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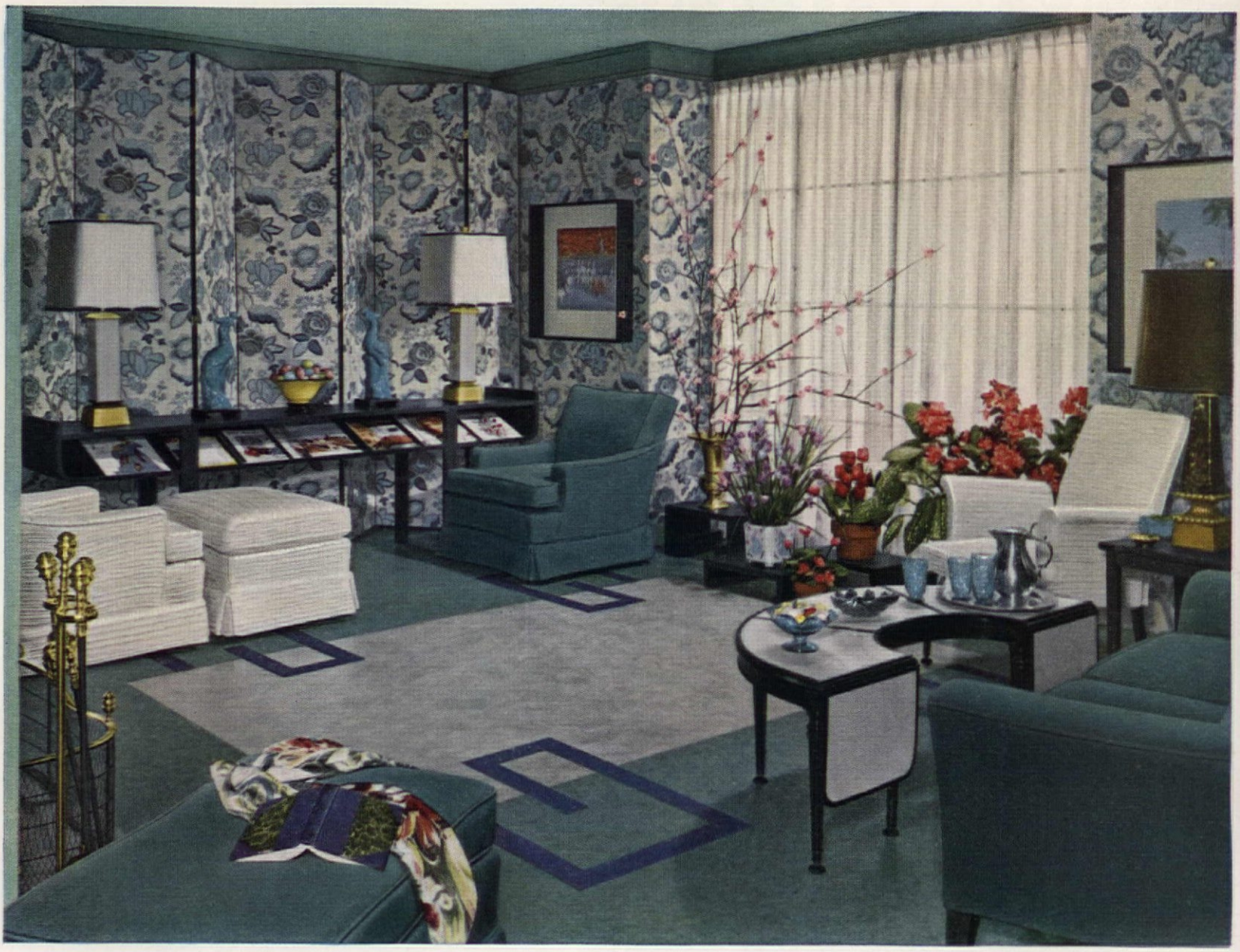

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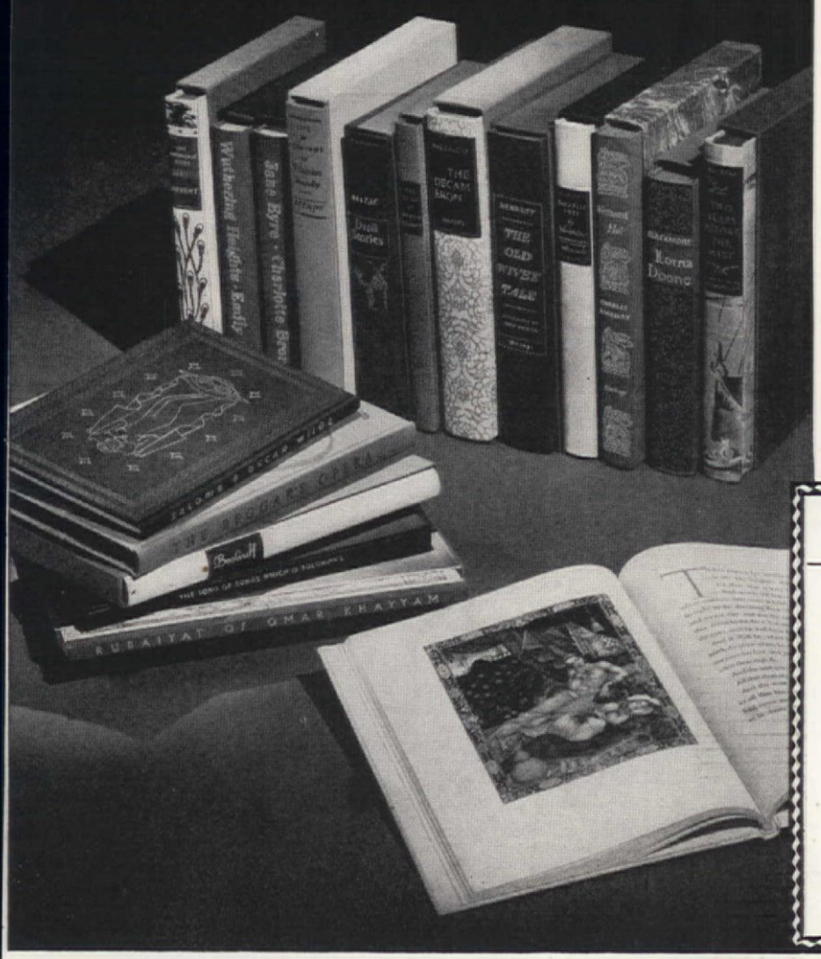

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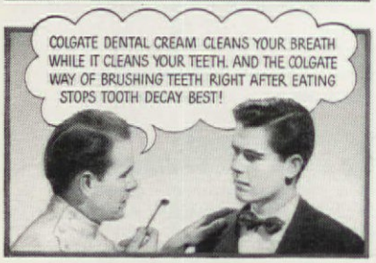

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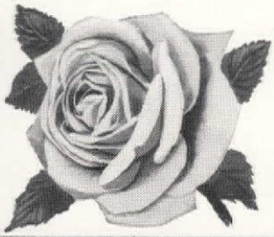

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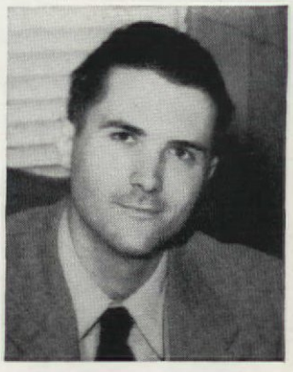

. . . **WILLIAM T. LOWE,** whose provocative article, "We're Homeless and We Love It," starts on page 23, authors a fine argument. A graduate of Vanderbilt University in 1941, he spent 5 years in the Army Air Corps. He is now working in one of the South's oldest advertising agencies in Shreveport, Louisiana. Two hobbies take up his time: writing fiction and collecting antique firearms. He and his wife, plus "Soda," the co-star of the article, are now comfortably set up in an apartment and love it.

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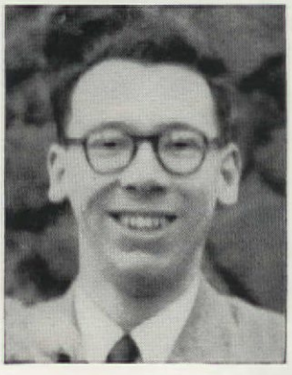

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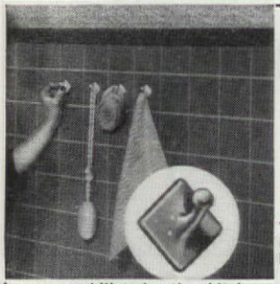

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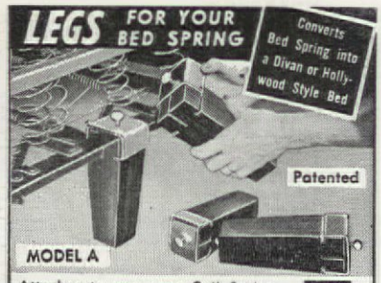

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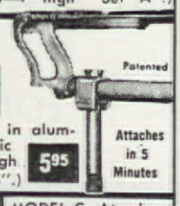

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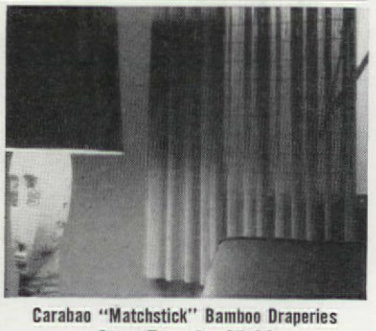

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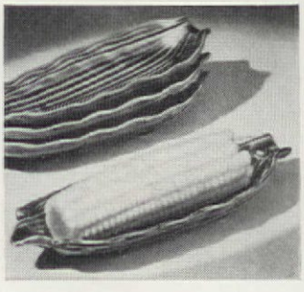
DAFFY DOMER. This wonderfully zany straw cap went to a gala Servel press party at New York's Roosevelt Hotel atop the head of our fun-loving Home Equipment Editor, Edith Ramsay! Decorated with scenes representing 36 different sports, "Fishing" is shown here. Small, medium, large. $6.95 prepaid. Little Mexico Mart, 150-V.S. Fairfax, Los Angeles 36, California.

LET'S GET CORNY. The moon is high and cool and the fireflies are dancing in the still summer night. On your grill a juicy steak is sizzling and heaps of golden bantam are waiting to be buttered roundly in these green ceramic corn husk dishes. Use them, too, for olives, individual salads. Set of four, $2.95 prepaid. L. F. Black & Co., 100–09 Metropolitan Ave., Forest Hills, N. Y.



A FIREPLACE SCREEN that surpasses anything we've seen for loveliness does a pretty job of camouflaging an empty fireplace in the summer. Use it in your sunny patio, to hide an unsightly radiator. White wrought iron with three pots in yellow, red, blue or green; or silvery or verde green finish with matching pots. 36" x 30" high. $11.50 exp. coll. Murial Duncan, Haddon Heights, N.J.

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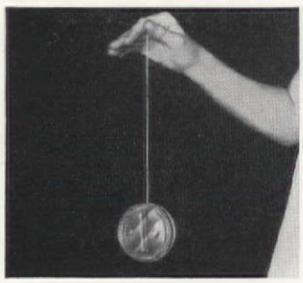
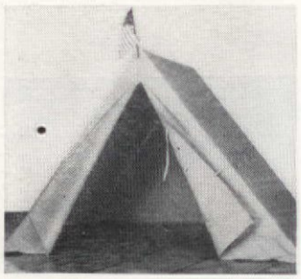


GLOW LITTLE YO-YO, glimmer, glimmer will be the chant of the hopscotch set these June evenings as they bob and twirl the Firefly Yo-Yo. As it goes up and down, a light flashes on and off to fascinate even the most sophisticated Mr. Know-It-All. The price is low, so order a batch for all the kids you know. 85¢ each. Downs & Co., 81 Salem Lane, Evanston, Illinois.



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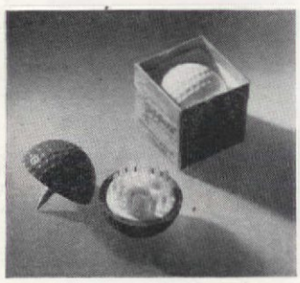

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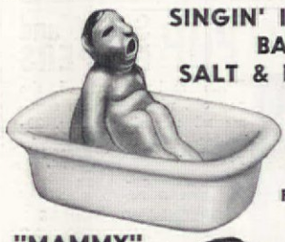

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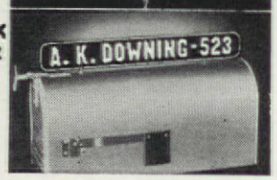

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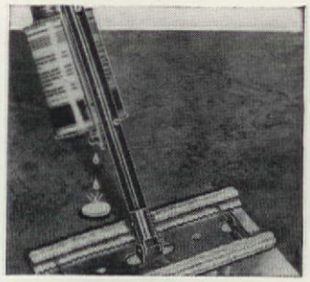

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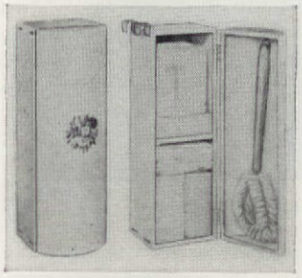

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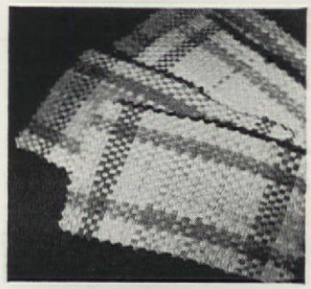

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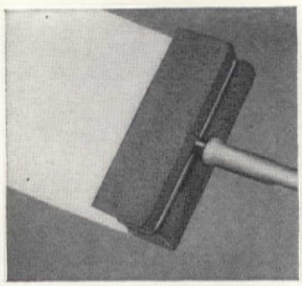

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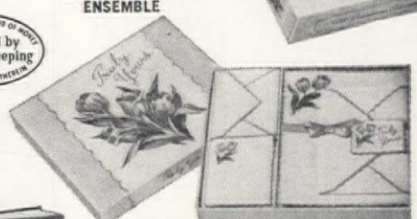

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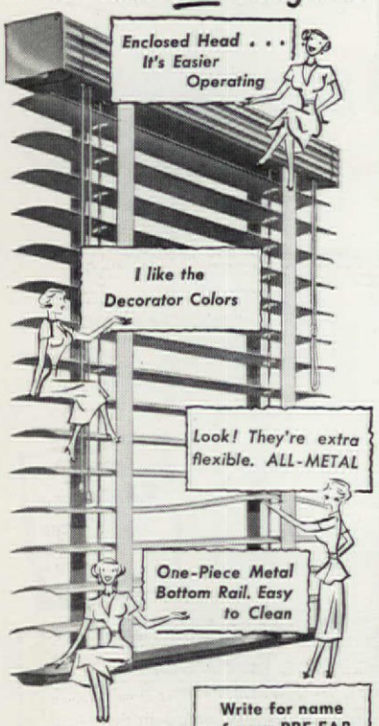

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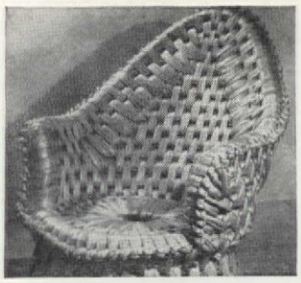

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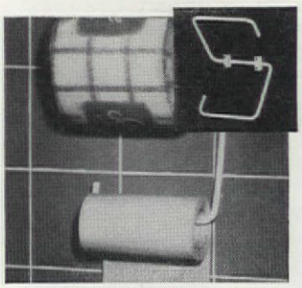

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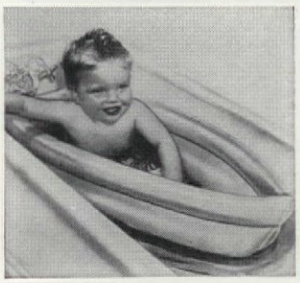

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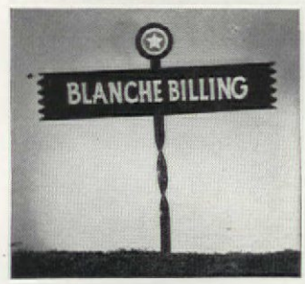

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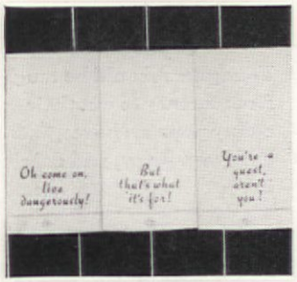

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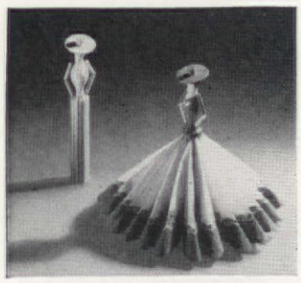

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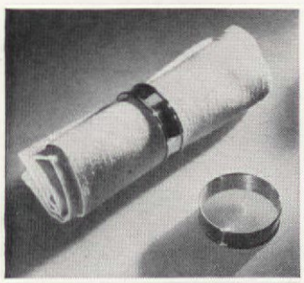

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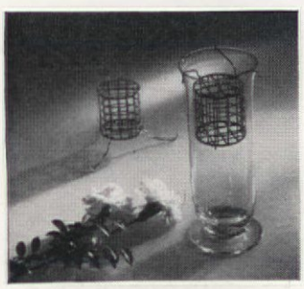

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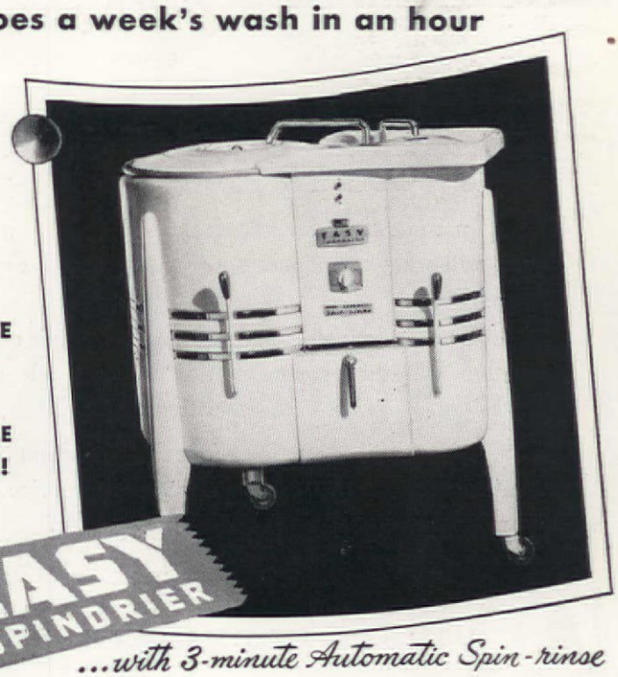

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Youngsters should be taught from infancy to put their empty popcorn boxes, candy wrappers, and debris in the convenient trash can

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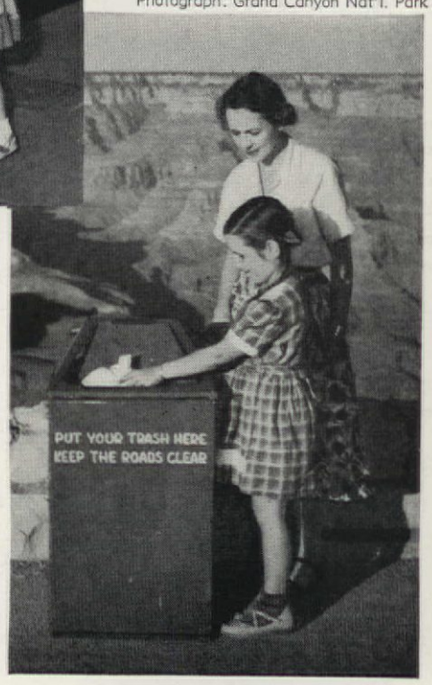

Don't Be a Litterbug!

LOUISE PRICE BELL

"See America First" has long been a slogan that most Americans have believed in observing. But too often this trekking about the country proves that as a nation we aren't too particular about how beautiful we keep it. Within one month's time I heard three European people say that the things which impressed them most about the United States were our excellent food . . . and our badly littered highways and countrysides! We are justly proud of the first, and should be shamefaced about the second. For very few of us are innocent of tossing candy wrappers from car windows, leaving debris at the spot where we have picnicked. And too few parents rear their children to refrain from littering playgrounds and highways.

Two of our southern cities have recently had extensive cleanup campaigns, and with surprisingly successful results. **JACKSONVILLE** initiated the project with a movie that showed street-cleaning, garbage-collection, and other disposals. They used local citizens in the picture, which ran thirty minutes and was shown to about thirty thousand school children and citizens, with several showings each week. Over the two-year period that this movie has been in use, the people of the city have become very conscious of littering, and there is a marked cleanliness through the entire town. Youngsters rarely offend by tossing trash from bus windows. Like the other city, they used the word "litterbug" extensively since it seemed to "take hold" and no one wanted to be dubbed with that title. So effective was the use of the word and the influence of the cleanup movie that after the picture was shown in one of our largest cities, the Sanitation Department put on a real drive. The people in charge felt that since there was a "fantastic total" of four and a half million tons of trash

each year that the street-cleaners had to sweep up, perhaps a bit of checking up on local litterbugs might reduce the tonnage. Blue-coated officers halted anyone they saw tossing cigarette butts, candy wrappers, paper napkins; and issued a summons to all offenders. Some were peeved, some angry . . . most of them were red-faced and apologetic.

NEW ORLEANS started its campaign with a trash-collection day, when 23 million pounds of trash were removed from local households. Housewives were aghast at the trash they had accumulated. Following this, the "litterbug" campaign swung into action with an amusing bleary-eyed insect pictured tossing cigar butts, candy wrappers, and other litter about his skinny self. This amusing cartoon appeared everywhere to remind littering folks that trash containers were the places for all discarded materials. Radio stations put the "litterbug" on the air in an amusing transcription, as a station break; he wormed his way into classrooms, luncheon clubs—and he was so unpopular that the city became clean through the medium of his ugly self. He intrigued—and did a job. **GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK SERVICE** used an entirely different, but just as intriguing idea. Distressed by the amount of rubbish that tourists tossed about and left at picnic spots, they hit upon a smart idea. The freshly painted trash cans were each given an eye-catching jingle that related to trash. They figured—and rightly so, as results proved—that people would read the jingles and then automatically deposit the trash inside. Last summer I found it very interesting to watch the reaction of people to these cans. Even careless tourists who were about to leave trash behind would notice the jingles, stop and read them . . . and shamefacedly pick up their pile of rubbish and deposit it in the can. Youngsters in particular were so fascinated by the jingles that they chanted them over and over and almost looked about to see if they could find something to put inside. Although these jingle-decorated cans have only been in use for a few years, they have reduced the amount of money spent for workmen to clean up by several thousand dollars each season. And the amount thus saved has been put to more advantageous uses like providing additional interpretive services and other services of benefit to the park visitors.

Opposite: so fascinating are the jingles on trash cans in Grand Canyon National Park, youngsters are actually eager to find something to put into them!

TYPICAL JINGLES ON GRAND CANYON TRASH CANS

Bring your bottles
Bring your sacks;
Use this can
And don't be lax.

A silent proposal
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Use your spunk;
Pick up all junk!

Enjoy the view
While passing through,
But leave it clean
For others, too!

At **MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK** large stout paper bags are given to the visitors who enter. These trash bags are clearly marked as such and carry the suggestion that the bag be used for debris . . . then deposited in one of the trash cans. The recipients are also reminded that the park is theirs and that they should help maintain its beauty.

In the beginning, ten thousand bags were put into use as a trial project and, through their use, the time required to clean roadsides was reduced two-thirds and roadsides kept spick-and-span. Of these first ten thousand bags, only ten were found along roads, instead of in trash cans, and seven of these contained trash and were near the cans. Only three were deliberately thrown away by thoughtless, irresponsible litterbugs, which is really a remarkable percentage and a fine commentary on the willingness of the public to co-operate if once a subject is brought to their attention. Before these trash-bags were introduced, Mondays at this particular park were real headaches, with roadways prac-

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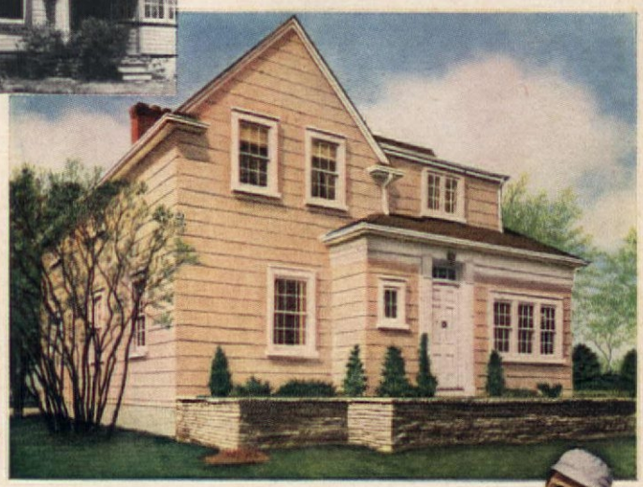

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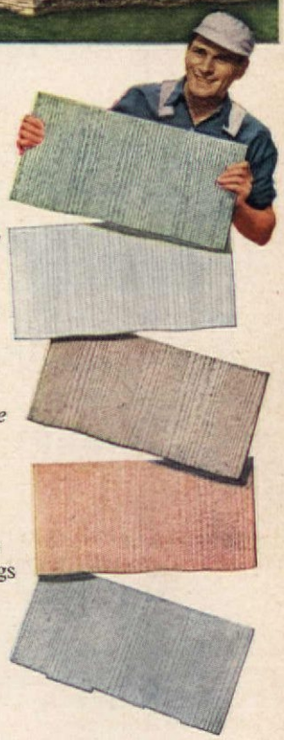

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tically covered by papers, bottles, cans, paper plates. From eight to ten workers were kept busy for the entire day cleaning up after week-end offenders. During the time when the new idea was being tried out, the papers along all the highways were so few and so far between that, as a matter of fact, no cleanup was necessary. And over a period of six days, 52 man hours, which is almost seven man-days, were saved! It is certainly little wonder that similar trash bags have by this time been widely distributed for similar use throughout other national parks.

It doesn't matter what person or group sparks an anti-litterbug campaign, so long as every community and person involved takes the subjectly seriously to heart. In a large city on the West Coast, the Woman's Chamber of Commerce is behind the annual Cleanup Campaign, and they are eagerly backed and assisted by all the city officials, the entire fire department, director of public health, and the school department. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts—incidentally, very good material for such projects—take the whole thing so seriously that they make a contest out of it by seeing who can gather the most waste. In many other cities several service clubs have taken up the task of keeping their communities presentable-looking, and in occasional communities a one-man or one-woman campaign has been known to produce remarkably successful results.

But regardless of where we live, or whoever we are, everyone of us can do his part toward keeping America the cleanest and the best-groomed country on earth. Since we are proud of living here, let's make our land proud of us in return. We can raise our children in such a way that they too will be proud to do their part in this task, and with everyone litter-conscious, what now seems to be extra work can soon become absorbed as a routine part of our daily living.

