noticed it, "Baby" tried to look pathetic. Playing on my sympathy, hmmm? I deliberately stepped on it, and pondered for several hours on the length of time it takes the organic to become inorganic. That night my husband asked me why I was talking to myself.

Then it happened. One day, with a good stiff wind behind it, it started following me around the yard. I closed my eyes, counted to ten, and then grabbed it. I took it back of the garage and buried it in the ash heap. Dusting my hands off, I congratulated myself on my bravery, ingenuity, and the fact that I was rid, once and for all, of "Baby's" ghost.

Ah, the foolishness of final judgments! Days later, after I had blissfully forgotten Baby's existence, my oldest child walked in the door with it. "Mother, Mother! Look at this wonderful little plant I found growing all by itself in the ash heap." I almost swooned. There it was—again. Six inches of stalk and three broad, droopy leaves in all their sad glory!

I got Mrs. Peabody on the phone right away. "Remember that little plant you gave me?" I asked her. "Yes, that's right—'Baby'." "Of course, I do," said Mrs. Peabody over the wire. "How is the little fellow." "Oh fine, now," I said. "But I wanted to ask you how often you should water a plant like that." "Oh, just every so often," said Mrs. Peabody gaily. "Well," I said, "I was wondering if I watered it too much or something. You see all the leaves fell off. "No," chortled Mrs. Peabody. "So soon? Why the little rascal!"

"But new leaves grew again," I hastily reassured her.

"They did?" she cried in that cheerful voice of hers. "So soon?"

"You mean," I asked, an edge creeping into my voice, "You mean that's natural? It *should* lose all its leaves and then grow new leaves?"

"Oh, yes—every so often," she assured me. Luckily my child was able to prop me up before I hit the floor.

So there it sits on the windowsill with its three droopy leaves. And then every so often, it loses the leaves and sits around like a stick. At least now, it no longer baffles me. *I* understand *it*. But sometimes when I'm washing dishes or paring potatoes, a shiver goes up my back when I wonder what *it* is thinking about *me*.

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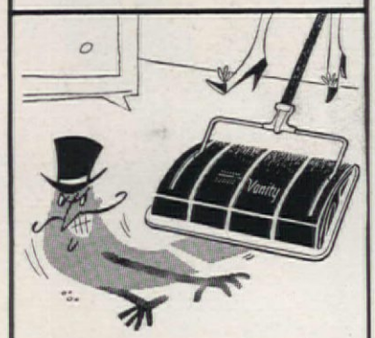

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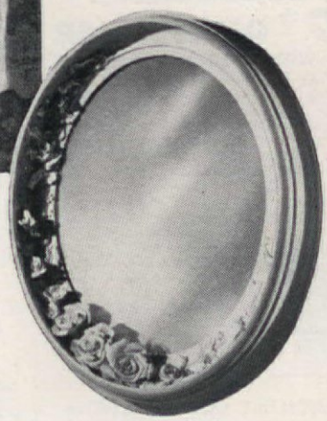

How to Decorate Picture Frames

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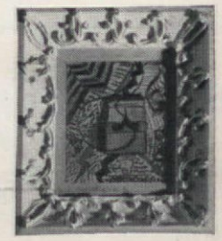

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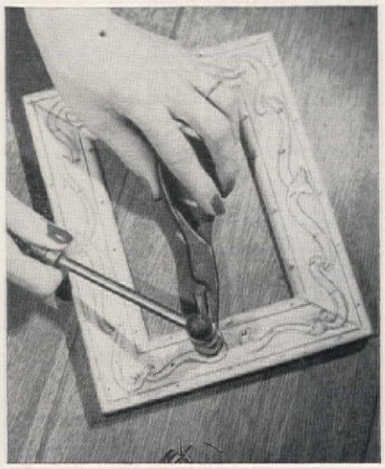

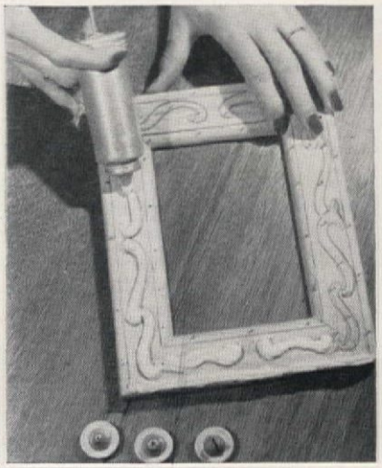

Shellac frame. Dry 24 hours, sand, then dust. Make tracing of design you wish to use. Reverse tracing, go over lines with a soft pencil to act as a carbon. Tape tracing into place on picture frame right side up and go over lines again. This will transfer design to frame. Nail in small rustproof nails as shown to hold plaster in place

Make a mixture of 1 cup spackle, ½ teaspoon salt, add 1 tablespoon of vinegar (slows down hardening time of plaster) plus enough water so plaster is about consistency of cake icing. Fill pastry tube with mixture and use same principle as you would for cake icing. Various shaped tips make leaves, stems, scrolls, and small flowers

Dry applied design 2 or 3 days, th paint with flat white paint. Use a soft brush and a small artist's bru for crevices and deep curves. Or use inexpensive insect sprayer. F this, thin paint with turpentine and test on scraps of cardboard for the right consistency. 2 or 3 coats will give a nice plaster-like look. Add pictures or mirror

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"Eat, Drink, and Get Married"

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While regular cookbooks reveal a lot, informal compilations of family recipes tell even more. Consider, for example, a homemade cookbook (its leaves are perforated and held together with brown tasseled cord) which is the priceless possession of an elderly lady in Calais, Maine—as far "down East" as one can go and still remain in the States. This book is, in essence, a record of the owner's courtship and early married days before the turn of the century, when a group of neighbors and friends formed a club for the exchange and enjoyment of recipes. The book, handwritten, of course, is engagingly entitled "Eat, Drink, and Get Married," and it bears on its cover a faded picture of its contributors—cut in the shape of a heart. Each of the recipes (or rules, as they call them in New England) is likewise headed by a small heart-shaped picture of its originator and is written in his own hand. You can readily see that, though the collection is utilitarian, it is not without its share of heartfelt sentiment.

The dishes brought into being by the 130 recipes are, like the people who ate them, simple and straightforward. A few might be described as rugged—like the Beefsteak Omelet, for example, which calls for a pound of round steak, a cup of milk, an egg, half a cup of cracker crumbs, the whole to be fried in pork fat. A perfect breakfast for an October morning! Obviously the club enjoyed good eating, and it may be significant that almost half of the "rules" are for sweets and desserts, especially cakes, with no apparent fear of calories and starches. There is, however, no reference to spiritous beverages. Interestingly enough, quite a few recipes are by men. The total impression called to mind is of a simple, sturdy, respectable American background between 1890 and 1900.

Even more interesting than the food, as you study the book, is the unexpected appearance of bits of homely philosophy, which truly reconstruct for us the time and the

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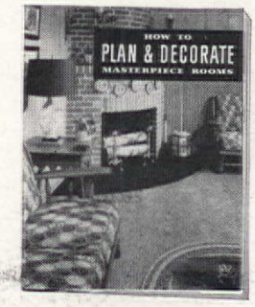

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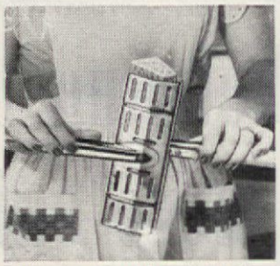

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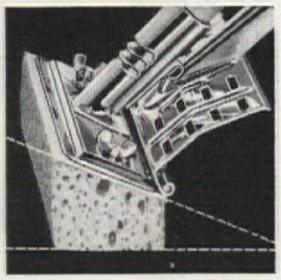

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society. The first entry in the book is entitled "Recipe for Home-keeping," and it runs as follows:

"Take equal parts of cheerfulness, thoughtfulness, order, and tact. Season well with contentment and self-forgetfulness. Mix all thoroughly with the milk of human kindness. Add enough common sense to hold all together, and serve on crisp leaves of sense of humor. This recipe has been tested the world over and has never been found wanting." In a similar way, one may try the formula for "Home Comfort," as described a few pages later:

"Of thought for self, one part; of thought for family, two parts; of common sense and broad intelligence, equal parts; a long sense of the fitness of things; a heaping measure of living above what your neighbors think of you; twice the quantity of keeping within your income, a sprinkling of what tends to refinement and esthetic beauty; stirred thick with Christian principle of the true brand, and set to rise." Not "original" but try it and see.

