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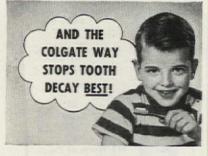
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Contributors

e... ROBERT J. SMITH thinks meeting and working with interesting people is the nicest thing about being a photo-journalist (see "Neighbors," page 18). He began his career upon graduating from the Art Center School in Los Angeles. Some of his work has been reprinted by the State Dept. for overseas publication. He and his wife have two children, a boy of 4 and a girl of 6, whose "unpredictable actions are a constant source of entertainment and amusement." His hobbies include reading and travel.

... BILL STEIG is a young man of 19 who hopes to make a career of interior designing. In his present job as a motel clerk, he met Mrs. Beatrice Caldwell (below) and became interested in creating the designs which she so ably executes on textiles. A 1951 graduate of Storm Lake, Iowa, high school, he did a great deal of poster-making, and was art editor of the school annual. With four married sisters, he has plenty of opportunity to test his designing ideas and put them to practical use.

who calls herself "an old sew and sew," has "always liked to sew impractical things that take lots of time and patience." She collaborates with beautiful results on the practical designs created by young Bill Steig. A widow and proud grandmother of five, she works in her son-in-law's motel office overlooking the lake, and spends her leisure time sewing on exquisite textiles. She considers herself a modern-minded grandmother with old-fashioned long hair.

the house shown on our cover and on page 36, is a "color crusader" who proved that, thanks to the intelligent use of exterior color, large developments of small homes needn't be eyesores, and that houses in them can escape the "peas-in-a-pod" look. Since 1948 she has worked with 160 builders in 29 states on the color styling of 65,000 homes, among them the gigantic Levittowns. Born in Dallas, she studied architecture at the U. of Texas, now lives in New York.

decorator of the colorful California beach house on page 27, first took up interior designing as a hobby; is now an active member of the American Institute of Decorators. A graduate of Stanford University, he has had a hand in decorating houses in every style from early American to Chinese modern. Against his wife's better judgment, he bought and remodeled the dilapidated beach house, with results which amazed both his wife and the entire neighborhood.













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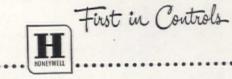
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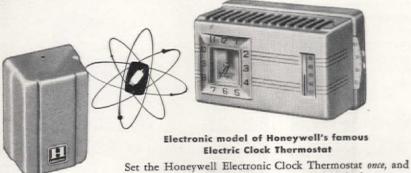
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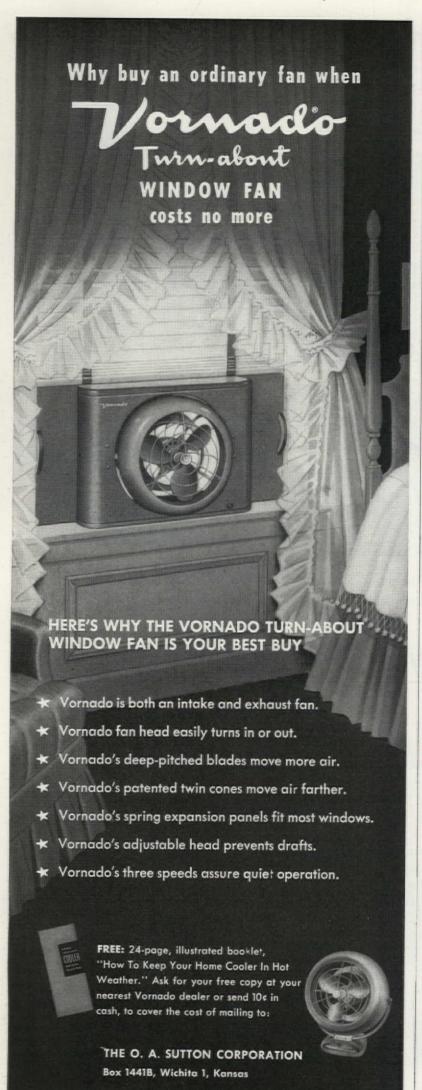


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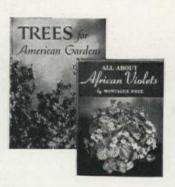
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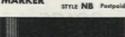
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ROBERT J. SMITH

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n Lynwood, Calif., canine manners have hit a new high. A dog's life is really something special there-and so is a dog owner's, since the Southeast Obedience Club proved that you needn't be a professional to train your own dog to behave and obey-and to love it. Despite its formidable title, there's nothing stiff about this club-it's just a friendly group of neighbors of all ages who, in pooling their knowledge of dog training, gave themselves and their community a new interest. To date, the results have been more than 400 beautifully trained dogs, much less work for the dog pound and Humane Society, and new friendships among the humans.

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Kennel Club's Obedience Shows and had discussed training with handlers. So they formed a group to swap information, and to work with their dogs together. As other owners joined in, classes were limited to 60 dogs at a time. The canine alumni have won more than 50 trophies as well as countless degrees in the A.K.C.'s Obedience trialsproof enough of the effectiveness of this kind of training. During warm weather, classes are held in the park. But during the winter, pups go through their paces indoors at the community center.

There are two phases of dog training-funda-PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 20



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This Should Happen (Begins on page 18)

mentals and obedience. The first makes a dog acceptable, and includes housebreaking, training your dog not to jump on people, not to chew at random, and not to bark at every sound. Obedience training makes him a manageable companion, and it's taught at Lynwood according to the Companion Dog Rules of the A.K.C.

In housebreaking, take advantage of the dog's natural fondness for clean sleeping quarters. When you first bring the dog into your house, fix a bed for him, and put him on it. To keep him from straying from this space, secure him with a short leash. Whenever he shows signs of wanting out, take him out of doors, and don't forget to praise him with a "Good boy" each time he does what is expected of him. Be sure to walk him after feedings and at regular times during the day.

If your dog barks at every noise—stop him before he falls in love with the sound of his own bark. When he barks, clamp his jaws together and say "No! Bad dog!" If, after several tries, this doesn't work, whack him across the snout with a rolled newspaper or shake him vigorously by the collar and say "No!" If he howls when you leave him alone, return and quickly cuff him with a newspaper—he'll soon learn not to howl.

A good way to alienate friends is to own a dog which jumps all over them with an overwhelming display of friendliness. To break this habit, grab the dog's forefeet when he jumps, and flip him backwards. Or hold his forefeet and step on his rear paws.

Give your dog a big, hard bone to chew upon. If he starts illegal chewing, threaten him with a rolled newspaper and say, "No! Bad dog!" If he persists, shake him by the collar or cuff him

PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 72

Here is a case of small boy and big dog, each with a different idea. A beginner in the juvenile class, this youngster will soon be putting his dog through his paces like a veteran

Obedience judge Lee Leeder congratulates Carol Luttrell on her Afghan's excellent performance. You don't have to be an expert to train your dog well



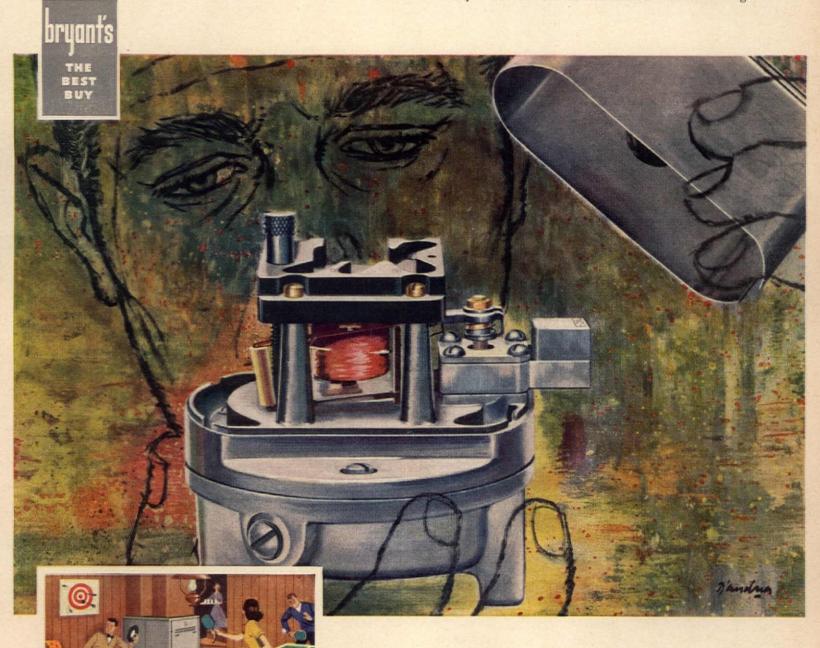


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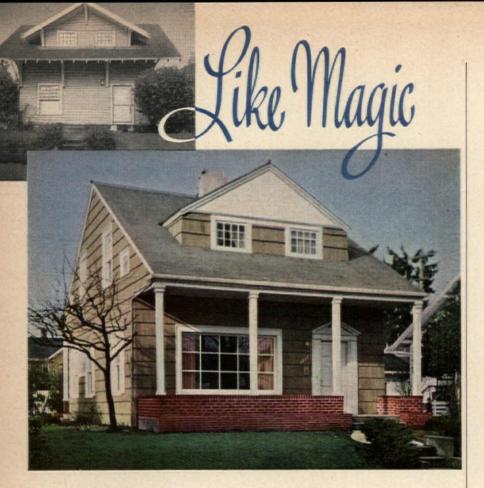
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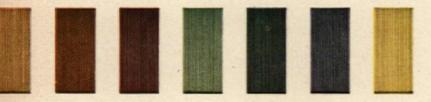




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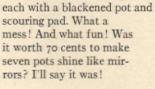
There are two good reasons why our employment plan works: First, there are plenty of jobs around the house to choose from plenty for every age group. Better still, for the time that they take, they pay mighty well.

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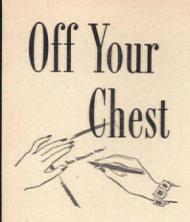
nickel wealthy, and you'd be amazed at what it's done for the house. In the old days of allowances, earning a dime or two extra for odd chores wasn't worth the trouble-not when Dad was going to come across with an allowance at the end of the week! Now it's another matter.

On page 74, you'll find the job list I post in my kitchen. Your chores may be different, and when you figure the rates, do consider the time each job takes, and the age of the youngster who'll do it. Whether or not the jobs are fun, depends upon Mom. Show your helpers the easiest methods, and don't be too strict. You'd better be the one to decide what needs doing-if you don't watch out, your employees are apt to do the kitchen sink three times in a row when it's the stairway that needs their attention.

Sharing such tedious jobs as cleaning the silver can make them fun, and our young fry call in their friends as assistants-paid assistants. I'll never forget the morning I found a team of seven,



See suggested chart on page 68



SOME LIKE COROT, SOME LIKE GRANT WOOD

Dear American Home:

All right, I am in a carping mood, and anyway I like your magazine. But if we all sit mum when we disagree on natters of taste, we'll be a bunch of sheep. I am rebelling against certain articles in your February issue. 1. The bathroom article, too much color, too much clutter and too much design. 2. How to Hang Pictures: the filling of space and the rhythm of proport on s a matter of taste. . . . 3. The table settings: the one with mats had character and quality; the one with the cloth did not. . . . 4. In "Take Your Choice" you loaded the dice. You can have beauty (purely for esthetic enoyment if necessary; I find it rests ny nerves and improves my digestion) as well as structure and funcion. . . . Don't worry. I like lots of your ideas and enjoy reading other people's opinions. But don't pontificate "This is correct" on what is a matter of opinion and taste. After all some like Corot and some Grant Wood. For some of us, a home should et off, rest, refresh, and serve those who live in it.—JEAN HARPER SELCH

FIX IT TO SELL IT

Dear Mrs. Austin:

I just finished reading my favorite nagazine, and was particularly intersted in an article entitled, "So Your House Is for Sale." It attracted my nterest since I have been in the realstate field for many years. The rticle carried with it a great deal of nterest and humor surrounding the eller's problems, but it did start a eries of questions in my mind. . . Did the seller first call in a responible real-estate man to ask his opinon on possible suggestions toward naking the home more saleable? . . .

HE AMERICAN HOME, JULY, 1952

There is nothing wrong with a person wanting to purchase an older type home in preference to a new one. However, many buyers are frightened away from older homes, fearing expensive repairs and maintenance bills. . . Take Mr. and Mrs. X who have lived in their home for 30 years. To obtain the highest market price, Mr. and Mrs. X must make the home attractive to the prospective purchaser. . . . A mortgage company is more likely to give a higher mortgage on an older home in good repair than one that has been neglected.

After 30 years, the furnace may still be in good working order, but the asbestos covering is cracked, dirty and worn. For \$20 the furnace could be improved by a re-asbestos job and all iron work painted.

In the kitchen, why not replace that worn-out old linoleum and give the room a coat of paint? . . . other rooms my suggestion would be to have all floors sanded and rooms decorated. Many homeowners avoid this work by an old excuse: "My decorating may not suit the new buyer." True enough. But believe me, you can't sell that bill of goods to your local real-estate speculators who wait for easy prey-people who have no foresight. They purchase older homes at low figures, spend perhaps \$500 on them, and within a short time sometimes realize profits in the thousands -profits that rightfully should have been the original owners'.

-ROBERT B. NEWMAN

WE LOVE YOU, TOO!

Dear Editor:

This is the first letter that I have ever written to any magazine, but I just had to let you know how much I enjoy your magazine. I have been a subscriber from the very beginning and I look forward eagerly to each issue. . . . My husband also enjoys your magazine. He made our outdoor fireplace from one of your patterns, and I cut out all the interesting articles for him on such subjects as how to fix a sash cord, or paperhanging, or short cuts in house repairs .- MRS. MARIE D. BARABAS

Dear Sirs:

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-MRS. CERRY CHERUBIN

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How We Work

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At your right, just below, Betty B. Merriam, who does our handsome and practical flower arrangements, is creating or "editing" the marigold display you'll see on page 34. She's preparing it for photography in our office studio, and not much revising is necessary for this skillful arranger.

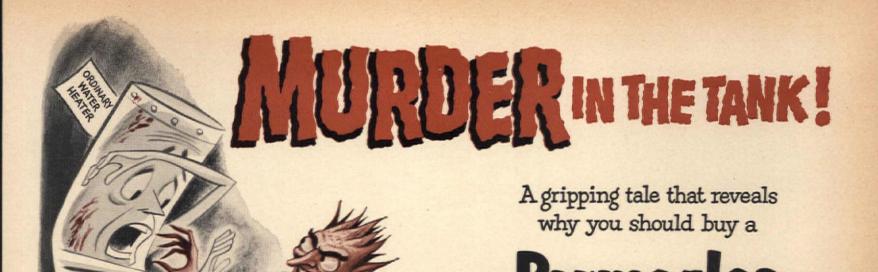
Below, see how Food Editor Jones "edits" a strawberry pie in an upto-the minute gay kitchen in our office. The revising was done long before, for like all of our recipes, this was tested and tried. Once the taste was perfected, the picture pie was prepared for publication.

-THE EDITORS



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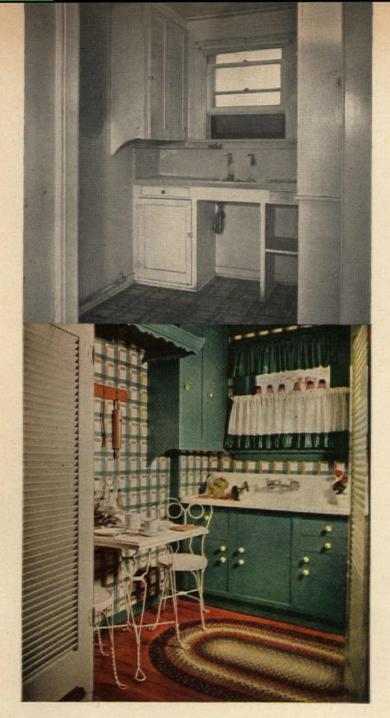
If money is no object, if you have a big bankroll to shoot on a fine, brand-new house, skip lightly over the next four pages—they show how to team thrift with taste by revamping old houses. That, after all, is what most of us face if we want up-to-date homes, for most American houses are at least 12 years old, and there are long years of life in them yet. If you own one, think of how much a little remodeling can do. If you're buying a home, think twice before passing up a well-priced oldster with good possibilities—a small investment you can turn into a very good deal indeed!