New Orleans dramatized its campaign with a bleary-eyed insect which was displayed on car-cards, store displays, and in newspapers. It shamed many into using trash cans

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Several years ago, a small group of men in Ponca City, Oklahoma, all of whom like to fish and picnic with their families over the week end, got together and decided to build a "lean-to" on the shores of a lake on the outskirts of town. What started as a simple little idea has now developed into a big-time project which has given more pleasure and diversion than we ever figured on. The little "lean-to" has been added to and improved to such an extent that today the "gang," which includes about ten men and their families, are reaping the full benefit of their toil and fun combined. Now we have a comfortable, roomy playhouse where everybody enjoys himself, and are constantly adding improvements to make it even better. By this time the women have landscaped the sloping front which leads to the lake, giving the entire plan extra beauty as well as utility. Just about any Sunday you can find the group there, with friends swelling the total to around 40, feasting on fried chicken with all the trimmings, plus hot biscuits, made on the spot and baked in the large insulated oven.

We started with a makeshift table between two convenient trees, an open grate fireplace, and a large flat rock. But as the crowd increased, we figured we'd have to do something about that. Fortunately we found a double strata of rock with some of the upper strata broken away to leave a solid rock floor of some 12 by 20 feet. The upper strata formed a ledge just about seat-high along one side and end of this floor. Next we decided we'd need a good fireplace. None of us was a stone mason, but we had enthusiasm, and pretty soon we had an oven and fireplace, with storage bins at each side, made mostly from rocks along the lake shore. The ladies tried their hand at biscuits and they were perfect. We were encouraged. The Ponca City Park Department donated a couple of park benches and a sturdy table.

Everything was fine, until we realized that a roof was needed for protection against the sun and elements. How to make one? It was simple. We used corrugated asbestos supported on trusses prefabricated of scrap pipe and pump rod. But everything we did only brought more people out to visit, so the next move was obvious—more room. We put in a concrete-paved patio with built-in table and seats. The table was a cast-off

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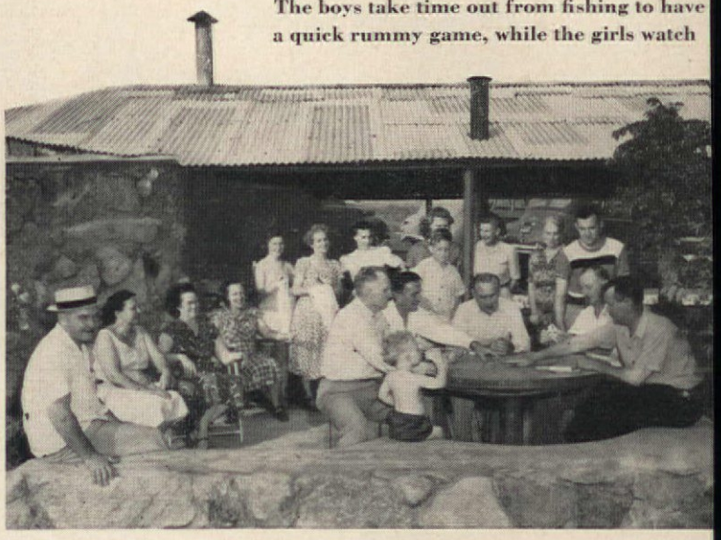

The boys take time out from fishing to have a quick rummy game, while the girls watch

steel cultivator wheel and axle. By forming concrete around the axle and under the wheel we contrived a strong, well-reinforced column and table. The top was sanded and rubbed down, then waxed. It seats eight and is fine for card-playing.

Just when we thought we were through, one of our members, an electrical engineer, couldn't bear the thought of gasoline lamps. He talked someone out of a discarded gasoline-driven generator, worked it over, producing power for eight lamps.

A little cleaning up and landscaping by the women, and the job was done after two seasons of spare-time fun. We estimate that very little more labor went into the construction of the Empire State Building, but it was a great deal more fun and the finished product offers no hazard to low-flying airplanes. The City Park Department, interested in encouraging others to take similar action, has helped us a great deal, particularly by the installation of a "Him" and "Her" convenient to the location, and by assisting in the landscaping.

We're quite cosmopolitan, the group including an office manager, the aforementioned electrical engineer, a machine-shop owner, service-station owner, two department heads from the local refineries. Three churches are represented in the group. Being Americans, we followed the national habit and formed a club, complete with by-laws, the necessary officers, and a name. We are known as the Circle Point Club, because our site is on a natural circle. But regardless of everything, it's been a wonderful personal experience for everyone concerned.

A perfect spot for fishing and picnicking, swimming or sunning, a good example of what any group can do when they all pitch in

FIRE won't take a Holiday

ROBERT B. MACPHERSON

When you first drive up to the cottage or bungalow you've rented for your summer vacation, do you ever have that quick, disturbing thought of "Good Heavens, what would we do if this place caught fire?" It's a good question to ask, for hundreds of thousands of summer vacationists like yourself spend their long-awaited holiday in veritable tinderboxes—perhaps in one of the wooden bungalows which line the seashore resorts, crowded one against the other, or maybe in a cabin at the woods or lake. Some of these bungalows and cabins will make up part of the more than $100,000,000 in fire damage that will occur in this country between June and Labor Day, which makes it a good idea to think a little about fire prevention when you leave for your vacation. The chances are that your summer residence contains a great many more fire hazards than your home in the city. It's also a safe bet that the local fire department is a good distance off and probably not as well equipped as your hometown department.

With this in mind, here are a few simple rules to observe when you arrive at your vacation hideaway: First, give some thought to where the members of your family are going to sleep. Babies, young children, and older folks should have rooms that are easy to get out of. Give Grandma and the children ground floor rooms if possible. If not, give them rooms near the stairs so they won't be faced with jumping from the second floor. And, of course, you'll want the baby close by in case of emergency. Then call the family together and give each adult certain rooms to check in case of fire. In that way you'll know everyone is out. Second, find out how to give a fire alarm. It probably won't be as simple as running to the corner fire box. You may not be able to telephone, either, because most summer cottages do not have this convenience.

If, however, telephoning is possible, find out where the nearest phone is, and make certain every member of your family knows its location. If your vacation resort has fire boxes, locate the one nearest your cottage. Time wasted in giving the alarm, in case you do have a blaze, can often be disastrous, particularly when you must rely on volunteer firemen who have to be summoned by a whistle.

These first two suggestions are imperative to your safety in case a fire does break out. But you don't have to sit around waiting for it. One of the major causes of summer cottage fires is the misuse of stoves. If you use kerosene or oil for cooking, just remember this stove isn't like the masterpiece you have home and be a little more careful. The Fire Protection Institute suggests that you have your husband check the piping and make sure all the burners and connections are clean and tight. Take extra care in filling the stove; wipe up any spillings and get the oily rag out of the house.

So much for the stove . . . but let's not ignore that old-time favorite that adorns the living rooms of most summer bungalows—the oil space heater. The National Board of Fire Underwriters offers the following advice: Keep the heater clean and keep it away from curtains or where it may be knocked over if it is the portable kind. Never fill or carry a heater while it is lighted. Keep a window open in the room to release any fumes. Keep the fuel supply outside and don't make the mistake of using gasoline instead of kerosene.

If you have a fireplace instead of a heater, there's still need to be careful. It doesn't take much time to see if the chimney is clear and the draft all right. Fireplaces are tricky things and have caused plenty of fires when misused. Get your husband to locate the fuse box so both of you know where it is and, if your place hasn't been occupied since last fall, get him to check the wiring. Some of it may have been frayed or damaged by the weather and you don't want a short circuit the very first night of your vacation. A little exercise may save a fire later on, so get your husband and the boys to clean up any trash or rags lying around the cottage and have

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Letters

SMILING THROUGH. . . . I picked up the March issue of THE AMERICAN HOME and just happened to turn to "The Case of the Neurotic House Plant" by Marjorie Hickey. My cheeks are still a little damp from the tears this hilarious little story put there . . . I can't afford *not* to have a magazine that puts me in a merry mood this early in the morning. Thank you, Mrs. Hickey. Let's hear from you again.

—MRS. C. S. AMACKER

CURIOUS COMPLAINT. I have been getting your magazine for some fifteen years. I look forward to it each month. My husband says they should stop such magazines, as women get too many new ideas!

—MRS. C. SEBURGER

FAITHFUL FAN. We bought this old house just three years ago this month. Every room has been redecorated by us *from your magazine* . . . it isn't all finished and in all probability never will be. You see, I am still taking THE AMERICAN HOME and it keeps urging and prodding me, until there is no rest. Maybe I should say "inspires." I now have the front page of THE AMERICAN HOME for May, 1950, tacked on my easel to do in oil.—MRS. CHESTER WHEELER

DOUBTING THOMASINE. I have just finished reading Eunice Fay Boller's "Aren't Gardeners Queer?" in your March issue. I am surprised and disappointed that you had to print her article in a home magazine. Gardeners are *not* queer. They're wholesome, honest nature-lovers, the best citizens this country can have. I also resent having them described as queer-shapen. How can they be, when the constant bending does away with the *derrière* and tummy? I have yet to see a fat gardener, let alone one with five chins . . . I just don't believe she means what she says.

—ROSE HAGOPIAN

QUEER GARDENERS. Your article, "Aren't Gardeners Queer?" is the most refreshing and amusing bit I've read in some time. My own picture was among those so skillfully drawn (she of the several chins and *derrière* and I could identify others among my good gardening friends: the generous soul who gives you baskets of those space-consuming plants, another opposite who cannot understand (or won't) your great desire for a small division of something lovely you are looking at for the first time in her garden.

They are perfectly drawn types and I hope all gardeners will enjoy them as much as I have and that you will be inspired to do many more of them.—ANNE Q. MONSON

After reading your "Aren't Gardeners Queer?" for the third time I decided to write . . . Your "Queer Gardeners" suited me to a "T" and I certainly enjoyed reading it to my gang.—JO MCCRANN

From an enthusiastic reader in Panama —Genell Bliss home with garden on one side and Pacific Ocean on other

GADGETS. We, as a family, have been enjoying your magazine a long time. I find the ads in the front for cute little gadgets, etc., very interesting . . . have sent for quite a number for myself and for sorority prizes.

—MRS. ROBERT SORNSEN

PROPRIETY. Please!

The nudity of women on the street and in pictures is offensive enough, but may we please be spared photos of men in similar lack of attire. (Page 25, April issue.) No personal reference intended, but I think people should be spared such a sight until the marriage vows are spoken—and it's too late to change their minds!

—MRS. F. BLANCHFIELD

FROM ENGLAND. I have just finished reading two copies of your magazine which were kindly passed on to me by a neighbor and, without hesitation, I say it is the most interesting magazine I have ever read. . . . I liked the photos of the planned homes and the reconstructions and alterations to bring derelict homes up to date. Over here there are still many restrictions which would make that sort of thing a nightmare. What lovely homes you have compared with our standards, those wonderful kitchens such as the British housewife only dreams about.

—MOLLIE SMITH

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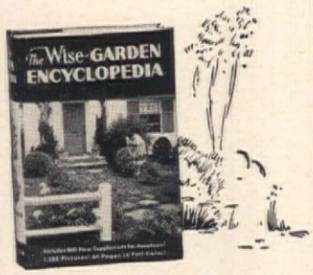
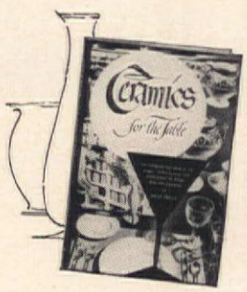


The Wise Garden Encyclopedia edited by E. L. D. Seymour. (Wise & Co.) Price $5.00. . . This re-named and enlarged edition of *The New Garden Encyclopedia* (which, since its publication in 1936, has recorded more than a million sales) will be welcomed by many new gardeners and replace many copies worn out by constant use. Of its 1,380 pages, 32 are an illustrated supplement on "Your First Garden," by Carol H. Woodward, the original assistant editor. The halftone illustrations suffer from being printed on uncoated text paper, but there are 64 new pages of full-color flower and garden pictures.

Gardens and Gardening — 1950 (Studio Publications) Price $4.00. . . A 172-page English yearbook of typically beautiful and correct material dealing with gardens today, lawns, roses, shrubs, hardy plants, etc. Though not written about, aimed at, or really adapted for America, it would be a nice gift for a gardener.



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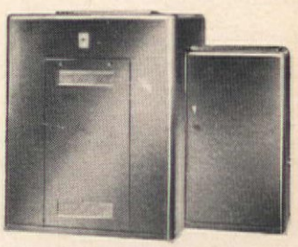

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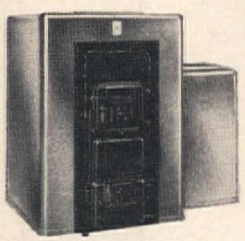

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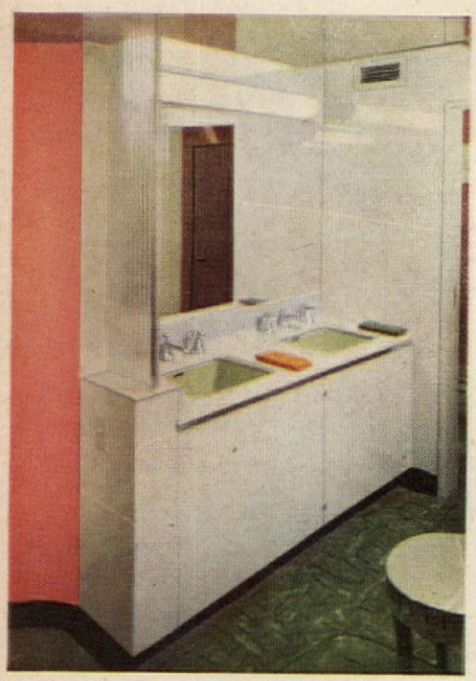

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Perhaps the mistakes we made as homeowners could have been avoided—perhaps not. At any rate, correcting them afterwards would have been much too expensive. Maybe some other young couple now planning to buy their first home can learn something from our experience and avoid a few pitfalls.

None of the conventional reasons forced us to sell our home after two and a half years of occupancy. Financially the property was well within our means; the location and neighborhood were above reproach. Nevertheless, the day came when we gladly handed over the keys to a total stranger and moved out.

When we made the down payment, it had seemed an ideal place for us to live—a neat little cottage on a huge shaded lot, with a big garden and graceful ivy-covered terraces. Felice, my wife, Soda, our dog, and I took possession with the same pride the Pilgrims must have felt when they stepped ashore at Plymouth Rock. We were happy and it showed.

During the eight years we had been married, Felice and I rented dozens of apartments; this was to be our first home. I suppose we were typical amateur homeowners—we began to remodel immediately. It would have been prudent to get acquainted with our new home first.

The house contained a living room, two bedrooms (one was to become my den), a bath, and a kitchen. None of the rooms escaped our attention. When the carpenters and painters left, our enthusiasm was still running strong, and we had a handful of War Bonds left. The interior decorators took over.

We found ourselves with a living room that was too perfectly Victorian for comfort. Ash trays looked as out of place as slot machines. A chair out of position created an impression of complete disorder. We raced to pick up a carelessly dropped magazine. Soda was sternly, and repeatedly, forbidden to enter the room; nevertheless we spent hours removing blond dog hairs from green velvet seat cushions and retrieving rubber bones from beneath skirted tables.

After a few weeks we spent all of our spare moments in my den. Except for visits from our pastor and occasional out-of-town relatives, the Victorian living room was unused. Much later, we realized that we had virtually deprived ourselves of twenty-five per cent of the living space in our little home.

Before we became homeowners we lived in a subdivision of town characterized by prevailing southerly winds and the absence of any tree over five feet in height. Our new home was surrounded by 32 mature trees, towering pines and oaks, bushy elms, and graceful dogwoods. All in all, a lovely setting.

When we moved in, that September, we were entranced by the cool shade and a delightful breeze that never left the patio behind the house. "So peaceful," we agreed. "So serene."

The leaves began to fall in October. Thirty-two trees can produce an unbelievable quantity of leaves. From then on we raked, buried, burned, and otherwise disposed of dead leaves every Saturday and Sunday. If the wind and weather were favorable, our little estate presented a decent appearance by Sunday noon. By the following Tuesday it looked terrible. The real estate agent hadn't mentioned this phase of home management. I suppose he knew we would find out for ourselves. And how right he was.

In the spring we eagerly turned our attention to our flower garden. Our closest former contact with green things a-growin' had been a casual inspection of three petunias in an apartment window box. We were as well prepared to care for our large ready-made garden as we would have been to manage the

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Jewel

Photographs by Robert Cleveland

Exterior of the Derby house has mellowed with the years but underwent no operations or amputations. Interior submitted to a high-minded face-lifting and emerges gay and young as springtime

IRENE WESTON

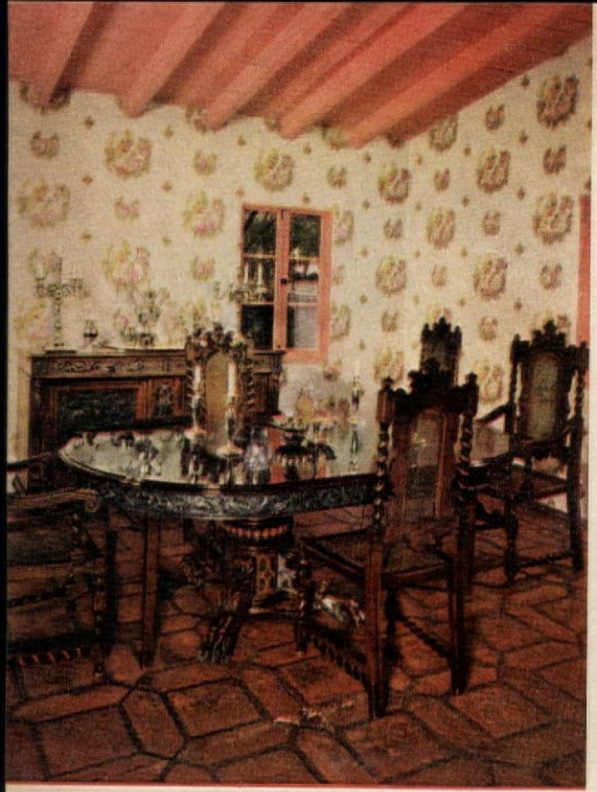
When the Derby family migrated from Lansing, Michigan, to California some twenty-five years ago, they found the prevalent Spanish architecture an agreeable change from the staid formality back home. This rather crude though authentic house they bought and furnished in character. Gradually, over the years, the decoration underwent change. Colors were gayer, furniture of many periods was mixed by a knowing hand. Today it is a perfect background for chic little Margaret Derby. Pink is her favorite color, as you can see. But not for her the pretty pallid pinks. She has used sparkling jewel tones of pink and red and achieved brilliant, exciting results. Chintz and satin are perfectly at home under the once onerous beamed ceilings. Shutters lend a lightness, filter the California sun, as the traditional heavy hangings of yesteryear never could. Exquisite, carefully chosen antique accessories are skillfully used and they, too, refused to fall into any one category of Victorian, French, Colonial, or a flavor of New Orleans.

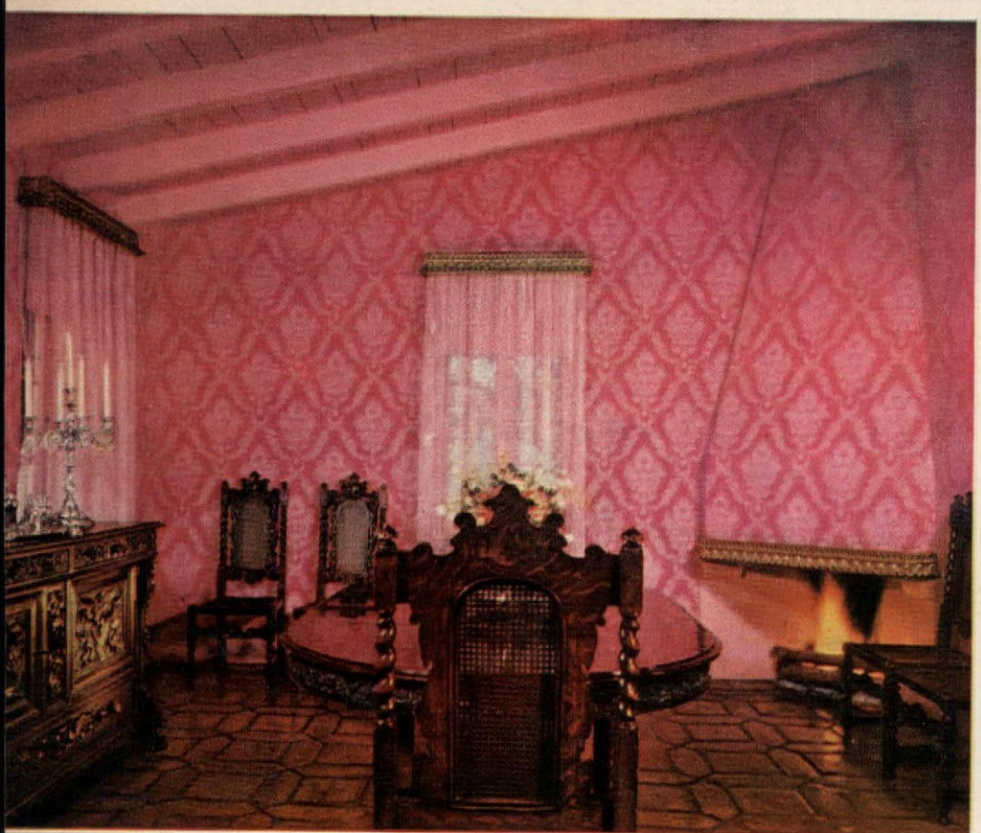
All this has taken time, of course. But any house of character and vivid personality is not put together in a year. A room of beauty and refinement is not a thing one buys by the yard or by the dozen. It takes courage to have the strength of one's convictions and have the colors one wants, whether or not it is considered "correct." It takes a youthful heart to change a house to suit one's contemporary mood or way of life. It takes patience to search for or wait for the right thing. It needs a sense of adventure and lively wit. And all of these things Mrs. Derby has—in full measure. It is inconceivable that, being alert and imaginative, she would have floated about a big, gloomy, heavy Spanish house, as well she might, had she the proper respect for its exterior architecture, or grown too attached to the old belongings to determinedly make a new and more becoming background for herself.

Although dated in the sense that Spanish architecture is no longer in fashion, the house is fortunate in having been designed by an architect who knew the value of simple dignity and good proportions at a time when California Spanish was going berserk. No structural changes have been made in all the years, and the very nature of its construction provides perfect insulation for the climate. Heavy ceiling beams have been painted out and add interesting pattern without their former heaviness. Heavy oak lintels over doorways have been plastered over or painted out. Color,

Colors Spark a Dated House

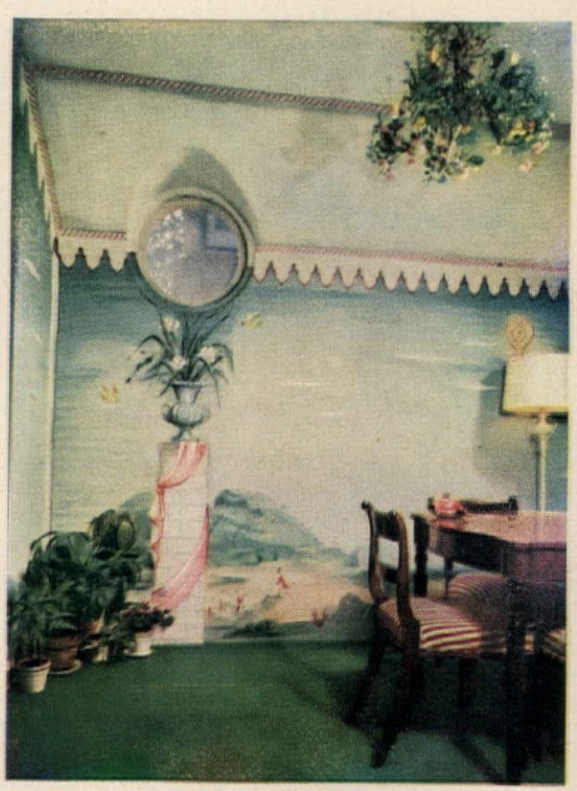
With dazzling success Mrs. Derby exploits sapphire pinks, ruby reds, and the greens of an emerald





BEFORE the dining room underwent treatment it was, as you can see here, serviceable but in no sense distinguished. Small windows, protruding fireplace hood chopped up wall areas

AFTER its face lifting—and a minor one it was—dependent on wallpaper for color and pattern interest, unifying fireplace hood with walls, giving scale and importance to undersized window openings by carrying handsome lace curtains to floor. The golden glint of cornices, the sheen of beautiful silver contribute to a handsome background for entertaining



Tony Duquette painted the wall so charmingly and with such grace, one is never conscious of being in a room no larger than a coat closet! The chandelier is one of his fabulous creations

Jewel Colors (Begins on page 24)

paint, and wallpaper have completely eradicated any reminiscent Spanish feeling.

Only one room, the tiny breakfast room, was done by a professional decorator. Tony Duquette's light-hearted fantasy has succeeded in creating an illusion of space in what is an unbelievably small room. One views it immediately upon entering the handsome black front door, and one knows at once that all is right and harmony beneath this Spanish tiled roof. In the dining room the hooded fireplace takes upon itself some wallpaper, a cornice. Some passionately pink lace curtains and lo, tongue in cheek, all is in character. The heavy dark furniture, an heirloom in Mrs. Derby's family, lends dignity in its radiant setting. Upstairs, wallpaper as Victorian as great grandma's, wicker in a riot of curves and fussiness take over with wit and charm.

No spot in the house that does not sing with color, as well as comfort. A house that is loved, a house that is lived in, every inch of it. The grandchildren, coming in for lunch from their school nearby or for sewing lessons from Grandma on Thursday—maid's day out—leave, too, their invisible footprints in a house that is the very essence of hospitality dispensed with gaiety.

