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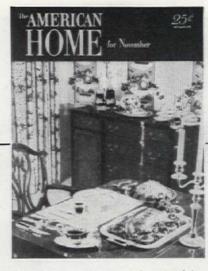
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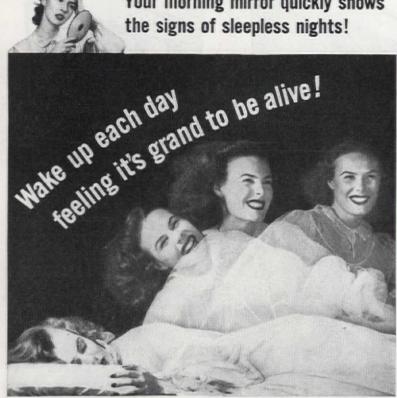
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. . BARBARA STICKNEY SMITH once had the good fortune to break an antique cup. You'll see what we mean by "good" fortune if you turn to page 52, for her excursions to antique shops in an attempt to match that cup were the beginning of the splendid porcelain collection she shares with us in this issue. A member of an old California family, she has taught school in various parts of the state, and was an originator of Toy Loan Libraries for underprivileged children.



. . . RAYMOND P. KORBOBO, as Assoc. Extension Specialist in Ornamental Horticulture at Rutgers Univ. since 1946 (having previously been in the army and, for four years, designer with two landscape firms), teaches home landscaping through lectures, radio, television. His key interests, he says, outside of his wife, who helped make his "Plan Animator" (see page 74), are his garden, licking crab grass, his car, pool and box hockey in his basement, and "just plain people."



... DORIS BRIAN, our new Copy Director, started as an art historian. She picked up a couple of Fine Arts degrees, specializing in architecture and the decorative arts, then settled down to the editing of art periodicals. During the past decade, she divided her time between art criticism and serving on the staff of national magazines which, like THE AMERICAN HOME, deal with the very fine art of good living. Her hobby? Trying to make Husband Micky like her cooking.



. . . CARROLL B. COLBY finds time for the rich family life described on page 47 between an impressive assortment of activities. Children's books and TV programs are one side of his career. He is also an aviation specialist, having edited several aviation magazines. How did it start? He studied art, did a stint with the U.S. Customs Service, then learned to fly. Combining his interests, he has written and illustrated countless articles on aviation and other subjects.



. . . CAROL MOORE, aged 16, is one of our youngest contributors on record. This creative miss designed one of those dreamy holiday window decorations. Of course, she plans to make art her career, though she's still a student at Mineola (N.Y.) High. Her second love is music, an interest she shares with a talented brother who plays clarinet and sax in his own dance band. Along with art, music, and school studies, she keeps house for her father and brother.



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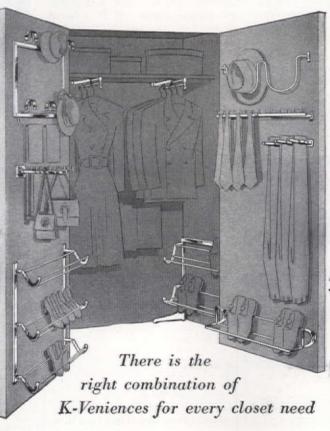
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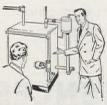
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-MRS. C. W. HOPKINS, JR.

Dear Editor:

While reading your July story "We're Homeless and We Love It," I became so mystified as to who would ever enjoy reading such a fantastic tale—except as I did, for sheer amazement. Your magazine usually encourages young people to build and live in private homes, and I think such an article will either greatly discourage the bride and groom or hasten the selling of small houses and make many a young dream fall through.

I was interested in the article mostly because we have much in common (as far as material things are concerned). I have a very large lot, a beautiful new dream house, three of the largest breed collies, and two loving, active children who enjoy their home as much as their mother and father do.

Many of the Lowes' problems faced us too, but we just loved our place so much that we bore all the hard work until we became used to it. We enjoy big parties, lots of company, things tidy, and cleanliness too, but it can all be overdone until you're miserable. I agree a beautiful new home inside and out looks better when it is clean, weeded, and unused. But only down-to-earth people who love to live would rather see a place lived in, used, and even untidy at times.

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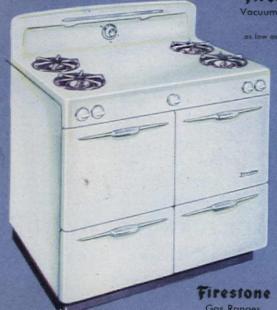
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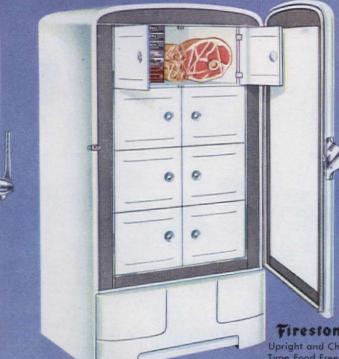
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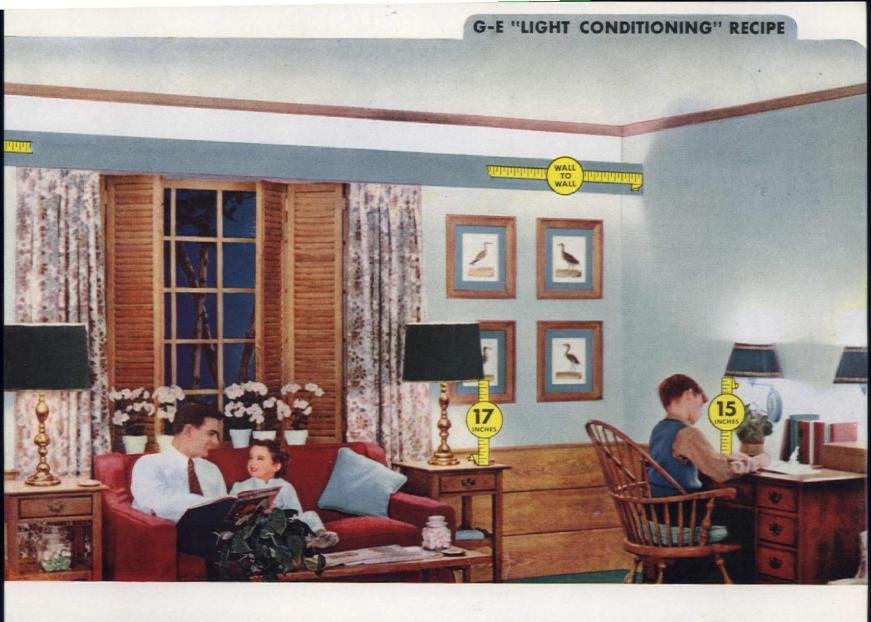
It isn't only how we work, it's the when and where that keeps us on our toes—that is where you have to be if you want to be sure that your eyes are always open! Take our merchandise stories, for instance. They're usually born at a market, which is a vast building, located anywhere from the West coast to the East, where manufacturers bring their wares together for store buyers to inspect. We go right along, from booth to booth, floor

to floor, picking things to show you. Up at the top of the page there you see Table Merchandise Editor Gertrude Brassard in the center. It was at the China and Glass Market in New York, in July. But Gertrude looks pretty happy—not much like a girl who has just lost her baggage while rushing up from a demonstration

down South in order to be able to "make" the Gift Show. With her are Dais D. Beene of Miller and Rhoades of Richmond, Va., and president Charles W. Carlson of U. S. Glass.

But to find out what makes things tick, we go straight to the source. Right below there is Home Furnishings Editor Gertrude





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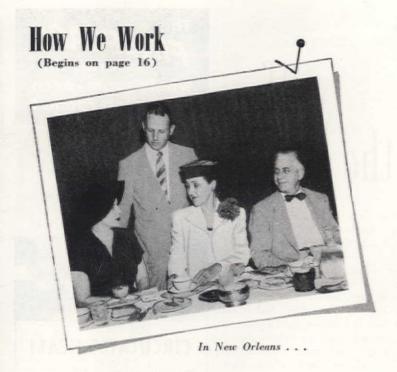




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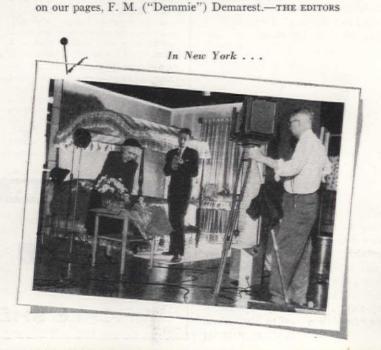


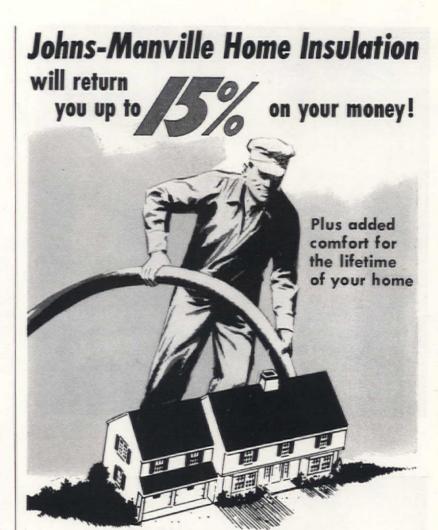




At the bottom of page 16, that's Edith Ramsay, Home Equipment Editor, up to a night's worth of work at the Housewares Show in Atlantic City. She could hardly wait for you to see what she found so she set up a miniature studio right there (she had to borrow the sheet from the Foley Food Mills) and just made the deadline for the October issue. With her are photographer Johnny Krafft of Hess Studios and our own Bob Houseman who went along to help stage the pictures. After a whole week of this kind of thing, Edie came back to New York and settled down-in a plane bound for New Orleans! She went to talk to home economists of the Southwestern Gas Association's workshop-about 100 girls who conduct cooking schools in 14 states. As good cooks, they want to know about good equipment, and our Miss R. was the gal to tell them. There she is at the top of the page, attending a New Orleans luncheon with Robert R. Suttle, Managing Director of Southwestern (he hails from Dallas), Arvilla Patison of the Lone Star Gas Co. of Fort Worth, and Veep S. L. Drumm of New Orleans Public Service Co. Below you see Mary Monze, our Decoration Editor, setting up the picture we reproduce on page 118. This is the way most of our merchandise "shots" are taken. First we see the things, thousands of them, at the markets. We pick and choose, and make our notes. Then we come home and plan stories around the stars which excite us so much that we feel you must see them. Finally, we build a whole room around our choices-just like a stage set. In this case, "Becky" built hers at the Sumergrade show room. Bob Houseman is with her, and officiating

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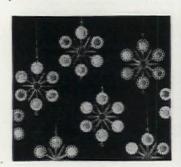
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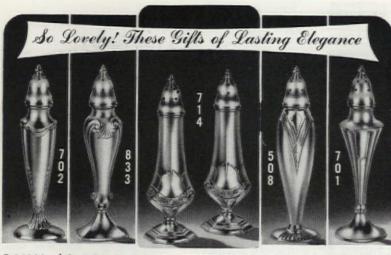


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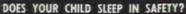
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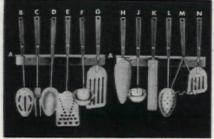
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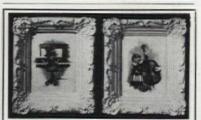
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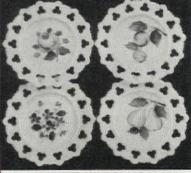


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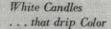
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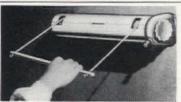


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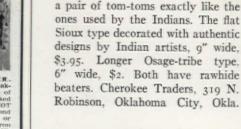
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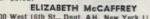


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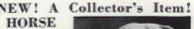
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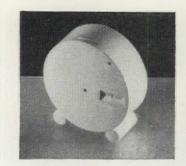
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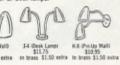
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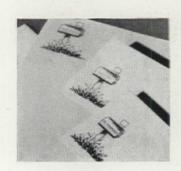
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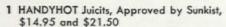
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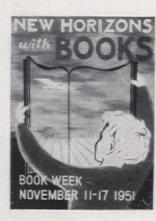
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Start Your Own Traditions

In our family, traditions are important. They are also a heck of a lot of fun. In fact, the traditions that are fun are the most important to us, come to think of it. Why not begin a few in your own family? Now, I don't mean such standard traditions as turkey at Thanksgiving or a tree at Christmas. Those are routine. The traditions we have fun with are those that sort of sneaked up on us. The kind of thing we find we have been doing for so long that we are pleasantly stuck with it.

For example: Some years ago we were at a loss for a new Christmas card idea. So we bought some big manila envelopes, wrote "Same to YOU" on all the cards we had received the year before, and sent them whence they came. This solved our problem—and started one of our pleasantest traditions. The next Christmas one of those cards came back to us once more, this time with a funny

note. The same card has been traveling for twelve years. It kept going all through the war, sometimes to far and frantic places, a humble reminder that even international hate can't stop interfamily friendship. A card like that means a lot more than the fanciest one you could buy.

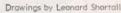
Even very little things can become pretty fair-sized traditions if you give them time enough. When we were first married, my wife and I took time one spring to drive to a swamp just to hear the spring "peepers" again. The next year we went back. We still do, but now the youngsters go along too, getting as much kick out of the "peeper pilgrimage" as we do.

It's often the seemingly trivial family tradition which would be missed the most if it were suddenly stopped. Take for instance our time-worn custom of using the same centerpiece for everybody's birthday cake, every year. When our daughter Susan, now 15, had her first birthday, we got a big, pink, candy rose candle holder for the middle of her cake. For fun, we saved it and used it again the next year. That rose keeps coming back. It is faded and experimentally nibbled, but you may be sure that it is as important to a family birthday as the cake itself.

Then there's the family skeleton. Now, a family will usually hate to admit to a skeleton in its closet. We not only admit to a traditional ghost, but are quite proud of him. He's a handy character at times, too. None of us can seem to recall just when or how he started, it was so long ago, but "Charlie" is still with us. He occasionally signs funny holiday greeting cards, or leaves little unexpected gifts for no particular reason between Christmas and birthdays, and frequently and (apparently) good-naturedly takes the blame for cellar lights left on all night, and disappearing doughnuts. As a matter of fact, "Charlie" got me out of a hole just a few days ago, when I personally slipped up on another small-fry tradition. Freddie, seven, shed a tooth which of course had to be parked under his pillow overnight for the "little people" to exchange for cash. It turned out that the "little

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There's a "New" Color in Decorating

Mocha, driftwood, café au lait-no matter what you call it, it gives

your house a subtle background which looks new, wears wonderfully

t's not the tired tan or the drab taupe of the twenties. It's not the "safe" color that "goes with everything" (the eternal refuge of the color coward). It won't go with everything; it takes smart handling. But it's a surprisingly versatile color that we've seen cross-country again and again in smart homes.

It comes in countless shades and tints. Sometimes it looks gray, sometimes chocolate, according to the way the light strikes it, or the pigmentation of the particular mixture. We hate to give it a name, because it already has so many, but at its loveliest it's a smoky sort of soft brown, like powdered cocoa spilling from a tin.

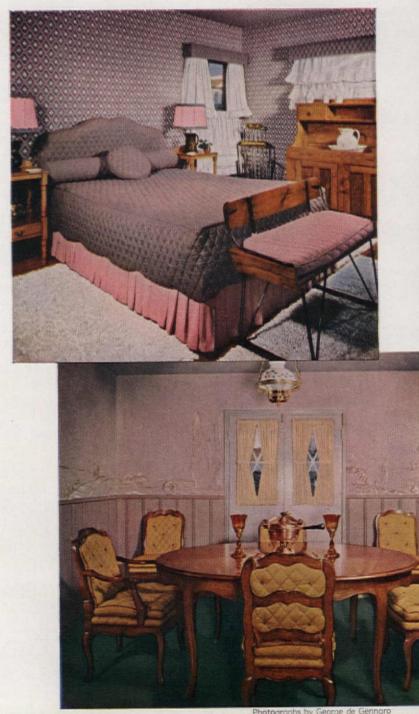
Marion Heuer, the dynamic Chicagoland decorator, planned the living room at the top of page 49 for Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sandler of Glencoe. Study the fireplace in this room and you'll know the vintage of the house. Mrs. Heuer developed a largely monochromatic scheme around the color she calls "suntan," played it on walls and floor to unify the room and soften the dated architectural features. The fireplace, originally white enamel, was painted the wall color, then rubbed with a cloth to bring out an antiqued effect. Various shades of brown appear in the chairs, the love seat, and the small patterned chintz at the windows. The result is warm, gracious, with a contemporary look in spite of the fact that not a single architectural change was made.

Kathleen Duffy-Mrs. G. A. Duffy of Los Angeles-planned the interiors of her home with color sense that would do credit to a professional co-ordinator. She chose this color-she calls it "elephant gray"—and made it a master plan for the whole house.

In her living room and dining room at right, she uses The Color for walls; the paint is washable to resist the fingerprints of two rugged, small boys. The sofa is upholstered in a deeper shade, a sturdy chocolate basketweave wool. She has had the fabric quilted to give it additional wearing qualities and style. Curtains in the living room are beige with valances of brown cloth. The green carpet throughout these areas is neither dark enough to show footprints and crumbs, nor light enough to show spots.

Mrs. Duffy's bedroom glows with warm color. Here the walls have the deeper tinge of milk chocolate; the spread and quilted headboard are cocoa. She combines them both with a marvelous pink linen and accents of porcelain white. Only the curtains and the white rug belong in the perishable category, and they are both tubbable. All in all, as fresh and pretty a bedroom as we've seen.

If you're thinking of remodeling, don't miss the talents of these wonder-working tones. The Sandlers, and the Arons, whose homes we show on the next page, both live in houses they wanted to re-do completely. They started with the interiors, and found that The Color was so good for unifying broken wall spaces, for making small rooms seem larger, that structural changes weren't needed.





marion Hener calls it "suntan"

and uses it in a monochromatic room. Carpet, sofa, draperies, even lamp shades, are tones of brown, cued by background color and spiked—just a little in printed fabrics—with yellow and green



Kathleen Duffy calls it "elephant gray"

a pinker version of The Color, one with gray overtones. She used it for handsome practicality on every wall in her house. In the living room, she balanced it equally with green; in her dining room, left, she added a portion of yellow; in her bedroom, she used several shades of it monochromatically with pink

"New" Color in Decorating (Begins on page 48)

Here is a tip if you want color to flow from room to room without an iota of monotony. These color twins are very different. They share the same key tone, but notice that bittersweet and yellow, merely suggested in the living room, are strong in the dining room; that green, chief foil in one room, is barely whispered in the other. But they're carefully related—don't miss that living-room sofa cushion, made of the dining-room print. In the living room, soft-toned solids are played up with textural contrast. In the dining room, the print's the thing, and it's the colors which contrast. Small windows were space-breaking bugaboos in the dining room, too—turned into assets by matching wallpaper and draperies, a variation of the trick used in the living room. But perhaps the most remarkable part of this little color masterpiece, which is the Winnetka home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Arons, is the fact that it was a color job only: none of the furniture was new, and the color key came from the carpet they bought with the house.