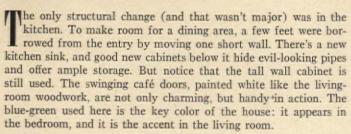
The two houses we're discussing are both small, and together they illustrate two extremes of the remodeling picture. The once shoddy seaside cottage, shown on this page and the next, required only a clever minimum—hardly more than "routine decorating"—to make it as inviting a small home as you'll find. On the other hand, it took major alterations to turn the mongrel Colonial on page 30 into a smart modern. Both were bought by imaginative owners with remodeling in mind, and because the houses were run down, both were tagged low enough to justify the cost of improvements.

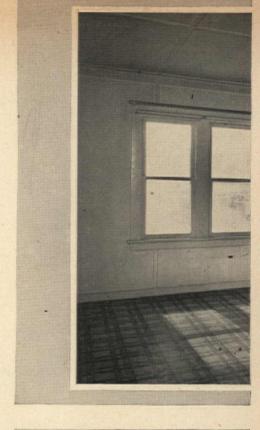
When decorator Louis deHaven Shaw bought it, the cottage at your left had a good view of the sea—and it didn't return the compliment! Outside, it was battered and dreary; indoors, it was bleak as a dark, foggy day. But the simple steps which transformed it could do as much for many an old place—for a year around home, or for the kind of vacation retreat they price low because it looks more hopeless than it is. Step One was the face-lifting below, more effective than expensive: new garage doors, wood masking for the stairs, a saucy valance. But what counted for most was merely a paint job—instead of nondescript neutral, the house is now a striking greenish-blue which leads you right inside. To see how, turn the page.



Once Over Lightly





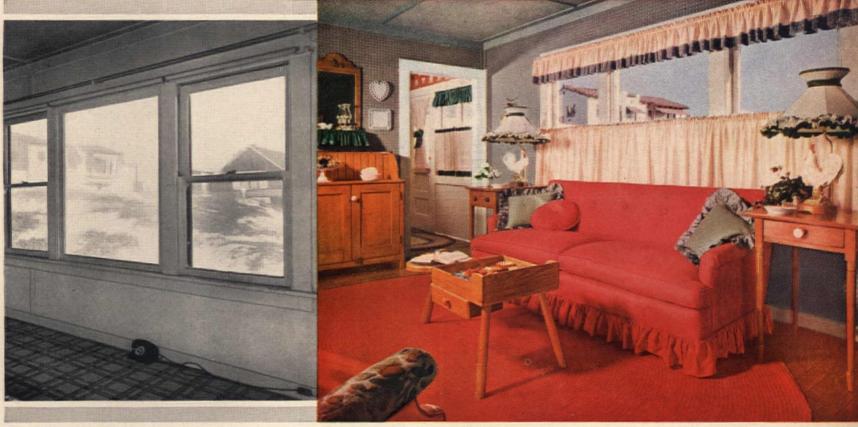










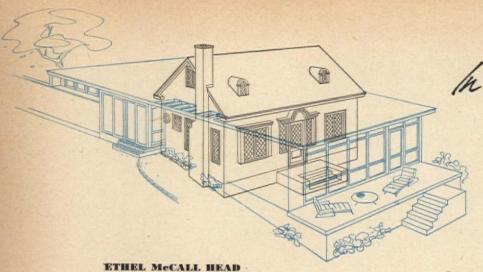


Once Over Lightly (Begins on page 27)

What could you do with a small bedroom like this? Well, for one thing, the placing of the bed made it seem larger—the antique pine headboard was anchored to the wall, and the footboard was discarded. The blue-green theme color is here again, this time used with terra cotta as a foil. Don't miss the satisfactory "finished" effect you can achieve if a printed wallpaper has a twin fabric such as the one used in this room for valances and trim on the curtains. All of the floors were covered with linoleum when the Shaws took over, but the wood underneath was sound, though battered; so up came the linoleum. The floors were sanded and polished, and then treated to room-size rugs.

OWNERS: MR. & MRS. LOUIS DEHAVEN SHAW, MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIF. DECORATOR: LOUIS DEHAVEN SHAW; MARIJANE OSBORNE, ASSOCIATE

Jot structural changes, just good surface interest-good color-did it alone. Living room gets a solid background from the geranium rug, matched by twill on the sofa and armchair. The tiny document wallpaper blends several colors into a soft neutral-and white woodwork sparks it. The space was too cut up for a contrasting ceiling, so the ceiling is papered, and inconspicuously trimmed in a quiet blue-green. Before, windows had to many verticals—a situation neatly remedied by horizontals of tiered curtains and valances bordered with a print which matches the paper. That once-ugly niche is an asset now that it houses a gala old stove-one which really works. Telling trifles tie up loose ends of color and count for much more than they cost: the copper kettle and silhouettes with their gold-accented black frames echo the colors of the stove; the milk glass on the wall repeats the white of the woodwork; the same fabric was used for curtains in the kitchen, curtains in the entry, and a ruffle under the living-room mirror-because you can see all three at once from some parts of the living room.



In 1924 it started as a Skimpy Colonial Cottage

s the floor plans show, this was no miracle with a can of paint. It took money, new wings fore and aft, and a thorough remodeling throughout to turn this pseudo-Spanish Cape Cod into a good modern home. And it took several years, But the owner, architect Thomas A. Carter, Jr., has figures to prove that even such extensive remodeling can pay off: on an equally good plot, a new house of similar size would have cost him much more.

A notable part of their story is the fact that the Carters actually lived here while the changes were gradually made. When they bought it, the house was a horror, and the so-called bedrooms were little more than shacks tacked onto the rear. But the main part of the structure was essentially sound. And so they moved in. And they stayed in, sheltered by a temporary plywood wall while the front was rebuilt. There were days when they had to bathe at their neighbors' and go out for their meals-but most of the time they lived normal lives, and even had friends in to dinner. You could do the same if you buy an old place and plan for future changes which you can't finance quite yet.

Here is how the house plan was changed: a squarish addition. built onto the front, produced a whopping big living room plus an L-shaped terrace which is partly roofed over and screened. The old living room is still there, fireplace and all, but part of it makes a real dining room now. The kitchen and bath haven't been moved, but they were stripped down to the studs, and new equipment was added. The new wing to the rear contains a laundry-PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 80

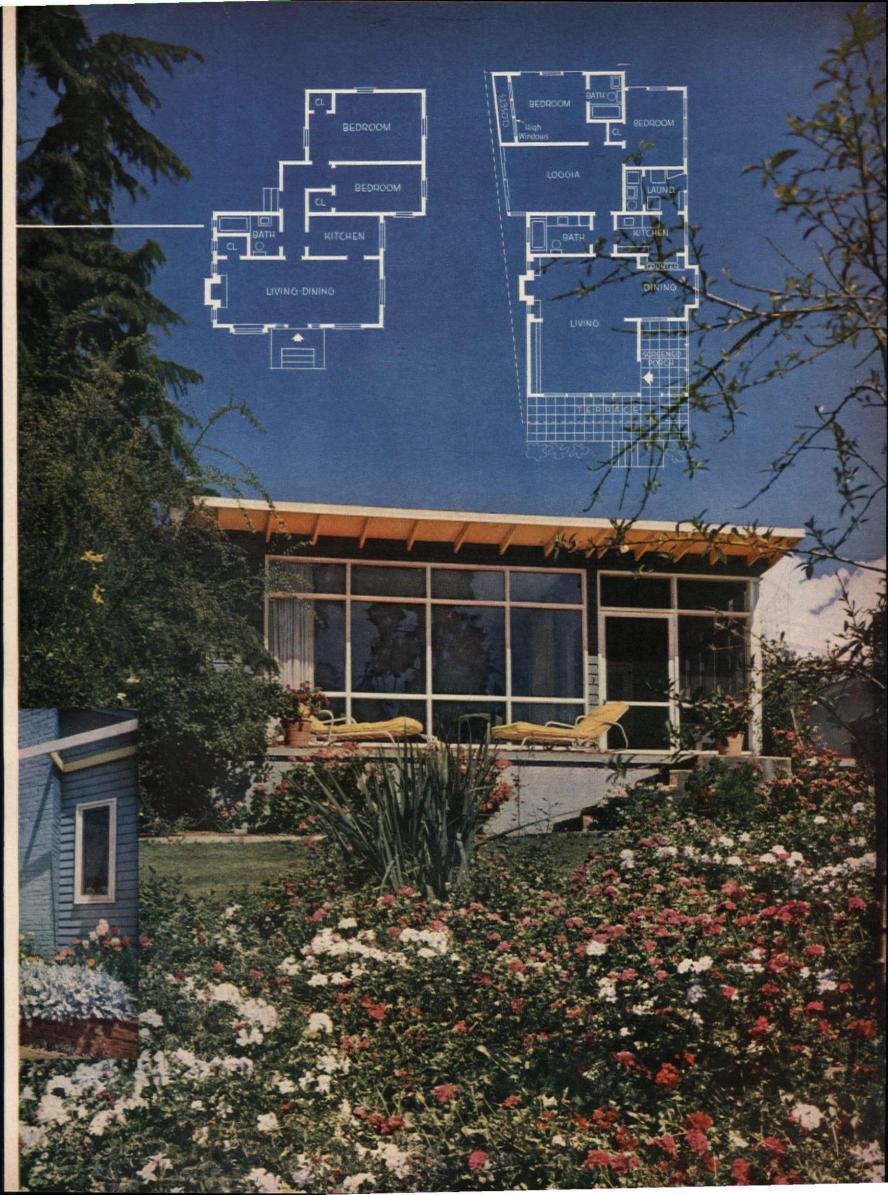
This House is 28 Years Old!



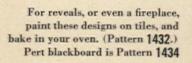
They "camped out" in this living room while changes were gradually made-but look at their reward! The small diamond-pane windows and old Spanish stucco are gone, and in their place are a whole side of glass, soft-toned plywood walls, good built-ins. The old fireplace is intact, but smartly masked by heavy green glass

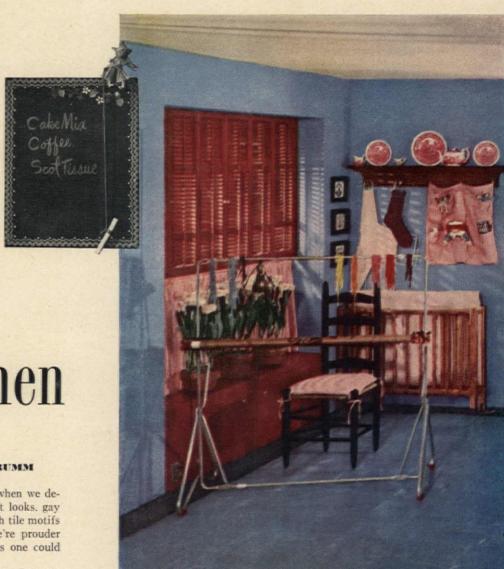


The gable roofs the original part, and trellis ties two new wings to the old. The conversation above takes place outside loggia, but an ideal spot was provided for just sitting around-on the terrace shown opposite









Enter the Hobby Kitchen

EDITH RAMSAY and DOROTHY TRUMM

We're clean in love with this kitchen. And why not, when we designed it ourselves? We're proud of the way that it looks, gay as the Fourth of July, and all prettied up with Dutch tile motifs you can paint for yourself from our patterns. But we're prouder still of its concept—of the way that a kitchen like this one could build better living into your home.

It's our first Hobby Kitchen—others are coming—and here's the thinking behind it: with modern equipment, most new kitchens are good. But what can make them still better—what extra jobs can they do? Our answers were easy. Where, in a small modern home, can you really get down to a hobby—one which needs space to spread out? And how is the playpen set treated—where can a baby play nearby while you work, yet out of your way? Why not in the kitchen? So we took a space about 12 feet by 20, about the size of kitchen and laundry in most new homes—and the Hobby Kitchen was born.

It has three distinct areas, leads dozens of lives (see plan on page 66). The things that you need for cooking and cleaning-up are all there together—and they work with and for you. There's a time-controlled range with a good cutting board next to it; the electric sink has a garbage disposer; and the top of the two-door refrigerator is a real freezing unit. You can almost reach out from one to the other, yet cabinets hang everywhere, and there's oodles of counter, all one-piece construction. The second area is for dining—a snack bar along one wall is roomy enough for four, and you could use it as a housekeeping desk, for it's near to the telephone and memo slate we hung on the peninsula which divides kitchen from laundry.

And then, there's the hobby part, the Laundry Plus. First, it's a laundry, with washer and dryer backed against the range so one PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 66

Sure it does tricks. But first of all, it's a well-equipped kitchen and laundry. You'll use the sunny laundry all week long, as a place to ride your hobby horse, or to take the ironing easy. There's even room here for a frame on which to hook rugs! This is small fry's play quarters too, with a bag for toys and a pen which folds against the . wall. The oven comes into the hobby act to bake the tiles you paint





Painted on your walls, these give any room a good Dutch treat. We borrowed designs from old Delft tiles, enlarged them to 12-in. squares to fit the average soffit, and we offer you all five as AMERICAN HOME Pattern 1433. Space them carefully so you don't have to turn motifs around corners. Our Pattern 1432 includes the same designs, but smaller, to paint on walls or on actual tiles

SEE PATTERN ORDER FORM ON PAGE 92

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 88







We think these are Beautiful For vibrant yellow marigolds, what could be a more congenial collaborator than a graceful, leaf-shaped pottery container in Nature's own green? With green modeling clay, anchor a dry, cup-type needle flower holder in widest part of container, as shown. Put a little water in holder and container before arranging flowers; add more water when arrangement is finished



Here's How to Arrange







Rubrum lilies are so dramatic that the container should harmonize, not contrast, with them. This elongated ceramic bowl is a soft mulberry which blends beautifully with the delicate pink, rose, and deep mulberry tones of the flowers. Use a leaf-shaped pin holder and fix it in center of container with green modeling clay. Be sure holder is dry

This low, sturdy arrangement harmonizes with the shape of the container and will withstand summer breezes on a terrace or at a window. First outline the lower part of the arrangement by letting a bud mark the extreme left point. Then swing to the right, using buds with curving stems to produce an upward swing. Fill in between the buds with some fully opened blossoms



The general effect you are aiming for should suggest a pleasant, gentle rhythm which echoes the outline of the leaf-shaped container. Build up the height with a few more buds which follow a C curve, and with some flowers. Then fill in with more blooms and foliage—but don't overdo the use of full-blown blossoms even though their abundance in the garden is tempting!



the Flowers from Your Garden

BETTY B. MERRIAM, Flower Arrangements







In hot weather, cut flowers in early morning (some advise late afternoon), and condition them for several hours in deep container of cool water. To prevent staining of the petals with brown pollen, or chance pollination of the flowers (which greatly hastens their fading), carefully clip the brown anthers or pollen sacs from ends of the slender stamens

The arrangement should be airy and light, in keeping with the flowers. As the central focal point and apex, use a bud on a long curved stem (with some foliage). Then build up a more-or-less balanced arrangement on all sides, using stems graduated in length. Include buds and foliage. You can prolong the life of the flowers by adding chemicals to the water

The large master bedroom (16' x 12') has six windows—but there's plenty of wall space, since windows are placed shoulder high. In a wing of its own, it has a wall-long closet and a private bath



Thanks to that wall of windows, the living room is bright as it is spacious. The door to the terrace sets off the dining area, but there is no real division to fence you in. When you sit in those easy chairs, you see the two-way fireplace and foyer-playroom. Another view is shown on the cover

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 88

Here are some of the remarkable features: big-house living packed into about 1,600 sq. ft.; many-purpose foyer; big kitchen with wall of windows; 29-71, living room with door to terrace; masonry store room; two downstairs baths. Bedroom wing is isolated, but near front door, and has own door at rear. Upstairs, there's room for two more bedrooms and a bath. House is heated by radiant floor-panel system with counter-high boiler installed in kitchen. Our blueprints indicate where other types of boiler could be put

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HUBBARD COBB

This is the famous Country Clubber—the house designed by Levitt & Sons, Inc., as the star of the enormous new Levittown growing up in Bucks County, Pa. We liked it so much that we grabbed off a bunch of blueprints, and we're offering them to you so that you can have a Country Clubber even if you don't live in Bucks County. (See Blueprint Order Form, page 84.)