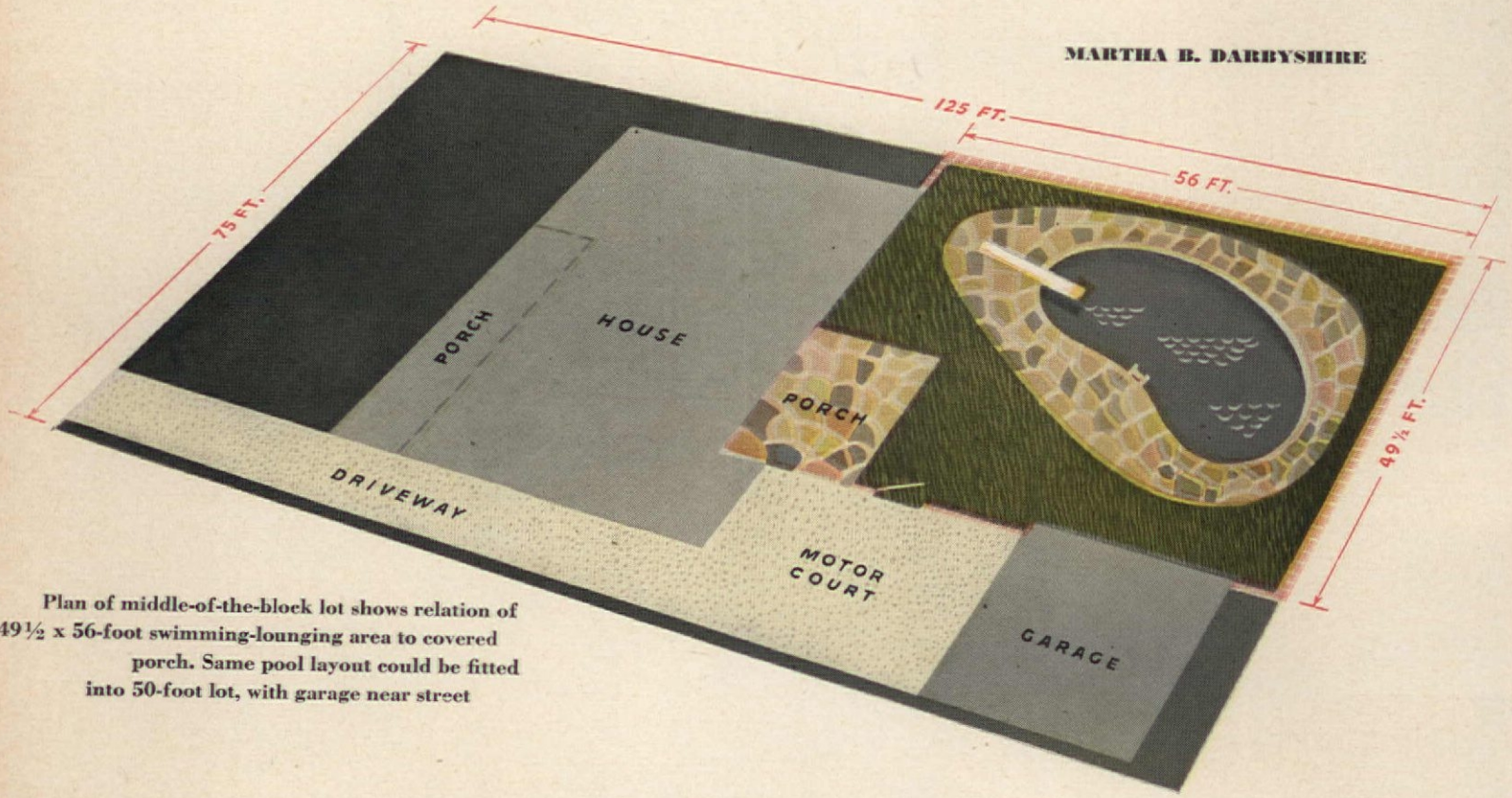
And here you see Mrs. Derby's "Sittin' and Rockin' " room. (Love her name for it!) Once a sun porch, it now serves as a fanciful but entirely comfortable little upstairs sitting room just off the two main bedrooms

A bedroom as pretty as a pretty melody. Not liking the wallpaper once it was hung, she hand-painted over what she thought was too much blue. Nothing escapes Margaret Derby's touch if it be not exactly to her taste!

On a 75 x 125-foot city lot you can have

Country Club Life in your own back yard

MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE



Plan of middle-of-the-block lot shows relation of 49½ x 56-foot swimming-lounging area to covered porch. Same pool layout could be fitted into 50-foot lot, with garage near street

The plot plan above is that of a fairly typical suburban lot, located in the middle of a block, closely flanked by neighboring houses on both sides. The street frontage is 75 feet, the lot is 125 feet deep. Not an estate by any means. Yet look at the amount of wonderful summer living space, the country-club atmosphere the Thomas K. Tousley family have packed into their back yard.

What makes it even more applicable to a mid-block lot of narrow width is the fact that the actual area of the pool and surrounding turf is a compact 49½ feet by 56 feet. Such a setup could be duplicated on a 50-foot lot if the house and garage were toward the street and the full width of the back yard were available.

In the Tousleys' case, the house and garage form two walls of the enclosed area, and brick walls on the other two sides shut off the view of neighboring back yards. With a wide flagstone walk around the pool, there is very little lawn left—just enough for a few yard chairs on a small grass plot. Lawn mowing is reduced to minutes and gardening is limited to border flower beds that follow the walls around the yard, adding an attractive touch of color.

Dr. Tousley admits that a back-yard swimming pool, first off, sounds extravagant, but when you balance it against several summers of camp for children, the annual family vacations, and the evenings out at night spots through a season, it puts a swimming pool in another bracket than the luxury one. How about the nervous energy expended in planning summer vacation entertainment for the children, the taxiing to movies, to the park, to friends, to vocational centers? What about the apprehension of where the young people are and what they're doing? What about the complaints and wishful thinking that you'd like to know your children's friends better . . . is there, could there be a better solution to all of those perplexing problems than life in your own back yard offers? The Tousleys don't think so.

There are many ways to make a back yard livable. You can lay a brick floor and have an open terrace; you can add a roof to it and make an outdoor living room; or, you can merely flagstone an area under shade trees. Furnish any one of the backgrounds with comfortable furniture and you have a friendly retreat. You can build an outdoor barbecue, make it a family project (most back-yard developments are); you can build a tennis court; you can splurge a little and afford a back-yard swimming pool; or you can merely put up a croquet set on the lawn. Any one of these projects will draw the kids like a magnet. But no matter how little or how much you do—life in the back yard can be the best life—the Tousleys think it is.

View of the pool from garage roof, with flagstone walk surrounding it. Brick wall gives privacy. Just enough lawn is left to accommodate a few lounge chairs

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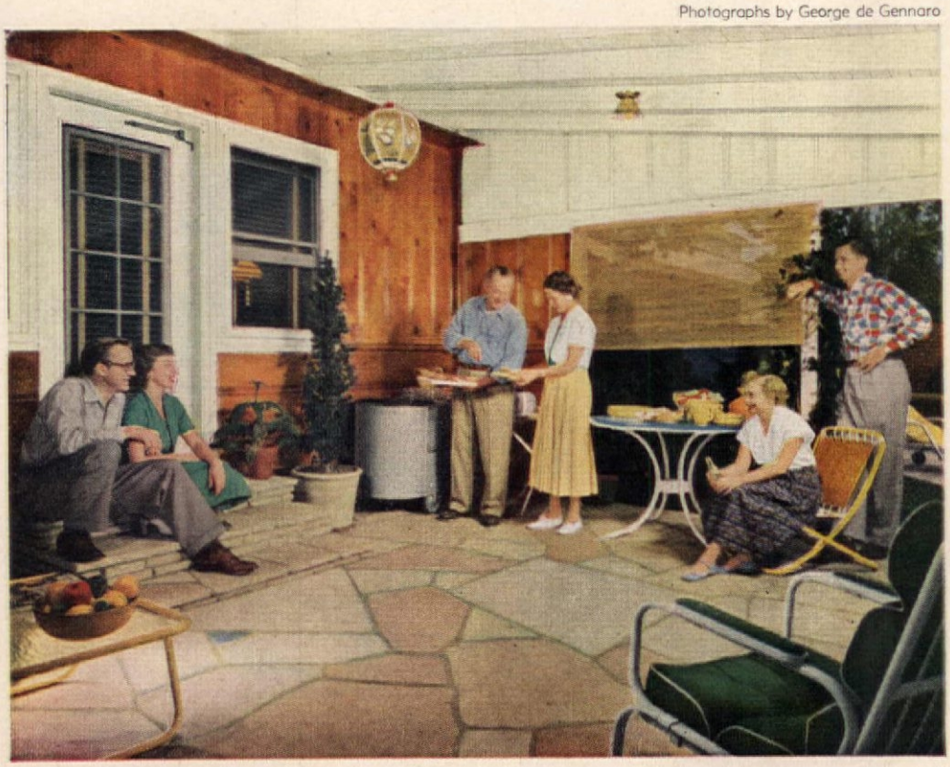

Son Tom and a few of his friends relax after a swim. Dr. and Mrs. Tousley serve refreshments from an outdoor table, their pet entertainment

View of the pool from the patio, which furnishes shelter when the sun gets too hot. Considering the size of this back-yard area, no wonder the Tousleys are proud!

A Million Dollars worth of Fun for $15.00

SUSAN JONES MEDLOCK

Her sons wanted it. Mrs. Higgins said she'd build it herself. The neighbors said she couldn't. But she did—and these pictures prove it

This 15 by 7-foot swimming pool in Atlanta, Georgia, is consistently full of happy, splashing children because Mrs. Lewis Higgins of Virginia Place, N.E., found enough energy, ingenuity, and elbow grease to build it—all by herself—for $15.00. The money went for one ton of sand ($4.00), half a ton of gravel ($3.00), five bags of cement ($6.10), and waterproof paint ($1.90).

To look at her, you'd wonder how she thought of doing it, let alone tackled it, for she is small—112 pounds—blond, with pretty, delicate features. But she is also the kind of energetic person who will try anything in the creative building line, sometimes surprising even herself with her successes. In this case, as the days grew hotter and her boys talked swimming from morning until night, Mrs. Higgins realized that something in the way of a "swimmin' hole" was needed that would be fun for her nine-year-old Mike as well as for her Stevie, age two. Readymade pools, she decided, would be fine for the little fellow, but too flimsy for Mike and his older friends. Right then she had herself a brainstorm and said she would build them a real, concrete swimming pool! The neighbors, agreeing that it was entirely too much of a job for a woman, not only doubted that the idea would ever come to anything, but even expressed their doubts by starting a round of friendly bets to that effect.

But Mrs. Higgins had made up her mind and went merrily on her way with no help from anybody. First came the digging. Really hard work that was as the temperature soared to 95 degrees, for a hole 15 by 7 feet

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Photograph by F. M. Demarest

DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

Summer Linens

Wilt-proof linens that won't wilt you in the making. These fresh new designs are easy to do with our painting patterns, go so quickly that they're finished before you know it! They cost so little (25¢ per pattern, plus your material), you can afford to make some for different occasions. Try inexpensive unbleached muslin, Indianhead, cotton crash, or rayon. For more elegant settings, use linen. Or you could use these designs for tablecloths. Hem or fringe ends or all four sides. For gay and casual note our swaggering rooster boldly aping Ferdinand and his flowers, with the plate done in reverse colors. Little wooden horse, just over from Sweden, cheers you with his "Skål." Do a casserole, too, with ovenproof paint. Is fishing your hobby? An angelfish for you, plus another design of goblets and decanters. Or perhaps you prefer neat geometrics to grace your table or modern designs to play up plain color china. Whatever design you choose, it's fun!

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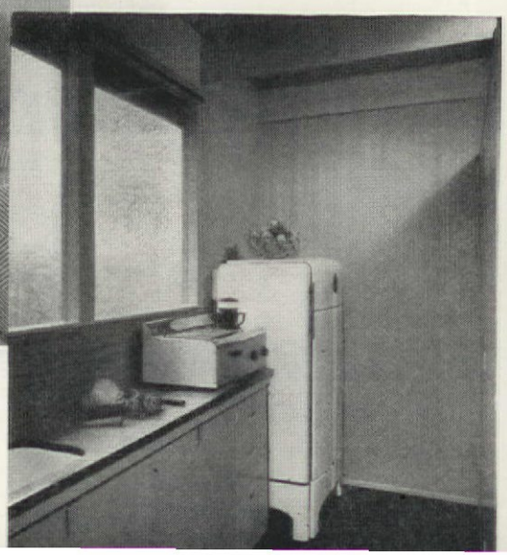
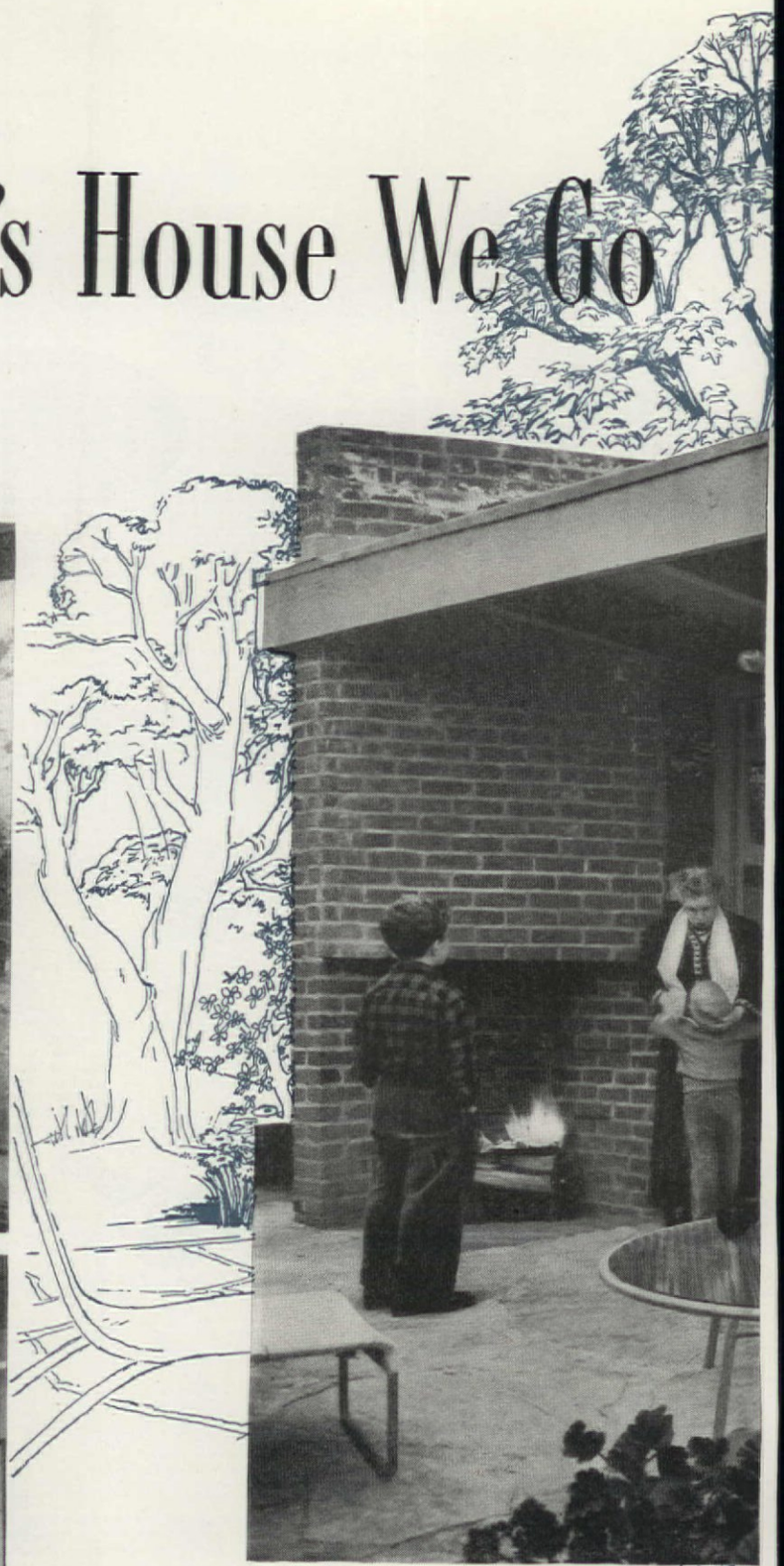
To Grandmother's House We Go

ETHEL McCALL HEAD



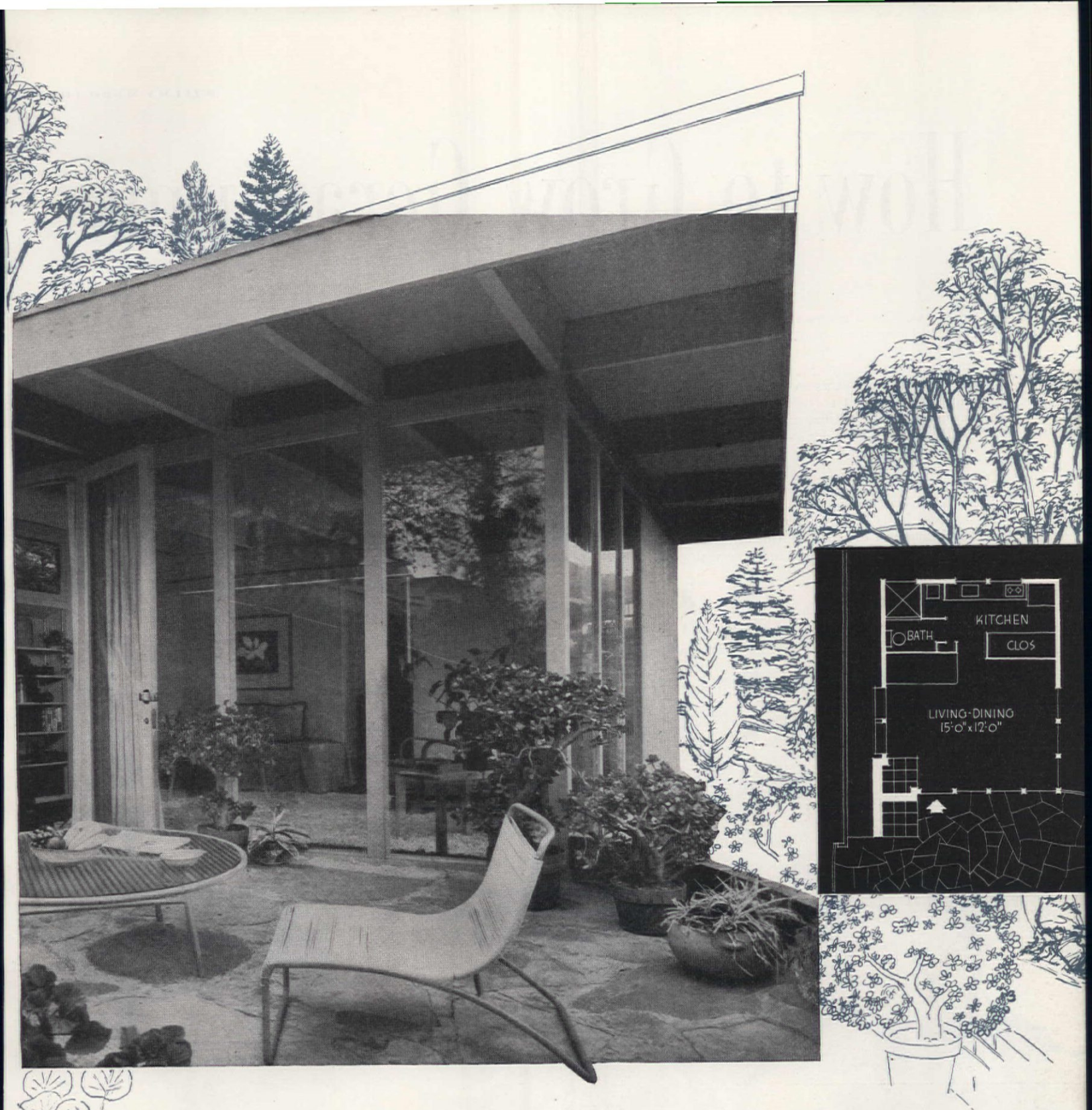
Lavish use of glass, above, allows expansive view of terrace and surrounding hills. Minimum of furniture gives spacious look to small area. Below, sofa-bed and fireplace at other end of room; windows above bookcases light sleeping corner



Photographs by Julius Shulman

Outdoor fireplace, good-sized terrace where the boys spend their play time. Kitchen, at left, is separated from living room by storage wall. Compact but complete

RODNEY WALKER, DESIGNER



But it's not over the river and through the woods. It's just down the slope in the garden. Mr. and Mrs. Keester Sweeney faced a problem common to many families. They had a pleasant home with enough room for themselves and the two young boys, but when Mrs. Sweeney felt that her mother should no longer live alone, it was difficult to find a spot where Grandma could fit in.

So they called in designer Rodney Walker and planned a little house, only 15 by 18 feet, in their own garden where Grandma, Mrs. Maud Cornelison, could live alone and yet be close to the family. It works beautifully. The youngsters don't have to be shushed while Grandma naps. Mrs. Cornelison can have old friends in for a quiet cup of tea, and dine every night with the family.

Only 270 square feet, the little house cost little to build, yet it provides comfortable accommodations for an older person or a couple with minimum housekeeping needs. The little house seems much larger than it is. Walls of glass on two sides of living room open to a terrace and views that expand the room greatly. The living room doubles as sleeping room, and the tiny kitchenette with a wardrobe in the storage wall does extra duty as a dressing room.

The lighting trough above the couch extends the length of the room. An opening to the kitchen over the storage wall provides good air circulation. Fixed glass windows are on the north and south sides. The east side is cantilevered over the steep canyon slope, but the little house seems to grow from the land.

Furniture and colors are light in weight and tone to make a restful background for the magnificent views beyond the glass walls. Draperies are of nubby cotton in an off-white shade, the string rug is white and the web chairs are easy for her to move around. Between the couch and the fireplace are open shelves for books, ivy pots, and choice pieces of china. The three chairs in the room, along with the couch, are ample for Mrs. Cornelison's needs, and the room has a quiet, uncluttered feeling.

Everything in the house makes for light housekeeping and comfort for Grandma and solves the problem of her wanting her "own" home within a stone's throw of her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren, Lennox and Billy. Lucky Grandmother!

O'ZELMA WOOD COMBS

How to Grow Geraniums

Do you want a garden filled with luxuriant foliage and colorful bloom from springtime warmth to Halloween frost? Do you yearn for flowers so exotic that even visitors from Hawaii beg for cuttings? Would you like to have your home landscaped with plants so varied in appearance, texture, habit, and fragrance that no two beds or effects would be the same, even though the cultural requirements of all would be identical?

If those are your desires, I urge you to plant geraniums.

But before talking about where to plant and how to care for them, let's clear up the bothersome matter of names. Through long usage, the word geranium may be applied to any member of the Geranium Family—botanically the Geraniaceae—which includes in its several groups or genera two which are of particular interest to gardeners. One of these is the genus Geranium comprising some 40 annual and perennial species found in various parts of the world and called collectively "cranesbill" because of their long-beaked seed pods; a number of them are good subjects for wild gardens. The other is the genus Pelargonium, which includes a score or more of South African perennials sometimes called "storksbill." Some of these (or forms descended from them) are the widely grown "geraniums" of florists and gardeners discussed in this article. They fall into several classes or types such as the Fish, or Bedding geraniums (*Pelargonium hortorum*); the Show, Fancy, or Lady Washington varieties and hybrids of P. domesticum, and forms with popular names descriptive of their leaf shapes, habits, fragrance, etc., such as Maple-, Oak-, Ivy-, and Grape-leaf, Apple, Nutmeg, and so on. Although perennials in their mild native habitat, they are not hardy and can be used in northern gardens only as annuals or pot plants. In warm regions, they can remain

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To rejuvenate an old plant and get new ones from it, cut back its stems about one third and use 2 to 4 in. ends of shoots for cuttings or "slips." Seedlings may vary widely from their parents, but plants grown from cuttings are exact duplicates

Opposite, potted geraniums on fence at Edward Burwell's Illinois home, photographed by F. M. Demarest. Other photographs by Jack Roche

Trim all but top leaves from cuttings and insert at least two joints deep in moist, firmed sand in flowerpot around a small-pot water reservoir

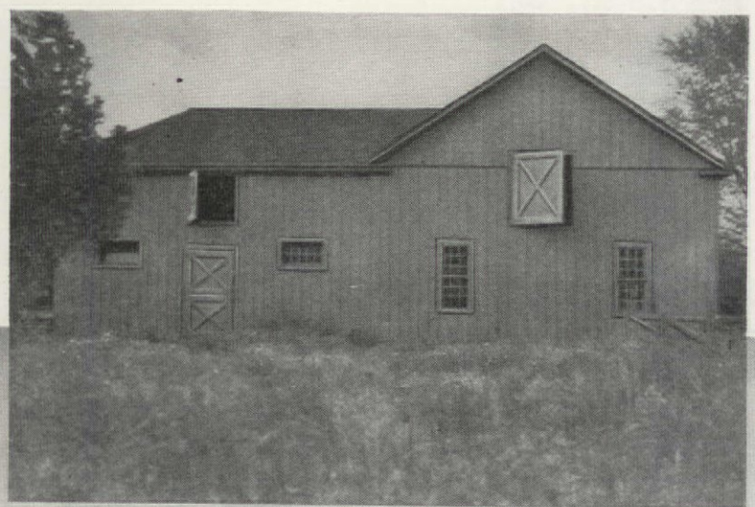
In repotting, sift soil in among roots, firm it with thumbs while rotating pot on table. Water well. Store in cool place, or start into growth

Meanwhile, cut-back mother plant is repotted in new pot in fresh soil mixture (equal parts loam, compost, sand) on drainage layer of gravel

When plant starts renewed growth, feed once a month or so; plant food in solution is safe and simple way. Pinch back shoots for compact form

You'd never know the

There were four solid walls, a sound roof, and plenty of space inside. The Karl Bocks let the horse out of the stable, created a gracious country home



BEFORE: Abandoned since horse-and-buggy days, roomy old barn set in beautiful open field retained simple lines, sturdy construction that inspired vision necessary for practical transformation below

AFTER: Entrance to house is made up slight, paved incline, through original double doors. Landscaping, driveway, fence, porch add distinction. Characteristic accents are old iron hitching post, weathervane on roof and original pulley that was used for raising hay to loft in old days

Old Barn now!

MARY E. MONZE

You know very well that the first thing which comes to mind when you see these "before" and "after" pictures is "it simply can't be done." This old barn had been allowed to go to seed for years, and would probably be in the same condition today if it hadn't been discovered by a very clever gentleman who is one of the outstanding decorators in the country. He also takes a special delight in restoring old buildings, including barns, when the structure and fundamental lines are good. So it was a natural that he'd see the possibilities in this old barn which was discovered near Greenwich, Connecticut.

The gentleman in question is Karl Bock, Chairman of the Board of the American Institute of Decorators, who has been in the business of decorating for 52 years. He found the barn to be structurally intact in every way. Timbers were of yellow pine in excellent condition, so he left them as is. A red asphalt shingle roof was put on over the old wood shingles to add a definite style to the building, as well as fire protection. The doors and windows are the original ones, except at the back, where he's added two elegant-looking bays that make the outside look better and also let in extra light.

The colors Mr. Bock used on the outside honestly make the place look good enough to eat! He used a luscious shade of pink with white trim, and this combined with the red asphalt shingle roof is a beautiful sight for the eyes when spring and summer foliage frame it in green. The story is the same inside the house. Here he has been able, with magic decorating skill, to turn what would have been great big bare rooms into warm, friendly spots, by the judicious use of color and furniture. Wood paneling, which fits perfectly into the mellow atmosphere, was put on some of the walls in the new living room and library. Three walls in the living room, which is 23 by 27 feet, were fitted with old wood paneling in natural oak, with the fourth painted sea green. Overhead is the original large center beam in yellow pine, the ceiling painted white.

