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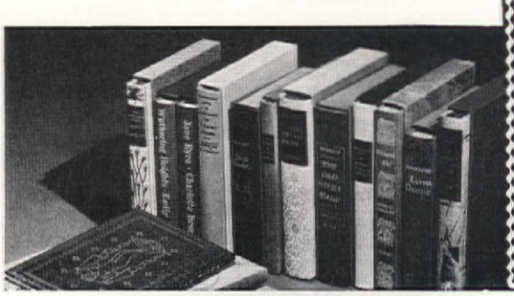

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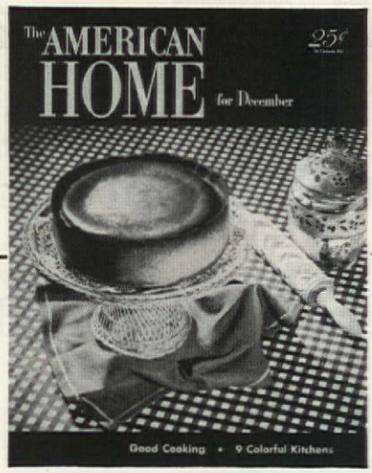

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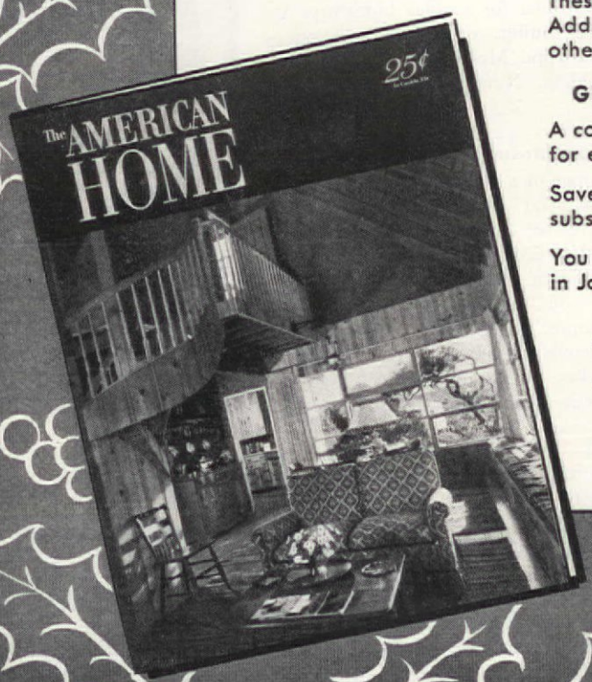

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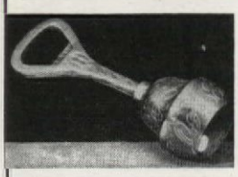

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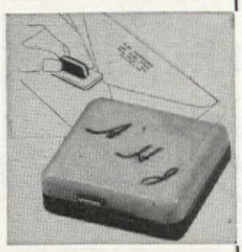

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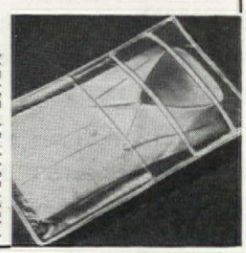

Shirt Velope

It holds one shirt, blouse or sweater and keeps it laundry-fresh, free from dust and unwrinkled. Made of heavyweight, durable clear plastic, the "shirt-velope" is a positive must for the man or woman who travels. 18" x 11½". A grand gift for a man. 50¢—3 for $1.25 postpaid.

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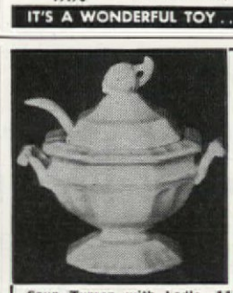

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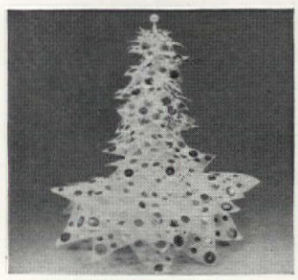
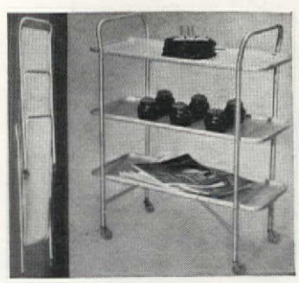
CAUGHT NAPPING on the edge of your mantel, a "Sleepy Santa" takes a well deserved 40 winks before his trip back to the North Pole. And this jolly old elf makes the gayest candle ever to rest among your greens. He's six inches high, dressed in red with black boots, black mittens, natural face, and white whiskers. $1.45 ppd. Four Seasons Book Shop, 17 W. 8th Street, N.Y.C. 11.

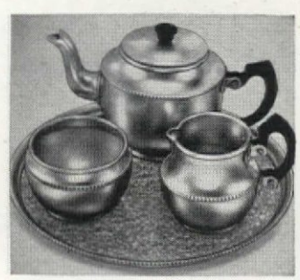
YULE LOVE IT, all the necessary materials to turn out a gleaming white-crinoline Christmas Tree, to place in the window, to grace a living, dining, or bedroom. You can put it together yourself and admire your masterpiece right through Twelfth Night. Send one to someone dreaming of home. Stands 15½" high. $1.69 ppd. Hobby Mart, 604 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh 22, Pa.



TIP FOR GOOD SERVICE is a smart cart, handy as a staff of servants and much cheaper. Of stainproof, lightweight aluminum, it stands 37" high, has three 12" x 31" shelves, and rolls easily to the scene on casters. Folds flat without disassembling for a quick hideaway. A table, buffet, or bar, all in one. $12.95 ppd. Mrs. Damar, 711 Damar Building, Newark 2, New Jersey.



EVERYTHING STOPS FOR TEA, and a stopper of a tea service is imported from Stratford-on-Avon, England—where tea drinking is a national pastime. Made of highly polished aluminum, this wonderful 4-piece set won't tarnish, is always ready to serve. 4-cup size is perfect when someone drops in. Stay-cool bakelite handles. $4.98 ppd. Breck's, 632 Breck Bldg., Boston 10, Mass.



IT'S IN THE BAG! If you're all thumbs and never come up with an original Christmas gift wrapping, you'll swoop up these cuties and feel clever just having found them. Glamorized and dramatized brown-paper bags! Each dressed up with a different hand-printed design with matching tag and yarn. Just slip your gifty in! Set of five, $1 ppd. Mary Ann Hedden, Millington, N.J.

market place

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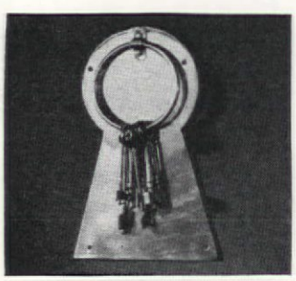
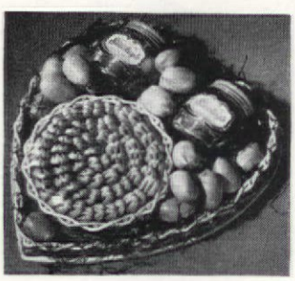
SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT brings again the eternal wonder of the season. Holly boughs and Christmas trees, carolers outside, loved ones within—and the center of it all a tiny crèche. This beautiful little one is from the Tyrol district of the Italian Alps. Made entirely of wood, its nine figures are hand-carved and painted. 8″ x 5″, $3.50 ppd. Old Mexico Shop, Santa Fe, N.M.

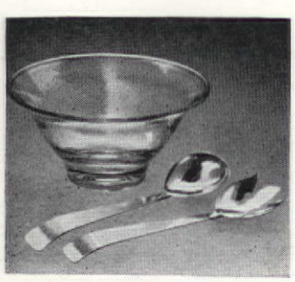
A LITTLE COOKIE will find herself in a kitchen wonderland with a Small Fry Cooking Set. Constructed to scale of polished aluminum, everything works. Whistling tea kettle whistles, percolator has a pump, stem, and basket, and will actually make coffee. Also a 6″ oval roaster, double boiler, fry pan, angel-cake and layer-cake pans. $1.95 ppd. Artisan Galleries, Fort Dodge, Iowa.



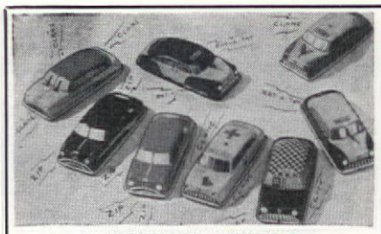
SOMEONE AT YOUR DOOR will get a hint of how charming it's going to be inside when they spy this wonderful door knocker made by hand of old brass keys gathered from trunks and attics in the Virginia farm country. Perfect touch for a Colonial or Provincial home to link the past with the present. 7¼″ high. $7.95 ppd. Market Combers, Box 3282, Station "F," Atlanta, Georgia.



A FULL HEART for Christmas holds 4 oz. of fancy pecan halves, more pecans in the shell, and two 2½ oz. jars of tropical jellies in a wicker, heart-shaped tray. What could be more welcome at a time when food and fun are kings. Check for a business associate, or a kind neighbor who takes your packages when you're out. $2.95 ppd. Stuckey's P.O. Box 301, Eastman, Georgia.



WE SEE IN THIS CRYSTAL BOWL a long and lovely life. It will often be the center of things holding flowers, fruit, or desserts. With handsome silver-plated servers, it is a distinctive salad bowl. Has appearance of heavy imported crystal. 10½″ bowl, $4.25. 12½″ *Ambassador* servers in tarnishproof bag, $4.25. Set, $8.75 ppd. House of Bertram, P.O. Box 598, Scarsdale, N.Y.



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Youngsters will never tire of playing with this fleet of realistic cars! Windshield wipers really work, taximeters click, windows go up and down, guns move in police car, ambulance bell rings! Sturdily made of heavy gauge steel—rubber tires. Two-tone paint jobs make fleet colorful and appealing to children. Cars measure 4″ x 1¾″ x 1″. Action autos were the hit of the recent toy show in New York. Fleet of 12—$2.95. Fleet of 8 ..... **$1.95** postpaid.

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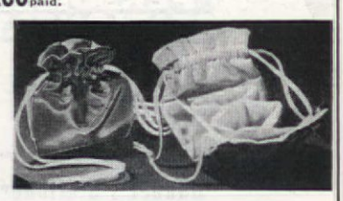

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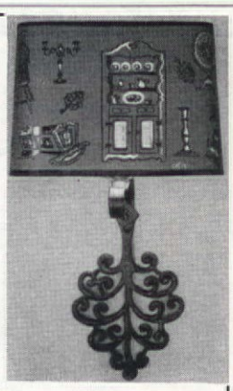

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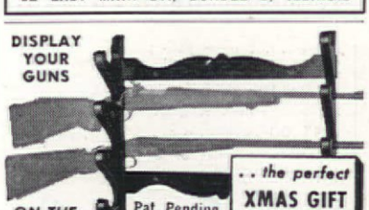

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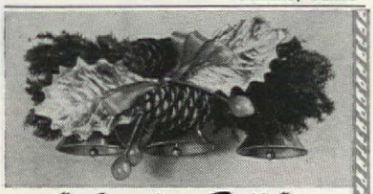

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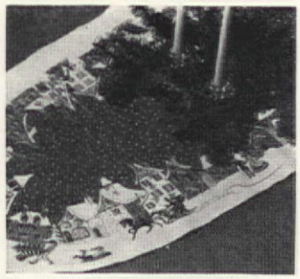

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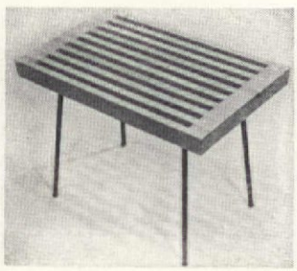

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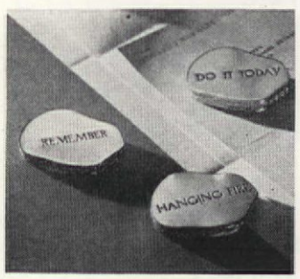

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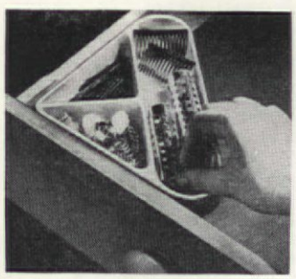

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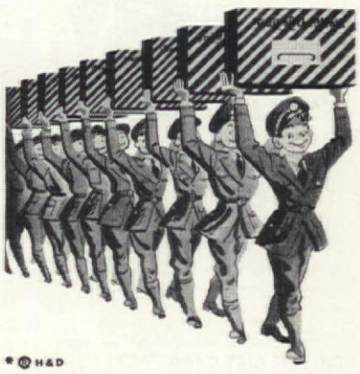

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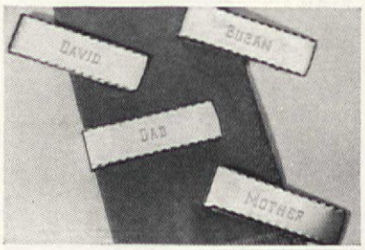

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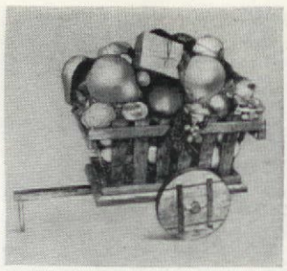

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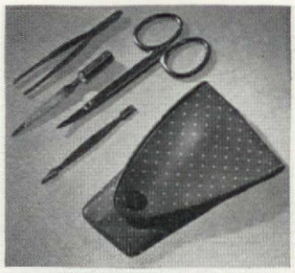
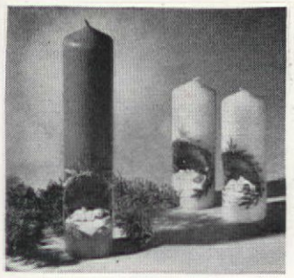
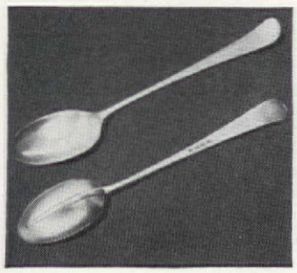
AT HER FINGER TIPS a lovely lady needs everything to keep them looking their best. She'll love a pretty Manicure Kit to carry in her purse wherever she goes. Polka-dot plastic case contains cuticle scissors, nail file, tweezer, and cuticle pusher—all elegantly gold-finished. A wonderful gift of beauty for only $1 ppd. Mastercraft, 212 Summer Street, Dept A, Boston 10, Massachusetts.





CANDLES FOR CHRISTMAS are as symbolic and traditional as the tree, the carols, the old, old story. These beautiful handmade, all-wax candles are the very essence of the season. Beautifully decorated, a niche in the base holds the Infant Jesus. Red or white. 10" candle, $2.75 each. 6" candles sold in pairs only, $4.30 pair ppd. Religious Art Guild, 125 Herold Street, Peoria, Illinois.



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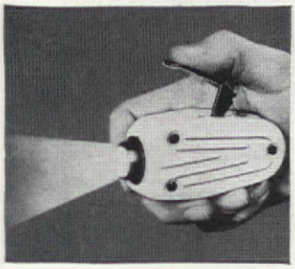

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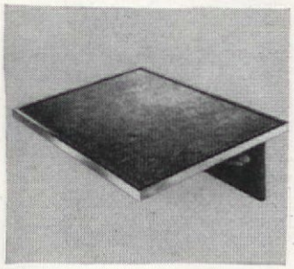

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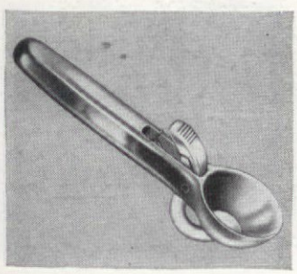

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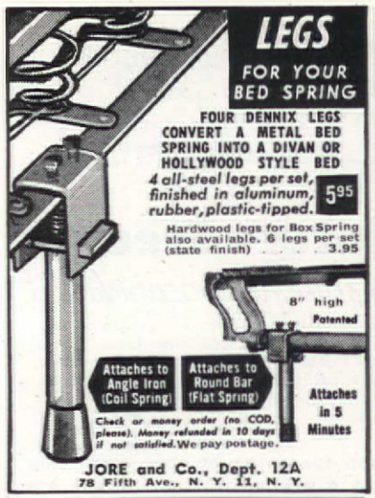

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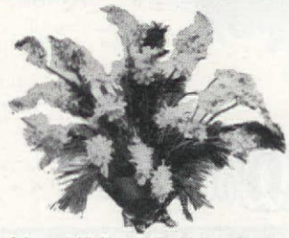

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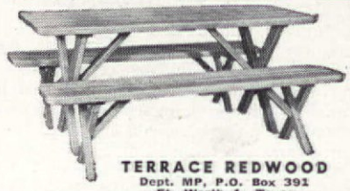

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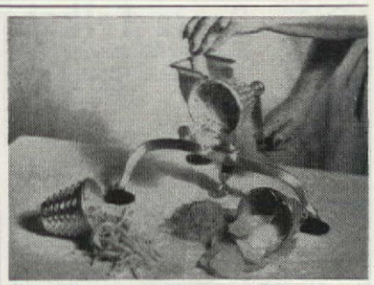

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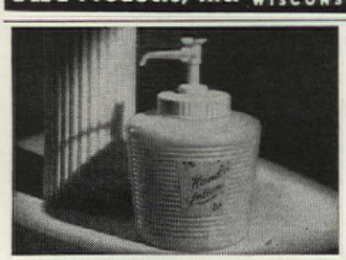

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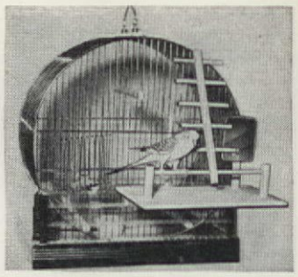

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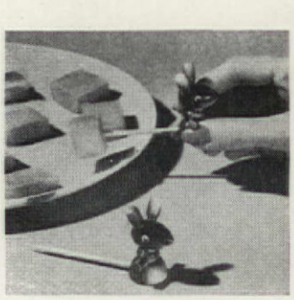

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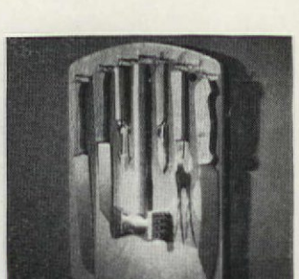

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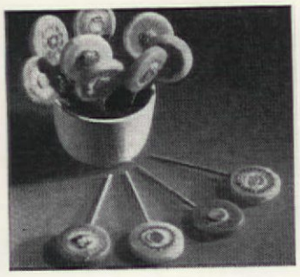

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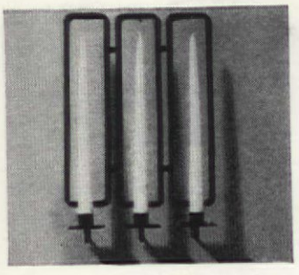

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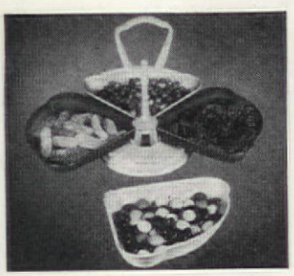

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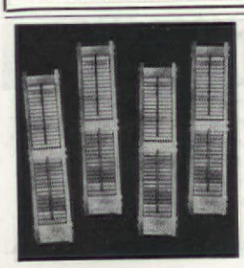

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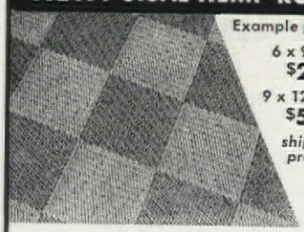

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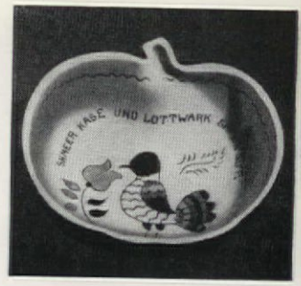

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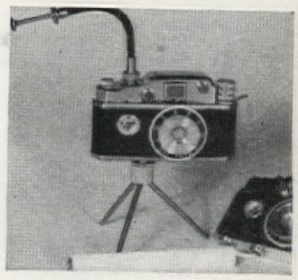

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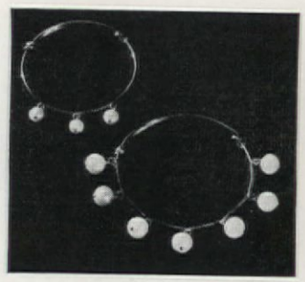

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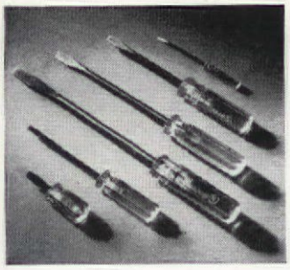

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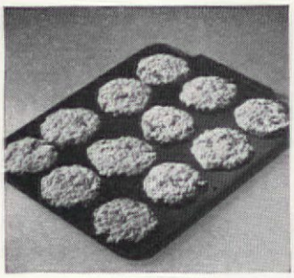

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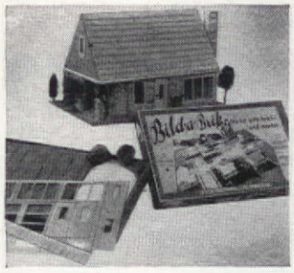

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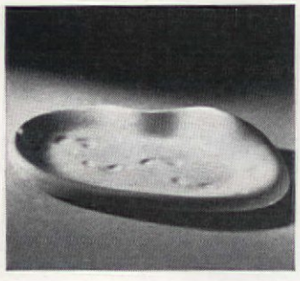

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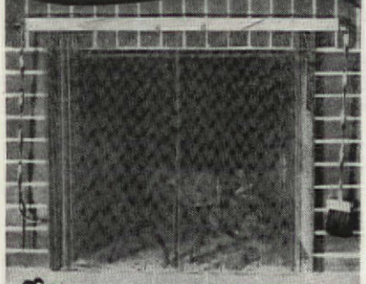

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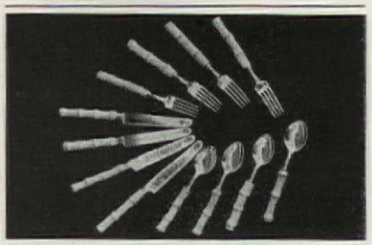

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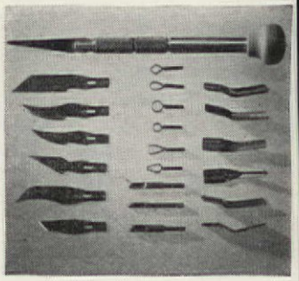

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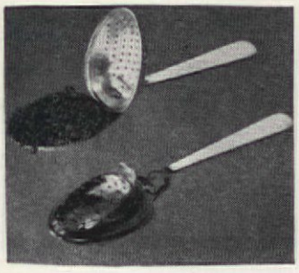

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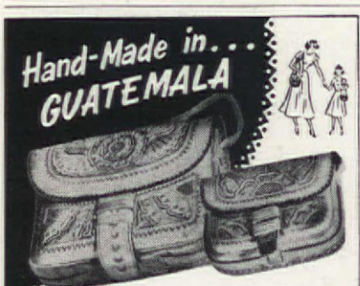

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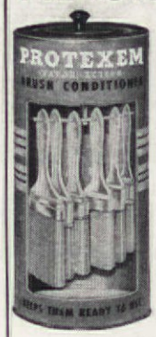

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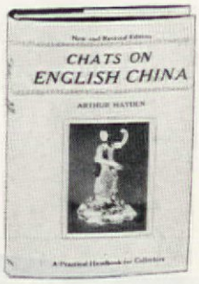

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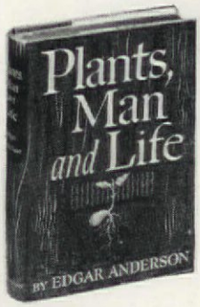

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. . . CAPTAIN AND MRS. LOUIS GWINN, whose kitchen is "Clean as a Bosun's Whistle" (pages 34, 74) have real Navy tradition behind them. She was an Australian W.R.A.N., he an Annapolis graduate, now a "T" man with the U.S. Treasury. They met during the war while serving in the South Pacific. Top man around the house now is 2-year-old Owen.

. . . CLAIRE MEYER PROCTOR was born on a Michigan farm. After a year in college, she worked in Detroit for 13 years before realizing a dream move to Arizona. There she married a native of Georgia also lured by the desert. In landscaping their Pueblo adobe home, they discovered the charm of cacti and their flowers (see page 53), and took up photography to record it, quickly winning kudos for their color work. Other interests—a daughter, Hopi and Navajo arts and crafts, and painting in oils.

. . . PHILIP WILL, JR., F.A.I.A., is one of the original partners of the firm of Perkins and Will, architects for the Harry W. Knight home on page 44. This architect-engineer firm of Chicago and White Plains, N.Y., has contributed a great deal toward remaking the concept of U.S. school architecture during the past 12 years. They believe in the importance of good psychological as well as physical environment in planning residences, shopping centers, and other private and public buildings.

. . . MRS. GEORGE McHAM began planning an early American kitchen ten years ago, and the proud results of all this thought appear on page 31. She spent a good part of those years searching out "finds" to be stored away until the new house was built. Daughter and son love the idea of a family kitchen, but husband George was a little harder to sell at first. He's so enthusiastic now that on buying trips for his fireplace shop he frequently brings home Americana pieces for the McHams' favorite room.

. . . DON CREIGHTON, whose fine decorating hand created the interiors of the Angus Parker home we show on page 46, is a native Californian who has been in the decorating business for 15 years. His career was interrupted by four years with the United States Navy, after which he returned to Los Angeles to open his own decorating studio. He likes working in a present-day vein, and feels that each home should be tailored to the individual needs of the client.

