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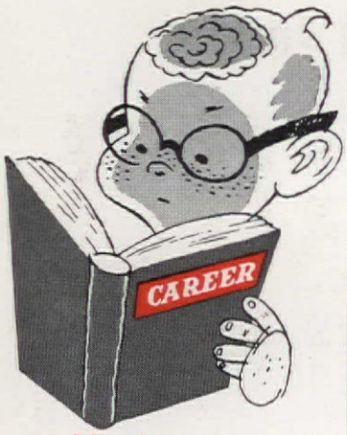

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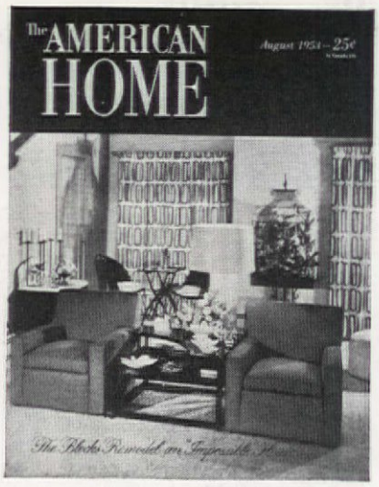

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• • • **CLARENCE E. PARTCH** owns one of the most extensive collections of Meissen china we've seen. Dean of the School of Education at Rutgers for 25 years, he has taught for 45 years—in one-room rural schools, and in the graduate schools of two universities. In addition to being a collector of antiques, he is an excellent craftsman, builds handsome furniture.

• • • **ANNA MAY WILSON** is Kitchen Consultant for the Chicago Heart Association. For the past two years she's been teaching women how to use their heads to save their hearts, mostly by putting their kitchens in order. You can see her kitchen, very much in order indeed, on page 58. She credits it with providing her with free time for lecturing and teaching.

• • • **HENRY E. DOWNER** grew up on the Isle of Wight, studied the plants there (especially hollies, page 36) and, logically, became an horticulturist. Trained on estates, nurseries, and at the Kew Botanic Garden, he came to America and taught horticulture at Smith College for seven years, and at Vassar for 21, "graduating" to retirement with the class of '52.

• • • **GEORGIANA ROBERTSON** purchased, several years ago, a dull little house—because there wasn't another house to be had. The Robertsons being "putterers and pack rats," it's a dull little house no longer. Motifs adapted from their store of Meissen china have made it bright and beautiful, and some of those very designs have been added to our collection.

• • • **PERRY GRANT,** whose bathroom (variety Early American self-designed) we show on page 43, concerns himself with furniture making, too. In between saw swipes and hammer blows, he writes for the Ozzie and Harriet show, and free lances in humor. Married to a "mighty sweet girl named Edith," he's the father of a baby daughter.

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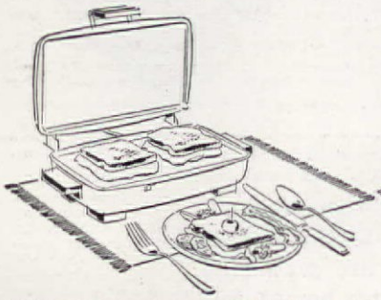

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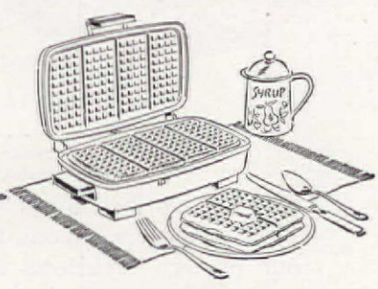

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RUTH M. MALONE

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But never did we have so wonderful a summer as this past one when we realized we had been "home town blind." There were many interesting places along our own beaten paths.

When we visited strange cities in the past, we always stopped by the local Chamber of Commerce to learn of places of interest—now we did just that at home, and were amazed at the things we found. Our little town of Camden, Arkansas, with population of 12,000, boasted of a Civil War relic, Poison Springs Monument, that we had passed often, but had never stopped to see—nor had we read about the place. Now we know what it really means and the part it played in making history in the South.

One day we spent on the river front. Old-timers there told us many tales of the river in bygone days. The showboat became real to us as one elderly river captain told us about showboats that floated down our river years ago. The children were so fascinated by the nets he was making, that he taught them how to knot the cords to make beach bags and stoles I had seen in a fashion magazine.

Home-town exploring turned up many historical places. One had been a stagecoach stop, and was now occupied by a woman who was kind enough to show us all over the house; we even saw the trunk in the attic where her grandfather hid when the Union troops camped here. The place would delight any antique lover, for the original wallpaper, carpet, and much of the original furniture was still there. The Confederate Cemetery with its monuments gave us many epitaphs of unusual interest, and our children were more interested in a Sunday afternoon spent there than they had been in many of the historical out-of-town shrines. One of our town's oldest buildings, the charming little library, with its cobwebs and dust, gave us a wealth of ideas on a rainy afternoon. Blueback spellers and McGuffey readers as well as many first editions showed us the place was truly rich in history.

One morning, we took the city bus and rode its route. The people who lived along the way, many of whom were strangers, became friends as we chatted with them. This unplanned sight-seeing trip ended up at the pottery plant, so we took advantage of our luck and made a tour through it. Though this plant is known throughout the country, we had never seen it before.

We heard of a bird sanctuary at the home of some newcomers from California, so we called on them and learned not only about birds, but many beautiful native plants these people had found in the woods close by. The rest of our vacation we spent finding some of these plants for our own yard.