The furniture is just what you'd expect to find—comfortable and

AFTER: Back of house photographed after side porch was enclosed for use as dining area. Two handsome bay windows contribute to super face-lifting job—overlook wide lawn, rose garden, fish pond, neighboring acres, rolling hills of countryside for miles beyond

Photographs by Richard Averill Smith

Mellow oak paneling from former home graces fireplace wall in living room. Treasured sunburst clock, collection of old bronze mortars add elegant but simple decoration to mantel

Soft blue walls, ceiling, beige carpet create restful background in master bedroom. Wall space planned for double beds with one wide headboard. Beds facing plain wall which protects eyes from glare of early morning light

Richly colored Oriental rug blends happily with conventional pattern of wine, eggshell Williamsburg drapery; wide green, eggshell stripe of chairs; beige of sofas. Casement curtains in natural color

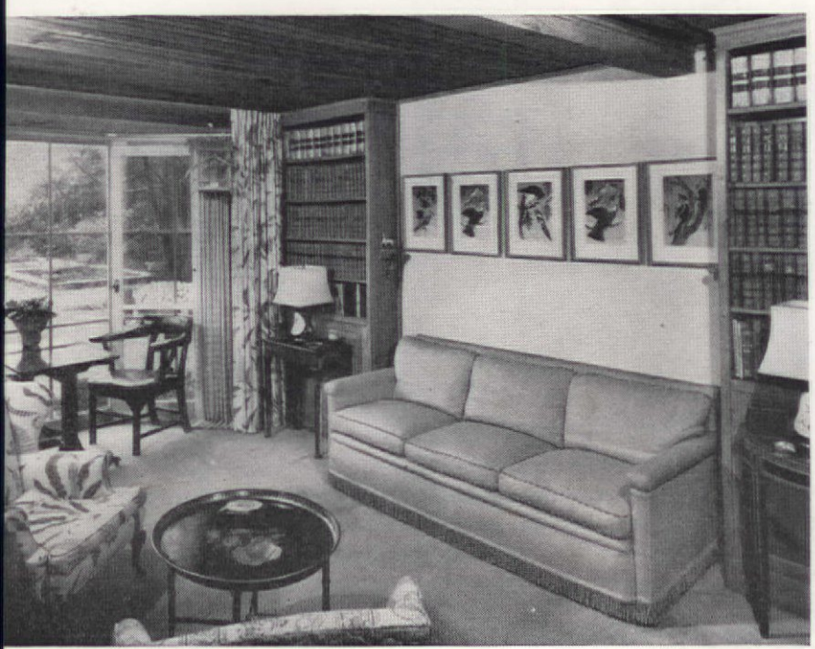
The Old Barn (Begins on page 36)

contemporary—and all mixed pleasantly with Oriental rugs, antiques, old prints, and other accessories which the Bocks have collected over a long period. Another thing, the furniture is arranged in such a way that wherever a group gathers, they can enjoy the outdoor view as well as indoor comfort. Bay windows add so much, decoratively as well as architecturally, making both living room and library more attractive. Floor-length casement curtains and draperies in both rooms are traversed to draw.

The other rooms on the first floor are the entrance hall, a small recreation room, powder room, kitchen, bath, master bedroom, and dressing room. In the master bedroom, shown on page 38, soft aqua walls and a light beige carpet are an excellent background for the multicolored flowered chintz of draperies and headboard. The spread is tailored of antique gold satin. An old horse stall has become a small recreation room, retaining the original feed bin, door, and wood ceiling. Walls are wood-paneled to plate-rail height with upper walls in off-white. And the kitchen is a streamlined modern wonder. Guest rooms, plus baths for the children and grandchildren (they even have a nursery!) take up space on the second floor, where everywhere the same good taste and excellent sense of detail are evident.

The original floors were cement, in various levels, and when Mr. Bock put in new hardwood floors over them enough space was left between the two floors for the ventilating and heating system. The house is air-conditioned throughout, but a porch for summer living and dining was added to one end of the house just in case the owners wanted to take the weather in its original form.

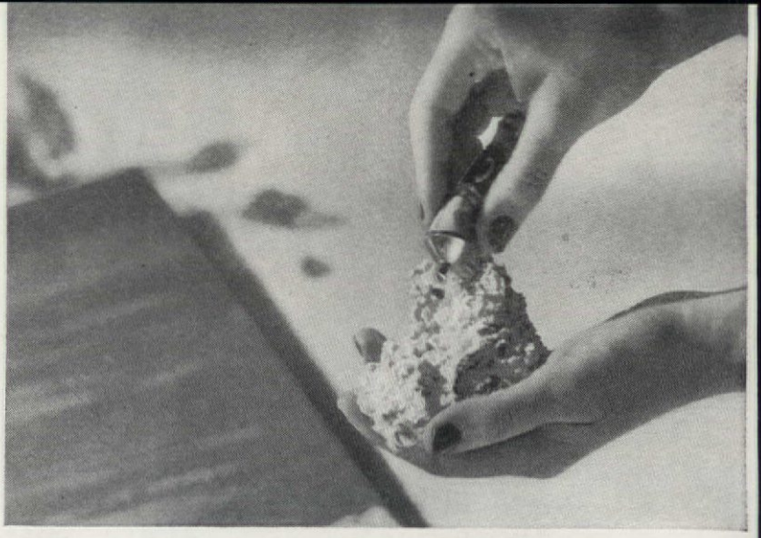
Close enough for commuting to his business in the city, and far enough away to be real country, it's perfect for the kind of life Mr. and Mrs. Bock and the children enjoy. Actually, the two daughters are married, and have their own homes, but they visit their parents constantly, and as far as the elder Bocks are concerned, they wish the girls and their families would just come to stay and forget to go back home. There's an invitation!



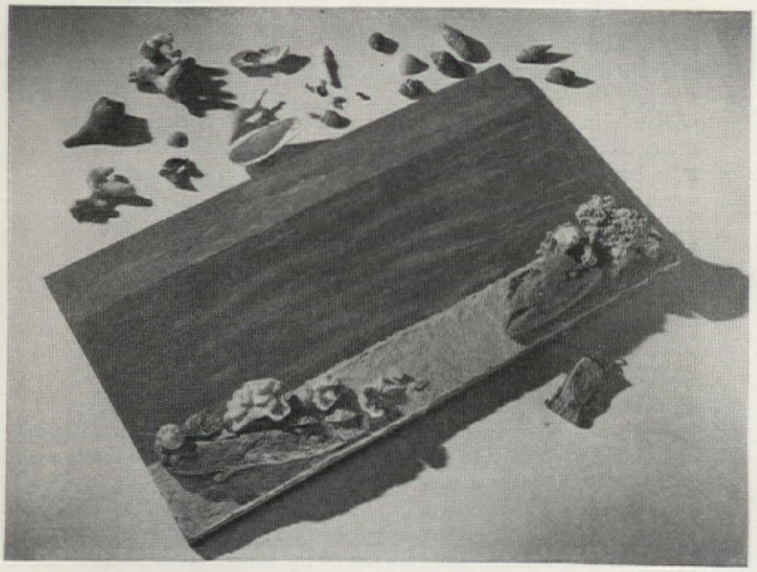
All walls in library are in natural pecky cypress brought from old home, except wall between bookshelves which is painted sea green. Ceiling is original wormy chestnut of old barn. Favorite prints are grouped over sofa

Wood paneled fireplace wall of library, mellow background for antique mirror, sconces, pictures. Beige carpet, draperies, large chair in green leaf print complement gold of sofa. Accents are coral

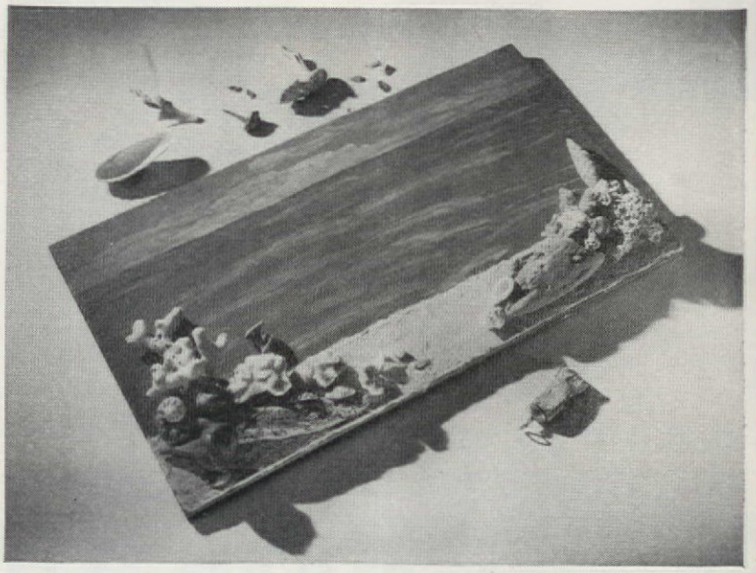
For a seascape use cerulean paint for sky with a little yellow added for sea. White will suggest clouds and waves. For shore, mix casein glue with water; then add fine sand to make a thick mixture



With flat stick plaster sand mixture on board and allow to harden. Smear household cement or casein glue on heavier and more prominent materials; place them firmly in position and permit to dry

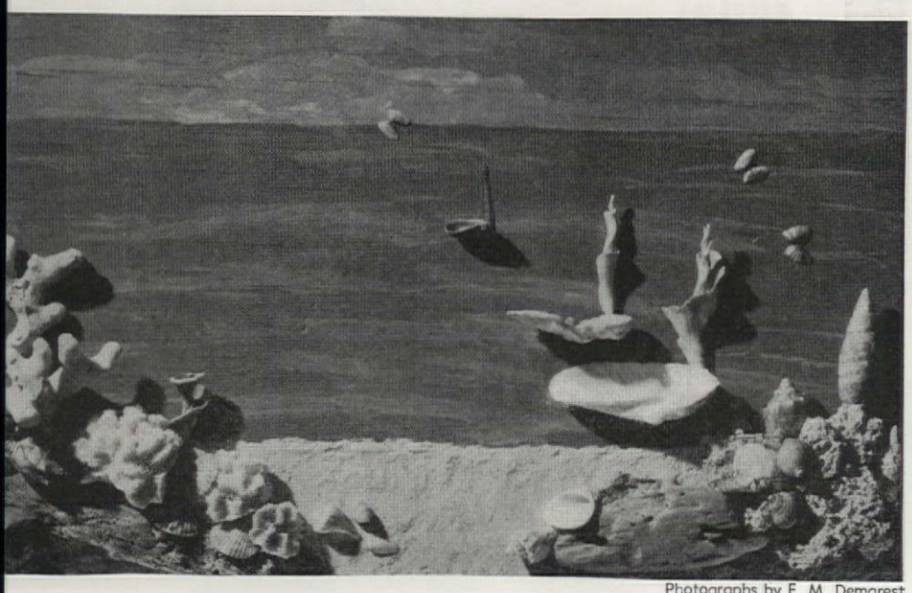


Lacking bits of driftwood you can make any dead wood look as though it had been submerged in salt water by soaking it for a day or so in a strong solution of household bleach and water



Compose the design as you would a painting. With corals, razor clams, pearly snails, pyramids, whelks, conches, driftwood, and barnacle-encrusted cork you'll come up with a scene from a faraway shore

Gather sea



Photographs by F. M. Demarest

You need but to use your imagination to get greater pleasure from shell collecting. This seascape, created by the author, was shown in the Garden Club of America display at this spring's International Flower Show

Photographs by Hugelmeyer

Honorable mention was awarded Mrs. Frank H. Shaffer, Jr. at the 1951 International Flower Show for her bas-relief of some curiously beautiful seaside treasures including seaweed, white coral, sand, and assorted shells

The abalone shell "vase" with "floral" arrangement of blue, pink, and lavender periwinkles, chalky coral, and pearl white sea snails—to list just a few of the materials—was created by Mrs. Charles J. Young

shells while you may

ROSE BATTERHAM

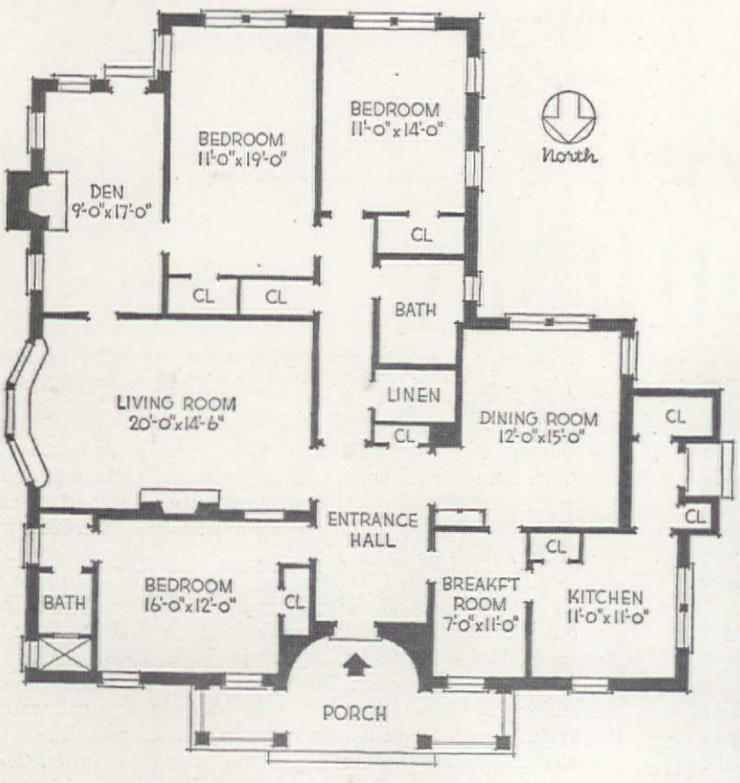
There are few of us who can resist the urge to stoop down to pick up sea shells while we're strolling along the beach. Aside from their unique delicacy and beauty, it is interesting to imagine where they came from. It seems a shame to throw them away, and here on these pages are a few beautiful ways for you to preserve them. They can be used to make bas-reliefs of great variety that will be conversation pieces.

If your home is modern, how about creating a Dali-like scene? Fingers of coral could become part of a miniature petrified forest if you run more toward the ranch-house style of furniture; or razor clams and mussels may be placed to simulate ancient ruins; a group of shells, known as the gastropods, appear to be mosque-like towers; some shells look like boats, some like wind-filled sails.

The mechanics involved in making one of these plaques is simple. Using a piece of paper the size of your board, about 14 x 24 inches, try the materials in different positions until you find the most pleasing "picture." Then paint background with flat paint, the color depending on the nature of the arrangement. A heavy smear of household cement spread on the part of each shell that will come in contact with the wooden background will, when dry, hold it in place. Most shells, even those freshly gathered, will be empty but, if not, the inmate will have to be removed. After immersing the shell in hot water for a while, pull him out with a hairpin. If you can't do it successfully, soak the shell in alcohol for a few days, dry in shade, and contents will disappear, leaving no odor. The epidermis of shells is removed by soaking them in a caustic soda solution (1 lb. to 1 gal. water). Be careful not to let your skin come in contact with it.

Shells are among the most beautiful of nature's gifts. Their source is inexhaustible. For centuries they have inspired interesting hobbies, and now here's another and newer way to display them and give yourself lots of pleasure in the bargain.

Brick Wins



Living room, right and center, has aqua sprigged paper, with pink, red, dark green touches. Camellia-red chintz frames bay window, curtained in fluffy organdy. Furnishings are comfortable 18th Century reproductions

Photographs by Hence Griffith

DECORATOR, ED PIPER OF FRIEND-PIPER STUDIOS

Anyone who has ever tangled with a Dixie Rebel, and come off the worst for it, will tell you that the traditions of the Old South, suh, are not to be taken lightly. Not the least of these is the penchant for the solid brick house, a favorite not only in the state of Louisiana—where this one happens to be located—but throughout the great center span of this land originally known as the Louisiana Purchase.

This fine little red brick home on a residential street in Shreveport has the memory of tradition in its nicely balanced façade—the scaled-down Greek Revival portico, the floor-length windows across the front, the reproduction of Old New Orleans' iron lace that skirts the windows and frames the "gallery." The effect is formal, serene, yet hospitable. It is typical of a kind of building extremely popular in the "Ark-La-Tex" area, and has much more to do with the South than the Southwest, under which latter category this tri-state territory is often mistakenly lumped together.

The plan of this house, which is owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Winkler, is a meandering one. It departs considerably from the usual box-type layout so often found behind such façades—living room to the left, bedrooms to the right, bath and kitchen backed up in the center—and obviously spreads itself to accommodate owners who wanted everything "just so." Although we have no construction figures, it is not a plan that lends itself to pared-down costs—the plumbing, for instance, is spread to two opposite corners of the house, plus a third installation just off center. A more economical layout would have placed kitchen and both baths close together at the core of the house, but it wouldn't be anywhere near as convenient.

Nevertheless, the unorthodox plan has several noteworthy features seldom found in a house of such traditional style, which become better understood when its location and local customs of living are considered. Roughly, the plan can be studied as three areas making up the whole—the family sleeping and living area; the eating, meal-preparation and service area; the living room and adjacent, well-separated guest room.

As to the first: the two family bedrooms and the den are located farthest from the street, facing the rear of the lot, away from automobile traffic noise. In the South, lights burning brightly in the front of the house are an almost unspoken invitation for friends to drop in unannounced on a Sunday evening—or any other evening. These family rooms on the rear may be ablaze with light, yet the front areas can present a dark "not at home" look to the street when desired. There is entrance to the den from the master bedroom, as well as from the living room. The bedrooms are sufficiently removed from the kitchen so that the early-morning clatter of deliveries and

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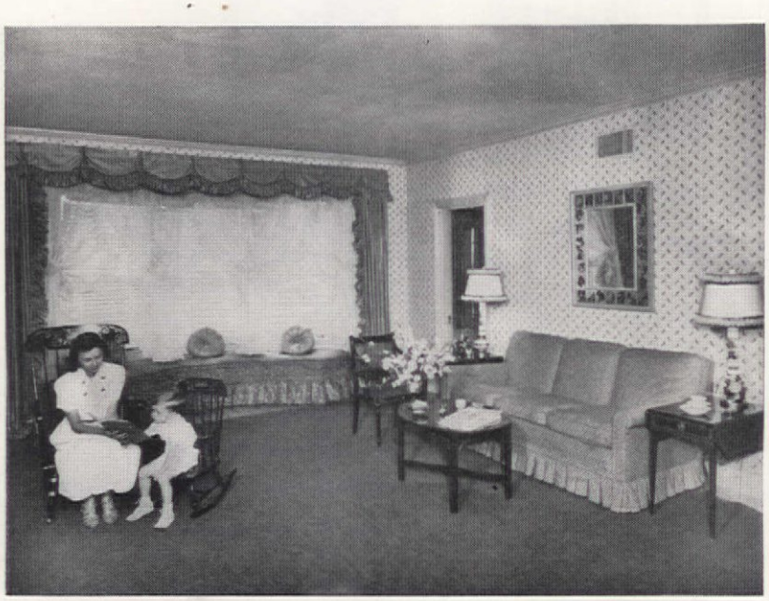
in the Solid South

DOROTHY MONROE

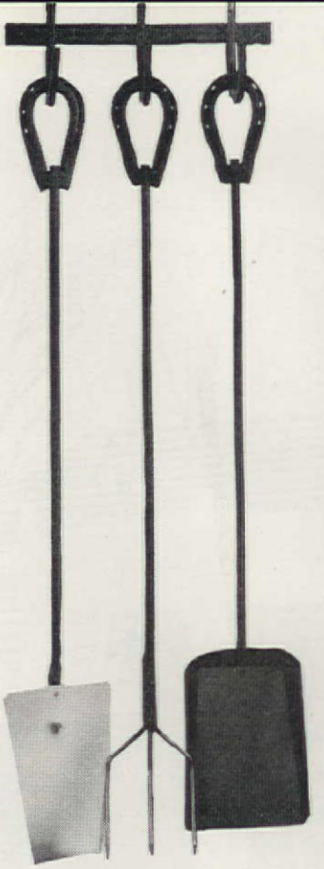


Maple and pine pieces, pine paneling, hit-or-miss patterned rug make the den a comfortable room. Doors open into both living room and master bedroom

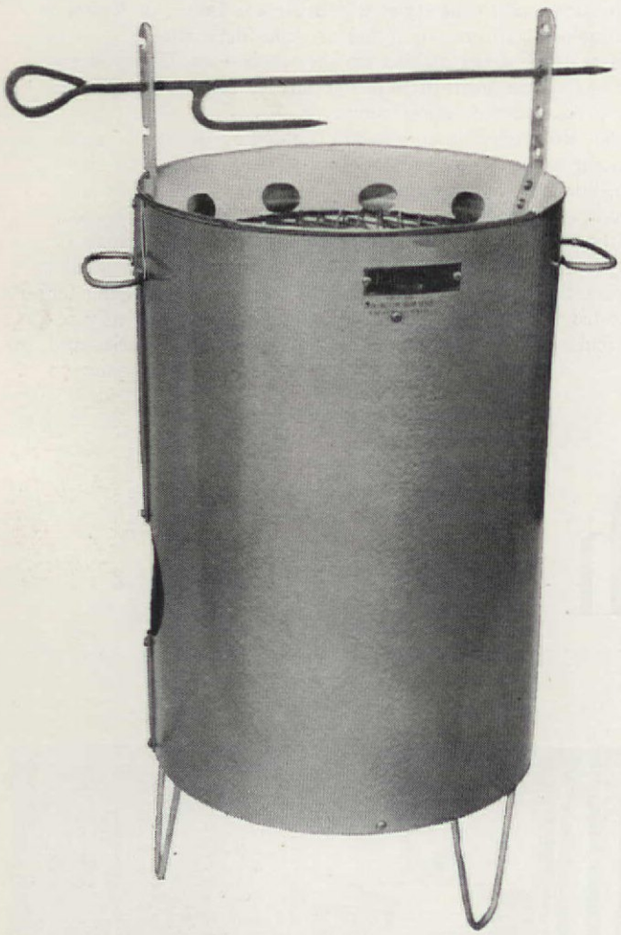
GERTRUDE BROOKS DIXSON

To Summerize

Authentic ranch brands on heavy vitrified china, colored like buckskin and just as tough, make an attractive, handled mug, about $24.00 a dozen. Pots for salt and pepper in saddle-leather colors take to casual living. $2.95 pair. From M. C. Wentz



Three horseshoes set on iron strap 12½ inches long makes bracket to hold horseshoe-topped tools 32 inches long. Spatula and fork tines are stainless steel. From M. C. Wentz, about $15.00 for four



Small barbecue to stand on terrace or to take on summer jaunts. Special cast-iron grate in cone-shaped unit is equipped with asbestos wick to start fire. Has built-in ash receiver. Hand spit only on this size which serves twelve. Huntington Iron Works, about $27.25

Raised back legs and deep grooves in hardwood cutting board guide every drop of juice from steak or roast to removable aluminum drip well. 12 by 19-inch size is about $8.95. From Epicure's Mart

Basket of sturdy Wov-n-Wood with hardwood slat top is 21 by 11 by 10 inches, has plenty of room to pack a family picnic. With forks and spoons only for about $5.00. With six compartmented plastic plates and mugs in assorted colors, about $7.98. From Leipzig & Lippe

Slat top of table is 30 by 60 inches when opened, height 27 inches. Folds to 30 by 30 by 5 inches for easy transportation to picnic spot. Weighs 32 pounds, supports 200. Hardwood with white enamel finish, about $17.50. Frostbrand Furniture Mfg.

Fully insulated carrier keeps food piping hot. Container packed with dry ice turns it into refrigerator. Won't taint food. 4-gallon capacity. By Foster Products, Inc., about $6.95

Pack your lunch and your swim suit in 5-inch-deep storage compartment of 18 by 18-inch folding chair. Strongly made of willow, needs only to be thoroughly dried before storing. Perfect for sunning in your own back yard. Epicure's Mart, around $25.00

20 by 20 by 17-inch portable barbecue weighs about 35 pounds, costs about $39.50 with hand spit. Handwinding roto spit for use at beach, motor-driven one for use on any house current. $25.00 each. Turns to any desired position. Seabreeze Eng. Co.

Heavy Turchin glass block holds candle that will burn safely for 200 hours. Windproof, won't tip, gives ample light. 6-inch clear glass block, candle in 5 colors, about $3.00. Epicure's Mart

A must for the outdoor chef: extension fork, steak sizzler, burger baker, and frank fryer. By Ekco, individually 89¢ to $2.50; complete set of 7 pieces about $10.00. All of stainless steel with burned-trim natural wood handles

They Took to the Woods

In a deeply wooded section off a main highway in Gates Mills, Ohio, stands the Marshall Mott log-cabin home, looking for all the world as if it just grew there. Mostly, it did. All the chestnut and beech logs used in its construction came from the trees felled when the land was cleared. All the stones in the fireplace are river-bottom stones hauled up the hill from the Chagrin River just below. Wrought-iron hardware for the handmade doors was beat out on a little forge still standing near one of the guest cabins. The random-width planks used for flooring are hand-pegged. All of this was the handiwork of George Brown of Gates Mills, Ohio, world-traveler and famous stone mason.

That the Motts shared his feeling for the house is evidenced in the care and attention given to appropriate furnishings and decoration. Though they had literally taken to the woods, they still wanted to be surrounded by comfort and convenience. The beautiful plank flooring in the main part of the living room is covered in a soft turquoise carpeting. Under the skilled guidance of decorator Helene R. Leeper, fabrics and accessories repeat and repeat the turquoise, red, and yellow which is so effective against the warm wood tones. The living-room curtains are turquoise chintz with cherry red ruffles. Yellow cotton crash sprinkled with small red apples covers the circular sofa. Even the ironstone dinnerware is patterned in red, yellow, and turquoise. It's this judicious handling of color through living room, library, and dining room which gives the whole lower floor a feeling of complete integration without even remotely suggesting monotony.

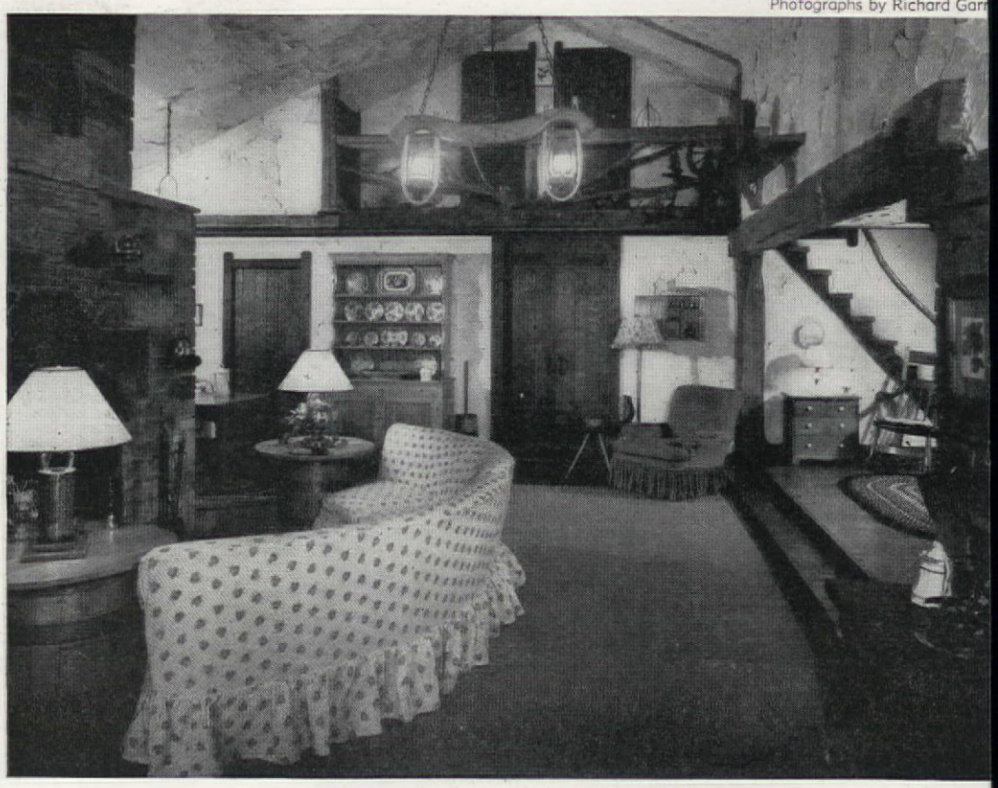
Upstairs there are two bedrooms, both handled with great good taste. Colorful wallpapers, gay chintzes are used with the mellow woods of antique pieces, the subdued tones of old rugs. Two small log cabins with double bunk beds, provide room for guests.

