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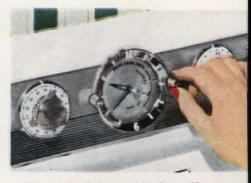
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**DOUBTER** (June 23): "G'wan! Honest—you can afford to use Cannon Percales on every bed? No! Honest?"



**DOTING MAMA** (July 14): "Ha-ha! They do say Cannon Combspun Percales are lighter—easier to wash!"



GO-GETTER (Aug. 4): "What's for today? Golf... tennis...swimming...and of course a shopping trip for my Cannon Combspun Percales!"



DOG LOVER (June 9): "So these are Cannon Combspun\* Percales! Fifi loves her comfort!"



MA-IN-LAW (June 30): "My little boy's wifie is smart! Cannon Combspun Percale is today's best sheet buy!"



**HELPFUL** (July 21): "Pooh—bedmaking's nothing! These are so fine and lightweight!"



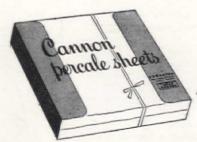
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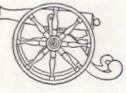
NOSY TYPE (July 7): "Oh, 'scuse! Those sheets are so smooth, I knew they'd be Cannon Combspun Percales!"



**DEMON NEPHEWS** (July 28): "Gosh, our sheets at home aren't this strong!"







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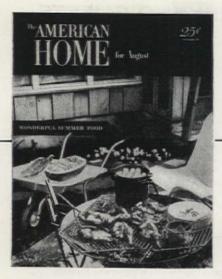
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. . HARRY E. ORMSTON A.I.A. is the architect who designed the Warlow house, page 44. Although this is a simple, conservative style, Mr. Ormston informs us that he is now working entirely on contemporary design. He studied at T-Square Club Atelier in Philadelphia, later took up city planning under Eliel Saarinen at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Michigan.



. . . KAE SALKOW is the skilled decorator who has done such a splendid job on the Rachman home, page 30. She classifies herself as "conservative" rather than "modern" in her work. An eager amateur gardener, an excellent cook, and mother of two children, for fifteen years she has managed to combine successful homemaking and a gratifying career.



. . . PERRY WHEELER, who designed the garden on page 36, was born in Cordele, Ga., graduated in landscape architecture from the State University and the Harvard Graduate School, practiced for three years in Atlanta. and did wartime camouflage planning and cartography. Since 1948, he has been designing city and country gardens in the Washington, D. C. area.



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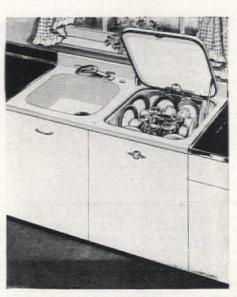
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. . . MARY BICKMORE'S children were almost completely grown when she decided to study journalism. Now she writes short stories, heads a bookreview group, and has also found time to come forth with the clever idea on page 82. Her husband writes: ". . . she's a loving wife, a real mother, and an all-round success so far as I'm concerned!"



... EDWARD H. FELTUS is no amateur when it comes to American antiques. (See page 41.) He is director and curator of the Monmouth County Historical Association in New Jersey, and earlier he worked for Kende Galleries and as a partner in an antique business. In the last war he was shot down on his 10th mission over Germany and became a prisoner of war.



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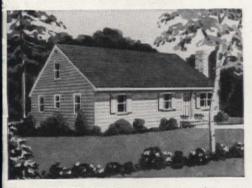
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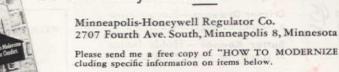
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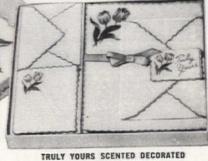
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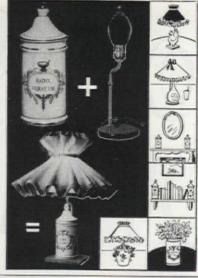
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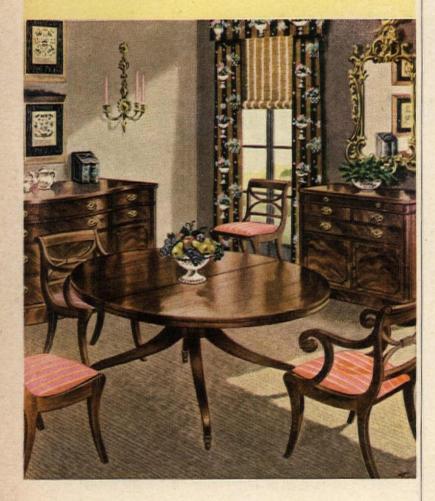
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#### Boston Believes (Begins on page 20)

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Mission Secretary Ida A. Perkins is shown delivering flowers to Mrs. Pauline Atamovitch. She has been bedridden for 24 years on the third floor of a Boston tenement building

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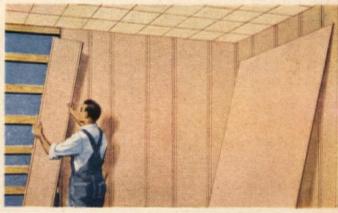
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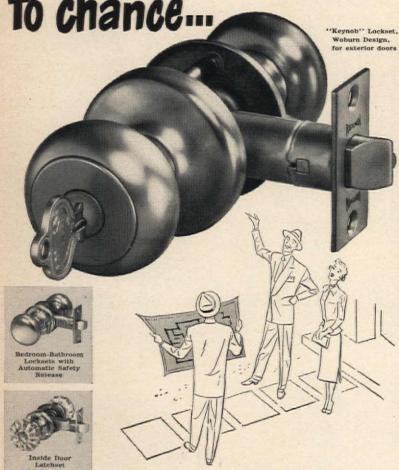
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## Big Story about Little Fish

#### LORRAINE MARSHALL BURGESS

In Colorado Springs, Colorado, the children of the town make the big fish story of the year. On the fourth Saturday in August the Annual Children's Fishing Rodeo is held, and hundreds of kids fish elbow to elbow in beautiful Prospect Lake. It is sponsored by Better Fishing, Inc., a non-profit organization which helps civic leaders to organize fishing programs in their communities.

This hook and line rodeo serves as a climax to a summer training program on the how-to-do's and wherefore's of this universal sport. While this derby has great local import, it is just one center of activity in a nationwide program that encompasses about 500 communities and more than three million children.

In the Pike's Peak region the fishing program is under the joint sponsorship of the Izaak Walton League, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the City Recreation Department, and the State Game and Fish Department. Under the guidance of experts, the children are taught how to care for equipment, how to cast, how to search out a good fishing hole, fly tying, and stream sportsmanship. The sponsors round up prizes and help with details. On the eve before the event the Game Warden stocks the lake with legal-size trout.

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# Is Buying a 25 Year Old House a Good Investment?

ETHEL MeCALL HEAD

It's high time to be honest about the old houses that can be remodeled to become dream palaces or sell for "X" number of dollars. Too much has been written about the glorious fun of remodeling, good friends pitching in of a Sunday to lay a thousand bricks, or modern plumbing installed by an amateur by following directions in a wonderful little booklet that supplies all the answers!

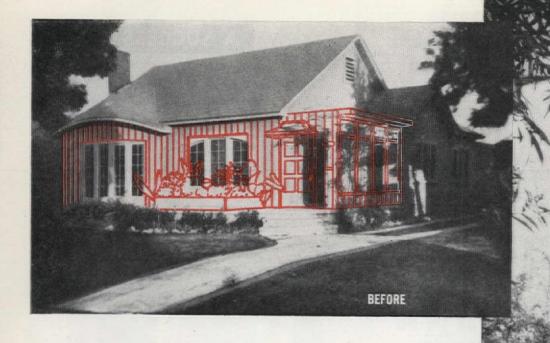
In cold reality, the friends drink four cases of beer, the conversation is wonderful and on Monday morning you are confronted by a lovely big pile of unlaid bricks or the city building inspector comes around to raise Cain about your plumbing layout.

Is it possible to buy an old house and with plenty of careful planning and a minimum of structural changes come up with a house which, despite its age, gives plenty of good living? The answer to that one lies largely in the house you select—and in your own realistic approach to the problems involved.

The 25-year-old house shown above is a case in point. It could be on your street, my street, almost any street in the country. It was solidly built in an era when crafts-

men had pride in their work. Its remodeling possibilities were evident because of fairly simple lines. It was a good buy, at a very reasonable price for the footage because of its age, because it was only a step from a busy boulevard (when the greatest demand for houses is in suburban and de-centralized areas), because adjoining it on the north was a great blank wall of a commercial building, because it was no beauty to the eye as it was.

The owner was smart in realizing at the outset that it was still no little gem that could be remodeled overnight at no real cost into a glamorous dream palace. There are several aspects of this remodeling from which you could learn: the house was lived in for two years before a single board of the exterior was touched—to get the "feel" of the house, to recognize its bad points, to be very sure of just what changes were to be made. Hired labor played an important part in the structural changes—no gang of eager friends turned loose with hammers and nails. An over-all plan was evolved, after 24 months, from which the owner never deviated. This meant that such improvements as were necessary for decent living would be made, but that no



Yes! This 25-year-old house was a good investment, has soundly compounded interest since the remodeling. Owner John R. Carter has achieved more space, more convenience than a new house of comparable cost . . . plus a higher resale value



Photographs by Robert C. Cleveland

AFTER: Line drawings superimposed on "before"
picture show extent of the comparatively simple
changes which made such a difference in appearance
of this house. Porch was enclosed to make new entry,
triple window was replaced with one large fixed
glass area, bowed top was squared off. Front
façade was sheathed with vertical redwood boards

Fence shuts off new back-yard living area from driveway. Rear terrace is paved with red cement squares. Raised plant pockets are made of building blocks. Egg-crate trellis over porch and part of terrace is covered, in summer, with vines



#### ... a Good Investment (Begins on page 27)

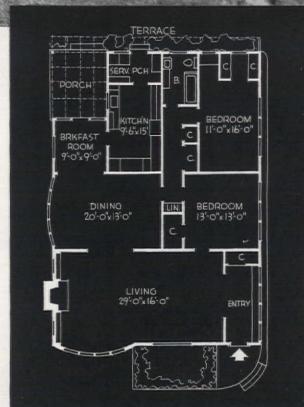
structural changes would be incurred until it was definitely decided what they would be. Midway mind changes can be very expensive!

There were three exterior changes-none requiring the ripping apart of the structure. First structural change was to replace the bank of small-paned windows in the living room with a single large pane of glass. The width of the opening was unchanged, but the "bowed" top was squared off.

Second, the porch at the side of the house was enclosed to provide an entrance foyer with a coat closet for guests and a wall of obscure glass to let light into the house. Sheathed with redwood siding, finished with a smart new front door, it contributes much to the changed appearance of the house.

Third, the front façade of the house was sheathed in vertical redwood siding and a redwood plant box was built on the paved terrace on front. Note that the second large window in the living room was not changed at all; but see how harmoniously it blends with the new look of the house. The only structural change on the interior was the removal of a wall between dining and breakfast room creating a vista from front to back of the house.

Only three structural changes, relatively minor, were made in this 25-yearold house! This all points up sensible over-all planning in an honest, realistic fashion. A 25-year-old house can be definitely a good investment, but its remodeling must be undertaken with judgment and no illusions!



KAE SALKOW, INTERIOR DECORATOR



Photographs by George de Gennaro

## Comfort Put Ahead of Everything!

Family living room is just that-comfortable, mobile, free of clutter



MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

Adelightful sort of lazy peace seems to permeate the Alvin Rachman home—a lazy peace, unrelated to idleness. It is a busy household, but remembering today's pressure and nervous strain, let's say that Mrs. Salkow, the decorator, has at least made more comfortable surroundings to be nervous in! And why isn't that good logic? The insistent gallop of daily schedules, social and business appointments, and traffic is lacerating to the nervous system. Why not put comfort ahead of everything else in our leisure hours at home?

There's been a cold war going on for a long time between formal and informal living. We've been advised to make things cardinally simple in every way, all too often the inference being that it can be done only in a modern house. Now, Mrs. Salkow, who is not often caught rummaging in mothballs, is good at such things. Casualness is deftly spun out, never sags.

The entire house suggests surrender to comfort, but you could never label it with the stale-tasting misnomer "homey." The house is personal, based on observations she has made en route to knowing the family. The living room is a good example! They like television. Their friends enjoy it too, and come often. To meet this social exigency she has planned a mobile room. Furniture goes around every which way. It looks well however or wherever the pull-up accessories are moved.

Mrs. Rachman believes that everyone, in spite of you, collects in the kitchen, has put most of their living footage into a large living room, a large kitchen. They live within these two precincts. Baby's playpen is kept set up in kitchen, children eat there, use it as a playroom on rainy days. Instead of an outdoor barbecue, it's built into the kitchen wall. When guests come they help cook and, if they elect, eat in the kitchen bay.

The furniture, all through the house, is Avery Rennick replicas which is just another way of saying that the Rachman grandchildren will inherit a house full of heirlooms. Mr. Rennick's designs, distilled out of an enormous mash of source material, are the work of a man with a mystic's depth of feeling and a blistering irreverence of anything mediocre.