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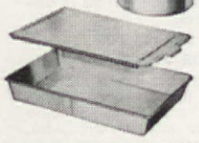

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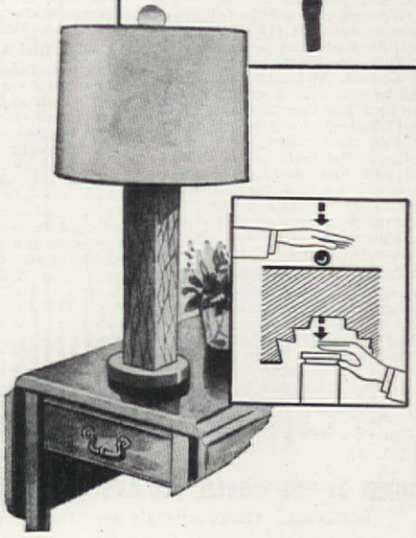

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BY LESTER SLATOFF (as told to Barbara Hart)

ART OF ATTENDING AN AUCTION

What is an auction? Why, it's a sport, a day's outing where the fans "bag the big ones" in bargains—for almost everything goes for its wholesale price, or below. It's a treasure hunt, a competition full of jubilation, disappointment—and fun. The auction has been an accepted way of trading since Roman times, and it is still the most practical way to dispose of estates and effects no longer needed. That's where the bargains come in. I know of a young intern and his wife who furnished a six-room house for less than $400 by attending city auctions.

It's as hard to find out from a fan what auctions he attends as it is to get the name of that good little seamstress. But city newspapers list the city ones, and the big-league country

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untry auction offers you a fine, fun-packed day—plus an opportunity to up valuable small things and useful large ones at bargain prices. It's h-and-carry proposition, so bring a station wagon or small truck if you Truckers, often on the premises, can crate and ship largest items

Before the sale, examine items and decide which to bid on, and how high to go. A good auctioneer knows his merchandise and can explain it, as Mr. Slatoff does here, pointing to a maker's mark which determines the value of an old tureen. Bibelots and background are what the collectors of antiques and contemporary enthusiasts both go for

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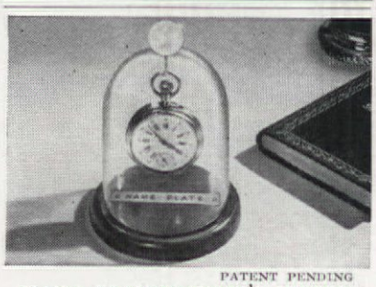

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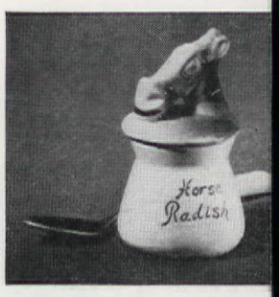

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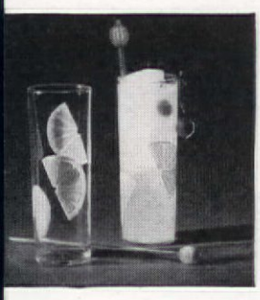

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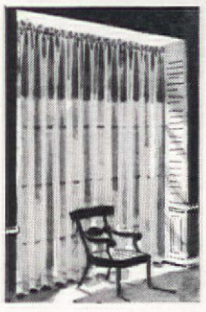

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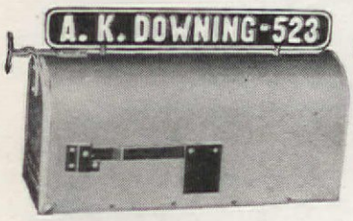

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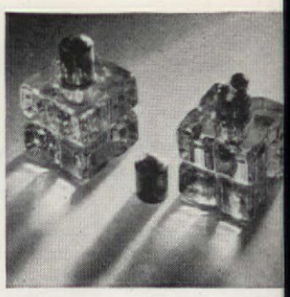

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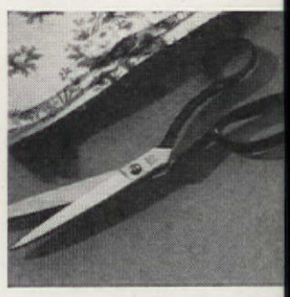

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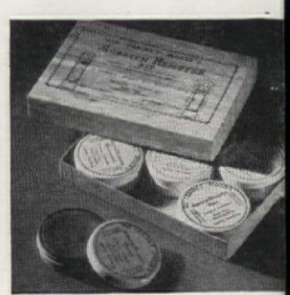

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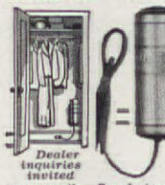

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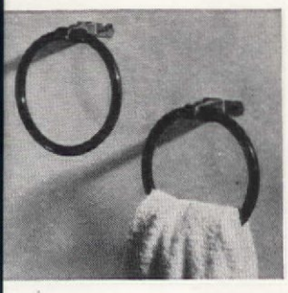

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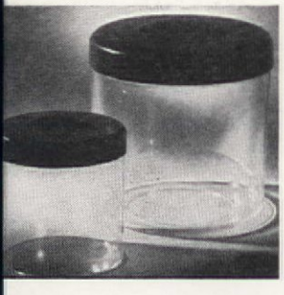

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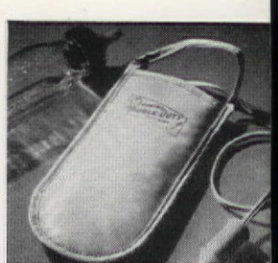

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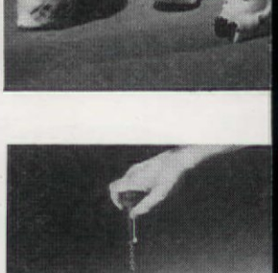

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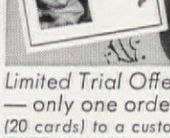

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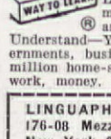

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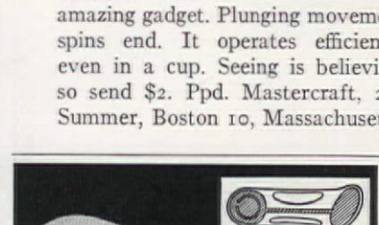