Here the color is "wood hue." On the walls, underfoot,

it's a foil for bittersweet accents, mustard yellow tweed

Study these two rooms together, for they're part of a single color story which shows what subtle wonders you can work if you give yourself a background of those new woodsy tones. In this shade, decorator Marion Heuer calls it "wood hue," and uses it to solve some touchy, and very prevalent, problems. Two tiny rooms, each with badly broken-up wall spaces, stood in full view of one another. The trick was to increase the apparent size of each and to blend them together without being repetitious. Used with skill, the color did it, making living room and dining room distinct variations of a single color theme. The living room itself looks larger than it is because this single, restful color used for walls and carpet lets boundaries fade away—the room feels bigger. Then, that serene fireplace wall, originally cut up into a lot of small areas and so typical of houses built during the twenties, took some doing. Painting fireplace, over mantel, and bookcases one color helped, but the triumph was draping the dinky windows in a handsome, heavy fabric of the same shade.



Cups and Sorcerers

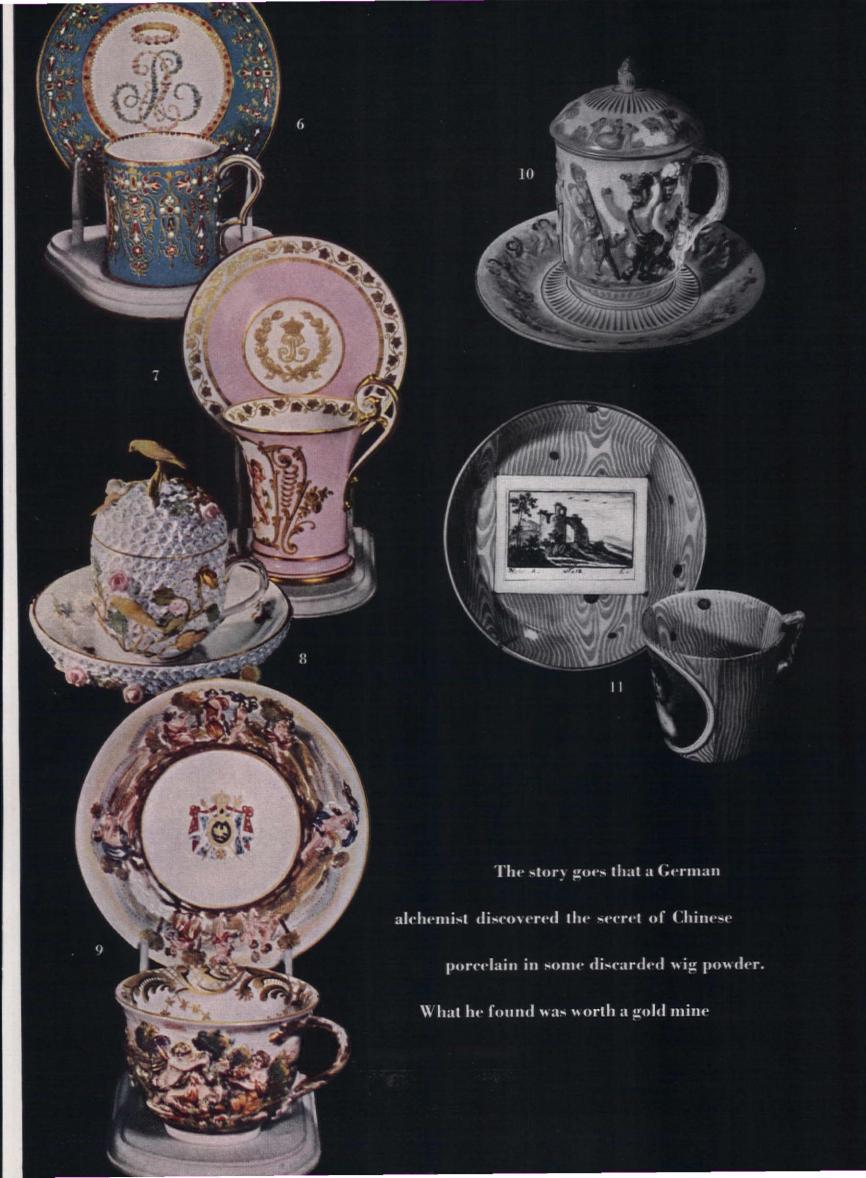


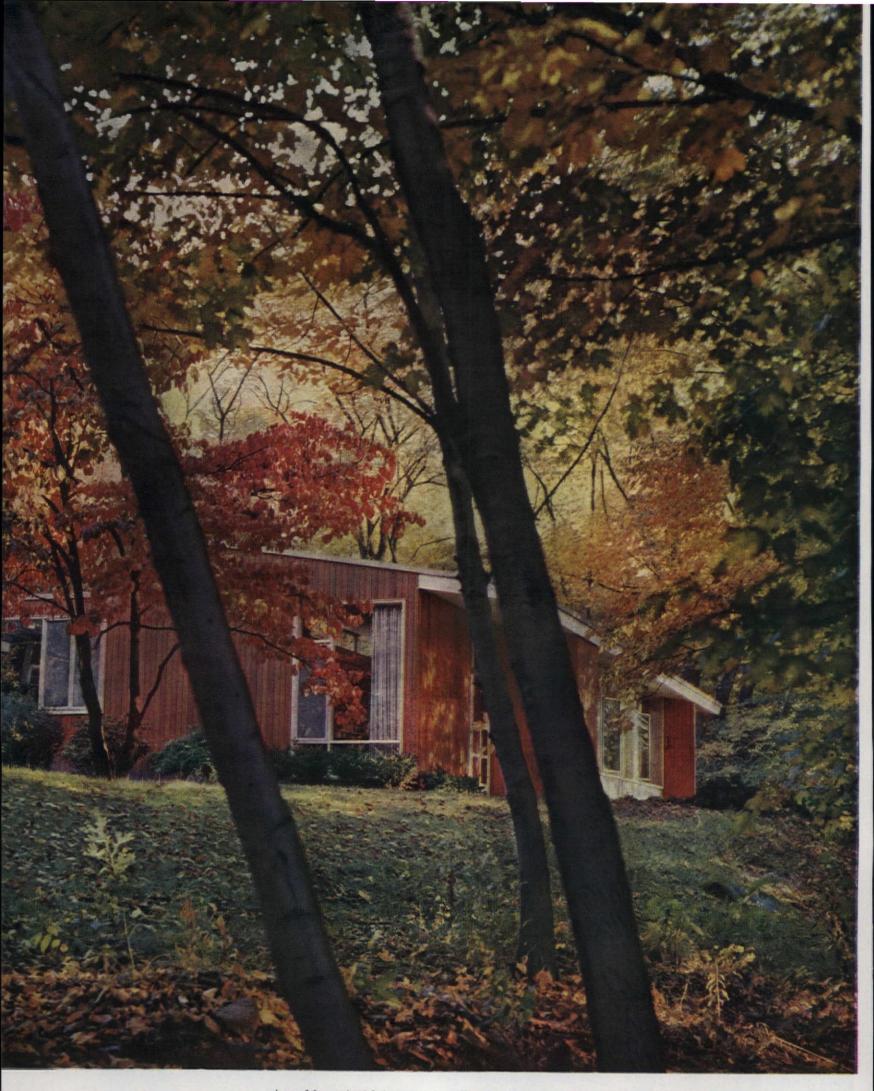
Then you've sipped coffee from a fine porcelain cup-smooth as silk, hard as glass, and so fine you can see light through itdid you ever stop to realize what an aristocrat this prince of potteries is? Yet kings once competed with each other, not only in acquiring porcelain, but in manufacturing it. The patrician examples at your right are from the collection of Mrs. Barbara Stickney Smith of Hollywood who enjoys her hobby on two counts she loves to explore the history of each item, and she delights in living with these really great objects of art.

See why for yourself: (1) Old trembleuse cup from Berlin got its name from guard which kept cup from shaking and spilling its contents on the long way to the table. Cover helped, too. (2) In 1770. Frederick the Great, who owned the Berlin porcelain works, gave this to the Russian royal family. Portrait is of Grand Duke Paul Petrowitz. (3) A regal Viennese cup with 24K gold decorations and a miniature version of an important painting. Empress Maria Theresa bought the Vienna factory in 1744. (4) The porcelain of China started the vogue in Europe. These typically Chinese examples date from the rein of K'ang K'si (1662-1723). (5) Berlin porcelain from the time of Frederick the Great, this displays both sculptor's and potter's art. (6) Marie Antoinette's friend, painter Mme. Lebrun, owned this bejeweled Sèvres cup, dated 1779. Note wedding ring over monogram. (7) From a Sèvres service designed for France's last king, Louis Philippe. Note royal wreath and crown. Dated 1846. (8) From Meissen in Germany, the first real porcelain factory in Europe. Made about 1730, its elaborate designs conceal imperfections. Later, when techniques were mastered, profuse decorations remained popular. (9) A present to the little King of Rome from his father, Napoleon. Made in 1811 at Capo-di-Monte, near Naples, in a factory founded by a King of Naples. (10) Another even more elaborate example of Capo-di-Monte, famous for its raised sculptural designs, magnificently colored. (11) At the beginning of the 19th century porcelain became simpler. Made in Vienna in 1804, this pattern imitates wood, but boasts miniatures of the painting of the period. And how did porcelain come to be the royal rage in 18th-century

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A good house is rich in poetry as well as function. This one, built for a naturalist, seems to grow on its Westchester hillside. Its roof—half flat, half gentle slope—follows the land's contour. Its walls are as at home as the trees. Thanks to its vast areas of glass, it can shelter its occupants without ever shutting them in. The landscape appears to be untamed: lawn and planting are simple in this forest setting

Built from the Inside Out

Do you love both the country and the compact convenience of

a city apartment? Then here is a house full of ideas for you to study



ARCHITECTS: GIBBONS & HEIDTMANN

William Bridges is a wildlife specialist, ex-newspaperman, and editor of the New York Zoological Society's publications. Those activities have plenty to do with this house, though he didn't know they would. In fact, when he bought part of a wooded hillside in Pleasant-ville, N.Y., Indiana-born Bill had a very different house in mind—a nostalgic, traditional house, filled with potbellied stoves, ancient rockers, beds with old blue panes. He ended up with this, a house built to fit his way of life, but so good it would work well for any small family really in love with the out-of-doors. And Bill Bridges thinks it's perfect. Here is how it came about.

House is almost as open as carport. Great horizontal window belongs to the kitchen, vertical one to the living room, and you can see clerestory on top. Well-coated Douglas fir walls remain handsome

After they bought their land, the Bridges listed their requirements to architect Kenneth Gibbons. They wanted:

- I. To live in their woods—even when they were indoors. The house had to admit a maximum of air, light, and view.
- 2. A minimum of stairs to climb.
- A compact house—as easy to care for as their New York City apartment. No wasted hallways, no surplus walls.
- 4. An enormous living room—without adding too much to the cost of the house.
- A snug, warm study, which looked as if it were right in the open, so Bill could feel he was working outdoors.
- 6. Room for 300 linear feet of bookshelves (measure your own and you'll see that that's a *lot*).
 - 7. Good storage space.
- 8. As low a budget as possible without sacrificing quality. That list totted up to a modern house—unconventional, full of glass walls, and planned from the inside out. Here, point for point, is how the Bridges' requirements were met:
- I. The house doesn't fence them in. Every room has oversize windows, and the living room (page 136) is flooded with light on all four sides: its whole west wall is glass, it has a north window, the east wall is topped by a clerestory strip, and it gets light from the study's south-facing window. The living room's ceiling seems to float above it, for the roof here is supported by steel beams and columns—the window PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 138

HOW IT WORKS ON PAGE 136

Photographs by Richard Averill Smith

Furniture that Works All Over



THESE WORK WHEREVER YOU DINE

Start out with a love of a dining table and chairs with more than a hint of the Far East in their design, and where will they serve you best? You're apt to put them in the hallway, living room, or dining room. We found them good in all three when we decided to test the versatility of this

new dark-toned Koa-wood group. With leaves down, flanked by a pair of chairs, you couldn't ask for a more attractive hallway arrangement. And, because the top is just 9 in. deep, there's no traffic problem here. The same arrangement will work just as well on the living room wall nearest the kitchen. The deep, 24-in. leaves allow plenty of room for chairs and long masculine legs. Moved into the dining room, the table opens to an adequate 42 x 57 in. which will seat six comfortably. There's a tricky little interlocking device which hooks two of these tables together when you're entertaining ten or so. The table is about \$115, the side chair \$29.50, and the arm chair \$39.50.



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DOUBLE DRESSER AT WORK THREE WAYS

● Smoothly designed, the double dresser is perfectly at home in the living room. Here, it's topped by a 42-in., two-shelved cabinet that's pretty adaptable itself. As shown, the two pieces stack up to a handsome, impressive unit for that difficult long, high wall. Where height is not needed. 'he double dresser could go it alone as a wall piece, and the cabinet as a 30-in. high bookcase. Dresser is 52 in.

wide, 19 in, deep, and 31 in, high—a wonderful size for the average bedroom. We like the decorative effect of the tall chest with it, the three small pictures lined up with the top of the shadow-box mirror to unify the group. There's no hint of the boudoir when this same piece moves into the dining room to serve as a buffet. The dresser is about \$169, the cabinet about \$87, mirror, \$40.





LITTLE TABLE WORKS IN EVERYWHERE

On the designer's drawing board, this little table with its 18-in. square top, 24-in. deep lower shelf was labeled "night table." But we put it in a hallway to hold a telephone, found the drawer deep enough to house a good, thick directory. And its 24-in. height couldn't be handier for note taking. Back in the bedroom, where it's supposed to

belong, the lower shelf holds a clock-radio, leaving the top free for a good-sized lamp. The interesting pattern of the "V" legs tempted us to turn it sidewise, put two together at the end of the sofa. And it worked. It seems everything but the bed can switch decoratively and practically from room to room. Table, about \$45.



the House

GERTRUDE BROOKS DIXSON



There's really double duty in this 42-in. high chest that's 32 in. wide, 19 in. deep. Moderately scaled, like the rest of this group, it not only serves its primary function as a storage unit, but will fit into most any room scheme. Priced at about \$139. Complete group available in lighter-than-honey finish, also



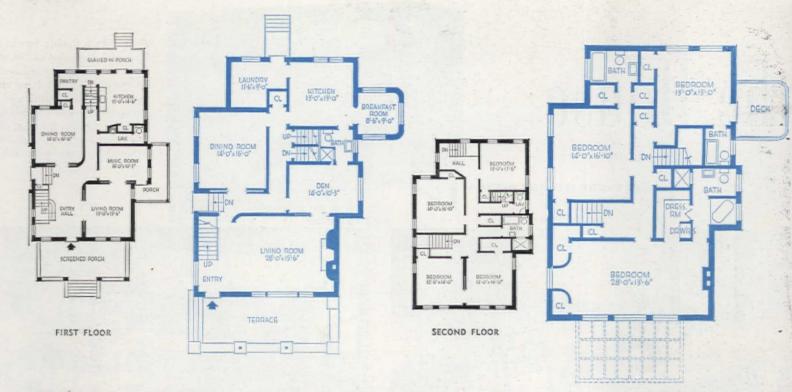


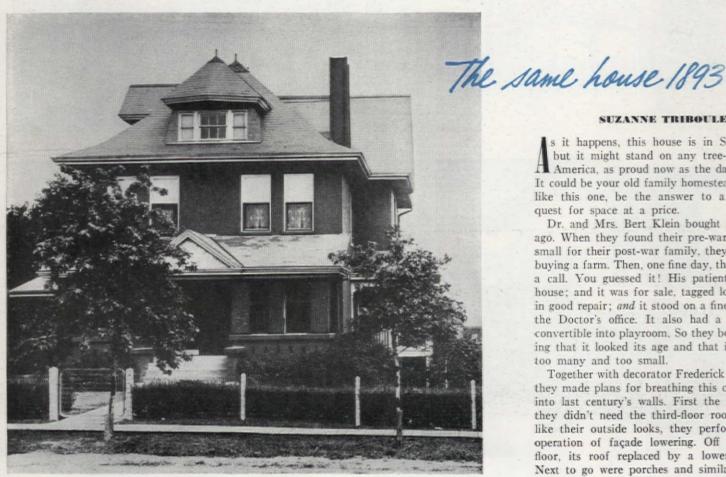












Photographs by Jack Zehrt

s it happens, this house is in St. Louis, Mo., but it might stand on any tree-lined street in America, as proud now as the day it was built. It could be your old family homestead. Or it could, like this one, be the answer to a house-buyer's quest for space at a price.

SUZANNE TRIBOULET

Dr. and Mrs. Bert Klein bought it a few years ago. When they found their pre-war bungalow too small for their post-war family, they had talked of buying a farm. Then, one fine day, the Doctor made a call. You guessed it! His patient lived in this house; and it was for sale, tagged low; and it was in good repair; and it stood on a fine large lot near the Doctor's office. It also had a big basement, convertible into playroom. So they bought it, knowing that it looked its age and that its rooms were too many and too small.

Together with decorator Frederick J. Shuermann, they made plans for breathing this century's living into last century's walls. First the exterior. Since they didn't need the third-floor rooms and didn't like their outside looks, they performed a major operation of façade lowering. Off came the top floor, its roof replaced by a lower, hipped one. Next to go were porches and similar gingerbread.

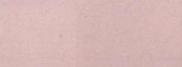
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This House is 58 Years



Dishwasher and Disposer Cut Working Time . . .

Less time is spent at the sink since the new kitchen provides a dishwasher and garbage disposer. However, life is much better there, because there is a fine view through that new wide, low window. Utensils are kept in the drawers next to the range, the vegetables in sliding bins in ventilated area beneath sink



See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 145

.because of a Stepladder

Then a family discovers a house at two o'clock one afternoon and likes it so well that they buy it within the hour, they are likely to find that their hasty purchase has drawbacks to offset its alluring charms. Before they remodeled it, the owners of this kitchen in Glencoe, Ill., described it as "simply horrid."