The Motts' future plans include doing over the basement. First, a stairway will be put in from the inside of the first floor. Then they'll install a large "keeping" room where all the cooking and dining will be done, away from the living room and bedrooms upstairs.

It all agrees so well with the Motts that they wonder why they never thought of it before.

Photographs by Richard Garr

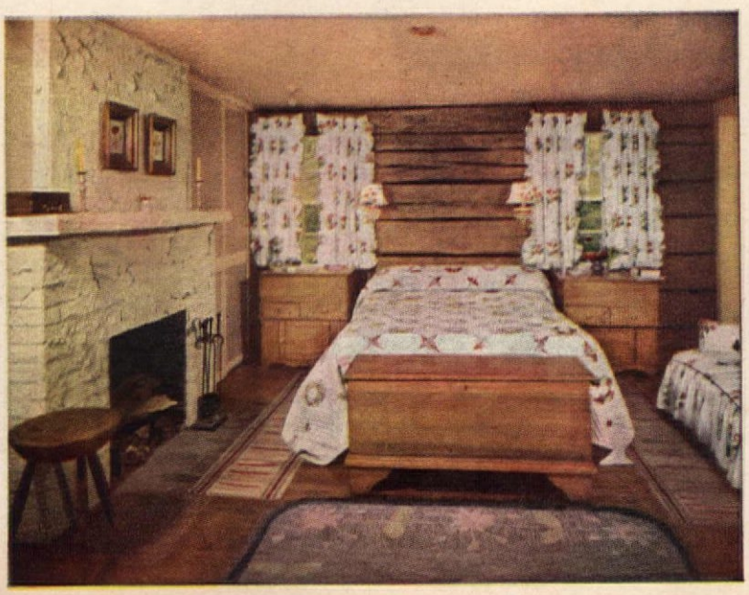
Library was added to old porch about ten years ago. Actually an architectural extension of living room, it repeats decorative treatment



Tables flanking circular sofa in small apple print were made from two old beer kegs. Old red barn lanterns hung on ox yoke and wired by Mr. Mott make striking hanging fixture. Even ironstone collection on Welsh cupboard is patterned in room colors

End of living room is raised two steps. Fine Early American pieces, homey fabrics like checked gingham on love seat, chintz curtains, are perfectly at home against rough-hewn timbers

Favorite gathering place is library. Here apple motif is carried out in slip cover on lounge chair, jugs on window ledge, on lamp shade. Fireplace is of river-bottom stones



Pine blanket chest and unusual small chests afford ample storage space in small bedroom. Handsome patchwork quilt used as spread originally covered a plump feather bed

CHICKEN FRICASSEE, HERB BISCUITS

JEAN AUSTIN

Good Victuals

RASPBERRIES AND CLABBERED CREAM
WITH MRS. MURPHY'S SPICE CAKE

Photographs by F. M. Demarest

MOLDED CHEF'S SALAD

QUICK SPONGE CAKE

MINT SOUFFLÉ WITH MELON BALLS

MARY BICKMORE'S CORNED BEEF

OF COURSE IT'S TOO HOT
to cook—but do your family,
or your week-end guests, know it?
Sure, they spend a lot of time
declaiming it's too hot to eat, but
do they stop eating? Ma'am, there's no
getting around it. Summer or no summer,
people eat and there isn't anything you
or I can do about it. Our only salvation is to
use all the bounty of summer to the best
advantage, time-wise and purse-wise. Fruits,
berries, garden produce, these are our allies in
summer and so good they are, they need precious little fixin'.
When we must slave over the hot range, let's make the end result
well worth it. Shall we put on our aprons and see what's to do about it?
Let's have chicken. Summer's the time to eat our fill of it. It's
plentiful, it's cheaper now, and it's best now. Perhaps giving you
a recipe for chicken fricassee is carrying coals to Newçastle,
but if yours isn't the smooth, golden yellow concoction you remember
as the real old-fashioned country style, here it is. Cooling the
broth over ice cubes, while I bone the bird, is one reason
for the good, greaseless base for that gravy, plus of course
the goodies cooked with the fowl for flavor
that's boiled in. No insipid, tasteless boiled-to-death
chicken should hide under that beautiful

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Good Victuals

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• molded chef's salad

Serves 8–10

1 ear of corn, cooked
1 cup ham, cut fine
3 cups vegetables
(carrots, peas, beans, celery)
½ cup grated cheddar cheese
1 cup tomato juice
3 tbs. ketchup
4 tbs. gelatin
¼ cup water
1 cup hot water (or milk)
¾ cup mayonnaise

Carefully remove corn from cob to keep in one piece and dip into mixture of: 1 tsp. gelatin dissolved in a little water,

added to: 1 cup hot water
1 tsp. vinegar
½ tsp. salt

when cooled, and place in bottom of mold which has been lightly oiled before chilling. Work with mold over bowl of ice. Line with peas and carrots dipped in gelatin. Discard remaining gelatin.

Dissolve 1 tbs. gelatin in ¼ cup tomato juice. Heat ¾ cup tomato juice and add to gelatin. Add 3 tbs. ketchup or chili sauce. Let cool, and pour into mold. Sprinkle with ½ cup grated cheddar cheese. Place in refrigerator.

Dissolve 3 tbs. gelatin in ¼ cup water. Add 1 cup hot water (or milk) and, when partly cool, stir in ¾ cup mayonnaise. Add remaining vegetables and ham and pour into 1½ qt. mold.

Recipe by Vera Bjorck

• quick sponge cake

Serves 10–12

6 eggs
½ cup powdered sugar
½ cup flour
2 tbs. brandy
2 tsp. baking powder

Beat yolks and sugar to a soufflé; add flour, brandy, baking powder. Fold in well-beaten egg whites. Spread on a well-buttered, lined baking sheet 12 x 15. Bake in a 375° F. oven about 5 minutes. Remove from oven and immediately turn out on a towel sprinkled with granulated sugar. Roll with towel and, when cool, unroll, remove towel and spread with boiled custard:

Bring to boil: 1 pt. milk—less 1 tbs.
⅔ cup sugar
¼ tsp. salt

Mix together and add to milk, boil: 4 tbs. cornstarch
4 egg yolks
2 tbs. butter

Add 1 tsp. gelatin soaked in 1 tbs. milk. Let cool. Whip 1 cup cream and add to above. Spread on cake. Roll. Cover top and sides with boiled frosting. Sprinkle with fresh grated coconut.

• mint soufflé with melon balls

Serves 8

1 pkg. lime-flavored gelatin
1 cup hot water
1 cup cold water
Few drops mint extract or oil of peppermint
Watermelon balls
Honeydew balls

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add cold water and a few drops mint extract to flavor delicately. Chill until it begins to thicken, then beat with egg beater until frothy and thick. Pour into a ring mold which has been rinsed in cold water but not dried. Chill until firm. Unmold and fill center or serve with watermelon balls and honeydew balls or unhulled strawberries. Garnish with fresh mint.

Mrs. Bickmore, of Cincinnati, sent this excellent recipe of hers when she submitted her name for the January fish pudding name contest. "Since you are the gal who beguiled Iowa into loving your fish dish, I thought you might call it Siren's Special. Remember, Sirens are very special fish from the deep Deep and have always beguiled the unsuspecting male," wrote she. But to get back to corned beef—she told us how easy it was to do and that fact, plus the very important fact that brisket is a cheaper cut of very good beef, set us off to testing it. It is as easy to do as she said it was and is it ever good! No resemblance to the kind you buy, believe me. And why a summer recipe? Because in most small houses, the only place to cure it is in the basement or the garage. The garage is too cold and the basement too hot in the winter when the boiler's on. Come summer and the basement is exactly right for that crock of beef. See why summer's a dandy time to do it? And if you have a freezer, by all means store some up ahead. I serve it with sour-cream gravy made with the pot liquor it's cooked in, and a big fat dill pickle minced fine in it. Good!

It seems incredible that anything as handsome as the molded chef's salad can taste as good as this does. My friend Vera's inspiration, set off, I'm sure, by the wonderful old china mold I picked up years ago for two bits. It's that funny old yellow color our grandmothers liked so much in molds and bowls. Well, Vera surely did well by it. It's a meal, of course, just as the ordinary chef's salad is—but what a conversation piece it will make at a Sunday luncheon, however you mold it.

Is there a man whose eyes don't light up at the sight of pure white mounds of snowy, freshly grated coconut? Coconuts are stacked sky-high everywhere, all summer long, and cost so little. The filling in our sponge roll is yummy and the sponge cake takes just *exactly five minutes*. That's not long over a hot stove—even in the hot

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gravy. And I do believe my biscuits rate your consideration. The whipped cream is the secret and for heaven's sake don't ask me where I bought the little oval biscuit cutter. I didn't! It's just a used tin can squeezed into this shape, if you must know.

The late Bob Murphy was on our advertising staff and his wife one of the best of cooks. The tomato-soup spice cake is hers and we published it years ago. But for those who don't know it, or for those of you who don't know how wonderful warm, fragrant spice cake can be with raspberries and brown sugar and clabbered cream—here it is. It's one of this family's most favorite desserts. I say "most" because all desserts are favorites and some just have to rate "most." You try it—it's a combination I'm sure you'll like.

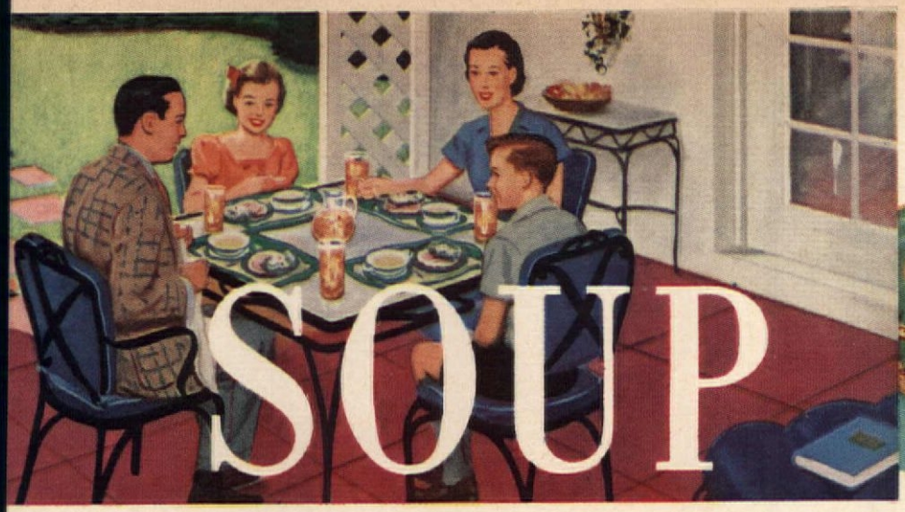
Does corning beef in the summer seem strange?

• Mary Bickmore's corned beef

Buy a piece of brisket, about 5 lbs., and have it boned and trimmed of excess fat. Save bones for soup. Crush a clove of garlic in salt. With the garlic-flavored salt, make a brine strong enough to float a fresh egg (4 quarts water to 2 cups salt) and a quantity to cover the meat. Wash meat, put into a crock with the brine and add:

1 tbs. saltpeter (buy at drug store)
1 tbs. mixed spices
½ cup New Orleans molasses

Allow to stand in a cool place for two weeks. It will mold if not kept cold. Turn occasionally. For succulent corned beef always start in cold water and cook slowly. Save some of the pot liquor in which to warm up the beef or to cook vegetables.



SOUP

TEMPTING TRAY FOR A SUMMER DAY

Out on the porch—some shady spot! Enjoy this grand main dish—cream of celery soup. Crisp garden-cut celery . . . extra-heavy cream. It's always summer-right!

Cream of Celery Soup
Ham and Potato Salad
Iced Tea

is Quick and Satisfying

. . . make it the One Hot Dish of summer lunches and family suppers

BY Anne Marshall

NE MARSHALL
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SO often your own good sense about "feeding" your family well is confirmed by nutrition experts.

Take meals in hottest weather, for stance! The happy answer is to plan em cool, easy and tasty. Quick sand- ches, crisp salads or cold desserts, icy inks . . . and *one hot dish!*

Yes, that one hot dish of summer meals just what food experts suggest. And for e one hot dish, what is more beautifully ited than a bowl of tempting soup?

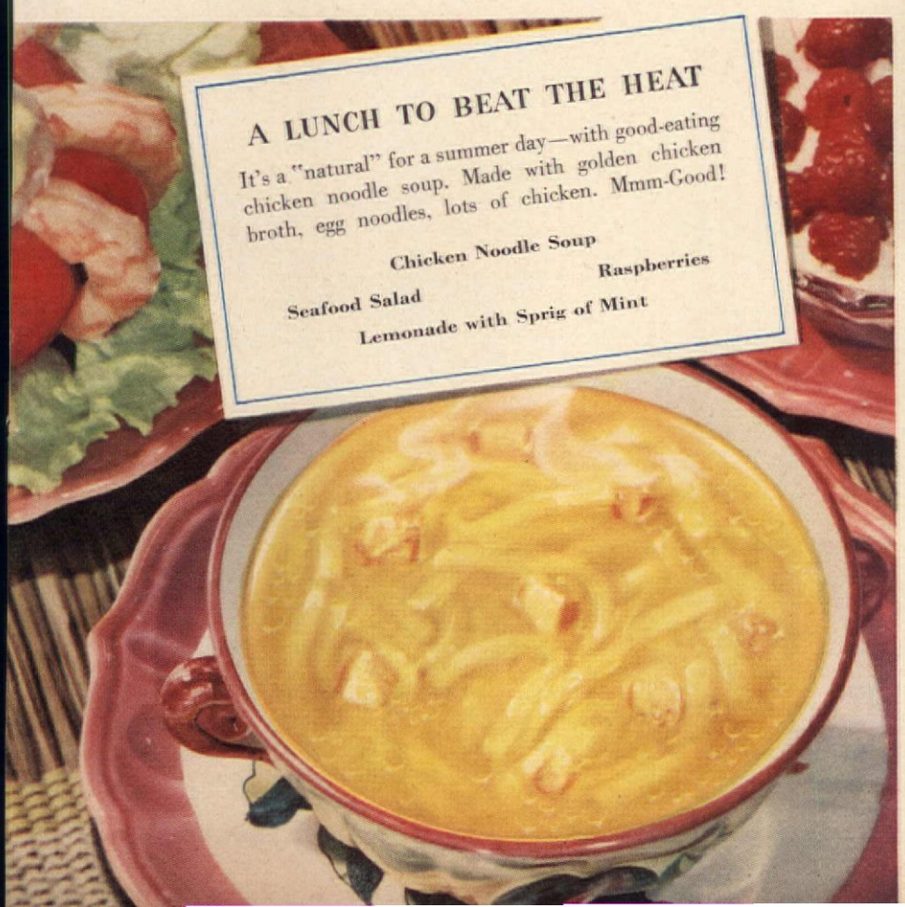
Soup has everything . . . from the nutritionist's point of view as well as from your family's. It's nourishing and delicious . . . gives real lift to lagging appetites. Easy to digest and simple to prepare (4 minutes from opener to table—you and your kitchen stay cool)!

By contrast, soup makes cold dishes taste so much better. And in these days, as always, condensed soup is a good food buy. There's variety to suit everyone's taste . . . if you keep your soup shelf well stocked. So plan summer meals around soup . . . and stay cool doing it!

A LUNCH TO BEAT THE HEAT

It's a "natural" for a summer day—with good-eating chicken noodle soup. Made with golden chicken broth, egg noodles, lots of chicken. Mmm-Good!

Chicken Noodle Soup
Seafood Salad **Raspberries**
Lemonade with Sprig of Mint



HERE'S A SUPPER THEY'LL WELCOME

Folks call it a "square-meal" soup—this vegetable-beef soup. And no wonder! Chock-full of vegetables, barley, tender lean beef in a rich beef stock. *Great* eating!

Vegetable-Beef Soup
Cold Fried Chicken **Tossed Salad**
Watermelon
Iced Coffee

Take a Can of Beans

• tri-color bean salad

YOU'LL NEED:

1 can Boston-style beans
1 can or pkg. wax beans
1 can Frenched green beans
1 can kidney beans (may be added if larger quantity is needed)
Red wine
3–4 slices bacon
1 large onion, garlic
Parsley, celery, bay leaf, thyme

Serves 6

Drain beans and mix lightly. (If frozen beans are used, cook before adding to baked beans.)
Add 2 cups red wine. Bring to a boil; skim off any floating fat or sauce.
Fry bacon in large skillet until crisp. Remove.
Chop and sauté onion in 1–2 tbs. bacon fat. Add beans.
Add 1 clove garlic, crushed, and 1 faggot made of 4 sprigs parsley, 1–2 stalks celery, 1 bay leaf, pinch thyme, all tied in small piece of cheesecloth. Crumble cooked bacon and add.
Cook about 15 minutes and cool in sauce.
Discard faggot. Chill bean mixture.
Arrange in individual servings on lettuce or other greens. Sprinkle with paprika.
Serve with perforated spoon, so there will be no sauce or dressing clinging to salad.

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• spiced bean and frankfurter loaf

YOU'LL NEED:

1 lb. frankfurters
3 cans pork and beans with tomato sauce or red kidney beans
1 box unflavored gelatin
1 #2 can tomato juice
Ketchup
1 egg

Serves 8–10

Dissolve 4 tbs. gelatin in juice drained from beans.
Heat 1⅓ cups tomato juice, pinch of salt, 3 tbs. ketchup, and add to gelatin. Cool.
Cut frankfurters lengthwise, dip into gelatin mixture and place diagonally, cut side down, in bottom and sides of iced mold.
Place slice of hard-cooked egg in each corner.
Set in refrigerator.
Mix 3 cans of beans in remaining gelatin and pour carefully in mold.

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• golden beanpot

YOU'LL NEED:

2 cans pork and beans, Boston style
English mustard
Maple syrup or Black Strap molasses
Onion, green pepper
Bacon
1 package cornbread mix
Sour milk or buttermilk
Baking soda

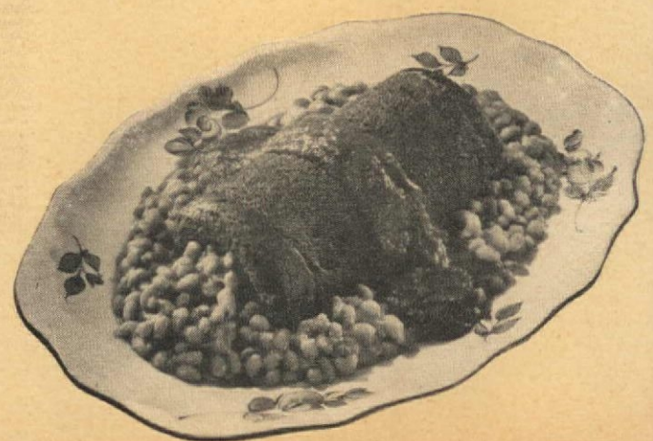
In deep buttered casserole, put pork and beans, a bit of English mustard, ½ cup maple syrup or ⅓ cup Barbados or Black Strap molasses.
Sauté in a little butter 2 tbs. chopped onion and 1 tb. green pepper. Mix with beans.
In same pan, fry enough strip bacon to put over beans. Arrange bacon over top.
Pour over all one package cornbread mix, substituting sour milk or buttermilk and pinch of baking soda for liquid suggested on package.
Bake according to directions on package.

• sweet and sour *Serves 6–8*

YOU'LL NEED: **3 cans kidney beans**
White vinegar
Sugar, flour, salt

Heat kidney beans.
Mix and add to beans:
¾ cup white vinegar, 1 cup sugar
½ cup flour, ½ tsp. salt
Let come to a boil and cook until thickened.
Serve with alternate rounds of brown bread and slices of boiled ham or serve with small hamburgers.

• For variety, hollow out canned brown bread (save centers for future sandwiches). Fill with beans, pour over it chili sauce or ketchup as shown. 2 cans brown bread and 4 cans beans serve 8



GOLDEN BEANPOT

SWEET AND SOUR

SPANISH BEANPOT

TRI-COLOR BEAN SALAD

Photographs F. M. Demarest

SPICED BEAN AND FRANKFURTER LOAF

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ELEANOR LEE JONES

Whole in One

Simple summer suppers cooked all-in-one, in quick time. Here's a plan to ease both you and the budget

These hot summer days may find you on the golf links trying to stack up a few par scores while your supper plans get the brush-off till the last minute! So we present five ideas guaranteed to give you a "whole in one" right in your own kitchen—five easy supper dishes, each one a meal-in-one, each combining meat (or fish, or cheese) and vegetables—to serve your family with minimum preparation and maximum enjoyment. Toss together your favorite green salad and slip a pan of muffins, plain or chock full of plump, fresh berries, into the oven a few minutes before giving the "Soup's On!" call, and what could be simpler? We are great disbelievers in the old saying, "Woman's work is never done"—for we know the secret of successful, but easier meal preparation is choosing recipes which don't require too long in combining or cooking. After all, summer is the time we want to cherish every precious hour to spend in leisure, in enjoying ourselves and our family most. During the cool part of the morning—that's the time to spend a few minutes combining one of these suppers. Your refrigerator will keep the supper at safe temperatures until time to pop it into the oven or into the skillet for the short cooking time required, about thirty minutes in most cases, not long enough to heat the kitchen.

It seems that many of us have only recently discovered the goodness of the Italians' Pizza Pie! In our American version we are attempting in no way to compete with the tradition of Old Italy, but rather we have developed a well-flavored, somewhat lighter dish. In the recipe you'll find a new use for sardines—or, if they're not to your family's liking, try substituting those fat little Vienna sausages which have such a good flavor. Tangy cheese bubbling through fresh tomato layers—all in a rich pastry dough—we present Pizza Pie, American style! Try it for a foreign touch.

Broiling chickens can be given a new "taste turn" with the addition of one cup of sauterne wine and a bit of chopped onion and celery; then fifteen minutes before the chicken simmered in wine is done, tuck lovely, full broccoli florets between broiler pieces. Such an elegant dish—and beautifully served right in the skillet.

An inexpensive shoulder cut of veal is the answer to delicious

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MENU

Potted Chicken,
Broccoli Florets
Lettuce and Grapefruit Sections with French Dressing
Brown 'n Serve Rolls

MENU

Savory Cheese Ring with Buttered Garden Peas
Cucumber and Radish Salad
Hot Biscuits
Fresh Strawberry Preserves

MENU

Veal Wrap-arounds with Green Asparagus
Banana Fingers with Chopped Peanuts
Salt Sticks

MENU

Pizza Pie, American Style
Tossed Green Salad
French Bread with Garlic Butter

MENU

Sunset Loaf
Green Beans, French Style
Blueberry Muffins

Photographs by F. M. Demarest

Cool makin'—Cool eatin'

ICEBOX "COOKED" WITH BAKER'S COCONUT!

Choose a frosty beauty for tonight!

Chilled Orange Chiffon Pie—refreshingly topped with snowy, tender-moist Baker's Coconut. No baking—not even the crust.

Frosty Strawberry Fluff—light and luscious with flavor-fresh coconut.

Ice Cream—so exciting topped with golden-toasted* Baker's Coconut. Or fold 1 cup coconut into 1 quart softened ice cream—and refreeze.

*Toast coconut in shallow pan in moderate oven (350° F.) 5 to 7 minutes. Stir often, to brown evenly.

ORANGE COCONUT CHIFFON PIE

Mix 2 egg yolks, slightly beaten, with ¼ cup milk in saucepan. Add 1 package Jell-O Vanilla Pudding; blend. Stir in 1¼ cups milk gradually. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a boil and thickens. Remove from heat—stir in 3 tablespoons concentrated Birds Eye Orange Juice gradually. Add ½ cup Baker's Coconut.

Beat 2 egg whites until foamy. Add 4 tablespoons of sugar, a tablespoon at a time, and continue beating until mixture will stand in stiff peaks. Fold in hot pudding gradually. Turn into chilled graham cracker crust. Chill pie. Sprinkle with ½ cup coconut.

Graham Cracker Crust. Combine 1¼ cups fine graham cracker crumbs and 2 tablespoons sugar. Add ⅓ cup melted butter—mix well. Press firmly on bottom and sides of 9-inch pie pan. Chill.

STRAWBERRY FLUFF

Dissolve 1 package Strawberry Jell-O and dash of salt in 1 cup hot water. Soften 1 3-ounce package of cream cheese with 2 tablespoons hot Jell-O mixture; blend well. Set aside.

Add 1 cup cold water to remaining Jell-O and chill until slightly thickened. Place Jell-O bowl in another bowl of ice and water and whip with rotary egg beater until fluffy and thick like whipped cream. Fold in cream cheese mixture and ¾ cup of Baker's Coconut. Pile lightly in serving bowl. Chill until firm. Top with 1 cup sliced sweetened strawberries and coconut. Serves 6.

Birds Eye Sliced Strawberries may be substituted for sweetened fresh berries.

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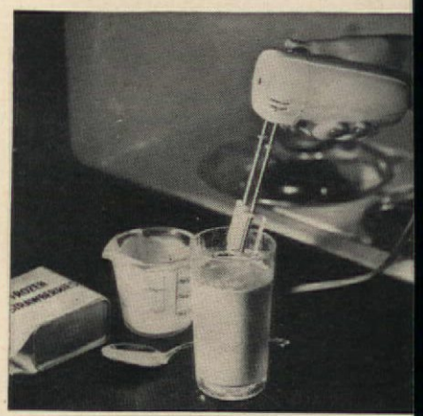

A heavenly pink beverage little eyes will adore! Small mixer combines 2 tbs. crushed, sweetened strawberries with ⅓ cup milk right in the glass! Stir in additional ⅔ cup milk, and top with a generous teaspoonful of strawberry ice cream

Frozen beverages are restored to their fresh goodness when juice is thoroughly aerated. Add the required amount of cold water, and beat until light and frothy. Your small mixer will do the job in a jiffy

Small mixers will do a full-sized job of making mashed potatoes fluffy and light if directions are followed carefully. Large mixers often come off their stand for use as a portable mixer at the range or another favorite mixing center

For an extra breakfast treat, add bits of fried bacon to popover mixture before baking in bacon-greased custard cups or popover pan. Popovers and pancakes are made light as a feather by action of small mixer

ROSALIE THORNE

1 cup of mayonnaise into which ⅓ cup of mint jelly has been added makes a cool, piquant dressing for favorite fruit salads

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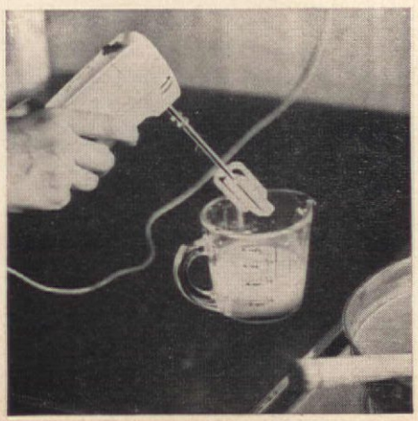
Prepared mixes for homemade ice cream are beaten as smooth as velvet right in the tray. For Fudge Ripple, fold thick chocolate sauce into vanilla and refreeze

More information about these mixers on page 92

For a real delicacy, add a coarsely grated avocado and ¼ tsp. nutmeg to a can of chicken soup. Small mixer performs necessary blending job for soup, whether used as is or as cream base for casseroles



Small mixer placed in measuring cup blends milk or water with flour for thickening sauces and gravies. Lumps in the finished sauce caused by lack of constant stirring are removed as if by magic by a few turns of the mixer's beaters

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BETTY B. MERRIAM, Floral Arrangements
GERTRUDE BRASSARD, Table Setting

With modeling clay, anchor two glass tumblers in position in milk glass container as shown. Clay must be pressed in place and kept dry, otherwise arrangement might topple later. Keep flowers in water before arranging

ADDITIONAL PICTURE STEPS ON PAGE 85

Place and Show

Fruits and flowers combine to make a beautiful table decoration in this month's setting. If you include blue plums, red cherries, and strawberries with lovely red, white, and blue flowers you don't even have to wave the flag to show your patriotism around the Fourth of July.