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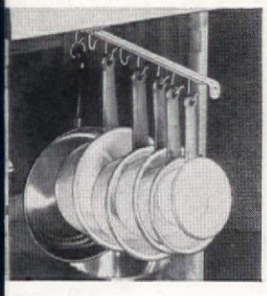

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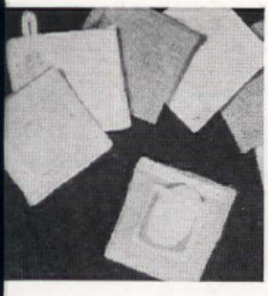

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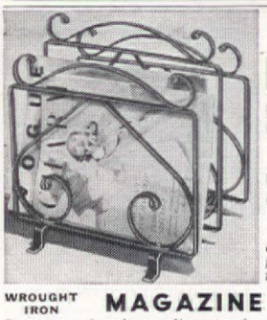

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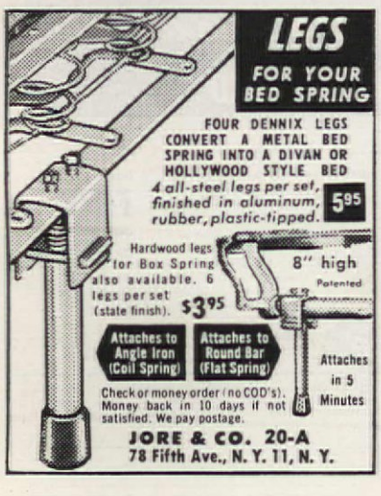

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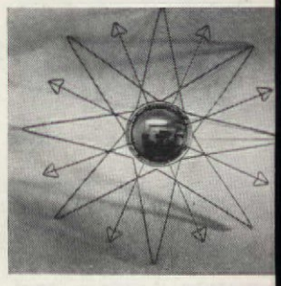

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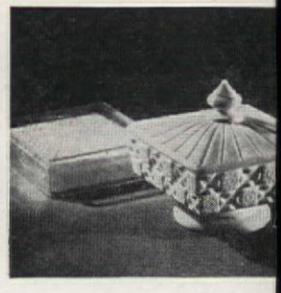

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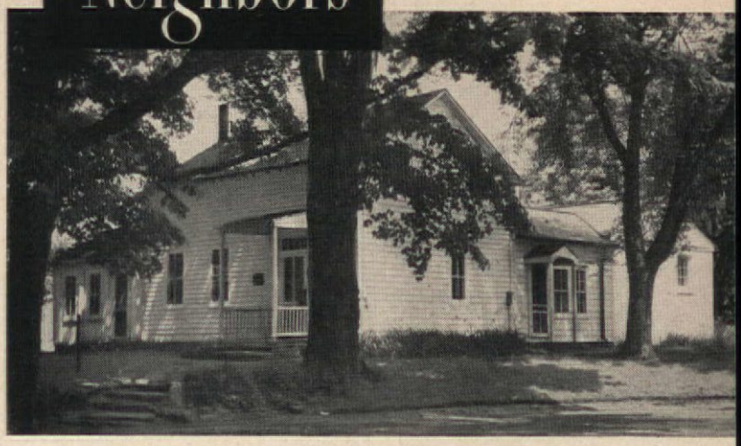

Fair Play for Woodstock's Library

EVA BEARD

On Library Fair Day in Woodstock, New York's art colony in the Catskill Mountain foothills, you must come early to find parking space within half a mile. At 2 P.M., trumpets from the school band herald the cutting of the ribbon at the ornamental gateway, and in rushes the crowd to tables and booths well stocked with all manner of articles, and to the famous Flea Market, where treasures are sold for a song. The clown's band strikes up, children scurry after the balloon girl, to the puppet or pet show, or for a pony ride, and things are off to a fine start.

In the crowd are librarians from miles around, seeking to discover how and why a simple, glorified rummage sale is able, during four hours on a hot July afternoon, to add some $3,500 to the Library's treasury. The answer is that the Fair just grew, and everybody works at it. The first was held in 1917, and others up to 1927 brought in a gratifying $200 to $250 each. Then they became annual affairs. In 1929, Mrs. Walter Weyl, widow of the first editor of the *New Republic,* gave to the village, in his memory, the little century-old house that is now the Library, and on whose grounds the Fairs are held. Since '39, the returns have risen steadily so that, in 1948, it was possible to build a $20,000 fireproof addition that added vitally needed space for book storage, a reading room, and a children's room —all without changing the appearance of the original building from the front. In 1949, came the town board's first grant of $600 to eke out the annual $100 allotted to every free library by the State. A

