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**DOWAGER AUNT:** "The chambermaid? Not very good, my deah! She used aquamarine sheets. On this bed I always use sunrise peach!"



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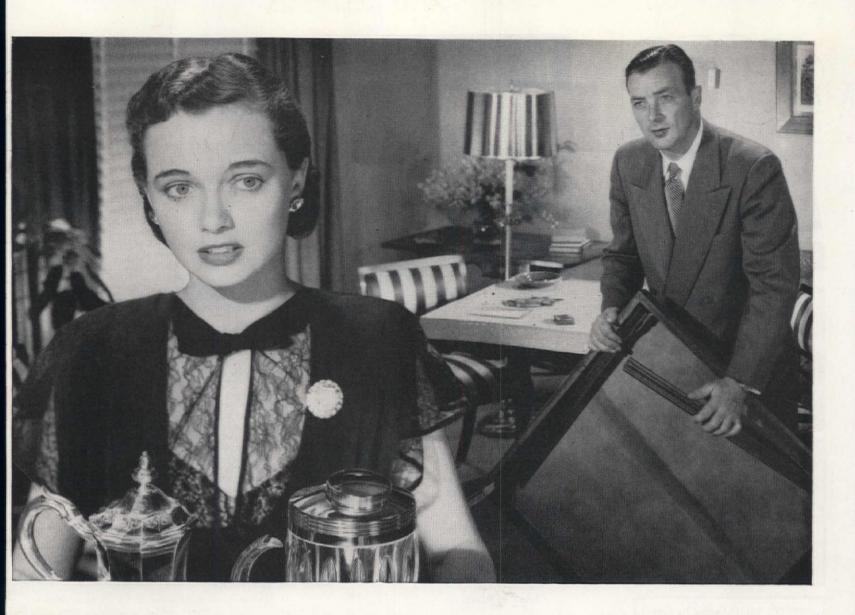
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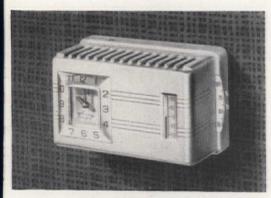




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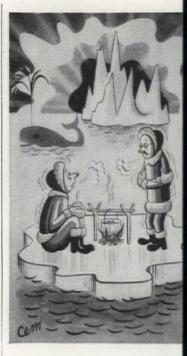
... THE SCOTTS, as they are widely known in horticultural circles (also this is a convenient way to circumvent priority problems!), are both trained scientists (with Ph.D.'s in Physiology) and former teachers, he being retired from the Columbia University faculty. Their common interest in horticulture, as practical gardeners, exhibitors, writers, photographers (and in her case, as an artist), grew out of their botanical work in plant physiology. It embraces a broad knowledge of, and experience with,



chrysanthemums (which they discuss on page 50 and in their book which is reviewed on page 14), azaleas, camellias, irises, primroses, and roses. Dr. Scott (he) is president emeritus of the National Chrysanthemum Society of America which he helped found, and its editor. Dr. Scott (she) is a charter member of the American Primrose Society, helps edit the Chrysanthemum Bulletin, and illustrates much of the writing they turn out together.



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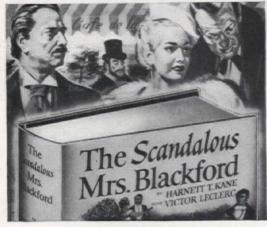
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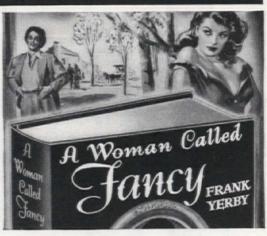
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Food Department, will have a finger in every pie, and in all of the other wonderful things that go on in our kitchens. At New York University she majored in home economics with emphasis on foods and nutrition courses. After that, she went into television, planning and developing food ideas for broadcasts. We'll bet that her Skipper, aged 3, grows up with remarkable taste buds!



. . MAURIE WEBSTER conducts "This Is Living," a radio show over KNX, Los Angeles. He does his own living in a house he helped to build by supervising its construction and lending a hand in bricking walks and terraces, making built-ins. His article about first aid for tired showers (page 126) is one of several he has written for national magazines. His wife is former actress Judith Russell a photographer of children, including their Scott and Susan.



. . . RUTH HOPFFGARTEN, an artist who contributes to our crafts department, is the wife of an artist and mother of a lad of 15 bent the same way. Her parents were vaudeville musicians, and she was in an all-girl orchestra (saxophone) until she coveted a \$75 blouse and copied its decorations on a \$10 one. Now, among other activities which could fill this column, she teaches textile designing in Boise, Ida., writes books on that subject, and paints wild west murals.



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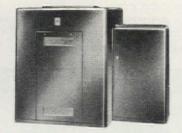
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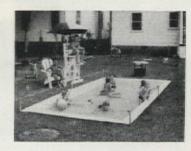
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OUR THANKS to our secret admirer in Greenwich, Conn., who apparently forgot to sign her name to the following note:

. . Congratulations on your beautiful article, 'Good Victuals from Good Friends' in the June issue. And not to forget May 'Good Victuals on Short Order.' That also is grand. Do give us an article every month!

"And now for 'Place and Show.' It is simply beautiful. Such fascinating ideas-we all love the fact that we can also have the information on the table appointments. . . And don't forget that beautiful Iris article! My friends all agree that THE AMERICAN Home is just grand. I could go on from front page to last, but I will just say congratulations to all for the beautiful June issue."

INSECT INTEREST. The article on "Bug Traps" in your July issue is rather indicative of the thinking of too many people regarding all the infinite aspects and complications of God's natural world. Without any great stretch of our imaginations, or PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 164





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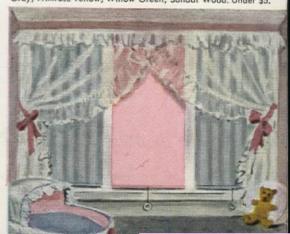
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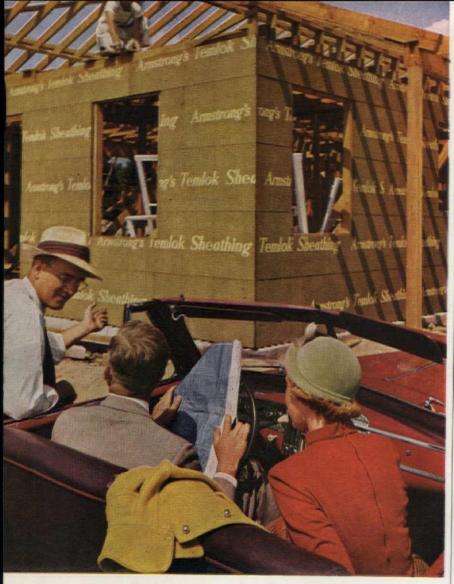


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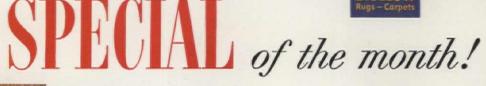
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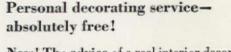
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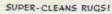
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to Grand Rapids, covering the furniture market. See Dixie's story, "To Market . . ." on page 56. Dixie raced back to New York, then caught a train to Columbus with ed. Austin and executive ed. Jim Wiley to photograph our cover and the rooms shown in "We Like Mixed Company," pages 39-41.

Top of this page, that's ed.
Austin working on the flower arrangement shown on our cover. Next, Paul Budd and Gwyn Crawford, of the Lazarus store, checking furniture credits, and our Allan Slattery backed into a corner behind the camera.
At the right, our distinguished horticultural editor, E. L. D. Seymour, with a

E. L. D. Seymour, with a flock of prizes he won for the beautiful roses from his Long Island garden. To Cleveland we went next—9 of us!—to attend the American Home Economics Convention. We checked in at the Stat-



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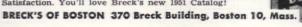
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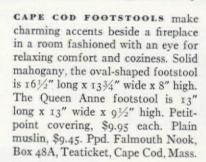
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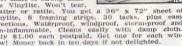
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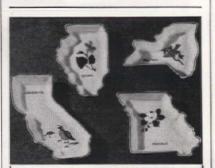
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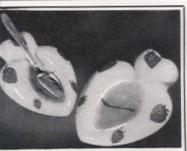
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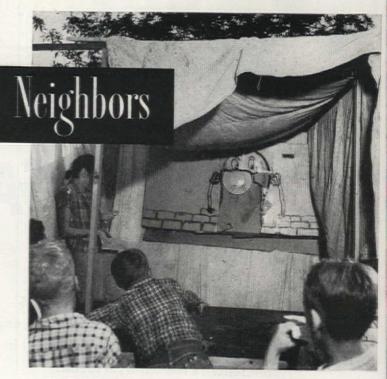
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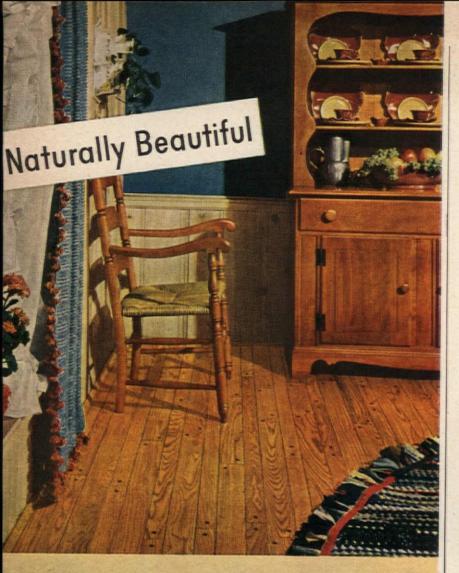




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# Kids First (Begins on page 32)

afternoon, the concessions are designed for the children's entertainment. The adults take over the evening. Hard-working committees under a general chairman solicit and collect everything from chipped pottery for the Dish Break (what a smash hit that is!) to luscious home-baked cakes for the pastry shop. Rummage is gathered and sorted for presentation in different categories. In addition to the hat bar, the costume-jewelry counter, and the book booth, there is a section of what is frankly known as "white elephants." Cut flowers and plants, art items and needlework, aprons and potholders show up in attractive settings. Local merchants heavily patronized by Village residents are, of course, generous. When the big day arrives, the Villagers troop to their clubhouse, and they make sure to bring along all their friends to join in the fun-and to buy from the laden booths which do the proverbial land-office business. This year a Carnival of Nations yielded the neighborly fun-plus enough money to pay for a year's worth of club activities and a fat charity donation.



Naturally, a bazaar which pays for a year of fun for the kids and the whole community must be fun in itself. It is strong on games as on things to sell. Here young Tommy Barker gets the prize he's won in a musical game

Photographs by Peter Gowland

Good eating at the bazaar? You can bet there is! The kids have a wonderful time in such spots as the Holland Pastry Pantry all afternoon, and their mothers stock up here later on



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Just such wise blending made the room above. It's the kind of room which might belong to young marrieds who had shopped around enough to know that no single style would fill their bill. Instead of a single style, they picked a single theme—simple good lines played up by definite colors—to make everything comfortably congenial. Smartly, they've paired the modern sectional sofa and sleek chairs with the lamp table and wonderfully slim secretary straight out of a Pennsylvania farmhouse (copies, of course). A happy combination of contemporary and Early American accessories spices the good company. Charcoal walls are a foil for tawny wood tones and the brilliant red sofa. And white chintz draperies, modern in spirit, boast black, faun-like heads which might have come from a royal French garden.





Photographs by F. M. Demarest



#### Mixed Company (Begins on page 39)

What good are modern ideas to me when I'm tied to traditional furniture I can't throw away—and don't want to, besides? If you've asked yourself that, study the quietly-rich room above. It looks as if its adroit owners had started from scratch, with an unlimited budget. But they didn't. Most of the furniture used in this well-poised mixture of the old and the new is traditional—like yours. The modern part really comes in in the way it's put together, for modern is the best mixer there is. The color scheme, the wall-to-wall carpet, the expanse of drapery give it its modern simplicity, its 1951 point of view.

Couldn't your own sofa and easy chairs go jaunty in modern, but subtle, covers like the ones above? You'll find that they will still be perfectly at home with your Regency desk and your fine old lusters. Yet they'll mix well with a Picasso print and the little modern tables transformed by cushions into pull-up stools as elegant as Chippendale. And see what that coffee table really is. It's made up of three modern tables, longer versions of the pull-ups, painted purple, of all things! What's more, the two sizes could combine to make end tables.

Here rich colors and fabrics are used in a contemporary manner. Wall colors are definite. The carpet's quiet blue is heightened in the glass curtains, and combined with purple in the sofa. The draperies sound a sharp note of green, importantly repeated in one chair cover. It is a strong note, but not discordant where other colors are full-bodied enough to absorb its overtones.

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 168

So you adore Modern and he likes Colonial. Let's not get into a tizzy about it! No two minds agree on everything. Discuss your differences, use your heads—and you both can win. For example, take the room below. It's part and parcel of our "mixed company" premise. The apparently incongruous things in it get along famously because the color scheme sets the pace so well that the furnishings fall in line.



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1394 Making Christmas cards like these can be a family project. Let each member take his choice, make his own. Which is yours? A fat, happy Santa? A bewitching angel who can leave the card to hang on the tree? A card which opens to let a sparkling double star pop out?

1395 A substantial gift for a modern dining room—or a traditional one—is a linen or rayon tablecloth bearing a slim decoration of bamboo stalks whose leaves seem to sway in the breeze. The dusky head adds an Oriental touch, but you may omit this if you prefer

1396 Since Buddha stands for wisdom, it's a wise woman indeed who gives these place mats to a thoughtful hostess. Buy plain white linen ones, and stencil on the pattern. The pink dogwood blossoms in the background add a pretty touch, and a soft one, to the design

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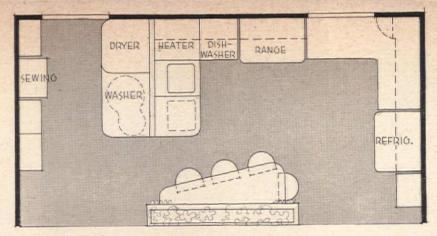




DREAM kitchens look the part nowadays, and decorations count, too. American Home patterns make simple work of bedecking a soffit or a wall yourself. (Pattern \*1398 is applied here)

MENU TREE grows over work counter in the laundry end of the room. It's painted on simple-to-install Plankweld wall, is visible from kitchen. As you'd expect, it's an American Home do-it-yourself pattern (\*1397)





BETTER PLANNING, BETTER PLAN

In this 10 x 20 foot space, there is a fine kitchen, snack bar, a laundry, and sewing room. Here KP means kitchen pleasure. During October, you can see it in St. Louis at the La Clede Gas Co., or in Dallas at the Lone Star Gas Co.'s display at the Texas State Fair

EDITH RAMSAY

# Wins on 21 points

### - Here they are!

- GAS RANGE IS FULLY AUTOMATIC, times your cooking, needs no matches. It has a griddle, swing-out broiler.
- TWO-DOOR, TWO-TEMPERATURE GAS REFRIGERATOR is silent. Top section is a real home freezer.
- Over the range. No ungainly hoods or fans in sight.
- U-SHAPED PLAN is best in kitchens. Saves steps.
- out to range, dish closets, utensil storage, snack bar.
- IRREGULAR SNACK BAR takes minimum space, has view.
- laugh off wear and stains, keep their color forever.
- 142 CUBIC FEET OF CABINET SPACE for food, dishes, utensils placed—just where you need them.
- FINGER-TIP SPICE SHELVES are at bottom of all wall cabinets. Reach out for the herbs as you taste.
- Decorative and handy, it divides kitchen from laundry.
- POSTURE-BACK CHAIRS invite you to rest as you work.
- RUBBER-TILE FLOORS are quiet, kind to your feet, lessen fatigue. They're easy to clean, stay handsome.
- FULLY EQUIPPED LAUNDRY is behind sink peninsula.
- **HOME SEWING CENTER** is housed in laundry (see next page).
- SPINNER WASHER on casters rolls to kitchen sink.
- Fluff-dries for stowing. Just turn the dial.
- HANDY STORAGE FOR IRONING EQUIPMENT is provided in laundry utility cabinet.
- WAIST-HIGH WORK COUNTER in laundry plays many roles.
  Sort laundry here, spot treat, or cut dress patterns.
- DECORATIONS YOU CAN PAINT YOURSELF brighten the soffit and laundry wall (AMERICAN HOME patterns).
- Panel easy for the lord and master to install.
- in adjacent heater room complete gas equipment.





A SEWING ROOM HIDES IN THE LAUNDRY END OF THIS KITCHEN Clothes are well laundered here, but don't squander such inviting space on one activity. Use it for sewing, too: there's good work surface, iron is handy, you can mend before washing, whisk up threads from rubber-tiled floor

#### Wins on 21 Points (Begins on page 44)

Efficient laundry, pleasant sewing room in 6¼ x 10 feet!

YES, A MIRROR IN THE LAUNDRY!

Since a laundry makes a fine
sewing room, this one was
equipped with a full-length
mirror—handy for skirts and
for sit-down try-ons while
you relax in that good posture
chair. If you sew in a
kitchen-laundry, you can keep
an eye on the pressure cooker
as well as on your seams





YOU NEEDN'T DO ALL OF YOUR LAUNDRY AT ONCE
Use your dryer as a hamper. As load collects,
pretreat, wash and dry heavier things in odd
moments. Washdays will then be half the work!



The kitchen's combination sink can serve the laundry as well, since the spinner-washer's good, big casters let it glide around to the kitchen



LET THE RAINS COME ON MONDAY!

No more trips to the line, no more weather worry when a gas dryer with automatic ignition and timer fluff-dries, or damp-dries for ironing



This hard-working room's inviting good looks don't betray the fact that it's so busy. The studio couch is perfectly placed for a good view of television, the fireplace, the garden. Piano nests in a bay

# A Reading, Writing and Music Room

NANCY C. LANGLEY

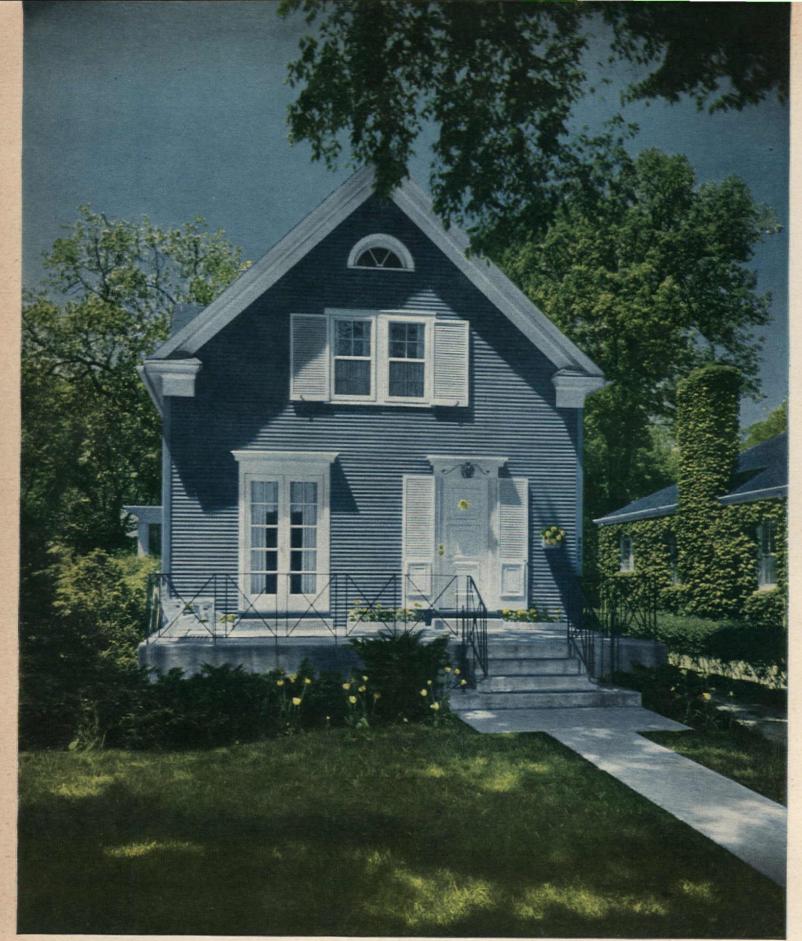
his room works hard—and looks relaxed. That's probably the most remarkable of the many remarkable things about it. A relatively small room (11 by 16 ft.), it is the television den of the Russell Ostranders' house in Brentwood, Calif. It is also their guest room and library. It houses a hobby collection—and full musical equipment including a cabinet radio-phonograph and a grand piano. And that isn't all—its fireplace offers hospitality at a drop-leaf table which opens for refreshments and games or drops its sides discreetly to make added space for as many as twenty televiewers.

It didn't take on these jobs so handsomely all by itself. When Mrs. Ostrander decided to transform an old studio into this den, she found plenty of room for thought. She planned the flexibility by selecting small, easy-to-move chairs, and by arranging furniture for good TV visibility. She planned the inviting good looks by covering walls and ceiling in a practical, gay plaid, repeating its darkest tone in the woodwork and all of its colors in the tweed carpet. Papering overhead, by the way, eliminated the cavern-like quality the cove ceiling used to give this narrow space. The room is blessed by a notable lack of fussiness—its color decorates it—but it is free of the clutter which can make a multi-purpose room look smaller, rather than larger, than it is.



Photograph by Max Tatch

TWENTY PEOPLE CAN SEE TELEVISION programs in this relatively small room. Secret is good floor plan: center space is left free, so they can bring in extra chairs



Photographs by Kranzten Studio

JESSIE WALKER

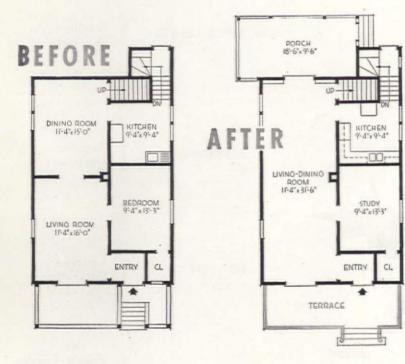
A SUCCESS STORY

## This House is 50



Does an obsolete porch mask your house's potential good looks? See what wonders a simple porch-removing

operation did for this middle-aged house!