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—MRS. EARL M. SIEPKER, Nebraska

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Dear Editor,

My husband and I enjoyed your Christmas pattern, The Choir Boys, very much. Not only did we receive a number of compliments, but we won a prize for one of the best decorated doorways. We have used other AMERICAN HOME patterns in the past, and eagerly await the magazine each month to see what is new that we can make.

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Dear Editor,

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PLAY PEN FOR TREE

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—MRS. R. A. KILGO, South Carolina

Dear Editor:

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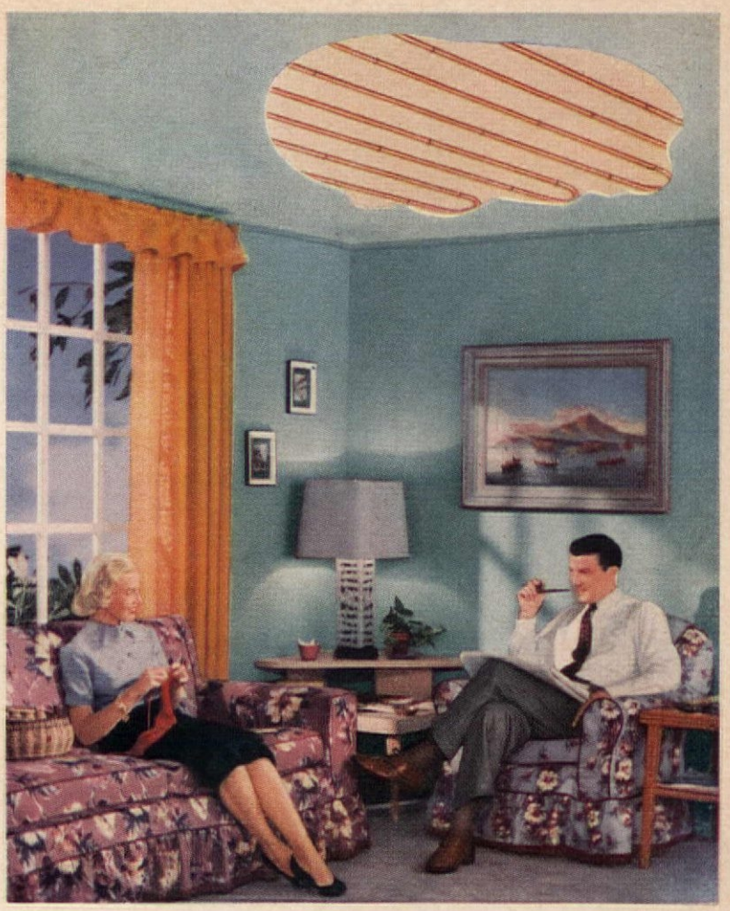

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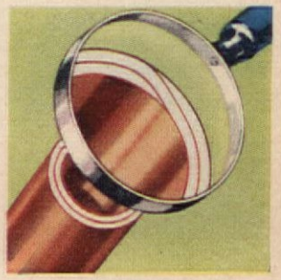

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The plan is to share ideas for Christmas decorations all through the house. As soon as the date is set, the Garden Club show committee sends each member a list of themes for inspiration, and local papers as well as the Detroit dailies carry cordial invitations to everyone to "come to the show." They do come, from all over

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Everyone—young and old—takes part in decorating the Community House. A staging committee helps direct the placing of exhibits, and all pitch in to tote and carry. Businessmen neglect the office in favor of the Christmas spirit and gaiety characteristic of Open House. The show is different every year; there have been carols by the high school glee club, and Christmas music by a trio

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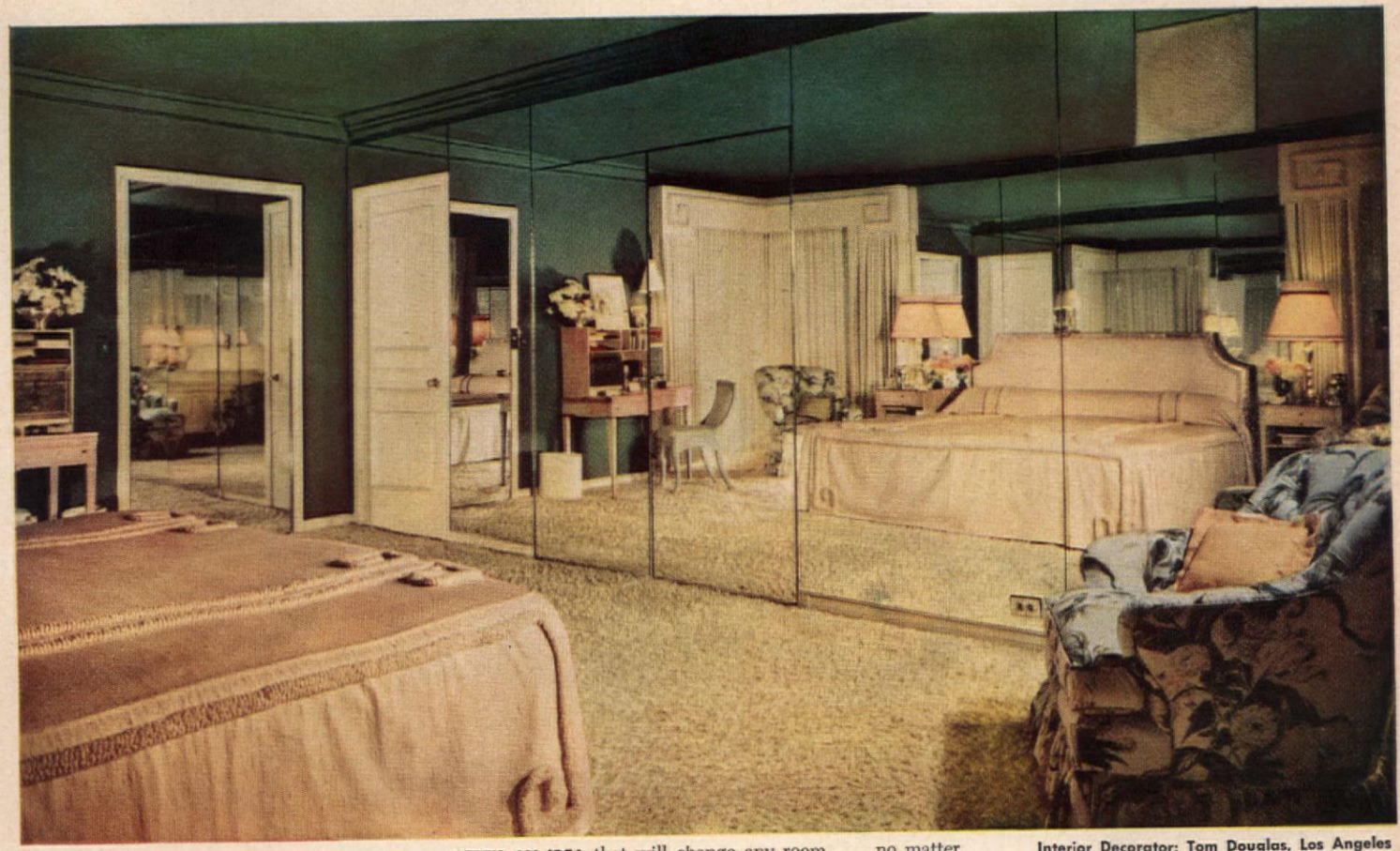

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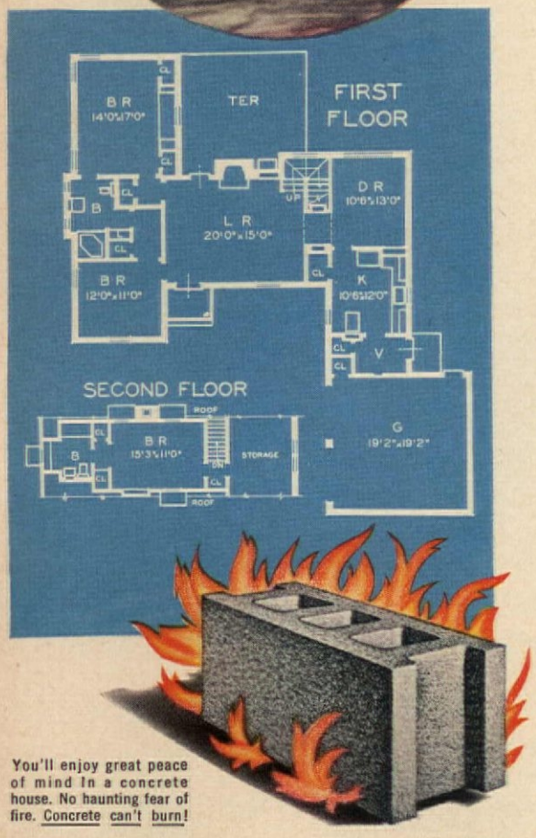

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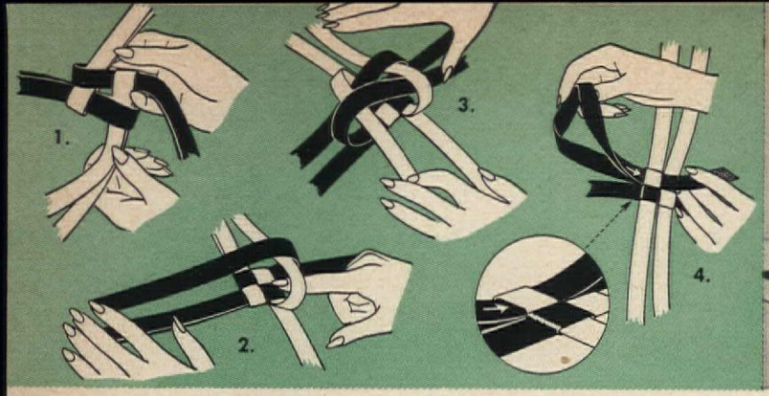
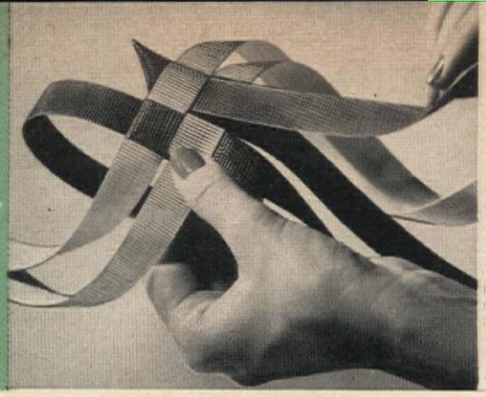
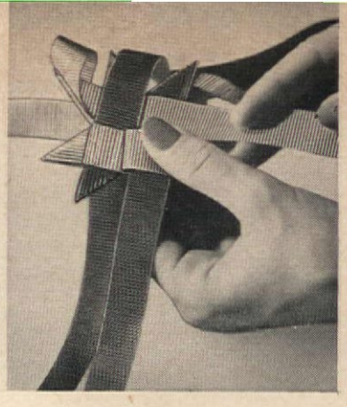
Remember when it seemed *forever* from one Christmas to the next? Remember the mounting excitement as the day drew near, when you were riding the crest—and it was so wonderful you could hardly bear it? That kind of emotional crescendo, built up of anticipation and memory, blending visions of roller skates with visions of turkey, and of your delight in the look of Christmas, and the sound of Christmas, and the smell and taste of Christmas—a wonderful, wonderful memory it is, and the excitement of it something we must never lose. But as adults, there is more than excitement and gaiety and satiety. It is the true meaning of Christmas. Upon us lies the grave responsibility of instructing our children in the religious significance of Christmas. In all our Christmas decorating, our eating, and our gift-wrapping, have we forgotten that Christmas is a religious festival of joy, something greater than a family time of reunion? Are you, and your children, making the very rafters of your church ring with joy on this beautiful birthnight of the new-born Babe? Do the walls of the house we have so carefully nurtured into a home, and so painstakingly decorated, vibrate happily with the lusty family singing of the beautiful old carols—or does the radio sing our carols for us? Have you made your children understand how very fortunate they are celebrating Christmas in America? Every Christian nation once made of Christmas something especially its own. Scandinavians scour their houses and hang paper streamers, let the children seek out their simple hidden gifts, go to church through starlit fields of snow at midnight, and scatter grain for the birds' Christmas. Spaniards, too, go to midnight mass on the "nochebuena." An Italian Christmas is not complete without the revered "presèpio," and in Holland they carry the great Star of Bethlehem on a pole through the streets. But there are many nations in the world this Christmas who are forbidden a Christian Christmas. There are separated families; little children starving and ill-clothed; our own boys cold and lonely in Korea. By all means, let our homes be beautiful and our Christmas greetings gay. Let us exchange gifts and eat bountifully—but let us not in our well-being lose the art of simple happiness that comes with sharing, remembering the unfortunate, being humble even while our souls rejoice. These are the real things of Christmas that are our children's birthright—the big gift we can give them this Christmas. And now, from our house to your house, from our families to your family—a kindly, sincere hope that this Christmas may more nearly approach the lovely, holy thing it should be—in your house and our house. May the blessedness of giving and the goodness of sharing, the great gift of humility stay with us all, long after Christmas Day is over.

The Editors

Merry Christmas!



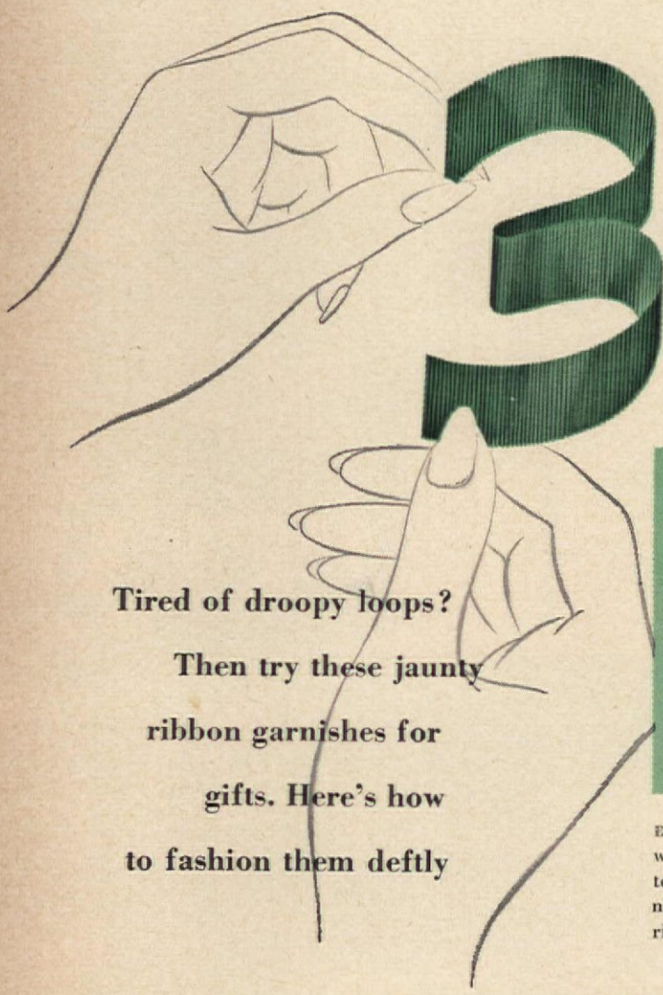




STAR: (1) Use four strips of ribbon, each one 24" long—two one color, two another. Fold each strip in half. Make basket weave of the strips, and pull all of the ends until the formation is tight and even all around. (2 & 3) Lift the top ribbons, and weave one across the other until you have a second basket weave. Then pull all of the ends taut

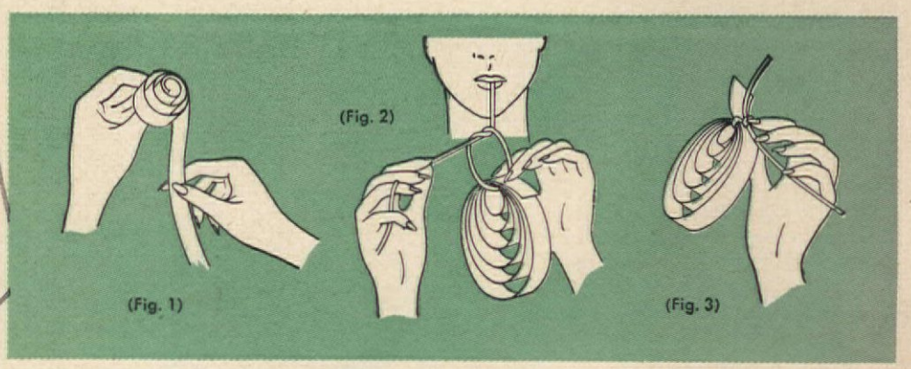
Now start making the points. First bring one loose end toward you, and slip it into one open side, as shown in Sketch 4 at your left. With thumb and forefinger, turn loop inside out, and pull through until loop forms a triangle or point when creased, as shown above. Repeat on other three sides. You'll now have four star points

Turn formation over, and continue same procedure to form four points on this side, too. You now have eight points

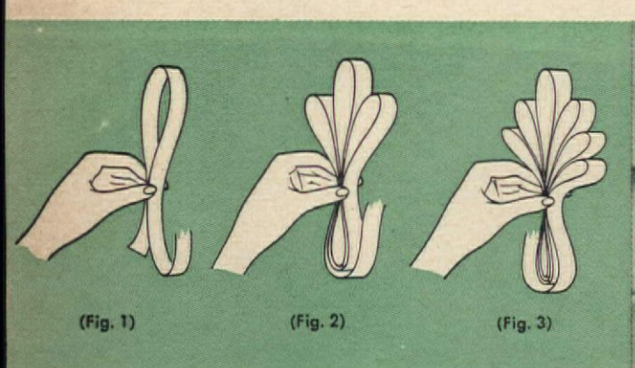


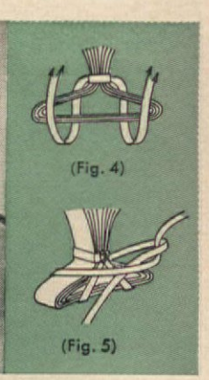
New Bows for

Tired of droopy loops? Then try these jaunty ribbon garnishes for gifts. Here's how to fashion them deftly



BELL: Used singly or in pairs, these ribbon springs, formed into bells, announce your good wishes. (1) Hold end of ribbon between thumb and forefinger. Wrap ribbon around thumb to form a ring. Continue in this fashion, making each ring larger than the one before. Make nine or ten rings. Cut ribbon from roll close to thumb. (2) Using a narrow strip, tie all rings together tightly. (3) Leave two long ends of narrow strip for attaching to package

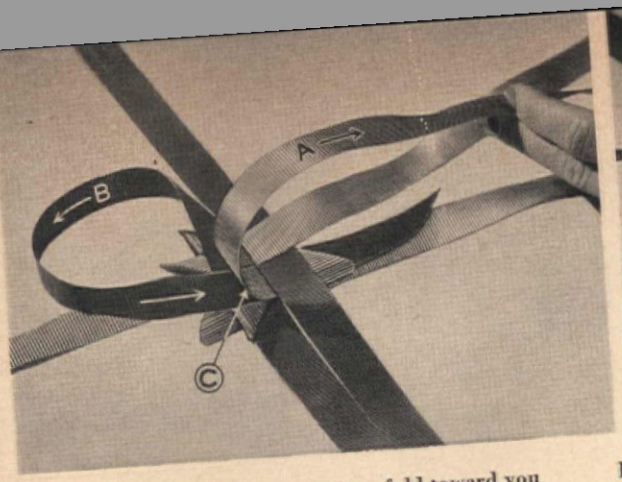




TREE: (1) Holding ribbon by edges, make high loop which is tree's top, and low loop which is base. (2) Continue ribbon upward to make first "branch," lower than the tree top. Then bring working end of ribbon around under the base to form a matching second branch on other side. (3) Repeat, graduating the height, until there are three branches on each side

Bring working end of ribbon around under base, and cut it off under bottom branch. Tie trunk securely at edge, using narrow strip. Leave two long ends for attaching to package

To make the tree stand, flatten out the base with your fingers, and tie with narrow ribbon as shown in (4) and (5). Standing pertly or lying flat on a package, this little yule tree is equally effective. A small version, with place card attached, would be charming on a holiday table



To make standing center points, fold toward you one of the top light-color strips (A) and hold between fingers. Take dark strip (B), which is at right angles to (A), twist it counter-clockwise, and slip it into slot (C) under raised ribbon. Pull toward you to form point

Repeat procedure three more times until there are four standing points. Turn formation over to other side; make four more standing points. Now you have four flat points and four standing points on each side

Close to star, snip off all but one extending ribbon. Split this lengthwise to form narrow strip for attaching to package. Cut off wider portion

Christmas

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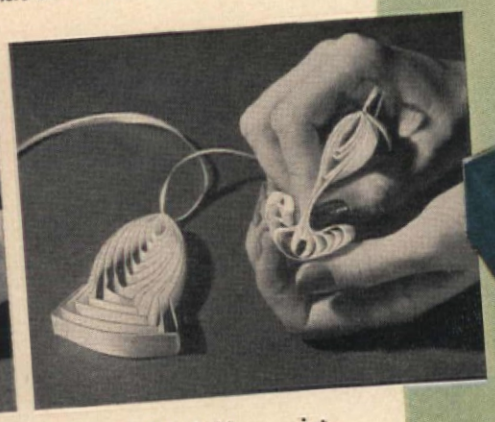
To form into bell, start at the knot and pinch top with right hand. Half way down, press the ribbon rings together with your thumb and the index finger of your left hand



Holding bell at halfway point with thumb and index finger of your right hand, press the lower portion upward with your left hand to shape bottom of the bell

An added sparkle isn't essential, but it's always attractive on a package. To make the tree glisten, first dab rubber cement rather lightly on the tips of the loops and on the front of your tree

Before the rubber cement has had a chance to dry, sprinkle over it the silver glitter you can buy in dime or art-supply stores. An old salt shaker makes an excellent sprinkler for glitter

COLORFUL 9 KITCHENS

OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. JOHN D. FREW; ARCHITECT: JAMES LYONS; BUILDER: JOHN D. FREW

"Ma, please—may we have the kitchen tonight?" Requests like this from the teen-agers tell the real news behind our fabulous new kitchens. With their convivial air, they recall pioneer kitchens—but Great-grandmother's kitchen never had it so good. Taking into account all the advances made in the 20th century, the kitchen is still the most advanced room in the house. Those you see here would be less hospitable if dishes were washed by hand and if exhaust fans didn't keep the air sweet, and they stay pretty as well as efficient because of modern finishes and materials. They're automatic as B-36's, but we take their mechanical marvels in our stride, and now have the sense to make them look as well as they act. If you like greens and reds, mauves and pinks, if candy-cane stripes lift your spirits, why not use them in the kitchen—who said they're not "right" there, just because nobody was imaginative enough to use them before?

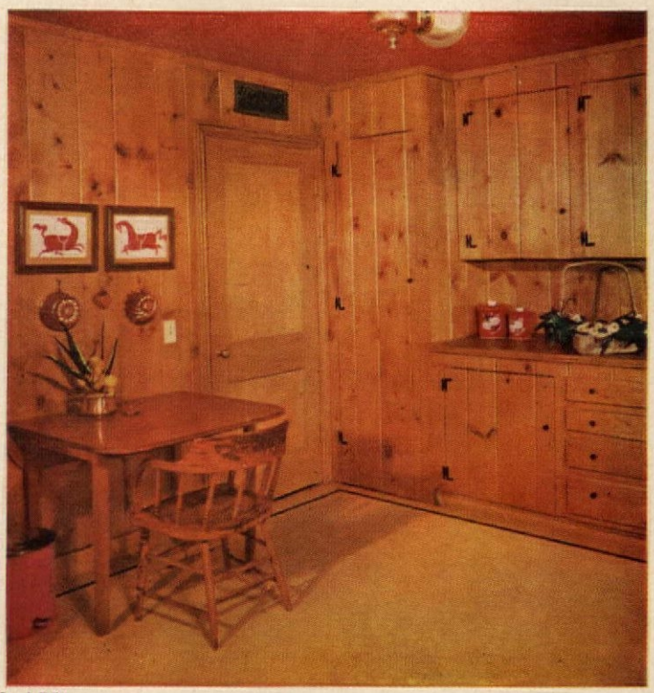
OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. MCHAM
ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS: SADLER AND ARMSTRONG

BUILDER: SEGAL CONSTRUCTION CO.
DECORATOR: KOOS BROS.

COLORFUL 9 KITCHENS

The custom-built beauties below, and the small-house kitchen at your right show that all Americans are kitchen-proud. Women are proud of their culinary skills, and *like* an audience—in the kitchen. Morning coffee, two family meals a day, teen-age do's, midnight snacks, a setting for hobbies—all are now in the kitchen. And now that we live in them, they have to be attractive. Note the use of wood tones, so much softer, so much easier to maintain, than the laboratory whites used to be. Natural wood finishes come in ready-made cabinets, and some combine wood with metal. Use wood straight—or glazed with color. Washable plastics and papers, floorings and surfacings also give you an endless range of color choice.

OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. JESS FINCH



OWNERS: DR. AND MRS. HENRY GRAMMAR; DECORATOR: JOHN ASTIN PERKINS, A.I.D.

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Many things, including our attitude toward living, advanced the kitchen to the status of a living area—not just a room for cooking. If the kitchen is planned to harmonize with the rooms beyond, you can open the doors and the pass-throughs to make it, and yourself, a part of what's going on elsewhere. A remodeled kitchen like the Carters' can be as attractive as one built from scratch—and if the space is narrow, note the advantages of slant-front cabinets with sliding doors. As befits a kitchen that's almost a part of the living room, cabinets with drawers "engineered" for the things they're to hold, are real furniture, with handsome hardware and finishes as good as those on furniture in other rooms. Or, if you prefer metal and white for your cabinets, you can give excellent color value to the white by contrasting it with colored backgrounds and gay accents. The point is—no more stark, sterile kitchens for solitary confinement for Mother—No Sir!