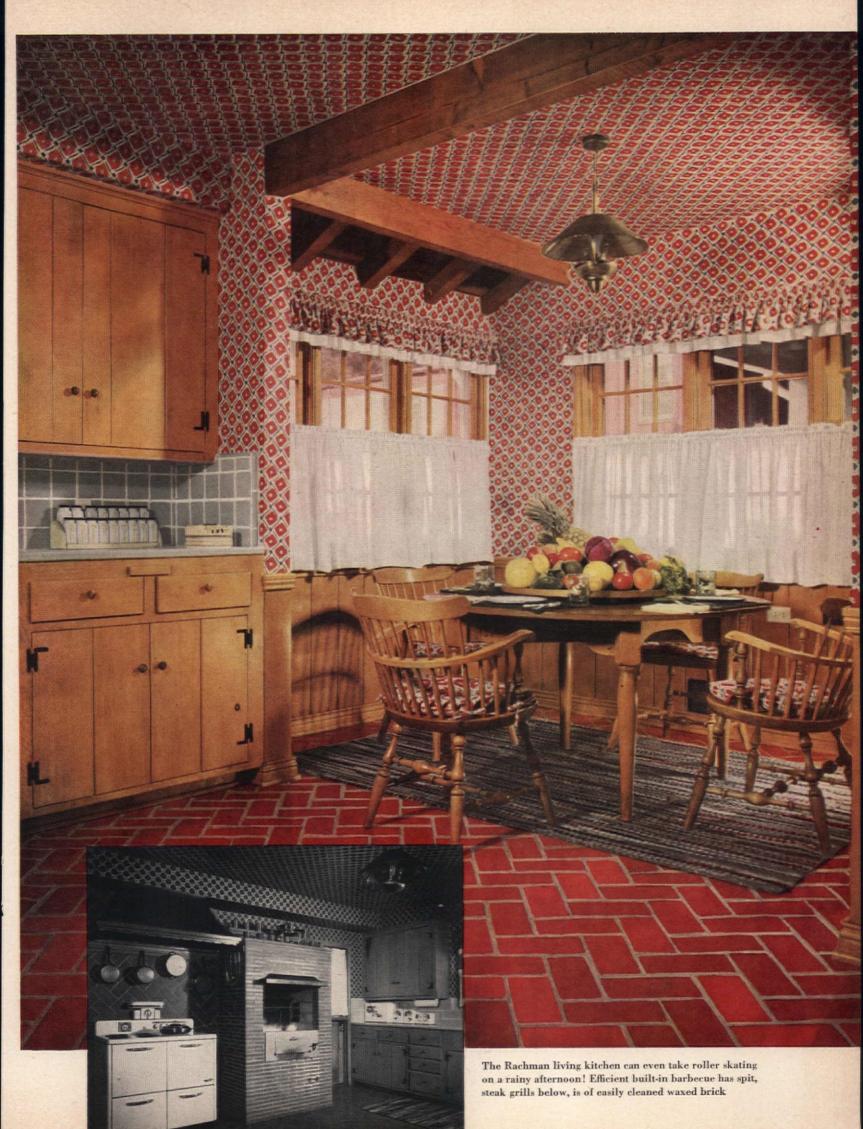
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The Rachmans belong to the diehard minority who believe in a room set aside for enjoying composed meals. Sea blue and burnt orange work in a sunset—why not in a pine dining room? Black and white accents add "bite"



Bedrooms are on second floor in spite of extra steps because the Rachmans believe there is more rest, more relaxation away from downstairs activities. Dutch door in guest room leads to a tiny balcony. Small-scaled documentary wallpaper, matching fabric for dust ruffle and wing chair are in character



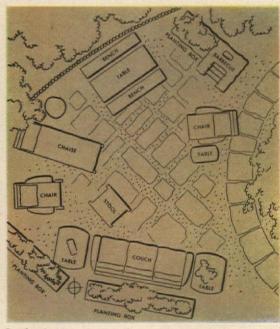
## How's Your Lot in Summer?

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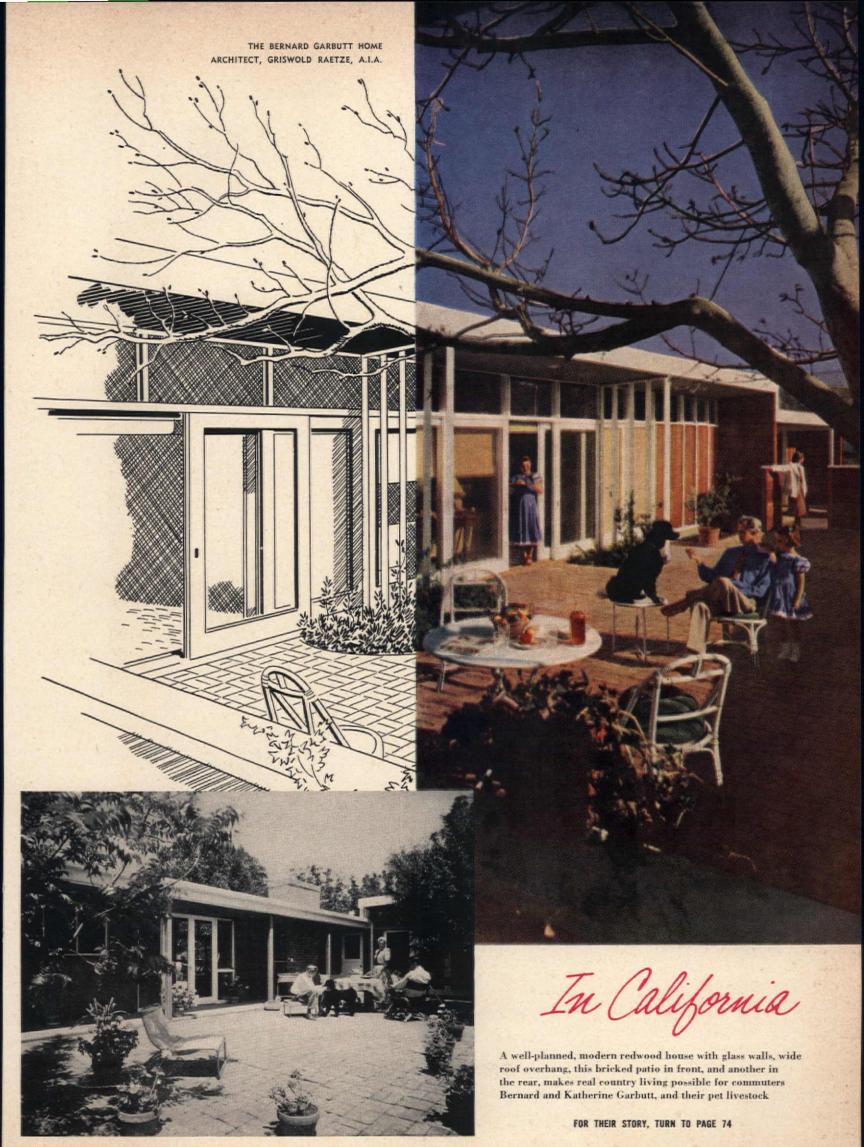
In Illinois

The Herbert Allemangs turned a shady, out-of-the-way corner into a lovely paved terrace with barbecue and redwood furniture, set off by plant boxes



Drawings by Harvey McClelland

Tot how's its health, but is it convenient, usable, satisfactory? That of the Herbert Allemangs, north of Chicago, is all of those things since Herb, Peg, and their son, John, solved the problem of an irregular, orphan corner so shady that even grass wouldn't grow there, by turning it into a real summer dining room with barbecue and much-desired privacy. When a contractor gave a \$1,000 estimate for the bare construction work, Herb decided to build it himselfand did, for \$268 plus three fall and spring week ends of his own labor and one of his engineer father's. After stripping the sod from the 24 by 25 by 13-foot area, he used four tons of bluestone flags to cover it, leaving spaces between for soil which he seeded to grass. In the spring, he set a cast-iron barbecue lining on a 4 by 10-foot base and, aided by his father, enclosed it in cut lannon stone finished off along the top with the leftover pieces of bluestone. To divide the area from the rest of the yard he built two plant boxes 12 in. deep and wide, 11 feet long, and three shorter ones, staining them to match the redwood terrace furniture, planting them with petunias, begonias, ivy, etc. When they give out, he plans to replace them with permanent boxes of stone to match the barbecue. Between the two big ones a pine post supports an electric lantern from which lead-covered cable runs to the garage and to three outlets along the 6-foot sapling fence. The furniture (used by Peg's Cub Scout troop in the basement in winter) is given a coat of stain each spring when brought out again.





In Washington O.C. Three

PERRY WHEELER, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

Do you ever look at a row of sedate city house fronts like this and try to visualize the gardens—or lack of gardens-behind them? Would you expect to find, hidden behind Number 1524, such a happy solution as this one?

The dining room, on ground floor of house, opens and looks out onto brickpaved patio from which steps lead to next garden level and thence to livingroom entrance on first floor of house

Photographs by Richard Garrison Drawing by Al Pucci

Above, children's 17 by 17-foot play area on highest level. Grass-carpeted except at steps to second or garden level (right), where flagstones lead to patio steps. Chestnut fence on two sides

### Level, Three-Purpose Garden



Demonstrating what can be done with a narrow city back yard that slopes sharply from the house

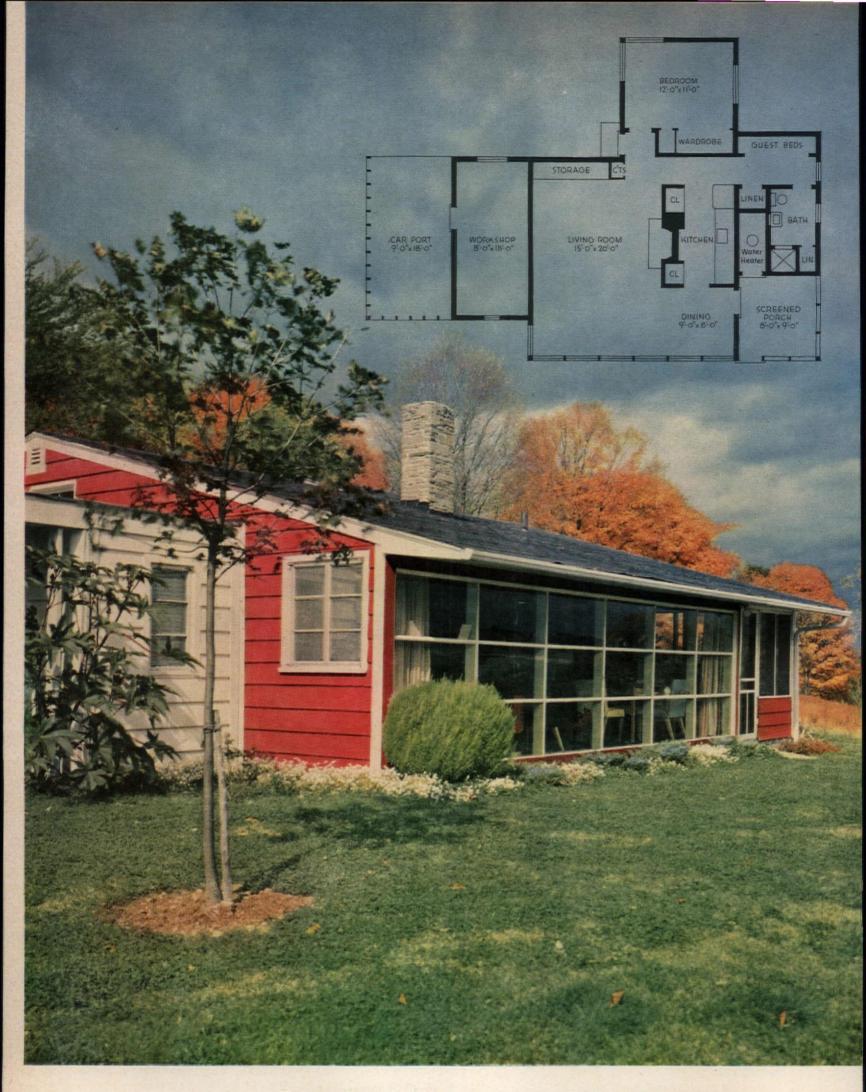


he back yard behind the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Easton in the Georgetown district of Washington, D.C. is only 171/2 feet wide and 471/2 feet deep. Also, rising steeply from the house to the full height of the lower floor, it posed a problem of levels as well as limited space to work in. The design developed by landscape architect Perry Wheeler not only solved the problem. but made the most of the variation in levels and gave the Eastons three distinct and individual garden areas. From the groundfloor dining room, they step into a tiny, brick-paved, brick-walled patio which is brightened by plants in tubs, pots, and a bed that extends across the almost fulllength window. Across the far wall (12 feet from the doorway), brick steps lead, from left to right, to the next level-an open lawn

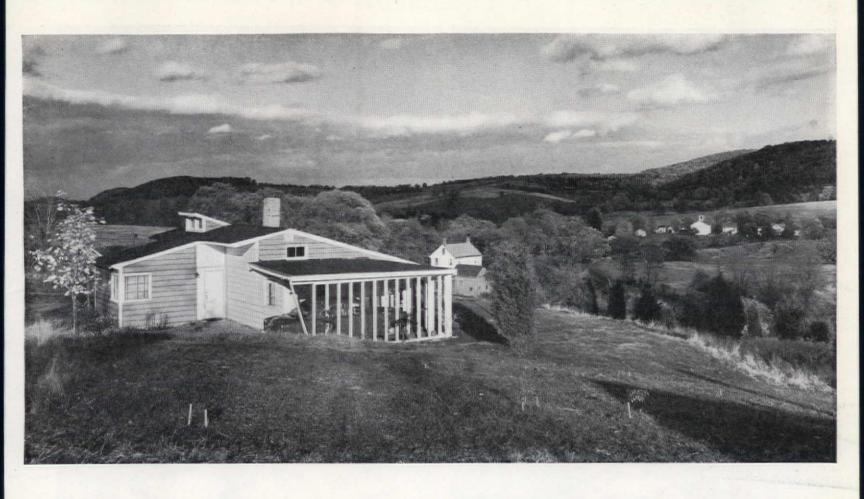
bounded on the south side by the woven chestnut-paling fence which tops the two side walls of the patio and which, on this side, supports several espaliered forsythias. On the far (west) side, there is a two-foot-high parapet or retaining wall above which rises a graceful hedge of feathery bamboos. Then, along the north side, there is another raised bed, retained by brickwork, planted to springflowering bulbs (and, later, to perennials) in front of pyracanthas espaliered on the paling fence; where the area overlooks the patio, there is a thick hedge of boxwood. In the southeast corner, a large dogwood casts just enough shade for comfort. From the landing on this level, wooden steps mount to the door to the living room; in the opposite direction, a flagged walk passes the raised flower bed to three steps that reach the third level. This is grassed play area with an evergreen magnolia and holly screening an incinerator in the far corner. The bamboo screen keeps the youngsters back from the edge and makes the spot safe as well as pleasant; within view of the house, yet away from the patio where the family might be entertaining, or from the garden area where flowers in their season add to the charm of the view from the living room. A good garden reflects the owners' way of living; this one reflects not one but several ways of enjoying the outdoors.