Because it's a holiday month, you'll probably be having a few small gatherings that won't require elaborate preparation. We thought a dessert setting might be appropriate, something to use for ice cream and cake or a light summer tea. One thing in particular has been stressed—coolness.

Opaque milk glass is used for both the flower container and the plates, with white plastic mats trimmed in royal-blue scallops, and matching royal-blue linen napkins. Since everything is so much in the "royal" vein, we chose the lovely "Castle Rose" Royal Crest Sterling silver pattern. With such a striking combination, the only thing you'll have to worry about is to see that the dessert's color fits into the picture.

As for the floral and fruit arrangements, though it requires but a small amount of preparation we guarantee it will bring you many compliments. Two tumblers and some modeling clay are needed, plus either a milk glass epergne, something like the one shown above, or any pretty white bowl which pleases you. Geraniums, larkspur, and bachelor's buttons form the background, with firecracker-like fuchsia blossoms. There's no gingerbread in this setting—just very good taste.

Information on table appointments on page 92

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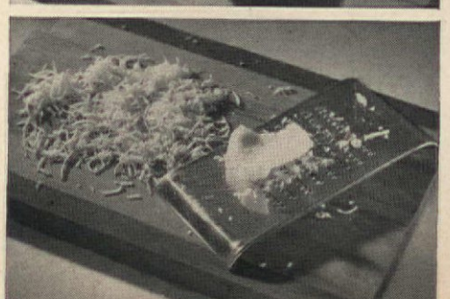
How to Prepare Fresh Coconut

Open two soft eyes in end with ice pick. Drain off liquid

Hammer completely around the coconut (between the two ends) until it splits

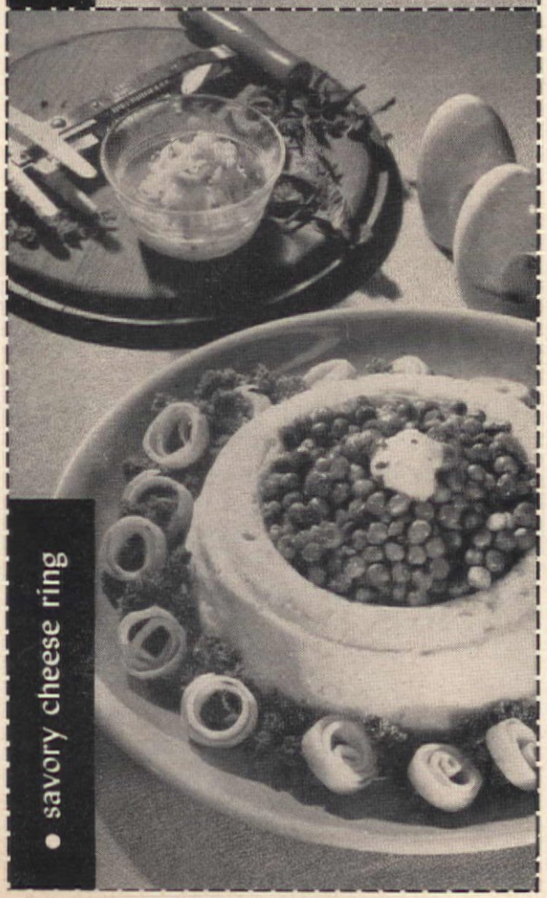
Remove meat from shell with a strong-bladed knife. Peel off brown outer skin



Use hand grater. One large coconut yields 2 cups, grated

Whole in One (Begins on page 54)

• potted chicken, broccoli florets



• savory cheese ring

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Whole in One

• potted chicken, broccoli florets

Preparation time: 50 min.

3 tbs. butter or margarine
2 3-lb. broiling chickens, cut in serving pieces
Salt to taste
1 cup sauterne wine
1 cup chicken broth (made with 2 bouillon cubes)
1 large head broccoli or 2 small, cut into florets
1 small onion, chopped
1 small bay leaf
6 sprigs parsley
4 peppercorns
1 clove garlic

In large skillet, melt butter or margarine until foamy; add chicken. Sprinkle lightly on all sides with salt. Sauté until medium brown. Add wine, broth, and onion. Tie bay leaf, parsley, peppercorns, and garlic in small square of cheesecloth (known as garni) and place in skillet. Cover tightly and simmer 30 minutes. Fifteen minutes before chicken is done, place broccoli florets, stem down, between pieces of chicken and continue cooking until tender. Remove garni.

If desired, lift a few pieces of chicken and broccoli from skillet, then thicken sauce. Season to taste with salt if necessary. Serve in skillet.

Serves 6 ***275 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex***

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• savory cheese ring

Preparation time: 1 hr. 10 min.

1½ cups milk
2½ cups soft, fine bread crumbs, lightly packed
2 cups American cheese, grated
2 tbs. flour
2 tbs. butter, melted
3 eggs, separated
3 eggs, whole
1 tsp. salt
Dash cayenne
½ tsp. dry mustard
1 tsp. onion juice
1½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
2 drops Tabasco sauce
2 lbs. fresh peas

Scald milk. Add bread crumbs and grated cheese. Blend flour with melted butter, and add 3 whole eggs and 3 egg yolks slightly beaten together, reserving the 3 egg whites. Add seasonings, then mix. Combine this mixture with the milk, crumbs, and cheese. Beat egg whites stiff and fold into mixture. Pour into well-buttered 8-inch ring mold that has been dusted with a small amount of dry bread crumbs. Set in pan of hot water and bake at 325° F. for 45 minutes or until mold tests done. Unmold immediately. Heap cooked green peas in center of mold. Place pat of minted butter (chopped, fresh mint added to butter) on top of peas, then garnish outside of ring with carrot curls.

Serves 6 ***475 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex***

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

(Begins on page 54)

bundles of good eating! We suggest parboiling tender, vitamin-rich carrots five to eight minutes first; toothpicks or skewers will hold the veal in place and keep rolls intact during browning and simmering in rich red tomato juice. Asparagus is a wonderful addition and gives a bright green touch this easy supper needs. The flavor of the tomato juice assumes a wonderfully full-bodied goodness and, if you like, may be thickened slightly before serving, then ladled over veal rolls.

We're all too familiar with the average reactions of many hubbies to a cheese soufflé—"Just so much air" is their usual, somewhat belittling quip! Our taste-testers tell us, though, that this Savory Cheese Ring is far removed from that category, for it is more of a firm, fully-flavored cheese pudding with a texture all its own. Baked in a ring mold, this is particularly nice for buffet serving where platter arrangement is one of our first considerations. A word of caution when preparing the mold before filling with batter—use a heavy hand in greasing mold with butter, then dust with finely ground bread crumbs which have been dried practically to a powder.

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• veal wrap-arounds

• pizza pie, American style

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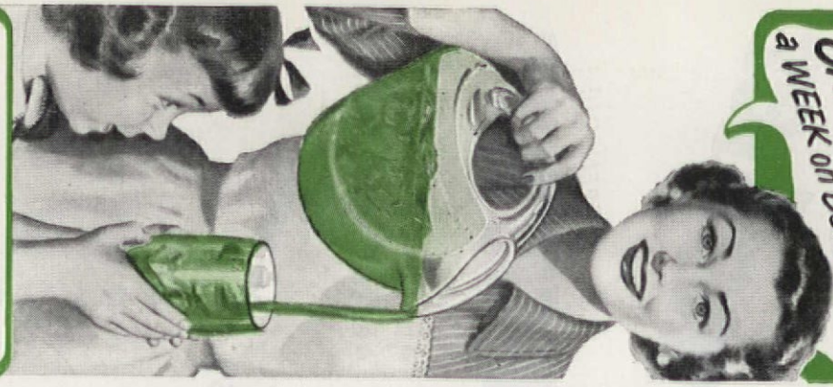

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Whole in One

(Begins on page 54)

ities of fashioning a completely satisfying supper into a mold? We think the colorful luncheon meat and potato salad layer loaf is an honest-to-goodness winner! It's a grand use for potato salad left from last night's picnic; we do like to add a bit of chopped parsley, watercress, or chives to make the salad greener in contrast with the pink of the layers of luncheon meat. And molded around the layers of meat and salad is a gelatined salad dressing which has a dash of vinegar added for flavor contrast. Here's a meal-in-one which can be made even the day before its appearance at the supper table.

It's sometimes rather amazing that in stratospheric temperatures which July brings *anybody* can summon together an enthusiastic appetite—but with the waning of the day's heat and the cool breezes which early evening brings, a table set with just good eye-filling food can do much to restore our inner feelings toward sitting down and really "wading in." Our hard-playing, hard-working families find a platter of cold cuts and a bowl of salad pretty unsatisfactory—and we have a sneaking hunch that if you follow these suggestions for easy summer suppers, you'll score a real "whole in one."

• sunset loaf

12 oz. can luncheon meat
2 cups potato salad
4 tbs. unflavored gelatin
½ cup cold water
4 cups salad dressing
4 tbs. vinegar
¾ cup boiling water
1 carrot, coarsely grated

Use your favorite potato salad recipe; chop ingredients rather fine, using plenty of green pepper, parsley, chives for green color. Cut six slices, about ¼" thick, from widest side of luncheon meat loaf. Make two tiers, alternating meat slices and potato salad, spread about ½" thick; so that each tier contains three meat slices with two layers of potato salad. Place in refrigerator to chill while preparing gelatined salad dressing. Dissolve gelatin in cold water, then add to boiling water. Stir until thoroughly dissolved. Blend dissolved gelatin and vinegar with salad dressing; remove air bubbles with perforated spoon. Use salad oil to grease 9 x 5 x 3" loaf pan. Pour ¼" layer of gelatined salad dressing into pan, place in refrigerator to set. When firm, center the two tiers of meat and potato salad in loaf pan, placing wide ends together. Fill pan with remaining gelatined salad dressing and chill. Unmold, garnish with grated carrot and slices of stuffed olives or round gherkins.

Serves 8–10 ***425 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamin B complex***

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• veal wrap-arounds

Preparation time: 1 hr.

2 large slices veal, cut ¼-inch thick
1 clove garlic, split
Salt and pepper
6 small whole carrots
3 tbs. bacon drippings
1½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 small bay leaf
4 medium stalks celery, finely sliced
½ medium green pepper, chopped
1 small onion, chopped
2 cups tomato juice
2 lbs. asparagus

Have butcher flatten slices as for veal cutlet. Rub on both sides with cut side of garlic. Season with salt and pepper. Cut each slice into 3 pieces. Parboil carrots 5 to 8 minutes. Roll a piece of veal around a carrot; secure with toothpicks or small skewers. Melt drippings and Worcestershire sauce in large skillet, add veal rolls and brown on all sides. Add remaining ingredients except asparagus; cover and bring to boiling point, reduce heat to simmer, and cook 30 minutes. Add asparagus 15 to 25 minutes before end of cooking time, placing stems in sauce. Arrange and serve veal rolls and asparagus on serving platter. If desired, thicken sauce and serve in separate bowl.

Serves 6 ***340 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex, C***

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• pizza pie, American style

Preparation time: 1 hr.

1 package pastry mix
4 large tomatoes
2 cans sardines
2 cups processed cheese, grated
3 tbs. minced parsley
8 large stuffed olives, sliced
3 tbs. minced onion
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
¼ tsp. orégano (optional)
1½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2 tbs. flour

Set oven to 400° F. Prepare pastry according to directions on package. Turn out on floured board and roll to fit an 8-inch or 9-inch pie plate, having it slightly thicker than for a dessert pie shell. Prick shell and bake 10 minutes. Meanwhile, cut two of the tomatoes in ¼-inch-thick slices; cut the other two tomatoes in thin half-slices, reserved for top of pie. Drain sardines and arrange on bottom of pie shell. Add alternate layers of cheese, tomatoes, parsley, olives, onion, Worcestershire sauce, orégano, salt and pepper, ending with cheese, sprinkling each layer *very lightly* with flour. Arrange thin slices tomatoes petal fashion around outside of pie. Reduce oven temperature to 350° F. and bake for 30 minutes. Garnish with sliced olives; serve immediately.

Serves 6 ***370 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins B complex, C***

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• Mrs. Murphy's spice cake

Good Victuals

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• chicken fricassee—herb biscuits

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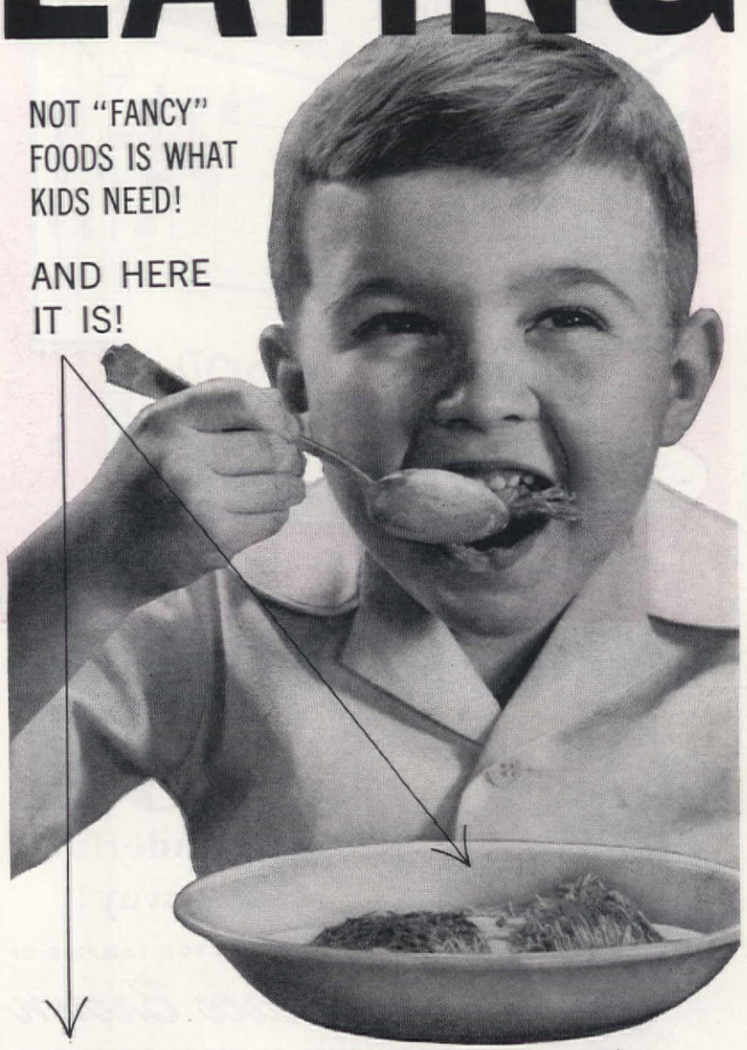

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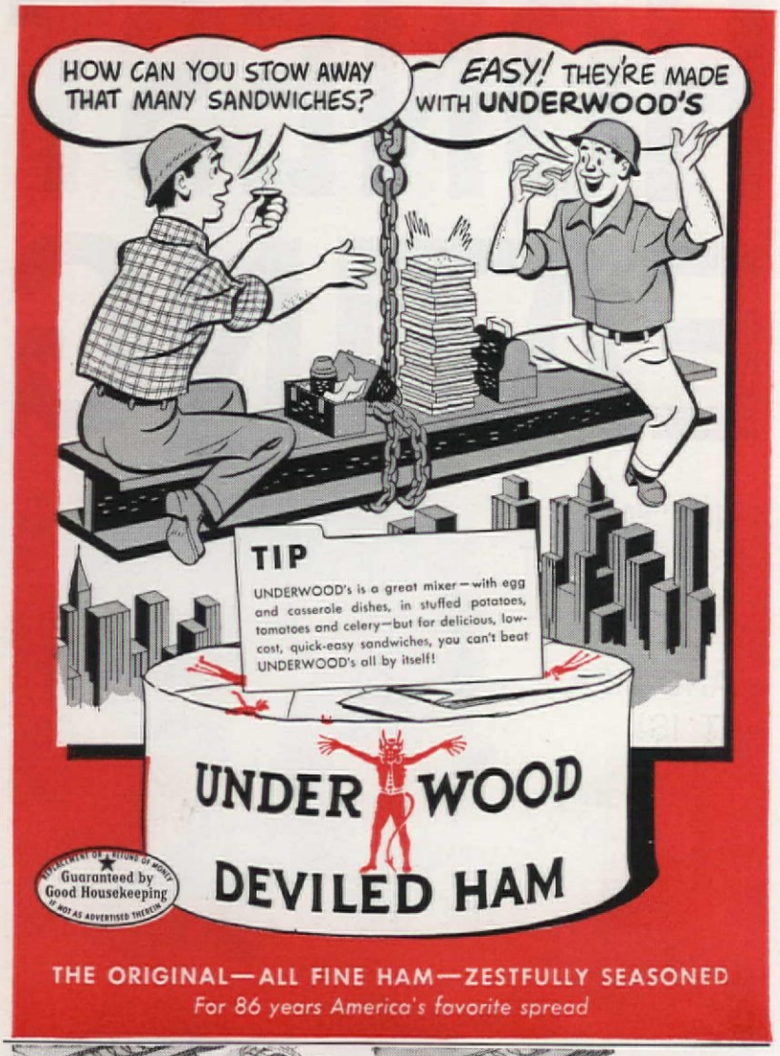

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• Mrs. Murphy's spice cake

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1 cup sugar
1⅛ cup (1 can) condensed tomato soup
2 cups cake flour
½ tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
1½ tsp. cloves
¼ tsp. nutmeg
1 tsp. soda
2 tsp. baking powder
1 cup nut meats, chopped
1 cup raisins, chopped

Cream shortening; add sugar and cream thoroughly. Add tomato soup, blend well. Sift flour, spices, soda, baking powder, and mix thoroughly. Add nut meats with raisins which have been dredged with little of the flour. Turn into two 8-inch layer cake pans and bake 25 minutes in a moderately hot oven (375° F.). Spread sides and top with boiled icing or cream cheese icing. Or bake in a deep loaf pan 35–40 min. at same temperature (375° F.) and serve unfrosted.

Recipe by Jane Murphy

Good Victuals

(Begins on page 48)

• chicken fricassee—herb biscuits

Serves 6–8

Cover and simmer gently until tender cleaned, whole 5–6 lb. fowl in:

2 qts. boiling water
1 carrot
2 med. sliced onions
Several sprigs of parsley
3 stalks of celery (with tops)
1 tsp. ginger
2 tsp. spiced poultry seasoning

Add 2 tsp. salt when half-cooked. (Total cooking time about 2 hrs.) Remove fowl from broth, and set broth aside to cool. Remove skin and bones, and cut chicken in large pieces. Keep hot while making gravy. Strain chicken stock, retaining only the clear, greaseless stock. Reheat stock.

In a large saucepan melt 3 tbs. butter and blend in 4 tbs. flour. Add to hot stock gradually, stirring constantly to keep gravy perfectly smooth. Bring to a boil. Add 2–3 beaten egg yolks. (Do not cook after adding egg yolks.)

Serve with herb biscuits or over boiled rice.

HERB BISCUIT: To biscuit mix add chopped parsley or fresh rosemary. Whip one cup heavy cream and blend in lightly with flour. Add more liquid if needed, but no more cream! Roll on floured board, handle lightly.

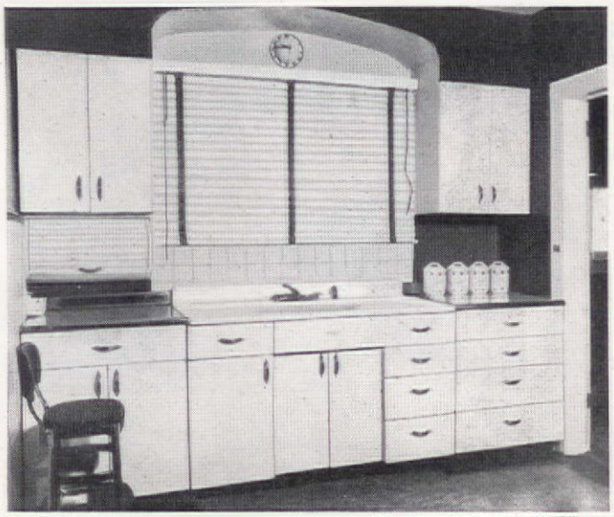
Recipe by Jean Austin

When the Meinens moved into this 15-year-old house three years ago, they were not happy with their "dated" kitchen with half-tile walls, dingy paint above the tile and on the ceiling, wooden cabinets with opaque-glass doors, open sink

Old and New Vintage

This family moved their old equipment to their summer cottage to make way for new sink and cabinets for their year-round home

Youngstown steel cabinets and sink were installed across one complete wall. Rolla-way spice shelf shown above has proved to be one of Grace Meinen's favorites. Easy-to-clean tile was kept, but bright yellow and green paint made kitchen cheerful



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Two Hands are Better Than One

Making both hands work as a team is the secret of good management. Look how easy it is when you know how!

EDITH RAMSAY

The nimble-fingered, quick-witted juggler from circus days has *nothing* to do with the efficient little woman who can turn all of her homemaking routine into a smoother performance by making the best possible use of *two* hands, not one! We present to you a plan which is perhaps lots older than grandmother—for wasn't it here that we first heard the tried-and-true adage: "Use your head to save your heels!" Actually, we show on the right a series of pictures dramatized to bring out the saving on *you* and *your* time if you try using two hands for everyday homemaking jobs; however, we picture these jobs in this way to point out to you as a busy homemaker how good planning can increase your efficiency in getting it over and done with! It's simply amazing the increase in production and decrease in wasted time and energy which efficiency experts have brought to factory assembly lines! Of course, we're certainly not going out on a limb and draw a comparison between home and factory production, but we're certain you will agree that this same efficiency and good management can well become part of many routine jobs in homemaking. All of the marvelous equipment and gadgets we homemakers of the 20th century have at our fingertips make us even more aware of saving ourselves and our time, for life today moves on at a rapid pace!

We've taken efficiency as a keynote in the series of management articles starting with Monday, washday; Tuesday, refrigerator defrost; Wednesday, mid-week cleaning—and have made a game of taking one job at a time and doing it with just *half* as much effort, *half* as much time—and we feel you will find these plans a challenge to you as a homemaking career gal!

1 Inasmuch as housework never did take the place of real exercise why make it more difficult by using extra motions and unnecessary waste of energy

3 Poor planning personified. Dishes are dangerously jumbled under one arm in setting the table. Leaves you helpless to do the job; makes it twice as hard

5 Small wonder that many a homemaker has complained of the time it takes to clean up after mealtimes. Avoid useless handling of dishes while wiping

Leave out any motions you can for a faster, easier job. Place box of groceries within reach on top of counter and use both hands to stack in place in pairs

2 Inconvenient placement of glasses and china out of reach with the use of one hand means you will need to really stretch. Too much wasted effort

Store more frequently used dishes on lower shelves. Cups arranged in twos; file plates conveniently on rubber-covered racks

Everything you need to set the table. China stacked in twos, crystal, napkins on tray. Place knives and spoons with right hand, forks with left simultaneously

4 A good time-waster. Lack of a plan for doing dishes will leave you ruffled in the kitchen for hours, not minutes. China was washed first, then glassware

If you set up your working area and wash crystal first, china, then pots and pans, you will find that the job goes faster

Job goes much faster when using two towels to wipe the dishes. Long, smooth motions—in place of short, jerky ones will do a better and more thorough job

6 Can you imagine washing myriads of kitchen cabinets with the use of one hand? The right arm does all of the work while left arm serves as a prop only

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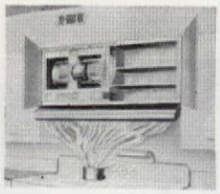

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Good Victuals

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old summertime, is it?

The mint soufflé is so easy, you'll never believe it—but see the recipe. So quick it is, it hardly fills half the recipe card. Not only is it a glamourpuss for looks, it's a fresh, light and lovely ending for a hot night's meal.

Have I tempted you to cook—just a little bit, yes?

Brick Wins

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breakfast preparation can't be heard.

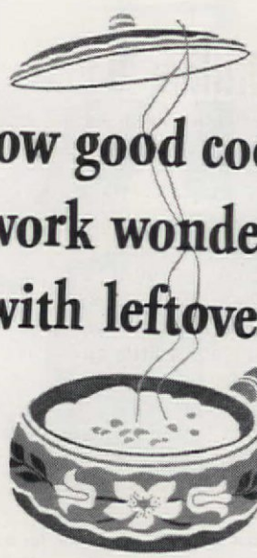
In a land where the hired maid-cook-nurse is still very much the custom this separation of the bedrooms and kitchen-eating areas makes good sense. Another strongly ingrained local building custom is the breakfast room. No "snack bar" in any sense, it is a small separate room which usually sees far more meal settings during a week than the more spacious dining room. This latter room is the Sunday dinner room, the scene of special meals and entertaining. Another departure from local standards, however, is the kitchen placed to the front of the house with its easily accessible delivery entrance just to the side, rather than at the rear, where most back doors land.

The ante-bellum "visit" of kissin'-cousins, other kinfolk, and friends was a fine high time of ceremony and importance in the life of a Southern family. Comparable in some instances to a state visit of considerable duration it makes the Easterner's weekend house party pale into insignificance! The holdover of the tradition, in this case, of the Southerner's regard for guests' comfort and convenience is the guest bedroom on the front of the house, opening directly from the entrance hall (easy homecoming from late parties). It is quite separate from the family quarters, has its own bath and generous closet.

There are nine closets in the house, several of the "walk-in" size, including the king-size linen closet, and a big storage pantry next to the service entrance, which is mighty convenient.

Color schemes and furnishings for the house were planned by Ed Piper of Friend-Piper Studios around a palette of colors taken from camellia blossoms and leaves, Mrs. Winkler's favorite flower. Creamy white, pinks, camellia reds, aqua, and rich green appear through the main rooms.

In all, a house well-suited to its location, climate, the personal life of its owners, and the social mores of an hospitable, warmhearted southern city.



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Million Dollars Worth of Fun

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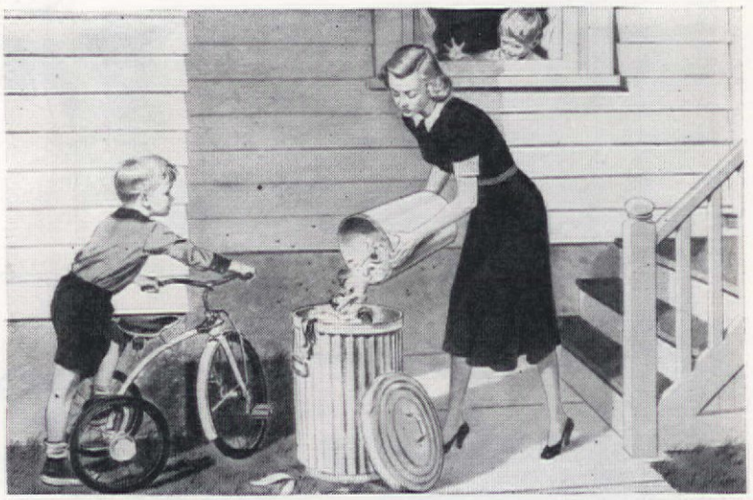
is a big one. Unable to find enough scrap lumber to make a form for the whole pool, she used what she could collect to make one for half of it, poured the concrete, let it set four days, took the form down, rebuilt it to fit the rest of the pool, and poured the concrete there. But before that, a drain for emptying the pool when necessary had to be installed. As the property slopes gently downhill, she dug a little ditch from the lowest corner of the pool excavation toward the center of the yard, laid in it some pieces of salvaged old pipe (taping the joints with bicycle tape), and filled in the trench. She knew the tape would rot away in time, but she didn't mind a little seepage when draining the pool; anyway, she does this gradually to prevent flooding the yard. Illustrating how she kept costs down by using things she had around the place or could get easily, she used for drain stoppers a toy bowling pin at the outlet and a stick wrapped with cloth (in lieu of a big cork) at the pool end. Now we can go back to the actual construction.