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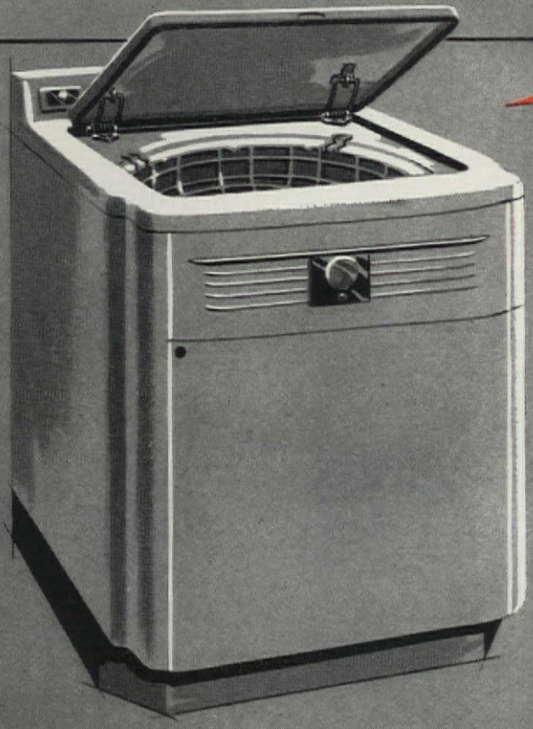
Which DISHWASHER



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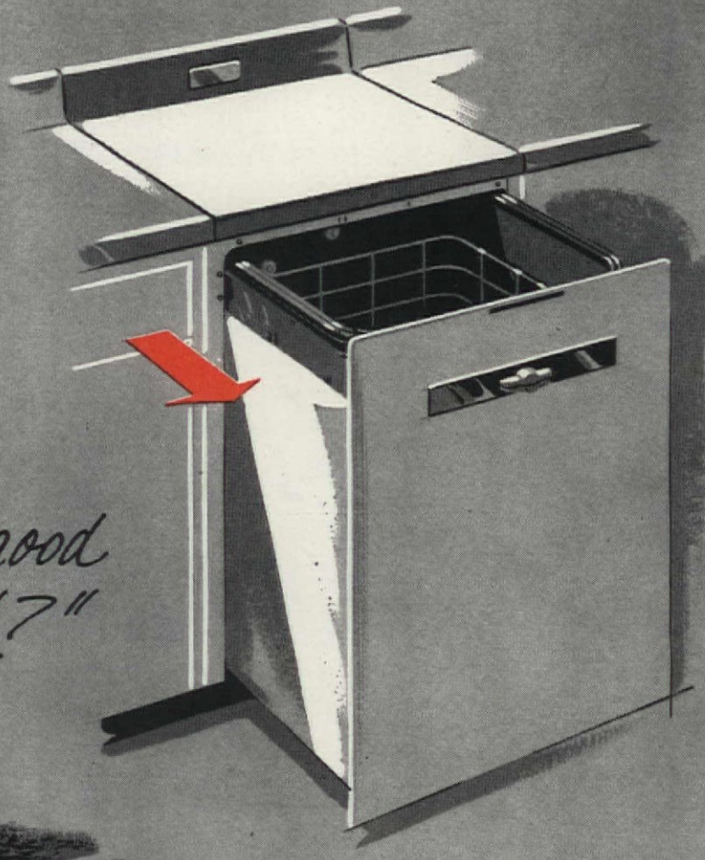

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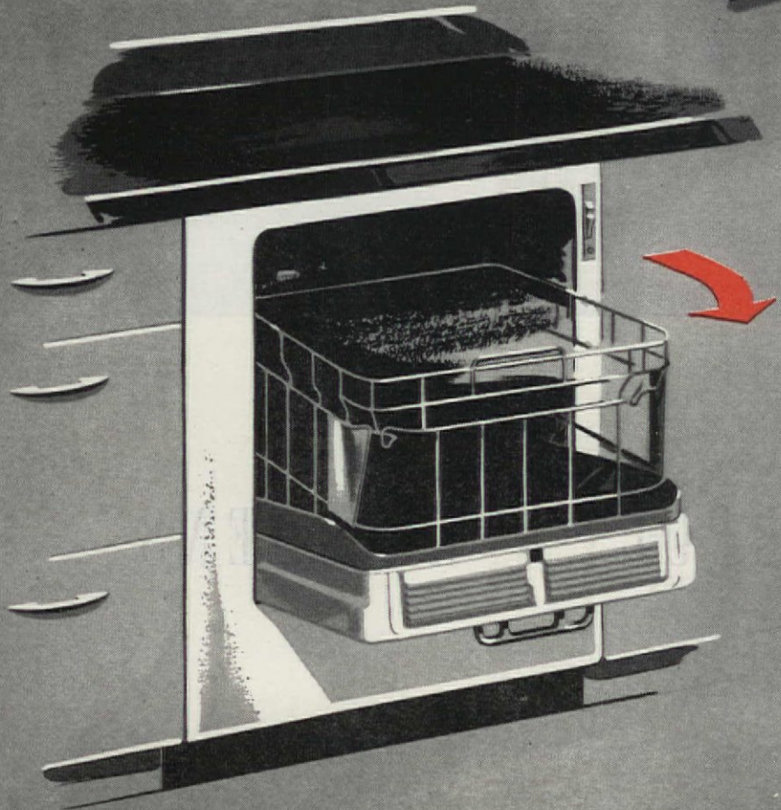

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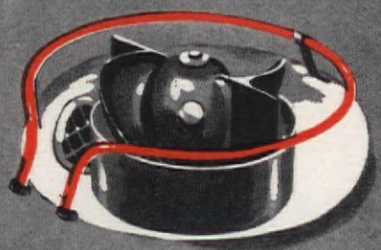

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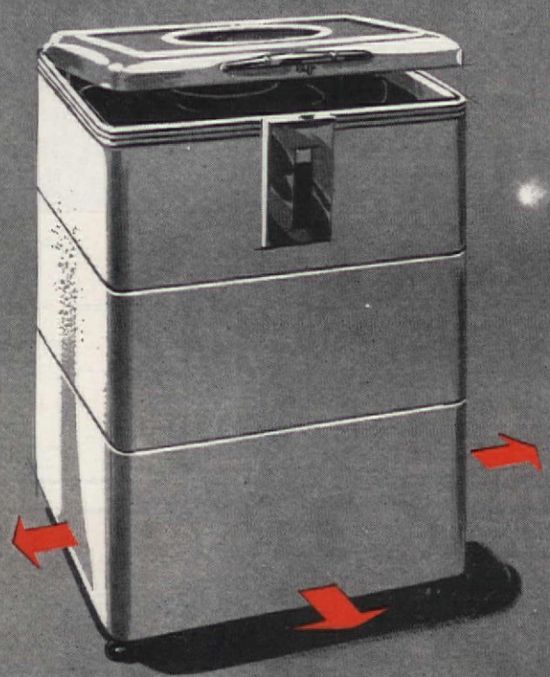

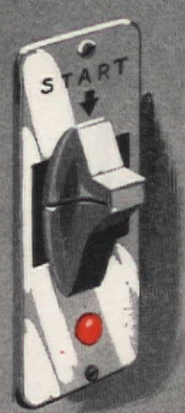

EDITH RAMSAY

Did you think dishwashers were something new? Actually, they're not, for both commercial and domestic types have several decades of experimentation in good hard use behind them. But they have been big news in the past five years since mechanical improvements and the development of improved detergents have banished the old kinks and caused the customers, male and female, to line up on the right to buy them by the hundreds of thousands, in rapidly increasing numbers each year. And no wonder, for no single appliance saves Mother more work—or Dad more pangs of conscience, since dishwashing was the one household chore he was always around to take over—or to try to ignore uneasily. Now Mr. and Mrs. can rinse 'em and stack 'em in a few minutes flat, turn on the dial—and go out to the movies, while the dishes wash and dry themselves.

It's not only the work that it saves, but the *kind* of work—one of the messiest, least agreeable jobs in all homemaking—which accounts for most sales of dishwashers. But this blessed machine has another virtue, less widely heralded but at least as important: it protects your family's health. Many a handwashed dish which *looks* clean, isn't. Hand washing often fails to remove the soap film, and soap film makes an excellent culture for germs to grow in. Also, the human hand can't stay for long in water hot enough to wash dishes really clean—but the diswasher can, and in so doing it keeps many a cold from passing around the family.

But, let's get back to the work it saves you. If you're the hypothetical "average" woman, you're destined to wash some 2,500,000 dishes in your lifetime—a mighty heap. And even with a small family of four, a dishwasher can save you literally 30 eight-hour days a year—one whole month of working time! We did a detailed time and motion study on it several years ago (published in our May, 1950 issue), and found that hand washing the average number of dishes (not including serving dishes or utensils) for an average family of four would take approximately 466 hours, as against 213 hours by machine. And the number of motions saved was astronomical.

And what does it cost? Well, if you count up those saved working hours, and balance them off against the hourly wage paid to household help when you can get it, you'll see that the average dishwasher pays for itself in about a year—and certainly your own time and your own back are worth as much to you as hired Hulda's. But assuming you're not hiring any Huldas, washing dishes by machine costs you only a few pennies a day more than washing by hand—and that includes amortizing the cost of the dishwasher over its lifetime, the cost of the detergents, and the cost of the electricity and hot water. (The machine uses less detergents and hot water than good hand methods.)

Dishwashers *will* handle everything, from the "horribles" to the finest of crystal and china (the only exception is certain types of decorated wares). If your family is large, you scrape out the dirty pots and pans, and let the washer

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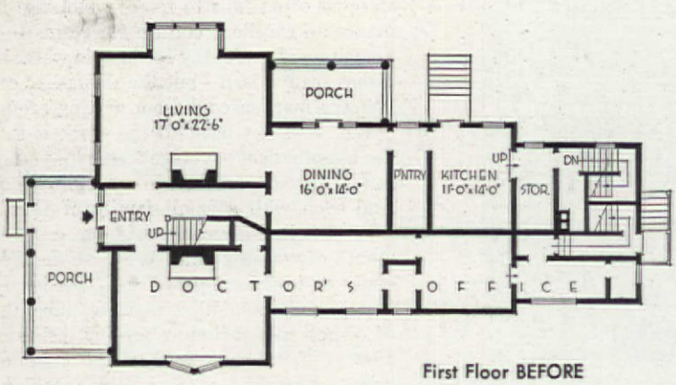

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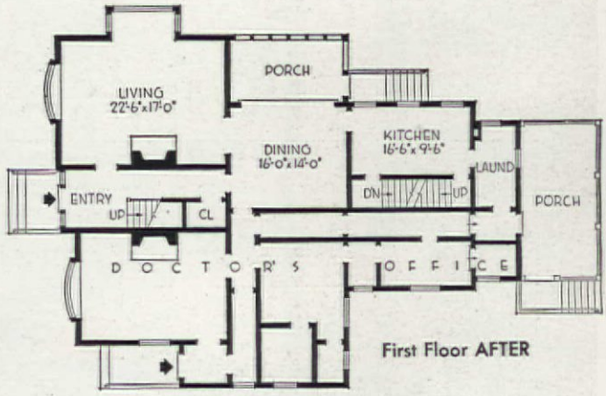

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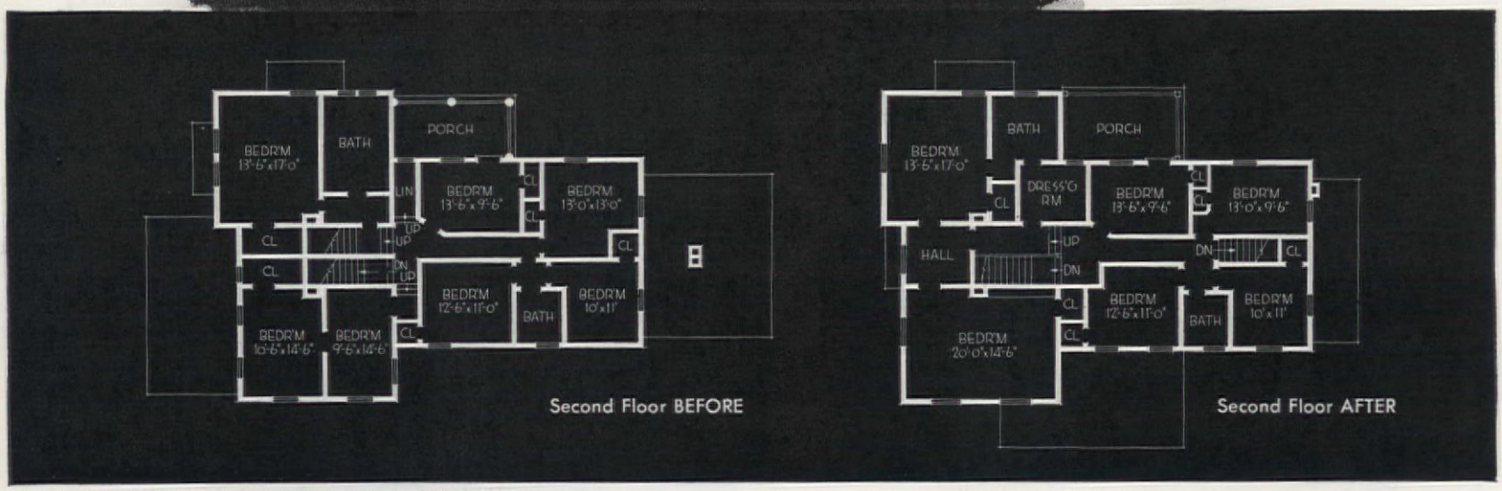

OWNERS: DR. AND MRS. J. B. NASELLI; DESIGNER: S. L. LAPI

HUBBARD COBB

Maybe Grandpa and Grandma had taste, but when it came to houses it wasn't always very good taste, at least not by today's standards. And then again, maybe it was all Great-Grandpa's fault. Anyway, before it was remodeled, this home had just about everything you wouldn't want. The roof had more hips than the Florodora Sextette, and if there were any pleasing exterior lines, they were killed by balconies and porches scattered at random. Austere windows completed the job of making this as depressing and unattractive a house as you'd want to run across on a stormy night.

In short, this was just the sort of house that is usually either torn down, or sold—cheap—to people enterprising enough to do something with it. There are thousands of big old places like it on pleasant old streets now zoned so that part of the downstairs can be remodeled into income-producing offices. Dr. and Mrs. Naselli, happily, decided neither to sell nor demolish; they remodeled, and a quick glance at the "after" picture will tell you what a wise choice this turned out to be. The hip roof disappeared, and in its place appeared a nice, simple pitched roof with a large gable. The single-pane, double-hung windows were ripped out in favor of nine-pane sashes, and each window was equipped with wood shutters. More important, the windows were relocated to harmonize with the exterior. On the first floor at the front, two large bay windows were used to flank the simple entry. Porches and balconies were ripped away, and, we sincerely trust, burned. And to top it off, the whole thing was painted a warm and inviting color which the original builders would never have dreamed of using on the outside of a house.

Changes took place on the inside, too. On the first floor, the pantry was combined with kitchen, and a laundry room added. The doctor's office was redesigned for greater efficiency. Upstairs, two small bedrooms were combined into one big one, and a dressing room was made out of a linen closet and a useless hallway.

Through good planning and the proper selection of materials, this house has been given an attractiveness and dignity it never had before, and a look that will still be pleasing 104 years from now.

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JOHN LIPPERT

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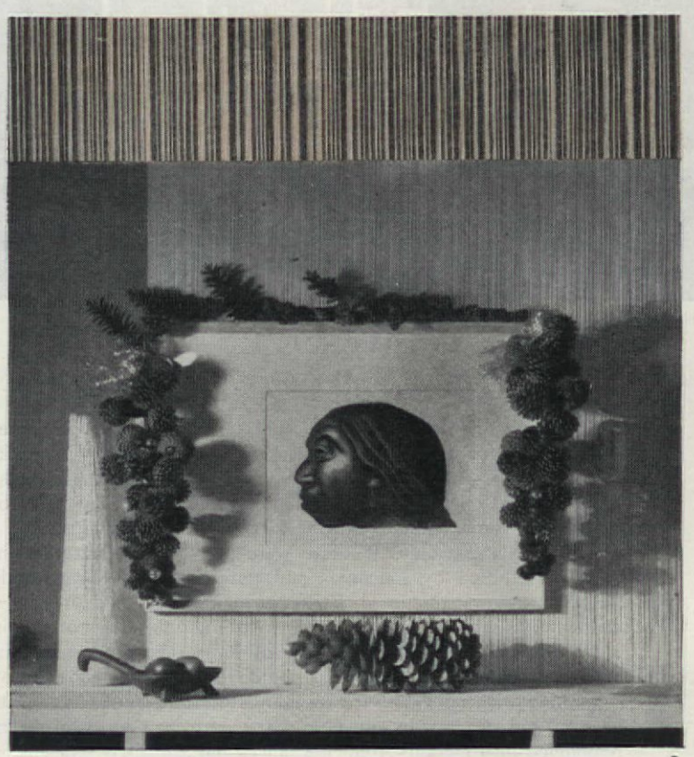
Textured walls have been with us for years, but the great good news about them these days is that they've "caught on" so that manufacturers offer them in a wide range of plastics, plywoods, and other materials. No wonder they're so popular—in addition to their style, there's the easy maintenance, for it's a cinch to keep them good as new, some with a vacuum cleaner, others with just a damp cloth. They last for decades, and though you can paint over them, they require no such refurbishing. Save for the luxurious grass cloths, most of these long-lived wall coverings compare favorably in price with high-style, hand-printed wallpapers. The biggest news is in the plastics, the least expensive materials we show here. Permanent color can be built right into them so you have your choice of high "decorator" shades as well as the neutrals, and they are made to simulate many texturally interesting materials—split bamboo, rough weaves, straw squares, even brick, are some effects you'll find in addition to those we illustrate. They are handsome enough to do you proud in the living room, and practical enough for areas where they'll get plenty of hard wear.

Whenever a fashion in anything so basic as wall coverings takes hold, it usually goes hand in hand with other home-furnishings fashions, and with contemporary architectural styles as well. Textured walls are no exceptions —they are excellent companions to the currently favored textured carpets and fabrics, and architecturally, they are ideally suited to contemporary rooms where long, uninterrupted walls face walls of windows. A textured surface picks up the play of light and shade and makes the wall decorative in itself. But regardless of the architecture or the decorative style of your room, textured walls are a delight because they are so lively that they require no pictures, although, as art galleries discovered long ago, they make a perfect background for art.



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1. Imagine how dull a flat wall would be here, and you'll see how dramatically a textured surface, thoughtfully lighted, decorates a room. Hand-woven grasses are the most costly and luxurious of the textured wall coverings

2. Look again—this isn't another woven matting, but a clever translation into washable plastic which costs about 30¢ a square foot, comes in rolls like wall paper. You can have your choice of nine permanent colors

3. Striated plywood, an ideal background, or handsome alone with good lighting, comes by the sheet in natural wood finish, but can be stained or painted. It's easy to install by countersinking finishing nails and covering the holes with plastic wood. About 33¢ a square foot

4. These striations come by the roll in three colors—in plastic. Later on, you can change the color with a coat of paint if you like. It costs about 18¢ a square foot

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 92

GIVE WALLS A NEW DIMENSION

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Making small photograms (up to 4" x 6") doesn't require a darkroom. You need these items in addition to object forming the design: three small pans for mixing, and larger one for washing (glass or enamel, not metal); a standard measuring cup; a lamp with 150-watt bulb. Chemicals to make 50 photograms come in a 20¢ package; a developer, stop bath, and fixer—which you use in that order

Use different glass or enamel pan for each chemical, and mix each with 8-oz. water. There are four packets—two are used to form developer. Stir with glass or plastic stirrer, or your fingers, until chemical dissolves

Here's How!

Use special photographic paper for processing in subdued light—one sheet at a time. Place object used for design on glossy side of paper, and turn on lamp. With a 150-watt bulb, the exposure takes about one minute. You can use weaker bulb—but it takes longer

Place exposed paper in the developing solution. Move it about until paper is a strong black and design a sharp white (about one minute). Lift by corner, let it drip, and put in stop-bath for 15 seconds

From stop-bath, transfer photogram to fixer solution. Let it stay 2–10 minutes. Wash hands at this point to avoid getting stop-bath solution into other trays

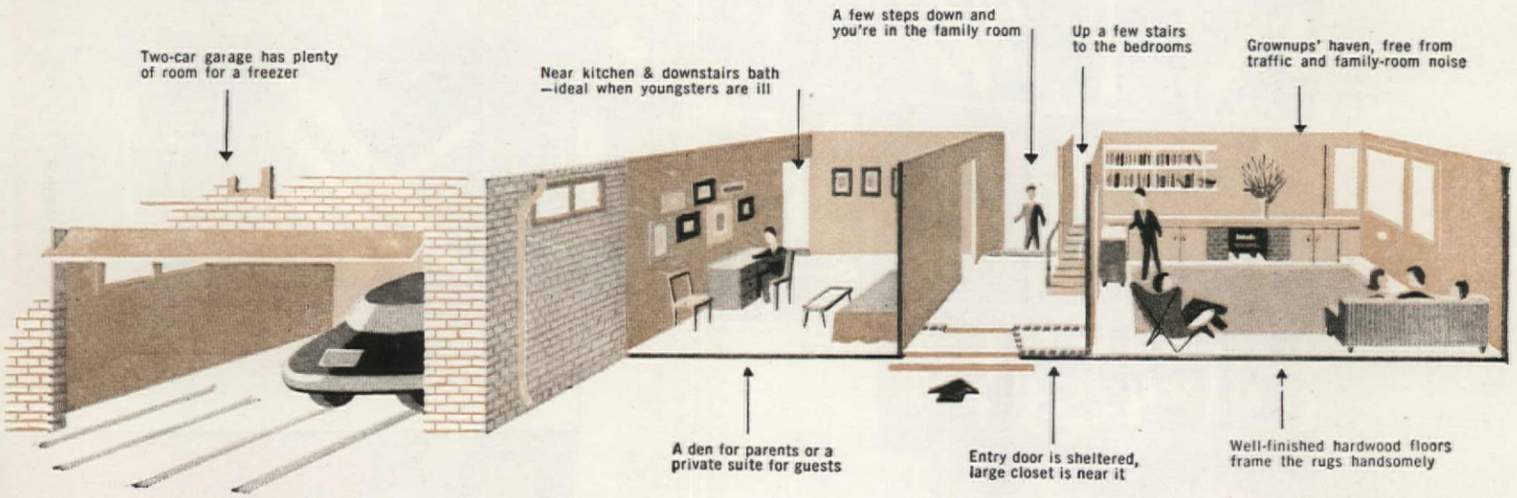
Photograms must be very well washed, if possible in changing water. Place in glass or enamel pan in sink, and allow water from faucet to run over them. Place something under pan to make sure drain does not close. If you can't use running water, wash photograms in 10 changes of water

To dry, place on lintless towel. Speed drying by patting with second towel. If they curl when dry, press lightly with warm iron. If you wish to repeat an intricate design, paint or paste it on glass. You can work in normal room light, but avoid sunny windows and bright light

Design your Own Photograms

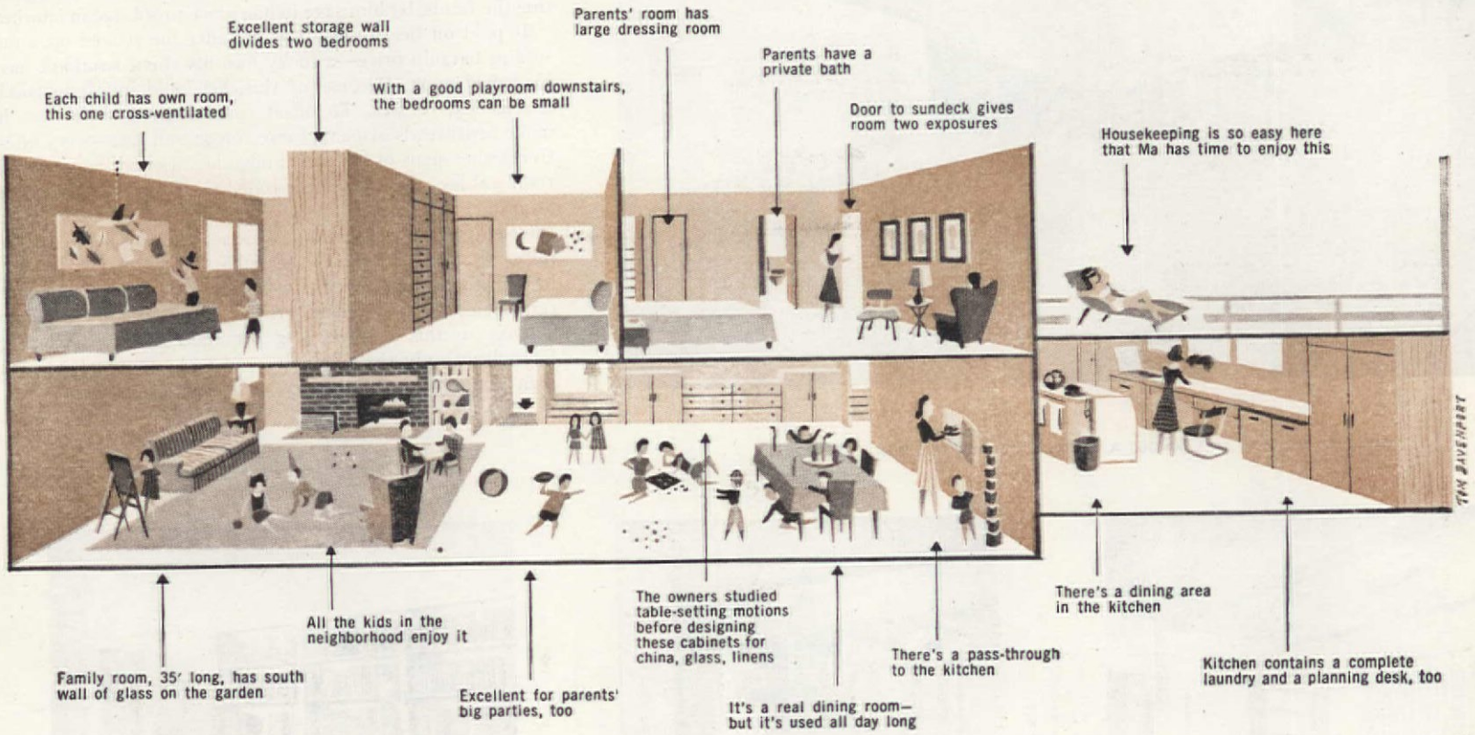
IN THE HOME OF MR. & MRS. W. B. BRUMMITT

Here's a useful twist to an old pastime—photograms which are negative images of any object which casts a shadow or has open areas through which light can pass. It's "photography" sans camera, and sans darkroom too, for the smaller sizes. And now it's easy and foolproof, thanks to modern developing chemicals and photographic papers made for processing in subdued light. You can make them from your own designs on glass, as well as from other objects, and your imagination is the only limit to your compositions and to the way you use them. The jaunty photogram wall above, made of units 10 inches square, did require a darkroom for developing. These prints were made on 0 double weight enlargement paper, then mounted on light cardboard and sprayed with a protective plastic coat.