## Years Old!

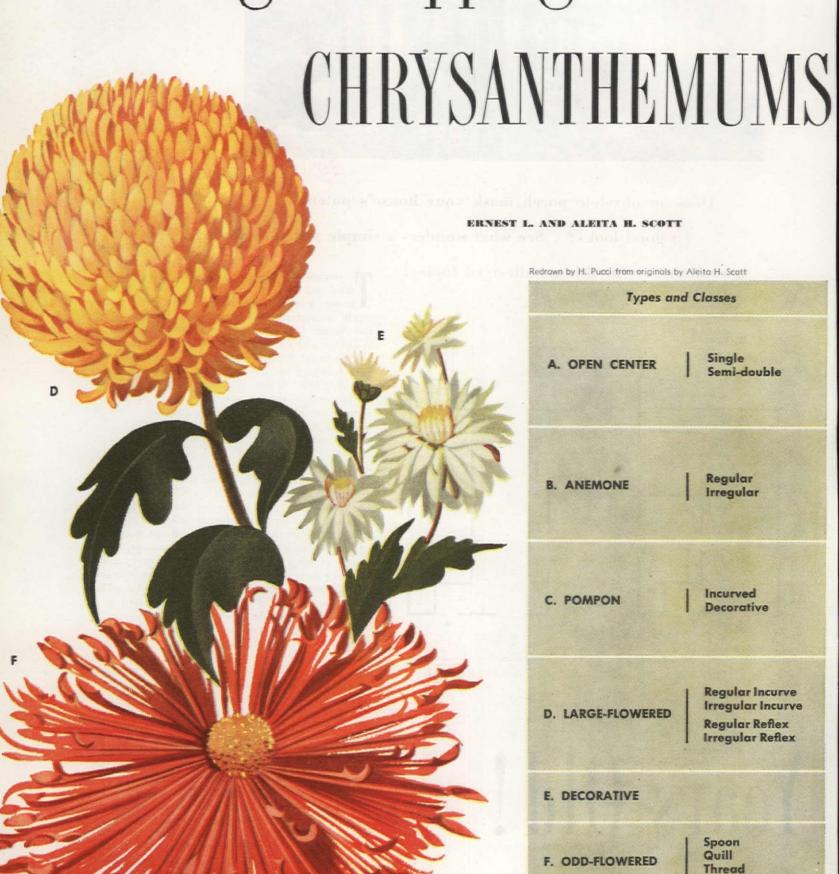
Thousands of American homes suffer the ailments displayed by the aged-in-the-wood structure above: a front porch, which nobody seems to use much, is ungainly in line and shuts out the living room's sun. This one was built in River Forest, Ill., at the turn of the century, and Trudi and Rowland Norton found it a good buy in the depressed 1930's. Such buildings are often good value today. But, oh how they look! If you own one, take a critical slant at such easy-to-remove protuberances as porches or dormers which spoil the lines—and look for the beauty a new color scheme might produce.

You needn't attack the problem at once. The Nortons didn't. At first, they only removed the dining-room wall to produce a mansion-big living room. They lived here a decade before touching the exterior. When they got around to it, they called in a Chicago architect, W. Lockwood Martling, Jr., who banished the porch—or rather, transformed it into a trim, topless terrace which shows off the house instead of hiding it. Now, a front porch was fine in the horse-and-buggy days, but in our age of heavy traffic, we make more of outdoor living by moving it to the private back of the house, as the Nortons did. (The plan shows their big rear porch, and its roof is a private upstairs sundeck near the bedrooms.)

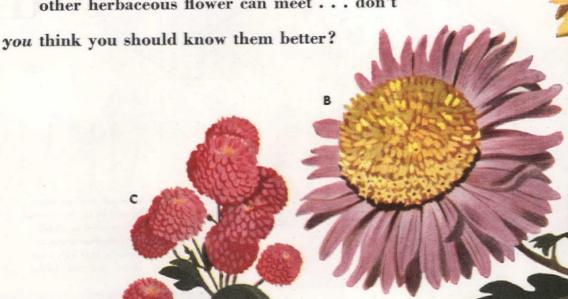
But you usually can't just rip off a porch and let it go at that. Little things were done here—nothing major, but, as you can see by the picture opposite, they count for a lot. The old door gave way to a standard flush job, dressed up by full-length shutters and the distinguished top molding repeated over the French doors. Next to the entry, a dinky window was removed—that basket of flowers takes its place. To improve the proportions, the second-story windows were made to look bigger with wider shutters, while the high attic opening was replaced by a fan window, a breath of New England here.

And the color, of course! The Nortons love white, but they got awfully tired of that yearly repainting (don't you?), so they hit upon a brilliant blue with greenish tinge (architect Martling calls it "cerulean") sparked with white trim. It seems to change color with the shifting sun, and they made sure that it went well with the color of surrounding buildings.

# Let's go Shopping for



They come in all colors, save blue . . .
they can fulfill any decorative requirement that any
other herbaceous flower can meet . . . don't



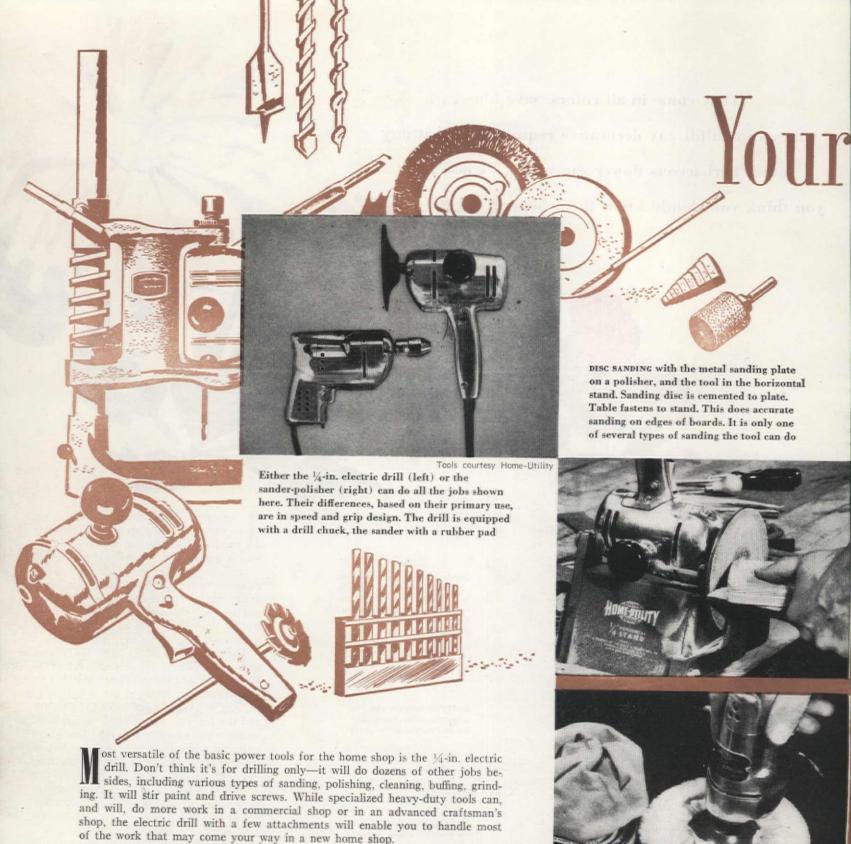
Uses.	Pinching and Disbudding	Remarks
Mass display	Pinch for maximum branching until July 15	Garden singles, as a class, have poor substance and fade badly. Many of the commercial singles have excellent keeping qualities but, in many localities, are apt to be too late for outdoor use.
Specimen or accent	Pinch to give 6 or 8 branches; disbud these to single blooms	
Cut blooms	Pinch to 2 or 3 branches; disbud these to single blooms	
Mass display	Pinch for maximum branching until July 15	A very attractive group, but, except for a few Koreans, too late for use in the garden.
Specimen or accent	Pinch to give 6 or 8 branches; disbud these to single blooms	
Cut blooms	Pinch to 2 or 3 branches; disbud these to single blooms	
Mass display	Pinch for maximum branching until July 15	All things considered, this is the most useful single group of chrysanthemums.
Specimen or accent	Pinch to give 6 or 8 branches; disbud these to single blooms	
Cut blooms	Pinch to 2 or 3 branches; disbud these to single blooms	
Mass display	Pinch for maximum branching until July 15	In season from mid-October on, these are the traditional "football mums". Surprisingly, some are unsurpassed for mass effects.
Specimen or accent	Pinch to give 6 or 8 branches; disbud these to single blooms	
Cut blooms	Pinch to 2 or 3 branches; disbud these to single blooms	
Mass display	Pinch for maximum branching until July 15 or even later	Here are found the August and September bloomers. Most effective when planted in masses. Inferior to the other groups as cut flowers.
Specimen or accent	Pinch to 6 or 10 branches; disbud these to single blooms	Bloom from mid-October on. Some do very well in the garden. Every collection should contain at least one variety.
Cut blooms	Pinch to 2 or 3 branches; disbud these to single blooms	

A shopper knows, in a general way, what he wants. But he is out to get his money's worth and usually on the lookout for helpful suggestions. As amateur growers of chrysanthemums for many years, we shall endeavor to "put our stock on display" and, at the same time, point out some of the special uses of the different types of these worthy flowers, as well as a few of their weaknesses or, shall we say, peculiarities.

The chrysanthemum is called the "Queen of Autumn," but as a matter of fact it is the whole court and the populace as well. For, in addition to presenting its colorful fall pageant, it blooms alone after frost arrives and the last leaf has fallen. It is available in all colors except pure blue. True, pure reds and pinks (in the sense that pink is spectral red diluted with white) are scarce, but they do exist. Most of the reds have some blue in their make-up, giving a purplish cast. Pinks, as catalogued by growers, are apt to be tints of lavender, orchid, mauve, and purple. The yellows, on the other hand, are almost spectral in quality, and varieties in orange and scarlet are also abundant.

Variety of bloom type is a characteristic in which chrysanthemums excel all other flowers, and all typical chrysanthemum colors are represented in each type. Fifteen classes, based on bloom forms, have been established by the American National Chrysanthemum Society. For the sake of simplicity, we have combined similar classes into the six big divisions shown in the accompanying table and the corresponding flower portraits, namely: Singles, Anemones, Pompons, Large-flowered (Incurves and Reflexes), Decoratives, and Odd-flowered types. In general, Incurves (Type D) are greenhouse-grown, and Decoratives (Type E) are found almost exclusively on garden lists. Few Anemones (Type B) are suited to outdoor life, but fortunately some of them are. The other divisions are plentifully represented in plants available for all garden

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Sander-polishers and combination tools vary a bit from the detailed design of the ¼-in. electric drill, but they do all the same jobs, and can be blood brothers and interchangeable with the drill as the first power tool in your shop. Polishers have a slightly higher speed than drills, and combination tools compromise with a speed somewhere between the average limits.

In the pictures we show, both a drill and a polisher are used with a few of the numerous attachments available for both from one particular electric tool manufacturer. Other drill makers have similar equipment for their own tools, and still other special-job attachments. There are a number of kits containing a drill and basic attachments all in one handy box. When buying your first power tool, look into the equipment available from the manufacturer. If you already own a drill, you may find the manufacturer's literature about attachments helpful in making your shop do more jobs more easily, at very little cost.

Like any tool, a ¼-in. drill or a combination tool has its limitations. If overloaded frequently or continuously, it will burn out, or wear out long before its time. For this reason, some of the attachments available on the market (not shown here), should be used very carefully and with judgment. For example, PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 135

TACK THIS UP OVER YOUR

en waxed floors is

POLISHING furniture, cars, or even waxed floors is light work with a lamb's wool bonnet on the rubber pad. Special, high-speed wax is needed. The rubber pad also can hold sanding discs for removing paint and smoothing wood or metal surfaces. The two-hand grip of the polisher is best for this work

## First Power Tool

The electric drill and its brother, the sander-polisher, do

identical work, take on more jobs than other basic power tools

RILLING in both metal and wood is easy and ccurate when the tool is mounted in the vertical r bench stand. With special routing bits, the rill, in this stand, can do dado or groove obs and make rabbets for cabinet work. The ench stand is a particularly helpful accessory

PLANING results can be obtained with the oscillating sander attachment. Here it bevels the edge of a board. The sander-polisher used in this picture has a side handle that can be shifted to either side of the tool for convenience of the user. It permits more careful, two-handed work

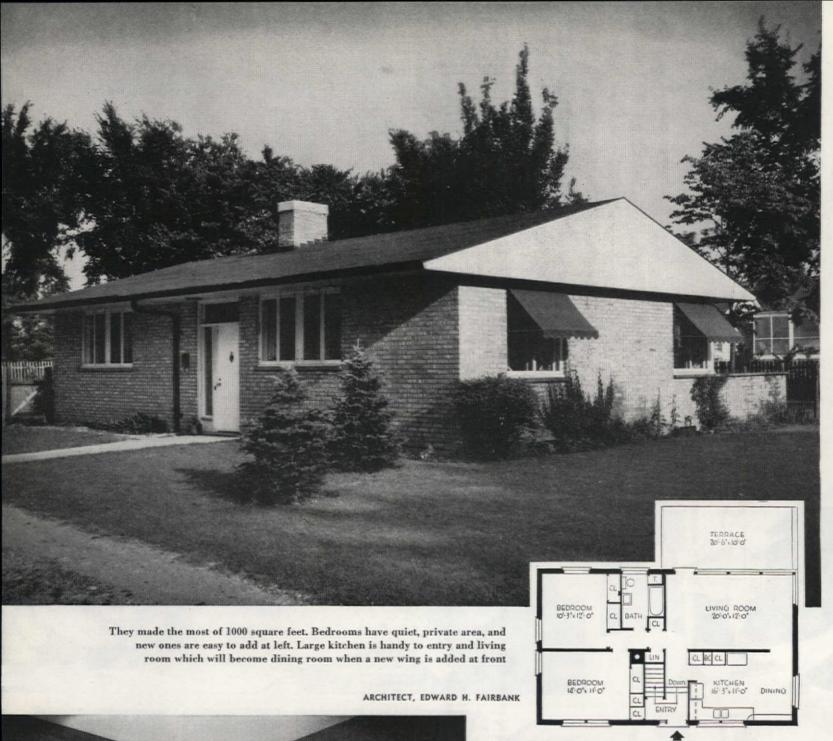
WIRE WHEEL on the tool in a horizontal stand does a grand job of cleaning all sorts of metal objects. With a cotton buffing wheel and a good polishing compound, silver and other tarnished metals can be polished. And a grinding wheel does sharpening and other trimming shop jobs



WIRE CUP BRUSH removes paint and rust from metal with a minimum of effort. It can also be used with the tool mounted in the horizontal stand and the metal object held against it. It's a rough, tough worker and needs no help from paint removers, even on irregular surfaces.

PAINT STIRRERS are particularly helpful for that can of paint that's been sitting on the shelf a long while. They quickly loosen the heavy material and mix the paint thoroughly. Stirrers should only be used in partly full cans, to prevent mess from spattering. This is a propeller-type stirrer ROTATING HONE with a guide bar and clamp fits on the tool and horizontal stand where it easily completes the sharpening job on chisels, plane blades and knives. (Start these jobs on the grinding wheel.) The stone is reversible, having a coarse and a smooth side to suit each job







Overhang of right width harnesses sun by shutting its heat out of south-facing living room in summer when sun is high, but inviting its light and warmth in winter when sun is low. Terrace will be as good for dining after expansion as now



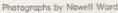
Building \*plans for this house

# This House is a Brick - Plans Expansion

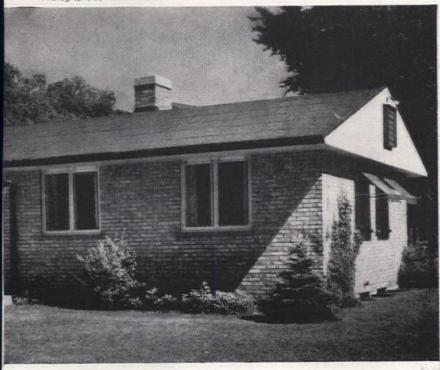
Here you have the solid new core of what will someday be an old family homestead, for the Allen Fairbanks, who occupy it with their two youngsters, plan to live here a long, long time. They built it so that it could expand with little ripping out of present walls. On the agenda are: more bedrooms to the left of the present ones; a new living room in front, separated from bedrooms, and convenient to kitchen and entry; a whopping dining room in what is now the living room (note that it's next to the kitchen). But because they don't know when it will grow, the Fairbanks made their house perfectly good as is. So good that we've chosen it as AMERICAN HOME Blueprint House No. 8, and drawn up detailed construction plans you can order.

A look at the photographs will show how attractive it is, with good views brought in by all those windows. A look at the plan opposite will show how compact it is, how few steps are wasted here. It takes just a second to get from kitchen to any room in the house, and kitchen openings are so well placed that they need no doors; living room is a dead end, as it should be; the single bath actually adjoins each bedroom and the living room as well.

Because they plan their future around it, the Fairbanks settled for solid construction—not the least-expensive variety. The full basement houses utilities, and awaits a recreation room. Exterior walls are brick, highlighted by green stone. All windows slide except for two fixed double-pane ones in living room window-wall. Because of the low slope, built-up asphalt roofing is used. The interior is well ventilated by a fan system which is good night and day. To make room for future additions, the lot is 100 by 120 ft., which allows plenty of space for a driveway to the detached garage.



Data from Ruth W. Lee







Sloping ceilings in paneled living room and in kitchen add illusion of size, are excellently ventilated by system which drives hot air out during day, draws in cool air at night. Kitchen, wealthy in cabinets, is big enough to serve much larger house. Its dining area is perfect for family meals

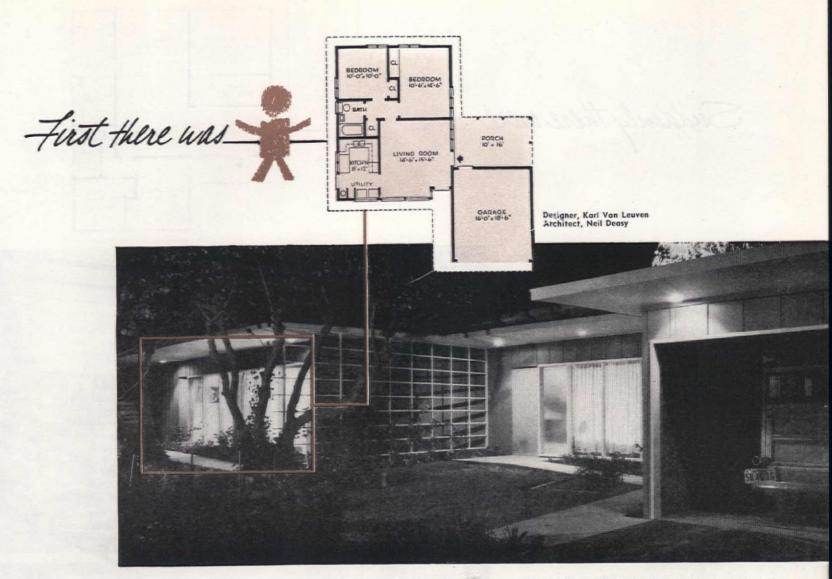
\*No plans sold for use in Kane County, Illinois, by request of owners



# ... to find a good buy







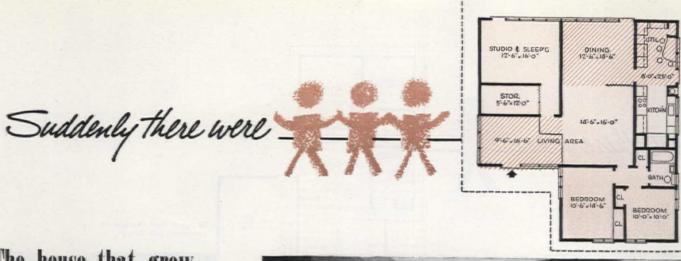
Here is how a house raced the stork and won. With additions and extensions, one-child house (shown in plan) became this imposing home for the parents of five. The whole original house is now embraced by the left-hand wing

# The House that Grew and Grew!

h yes, it's good looking. And it has a nice, workable floor plan. But those aren't our reasons for showing you three pages of this house. It's the story behind it that's interesting-the story of a young couple who wanted a big family (more and more young couples do, these days) and, because they couldn't afford to keep moving, made their house keep pace with the stork. Unlike the house on page 54, the original home of the Karl Van Leuvens (see plan, top of page) wasn't designed for easy expansion. The heart of this story is that they were able to expand it anyway-as you may want to make your own house grow. They did have certain advantages. For one thing, they were able to buy the adjoining building lot without which their program would have been impossible. And then, Karl Van Leuven is an architectural designer who knew just how to proceed, and could do so stepby-step. But see if his know-how doesn't give you some ideas.

Here is what happened: In 1940, the Van Leuvens and one-year-old Karl moved into the bright new little house in an old apricot grove. The location was perfect, but the 800 square feet of interior were none too many for three. Still, even when the second baby was on its way, they felt that they could manage. But Baby Number Two was—twin girls! Ready or not, the house expansion had to begin. To make room for ambitious future plans and to insure out-of-door play space, they bought the lot next door.

When their bank account caught its breath, the house got its first, almost self-contained, changes. They were made gradually, on a pay-as-you-go basis (plan, page 60). The children got the bedrooms, the parents got the garage (transformed into a studio-bedroom with vast storage closet where future fireplaces were planned). The car temporarily got the great blue vault of heaven for its roof. Kitchen and living



#### The house that grew...

(Begins on page 59)

room were doubled in size by moving their walls out to meet those of the new master bedroom. This provided a real dining area, eating space in the kitchen, room for laundry equipment—and a new lease on life for Mother. The final change at this stage was enclosing the porch with a glass wall and paving it with flagstones. It became an extension of the now large living-dining room and made (so they hoped) an ideal play area for Karl and his sisters. Kris and Karin.