It's a mighty desirable house—and why shouldn't it be, with the wealth of experience behind it? Since 1945, the Levitts have built some \$200,000,000 worth of houses for more than 20,000 families, and the Country Clubber embodies everything they have learned about what people want in a home. In Levittown, Pa., where they are putting up 16,000 more houses (smaller models as well as this one), the Country Clubber is priced at a bargain \$16,990. As a custom-built deal, it would, of course, cost more—but it's planned for economy as well as for very good living.

It is compact and medium-large (about 1,600 sq. ft. on the

ground floor), but a big family could live here in comfort, for in addition to three bedrooms and two baths downstairs, there is space for two more bedrooms and a bath above.

The first floor centers on a room called a foyer, but it was made large enough to be a playroom, too, and with its bookshelves and view of the two-way fireplace, it's a pretty fine playroom for adults as well as for youngsters. The living room (see cover) seems even more spacious than its 29 x 12 ft. because its long wall is all window, and because it forms an L with the foyer and embraces that space as well. This room would be a cinch to furnish, for notice that it's isolated from the rest of the house so you don't have to leave lanes for traffic. A door to the terrace divides it logically into living and dining areas, but you needn't serve all meals here—there's a space to dine well in the kitchen, right by the wall of floor-to-ceiling windows which is something very new in kitchens. The big kitchen is old-fash-please turn to page 76

Buy Plans for it. See Page 84



SLEEPING BEAUTY. A princess couldn't have finer sheets than these ordinary white ones on which you paint a beautiful, delicate border inspired by a Chinese design. Try it on towels and table linens, too. (Pattern 1436)

These cost you \$105. a set

With its appliqué and embroidery, this linen place mat is dream stuff, well worth its cost. But if you can't have it, don't fret make your own conversation pieces, like those at far right. (This mat, Saks Fifth Avenue)

How to Save

EXQUISITE TOWELS are just

weaving. (Pattern 1435)

inexpensive, hardy old huck, but you make them handsome with easy, quick Swedish weaving motifs. Our pattern gives you the designs and tells you how to do the

We designed these lovelies for you who have more money than time—but before you go running away, clutching your budget to your bosom, read on! Most American women these days have more money than time—and that does not, definitely not, mean lots of money. What it does mean is that time is so precious you just can't afford to spend it for things which don't really save dough. If you're going to sew—or embroider—or paint—the hours you spend at it have to produce what you can't otherwise have—or it's no dice. If you can buy their near twins at a dime-to-a-dollar store, there's no sense squandering time on tricky things you make for a quarter.

You won't find us offering you AMERICAN HOME patterns which waste the most valuable thing that there is—your time. But the

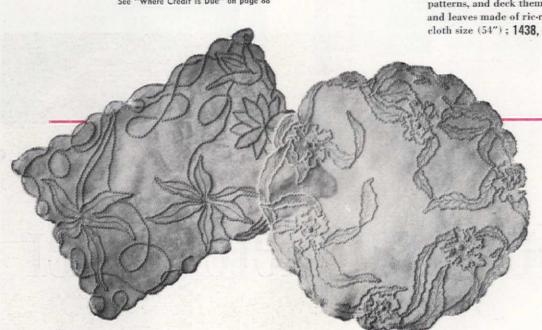




Real Dough

luxury linens we present here are something else again—pretty dramatic illustrations of how much, in cash, your own work can be worth. We did some shopping for you—went out and found table cloths and mats of such high quality and downright beauty that only a saint wouldn't covet them. We show them to you—not to break your heart, but to give you alternatives. If you don't have hundreds of dollars to spend, here's a case where it does pay to spend time. With our patterns, your own work plus just dollars (not hundreds) for fine materials will produce handsome handmades, worthy companions of the best anybody can buy. Trousseau stuff? Of course they are, and making them to give away is putting money in the bank. But whose home deserves them more than your own? Loosen up, and treat yourself!

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You can make
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than \$20. each
In frothy white or dainty tint, organdy
is the silky, sheer, and wonderful fabri

is the silky, sheer, and wonderful fabric to use when you make these from our patterns, and deck them with delicate flowers and leaves made of ric-rac. 1437 is teacloth size (54"); 1438, dinner-cloth size

You can make these for about \$2:50 each

If you love really elegant linens, your time and our patterns are the answer! The flowers, looking for all the world like embroidery, are cleverly fashioned of narrow, baby ric-rac. Use them to garnish the finest organdies, white or colored. (Both designs, plus directions, in Pattern 1439)

The mechanical age has caught up with the home craftsman, and it's about time, too. The multi-purpose tool we show here offers the week-end carpenter, the evening cabinetmaker, and the odd-hour hobbyist a complete power workshop in one compact machine for less than \$250, including motor—and it fits into an 8' x 6' space!

Even without extra gadgets, here are some of the jobs you can do on this precision-built setup: cross-cut and rip on the 8" tilting table saw with a 2½" maximum cut; drill vertically or horizontally on the drill press with Jacobs chuck; turn pieces on the lathe with selective speeds and 33" between centers; and sand with a 12" sanding disc. These are the five basic operations that this machine performs, and it's possible to switch from one to another in less than 60 seconds.

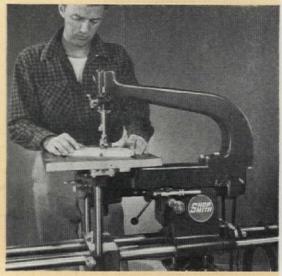
The unique construction of this tool makes many tough jobs nice and easy. For example, the capacity of the table is so great that you can saw through the center of a 4' by 8' sheet of plywood. And you can do precision duplicate sanding and make accurate compound miters by using the tilting table, fence, and the quill feed on the drill press in conjunction with the sanding disc. By setting the drill press in the horizontal position, the length of your workpiece is limited only by the area of your shop. The tool rest for the lathe can be adjusted and locked into position without taking time out to stop the motor. Versatile, isn't it?

The five basic operations of this tool will satisfy most, but there are a host of accessories that round it out into a tool for hundreds of specialized jobs. Among these are a flexible cut-off wheel for cutting steel and other metals along with asbestos and plastics, a jig saw, wire brush, drum sander, dado blades, mortising attachment, shaper cutter, jointer cutter, and a 50" flexible shaft for buffing and polishing.





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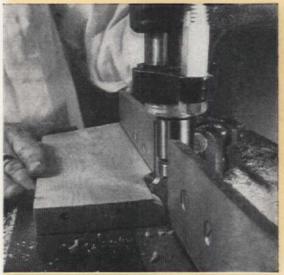
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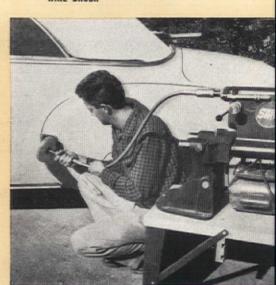
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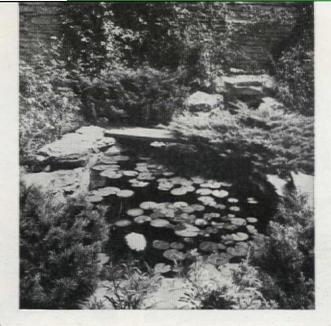


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50" FLEXIBLE SHAFT

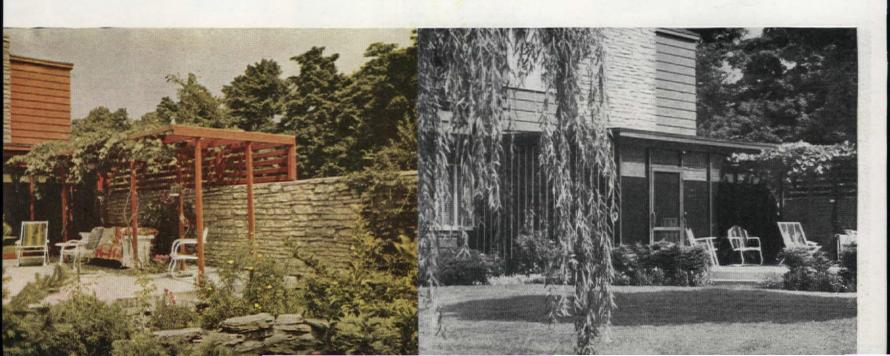
Workshop in One Machine



This Wall

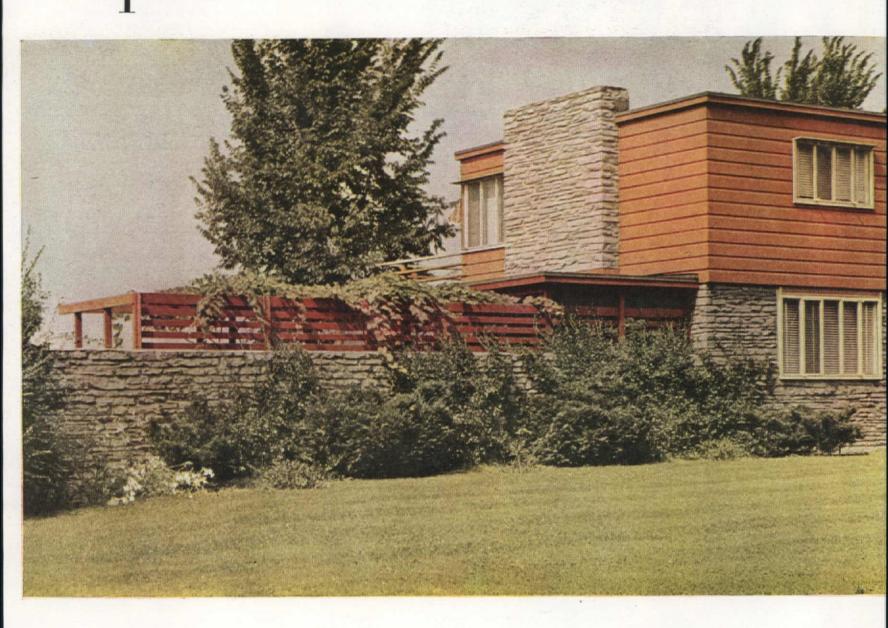
ust how much can a good garden wall—one carefully planned in relation to its setting-do to enhance your property? Well, take a look at this handsome masonry structure in western New York to see how fine a thing a wall can be. Similar results can, of course, be achieved with brick, cut stone, concrete-or even wooden fencing. But in this case, to harmonize with the house, and especially with the massive chimney, the designer used rough, irregular stone. For one thing, the wall improves the appearance of the house itselfit extends the horizontal line, intensifies the effect of lowness and stability, and helps make the house part of its rolling upland site. Then too, it serves as a retaining wall, thus solving the problem of a considerable change in level downward from the front lawn. But perhaps most important of all, it gives privacy to the delightful outdoor living room you see below. With the wall as a protective background, the intimate pergola- and vine-shaded terrace looks out upon the garden and the colorful, naturalistic pool which nestles therein. Thus an effective sun trap is created for cold days when chill north winds waste their force on the outer side of the wall. And thus a quiet, shaded retreat cooled by the sight and sound of water, is created for the lazy days of midsummer. The wall forms a happy background for the mixed planting which softens the expanse of stone and makes a logical transition between the house and the rolling grassland beyond. Notice on the picture at your right how, from the street side, the lines of the wall have been softened. Foliage marks the junction of house and wall, and, instead of terminating abruptly at the left, the wall seems to loose itself in massed shrubbery. The garden pergola rises above the wall and can be seen from the street, but its structural lines are broken by grapevines which tumble over, and mingle their distinctive color and texture with the contrasting foliage of the plants ranged along the base of the wall. And don't overlook the part played by surrounding trees in giving height and balance to the horizontal lines of this garden.

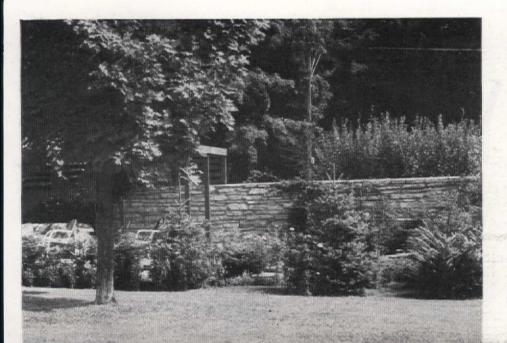




Helps "Make" The Garden

GILBERT ASK





One way to evaluate the success of this garden wall is to imagine the end of the house shown in these illustrations before the wall was built and the landscaping was done. Think not only of the exposed, unrelieved corner, but also of the steep slope and its maintenance problem

In this happy combination of architectural and landscape details, the designer of the garden has attained an objective that plays an important part in modern home planning—the blending of indoor and outdoor living areas into a single unit to which each portion contributes generously

OWNER: SHERWOOD N. VESSEY DESIGNER: WILLARD B. SMITH



efore you go barricading that Staffordshire or pewter or pressed glass behind closed doors, look around at these five good ways in which other collectors have corralled their prizes. Of course collecting is fun-the browsing and the bidding and the thrill of latching on to something fine. But, after all, the things you collect have real beauty, and it makes no more sense to hide them away in dark closets than to scatter them around in peril of their lives. Actually, the displays on this page are miniature museums-cozy, friendly ones which coddle a collection and at the same time take advantage of its good looks by making it a decorative center of interest. 1. The California home of the George Rosses is Early American, so Mrs. Ross uses the shelves of a handome pine Welsh dresser to exhibit the provincial antiques which are so much in keeping with her furniture-part of a set of ironstone, a pair of French pewter candlesticks, and the pewter rat-tail spoons which Mr. Ross made in old molds. 2. This shadow box was built especially to house a fine collection of old shaving mugs, each safe in its own niche. The design of the box itself is so simple-and so elegant-that it would be at home in either a modern or a traditional setting. 3. The Ralph Dietrich home brings New England to California, and in no Colonial household was pewter ever used to greater advantage. Between meals, it sits prettily in this shelf and table-top display in the dining room-but at dinner time it does the work for which it was made. 4. Even with three small boys in the house, Mrs. M. J. MacWhinnie of Long Island knows how to live with antiques. Out in plain sight is her Staffordshire and pewter. Platters, hung like fine paintings, do credit to any room. 5. In a modern home, antique bric-a-brac can be shown proudly in a structure such as this one designed by Ralph Vaughn. It makes an excellent room divider, with fine exhibition shelves which show two sides of the objects they hold.

Display Your Treasures

Instead of imprisoning it in a closet, let your collection

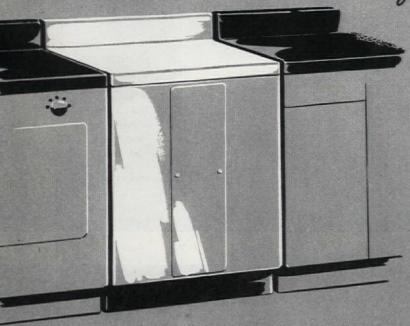
do you proud in a setting designed to be a center of interest

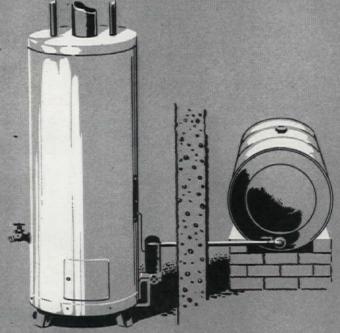




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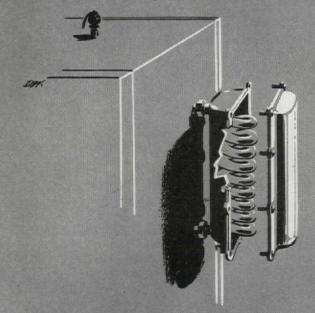
"I haven't much spacewill a kitchen water heater do the job?"