Conforms on the Outside— Performs on the Inside

OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. HARRY W. KNIGHT
ARCHITECTS: PERKINS AND WILL, A.I.A.



When an efficiency expert builds himself a home, it needn't be a cross between the inside of a submarine and a Pullman compartment—it can be a darn good house, like this. Maybe it takes this sort of expert to know that a good way to get the advantages of a two-story house without long stairways is to build on *three* levels with just a few steps between, and that the best home for kids is one with plenty of room for individuals—and for the family as a whole. And making a study of the motions you use putting things away and getting them out certainly helps when you're designing built-ins. This home of a time and motion study expert was planned for the kind of efficiency it takes to run a house and family, and still have time to enjoy life.

We think it's something pretty special in the way of house design, so stay with us while we explain how it works. When you enter the front door, there is a living room for grownups on one side and a study with bath on the other. A few steps down from this level get you to the living area of the house, a big combination family and dining room, all glass on one side, 35′ long, and big enough for 60 people, but not too big for three or four. The kitchen-laundry room is down here, too. Now go back up to the entrance hall and take that short flight of stairs, and you land on the sleeping level—three bedrooms, two baths, master's dressing room, plenty of closets, attic storage space, and a sundeck. For some pictures of the interior, see page 80.

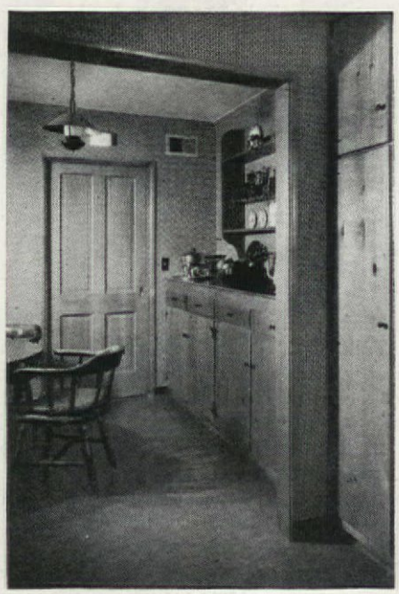
HOW TO KEEP A BUDGET

These suave rooms would be well worth showing just as a decorating "lesson"—for example, to illustrate the knowing effect you can achieve by creating what experts call an "ambiance" of one single color—seafoam green in the bedroom here, café-au-plenty-of-lait in the living room. You can take any shade which is light but not trite, and use it on walls, ceilings, woodwork, repeat it at the windows, and echo it on the floor to create a harmonious color environment in which your favorite strong colors are bound to look well as accents. It's a decorator's trick laymen can apply. But the real point of this story is that a decorator did it here—on a budget which he kept from budging, as well as from showing.

Decorator Don Creighton knew his stuff, and his clients, the Angus Parkers, knew theirs—which was, on a low budget, to pick an expert decorator and give him carte blanche. Mrs. Parker had confidence in her own good taste, but she knew that Decorator Creighton's background and day-to-day contacts would enable him to ferret out good buys. To keep the cost of his services low, she made few demands on his time: she settled for an initial long conference to discuss general plans, styles, and colors—and then left it up to him. She gave him a free hand in allocating the funds, let him save in one place to splurge in another.

It paid off beautifully. For instance, he picked up a fine sofa at bargain price—a lucky find his client wouldn't have happened upon. Because of this, he could invest in costly dining-room chairs. To offset some expensive fabrics, he made bedspreads of penny-wise cotton and jute—very effective. Other signs of his good budgeting abound. Some living-room tables, and the dining-room table and server started as ordinary unpainted pieces, but he treated them to an excellent fruitwood finish, to metal grillwork, and to fine pulls—and still stretched the dollars. As a matter of fact, he stretched them enough to justify those impressive shutters which set the dining area off from the living room. Thanks to this fine working arrangement, Creighton delivered not only the debonair good looks that you see, but high quality in construction and materials as well.

OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. ANGUS A. PARKER; DECORATOR: DON CREIGHTON



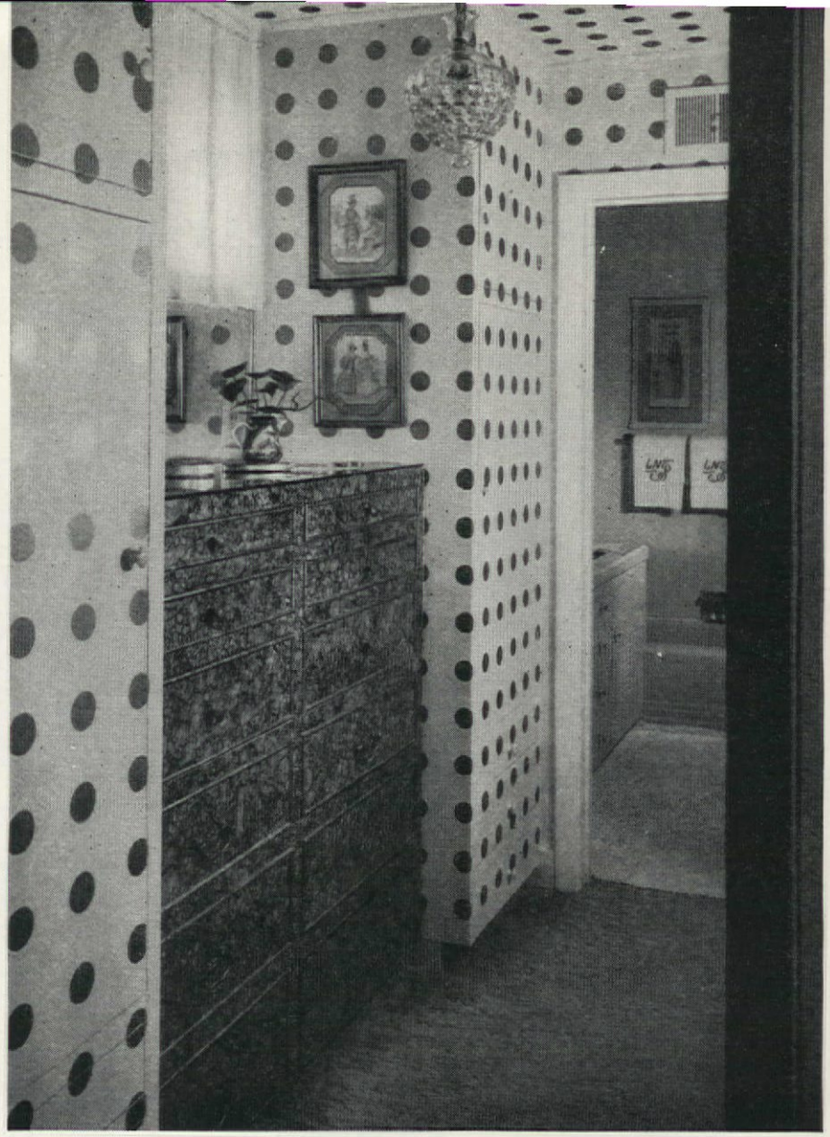
FROM BUDGING

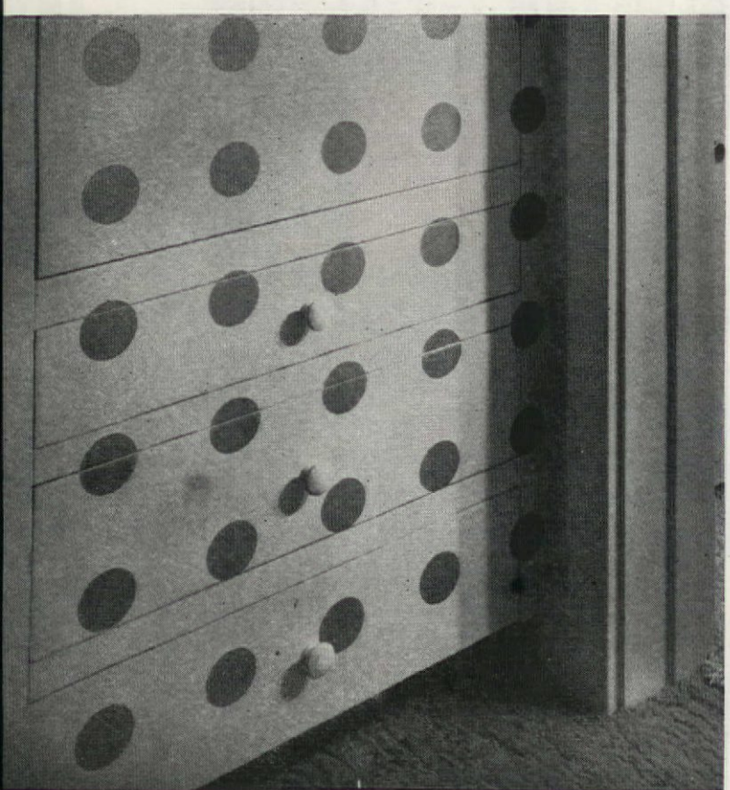
MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

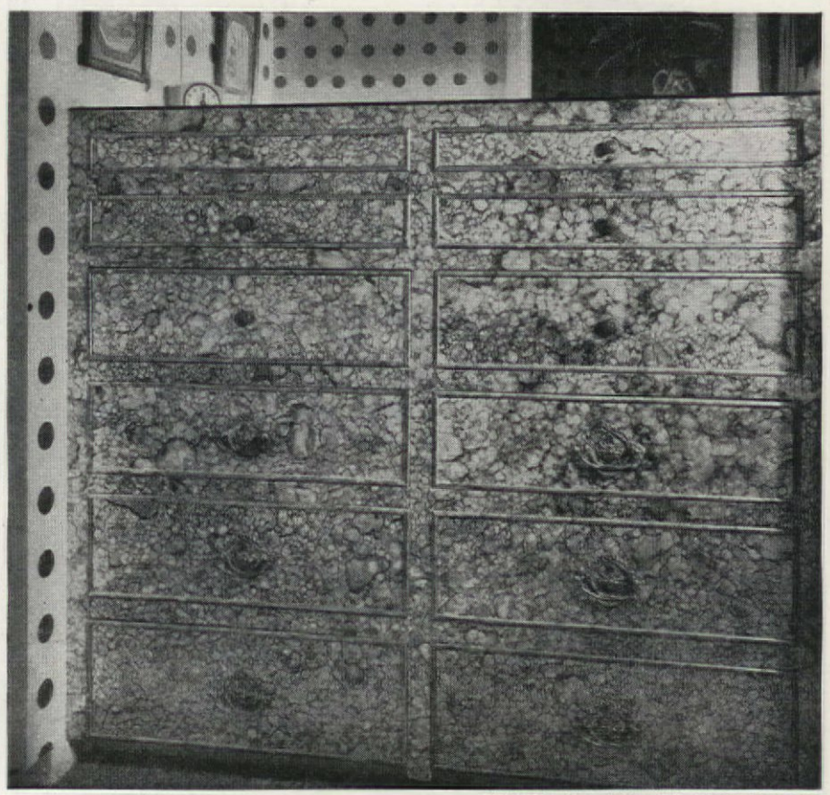
Wallpaper, smartly applied, turned this hall into a very good spot wherein a carpenter-built chest, covered in a luxurious silver mottled paper, is as proud as a costly antique. The niche surrounding the chest is also clever wallpaper camouflage of built-in cupboards and drawers.

Many an old chest, or unpainted new one, could be given similar treatment. First remove hardware and moldings, make sure the surface is clean, and that old finish is removed. Then apply a coat of glue size, and allow it to dry. If drawers fit snugly, like those of the polka-dot cupboards, you can try this "lazy" method of pattern matching: measure off the pattern to be sure it's centered, then apply wallpaper paste or a cellulose adhesive to the paper and, after shutting drawers or doors tightly, run the paper down the length of the object you're covering, just as if it were a wall. While paper is still slightly damp, cut openings for doors and drawers with a sharp razor blade, and press down cut edges to seal tightly. For an exacting job like the silvered chest, cut paper in individual panels to fit drawer fronts and chest framing, matching your pattern carefully. Then apply paper, one panel at a time. Half-round moldings may be papered or painted, and then nailed in place after chest is papered. When the whole job is dry, protect it with a plastic spray or several coats of shellac. Finally, put the hardware in place.

Spots before Your Eyes!..







OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. LAWRENCE PIKE

Motif of "Panelled Grape" water pitcher below is typically Mid-Victorian in its richness, and a fine example of mold-maker's art. Grapes in high relief, curling leaves in stippled glass, stand out from a brilliant clear-glass body. Indiana dealers claim this as a product of their state. Fine ribbed "Bellflower" goblet, one of the earliest and most popular of pressed-glass designs made for general table use, was produced by many factories. The fact that examples are fairly easy to acquire detracts not at all from the beauty of the pattern.

Sculptured rock crystal in Classic designs inspired many pressed-glass patterns, and in those shown above, frosted glass combined with clear for contrast. On dish at the left, lion appears in low relief and in the full round. Center compote in "Westward Ho" pattern is topped by a crouching Indian, while a log cabin, bison, and deer appear around its satin-finished frosted body. The "Three Face" compote, reminiscent of hand-carved Renaissance types, shows what great artistic effects were achieved in 19th-century pressed glass. The design, credited to George Duncan's Pittsburgh firm, was never imitated.

Data from Lorraine Burgess

Pressed Glass—Something for All

There was a pressed-glass pattern for every taste, all involving raised designs to reflect the light and make glass sparkle. Some were rare, as the covered compote here; others, made for everyday use, were so plentiful that they are sometimes referred to as "Early Woolworth"—but only by those too blind to see that beauty need not be pedigreed. The "Rose in Snow" on the small sauce dish was one of the best-known motifs. The compote is "Coin," made only during the year 1892 to commemorate the centennial of the U. S. Mint (because the glass coins were similar to actual U. S. coins, the pattern violated a Federal law and was discontinued). The "Bird and Strawberry" spoon holder makes an excellent small vase, while the graceful goblet is pretty and sentimental, as the "Bleeding Heart" which decorates it.

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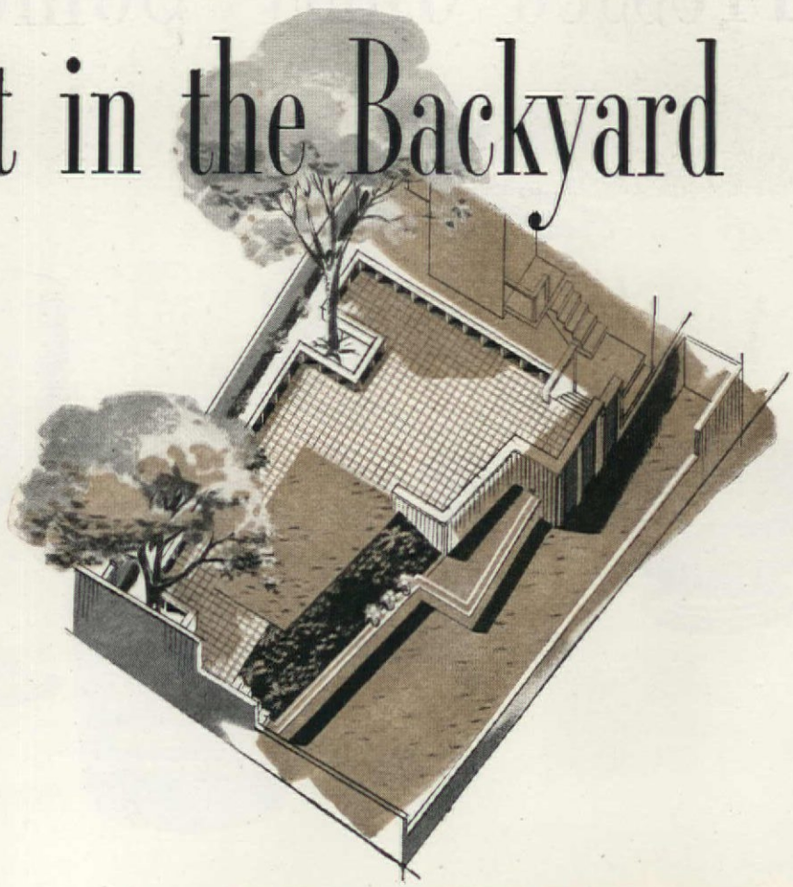
It's All Right in the Backyard



Doing all the construction, planting, and other work himself, the owner made this garden transformation at an actual cash outlay of less than $500, as follows: Brick $165; plants, lawn seed $42; redwood lumber $225; grading (done by hand) $50; topsoil (lawn, etc.) $15

A Success Story

You can take that title whichever way you like. The views on these three pages *are* "all right in the backyard" (45′ x 35′) of the Oakland, California, home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Tong. And, just as truly, the two-level garden development designed by San Francisco landscape architects Theodore Osmundson and John Hedges Staley and carried out by the owner with his own hands and tools, made everything "all right in the backyard" for the whole Tong family—both the parents and their friends and the two children and their playmates.

To start with, the house was an old, rather large one; the lot was nearly five feet lower on one side than on the other; at opposite ends of the high side stood two large trees—a Bing cherry and a pepper-tree (*Schinus molle*)—which had to be saved; and the results desired were (a) a livable patio near the house, and (b) a separate play yard for the children. The solution made the most of the slop-

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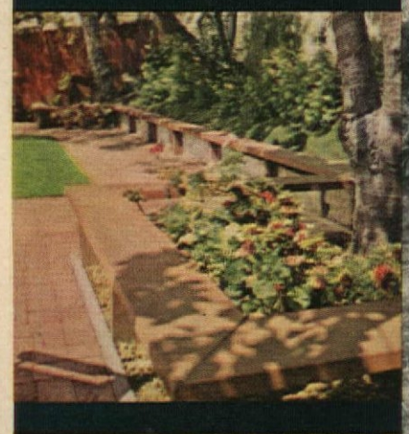

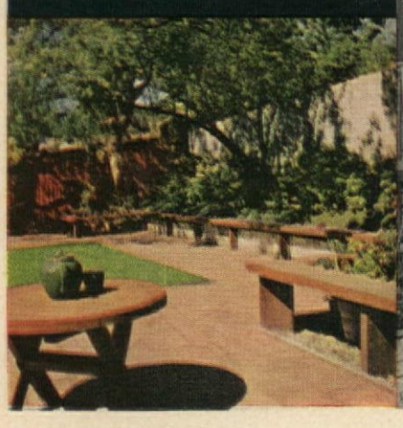

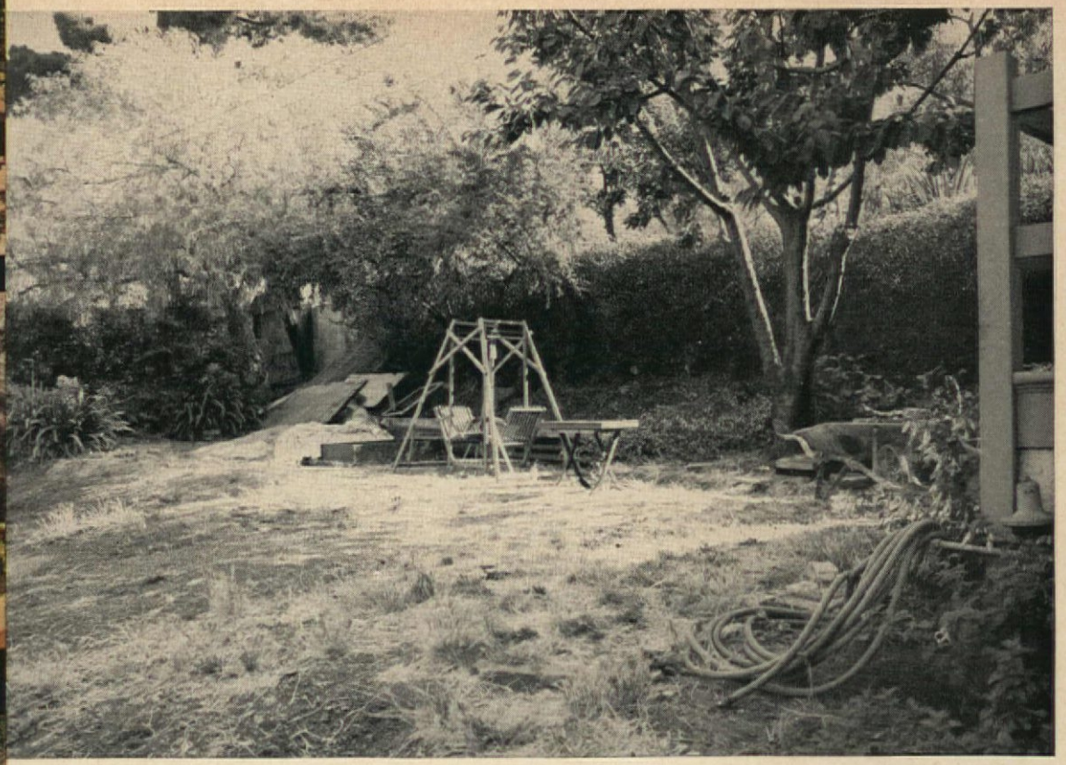

Right in the Backyard

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ing terrain by establishing the two areas on different levels. By running the dividing line diagonally from front to rear, it provided, on the upper level, the pleasant 25′ x 15′ brick-paved patio shown above, from which a 4′ brick path skirts a 10′ x 15′ lawn panel. On the lower level, and conveniently observable, is the grassed play space, 40′ deep and 15′ wide at the far end. From the house to the end of the patio, a 4′ high sturdy wall of redwood retains the bank and forms a backing for a sandbox, the front of which is an 18″ redwood toe-wall that extends to the back of the yard at the base of the slope up to the lawn. Wooden stairs at both ends of the garden connect the two areas. An existing low brick retaining wall left along patio and path was topped with a 2″ x 10″ redwood coping extended to form seats around the trees.

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These "Orchids" are Cacti

CLAIRE MEYER PROCTOR

That few plants can excel the Orchid Cacti in the size and rich and varied colors of their flowers is evident in the blossoms shown at the right from these representative named varieties: 1. Celestine, whose hardiness belies its delicate beauty; 2. Amber Queen; 3. Dawn, which may bear six open flowers at a time; 4. Sun Goddess; 5. Sunburst, with blooms often eight inches across; 6. Fairyland, whose blossoms, odorless by day, later emit a fragrance that attracts night-flying insects. These lovely subjects belong to a race of hybrids of the Epiphyllum cacti which originated in Europe more than a century ago. In the hands of collectors, the new hybrids gave rise to several hundred varieties that sold at fabulous prices. Then, less than 30 years ago, H. M. Wegener of Los Angeles imported some and, by crossing them with native American species, soon built up an outstanding collection. Other West Coast

growers became enthusiastic over the "new" cacti and have developed several thousand varieties of unsurpassed beauty and color range. Their easy culture and long-lasting flowers make them highly effective and practical house plants, like the one at the left.