Maine and its people come to life on every page, with the ocean always in the background to provide the necessary lobsters and ichthyological delights. One recipe calls for a pint of large oysters and a thin slice of bacon for each oyster. "Drain oysters and wrap each in its slice of bacon. Pin the blanket with a toothpick. Fry until bacon is crisp and serve on dry toast." To which the author of the rule adds, "Pigs is pigs, but these are Pigs in Blankets." If this is not enough to dispel the popular belief that Maine folk are not given to humor, consider one or two more examples written, as it happens, by men. Here is "An Easy Way to Clean Fish": "Let George do it. If he won't, take any fish that has to be scaled or skinned and—don't do it. Wash well and split down the belly, through the backbone, and spread out flat in the frying pan, skin side down. The flesh will come away from the skin easily when cooked." This is all good practical advice, but more extravagant fun appears in the directions for Porcupine Stew:

"Catch a porcupine alive. Tie him to a tree and threaten with a club. (This will make him angry and he will throw his quills at you.) When quills are all shed, kill and skin him. Place in a pot of cold water on the fire with seasoning to taste (gunpowder and kerosene will bring out the flavor) and boil until done. Add water from time to time, and if not done in three days, get another porcupine. Serve at the end of a week's starvation. The cold meat, cut in thin slices, makes fine boot taps."

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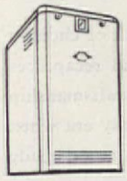

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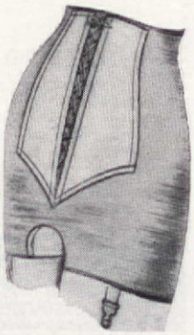

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main purpose of the book was domestic, homekeeping being virtually the only career open to a woman. And a full-time job it was too, without benefit of gadgets and appliances. "Have oven hot at first and a steady fire after," runs one of the directions; "spit on finger and touch oven door —if sizzles, it is hot enough." The chief end of all this activity, of course, was marriage, and it is not surprising to find a recipe on "How to Preserve a Husband"—a recipe that might still offer good advice to Hollywood, Reno, and the entire country for that matter:

"Be careful in your selection; do not choose too young, and take only such varieties as have been reared in a good moral atmosphere. When once decided upon and selected, let that part remain forever settled and give your entire thought to preparation for domestic use. Some insist on keeping them in pickle, while others are constantly getting them into hot water. Even poor varieties may be made sweet, tender, and good by garnishing them with patience well sweetened with smiles and flavored with kisses to taste; then wrap in a mantle of domestic devotion, keep warm with a steady fire of love, and serve with peaches and cream. When thus preserved they will keep for years."

Assuming that the husband has been well preserved according to the foregoing prescription, you may now proceed to the final entry of the book "A Jolly Good Time:"

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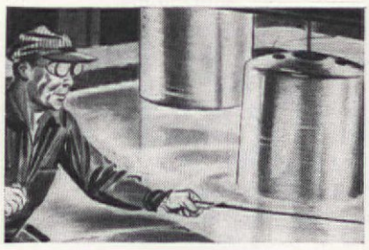

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and they worked out a design for living. Their philosophy may have been homespun, but its normal result would be domestic happiness and it's a sure bet that no one ever had to go to a psychiatrist.

Let it be added hastily that the isolation from the outside world was not absolute. One entry in the book gives "French Words used in Cooking and their Meanings," from which we learn—among others—that bisque is "a white soup made of shell-fish" and that mayonnaise is "a rich salad dressing." French dishes were beginning to supplement the Maine standbys, and, as one club member poetically expressed it,

"We used to have old-fashioned things,
Like cabbages and greens;
We used to have just common soup,
Made out of pork and beans;
But now it's bouillon consommé
And things made from a book,
And pot au feau and Julienne,
Since Grace has learned to cook."

Perhaps the club's greatest triumph of all was perverting the hedonistic philosophy of Epicurus into a slogan for the promotion of marriage, but the good Maine folk did it, and there is no doubt that the husband of the era liked it. He would be fed unlimited quantities of cake, smothered in a mantle of connubial affection, and spiritually sponsored by the local Congregational minister instead of the Great God Pan. Even porcupine stew might not be too bad under such conditions.

The Fixture Picture

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Contemporary Bathroom, page 44: Bath fixtures, Kohler Co.; rubber floor tile, American Tile and Rubber Co.; counter top, Armstrong Cork Co.; wall tile, Cambridge Tile Mfg. Co.; structural glass, Mississippi Glass Co.; light fixture, D. Kerlin Co.; draperies and shower curtain, Patterson Fabrics, Inc.; wallpaper, Herndon Papers; rug, Tumble-Twist Mills, Inc.

Modern Bathroom, page 45: Bath fixtures, American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp.; cabinet, Dresslyn by Bath Maid, Inc.; bath mat, Cabin Crafts, Inc.; bath bottles, Hammacher-Schlemmer; electric razor, Shick, Inc.; soap on rope and Detecto scales, Lewis & Conger; shower curtain, Koroseal from Joseph A. Kaplan; yellow Monowall, Armstrong Cork Co.; plastic cover on cot, Koroseal; brown linoleum, Armstrong Cork Co.; seat, F. C. Church.

Early American Bathroom, page 46: Bath fixtures, The Eljer Co.; yellow monogrammed towels, Cannon Mills; Walltex, Columbus Coated Fabrics; yellow clay tile and brown quarry tile, Tile Council of America; seat, F. C. Church.

Victorian Bathroom, page 47: Bath fixtures, Briggs Mfg. Co.; shower curtain, Vinylite by Para; Sandran floor covering, Sandura Company, Inc.; Carrara Glass dado, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; Sanitas wall covering, Standard Coated Products; soap, Helena Rubinstein; towels, Martex; carriage lamp, Art Colony; cosmetics, Tussy.

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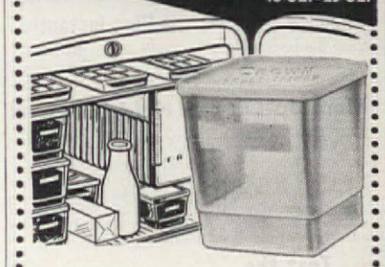

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Mrs. Rowley

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we take advantage of the winter lull to catch up on our other interests—though sometimes they carry over into spring, like this one. Winter is when we do research on the particular plant the Club selects to study that year. This year it was the witch-hazels. By the way, the bunch I forced for our last meeting is still lovely."

"Yes, I noticed it in front of the big hall mirror. The tiny yellow flowers on bare branches are beautiful and heavenly to smell, especially on coming in out of the cold. But tell me, how do you 'study' a plant?"

"Well, usually we pick something easy to get or that we can grow ourselves and start by learning all about it—leaves, flowers, seedpods, etc. That means consulting garden dictionaries, encyclopedias, and other reference books. Back issues of magazines, too, and those we don't have at home, I often send for, so I can cut out what I need for my scrap book. That's what I have been working on today." And, having located the Seed Legend book, she showed me in the corner a table covered with loose leaves, tags, scissors, pastepot, and magazines.

"But of course that material isn't all on witchhazel," she added. "Each of us puts in anything we find interesting and the club offers an annual prize for the best scrap book."

As I leafed through hers, I wished I could spend the whole day with it, for besides garden lore, it covered the use of flowers in indoor decoration, such intriguing subjects as "Dynamic Spirals," "The Plant as Artist and Architect," and so on. "A scrap book like that is a year's project in itself," I commented, putting it down reluctantly. "And you do it along with other research, actual gardening, putting on P. T. A. exhibits—oh my!"

But Mrs. Rowley didn't seem to think that was so much. "There are also our winter judging and horticulture courses; our regular lectures; some project everyone works on, like the floral decoupage of last year, and individual projects like my garden tapestry. We make cookies for the Veterans' Hospital, too, and every so often we have a baked goods sale to build up our treasury after our flower show depletes it."

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Again, she had opened my eyes.

CORRECTION: Tenite plastic, of which garden tool handles shown in the January issue, page 98, are made, is a product, not of Dupont, but of Tennessee Eastman Co., Kingsport, Tenn.