Though only 12 feet square, the patio looks larger, perhaps because the boxwood hedge along the second level and the bamboos beyond lure the eye outward, westward. Plants in pots, tubs, and a bed under the double window make this a real garden spot, too



The home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tanenbaum in Sugar Loaf, New York. Built almost entirely by hand, over week ends and during two summer vacations. Bulldozer operator and electrician were only paid help, everything else being done by the owners and their friends. Year-round house with excellent heating and light, the entire project cost slightly over \$6,000



### We call it "Shoestring Manor"

RONA and PAUL TANENBAUM

We built it the hard way—right from the ditches, with our nickels and dimes and without benefit of hired hands, builders, architects, or other professionals. Our only paid help was the electrician and the bulldozer operator.

It was decided that the only way we could build our house and keep costs at a minimum would be to do it ourselves. It was designed as an all-year-round home, complete with all facilities and conveniences.

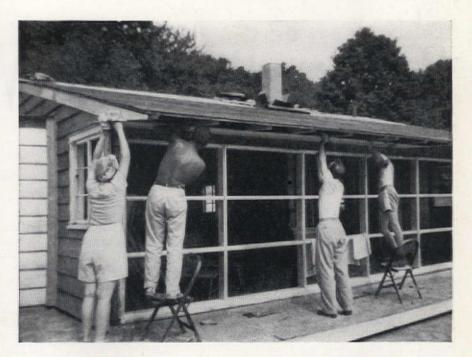
First of all, we enlisted the services of our friends. Upon their arrival, guests were given pick and shovel along with necessary directions on where and how to dig. There followed a long siege of digging, digging, and more digging . . . for water pipe, ditches, well, septic tank, and foundations. We never took anything too seriously, and whenever someone did not know what to do there would be a yell for help: "Paul—what do I do now?" This often called for a hasty conference with our homemade blueprints and reference to some book.

We kept a photographic record of each step we made in the construction; partly as proof for our guests to show they had really worked. We also kept a record of every cent that went into the house from lawyer's fee to Venetian blinds.

One of the jobs we tried to simplify was the pouring of the foundation. Instead of elaborate forms we merely dug trenches four feet deep and one foot wide. This saved the cost of forms. We then ordered ready-mixed concrete which was delivered all in one day and poured into our ditches.

All this was done in the fall, and we decided to order our rough framing lumber such as 2 x 4's, etc. at that time. We found a local lumber mill in the town, and were able to have native woods cut to our specifications at a one-third saving

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No one who could hold a hammer or saw was spared in the housebuilding. Here four guests work on the overhang which protects the window-wall. After work, weekenders returned to the farmhouse where they stayed, had dinner, did a little dancing









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### How to Paint on Wood

DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

It's fun, it's easy, and besides you don't have to have any talent for painting!

All you need is a simple little wooden box, or as far as that goes you could trace this design on any wooden surface you chose. But just look what happens when you take a little time and effort! You don't need very much in the way of materials, either. The only thing that really requires extra care is tracing the pattern onto the surface. Be sure the design is centered exactly, otherwise it'll look all askew when finished. Also, after the second coat of flat background paint, the sandpaper you use should be very fine, or else your surface will look scratchy instead of smooth as satin. And remember if you put the antiquing mixture of burnt umber, sienna, and varnish on it, when the whole thing is finished, wipe it off quickly, before it gets a chance to dry, or you won't like the result. Explicit, easy-to-understand instructions are given in our AMERICAN HOME PATTERN, 1371. These boxes would make extra-thoughtful gifts, and one of the nice things about them is that they're not only ornamental, but also useful. So buy yourself a pattern, scout around for all the little cast-off boxes in the house, and start thinking about Christmas presents early this year.

SEE PATTERN ORDER FORM ON PAGE 95

### Live with Antiques

— And Love to With me, it's like this. I live with antiques—and I love it. My reasons why are about 47 in number—but before I begin, first let me define my terms.

By antiques, I do not (in this case) mean my wife's Victorian relatives. Nor do I mean reproductions, pale imitations of the real thing. Nor ugly, heavily carved, overdecorated period pieces. Nor a lot of beat-up, secondhand furniture that wasn't worth owning even when it was new.

By antiques, I mean the wonderful, authentic, premachineage pieces that, like magic, turn a dull, cold room into a rich mellow one—that become more beautiful, more valuable, more cherished every day you live with them.

To appreciate to the fullest the joys of living with antiques, all you have to do is look at my wife's sister and the way she lives. An innocent young thing, she inadvertently married a city fellow with more original brass than a Colonial highboy, and has since become a hopeless victim of the nightmare of homefurnishings known as Modern.

Poor Catherine (her name is Catherine) lives in an apartment that is every bit as warm and cozy as the men's room in a big hotel. The furniture is Café Society Modern—an alarming array of aluminum tubing and sickly yellow wood, built close to the floor. The legs of the tables are collapsible for convenience—and they find it convenient to collapse if I so much as nod in their direction. The carpeting is Kitten's Paw Gray, so named because if even the smallest kitten tiptoed across it, every paw print would leave an indelible mark.

Only slightly higher than the rugs are the beds, ingeniously designed by a sadistic sinus doctor in search of a larger practice. Nothing is more conducive to a good long sleep than lying six inches above the draughty floor; in fact, you're lucky if you wake up at all the following morning.

And then there are those chairs . . .

In designing what is laughingly called the Modern Arm Chair—and in sitting in it—man has sunk to an all-time low. Clumsy and awkward, it takes a derrick to move one of them—and a derrick to move you out of one after you're foolish enough to get in it. But then we all have to learn.

Catherine is especially proud of her newly acquired Last Word in Modern Chairs, something called the Scrambled Legs chair. Completely contrary to the laws of gravity and the curvature of the human spine, it crouches ominously in the corner of her living room (next to her end table, the one with the plastic handles and the loud sunburst veneer) and, if such a thing is possible, rocks back and forth on a central bar with a tilting backstop. Of course no one sits in it, because obviously no one dares, unless life has lost all flavor for him.

All of which brings me, in very roundabout fashion, to my point: antiques are much easier and more satisfactory to live
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Antiques are all right in their place—and their place is a museum. I'm convinced of this, for although many old things ooze a certain quaint academic charm, and are of sturdy eggshell construction, they can drive you rococo once they infiltrate the home. First of all, most antiques are uncomfortable, and those that can't be classified as uncomfortable are usually resplendent with inconveniences and curlicues that are deadly to clean.

Take the old four-poster bed (and I mean that literally). It is so high, now that modern man has heaped box spring and mattress on it, that you need a stepladder to get into it. In fact, if you're not tired when you start to get into a four poster—don't worry—you will be by the time you get there!

Consider next the hooked rug, graciously adorning a waxed plank floor. This booby trap is always ready to offend the dignity, and other parts, of the unaware person. Yet hooked rugs are of "the Period" and the lairs of most antique lovers are littered with them.

Leave us now sit down and dwell on antique plush furniture. Even the moderately wealthy have to scrape the bottom of the barrel twice in order to afford a good comfortable Chippendale sofa. They will not compromise with the times and furnish their homes with reproductions. Instead, they have a Hepplewhite mahogany sofa, or a richly carved Victorian rosewood masterpiece, or a lovely maple fireplace bench. The Hepplewhite mahogany sofa is far more handsome than a park bench and almost as comfortable. Sit in the Victorian masterpiece for twenty minutes, and you'll have a superb design imprinted between your shoulder blades, courtesy of the rosewood carvings. The fireplace bench has no back and is especially suited to the individual who has no back.

My unhappiest experience with antique addicts, and one which challenges the practical nature of antiques, occurred perhaps fourscore weeks ago. My wife and I had enjoyed a brace of hot buttered rum cocktails and dinner at the quaint home of some antique-loving friends who were putting us up for the week end. After dinner the hostess said, "Why don't you get the cards out of our early American classic, the cherry Chippendale ox-bow desk, with original brasses, so we can play some bridge?" As she had pointed this question at me, I went to the cherry Chippendale ox-bow desk, with original brasses, and opened the slant top. It swung down, all the way down, broke off its hinges and lay serenely at my feet. It seems that to get into the cubbyholes of 18th century desks, you must first pull out two supports for the writing part of the desk to rest on. Otherwise, what happened, happens. Any fool knows that. Nevertheless, I was embarrassed until the following morning when the host backed his car into mine, fluted my fender, evened the score, and completely PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 89

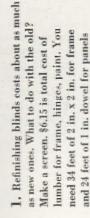
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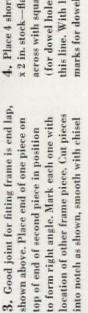
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OVER YOUR WORK

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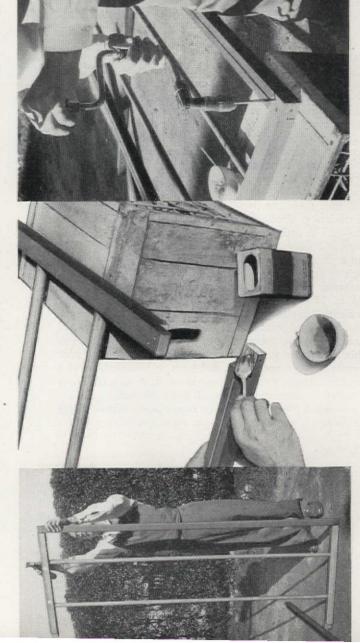


2. Saw a slot 1/2 in. deep (width of slat have a power saw to cut slot in frame, have it done at the mill at small cost frame piece (these are 6 feet long). Slat must fit snugly. If you do not as shown) in center of each long



marks for dowels, completely through frames (for dowel holes). Mark center of frames on 4. Place 4 short frames-30 in. long, 2 in. x 2 in. stock-flat, ends even. Mark line across with square rule, 9 in. from ends this line. With 1-in. bit, drill holes on

insure a straight path for the screws and 5. Drill 2 screw holes on ends of short avoid splitting the wood (also blisters) frames (these pieces will lap over long frames). Screw holes should be drilled on a diagonal line as shown. This will



prevent binding when set into short 6. Sand ends of dowels slightly, to into drilled holes, line up as shown frame pieces. Glue dowel ends, fit

apply another thick layer. Join glued frame 7. Apply a thick layer of glue to notched it can be cleaned off later before painting ends of frames. Allow to dry, then ends. If glue runs out of joints,

screws straight. Countersink, fill holes Screw together with 11/2-inch #8 flat-8. Place glued ends flat and square. head wood screws. Be sure to drive

9. Disassemble several large blinds. the slats on flat surface and discard Slats should measure at least 2734, any that are warped or damaged inches between cord holes. Lay

power saw, here is another way to trim 10. If you do not own or have use of end of group (inside of cut), saw ends as shown here, place clamp on each ends even. Take a group of slats



11. Power saw facilitates cutting ends even.
Raise saw blade to desired height. Square a group of slats, height of blade and ZING they are cut before you can believe it. Repeat on other side

12. Required number of slats, with ends trimmed are se up for painting. This can be done by hand, but a vacuum with sprayer attachment or small electric hand-sprayer speeds up work, leaves no brush marks

from each end, lay hinge on frames and mark a guide line. Hold firmly in place, screw tight

one dowel, under other (alternate on every slat). Slip other end of slat into slot on opposite frame

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### Cost \$10,750 - Sold for \$10,434

A good house in an excellent development in Virginia . . .

in which the home-buyer gained, the builder lost money-and why

Photographs by Richard Garrison





his is one of 26 well-planned little houses in Providence Forest at McLean, Virginia. Set in a thickly wooded site with a curving cul-de-sac road following the topography of the property, each lucky home-owner has approximately one and a quarter acres of land to call his own in addition to the neatly planned, well-built house. And all this for an average price of \$10,434.

Thereby hangs a wry tale which resulted in a bonanza for the buyers (who snapped these houses up on sight; they were never advertised) and a financial headache for the courageous builder.

With admirable altruism, this builder wanted to give fair value for every dollar built into his houses. Early in the plans he consulted architect Harry E. Ormston not only to design the houses but to help in the selection of the land and the site planning. As is often the case in such happy but rare collaborations, the end result is a great credit to architect, builder, and to the community.

The same house plan was used throughout. The thorough-sweep of living-dining room which architect Ormston planned allowed for considerable flexibility in orientation since it was windowed at both ends. To further the diversity, the houses were given individual color schemes and some variety in exterior finish materials.

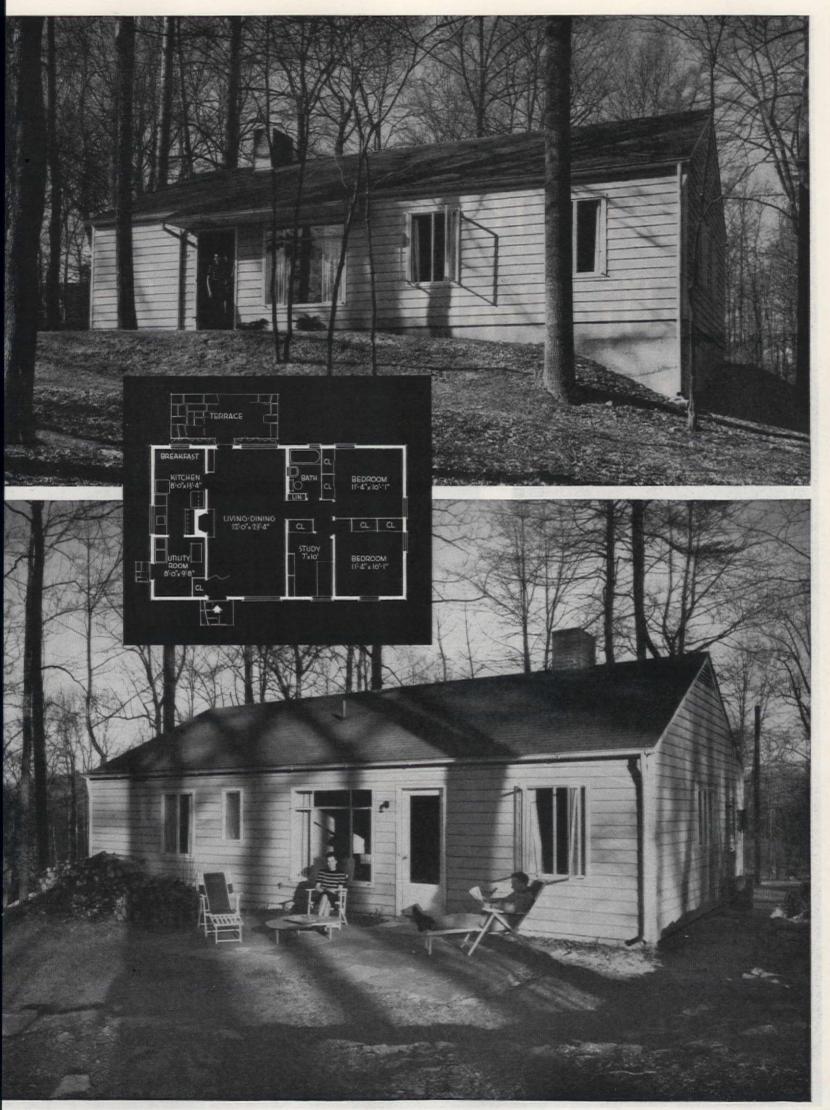
The houses are of dry-wall construction—an insulated wood frame with wood siding on the outside and rigid wallboard on the inside. Heating is by hot-water floorpanel system. Windows are steel casement, and roofing is asphalt shingle.