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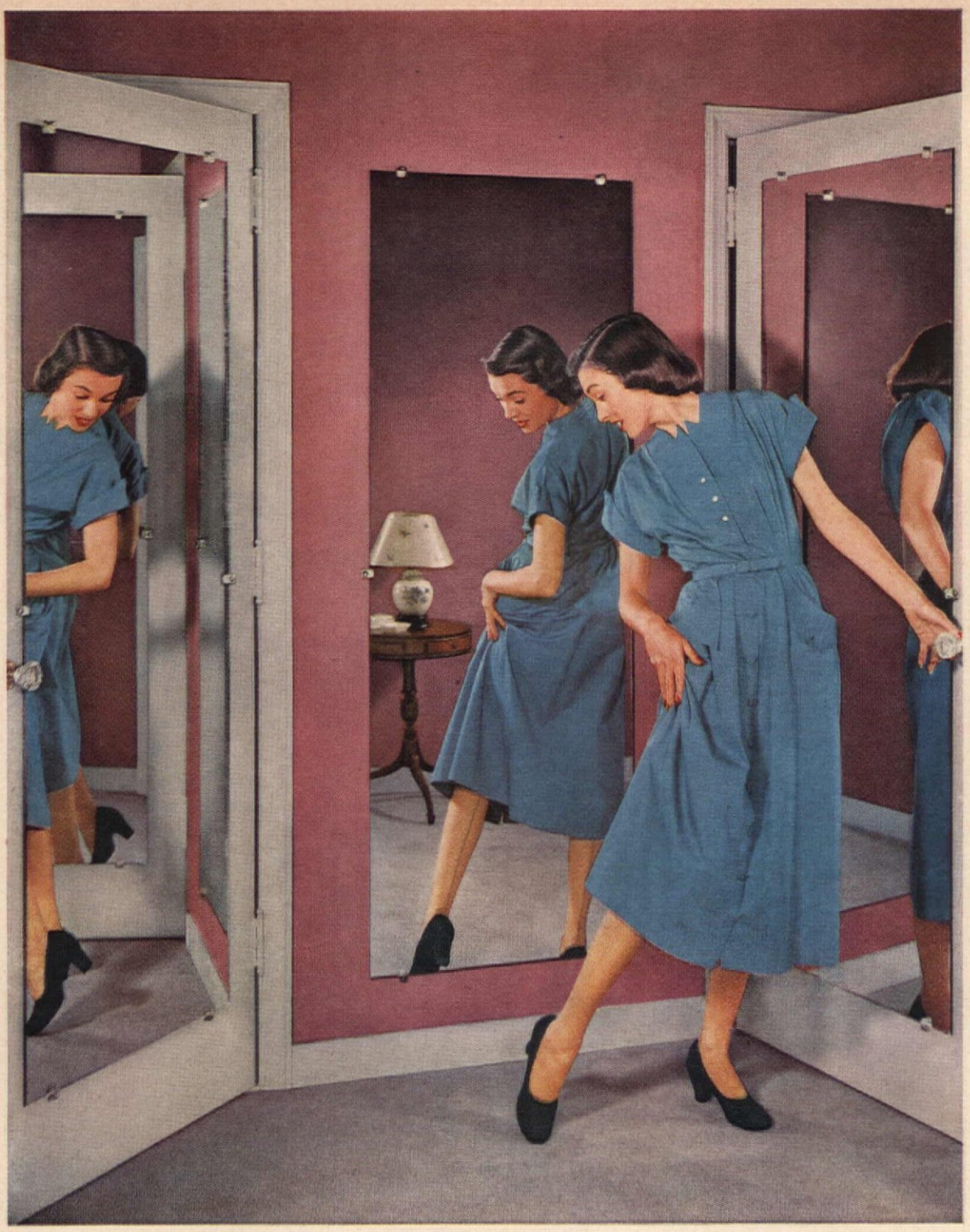
After the Fair opens to a fanfare of trumpets from the school band, this informal band of local celebrities—artists, writers, musicians, etc., —takes over. Led by the clown, it wanders about (followed by nearly everybody under ten), adding melody, color, and merriment until, as the afternoon ends, its last tune bids farewell to the departing throng



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Woodstock's Library (Begins on page 20)

yearly membership campaign brings new friends and increasing funds, but the Fair remains the financial backlog for this notable small community library.

Of course, Woodstock is favored with an unusual wealth of talent —painters, cartoonists, musicians, dancers, actors, writers. But in addition, the Fair often discovers and benefits by other unsuspected talents—such as the ability to organize. Next year's Fair chairman and staff are usually selected while this year's Fair is under way; booth and department heads train younger workers to succeed them. Weeks before Fair time a publicity committee starts sending news items to papers within 30 miles; then follow radio broadcasts, posters for display in neighboring villages, announcements to go in R.F.D. mailboxes, feature stories for metropolitan newspapers. On Fair Day, a loud-speaker radio car tours community and countryside. Each year brings new attractions like "Sharkey the Seal," a Gay Nineties background for the Midway, shooting gallery, photographer, giant "Wheel of Chance," drawings by a local artist to be raffled off. Always new possibilities, ideas, thrills.

The long, hot afternoon draws to a close. Tables and counters are bare, and buyers stagger away under their loads of purchases as the voice of the auctioneer, disposing of the last few items, is loud on the landscape. From its green knoll, the old white house looks benignly and gratefully down upon a colorful, weary but contented throng resting in the shade of the huge sugar maples. Then a last tune floats through the air. The last of the crowd slowly thins away . . . it will be twelve months to another Library Fair.

Features of the annual Library Fair by which Woodstock, N. Y., raises as much as $3,500 in a single afternoon for the attractive little institution which serves the community so well. Here, above, contribution and book tables; below, toy tables—one of many special appeals to the younger generation. Historically: the Library opened in 1913 in a corner of a restaurant; in 1924 it had a $400 budget; 1927 saw the first annual Fair; 1929 brought a real building, the gift of Mrs. Walter Weyl; 1948, the $20,000 fireproof addition at rear of house was dedicated; 1949, the town board made its first appropriation ($600) for the Library. But the Fair remains the financial backlog

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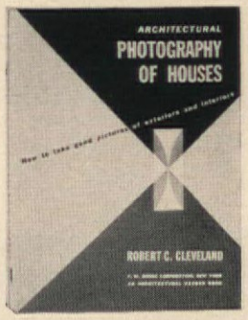

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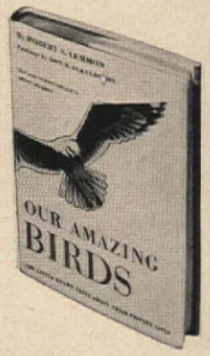