So everyone lived happily—until Peter arrived. It began all over again. Six people, four of them tiny, and one bathroom! And that flagstone indoor play area wasn't all it was supplease turn to page 162

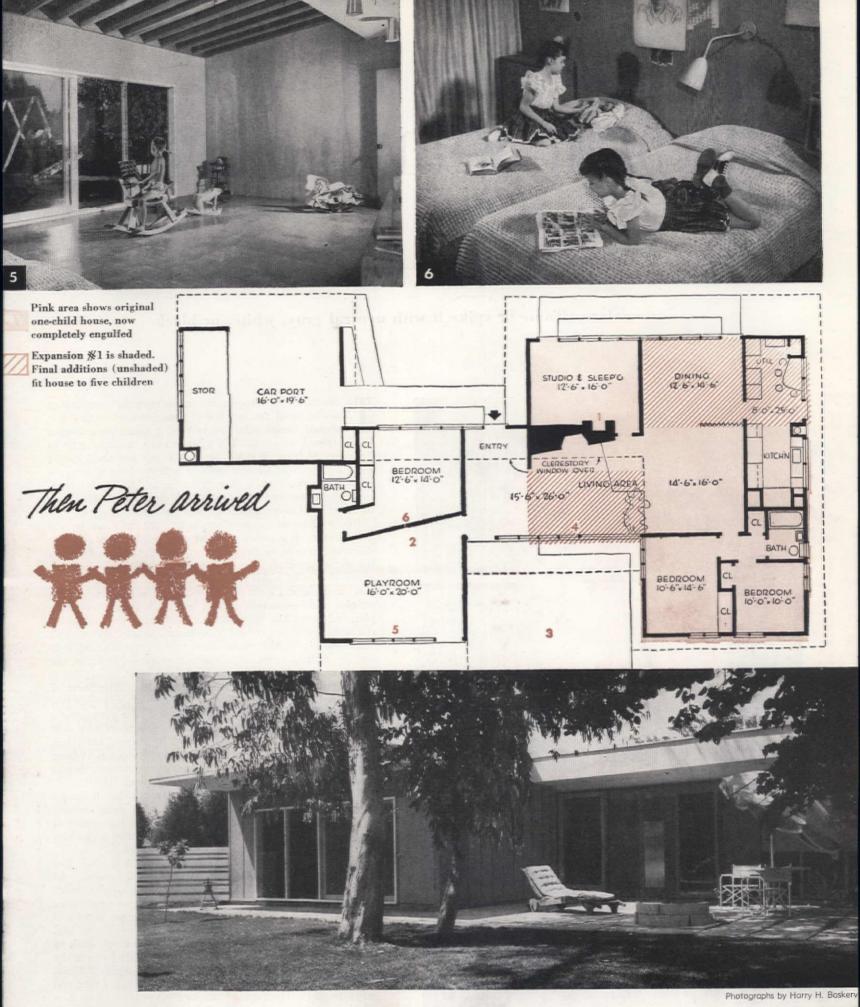
- 1. Parents do well in this big-family house. The master bedroom, which doubles as a studio, has a fireplace, bookcases, work space for a designer
- 2. New playroom welcomes the young Van Leuvens and friends. A blackboard, sturdy table, and piano serve for both recreation and education
- 3 With a big rear terrace, lunchtime can always be a picnic. Portable barbecue is asset with any age group, gives a hot dog the air of a steak
- Area in foreground started as an open porch, was enclosed to make first playroom, now adds sit-by-the-fire charm to the vast living room
- 5. Playroom opens directly on the garden, has its own bath. There is no reason for tracking dirt through the house before washing up
- Twin girls' room off playroom is built and furnished for practicality, has natural plywood walls, built-in shelves, crush-proof spreads











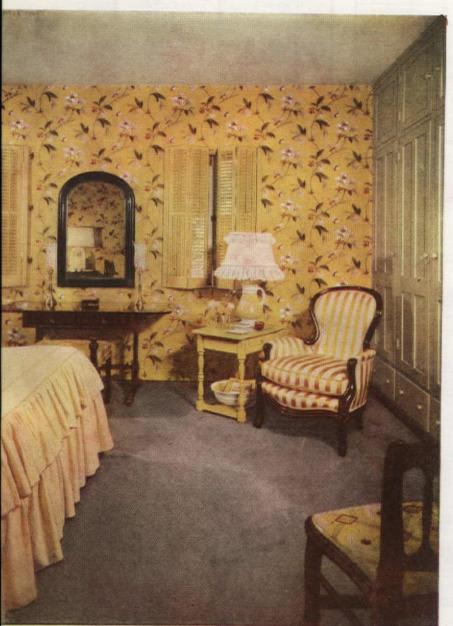
Garden area, with sheltered terrace, will take on both generations of Van Leuvens. Bedrooms of original house are at right (beyond picture). Center living area and playroom wing seen here are new. Additions would have been impossible without extra building lot

and Finally Little Holly

## Decorate with One Color

It's smart, easy-and a safe bet-to stress one definite

color. Tame or spike it with neutral gray, white, or black



Photograph by George de Gennaro

#### YELLOW WITH WHITE AND GRAY

Yellow is the friendliest of all colors, and it seems to flood this bright bedroom with sunshine. The yellow wallpaper, upholstery, and bedspread see to that. The gray carpet seems quiet and right—a nice balance for the scheme. Bedroom in the home of Mrs. Daniel J. Derby, Los Angeles The big word needn't throw you: "mono" means one, "chromo" means color. So to you, it means decorating a room around one color. It's a smart way, an easy way to decorate. And though it has been used time and again by the most sophisticated decorators, it is a fairly foolproof way—safe if you don't trust your "color sense." It is also enormously effective and especially good if you want to make one of those small rooms appear to be much larger than it is.

But we'd better get together about what we mean by the word "color." It is such a common word, yet it means so many different things to so many different people that Mr. Webster's big dictionary gives it several pages of small print. (Don't worry, we won't make you read them!) It is enough to say that what we, and most decorators, define as "colors" are the definite colors—the reds, greens, browns, blues, yellows, purples, and such (Mr. W. calls them "chromatic"). The blacks, the whites, and the grays ("achromatic" to Mr. W.) we call the "neutrals," which make excellent backgrounds and foils for any definite tones. In a monochromatic scheme you can use neutrals along with your one definite color.

Decorating with one color is as old as the hills. Some of the loveliest 18th-century French rooms were done with just one color—plus white, gray, and gilt. During the 1920's, Syrie Maugham, one of the most fashionable decorators who ever lived, was known as the "white lady" because of her talent for assembling rooms all in white. She was also expert at using dozens of tints and shades of a single color to achieve elegant monochromatic schemes which were really works of art.

This kind of decorating is fashionable again today. Recently, a number of outstanding decorators planned room settings which were on display in Grand Rapids for a conference of the American Institute of Decorators. Many used monochromatic schemes, some of which we show you here.

If you're timid about color, this method is a natural. You simply take your favorite hue (forget all the others), and use it everywhere without fear. You can even use it all through the house, not just in one room. There are two ways to go about it. You can pick a single shade of your pet color and use it for walls, rug, upholstery—even curtains if you like. Or you can take the same favorite color and use every shade of it you can find. If you like blue, for instance, you can run the gamut from navy through Wedgwood to the palest of blues.

Remember, too, that though the neutrals (black, white, and gray) are not colors in our sense of the word, they can do a color's work. You can use large areas of them with safety no matter what principal color you choose. White lightens and freshens your basic color (think how crisp white organdy looks against blue or green). Black adds strength and richness—use it for accessories, or paint furniture black. And don't forget the thousands of shades of gray—use them lavishly if your definite color is too definite to be repeated too often.



Photograph by Jack Zehrt



Photographs by Dale Rooks



#### RED WITH ELEPHANT GRAY

If you choose one brilliant color, use it with caution, as red is used here. Bright tones need the balance of such quiet backgrounds as these gray walls and carpet. Had the scheme been reversed, with red walls and carpet, gray spread and draperies, the effect would be overpowering. Bedroom of the Robert Camp home, Overland, Missouri

Photograph by Dale Rooks

#### GOLD AND GRAY

Here a definite color, gold, is used as part of the background—for carpet and the draperies across one end of the room. For upholstery, the neutral gray is used as you'd use a color, and gray also colors three walls, giving dignity to the glowing scheme. Don't miss the subtle way that wood tones and lamp repeat the golden color

#### PINK WITH BLACK AND WHITE

If you think pink won't go with modern, study the contemporary setting at the left. Pink, so often employed in traditional decorating, is the only color aside from that of the furniture. Used smartly with strong black and white accents in lamps, printed fabric, wall silhouettes, and bed cushions, it has outgrown its baby-doll character

#### MANY SHADES OF BEIGE

See how much variety you can find within the limits of one single color. Beige is the color here, from the palest of beiges on the chair, through the medium tint of the walls, to the deep, tawny color of the wood furniture itself. Draperies are shadow-striped in several shades of beige, and black lamps punctuate emphatically. See how good paintings bring the room into focus

## Place and Show

s a foil for all that golden richness out of doors, we've planned a silvery October table for your first formal fall dinner, and topped it with a splendid crown of pink and the palest yellow autumn flowers. The silver sparkle is slated to make guests feel princely. And what silver sparkle! Tomorrow's heirlooms for sure, the flatware, the china and crystal banded in precious metal, all share that quality we cherish so dearly: timeless simplicity, which simply means that they're likely to look handsome no matter what styles come and go, no matter what company they keep.

That fine china dinnerware is really something. It's brand new, and we're happy to have it make its debut on these pages. See how its gray shoulder, edged in *platinum*, emerges from an ivory center. (All of this for \$15.50 a place setting.) We teamed it here with hand-blown, silver-banded crystal glasses and bonbon dishes, and with a proud crystal and silver epergne whose dangling prisms cap-

ture the candlelight. Silver on crystal and accessories is rhodium-treated. It won't tarnish, and it stays brilliant if you wash it with mild suds—no abrasives. Stemware is about \$3 each, bonbon dishes, about \$4 and \$5.

The sterling flatware (this pattern is called "Contour") was really designed for contemporary use. Credit it with a beautifully modeled basic shape which plays concave against convex so that it looks rich without ornament. The balance is excellent visually, and in use—the handles are long enough for comfort, and really fit your grip. To boot, each serving piece was designed to do several jobs. (Price of a six-piece place setting is \$37.50, including the tax.)

As a background for this formal setting, we used an ivory-toned cotton and rayon damask from Switzerland. The 70- by 70-in. cloth with eight 22-in. dinner napkins, all hand-hemmed, costs about \$54.50, comes in six color-fast tones.

For this formal centerpiece, use a silver and glass epergne with four bobêches, which may be used or not as desired. Material: Pink and pale yellow chrysanthemums, pale pink ivy-geranium flowers and foliage

Use a pin holder with sides and place it in bottom of bowl on bed of ivy-geranium leaves, bringing them around sides of holder to conceal it

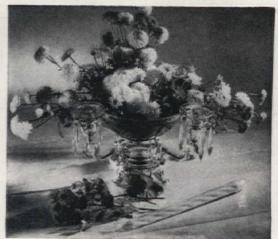
Select cluster of chrysanthemums for highest point. Add chrysanthemums on both sides in downward sweep, darker pink subordinate to pale yellow for depth

Use sprays of ivy geranium with blooms to lighten mass and to define low sweep. Plant material must not rest on table. Use 14-inch pale yellow twisted candles for rhythm and to tone in with chrysanthemums











### Try Individual Valances and Trims

For Provincial windows without floor-length draperies, replace window trim with carpenterbuilt, shaped surround. Line reveal with gingham-checked paper, hang gay café curtains. To dress old shutters (far right), pick out moldings in solid end panels with gilt. Home of Clifford Chaudron, Richmond Heights, Mo.



Photographs by Jack Zehrt



## How to give your windows

## a Decorator Look

Over windows, a canopy, wallpaper-lined and ruffled to match the window curtains, makes this look like a tester bed. On canopy, two ruffles, hung back to back, lend fullness, look finished when you open your eyes. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Guzzetta. Lloyd and Sally Robbins, decorators

Photograph by George de Gennaro

## Take One Fabric and use it several ways

(Right) Repeating a single fabric is good anywhere, lends unity to small rooms. You can gather it, quilt it, use it plain. Here Decorator Mabel Schamberg of Chicago employed one print for valance, dressingtable skirt, chairs, and bedspread (not shown)

(Far right) If you pick a small pattern, use a lot of it. Here the sprigged chintz which makes café curtains and padded window seat also "papers" the reveals and frame surrounding window. Wallpaper paste did the trick. By Macy's, New York

Employ "Dressmaker detail" for a Custom Look



Use Linings Effectively



Photographs by F. M. Demarest

Two clever window treatments costing only peanuts! Above: simple Provincial tablecloth cut into two triangles tacked up above window looks like a double swag. Trimming is three wrought-iron trivets which seem to anchor fabric at ends and in center. At right, fabric is matched to pet pottery. Intensive shopping produced plaid organdy which almost matches plates. Plate rail carpenter-built from sketch. New kind of valance! Macy's, N. Y.

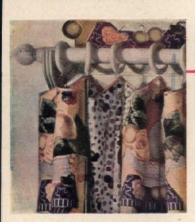




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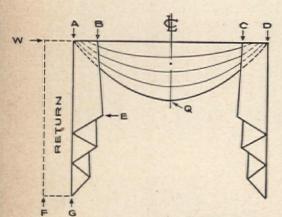
Little details make all the difference. Above, from left to right: Wood dowels, drilled and stitched in place, give character to pleated headings. There are two angles to the next one: scalloped draperies hang by wooden rings from wooden rod; "valance" is matching wallpaper motif appliquéd to wall. Give short cotton curtains a white pique "collar"

-notched effect here looks very custom-made. Dotted Swiss always makes fresh-looking curtains, but see how dressed up they are if you tie them back with colored ribbon and edge them with same. Instead of a plain hem, try a cuff or border on the lower edge of double-hung curtains-to define the cuff, a nice touch is that saw-tooth edging of solid fabric

#### A FRENCH FESTOON

Custom made, they cost a fortune.

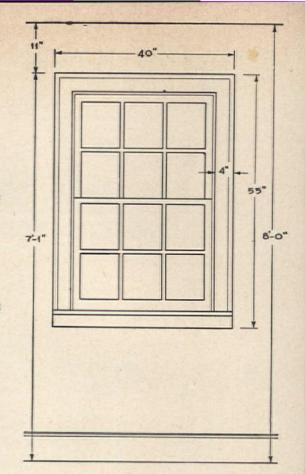
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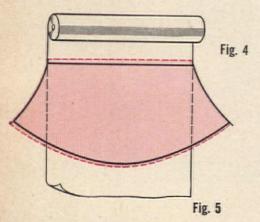


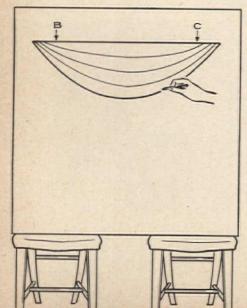
DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

Fig. 2









ave you ever priced custom-made festoon draperies, finished off with trim cascades, tailored to a T, and hanging just right? Then you know why they are beyond the reach of most of us. The fact is, making this kind of drapery takes much more time than fabricand you know what labor charges are these days! However, because French festoons are such good topping for so many windows, we felt that you might like to try them yourself-if you were sure of professional-looking results. The casual kind of swag (like the tablecloth one on page 67) is often fine. But many rooms require the precision and finish of a real French festoon. So we fussed, and experimented, and developed the thoroughly tested formula we present here. If you follow it step by step, you should get perfect results. Our directions are for making the patterns and draping the cloth. The rest is a matter of simple sewing.

But we're not telling you that you can whip this up in no time flat. You can't. Because our diagrams must be followed exactly, we suggest that you call in the family geometry students to check and lend a hand. And of course, read all the directions before you start to make your patterns. Your first step is to measure your window as we measured our sample window (Fig. 1). Measure carefully to get the extreme width of space to be draped (40 in. in our case), and distance from floor to top of window trim (7 ft., 1 in. on ours). Next, make your own version of our Fig. 1 in ink by drawing your window wall from floor to ceiling. Use a scale of 1 in. to 1 ft. (Because of space limitations, our illustrations are on a smaller scale.)

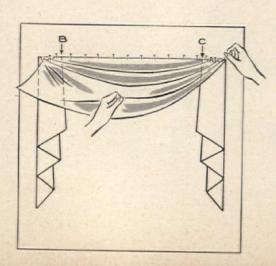
To take measurements and make your patterns, you will need the following: flexible steel rule or steel tape measure, 6-ft. folding rule, compass, piece of fish line, brown paper, thumb tacks, pencil, large piece of corrugated or porous building board. Figure your fabrics later.

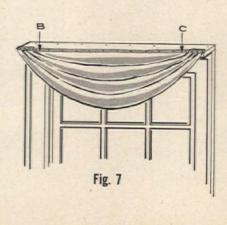
#### TO MAKE FESTOON

The depth of a well-proportioned festoon of this type should be approximately 1/7 the measurement from the top of the window trim to the floor (12 in. for ours); the cascade is about 3/8 that measurement (32 in. for ours).

Figure 2 is the sketch for your pattern. Make your version by sketching the festoon and cascade in pencil on the scale drawing of your window, using the proportions given above. In making your patterns, especially the pattern of the cascade, you'll use this scale sketch constantly. So be careful with your drawing of the cascade. The folds of your finished cascade will fall ex-

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DIAGRAMS FOR MAKING CASCADE

ARE ON PAGES 110, 114

## First: you take TOMATO Soup-



# Take a Can of Pears

#### pear-gingerbread upside-down cake

#### YOU'LL NEED:

Butter or margarine Brown sugar 1 \*\frac{2}{2} can pears 1 package gingerbread

Serves 6

mix

Soften 11/2 tbs. butter or margarine.

Spread evenly over the bottom of an 8 x 8 baking pan.

Pat ½ cup tightly packed brown sugar down firmly over butter or margarine.

Drain 6 pear halves well.

Arrange cut side down over sugar.

Prepare mix according to directions on the package.

Pour batter over pears.

Bake according to directions on the package.

Cool for 5 minutes. Turn out of pan.

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A new-fashioned, easy way to a beautiful glaze for an upside-down cakel To prepare pan for baking gingerbread, grease with 1 ½ tbs. softened butter or margarine, then pack ½ cup brown sugar evenly over pan bottom.

After baking, cool cake on rack for 5 min. Loosen sides with spatula, and turn out

#### emerald pears

#### YOU'LL NEED:

1 \*\frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{2} can pears
1 package lime-flavored gelatin
Mint extract
Corn flakes

Serves 6

Drain pears well. Reserve liquid.

Prepare gelatin according to directions on package, using pear liquid and 1 cup boiling water and a drop of mint extract.

To set gelatin quickly, pour into refrigerator tray and chill until firm. Do not freeze.

Roll pear halves in crushed corn flakes. Place in a greased shallow baking pan.

Bake at 350° F. for about 15 minutes or until corn flakes are browned.

Remove from oven and cool.

Cut gelatin into small cubes and place in serving dish.

Top with pears.

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When time's at a premium, here's a quick trick for making a dessert with plenty of eye appeal. Pour dissolved lime-flavored gelatin into ice-cube tray, then place in freezing compartment of refrigerator. Chill only until firm—but do not freeze. For a gay-colored, shimmering bed, cut gelatin into cubes or flake with a fork

#### baked molasses pears

#### YOU'LL NEED:

1 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ can pears
Whole cloves
Molasses
I lemon

Butter or margarine

Serves 8

Drain pears well. Stud with cloves.

Place cut side down in a greased shallow baking dish.

Combine ½ cup molasses with 2 tbs. lemon juice.

Pour evenly over pears.

Dot with 2 tbs. butter or margarine.

Bake at 350° F. for 15-20 minutes, basting frequently.

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A spicy touch with an early American molasses flavor team up to make beautifully glazed pears a bundle of good eating. The secret of the glaze is basting often during baking. A quickie family dessert, here's a suggestion for a wonderful garnish to complement ham served in any form







Freeze Those
Leftovers

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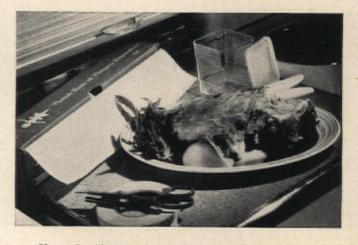
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Planovers for the freezer can be worked in with regular meal preparations by doubling the recipe. Eat some, freeze some! Pressure cooker cuts cooking time—a real time saver



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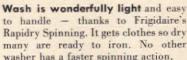
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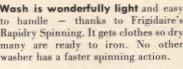
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JEAN AUSTIN Victuals BRANDIED BLACK BOTTOM CHIFFON PLL WAGER YOU'VE GUESSED WRONG and I'll tell you why. Looking at it, you'd never in the wide world guess a salad, however attractive, could be classed as an extraordinary recipe. But that's exactly what Mrs. Caldwell's recipe is. Mrs. Caldwell lives in Storm Lake, Iowa. She wrote that here was a salad which would make men who refuse to eat salad at home ask for second helpings. I read the recipe carefully and, in all honesty, dubiously. I am the kind who thinks there is only one dinner salad in the world. Greens, with a simple but superlative French dressing. You may remember I spouted at great length about adding even tomatoes. Once in a blue moon I do like a Roquefort dressing-but you know how often we have blue moons! But here was Mrs. Caldwell writing of a dinner salad with shredded lettuce a small part of it. It called for carrots, peas, onions, celery, mayonnaise and, so help me, sugar too! And, at the end of the recipe, this sentence. "Men who won't eat salad at home will ask for second helpings of this one." The recipe sounded ghastly, even heathenish to me—but that last sentence haunted me. Could there really be a "want-seconds" salad for men who call salads "rabbit food"? That many men do, I reluctantly admit. Well, here's the story. It was made and it was tested—on men here who don't protest at salad, but quietly push it aside and somehow are always "too full" to finish salad-you know what I'm talking about. From habit, they nibbled at Mrs. C's politely. Ate some more. Finished it. Asked for moreand I was there and heard it! Oh, I was there all right, my mouth hanging open-for I had finished mine, too! However, stubborn creature that I am, I tried it again RECIPES ON PAGES 86 AND 88 NON-SALAD EATERS DEMAND SECOND HELPINGS CHICKEN SOUFFLÉ LAZARUS



### Good Victuals (Begins on page 74)

on my nephew, up from camp on week-end leave. A delightful chap but with an unsophisticated palate and maddeningly strong prejudices about any food not strictly meat and potatoes and particularly violent about salads. I'm afraid Bob has gotten up from table hungry many times at our house. We do not do "short order" cooking nor serve dog-wagon meals -even for handsome men in uniform. Well, you'll just have to imagine me again, mouth open. "Seconds" on salad for Bob! I knew the salad was a success all right, but was it for "Good Victuals"? It violated every principle et cetera, et cetera. More tests-and gentle reader, any recipe in the world that gets that kind of eating is Good Victuals. And, when I label Mrs. Caldwell's salad "extraordinary" my choice of words has precise meaning. I flaunt my adventurousness in food but this one almost made me eat crow-or should I say "rabbit food"?