The length of living room, front to back, dispel s the claustrophobia so often felt in many builders' houses of comparable size. The kitchen has a breakfast area (in addition to dining space in the living room), and there's a generous utility room adjacent. Three bedrooms (or 2 plus a study) give adequate family sleeping room.

The fly in the ointment was this: the houses are financed by insurance-company money under the G.I. program; the VA set ceilings on the sales prices, and the ceilings were too low to allow a profit. The average price was \$10,434—but the average cost was \$10,750. Architect Ormston explains it as a failure to recognize the quality of the house and the amount of usable floor area within the cubage.

AMERICAN HOME wishes there were more such missionary architects and builders—and more realistic evaluations to make their work worthwhile. At a third again the money, it's still a good buy.

Generous, simply-detailed living room is tastefully furnished by the E. J. Warlows. Architect Ormston designed coffee table and love seats for Warlows, had the latter made for \$110 each. Mr. and Mrs. Warlow added the pleasant terrace at rear of house

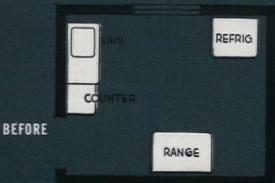


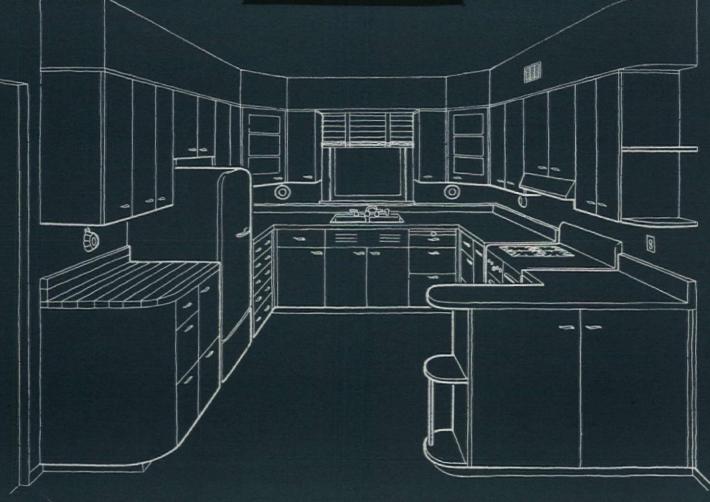
JESSIE WALKER

AFTER

# There's No Traffic Problem Here









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To wonder Doris Wolff beams while she prepares breakfast these days, for the new kitchen in the Wolff home has an extra-special charm plus perfect planning to make working there fun! For fifteen years Doris worked in a small room next to the present kitchen. It had one window and was almost unbearably hot during the summer. Then she and her husband decided that since most of their eating is done at home, they would turn the den, which stretched across the back of the house, into a colorful kitchen with a roomy eating area, something which they had never had before.

To make it a place to relax and a room whose colors would help lift their spirits, blue and yellow St. Charles cabinets were used as a starter. Next in line was a pastel yellow Chambers gas range and Armstrong spatter linoleum counter tops with yellow background, blue linoleum floor covering, blue chintz draperies, and wallpaper with a yellow background accented in blue and red. Copper tea pots and kettles are an extra note which adds to the gaiety of the warm colored background.

Doris planned what she wanted and then took her ideas to Robert Liden. the local St. Charles dealer, who incorporated them into just the sort of kitchen we'd all love to work in. The cooking area is U-shaped to eliminate traffic while working. There is a properly located fan to draw off cooking odors and keep the kitchen fresh and clean-smelling while meals are being prepared. An extra-large cutting board in the baking section is close at hand when Doris needs it. There is good cross-ventilation, with three windows replacing the one in their former kitchen. There are ample outlets near the counter tops and plenty of light, one from the ceiling and one beneath wall cupboards. The freezer compartment in the two-door General Electric refrigerator holds enough frozen foods to take care of their needs for days ahead. Foods which don't require refrigeration are stored in a well-ventilated, roomy vegetable bin. Garbage worries are a thing of the past with the Disposall unit. Besides the excellent placing of the larger pieces of equipment, and the sound strategic position of the windows and serving counters,

"Relax during mealtime" is Vernon Wolff's theme in this more-than-generous eating area. Cornices and ceilings are painted yellow while chintz draperies are blue



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Place and Show

BETTY B. MERRIAM, Flower Arrangement

GERTRUDE BRASSARD, Table Setting

Photographs by F. M. Demarest



August heat is a tough enemy to cope with when you're planning a little gettogether. Just in case you find yourself on the giving end of a party during the coming days, here's a simple, effective table-setting which looks lovely but doesn't take much time to prepare.

Dahlias are the only flowers used, and when you vary their lengths and arrange them cleverly they give a beautiful result. If you want yours to last as long as possible, burn the stems, then soak overnight in deep water, or if you've cut them early in the day soak them at least two hours—this is for "conditioning"—i.e. soaking up a good long drink. You'll need a five-inch pin holder for a wide, spread-out effect and any attractive pottery holder that's shallow enough to show off the arrangement to its best advantage. If some of your blooms are too big, try "remodeling" them by pulling off a few outside petals. They won't be hurt.

It was bound to come some day-and here it is-the Television Tray. Divided into 6 proportional spaces, it will accommodate an entire meal. A well in the center holds a soup bowl, cup, or glass securely. They come in eight wonderful soft colors, and we've used two of them here-Palisade Gray and Cocoa. They're especially good against the new modern cloth called "Spice" which was selected by the Museum of Modern Art for Good Design, 1951. It looks like fine tweed, strikes an elegant but casual note for dining, and fits into just about any setting. Guaranteed colorfast, it's completely washable. The Matkins-matching one of the colors in the plaid-may double as napkins or place mats. 52 x 70-inch cloth and 6 Matkins, \$7.95. 12 x 18-inch Matkins sold separately, 49¢ each. "Horizon" handblown, cinnamon-colored tumblers are at hand, and fetching silverplate flatware, "Daffodil," is a design you'll like.

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### ummertime is Salad Time

### and SOUP Time, too

-- time for the ONE HOT DISH everybody loves



ANNE MARSHALL Director Home Economics Campbell Soup Company

BY Anne Marshall

NODAY let's be frivolous! Or at least let's seem to be!

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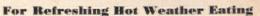
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> Beef Noodle Soup Summer "Veg" Salad



### Cook In Eat Out

ugust is the time of year when it makes just plain good sense to eat outdoors as much as possible. But, generally, the phrase "outdoor eating" seems to bring to mind a picnic with cold chicken, potato salad, stuffed eggs and the various accompaniments which find their way into the hamper. Here we present our argument that you can prepare and serve real dining-room meals even if your banquet hall is a ceiling of green branches with a sawbuck table and two benches, and the luggage compartment of the car becomes for the time being your serving table!

In your choice of outdoor menus it's necessary to consider foods which well, which can be served warm and still be as good as if lifted right out of the simmering saucepan. Electric casseroles and roasters, insulated servers, and reliable vacuum bottles will help you to keep the food at the right temperature for hours-and if you don't have any of these, remember the old trick of bundling a heavy saucepan or covered casserole into a layer of newspapers or insulated paper. Spicy Pork or Beef Bar-B-Q served on split fresh buns is our candidate for real country eating. The Bar-B-Q can be made ahead of time and stored in the refrigerator, then reheated just before packing. An elegant tomato pudding is a mighty good accompaniment with your family's favorite vegetable. And what could be simpler than leafy lettuce wedges packed with a bit of ice to keep them crisp, then a tangy Egg Roquefort Dressing ladled into a vacuum-topped jar? For dessert, we suggest an old-fashioned touch: Black Raspberries in Pastry Baskets. We like the basket idea so that plenty of rich, heavy cream can mellow each and every berry-sort of like that old favorite, raspberries and cream, but oh! so much better.

For porch or patio suppers, we have an idea you'll like a well-seasoned. full-bodied chowder as much as we do. With fresh corn at its very best, we're serving lots of it on-the-cob-and here's a way to make the flavor even better and have a meal in one all at the same time. Plenty of green pepper and red pimiento strips, potato cubes, and bits of bacon make this a chowder more glamorous than any name we could give it. With crisp lettuce wedges, hot buttered bread sticks, and an elegant Peach Foam Pie, here's a perfect porch supper! But now for the pie-not just another chiffon pie or another peach dessert without much character of its ownbut a heavenly bit of goodness put together so that the peach flavor is more striking than ever. For a crowning touch of color, tuck split pistachio nuts into a whipped cream topping which has just a drop of almond extract added with the powdered sugar.

We know you'll find these suppers just as good whether served on the porch, in the patio, or for a country picnic-and what better way is there to relax and enjoy yourself than to sit down to good food in the quiet outdoor peacefulness of an August evening?

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#### PICNIC IN THE COUNTRY

Spicy Pork or Beef Bar-B-Q Buns Rich 'n Sweet Tomato Pudding Lettuce Wedges with Egg Roquefort Dressing Fresh Vegetables Relish Tray

Black Raspberries in Pastry Baskets

#### SUPPER ON THE PORCH

Sliced Honeydew Melon with Fresh Lime Juice Golden Glory Chowder Lettuce Wedges with Egg Roquefort Dressing Hot Buttered Bread Sticks Peach Foam Pie











SEEMS LIKE JUST EVERYBODY 'round this place likes to cook as well as eat! We always test our food, of course, and have no difficulty finding eager guinea pigs. But this month, two contributed recipes, as well as taste-testing abilities and I've a bunch more, from others on our staff, all sounding mighty good and awaiting only time and space.

Dorchen Trumm is the daughter (and able assistant) of Mrs. Trumm, our Arts and Crafts Editor. Her week-end hobby is cooking, and a very good little cook she is. The Worsten Broodjes, a Dutch recipe, is one she served us when we photographed their home for last September's issue. Out of the refrigerator came the meat rolls, all ready to pop into the oven. A green salad she served with it—and a delightful luncheon it was. If served for dinner, I'd suggest fatter rolls so that there would be more meat filling per square inch of pastry. But luncheon or dinner fare, what a nice week-end recipe it is, requiring so little cooking time at serving time.

Big Jim's Barbecue Sauce, sending up spicy aroma on our cover, is a red-hot one, I warn you! It came to us via Jim Wiley, our Executive Editor, and "big Jim" is his pappy, who makes it down in Shreveport and evidently, like the Texans, has been exposed to over-the-border food. Well, so have I, and not for me any namby-pamby barbecue sauce. I like it hot hot on PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 54

WORSTEN BROODJES





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#### Good Victuals (Begins on page 52)

the roof of the palate, hot enough to wring a tear-drop with the first taste. Eleanor Jones, our Food Editor, just cried ALL the time she ate it-but declared she loved it. However, her own barbecue sauce, in this same issue, is far milder. Take your choice -they're both mighty fine eating, believe me.

Now, to one from Maine, there is one and only one supreme way to eat lobster. You've guessed it-boiled, doused in lemon butter-and plenty of both. But, while lobster my favorite way is the plain way, it is also the expensive way. So, since lobster any way is good, why not, in these budget-strained days, eat it in a delicious gumbo. Gumbo, as you know, was originated in Louisiana. From France and from Spain came aristocratic settlers. From both countries came famous chefs and cooks and soon the fame of New Orleans' fabulous food spread far and wide. Creole cooking we call it today-and magic cooking it is. The Gulf abounds with shrimp and crayfish. Lobster thrives best in the frigid waters off the rockbound coast of Maine. But to me there seems no good reason why lobster, too, cannot benefit from the spice and wondrous flavor of okra, celery, onions, tomatoes, and a petite breath of garlic. Not for a delicate little baby lobster, this full-bodied method-non. But for the older, tougher generation-pourquoi pas? A pleasant way it is to take lobster right out of the luxury class of a whole or half lobster per portion. And don't tell me you don't like okra. If you haven't used it in a gumbo, you just don't know your okra.

The same goes for duck. I don't know whether duck is classified as fowl or game but game it must be to take the abuse it gets from so many cooks. Cooked correctly there's not an ounce of fat left in it. Served properly, it comes forth richly brown and crusty, not the unappetizing drab brown so often seen. This particular recipe calls for raisins, almonds, ginger, mace, lime juice, and guava jelly; onions, peppercorns, and cloves. Sound good? You can bet your bottom dollar it's good!

If you, as I, are fed to the teeth with hamburger: and hot dogs at every outdoor barbecue or picnic, try spaghetti. It's the easiest thing in the world to cook outdoors and of all spaghetti

worsten broodjes

Lombine meat in a mixing bowl, add onion and seasoning, beaten egg and mix well. Mix pastry, following directions on package but surgundy wine for water specified and adding chopped parsley to tast on a floured surface in a long strip about 8" wide and as thin as possement into rolls about 5" long and ½" in diameter. Place a meat roll on carefully wrap pastry around meat allowing an overlap of 1". Cut and with a fork. Place on cookie sheet, seam side down; prick across to with fork 3 or 4 times. Makes about 16 Broodies. Can be prepared the and chilled and ready to pop into oven. Bake in moderate oven 375° F. u brown and flaky—about 35 minutes. Worsten Broodies can also be mad size about 2" long and served as a hot canapé.