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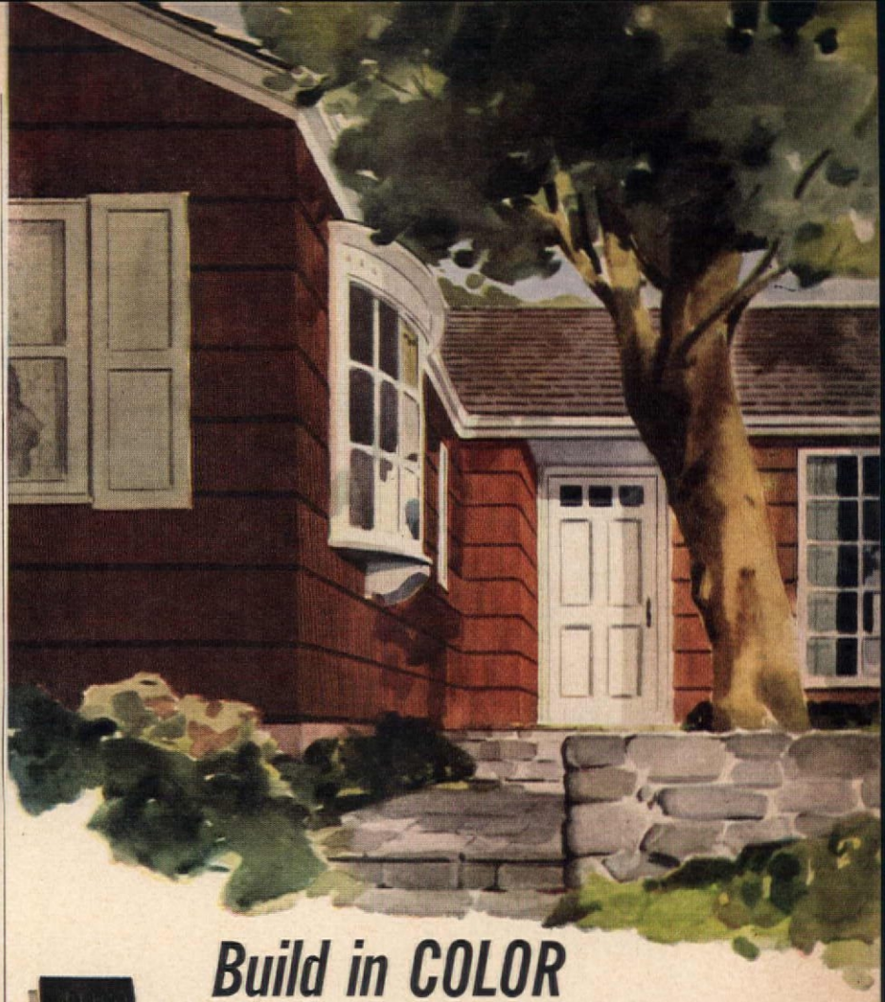

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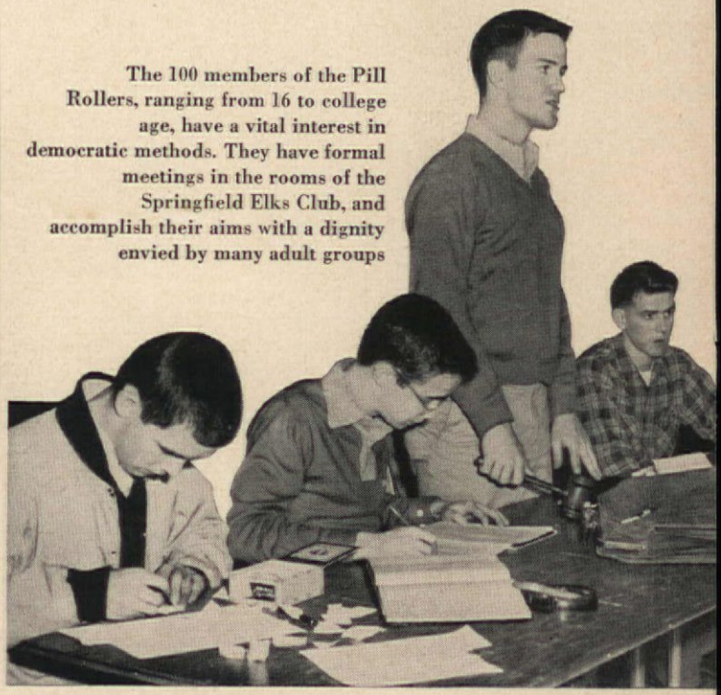

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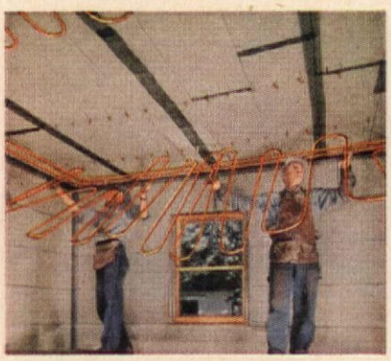

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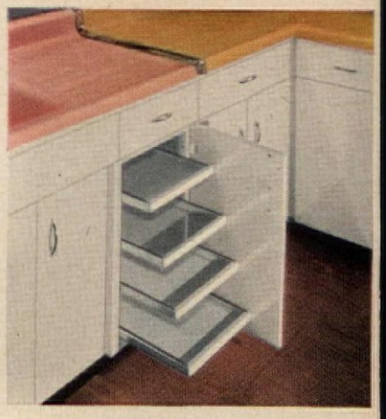

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You expect originality when busy, successful people who can afford to hire a raft of professional architects and decorators to work *for* them, choose to do it themselves —for sheer love of accomplishment. And if, like the Paul Blocks, they have the taste, talent—and enough conviction to create the time—to make a wonderful thing of this once "impossible" house, the results are bound to inspire you. Paul Block, publisher of a chain of newspapers which includes the distinguished *Toledo Blade*, has a scientific bent—he can wire anything, assemble a complicated high-fidelity system, build new life into an ailing radio or an ailing house. Marge Block, his wife, is a well-known newspaper columnist recently turned artist—and she's quite a girl with a color scheme on canvas or in a house, and a master when it comes to designing and making draperies and bedspreads. Not standard people, the Blocks. And for them, no standard home. They looked at the ranch-types and at the big Georgians, then fell in love with a woodland site overlooking the dreamy