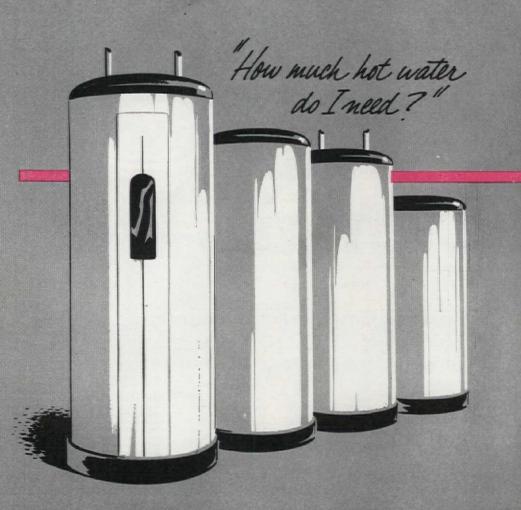




"In my locality will an oil-fired water heater be best?"

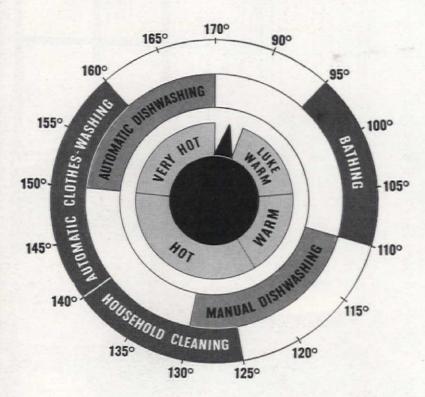
What are the advantages of combining water heater and heating system?"





for you—and Why?





"How hot is hot?"

This dial can be your guide in selecting the recommended temperatures for some of the important uses of hot water in your home. The outer circle indicates water temperatures up to 170 degrees F., while the innermost circle defines the water temperatures as lukewarm, and so on

HERE'S YOUR GUIDE TO THE SIZE HEATER YOU NEED

NUMBER OF PERSONS	GALS. USED MAX. DAY	GAS WATER HEATER CAPACITY	ELECTRIC WATER HEATER CAPACITY				
			1 Element 8-12 hrs. out of 24 C.T.*	1 Element 17-24 hrs. out of 24 C.T.*	2 Element 8-12 hrs. out of 24 C.T.*	2 Element 17-24 hrs out of 24 C.T.*	
2	45	20 gal.	50 gal.	30 gal.	40 gal.	30 gal.	
3	60	30	66	40	50	40	
4	75	45	80	50	66	50	
5	90	45	†2-50	50	80	50	
6	105	60	†2-66	66	†2-50	66	
7	120	60	†2-66	80	†2-66	80	
8	135	75	†2-80	80	†2-66	80	

* C.T. means charging time, that is, the number of hours during the day when electricity is available in your community for electric water heaters.

† 2 in front of capacity means 2 water heaters are needed to take care of daily requirements.

EDITH RAMSAY

e'd like to keep you in plenty of hot water! Oh, we know that Grandma's house was spick and span without the 15-25 gallons of hot water per person per day we consider essential—but are you willing to pay Grandma's price in time and elbow grease? You may be a whiz at housekeeping and a crank on cleanliness, you may own the best equipment and your supply closets may be bursting with detergents—but lady, they won't count for much unless there is abundant hot water when you need it! And you're even worse off without modern appliances—automatic dishwashing and clothes washing require much less hot water than thorough jobs done by hand.

The modern way is to use a water heater or heaters whose capacity fits your family's requirements—and it's to help you in your selection that we prepared this AMERICAN HOME Better Buying Guide.

WHAT SIZE?

Do you want an abundant supply, or just a minimum? Fifteen gallons of hot water per person per day is as little as you should allow—25 is more than ample. The chart at your left is a guide to average requirements, but in using it, here are factors to remember:

Count each extra bathroom as a person

Count a dishwasher as a person

Count an automatic clothes washer as a person

Remember that children and servants are people

If you have frequent house guests, take them into consideration, and don't forget to allow for members of the family who may be extravagant with hot water.

Above all, don't figure too closely. It's cheaper to buy a large enough heater to meet future needs than to risk overworking too small a one or replacing it.

If you're buying an electric water heater, consult with your local electric company, for the amount of water which can be heated during a given number of hours may depend upon the type of service available.

WHAT TYPES ARE THERE? WHAT DO THEY COST?

Electric water heaters range from the 30-40 gal. table-top models to 120 gal. sizes in the cylinder type. In the extended warranty models (see "What's Guaranteed?," page 78) they cost about \$136-\$256, plus installation. Good choice if electric rates are reasonable.

Gas water heaters range from 20 to 100 gal. capacities. The table-top models are 30 and 40 gal. capacity. Extended warranty models sell for about \$120-\$343, plus installation. They can use natural, manufactured, or liquified petroleum gas. Again, consider your local fuel rate.

Oil-fired water heaters with safety controls range from 20 to 50 gal. capacities. Especially suited to localities not serviced by gas or electricity, automatic insulated types, about \$120-\$179, plus installation.

Indirect types operate as part of the house-heating system, if you use wet heat (steam or hot water). With them, your boiler becomes your water heater. They may be installed initially, or added to the exterior of a

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A picture in textures, most of them Nature's own: natural pine ceiling, grasscloth walls, soft cork floors, wooden door, and the splendor of a fur rug

Texture Can "Color" Your Room

This is one of the most colorful rooms we've seen—so we go and show it to you without its color! Of course, we didn't do it just to be perverse—we show you this room in black and white to play up the very good point it makes about textures and about the drama you can achieve if you decorate with your sense of touch—as well as with your sense of sight. In decorating, textures work two ways—if you use them well, they behave very much as colors do in creating variety and interest; but if you neglect them, your good colors may lose their zip. An all-smooth room, even a well-colored one, can seem as dull as a menu of cream soup, stew, and custard—without anything crunchy. So mix rough and sleek surfaces knowingly, blend hard materials with soft ones, provide a quiet background to contrast with brilliant metals—you'll do better that way by any color scheme.

In this case, part of the-good texture story was built right into the room itself, for from ceiling to floor, every structural material has textural interest. And incidentally, though some of them represent structural economy and others great luxury, every one is utterly durable and easy to maintain. On the ceiling, the shellacked and waxed beams of natural pine and the diagonal boards between them form a vigorous pattern, one which blends well with that enormous, heart-warming stone fireplace and contrasts with the soft smoothness of the cork-tile floor with its opulent fur rug.

Grasscloth, costly but long-lived, papers the walls—and its variegated, slightly rough surface is a foil for the expanse of windows at the corner. The well filled bookshelves of natural wood which flank the fireplace, run over the doors, and under the windows, contribute to the pleasures of living—and looking.

When you're designing a room, dozens of other building materials in all price brackets can set the textural pace. Floors can be partly, or entirely, made of flagstone, or ceramic tile, or brick; you can floor a room with natural, random-width wood boards, or give it softness, color, and pattern with tiles of linoleum, plastic, asphalt, or rubber. Or cover your floors with textural carpets—ones with carved effects or combinations of high and low pile.

Painted plaster, wallpaper, or smooth wood panels aren't the only wall materials. A large part of your decorating with texture is done for you if your walls are made of striated plywood, painted or in natural finishes—or if you paper them with the new flocked wallpapers, or with plastic wall coverings embossed in a

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Man-made textures blend with Nature's: The stone fireplace, rugged as a mountain and almost as impressive, is balanced by the strong pattern and texture provided by natural wood shelves jam-packed with books. Notice how well the lighting plays up the textures in this room

THOU SHALT NOT play a walk-on part to Papa's star billing at the barbecue. THOU SHALL steal the scene from him with spectacular specialities of your own.

THOU SHALT NOT get caught with your slacks down. THOU SHALL plan weekend menus that are absolutely, positively 100% expendable!

THOU SHALT NOT serve girlish food at co-ed parties. THOU SHALL be a smart chick and save the fancy-pants stuff for luncheon with the gals.

THOU SHALL Serve food that is better late than on time, food that is as good cold as it is hot.

THOU SHALT NOT ever again serve nonstop delicatessen-to-platter food. THOU SHALL avail thyself of this beautiful convenience, do credit unto thyself in the presentation thereof.

Keep these 5 commandments and have yourself a wonderful summer.





SOUP is a salad's best friend As the One Hot Dish of cool meals ... these favorite soups are perfect.



ANNE MARSHALL Campbell Soup Company

BY Anne Marshall

AS YOU KNOW, every cool meal should have a warm heart. One hot dish, the food experts tell us, makes that cool meal more appetizing and easier to digest. That's why . . . if you serve lots of salads (and most people do) you're going to lean on soup as that one hot dish around which you

plan quick easy meals. The family likes it. There are many delicious kinds to choose from. Besides, there's no hour or two spent in a hot kitchen. Soup is ready in a jiffy . . . four minutes from your soup shelf to table.

You don't have to be a food expert to select a soup to serve with salads. Almost every soup . . . goes with almost every salad . . . but among my favorite combinations are:

Vegetable Beef Soup

A square meal soup, thick with vegetables and beef, is excellent with these salads:

resh Summer Fruit Shrimp-Stuffed Tomato Pear and Cream Cheese Asparagus and Pimiento Fruit Gelatin Mold Deviled Eggs Lettuce Wedges with Roquefort Pepper Rings—Cottage Cheese

Tomato Soup

Everybody loves that luscious purée of big, juicy tomatoes. A wonderful soup with such salads as:

Almond-Chicken Tuna and Sliced Egg Ham and Potato Pineapple—Cottage Cheese Olive-Cheese Gelatin Crabmeat and Celery Mixed Cooked Vegetable Peanut Sprinkled Banana

Chicken Gumbo Soup

That romantic old Creole soup (chicken-vegetable) is at home with salads like:

Tossed Green Waldorf Tart Tomato Aspic Grapefruit and Orange Cole Slaw with Walnuts Vinegared Cucumber-Onion Raisin and Shredded Carrot Pineapple-Banana



A clever cook keeps a full soup shelf.



why let your share of the teamwork inevitably involved in outdoor cooking take on the mousy character of a kitchen maid? Waiting on your lord and master hand and foot while he holds stage center with a thick, juicy steak that makes you flinch at the thought of its cost per bite. But if Papa cooks the steak, certainly you're expected to do everything else. That's only fair. Well, is it? Here's what to do about all those unglamourous K. P. jobs. Sure, cook the corn, make the salad, peel the potatoes—but make the final result stunning. A halo will look as good on you as it looks on Dad.

Beautiful crusty hashed browns hold their own with steak any day. So can potatoes Anna, Boulangère, or Célestes-and precious little more work they need than just plain potatoes. And don't ever forget men love potatoes almost as much as they love meat. Exploit it. If it's corn to cookcook it before their eyes in milk and sugar-the knowing way. You'll get attention, never worry, both in the doing and the eating. And if it's dessert-why waste your talents sight unseen in the kitchen? When Papa's steak histrionics are at a calm, put on a big black kettle over those coals and fry fat, brown doughnuts, hot and glistening with sugar. Nothing finer with a cup of coffee, nothing easier to do-and just name a more original idea for stealing his show. Just one thing in the whole world can I think of that's better, but only for a small and very select party. What is it? Barbara's Heavenly Hots-the most exquisite little morsels ever you put in your mouth. Gals, it's terribly trite but still terribly true, that old one about the way to a man's heart via his alimentary canal and there's room for more than steak there.

Thou shalt not be a clock watcher. Lady, lady, lady, how could you on a beautiful Sunday morn plan anything but the kind of food that allows you to remain serene and self-possessed no matter how long your callers overstay, or last-minute change of plans. Chicken cooked in pineapple juice, Chicken Cacciatore or Steak Diable—every one of them better for the extra cooking. Chicken Paprika or Barbecued Shrimps—reposing in the refrigerator ready at your beck and call for very little additional cooking to be completed.

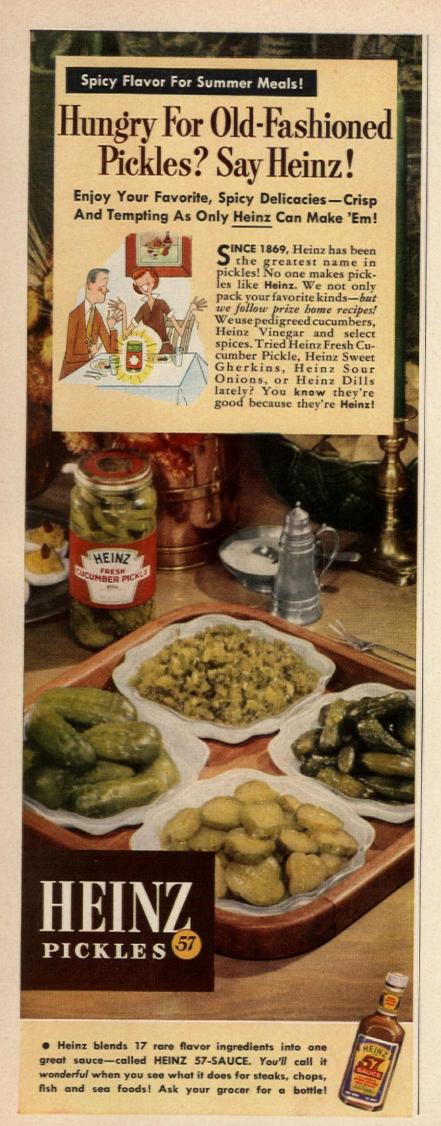
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Come On, Mama! (Begins on page 50)

Roasts you'd planned to have hot at first eating, cold later, but exactly as good vice versa.

Surely our Second Commandment is an easy one to obey-but for that matter so is the third one. Let's say we have cooking a picnic ham and sauerkraut. Company comes-and stays. Plenty of ham for everybody but why get nervous because you can't stretch the sauerkraut even if you give the F. H. B. signal. Some quick dumplings will do it-none will ever know the handsome threesome wasn't intentional. Or let's pretend it's asparagus that's giving us the jitters. A bunch of asparagus just is not expendable so just forget the whole thing. The asparagus will keep another day. Out with the big black kettle and open cans or packages of vegetables, any kind, all kinds, until the pot is full up. One of this and two of that-the greater the mixture the prettier the curried melee. The curry powder has taken the curse off an otherwise obvious emergency. Now it can happen, and all too often does happen, that not only do you not have enough food. you just haven't any food in the refrigerator. It's the Sunday you'd called a halt and the family was going to eat out. Well, it's a bitter disappointment, but even this situation is not insurmountable. Every good housewife has cans and cans of soup on her emergency shelf-cream chicken, cream of celery, cream asparagus, all three or two varieties will do. Whip out your Good Victuals recipe for Don's Cream Smoothie. La-a superb meal with only the addition of brown 'n serve rolls, French bread, or hard rolls. Dozens upon dozens of good things you can build expendable menus around, now that you think about it, eh? So no more of this red-faced, caught-with-the-slacks-down stuff!

ere we are at resolution number 4 and I am going to be very severe with you about this one. Your sins are many and unpardonable. So many wonderful he-man desserts—a pan of hot gingerbread and applesauce. Apple torte, easier than pie in summer, just as popular. Cheese cake; plain chocolate ice cream. Limited are their dessert tastes, if you've ever watched them order at business luncheons. But though limited, also very positive, so no fluff and girlish stuff, please. Ditto with salads. Save your quivering, shimmering molded pretties for the gals. There's our wonderful Hearty Salad, and Mrs. Caldwell's Salad, the latter guaranteed to promote second helpings even from those men who call salads rabbit food! Look at it this way. Why waste your talents on males who don't appreciate the time, effort, and skill? He-men food for co-ed parties and you can't miss.