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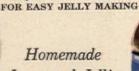
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#### Good Victuals (Begins on page 52)

sauces this one, in my opinion, is the gourmet sauce of them all. Kind to the budget, a wonderful sopper-upper after too much you know what. Will you let me know whether you like it, whether you would like more outdoor varieties? I've an idea we have been cooking and eating outdoors long enough for the food to get beyond its present adolescent stage. How do you feel about it? Have any fame-makers of your own?

There's no closed season for the Cheese-berry Turban, and it's almost as good with canned or frozen peaches and berries. But it is especially good on summer menus, because it doubles as salad and dessert, when pie- and cake-baking seem an onerous chore. It tastes as good as it looks.

Comes a time in every woman's life when she wants to out-do Mrs. Jones next door with a creation that makes the girls gape. Well, here you have one-Peaches Royale. It's a bit of a bother, true, but no more fussing, if as much, as the hip-making whipped cream concoctions and you don't need a Cordon Bleu diploma to do a successful job of it, either. So, madam, if it's accolades you're wanting, it's Peaches Royale you'll be serving.

The watermelon on our cover is an idea that is neither original nor new-yet for some reason an easy trick one rarely sees. It's a watermelon filled with assorted fruits and melon balls. It is easy to do, easy to serve, glamorous to see. You can plug your watermelon and let champagne ripen it deliciously, or you can just cut it in half, scoop it out, fill the bottom with orange ice and fill it up with fruits, berries-whatever your market, your taste, and your bright imagination dictates. We used watermelon. honeydew, and cantaloupe balls in various sizes, and pineapple doused in brown sugar. Set it on a bed of ice, for it must be kept very cold and served thoroughly chilled. The gay yellow wheelbarrow you see on our cover is a real working wheelbarrow -but doesn't it make an attractive, practical serving "cart" for patio or terrace?

"Marinated Reds" we call our red onion and tomato slices, also keeping cool on ice in the yellow barrow. Excellent with steaks, chops, ham, and any barbecued food, it is a change from the over-and-over-again tossed green salad, and far easier to handle on self-service parties. The corn steaming away in milk and sugar will taste as corn should taste! Little Junie Rhodes taught me this-a Pennsylvania Dutch way, I believe. Anyhow, the theory is that the milk and sugar restore what the corn loses in waiting around after it has been picked and, unlike most theories, this one works.

The stuffed rolls beside the Lobster Gumbo are "boughten" butter gems, warmed first, then cottage cheese and watercress poked down every so often. Easy, pretty, with some menus just enough salad as well as a roll.

Good Victuals and the food on our cover all being accounted for, I wonder if you have eaten chicken in Hawaii-no? They do it in coconut milk and spinach. I know it sounds a strange combination but it is a truly wonderful dish, guaranteed to glamorize the toughest old hen, pique the most jaded of taste buds. I shall tell you about it next month, and tell you how good are silvery onions baked in a white sauce with pecans, and how elegant is top round, served as roulades after baking in burgundy, and I'll show you-well, wait and see. You're much too busy now anyway, trying out this month's victuals-I hope. I hope!

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### Take Your Favorite Vegetable

#### orange yamboree

#### YOU'LL NEED:

8 yams, medium-sized 5-6 navel oranges Cornstarch, salt Dark brown sugar Granulated sugar Butter or margarine 5-6 juice oranges Peanuts Serves 8 Cook yams for 30 min. or until tender.

Meanwhile, prepare sauce by combining 2 tbs. cornstarch with ½ cup dark brown sugar, ½ cup granulated sugar, ½ tsp. salt, 4 tsp. grated orange rind and then with 6 tbs. melted butter or margarine and 2 cups orange juice.

Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Grease 1½-quart casserole.

Slice yams lengthwise into ¼-inch. slices, slice oranges crosswise into ¼-in. slices; arrange in alternate rows.

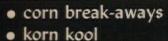
Pour sauce over top; sprinkle ½ cup chopped peanuts in pattern around edges of yams and orange slices.

Bake at 350° F. for I hour or until slightly

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Quick tricks with fresh vegetables to start your imagination whirling with new ideas for serving these garden favorites.

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#### YOU'LL NEED:

Biscuit mix

6 ears corn

YOU'LL NEED:

Whole kernel corn Asparagus tips Celery, pimientos French dressing Serves 6 Mix 2½ cups biscuit dough according to directions on package.

Have dough softer than for rolled biscuits. Pat or roll out to slightly less than ¼-in. thickness, then cut in 2-in. strips.

Wrap spirally around 6 ears fresh corn, being certain dough covers ends of corn ears.

Pre-heat broiler and set at 500° F.

Pre-heat broiler and set at 500° F. Broil corn for 10 min. close to heat.

Move broiler pan to second glide from source of heat, re-set heat control at 400° F. and broil 20 min. or until corn is tender.

Remove blanket. Serve with melted butter and salt. Corn Break-aways have mellow flavor of corn roasted over charcoal.

Mix 1½ cups corn kernels, ½ cup celery, minced, ¼ cup pimientos, chopped.

Arrange on a bed of asparagus (about 1½ cups), pour ¾ cup French dressing over all.

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CORN BREAK-AWAYS

#### harvest baskets

#### YOU'LL NEED:

2 white "patty pan" squash Salt and pepper Butter or margarine Spinach Salted peanuts Wash 2 medium-sized squash and steam until tender (approx. 20 min.)

Cut off top (may be scalloped to follow outside scallops) and remove seeds.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Toss corn mixture lightly.

Chop top part of squash and place in saucepan with 1 tbs. butter or margarine.

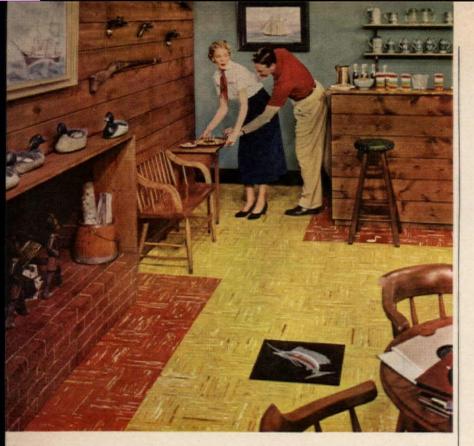
Add 1½ cups cooked chopped spinach, season with ½ tsp. salt and ½ tsp. pepper, and add ¼ cup chopped salted peanuts.

When thoroughly salted, fill hot squash shells with spinach and top with 1/4 cup whole salted peanuts.

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Serves 4





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#### Take Your Favorite Vegetable

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MINTED PEAS AND CARROTS

Chopped, fresh mint adds a refreshing touch to golden carrot strips and tender green peas! To serve six. toss 2 tbs. chopped mint in 4 tbs. melted butter for 11/2 cups each of peas and carrots



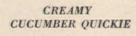
A combination par excellence—one as good to eat as it is elegant-looking. Arrange tomato slices and red onion rings in flat bowl, then allow to marinate for several hours in a heavenly combination of 1/2 cup burgundy wine, 1/4 cup vinegar, 34 cup salad oil, 1 tbs. sugar, 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. dry mustard, and 1 clove crushed garlic



A tangy, simple-to-make salad that's guaranteed to hold appeal for those who vow they dislike spinach. For six, mix 1/2 cup French dressing with 3/4 tsp. dry mustard and beat into 11/2 cups cottage cheese. Wash 11/2 lbs. spinach and, for that finesse so necessary in combining any tossed salad,

tear spinach leaves. Add salad dressing and toss so that each green bit is well-coated!





Designed for hot weather (or any kind of weather) here's a really different combination! Beat cream until slightly thick, then add a few dops of lemon

juice. Place cucumber and onion slices in cream. then spoon mixture on fresh, buttered pumpernickel bread. Top with another slice of bread and cut three ways to make finger sandwiches

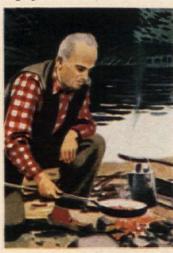
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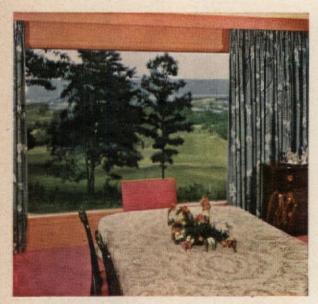
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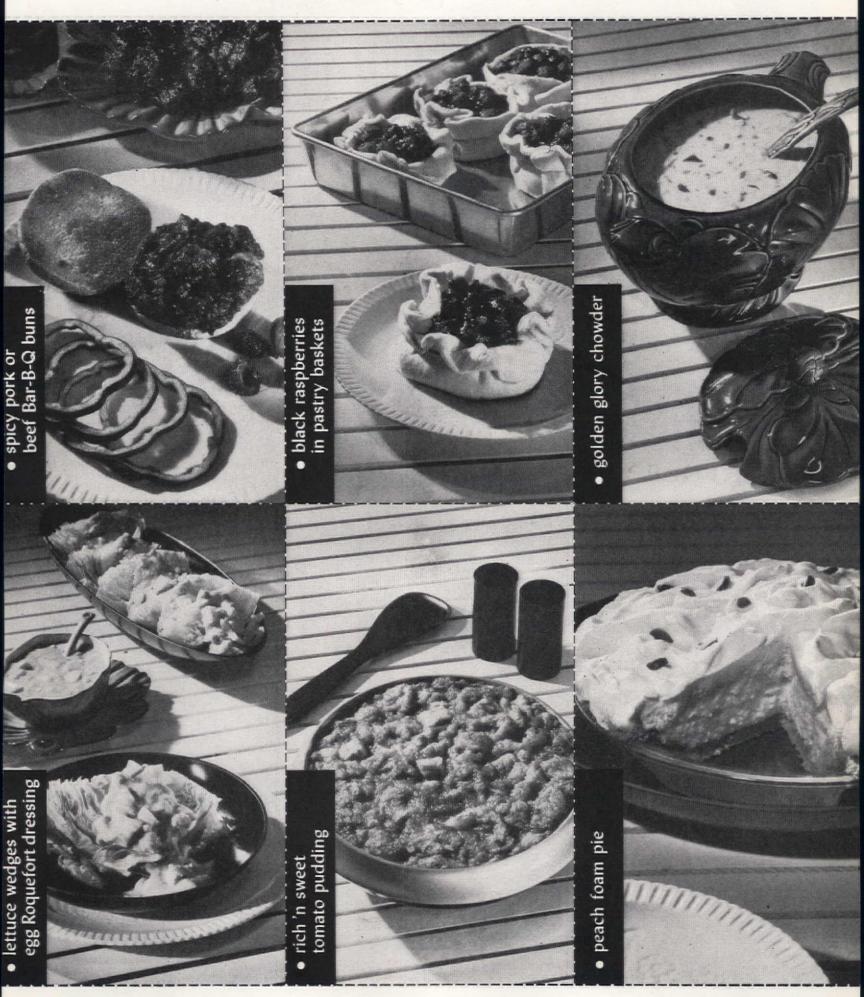
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# peach foam pie

cup sugar tsp. salt cup milk egg yolks

6 tbs. cold water
5/2 tsp. vanilla
1 cup fresh, frozen, or canned peaches, mashed
2 tbs. lemon juice
2 tbs. grated lemon rind
3 egg whites

14 cup sugar

Leat egg yolks until lemon-colored; add sugar, salt, milk. Stir constantly over boiling water until custard coats spoon. Remove from heat, stir in gelatin dissolved in cold water. Add vanilla and cool. Pour lemon juice over peaches and fold into custard with grated lemon rind. Beat egg whites until stiff; gradually beat in sugar; beat until stiff and glossy. Fold into custard mixture and pour into a 9" crumb shell. Chill until firm. Top with whipped cream, garnish with pistachio nuts.

VANILLA WAFER PIE SHELL

11/2 cups vanilla wafers, finely crushed (1 43/4-oz. package)

tbs. flour tbs. butter or margarine, melted

Mix vanilla wafers and flour; add melted butter and mix. Press into a 9" pie plate with back of spoon dipped in cold water. Bake at 325° F. for 15 minutes.

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### tomato pudding rich 'n sweet

3 cups bread cubes (packed slightly) % cup melted butter

1 15-oz, can tomato purée 11/2 cups brown sugar

brown sugar for five minutes. Combine tomato mixture and bread cubes and place in a 1-quart casserole. Bake in a 350° F. oven for 45 minutes. Soak bread cubes in butter. Meanwhile cook the tomato purée and

Note: Because this is a rich pudding, it should be served as an accompaniment to another vegetable.

Serves 8

385 cal, per serving

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egg Roquefort dressing lettuce wedges with

cup Roquefort cheese, crumbled tbs. onion, grated cup salad oil cup tarragon vinegar hard-cooked eggs

½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. paprika
½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
5 drops Tabasco sauce
Lettuce wedges

Blend cheese and seasonings well. Chop eggs rather coarsely; add to cheese mixture, and pour over lettuce wedges.

Serves 8-10 165 cal, per salad serving Source of vitamins A, B complex

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golden glory chowder

cups potatoes, cut in 1/2-inch cubes 1/2 green pepper, chopped fine 6 cups onions, chopped fine lean bacon, cubed 3 cups water

tsp. salt

1 4-oz. can pimientos, chopped 1/2 cups light cream

Cook In—Eat

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1/8 tsp. pepper cups fresh corn

Fry bacon until crisp. Pour off some of fat, add onions and green pepper; brown well. Add water to mixture and bring to a boil. Then add potatoes and cook slowly for 10-15 minutes. Add corn during last 3-5 minutes of cooking time. When corn is almost tender, combine pimientos, cream, and seasonings with mixture and heat thoroughly.

tresh corn. In using canned corn, omit the cooking time for fresh corn and heat Note: If desired, 2 no. 2 cans of whole kernel corn may be substituted for the thoroughly with last few ingredients.