The five-ft.-tall woman who lived here felt just like an acrobat. She had to drag the stepladder everywhere because the wall cabinets were inaccessible. On her tiptoes, she could reach the bottom of the doors and force them open-that is, if the high-up clasp hadn't caught tightly. The heavy drawers in the storage section were 4 ft. deep, which meant that an unexpected visitor was likely to find her hostess on the floor giving a drawer a futile yank. The window over the sink was too high for her to see out of, and was fastened at the very top with a hook which demanded athletic endeavor. Because there wasn't room for it in the kitchen, the refrigerator was kept in the unheated back hall. The first floor was without a powder room. The fan in the window shut out light. The door to the cannedgoods closet and the door to the back hall constantly bumped one another. Altogether a sorry work center!

After two years of clipping articles from The American HOME containing many helpful suggestions, these owners visited Aubrey Tupper-Waite, kitchen designer in nearby Chicago, who brought their dreams to life in this workable, friendly room. Its color scheme gives it a fine decorative unity: walls and ceiling are green; cabinets have a gray-green finish and are studded with copper knobs placed low enough to be well within easy reach; unpainted chairs are stained

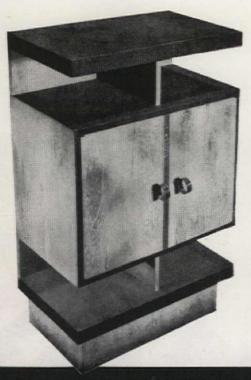
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with a Custom Look

MARY E. MONZI





This drab blonde chest looked hopeless, but we found a way to renew its clear lacquer finish. The trick is to allow plenty of time between the simple operations for thorough drying. First rub off the old finish with 0000 steel wool. Wear stout gloves



When old finish is removed, bleach entire surface with good furniture bleach. Pour bleach into china, enamel, or earthenware container; apply with rubber sponge. Wear rubber gloves for this operation



TACK THIS UP OVER YOUR WORK BENCH - IT'S ALL HERE



Apply wood filler with an old brush, follow grain of wood. If filler hardens too quickly in bowl, add a little more turpentine. Be sure to cover every inch of surface and put on generously. Do one area at a time



Watch filler carefully. If it becomes too dry, it will be almost impossible to remove. As soon as coat of filler becomes dull, wipe off, against the grain of the wood, with a rough cloth. Rub till every trace disappears and surface is like glass



Dry several days. If you want dark edges, stain with mahogany or walnut stain. Dry 24 hours—more in damp weather. Then apply coat of water-white lacquer, thinned if necessary with lacquer thinner. Use best lacquer brush. Work quickly, with even strokes. Lacquer one area at a time. Dry 24 hours

How to Rejuvenate a Blonde

DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

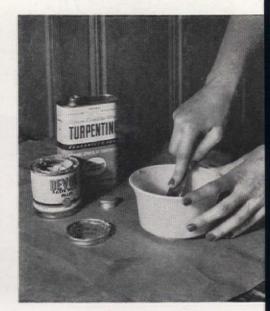
Allow bleach to remain for period specified on container. Most bleaches must be neutralized to insure good finish. Household vinegar is usually advised, but directions will specify neutralizer. Use neutralizer on cloth to wipe bleached surface



Dry 24 hours, or more if weather is humid. When thoroughly dry, go over entire cabinet with 0000 steel wool to smooth roughness caused by bleach and neutralizer. Surface is now completely cleaned



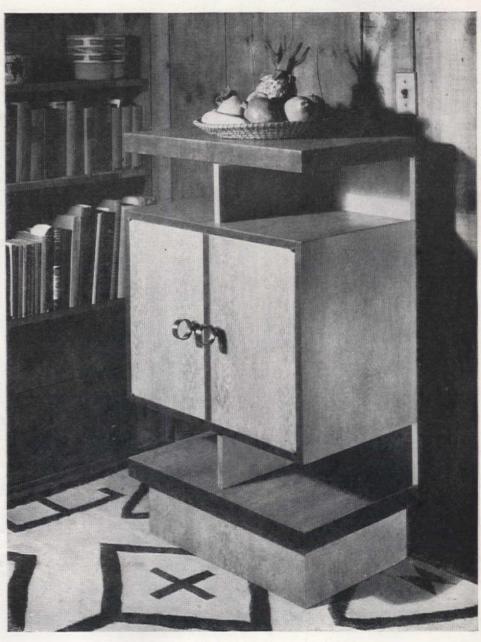
Want that surface satin smooth? Then make a paste of wood filler and fill the pores of the wood. Mix filler with turpentine, as directed on can, till creamy smooth





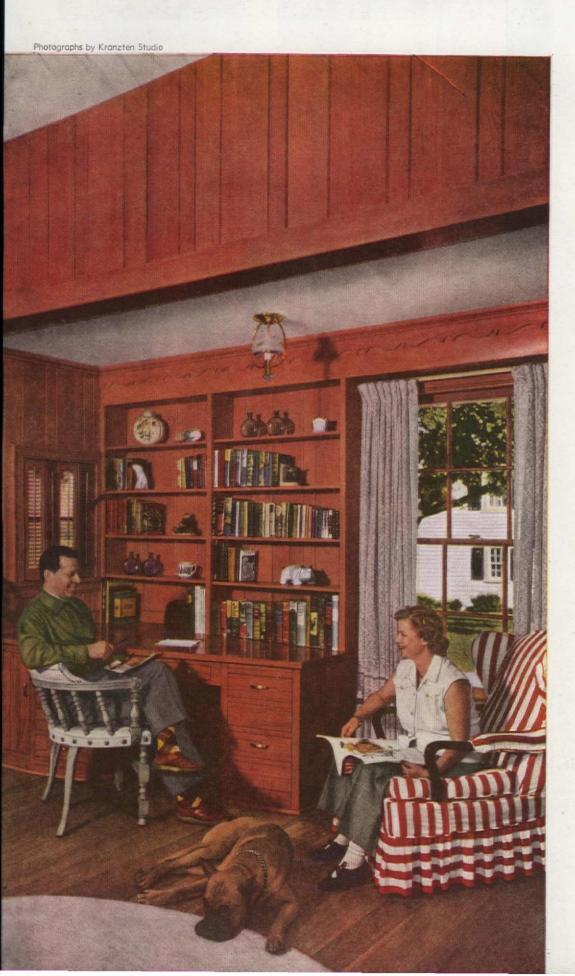
Rub surface lightly with soft cloth dipped first in linseed oil, then in fine pumice. Wipe thoroughly. Last three steps (lacquering, 24-hour drying, oil and pumice rub) must be repeated five times

If it has a clear lacquer finish,
that old blonde chest need not
grow darker when you restore it.
This process is exacting,
but not difficult to follow



Need More Room?

- The Penikoffs



o you think your house isn't large enough for that remarkable new thing in American life—the all-ages living-play-room? Then take heart and read these six pages. We show you how three American families made space for put-your-feet-on-the-sofa second living rooms which invite informal entertaining—lots of it—and let the whole family enjoy the fun of being a family together.

For example, take the case of Doris and Chuck Penikoff who live in a gem of a caretaker's lodge on their Illinois farm. But because it's tiny, they thought they'd need a whole new house to welcome the easy, drop-in-and-bring-the-gang kind of life they craved. They didn't. With the help of Chicago architect René Travelletti, they discovered that they could have everything they wanted if they just added one wonderful wing to their home.

You see it here. It's a room, bath, and terrace, built at right angles to the original house, and looking very handsome with it from the outside. It can be entered from its own terrace, or from the dining room or kitchen of the main house—a handy feature since informal meals often appear at that semicircular bar. It is large enough to hold the big, un-stuffy parties the Penikoffs love, and long enough for the projection of Chuck's home movies. Of course, there's room for games.

Anything else? Well, one of those sofas hides a bed, so this is a guest house, too. And there's a home office for Chuck here when he wants it.

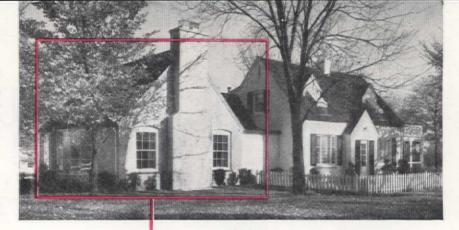
Naturally, Doris saw to it that there was a generous closet, cedar lined, and Chuck made sure of storage space for his photographic equipment. And they didn't overlook a fire-place, or a picture window—or anything. In fact, the Penikoffs feel that they've had their cake and eaten it too, for this addition lets them keep their charming old house and gives them what they wanted in a new one as well. If your house can't spread out for such good living, turn the page for other solutions.

As good for a couple as a crowd, the new wing gives Chuck a home office with an ideal desk designed to suit his needs, hold his books, and even provide him with office-size files

In its role of informal country living room, the new wing accommodates a host of people without turning a chair. Note wise seating which is good for small groups, yet lets everybody join general conversations. One sofa opens for overnight guests. The bar, a step from kitchen or dining-room china closet, is a perfect place to serve buffet suppers

Addition blends and contrasts with house. Roof pitch is same in each. On this side, addition is stone. Another façade repeats the brick, clapboard, and shutters of the original wing

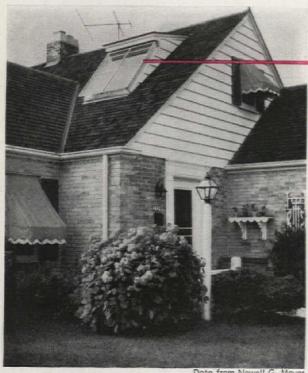
SPREAD OUT







Need More Room?



Munlight by day, moonlight by night, and breezes in summer stream into the knotty-pine den the Newell G. Meyers built into the attic of their home in Wauwatosa, Wis. The key to the room is that huge plate-glass window, 20 square feet of it, which makes the space habitable by bringing in winter warmth when closed, and opening up to make a cross-draft for hot-weather comfort. And as you can see by the exterior photograph above, it was calculated to harmonize with the architecture, doesn't look like an after-thought. Because it is so large and so heavy, the window needed the good support provided by a framework of extruded aluminum and the tension bars which prop it up when open.

However, the window was only the point of departure for this pine-paneled beauty of a room. If you want a den which is a place for serious work or study, it's full of ideas to copy. For example, it contains a real office file plus not one, but two good desks, placed back-to-back. Where? Well that built-in furniture isn't exactly what it seems to be-it's even better. The desks are second-hand office desks, typewriter compartment and all. They have been resurfaced with pine facing to match the room and hide their businesslike origins while retaining their efficiency. And the file? It's been given the same beauty treatment as the desks, and you can see it in the corner of the picture opposite, sporting a nautical lamp on its top. Other built-ins include a radio-phonograph housed in a cabinet fashioned from ancient butternut boards, and that floor-to-ceiling bookcase, behind which is a storage space so capacious it's dubbed a "Fibber McGee" closet.

So much for the way it works. Its charm comes from the careful weaving of its nautical theme. There are generous amounts of rope-like molding surrounding desks and windows, there are captains' chairs, brass portholes on the doors, and other such seaworthy details as ships' wheels on the walls and a handsome marine blanket on the couch. A dismantled Great Lakes steamer provided many of these, plus some of the lumber for the room.

The Meyers went

By building a giant window, you can transform a dark, hot, and wasted attic into a cozy beauty of a den or all-around playroom which doubles your family life





The huge window in the insert is what opened up this attic for use as one of the coziest, most useful, and most inviting of dens. Two desks, a filing cabinet, and a radio-phonograph are masked to match the walls, and a vast "Fibber McGee" closet hides behind the handsome bookcase.

Need More Room?



Look familiar? This typical cellar is what they started with. By moving a few pipes, utilities were relegated to one area, then screened off when the playroom was built

DON AND BETTY NIBBELINK

I id you ever accidentally drive a nail through a copper water pipe? The sudden shower leaves no doubt that an amateur carpenter has done it again! But this was only one of the problems we faced in building the basement playroom which gave our house so much more meaning. First, we had to decide whether or not the project was worth while. We put the question to two real estate men who assured us that, since we planned to do the work ourselves, the cost of materials would be more than justified by an increase in value of the house should we sell. (Actually transforming our nondescript cellar into the hobby-playroom you see cost us \$212.81 for materials—plus the cost of fixing one nail-punctured water pipe.)

Then we put the question to ourselves again. Just what would we gain by dividing our basement roughly in half—one part for utilities, one part for the playroom? We listed the advantages: A place where youngsters and grownups could play when they couldn't be out of doors in the rain or in Rochester (N.Y.) winter weather; a hobby room, complete with pull-down screen for projecting home movies; a place to use lawn chairs and the like as wintertime furniture; good storage space; concealment of usual basement clutter. It could be a room with a photography theme, dressed in photomurals. The list clinched it. We ordered lumber.

Since our partitions didn't have to support any weight, we took the advice of a builder friend and used 2 x 2's at half the price of the usual 2 x 4's. We left a 2-in. "breathing space" between the cement-block basement wall and the playroom wall, and went to work. Two long evenings were spent pounding a star drill into the concrete floor for the expansion bolts! (We learned later that a carboloy drill would have taken 20 minutes to do the job!)

The walls themselves are partly photographs—a 30-in.

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Inserts opposite reveal how the Nibbelinks kept this room's low cost from showing. After erecting an inexpensive skeleton of 2 x 2's, they partly covered the walls with economical wallboard, decked with photomurals. The rest of the walls are plywood. Nancy's bulletin board, also a wallboard panel, suggests other ways to dress up wallboard

The Nibbelinks went

\$212.82 plus family labor makes

family playroom of Rochester basement















60 Working

From door to rooftop, these charmers
spread good will. Your whole family can
make them from American Home patterns

2003 On your roof, a plywood red-nosed Rudolph is captive, but he really doesn't mind it. A cart carries his charming captor, and an electric candle as a welcoming beacon. We've made a blueprint pattern with directions for fashioning Rudolph and friend

1400 Paint these carol-singing choir boys and their guardian angel right on the insides of your storm windows. Easy to do and so effective. After the holiday season you can wash windows clean with soap and water, but you won't want to!

1201 This old-fashioned village was so popular that we repeated it. White-spired church, red school house, general store, farm house, and village mansion. Display on mantel or window sill with tiny trees and cotton sprinkled with make-believe snow



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SEE PATTERN ORDER FORM, PAGE 147

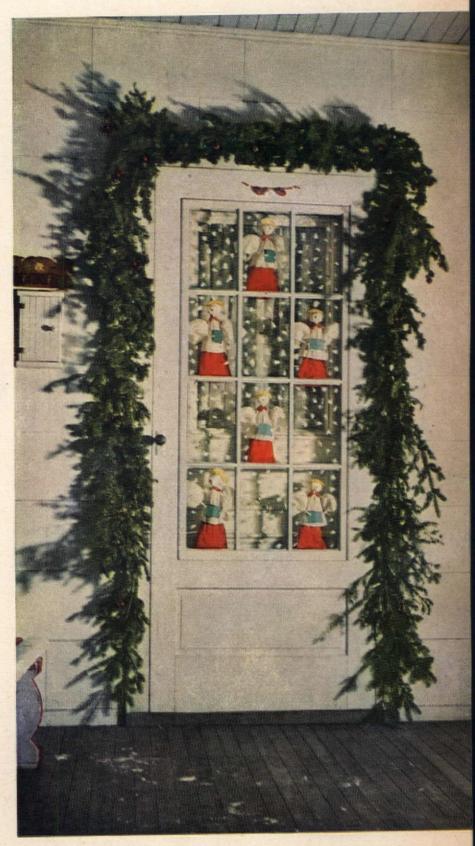
Days until Christmas!

aybe you can't see him, but there's Opportunity, knocking on that door at the right. Your opportunity to keep an old, old New Year's resolution—the one in which you promised that next year, positively, you'd plan your house's Christmas costume early, and make it good. Remember how you swore off the usual last-second bedraggled branches bedecked with the just-like-every-other plastic peppermint stick? Well, look around at what we offer. Rudolph the red-nosed on the roof, choir boys singing to the world, a whole wintry village for window or mantel, gloved hands to greet your guests, all bespeaking your Christmas spirit before anyone enters the house.

And, naturally, they're all American Home patterns, which means that we've done the planning for you and drawn up a list of materials you'll need. So set a date for a family decoration-making bee (maybe complete with refreshments), and have your Christmas adornments ready by Thanksgiving.







1402 So you didn't think anything could make that storm door announce your family's good cheer at this season? We planned these crepe-paper choir boys (great fun to make) especially for such problem portals



To show development of a well-planned 50 x 96 ft. garden, Miss Murch drew plans progressing from bare backyard (above) with 2-ft. bank, one tree, to finished project (below). To dramatize it. . .



We asked Horticultural Extension Specialist R. P. Korbobo to turn her plans into perspectives and show four stages in the planting by means of his unique Plan Animator system described on page 139



Stone wall with steps was built to hold bank. Maple, birches, screen shrubs at end of garden; two flower beds were planted. As they grew, more beds, side hedges, and pool were added

How Does a Garden Grow?

EDITH MURCH

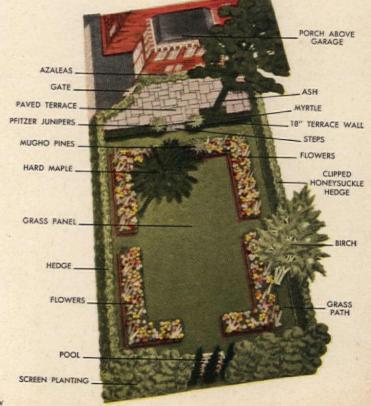
The opportunity to start a garden from the very beginning is one that should be welcomed. made the most of not muffed. Like birth, it can occur but once. So, before you start, it is not only desirable, but essential, to learn a few fundamental rules that make for success, Some gardens resemble antique shops where furniture and bric-a-brac are piled with little or no attempt to display their esthetic appeal, individually or collectively. Others are like museums where number and variety of specimens are the prime objectives. Plants, like furniture, look best in a proper environment, properly related to one another. If one learns (and follows) the rules, they can be just as effectively displayed. Moreover, by exercising a little discretion, you can avoid expensive mistakes. In short, it pays to work to a plan which sets a goal, keeps it in view, and shows how to proceed toward that goal. This permits the buying of plants as the budget allows and the purse expands. It sets a limit on spending. And yet, after the garden is established, experiments in modifying it can be tried, cautiously, without undue cost or risk. Here is a primer of ideas for the making of that first garden:

PLAN to enclose your garden. Privacy is important, and flowers need a background. An enclosing structure or planting will define the area and bring it down to a scale in which people feel comfortable and at ease. And small gardens are more in keeping with our times and way of life.