Died hard on that one, didn't I? Just wanted to make an honest public declaration. And now, to the other goodies. In the front of this issue there is a little article called "How We Work." One of the stories is about our doing our feature decorating article at Lazarus' in Columbus. We worked all day and far into the night, but we did take time out for lunch one day with Larry Goodman and other top brass. Everybody, but everybody, was ordering baked chicken soufflé. They served it with mushroom sauce, buttered broccoli, and a molded salad. It looked good—and it was good. I wangled the recipe from them, and here it is for you, madam. It's good enough to specially cook the hen just to make it, a perfect "left-over" recipe if that's what you need.

Seems like I am always writing about my friends' cooking. But what's to prevent it, when so many of them are such good cooks, are generous with their recipes? Barbara Geissinger, slim as a reed, likes to eat (good) and she cooks (good). I give you Barbara's Heavenly Hots. Husband Doc named them, and there's another who knows good food when he's attacking it. Barbara makes stacks of them for breakfast. Privately, I think no man, woman, or child could possibly appreciate them in the morning. I've made them, with much to-do, over chafing dish for dessert. No Crêpes Suzette can beat them-and few equal them. Incredibly simple, the recipe. Incredibly easy to make—but they must be eaten hot, hot, hot and non-stop pan to mouth to be their super best. They must be small because they are very, very tender and therefore hard to turn. If you make them in the kitchen, a Swedish platt panna (in picture on page 74) makes it easy for you. I serve them with the same thin orange and brandy sauce I serve on Crêpes Suzette. Barbara serves them with hot maple or orange syrup. You can't go wrong either way, believe me. And, in the same picture with Barbara's Heavenly Hots, another very easy, very good dessert. The French call them Beignets. The AMERICAN HOME published them as Tidbit Fritters. Confidentially, they're one and the same but taste better than "Tidbit" looks in print. Beignet (I hope I'm not talking down to you, I don't mean to), is nothing but a small fruit fritter. You can use any left-over pancake or waffle batter and add any fruit, nuts, or what have you. Personally, I think waffle batter, dates, and nuts, fried in butter and flambéed with brandy tastes best. Served with ice cold raw fruit, it is a most impressive dessert and just about the easiest

Two more very good things I have for you this month—and lucky you are I waited this long to tell you about them. So busy have I been vindicating my prejudice about anything but an orthodox salad, I have not enough space left to mount my soap box and exhort you with my favorite sermon—slow cooking of less-expensive cuts means better meat eating. So I hurry on to tell you how very good the veal chops are. One chop is a most bountiful portion and the sauce they're baked in, divine. The Spinach Dumplings are so very easy and such a nice variation on the same old spinach fare, why don't you try them both at the same time? I'm sure you'll like them.

Saved the best for the last I have, for many of you. It's a Black Bottom Chiffon Pie with a difference—this difference. Dark brown sugar, brandy, and shavings of black,

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# Del Monte Pineapple -the brand that puts flavor first



# Dollar "Savors"

Tired of the taste of those budget-wise foods? Use flavor tricks to give them star billing while cutting the food bill

The best things in life may not be free—but the best things in eating can cost surprisingly little. Weigh a few pennies for one or two added ingredients against new popularity for the same old dish if it's served up with spanking new flavor. Early in the game we learned that good flavor makes good home cookin'!

No doubt about it, condensed soups are marvelous cooking helpers. For luncheon or as a hearty starter for dinner, Dorchen's Onion Soup (it has a canned base) boasts a sautéed-in-bacon onion flavor. Then as a sauce to top low-cost ground meat, naturally-flavored canned vegetable soup is a real wifesaver. We may have strayed from the Danish cook's way with meat balls, but we have taken her tip for flavor blending by using mace and ginger to complement the flavor of the meat. The secret is a light touch—the added ingredients must never overpower the good taste quality of the food itself.

For the night when meat plans a holiday, one of our favorite alternates is Swiss-Cheddar Pie. It has the sticks-to-the-ribs quality perfect for nippy fall evenings. The mellowness of the Swiss and the tangy sharpness of the Cheddar cheese make this a natural for the cheese-lover. Incidentally, for hors d'oeuvres which will bring compliments your way, fashion this recipe into bite-sized tarts.

We've heard it said that every vegetable requires special attention to become a dinner-table star—and Spanish Green Beans is really an old southern way of bringing out the bean's often-neglected good flavor. Sauté one-half cup diced bacon and one-fourth cup pimiento strips, then add to 1½ lb. green beans with about half a cup of water and simmer until tender.

For the salad, the bittersweet of coarsely-ground orange rind teams up with the distinct tartness of cranberries to make a duet of mighty good eating. Even though this molded beauty has a party look, it's an easy one to make in advance and have on tap in the refrigerator.

If you think men don't go for old-fashioned recipes, our fruity Spiced Applesauce Cake Supreme should change your mind. It's a budget bet because the cake remains moist and fresh for all of two weeks—and because it's rich, you will slice it in paper-thin wedges. For another grand finale, you can't miss with the sophisticated combination of rum and coffee (we used the "instant") blended into one beautiful dish we couldn't resist tabbing a "Delight"!

Old Foods in Seven New Flavor Blends

Cranberry Orange Salad Molds

Danish Meat Balls—Rich Vegetable Sauce

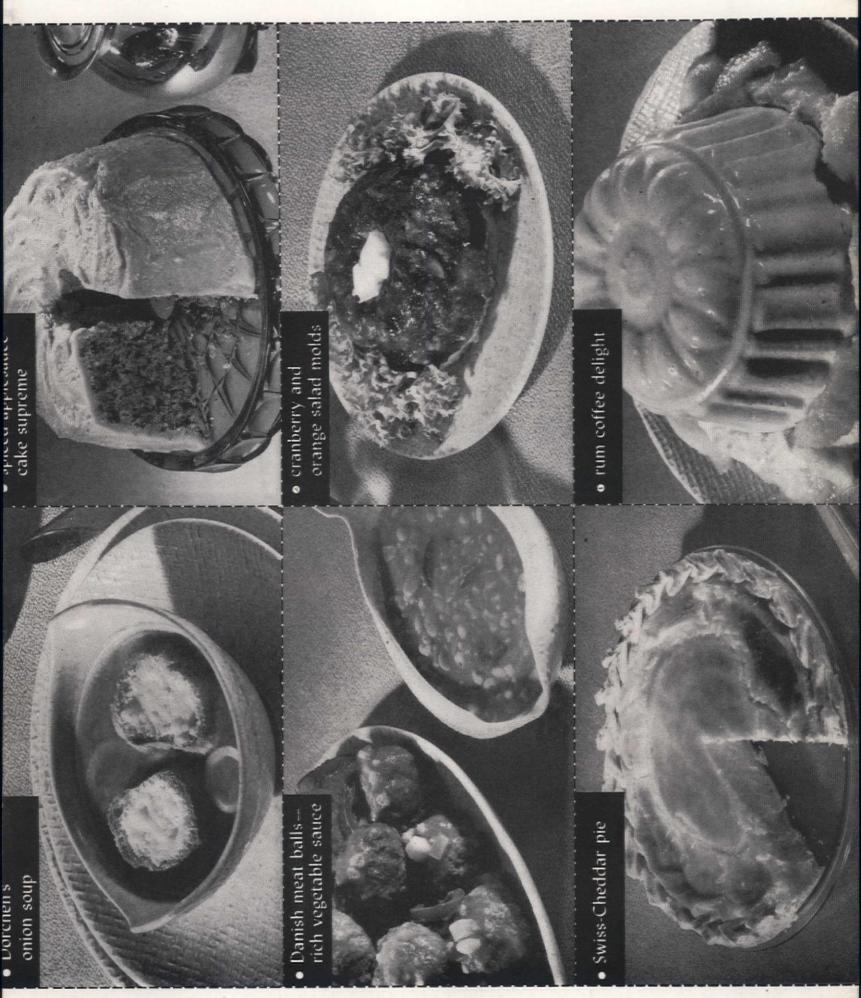
Swiss Cheddar Pie

Rum-Coffee Delight Spanish Green Beans Spiced Applesauce Cake Supreme 1-2-3 Caramel Frosting Dorchen's Onion Soup









14 lb. plus 1 cup Cheddar process cheese, 14 lb. Swiss process cheese, grated package pastry mix

1 tbs. all-purpose flour 1 cup milk 14 tsp. pepper 4 eggs 1 tsp. salt

Pre-heat oven to 425° F. Add I cup Cheddar process cheese to pastry mix. Mix according to directions on package. Roll out on a lightly-floured board, then line a 9" pie plate with pastry; prick surface of pastry with fork. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove from oven, then reduce oven temperature to 325° F. Dredge ¼ lb. Cheddar cheese and Swiss cheese with flour: distribute cheese evenly over pastry. Beat eggs well. Heat milk to scalding point. Add a little of the milk to the eggs. Mix with remaining milk. Season with salt and pepper, and pour evenly over cheese. Bake for 65 minutes or until a silver knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cut into wedges and serve immediately.

556 cal, per serving Serves 6

Source of vitamins A, B complex

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rich vegetable sauce Danish meat balls1 lb. ground beef
½ lb. pork shoulder, ground
5 tbs. cornstarch ½ tsp. mace
½ tsp. ginger
½ tsp. gepper 2 tsp. salt

1½ cups chopped onion 2 tbs. bacon drippings or other fat cans condensed vegetable soup 2 cup green pepper strips I cup tomato purée 1/2 can water 1 egg 2 tbs. milk

pings until tender, then remove from skillet. Fry meat balls in fat until brown on all sides. Drain off all but 1 tablespoon fat. Add onions, pepper, and reseasonings, egg, and milk to ground meat. Mix lightly, being careful to avoid overmixing. Form into small balls the size of a golf ball. Sauté onion in dripmaining ingredients. Stir until well blended. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Arrange on serving platter, pour a little of the sauce over Have butcher grind beef and pork together twice. Add cornstarch, meat balls. Serve rest of sauce in gravy boat,

Serves 6

492 cal. per serving

Source of vitamin B complex

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onion soup • Dorchen's

tbs. melted bacon drippings cans condensed bouillon soup 21/2 cups thinly sliced onions

2 beef bouillon cubes
24 tsp. pepper
12 rounds of French bread
34 cup grated Parmesan cheese cans water

Cover and cook for 20 minutes. Sprinkle rounds of bread with grated cheese and place under medium broiler heat until golden brown. Top each serving with two toast rounds. Serve with grated Parmesan on the side, if desired. Sauté onion rings in drippings over low heat until tender. Slowly add bouillon and water. Heat until simmering, then add bouillon cubes and pepper.

Serves 6

265 cal, per serving

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# rum coffee delight

1/4 cup cold water 2 tbs. regular or caffein-free instant tbs. unflavored gelatin 1/2 cup plus 2 tbs. sugar 1 cup hot water coffee

1 12-oz. package frozen peaches or 1 \$\times 2\$ can sliced peaches, well-drained

3 egg whites
14 tsp. salt
1 9-inch sponge-cake layer

Rum

1¼ cups cream cheese egg yolks, well-beaten tsp. vanilla

add sugar and softened gelatin, stir until dissolved. Cool to lukewarm. Beat cream cheese with egg yolks until light and fluffy. Add vanilla; stir into coffee mixture, and beat with hand beater or electric mixer until well blended. Beat egg whites with salt until stiff; fold into cheese mixture. Turn into 11/2-quart mold which has been rinsed with cold water, and chill for at least 4 hours, or overnight. When ready to unmold, place sponge cake on serving platter, pour over enough rum to flavor cake, but not enough to make it soggy. Add 2-3 tablespoons rum to peaches. Unmold dessert onto cake and garnish with the Soften gelatin in cold water 5 minutes. Dissolve coffee in hot water,

Serves 10-12

peaches.

Source of vitamin A

Originated in The American Home Kitchen 200-225 cal. per serving

# orange salad molds cranberry and

package lemon-flavored gelatin cup hot water quart cranberries cups sugar

74 cup ground orange rind 72 cup orange juice 3 tbs. lemon juice 75 cup chopped pecans

Dissolve lemon-flavored gelatin in hot water. Chill until slightly thickened. Using coarse blade of meat grinder, grind cranberries. Add sugar, salt, orange juice, lemon juice, and pecans. Fold into gelatin mixture. Pour into individual molds which have been rinsed in cold water, and chill until firm. Unmold on chicory or in lettuce cups. Top with mayonnaise or favorite fruit 'dressing. orange rind,

Serves 6-8 325-435 cal, per serving Source of vitamins A, B complex, C

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## spiced applesance cake supreme

tsp. allspice cups seedless raisins

cup pecans, chopped

34 cup shortening

cup dates, chopped

3 cups sifted cake flour 1¼ tsp. baking powder 1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. soda 1½ tsp. cloves 2½ tsp. cinnamon

cup sugar

Sift flour with salt, baking powder, and spices. Mix raisins, dates, and pecans with dry ingredients. Cream shortening, adding sugar gradually. Add eggs one at a time and beat well. Fold in applesance. Add dry ingredients. Turn into a greased and floured 9-inch tube pan and bake at 350° F. for 60-65 min. Allow to cool before turning out of pan. If desired, frost with: 11/2 cups unsweetened applesauce

1-2-3 CARAMEL FROSTING

1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed 2 tbs. bytter or margarine

1 tbs. all-purpose flour 3 tbs. milk or cream 1 tsp. vanilla Combine sugar, butter or margarine, flour, and milk or cream in a saucepan. Cook over low heat stirring constantly until mixture boils. Continue stirring and cook for 1 minute. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Beat until of spreading consistency.

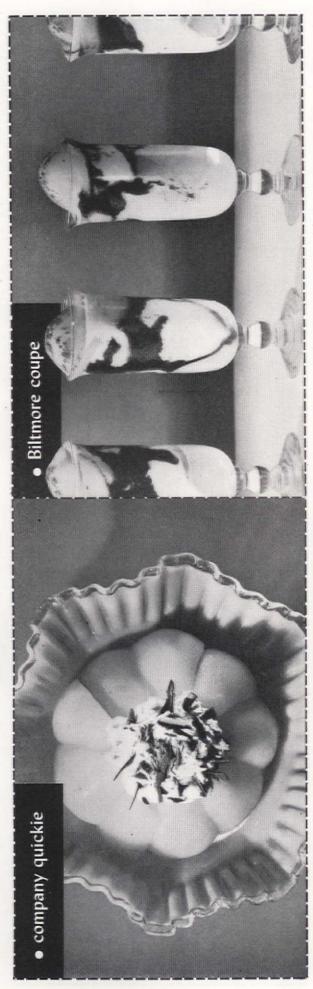
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275-350 cal. per serving'

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### Take a Can of Pears

(Begins on page 70)







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### Take a Can of Pears

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Biltmore coupe

Alternate layers of pears, ice cream, and 1 cup Sprinkle each half lightly with cinnamon. syrup in parfait glasses. Drain pear halves well.

> I pint vanilla ice eream 1 #2 can pear halves Chocolate syrup Cinnamon

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company quickie

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Pile whipped cream in center. Garnish cream with shaved baking chocolate. Arrange pear halves in a circle on serving plate. Sweeten to taste with powdered sugar. Whip ½ pint heavy cream until stiff. Add I tsp. vanilla.

Baking chocolate

1 \$21/2 can pears

Powdered sugar Heavy cream

Vanilla

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### **Good Victuals**

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chicken souffle

Lazarus

Roll 2 cups ginger cookies to fine crumbs. Blend crumbs with ½ cup softened butter and ¼ cup sugar. Press firmly with back of dessert spoon into bottom of pie plate.

Beat 4 egg yolks in top of double boiler until light.

Gradually add: generous ½ cup dark brown sugar scited with 1½ ths. cornstarch

Gradually stir in 1½ cups scalded milk and 5 tbs. brandy

Cook over hot water until thick and smooth, stirring constantly. Remove from hot Make crumb crust with ginger cookies, ups ginger cookies to fine crumbs. Blend crumbs d ¼ cup sugar. Press firmly with back of dessert

water. Stir in 1½ cups of the custard, 2 squares melted, bitter chocolate and 1 tsp. vanilla. Cool the chocolate custard, pour into pie shell. To rest of hot custard, add 1 env. gelatin softened in 2 tbs. cold water and 1 tbs. brandy, mixing well. Cool mixture slightly but do not let it set.

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Il for at least 3 hrs. serve, spread pie with whipped cream. Sprinkle with shaved sweet chocolate.

egg

**Good Victuals** 

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ten egg yolks and chicken. Fold in whites. Pile casserole. Bake in slow oven (300° F.) until elt fat; add flour and blend. Add milk, broth, and seasonings, and lightly into greased  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -qt. casserole. Bake in slow oven (300° F.) until an inserted silver knife comes out clean, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Or bake in a greased 2 drops tabasco sauce 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce 1 beaten egg yolks 1 stiff-beaten egg whites Melt fat; add flour and blend. Add milk, broth, and season top of double boiler until thick, 15-20 minutes, stirring sauce slightly. Add beaten egg yolks and chicken. Fold in your can be shown oven (300) egg whites chicken 50 minutes II x 7 x 11/2-inch pan 40 to 2 tbs. chicken fat

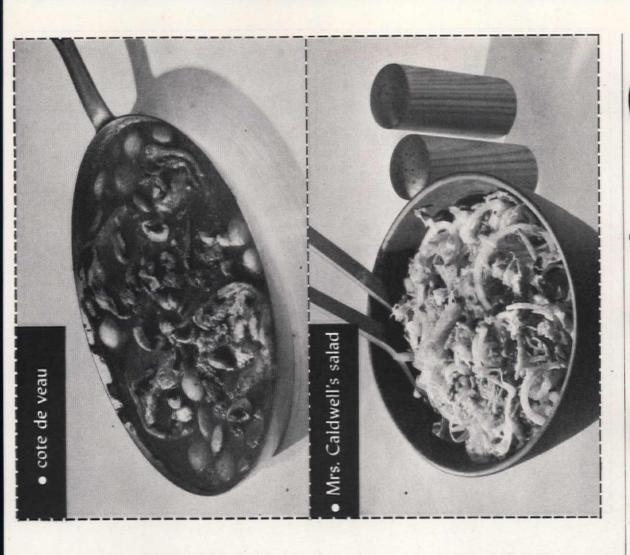
14 cup enriched flour

15 cup milk

15 cup chicken broth

11/2 tsp. salt

Recipe from F. & R. Lazarus & Co.



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Layer shredded lettuce, onions shaved very fine, grated carrots, chopped celery, cooked peas in salad bowl.\* Top with small dabs of mayonnaise or Miraele Whip, and sprinkle with a teaspoon of sugar.\*\* Repeat for desired quantity. Over top layer, sprinkle crisp, crumbled bacon. Do not toss.

\*\*The sugar over the onions and dressing blends and moistens deliciously \*Rub bowl slightly with garlic (Mrs. Austin).

(Mrs. Caldwell),

Good Victuals (Begins on page 74)

Serves 8-12

Ln small amount of left-over fritter or waffle batter, add raisins, broken nut meats and chopped dates, or candied fruit. Drop very small spoonfuls into melted butter. Flambé with brandy. Remove and dust with powdered sugar. Serve with

Beat eggs, add other ingredients, and start cooking. Make into small cakes,

as they are hard to turn. Recipe from Barbara Geissinger

BEIGNETS

2 tbs. flour 1/2 tsp. soda Salt

2 eggs
½ pint sour cream
2 tbs. sugar

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# cote de veau

Sprinkle 4 veal chops with salt and pepper and brown in half butter, Place in casserole with pan drippings and add: half olive oil.

small onions or 6 shallots, chopped very fine 12 small mushrooms,

ths. tomato paste

cups white wine

Add chicken soup to cover chops.

Cook in moderate oven (325° F.) until chops are tender. (About 30 min.) When done, pour off sauce. Add to casserole:

salt pork, 1 small can sliced 8 cooked baby onions, bits of browned cocktail sausages.

Thicken sauce with cornstarch and pour over casserole. Serve very hot. Recipe by Jean Austin

# spinach dumplings

Recipe by Jean Austin

-Italian style

Cook spinach, drain carefully, and put through meat chopper or chop finely. Season with salt, pepper, nutmeg. Chill thoroughly. Add enough egg and flour to form a very stiff paste. Chill. Mold into balls or croquettes (small). Add more flour if necessary. Drop into boiling water and cook for 8-ro minutes. Serve hot with melted butter and Parmesan cheese.



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# SAFETY

# begins at HOME

Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home—for accidents! The situation is a little better, thanks to some fine programs in public education. But the gruesome figures are still appalling. During 1950, some 27,500 people were killed accidentally in U.S. homes, while 4,100,000 more were reported injured. During one year, our homes claimed five times as many victims as the Korean fighting, four times as many as U.S. motor accidents, twice as many as U.S. industry.