390 cal. per serving Serves 8

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### black raspberries in pastry baskets

Pastry for 6 pastry baskets 11/2 cups sugar 4 tbs. flour

41/2 cups black raspberries 1 tbs. grated lemon rind 2 tbs. lemon juice

Make pastry using 2 cups flour, 1 tsp. salt, 34 cup shortening, and from 5 to 6 tbs. cold water. Roll 1/8 in. thick, then cut into 6-in. rounds with a floured cutter. Mix sugar and flour, add lemon rind and lemon juice, then toss pastry around raspberry filling, allowing berries to show through on top. To keep baskets in shape, tie string loosely about an inch from pastry top. Place lightly with raspberries which have been washed and drained. Divide filling on greased cookie sheet and bake at 425° F. for 30-40 minutes or until done. between six rounds of pastry, mounding berries toward center. Fold edges of Serve with thick cream.

Serves 6

620 cal, per serving

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### beef Bar-B-Q buns spicy pork or

2 green pepper, chopped fine 2 cloves garlic on toothpicks 2 lbs. pork shoulder, cubed 1 cup onions, diced 11/2 tsp. chili powder

tsp. cinnamon

2 cups ketchup 2 tbs. Worcestershire sauce 2 tbs. soy sauce 1 tsp. Tabasco sauce 1 tbs. brown sugar 2 tsp. salt 1 tsp. black pepper ½ tsp. cayenne

11/2 tbs. wine vinegar 11/2 cups stock (use 2 bouillon cubes)

Brown meat in enough fat to prevent sticking; drain fat, reserving about 6 tablespoons. Add diced onion, green pepper, and garlic on toothpicks. Brown slightly and remove garlic. Add remainder of ingredients. Cover and simmer for 45 minutes to 1 hour, or until meat is cooked through and sauce is thick. Serve on split fresh buns.

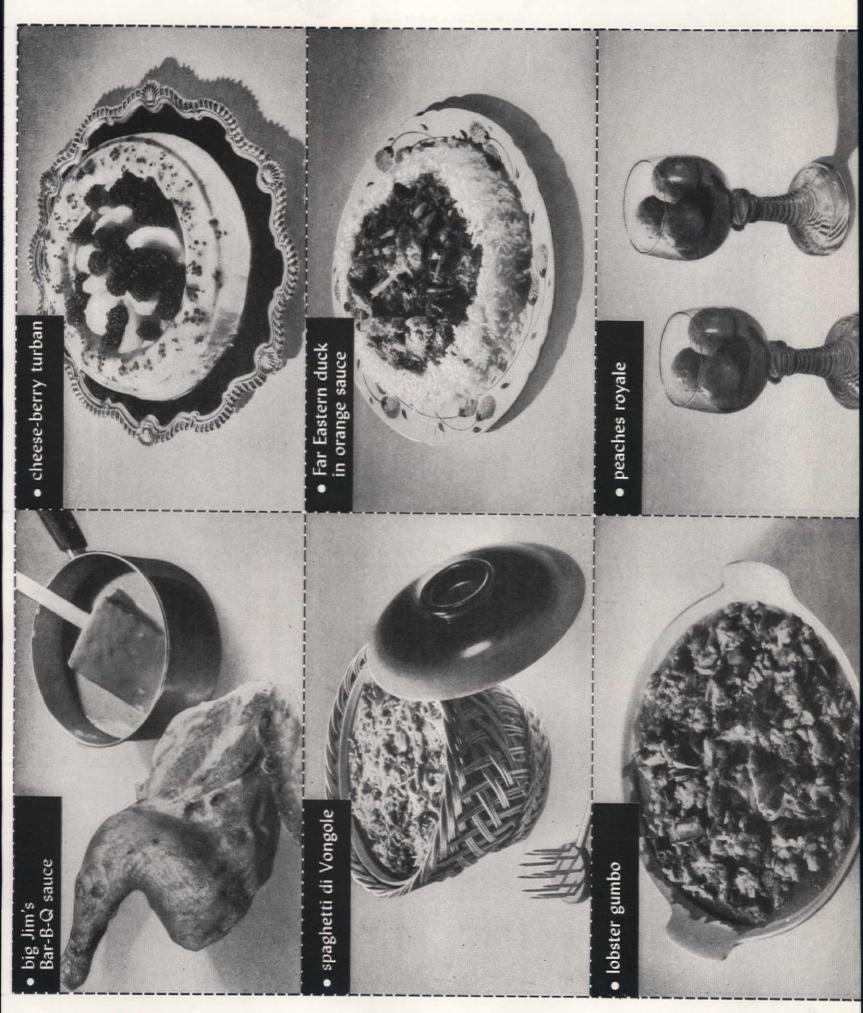
BEEF BAR-B-Q BUNS: Substitute ground beef for pork; add 1/2 cup ketchup.

Note: If you find this sauce too highly seasoned, adjust seasonings accordingly.

370 cal. per serving Fills 12-15 buns

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#### Good Victuals (Begins on page 52)



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Melt 3 tbs. butter in deep kettle. Sauté 10 min.: 1 sliced onion

2 cup chopped celery I clove garlic \* 3 lb. Add: I

can tomatoes fresh or canned okra, sliced I bay leaf

I tsp. cayenne ½ tsp. thyme Salt to taste

Stir well, Gradually add 1 qt. boiling water, Cover, Simmer 40 min. Add lb. cooked lobster lumps. Simmer 10 min. Spread hot, steamed rice over bottom of preheated deep serving plate or shallow baking dish. Two spoonrice for each serving of Gumbo is traditional. Pour steaming hot Gumbo over and serve immediately. to slui

Note: Lobster served cold or reheated as in Gumbo requires only 15 minutes of boiling. Cool in water in which it was cooked.

Recipe by Jean Austin

spaghetti di Vongole

Serves 4-6

Scrub 1 dozen little neck clams, rinse in cold running water until all sand removed. Steam them until they pop (overcooking toughens clams). Save Rémove clams, cut in small pieces, place in bowl with clam liquor. Brown 2 cloves garlic in 4 tbs. hot olive oil. Use heavy skillet or saucepan. Add clam liquor, 1 large can tomatoes, salt and pepper to taste. Simmer slowly 40 min. Add chopped clams, turn up flame and cook just long enough to reheat clams—about 2 minutes. Just before serving add 2 tbs. chopped parsley.

the juice.

Flour serving pieces of duck very lightly and sauté gently in butter until nicely browned on all sides.

Add: 1 large onion, finely sliced 1 crushed whole clove of garlic

4 tsp. mace

ginger tsp. Mix:

Add to duck: 2 tbs. raisins

3 tbs. chopped almonds

Stir gently, cover, simmer 11/2-2 hrs. Remove duck to serving dish and add guava jelly to the sauce. Serve with hot, boiled rice.

# cheese-berry turban

Moisten 1 envelope (1 tbs.) unflavored gelatin in 1 tbs. Add this slowly to: 2 3-oz. pkgs. soft, mashed cream cheese Heat I cup milk and add to gelatin.

cold water.

tsp. salt

fill center Fold in: 1 cup whipped cream to which 1 cup drained berries have been folded in Pour into 1-qt. greased ring mold. Chill overnight. Unmold and

Sliced fresh peaches Berries

Recipe by Jean Austin

Cut large peaches in half and remove pits. Stew in 2 cups sugar, 2 cups water, 2 tbs. kirsch until tender but not sof, or mushy, Cool.

Good Victuals

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Fill peach halves with lemon ice, "Stick" 2 peach halves together by brushing edges with lime or orange marmalade. (Toothpicks can be used—then chilling peaches until lemon ice and marmalade congeal enough to hold peaches together-but don't forget to remove toothpicks.)

Cook I cup sugar with I cup water until syrup is quite thick. Pour, while still very hot, over 2 cups raspberries. Let stand about 25 minutes. Stir occasionally. Strain this mixture through fine sieve. Save pulp. Put strained syrup on stove until reduced to half original amount. Pour immediately over berry pulp, Cool. Chill serving dishes. Stir berry sauce and pour over the cold stuffed See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 89

or slipping of the spaghetti

as it is lifted from boiling water; eleven prongs eliminate any matting

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fourteen inches long, drains spaghetti

5-6 whole cloves 6 whole peppercorns

Recipe by Jean Austin

 Far Eastern duck in orange sauce

Salt to taste

Blend with lime juice to a smooth paste. Add this mixed with I cup stock to duck.

Boil 1 lb. spaghetti about 15 min. in 5 qts. rapidly boiling salted water. Do not overcook. It should be *al deute* (medium). Drain, turn into heated serving dish and pour clam sauce over it. Serve immediately—and no grated cheese

with this, please.

SPAGHETTI:

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whole bottle Louisiana Red Hot (or Tabasco) sauce

prepared mustard bottles ketchup bottle French's 14-0Z. whole

2 whole bottles Lee & Perrins Worcestershire sauce I 8-oz. can Wesson Oil

cayenne pepper

I tsp. (or more) I tbs. sugar

2 tsp. (or more) Bellow's Hickory Smoked Salt

luice of 1 lemon

3 toes of garlic

Bar-B-Q sauce

big Jim's

Then add the Worcestershire sauce, and finally, the Wesson Oil. Whip per, and sugar. Add the Louisiana Red Hot. Add the mustard, the ketchup, and stir. Then add the Worcestershire sauce, and finally, the Wesson Oil. Whip well, or beat with rotary mixer. Pulverize the garlic in a garlic press, add to lemon juice, salt, pepand bar-Split the broilers, place on rack above well-banked hickory coals,

Makes 3 pints sauce, enough for a nice mess of chickens. This sauce will not sour, can be kept in or out of the refrigerator, and swabbing frequently with the sauce.

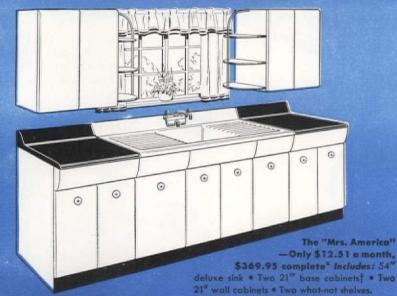
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## Bake on Friday-Loaf on Sunday

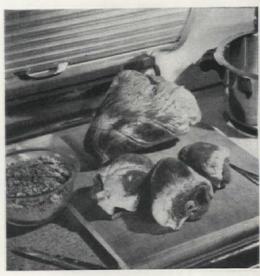
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If an may work from sun to sun, but woman's work is never done!" Perhaps this time-worn saying was more truth than fiction in Grandmother's housekeeping, but the turning of the second half-century has brought to her modern homemaking granddaughters every possible variety of equipment and gadgets to make quick work of a gal's job in the home.

Equipment or no, Grandmother was a real manager—remember the old-time baking day and the elaborate preparations it entailed? Foods which had good keeping qualities were stashed away on the shelves of the buttery to be used throughout the week—and we might well take a good management tip from that old-fashioned homemaker! Let's plan to use Friday, for example, to whip up the week end's meals—and at the same time prepare a few extra dishes to slip into the freezer. Good management means saving money, too! Take a tip from these pictures and try our ideas for using your accurately-controlled pressure saucepan and reliable oven to make cheaper cuts of meat more tender. Good equipment and good use of your time will not only leave you with a bountiful supply of foods stowed away in the home freezer for the week end, but will surely leave

you with time and energy for taking it much easier come Sunday.

You'll remember that our series of good management articles started with Monday, washday; Tuesday, refrigerator defrosting; Wednesday, mid-week cleaning; Thursday, managing little jobs and now, with the week end a few days away, we will want to be sure to have a generous supply of good meals on hand and in the home freezer. Whether you choose Friday or another day to bake, package, and freeze, you will want to remember that, as you serve foods from your freezer every day, you must set aside a day to make replacements. We'd like to suggest that before the day arrives, you decide what foods and quantities you want to freeze, letting family preferences be your guide. We show you below less tender cuts of meat, reasonable in price and of good food value, which can be frozen baked, unbaked, cooked, or uncooked. With a little planning in the use of your time and good equipment to speed up preparations, you can do double the share in less time, with less effort. We'll bet if Grandmother could have foreseen these modern methods of preparing and preserving foods with ease and convenience she would have exclaimed, "Impossible! Newfangled! Where can I get them?"

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 89



Baking in double-quick time with Crosley twooven range. A true must these days to conserve time and energy. Meat loaves baking in small oven while rolls bake in large oven



Handy hint! Prepare seasoned meat loaves ahead of time for the freezer. They'll be ready to slip into the oven whenever you're ready to bake them. Will keep for several weeks, too!



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Seal ends of dahlia stems by holding in flame, then stand them overnight in deep water. Or cut early in day and, after burning, plunge them in deep water for 2 hours for conditioning. To avoid monotony of all oversize flowers, "remodel" some by removing outer petals



In a low flat bowl use 5-inch, sharp pin flower holder. Define highest point first with a spray having plenty of buds and foliage. Then place a blossom about medium way down



Continue adding blooms in a slight downward swirl. Don't be timid about cutting stems quite close to blossoms. In very hot weather add ice cubes to preserve freshness



Permit a bud or two and some foliage to swing over the side, but not rest on the table. Fill in around base of design with larger blooms and more foliage. Hold design snugly together so that some water may be seen

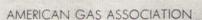


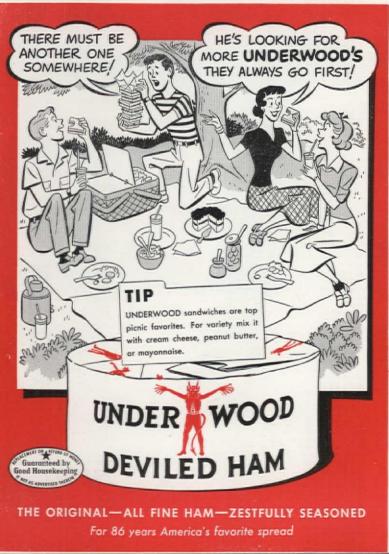


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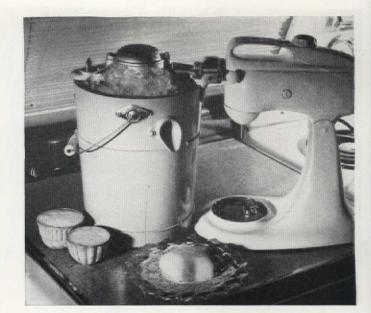


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Not long ago, Bernard, who is a motion-picture cartoon animator, maker of sketches for television, and illustrator of the juvenile books his wife writes, realized that he could do his work at home if it were within easy commuting distance of the city. Katharine who, besides her writing, has a five-days-a-week job as librarian, decided that she, too, would like to take to the country provided she had a small, compact home that she could run largely by "remote control." Both of them like to ride; they wanted to be able to fuss around in old jeans in garden and orchard out of sight of neighbors, and to do their informal entertaining outdoors.