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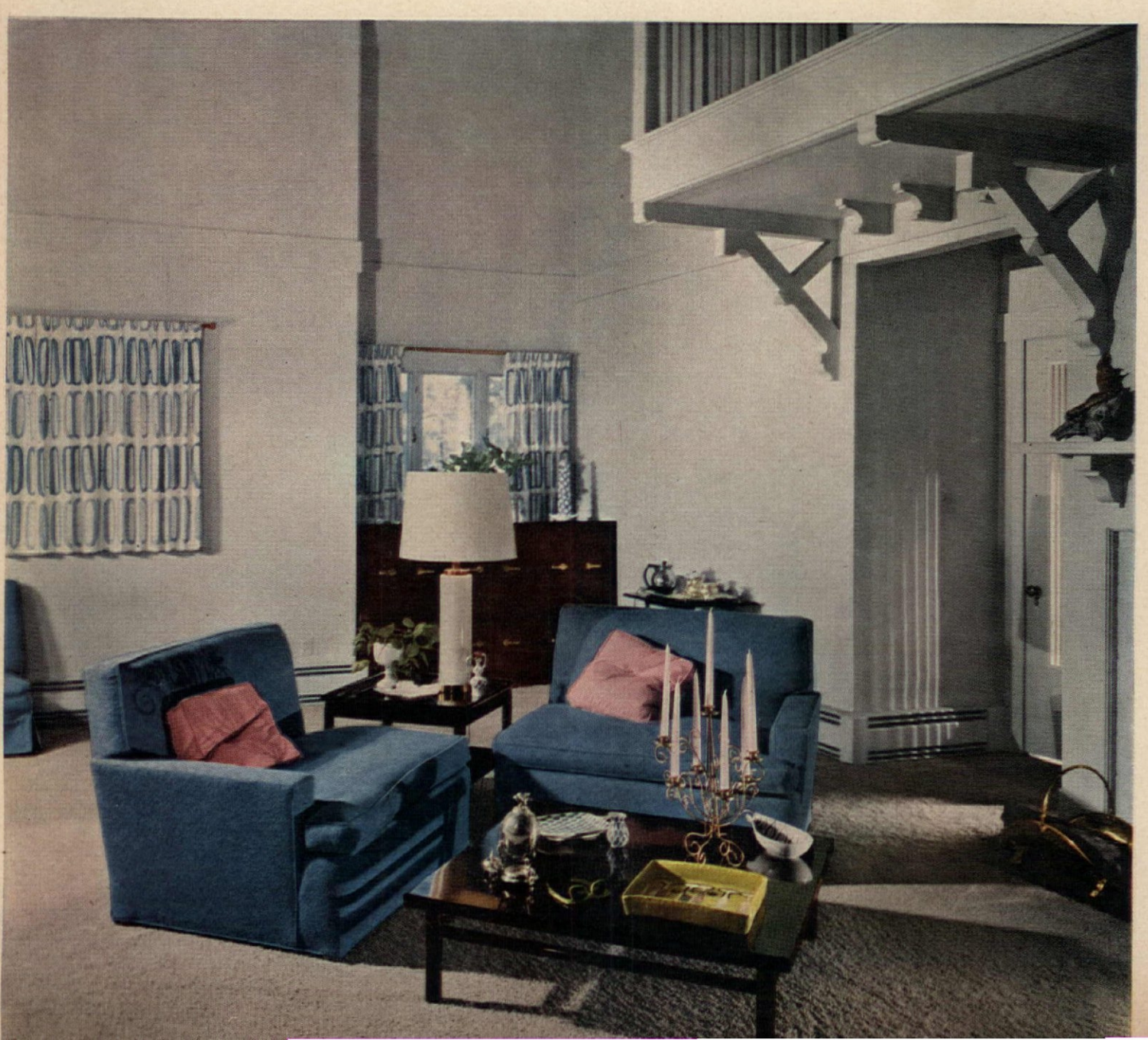
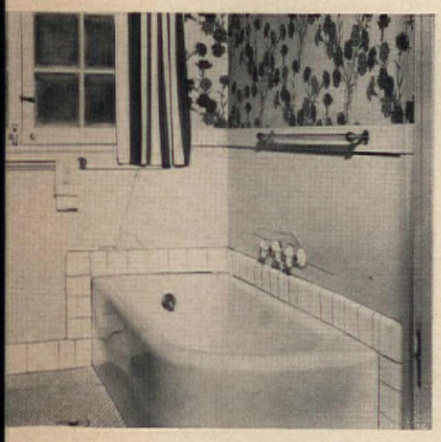
The Living Room was Completely Transformed

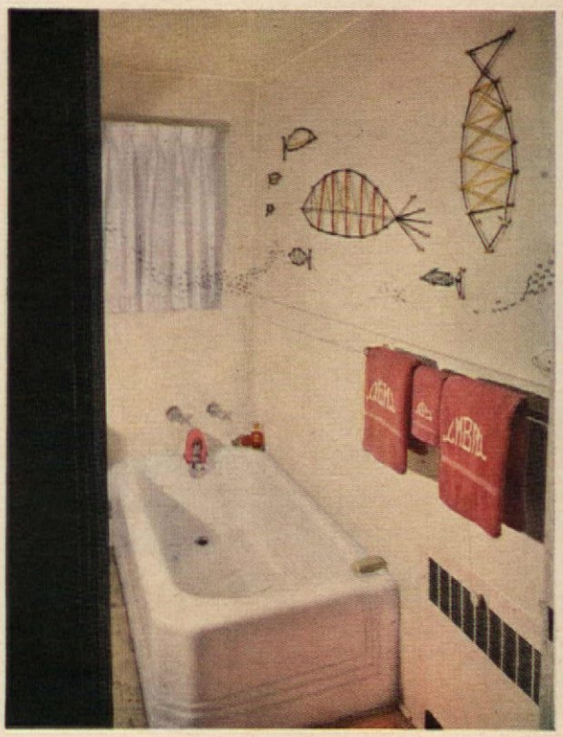
Maumee River. Along with it came a 40-year-old log house which had been fairly "impossible" even in youth. Designed around the lines of a banjo clock, it was laced with hallways, but there was no real entry—you got in and out through French doors in the living room. A big reception room led to an octagonal hall, 35 ft. high, crowned by a cupola—but there was no dining room. The living room had a gratuitous balcony; kitchen and bedrooms were inadequate; logs were rotting. The Blocks took it. But because they are smart as well as bright, they moved in to live with its faults, and corrected none for six months. By then, they found virtues in things that had seemed monstrous—the balcony is perfect for their radio-phonograph, vast halls are great for big parties. Lovers of log houses flocked to see them because, as Marge observed: "Everyone wants to know someone who lives in a log house, even if they don't want to live in one themselves." Over the protests of such