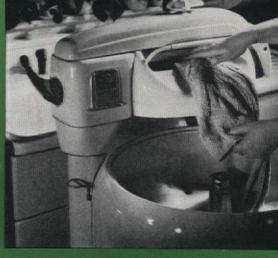
How can you make your home tragedy-proof? Your local chapter of The National Safety Council will furnish you with literature. We can only mention a few general precautions here. First, guard against falls which are the greatest killers (13,000) and claim the oldsters. The majority don't fall downstairs—they fall on the same level. So see that rugs and carpets are firmly anchored; that floors and floor coverings are not slippery and have no holes or loose boards; that furniture is arranged to avoid traffic jams; that lamp and other cords can't trip you up; that hazards like toys aren't just lying around.

Here is a running list of things to look out for all over the house. Steps should be sound, well lit, and have railings. Make sure electric equipment is in good repair, that circuits are not overloaded. Don't use fans with exposed blades or heaters without guards, and keep portable heaters away from flammable materials. Turn off all appliances when not in use. Check furniture for splinters, broken springs, protruding nails. Keep fireplaces clean and well screened. Provide plenty of ash trays—even if you don't smoke. Keep firearms locked away.

IN KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY: Use safety matches. Keep brooms and mops in a utility closet so you won't trip over them, and keep oily mops and rags in a metal container so they won't be fire hazards. Make sure that your stove is free of grease. Check flues and leaks. Wipe up spills immediately. Check floors for holes, floor coverings for worn spots which you might trip over. Keep curtains away from flames and from all heating elements.

IN BEDROOMS: Many falls and fatal burns originate here, so be careful. Don't smoke in bed. Have light switches near bed and doors. Check hot water bottles and heating pads. Close all bureau drawers.

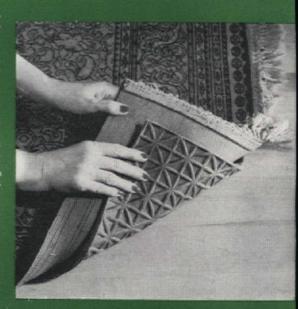
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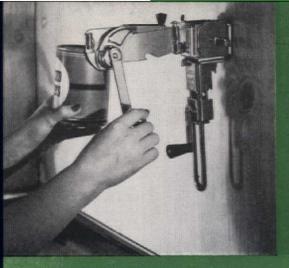
Safety feature on power wringer separates rollers at slightest tap of release bar, prevents injury to your hands, and eliminates tangling of clothes. It does the job on washdays safely, quickly, and effectively, too!



Quiet, easily operating non-tilt racks prevent spillovers, assure cleanliness. Enjoy being safe with this up-to-date feature found on most modern ranges. Long-handled fork or spoon for testing foods



Encourage home safety by using slide-proof, rubberized, waffled rug cushion under scatter or full-sized rugs.
They'll anchor securely to slippery floors and add to walking comfort. Lengthens life of rugs, carpets



When it comes to opening cans, the safe way is the asy way. Convenient-to-use wall can opener leaves lean-shaven edges on opened cans (safer than jagged ones) and is out of reach of little hands



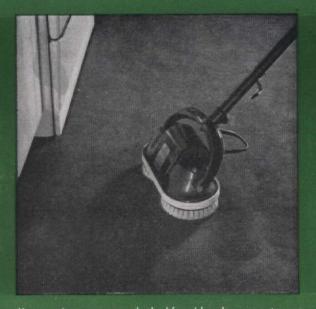
Home safety is a 'round-the-clock job. If you turn handles of your pots and pans inward instead' of allowing them to extend beyond the surface of the range, you won't knock them accidentally in passing



Don't leave your iron on while answering the bell! But in case you should, protect your home by using fireproof asbestos cover on metal ironing board



Double-thick or mitt-type potholders protect your hands from hot metal handles. Get into the habit of using them whenever you're cooking! Pans with loose handles should be repaired—or discarded



You won't go on an unlooked-for ride when you step on a smooth, highly polished waxed floor—if the work has been done by a woxer. They remove excess wax, making floors safer to tread and much easier to keep clean



To save your china or crystal from breaking or chipping, line shelves with rubber pads bought by the yard. Use sturdy ladder to reach high places



A sharp knife is a safe one, for it performs its duties urely without hacking. To preserve that keenness, seep knives in this rack on wall or in drawer.

Ory at once after washing, edge away from you

Our worst public enemies are still in our homes! Last year, home accidents caused 4,127,200 casualties — four times as many as motor vehicles. Here is how to guard against them where they most often happen

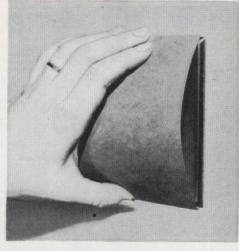
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### Safety First (Begins on page 90)



Don't be careless with poisons! Plan to keep all harmful chemicals and cleaning supplies on high shelves or in locked closets where they will be out of the way of young explorers. And don't forget to read the label at least three times before using



Make a safety shield for the switch if you do not wish remotely located switch to be turned on or off accidentally. Cut stiff cardboard 1½ in. longer, and same width as switch plate. Turn in ½ in. section on ends of switch plate



Non-skid rubber sponge pads are great safety measures in kitchens, laundries and baths. They not only prevent slipping and sliding, but also lessen fatigue when you stand for long periods. And fatigued people are much more apt to have accidents

IN BATHROOMS: Label all bottles. Don't use portable electrical equipment here. Keep floors dry, use non-skid mats. Check the plumbing for leaks and broken handles. Look out for razor blades.

Don't just make your home safe. Keep it safe. There is only one way to reduce the terrible toll of home accidents: provide for safety in every way you can think of, then make each member of the family responsible for observing safety practices, 24 hours every day. Check yourself. Is the welcome mat out to safety—and are you sure that it's safely anchored and skidproof?



# Be a Smart Girl

Jour modern gas range has had years of trouble-free service and the utmost in cooking convenience designed into it. However, if you want to make the most of its efficiency, you have to do your share. First, keep it clean. Then, in order to get the most cooking heat for the gas you use, be sure that burners are adjusted to give a clear, blue flame. There are a few-not many -adjustments which an amateur may make. If your range is not operating well, review your instruction booklet. It will tell you what adjustments you may attempt, and how to make them. If your difficulty isn't listed, call an authorized repair man.

Suggestions for daily care of your gas range are listed on the 3 x 5 cards below, and on the following page. We feel that if these suggestions, together with those found in instruction booklets, are followed carefully, your range will give you the years of service to which you are entitled.

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warm, fused to an iron or steel base at high glass, it should be treated with care to

paper towel while range is it until range is cool. ter, and wash as you would soap or detergent or cloth ing is as acids soft, further

Wipe bur If necessa If ports ( small wir Remove a To clean TOP

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gas ranges (cleaning)

Remove broiler pan and grill from broiler compartment as soon as food has been served. If allowed to soak with detergent during meal, broiler pan will be easier to clean. Use steel wool pads on stainless steel broiler pans.

Thoroughly wash broiler pan and grill as you would any cooking utensil. Occasionally wash sides of broiler compartment with soda, soap, and warm water. When using oven over the broiler compartment, remove broiler pan and grill. BROILER:

OVEN:

The use of low temperatures while roasting meats greatly reduces the amount of

grease spattered on oven walls and therefore minimizes oven cleaning.

1. Allow oven to cool before attempting to remove spill-overs. Use only non-abrasive cleaners. Stubborn spill-overs may be removed by covering entire spot with paper towel saturated with ammonia, allowing it to dry, and washing with damp, soapy cloth. A small amount of ammonia in a glass container will also loosen stubborn spots if allowed to remain in an antighted oven overnight.

2. The oven bottom of modern ranges may often be removed for cleaning. Do not place it in water if insulation is between two sheets of metal.

soda, soap and

wash sides, bottom, door, and racks of oven with

warm water and wipe dry.

Occasionally

### Be a Smart Girl

Read your instruction booklet from cover to cover and then put in a convenient place where it may be referred to often. It will tell you:

1. How to get the most satisfaction from your range and save fuel.

2. How to use special features such as automatic clock control and deep well.

3. What, and how, to cook on top burners, in the broiler, oven, and deep well.

4. If, and how, to make simple adjustments such as:

a. Replacing top panel light or oven light.

b. Relighting pilots for top burners or broiler-oven burner.

c. Removing oven window for cleaning or replacement.

Use high flame to start boiling, for browning, or to bring fat to frying temperature.

Use intermediate flame for maintaining high temperature for boiling. Once the boiling ing point has been reached, water will get no hotter so should be allowed to boil in the point has been reached, water will get no hotter so should be allowed to boil

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gas ranges general care

ALWAYS:

Never apply water to any part of the range that is too hot to touch comfortably. Never use lye, harsh cleaners, gritty soap, or knives to remove stubborn spots. Never allow spill-overs to remain on surfaces. for keeping steaming temperatures for waterless cooking gently on intermediate flame rather than vigorously on high flame. Use simmer or low flame for keening electrical and the flame. NEVER:





# Take Stock of Your Pantry

JEWELL SWITZER

If you can hit a nail on its head four times out of ten, you can qualify as a "skilled pantry renovator." Yes, even if your pantry is of the period when a pantry was just an architect's mistake, you can turn the muddled heap into a place of joy by converting your present 2 or 3 shelves into 6 or 8 smaller shelves. Most foods stored in glass jars keep better than in paper boxes or bags, and you don't have to pry into each container to determine the supply on hand.

First, take inventory of your supplies and determine the number and size jars you will need. For coffee or sugar you'll need jars large enough to hold a complete package plus what's left over from your previous purchase. Rice, cocoa or raisins may be put into smaller jars. Flavoring extracts and spices come in containers, but it is difficult to find the desired flavors in the same brand and you end up with a variety of sizes and shapes. Small bottles with cork stoppers or screw tops which may be purchased inexpensively will look better.

Having determined the number and size jars required to transfer your present stock, give thought to the extras which may be needed. Bear in mind the height of the jars you will need and measure all available space. For width, allow only enough space to take care of one row of jars—6 inches for large jars, 4 inches for the next size and so on. Remember, it is more difficult to reach jars or read labels if jars stand behind others.

Measure the exact number of inches of lumber you will need for each shelf and the length and number of blocks needed to brace them. If you order the exact length and width of lumber for each shelf and brace, all you'll have to do is nail them up.

Paint the pantry any color or combination of colors you desire and perhaps paint the lids of your glass jars to match or blend. You can purchase decals for each jar, but to give your pantry a touch of your own personality, put plain gummed labels and print or paint your own patterns. If you paint over the entire surface of the label with clear nail polish, labels will be undamaged by washing.

Now place your jars on the shelves, being careful to arrange those commodities most often used on the shelves most accessible, and put those seldom used on the higher shelves.

Oh, yes, a pantry project can be a lot of fun, and the children will enjoy working too. And don't forget to put the cookie jar on a low shelf!

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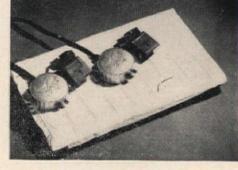
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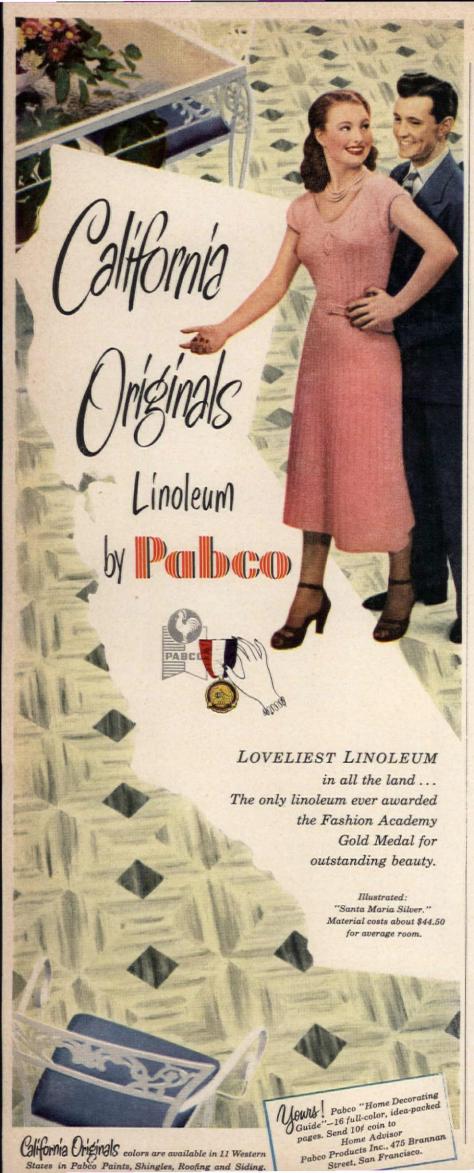
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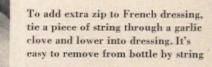
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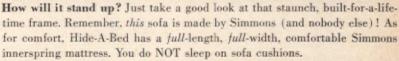


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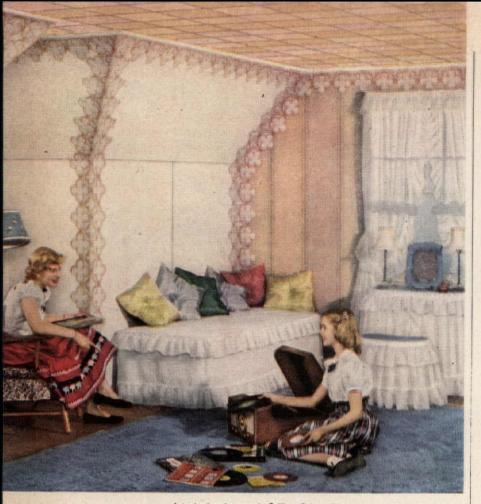
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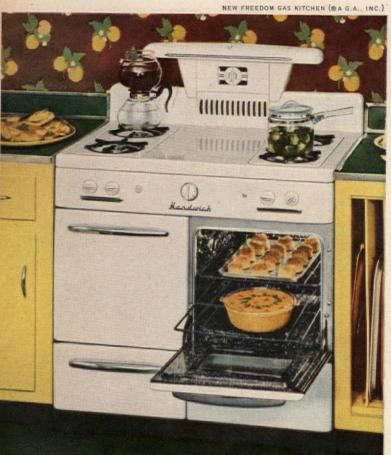
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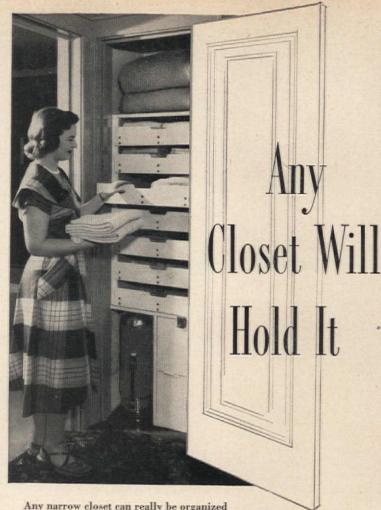
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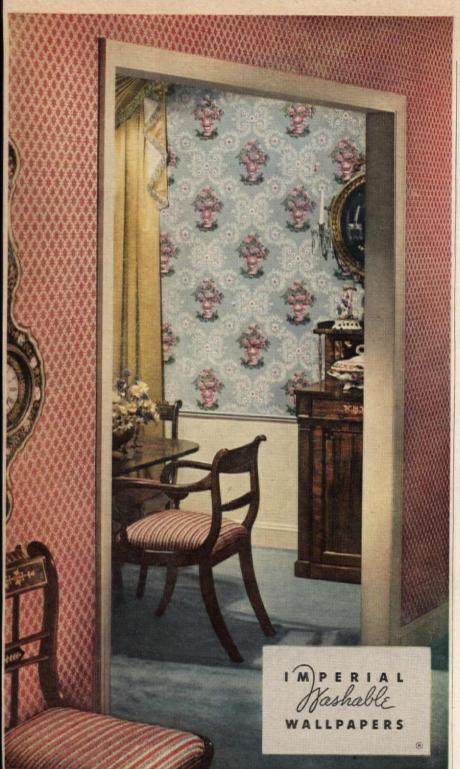
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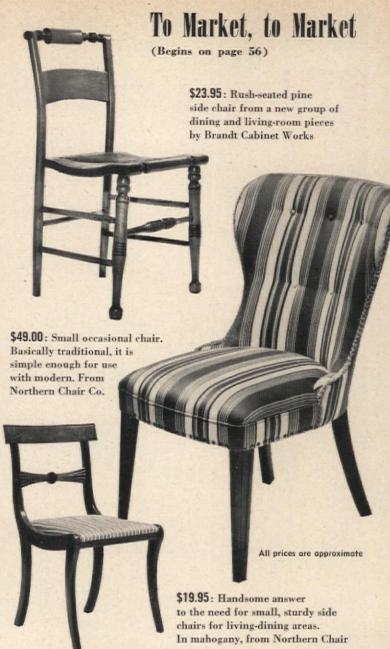
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the modern hanging wall shelf and the cabinet and shelf table which form a room divider, are answers to readers who asked us where to find this kind of thing. Both were new at this market.

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Dual-purpose bedding units have become increasingly important, Not only does the new 67-in. Simmons piece on page 57 look less bulky—it takes eight inches less wall space than their average model. It also comes in a 55-in. size (from \$188) which seats three in comfort, sleeps two in emergencies. Both models are good buys.

The lounge chair by Kroehler is really something at \$88. Known for years as makers of well-priced, well-constructed upholstery, invariably done up in matching mohair and frieze, they stepped out at this market with a well-designed group of intermixing chairs and sofas and an interesting selection of fabrics to put on them. Good taste without a prohibitive price tag.

The drop-leaf table by Extensole, \$139.00, deserves further mention. Look at the proportions and consider that this particular model opens to 84 inches! There's no split in the top, and, with leaves down, it's a handsome living-room piece. Same table with no outward change and only a slight cost increase can be had with six 12-inch fillers to make it 132 inches long.

In the occasional chairs, side chairs, and hanging shelves, we've shown doubly attractive models. They meet the requirements of your home, from Provincial to modern, and are priced right. Again, they're adaptable. Use them in almost any room.

Accessories and lamps are often forerunners of furniture trends. Judiciously used, they can give your whole house a new feeling. Keep an eye on the forthright use of wrought iron and woods so ideally suited to more casual living. And be grateful to the manufacturers like Syroco (sconces page 56) and Lightolier (page 57) who work with one eye on your purse, the other on good design.

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## Make Festoon Curtains (Begins on page 68)

actly where you put them in this sketch. Measure the rounded bottom edge of the festoon with a flexible steel rule. For our window, it will be 50 in., full size. This measurement gives you the width of the festoon at its widest point.

Now you're ready to make a festoon pattern the full size. Use a sheet of brown paper at least 10 in. longer than the festoon's largest dimension (60 in., in our case). Figure 3 is the pattern. Draw a base line 1 in. from paper's edge. Establish its mid-point (Q). Then indicate measurement of rounded festoon bottom on base line. Draw half (25 in. in our case) on one side of Q (to A3), and half

on other side (to D3). From O. draw a vertical center line twice the depth the finished festoon is to be. This is to give the double fullness decorators love. For our sample 12-in.-deep festoon, this line is 24 in. high. Top the center vertical with a line parallel to bottom line. Then establish points B and C. They indicate where inside edge of cascade will come on the finished drapery. For our window, we've allowed 5 in. for each cascade on top, so the line B-C is 30 in. (15 on each side of the center line).

Now you'll need a bit of maneuvering. Make a firm

substitute compass from a length of fishing line, a thumb tack, and a sharp pencil. Now, taking half your base line as a radius (Q to A<sub>3</sub> or Q to D<sub>3</sub>), set the point of your string compass at Q and draw a half circle from A<sub>3</sub> up over the top and down to D<sub>3</sub>. Next, establish points A and D. Do this by taking ½ of your base line as radius (8½ in. on our 50-in. sample) and drawing the quarter-circle arc, A<sub>1</sub> to A<sub>2</sub>, with A<sub>3</sub> as the center. Repeat process on other side to get D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub>. Where quarter-circle arcs cross big semicircle, you have points A and D. Draw straight lines from Q to A, Q to D, A to B, D to C.

These straight lines are, roughly, the shape of the fabric which, when draped up, will make your festoon. But you must allow extra trimming margins. To do so, draw, freehand, the dotted lines on Fig. 3. And be sure to curve them in gently as indicated. You now have your complete festoon pattern. Cut it out along the dotted lines. Figure 4 shows how to use the pattern. If your fabric isn't wide enough, piece it on each side at places indicated by vertical red lines on Fig. 4. Also allow for hems at top and bottom as indicated by red lines. If you plan to line your festoon (we recommend it for better hang and longer wear) put in the lining now (sateen is generally used). Hand sew the lining at top and curved bottom; leave the ends of the lining free so that your pleating job will be easier.

To give the fabric a well-tailored drape, work it on a large piece of corrugated or porous building board propped up on two chairs (Fig. 5). Be sure you can stick pins into board. Using measurements of your first scale drapery drawing (Fig. 2) as reference, draw the finished, pleated-up shape of festoon in full size on the board. Mark points B and C and attach top line of your fabric from B to C with pins (Fig. 6). Working gently and patiently, make your first fold. Pin in place at each side. Go on to second, third, and fourth folds. As you go along, make sure that your lining follows the folds.