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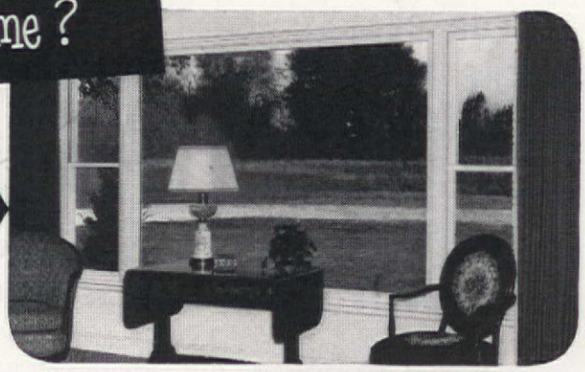

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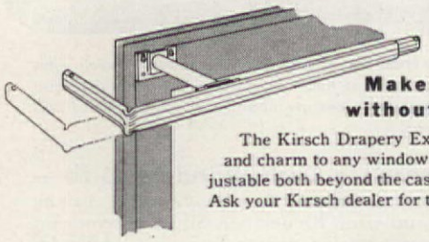

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The one drawback of this combination is that it begins to be a nuisance, setting up a drop-leaf table for every meal. Breakfast and childrens' lunches are more convenient in the kitchen, but ours had no eating space. Being determined to create a reasonable facsimile of a breakfast room, we considered the possibility of rearranging the necessary utilities and cupboards. We finally discovered that ripping out a food closet, then moving the stove, left one long wall free and gave us a fair-sized corner in which to install table and chairs. It's unlikely that your kitchen arrangement is just like ours, but in most of yesterday's houses the super-efficient kitchen was not yet a matter of routine, and you may unearth hitherto unsuspected eating room in even a little kitchen.

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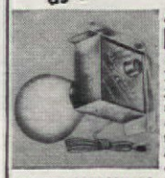

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sheet music cabinets. Another product of second-hand shops, this needed a refinishing job and its legs sawed off to become a very elegant record cabinet and end table combined.

Do you have to forego the luxury of an extra bathroom because there's no possible location for one, upstairs or down? How about the cellar? Despite its seemingly inconvenient location, a lavatory here is enough to provide that extra leeway vital in any family where two children are apt to make simultaneous demands on the plumbing. Plumbing is never cheap, but it costs less to install it in the cellar than anywhere else in the house, and you'll be surprised at how readily the children take to the idea. A cellar shower is a handy item if the man of the house does grimy outdoor work, or comes in dripping from tennis. It's an ideal place, too, for muddy children needing a clean-up before they're permitted in the house.

The cellar can also provide your answer to the need for a recreation space large enough for ping-pong, model railroading, and other large-scale activities. A few cans of paint will work wonders here. Light walls, terra-cotta floor, delft blue trim on windows and low cupboards which double as benches—this simple color change turned our dingy basement into an attractive room where children can build, paint, roller-skate, and generally raise havoc to their hearts' content. The model railroad is mounted on a large sheet of plywood which stands against the wall when not in use. We made no effort to conceal pipes, furnace, or laundry equipment. As yet these unsightly objects don't spoil the enjoyment of the children and their friends. When they reach the stage of demanding aesthetic satisfaction, we will use wallboard or some similar material to create a finished room. Meantime their decorative sense is satisfied by murals which they've done themselves—clowns, elephants, and other circus animals—by the simple expedient of using a set of stencils available at most paint stores. Even a five-year-old can be an artist with these.

Finishing off the cellar is only one of the projects we have on tap. So far we have made no structural changes because outside labor is too high-priced and our own abilities are confined to putting up shelves and using a paint brush. We have lots of plans, of course, a new set of them every season, but for the time being we'll have to make the best of what we have. To date we have to our credit two major accomplishments: we've avoided moving to larger quarters, and our friends have stopped saying "How on earth do you all fit into that little house?" The answer is obvious. We stretched it to fit.

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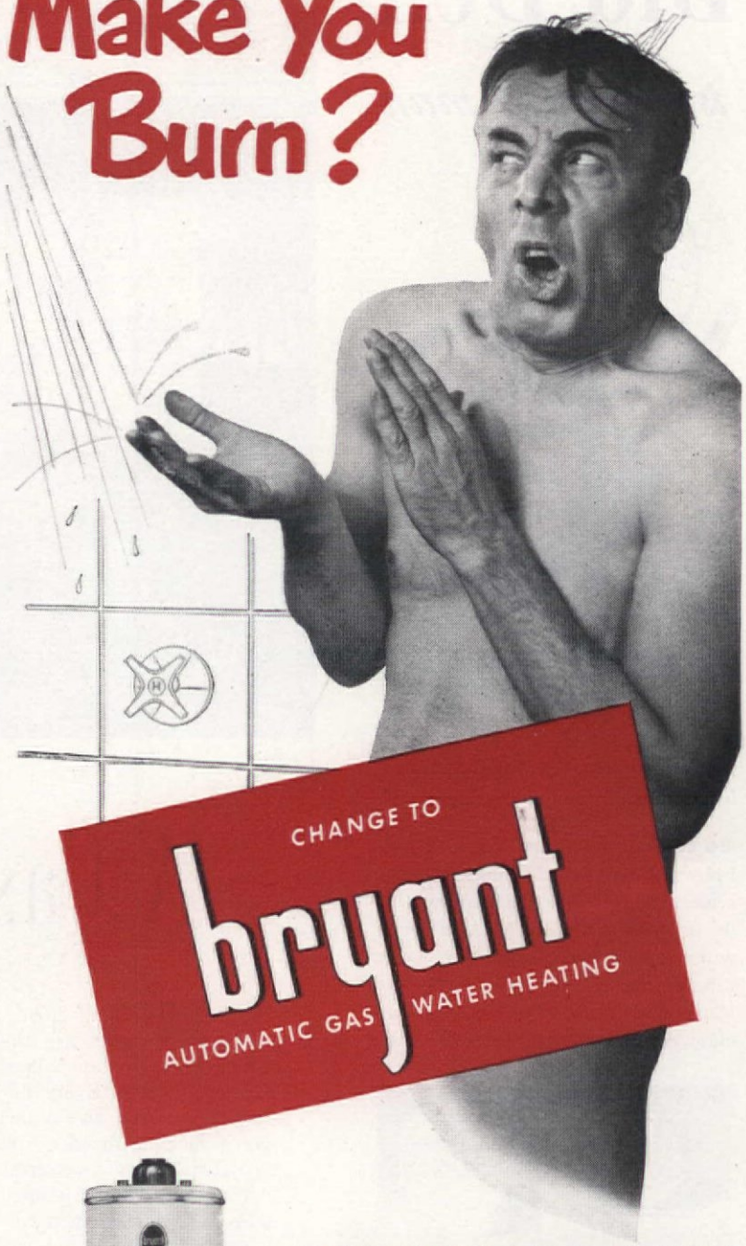

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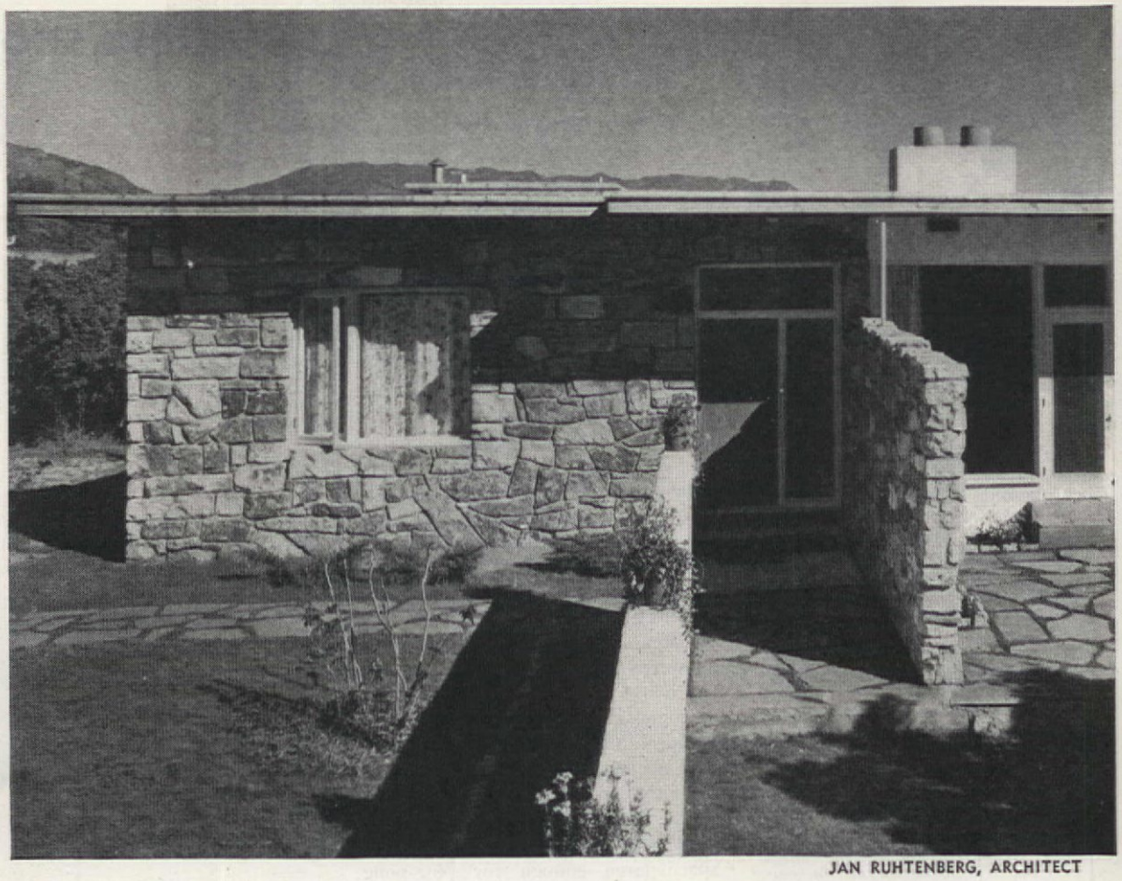

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A Case of Little Space

A fine example of good modern planning if we've ever seen one—this two-bedroom house designed by Jan Ruhtenberg and owned by Walter O'Keefe. Every line, every detail is arranged so as to give a feeling of spaciousness, yet a look at the floor plan tells us that the actual space isn't over-great.