CO-ORDINATE house and garden; make them part of one another. The private quarters of the first floor (living and dining rooms certainly.

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Now, some years later, terrace is paved, myrtle covers stone wall, evergreens flank steps and grass panel entrance. Azaleas and herbs (hidden by ash) border house foundation. Note how realistically this demonstration shows gradual plant growth



What's Wrong with This Table?

(HOW TO JUDGE IT ON PAGE 76)

GERTRUDE BRASSARD

ow did you do with Lesson One of our table-setting Primer in September? Didn't it give you a new slant on your table's wardrobe and bring out the critic in you? Well. now that we've suggested what goes with what in type and quality, we'd like to tell you how that three-timesa-day ritual of setting a table can bring out the artist in you, too. Not just special tables-every table. For every table you set is what an artist calls a composition in line and color. That's why this lesson deals with color and co-ordination of elements in a special kind of picture-your table.

To test your present understanding of the subject, take a critical look at the less-than-perfect example at your right and judge it by following the directions below.

Our object is to open your eyes, not to close your minds. So we give suggestions, but few hard-and-fast PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 130

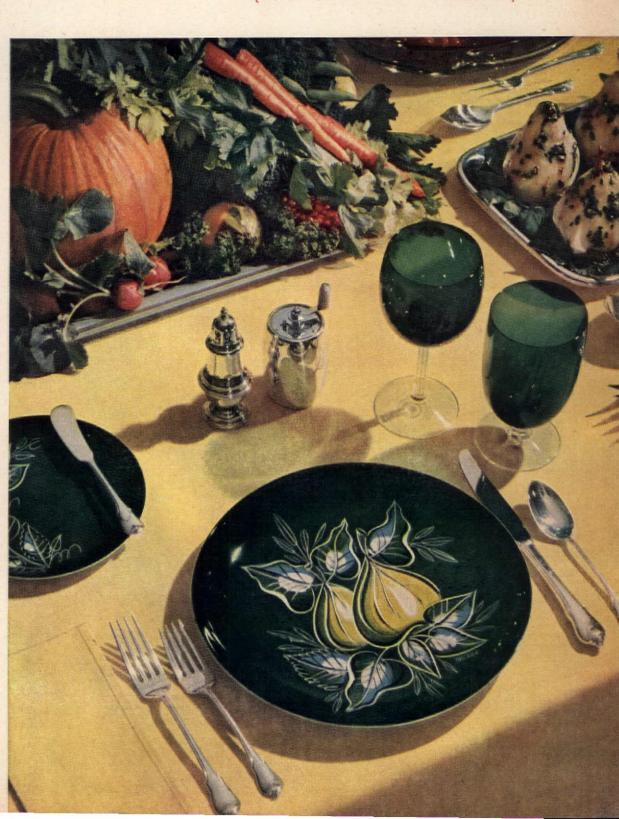
HOW TO PLAY: This informal Thanksgiving setting isn't quite worthy of the noble bird. How do you rate it for color co-ordination and for the way its elements are composed? Study our standards of judgment (chart, page 130) and rate this setting tentatively in the space below. If it were ideal, it would merit 10 points for color and 10 for relation of elements in the composition. Next, read our whole article and see if you want to change your rating. Finally, turn the page to learn how we rated it and why, and what we did to correct its shortcomings.

YOUR BOX SCORE

Color Coordination of Materials Used

- 1. COLOR HARMONY OR COLOR CON-TRAST OF ALL ELEMENTS
- 2. RELATION OF ELEMENTS.

TOTAL

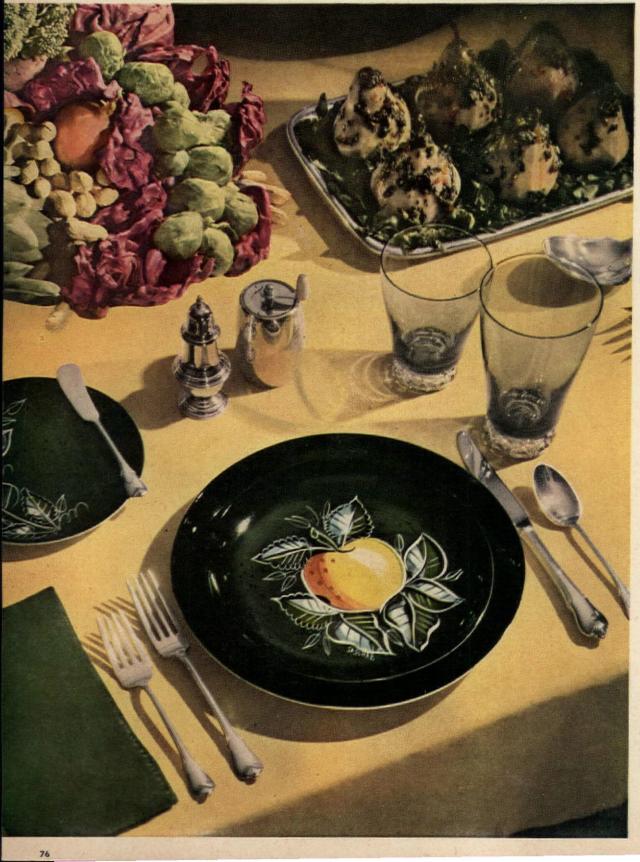


THIS IS CORRECT

-AND WHY (Begins on page 75)

BETTY B. MERRIAM, Flower Arrangement





Here is how we judged the table on page 75 and why this one is better. • COLOR. Since schemes of both are built around color contrast, we rate them for effectiveness of contrast. CHINA. The same excellent earthenware sets pace in both. (Score: full 3 pts.) CLOTH AND NAPKIN. The cloth in setting on this page is warmer in tone than one on page 75. Contrasting napkin is better here than self napkin. We deduct 1/2 pt. for cloth, 1/2 pt. for napkin. (Score: 1/2 pt.) GLASSWARE. Spruce green of these tumblers complements tones of earthenware. Sharp Killarney on page 75 clashes. We deduct 1/2 pt. (Score: I pt.) CENTERPIECE. Color of tray in both is good. Vegetables at left more subtle and harmonious in color. We deduct 1/2 pt. for vegetable colors on page 75. (Score: 11/2 pts.) ACCESsories. Spruce-green relish dish more effective here than clear crystal. We deduct 1/2 pt. (Score: 11/2 pts.) • RELATIONS OF ELEMENTS IN COMPOSITION: For VARIETY OF SHAPE AND TEXTURE, both settings are good, avoid monotony. (Score: full 3 pts.) DISTRIBUTION OF ELE-MENTS. No crowding in either setting. Both allow all elements full play. (Score: full 3 pts.) GENERAL FORM OF CENTERPIECE. Same good tray in each. Arrangement on page 75 too elongated, compactness here looks better. We deduct 1/2 pt. (Score: 11/2 pts.) EFFECTIVENESS OF OTHER AC-CESSORIES. None are superfluous. In both settings they are well related to other elements. (Score: full 2 pts.)

• For APPROPRIATENESS OF MA-TERIALS (see Lesson One, September 1951), we credit the setting on page 75 with 22 out of a possible 25 points.

OUR BOX SCORE

(For setting on page 75)

Color Coordination of Materials Used

- 1. COLOR HARMONY OR COLOR CON-TRAST 71/2 pts.
- 2. RELATION OF ELEMENTS _91/2 pts.

TOTAL 17 pts.

Enjoy the Magic of Mushrooms

in Soup...in Sauce...in Cooking









Cloud O Pumpkin!

NEW-AND HEAVENLY PIE WITH BAKER'S COCONUT

It's pumpkin time again—but pumpkin pie was never like this before.

For here's a pie airy-light as a cloud -with a new kind of taste excitement! Luscious, fluffy pumpkin and spice, laced through and through and topped with toasted, golden-brown Baker's Coconut! Good? It's sheer heaven!

Use snowy white Baker's Coconut to glamourize thrifty cakes, puddings, fruits. Buy coconut goodies, too-in food shops and bakeries!



COCONUT PUMPKIN CHIFFON

- 1 envelope unflavored gelatine
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 11/4 cups mashed cooked pumpkin
- 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
- 3/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon 2 egg whites
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup Baker's Shredded Coconut,
 - toasted*
 - 1 baked 9-inch pie shell

1/3 cup cream, whipped and sweetened

Soften gelatine in ½ cup cold water. Combine pumpkin, milk, ½ cup water, egg yolks, ½ cup of the sugar, salt, and spices in top of double boiler. Cook over boiling water 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Add gelatine and stir until dissolved. Remove from boiling water. Chill until slightly thickened.

Beat egg whites until foamy. Add remaining sugar gradually and continue beating

until stiff. Fold in pumpkin mixture, vanilla, and 3/4 of the toasted coconut. Turn into cold pie shell. Chill until firm. Before serving, top with whipped cream and remaining toasted coconut.

*To toast coconut, spread thinly in shallow pan. Place in moderate oven (350°F.) and toast about 10 minutes, or until delicately browned. Stir occasionally to toast evenly.



Good Victuals (Begins on page 78)

here this month really is. "In a goodly manner, handsome, gracious, readily, properly, excellently.'

The Cornucopia of Plenty needs no recipe, just directions, and here they are by Vera Bjorck, the woman who conceived this beautiful, edible centerpiece. Cut 1/3 of a large honeydew melon slantwise and clean out seeds. Make sure the melon stays steady on the plate. If not, cut a piece off the bottom, Mark the scallop design with a pencil on the outside of the melon and cut out scallops. Make a horizontal slit in each scallop and insert a piece of maraschino cherry. Cut out melon balls but be careful not to come too close to the scalloped edge. Arrange fruit and melon balls in attractive pattern and garnish with laurel leaves.

The other recipes you'll find on pages 92, 94. A goodly Thanksgiving to you all!

The coconut controversy continues. Here's another letter concerning our article of last July on "How to Prepare Fresh Coconut"-and another technique. This one from Dorothy Kamen-Kaye of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, who writes: "The coconut technique on page 60 of your July issue is all right; but we . . . have other tricks. (1) We don't sandpaper outsidewho cares if some of the beard's on? (2) We don't hammer; just bang it onto a hard surface after blowing in the holes. (3) The broken pieces, shell and all, are soaked 10-15 min, in cold water-after which the meat can easily be pried loose from the shell. (4) We find this coconut too moist to cover cake. Squeeze in a muslin to get some of moisture out. (This information is in Buen Provecho, Caracas Cookery.)

Thank you, Dorothy Kamen-Kaye. I'm glad to know about your favorite technique-but I still vote for the method given in our July article. We tried it your way, found it dried the coconut meat. But there's another on your side, not ours-and she's way down in the Canal Zone. Mrs. C. Leight Stevenson, of Balboa Heights, writes she has been making a home in the tropics for the last twenty-five years. Thinks the author of the picture story "How to Prepare Fresh Coconut" a better qualified photographer than adviser in the intricacies of opening a coconut-because the easy way is totally lacking in photographic angles. Says she, "If your readers want to extract the meat in neat, complete, and unfractured halves with the least possible effort, minimum damage to temper, and 'strong' knives, let them try heat. Break shell neatly across the middle. Set halves on a lighted gas burner until meat and shell separate. Or use oven-any kind of heat." We tried it and our opinion remains unchanged!

Up in Stratford, Conn., lives a reader of "Good Victuals" and her letter warms the cockles of my heart and not just because it is a fan letter, either.

Dear Mrs. Austin: I have used your recipes to the satisfaction of many of our customers. (You see, I bake the pastries for my daughter's restaurant.) The topside down cake and Queen's Pudding have made a big hit. I've never seen the "Raisin Pie Supreme" recipe printed. Would you please send me a copy? I would like to try it . . . I have a problem that maybe you could help me with. What causes my crust to get moist on the edges after it stands for a few hours? I speak of "Lemon Meringue"-Mrs. Ernest C. Elliott.

It heartens me that Good Victuals are not too onerous, too expensive, to be cooked and served in a restaurant. That's a fine testimonial to the good sense of Good Victuals and I thank you, Mrs. Elliott. Now, to return the favor, if I can. I wonder if perhaps you do not bake your pie at too low a temperature? A higher temperature sets the crust quickly, so that none of the moisture from the meringue can seep in. I can think of no other reason for the crust getting "wet" in so short a period. You can cook the filled pie at higher temperature without fear of its being reheated or overcooked when you put it in again for browning the meringue, if when it goes in for the last time you place the pie on two nested baking sheets. I presume you pile the meringue as deeply around the rim as in the center. This, of course, prevents the filling being heated and congealing at the rim. I hope I've helped. I really can't diagnose your trouble without seeing what you do-or don't do. But I hope I've helped!

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JIFFY FRUITED LEMON PIE

4 thsps. melted butter

1 egg, slightly beaten

11/3 cups (15-oz. can) sweetened condensed mill 1/2 cup lemon juice 1 #303 can DEL MONTE Fruit Cocktail, well-drained

Sweetened whipped cream

Blend gingersnap crumbs with butter. Press on bottom and sides of 8-in. pie plate. Bake 10 minutes in a slow oven (325°F.). Cool. Mix egg, salt, and milk. Stir in lemon juice and pour into crumb shell. Chill thoroughly. Top with the chilled, well-drained DEL MONTE Brand Fruit Cocktail and serve with whipped cream garnish. Serves 6 to 8.



Del Monte Fruit Cocktail



Take a Can of Salmon

salmon in a blanket

YOU'LL NEED:

1-lb. can salmon Sugar Salt Dry mustard 1 lemon I package pastry mix Burgundy

Serves 6

Preparation time: 35 min. Remove dark skin and bones from salmon. Combine salmon with 11/2 tbs. sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. dry mustard and 2 tbs. lemon

> Prepare pastry according to directions on the package, using Burgundy wine as liquid.

Roll out on a lightly floured board to 1/8-in. thickness in a rectangle.

Spread salmon mixture evenly over pastry. Roll up as for jelly roll.

Bake at 425° F. for 20-25 minutes. Serve with cucumber slices and fresh dill, if desired

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN



Tired of pastry sticking to the rolling pin or to the board? Here's a neat, quick trick for handling pastry easily-roll out between sheets of waxed paper. To transfer, just peel off top sheet of paper, then invert into pie pan. Try Vermouth in your pastry for an extra-short, flaky crust

salmon puff omelet

Preparation time: 20-25 min.

YOU'LL NEED:

Fees Milk Salt 1-lb, can salmon Butter or margarine Flour Chives

Serves 4

Separate yolks and whites of 6 eggs. Beat egg yolks well. Combine with 1/4 cup milk. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into volk

Pour into a greased, heated skillet. Cook over low heat, folding gently for 5 min. Do not scrape bottom of skillet.

Place skillet in a 350° F. oven and bake 10 min. Drain salmon and flake. Reserve liquid.

Melt 1 ths. butter or margarine and blend in 1 tbs. all-purpose flour.

Add salmon liquid and bring to a boil. Add salmon and chives. Remove from heat. Fold omelet in half; place on serving platter. Lift top half and fill with salmon mixture.

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN



The trick of the French chef's special omelet: a platter of airy puffiness. For a feathery texture, keep folding over and over until mixture starts to set. Fold carefully so that bottom of skillet is never touched. A heavy skillet guarantees an evenly browned omelet surface

supper salmon rounds

YOU'LL NEED:

1-lb. can salmon Onion Parsley Celery Bread crumbs 2 eggs mushroom soup

Preparation time: 15 min. Drain salmon and reserve liquid. Remove skin and bones from salmon. Chop fine.

Add I ths. grated onion, I ths. minced parsley, 1/4 cup chopped celery, and I cup soft bread crumbs; mix with salmon.

Beat eggs well and add to salmon mixture. Mix thoroughly. Shape into patties.

Brown on both sides in I the melted butter or margarine.

Combine salmon liquid and soup. Heat to serving temperature. Pour over patties. I can condensed cream of Serve on toast rounds, if desired.



Use the salmon in the patties and the liquid in the sauce. Salmon liquid added to condensed cream of mushroom soup will give your patties a unique flavor dividend

More recipes on page 96



Fixin's for the Bird

Instead of pumpkin pie, how about Pumpkin in Alaska—a frozen bit of cinnamon, clove, and nutmeg spiciness tucked under a cloak of silvery, peaked meringue? Sentimentalists that we are, far be it for us to suggest anything but the old-fashioned makings for The dinner of the year—Thanksgiving. However, we think it's a mighty smart idea to give the old fixin's a new and dressy twist, and at the same time add a breath of glamour to the traditional list!

Today's ways with poultry-roasting mean the turkey—or duck, or goose—needs only to be stuffed, then popped into the oven until low temperatures transform it to a golden brown. Why not take advantage of every minute to get some 1951 into the recipes—and set before glittering eyes a royal feast of feasts that will hold satisfying memories of old-fashioned food cooked to modern perfection?

There are some familiar odors reminiscent of happy occasions—occasions that make fun, laughter, and families gathered together a very real memory. Nostalgic is the aroma of the plumply stuffed bronze turkey sending its roasting fragrance throughout the house on Thanksgiving morn; the sweet scent of orange-colored yams a-cookin'; the haunting, teasing smell of golden pumpkin symbolizing a holiday as American as America itself! Precious memories through the years can be vivid, realistic visual pictures—and mouthwatering when taste buds recall the pleasant stimulation of well-loved flavors. Rather challenging to realize that our efforts can set the pattern for holiday traditions among our young ones—years from now! And so, to accept that challenge, here are a few thoughts for making this a Thanksgiving dinner never to be forgotten.

We know of no more perfect prelude than a medley of fruit sections chilled *just* until the crystalline stage—it's the tiny ice particles that make this appetizer a real refresher. And then the grand performance itself! The turkey stuffed with a dressing which uses all the good sage and celery seasoning found in Grandmother's dressing. We've chalked up a real plus in flavor and color with the addition of pimiento-stuffed olives, chopped so that their brightness shows through with every savory bite.

Try sweet potato puffs swirled on pineapple rings, and the elegance of buttered mushrooms blended into a rich sauce which is our guarantee for bringing out the best in any broccoli bunch. That favorite perfection salad we serve so much in the Midwest assumes a wonderful piquancy with the tartness of tarragon vinegar.

We candy our cranberries to look like a big jar of flaming marbles, tasting sweet and sour. Into a saucepan go one quart of berries, one pint cold water, 2½ cups sugar. Bring to boiling point and cook for one minute. Drain berries and cook syrup 30 minutes. For a bright glaze, pour syrup over cranberries and chill.