With the double fullness we have allowed, you should have four folds—no more, no less. Be sure that each new fold does not alter the fullness of preceding ones. Pin and repin till you get it right. Even experienced hands do it several times until fabric is worked into continuous, evenly distributed folds which follow

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Fig. 8



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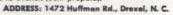
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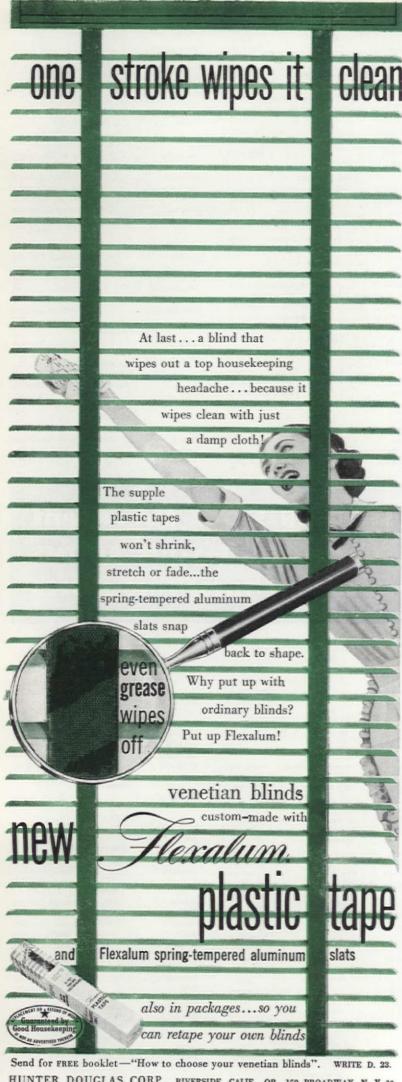
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### **Festoon Curtains**

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from side to side without buckling or breaking. The last fold should fall within the outline of your drawing. If final fold is too full, unpin and distribute fullness to other folds.

When festoon matches drawing, remove from board and sew pleats securely. Trim surplus fabric from top edges, and bind edges with bias cloth about 11/2 in. wide. To hang festoon (Fig. 7), use a wood board cut the extreme width of the window and extending out enough so that drapery will hang clear of projecting rods or other curtains. Tack festoon to board at B and C; then tack between; finally, tack pleated ends.

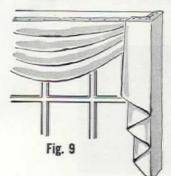
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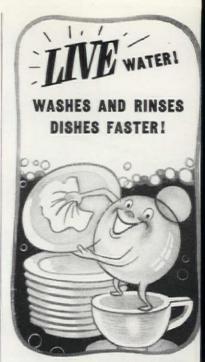
A good length for the cascade at its longest point is about 3/8 the distance from the top of your window to the floor. You'll notice on Fig. 2 that the inner edge of the cascade (line B-E, Fig. 2) is not parallel to the outer edge (A-G). For good looks, the inner edge grows wider as it descends. Your top fold, at E, will be an inch or so wider than space A-B. Before you begin your cascade pattern, be sure that you are satisfied with the scale drawing you have made (Fig. 2). You'll use your sketch as an absolute guide.

To make cascade pattern (full size), you need an enormous sheet of brown paper, about three times the length of the cascade and, for one the size of ours, about 30 in. wide.

Figure 8 is our cascade pattern, and the lettering on it corresponds with that of your sketch (Fig. 2). To make the pattern, do the following:

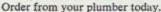
- 1) On your brown paper, draw a long, straight line about 8 in, from edge. At bottom of this line, mark G.
- 2) Measure full length of cascade along this line, and establish point A. A-G is the length of cascade.
- 3) Draw portion to the left of A-G (A-W-F-G on Fig. 8). It is the side piece of the cascade (called the return). Its width depends upon the depth of the board from which you hang the drapery. Ours is 6 inches.
- 4) Draw line A-B. It is the width of cascade at the top (ours is 5 inches-use your own judgment).
- 5) For top fold of cascade, establish E. To do this, measure line PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 115





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B-E on scale drawing. Measure this distance down line A on scale drawing. Make a mark. Then measure from this mark to E on the scale drawing. Translate these measurements to full scale on the pattern. We've made our top fold half the length of the whole cascade. The size can vary. Remember that E is an inch or so to the right of B.

6) Establish point X on top of pattern. X is where a line drawn through E-B intersects a line drawn through A-G.

7) Measure on scale drawing distance from A to L and A to J. Establish these full scale on pattern.

8) At the point half-way between L and J, put a mark, then measure the distance to K on your scale drawing and establish K on your pattern.

9) Do the same for H.

10) Draw a line from H to X. Connect E-L, L-K, K-J, J-H, H-G.

The shape of your cascade is now on the brown paper. To make the cutting pattern (indicated by dotted lines on Fig. 8), proceed as follows:

Fasten your fish-line compass at X with thumb tack, and make a pencil arc through A. With the line compass still fastened at X, make pencil arcs at every point of the pleats on your pattern. These arcs, from top down, are A-1, E-2, L-3, K-4, J-5, H-6.

With a regular compass, measure distance from H to J. Using this as your radius, insert compass at H and swing a little arc through curved line J-5. Their intersection becomes point M. Using J-K as a radius, repeat the operation on line K-4 to get point N. In the same way, using K-L as a radius, find O on L-3; using L-E as a radius, find P on E-2. Draw lines from M, N, O, P, to X.

Connect H to M, M to N, N to O, O to P. This will be a series of short lines, not a straight line from H to P.

Establish points U, T, S, R, and V where the lines radiating out from X cross curved line A-1.

Your cascade pattern is now complete. (See shaded area, Fig. 8.) Cut pattern along these lines.

Lines U-H, T-M, S-N, R-O are pleating lines. Fold your paper pattern along these to see exactly how cascade will look. This is the lefthand cascade. Mark it "left." Turn over and mark reverse side "right." Don't forget to turn pattern over when you cut the right-hand cascade! Allow a margin for hems.

Cut lining to cascade shape in self fabric or a contrast. Sew lining on, pleat cascade, but don't press. Stitch pleats at top; bind with bias tape.

Figure 9 shows how to hang the cascades. Tack them onto the board, one left, one right. Tack them down over the bound edges of the festoon so that the whole window treatment will look like one continuous drapery.



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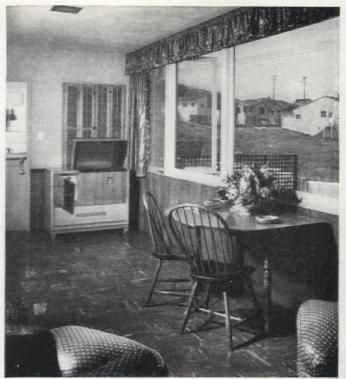
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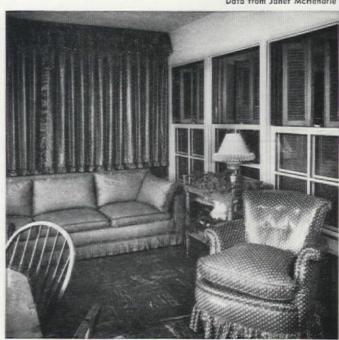
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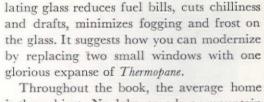
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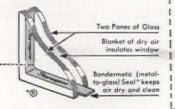
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# Decorating Do's and Don't's

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DON'T start on a furniture-buying trek without a plan.

DO familiarize yourself with styles, colors, furniture and fabrics, so that you will know the kind of furnishings you want in your home as well as the kind you can afford.

**DON'T** buy large sofas and chairs or heavy pieces for small rooms.

DO buy furniture scaled to your room.

DON'T buy spindly little tables and lamps that are too small for use with the average sofa or chair.

DO buy tables in proportion to sofa, and important-looking lamps high enough to read by comfortably.

DON'T buy all upholstered pieces for your room.

**DO** balance room with wooden-legged, open-arm chairs that add variety.

**DON'T** let an old-fashioned dreary-looking brick fireplace spoil the looks of an otherwise pleasant room.

**DO** paint the bricks in a pleasant harmonious color if nothing else can be done to improve or modernize it.

DON'T continue to get along with dark woodwork if your room needs light.

DO paint a light color over the dark wood to give the room a more cheerful and up-to-date look.

DON'T throw out an upright piano just because it's old-fashioned and the finish is bad.

DO paint it to blend with other furnishings—possibly in the wall color.

**DON'T** break up walls in small rooms with panels made of stock molding. It is not only out of date, but makes the arranging of furniture difficult and the room seem smaller.

DO paint woodwork the same color as walls in small room to make it seem more spacious.

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DON'T stand a grand piano across the corner of a room.

DO place it with straight side paralle to wall, curved side out into room.

DON'T use too many busy or important patterns in a room.

DO keep draperies and upholstery in plains, stripes, or small conventionals if walls are papered in a bold pattern

DO keep small rugs centered on floor and in an orderly arrangement following architectural lines of room—no hit-or-miss or cater-cornered.

DO use a pad under your rug of carpet for luxurious look and to give it longer wear.

DO use a commercial rug anchor under scatter rugs to keep them from slipping, thus avoiding accidents.

bon't be a "Craig's wife" or a fussbudget hostess—the kind that empties an ash tray the minute an ash is dropped in it, straightens pillows as soon as one's back is turned and performs other ungracious nuisances that make a guest feel mighty uncomfortable and unwanted.

DO group sofas and chairs so conversation between people is easy.

po group small pictures together, making an important feature of them on one wall rather than hanging them all over four walls where they add nothing to decorative scheme.

**DON'T** be afraid to combine old and new furniture (if congenial companions) for livable rooms.

**DON'T** install a picture window unless the outlook is a picture.

DO cover floor of a small room in plain wall-to-wall carpet to make it appear more spacious.

DO paint ceiling a darker color than side walls in a room with very high ceiling to make the room seem in proportion and more livable.

DON'T use scarves and doilies on chests and tables to be up to date.

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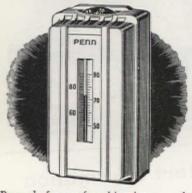
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# They Almost Left It Alone

There are times when it pays not to be rich. Honestly, sometimes not having all the money you think you need can help an awful lot—for instance, when you start to restore a house. The Gustav Hertzes secretly believed for a long time before they bought their 150-year-old farmhouse that it is possible to do over without overdoing.

The rules are very simple. First, and most important: if it only needs a little cleaning, clean it—and that's all. If only the highly polished and unscarred pleases you, the Hertzes argue, then stay away from old houses and antiques. Buy something new and shiny in the first place.

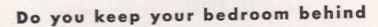
The second rule: though it is wise to call in professionals when they are needed, don't hire professional help unless the work is really beyond your powers. If you're game and your heart is in it, these rules, plus imagination, will see you through.

The Hertz's house sits with its springhouse and stable in the middle of 10 acres at the foot of the Blue Ridge in Virginia. Built by Pennsylvania Quakers who migrated to Virginia in the 18th century, it is three stories high, of popular "bank"

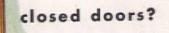
construction, with entrances front and back on two levels. The walls are 24" thick, of fieldstone laid in courses and cut to fit. This was left strictly alone and unpainted. The only additions to the exterior of the house, except for informal plantings, were door shutters, a doorbell made from a farm bell stuck on a post, and a few flagstones. The picture retains its honest "country" look, fuzzy around the edges and uncontrived.

Inside, the same old don't-if-you-can-help-it rule held, and that is where limited capital really began to pay off. The list of improvements which were not made is lengthy. There was no reshuffling of inside walls, no blocking up of doorways or addition of windows and dormers. No electric fixtures were installed beyond a few floor outlets. The stair wells are still lighted by kerosene wall lamps. An untiled bathroom, a modern kitchen, a good furnace, and insulation are the only real innovations.

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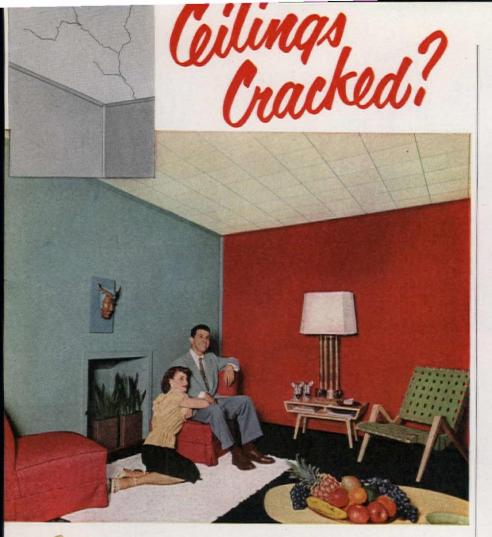
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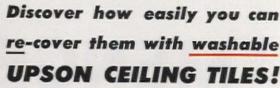
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## Left It Alone (Begins on page 120)



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Installation of modern kitchen and breakfast room interfered in no way with original room arrangement in house proper. Space under porch was appropriated. Breakfast room has brick floor, outer door



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(Begins on page 120)

Very few of their antiques can be considered in any sense priceless or even especially valuable. The Hertzes insist they are not collectors. Value never governed their choices. All pieces were chosen for appropriateness to space requirements, beauty of line, practicality, or imaginative decorative possibilities. Some were chosen merely for humor. The chair by the living-room fireplace cost ten cents, the black iron pot, nothing at all-it was found, cracked, in an ash heap. The corn-cutter used as a magazine table in the study was found behind the stable and put to use as is.

There was no attempt to remain rigidly within the period of the house. On the whole, there is a careful avoidance of the too-homespun, checked-gingham look considered inevitable with American provincial. Gold mirrors, cupid clocks, modern paintings, ceramics, chinoiserie, old tin, bright, cracked, and chipped china—all are cheerfully blended.

Although all the rugs are braided or hooked, these are again only a concession to economy. Mrs. Hertz made them herself out of a four-year accumulation of old clothes. She also made the slip covers.

All scraping, painting, plasterpatching, and restoring of woodwork was done only where absolutely necessary, and without paid help. Except for the liberal application of bold, clear colors, everything was left as much as possible in its original condition. Except for one small downstairs bedroom, all woodwork and paneling were finished naturally with linseed oil or brown shoe polish. Small holes were not even filled up, because they look charming as they are. And what a boon this kind of woodwork is if there are children!

Those walls which were not paneled still retain their original horsehair and mud plaster, applied directly to the wall in the old, impossible-to-duplicate "waterfall" effect. Not having the wherewithal to fur and replaster these, the Hertzes weren't tempted for one minute to destroy their charm and beauty. Whitewash was merely sanded off where it was found, and then flat paint was applied over a coat of sizing.

Furnace pipes were not even channeled. Only the bathroom has modern plaster walls. The dining room, which comprises the entire first level of the house, has no plaster at all—only pristine natural stone, relieved by a dark mantel over the fireplace, touches of chartreuse fabric, white ironstone china, and a modern bar.

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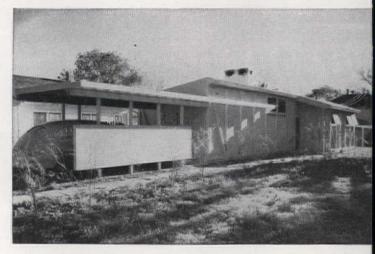
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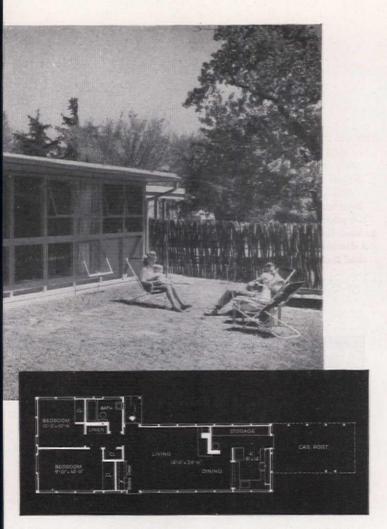
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Night-time view of house reveals its simple clean lines. Whole south wall of living-dining area is glass, opens onto garden area. At night, muslin curtains are drawn across the entire front for privacy, remain open during day

Exterior side view of Himes house, showing carport, flagstone walk leading to entrance. Ventilating windows are placed high on this side, create a through breeze. Good example of a maximum of thought, minimum of work



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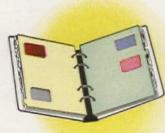
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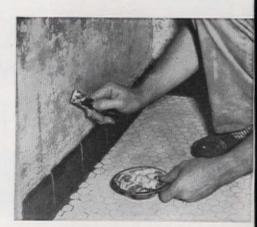


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Once the walls were thoroughly scoured, rinsed, dried, and sanded smooth, a crack filler was packed in imperfections and cracks with a putty knife. At the base tile and in corners, a finger worked best as an applicator



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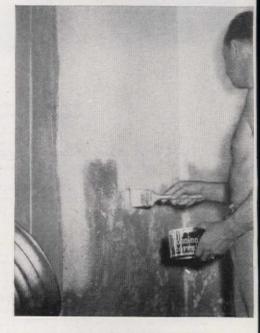


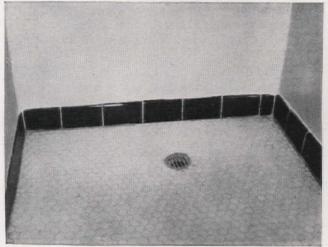
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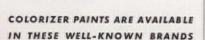
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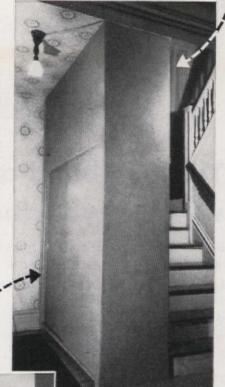
# Look What Baluster!

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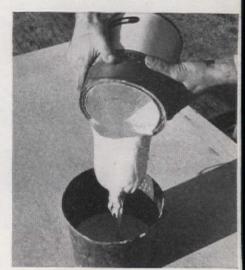
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Slats from an old wooden Venetian blind are fine for stirring paint. This is only one of many uses to which such slats can be put, so don't throw out the old blinds!

Painting

How-To Tricks

An old silk or nylon stocking, with a knot tied in the middle and the length below the knot cut off, will strain skins and lumps from paint that's been standing awhile. Stretch stocking over the top of paint can and invert the can above the paint bucket



After all the paint has poured from the can into the stocking, slip the stocking off the can and hold it by the top end. Use a paddle or stirring stick and pull the stocking between the paddle and the side of the bucket to squeeze out still more paint



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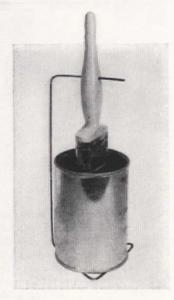
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### **Painting** (Begins on page 132)



To remove dried-on paint spatters from shoes, rub the spots with the head of an unlighted kitchen match after moistening the match head in water



This simple, homemade stand of coat-hanger wire keeps the brush bristles from resting on the bottom of the can of thinner and thus curling



An old milk container, with the top cut off and flattened, is fine for storing paintbrushes. It protects bristles from dirt and other damage

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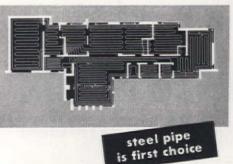
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## **Painting How-to Tricks**

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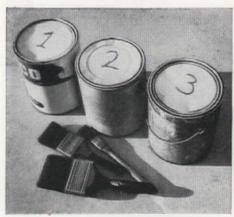
Cut an offset in your paint paddle so it also scrapes the paint from



To clean paint from your door or window hardware, soak it a few hours in a solution of two handfuls of trisodium phosphate in a gallon of water. The paint will just wipe off with steel wool



When saving paint that is left over from a job on furniture or walls, paint the lid and mark it so you can easily identify it for future touch-up work



Brushes last longer and do better work if cleaned well. Give them three washings after each use. Keep three cans of paint thinner and mark the lids. The paint settles to the bottom and the thinner can be used repeatedly for this purpose



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there are a number of circular-saw accessories for 1/4-in. drills which definitely speed up sawing operations, but also quickly overheat a drill if used steadily. However, if you use this kind of attachment on wood which is less than one inch thick, and if you use a sharp and well-set blade, and if you take it easy, these saws will not do any harm to your drill.

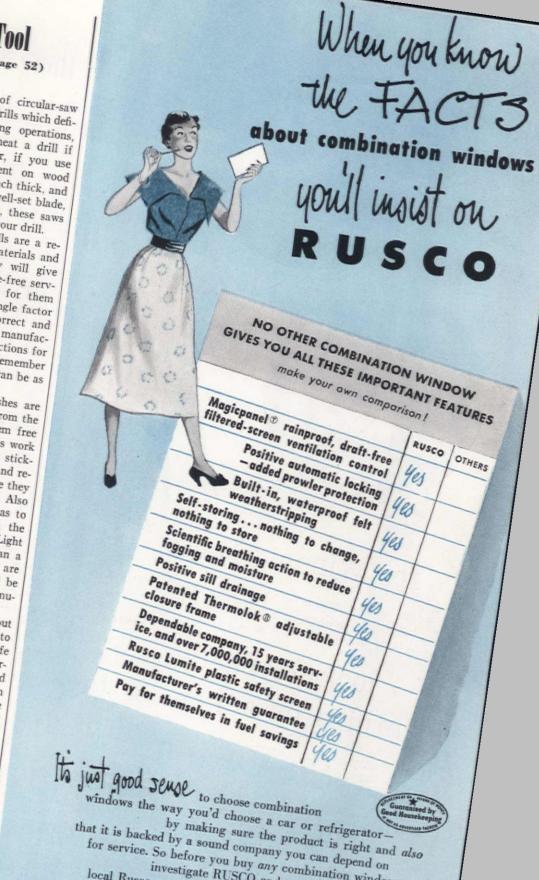
The better quality drills are a result of combining fine materials and good workmanship. They will give you many years of trouble-free service if you use and care for them properly. The important single factor in good maintenance is correct and adequate lubrication. The manufacturer's manual will give directions for greasing and oiling, but remember that too much oil or grease can be as bad as too little.

The commutator and brushes are the critical part of the drill from the electrical viewpoint. Keep them free of dust and dirt so the brushes work freely in their guides, without sticking. Inspect them frequently, and replace badly worn brushes before they damage the armature seriously. Also replace weak brush springs so as to maintain firm contact between the brushes and the commutator. Light rubbing with sandpaper will clean a dirty commutator. But if there are bad grooves or roughness it will be necessary for you to turn the commutator down on a lathe.

Electric cable is tough today, but it still must be handled carefully to prevent trouble. Since it is the "life line" of the drill, it is doubly desirable to protect it from abuse and damage. Coil the cable loosely when the drill is not in use, and be sure there are no sharp kinks, bends or twists in it either when it is stored or when it is in use. And don't let heavy objects fall on it and bruise or cut it. Oils and grease ruin rubber, so keep the cable away from them, and keep the insulation clean by wiping it off

Don't try to run the tool on any voltage other than the one specified by the manufacturer. Too low a voltage means inefficient operation, and too high a voltage results in excessive speed and overheating. When a third wire is provided in a cable for grounding, be sure that you use it. It was put there for your own protection against shock in case some short should inadvertently develop in the tool or

If the tool overheats, stop using it until you've found the cause and remedied it. Remember the comments above about the work limitations and the effect of overloading. Then, with a little care and attention to proper lubrication and cleaning, your electric drill or polisher will last for many years and give good service, too.