First of all, an L-shaped courtyard allows a long wall of glass in the living room to tie the house to the landscape, while screening it from the road. The entrance hall provides access to the living area, the master bedroom and guest bedroom, also the playroom in the basement. Living-room furnishings are placed in such a way that the dining area seems to be completely isolated, without needing a partition to give the illusion. In the kitchen, the open shelf extension not only works as a storage place for Mr. O'Keefe's pottery and glasses, but also as a quick snack bar. The kitchen space itself is uncluttered, with two large windows for light.

The house is of cinder-block construction with stuccoed exterior walls, plastered interior walls, with fieldstone in both the fireplace and exterior front-bedroom wall. A flat built-up roof has a wide overhang. Double garage in the basement is reached through the playroom. A house with many features well worth studying.

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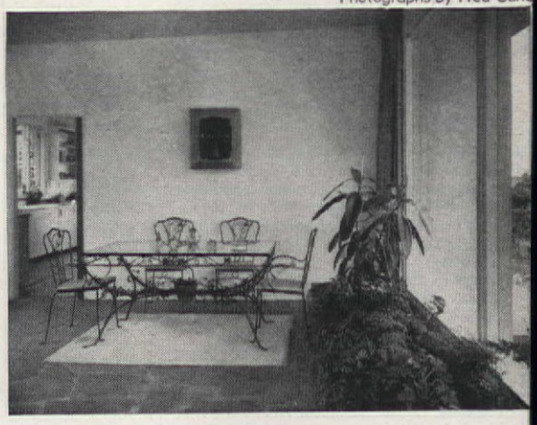
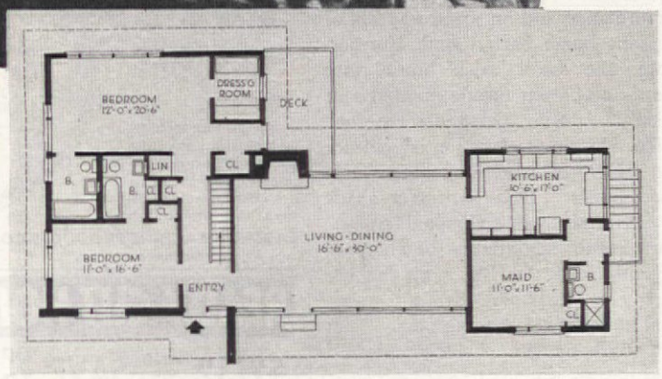
Modern in every detail. Recessed in the flagstone floor, flower trough contains indoor garden. Floor-to-window glass wall has door leading to flagstone terrace



Dining area seems to be far apart from living space, without use of partition or artificial divider. Wrought-iron furniture is effective



Floor plan allows for use of space with no possible waste

Right side of house shows below-level garage, with playroom next to it and maid's room and kitchen above. Wide overhang on flat roof protects from sun

Partition projects from kitchen wall, holds pottery and glasses, with shelf which makes a fine snack bar. Two large windows in the kitchen make it sunny. Small space is streamlined for efficiency

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Is This the Home?

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of drawings and diagrams to architect Edward E. Bissell. They had heard that he could interpret clients' ideas without forcing his own hallmark upon the finished product. It was Bissell who moved the chimney to a better spot, added a much-needed window, designed the paneled fireplace wall, and convinced Isabelle that she needed a towel closet in the bathroom more than she needed a vanity table. "He was so right," she says. The small dining room would have been a very small dining room indeed, the Rodgers claim, if the architect had not opened up one entire wall of it with French doors, inviting the grassy back yard indoors.

Now the new house stands on a pleasant street in the suburb of Birmingham, and its occupants have put it to the test of everyday living for almost a year. Inside and out, it is meeting an engineer's requirements of performance and an artist's ideals of pleasant home background. Furthermore, the small brick house with board-and-batten façade painted sage green is causing passers-by to look twice. This front elevation is evidence that "Here is something better in a small house." That particular shade of green is Isabelle's personal triumph—the result, she admits, of mix-and-try-and-mix-again. But now she has the recipe on paper, carefully measured in housewifely tablespoons. "For two quarts of white," she confides, "I used 90 tablespoons of kelly-green, 5 of black, and 10 of sunny yellow."

A brick-paved gallery runs along the front of the house, and its white rail is echoed by the trellis at each end—the architect's suggestion, for the purpose of giving a brick house an airy look. Something more gives it a difference, too. It is the absence of the usual foundation planting—the clumps of evergreen which are standard equipment in this region. The gallery takes care of dressing up the house and softening its lines. Next on the Rodgers' docket is the planting of euonymus vines along the rail—to play orange berries against the sage green backdrop. In the spring 200 yellow tulips will join the act. Pots of yellow mums are booked for fall.

Although the house is now a reality, its occupants are still working and planning. On the list of futures is the finishing of the second story and the building of a garage with a glassed-in, screened-in rumpus room attached. This will be for summer barbecues and for Jean and her playmates the year round. The basement is due for conversion into a recreation room with a Scotch theme—appropriate for a Rodger who spells his name with a Highland "d".

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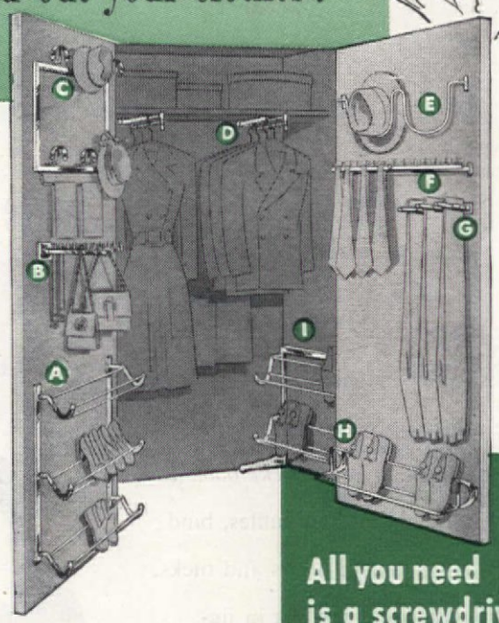

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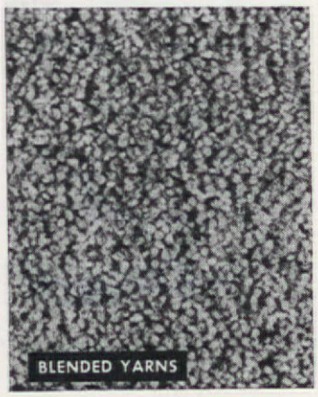

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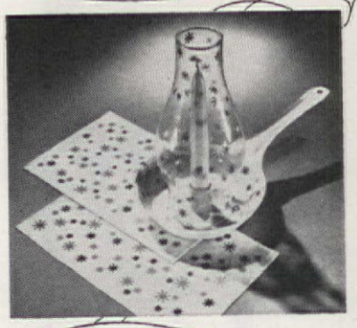

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to the storm sewer. They carry off the rainwater that comes from the downspouts. With the bottom of the pool set high enough, you can drain the pool into these lines and eliminate the big part of the drainage problem. If there are no storm sewers serving your home, and no other convenient place into which you can drain the pool, you'll probably be best off to dig a dry well or two near the pool to dispose of the water. In the material list above there is a length of 2-inch pipe included for connecting to the drainage-line that is run to the pool from whichever drainage system you may use.

Of course you must lay out the location of your pool first. Then construction is started by digging a rectangular hole exactly 13 feet 4 inches long, 10 feet 4 inches wide and 24 inches deep. This will accommodate the 9-foot by 12-foot pool with 8-inch-thick walls all around it. When digging, make the sides straight, perpendicular, and smooth as possible. The dirt then forms one side of the form for the concrete that's poured for the lower portion of the pool.