Like all members of the cactus family, they are drought-resisting. The long, green, leaflike joints have a wooden core surrounded by water-storing tissue, and the aerial roots that often develop at the tips and along the midribs of the joints take moisture from the air. They can be grown in a living room or other part of the house in any humid climate, or outdoors where the temperature does not go below freezing. My sister in Michigan has some beautiful plants (grown from cuttings I sent her) which she keeps on the porch all summer and, in winter, in the house, where each plant gets half a cup of water once a week. Here in Arizona, where the annual rainfall averages about 4 inches, I have to keep mine in a lath house (and sprinkle them every day) in summer, and in the garage over winter. Grown in baskets, they are ideal to hang in grape arbors, in the shade of large trees, or in any sheltered place where they can be sprinkled with a hose every day or two. Or they can be planted in ordinary red-clay pots, or in colored, glazed ones. Rooted or unrooted cuttings are not expensive, they present no shipping problem as they can remain unplanted for several weeks in cool weather, and as they grow they

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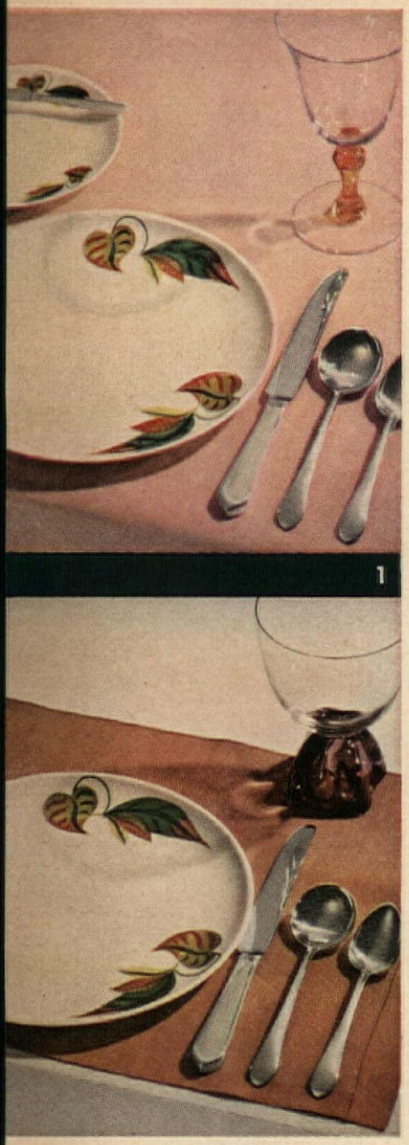

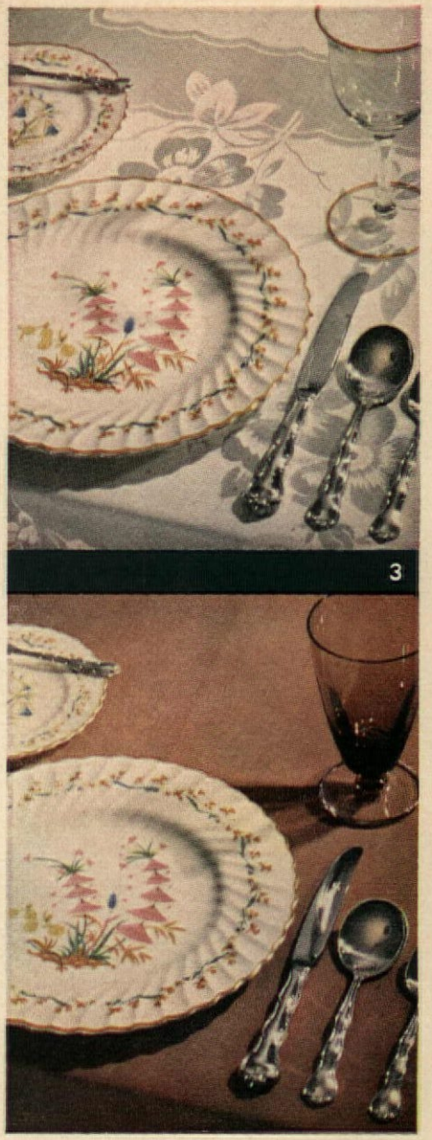

WATCH YOUR ACCENT!

GERTRUDE BRASSARD

You could place any of the plates above against a dozen different backgrounds, varying the texture and the color and the weaves, and come up with a new personality each time. A dozen different settings with one lone set of dinnerware—and all of them good! Our pairs show how it's done. For one variation, don't forget white damask, which hasn't changed a whit in loveliness since the days when it was the only "correct" thing for dinner. But color has brightened our lives, so use it lavishly—and well. You are perfectly safe with any hue in your plate's pattern—and when you're sure of yourself, you can venture beyond, as we did when we used pink with those bold leaves. There's nothing to keep you from using a second accent color, either—we tried a toast-toned napkin on the darker cloth in the lower right, and it did wonderful things. Colored glassware gives your settings an extra dimension and multiplies the possibilities: for instance, in that middle pair, reverse the glasses for two new effects, both excellent. But your sterling flatware takes care of itself—so well educated is it that it speaks any language assigned to it.

1. With its definite, modern pattern, Universal's "Autumn Leaves" looks dainty and fragile against rose, archly sophisticated against spicy tones. Lunt's "Early American" sterling, Heisey's "Sultana" stemmed goblet, Fostoria's "Capri" footed goblet, Hardycraft mat, other linens by Liddell

2. As 18th-century British as Boswell, Spode's "Mayflower" assumes a country air with a sturdy linen mat (red or green would be good, too), city manners with white linen damask. Oneida's "Stanton Hall" Heirloom Sterling. West Virginia Glass goblet in upper picture, Tiffin's "Twilight" goblet below. Flaxmat and napkin by Leacock. Damask, Liddell

3. Syracuse "Temple Bells" dinnerware seems traditional as Christmas with white, new as springtime with color. Against deep blue or green it has still another character. Gorham's "Rondo" sterling, "Wedding Band" stemmed goblet by Cambridge, "Driftwood" footed goblet by Imperial, Simtex "Wild Rose" damask, Ellison & Spring colored cloth

For buying data, see "Where Credit Is Due" on page 92

How to find time at CHRISTMAS

Just plan quick, easy meals with brimming bowls of good hot soup

BY Anne Marshall

ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

Here comes that happy, breathless season again! Probably you're saying, "Oh, for more shopping-wrapping time!" And besides, you still have meals to get—good, hearty meals for good, healthy appetites.

But cheer up! You'll find help . . . and time . . . and grand good eating—all three! Just choose a favorite soup from your Soup Shelf. Add a platter of eggs, or quick-broil some sausages, or heat a casserole of beans—and there's your meal. And how welcome on winter days—meals that include heart-warming bowls of good hot soup.

On this page are some lunch and supper suggestions—with help from your Soup Shelf. So, as we enter another Holiday Season, here's more Merry Christmas-*time* to you!

A good cook keeps a full Soup Shelf

Plan these good meals around tomato soup
- Ham and Potato Cakes
- Pork and Beans, Salad
- Frizzled Beef, Toast
- Codfish Cakes, Slaw

With green pea soup you might serve
- Franks and Relishes
- Chili, Green Salad
- Chicken Hash, Muffins
- Creamed Tuna, Fruit

Beef noodle soup goes well with
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Hot Potato Salad
- Waffle and Syrup
- Stuffed Peppers, Salad

FOOD AMERICA LOVES BEST

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ELEANOR LEE JONES

SAVORY STUFFINGS—Six ways to dress a wonderful bird

TURKEY PIES—Assure Turkey Tom a promising future

CREAMED ONIONS—Rounds of silver in a silver sauce

CRANBERRY MOLD—Its performance with turkey is bound to jell

MINCEMEAT PIE—Four variations on a pet holiday theme

CANDIED GRAPEFRUIT PEEL—The Sugarplum Fairy's first cousin

FUDGE—Smooth as satin, dark as night, sweet as Xmas morn

GLAZED NUTS—To tease the eye and treat the tongue

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We have a theory in our American Home that Christmas *really* begins in the kitchen—and perhaps it's a carry-over from the days when we peeked on tip-toe at the sugar-coated molasses cookies and the plump fruit cakes as they stood in the pantry to mellow. But these "good old days" really aren't gone, and Christmas Dinner and its joyous prelude have changed precious little. We wouldn't dream of tampering with the familiar Christmas menu itself, but we do know that new variations on all themes are mighty interesting. That's why we offer six kinds of stuffing—everything from a bread-and-onion basic to the Brazil nut variety. Here are seven ways with creamed onions, five kinds of cranberry jelly done up with wintery spice or blended with sunshine fruits. Take your choice of four methods of blending easy-to-use packaged mincemeat, then, as grace notes, make fudge, candied peel, glazed nuts—variations of each. And please don't miss our "eatingest" way for the "planned-over" bird to win laurels as a buffet-party pie.

Found!

THE PERFECT CHEESECAKE RECIPE

You'll need dough rich with butter and egg yolks, a bit of lemon rind, a little sugar—this patted into a mound and chilled. Small amount of dough is O.K. It has to be stretched, needs to be paper thin

Between floured pieces of waxed paper, pat and stretch with tender fingers, ⅓ dough to fit ungreased bottom of 9" spring mold

Base is golden baked, cooled, and side of mold fitted over it and greased

Remaining dough is patted into thick rectangle, cut in half lengthwise. Pat and stretch dough around side of mold. Patch if you must! Result—a wafer thin, exquisitely delicate pastry shell for a smooth, delicious cheese filling

• the perfect cheese cake

MAKING THE SHELL:

Mix with pastry cutter: 1 cup sifted, enriched, all-purpose flour
¼ cup granulated sugar
1 tsp. grated lemon rind
¼ tsp. vanilla extract

Cut in ½ cup butter; add 1 egg yolk. Shape into mound; wrap in waxed paper. Chill at least 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 400° F. Place ⅓ dough between floured pieces of waxed paper. Pat and stretch with fingers over ungreased bottom of 9" spring form, removing side. Trim to fit. Bake until golden brown (about 10 min.). Cool, leaving on pan bottom as is. Increase oven temperature to 500° F.

Grease side of spring mold, fit over cooked base. Form remaining dough into a thick rectangle. Cut in half lengthwise. Line side of pan, patting and stretching it to fit. Patching won't hurt—but it must be paper thin and completely cover side.

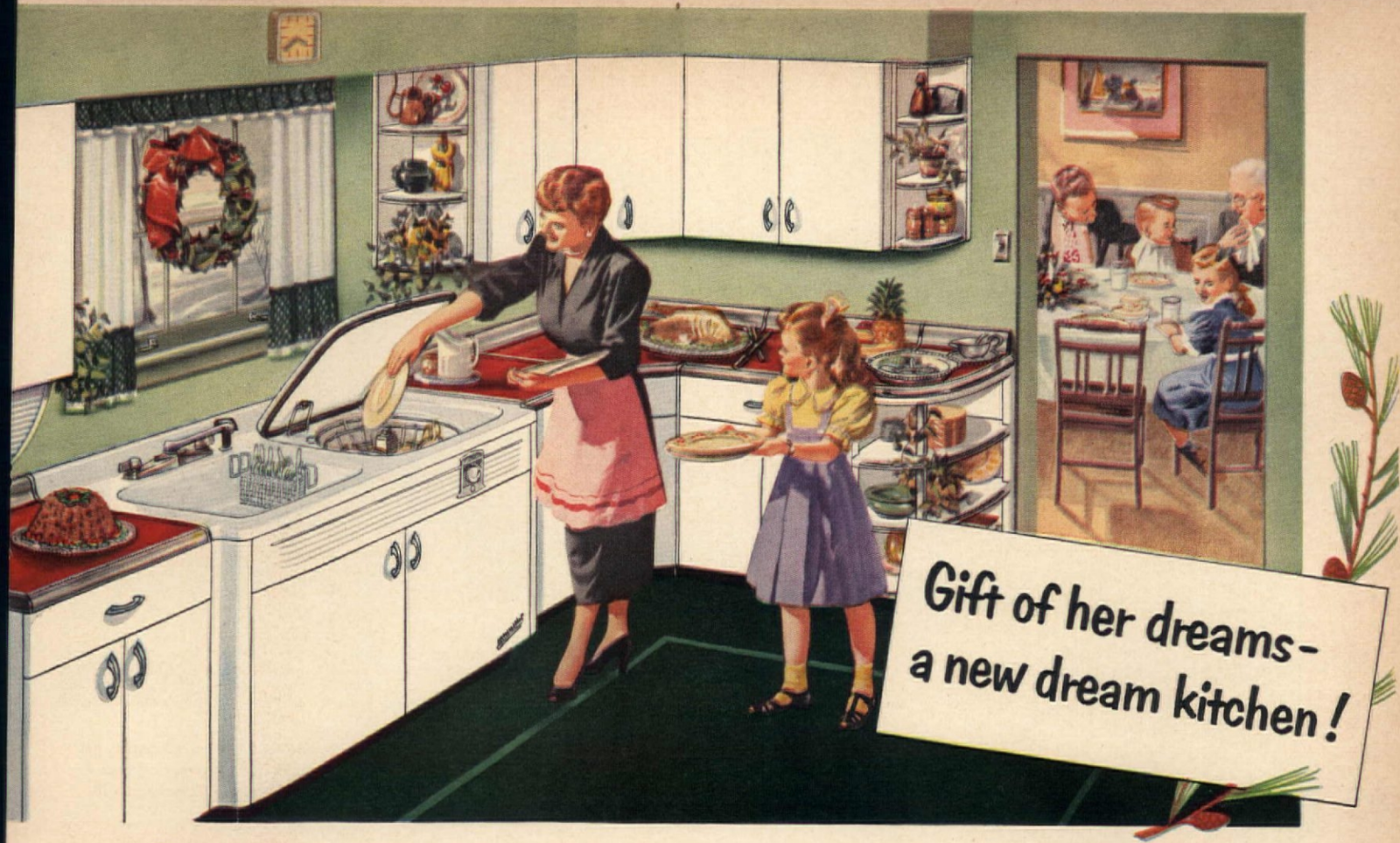
CHEESE FILLING:

Beat until fluffy: 2½ lbs. soft cream cheese.
Mix together: 1¾ cups sifted granulated sugar
3 tbs. flour
¼ tsp. salt
½ tsp. grated orange rind
½ tsp. grated lemon rind
¼ tsp. vanilla extract

Add very slowly to cheese mixture. Beat until smooth.
Add, one at a time, beating after each addition:
5 medium eggs (unbeaten)
2 egg yolks

Stir in ¼ cup heavy cream. Turn into lined pan. Bake 12 min. at 500° F. Reduce oven temperature to 200° F. and without opening oven door, bake 1 hour. Cool on rack, away from drafts. When cool, remove side of spring mold. Chill.

Recipe from Joseph La Rock



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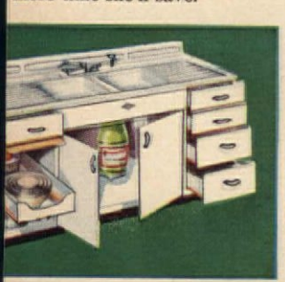

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• chocolate cake mix

For one package cake mix, fold in flavoring ingredients just before turning batter into pans. Frost and fill as below.

Black and White Swirl Cake: Prepare chocolate cake mix, substituting ½ cup orange juice for part of liquid; fold in 1 tbs. grated orange rind. Prepare white cake mix. Pour white cake batter into two prepared 10-inch round layer pans; cover with chocolate batter. Swirl lightly with spatula. Fill and frost with Chocolate Wonder to which 1 tbs. grated orange rind has been added.

Apricot Surprise Star: Substitute ½ cup apricot nectar for part of liquid. Fold in 1 cup chopped dried apricots. Fill prepared star mold ½ full. Bake remaining batter in cupcake pans. Frost with Ornamental Frosting. Decorate with dragées, candied cherries, angelica.

Coconut Dream Cake: Add 1 cup chopped shredded coconut.

Walnut Mocha Cake: Add 1½ tbs. powdered instant coffee to mix. Fold in ½ cup chopped black walnuts.

Old-World Spice Cake: Add ½ tsp. cloves, 1 tsp. cinnamon, and ¾ tsp. allspice to mix. Fold in ¼ cup each chopped candied orange and grapefruit peel.

Choco-Crunch Cake: Add ¼ cup peanut butter with liquid. Fold in ½ cup chopped peanuts.

• angel food cake mix

For one package cake mix, fold in flavoring ingredients just before turning batter into pans. Frost and fill as below.

Golden Glow Icebox Cake: Split tube cake into 3 layers; fill and frost with Orange Whipped Cream Frosting. Decorate with orange slices. Chill several hours.

Chocolate Feather Cake: Sift 2 tbs. cocoa with one-fourth of dry ingredients. Fold into beaten egg-white mixture.

Cherry-Nut Angel Cake: Fold in ½ cup chopped, drained maraschino cherries and ½ cup chopped walnuts.

Angel Spice Cake: Add 1 tsp. cinnamon, ¼ tsp. nutmeg, and ½ tsp. allspice to dry ingredients.

Pink Peppermint Angel: Add 1 tsp. mint extract to liquid and tint batter a delicate pink with red food coloring.

Silhouette Angel Food Cake: Fold in 1 c. finely ground semi-sweet chocolate pieces.

Cherubs' Coconut Snow: Slice top about 1" down from tube cake. Set aside. Cut center of cake to within 1" of outer cake surface on sides and bottom. Remove cut portion. Double Snowy-White Frosting recipe, add 1 cup shredded coconut. Fill cavity with Snowy-White Frosting. Replace top of cake, then cover top and sides with remaining frosting. Decorate sides with shredded coconut.

• gingerbread or gingercake mix

For one package cake mix, fold in flavoring ingredients just before turning batter into pans.

Steamed Ginger Pudding: Fold in 1 pkg. chopped dates and ½ cup chopped walnuts. Pour batter into greased 1-quart mold. Cover and steam 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Tropical Gingerbread: Fold in 1 cup chopped shredded coconut.

Happy Applesauce Gingerbread: Add 1 tsp. cinnamon and 1 tsp. nutmeg to mix. Substitute 1 cup canned applesauce for ¾ cup of liquid.

Café Surprise Gingerbread: Add 1½ tbs. powdered instant coffee to mix. Fold in ½ cup finely ground semi-sweet chocolate pieces.

Tutti-Frutti Gingerbread: Fold in 1 cup ground fresh cranberries and ½ cup chopped raisins.

Sugar 'n Spice Gingercake: Pour batter into prepared pan. Before baking, sprinkle lightly with this topping: mix together ½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed, 2 tbs. all-purpose flour, 2 tsp. cinnamon; blend in 2 tbs. melted butter or margarine; stir in ½ cup chopped walnuts.

Snow-Topped Gingerbread: Add ¼ cup light cream to 1 3-oz. package cream cheese; beat until fluffy, adding additional cream if necessary. Spread over gingerbread after it has been removed from pan.

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Take a Package of Cake Mix

(Begins on page 60)

• white cake mix

For one package cake mix, fold in flavoring ingredients just before turning batter into pans. Frost and fill as below.

Aloha Hawaiian Cake: Fold in ½ cup drained, crushed pineapple and 1 tbs. grated lemon rind. Fill and frost with Pineapple Flash.

Cranberry Upside-Down Cake: Substitute ½ cup pineapple juice for part of liquid. Melt ¼ cup butter or margarine in an ungreased 12" x 8" x 2" pan. Add ½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed, and stir until sugar is dissolved. Add 2 cups fresh cranberries and 1 cup drained, crushed pineapple. Cover with cake batter. Bake at 375° F. 30-40 minutes. For variations add any of the following fruits, well drained, cut side up (use liquid specified in directions on label in preparing batter):

Apricot, Peach Upside-Down Cake: 12 apricot halves or 6 peach halves.

Pineapple Upside-Down Cake: 6 slices pineapple; fill centers with whole maraschino cherries.

Christmas Tree Cake: Fold in ½ cup finely chopped glacéd fruits. Fill prepared Christmas tree mold ½ full, bake remaining batter in cupcake pans.

Butter Brazil Cake: Fold in ½ cup chopped, toasted Brazil nuts. (Toast by spreading ½ cup nuts in shallow pan, dot with 1 tbs. butter or margarine. Bake at 350° F. for 10 minutes.)

• white cake mix

For one package cake mix, fold in flavoring ingredients just before turning batter into pans. Frost and fill as below.

Instant Mocha Date Cake: Reduce liquid ½ cup. Combine ½ cup finely chopped dates with ½ cup hot strong instant coffee and allow to cool. Add coffee-date mixture with last addition of liquid. Fill with Date-Nut; frost with Coffee Wonder.

Banana Rumba Cake: Mix 2 tsp. cinnamon, ¼ tsp. cloves, ½ tsp. nutmeg, and 1 tsp. allspice with mix. Substitute ⅔ cup mashed bananas for ⅓ cup liquid specified in directions on label. Fold in ½ cup chopped walnuts. Frost with Snow-White.

Polka Dottie Cake: Fold in ½ cup finely ground semi-sweet chocolate pieces and ½ tsp. mint extract. Frost with Flash Frosting to which mint flavoring has been added. Decorate with semi-sweet chocolate pieces.

Pink Party Cake: Substitute ¼ cup maraschino-cherry juice for part of liquid. Fold in ¼ cup chopped, drained maraschino cherries, and ¼ cup chopped shredded coconut. Fill and frost with Pink Party. Decorate with shredded coconut.

Christmas Wreath Cake: Divide white cake batter into two bowls. To one half add ¼ tsp. almond extract and food coloring to make batter a delicate pink. To other half add ½ tsp. vanilla and tint delicate green. Pour pink batter into prepared 9-inch ring mold, cover with green batter. Streak lightly with spatula. Fill prepared mold half full, bake remaining batter in cupcake pans. Frost with Ornamental. Decorate with candied cherries and angelica.

Take a Package of Cake Mix

(Begins on page 60)

• jiffy cake frosting

Basic Flash Frosting

2 egg whites
1 cup sugar
1½ tsp. light corn syrup
¼ cup water
½ tsp. vanilla extract

Combine egg whites, sugar, corn syrup, and water. Place over low heat and beat constantly for 3-4 minutes or until frosting stands in peaks. Remove from heat, add flavoring. Beat until thick enough to spread on cake.

Pineapple Flash Frosting: Substitute pineapple juice for water. Fold in 2 tsp. grated lemon rind.

Seafoam Flash Frosting: Substitute 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed, for 1 cup granulated sugar.

Lemon Flash Frosting: Decrease water to 1 tbs., add 3 tbs. lemon juice. After removing from heat, add 1 tsp. grated lemon rind and ½ tsp. almond extract.

Pink Party Frosting: Before spreading on cake, fold in ¼ cup well drained, finely chopped maraschino cherries.

Brazil Nut Nesselrode Frosting: Add ½ tsp. rum flavoring. To one-third of frosting add ½ cup chopped Brazil nuts and ½ cup chopped dates. Use as filling and frost cake with remainder of frosting. Decorate with sliced Brazil nuts.

• jiffy cake frosting

Snowy-White Frosting

1 tsp. unflavored gelatin
1 tbs. water
1 cup heavy cream
⅓ cup confectioners' sugar
1 tsp. vanilla

Soften gelatin in water; place over hot water. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Whip cream until stiff. Fold in gelatin, sugar, and vanilla. Store in refrigerator.

Orange-Whipped Cream Frosting

Follow directions on packaged vanilla pudding and pie-filling mix, using 1 cup orange juice and 2 tbs. lemon juice for liquid. Cool thoroughly. Add 1 tbs. grated orange rind and 1 tbs. grated lemon rind. Whip 1 cup heavy cream until stiff. Fold pudding into whipped cream.

Ornamental Frosting

3–3½ cups (1 lb.) confectioners' sugar
½ tsp. cream of tartar
3 egg whites
1 tsp. vanilla or almond extract

Sift sugar, add cream of tartar and sift together. Add egg whites; beat until frosting is stiff enough so spatula drawn through leaves a clean path. Add extract. Use in cake decorator or as a background frosting for added decorations such as glacéd fruits, angelica, dragées.

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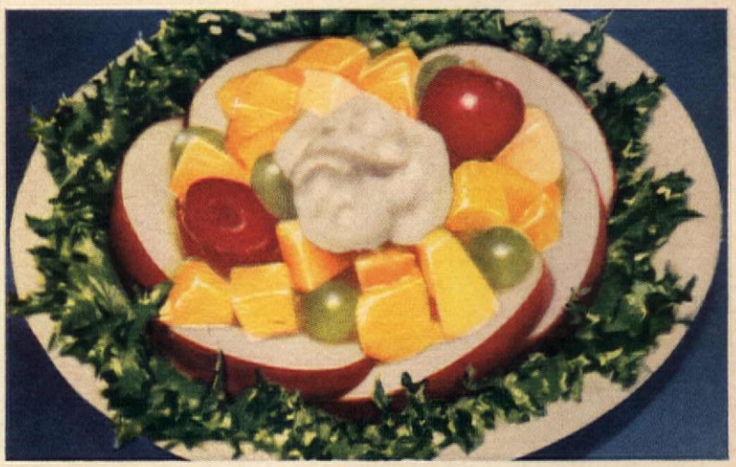
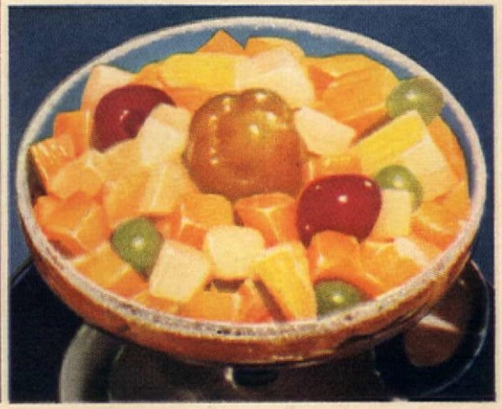
Fruit Ice Cream Swirl—exciting, inexpensive, easy dessert with a rainbow all through it! Chill and drain 1 No. 2½ can fruit cocktail. Prepare 1 package strawberry-flavored gelatin as package directs. Chill until set. Arrange colorful fruit cocktail, gelatin and 1 pint vanilla ice cream in layers in tall glasses. Serve at once. Serves 6 to 8.



Red Circle Fruit Salad—quick to fix! Chill and drain 1 can fruit cocktail. Fruit cocktail's five summer-sweet fruits—cling peaches, pineapple, pears, grapes, cherries—are neatly diced, instantly ready to use. Arrange thin slices of unpeeled red apple in circle on salad greens. Fill center with fruit cocktail. Top with your favorite mayonnaise or salad dressing.



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- 1 cup chopped American-type cheese (¼ lb.)
- 2 tbsps. finely chopped onion
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- Dash cayenne
- Salt and pepper

Spread meat with mustard; sprinkle with parsley. Place 2 tbsps. corn on each slice; roll up in cone shape, fastening with toothpick. Heat in lightly greased baking dish; covered, in moderate oven (350° F.) about 20 min. Cook milk and cheese over hot water till cheese is soft. Beat with rotary beater; add onion, Worcestershire sauce, cayenne. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve Corn-o-copias topped with the cheese sauce and accompanied by remaining DEL MONTE Corn, heated and seasoned. Garnish shown: pimiento and parsley

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(Begins on page 60)

• jiffy cake frosting

Wonder Frosting

1 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese
¼ cup light cream
⅛ tsp. salt
2½–3 cups conf. sugar
½ tsp. vanilla

Blend cream cheese, light cream, and salt together. Add enough confectioners' sugar gradually to make a spreading consistency, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla.