sentimentalists, off came the logs, up went insulation and wood siding, its lines emphasized by the louvered fence which frames the garden handsomely. Inside, Marge mixed old things with new to create a combination of elegance, comfort, and common sense you seldom encounter. In the setting above, for example, the chest from her old apartment is topped by an antique mirror bought for $35, flanked dramatically by sconces, and set off by proud chairs covered in practical sailcloth. But it's the continuity of color and of decorative themes which makes this decoration so good. The colors used throughout—

...then a Handsome Bedroom and other Bright Ideas

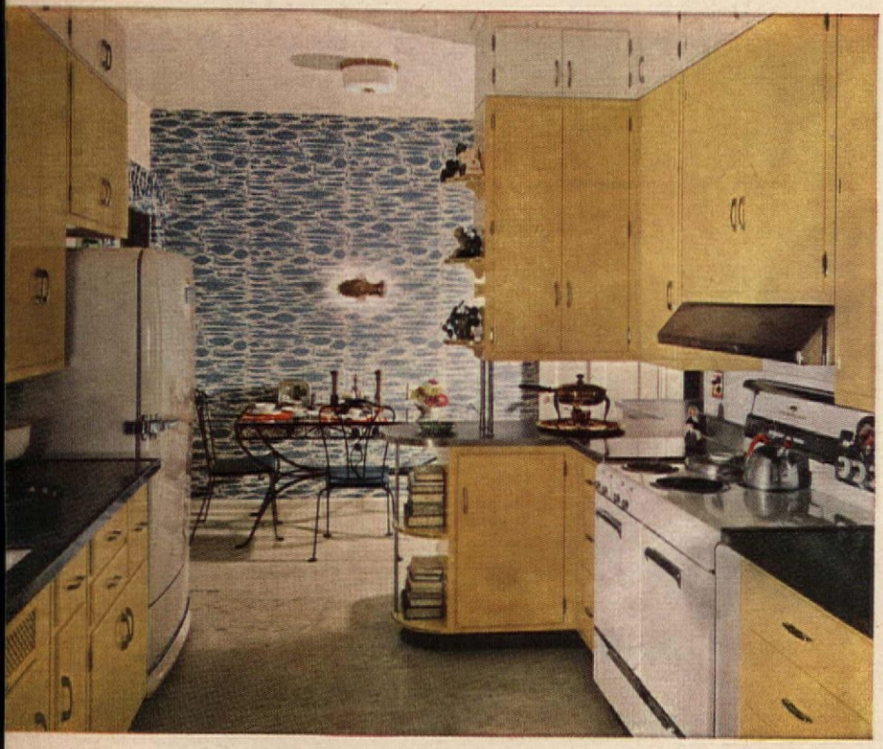


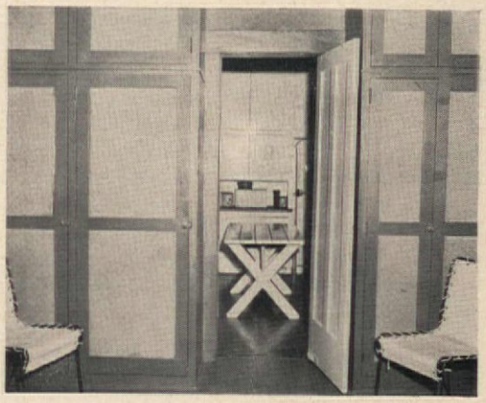


Master bedroom has two baths. One shown "before" and "after" here is also the powder room, its fine wallpaper imprinted with clouds. Upstairs bath at far right is decorated with fish Mrs. Block fashioned from gold-painted nailheads and cord. Below, schools of painted fish swim onto curtain

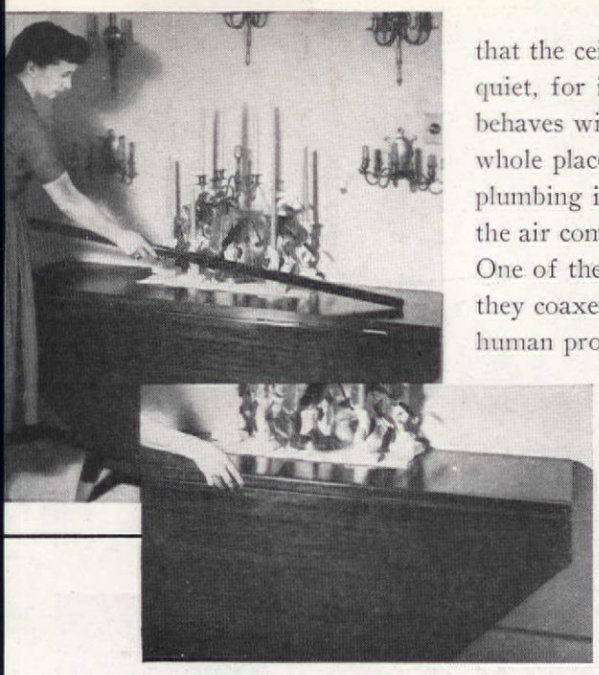
cerulean blue, turquoise, cadmium yellow, cyclamen pink, viridian green—came first from a painting by Marge, and were later duplicated in housepaints. Pure, or in grayed-down tones, the same colors appear in every room, sometimes as accents, sometimes as the dominant notes—often punctuated by touches of gold, and lavishly contrasted with white and black. To "bring down" the high ceiling of the living room, she asked for—and got—"the blue of the sky on a hot summer's day." It takes taste to know *when* to be lavish. In the master bedroom, for example, the carpet is deep, and the lobster-bedizened fabric, full-gathered and plentiful. But the desk is a revived Victorian; the chest, an ordinary one, bought unpainted—but treated to big pulls garnished with drawings of fish. Notice the unstandard still life above it—the ivy-filled lavabo, the yellow candles. In the den for the master, the same color theme is repeated, with assertive variations: the blue is deep, real red is introduced. It is no accident