In mixing the concrete—which was the hardest part of the job—Mrs. Higgins would put four shovels of gravel, three of sand, and one and a half of cement in her metal wheelbarrow, mix it dry, then wet, pour it between the wooden form and the side of the hole, tamp it well, and smooth off the rim around the top. Batch followed batch until both halves of the pool were finished. Then, with the form finally removed, she painted the inside of the pool with a light green paint that simultaneously colors and seals concrete, and filled in and leveled the soil around it. While the paint was drying, she was as excited and impatient as the children. But at last *the* day came. In half an hour there it was, filled with what the children called "green water," glittery in the sunshine, complete with miniature deck chairs and pint-sized umbrellas, swarming with all the children in the neighborhood. A sure-enough swimming pool—and Mrs. Higgins had done it, by herself, after all!

Take a Can of Beans (Begins on page 52)

• Spanish beanpot

Which way would you rather get rid of garbage?



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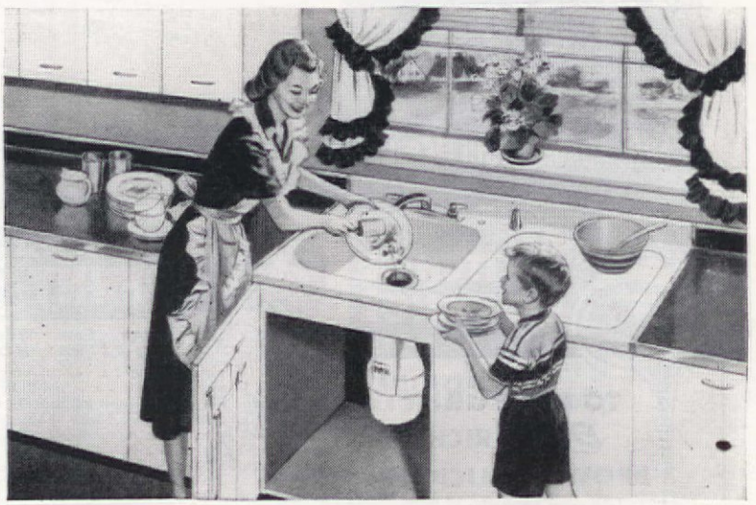

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Fire Won't Take a Holiday

(Begins on page 19)

them trim the grass around the foundation. The barbecue fireplace may need a bit of cleaning, too, and be sure there are no overhanging branches or nearby grass to catch fire.

Fire extinguishers are mighty important in a summer cottage, just as they are at home. Often a small fire can be controlled by having an extinguisher handy while you're waiting for the fire department. If you have an extinguisher at home, bring it along with you. If not, it's a good vacation investment. But they've got to be charged. Not many people know that. At one summer resort my wife and I visited, I tested what appeared to be an efficient-looking extinguisher and found the handle rusted shut. That certainly wouldn't have been much help in an emergency, and it would only have taken a short squirt to see if it needed servicing.

Of course not all extinguishers are checked by a short squirt from a pump handle. Some must be opened for a visual inspection of the contents, and others are checked by weighing. The directions for servicing are normally on the outside of the extinguisher.

Except for electrical or oil stove fires the garden hose is a fire extinguisher that can do yeoman service. Keep it hooked up.

And, of course, don't smoke in bed or let party festivities become an excuse for discarding matches or cigarettes carelessly.

Finally, a word about your place back home. Before you leave, do a little fire prevention work there. You don't want your home in ashes when you come back. Local fire chiefs generally suggest checking for any oily rags or waste and removing them. Turn off the electricity at the main switch, if possible. If current has to be left on for some appliance, then disconnect all others including lamps, radios, and television sets. Finally, arrange for a neighbor or two to keep an eye on the place while you're away.

By all means enjoy your summer and vacation to the utmost, but be careful, and remember . . . fire doesn't take a holiday.

Take a Can of Beans

(Begins on page 52)

• Spanish beanpot

YOU'LL NEED:

2 large cans red kidney beans
4–5 slices bacon and bacon fat
English thyme, rosemary, bay leaves
Garlic
Salt, cayenne pepper
Whole cloves, dry mustard
Cider vinegar, fruit juice
2 medium-sized onions
Coffee, brandy

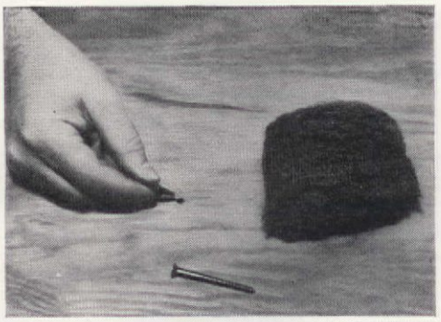
Serves 8–10, as side-dish

Put beans in pottery casserole. Save ½–¾ juice to add later if needed.
Mix 2 tbs. bacon fat, 1 clove garlic, pinch English thyme, pinch rosemary, 2–3 bay leaves, 4 whole cloves, 1 tsp. salt, 2 tsp. dry mustard, 2 tbs. vinegar, ½ cup juice from pickled or canned fruit, not too sweet.
Stir into beans and bake 1 hr. in slow (275° F.) oven. (Can be covered and cooked on top of stove in Dutch oven, or on back of barbecue in heavy pottery casserole.)
Add 4–5 slices half-cooked bacon and 2 medium-sized onions, sliced very thin. Put in or over high heat (oven 400° F.) and bake until bacon is crisp.
Slow simmering won't hurt if meal is to be delayed, but add juice originally saved to prevent drying out.
Add ½ cup *strong* black coffee and 1 jigger brandy. Reheat, and serve piping hot.

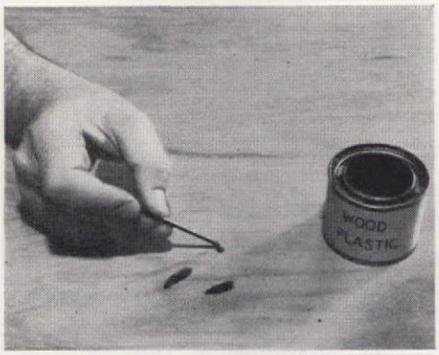
How to Repair Loose Screws

Data and photographs from Walter Ian Fischman

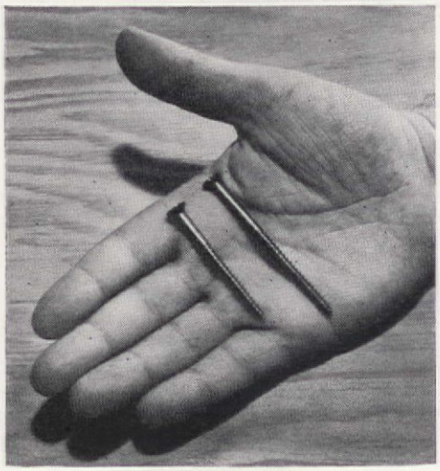
A sure cure for any oversize screw hole is to shave a wooden peg to fit, coat it with glue, drive it into the worn hole, and when the glue has set, saw or chisel off any projection and drive the screw anew



Steel wool worked into small tufts and stuffed in loose screw hole will usually take care of the trouble. When screw is driven in the hole again the steel wool clutches both wood and metal to provide the necessary tight grip once more



Small pellets of wood putty rammed in hole with the head of a finishing nail, and allowed to harden for 24 hours, will hold screw firmly again. This is not as quick a method as the wooden peg or steel wool shown above, but it will work every time



When the wood is thick enough, just use a longer screw. The extra threads and length will bite into fresh wood and hold tight. A thicker screw will work similarly, taking hold in fresh wood on the sides of the old hole that has become oversize and loose

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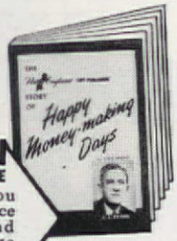

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We Are Homeless

(Begins on page 23)

state agricultural experiment station.

We promptly engaged the services of a yard man. Grover was to become a weighty item in our budget. We soon found the current rate of compensation for horticultural experts of his standing demanded a division of labor. I struggled with leaves and the lawn; Grover ministered to the shrubs and plants. Everybody was very busy.

The nearby seed store counted us among its favorite customers. We were in constant need of insecticides, fertilizer, garden tools, grass food, camellia food, azalea food, and gloves.

With Grover's help, and Nature's indulgence, we managed to maintain the garden in its accustomed state of elegance for two years. Our plants flourished, grass grew in the bare spots, and we even fostered a bank of caladiums. It was a fascinating, wearing, and costly experience.

It never occurred to us to reduce the size of the garden, or to substitute plants that were capable of living an independent existence.

While Felice gradually gave up all her clubs and bridge games to work in the garden, I fretted about the house. Something had to happen.

The responsibility—or novelty—of home ownership weighed heavily on my shoulders. In an inspired moment I bought a book of the "Home Care and Repair Made Easy" variety.

As its jacket promised, this book paid for itself in avoided repair bills almost immediately. Following its directions, I painstakingly replaced a cracked window. Unfortunately this book could not correct my pathetic ineptitute as a home handyman. For me the most casual contact with any hand tool has always resulted in a cut, scrape, burn, or bruise.

The book paid for itself, and gave me a hundred things to worry about. From it I learned of the infinite ailments man's castle is subject to.

Our house was old. I found, or imagined I found, symptoms of every disorder of which I read. Usually the carpenter, plumber, or electrician confirmed my diagnosis. Whether they agreed or not, none of them ever forgot to submit a statement at the end of the month.

Soda, the dog, alone refused to be dominated by our home. She enjoyed herself thoroughly, racing through the plant beds, wallowing in the ivy, digging up iris bulbs. In this latter sport Soda never discriminated between our bulbs and those the neighbors planted. This somewhat retarded our efforts to establish ourselves in the social life of the neighborhood.

Of course we should have had a fence. But, like most desirable afterthoughts, a fence was too expensive. Our lot was one hundred and ten feet wide and a hundred and thirty feet deep. It would have taken quite a

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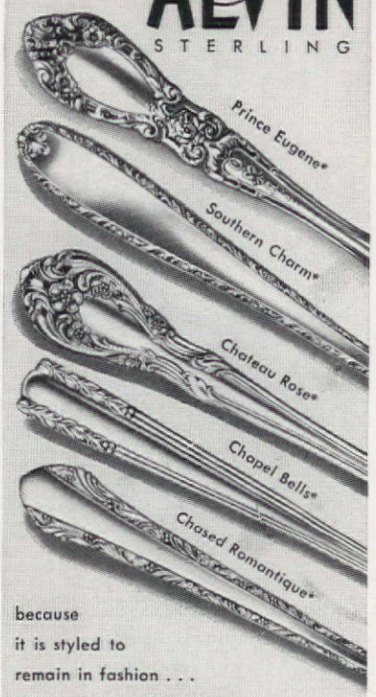

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We Are Homeless

(Begins on page 23)

fence. To our perpetual consternatio Soda roamed the entire block.

One day Soda intruded upon t privacy of a copperhead snake in o of our ivy beds. The immediate res of this episode was a sizable vete nary bill. A more permanent eff was an understandable reluctance our part to continue cleaning the i beds by hand. From then on de leaves and twigs gave the ivy a som what mottled appearance.

For years Felice and I had anti ipated having large informal parti —as soon as we had a home of o own. We visualized throwing open o home to crowds of friends for coc tail parties, dinners, and spur-of-th moment "drop in" affairs.

During our period as homeowne we did have several parties—all them in the yard, for good reason.

The first time friends dropped we discovered the Victorian livi room discouraged gaiety as effective as an open coffin. My den was t small for more than two couple Therefore our parties were held- buffet style—on the patio.

They were successful parties; no of our guests ever knew how an iously we hoped for clear skies.

We would have enjoyed havi parties more often—but naturally w could entertain only in warm weathe

I don't know exactly when we fir thought of selling our home. Mayb it was when we got the bill for th new roof last year. Maybe it wa when we gave up our vacation to sta home and water the lawn during dry spell, which irked us no end.

Probably it just dawned on us gra ually that we had a house that wa too small and a yard that was too bi both of which required an exorbitan amount of our attention.

One afternoon last fall we wer sitting on the front porch, restin The day's work was done; the te races freshly trimmed, the lawnmowe put away for another week, ne hinges installed on the basement doo As I gazed over the lawn somethin floated down through the air an settled on the ground. It was a dea leaf. In a moment two more ha drifted down beside it.

"You know," I said to Felice, "I'v been thinking of calling Ed McNei and telling him to put this place o the market as soon as he can."

She examined a hole in the finge of her work glove. "Yes," she said "so have I." She didn't look up.

Two more dead leaves fell on th lawn. I went inside to the phone.

Yes, we gave up our home, an we're glad we did. We found out w were trying to adapt ourselves to th home we bought, instead of adaptin the home to our needs and nature

We'll have another home some day and we won't repeat that error.

Geraniums (Begins on page 34)

As cuttings take root and begin to grow, lift the young plants carefully from rooting pot and plant in individual pots in loam-sand-compost mixture

in the ground the year around to become tall, sometimes almost woody, permanent features of the home landscape. Versatile and adaptable, they produce plants useful not only in window boxes and hanging baskets, but also as unusual covers for banks and rough ground, and in massed beds and borders. And yet, they require only ordinary conditions and a minimum of care. Indeed, a geranium is one of the easiest to care for of plants. Don't pamper or fuss over it, and it will gratefully give you abundant bloom. In average good soil, you really don't need to fertilize it, nor should you water it too much, for it is actually a plant of semiarid regions. However, if you want to confound your friends and have them say, "Is *that* really a geranium?" a simple way to grow magnificent specimens is to feed them according to the "little and often" system. The first week, water them with a soluble plant food (I like Grow-Chem); about two weeks later, use a slower-acting fertilizer such as Milorganite; still later, change to a quicker worker, like Vigoro. I find it better to use different

Geraniums include such a variety of forms, foliage types, habits, and colors that window effects like this—and many others—can be achieved with this material alone

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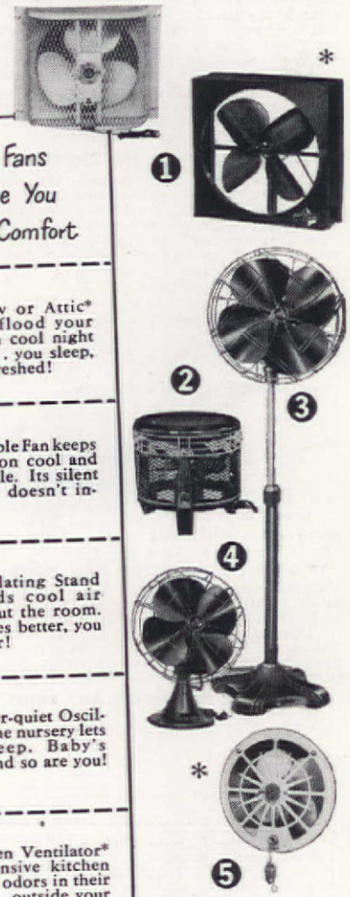

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Geraniums

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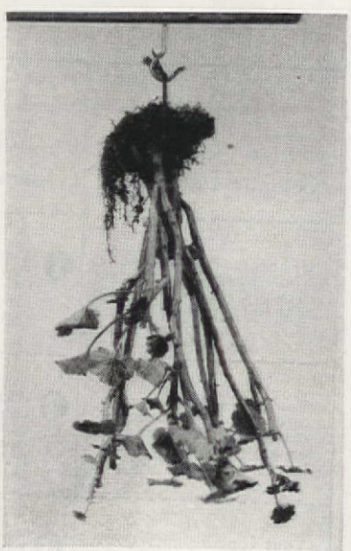
kinds of plant food rather than always the same one; the plants may get some nutrient from one kind that is lacking in the others. As to watering, soak the soil thoroughly when you do it, but let it dry out completely between waterings.

Don't think that just because the plants are not hardy they cannot be carried over from year to year. Just before the first frost, dig them up, leaving a ball of earth around the roots; set them close together in an old apple box or similar container; fill in around them with sand, and put the box in a cool, well-ventilated basement or room that gets plenty of daylight. Examine it occasionally and if the sand gets really dry, moisten it slightly. As you will probably want to trim up many of your plants before putting them away for the winter, this is a good time to take cuttings and increase your stock as described below. Another storage method used by some consists of digging the plants and hanging them upside down in a cellar, frost-free garage, or any cool, not too dry, place.

The propagation of geraniums from cuttings is an intriguing, productive activity, provided you keep just a few simple rules in mind. It can be done at almost any time of



Geraniums can be carried over winter if dug before frost and hung like this in a cool place

year. If you want vigorous young plants in April for setting outdoors, make your cuttings about the end of October; if you want house plants for winter bloom, take them in June. The most important consideration is the condition of the stock or parent plant. It should be healthy, with stocky, short-jointed, non-flowering shoots. Cuttings should be from 2 to 4 inches long. When you have chosen the proper plant and shoots, cut straight across each shoot with a

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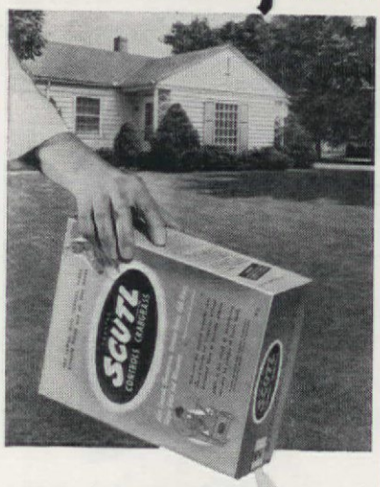

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sharp knife, directly below a joint or node. Trim off the lower leaves but leave some at the top. When the desired number is made, wrap cuttings in newspaper and leave them in a cool, well-ventilated place for about a week or until a callus forms over the cut end; this will help reduce losses from a disease called black-leg.

If you are making a lot of cuttings plant them, when callused, in a seed flat filled to within half an inch of the top with clean No. 2 sand, well soaked and firmed with a brick. Make holes about two inches apart with a pencil or skewer, insert cuttings so the lower two nodes are covered, and pack the sand firmly around them. Keep the flat moderately damp in a room of about 60 degrees temperature. If it can be given mild heat from below (as by being placed on a radiator), rooting will be hastened, but watering will have to be done more often. If, instead of many, you want just a few choice plants, you can root the cuttings in sand in a large clay flowerpot or "bulb pan." Sink a 2-inch pot with its drainage hole closed with a cork or wooden plug in the center of the large pot and insert the cuttings in the sand around it. Keep the little pot full of water and the cuttings will be assured an ample supply of moisture.

Now for some interesting ways in which geraniums can be used. An attractive bedding effect can be made by planting the low bush variety, Pigmy, with tiny, light green leaves and small, double, lively red flowers, around a group of the red Battle of Gettysburg, whose free-flowering habit makes it stand out against a background of the tall, rose-scented Granelous and the lemon balm-scented Melissimum. For brilliant beauty all summer long plant a bed of the orange-red Maxime Kovalesky, with its huge, pansylike blossoms. A beautiful color combination uses the fuchsia-toned Better Times and the delicate, pale pink Enchantress Fiat; for accent and a stunning effect include some Canterbury Blue lobelias. A bed or border planted solidly with velvety textured Lady Washington varieties in tangerine, cerise, apricot, silver-pink, orchid, and rosy red will likely stimulate beholders to imitate it. The white Duchess of Kent and the rose-pink Mackensen bear the largest flowers; Easter Greeting and such varieties as Swabian Maid, Lucy Becker, and Wurttenbergia bloom earliest and last longest.

Selecting kinds for a hanging basket so as to match and contrast details of color, foliage, and size is a fascinating challenge. Make generous use of the trailing ivy geraniums. Try filling one basket with Pink Alliance, whose big double flowers stand

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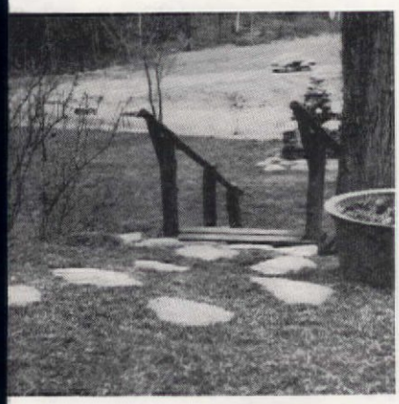
Put Rocks to Work in Your Yard

Use them to transform ugly, bare, sun-baked spots where plants refuse to grow



Where lawn slopes toward steps to a lower level, stepping stones give firmer footing, a better grip than grass. First, gather what you will need—flat ones, of course. Place them; cut around each with a sharp trowel; set rock aside; remove sod and soil to stone's depth; reset, and tamp it firm

At bottom of stairs, traffic kills grass, makes for dust—and mud. So, close to lowest step, sink thick, flat-surfaced rocks with rounded edges, deep enough so they won't shift, all level and one step high. One more at each side adds to security and effect. So will violets planted between stones to spread and reseed at will

Flat stones set in front of and alongside fireplace or barbecue at proper height for convenient cooking operations, are clean, give a firm, dry footing, and lessen danger to grass from flying embers as well as from constant treading. If platform is at all above sod level, be sure that the outer edges of the stones are rounded to prevent stumbling

A familiar corner problem is that between garage front wall and cement entrance apron or ramp. A favorite haven for weeds, it's out of reach of the lawnmower and hand-trimming is a nuisance. Solution? A few stones with their outer edges flush with lawn so mower can be run over them. As the rocks are not walked on, a smooth surface is not essential here

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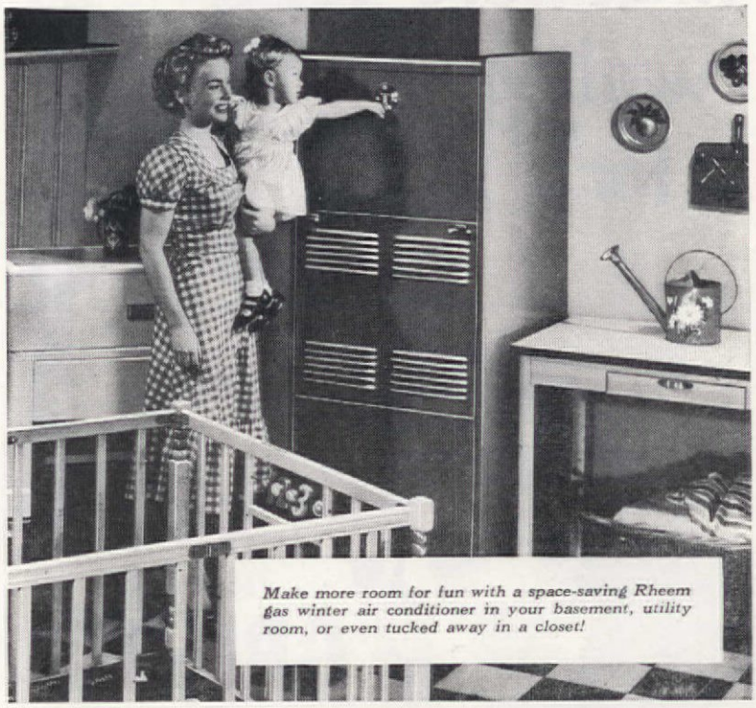

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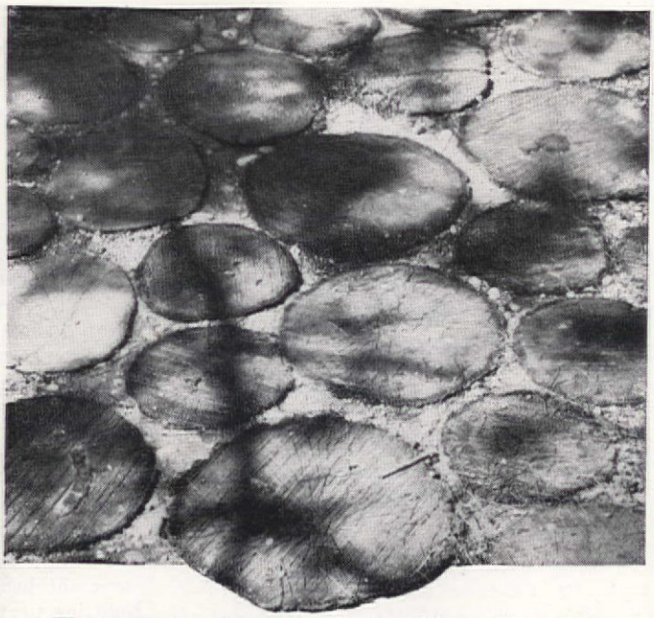
How to Pave with Logs

The problem came from a reader who wrote: "My husband wishes I would stop reading magazines, they get us in such darn trouble. My complaint is that most 'How to do it' articles give no hint of the pitfalls you may land in. Take that terrace, shown in a 'practical' article as made of picturesque redwood slabs. These, we found, were not available here in the Middle West, but cedar seemed a colorful, termite-repellent substitute. I'll skip the difficulties of

1. Adding to completed portion, collaborator Don Lawrence shows first step, viz., excavating deep enough to provide for a drainage layer of 4 to 6 inches of gravel (more in heavy clay or wet soil) below a 2-inch bed of sand and the log sections

Photographs by Wendell Kilmer

3. Set log sections (as uniformly 5 inches thick as possible) on sand; tap to firm setting with mason's hammer. Take pains to mix different size pieces; see that they touch one another so as to give mutual support and prevent rocking and shifting



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2. After gravel is raked level, tamped firm, spread on it at least 2 inches of clean builder's sand. Rake and tamp this level (as Don is doing). At left, Nicholas Gozo is showing, with ruler, depth of sand layer and of 5-inch log surfacing

4. As soon as a few square feet are completed, tamp rounds to a smooth, permanent level. Immediately spread sand on top and sweep it back and forth until it fills all spaces completely. (Sand is better than soil and plants, which promote rotting.)

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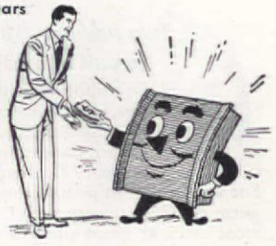
Q. How soon does insulation pay for itself?

☐ 1 to 4 years ☐ Never ☐ About 30 years



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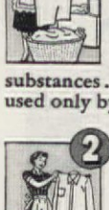

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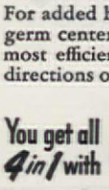

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finding logs and a mill to saw them up (which took us all of two months).