THESE FIXIN'S CAN BECOME A TRADITION

Frosty Fruit Appetizer
Roost Turkey
Savory Olive Dressing

Savory Olive Dressing
Sweet Potato Puffs on Pineapple Broccoli

Broccoli Bunches with Rich Mushroom

Rings
Piquant Perfection Salad
Candied Cranberries
Crescent Rolls Butter Balls
Pumpkin in Alaska





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semolina flour—cook the creamy
strands to firm, perfect tenderness.

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What's for Supper?

GLORIA MARSHALI

A late-evening supper on Thanksgiving night is likely to be a command performance. As chairs slide back from the table in mid-afternoon, the general opinion is "I'll never be hungry again!" But, come the evening hours, almost everyone pops up with: "What's to eat?"

Don't be caught short and give them the last of the precious turkey which you *could* be saving for something special, like Turkey Divan on Saturday night. Instead, plan a snack supper while you plan your big dinner, and just spread it out on the table when the time comes. Most of the snacks suggested below can be made the day before.

How about a ham-salad roll, light but satisfying enough for the hungriest male? Give some personality to the salad itself by adding bite-sized pieces of dill pickle. And serve it as a filling for hollowed-out hard rolls. Sprinkle the tops with sieved yolks of hard-cooked eggs, and arrange on a watercress nest so they'll look as good as they taste.

Another sandwich idea is the cheese-lover's blend of Roquefort and Cheddar. Or Bologna and sliced olives make a striking twosome. Did you ever try tuna fish mixed with horse-radish and a bit of Worcestershire sauce? Someone requested a hot sandwich? For a flavor surprise, combine peanut butter with chili sauce and grill it for toothsome flavor.

Since this is a holiday supper, the cook can treat herself to an imaginative garnish—cream cheese carrots, for example. Shape the cheese into tiny carrots. Then roll in grated carrot and tuck a tuft of parsley into the end. For something simpler, and good, try dusting celery curls with paprika for taste and color.

Unusual drinks? Shake cranberry juice and orange juice with loads of cracked ice for a refreshing pick-up, then serve with an orange wedge or slice of lemon. Cocoa prepared with a stick of cinnamon and a few cloves goes mighty well with this supper as a surprise hot drink.

For a sweet finale, bake a spice cake mix in cup-cake pans. To frost easily and tastily, flavor prepared marshmallow topping with orange rind. Add enough powdered sugar for a spreading consistency, and tint a delicate green. Swirl on cupcakes and sprinkle with chopped peanuts or stud with slivered almonds.

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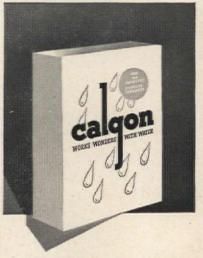
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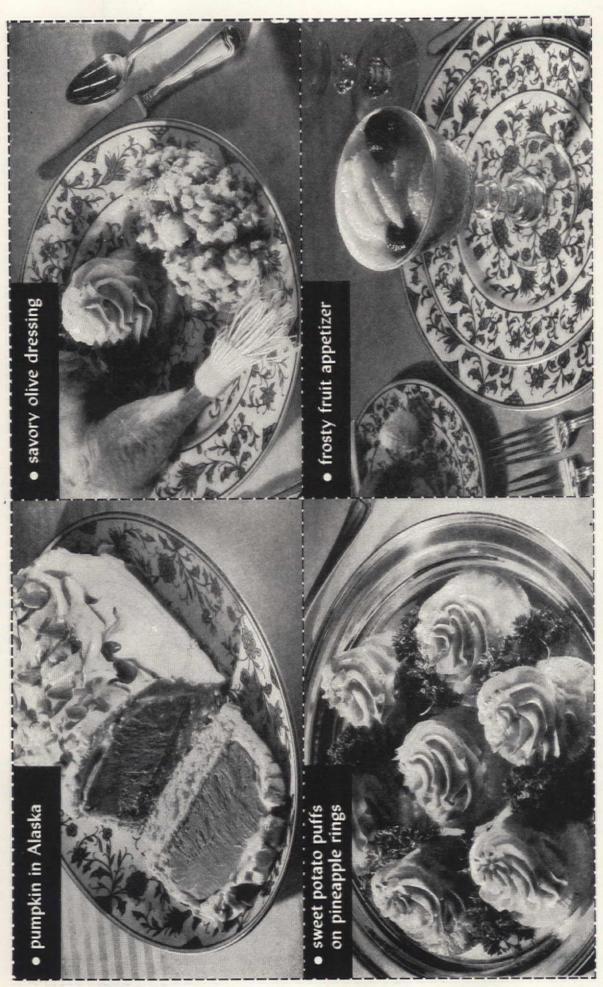
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Fixin's for the Bird (Begins on page 84)





Handcuffed to crusty pans?



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frosty fruit appetizer

6 large oranges, sectioned 1 large grapefruit, sectioned 1/4 cup sugar

pineapple, well-drained

8 tsp. pepper

firmly

sugar,

tbs. grated orange rind cup dark brown sugar, packed

cup orange juice

tbs. butter or margarine, melted

medium-sized sweet potatoes (about 2½ lbs.)

sweet potato puffs on pineapple rings ½ cup dry white wine Strawberries, fresh or frozen, as garnish

Set refrigerator control at coldest point. Drain juice from orange and grapefruit sections, then add sugar and wine. Let stand for at least 1 hour to flavors. About 45 minutes before serving, place in refrigerator tray on Chill until 1/2 inch of crystals form along the irost glasses, brush rims 1/4-inch down from top with slightly beaten egg white, Set aside to dry until sherbet glasses, garnish with strawberries. using pastry brush. Dip into sugar until well frosted. bottom of freezing compartment. sides of tray. Arrange in frosted serving time.

water until tender (about 25 min.). Peel and mash, adding orange juice

Scrub sweet potatoes and cook

in their jackets in a small amount of

rind. Add more orange juice if needed to give potatoes a smooth con-

sistency. Add sugar, butter or margarine, salt, and

slice with the mashed sweet potatoes.

sweet potatoes are lightly browned.

or margarine and place under medium broiler heat until pineapple is warm and

Top

salt, and pepper. Pile each pineapple potatoes with a small lump of butter

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Serves 6

139

cal, per serving

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savory olive dressing

tbs. chopped green pepper s cup coarsely chopped green 1/2 cup chopped onion I cup finely chopped celery Garlic clove, mashed well cup chopped parsley slices lean bacon, chopped butter or margarine stuffed olives

remaining ingredients and enough turkey broth to moisten. Toss together lightly. Fill turkey 33 full. Excess dressing can be baked in a greased baking dish. Enough to stuff 12-15 lb. turkey. garlic. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently; then remove from heat. Add onion, celery and leaves, or margarine, then add elt butter

Source of vitamins A, B complex in The American Home Kitchen 149-192 cal. per serving Originated Serves 15-20

cup heavy cream, whipped stiff

cups canned pumpkin

pumpkin in Alaska

package white cake mix

1/2 tsp. vanilla

egg whites 4 tsp. cream of tartar 5 tbs. sugar

34 tsp. ginger 1 tbs. gelatin 2 tbs. cold water

cup brown sugar, firmly packed tsp. salt tsp. cinnamon

leaves and

turkey broth (approximately)

soft bread crumbs

sdno

nutmeg

. black pepper marjoram

tsp. salt tsp. blac tsp. sage tsp. mar tsp. clov tsp. clov

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until firm. Prepare ½ package white cake mix according to directions on package, using half as much liquid. Bake in a greased and floured 11" x 7" baking pan at 375° F. 20 min. Cool and cut to fit ice cream loaf.

To serve, place cake on brown paper ½ inch larger than cake. Place on a baking sheet. Beat egg whites with cream of tartar until frothy, then add sugar, 1 tbs. at a time, beating constantly until stiff. Spread over ice cream and cake; cover cake to edges. Bake at 500° F. for 3-4 min. Serve immediately.

sugar, salt, spices, and pumpkin, heat wen, then ave seems. Set refrigerator control at Add 11/2 tsp. vanilla and pour into refrigerator trays. Set refrigerator trays and coldest point. Freeze until frozen 1 inch from edge of trays. Remove from trays and coldest point. Freeze until frozen 1 inch from edge of trays.

stir until dissolved.

in water. Add to milk 134 cups milk, scalded

gelatin

Soften g

Fixin's for the Bird

(Begins on page 84)



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Fixin's for the Bird

(Begins on page 84)

perfection salad piquant

all-purpose flour

broccoli bunches with rich mushroom sauce

cups hot milk

2 packages lemon-flavored gelatin 134 cups hot water 134 cups cold water ½ cup tarragon vinegar 2 tbs. grated onion

1 tsp. grated onion
1 tsp. salt
4 tsp. pepper
4 egg yolks, slightly beaten
5 cup cold milk
1 tbs. lemon juice
2 tbs. mayonnaise

Wash, trim, and cut broccoli into serving portions. Cook in a small amount of rapidly boiling salted water just until stalks are tender. Drain well. Melt butter or margarine, add mushrooms and cook 10 minutes, stirring frequently. (To keep mushrooms from turning dark, add a thin slice of lemon

cup butter or margarine b. mushrooms, washed and sliced

lb.

medium-sized bunches broccoli

flour. Add the hot milk, grated onion, salt, and pepper and mix well. Combine egg yolks with the cold milk, add a little of the sauce mixture and then combine with the remaining sauce in the pan. Cook, stirring vigorously until boiling point is reached, but do not allow to boil. Remove from heat. Add lemon juice and mayonnaise, blending well. If desired, this sauce may be made ahead

and cook with mushrooms; remove before adding flour and milk.)

Blend in

cups unpeeled, chopped cucumber cups shredded cabbage cups chopped pimientos cup green pickle relish

Add hot water to contents of packaged gelatin. Stir until completely dissolved. Add cold water, vinegar, grated onion, and salt. Place in refrigerator and let stand until slightly thickened, then fold in remaining ingredients. Pour into a 1½-quart mold which has been rinsed with cold water. Return to refrigerator and let stand until firm. Unmold on serving platter, garnish with cucumber slices, lettuce, chicory, or endive, as desired.

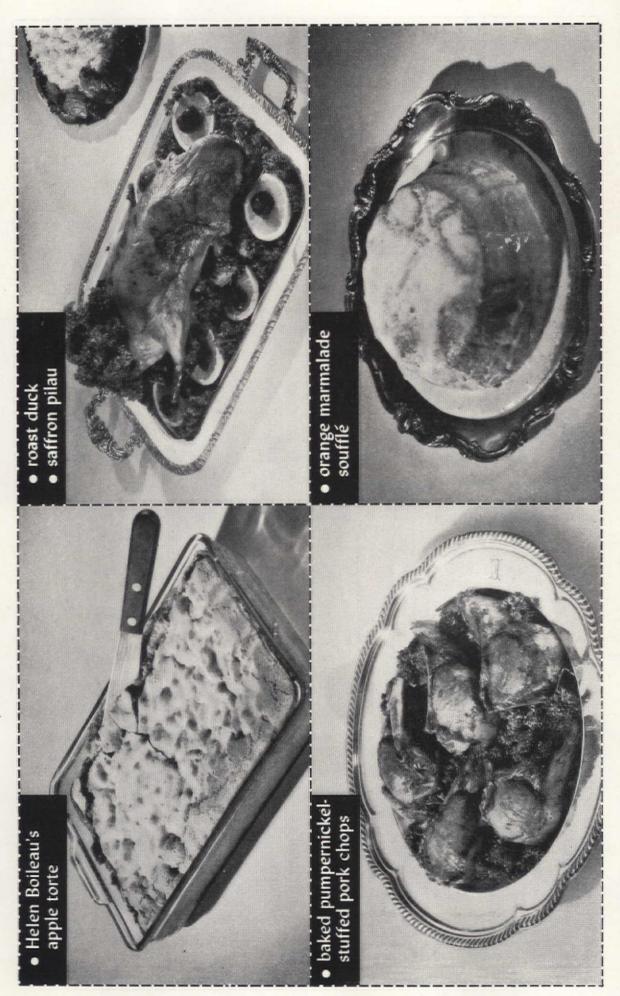
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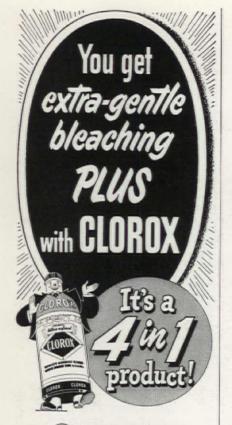


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marmalade orange i

Beat 4 egg whites very stiff. Beat in 4 tbs. sugar. Fold in 3 tbs. orange marmalade. Cook 1 hr. in well-greased 2-qt. double boiler over boiling water. Slide out on serving plate. Serve with: (Do not remove cover while cooking.)

SHERRY FOAM

make a pocket for the

chops carefully from the bone side to

pork

1 tsp. salt; pepper to taste Pinch of sage 1 egg, beaten ½ cup Burgundy

6 double-rib pork chops
1 medium-sized onion, chopped
1 stalk celery, chopped
1 apple, peeled, cored, and chopped
1 tbs. bacon fat

baked pumpernickel

stuffed pork chops

Beat 2 egg yolks 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar 2 tbs. sherry Pinch of salt Add:

stuffing. Sprinkle with pepper and salt. Crumble pumpernickal into a bowl with fingers until crumbs are quite fine, above with soft, above a skillet, add onions, celery, apples, and seasoning. Cook slowly until soft. Add crumbs and mix well. Add beaten egg, and toss mixture with fork. Put stuffing in prepared pork chops. Brown chops on both sides. Place in a baking dish, add a little wine and cover. Bake in moderate oven 350° F. 45–50 min, basting with remainder of wine. When

well and chill. Whip again before serving. Mix

68 Serves

Simmer

done, remove from pan.

To chop-pan gravy, add flour and blend to smooth paste,

Add to Cider Sauce (see recipe on card), and add to all, 1 cup hot cider.

until chops are thoroughly reheated. Strain and serve.

Pumpernickel stuffing from Dorchen Trumm

Recipes by Jean Austin

saffron pilau roast duck

Clean, rub (inside and out) with salt. Prick with sharp fork at least a dozen places, especially where bird is fattest (increases flow of fat from duck). Roast in hot oven 15 min, prick again. Cook another 5 min. Drain off fat from pan.

occasionally Reduce oven to moderate. Add 2 cups water to pan. Baste Cook till tender—about 1½ hrs. (See recipe for Orange Sauce.)

SAFFRON PILAU

With steamed rice mix saffron, small bits of crisply fried onions, broken bits of crisply fried bacon, and chopped, blanched almonds. by Jean Austin Recipes

cups sugar

Sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Add sugar and vanilla x 12 x 4 baking dish for 45

cream.

2% cup sifted flour 3 tsp. baking powder 2/2 tsp. salt eggs, beaten

tsp. vanilla cups diced apple cup chopped walnuts or pecans

to beaten egg. Beat well. Add dry ingredients, apple, and nuts to liquid mixture. Mix well and bake in a well-greased 8 x 12 x 4 baking dish for 45 minutes at 350°

ice vanilla scoop of Serve with a

Serves

chicken velvet soup



fter duck is roasted.

melted bitter orange marmalade (1 tsp. mild vinegar with 1/3 cup orange juice. Work into gra Season with salt, cayenne. with same amount reserved hot fat. I ths. of flour into smooth paste gravy (no fat). Keep hot in saucepan. Work pan gravy. 2 tbs. fat orange curação of I cup except of substituted) and (Reserve this fat.) I orange. Add top Add I tsp. Strain out gravy well.

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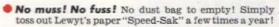


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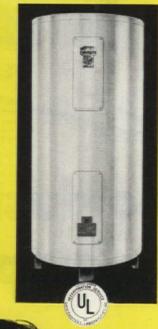
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chicken velvet soup

cooking well, add: 1 qt. chicken stock*

1½ cups chopped

cooked chicken Blend well: ½ lb. butter % cup flour pt. hot chicken stock cup warm cream cup warm milk After Add:

Melt 1 tbs. butter 1 tsp. brown sugar; 1 bunch chopped shallots or green onions. c until onions brown. Add 1 cup hot cider. Bring to a boil, then turn to

½ tbs. salt Dash of pepper

*We use approximately 21/2 qts. water to simmer one five-pound fowl-for stock. Recipe from L. S. Ayres and Co.

chop-pan gravy and reheat with 1 cup hot cider. Baked Pumpernickel-Stuffed Pork Chops.) chop-pan gravy and to c for sauce simmer. Add See directions on recipe

sprig parsley; pinch thyme ilt to taste

salt

I bay leaf

carrots

raw

1/4 cup chopped r 3 whole cloves

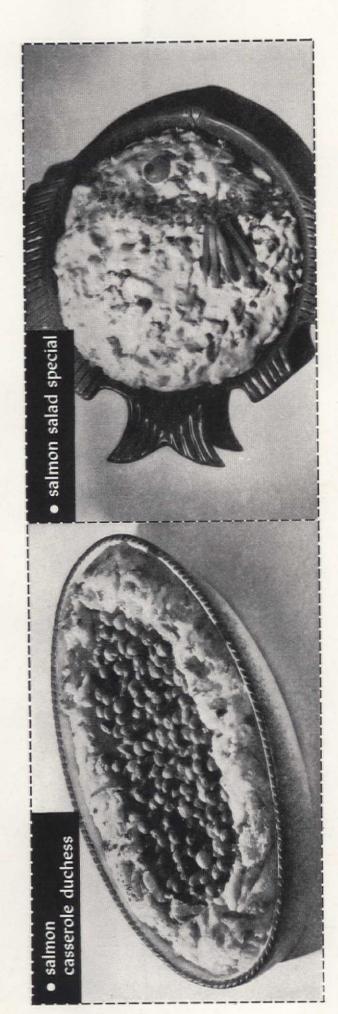
Add: simmer.

peppercorns

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Take a Can of Salmon

(Begins on page 82)