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If there are no shut-off valves under the sink, don't worry. One is around somewhere. Check to see which side of your sink the cold water pipe is on. Then go down into the basement directly underneath. Locate the cold water pipe. Follow it around until you find where it goes through the basement wall to connect with the city water system on the outside. The master shut-off valve should be someplace around there.

It will be either another wheel-like gadget, or a device resembling the spigot on a cider barrel. If discshaped, turn it clockwise to close. If it resembles a spigot, give it a quarter turn either way.

If you live in a rural area and have your own well and pressure system, go down into the pump room. There, you'll find a large galvanized tank. Find the pipe leading from the tank, through the wall of the pump room and over to the house. The valve will



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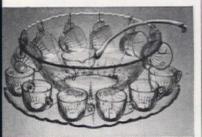
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be close to the tank.

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Now, you'll need the wrench. Go back to the kitchen and look at the hot and cold taps on the sink. At the base of each tap, a nut clamps the stem down where the valve goes through into the socket. Loosen this nut so that it will slide.

Next, remove the valve. Turn the tap the same direction you would if you were drawing water. It will screw completely out of the socket.

When you have it out, turn it upside down and look at it. On the bottom end, there's a small screw. This screw clamps a small rubber washer in place. One side of this washer is flat; the other side is usually convex (almond shaped.)

This washer is the culprit you are after. It wears thin or becomes grooved and allows a small jet of water to trickle through. This causes that monotonous drip.

Remove the screw which has been looking at you from the end of the valve. The washer should drop off readily. However, it may be a bit corroded and require a slight pry with some pointed instrument.

The size of these washers varies with the different makes of faucets. If you don't know the proper size in advance, take the one you have just removed to your hardware dealer. Most stores sell them two for a nickel. It's a good idea to change the washers of both taps although only one may be leaking. The other may start at any time, and it takes but a few minutes to prevent trouble before it starts. A set of washers should last six months or more.

Back home, pick up the valve and place the flat side of the washer next to the end of the valve. Then replace the screw. Screw the valve back into its socket, tighten the nut.

Remember when loosening something to turn it counter-clockwise. Turn clockwise to tighten. This is the general rule. However, there may be occasional exceptions when the reverse is true.

Remember the seven basic steps:

- 1. Shut off the water pressure.
- 2. Loosen the lock nut at the base of the tap.
- 3. Screw valve up out of socket.
- 4. Remove screw and washer.
- Replace with a new washer, keeping the flat side next to the base of the valve.
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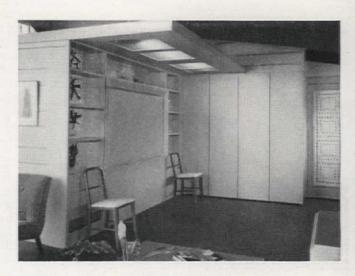
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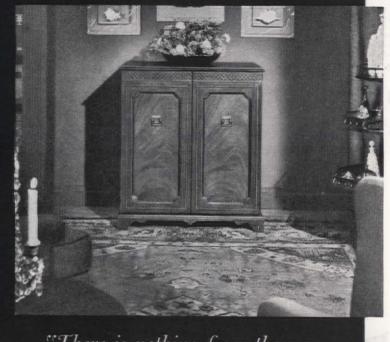
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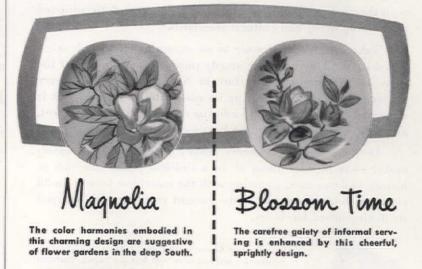
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gummed paper tape; a 6-inch Pyrex dish; scissors; and razor blade. Cut hat brim out of white mat stock. (Fig. 1) Slash tabs around inner part of brim and bend them back. Cut hatband 11/2 inches wide, 26 in. long of the same mat stock. (Fig. 2) Slip hatband inside of brim and paste the ends of band together.

Then paste the tabs of the brim around the band. (Fig. 3) This size will fit a 6-

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paste them around the outside of hat brim. Gather paper slightly for a ruffled effect. (Fig. 4) Make a second brim

and paste over first brim, the ruffle
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side of the hatband. Turn hat
so band rests on table top.
Lining: Cut two
doilies in half. Gather, and
paste cut edge on inside of

band. (Fig. 4) Handle: Cut a strip of mat stock 1 1/4 inches wide by 24 inches long. Reinforce with a piece of \*15 wire fastened down center of strip with gummed tape. (Fig. 5) Brush paste over wired side of handle, and cover with blue crepe paper. Fasten ends of handle to the hatband on inside with spool wire. Arrange flowers in Pyrex dish. Set this down into hat. Now tie basket with 1 1/2-inch

wide ribbon. Lay the ribbon down on table top, set hat with arranged flowers down

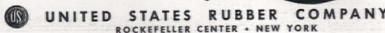
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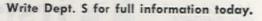
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wonder how many parents make the mistake I did in decorating children's rooms? As I did mine, I thought it was charming, but I found to my chagrin that it left the little darlings completely cold.

After countless bouts with my children about the everlasting clutter of their room and the cravon markings on the walls, I decided to do something sensible about it-instead of the nagging which, so far, had gotten me nowhere.

I still wanted to indulge my own preference for a pretty circus paper and ruffled curtains, but I thought vaguely of some sort of washable wallboard around the lower part of the room. After all, the children (four and six) were young, and I supposed it was useless to appeal to them when it was so much fun to color the designs on the paper. Then I had an idea! Why not give them a wall they could write on? So, to make a long story short, that's exactly what I did.

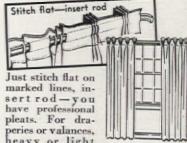
All around their walls. I put a 4foot wainscoting which could "take it." We were going to buy regular blackboarding, but since our walls were of sheetrock, a paint salesman told us of a coating which could be painted over any smooth surface. making a perfect blackboard. We attached erasers to the top of the board by 4-foot chains, and boxes to hold chalk are nailed beside them. The children are thrilled with this spot where they and their friends draw and play school by the hour. A damp rag wiped over the walls once a week is all the attention they need.

I curbed my desire for frilly curtains, and simply added plastic ruffles across the tops of the Venetian blinds. Bedspreads are of matching plastic. In short, nothing in the room can't be cleaned with a damp cloth-except the wallpaper, which at four feet from the floor no longer interests our artists. The children now feel that it is really their own room and even take pride in helping to keep it neat.



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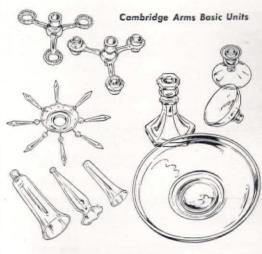


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Dining area is part of living room, with a serving passway to kitchen which reduces work in setting and clearing table



Small recessed area on west wall has bookshelves, and drawing board-desk combination where Mr. Himes can work or paint

costs was the way the house was planned, which allowed it to be heated with two gas floor furnaces. A door separates the living area from the bedroom area and each floor furnace operates independently, so each area can be heated as desired. Heating costs have been cut to \$80 a year.

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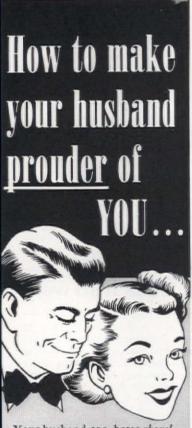


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# Chrysanthemums

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uses and types of garden culture.

For the person who plans to grow chrysanthemums under protection, such as glass or cloth, the field is wide open. He or she is free to choose anything in the catalogues; the only limit is the skill employed in handling the plants. If, on the other hand, they are to be grown outdoors, possible weather damage must be considered. A severe rain and wind storm may make a sorry mess of any planting in full bloom. However, an adequate system of supports and a careful selection of bloom type will do much to minimize this sort of damage. If enthusiasm impels the growing of susceptible types, one may gamble on the weather or keep on the safe side by erecting shelters.

A few singles are useful for variety in any collection. They give an airiness not possible with the fully double sorts. There is a wide selection that bloom from Oct. 25th on, varying in size from 3/4 in. to 5 in. or even more. There are also some excellent earlier varieties blooming from mid-September on, some of them small to intermediate, a few quite large. The hardy and floriferous Northland Daisies belong here. Bloom substance of the earlier ones is apt to be poor, and the colors, though brilliant in newly opened blooms, are apt to fade quickly. The smaller singles are resistant to rain injury because there is little to hold water; petals of the intermediate and larger varieties are usually damaged by rain.

Until recently, anemone-flowered kinds did not bloom before October. Now there are a few as early as mid-September. As a group, they have good substance, strong stems, and hold their colors well; their color range is being increased yearly.

The pompons are the most useful type in regions where late October and early November bloomers can reach their prime ahead of killing frosts. They flower profusely, have good bloom substance, and vary in size from 34 in. to 4 in. They, and certain of the anemones, are undoubtedly the most resistant to rain and wind damage because of their relatively short petals. Good stems and good keeping quality also help them resist storm damage, and these qualities make them favorites with the florist trade. However, in spite of all their merits, a collection consisting solely of pompons would certainly be monotonous.

Large-flowered chrysanthemums should be more generally grown. There is a widespread idea that they cannot be raised outdoors, but such is by no means the case. Anyone who can grow good mums of any type can grow varieties of this type satisfactorily if only he will take the necessary care in disbudding. True,





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# Chrysanthemums

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the large heads hold a surprising amount of water and so are apt to snap off after a rain, especially one accompanied by strong winds. This makes some sort of protection desirable, but it may be merely that protection provided by planting on the lee side of evergreens. Even though the petals are injured by rain and the blooms may lose their brilliance and not last long, there should be a few large-flowered plants in every garden collection planned for bloom effect by October 20th.

The decoratives include the commonly seen garden varieties. They have a wonderful color range, but a preponderance of this kind, unless relieved by other bloom forms, may also become monotonous. The bloom substance of the type is poor, and the colors are apt to fade rapidly-in some varieties even before the flowers are fully open. Stems are weak or "graceful," according to one's point of view. After a storm, they may appear even more bedraggled than other types, but while some kinds will be permanently damaged, others snap out of it fairly well, especially if there is a little wind that will serve to shake the water off the flowers.

The odd-flowered forms-spiders, quills, and spoons-carry a graceful aura all their own and every grower should include some of them even in an initial or trial planting. Some, in spite of their delicate appearance, are surprisingly-one might even say highly-resistant to storm damage and to frost injury as well. (That, incidentally, is quite a different kind of injury, and frost resistance is different, too, from winter-hardiness of the plant as a whole.) Aside from erecting shelters, there are two ways to prevent frost injury to blooms.

The first way is to select varieties that bloom before a killing frost is likely to occur. Probable frost dates for most localities are on record, and dealers' catalogues give (or should give) the blooming dates of the varieties they offer. Where frosts generally occur before October 1, one will be limited to the early garden varieties including small and intermediate singles, some pompons, a few anemones, and a considerable number of decoratives. Given until October 10, one has a limited choice in all types. Where the date is October 25 or later, there is no limit to the kinds that can be grown.

The second way is to select varieties with petal-frost resistance. This quality, though a matter of indifference to the grower with a greenhouse (even a coldhouse and temporary heat), exists in all types to some extent. Of late, chrysanthemum breeders have been paying increased attention to it. It will certainly occur

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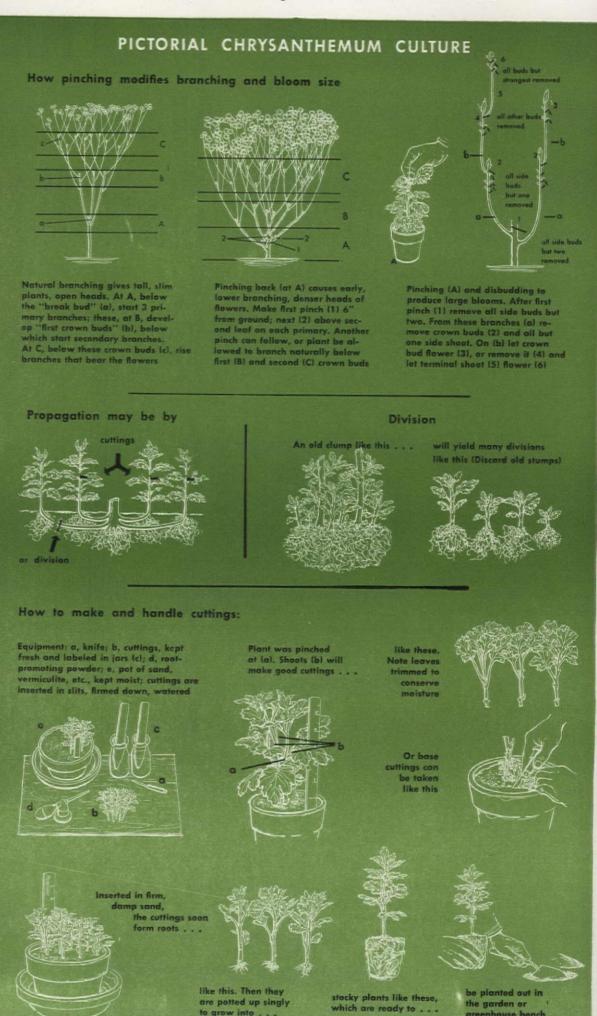
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more frequently among the garden varieties, though, unfortunately, some of these are extremely sensitive. Experience is the only—if a hard—way to learn which these sensitive kinds are.

For one who insists on the better types and must crowd the frost line, the wisest plan is to pot up a few favorites, or else to provide some sort of frost shelter. Shading to hasten blooming may also be resorted to. Almost any variety can be brought into bloom in September by covering the plants with black cloth for a certain number of hours daily so as to provide the "short day" condition necessary for bud setting. It is all a matter of what one wants and how much one is willing to pay—or do—to get it.

Actually, the chrysanthemum can fulfill any decorative requirement that can be met by the flower of any other herbaceous plant. If a great sheet of color is wanted, the decoratives, developed expressly for this, are best. For relief, vary the texture with singles and pompons. Large incurves, or some of the odd-flowered kinds, strategically placed, make excellent accents. Or these may be supplied by specimens specially-trained.

Flower arrangers can select varieties in advance to give the exact bloom type and color required; with skill and some effort they can get an exact bend in the stem, with the assurance that it will hold its shape throughout the life of the arrangement.

The gardener who delights in flower perfection, whether for competition or just the love of it, can exercise all the skill he has or may acquire with full assurance that his mums will repay every bit of effort or know-how he may employ. The teen-ager can grow the largest football mum at the game for his girl friend to wear—often delighting her with it in his, her, or their school colors.

Against our principles, we list below a few varieties, mostly from the National Chrysanthemum Society's list of the most popular 100. Actually, the most satisfactory way to start a collection is to base it on visits to chrysanthemum gardens where you can study the effects secured and the varieties used to get them. Think about effects you want and note the kinds that will give them. Find out from the gardeners where they got their stocks, where they would not buy again, and why. Get catalogues from two or three reliable nurseries that handle a full line, not merely one type. Read the descriptions carefully, do not be misled by color pictures, hold fast to the limit you have set on blooming date, don't be too much impressed by statements about winter-hardiness, and select varieties that in your judgment will do what you want done. Variety tests are much in demand but actually not satisfactory, for conditions are not the same in any two gardens and personal tastes are unaccountable. Here, then, is a list of six varieties in each of the six bloom types we have discussed; you may or may not find them in the catalogues you have, but please don't ask us where to find any particular one. It's simply a matter of looking and shopping around.

#### THIRTY-SIX GOOD CHRYSANTHEMUMS

(For type descriptions, see chart, pages 50 and 51)

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Betty, rose pink Melba, bronze Eric the Red, red Jean, white Astrid, pink W. H. Buckingham, pink

TYPE C-POMPON

White Doty, white Lillian Doty, pink Pinocchio, white Chiquita, yellow Pink Dot, pink Gold Coast, yellow

TYPE E-DECORATIVE

Charles Nye, yellow Lavender Lady, lavender Carnival, burnt orange Olive Longland, salmon pink Avalanche, cream white Red Velvet, crimson TYPE B-ANEMONE

Korean Princess, bronze Shasta, white Yellow Izole, yellow Elizabeth, pink Helios, yellow Frances Schoen Park, white

TYPE D—LARGE-FLOWERED

Mrs. H. E. Kidder, yellow
Silver Sheen, white
Roseum, pink
Keystone, bronze
Mrs. David F. Roy, red and gold
Major Bowes, pink

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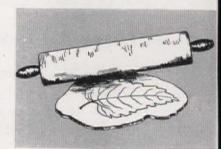
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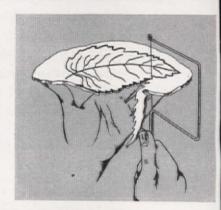
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The first step is to buy pottery clay, which is available at PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 154

After leaf is selected, place
it on piece of rolled clay
several inches larger all
around than the finished
plate is to be. Use a
rolling pin to make leaf
impression on clay, with
leaf vein side down. Remove
leaf. Veinings will show



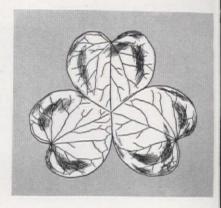
After impression is made, hold clay on finger tips of left hand. Cut out the leaf shape with wire cheese cutter. Fine wire of this cutter will turn in any direction so that even very small lines can be cut clean



Cup edges of leaf up to give depth to plate. If clay is moist and edges won't stay up, use small cotton wedges to hold the cupped part up till dry



For a sectional candy or relish dish, several leaves may be joined. Follow same procedure as for single leaf. While still wet, join leaves together firmly and brace with cotton wedges





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art-supply stores in powder form. Mix the powder with water till it has the consistency of putty. Then knead the clay just as you would knead bread. The main purpose of this operation is to eliminate air bubbles which may cause trouble later. Next, "wedge' the clay by pounding it on a sturdy table or by throwing it on the floor. First do one side of the clay, then the other. When the clay seems to be very solid, it is ready for rolling. Use a rolling pin, and proceed as you would for a pie crust. Roll the clay to the thickness you desire for the finished plate.

You are now ready to select whatever leaf you would like to use as a pattern. Leaves with decided form and pronounced veining are best: hollyhock, redbud, canna, elephant'sear, grape, catalpa, sunflower, oak, and maple are all good for this purpose. Choose for form, too.

Lay your leaf right side up on the rolled clay so that the veins touch the clay. Run the rolling pin over the leaf; a definite leaf impression will be left on the clay. Then peel off the leaf. With a sharp knife, cut the clay around the leaf outline. If leaf is small, cut while holding it on the finger tips of your left hand. A cheese cutter is excellent for this part of the job—it is easy to turn in many directions, so you can cut a fine line.

To shape your plate, lay the clay leaf on newspaper, and cup the edges up slightly. If the clay is quite moist and the edges have a tendency to fall down, use small wedges of cotton to brace them until dry.

When the clay leaf is thoroughly dry, smooth it with fine sandpaper. Blunt edges should be sanded to give sharp, clean-cut lines. The plate is now ready for firing and should be handled carefully—they break easily at this stage. Pack it carefully, and take it to the kiln to be fired and then glazed in your choice of colors.



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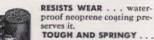
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of time till the paint was off the plaster, especially near the base. Moisture remained in the plaster, and next came mildew with its objectionable odor and discoloration.

That was the mess I went after. Amazingly, once I got started, cleaning it up was fairly simple. I licked the problem in three steps: clean up, fill up, cover up.

A few days and \$5.29 later, the stall was fit again. Brushes, putty knife, and screwdriver were in my tool kit, so the \$5.29 went for expendables: detergent, a scouring pad, crack filler, a sheet of #1/2 garnet sanding paper, a quart of enamel undercoat, a pint of sealer, a tube of oil color, and one quart of extraquality, high-gloss enamel.

A dishwashing detergent, mixed in a strong solution and applied with a brush and enthusiasm, removed the soap scum. A second scrub with a copper mesh scouring pad and cleaner ripped off the loose paint.

Three hours were saved by drying the walls with an electric blowerheater. Then the surface was sanded with the \*1/2 garnet paper.

Loose plaster was scraped with a screwdriver out of cracks in the wall and between the plaster and the tile base. A quick-drying crack filler was forced into all cracks in the plaster and next to the tile base. At the base. with a finger, I formed a rounded cove that sheds water.

All the patches were sanded smooth when dry, and the patches and whatever plaster was left bare by the cleaning were sealed with a coat of shellac. Again the surface was checked to be sure that it was absolutely dry and clean and there were no cracks or peeling in the paint job.

Then the first coat of paint: three parts of enamel undercoat mixed with one part of sealer to improve water resistance. Since the final coat was not to be white, first coat was tinted with oil color until I achieved approximately the shade of the final coat.

An old pup tent on the floor saved hours of cleaning later, and a strong light was found handy in avoiding blanks or "holidays." First coat was given twelve hours to dry.

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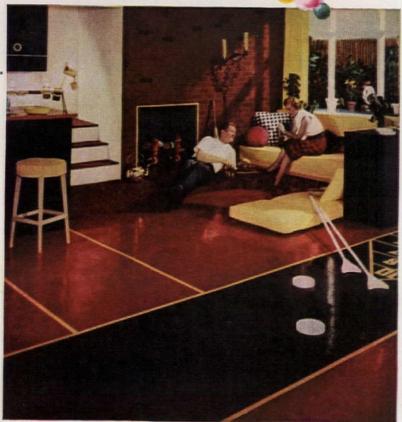
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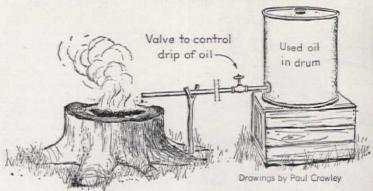
# Are You Still Stumped?