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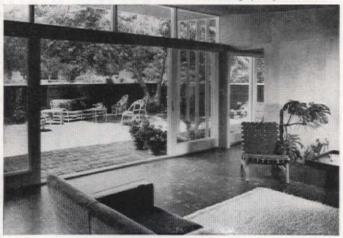
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kitchen and service room similarly combined, Katharine can simultaneously make a stew and watch the laundry. Asphalt tile floors withstand heavy traffic (including that of assorted animals). A carport beside the front-entrance gate, with one wall expanded into storage space, eliminated the need for and cost of a garage. And the absence of windows on the north and south sides insures privacy from the occupants of adjoining properties. But the feature that makes outdoor living so delightful here is the generous bricked patios across the front (toward the west) and the back of the house. They have wide roof overhangs above the glass walls and, on the outer sides, are bounded by 5-foot redwood board fences with alternate sections offset or recessed to correspond with planting spaces left in the brick pavement. For a tea party or afternoon sun bath, there's the front patio with broken shade from a fine old walnut tree; for breakfast or a forenoon siesta, there's the secluded, peaceful east terrace with its almond and pecan trees and pots of geraniums; and a covered porch that shelters the glass wall of the dining area, providing shade for those who prefer their sun in small doses. Beyond are the little stable, poultry department, orchard, and other ranch details. Like the patio fences, the redwood house walls suit the rurally informal character of the place. They are set off by good planting, white trim, and the blue-green underside of the overhangactually continuation of the living area ceiling. The main bedroom beyond the living area, the second bedroom (which serves as Bernard's studio), in fact, all the rooms, open outdoors.



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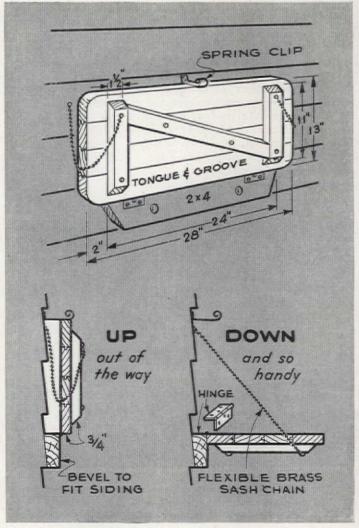
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- Q. What is Sterling?
- A. Sterling is 925 parts pure silver to every 1,000. This proportion is fixed. Copper is the metal commonly used for the other 75 parts to give the soft pure silver stiffness and durability.
- Q. What is Plated Silver?
- A. This is a ware composed of base metal or base-metal alloy upon which a layer of silver is deposited.
- Q. What is flatware?
- A. Flatware consists of all type knives, forks, and spoons.
- Q. What is holloware?
- A. Serving pieces such as open and covered vegetable dishes, platters, waiters, tea and coffee services, pitchers, candy dishes, etc., are called holloware.
- Q. How much silver is there in a Sterling teaspoon?
- About the same amount as there is in a silver dollar.
- Q. How much silver is there in a plated teaspoon?
- The amount of silver in one dime will form the coating on two goodquality plated teaspoons. A silver dollar will coat about twenty teaspoons of good quality.
- Q. What are the important things to look for when buying Sterling?
- A. Weight: consistency of weight and size among the pieces in a pattern; depth of design; craftsmanship; and, last but not least, permanency of pattern.
- Q. How should I choose a Sterling pattern?
- A. Choose a design which expresses your own taste and personality. Do not be influenced by the preferences of others. An ornate design does not necessarily have to be used if your furniture, china or linen is on the elaborate side, neither is it considered improper when used with the plain modern dinnerware of today. With so many patterns to choose from, if



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#### Do You Know

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you already have your dinnerware, it is helpful, of course, to key your selection somewhat to it.

- Q. Are plain designs in better taste than decorative designs?
- Each has its advantages. The plain design emphasizes the classic beauty and dignity of Sterling silver. Wear from constant use over the years adds a soft luster. A decorative design adds interest to the pattern, and the natural process of oxidation that occurs in silver causes the design to stand out.
- Q. If silverware is used daily, will it get old-looking?
- Silverware gains luster, warmth of tone, and becomes more beautiful with use. It also requires less polishing when constantly in use than when it is stored away. Try rotating silver pieces if you have more than you use daily and thus give each piece a turn. Try to form the habit of changing your silver whenever you change your tablecloth.
- Q. There are 57 uses for the different pieces listed below. How many can you name?
- Salad Fork (individual salads, cake, pie, fish)

Cream Soup Spoon (cream soup, bouillon, regular soup, cereals) Gravy Ladles (gravies, cream sauce, fruit sauce, dressings) Pie Knife (serving pie, cake, ice

Long Server (fish, cutlets, molded desserts, puddings, ice cream) Pitcher (beverages, long-stemmed

Porringer (nuts, olives, candy, plants, pipedessert, cereal.

Cold Meat Fork (cold meat, cheese slices, chicken, fish, vegetables, entrées on toast)

Tomato Server (meat, fish, fowl, stuffed peppers, tomatoes, hamburgers, eggs)

Silver Bowl (popcorn, ice cubes, flowers, fruits, punch [depending on size of bowl])

Bread Tray (celery, bread, rolls, candy, nuts)

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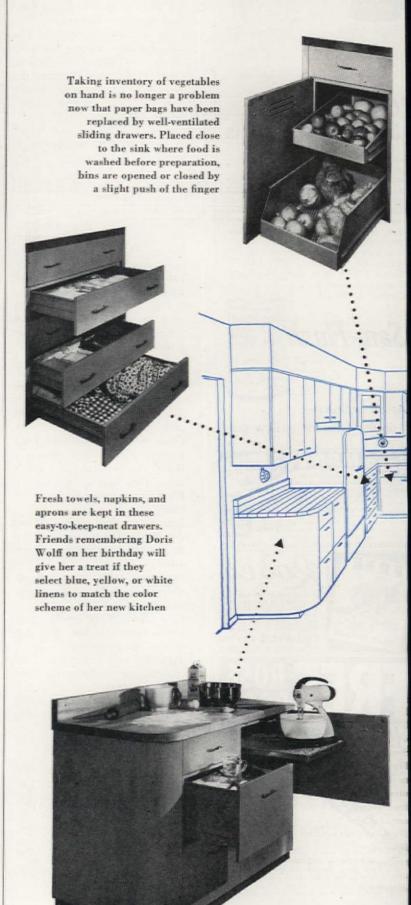




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#### No Traffic Problem (Begins on page 46)

there's a place for everything and everything in its place! Here are some close-up pictures of the cabinets and drawers which make the Wolff kitchen a pleasure to work in. Not only are they designed to give the most storage in a minimum space, but each drawer and cabinet is easily reached. Doris Wolff gave special thought to this when planning

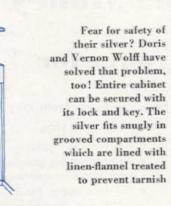


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her kitchen, along with all the other shortcomings which the old setup had, and now it's a model of streamlined efficiency. There's plenty of flat, workable table surface, too, instead of the hit-or-miss spots in the old kitchen. All the cabinets are located where they'll do the most good—for cleaning, cooking, baking or serving—making three meals a day easy to prepare in no time. And one of the most wonderful things about the entire plan is the elimination of any unnecessary steps, that endless walking which left our grandmothers fagged out! Little wonder, then, that the Vernon Wolffs find it much more to their liking.

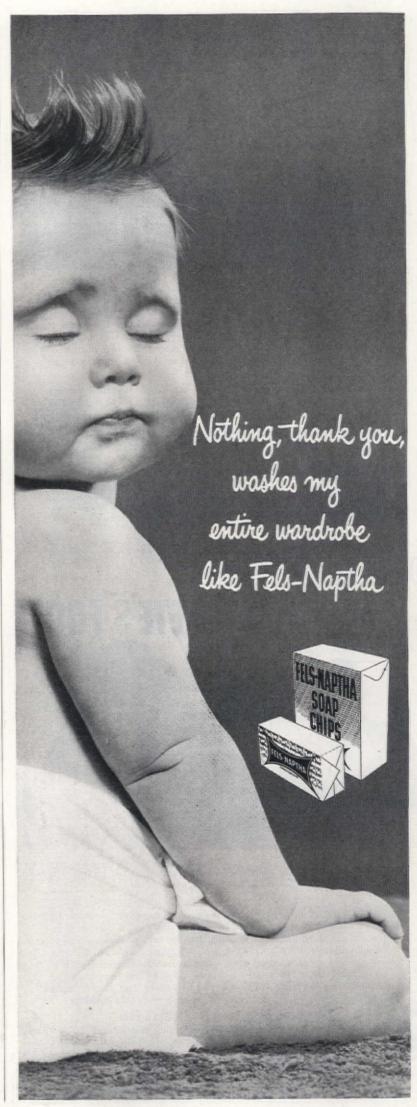


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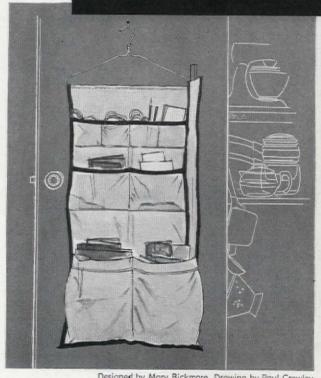
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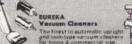
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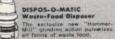
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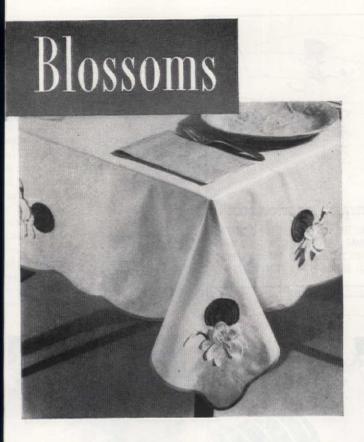
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#### Off Your Chest

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magazine and tells us that Mr. Dewey has 100 cows of assorted breeds on his farm that average 67,000 lbs. of milk per year, per cow.

Dear me! Most of us believed the world's record for milk production was held by a Holstein cow of Irish lineage, now located over in Ontario, and her production was some 31,000-odd pounds; whereas the world's record for butterfat still is credited to an aged Australian cow of the Milking Shorthorn breed. While some of us aggressive folk strive years for a dairy producing 10,000 lbs. of milk per year, per cow, the majority of farmers are content with cows giving half to two thirds that amount.

-Anne K. Hutchins

Dear Madam:

We Owosso people were pleased to note in your June issue the very good story of one of Owosso's most distinguished sons, Thomas E. Dewey. It appears that he has some very good dairy cows and that his success in production of milk is on a par with some of his other sterling qualities.

I am just wondering, however, if you didn't make an error in the production of his dairy cattle . . . I have a lot of dairy cattle, and I believe they are as good as Tom Dewey's, but they don't produce that much milk, and never will.

-V. O. Braun

Dear Sir:

. . . The reason I am writing you is that one must come to either of two conclusions :

 The Governor had produced milk at a fantastic rate never before attained by any other dairy in these United States.

2. The Governor's herd is below the state average in production.

Which is the truth?

-Anthony Cosentino

Gentlemen:

how Gov. Dewey gets such production from his cows? I can get him a good price for a calf from such a cow.

-Roy S. Johnson

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

THE AMERICAN HOME apologizes to the Governor's cows for the gross overstatement regarding their milk production in our June article. For the record and for the peace of mind of all our good readers who have challenged this statement we now report on authority that on the Governor's farm the cows average about 11,000 pounds of milk per cow per year. The average production of milk in New York State totals about 6,700 pounds per cow per year.



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#### **Shoestring Manor**

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over the prices at the regular building supply yards, which helped a lo

For the water lines, we used coppe tubing. It is simple to make the fer connections required, with special fir tings and a small blowtorch. The fir tings we soldered onto the pipe an all of the piping was arranged t slope downward to one faucet, so that during freezing weather we coul drain the water in a few minutes

The utility room was placed be tween the bathroom and the kitche with the electric water-heater also in stalled in this room, so that the water



Watch that thumb! Even the girls took on hard back-breaking tasks, and did them well

pipes are only 2 or 3 feet long between plumbing fixtures in either bathroom or kitchen and the water tank

The insulated concrete floor (concrete with vermiculite aggregate) is wonderful for a country place. It can take abuse without signs of wear.

We decided that the fireplace was to be the focal point in the house, along with a glass wall overlooking the picturesque valley below. The front of the fireplace was made of local bluestone with the hearth 16 inches above the floor so that the fire is visible all over the room, and at the same time is easier to tend.

A heat-circulating steel fireplace unit was used as a form around which we amateur masons packed insulation and laid bricks and stone. This resulted in a perfectly functioning fireplace that provides many times more heat than a conventional fireplace, and actually heats our home in all but the coldest weather.

Unquestionably, the most dramatic feature of the house is the breath-taking view seen through a 24-foot picture window, which is the entire south wall. There's a 3-foot roof overhang above the picture window, which keeps out the summer sun but permits the low winter sun to enter and warm the house.

The time we spend in cleaning has

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been reduced to a minimum as a result of planning. We have no ornate moldings in the entire place. Door and window frames are plain 1 x 3 boards that do not catch the dust. Instead of baseboards we have a small quarter-round molding. Everything has a place; closets and cabinets have been designed for such odd-shaped items as bridge chairs, radio, record-changer, folding beds and linens, etc. All doors are flush plywood and many slide on runners to save space, and floors are not interrupted from room to room by door saddles. The chairs are all covered in plas-

hotographs by F. M. Demarest



Kitchen is streamlined for greatest amount of storage space, everything recessed in the ceiling. Laminated plastic kitchen tops are easy to keep clean, require little maintenance

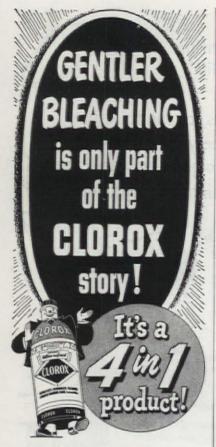


Furniture in living room is plastic-upholstered modern type, for easy cleaning. Old piano cut down and faced with Weldtex for newer look. Concealed flush lighting



Fireplace is pride and joy of owners. Steel unit was used as form, covered with bluestone. Hearth 16 inches above floor, visible to all, eliminates bending down







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tic and can be very easily cleaned. Extensive use was made of modern materials which require little main-

tenance: aluminum casement windows and screens; aluminum stall shower; laminated plastic kitchen tops; hazard-free electric circuit breaker: aluminum gooseneck light fixtures and a glass-lined electric hot-water tank.