Chocolate Wonder Frosting: Add 2 squares melted unsweetened chocolate.

Coffee Wonder Frosting: Substitute strong instant coffee for liquid.

Orange Wonder Frosting: Omit vanilla. Substitute 3 tbs. orange juice and 1 tbs. lemon juice for liquid. Add 1 tbs. grated orange rind.

Quick-As-A-Wink Frosting

1 pkg. semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
⅓ cup evaporated milk

Melt chocolate over hot, not boiling, water. Remove from hot water, add evaporated milk and confectioners' sugar. Beat until smooth.

Fudge Frosting Quickie

Canned chocolate fudge and frosting mix requires only the addition of lukewarm water, butter, or margarine. Beat 2 minutes; frosts two 9-inch layers.

• jiffy cake fillings

Jiffy Jar Filling: Use a jar of strained foods in any of the following flavors: custard pudding, pineapple pudding, strained bananas, or strained apricots and apples.

Jiffy Vanilla Filling: Prepare vanilla pudding and pie-filling mix according to directions on the package, using 1½ cups milk. Cool thoroughly before spreading between cake layers.

Date-Nut Filling: Add ½ cup chopped dates and ½ cup chopped walnuts.

Jiffy Chocolate Filling: Prepare chocolate pudding and pie-filling mix according to directions on the package, using 1½ cups milk. Cool thoroughly before spreading between cake layers.

Mocha Spice Filling: Add ½ tsp. cinnamon and ¼ tsp. nutmeg to mix. Substitute strong instant coffee for milk. ***Choco-Mint Filling:*** Add 1 tsp. mint extract.

Jiffy Butterscotch Filling: Prepare butterscotch pudding and pie-filling mix according to directions on the package using 1½ cups milk. Cool thoroughly before spreading between cake layers.

Nutty Butterscotch Filling: Add ¼ cup peanut butter to hot filling.

Package of Cake Mix (Begins on page 60)

• cake mix cues

1. Before starting to mix cake, always read directions on cake-mix label carefully.
2. Preheat oven to temperature given in label directions.
3. Before starting to combine cake, measure liquid, ingredients for variations, and assemble utensils. Prepare pans by greasing bottoms (not sides) generously, then dusting lightly with flour. Pans for angel-food cake should not be greased or floured.
4. Chop flavoring ingredients—nuts, coconut, raisins, glacéd fruits—*very fine*. Canned fruits which are added to batter should be *well drained*. When directions call for substituting fruit juice for part of liquid, add fruit juice substitution as last addition of liquid.
5. Follow label directions for instructions for mixing cake. Most especially be certain not to undermix! If using electric mixer, time beating precisely and follow beating speed suggested; if beating by hand, count number of strokes and use a vigorous beating stroke. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl frequently.
6. Bake batter in correct pan size. If odd-size pans are used, fill pans one-half full, then bake remaining batter in cupcake pans. A good guide to pan size is always to fill pans *half* full—any batter that may be left can be baked as suggested in cupcake pans or baking cups.

Food America Loves (Begins on page 56)

• glazed nuts

1 cup sugar
⅓ cup light corn syrup
½ cup water
1 lb. assorted nuts

Combine the sugar, syrup, and water in a small saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until mixture boils. Continue cooking without stirring until candy thermometer registers 300° F. Wipe sugar crystals from sides of pan with a damp cloth during cooking period. Remove from heat immediately. Drop several nuts at a time into syrup. Remove each one from the syrup separately with a fork. Push nut into a buttered pan with a second fork. Keep nuts in a single layer until thoroughly cooled. If syrup becomes thick, place over very low heat until original consistency (300° F.) is reached.

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Package of Cake Mix (Begins on page 60)

• cake mix cues

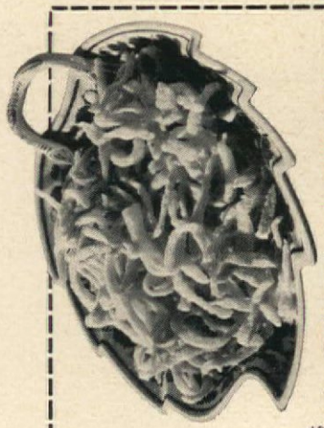
7. Follow label directions for oven temperature and length of baking time. Pan sizes and *approximate* baking times for white, chocolate or spice-cake mix, or gingerbread or gingercake mix are:

Number	*Pan Size*	*Baking Times*
2	8″ x 1¼″ round layer pans:	20–25 minutes
2	9″ x 1½″ round layer pans:	18–20 minutes
1	10″ round layer pan:	25–35 minutes
1	9″ x 9″ x 1¾″ square pan:	30–40 minutes
1	11″ x 7″ x 1½″ oblong pan:	35–40 minutes
1	9″ x 2¼″ ring mold:	30–35 minutes
1	10″ x 5″ x 3″ loaf pan:	55–65 minutes

8. Cake is done if it springs back when touched lightly in the center. Doneness may also be checked by inserting cake-tester or toothpick in center; if tester comes out clean, cake is done. Above all, don't overbake!
9. Cool cake in pan on rack for 10 minutes. Loosen edges with spatula, turn out on rack and cool thoroughly before frosting.
10. If your family is small, prepare half of the mix. Divide mix exactly in half, then follow directions on the label, using half the liquid specified. Makes one 8″ or 9″ layer cake.

Food America Loves (Begins on page 56)

• candied grapefruit peel



2 large grapefruit
¼ cup light corn syrup
2 cups sugar
1 cup hot water

Wash grapefruit, remove peel in quarters; remove pulp and membrane. Cover peel with cold water and bring to boil. Cook 20 minutes. Drain off water; repeat cooking process. Boil until peel is tender. Drain, cool, and remove inner white membrane. Cut peel in ¼″ strips. Combine corn syrup, sugar, and hot water. Cook over low heat, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Add grapefruit peel and cook to 230° F. or until a little mixture forms very soft ball in cold water. Peel will be transparent and most of the syrup will be absorbed. Remove peel from syrup, drain. Roll each strip in granulated sugar.

Candied Orange Peel: Substitute peel from 4 large oranges; substitute 1 cup water in which orange peel was cooked for 1 cup hot water.

Candied Lemon Peel: Substitute peel from 6 lemons.

Note: If you prepare more than one type of peel at the same time, cook separately.

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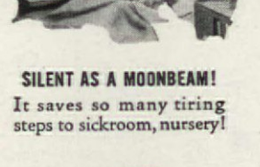

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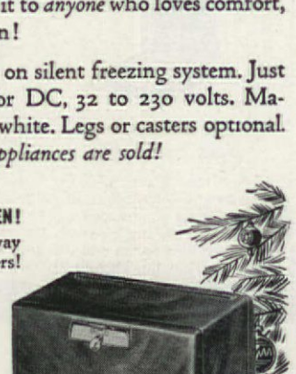

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Food America Loves Best (Begins on page 56)

• six bread stuffings

¾ cup chopped onions
1 tbs. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2 tsp. poultry seasoning
1½ cups melted butter or margarine
12–16 cups ½" bread cubes

Cook onion and seasonings in butter or margarine until onion is soft; add bread cubes and cook until lightly browned, tossing with fork to brown evenly. Fill turkey two-thirds full; recipe will stuff a 12–16 lb. turkey.

Moist Stuffing: Dissolve 2 bouillon cubes in 1½ cups boiling water and add to desired consistency.

Celery Stuffing: Substitute 3 cups chopped celery for 2 cups bread cubes. Cook with onion in butter or margarine.

Currant-Apple Stuffing: Omit onion, reduce salt to 1 tsp., reduce poultry seasoning to 1 tsp., and reduce butter or margarine to 1 cup. Add bread cubes to butter or margarine, and toss in skillet until lightly browned. Add seasonings, 2 cups canned applesauce, and 1½ cups currants.

Brazil-Nut Stuffing: Cook ½ cup chopped celery with onion. Substitute 2 cups sliced Brazil nuts for 2 cups of bread cubes.

Rye-Bread Stuffing: Reduce butter or margarine to 1 cup, add ¾ cup chopped celery and cook with onion until tender. Substitute rye bread cubes for white bread cubes. Add 2 well beaten eggs and ½ cup water to bread mixture.

16–20 servings ***407–394 cal. per serving***
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• mincemeat pie

One 9-oz. package condensed mincemeat
Pastry for 9" two-crust pie

Follow directions on package label for cooking mincemeat. Cool. Line a 9" pie pan with half of pastry. Pour mincemeat mixture evenly over pastry. Roll remaining pastry into a 10" circle, fold in half, and cut several gashes along center fold so that steam can escape. Moisten edge of undercrust lightly with cold water. Unfold upper crust over mincemeat filling; tuck edge beneath edge of undercrust. Flute edges. Bake at 425° F. 40–50 minutes.

Memory Mincemeat: Reduce liquid ¾ cup. When cool, add ½ cup orange marmalade, ½ cup chopped toasted almonds, 1 tsp. cinnamon, ¼ tsp. ground cloves, ¼ tsp. nutmeg, ¼ cup light rum. Cover bottom crust with a layer of sliced canned pears which have been marinated in light rum for several hours. Pour mincemeat mixture over pear slices. Top with a layer of marinated pears.

Sunshine Mincemeat: Substitute 1 cup orange juice for 1 cup liquid specified in label directions. Substitute brown sugar, firmly packed, for granulated sugar. When cool, add ½ cup chopped citron.

Spicy Mincemeat: Reduce liquid ¼ cup. When cool, add 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp. allspice, ½ tsp. nutmeg, ¼ tsp. mace, and ¼ cup brandy.

Serves 6–8 ***449–337 cal. per serving***
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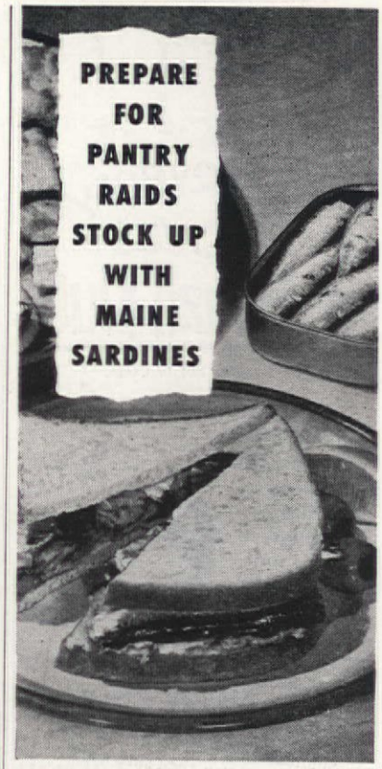

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• chocolate fudge

2½ squares unsweetened chocolate
1 cup light cream or milk
2½ cups sugar
2 tbs. light corn syrup
¼ tsp. salt
2½ tbs. butter or margarine
1 tsp. vanilla

Add chocolate to cream. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until mixture is smooth and blended. Add sugar, corn syrup, and salt, and stir until mixture boils. Continue cooking, without stirring, until candy thermometer reaches 236° F. or until a small amount forms a soft ball in cold water. Remove from heat. Add butter or margarine and vanilla, but do not stir. Cool to lukewarm (110° F.). Beat until mixture is creamy and loses its gloss. Turn at once into greased 9" x 9" pan. When cold, cut into squares.

Fudge Cups: Pour fudge into 2" (small size) baking cups. If desired, remove paper cups when fudge is cold.

Nutty Fudge: Just before turning into pan, add 1 cup chopped walnuts.
Coconut Fudge: " " " " " 1 cup chopped shredded coconut.
Raisin Fudge: " " " " " 1 cup seedless raisins.
Marshmallow Fudge: " " " " ¼ lb. (16) marshmallows cut into small pieces.
Tutti-Frutti Fudge: " " " " " 1 cup chopped glacéd fruits.

Makes approximately 2 doz. squares ***125 cal. per square***
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• creamed onions

12 medium-sized white onions
¼ cup butter or margarine
3 tbs. all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. pepper
1 cup light cream
1 cup milk

Peel onions and cook in 1" boiling salted water, tightly covered, for about 25 minutes or until tender. Drain. Melt butter or margarine. Blend in flour, salt, and pepper. Add cream and milk slowly, stirring constantly. Continue stirring and cook over low heat until thickened. Add onions and heat to serving temperature.

VARIATIONS: Add *any one* of the following ingredients with cooked onions:
¼ cup chopped parsley
½ cup salted pecan halves
½ cup grated process sharp cheese
½ cup chopped cooked bacon
Or blend in ¼ tsp. nutmeg *or* ⅛ tsp. curry powder with salt in making white sauce.

Serves 6 ***279 cal. per serving*** *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• individual chicken pies

⅔ cup butter, margarine, or chicken fat
½ cup chopped onion
¾ cup chopped celery
½ cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2 tsp. celery salt
2 cups chicken or turkey stock
2 cups light cream or milk
3 cups chopped cooked chicken or turkey
1 cup cooked or canned peas
2 tbs. chopped parsley
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
⅔ cup shortening
5–6 tbs. cold water

Melt butter, margarine, or chicken fat in a saucepan over low heat. Add onion and celery and cook about 5 minutes or until soft and lightly browned. Blend in ⅓ cup flour, 1 tsp. salt, pepper, and celery salt. Add stock and light cream slowly, stirring constantly. Continue stirring and cook over low heat until thickened. Remove from heat. Add chicken or turkey, peas, and parsley. Pour into greased individual casseroles and top with pastry. To make pastry, sift 2 cups flour with 1 tsp. salt. Cut in ⅔ cup shortening until mixture resembles coarse corn meal. Add water gradually and blend just until particles hold together. Form pastry into a ball, then roll out on a lightly floured board to ⅛" thickness. Cut into rounds to fit individual casserole tops. Make a standing rim around edges and cut gashes in top to permit escape of steam. Bake at 425° F. 20–25 minutes or until lightly browned.

Serves 6–8 ***819–614 cal. per serving*** *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• old fashioned cranberry jelly

4 cups fresh cranberries
2 cups water
2 tbs. lemon juice
2 cups sugar

Combine cranberries, water, and lemon juice. Bring to a boil and continue to boil 10 minutes or until skins are broken. Remove from heat. Force through strainer or food mill. Add sugar to pulp and return to heat. Bring to boiling point, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved. Continue to boil 3–5 minutes or until mixture sheets from spoon. Skim. Turn into quart mold which has been rinsed in cold water. Cool. Place in refrigerator until chilled and firm.

Spiced Cranberry Jelly: Add ½ tsp. cinnamon, ¼ tsp. ground cloves, 1 tbs. grated lemon rind to first boiling of cranberry mixture.

Sunshine Cranberry Jelly: Substitute 1 cup fresh or reconstituted frozen orange juice for one cup of liquid. Add 1 tbs. grated orange rind.

Autumn Cranberry Jelly: Substitute 2 cups apple juice for water.

Hawaiian Cranberry Jelly: Substitute 1 cup canned or reconstituted frozen pineapple juice for one cup of liquid. Before turning into mold, add one cup drained crushed pineapple.

Makes 16–20 servings ***108–86 cal. per serving***
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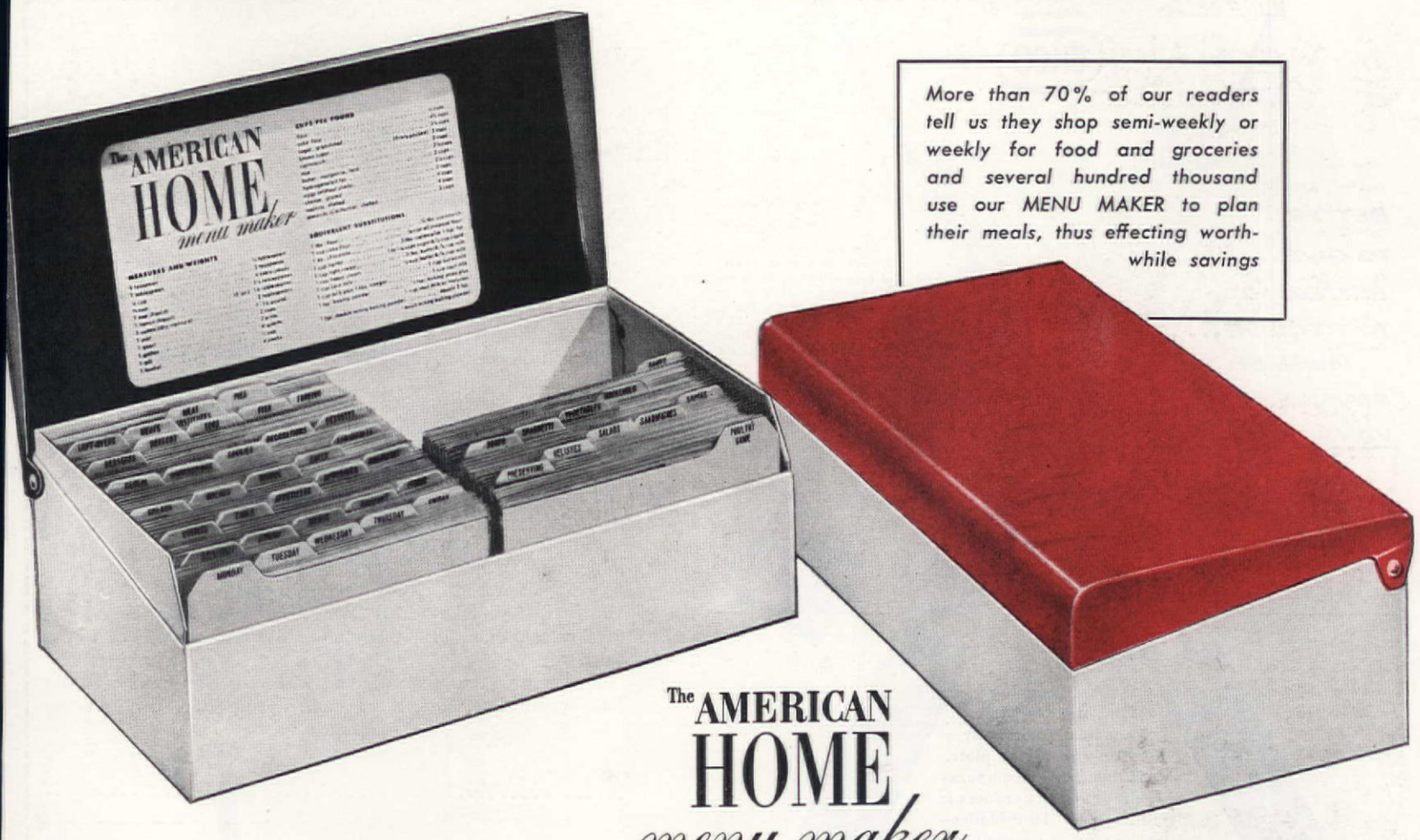

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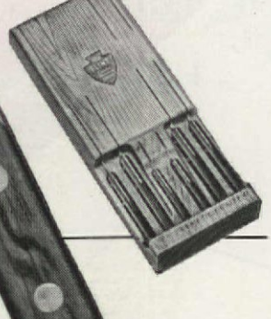

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worry about them while you eat. After dinner, you remove your sparkling utensils and put your dishwasher to work again. If your family is small the "horribles" can go right in with the fine china. Each piece is held securely in individual places on each rack, so there is less danger of breakage than in washing by hand. Also, temperature is controlled within a safe range for fine china and glassware.

The new dishwashers are as safe for the family as they are for the dishes, for the water action is shut off automatically if the door should be opened by accident.

And in addition to all of this, they're beautifully styled, and there are designs which fit perfectly, physically and visually, into any kitchen plan. So let's get down to cases and see which type of dishwasher will do the best job in your own kitchen.

WHAT ARE THE TYPES—HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

Essentially all automatic dishwashers are similar as far as operation goes, for they all wash, rinse, and dry your dishes for you. So when it comes to choosing a type, your own kitchen gives you the answer. And your own purse too, for some are more deluxe than others.

Putting the wrong dishwasher into a kitchen can easily destroy the efficiency of the whole room, for each kitchen presents its own problem of traffic patterns, work surfaces, and storage space. That is why the manufacturers give you a choice between top and front opening models, free standing or under counter—even portables!

For instance, in a narrow kitchen, walking space is at a premium and traffic would virtually be impossible with a front-opening dishwasher. A top-opening model is the answer here. However, if your kitchen is cramped for counter space, you can fit a front-opening dishwasher into this area and use the top as work surface.

Except for the portables, all dishwashers require a water line, waste line, and a 110-volt circuit, and they all use

Make your own candle holders from glass or pottery ash trays. Soften the base of the candle by holding it in a flame, then secure it to the ash tray. For a safety measure, add ½" of water at the base

Holiday Ideas

For pretty puddings or fruit cakes at Christmas, wrap them for gift-giving in aluminum foil and tie with a gay bow. Smart in more ways than one, the foil keeps them fresh until they are unwrapped for Christmas feasting

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about the same quantity of water at the same temperature.

The Automatics come in free-standing models or in combination units with sinks—in either case, the characteristics of the dishwasher are the same. Some load from the top, others have a drop-door or pull-drawer front opening. Some have an inlet spray for spraying water over the dishes, others pump the water. Some models have a built-in drying unit (which can also be used for warming serving dishes), other models dry the dishes by forced air. The self-contained water heater found on a few models (temperature booster), heats the water to 140°–160° F, and is a good feature for you to consider if your hot water supply is not adequate.

A few models have a "spray" cycle before the "wash" so that you only need scrape the dishes before stacking them in the dishwasher—they require no pre-rinsing. The automatics will handle a dinner service for 6 or 8 persons (58 dishes plus silverware) in a single load.

The free-standing dishwasher is about 24" wide, and may be installed at any convenient place in the kitchen so long as water, drain, and electricity are there. Some are made especially to slip under your own work counter, and even a top-opening model may be used this way if a pick-up lid is cut into the counter top. Prices: $225–$355.

The dishwasher-sink combination is complete with the sink on one side and the dishwasher on the other. If you like, a garbage disposer can be installed with these models. In most cases the sink is on the left and the washer on the right, but a new model reverses the positions—a good thing to remember if that arrangement is most convenient in your kitchen. Prices: $375–$470.

Portable dishwashers do not require a permanent installation. But, their capacity is not so large as that of the automatics. Their good casters let them roll easy to the sink. They're connected to the hot-water faucet at the sink and the drain hose is brought

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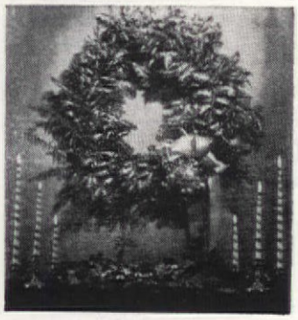

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ARE THEY PRACTICAL FOR ALL FAMILIES?

Dishwashers are practical for families of all sizes. In the case of a small family, the machine need only be operated once or twice a day. The scraped dishes can be rinsed to keep the food from hardening on the surface, and then placed in the dishwasher. At noon the luncheon dishes can be given the same treatment. Then after dinner, with a full load, the dishwasher will do your full day's work in one operation! There is another advantage for the small family, too: complete dinner services for four—plus the pots and pans—can be washed at one time.

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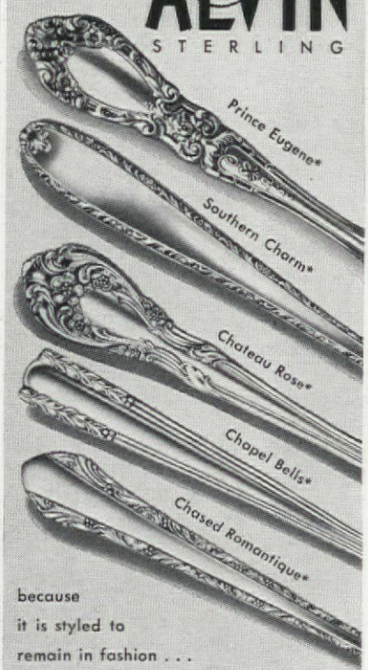

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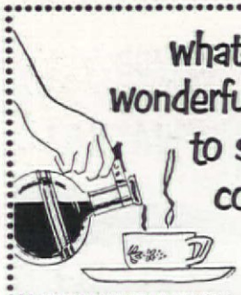

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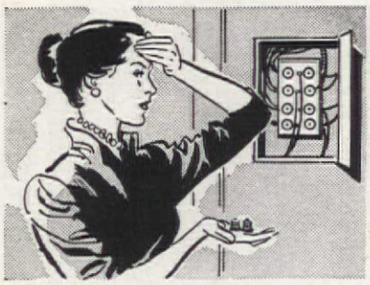
Separating the dining-den from the kitchen by an archway gives an illusion of space in a relatively small area, and enables Mrs. Gwinn to prepare meals within visiting range of family and guests. This open look also shows off the driftwood-finished ash cabinets in both rooms (made and finished by the Captain) and the handsome copper hood in the kitchen, the Captain's first attempt at metalwork, and a very successful one. (We show a view of it in color on page 34.) Yellow homespun curtains and upholstery, Denise's handiwork, team up to make both rooms gay.

The focus of attention in the dining-den is the naval mess table, cut down and refinished by the Captain. Modern versions of the captain's chair were finished to match the table and paneling, upholstered by Denise in yellow homespun. Captain Gwinn's favorite nook is here, too—a book-lined corner where he can relax and still enjoy the company of Denise when she's in the kitchen. The couch, designed by the Captain, pulls out to make a comfortable double bed for guests who visit from all over the world.

Cut-down naval mess table (top) matches modern captain's chairs. Through archway see no-bend modular oven, Dutch tiles. Above, refrigerator and dishwasher, handy to dining and serving areas

Cabinet work and paneling are Captain Gwinn's pride; yellow homespun curtains and upholstery, Mrs. Gwinn's. At right, couch-bed designed and built by Captain Gwinn to pull out on rollers



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Off Your Chest

(Begins on page 22)

was glad to see the different evergreens pictured and learn their names. I'll bet, though, the author never did see Christmas trees in the deep South, or he'd really plug the plain old cedar tree! Most of us grew up hardly realizing there was anything else for a Christmas tree except a cedar. Occasionally we would see a pine used, but those folks were usually "strangers" (Northerners) and our childhood explanation was they just didn't know much about Christmas trees!