Fifth—and last—no more nonstop container-to-platter meals. Now, there's nothing wrong with delicatessen food-except the deadly dullness in the serving thereof. Surely if they have cooked it for you, yes, even sliced it for you, the very least you can do is to make a short stopover in the kitchen and arrange it imaginatively, right? Look, please, to the very elegant platter of cold cuts and cheese, page 53. Nothing difficult-just caring. Ditto with the potato salad and cole slaw-nothing fancy but certainly more appealing than a colorless mound of potato salad or cole slaw plopped direct from container to platter. Some walnuts and/or shredded raw carrot to give the cole slaw crunchiness, bright red apple slices to give it color. Chopped chives, sliced eggs, perhaps some anchovies, some bits of ripe olives not only make the potato salad more interesting to look at but more interesting to eat. Nothing exhausting about this, is there? I know how you work to impress the girls with hors d'oeuvres at your luncheon parties. How about some of this ingenuity for the family meal of blessedly easy delicatessen foods?

by oyou know what? Your hors d'oeuvres can be as easy as all the other things we've discussed—and as good. In three collection baskets, which I painted red, white, and blue, knowing but everybody will be sporting unpainted wicker ones, I have shown potato chips—put over Papa's grill while the hickory fire's getting right. Serve hot. Hickory smoke does something very, very good and warm chips are better than cold chips. In the largest basket, my friend Jane Fisher's Onion Sandwiches. I had these in her home and never in my life have I seen anything disappear so fast. The men formed lines to get at them. By the stack those onion sandwiches disappeared, the men grinning from ear to ear with pleasure to be able to eat onions in polite society. You'll see by Jane's recipe that they are easy to do because the tearful part, as well as most of the preparation, has to be done

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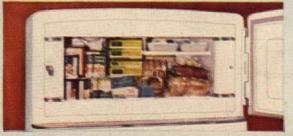
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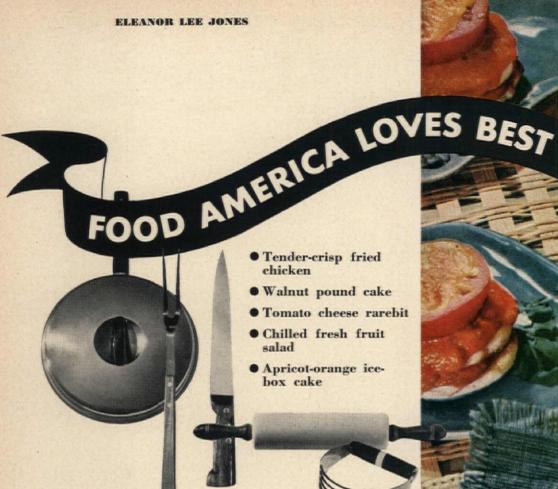


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A re you a recipe hoarder, or are you a collector of recipes—a real connoisseur? It's not how fat your recipe file is, but how well it pays off that counts! Many of us have snipped and saved recipes since we were knee-high to a duck. Sometimes, we don't try them for years—and when we do, we've all had the disillusioning experience of discovering that they don't always measure up, that it isn't every recipe which would meet Grandma's standards for a "good receipt." Well, after all, a recipe collection is like any other collection—the only ones worth keeping are the choice ones, the special ones. They must be well put together, authentic, reliable—the kind we serve up to you here.

If it's Chicken Every Sunday (at least) at your house, ten to one it's fried chicken they ask for in the good old summertime. Maybe you do it deep-fat fried, maybe dipped in batter—or maybe you like it still another way, a way that can't miss if you want a fryer golden brown and crisp outside, and "done" right down to the bone. The secret is to brown the chicken on top of the range, then slip it into a slow oven for tenderizing—baked uncovered to keep that delectable crispness.

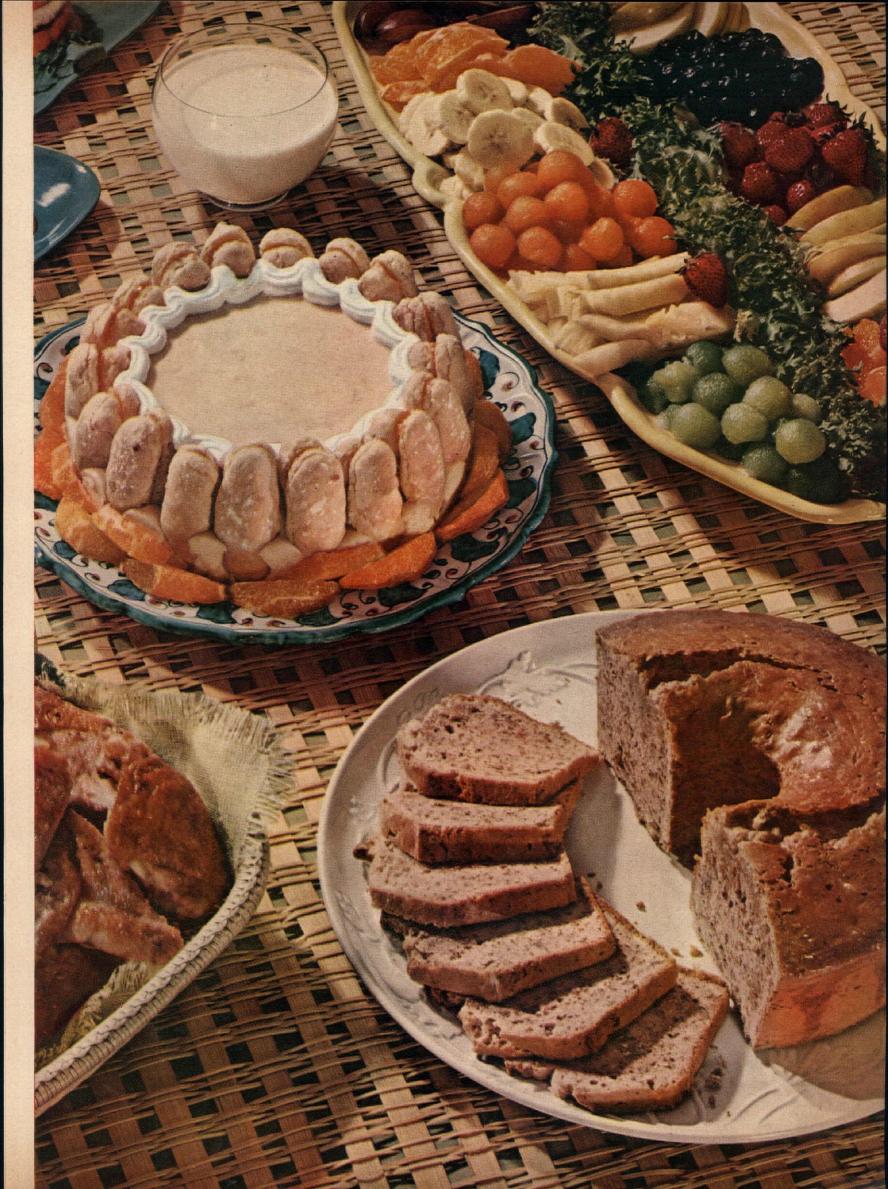
Grandmother would have treasured our recipe for rich, moist, nutty pound cake—but for some reason, it just isn't in the repertoire of many good modern cooks. It should be, so we give it to you to cherish. Expensive? Not when you consider that it's good in paper-thin slices, 25 to a cake, and that it keeps perfectly for two weeks in an air-tight container. If you're blessed with a home freezer, here's a cake that can come up proudly for roll call after six months.

Fresh from orchard and berry patch comes July's bounty of fresh fruit for you to use as a salad main course, crowned with a deluxe, creamy cheese dressing. Instead of cutting it up and heaping it in a bowl, take a little time to turn it into a work of art, a still-life on a platter, with each type of fruit clustered on its own green bed.

Call it "blushing bunny," call it tomato rarebit—it's mighty popular for a late supper. A cooking tip: add beaten eggs slowly, ever so gradually, to the bubbling hot tomato mixture—then stir, stir, stir during a quick five minutes. Ladle over muffins or crispy crackers.

On a July night—or any night—a good icebox cake always has had glamour. This one blends the flavors of apricot and orange—and there's nothing to making it when you use ladyfingers from the corner store.

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cucumber canoes

Preparation time: 10 minutes

kaboblets

OU'LL NEED:

l can luncheon meat

can boiled onions cucumber

2 tomatoes l apple

I can pineapple chunks

Serves 6

On skewers, alternate cubes of meat with any Cut luncheon meat into 1-inch cubes.

desired combination of onions, cucumber slices, tomato wedges, apple wedges, pineapple chunks, and olives.

Place on broiler rack and broil until lightly browned.

Preparation time: 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

3 medium-sized cucumbers 1 pkg. elbow macaroni I small bunch carrots l can luncheon meat Green pepper

Horseradish

Scoop out pulp from each half, leaving a shell 1/4-inch thick. Chop pulp and combine with I cup cooked Cut cucumbers in half lengthwise.

macaroni, luncheon meat which has been cubed, 1/2 cup grated carrot, 1/4 cup chopped

green pepper.

Blend together ½ cup mayonnaise, 2 tbs. vinegar, and 2 tbs. horseradish.

Add to meat mixture and toss lightly.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Pile salad into cucumber shells.

Mayonnaise Vinegar

Serves 6

Swedish salad mold

YOU'LL NEED:

1 can luncheon meat Unflavored gelatin White vinegar Sweet pickles Ripe olives

Chicken bouillon cubes Pineapple juice

6-8 servings

Prepare mufin mix according to directions on the package using pineapple juice as liquid. Dice remaining meat strips and fold into batter. Bake at 375° F. for 35-40 minutes.

Cut luncheon meat into strips ½ by ¼ inch.

Drain pineapple chunks well and reserve liquid.

Arrange chunks and some of the meat strips over the bottom of greased 10-inch skillet.

Dice luncheon meat, 34 cup sweet pickles and 32 cup ripe olives.

Decorate a 1½-quart, lightly oiled mold as desired.

Stoften 2½ tbs. gelatin in 1 cup cold chicken stock. Dissolve in 2 cups hot chicken stock.

Add 3 tbs. white vinegar, 3 tbs. sweet pickle juice, 1 tsp. prepared mustard, and 2 tsp. brown sugar. Chill until slightly thickened.

Add meat, pickles, and olives. Pour into mold. Chill until firm.

PINEAPLE DERSSING: Melt 1 tbs. butter or margarine, then blend in 1½ tbs. all-purpose flour.

Add ½ cup pineapple juice, ⅓ cup sugar, 2 tbs. lemon juice, and ⅓ cup boiling water. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thickened.

Add a little of the hot mixture to 1 slightly beaten egg and mix well. Stir into sauce and cook, stirring constantly for 2 minutes. Cool thoroughly.

Fold in ⅓ cup heavy cream, whipped.

Take a can of Luncheon

Heat, then add I cup grated process American cheese and stir until cheese alternate luncheon meat cubes with po-tato slices the next time you're making hot sandwich-arrange luncheon meat on split hard rolls. Spread lightly with mayonnaise. Top each with fresh peach half. Broil until lightly browned. • Roast luncheon meat is one idea

Preparation time: 30 minutes

Heavy cream

LUNCHEON MEAT TIPS from our AMERICAN Home kitchen-for instance, pour 1 can baked beans into a baking dish. Dot with 2 tbs. prepared mustard. Top with I can luncheon meat which has been cut into thin slices. Bake at 400° F. for 20–25 minutes. Or try a take-off on Eggs Benedict—place a slice of meat on a toasted English muffin, then a poached egg. Top with quick mushroomcheese sauce made by blending 1/2 cup cream into I can cream of mushroom soup. melts. • For another hearty meal-in-one, Scalloped Potatoes. Or here's a quickie you'll repeat. Stud top and sides with cloves, and cover top with crushed pineapple. Bake at 350° F. for 25-30 minutes.

cornbread skillet dinner

Combine 1 cup pineapple juice, 2 cups brown sugar in 10-inch skillet. Bring to boiling point, cook 5 minutes. Add ½ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. ground cloves, 2 tbs. butter. Pour off 1 cup sauce. Cut luncheon meat into 16 lengthwise slices; arrange in remaining sauce in bottom of skillet. Pineapple-Glazed Corn Bread

1 can sliced pineapple YOU'LL NEED: Brown sugar

I can luncheon meat Butter or margarine Ground cloves

pkg. corn muffin mix Luncheon Meat Wheel

Serve with warm brown sugar syrup to which 2 slices diced pineapple have been added.

Cut 4 slices pineapple in halves, arrange around skillet sides.

Prepare mix according to directions on package. Pour carefully into skillet. Bake at 375° F. for 30 minutes.

can pineapple chunks pkg. corn muffin mix can luncheon meat YOU'LL NEED:

Serves 8

TV fingers

Preparation time: 10 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

can luncheon meat pkg. waffle mix

Serves 8

Prepare waffle mix according to directions on Cut luncheon meat into 6 lengthwise slices, Cut each slice into 4 strips.

Fry in deep hot fat (370° F.) until golden Dip each strip of meat in waffle batter. the package.

Drain on absorbent paper.



big summer health problem!



Science knows that warm weather robs the body of vitamin C. Unless it's replaced every single day, you and your family can lose energy, feel

tired and listless, and your resistance to disease and infection can be lowered dangerously.

But when your children begin to wilt, and clamor for cold drinks, don't make the mistake of filling them up with all sorts of "refreshers." Most of these "refreshers" contain little or



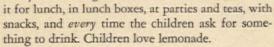
no vitamin C. They do nothing to replenish the supply—give your family only temporary relief.



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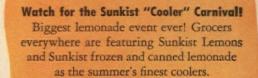
good for children... and everyone. Gives a cooling lift that lasts. And you can't beat its tangy flavor!

To be sure your family gets plenty of lemonade, make a big, frosty pitcherful every summer morning. Keep it handy in the refrigerator. Serve





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JEANNIE WILLIS

ust what is it that makes some things too much trouble for us to do? What is the basis for it? Have we figured it out at all-or have we just made a snap judgment? Before we pass up an idea with an "Oh! I just can't be bothered!" might it not be smart to do a little figuring? Believe me, this is worth taking the trouble to do! We all have different standards, use different yardsticks with which we measure the value of things. But there is, ever-present, that basic scale-cost. We Cheapies cooks are mighty familiar with that one-perhaps too much so. We can't see for looking; we keep our noses too close to our work. So let's open our minds, and do some reconsidering. And let's start with a most

dramatic example to illustrate our point. For some time, powdered dried milk has been on the market. It comes in

a neat small package; you make it up as you need it. It

does require mixing with water. Do you use it? Does it

seem to be too much trouble? Or can't you be

bothered with it? I hope (oh how I hope!) you haven't been trapped by those so innocent sounding questions! For if you have not used this dried milk, a shock is in store for you! By substituting dried milk for one quart of fresh milk a day, you could save the staggering sum of \$65 in one year! Not to be sneezed at, that! Now is it too much trouble? Can you be bothered, and even quite happily bewildered, with an economy like that? There are no tricks to it. We have used no mirrors. We have simply used the dried milk for all cooking, cutting down our fresh milk order to one instead of the two quarts we used to get daily. Or by using diluted evaporated milk to replace the quart of cooking milk, your saving for the year is more than \$40. No, there are no tricks to it. It is very simple. Multiplying a few cents (saved daily) by 365 days of the year, you very suddenly are up in surprisingly high figures. And how very differently it all looks. Thought of in terms of a year's saving, the

trouble and the bother diminish as rapidly as

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(a cheaple)

1 pkg. gelatin
3 ths. cold water
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
1 cup hot blueberry juice
1 tbs. lemon juice
1 8-oz. can blueberries
2 egg whites

Dissolve ge

Dissolve gelatin in water. Stir in the sugar, salt. Add cup of hot juice (drain juice from berries and fill to 1-cup mark with water or other fruit juice). Stir until sugar is dissolved. Add lemon juice and blueberries. Cool until begins to thicken. Beat until fluffy and thick. Beat 2 egg whites with pinch of salt until very stiff and fold into mixture. Mold and chill.