Next build the inside form of 1-inch-thick lumber. The cheapest sheathing will do fine. If you have some odds and ends of plywood of almost any thickness, or boards thicker than 1 inch, use them and reduce the expenditure on form lumber accordingly. Old packing-box lumber will be fine for battens and braces. The form should be 12 feet long, 9 feet wide and 2 feet high. Brace it well, and level the top. The space between the form and the sides of the excavated area should be an even 8 inches or more all the way around.

At this point the drain pipe should be laid in place. Locate it anywhere along the sides or ends of the pool, preferably the spot which

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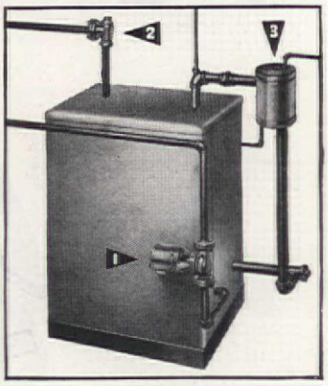

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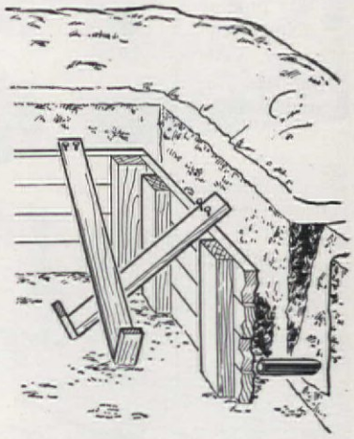

will require the shortest drainage line. Dig a narrow trench and place the pipe with an end against the form and with the bottom 5 inches up from the bottom of the pool excavation. Slope the pipe down at least one inch in its 3-foot length and connect it to the drainage line of clay tile or metal pipe. The valve can be anywhere on the pipe, at the end, or somewhere in the middle, wherever is most convenient. Make a 10-inch box of scrap lumber, or use an 8-inch sewer tile around the valve. Fit a simple wood cover on the top and refill the trench with dirt, packing it well. The valve will be easily accessible in the 2-foot-deep pocket when the cover is raised.

Have the local ready-mixed concrete company deliver 2½ cubic yards of waterproof concrete (same as for house foundations). Back the truck near the pool site and pour the concrete in the space around the form. You may have to move the concrete to the pool from the truck by wheelbarrow. It's hard work, but it won't take long if you're ready when the truck arrives. The 2½ cubic yards of concrete should fill the space around the form to just about ground surface. Level the top of the concrete, but don't trowel it smooth. The rough texture will make a better bond with the mortar for the cement blocks of the upper portion of the wall.

Wet the concrete with the hose occasionally for the next week so it will set to its greatest strength. Then, after 10 days, tear off the form. You'll find you now have a foot-high wall around the pool

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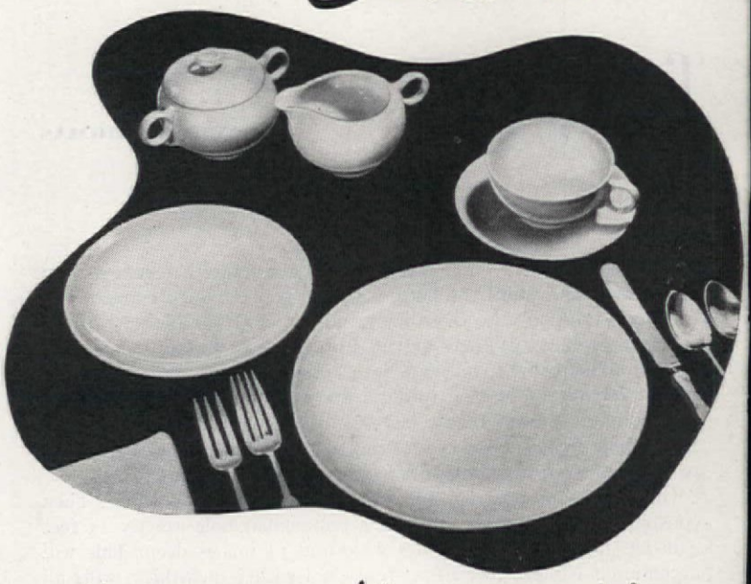

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area with the drain-pipe end open and near the bottom of one side.

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Next, using a mortar of 1 part cement and 3 parts sand with just enough water to make the mix workable, lay 2 rows of the hollow, standard blocks on the concrete wall. Then lay the solid blocks around the top as a cap. Finish the pool with a coat of white waterproofing which is applied with a stiff brush to make the pool both more attractive and watertight.

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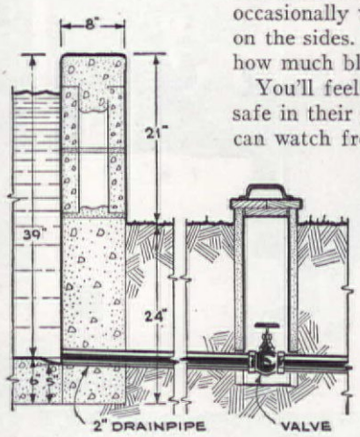

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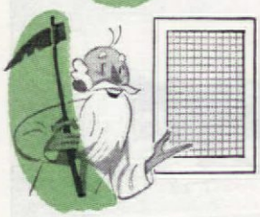

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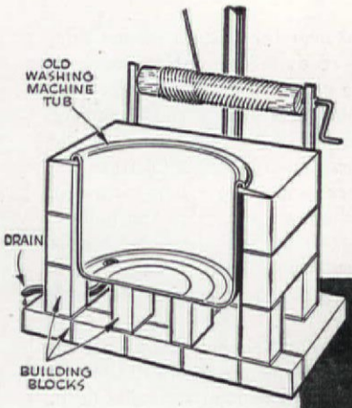

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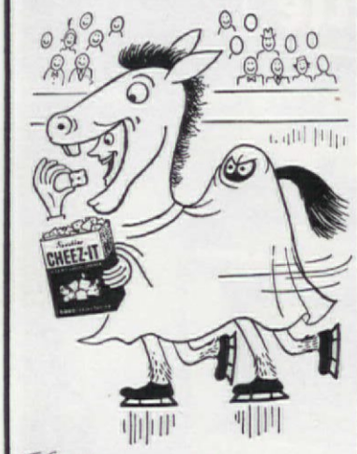

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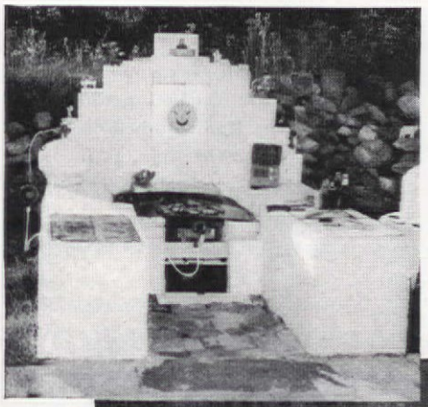

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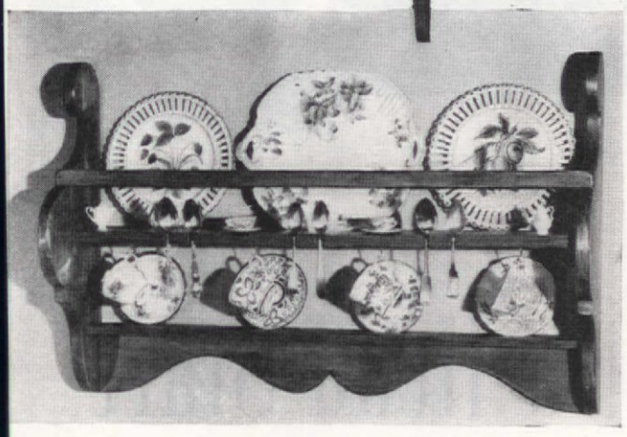

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Sphagnum is a long-fibered, brownish-gray, tangled substance consisting of mosslike plants that grow in marshy swamps—central Wisconsin producing the most and the best quality. It is pulled from the swamps with long-tined forks, spread on a drying bed, then raked and turned until dry enough to be baled for sale to florists and nurserymen. Being very light when dry, and able to absorb and hold ten times its weight of water, it has long been extensively used for wrapping the roots of plants to keep them moist during shipment. But for several years, experiment stations have been testing it as a soil substitute for the growing of plants from seed. The results, especially with milled sphagnum (in which the fibers have been shredded by machinery), have been almost uniformly 100 per cent germination. The sprouting seeds push up through the loose, light moss more easily than through soil and not only germinate but continue to grow more rapidly. Furthermore—and this is very important —it is found that the use of sphagnum effectively combats damping-off, a fungous disease found in soil, which attacks tiny seedlings, causing them to rot and break off at or just above the surface of the soil. In some way, the sphagnum inhibits or prevents the growth of this fungus. If one half of the soil area in a flat or pot is covered with a half inch of fine sphagnum and seeds are sown over the whole surface; and if the flat is then inoculated with the damping-off organism, the disease will spread quickly through the seedlings in the soil area, but fail to invade those growing in the sphagnum. And the same good effect is seen whether the moss is spread thickly on top of the soil or used alone, replacing the soil.