Sometimes a holly tree is used, but not so often. My mother used to tell of the Christmas trees they had in the Grange Hall at her home in the Mississippi Delta. They would cut a huge holly tree, ceiling high, and all full of red berries (quite a decoration help there) and gaily trimmed with strings of popcorn and red cranberries, real candles (what a fire hazard!), and bright colored silk handkerchiefs which were fashionable when she was a child. After the program of games, songs, and speeches there'd be gifts.

All the evergreens mentioned do make lovely Christmas trees, and on occasion I have used the firs, spruce, and hemlock, but I can't go back on my "raising"—I still like cedar best!

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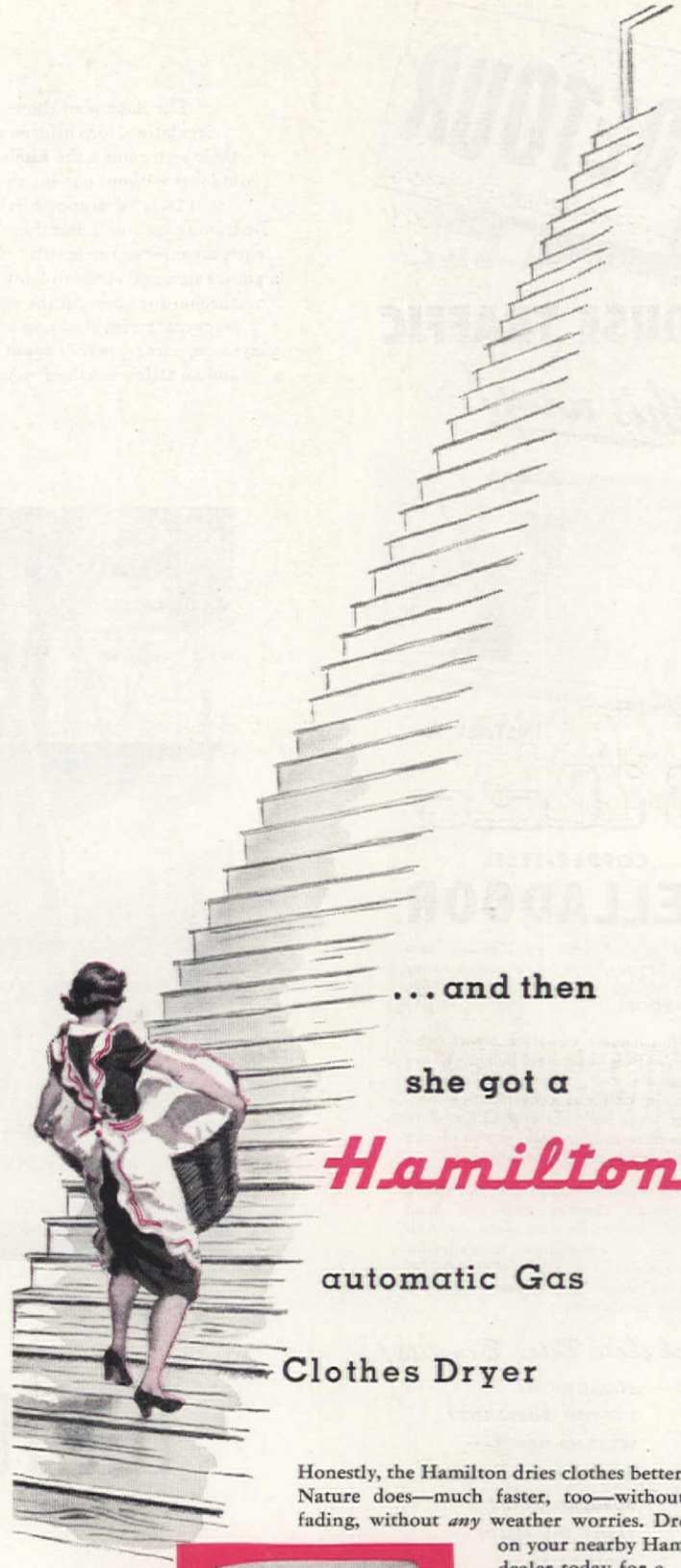
TO DAD from the children. A clever gift idea from Mrs. Robert S. Gordon for the person with a green thumb. Slip a trowel into a pair of garden gloves and tie together at the wrist with green string. Attach sprig of evergreen with "roots" wrapped in burlap to look like a tiny tree



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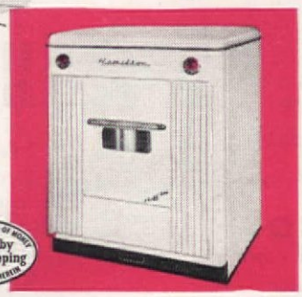

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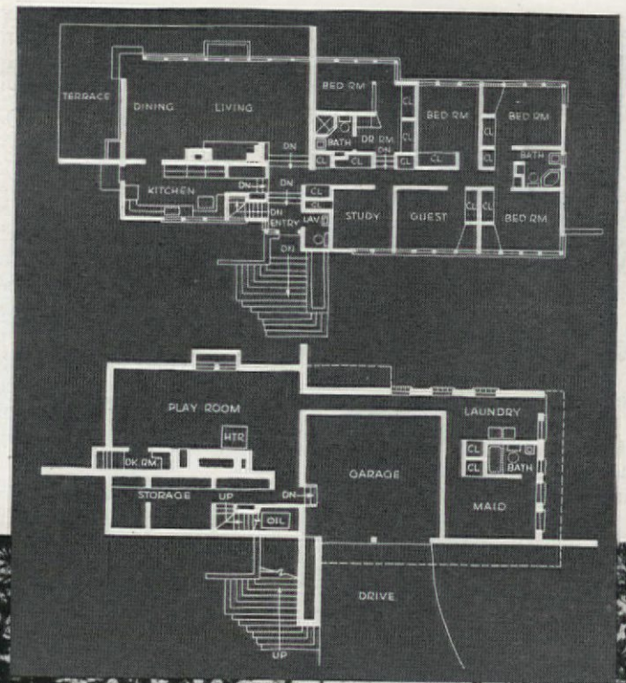

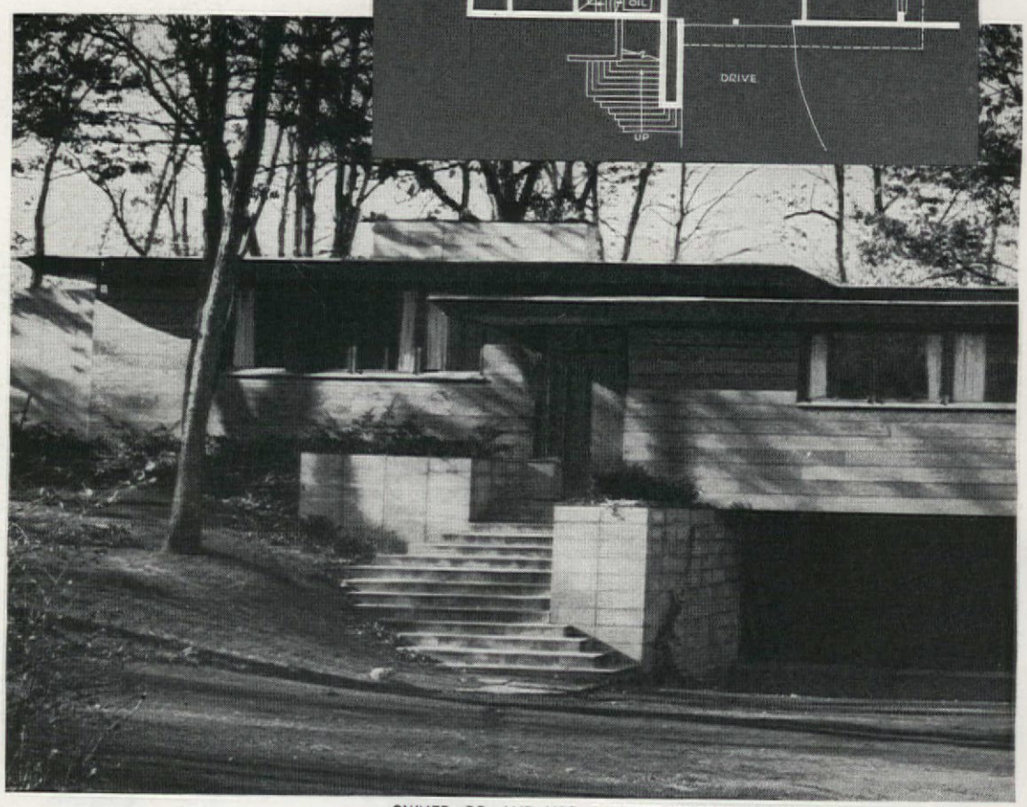

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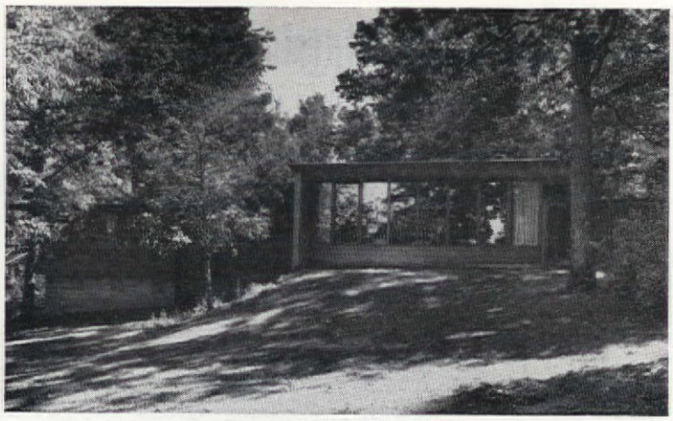
Built Big for Living

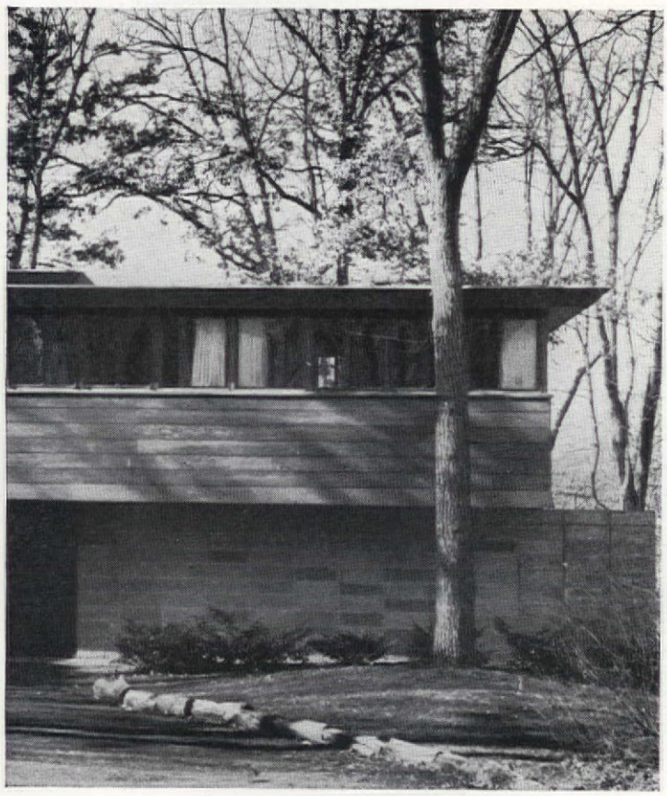
Modern comes in all shapes and sizes, and one of its great virtues is that a modern house can be compact, easy to care for, and still have plenty of good room for living. Take this house, for instance, built by the parents of three little girls, and designed with great thought. They wanted each child to have a room of her own, and good modern design made that possible without too much added cost by keeping those individual bedrooms small.

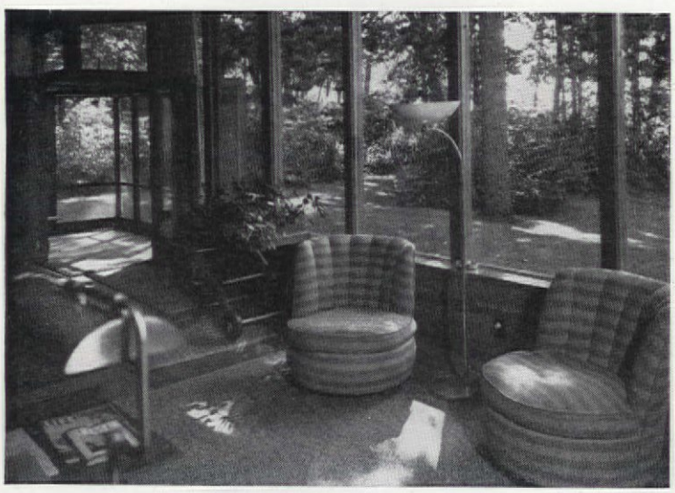
But they also wanted rooms where the family could gather to enjoy each other's company, and this they have aplenty in the large living-dining room and in the big playroom downstairs. When the parents want to get away from an excess of youthful spirits there's the study they built as a private retreat near their small bedroom. But in addition to plenty of rooms, the Coopers wanted a house that would let them enjoy outdoor living, and one that wouldn't require too much work in housekeeping. It looks to us as if they got just what they were after.

It's an inviting house, well set into its sloping wooded site. Exterior construction is concrete block and cypress, materials that require little in the way of upkeep. The large amount of glass is something one expects to find in Southwest Modern, but not in Wisconsin. Nevertheless, the Coopers find it most satisfactory.



The living-dining area of the house is set into the sloping lawn overlooking the garden. The solid wall of glass brings in the sunlight, but a generous roof overhang protects it





Large screened terrace opens onto the living-dining area and takes over its roles in warm weather. It's convenient to the kitchen as well. Walls in living-dining area are plaster and cypress, floors are oak, covered with durable, easy-to-clean rugs. Glass in living room is chiefly fixed, a good idea in this climate. Note that it is not full length—it ends at about table height with a horizontal shelf used for ash trays and the like

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Conforms on the Outside

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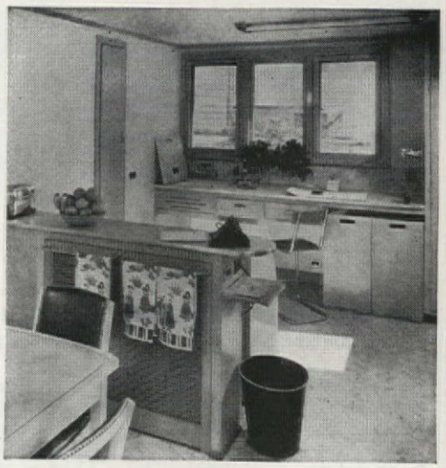
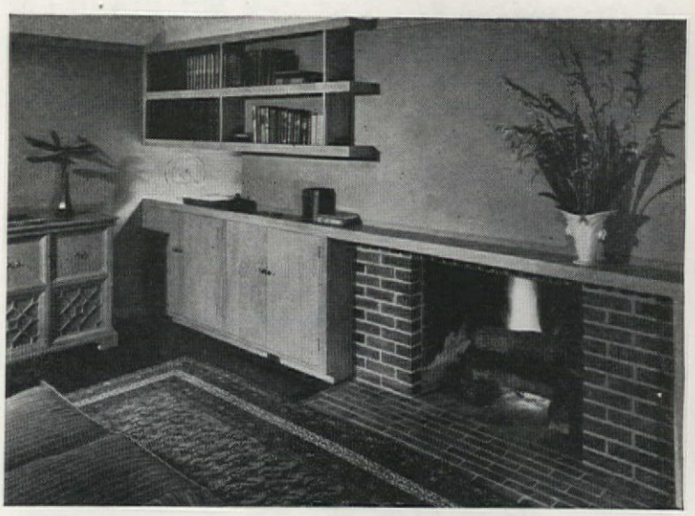
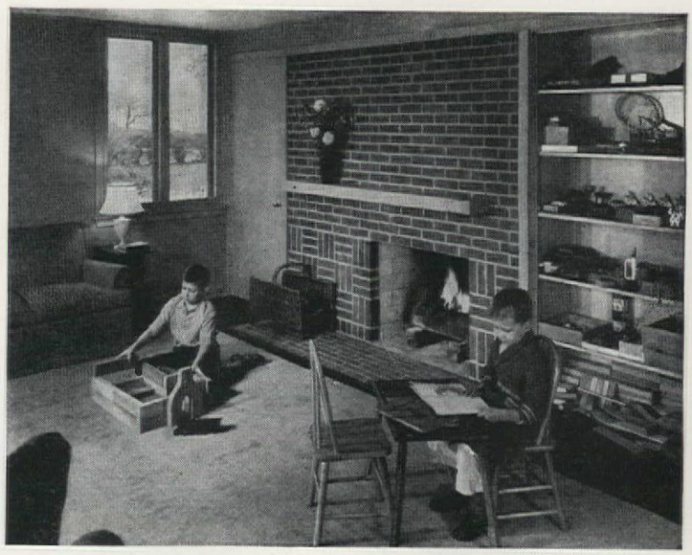
Sunny kitchen, complete with laundry, dining area, and planning desk, connects with the family room so Ma can keep an eye on what's cookin' both places. And she can escape unnoticed, for a few back steps lead to the study for cat naps. In hall behind kitchen is the downstairs bath and four large closets

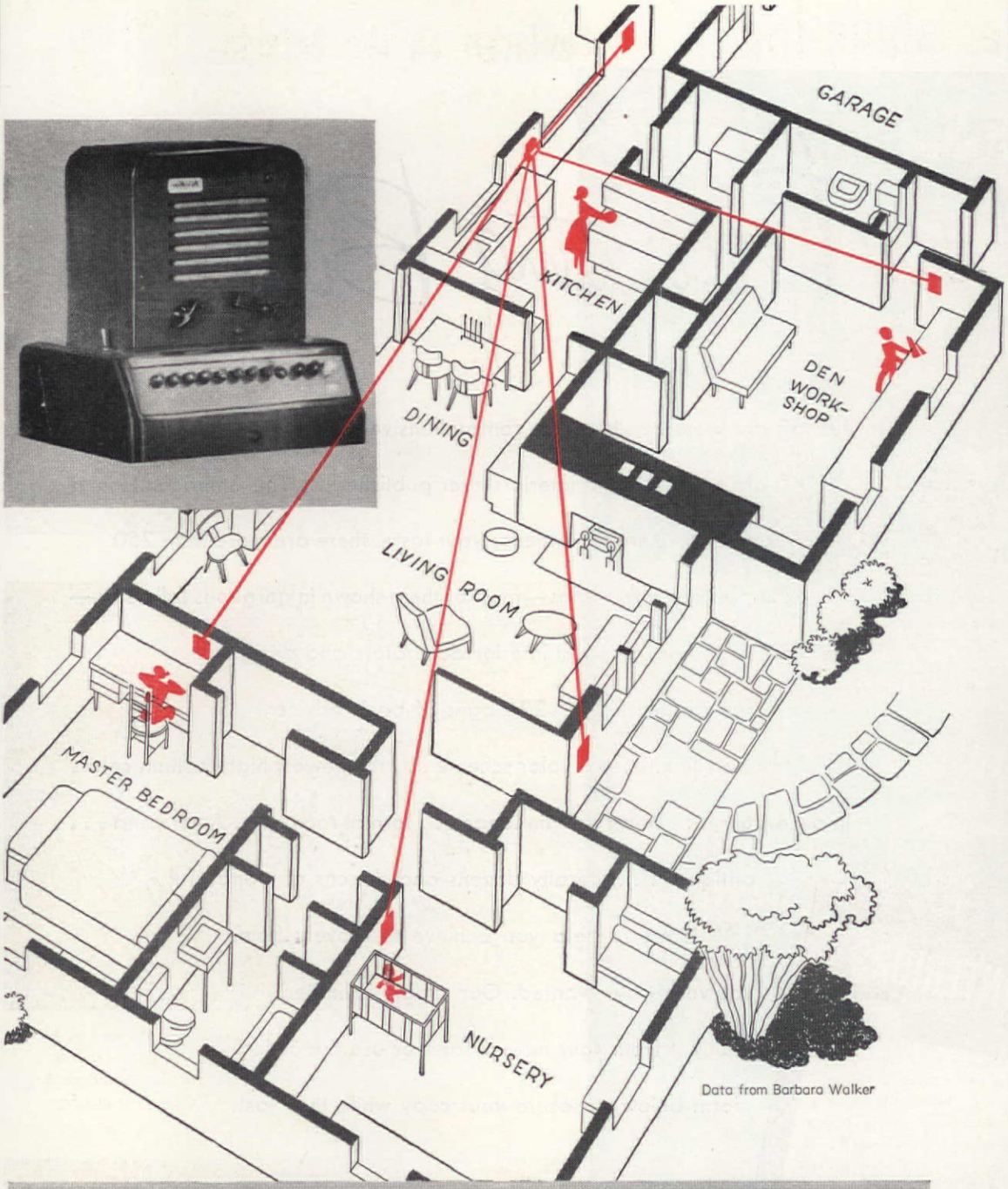




Parents' living room is a serene place for an evening at home with a few guests and good music. Fireplaces and shelves separate it from the sounds of goings-on in the family room. It isn't large, and need not be, for it's free from traffic and inevitable clutter of young fry



Youngsters' living room and the way it's planned is one of the best—and most unusual—things about this house. On the same level as the kitchen, it's part of the 35' sweep which includes the dining room and faces the garden. The whole neighborhood can be—and is—invited in, and the space also converts easily for adult parties—big ones



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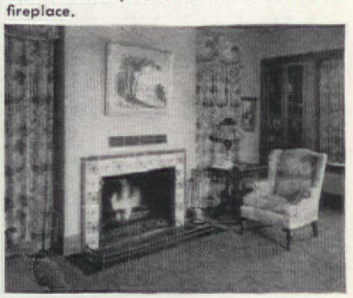

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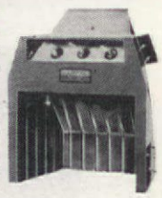

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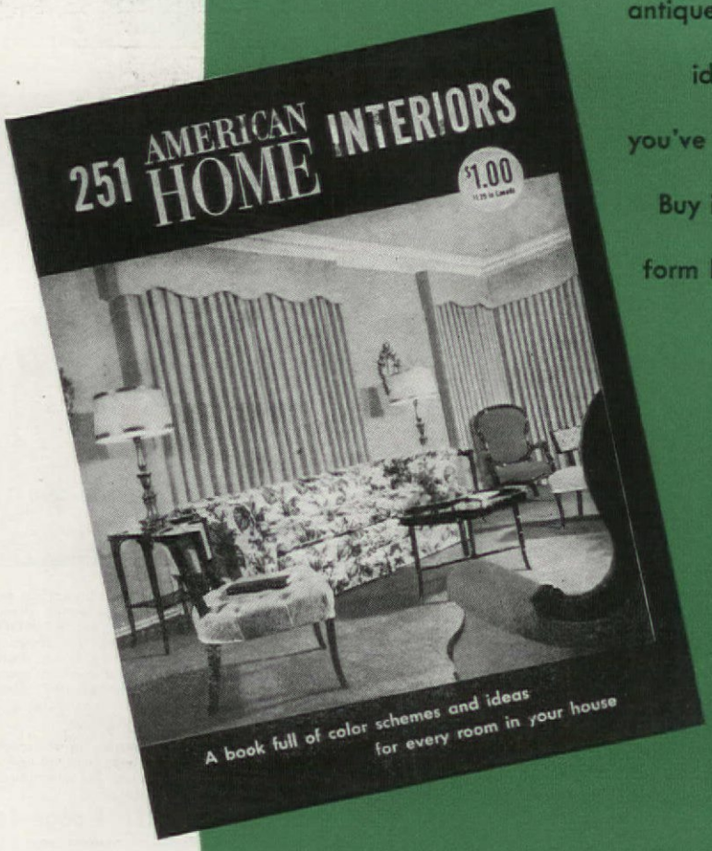

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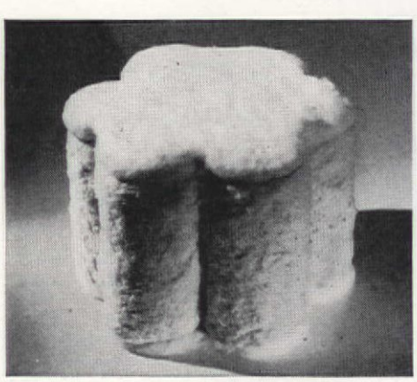
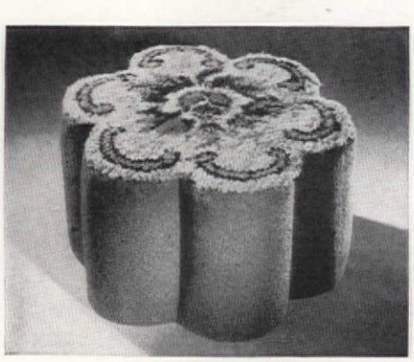


Place cans on two layers cotton batting. By tearing, shape batting to plywood bottom, leaving border 1" wide. Smooth one of these layers over top, other over bottom. Tuck in at edges. Fit strip of cotton batting, 1" higher than the cans, around the side. Tuck in at top and bottom. Dab glue along joinings and sides of cans to hold cotton batting in place



Cover entire stool smoothly with muslin. Cut fabric to fit stool bottom exactly; cut a piece long enough to go around stool and 2" higher. Pin, allowing 1" turnover at top and bottom. Sew to undercover, turning in edges of bottom piece. Slip stitch to bottom of stool; slip stitch hooked mat to top