Serves 4-5
Tested in The American Home Kitchen

• squash chips
(a cheapie)

Summer squash 1/4 cup grated cheese 1 tbs. grated onion 2 tbs. margarine Salt and pepper

Slice squash thin. Arrange slices on a greased baking sheet so that they are just overlapping. Dot margarine on top, then sprinkle with cheese and onion. Season and place under hot broiler for about 5 min. or until nicely browned.

Medium-sized squash serves 4
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• HOT hot-dogs



1 small onion, chopped 2 tbs. margarine 2 tbs. Worcestershire sauce 2 tbs. horseradish

1 tbs. prepared mustard 2 tbs. vinegar

1/2 cup water
2 tbs. brown sugar
Juice of one lemon
1/4 cup chili sauce

1/4 cup finely chopped celery Scit and pepper

Brown onion in margarine, add other ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes. Split desired number of hot dogs. Arrange in greased baking dish and pour on sauce. For additional tang, let stand a while. Bake in 350° F. oven for 15–20 minutes.

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Cheapies (Begins on page 61)

mock duck (lamb) (a cheapie)

1 mock duck 1 tsp. oregano

4 slices bacon Salt and pepper

Ask your butcher for a mock duck. This is the shoulder—the forequarter—of lamb, boned and rolled with the shin bone representing the neck and head. To prepare, wrap the head and neck in greased paper or cheesecloth. Rub in seasonings, then arrange the strips of bacon between the skewers. Roast in hot oven (450° F.) for 20 min., then reduce heat to 300° F. and cook for 2-2½ hours. Remove string and paper or cloth. If you have paper frills for the tops of the skewers, use those; otherwise remove skewers. Serve with gravy made from fat in pan, and minted or parsley potatoes.

Serves 10

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• blueberry cake

1/2 cup margarine (1/4 lb.)
1 cup sugar
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups flour
2 eggs
3/8 cup milk
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup blueberries, or more

Cream margarine and sugar.

Add eggs. Blend well. Add milk, alternating with flour. Add baking powder and vanilla. Fold in blueberries. Bake in greased 8" x 8" pan for about 45 min. Berry topping: Cook 1 cup berries with juice, 2 tbs. cornstarch, and ½ cup sugar until it starts to thicken. Chill, and put on cooled cake.

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the savings grew! There are not very many such dramatic cases, we grant you. We hope, though, that this one will inspire you, and make you pause before you too quickly cast out some new product or method as being—yes, you guessed it—"too much trouble."

This applies to old methods, too. Perhaps some of the new quick packaged items on the market have tempted you, and so they should.

Many of them have won well deserved

places on our kitchen shelves. However, our point is that you remember to apply this yardstick of yearly cost, before you prejudge the bother and the trouble. It is a matter for each cook to work out for herself, because it depends completely on how much of something you use, and how often. Though at first you may feel that you never can estimate your yearly consumption without resorting to higher mathematics and slide rules, you will find it is not

difficult to strike an average figure. Let's take another example, and work it out together. Lean back and relax, first of all. Then, consider the matter of pies. Do you make one pie a week, or two? Or do you bake one about every ten days? Using this last figure

as our common denominator, we divide it into the days of the year. Now, no groaning, please!

Skip the fractions. This after all is just an estimate, though I do always lean toward using a higher round number, feeling that this way I have been more than fair, and left no loopholes gaping open. Therefore we take 40 as our number, 40 pies that we bake in a year's time. Now we think about the

crusts of those pies. Making our own, the cost will vary, depending on the shortening we use. Again we need to strike an average, for there are no hard and fast rules. But it is safe to say that for ten cents you can make an excellent pie crust. Let's compare that to the cost of the packaged ones. Sure they save time, and there will be days when the time

is worth more than the money. But what do you pay for the mixes?

If you watch and buy them on sale, they cost

about two cents more than making your own; if you pay full price, there is a difference of six or seven cents. Thus if you are a Cheapie shopper as well as a Cheapie cook, your 40 pies, made with packaged crust, have cost 80 cents more than if you fixed your own. If you buy just what is needed from day to day, then the 40 prepackaged pie crusts add up to closer to \$2.

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sweet squash (a cheapie)

Summer squash
1/4 cup maple syrup
1/4 cup evaporated milk
2 tbs. margarine
Salt and pepper

Slice squash in thin slices. Layer in greased casserole, dotting each layer with margarine, and seasoning. Repeat until squash is used up, then pour the milk and the syrup over the top. Bake about 30 min. in moderate oven (325° F).

Medium-sized squash serves 4
Tested in The American Home Kitchen

Mary Ann's casserole (a cheapie)

1/2 lb. sausoge
1 \$2 can red kidney beans
1 cup sliced apples, skin on
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 large onion, sliced
1 clove garlic, diced
1/2 cup tomato juice
2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. chili powder

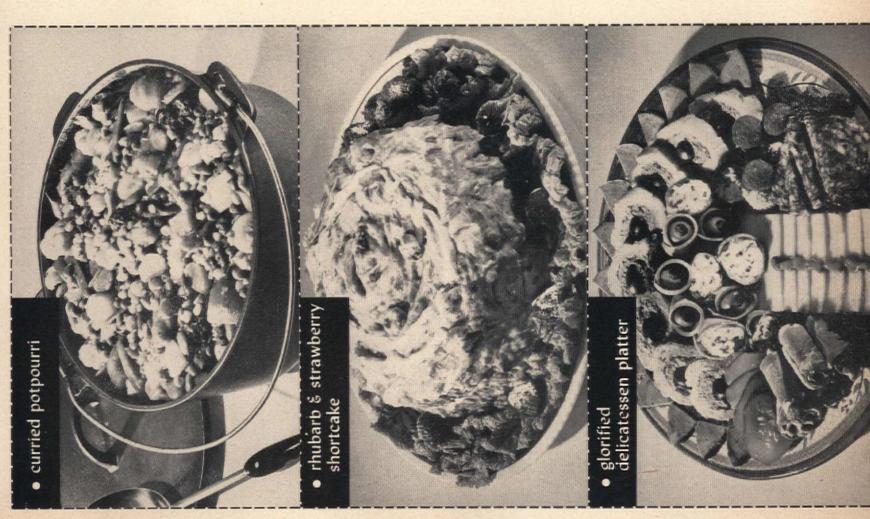
Cook sausage slightly. Pour off melted fat. Combine all ingredients and place in casserole. Bake 1½ hours in a very slow oven. This makes 4 ample portions.

Recipe by Mary Ann Brockenbrough
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Come On, Mama! (Begins on page 50)



glorified delicatessen platter

Spread 8 ham slices with I package cream cheese and 3 tbs. prepared Alternate different cheese slices. Decorate with mustard.

Roll bologna slices into cornucopias. Fasten with toothpicks. Fill with cottage theese and chopped chives or stuffed olives.

Roll cream cheese into balls. Roll some in paprika, some in chopped parsley.

Hollow out a French loaf, fill center with mashed liverwurst, and slice. Decorate with black olives.

rhubarb & strawberry shortcake

34 cup butte.
3 cups flour
3 tsp. baking powder

I egg, slightly beaten cup sugar ½ tsp. salt
¼ cup suga I cup milk

Come On, Mama! (Begins on page 50)

Blend butter and flour; add baking powder and sugar. Mix with milk and egg, and bake in 8-inch spring form, at 425° F. for 40-45 min. Cool. Cut in two layers, fill and frost with following: Make a syrup of 1 cup sugar, ½ cup water and let boil. Add 1 cup cut up rhubarb. Boil until done. When cold, add 1 pint sliced strawberries. Whip 1½ cups sweet cream and fold carefully into fruit mixture to give a marbleized appearance. Garnish with rhubarb leaves, and whole sugared strawberries.

curried potpourri

Put in heavy skillet:

cups diced, nearly cooked potatoes

pkgs. frozen mixed vegetables pkg. frozen cauliflower (or

12 chopped white onions

broccoli)

2 peeled, quartered tomatoes

I cup hot water

14 lb. butter 14 tsp. curry powder

Cover, simmer very gently, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender.

picnic ham & dumplings in fruited gravy

Wash ham, cover with cold water. Add 1 tsp. whole allspice. Simmer. Allow about 25 minutes per pound. Remove ham and cook the dumplings in ham liquid.

DUMPLINGS:

2 cups flour

4 tsp. baking powder Scant cup of milk

Drop spoonfuls of batter on boiling ham liquid, cover and boil for 12 minutes. Sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Wash 1 package mixed dried fruit. Cook until soft. Put through sieve or food mill. Add to ham liquid.

Serves 12

onion sandwiches · Jane's

Peel Bermuda onions. Cut in thin slices and stack on top of ice in large bowl. Cover. Let stand overnight. Cut white bread with large biscuit cutter. Spread with Miracle Whip. Place I slice of onion between two rounds of bread.

Recipe by Jane Fisher

with juniper berries sauerkraut cooked

Cover 1 lb. raw sauerkraut with cold water. Add:

apples peeled, cored, and quartered tbs. fat

I ths. sugar

r tbs. chopped onion ro juniper berries

Salt to taste

Boil over medium heat until tender, about 2 hours.

Serves 6

Recipe by Erika Krug



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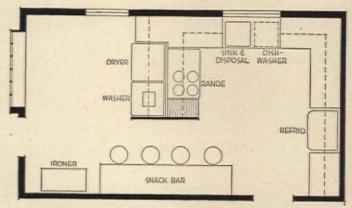


STEP 2... She puts tiles down in place, one at a time. When half the floor is covered, the adhesive is



STEP 3... After Kentile Adhesive is ready, Mrs. Lansing continues installing tiles... and the other half of the room is finished.

Hobby Kitchen (Begins on page 32)



Cooking quarters are compact, and laundry makes room for hobbies and playpen. Put snack bar to work as a planning desk, a place to spread out your sewing, or for your hobby

ventilator fan serves both areas. And there's a flat-plate ironer which invites you to sit down and take it easy. But it's downright prodigal to assign space to laundering alone. So we made this a cheerful headquarters for baby. His playpen, 28-in, wide, folds away when not in use, and his toys are stashed in that shoe bag by the window. And it's safe for him here, for tiny explorers can't reach the cut-off switches we put above the equipment.

What a place this is for a hobby-plenty of room, and nothing to harm! We designed it to hold a big aluminum frame for rug hooking (a hobby which really pays off), and provided a cupboard under the window to store the frame and a collection of clean rags for the rugs. But the lightweight frame could stay up, to take advantage of spare moments between kitchen jobs. It's an ideal spot for painting, too-your designs or ours-for you could keep an easel by the window. And put the snack bar to use-a fine space to spread out patterns or sewing.



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Cheaples (Begins on page 61)

Shopping methods score heavily, don't they? Snide remarks aside -it depends on frequency of use and thus is a personal decision. It is worth 80 cents a year to me for the convenience, but if I made a hundred pies and had always to pay full price, then seven dollars a year would give me pause!

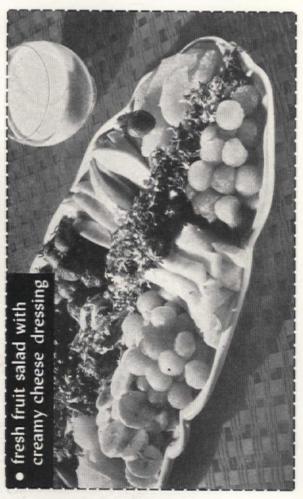
Our Mock Duck is one to remember for your next party. Actually it is a forequarter of lamb, boned and rolled. Some butchers can not only do a head but also a webbed foot or tail out behind. One tells me he can even give our bird wings! The preparation, simple, and the result excellent. Blueberry Sponge is a jewel. A perfect light dessert after a hearty dinner, it is also most inexpensive. In or out of season, this belongs on our honor roll. We have the Blueberry Cake plain, ordinarily. For those "showingoff" times, bedeck its top with extra blueberries. My whole family would not, most positively would not eat squash. So I had to experiment to win a place for it on our menus. For squash is so cheap I can't afford not to serve it! Squash chips are easy, quick, and good. Cheese and onion combine to disguise it. With Sweet Squash you can get even a rabid anti-squash man to eat-you know what! Keep this one on file, then substitute it when the price of candied sweets is too exorbitant. For a new twist to hotdogs, hot them up with our spicy sauce; marinate for extra tang.

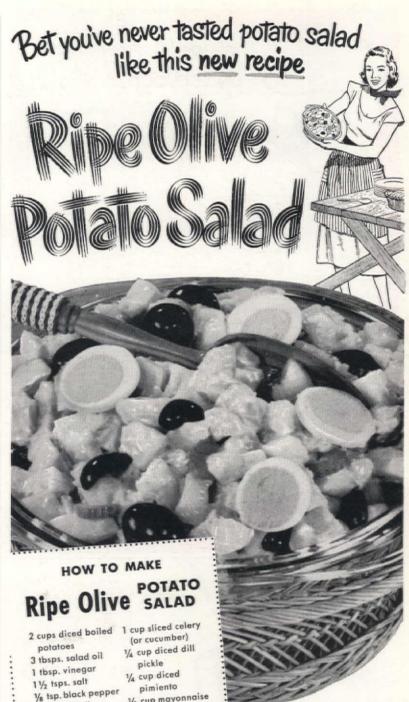
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Food America Loves (Begins on page 56)





1/8 tsp. black pepper 1 cup ripe olives

1/3 cup mayonnaise 2 hard-cooked eggs 1 tsp. grated onion

Dice hot boiled potatoes to make 2 cups. Blend oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. Pour over potatoes and toss lightly. Cool thoroughly. Cut olives from pits into large pieces. Dice eggs. Combine cooled potatoes, olives, eggs, celery, pickle and pimiento. Blend mayonnaise and onion and mix lightly with salad. Chill thoroughly. Serves 4 to 6.