"The articles we had saved said merely, 'put sand under and around the log sections.' This we did, but the slabs proved maddeningly variable in thickness, which meant lame backs and scuffed knees from slithering around to scrape more sand in or out. Finally, all was level, tamped, dampened, and tamped again. But when it dried the sand shifted, and if you stepped on the edge of a slab, the other side rared up and slapped you. Next, at someone's suggestion, we put cement on top of the sand, and then all around the logs, so they couldn't budge. But then came a dry spell and the logs shrank until they began to slip and wiggle in their sockets, so we poured in more cement. This worked beautifully—until more rain came and the logs drank deeply, swelled up, exerted enormous pressure, and cracked the concrete every which way! So we're still looking for that really practical article."

Seeking a solution, we consulted a landscape architect in California, the home of log paving. "Wonderful letter," he replied, "but we concur that such a terrace in the Middle West does not seem feasible. Those people have done more research than anyone I know of! Good surface drainage is the essence of the solution."

Just then we learned that, not far away, at the Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute, students in horticulture had built just such a terrace of oak and locust "rounds" cut from local timber. So we went out, photographed a practical demonstration, and gathered these facts:

Sections about 5 inches thick were used; variety in diameter makes for closer fitting and fewer spaces. Both sand bed (2 inches thick) and freshly laid slabs should be firmly tamped. Above all, *each slab should be in contact with its neighbors.* As they are placed and firmed, sand is spread on top and swept back and forth until all spaces are filled, all the way down. As an experiment, some sections were given different kinds of preservative treatment to prevent or delay rotting; others were not treated. Comparisons are not yet possible.

Will such a terrace survive eastern and northern winters and alternating wet and dry periods? Well, the picture at the top of page 79 shows this particular job after 18 months. It is sound, it has weathered to a pleasant soft tone, and needles that have fallen from a white pine in the corner of the terrace provide an additional touch. So apparently, our worried correspondent in the Middle West, and other readers, hither and yon, can hope for and enjoy log-paved terraces.

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We bought a country place wi redwood log buildings and log-su ported roofs and found many of t overhead beams peppered with hol indicating beetles at work insid Seeking a way to save the logs, secured Farmers' Bulletins 1477 a 1582 from the U. S. Dept. of Ag culture. They told how to spray paint infested wood with ortho chlorobenzene, paradichlorobenzen and pentachlorophenol! And how annoy the beetles by treating it wi linseed oil, submerging it in wat steaming it under pressure, dippi it in a kerosene-creosote mixture.

Unable to dip our house, we tri brushing and spraying the mixture o but it didn't penetrate deep enoug

One day, when I was filling n pressure oil gun to lubricate son shop tools. I squeezed the plunger clear the nozzle and squirted a 10-fo stream of oil. Came an idea. A secon gun was secured (cost about $1.50 filled with a 50–50 kerosene-creoso mixture, and the brass tip was fil to a sharper point. With the gu pressed well in so it would not bac squirt, one application in a hole se the mixture deep into the tunnel sometimes it oozed out adjacent oper ings. With a little practice, it wa easy to quickly treat live (occupied holes over a considerable area.

As far as I know, this simpl method had never been used befor But a word of caution: Wipe off an mixture after each "shot"; creosot even diluted with kerosene, makes brown stain. Don't pull back on th gun when squeezing. Wash materi from skin with soap and water im mediately. Wear old "specs" to pro tect eyes.—LYNDON RIPLEY

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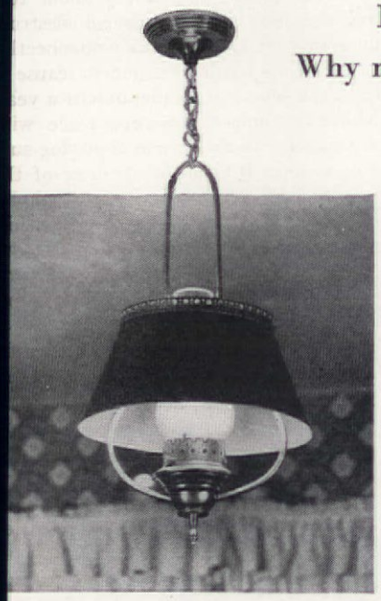
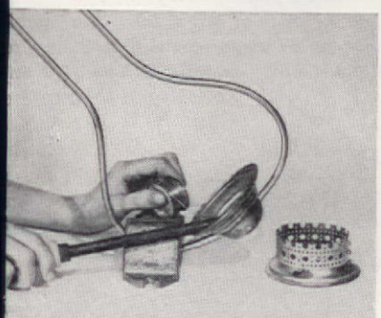
ROBERT WORTHAM



You will need the following materials to make a handsome hanging lamp: Simple tools, strip of ventilating mesh, small hollow rivets, 1 shade, gold paint, 2 small brass bowls, solder, threaded pipe, copper gas-line tubing, lamp chimney, lamp cord, gold cord, and brass finial

Chimney holder and filigree trim around top of lamp is cut from ventilating mesh (available at builder's supply shops). Fasten together with small hollow rivets. If you can't buy mesh make some from tin cans. Drill ⅛-in. and ¼-in. holes to look like mesh; see photograph



Make lamp font of brass bowls. "Banjo" formed from 4 ft. of copper gas-line tubing. Drill holes in bottom of bowl for finial, and in sides for banjo ends. Solder ends to inside of bowl. Solder chimney holder to bottom of second bowl. Drill ¼-in. hole in top of banjo. Insert 2 lengths #14 lamp cord. Assemble 2 bowls with 3-in. piece of threaded pipe. Screw finial to bottom. Cut V-slot in side of upper bowl as shown; insert wires

Use 12-in. shade. Sew filigree trim around top with gold thread. Cut center ring from shade frame, bend ends of wires to fit neck of chimney. Gild filigree trim on shade, chimney holder, and banjo with gold paint to match brass bowls

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JESSIE WALKER

She Gathers Luster

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Mrs. Jill Miller of Winnetka, Illinois, is an eager and discerning collector of lusterware, and has one of the finest collections. Discovered in 1741, this process was used to cover pottery in such a way that it resembled real copper or silver, and was most popular among poorer classes. Manufactured in England in abundance from 1790 to 1810, it has become extremely scarce today even at the source of its manufacture. Here Mrs. Miller examines a large copper luster pitcher with the face of a clock fashioned on its side. It is one of the most unusual pieces she has ever discovered.

One of the most sought-after sets in the Miller collection is this Queen Anne Silver luster tea service. It is like a set which robbers smashed to pieces in the Miller home years ago. They expected to find a solid silver service, and were disappointed when it turned out to be what they thought was worthless pottery. Fortunately, Mrs. Miller was able to buy an identical set from a woman she met years later. The pitcher above, right, is one of her rarest treasures.

Silver luster plates, with goblets shown in two different shapes. These goblets are covered with silver both inside and out, following an early custom. With increasing popularity, only the outside was covered. This particular silver luster was achieved by covering plain pottery with platinum, which accounts for their rare value. After 1838, when electroplating was discovered, less and less handwork was done, and it finally faded out.

Closer view of the copper luster clock pitcher shown with Mrs. Miller. Old jugs may be identified by large lip, which is a main characteristic. The pitcher at far right is copper luster with a band of light tan and gold luster decorations painted on it. Painstakingly done, the result is exquisite. The smaller pitcher is also copper luster, with a light pink band which has been embellished with painted decorations of darker pink and gold.

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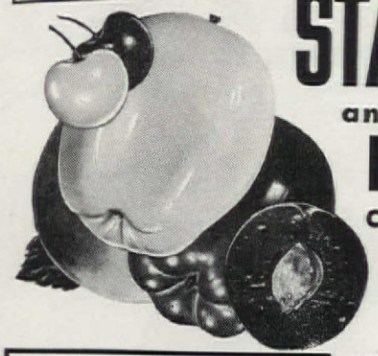

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Geraniums

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out against the lush, glossy emerald foliage; or with Princess Victoria, with its lightly penciled, delicately feathered, rose-pink blossoms, and Duchess, whose blooms are flushed orchid. For a dazzling effect, combine Olympic Red with the leaf colors of Happy Thought and the cascading, ivy-leaf, white variety, Snowdrift. A tub or urn overflowing with the bright red, semidouble Intensity needs nothing more; and for an all-pink basket, use Honeymoon Zonal in the center, Pixie, a dwarf with light salmon-pink flowers, and the trailing rose-pink ivy variety, Charles Turner.

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Urns and tubs give a garden distinction, especially in the city. Put one at either side of your entrance and fill them with white Madonna, for height, then let your imagination run riot as to a color contrast. The fragrant, bushy rose geranium, Pink Abundance, goes well with the intense purple Ivy variety, Joseph Warren, whose busy blooming habit will give pleasure all summer. And don't forget your back door, where tubs of pungently scented lemon verbena and the spicily rose-scented Graveolens will waft a joyful welcome. Here also is a place for pots of the old-fashioned red or double pink kinds so dear to our grandmothers.

A window box can be a thing of beauty, but it should always be of the right dimensions. The length isn't too important but, for convenient handling, shouldn't be more than 3 feet. Six inches is a minimum depth and it should not be less than 12 inches wide. In such a box, geraniums can perform sheer magic. Start with an edging of the soft orchid, double Bridesmaid; its vigorous growths will cascade over the edge and its red leaf veining will blend well with the next row, which could be the dwarf Little Darling with white-centered pink flowers. Jeanne (also known as Sweet William, and Carnation), with odd notched petals, will complete your picture with a glowing pink note. If your box can be viewed from above, a mixed planting of colored leaf varieties would be interesting—Hills of Snow, Flowers of Spring, Bronze Beauty, Gold Leaf, Alpha, Skies of Italy, Mrs. Pollock, and Mrs. Cox, to mention a few of the many good kinds.

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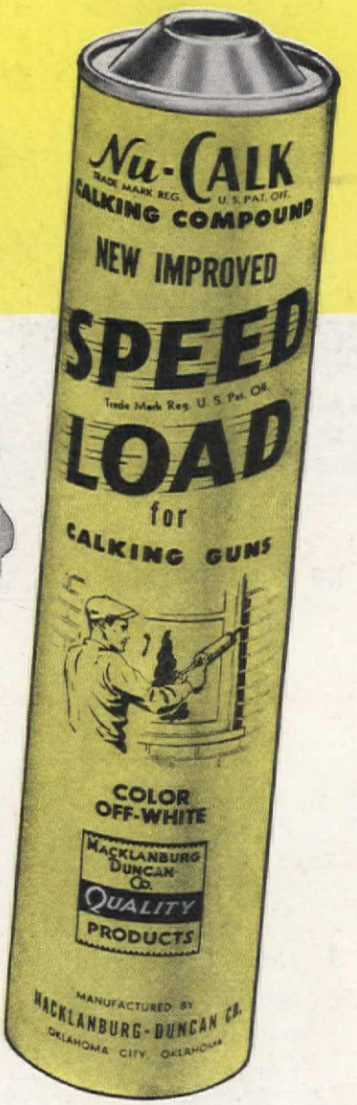

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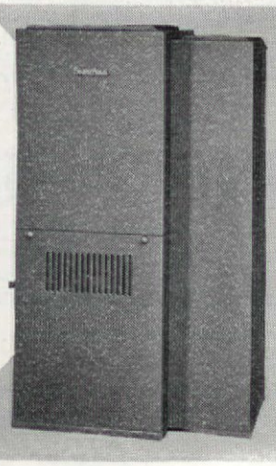

So High for

Grandmother peeks in one door while one of the grandchildren comes through the wall aperture from the room next door. Mrs. Walker is standing on the basement floor, giving an indication of the height where playroom floor starts. Furniture is scaled to small bodies. Dividing wall is of building block, and pipes under house are still left free in case of repairs

Time for tea and crumpets! In this case, it's ice cream and cake, and four little girls are having a fine party. What a wonderful place for a Christmas tree, too. Notice the tiny scale of chairs

Small Fry

Photographs by Photography, Inc.

Here's a wonderful way to put to good use that unexcavated space beneath your house. That's the section which is generally referred to as "crawl space" and ranges anywhere from two feet to six feet, enabling the plumber or carpenter to get under the house when anything goes wrong. Archie Walker of Minneapolis contrived two large playrooms for his grandchildren in this unused space, one for play furniture, the other for velocipede riding. The ceiling height is only five feet six inches, which is just right for children, but keeps the big folks out. A floor was laid, and a square aperture was cut between the rooms.

Mr. Walker, realizing that his dozen or so grandchildren would like nothing better than to be in a place all their own, installed a ladder entrance from the basement, with rungs which will hold a child but are too light for an adult. Mother can watch from outside if she wishes, but that's as far as she can go. As a result, the children enjoy themselves with their toys and riding apparatus all in one place, their parents know just where they are, and sensible use is made of otherwise wasted space.

Perhaps your physical layout isn't exactly like the Walkers', but almost any unexcavated space next to the basement can be put to such use, even if a little extra digging is required. Sure was a bright idea for Mr. Walker!

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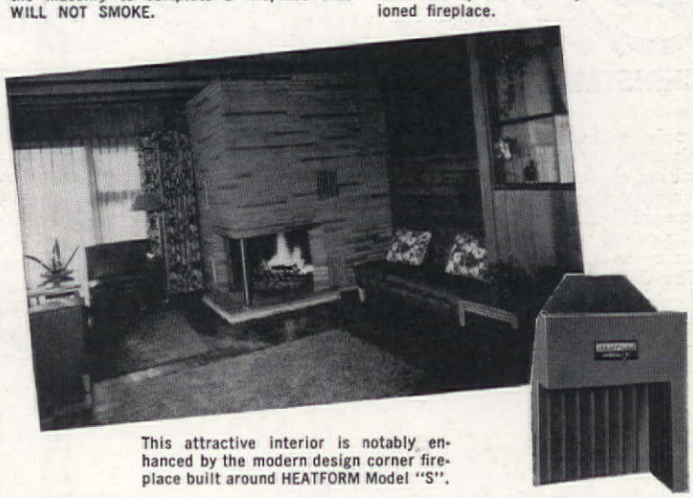

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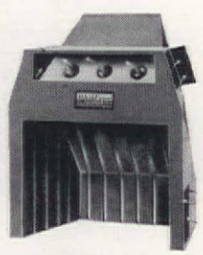

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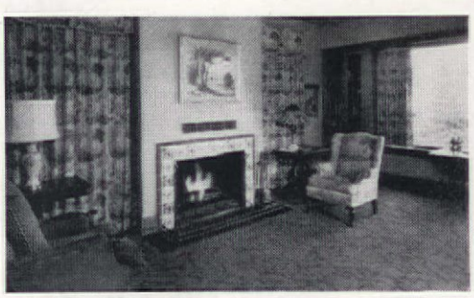

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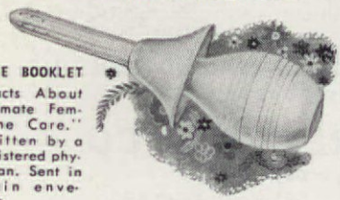

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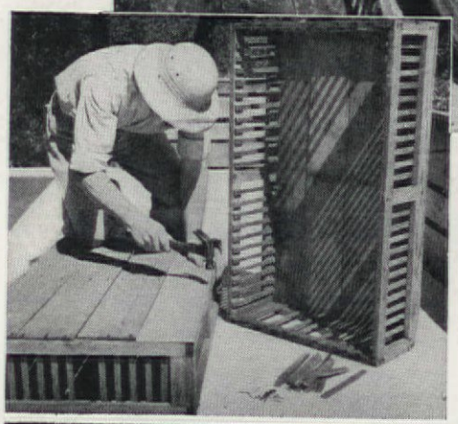

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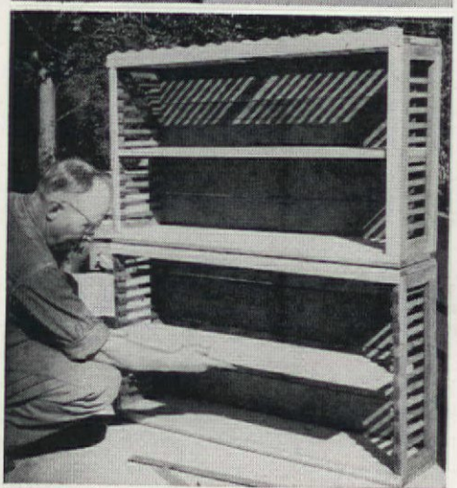

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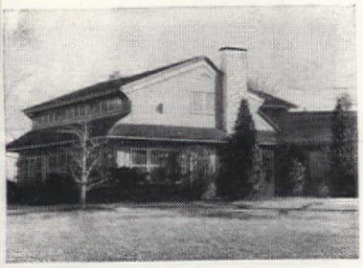

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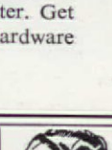

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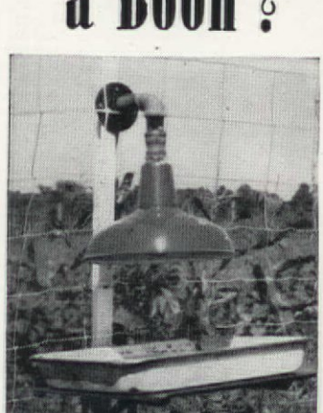

ARLENE HITCHINGS

Here on the fringe of the Ozarks our garden pests are, I suspect, as bad as anywhere else. Fighting them was an unending, tiring job as we went down the list of repellents, poisons, sprays, powders; but still they came, often doing their deadly work before they were discovered.

One day, in *Electricity*, a little magazine for rural users, I saw an article describing bug traps, made of tin cans and screen-wire cones hanging from an outdoor shade. Making them required time (then an almost unknown commodity) so we adapted the idea and made our own in a few minutes. As shown above, we hung a 100-watt blue light bulb under an outdoor reflector shade in the center of our vegetable garden and about 3 ft. from the ground. On a platform 12 or 15 in. below it, we set an old white enameled photographic pan two-thirds full of water with a thin film of kerosene poured on top. When, that night, the light was turned on, the swarms of bugs attracted from all directions were alarming but gratifying. As they swooped in toward the shade, they would dip down into the pan where the oil made a quick and effective kill. (That the inside of the shade was white was, I think, a major factor in the success of the trap.)

The first two nights' catch showed what a horde of night-fliers had been living off our land at our expense. The pan was almost solid full. When our County Agent saw it, his expression of surprise was beyond description. Poking around among the insects, he pointed out the familiar ones, listing their favorite food plants—that we were growing for them!

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Bug Traps a Boon? (Begins on page 90)

sprayed no more that season, and no more of the pests were seen. Our sweet corn ears were perfect, none partially or wholly ruined by the corn earworm. Our squash plants were green, alert, and productive in contrast to the yellow, wilting, non-producers in a neighboring garden. Our cabbages were firm, tender, free from the holes and little green worms that used to come with every head. There were no bugs on the cucumbers, the Mexican bean beetle was non-existent, and the roses needed no spray to rid them of tiny worms that had mutilated the buds the summer before. It was a delight to take skeptical neighbors to our trap, especially after dark when the bugs were being drawn to a quick death. Some farmers opposed the idea, saying the insects are needed for pollination, but the answer to that is: Honeybees are the only true pollinators—and they are not night fliers! So while our neighbors kept spraying and dusting, we went on to other things.

Other results were gratifying, too. During several parties on our lawn, not a guest slapped at a mosquito or complained of a bite. Even in September, after the light was dismantled, guests at a wiener roast remarked about the bug-free air. When the County Agent heard about our wormless corn while others were having trouble, he remarked, "I think you've got something."

Next summer we plan to put our trap higher so as to "pull" the bugs from our field corn plantings. Also we have learned that it is not necessary to burn the light constantly. The first two weeks we left it on all night; then for just a few hours each night; finally, when the "catch" dropped to almost nothing, we used it only on alternate nights. Certainly the trap paid off with a pest-free garden, vegetables of superior quality, less money spent for electricity than we used to spend for dusts and sprays, and, above all, no more of the former back-breaking "bug patrol."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Impressed as we were by Mrs. Hitchings' report, we remembered vigorous arguments we had heard about the value and desirability of light traps, so we sought the opinion of a good friend and a plant protection authority of international standing —Dr. Cynthia Westcott, the "Plant Doctor" of New Jersey. Her comment follows. Now, with both sides of the picture, you can make your own decision, or experiment, regarding "bug traps."

I have been much interested [says Dr. Westcott] in Mrs. Hitchings' account of the pest control obtained through the use of a light trap in her Missouri garden. Light traps had a rather brief vogue here in the East some years ago, but seem to have dropped out of the garden scene. I never operated one myself, being somewhat deterred by vehement remarks on the subject by the late Frank E. Lutz, long Curator of Insects at the American Museum of Natural History. He believed that indiscriminate slaughter of

In a neighboring garden, squash vines were yellow, limp, wilted, and yielded nothing. Our vines, in the bug-trap garden, were green, alert, vigorous, and generously productive

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insects did more harm than good and was "as bad as releasing poison gas in a crowded restaurant to kill a hold-up man." In "A Lot of Insects" (1941), discussing aphid-lions which prey on aphids, he said: "Many people kill hundreds of Chrysopa in those damnable traps that electrocute insects that come to lights. These people, misled into thinking that the traps are efficient mosquito-killers (although practically all of the mosquitolike insects that they see killed are non-biting midges and other harmless or even beneficial things), wonder why they then have epidemics of plant lice. When used near streams or lakes, such traps destroy large quantities of the natural food of fish."

Unquestionably, light traps will kill the night-flying adult stage of some harmful moths and beetles and, if used before eggs are laid for the next generation, should result in some decrease in certain chewing insects. In the East, the Asiatic garden beetle which works at night would probably succumb, but perhaps not the Japanese beetle which is active during the day. Traps do not kill sucking pests, such as scale insects, red spiders and other mites, or aphids, except possibly in the migrant stages; but they *can* kill some of the parasites of these pests, that is, friends of the gardener and farmer. Spraying or dusting also kills many of these beneficial insects. But in general, poisons are more selective than light traps and, by choosing the right chemicals and applying them before many parasites are abroad, one can spray without causing wholesale slaughter.

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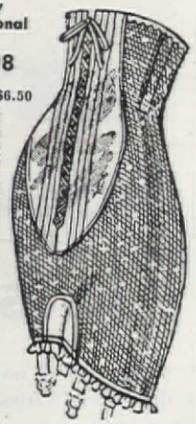

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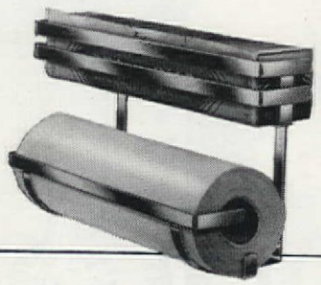

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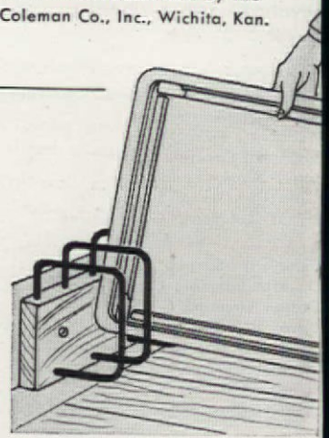

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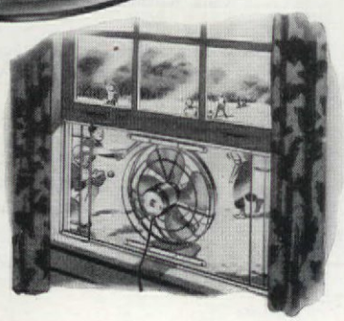

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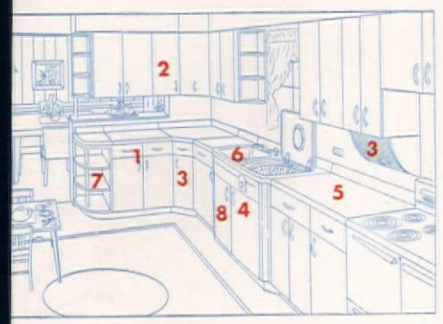

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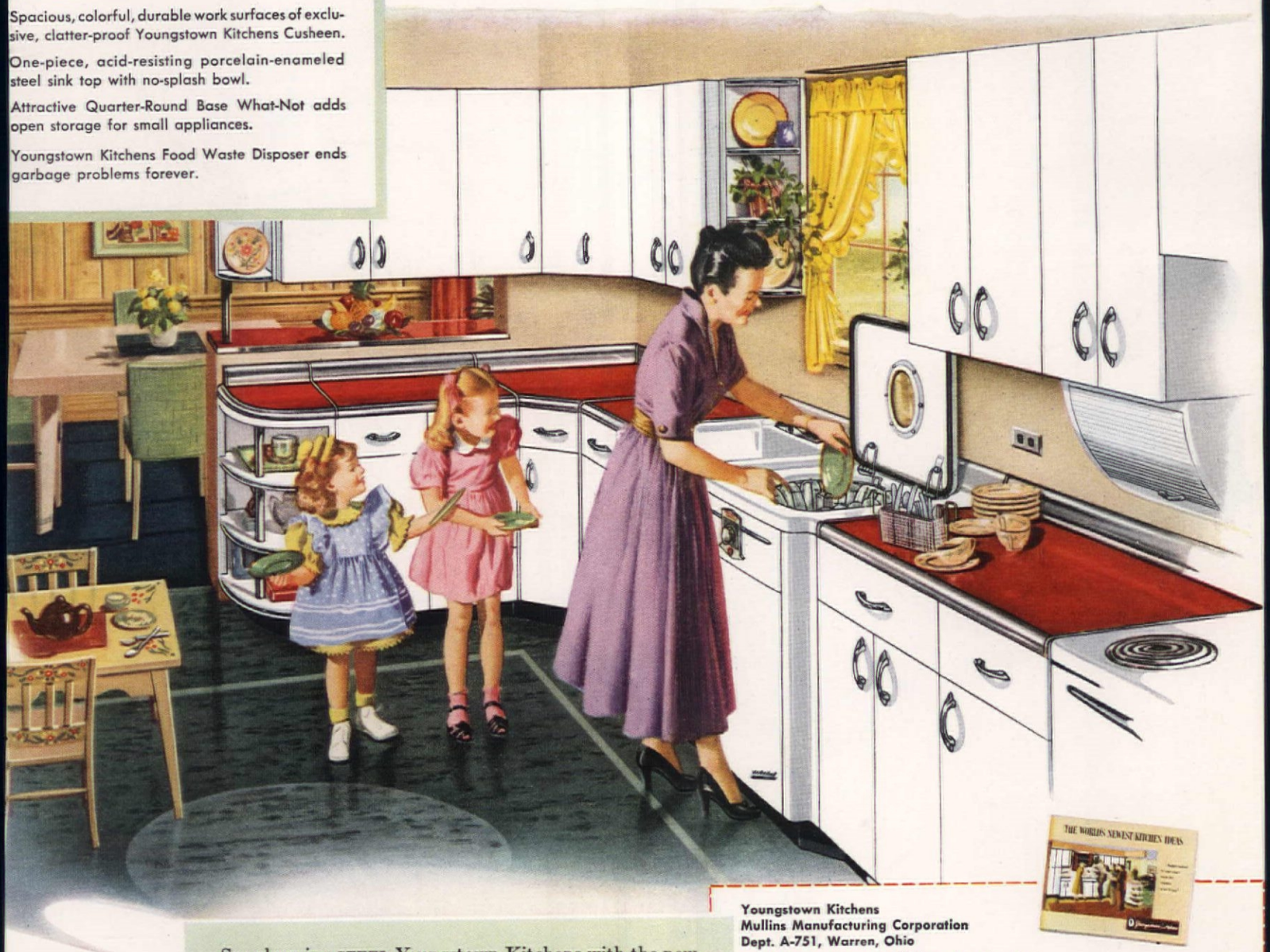

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