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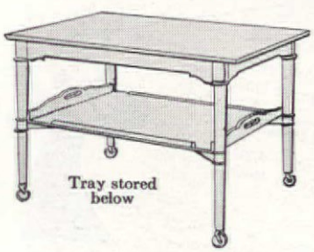

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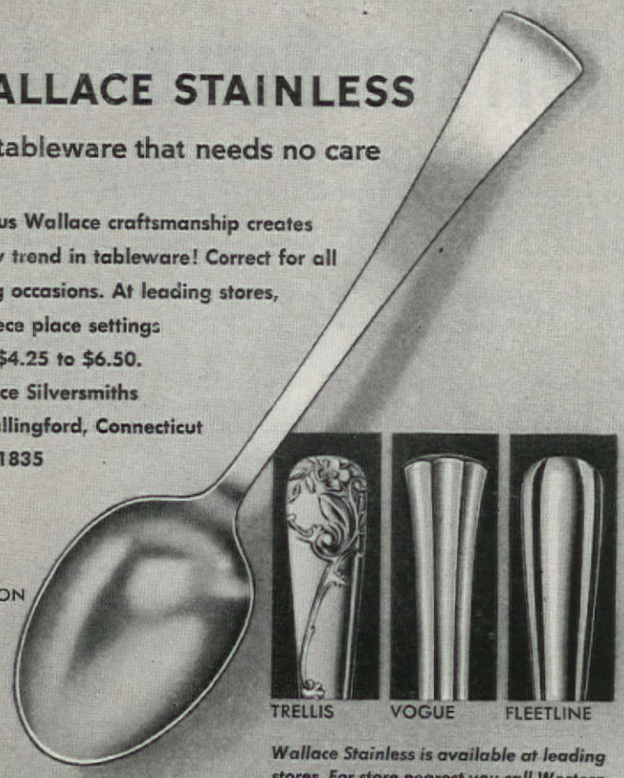

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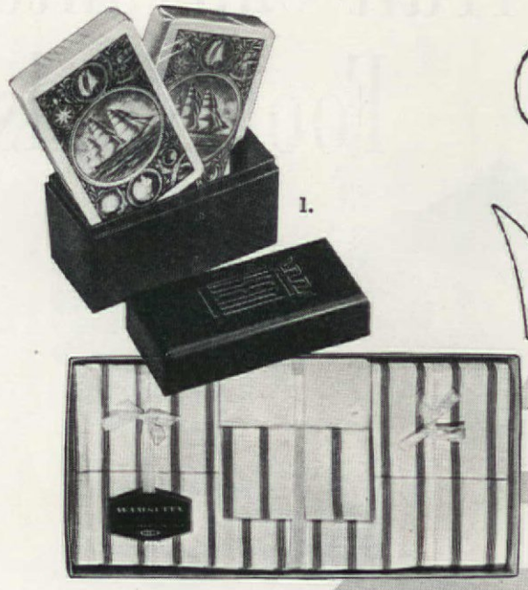

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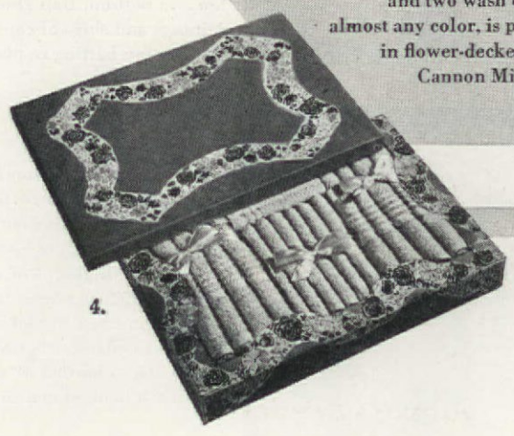

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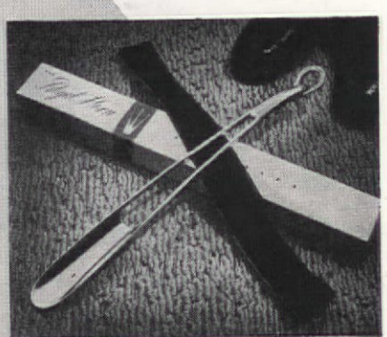

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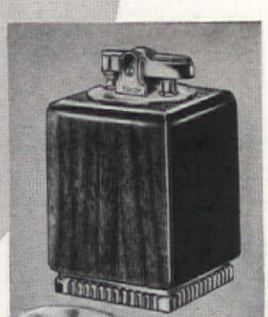

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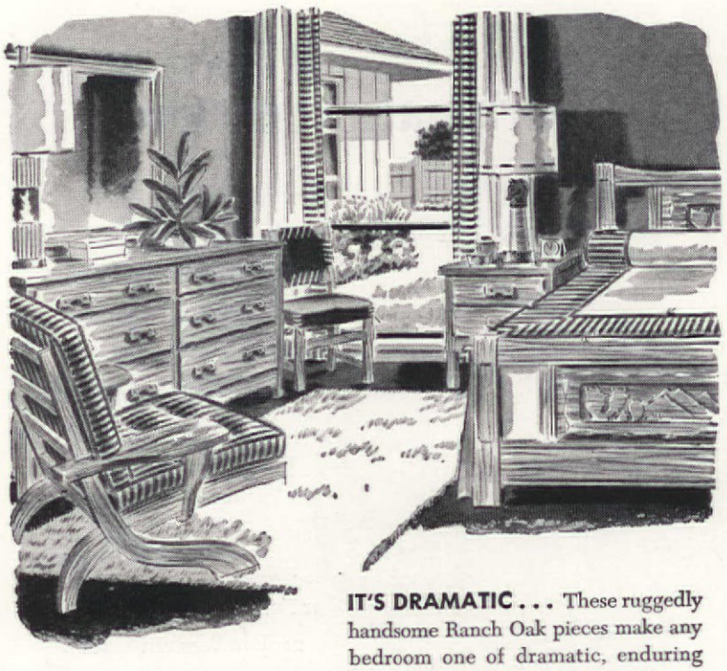

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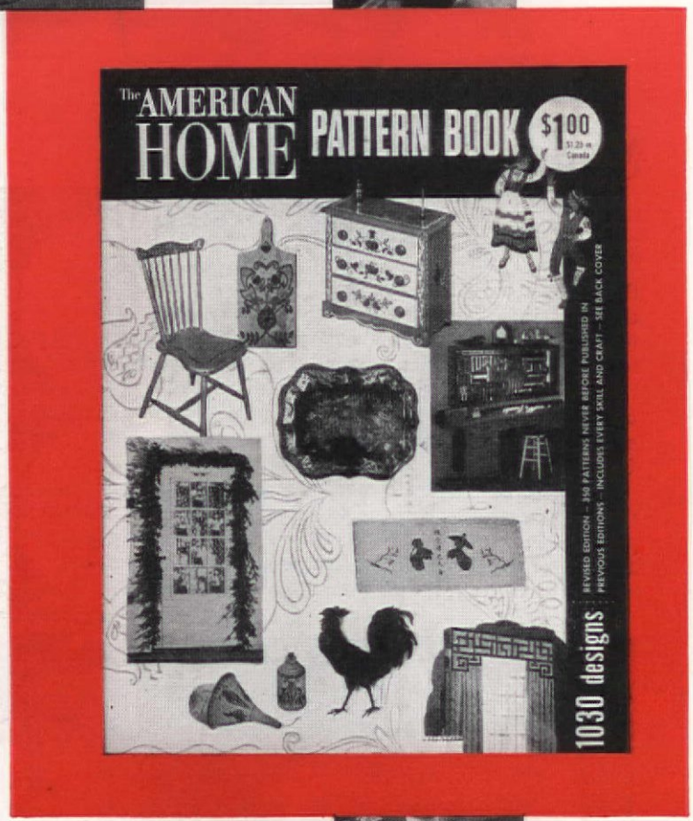

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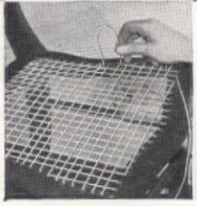

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Sharing of the Greens

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the state—1,500 strong last year! The Community House where the show is held is filled to overflowing with young folks, old folks, and in-betweeners. Along with the purely decorative interest, horticultural interest runs high, for the Club stipulates that each exhibit must use some plant material. Notebooks come out and visitors jot down names of unfamiliar evergreens and berried shrubs with an eye to future planting—and next year's Christmas decorations.

For those not fortunate enough to come to the show, there is thought of sharing the greens with them, too. It is not unusual to see a sled piled high with decorations for the nearby Veterans' Hospital or the Home for the Aged. It's a happy day for everyone and Christmas is in the air from the moment the show begins.

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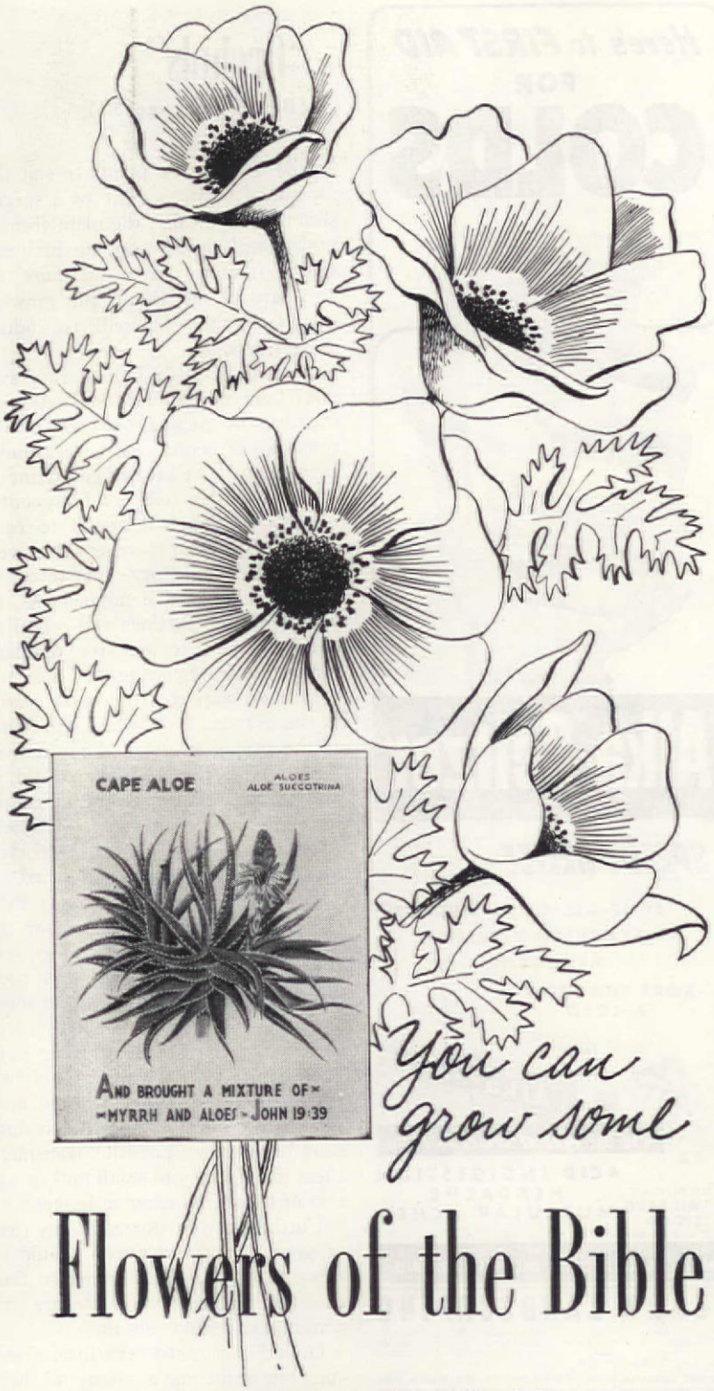

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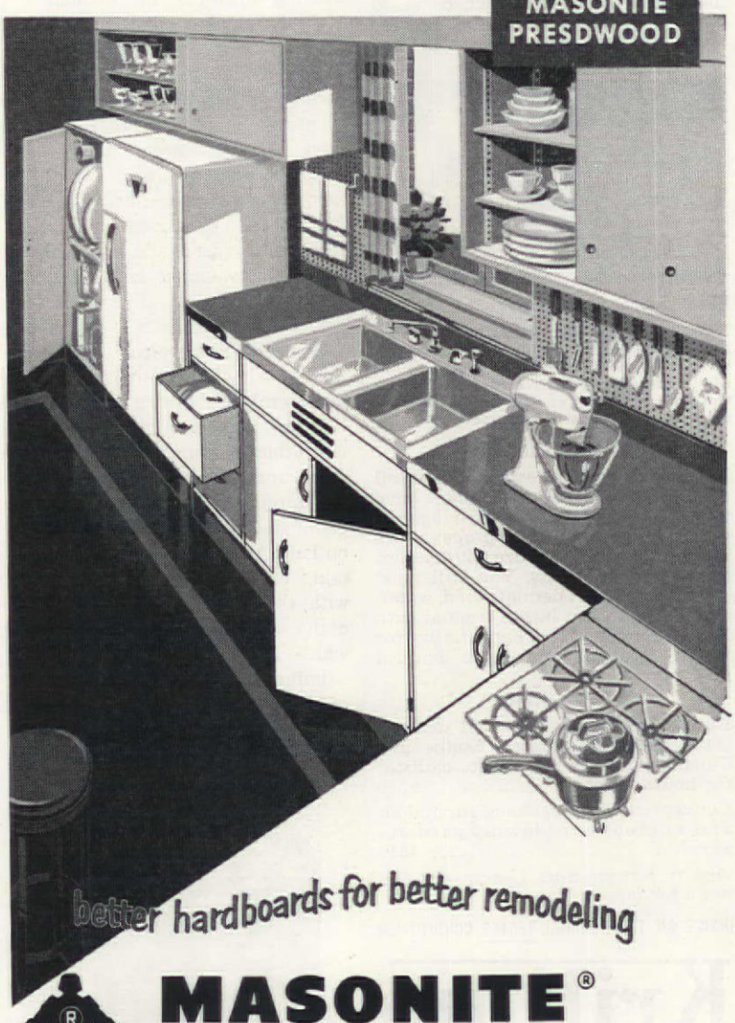

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lilies at all, but anemones (shown on page 89). The all-important "fruit" in Eden was not, as generally assumed, an apple, but an apricot! The "rose of Sharon" of Solomon's Songs was not the shrub now called that (and which did not come out of China until long after the Bible was written), but probably the native crimson Palestine tulip (*Tulipa montana*). Many such tradition-upsetting identifications are included in books on the subject, notably the recently published *Plants of the Bible* by Dr. H. N. Moldenke (Chronica Botanica), long curator at the New York Botanical Garden. Just a year ago, the Garden Club of America aroused new interest in biblical plants with a holiday season display in its New York headquarters of old garden books, original drawings of a number of Holy Land plants and specimens of some of them.

But to return to the little California church in the midst of its planting of almond, date, fig, and olive trees, pomegranates, thistles, tulips, oleanders, and "lilies of the field," it was established by Mr. C. M. Goethe of Sacramento in fulfillment of a pledge made to his late wife with whom he had spent many years in Palestine. Even before its dedication last March, it had become a center of interest for the Church's Sunday school and also for the schools of several neighboring congregations. Like the Crusaders of old and countless other pilgrims before and since, more and more people are visiting the garden of Elmhurst Church. Its palm tree has a special significance on Palm Sunday; the little olive grove takes on new meaning in connection with the story of Gethsemane; the native aloe represents the source from which Nicodemus obtained the embalming fluids he used. And so each of the carefully chosen plants has its significance for modern gardeners.

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"Orchids"

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can be shaped into plants to suit the individual grower's taste or a special situation. Typically, the plant form is bushy, with long, drooping branches arising from the base. For more upright growth, pinch off the growing tips with the fingernail to induce more side shoots.

Because of their limited root system, they need a rich soil. A good mixture, nourishing but not heavy, consists of equal parts leafmold, coarse gravel, well rotted cow manure, and rich garden soil; a tablespoonful of crushed charcoal added to each potful helps keep it sweet. However, any soil satisfactory for ferns or begonias should give fair success. In potting rooted cuttings and repotting older plants, provide free drainage for excess water by putting an inch of broken clay pots or coarse gravel in the bottom. Hold plant or cutting at the proper height and position in the pot, fill the well mixed soil in around the roots, and firm it gently so as not to break them. Withhold water for a week, then give it sparingly until the plant is established.

Keep new, unrooted cuttings in a cool, shady place for a week or ten days until the cut end has formed scar tissue. Then insert them 1½ in. deep in a mixture of equal parts peat moss and coarse sand in a small flat or a large pot. After three or four days (not before), start giving them just enough water to keep the sand mixture barely moist; when the cuttings show any new growth, transplant them individually to small pots or put two or three in a hanging basket.

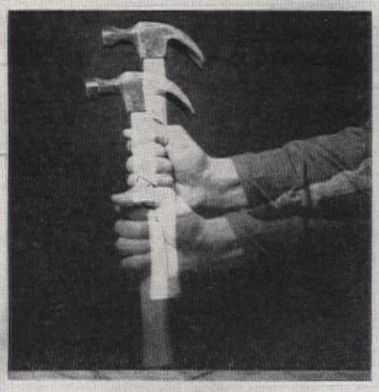
Cuttings can be started at any time of year, but grown plants should be repotted only in the summer so they can develop new roots before the winter rest period sets in.

Orchid cacti need very little direct sun, but must have plenty of light and fresh air. In cool, moist regions, as already noted, they do especially well on a porch sheltered from rain, but where they get the morning or evening sunlight. They should get water daily in hot weather, but only enough to moisten, not soak, the soil. In winter, store them where the temperature stays between 35° and 50° F.; anything higher may start them into growth when they should be resting, and result in few or no flowers the following spring. Half a cupful of water every two or three weeks is enough during the winter. Starting in early March when buds appear, gradually increase the amount and frequency. During the active growing season, feed the plants by applying a top-dressing of cow manure or any good commercial plant food according to the manufacturer's directions. Setting them out in the rain occasionally to wash the dust off the joints is beneficial at this stage.

Hammer heads usually last forever, but handles don't. When you buy a new handle, sight along it to be sure that it is straight, not bowed and twisted like this one. You can't drive a nail straight with a crooked hammer handle

When a Hammer Needs a Handle

End of a stock handle will have to be planed down to fit hammer head. Use small block plane for this job, and make tests from time to time to be sure that too much wood is not removed. A piece of glass can be used to remove small rough spots after planing



The hammer head should fit snugly on the handle. It can be driven down into place by pounding the base of the handle on a wood workbench or wood block. The top end of the handle should come flush with the upper surface of the hammer head

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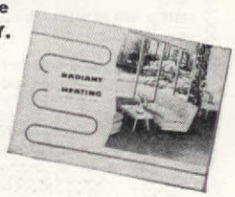

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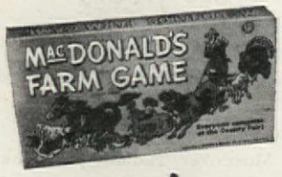

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PRESSED GLASS—SOMETHING FOR ALL

Page 49: Glass courtesy Pioneer Museum, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

WATCH YOUR ACCENT

Page 54: 1. Dinnerware: Universal's "Autumn Leaves," Ballerina shape, semi-vitreous china. 20-pc. starter, $6.95. Flatware: Lunt's "Early American" sterling. 6-pc. setting, $32. Top picture: Heisey's "Sultana" stemmed goblet, clear crystal hand-blown bowl, Suez colored stem, $1.35 ea.; Liddell's Irish-linen cloth in dusty rose. 64" x 64" cloth, six 16" napkins, $16.95. Bottom picture: Fostoria's "Capri" hand-blown goblet, cinnamon base, $1.75 ea.; Hardycraft's "Spectrum" Belgian-linen place mat, sandalwood shade, 60c ea.
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TAKE A PACKAGE OF CAKE MIX

Pages 60, 61: Rope-design white plate; red, green, white plate, Italian earthenware; square plate (middle left), "Lavenia"; all Saks Fifth Avenue Guest and Gift Shop; 12" footed salver (upper left), "Colony," Fostoria; spode square plate, "Fleur de Lis," Copeland and Thompson; oblong platter, Phyllis Lester; footed salver, "Williamsburg," Heisey; square plate (lower left), "Chatelaine," Vernon Kilns.

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In the Backyard

(Begins on page 50)

To supplement the design and construction data on the Sherman Tong garden, here are notes on some of the plants used to get the effects shown in the pictures:

On the steep slope that separates the upper lawn panel from the play area on the lower level, it was proposed that firethorns (Pyracantha), set four feet apart, be used to prevent the washing and eroding of the soil and, in time, to cover it. But when the planting was done, one of the lower growing forms of Ceanothus was used instead. This, though called "California wild lilac," is not a lilac but one of the buckthorns.

On the bank beside the patio and path, a cotoneaster has been pruned to tree form; climbing figs are starting up the wall, and camellias, azaleas, hydrangeas, and fuchsias are underplanted with the creeping, mosslike babys-tears (*Helxine soleiroli*) which makes dense mats of green.

The border edging the patio is bright with ranunculus. Pot plants used in various positions are mostly geraniums and azaleas, with some tuberous begonias and cinerarias, and various foliage plants, such as philodendrons, fatsias, etc. They are placed and moved about depending upon the season and the varying conditions of light and shade.

Pauls Scarlet roses planted ten feet apart are trained on the high fence that extends along the side of the play yard. Near this fence and about opposite the end of the patio, an existing hawthorn tree was left to cast a little shade on the play yard area. The attractive screening foliage that shows above the fence at both the side and the end of the play yard, is largely that of trees and shrubs on the properties adjoining.

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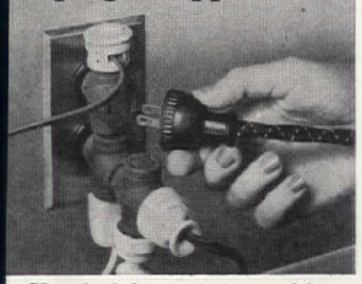

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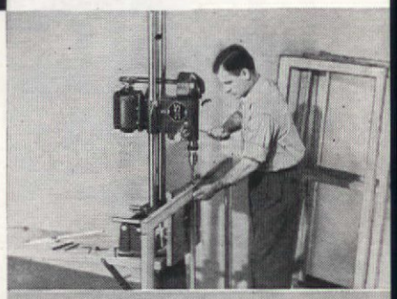

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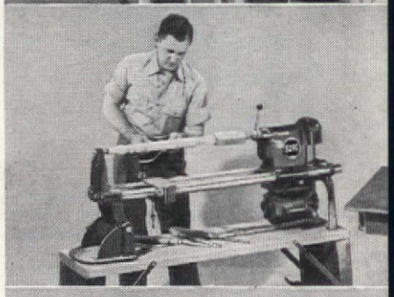

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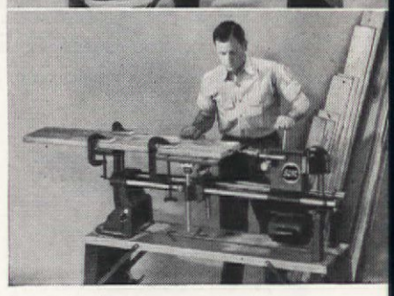

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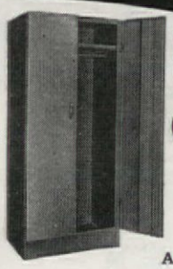

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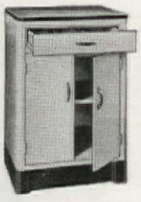

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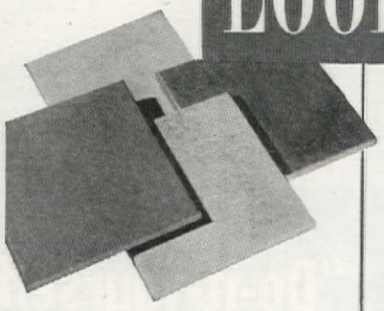

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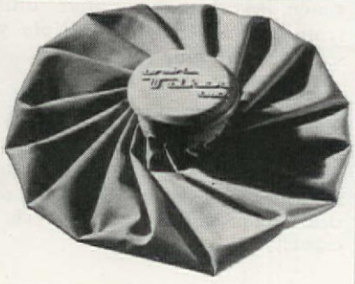

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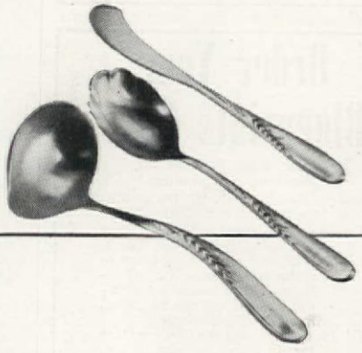

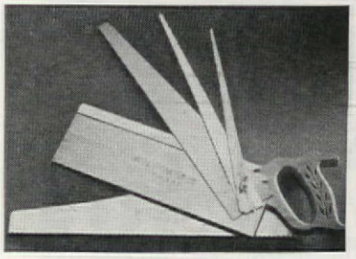

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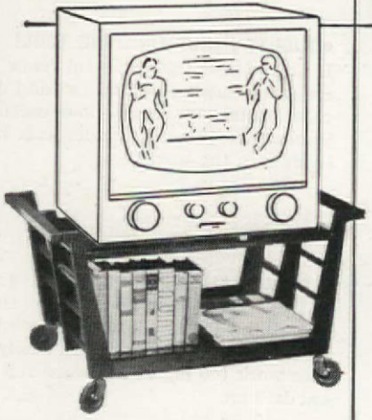

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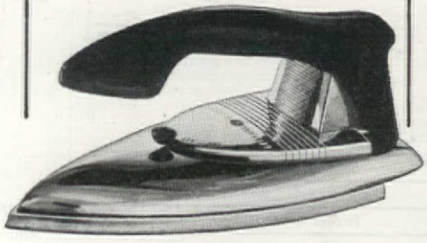

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