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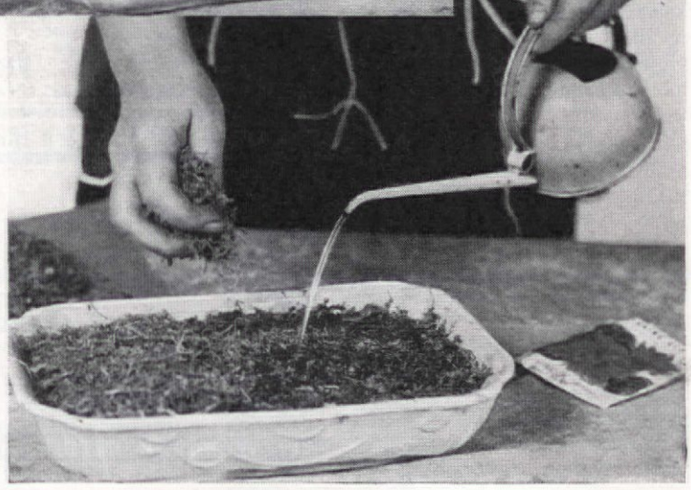
Seed sowing in sphagnum calls for little or no special care. There is less danger of overwatering, as the sphagnum takes up excess moisture and holds it until needed; there is no need to treat the seed with protective fungicides. The sphagnum is not a source of plant food, so if it is necessary to grow the seedlings in it for some time, they should be watered with a nutrient solution made by dissolving any good plant food in water. A simple formula is one teaspoon each of potassium nitrate (saltpeter) and superphosphate (fertilizer) in a gallon of water. On the other hand, by withholding such food, a grower can hold his seedlings back if conditions are temporarily unfavorable for transplanting them. When it comes time to shift them into other flats, individual pots, or to outdoor beds, the seedlings have thick, lusty root systems that easily come free from the moss without breaking and suffer very little shock in being moved. The moss left in flat or bed is clean and can be saved, dried, and used year after year. For convenience and easy handling, the prepared, milled sphagnum is most convenient, but if it is not easily obtainable, the raw product used for packing can be reduced to the same condition by rubbing it through a one-eighth-inch or finer wire mesh or strainer. Whichever is used, fill the container almost full, wet it thoroughly, sow the seed thinly on top of it, and cover with a thin sifting of the dry moss which also will soon become moist. Thereafter water only often enough to prevent it from becoming dry.



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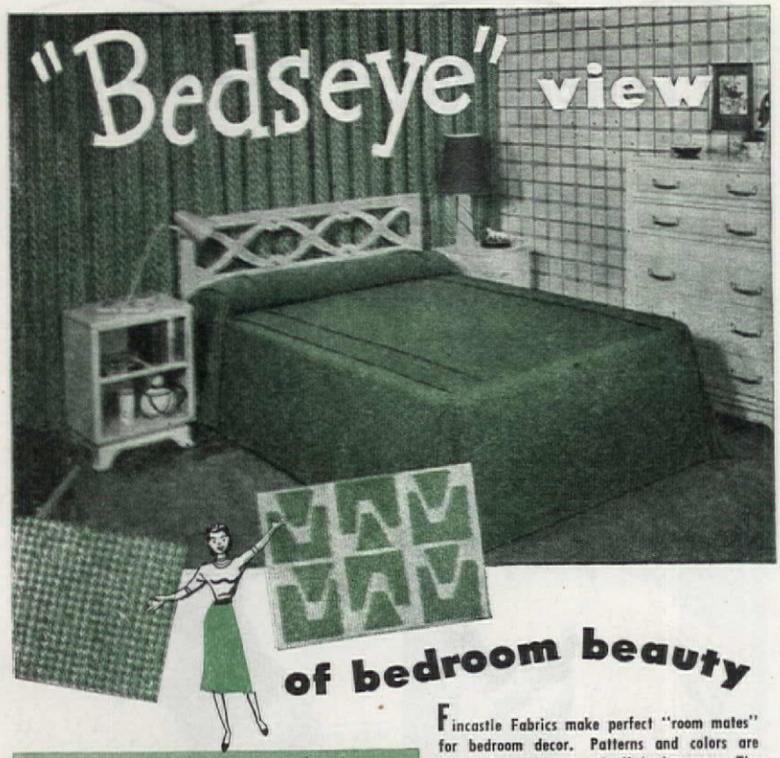

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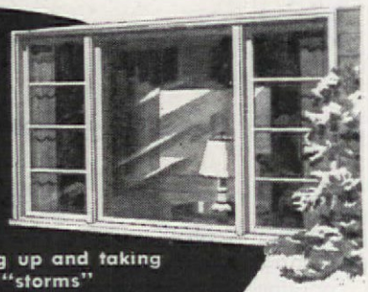

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wooing the elusive maidenhair and the shy hepatica. Was the change from the sublime to the ridiculous—or vice versa? Definitely the latter, my wife and I now think. Why? I'll tell you.

We can enjoy our new hobby *together*—and that makes it at least four times as interesting. *Mal de mer* (seasickness to you) was the colored gentleman in the fuel bin where deep-sea fishing was concerned. Wifey could get miserable on a canal-bound rowboat; and to her even the thought of going twenty miles offshore in a 40-footer was nauseating.

Also, whale-hunting as a hobby is an expensive luxury. What with insurance on boat and passengers, upkeep, fuel, and wages, the annual bill was never less than $3,000. But wildflowering costs practically nothing. If you're a real fan, you'll make your own garden, collect and grow your own plants, and—most fun of all—set your surplus back into the woods to replenish the dwindling supply and give pleasure to other enthusiasts. Moreover, "Nantucket sleigh-rides" behind whales are very time-consuming, whereas wildflowering can be indulged in on a when-as-and-if basis. You can identify and enjoy roadside plants without even stopping your car, and a few minutes' walk in almost any patch of woods may reveal a wildflower or fern you never found before. Even if you grow your own, the hobby need consume only as much time as you want to give it. A few minutes morning and evening will do; or, if you have time on your hands, you can ride your hobby hours on end without getting saddle-sore.

Those were some reasons for the switch from whales to wildflowers. And how long did that change-over take?

Well, quitting whaling was sudden enough. One day I had a boat. Came the hurricane—and I didn't! But acquiring a new hobby took time. Eleanor and I just drifted into it. She had joined two garden clubs; become president of one. Gradually, she began calling wildflowers and ferns by their first names; brought home blossoms and fronds, and identified them all. Obviously she was getting to know a lot more about "wild" plants than I did. Yet I was supposed to be the naturalist of the family! So in self-defense I had to catch up fast. I did, and we went on together.

So that's how it began. We carried wildflower books in the car and identified new—to us—species on every country road. Then we studied the surroundings in which each species flourished best: whether in dry or wet ground, sun or shade, deep humus or sandy loam, "sour" soil or "sweet"; their groupings and associations, and many other facts.

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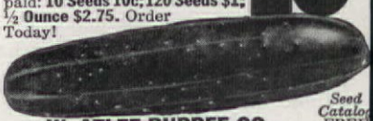

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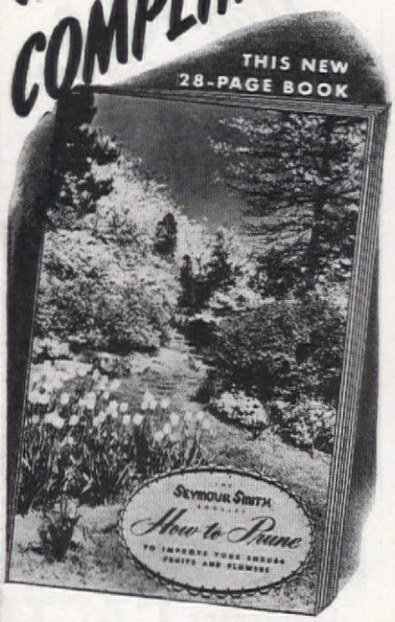

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Whales to Flowers

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home sites, and decided to take plants from there to start our own little garden in the shade of some gray birches near our microscopic lily pond. First we brought in leaf mold and imitated as well as we could the soil of the woods. Then we dug up common woodsplants, placed each one in a cellophane bag with a little water in it so it couldn't wilt, brought our "catch" home, and set the plants out under the birches. Some did well, and some did not. Among the defects of our first garden was a too-windy location. But we learned a lot and tried again, and then again, if necessary. That was ten years or more ago.