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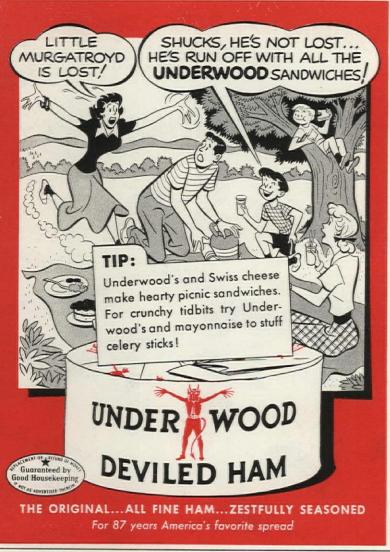
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No Unemployment (Begins on page 22)

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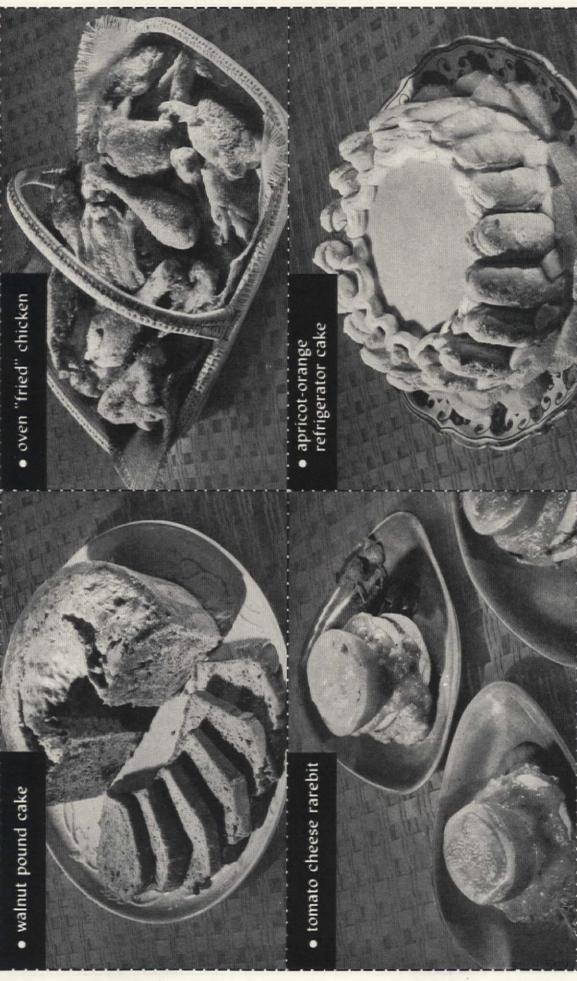


Food America Loves (Begins on page 56)

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(Begins on page



refrigerator cake apricot-orange

. pepper Worcestershire sauce

tomato cheese rarebit

'ew drops Tabasco sauce

tsp. sugar

tbs. grated orange rind tbs. lemon juice cup apricot jam (approximately)

cup heavy cream, whipped

cups apricot purée egg whites

tbs. gelatin

1 cup orange juice 1/2 cup cold water 34 cup sugar

scups grated Cheddar cheese segs, well beaten English muffins slices tomato, ½-inch thick thin slices Cheddar cheese

½ cup chopped onion
¼ cup melted butter or margarine
1 \$2 can tomatoes
1 tsp. salt

Add to-Simmer

margarine until lightly browned.

place on

for 30 minutes. Add cheese and stir until melted. Add eggs slowly and continue

cooking, stirring constantly for 5 minutes. Meanwhile split muffins and

salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce, Tabasco sauce, and sugar.

butter

я.

Sauté onion

Top each tomato slice with a cheese slice. Place on broiler rack

and broil until muffins are toasted and cheese is melted. Arrange half of muffins remaining muffins and additional tomato mixture. Place a broiled tomato on

cover generously with tomato-egg mixture.

on serving dishes and

broiler rack.

Soften gelatin in water. Combine orange juice and sugar. Cook over Remove from heat and add gelatin. Stir until completely dissolved. Add orange low heat, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Continue cooking until mixture boils. rind and lemon juice. Chill until slightly thickened. Spread each ladyfinger with apricot jam and put together sandwich style. Line the sides of an 8-inch springform pan with ladyfingers. Fold cream and apricot purée into orange mixture. Beat egg whites until frothy, then add sugar one tablespoon at a time beating thoroughly after each addition. Continue beating until stiff, into orange-apricot mixture. Pour slowly into springform pan. Chill into orange-apricot mixture. Pour slowly into springform pan. least several hours).

servings

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509 cal. per serving

Serves 6

in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN 245-316 cal. per serving Originated

oven "fried" chicken

I 3-lb. fryer, cut in serving pieces % cup all-purpose flour (approximately) tbs. melted fat (approximately)

2 tsp. salt 1/4 tsp. pepper

bine flour, salt, and pepper. Dredge chicken in flour mixture. (Flour mixture may be placed in clean paper bag, then each piece shaken, with bag closed, until covered.) Brown chicken in melted fat. Place in oven and bake at 325° F. for about 45 minutes or until tender. Wash and dry thoroughly. Com-Singe chicken pieces if necessary.

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walnut pound cake

cups butter or margarine cups sugar

10 eggs, separateu 4½ cups sifted cake flour 2 cups ground walnuts

mixture and blend thoroughly. Beat egg whites until stiff. Add egg whites alternately with flour, beating well after each addition. Fold in walnuts. Pour into a greased and floured 10-inch tube pan. Bake at 325° F. for 1/2-13/4 hours or Cream butter or margarine until very light. Add sugar gradually and beat until fluffy. Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored. Add to creamed until cake tests done. Cool on rack for 5 minutes, then turn out thoroughly. Pour Sugar Glaze slowly over top of cake if desired.

SUGAR GLAZE:

1/2 cup confectioner's sugar

Beat until well blended. Pour over cake.

16-20 servings

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This Should Happen

(Begins on page 18)

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Obedience and good companionship, the second phase of training taught at the Club, includes heeling on leash, heeling free, and standing stay, coming when called, and sitting and lying for one minute away from you. Obedience training should be taught two or three times a day at first, for about 15-minute periods. Don't tire the dog. Give your commands definitely, indicating pleasure or displeasure at his responses. Praise and encouragement are the best training tools of all. In training, give the dog's name first and then the command.

When heeling, the dog walks at your left side with his head even with your knee. Carry the leash in your right hand, using your left to correct or to pat him. Never use a tight leash, as that will teach him to pull. If he lags, pat your thigh and command "Heel." Give him praise, and that, combined with a jerk of the leash and the command, will teach him to heel. When he works well with a leash, try him without it.

In teaching him to "stand stay" while heeling, drop your hand in front of him, palm toward him, and give the command. If he tries to sit down, step out briskly, jerk the leash and command him to "Heel." Then repeat the stand-stay exercise. Try working out in front of him at the end of the leash. If he comes forward, snap leash under his chin and command, "Stand stay." When he's trained, a hand signal or single command will do.

In teaching a dog to sit, make use of his "sit-reflex" in front of the hip bones. Bridge his back with your left thumb and forefinger. Give a slight pinch while pulling up on leash with your right hand and commanding "Sit stay." Then work the length of the leash in front of him. If he comes forward, snap leash under his chin and command, "Sit stay."

To teach him to lie down, face him, keeping leash in your left hand and letting it touch the ground. Put your foot on the leash, pull it with your left hand, and with your right hand push down on the dog's head. Command him to "down." After several tries, work with the leash, but don't touch his head: just use your right hand to make a downward motion while you command. To make him stay, use same tactics as for "sit stay."

He'll learn to come when called if you train him with a 20-ft. leash. Stand a short distance in front of the dog, and command him to "come." Give a quick jerk on the leash, and when the dog reaches you, command him to sit.

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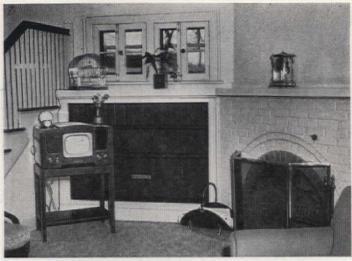
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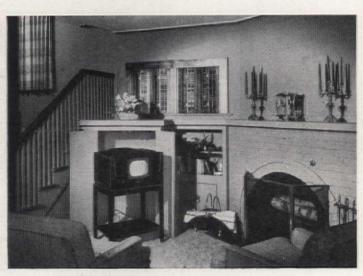
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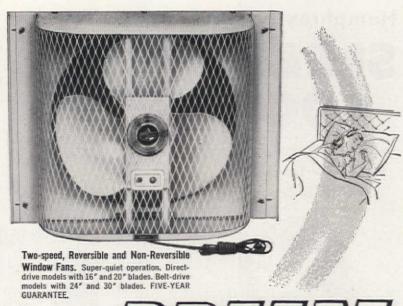
A "Garage" for Your TV Set

Data from Jessie Walker



AFTER: They housed it handsomely in a cabinet built into the corner where viewing is best. When it is out of mind, it can be out of sight. But the set and the cabinet are not wedded to each other: the former can still move around on its stand; the latter, built with an eye to an eventual trade-in, can hold a much larger model





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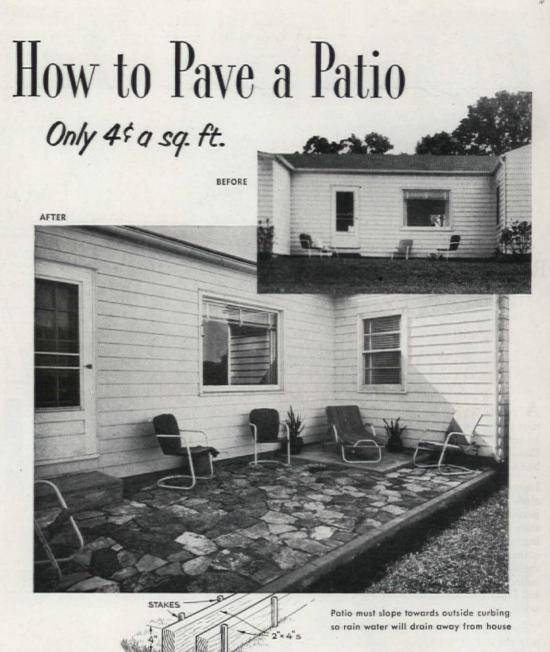
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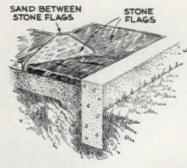


2 x 4's and sides of trench will serve as forms for the poured concrete curbing

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RENCH, 4 WIDE,

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Once the curbing is made, spread sand about 3" deep over the area to be covered by stone. This bed should slope slightly towards an outside edge of the patio for drainage purposes. Pack sand down with a lawn roller or tamper, and then set stones in place. Work them down into the sand so they sit firmly, and get them as close together as possible. Add more sand when necessary to get the top of the stones level. Sprinkle sand over the surface, and sweep it about with a broom so that it fills the joints between the stones. Wet it down with a garden hose and then add a little more sand if necessary. After the sand has settled, very little will ever work up on top of the stones.



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Texture Can Color

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variety of designs including some striking rough surfaces and bamboolike patterns. Ceilings can be given interesting texture in many ways—for example, acoustical tile displays an unusual surface while it soundproofs.

A fireplace, of course, is a natural when it's textural effect you're after. Wood paneling, a chimney breast of stone, the use of Roman brick or used brick are modern ways to make the fireplace a textural center of interest.

Fabric manufacturers have for some years been proud of the texture of the stuffs they serve up, and you can flip back to page 48 and see for yourself how well textured fabrics were used in this room. The draw curtains are natural linen, an excellent companion to the grasscloth on the walls. A textured linen upholsters the armless chair seen in the fireplace picture. while the armchair by the window is covered in a deep, rough fabric which mixes tones of chartreuse and beige. On the sofa, pattern's the thing. The fabric itself is smooth, for it is well to have some smooth textures in your room design-too many roughs are as bad as none at all.

When you decorate for texture, don't forget that metallic threads are good for texture as well as color, and don't miss out on the spectacular things a little quilting can accomplish. Because it has a third dimension, an inexpensive printed fabric, outline quilted, looks like a million. Try quilting a few cushions yourself for richness at a price.

Texture at your windows is important both by night and by day. You can achieve it with fabric, or shutters will do it, and so will Venetian blinds, or the basswoods, or lavish woven blinds—or inexpensive ones of bamboo.

Come On, Mama!

(Begins on page 50)

ahead of time. And in the middle basket, an idea shown before but which you may have missed. Butter Gems, or for that matter any roll, split and filled with cream or cottage cheese and chives. Saves melting butter on the table, takes the place of salad if the meal is heavy.

And now something I think is really new and different—at least I honestly believe it is my own invention—Rhubarb and Strawberry Shortcake, the garnish—the rhubarb leaves! You all know how good is the combination of stewed rhubarb and strawberries. Well, swirled around in whipped cream and served between and aloft a shortcake, it's even better. Looks like beautiful marbleized milk glass—serve it and take a bow, Mama!



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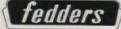
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ioned in size, but modern as all get-out, and it's centrally located. Range, sink, refrigerator, and counters are grouped in an L to save you footwork, and the laundry equipment has a wall to itself. An exhaust fan keeps the air clear. The service entry to the kitchen is through the carport, which not only shelters two cars, but is provided with a masonry storage room.

The staircase to the second floor separates living area from sleeping wing, and under the stairs there's room for 108 cu. ft. of

> Stairs to expansion attic separate living and bedroom areas. Under stairs, there's room for 108 cu. ft. of storage. You can divide it to make bookshelves on one side and a linen closet on the other





Dining end of living room is next to the kitchen, and can take a really large table. Other dining areas are on terrace, reached through door at the left, or near the window wall in the kitchen



Rear bedroom (16' x 10') has shoulder-high windows. You can line up the furniture against the walls, and leave uncluttered play space in the center. This room has its own door to the terrace

storage, divided up so that part can be reached from the foyer and part from the bedroom hall. The two baths are back to back, and one is handily near to the coat closet. The five windows in the master bedroom, and those in the rear bedroom, are shoulder high to give plenty of unbroken wall space, and the rear bedroom has its own door to the terrace so that young fry can run in and out without ever entering the main part of the house. The wide closets with sliding doors of split bamboo have built-in shelves.

Exterior walls are made of masonry block and asbestos-cement boards which resist fire and rot, and never need repainting. Glass panels are insulating glass, heating is by radiant floor slab, and the floors throughout are asphalt tile. To prevent all the Country Clubbers from looking alike at Levittown, the roof line is changed about to give six variations of the same basic design.



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Which Water Heater?

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boiler already in place. They may be used with or without storage tanks, but a tank will, of course, increase your supply of hot water.

HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED FOR LAUNDRY?

If you wash clothes by hand, or if you use a conventional washing machine, you'll need about 50 gallons of hot water for soaking, washing, and rinsing each 8-lb. load. With an automatic clothes washer, you need 16-22 gallons of hot water for the complete cycle of an 8-lb. load. (These figures are based on standard procedures, using clear hot water for each load). HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED FOR

DISHES? If you wash dishes by hand, you need an enormous amount-a conservative estimate is 50 gallons of hot water to wash 60 pieces of china and glass and 56 pieces of silver. But an automatic dishwasher uses only a fraction of that amount-less than 7 gallons of hot water-to do the same job more efficiently.

ARE TWO BETTER THAN ONE?

In large homes, or in one-story homes where rooms are spread out, two water heaters may be desirable -one for the bathrooms, and the other for laundry and kitchen. Short pipe runs are more economical.

WHERE SHOULD YOU PUT IT?

The ideal location is closest to the place where you use the most hot water-basement, utility room, kitchen, or bath.

Counter-high models fit well in kitchens because of their styling, and due to their good insulation, they offer no problem. They come only in smaller capacities, however. If such a model is not large enough to do the whole job for your house, it would make a convenient auxiliary heater.

DO YOU HAVE TO ADJUST YOUR PLUMBING SYSTEM TO FIT A NEW WATER HEATER?

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WHAT INTERIOR MATERIALS ARE DESIRABLE?

Steel Tanks-Usually lined with a heavy coating of galvanizing (zinc), or a type of cement known as stone, or a heavy heat-proof glass finish fused to the steel.

Copper Tanks-Highly corrosionresistant but under certain conditions might cause what is known as "blue water" or give some difficulty under excessive pressure.

Monel Tanks-Very fine corrosionresistant property. Because of its nature, it is comparatively expensive.

Insulation-Be sure that the water heater is well insulated with packed or blanketed glass fiber or mineral wool. All hot water lines leading from the water heater to taps should be insulated to cut down heat losses.







Which Water Heater?

CAN WATER TEMPERATURE BE CONTROLLED?

Some water heaters are set at the factory at 150° F. Others have dials or pointers you can set yourself between 90° F. and 170° F. The National Safety Council recommends a tap temperature no higher than 125° F. Of course, tap temperature is not tank temperature-water loses some heat en route. If you set the control for hotter water, don't fail to return it to the lower setting-continuous operation at higher temperature may affect the life of your water heater, and will increase your fuel charges. Be sure to read the manufacturer's directions thoroughly.

WHAT SAFETY FEATURES ARE ESSENTIAL?

It is up to the plumber to install safety features demanded by your local plumbing codes. But, regardless of codes, look for the American Gas Association and Underwriters Laboratory Approvals, and see to it that the following safety features are incorporated when your heater is installed:

Thermostatic control automatically shuts off fuel or current when desired water temperature has been reached.