CHARLES S. WALTERS

pparently I'm not the only person who has blunted his patience and vocabulary against the task of removing a tree stump. The article, "Are You Stumped?" in the January 1950 AMERICAN Home brought me letters from fellow stump-removers in five states and Canada. The interest almost seemed to warrant the organization of an International Brotherhood of Tree-stump Taker-outers. Apparently tree stumps exhibit about as much resistance to persuasive methods as a Soviet diplomat at a U. N. conference. Indeed, if you are seeking a quick way to earn your first million dollars, just develop a miracle stump-remover that will work for the Common Man; like the successful mousetrap inventor, you'll soon find the path to your factory worn down by hungry buyers. This supplementary report is based upon the many good suggestions received and upon the research and experience of many other persons. It is offered so those who have a stump or two to get rid of can choose the method they like best.

To start with, Director W. A. Rowlands of the University of Wisconsin Branch Experiment Stations wrote: "I am happy to note that this old idea that you can get rid of stumps by treating them with saltpeter has been exploded in your magazine. Years ago the College of Agriculture of this University made many tests using methods including saltpeter as well as most types of bacteria to hasten decay of stumps. We have as yet found no satisfactory method of eliminating stumps by any of these proposals. Maybe some day we will find something that will delignize wood; as yet none has been found."

Carl A. Kilgus, for the past eighteen years with the Indiana State Highway Commission, says he has burned out some very large stumps with the equipment shown in the following drawing:



Several readers use sheet-iron "stoves" to concentrate the fire about the stump. John Frick, also of Indiana, recommends a strip "wide enough to extend about a foot above the stump and long enough to reach around it. . . I set this in a channel two or three inches deep, dig little airways or draft holes under the iron at opposite sides, and start a fire of kindling wood and coal on top of the stump, controlling it by partially closing the top of the iron cylinder by means of a sheet iron lid."

B. P. Mowat, of Vancouver, B. C., employs somewhat the same equipment, except that he makes his stove of 30- by 96-inch pieces of corrugated sheet metal, bolting enough of them together along the long side to form a cylinder 8 feet tall, and large enough to encircle the stump. Instead of using wood and coal, he soaks the stump with fuel oil, and tosses on the fire a couple of old rubber tires. The metal cylinder, he says, produces a hot, continuous fire that destroys the stump completely in a very short time. I would fear that, although the tires may help, they might strain public relations with neighbors on the lee, or smoky, side!

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# Still Stumped?

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From Texas, Eric Warren wrote, "Please don't give up and say you are stumped, but try my method." This consisted of boring a 7/8-in. hole down through the center of the stump, which was mesquite, green and sappy. (The 7/8" bit was the only long one he had.) On the windward side, just below ground level, he bored holes horizontally into the stump until he hit the vertical bore, then built a small fire at this side opening. As there was no wind, he used a small electric fan to create a draft through the stump. On a second stump he started a fire with a blowtorch. In short, he "uses the stump as a fireplace, smoke stack and all," in one case placing an iron pipe over the upper hole for more draft, guying it and sealing it at the base with clay.

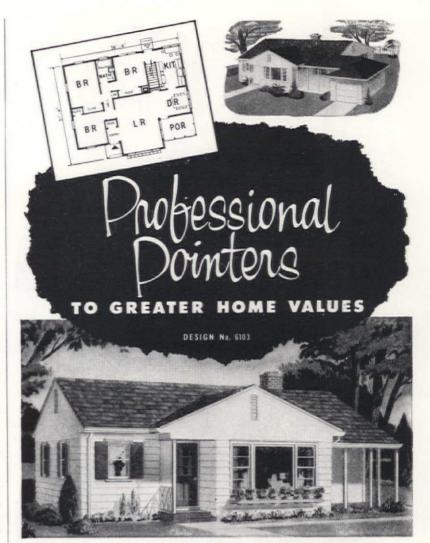
G. F. Wirrer in Pennsylvania had heard "from reliable sources" that full-strength sulphuric, hydrochloric, or muriatic acid, poured into 1-inch holes drilled 8 to 10 inches deep, at the rate of about a quart per stump. should in two or three months break down the stump structure so it could easily be knocked to pieces. The holes, he was told, should be only partly filled with acid and tightly plugged with sod, mud, etc. He wondered. Well, in 1913, a report in the Agricultural Gazette of New South Wales discouraged the use of acids, tests with sulphuric and nitric in varying proportions having proved unsatisfactory. "Sound stumps," it concluded, "cannot be destroyed in that way; furthermore, the method is wasteful of time, and the handling of acids is dangerous."

Walter Spott of New Jersey has developed a milling type of mechanical stump remover which he calls the Stump Beaver, with which he provides a custom service in his area. It doesn't appear to be available elsewhere, requires electric power, heavy to move, but fun to operate.

I'm not inclined to laugh at other folks' troubles, but I had to chuckle over the account by Dr. R. E. Sayers of Illinois of his experiences. Having tried saltpeter, oils, a blowtorch, and the family vacuum cleaner (to make draft), he concluded that stump removal remedies, like the report of Mark Twain's death, are "somewhat exaggerated." He tried to burn one stump about a month after pouring several pounds of saltpeter (at 65 cents per) into several holes-but it's still there. One, he admits, acted according to Hoyle and burned itself down under the ground with no other treatment than a little brush fire started around it; but it "had a rotten center and was dry to start with."

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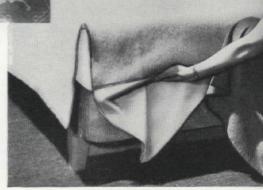


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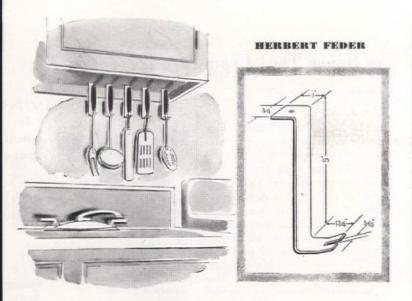
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What started as the open back porch and grew into an enclosed play area is now really part of the huge living room, a part which will probably have a major role when tykes become teen-agers. Its glass wall takes in the garden. It has its fireplace, too, as does the master bedroom, in the space which was saved for them in the first expansion when the garage became the studio.

Notice on the plan that the location of the playroom makes a Ushaped terrace on the garden side. It is a wonderful spot for a growing family's outdoor living room, for it is sheltered enough to be used when a more exposed terrace can't be, and it is easy to reach from entry or playroom without walking through the house. And the Van Leuvens make plenty use of it and will continue to do so-both generations of them.

The house caught up with the family. Really caught up with it, for when young Holly arrived, she was greeted with unmixed joy. There was plenty of room for her. She occupies the room which was originally big brother Karl's. The boys share the bedroom which belonged to their parents when they first moved in. The twins have quarters they won't outgrow, and the not-exactly-elder Van Leuvens have a world of their own in that firelit studio-bedroom.

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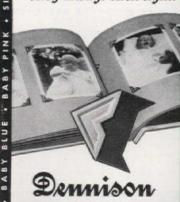
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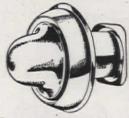
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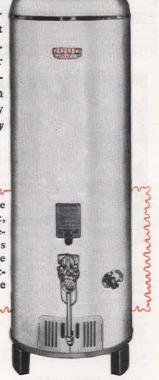
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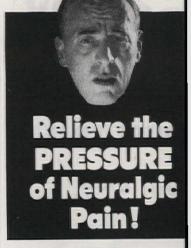
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# Where Credit Is Due

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Page 39: Small-scaled modern sectional sofa in red-textured covering, Armstrong; simple wood-framed lounge chairs with foam rubber seats and backs, oblong-shaped lamp table, slim-lined secretary—all in light-toned maple —from the Lancaster County group by Consider H. Willett; black lacquer coffee table, a Paul McCobb design for Young Planners Group, Winchendon Furn. Co.; 30-inch square birch corner table, Conant Ball; yellow-decorated side chair, Drexel; gray loop-piled cotton rug, "Riviera" by Aldon Rug Mills; black-on-white chintz draperies, F. Schumacher & Co.; brise-bise curtains of sheer cross-bar cotton, "Double Life" by Bedford; lacquer-based table lamps designed by Paul McCobb for Roymor Mfg.; milk glass wedding jar, Westmoreland; china washbowl and pitcher by Savage of Calif.; ironstone tureen from Claude M. Sperling; round brass wall clock, Rubel & Co.; white ceramic llama, Brackenridge & Taylor; imported amethyst deconter, W. E. Owen; deconter far left from Imperial, one in center from Heisey; picture, "The Crooked Mile" by Herrman from Thanhardt-Burger.

Page 40 and on cover: Traditional sofa by Loeblein of Kent, Ohio in modern upholstery fabric by Cheney; pair of lounge chairs in turquoise-green nylon, Heritage-Henredon; lounge chair in conventional dark green matelasse, Heritage-Henredon; occasional chair of bomboo design with navy blue seat cover, Grand Ledge Chair Co.; Regency desk, Kittinger Co.; fruitwood desk chair, Kent of Grand Rapids; bleached pine commode, Baker Furniture, Inc.; 18th-century mahogany lamp table, Barclay Square Furniture Co.; stack tables—small ones 15 inches square, larger ones 15 by 30 inches—from "Inspiration" group by Drexel; ombre-stripe covering of cushions on stools, Seymour Fabrics; dropery fabric, 32 inches wide, Jofa; blue ninon glass curtains from Cortley Curtain Corp.; all-wool silver-blue rug, "Bramble" by James Lees & Sons; lamps on desk and table, Warren Kessler; modern pictures—"Bust and Mandolin," Picasso, from Rudolf Lesch, "Floral, No. 1" Rouault, from N. Y. Graphic Soc. (both reproductions), magazine print matted and framed by F. & R. Lazarus; imports include Czechoslovakian lusters, amethyst cut-glass bowl, white candy jar and wood cigarette box from Italy; handsome modern ash tray from Assoc. American Artists.

Page 41: Wrought iron sofa upholstered in moth-procfed wool plaid and chair in mustardy-green tweed from Pacific Iron Products; 2 side chairs in brown and beige print, Conant Ball; Colonial Welsh dresser and coffee table are in pine, both Drexel's "American Traditional"; 40 inch slat top benches used as window seat, Ficks Reed; cinnamon colored cotton rug, "Wunda-Weve" by Belrug Mill, Inc.; mustard draperies, brown valance and covers on seat cushions are burlap, F. & R. Lazarus; Paul Heinley shutters stained tobacco brown to match valance; wrought iron and brass candelabra, Brackenridge & Taylar; black, white and red modern candy box, Tony Ceramics; terra cotta bull, mustard and brown ash tray on table, gray and black horse on Welsh dresser, all Marianna Von Allesch; pitcher depicting "Seven Seas" by Nura, brown ash tray with fruit design, blue and white bird, all Assoc. American Artists; pewter mugs imported; large woven tray (one of set of four) from Mary Ryan; enamel base floor lamp, Laurel.

#### WINS ON 21 POINTS

Pages 44, 45, 46: Metal cabinets and sink, Lyon; gas refrigerator, Servel; range, Magic Chef; washing machine, Easy Spindrier; drier, Hamilton; steam iron, Presto; sewing machine, Domestic; bucket chairs, Aristo-bilt; metal lath, U. S. Gypsum Expand-X; counter tops, Goodyear Vinyl; fabrics by Patterson; rubber tile flooring, Danbury; copper bottom utensils, Ekco;



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#### PLACE AND SHOW

Table appointments on pages 64, 65: Ch "Brookmere," Flintridge; cloth, "Moderne" iv Stoffel's Damask, Inc.; silver, "Conto Towle; epergne, "Carlton Arts"; stemware bonbon dishes, Silver City Glass; cand "Twistolite" (Renaissonce type), Will & B mer. Plates, far right, page 65: \$4146 Sky Plaid, Southern Potteries; "Sierra," Francis China; "Baroque-Gray," Synacuse China; "Slight," Lenox, Inc.; "Driftwood" Shore L Metlox Mfg. Co.; "Morning Melody," Unive Potteries.

#### DECORATE WITH ONE COLOR

Pages 62 and 63: Gold-and-Gray room phagraphed in the Grand Rapids Furniture Mal Guild Galleries, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Fwith Black-and-White room, furniture by Gr Rapids Chair Co.; Many-Shades-of Beige rofurniture by Baker Furniture, Inc.

#### DOLLAR "SAVORS"

Pages 78 and 79: Glass cake stand and ple Indiana Glass; tumbler, Richards Morganth silver, "Continental" by International; nap Blackstaff; china, "Stonewall" by D. E. / Nickol Company.

#### SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME

Pages 90, 91, 92: Electric waxer, Univershelf cushion, floor mat, Wooster Rubber Costool, Cosco; steam iron, Presto; rug under Allen Rubber-Loc; can apener, Dazey; iron board cover, Tex-Knit; knife set, Ecko; was! General Electric; electric range, Frigida chicken fryer, Griswold; pressure cooker, Presdouble boiler, Pyrex; safety-lid strainer p Mirro aluminum.

#### MARKET REPORT

Appliances on page 96: Coffeemaker, Sil French-style frying pans, Wearever Aluminu corn popper, Dominion Electric; "show-windo glass cover, Club Aluminum; small oven, W Bend Aluminum; electric cooker, Knapp Mana Chefster.

Appliances on page 98: Iron (top), Westir house; iron, (second down), Dominion Electre electric sheet, Westinghouse; steak broil Federal Enameling and Stamping Co.; bot warmer, Sunbeam Corp.; clock, General Electric

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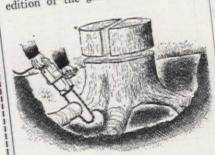
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# Still Stumped?

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each root on each side of the trench and grub out the pieces; pick, shovel, and chop away roots as far underneath as possible, then tie a long, strong rope near the top of the tree and to the bumper of a car or truck. Chopping at the roots as the car pulls may help. Or, tie the rope to another tree and get a number of people to alternately pull and let up on the middle of the rope, working in unison and in time with the rocking of the tree. Or they can use the old tug-of-war method. If you work it right, he says, and serve refreshments or have a wiener roast afterwards, you may find lots of people (especially city folk) willing to help for the fun of seeing the tree crash.

Robert D. Fleischer of Virginia is another advocate of mechanical removal, but simplifies the job with the help of a modern, lightweight, electric edition of the gasoline motor-driven



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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has issued a Farmer's Bulletin (No. 1526) on land-clearing which, though designed primarily for farmers, contains some good tips that homeowners anywhere can use. Copies can be had from the Extension Forester, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.

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In 1901, my grandfather had on his Iowa farm ten acres of young peach trees with corn planted between the rows. This he planned to cut, shock, and later haul to the barn for feed. But the help he counted on suddenly disappeared and I was offered a trip to the Buffalo Fair if I would cut and shock that corn. Well. I started, but being new at it I couldn't get the shocks to stand up by themselves. So, as I cut, I built the shocks up around those peach trees as supports!

It was much easier for me, but the corn pretty well covered the treesand I got the dickens for doing it that way. However, my reward came the next spring, for the winter was a hard one and our peach treesthat I had equipped with corn-stalk overcoats-were the only ones in the county that bore a crop the following summer. Many times since then the same method has worked. So my advice to any gardener who has trouble with his peach buds swelling too early in the spring and being injured by late frosts is to make a place in his garden for some sweet corn for the delicious "roastin' ears" it yields, and then, in late fall as soon as the trees shed their leaves, cut the stalks to stack around the trees.

Why does this work? Well, I may be wrong but I believe that it is the action of the sun on the limbs and buds that causes the buds to swell prematurely and then suffer if a frost hits them. If I'm right, then it is more the shading effect of the corn shocks than it is the protection from cold and wind that they give. Only last spring, my wife called my attention to a long tin can that someone had placed over the end of a cut limb of a tree. The buds protected-and shaded-by the can were much less advanced than those on the same branch outside the can.

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# **HOW TO HOLD A HUSBAND**



# Memo to Mama

MARY ALICE BROWN

In unmade bed? A forgotten promise? A doubt about the need for overshoes? These all used to be the signal for much too much of what my older son calls yakity-yak. But now a great deal of it is controlled by a business-like system of intramural memos.

A visit to Dad's office started it. When we stopped by one Saturday afternoon, the children were fascinated by the way the office work was done. Their Dad gave them memo pads for souvenirs. I thought it would just make a neater way of drawing faces and playing ticktacktoe, but I was wrong.

We weren't home long before I found a wistful memo to Mama: "It's a long time since we had lemon pie." This was tucked under the kitchen clock. When I looked up from it I caught the interested eye of Bob, the older boy. He got the pie for dinner. But when he went to bed that night he found a memo, "It's a long time since this bed was made neatly." At first he had made his bed with almost military snap but lately it had just been a matter of cagily pulled up bedspread with a shambles underneath. The next morning his eve met mine with an amused glint. I wasn't surprised later to find that the bed was made exceptionally well. Nothing was said. That was part of the fun.

It's also the beauty of the system. Parents get in the habit of talking too much with the results getting shorter as the words get longer. Writing memos cuts down on wordage and points up a fact emphatically but subtly.

A private note has something special about it and reading it alone is a great deal better than having something said in the presence of an interested brother or sister or even a few pals. It minimizes a show of emotion on the part of the parent and resentment from the child.

Of course, the subject need not always be disagreeable. It's a lot of fun to find a compliment written down with perhaps some small token gift. When Sue had made her room look especially neat she found a memo, "Your room looks so nice!" And under the paper was a candy bar.

Due to the bargaining instincts of my older boy, the memos sometimes take the form of a contract. I'm likely to find, "I'll turn off my light at nine if you don't yell up." Or, "If I get my shoes wet today I'll wear



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my overshoes any day you say and without fussing, too!" These are signed and sometimes dated. I wouldn't be surprised to find them notarized.

Now that my seven-year-old son can finally read, it makes the whole family memo-conscious. Of course, with the memo to him I am careful to print in large letters with the message in short words. While writing once to Sue, it dawned on me that though I had just criticized her for sloppy writing, mine was worse! This whole system of memo-writing seems to put adults and children on a more level plane and makes for better understanding. It's really just the same old thing as writing notes, but somehow it is dignified and more fun by designating them as memos. Such things count so with children.

A working mother told me how much the memo system helped with her teen-aged daughter. Both were very busy, and in their hectic moments together it was hard to check what had to be done. After they hit on the memo system they both made notes whenever they thought of something, fixing them to a magnetized board in the breakfast nook.

Leone, the daughter, discovered that some of the things she noted for her mother she could do more efficiently herself. Just listing needs in black and white somehow made the tasks less formidable. By checking over their lists, they found they could organize their work better with errands portioned out more fairly.

Even mothers who don't work outside the home find that occasional absences from the home require notes of a sort. Since my children are in the habit of reporting home right after school I try always to be there, too.

When at the last minute I found I couldn't be home the other day I left a note saying where I'd be. Then I added, "Write here where you will be," leaving a line with each of their names. Sue and Jack filled in opposite their names where they would be but Bob had filled in. "I'll be right here!" And sure enough, when I got home he was sitting there doing his homework with the note propped up prominently in front of him!

But the most dramatic memo I've ever heard came from someone else's son. One snowy day the mother returned to find this cheerful memo, "Don't worry, I have gone-slaying."



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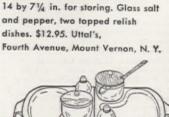
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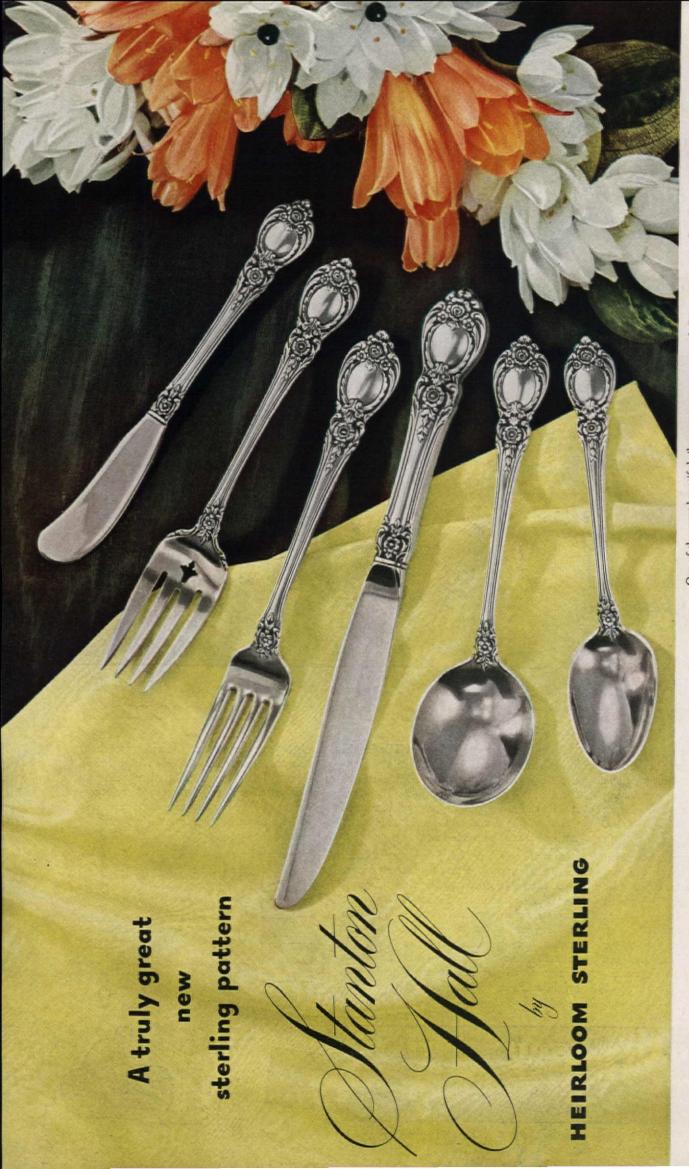
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