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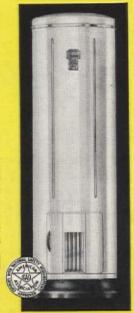
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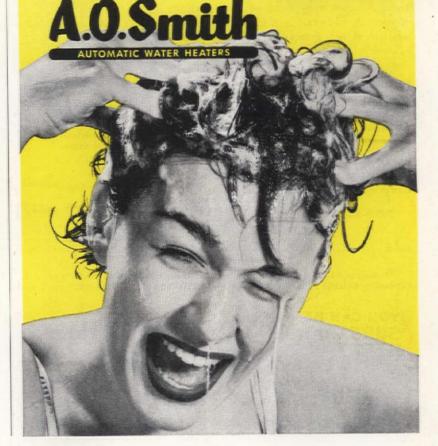
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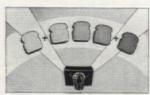
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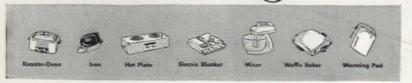
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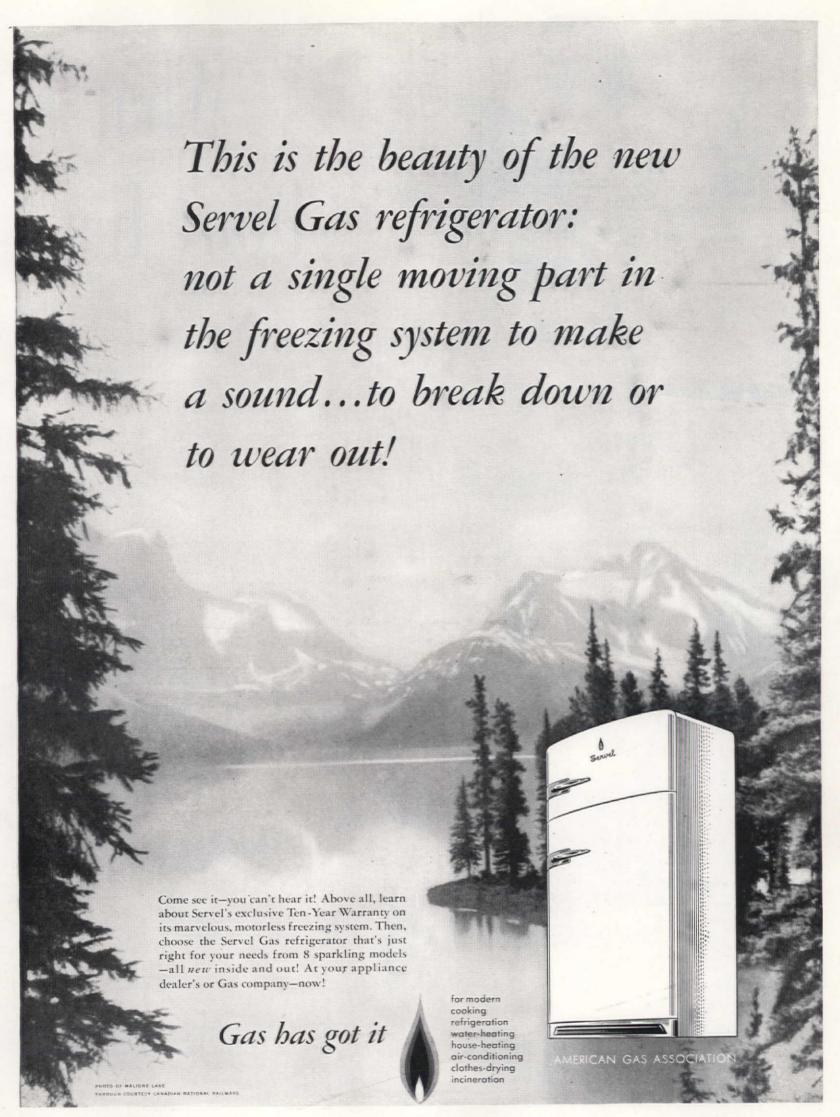
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Take a Can of Salmon

(Begins on page 82)

Pile over egg slices. Garnish with gherkins, dill pickles, and olives, Driginated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN Shred lettuce and place on serving plate. Sprinkle ½ cup chopped celery over lettuce. Remove skin and bones from salmon. Drain salmon and reserve liquid. Combine 1/2 cup mayonnaise, Hard-cook 3 eggs and slice. Place egg slices over celery. Mix lightly with salmon. Break into small pieces. and salmon liquid. salmon salad special Preparation time: 15 min can salmon Head of lettuce YOU'LL NEED: Mayonnaise Ketchup Preparation time: 30-35 min. Flake salmon and mix lightly with 2 cups riced Turn salmon mixture into a greased 2-quart baking dish. Pile egg white- cream mixture Add I tsp. salt, 1/8 tsp. cayenne, and 1/4 tsp. Beat 2 egg whites until stiff, Beat ½ cup cream until stiff; fold into egg fill center with hot, cooked peas or another Originated in The American Home Kitchen Bake at 400° F. for 20-25 minutes. around edges of baking dish. white pepper. potatoes. whites. casserole duchess I-Ib. can salmon YOU'LL NEED: White pepper otatoes Cayenne









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Two Ovens

(Begins on page 98)

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How to Keep out of the Kitchen

STANLEY SCHULER

n Thanksgiving day, we're going to have a wonderful dinner-and my wife, Elizabeth, won't spend the whole day in the kitchen! We have a "system," and here is how we got it:

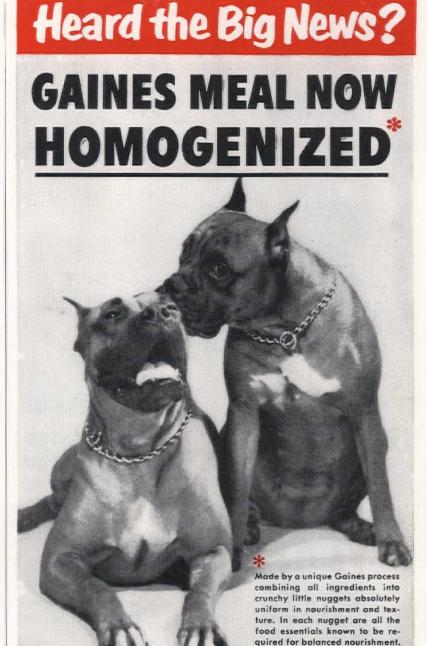
After years of close and sometimes horrified research, I have reached the conclusion that there are only three kinds of hostesses: Those who have servants (a mighty small number), those who make do with the aid of delicatessens or neighborhood bakeries (spare me from their invitations!) and those-the majority -who try so hard to put the world's finest foods on the table that they often miss their own lovely parties.

My wife belonged to the last group. She liked to give parties; she insisted on serving good food and she worked altogether too hard in the process. She either wore herself out getting ready for the party or spent too much time in the kitchen during it. In either case, she had neither time nor energy to enjoy her efforts and guests fully. I had a good time. The guests had a good time. But not the woman who made it all possible. And that simply wasn't fair. So finally I put my foot down. "All right, Mr. Know-It-All," I was told. "What can be done about it?" That was and is a very good question.

The average homemaker, I am sure, does not like to be penned up in her kitchen during a party. And every once in a while she makes a supreme effort to get out and stay out. Usually when she does succeed in that direction, she fails in another. She comes out with a dinner that does her no justice. It may be a repeat of a previously successful dinner. It may be too quick and easy-one of those church supper affairs full of scalloped potatoes, baked macaroni, coleslaw, and even cold meats. Or it may not be served at the right temperature. As I considered such frightening results, Elizabeth's challenge grew more formidable. On the one hand I was saying, "Keep out of the kitchen," and on the other, I was discovering that the obvious ways to achieve this goal produced foods I didn't like. It looked as if we had reached an impasse, but of course we hadn't.

We just had a party for 28 and my wife was in the kitchen about five minutes before, during and after the

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Out of the Kitchen

(Begins on page 101)

party. The credit, in considerable measure, goes to our home freezer. Never once did the kitchen chain the hostess as it used to!

We've taken our cue from this party, and now plan all of our holiday entertaining around the home freezer. Our freezer is full of the makings of a Thanksgiving dinner planned ahead of time. The vegetables are thereand what a selection: peas, lima beans, Brussels sprouts! All the family favorites are waiting for that few minutes of final cooking before they shine at the Thanksgiving table. The melon balls, the peaches, raspberries and strawberries were frozen, like the vegetables, in season when they were plentiful and least expensive.

Of course, the real Thanksgiving treasure in our freezer is the turkey! With a freezer, Elizabeth does not wait to buy the bird the day before. She buys it ahead of time. She cleans, wraps, and freezes it promptly. As to the stuffing, we get the turkey out of the freezer in time to defrost it enough to be handled. Then in goes the stuffing.

At our house, both pumpkin and mince pies are very popular. Elizabeth makes pies for the freezer when she has time, freezes them baked or unbaked. It's only a matter of 40-45 minutes in the oven and we have pies fresh as fresh on the Big Day.

We won't worry about eating turkey till it comes out of our ears. The freezer gobbles it up. Elizabeth can't wait to get those leftovers in the freezer for extra meals. No one at our house has a chance to say, "Oh, not turkey again!" We will have holiday soup from the leftover carcass. leftover gravy in jars, packages of thinly sliced turkey for sandwiches or a buffet meal. Tidbits go to make a casserole. Our extra meals are ready before you can say "Jack Frost."

The guests usually ask Elizabeth

how she knows that the dishes she serves at a party can be frozen. After all, no one has yet come up with a book giving all the possibilities. The answer is, she experiments. When the time rolls around for another party, she digs into her recipe file and cookbooks, finds the things she would like to serve, makes them up for the freezer, then feeds them to her company-and they usually cheer!

You can, and should, do the same. So long as you remember that certain foods, notably salad greens, cream fillings, custards, mayonnaise, and gelatin salads do not like zero temperatures. And so long as you remember that cooked foods should not be stored for more than a few weeks, you can freeze anything successfully and safely. In that fact, you have the key to an easier and happier life as



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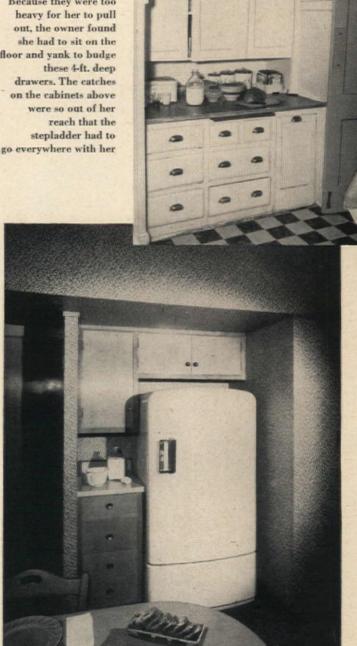
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to match the cabinets; lively yellow chintz draw curtains are topped by scalloped valances on the new wider and lower windows; gray counter tops and free-form table blend with gray rubber-tile floor. It is well-lit, too. The large fluorescent fixture on the ceiling and the fluorescent tubes concealed behind the valances supply plenty of light. And over all counter tops there are ample outlets for the convenient plugging in of small appliances.

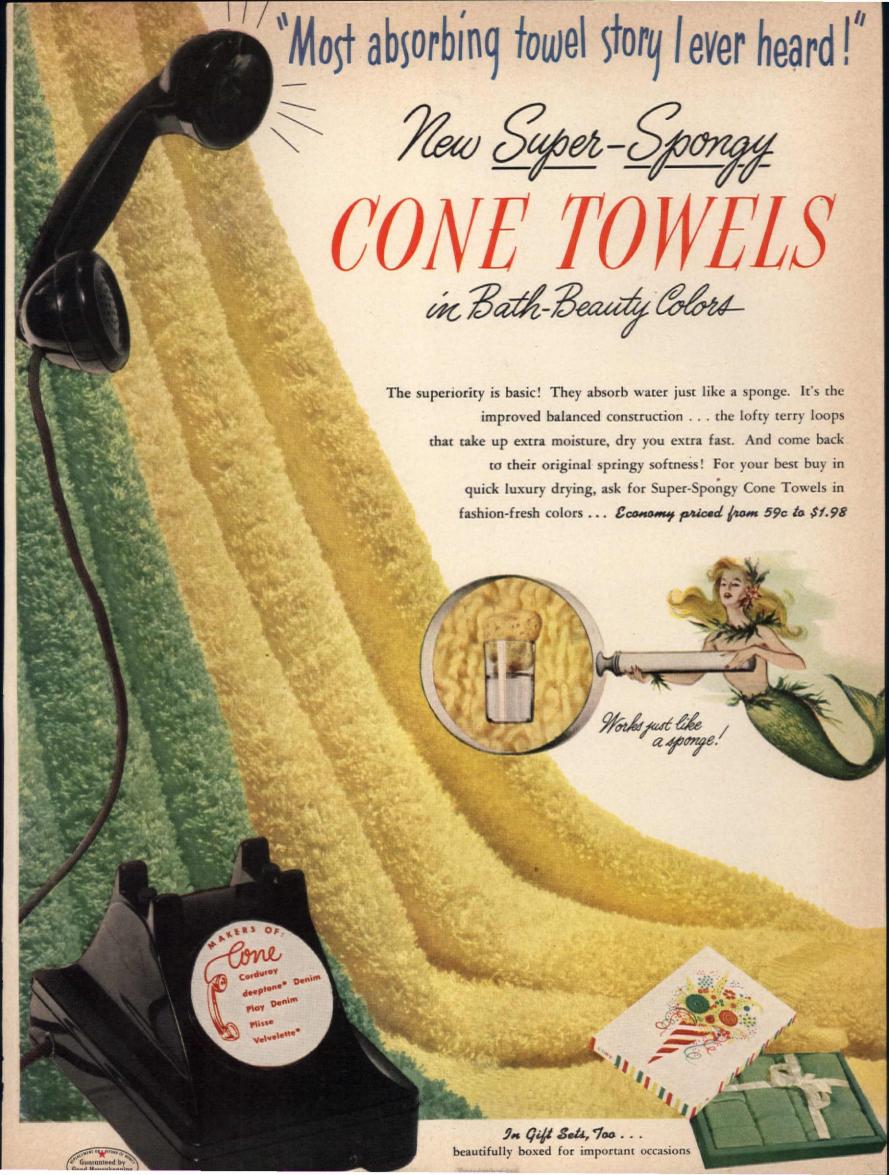
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Because they were too floor and yank to budge were so out of her reach that the



Major improvement was moving the refrigerator from hall to kitchen in space formerly occupied by that inconvenient-to-use cupboard. Because plenty of other cabinet space was provided, cupboard wasn't needed. Picnic supplies are kept in cabinet over refrigerator. One drawer in that chest is metal lined, for bread. Chest top extends to touch refrigerator, prevents things from falling between





Kenwood Blankets



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Remodeled...because of a Stepladder

(Begins on page 60)

And, oh how much better the kitchen performs now that the equipment is arranged in good working order! Cabinets were placed so that supplies are near the spot where they are used. A new electric range with its push-button control speeds up the three-meals-a-day chores. After meals, no one has to get out the dishpan and towels or carry out the garbage; the electric disposer flushes away food scraps and the dishwasher does the rest.

And how does it all add up? Because of the low cabinets and streamlining, the ladder rests in the basement—almost forgotten.

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 146



In old kitchen, doors to canned-goods closet and back hall were constantly bumping into one another. Radiator was mournfully exposed, and ugly cords were in view. Shelf over radiator was too small to hold cookbooks



This kitchen reorganization also provided a much-needed powder room downstairs—it fitted neatly into that old closet. The things which used to be kept in the closet are now much better housed in that handsome gray-green birch cabinet on the left. And there is no more conflict of doors since powder-room's door slides. Washable wall covering is used in both kitchen and powder room

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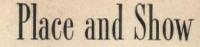
At right, Regency style Hide-A-Bed in green matelasse with green base bouclé fringe. Self-welt.



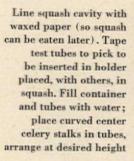
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Carve section from top and slice from bottom of blue (or green), Hubbard squash, remove seeds, set on wax paper on tray. Assemble pin and cage holders, container (glass) to go in squash, test tubes, tape, long pick





Select vegetables for pleasing color-red cabbage, red onions, beets, artichokes, peppers, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, pale yellow and green celery, peas (pods), wax beans. Wash, dry thoroughly, and polish them



Keep broccoli and celery stems in water to prevent wilting. Arrange vegetables on pin holder and, with short picks, on section cut from squash, in groups following an Scurve. Use outer cabbage leaves in cup effect for depth



Curve all beans, beet roots, celery tops in toward central axis. Compactness, subtle coloring, design flow are important here. And it's all edible later!

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Steal the Scene



Sturdy knotty-pine desk and two hanging wall shelves turn a bedroom wall into a study for a young man. There's a lot of design interest in this 42 x 22 x 30-in. desk. About \$69.50

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Cups and Sorcerers (Begins on page 52)

Europe? Well, before that time, while had discarded. It was fine, and white, lesser folk ate from wooden plates or crude pottery, royal meals were served up on fine pewter or on silver which often had to be melted down when funds were low. But in China, at the other end of the world, they had discovered the amazing kind of pottery we call porcelain-it could be made thinner and harder than any other pottery, it was so smooth that it could take a glaze like glass, and decorations looked more brilliant on it than on any other wares. We don't know when they discovered it-perhaps before the time of Christ. But we do know that they had it by the Sung period (960-1279 A.D.), and it was at that time that it appeared in the West. We are told that in 1171 the great Saladin delighted the Sultan of Damascus with a gift of porcelain. And we know that by the middle of the 15th century, Chinese porcelain was prized by kings in Europe. Nell Gwynne was an ardent collector, and so was William's Queen Mary.

By the time of the Chinese Emperor K'ang K'si, China's export trade in porcelain had grown to enormous proportions. It was beautiful, it couldn't be melted down, and the new drinks-coffee, tea, and chocolatetasted so much better in porcelain cups! But so costly was early porcelain that it was classed with gold.

The Chinese guarded the secret and kept the price up. The more expensive it was, the greater its vogue. Now, the rulers of Europe needed money, and that profitable Chinese porcelain trade looked good to them. So they tried to discover the secret. As early as 1580, Francesco I de'Medici set up a factory in Florence. He produced a kind of porcelain, but not the kind he was after. Other rulers followed his example-also without success. Their wares lacked the hard, jade-like quality of the Chinese.

Success did come to Augustus the Strong of Saxony, and in a strange, strange way indeed. Needing funds like his peers, he virtually kidnapped one Johann Böttger, a brilliant alchemist. The Elector didn't have porcelain in mind. What he hoped was that Johann could at last master the age-old problem of turning base metals into gold. Of course, Johann couldn't. So the Elector gave him another assignment-to make gold, indirectly, by solving the riddle of Chinese porcelain, and producing wares to be sold for a mine's worth of treasure.