Our present wild garden is in a tiny grove of Japanese black pines which we set out as seedlings in 1931; the trees now average about twenty-five feet high. Granite ledges surround the pine pocket and protect it from drying winds. The soil is deep and rich in humus, made that way with brought-in woods soil and homemade compost. Water for sprinkling is handy. It's an ideal woodsgarden site, and home for thirty kinds of ferns and many other kinds of woodsplants.

So you see we have taken our wildflower hobby pretty seriously. Even so, it hasn't cost us too much in either time or labor. We have done all the work ourselves, thereby getting plenty of outdoor exercise and interest, in what time we have had. Financially, it has paid its way because it has led us to write a book on wildgardening, and the publisher's advance on our royalties was, in itself, more than enough to cover all our wildgardening disbursements to date.

That is the story of my switch from whales to ferns and flowers—from he-man to sissy, some might call it, but for which I have no regrets.

Editor's Note: We are glad to be able to include in this issue a brief review of the book referred to above —*Growing Woodland Plants*—which set our fingers to itching for the feel of soft, cool woods soil.

Eleanor Birdseye didn't like the sea, and her wildflower knowledge set a pace that he had to equal

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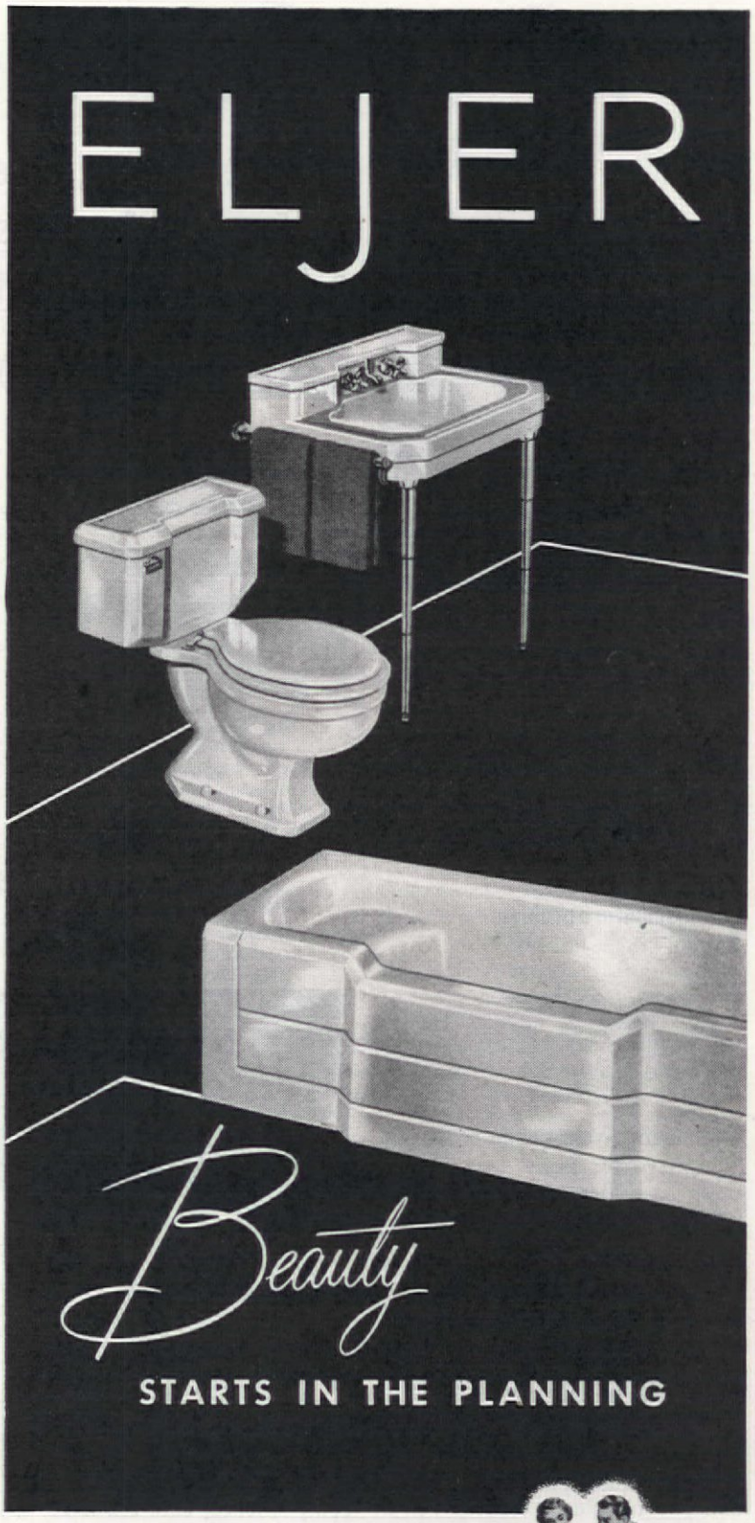

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none to speak of. Others seem to have been born without perceptible middles; still others have nothing *à la derrière*. They need neither to stoop nor jack-knife, but are straight as a ramrod and not much wider. Frankly, I don't like them, nor their knitting-needle-like silhouettes, slender, svelte chassis lines, and smug expressions as they gaze at their heftier sisters. If you think this is sour grapes, you're dead right! It is, every bit of it.

Not only are gardeners endowed with queer looks but they manage, by their clothes, to make themselves look even queerer. Take the male gardener. His garb, simplicity itself, consists of old shoes, none-too-clean trousers, a shirt and/or sweater that has seen better days, and sometimes a battered hat. Eminently satisfactory, this outfit would present no problem except that, sooner or later, the gardener's wife gives it to a rummage sale or the garbage man, or puts it in the furnace, thereby creating what is known as a Situation.

The clothing of the female of the species—ah, there *is* a problem. It began long ago in a garden, with a fig leaf, and is still unsolved even as the new look descends upon us. (Is there, I wonder, a new look for lady gardeners?) Of the several schools of thought, there are, first, the advocates of slacks, which are comfortable, properly enveloping and do away with the question, "Does my slip show?" They have useful pockets, and they might be the perfect garden fig leaf—*if* gardeners possessed only a front view. But there is the Other Aspect, and even the proponents admit that the garment emphasizes without flattering.

Then there is the school that favors shorts, a younger group of free-thinkers who now enjoy This Freedom, but will probably feel differently when they have added ten years and twenty-five pounds. I, for one, don't blame them for reveling in their easy garments. But if they do real, down-to-earth gardening, I should think their knees would get sore. Lastly, there is the "any-old-thing" school which, unhappily, has by far the most adherents. They say, "Shoes run down? Save 'em for the garden. Don't bother about how they look." Or "That dress with the hole; it'll soon be so dirty no one will see the hole." Undoubtedly this makes for comfort but—!

The next question is, "Are gardeners as queer as they look?" and, as their interpreter, I must answer reluctantly, "Yes." You can even classify them according to their peculiarities. For instance, there are givers and non-givers. The former give you everything, loading you with dusty-miller, hardy ageratum, star-of-Bethlehem, buttercups that spread all over the place. This puts you on the

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Gardeners

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spot, for you must either plant the gifts and combat them forever after or risk offending your friend by dumping them over the back fence, where they may grow up and cause embarrassment when she comes to see how her offerings are doing. If she doesn't find them, she'll probably give you some more.

From that high of generosity, gardeners run all the way down. It hurt my faith in humanity to think there were people who would give you nothing at all. I had to encounter one before I could believe it. I was in her garden one day with a mutual friend. It was a lovely place, with a tulip bed, a pool under a willow tree, roses, and irises among which I discerned something different. Not Siberian, not Japanese, I didn't learn until later that it was of the beardless Spuria type. But I knew that I'd be perfectly willing to take home a bit of it, so I asked what it was, exclaimed over it, remarked that I had nothing like it in my collection—in fact, did everything but come out and ask for a division. And do you know what I took away from that garden? The lid of an old garbage can! She said I could use it for a bird bath!

Then there are the clean gardeners and the other kind. I remember a dainty lady who dug me some plants and when she had finished, her white shoes were as spotless as before. Such gardeners wear gloves, nets over their hair, floppy hats to guard their complexions, soap under their fingernails. I just can't understand them, for no matter what *I* wear, I quickly represent the exact opposite. Dirt gravitates to me. As I work, clods hurl themselves at me, mud cuddles under my fingernails, my hair flies in all directions, my shoes promptly fill with soil. Definitely, I am not to be numbered among the clean gardeners —but while I admire them, I'm not sure I would want to be of them, even if I could.