We found that it paid to have plenty of hammers, saws, and other basic tools on hand and that such machinery as a portable electric saw and cement mixer with a motor on it can save much hand labor. We expected all of our helpers to return tools they had been using to the shop, properly cleaned, at the end of the day's work. Early in the game, we lost a hammer which one of our guests had left in the ditches and was later buried under 4 feet of concrete. This increased the overall cost by \$1.89.

We have learned by experience that before any thought is given to construction of a house you should first see to it that there is electricity, plenty of running water, and a small storeroom of some kind in which to keep all of your tools and implements. We built our workshop before we started on the rest of the house so that we had a storage place as well as a place to run to when it rained.

Since our site was steeply sloped, we planned the level of the foundations so that we could utilize the wonderful power of a bulldozer to remove tons of earth from the rear of the house and push it to the front, thereby creating a parking area in the rear and a terrace in front. This was done in a single operation at the low cost of \$150, in a single day.

We borrowed money from all of our friends and struggled along until the house was finished and then we were able to secure a mortgage. The worry about "high financing" on nickels and dimes was the only unpleasant part of the building project.

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#### Live with Antiques

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" and Love it

with than modern. Or reproductions. Or even just plain old secondhand furniture

First of all, they're better made. The real McCoy isn't glued together in a hit-or-miss fashion; it doesn't get loose or rickety. Joints that were dovetailed or pegged by hand and have already held together for 150 years, will continue to hold, likely as not, for some time to come.

Antiques wear better. The finish is in the wood rather than in a thin coating on the surface. Thus, the modern stuff-with beauty that's only skin deep-looks shabby in no time at all unless it's thoroughly and constantly cleaned and waxed. Every cigarette burn stands out like a piece of spaghetti on a white shirtfront. Every little scratch is an ugly white scar that never wears away.

Suppose you want to sell your furniture, in which you have invested a tidy sum. If you've loaded up on modern or reproductions, you'll do well to get back one third of what vou paid. But if you have a few antique pieces, they'll increase in value the longer you own them. They never become secondhand furniture.

Antiques make for a happy home life. The wife who is scouting around for ideas that will keep her husband home nights should set him to scraping down a few fine old antiques. It may sound farfetched, but it has been known to work. On me, for instance.

Antiques make for harmony-in-thehome in other ways, too. Take vacations, for instance. With me, it didn't used to be a vacation unless I was standing up to here in a mountain trout stream from dawn to dusk. Then I got married, and fish was not my wife's dish. Many was our bout about trout. Her idea of a good time was to be on a crowded beach, dripping with vegetable oil and smelling like a well-dressed salad, while she lay there in the summer sun. Me, I was huddled under a beach umbrella, nursing a third-degree burn, cursing the seashore, and praying for rain.

Those days of misunderstanding are now, of course, way in the past. When vacation time rolls around, we pile into a station wagon (something of an antique in its own right), and we're off on a great adventure. A couple of weeks later we're back, loaded down with treasures. We even bring back a little money, too.

Finally, there's one last reason. Antiques can be (and for me, they are) a reassuring link to days past. Life is impermanent enough without having to stop and wonder, every time you open a drawer, whether the handle is coming off in your hand, without having glass tabletops and a highly

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lacquered finish on everything around you. Antiques have lived through wars, depressions, panics, floods—and they've come through it all with simple majestic dignity. They're comforting and friendly to have around. And they're especially satisfying in a freezing cold apartment like the one we lived in when we were first married. Our antiques exuded a warm, friendly glow—and that glow was practically the only heat we had.

#### - and Loathe it"

saved the week end from disaster. The small inconveniences of fine antiques, however, suffer by comparison with certain old contraptions that are made into lamps (they're as tippy as kayaks); commodes that house radios (you have to get down on all fours to tune the radio on or off); leather hatboxes that become wastepaper baskets (throw a wad of chewing gum in one and you're a vandal). I could go on and on. Just to prove it, I will. Delicate procelain egg cups are substituted for cigarette boxes. The beauty of this is that the egg cup requires refilling every five minutes when three people get together, if one of the three is a moderate smoker. Porringers are used as ash trays. Rest a cigarette on a porringer and one of two things happens. Either the cigarette falls into the porringer and goes out, or it flops down on the table, giving the wood a lovely 1951 patina.

But the best proof that antiques leave something to be desired is that even the most zealous collectors have to resort to a subtle form of cheating in order to enjoy gracious living. The next time you visit an antiquelover, just put down your bowl of porridge, scout around a bit, and you'll find the evidence. Take a peek in the closet near that grandfather clock and chances are you'll see a gaudy new electric Big Ben. Open up the desk (carefully, please) where the Sheffield inkwell and quill are displayed. Two to one you'll discover a ballpoint pen and extra ink cartridges hidden away in some dark corner. Then sneak into the master bedroom, lift the patchwork quilt off the bed, and you won't be disappointed if you've a yen to stroke one of the new electric blankets. But watch out you don't knock down that brass bedwarmer hanging on the wall behind you-it's a really old one!

Now for a word of caution: don't accuse an antique addict of having to cheat in order to live comfortably unless you want your hair parted by a fire poker, circa 1776. No amount of reasoning, cajoling or needling can effect a cure of the real aficionado. The love of antiques will live on as long as there's a man left on earth.



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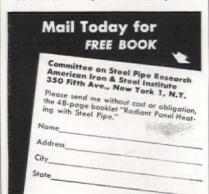
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#### COOK IN-EAT OUT

Table appointments on page 50: round and oval black dishes, serving pieces, spoon, salt and pepper, "Grainware"; green soup tureen, Cemar Clay Products; lobster cabaret, Brad Keeler Artwares; panel grape milk-glass goblet, Westmoreland Glass; "Shelledge" dessert plate, Syracuse China; pie plate, Corning Glass Works; hurricane lamps, Edith Chapman.

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Page 46: St. Charles cabinets; Chambers gas range; Armstrong linoleum; General Electric refrigerator; General Electric disposal unit; wallpaper by Globe Mills, Park Avenue Line; Sunbeam Mixmaster; Farberware cooking utensils.

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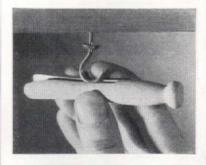
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#### PLACE AND SHOW

Table appointments on page 48: Plastic dinnerware, "Lifetime Ware," Watertown Mfg. Co.; cloth, "Modern Spice," Russel Wright design, Simtex Mills; matkins, "Curry," Simtex Mills; cinnamon crystal iced-tea tumblers, "Horizon," Fastoria; silver, "Doffodil," 1847. Rogers Bros.; flower pin holder, Dazey Mfg. Co.

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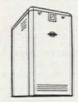




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anyone had asked me if I knew how to visit a sick child in a hospital ward, I think I would doubtless have condescendingly smiled, and smugly answered, "Of course." That was before our eight-year-old son had a sudden appendectomy, followed by a severe cold, which resulted in three weeks' stay in the local hospital. Those weeks were very revealing to me, and the following list of Do's and Don't's grew out of the realization that neither I nor my friends really knew how to visit a sick youngster. One important fact seems to be so quickly forgotten, if indeed it is ever realized-namely, that a small child has very few reserves and that for the most part, his defenses are down. He is largely depending on you for his stimulus and amusement. A child of eight, unless desperately sick, looks forward to the visiting hour. Those 60 minutes fairly fly by and it is not fair to waste one of them. They belong to the chile -that hour is his, and it is up to the visitor to fill it with as much quiet amusement and contentment as possible.

DO offer to read aloud, and start at once. No child gets enough of this. Your voice may give out, but carry on, read the whole time. He'll love it. If your voice starts croaking, you can gargle when you go home. Tell him how much he is missed. Don't take it for granted that he already knows this. Children like to be made happy-to "feel good"-as much as their elders do.

Tell him an amusing but not sidesplitting story or little joke. As for gifts, bring him magazines with big, colored pictures, rather than books with small print, or leave him a large, blank writing tablet and several good pencils, with the hint that you'd like to see if he can draw as good an airplane as you can-then watch for the results next visit. No real artist can resist the challenge of the blank expanse of white paper. A plant with many buds, a goldfish bowl full of small fish that can be watched with no mental effort, are other gift ideas. So also is the old family photo album with snaps of himself: taking his first steps, himself at three years in wad-



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ing, and a picture of the family's Christmas stockings by the mantel.

NOW FOR THE DON'T'S: Don't talk about the patient's appearance unless it is favorable. Don't talk much about his illness. Don't gush, or talk too long. My most urgent don't, the one I particularly wish to stress, is this: don't allow two adults to visit a sick child at the same time. They will, invariably, start talking across the child's bed and over his head. I must confess to this very fault. A friend came to see my boy and found me with him. At first she talked to the child, then before I realized it, we were chatting back and forth across him. This is patently unfair, and I remember how ashamed I was when the bell rang and the visiting hour was over. If two people must visit at once, see that they are both on the same side of the patient's bed, an obvious, but often neglected rule.

And now, a final DON'T. Do not ever promise a small child that you will come to see him "tomorrow" if there is any doubt in your mind about your being able to do so. If you cannot be there, tell him so frankly. He will accept the fact, but don't let him set his small heart on your coming as usual, only to find that you do not appear. Remember, he is counting on that visit. Children bank on promises; "cross your heart" means business, and disappointments are thoughtless, if not cruel. So make a real effort to give up everything else for the visiting hour.

A nurse in a crowded ward is a magnificent and highly admirable combination of kindness and efficiency. But she is a busy person. The day falls into a pattern of routine, bounded by trays, orange juice, baths, temperatures, and trays again. She will give your child a smile, as she changes his dressing, or makes his bed, and will have a few words with him. She does her work well and is not without sympathy and tenderness. But she is very busy, and there are many children. So it is up to the mother to bring what is perhaps the best present of all-her undivided, uninterrupted attention. This is what the child wants and needs-his mother's time, concentrated on him to the full and without distraction. So. Mother, if the thought of marketing still to be done lies heavy on your mind, forget it. If you must work in a half-hour piano practice with your eldest and give the baby his bath, forget it. Don't let your young patient guess that any such details are on your mind. This is his visiting hour -so go ahead and visit with a whole heart and clear head. You will then both enjoy each other's company. You will doubtless leave him a happy boy, and your grade as a visiting mother will certainly rise to A+.

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h, so you thought that screwdrivers didn't need any care, and that they couldn't be used wrong? There are many others who think the same way, but their screwdrivers and the work done with them are often evidence of their mistake.

The first step in driving any screw into wood is to drill a hole of the proper size to start the screw in the right location. This will eliminate splits in the wood and relieve pressures which can cause the screwdriver to slip and damage itself, your hand, the surface next to the screw, the slot of the screw, or can even twist the head or shank off a brass screw. When starting the screw, keep your guiding fingers on the blade rather than on the screw-you'll reduce the chances of hurting yourself if the blade slips. Of course, the blade should also be kept in line with the screw to prevent slipping.

If too large a screwdriver is used, it may not fit in the screw slot, and even if it does fit in, it will project over the edge of the screw head and dig in the adjacent surface when a flat-head screw or bolt is driven flush. A too-small screwdriver blade will



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Beware of using a screwdriver with too wide a tip. If it projects beyond the edge of a flat screwhead, it leaves a mark as it drives screw flush

twist in the slot, slip, burr the slot and ruin the tip of the blade in the case of less-expensive drivers. For use in general home maintenance, you should have at least four screwdrivers, ranging in size from a small pocket model that will do well for screwheads of less than 1/8 inch to a big, tough one to handle 3/8-inch and larger screwheads.

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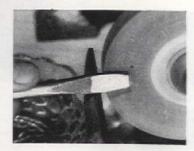
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better ones are definitely worth their slight extra cost-they'll take greater strain without damage to the tip by twisting or breaking. They'll slip less, do better work, and require fewer repairs (or none at all).

When a simple, cheap screwdriver is twisted, you can straighten it by laying it on a heavy metal surface and hammering it. It will also be necessary to file it smooth and even. Chipped and rounded blades can be filed or ground square and to the right thickness so they won't slip out of the screw slot. To prevent future damage of this sort, don't use your screwdrivers for pry-bars on anything heavier than a paint-can lid that isn't stuck fast. Boring holes for screws will prevent twisting of the blade tip and loosening of the handle. And be careful when trying to loosen bolts which are rusted fast.

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Some screw slots are not single, but are crossed. These are on Phillips screws for which you will need a Phillips screwdriver. You may find this type of slot on wood or metal screws and bolts. Use them carefully; you can't repair them easily.



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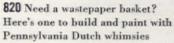
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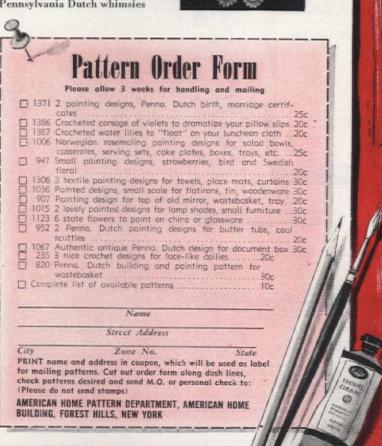
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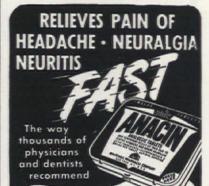


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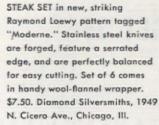
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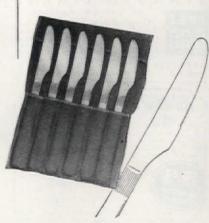
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