They knew that the secret was in the clay and the materials with which it was blended. Böttger worked with blends of jasper, agate, and other substances-but something was lacking. Then, quite by accident, so the story goes, he stumbled across some hair powder which a local wigmaker

and made from a clay. And it was the very ingredient needed to make true porcelain! Its secret was closely guarded, but doubtless the substance was kaolin, the clay the Chinese had used for centuries. And so a cosmetic, a discarded one, solved the riddle which had been plaguing European kings, chemists, and alchemists.

The discovery was made at Fort Meissen, about 12 miles from Dresden, in the year 1710. The Meissen factory, which was called the Royal Saxon Manufacturing Concern, brought prosperity to Augustus the Strong. But despite what we would today call "security regulations," the secret of porcelain couldn't be kept. When three daughters of Augustus married into other royal houses, each opened a porcelain factory. And Meissen workers, tempted by offers elsewhere, migrated and took the secret.

The Meissen factory, granddaddy of all European porcelain plants, fell into the hands of Frederick the Great at the end of the Seven Years' War. He carried off many of the molds and many of the workmen to Berlin. Thereupon he took over the management of the already-existing Berlin porcelain factory and ran it as a royal enterprise-a highly profitable one. Frederick also used it for diplomatic purposes. For example, wanting to smooth his relations with Russia. he sent elaborate, personalized porcelain to the royalty of that country as gifts (Fig. 2, page 53).

Another royal manufactory was the French porcelain works at Sèvres. Mme. de Pompadour took a great interest in its business affairs and in the excellent designs it produced. Finally, in 1759, her royal friend, Louis XV, took over its administration, and it became crown property.

Louis Philippe, France's last king, was the owner of one of the most costly of all varieties of Sèvres-the bejeweled kind, richly strewn with imitation turquoise, pearls, and emeralds set in beautifully chased mountings of pure gold. Because the skill required to make it was costly, even in those days, examples of jeweled Sèvres are rare. (For a set which belonged to Mme. Lebrun, see Fig 6.)

The exquisite set of pink Sèvres ordered by Louis Philippe in 1846, just two years before a revolution forced him to make a hasty departure from Paris, is illustrated in Fig. 7. Unfortunately, Louis, who died in exile, never enjoyed this handsome porcelain. With his queen, he was finally smuggled out of France as "Mr. Smith." His great collection of porcelain went to museums and to members of the nobility. And some of it later made its way into private collections of people who love this rich art-like our Mrs. Smith of Hollywood.



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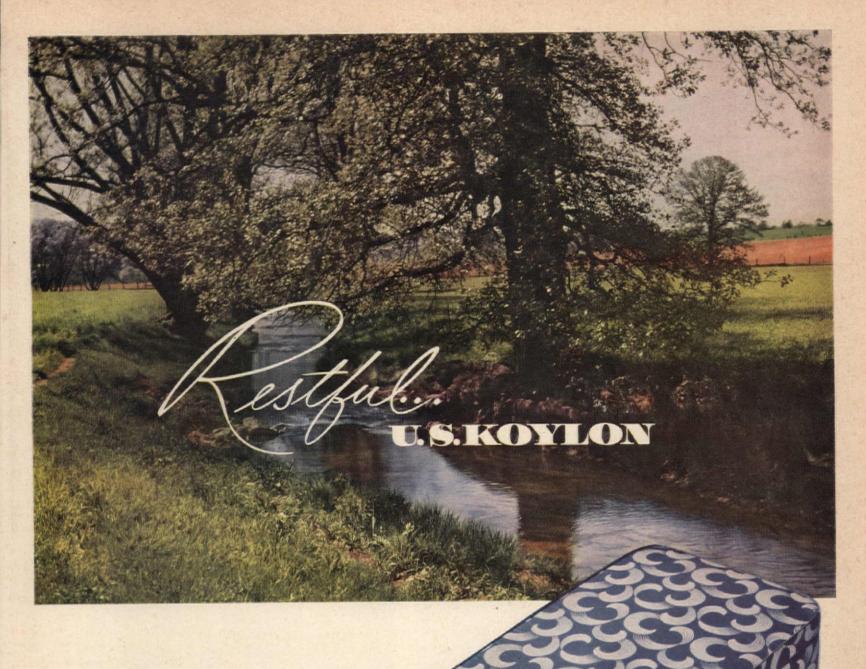
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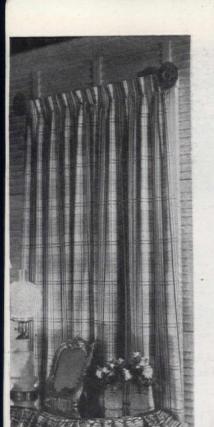
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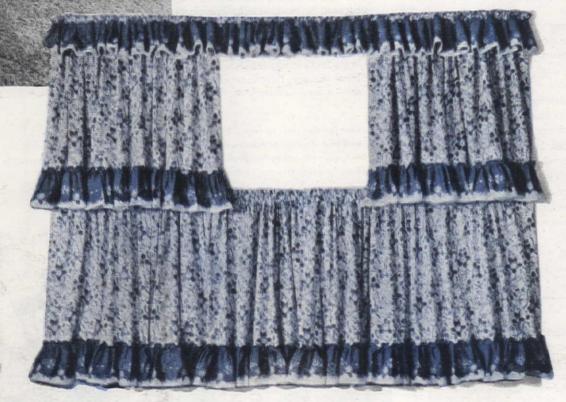
Ready-mades with Custom Look

(Begins on page 62)

For bedroom cheer, plaid combines handsomely with solids in five colorings (at left). The set includes dust ruffle (\$15); draperies (\$21); table skirt (\$20); sham (\$10); quilted coverlet, single or double (\$25); and plaid comforter (\$45)

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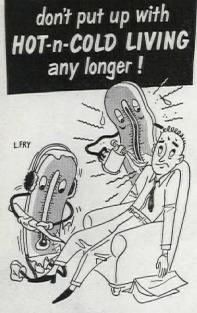
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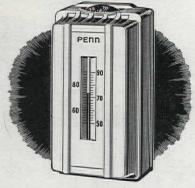
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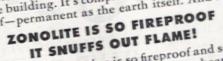


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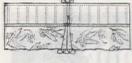
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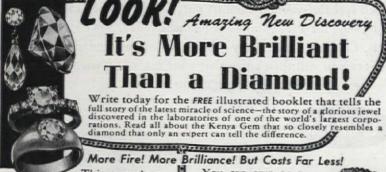
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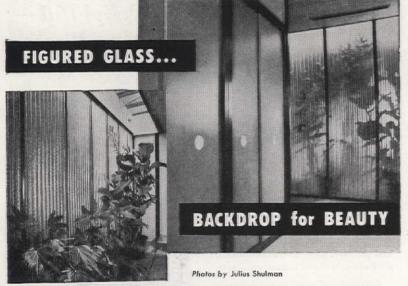
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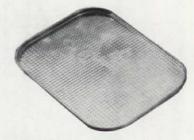
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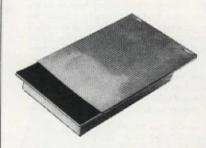
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Need More Room?

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strip along two adjacent walls is composed of large photographic prints mounted onto 3/8-in. wallboard. As a protection against dampness, they were sprayed with waterproof lacquer on front, back, and edges. We gave attention, too, to the way the photographs were arranged, the way they faced. On another wall, wallboard makes an oversize bulletin board—daughter Nancy keeps it filled with posters she makes in art class.

The photographs, of course, gave us a way of being inexpensively clever, for wallboard panels are easy on the purse. If we hadn't had the photographs, we would have used panels anyhow as part of our wall covering—perhaps decked out with the family's own hand-painted decorations or a montage of favorite cartoons. After all, it is a playroom. Illustrated road maps, free for the asking, and traced with the routes of past vacations could do well, perhaps illustrated with vacation snapshots.

The rest of the walls were covered with Weldtex, a striated plywood. We gave the wood a two-tone finish to show off the striations.

For the ceiling, we used 16-in. squares, ½ in. thick, and stapled them from joist to joist—stapling goes much faster than nailing. Someday the floor may be asbestos tile. Meanwhile, we gave it two coats of a red oil-base floor paint designed to be walked on.

For our electrical needs, we used approved BX cables and junction boxes, all inspected before being put on the ceiling. We provided for ceiling fixtures and one fluorescent light, and installed two double-outlet floor plugs at opposite corners to provide for lamps, radio, projector, electric grill, and so on. We put the plugs on different fuse lines to avoid overloading when we use our photographic equipment down here.

So much for the construction details. Our room has a few "specials." For example, our picture window: It's a fake window, built into the wall, and lit by a flourescent tube. In it, we've put a large mounted photograph of the New York skyline. It alleviates the "room-in-the-basement" look, and it provides reading light for the bench below. We can change the picture from time to time, but for the present we're enjoying the penthouse view from the basement. And you may laugh at our ceiling light fixtures-wheels from an old wheelchair-but they're just the right size and shape, and allow plenty of headroom. And our storage space: we not only have the built-in bookcases and a spot for winter storage of screens, but we're also proud of our window bench with hinged lid cushioned with a discarded baby mattress, neatly slipcovered.

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What's Wrong with This Table?

rules. We know that hundreds of books, all different, and all by sound authorities, have been written on the subject of artistic composition. Nobody has had the last word yet, but you'll make no mistake if you take our hints. In color, well-set tables, like well-decorated rooms, usually fall into three general classes. Until you're experienced, stick by them. First, there is the monochromatic scheme, wherein one definite color prevails. For a monochromatic green table, for example, use shades of green for dishes, accessories, napkins, cloth. Spike it with neutral white, gray, ecru, or black notes. Silver blends right in; so does crystal.

The second type we call a related scheme. It's something like monochromatic, but broader in scope. You use groups of color which have a color base in common. Let's take a related blue table: Use blues with other colors having blue in them—like the greens or the purples and violets. The browns, rusts, and yellows also do well in this kind of setting.

The third type is built around contrast of two basic colors (like green and red or blue and pink). Use varying shades of each if you want to. Contrast may be gentle, with everything in pastels, or strong, with lights played against darks. Our setting on page 76 is contrasting, but had we matched our cloth to the pale blue in the plate, we would have had a related scheme.

Your centerpiece, of course, is part of your harmony and its tones obey the rules. And a word about the whites, blacks, grays, beiges. They can be neutral—but used in contrast, they behave just like any color. If you have white china, you know it.

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HERE'S HOW TO JUDGE

LESSON II: Color Coordination of Materials Used
(Highest Possible Score 20 Points)

General factors to consider in planning or judging your own table setting: Does it harmonize both in color and in style with the room? Does its color fit the "theme" of the occasion, that is, if your setting is for a festive holiday, are the colors appropriate for this kind of celebration?

For color, most well-set tables fall into one of the following three classes. It is wise to keep to them.

- (a) Monochromatic, which uses only one definite color, or shades of that color together with neutrals.
- (b) Related, which uses colors of the same general cast for example, blues with purples, or yellows with oranges.
- (c) Contrasting, which plays color opposites against each other.

But when you judge for color, you must also consider the general relationship of the shapes and forms used in your table composition. Here is a handy chart for rating a setting, piece by piece:

1. Color Harmony or Color Contrast	10 points
Color of China	(3)
Color of Table Covering and Napkin	(11/2)
Color of Glassware	(11/2)
Color of Centerpiece (including the container)	
Color of Accessories	
2. Relation of Elements in Composition.	10 points
Variety of Shapes and Textures	(3)
Distribution of Elements	(3)
General Form of Centerpiece	(2)
Effectiveness of Accessories	(2)

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You vary your color pace with cloths and mats and centerpieces which you change often anyhow, not with dishes and glass which go on year after year. When we set tables for contests, we have hundreds of things to choose from. But when we set our own, most of us are limited to two sets of china and glass.

So pay attention to your table's basic dress—its china, glass, and silver. Be sure it carries out the spirit of your room in color and character. You'll compose endless variations around it. And another tip: If you're replacing a service or adding a new one, keep your other china and glass in mind. Co-ordinate new with old so that you can sometimes blend them in a single setting.

For composing those endless variations, you have help from the whole world of fabrics. Backgrounds may range from fine lace to brilliant straw mats, and any color which looks well with your

dishes and your room will do.

You've heard color prescriptions for various table themes: serene shades for formal dinners, rich tones for festive occasions, pastels for a wedding or anniversary, robust effects for a teen-age buffet. How do you do it, all with the same limited stock of china and glass? As a "for instance," let's take a red and green Christmas theme and see what you can do if you don't have green or red in your china. Well, if strong blue predominates in the dishes, you might try a related scheme, with a green-blue cloth, green napkins, a touch of red in the centerpiece. If dishes are white strewn with pink flowers, go monochromatic; use roses and reds for napery and accessories, green leaves in the centerpiece. With yellow in the dishes, you might achieve red and green by using dark green in contrast or pale greens in a related setting, getting the red in the decorations in either case. And so on. No, your basic china doesn't wed you to any one type of color

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A TABLE SETTING

LESSON III: Execution

LESSON 1: Appropriateness of Materials Used
(Lesson 1—September 1951) (Highest possible score, 25 points)

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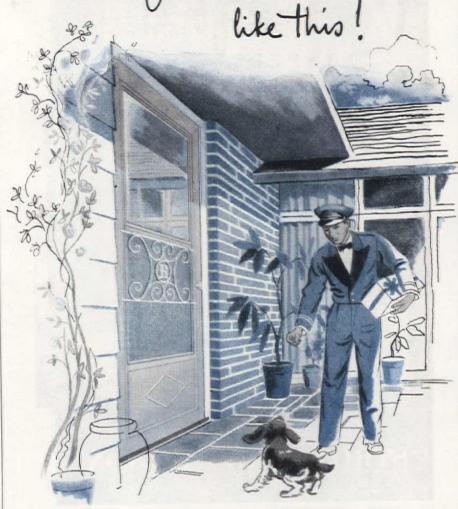
LESSON IV: Originality and Appeal
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LESSON V: Suitability to Occasion

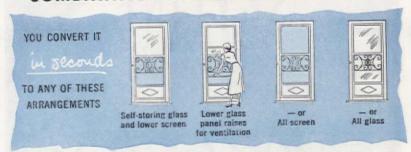
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What's Wrong?

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scheme. Let's suppose you have pink china, and a teen-ager's buffet coming up. That's easy. Try a checked or striped cloth with pink in it—pink and a *strong* color. You'll be surprised how robust those dishes can look.

We said we'd take it easy on rules, but here are just a few:

- Do pick your background color from your china if the china has a multicolor motif.
- Don't mismate colors. If you use several shades of a color, make sure that they don't clash.
- Don't use all colors in the same proportions. Let one predominate.
- 4. Don't use too many kinds of dishes. Mix plain with decorated china, or either with glass or silver plates, but keep to two kinds.

A painter puts his colors together in a design on a canvas. You, Mrs. Table Artist, do the same.

Consider your all-over design. Your table in the wood is your canvas, and you must consider its size and shape if you want good balance and proportion. You must also think of the type of design. Do you want a unified effect? Then use a dark cloth with darkish china or a light cloth with light-toned things. Or do you want contrast by setting darks on lights or lights on darks?

Accent your design with your centerpiece. It can be smack in the middle of the table. But needn't be. On a long table, try it on one side, balanced by candles.

Avoid monotony of shape. For example, if table and plates are rounded, use foils: irregularly shaped mats, square salad plates, square or irregular centerpiece, glass with square feet. If table and dishes are squared, use round shapes with them.

Don't crowd your composition. This doesn't mean simply not to use too many things on your table. There is such a thing as apparent crowding. too. Too many motifs or clashing colors will do it. And remember that colors have visual weight. If your ground is light, a small dark object will seem to occupy as much space as a large light one. If the ground is dark, the reverse is true. So vary your lights and darks.

Balance the high and the low. This is especially important on a buffet table where you have piles of plates and masses of silver.

Vary your textures. Especially in monochromatic schemes, play smooths against roughs for contrast.

Don't use accessories you don't need for serving food or to improve the design. After all, you don't wear all your own jewelry at once, and neither should your table.

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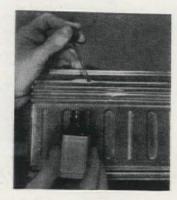
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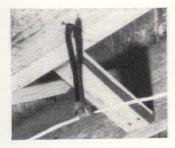
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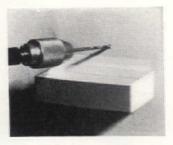
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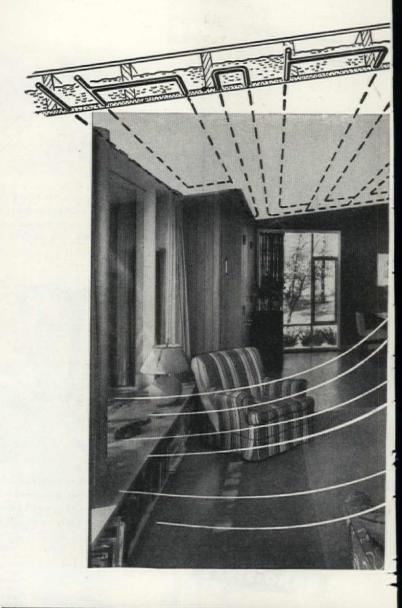
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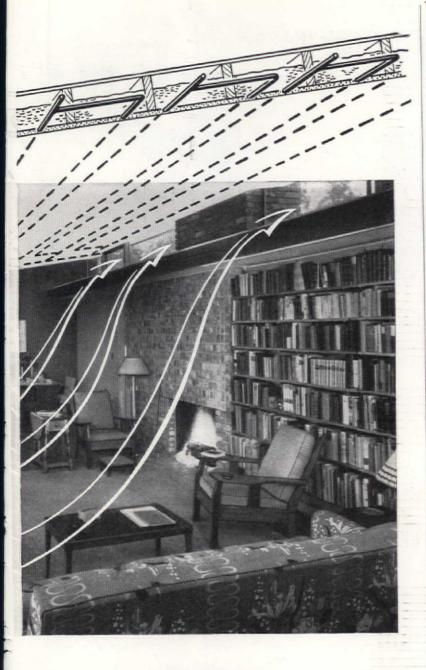
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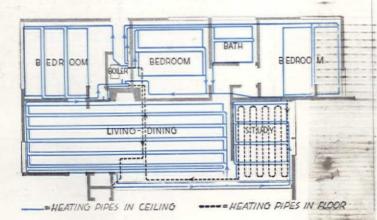


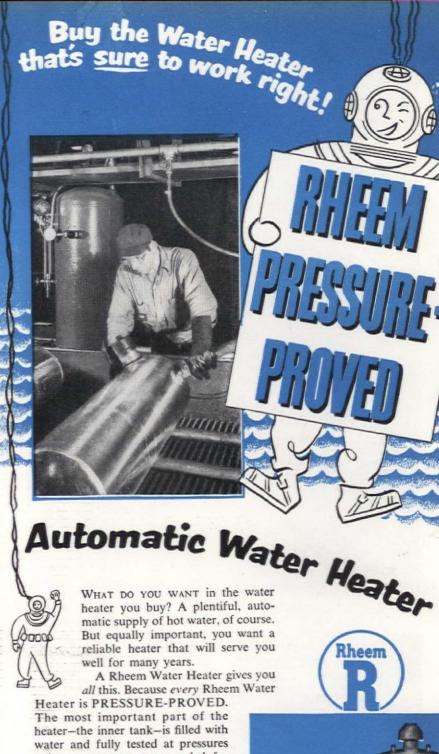




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That flagstone terrace, topped by airy lattice, does look a lot better. Then came the windows. Instead of the prim ones, generous spans of glass now bring in light and air.