Pressure relief valve prevents excessive water pressure within the tank. The type of relief valve used should be determined by local law and preference of your local power or fuel supplier.

Temperature relief valve protects water heater from excessive water temperatures, is simple to install. A combination temperature and relief valve may be used in some areas.

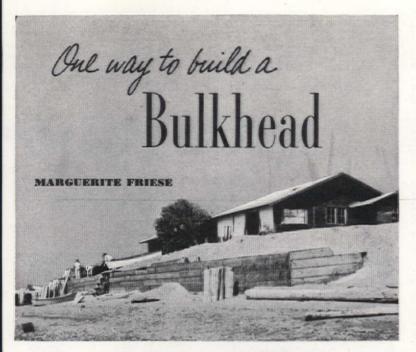
High temperature limit control should be on all electric water heaters. The gas water heater should be equipped with a 100% shut-off of all gas in event of an emergency.

WHAT'S GUARANTEED?

Be sure to read the guarantee attached to the water heater before you buy it, because it tells you how willing the manufacturer is to stand behind his product. Usually the guarantee does not include the cost of labor for replacements-just the replacements themselves. Most controls are generally guaranteed for only one year.

Extended warrantys are offered by most manufacturers. They may protect your investment in a heater for as long as 10 years. Usually, they are "unconditional" for the first five years-if the tank leaks the manufacturer will make a replacement.

During the second five years with an extended warranty, the manufacturer makes replacements on a "mileage" basis. For example, if the tank starts to leak after the fifth year, the manufacturer will give you a discount off the list price of a new part. The longer you've had the heater, the less the discount.



This stone-ballasted bulkhead, 130 ft. long and 5 ft. high, built by the heads of two vacationing families for \$300, stopped beach and soil erosion, saved their cabins from ruin

At the rate the land in front of our two beach cabins was washing away, another winter would see them topple into Puget Sound. Two bulkheads built since 1940 had not lasted because the beach sand caved in so fast post holes could not be dug more than 2 ft. deep; also the tides and surface drainage from shore soon washed them out from underneath. So the heads of our two families tried a new tack.

Salvaging 12-in. logs from deserted beaches, they towed them home and cut them into 9½-ft. lengths. Then, using a cylinder made by a tinsmith of ½8" iron, 2 ft. across and 3 ft. long, with two handles at one end, they dug post holes every 4 ft. along a line determined by the direction of waves and current. Standing on the cylinder as they scooped sand from inside it, they forced it down until the hole was 4½ ft. deep. After setting a post in the hole, they raised the cylinder and removed it, letting the sand cave in around the post. Starting 1½ ft. below beach level and extending to 5 ft. above, they nailed planks to the posts (2 x 12's on the outer, and 1 x 12's on the land side) using 5- and 7-in. galvanized nails. Lined up with a level, the planks were cut so the joints were staggered on the posts.

Starting when the planking was 3 ft. high, they filled the space between with stones from the beach. As these settled to replace the sand as it was washed out, more could be added. When 130 ft. of

bulkhead was finished, they angled the ends inward and ran tiebacks of ½" galvanized iron cable from the top of every third post to deadmen buried 5 ft. inside the wall. After a hired bulldozer filled in between bulkhead and cabins, they nailed bumper planks along the wall on the sea side and painted the post tops with a preservative.



Post holes dug inside metal cylinder did not cave in. As hole deepened, cylinder sank, to be pulled up by its handles when post was set

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utility room, a master bedroom and bath, and a room for young John. Instead of a bedroom hall, there's a loggia, made large enough to serve as a playroom, a guest room, and also as a painter's studio for Mrs. Carter.

Exterior additions are redwood, but to unify the effect, the whole building was painted gray-green, with accents of yellow and white. Inside, the Spanish stucco walls were masked with striated plywood, and a fireplace was faced with green glass.



Now that the living room is enlarged, there's space for a real dining room, with a large bay window, a roomy pass-through from the kitchen, and a door (not shown) to the screened porch



Loggia connects bedrooms with the rest of the house, but it's wide enough to use as a playroom, guest room, and studio—and it's also used as a second entry, handy to kitchen and bedrooms



New master bedroom looks out on a private garden, enclosed on the driveway side by the garage. In addition to the window wall, it gets light and air from high windows over the closets

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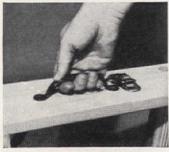
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Put gravel or clean cinders in bottom of clean pot, to ensure drainage and discourage plant roots from growing through hole out into the soil. Then (below) repot your plant in good soil in the prepared pot, or set it (pot and all) therein, Now sink the pot or pots, not quite rimdeep, in a sheltered, but not too shady corner of the garden



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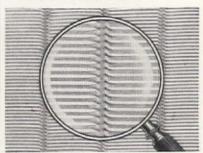


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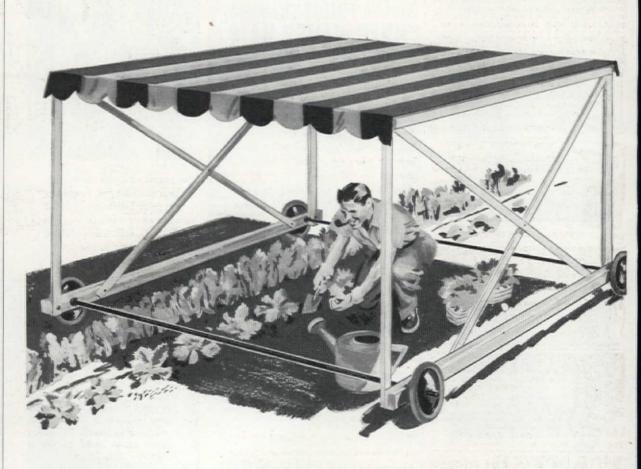


R. K. GRISWOLD

Ninety degrees here in the garden—and the weeds in the vegetable patch grow thick and fast. But they also die quickly when pulled. As I work at them, perspiration streams down my face, blurs my glasses, and drops off my chin. But out the weeds must come—and the carrots and onions must be thinned, or I won't make a good crop. Suddenly I have an idea. I will take tomorrow off and construct a portable sun shade to weed under! I know it will work, for I have a blueprint of it in my mind, and, somewhere around the place, I have almost everything I will need to make it. . . .

So I salvaged four rubber-tired wheels from a discarded express wagon, and located two 12-ft. pieces of old 1/2-in. water pipe for axles. I got hold of some long pieces of light 21/2 x 3/4 in. lumber for horizontal side sections (to take the axles), for uprights (to go at the ends and middle of the side strips), for top pieces, and for diagonal cross ties to brace the whole thing. I made the end uprights 51/2 ft. high, and the midway ones 6 in. higher, to give more headroom there. But the top could, if desired, be made flat as shown in the sketch below. With angle irons and screws, I strengthened the points where uprights, side strips, and crosswise pieces meet, and added light wire stays to give further stability. To keep the wheels in place, I drilled two 3/16-in. holes through the pipe axles near each end, and a little farther apart than the depth of the wheel hubs; after slipping on the wheels I drove pins tightly into the holes. Finally, I fitted an old awning over the top for a cover. When, on cloudy days, it is not needed, or when PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 83

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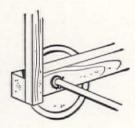
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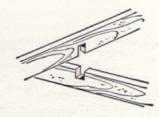
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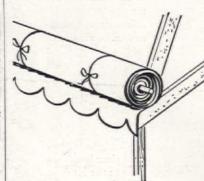
high winds threaten, I unfasten the awning at one end, roll it up on a bamboo pole, and tie it, like a furled sail, to the cross piece at the other end. When I have to work in the hot sun, I set the contraption with the wheels in the space between rows, and move it along as required with a push of my hoe or weeder. I might have used larger wheels, or bent the axles just inside them to give more clearance, but the vehicle is used mainly when the growth is young and small and weeding is especially important. Anyway, the cost was trifling, the results have been highly satisfactory. Why don't you make one?



Construction details (here adapted from author's notes) can be modified to fit needs, available materials. Nail uprights to side strips, as here, or run axles through them, too



Diagonal braces across the top. like those at sides in sketch, page 82, add strength and help support awning cover. Mortise them (above) so they will fit together where they intersect



The canvas cover, if buttoned down along one edge, can be rolled up on a bamboo pole and tied to the opposite edge if not needed or if threatened by wind. Note end of top cross-brace



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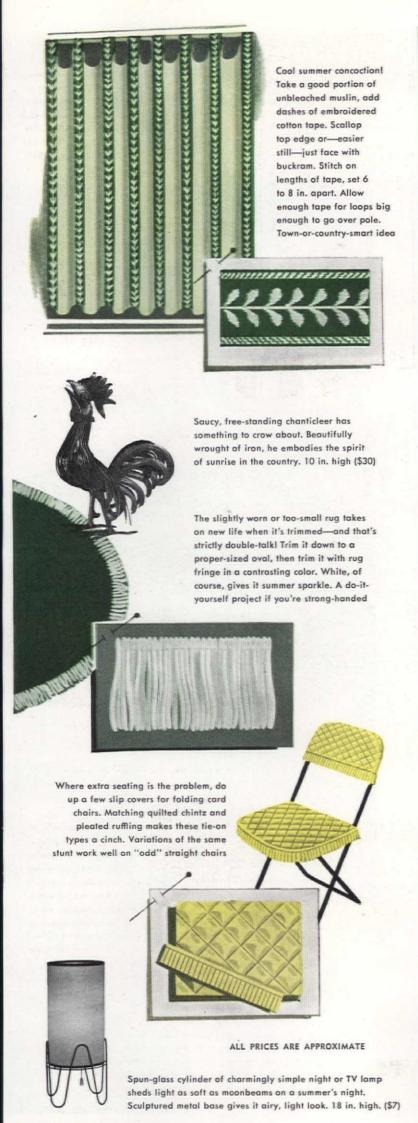
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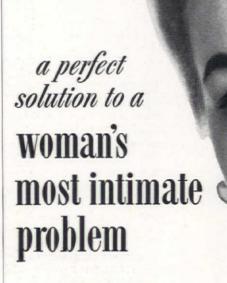


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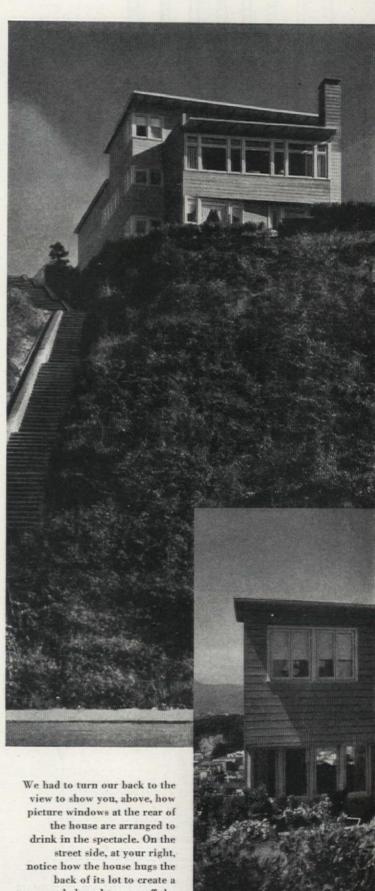
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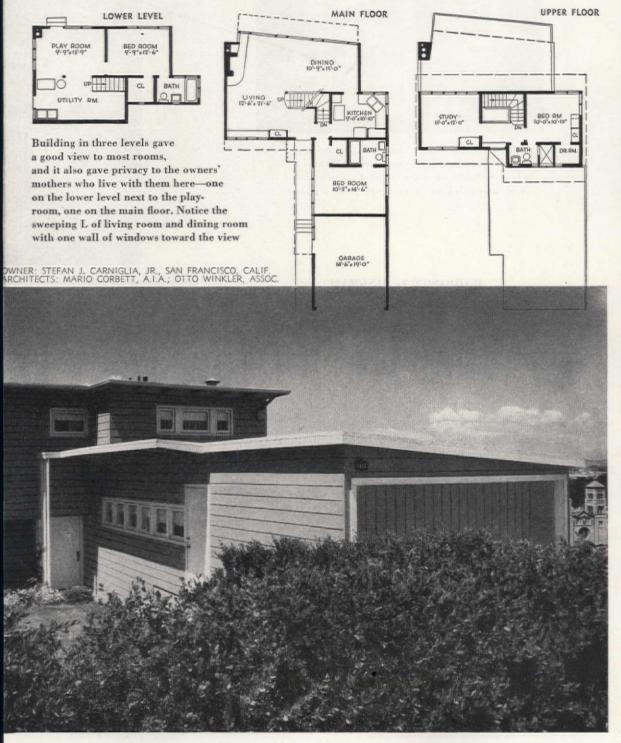
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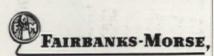
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Hopefully, but amateurishly, we tried various solutions. But the fescue, clover, and shady lawn grasses sowed under the trees soon disappeared. Obviously the easy-to-grow honey-suckle, mockorange, and spirea bushes that we planted in the corner between us and the neighbors beside and behind us would take at least a dozen years to make an effective barrier. No flowers we liked showed any desire to grow. So we finally realized that there was only one practicable way out: a good fence along two sides of a flagged patio in that southwest corner. We studied catalogues, consulted fencing experts, got estimates, and found that the necessary 48 feet of 6½ ft.-high, stockade-type fence to enclose the corner would cost \$150

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installed, and a paved patio under the old cherry tree \$127 more. A total of \$277-and our budget, already stretched to the breaking point by buying and equipping the house, allowed us only about \$175.

That figure led to our somewhat daring decision. The fence materials and flagstones, delivered but not installed, would come to \$174.80, so we declared-against the advice of friends-that we would do the work ourselves. It did look like quite a task, but so urgent was our desire for privacy that we went ahead after checking once more with specialists so as to avoid costly mistakes.

Erecting the fence (the first step) taught us why professionals charge so much. The sections are heavy and clumsy; the posts, to stand firmly, must be set 4 ft. deep. Also the problem of leveling them up was troublesome, for our yard is uneven and the end posts of most of the sections had to be sunk to different depths. But a mechanical leveler proved invaluable there, and with a borrowed posthole digger and the help of friends on four consecutive week ends, we achieved a result which, if unprofessional, was satisfactory. The reward of seeing wash lines, garbage cans, dog runs, and kitchen windows gradually disappear was payment enough.

Next came the patio. Following the

directions of a landscape gardener, we first outlined with a spade the exact area we wanted to pave-a right angle at the back along the fence, and a semi-circle in front. This we dug out 6 inches deep and carefully leveled. The soil drainage being good enough to render cinder fill unnecessary, we spread and leveled 2 inches of sand as a bed for the limestone flags. These we carried in from the alley where they were dumped, and laboriously shaped with hammer and cold chisel to fit the pattern. Finally, we filled the spaces between the stones with soil from the excavating, watered it down to settle it, then sowed it to grass seed. It was slow going, but again friends helped, and laying the stones proved a wonderful excuse for a party now and then. Also friends supplied the answer to what to grow in the dark space along the house foundation facing the patio-namely, wood violets in front and day lilies at the back. As a final touch we laid a flagged

walk to the kitchen door-and our outdoor living room was finished. Recently we spent \$20 for rose bushes to plant towards the front, and tall phlox to screen us from the alley, and about \$60 for picnic tables, benches, and chairs. Some day we hope to screen off part of the patio and add a barbecue. But meanwhile we are content with our "fifth freedom"privacy-which cost us only \$175.

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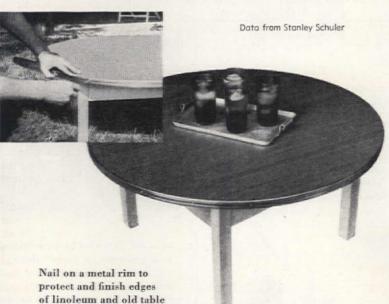
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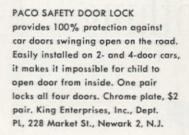
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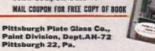
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