Gardeners are queer, too, as to what they grow. Some want only big spectacular masses of bloom; others will coo happily over a handful of tiny seedlings. Some plant only things that can be cut; others wouldn't cut a single blossom for fear of spoiling the garden picture. . . .

I could go on and on listing our peculiarities, but what's the use? For, taking us by and large, aren't gardeners nice? Where will you find a group of people more friendly, generous, and understanding, or less high-hat and affected? With whom can you have more good, clean fun? Yes, I'm for gardeners one hundred per cent even though they are queer. I'm proud to number so many of them among my best friends, and I'm even prouder to know that some of them seem to feel that way about me!

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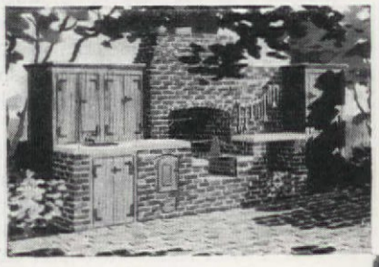

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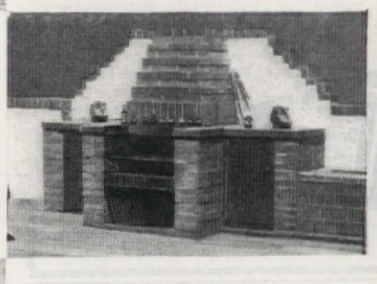

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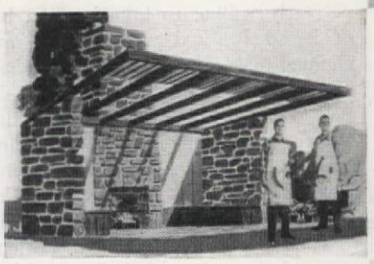

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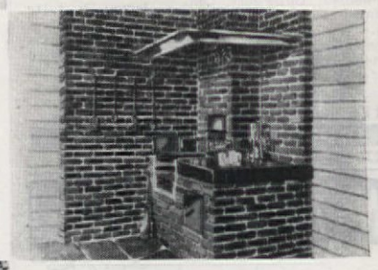

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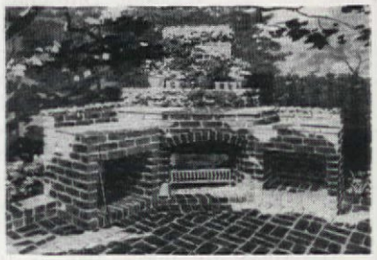

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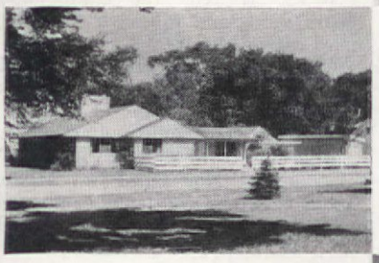

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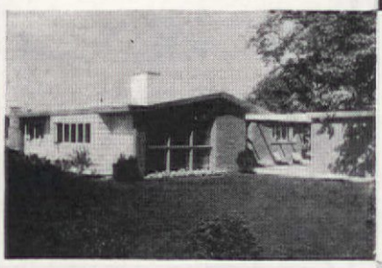

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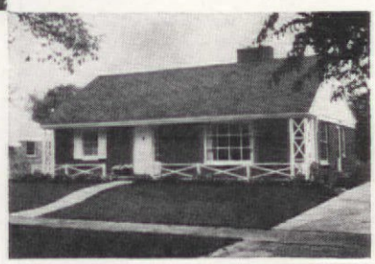

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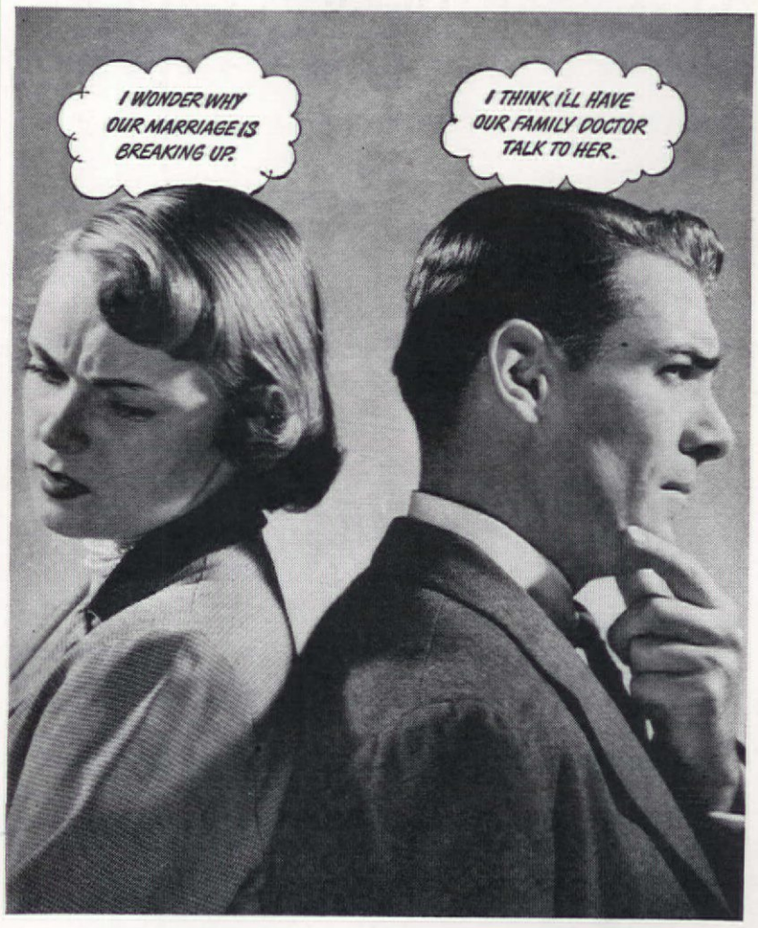

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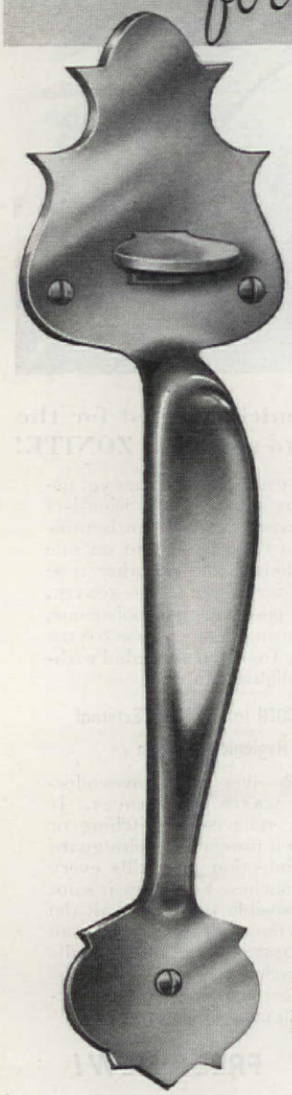

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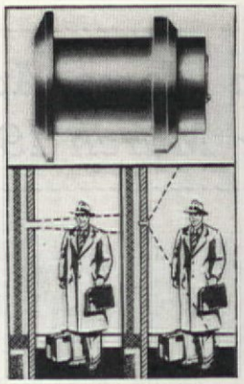

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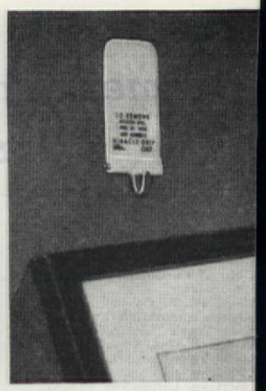

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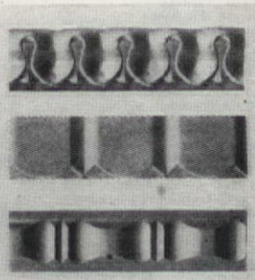

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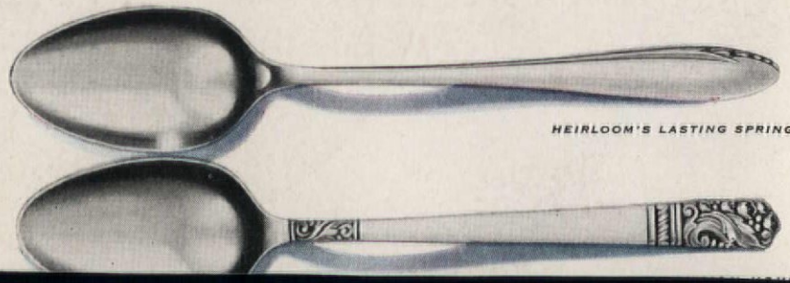

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