The "before" and "after" plans on page 58 tell the inside story. The only real structural addition was that small breakfast room. But there was plenty of division and subtraction. On the first floor, reception hall and parlor were made into one whopping big living room. Other rooms retained their floor plans, though the back stairs were moved. However, except in the living room, the high ceilings were lowered.

Upstairs, that master bedroom is worth a covetous look. Two smalls made one big, and hall closets became a dressing room, full of builtins. The middle bedroom, occupied by two cowboys, aged 8 and 9, didn't change. But the room-sized hall became a corral of a closet and bath.

Did remodeling cost a fortune? It might well have if the materials in the house hadn't been sound and reused with wisdom, and if Dr. Klein didn't have a hand in some carpentry.

From the Inside Out

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wall isn't interrupted by conventional heavy supports to carry the roof.

2. It's a one-level house without a step, even to the terrace.

3. Every room opens from the living room; there's only one tiny hall.

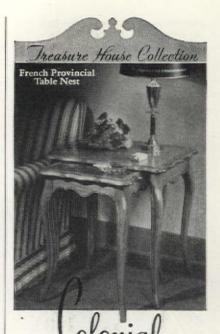
4. Living room and study, one continuous sweep, take up half the house. To make up for this, there's no dining room, and bedrooms aren't large.

For a nature lover, that study is a real work of art. It's glass on three sides.

6. Pictures on page 136 show books to be important part of the design, making walls in living room and study. And under that whole expansive wall of windows, there's a deep hanging bookshelf, for a collection of oversize volumes.

This five-room house has ten closets in addition to the mammoth enclosed storage space in the carport.

8. The house, built on a concrete slab over gravel fill, needs no basement. Floors are asphalt tile and colored cement. Its exterior walls, made of I x 4 Douglas fir vertical siding, rest on concrete block foundations. Its fireplace, built with second-hand brick, is handsomely set for textural effect. Windows, an important part of its being, are ¼-in. plate glass set in aluminum frames. Ceilings, which hold heating coils, are cement plaster. The roof, part flat and part low slope, is a built-up type with gravel surface.



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Garden

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and if possible some of the bedrooms) should open onto the garden. If necessary, turn a window into a door to provide free and easy access.

FEATURE existing trees. They may provide needed shade for a terrace, or an especially handsome one may become a focal point of the whole garden, such as the hub of a pattern or the terminus of an axis. Don't overlook the importance of shadows-on lawn, walls, fences, patio. A garden without shadows can be uninteresting and mediocre, however "correct" and appealing its ground plan may appear on the drawing board. Trees properly chosen and located are no detriment to a flower border; some choice plants do best in partial shade. So don't be hasty in taking out trees, and don't be afraid to plant some if needed.

MAKE USE of the original topography if possible. Some leveling may be necessary, but variation in levels makes for a more interesting picture. Besides, grading is expensive and the less you must have done the better.

KEY your garden plan to your climate. Hot, dry summers may limit the use of some perennials; in fact, it might be best, after the bright color of a spring border, simply to keep brown and withered leaves removed and depend on the pleasant, cool effect of the foliage. Less work, too.

RELATE the pattern or style of your garden to the architecture of your house. Lines and masses composing the setting can, and should, tie in with those of the building.

ADJUST your garden pattern to the needs and activities of all members of the family group. Even a small lot can provide a terrace for living and entertaining, a game area for recreation, and space for perennial borders or rose beds.

MAKE the garden entrance inviting whether by means of a gate, a rose arch, a pair of specimen evergreens, small flowering tree, or other feature.

COMBINE dollars and sense in your garden spending. Buy the best plants you can afford (cheap stock is often fast-growing but correspondingly short-lived). Use as many as the plan calls for and no more. Visualize



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them as they are going to be five and ten years hence. Think of the maintenance of your garden in terms of time and effort, of man hours. Remember that grass edges require trimming, hedges shearing, lawns mowing. Go easy on plants of doubtful hardiness-unless you want, and can afford, to experiment. Buy not for blossom beauty alone, but for the whole plant effect, in all seasons, under all conditions.

In short, in your first garden venture, first plan generally, considering the family's needs, the cost, the maintenance. Next, plan in more detail the various elements. Then start the project, and carry it on from season to season. You will find it an interesting, absorbing occupation.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We "point with pride" to the illustrations, here and on page 74, of Mr. Korbobo's unique and graphic method of depicting the growth of a garden according to a plan. He developed his "Plan Animator" at the suggestion of, and in cooperation with, Dr. R. B. Farnham, secretary of the Horticultural Society of New York, then his chief at Rutgers. Since 1946, he has perfected the use of cut-outs of felt and flocked paper which he lays against a flannelcovered board on an easel. He has staged demonstrations of good and bad home planting for hundreds of groups and before television cameras. But this is, we believe, his first attempt to carry out an actual plan for magazine reproduction. To do it, he had to make a large charcoal sketch of the finished garden, then individual patterns for each separate feature, many in triplicate or duplicate to indicate plant growth. Finally, each of the nearly 300 pieces had to be cut out of the right colored flocked paper-and kept track of. A real achievement.



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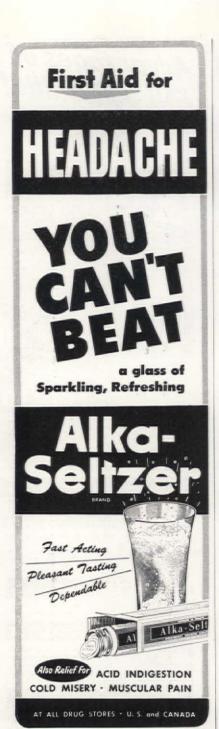


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Upon looking into the cultural requirements of Beloperone guttata (that being the plant's botanical name), I learned that it is one of the easiest of plants to increase, by rooting stem cuttings in sand or water. Being unable to locate a plant in any local florist shop, I telephoned my friend and asked if she still had the one given her when she was sick. She had, and, without waiting for a hint from me (although I'm sure she suspected my motive!), she generously insisted that I take a cutting from her now somewhat overgrown specimen. I did, put it in a shallow



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Something Different

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pan of sand, moistened it well, and placed it in my sunniest and warmest window. Some people say all cuttings should be kept in the dark for several days, then brought into the light and given bottom heat. But at that time (early spring) my nice, sunny window sill, which provides just the right conditions for starting geraniums, seemed to offer what the Shrimp Plant needed, so I established the cutting there. Within a month it had rooted and was ready to be transplanted from its sand bed to a small pot of garden soil enriched with a commercial dried sheep manure. It made a nice decorative specimen until, in late spring, it had to be repotted. I then set it out in my flower border for the summer, where I watched with delight the unfolding of the curious little terminal sheaves of pinkish brown bracts which give the plant its common name. By fall, when it must be brought back indoors, I will have started new plants for use in my windows this coming winter. I am told that, under ideal conditions. plants will flower when only three or four inches tall; also that, once you get a cutting well established, you can count on having all the Beloperones you want in a few months.

That's fortunate. For, at least in my neck of the woods, it is hard to find a Shrimp Plant in a florist shop. Florist after florist, when asked, "Why, since they are so easy to grow, don't you carry them?" said in effect, "We just don't get any demand for them; we haven't had one for years." Well, maybe my inquiries started something and I shall live to see them peeking out at me from every florist's window. I hope so.

Beloperone guttata, a native of Mexico, likes sun, plenty of waterand little else. It's a house plant with no bugs. Its only drawback, that I can see, is a tendency to become leggy. But cutting it back to 18 inches or so when necessary provides a good chance to get new plants from 3- or 4inch cuttings. When they are rooted and start growing, pinch out the tips of the shoots to keep the little plants stocky and make them bushy. Like Poinsettia, Beloperone owes its showiness not to its blossoms, but to its showy bracts. Inconspicuous, twolipped white flowers protrude from between the overlapping bracts looking, for all the world, like legs dangling from a tiny shrimp.

Of course, if you live in a frost-free climate, you can handle it as allyear-round garden material and let it grow into a big handsome plant like that shown at the bottom of page 141, as photographed near Los Angeles. But even where it needs cold weather protection, you (and your friends) can get a lot of pleasure from it.

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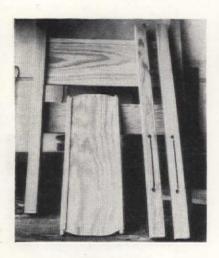
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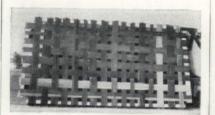
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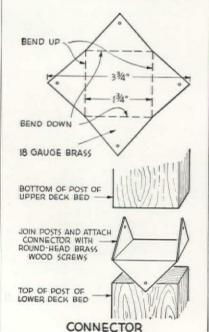
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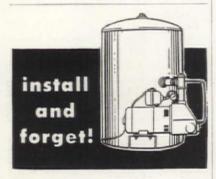
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Traditions

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people" became involved in meeting a magazine deadline, and completely muffed the transaction. "Charlie" took the rap.

Holidays are traditional in themselves, but it is the customs a family develops for those holidays that make them important. Like our Fourth of July flowers. Before we had our flagpole, we celebrated one Fourth by planting rings of red, white, and blue flowers around our lamppost. We still do it every year.

Halloween means (for us at least) that we have been going back to the same country produce stand for 15 years to let the youngsters pick out their own pumpkins for jack-olanterns. It means that once more we get the cluster of colored ears of corn to tie to our front door in the New England sign of "welcome," to be left up until replaced with our Christmas wreath. It means dressing up the youngsters for their annual "trick or treat" call upon the neighbors, Halloween night. This is a mild sort of blackmail in which costumed and masked junior racketeers inform homeowners that unless treated to cookies, candy or pennies, they will play a trick on them. It's best to pay.

Thanksgiving, too, brings out traditional things in many homes. One at our house has been going on for years: an old crackled chinaware cranberry mold shaped like an ear of corn. Thanksgiving wouldn't be official without it.

At Christmas, the youngsters make Christmas-tree garlands by stringing ropes of red berries and fluffy popcorn to vie with the modern electric lights. They are traditions from the past worth taking out of our memory cedar chest once a year when we take out concrete things—like the tree ornaments, some of which we have treasured for more than 20 years.

Our front-door wreath, too, is more than just a habit. For the past 15 vears we have been making our own for the seasonal fun of it, and the pleasure we get from doing it is worth the effort. There is a little hillside a few miles from home, where the ground pine grows in thick abundance. We found it years ago and made our first wreath from it. When Susan came along, she too joined the yearly trek. And when Freddie arrived, he also joined the safari, riding into the woods the first years in a packbasket on my back and riding out again in the center of a basketful of soft green sprays. At home, we all join in to strip the vines and build the wreath on the same old circle of wall board we've always used. To make it even more our own, we recently added at least a little sprig from our own small holly trees.

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READY-MADES WITH A CUSTOM LOOK

Page 62: Studio couch throw, draperies, pillows of Tuscana antique satin by Craig, Lord & Taylor. Celanese taffeta bedroom ensemble.

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Page 63: Plaid and white brise-bise curtains, cartridge pleat draperies, Corwin Co.; bedroom set, "Stardust," Charles Bloom.

Page 116: Fern-printed couch cover, draperies, pillows, Sumerson. "Target" bed cover in cotton pillows, Sumerson. "larget" bed cover in cotton and rayon, draperies, pillow shom, Chas. Bloom. Page 118: Plaid and plain Celanese taffeta bedroom ensemble, Sumerson; twin spread and matching draperies, Cannon Mills. Page 119: Plaid spreads, matching draperies, Cannon Mills; "Tier 'pon tier" curtains of printed cotton, Bartman & Bixer.

60 WORKING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

Page 72: Designs by: 2003, Julio Eldora; 1201 Dorchen; 1400, Carol Moore. Page 73: 1401, Virginia Wickliff; 1402, Anna Kennedy. Page 122: 2004, Mrs. Cushing Snider; lamppost idea, Ethel Pigott; door decoration idea, Erna

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS TABLE

Page 75: Earthenware, "Green Harvest," Sasha Brastoff; crystal stemware, Empire green "Classic," three-part relish, "Sonata," Fostoria; silver flatware and serving pieces of "Grand Colonial," salt shaker and pepper grinder, Wallace Silversmiths; linen cloth and napkin,

Wallace Silversmiths; linen cloth and napkin, Fallani & Cohn.

Page 76: Earthenware, "Green Harvest," Sasha Brastoff; crystal water tumblers, "Tiara"; fourpart server, "Horizon" by Fostoria; silver flatware and serving pieces, "Grand Colonial," salt shaker and pepper grinder, Wallace Silversmiths; rayon rep cloth, Oppenheim Linen Co.; green napkin, Fallani & Cohn.

FIXIN'S FOR THE BIRD

Pages 84, 85: China, "Lorraine Maroon" by Franciscan; glass, "Maryland" by Heisey; linen, "Regal" by Irish Linen Guild; silver, "Old French" by Gorham; round platter, "Melford," R. Wallace & Sons; oval platter, square bowl, "Chippendale," Gorham.

WHAT IF YOU DON'T HAVE TWO OVENS

Pages 98, 99, 100: Electric range, General Elec-tric; roaster oven, Westinghouse; sandwich grill-waffle iron, General Electric; fryer, Presto Disc Fryer; waffle grill, Universal Cook-A-Matic; double boiler, Ekco; hot plate, Samson Electric (United Corporation); electric casserole, Nesco, Waring Blendor.

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Traditions

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Even some Christmas gifts (not neckties!) are becoming traditional. One in particular. It goes to a very dear old cousin with a sparkling sense of humor and a love of surprises. Packing her Christmas box is an event. Her gift is surrounded with extras that have become tradition with us. There is nothing stuffy about Cousin Pattie and nothing stuffy about those extras: a mousetrap complete with catnip mouse, a can of beer, and a police whistle (for elderly wolves).

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Traditions are fun to start, and fun to keep going. Look around your home; you may have some of your own right now-traditions you haven't recognized as such. Anything which is fun for the family as a whole should be repeated. If it is as much fun the second time as the first, you have made one. It's up to you from there on. Let's keep the tradition mortality rate low. They make for stronger family ties-the kind that can take some pretty tough stretching over the years without ever quite breaking. Such family ties are something like the green ones on St. Patrick's Day-traditional.



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So we decided to sell our house, and we thought it would be easy. We happen to live on the shore of Lake Erie in a quiet suburb of a large city. We're fond of the water, and took it for granted that all other normally sensible people were crying for lakefront property and that our house would practically sell itself overnight. What a mistaken presumption! We are now of the opinion that people are acquainted with water only as something that comes from a tapto be used for sanitation or as a means of quenching thirst only when nothing else is available. We had read for years of the "housing shortage." I might say now that that is, and has been for some time, a huge fallacy.

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We learned a lot about just what people look for today in a home. We have always taken joy in the fact that our living room was spacious enough to easily accommodate four card tables to serve buffet dinners for 16 guests. It also has been a haven for secret high school fraternity meetings, and for teen-age dance-band rehearsals. Our large basement has many a time been the experimental laboratory for sprouting chemical engineers in the teen-age group. Our screened-in porch has provided sleeping, as well as summer eating space, and it has offered us cool comfort and beauty for years. In short, this house has been a Home. But these features mean



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nothing, apparently, these days.

Because I happen to be an interior decorator, people invariably admire the décor. But we have none of the latest labor savers, no pine-paneled recreation room, and our heat is provided only by good old gas-fired steam. I now often wonder how we managed all these years to live, entertain, and be a respectable civic-minded family in such an ark.

Living in a house which is open for inspection by the public affords you just about as much privacy as living in New York's Grand Central Station. I am sure everyone in my position has had experiences similar to mine, some just trying, some nerve-racking, and others just plain funny. Like the morning my head was full of lathery shampoo, and a real estate agent brought a family through, and I had no place to hide, since they go from basement to attic. And there was the time I was awakened by having five strangers walk into the bedroom. I had closed, but not locked, the door.

I paint water colors and had an order for a still-life composed around driftwood. The only suitable space to set up my subject seemed to be the breakfast-nook table. True to form, I was interrupted by prospects, and I will never forget the look of incredulous shock on the face of the woman when she saw a five-foot log perched on top of what was obviously a constantly used breakfast table. She left in a hurry, probably convinced that I was a madwoman.

No meal is ever uninterrupted. Either the phone rings (a call for an appointment) or realtors come tramping through with prospects. No dirty ash trays can be tolerated, no dust, no transient egg shells in the sink for even five minutes. No peace!

Perhaps when we are finally settled in our small, beautiful "push-button" house in the woods, we may look back on these experiences as amusing. In fact, we're sure we will, for now I can tell all of you who are having similar trials in the process of selling older homes that they are worth enduring. When you finally do sell your house, you'll be able to live the rest of your days in "turn the key in the lock" ease, and "push-button" convenience. You see, our house has just now been sold, and we, too, have succumbed to the modern features demanded by house buyers today.

CORRECTION: In the article "Floorings—the choice is not easy" on page 52 of our September issue, The American Home said with reference to cork tile as a flooring material", . Though its insulating properties are a major asset, they prohibit its use with radiant-panel floor heating."

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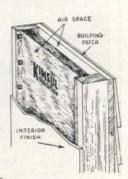
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Q. In an average uninsulated house, where is the greatest heat loss?

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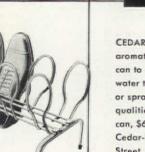
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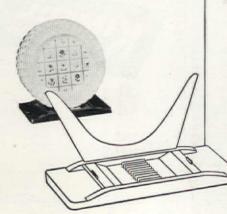
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