. . . and a Study with Male Appeal





This Nightmare became a Dream Kitchen



hen big parties are in progress, dining om becomes a hallway, and the table folds p against a wall. To conceal the ugly p between the top and the drop leaves, arge designed this clever strip of wood

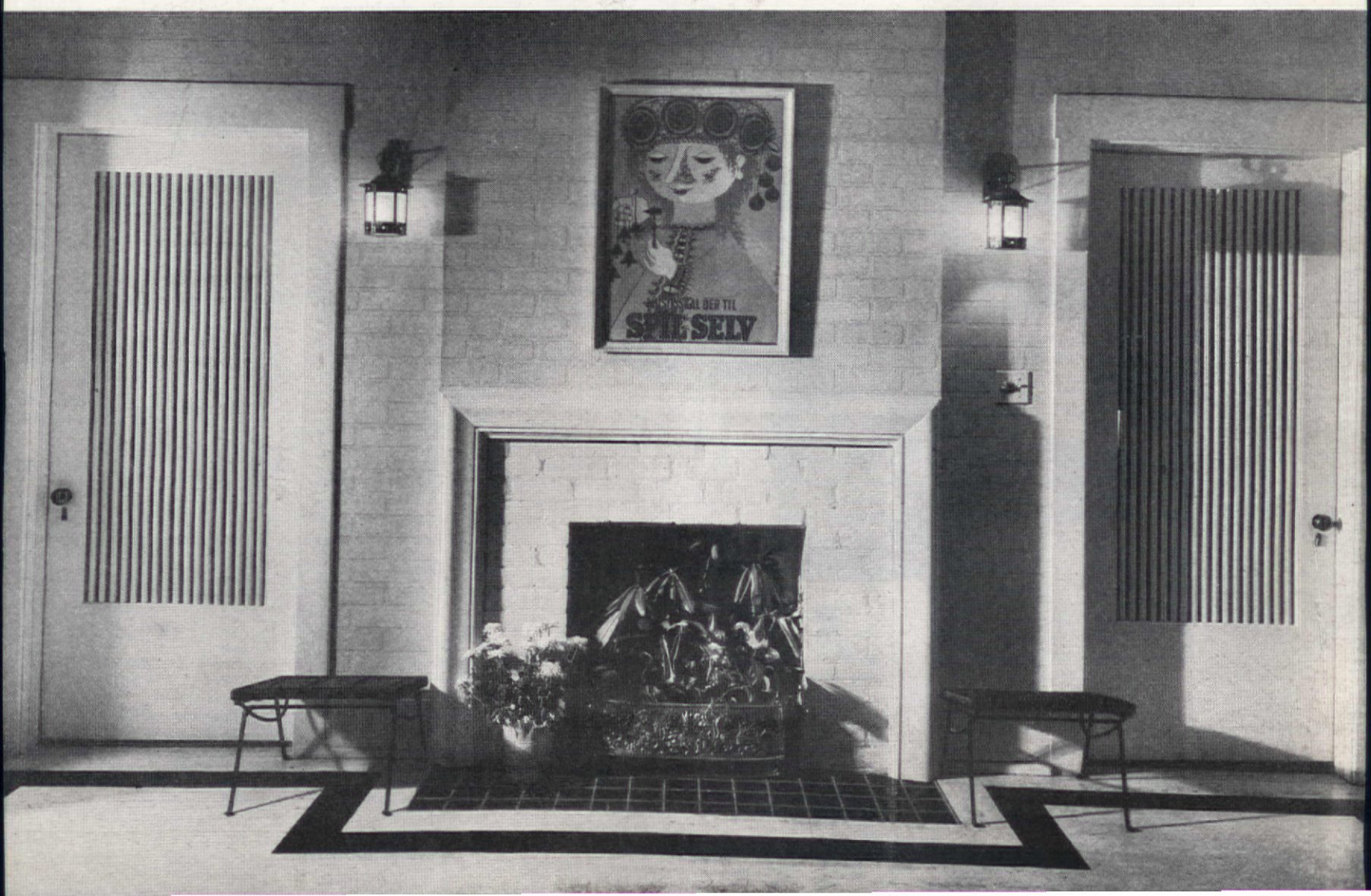
that the ceiling of Paul Block's den should be made of accoustical tile to ensure quiet, for it was he who saw to it that this remodeled turn-of-the-century house behaves with mid-century efficiency. The baseboard heating system really heats the whole place; electrical outlets are ample (in the kitchen, every three feet); all plumbing is new, and in his bathroom, you'll even find a razor cleaner—run by the air compressor which operates their paint sprayer!

One of the most ingratiating and original rooms in the house is the dining room they coaxed out of the odd, cupola-topped octagonal hall. A ceiling reduced it to human proportions and, with its shimmer of gold and accents of crimson against deep cream backgrounds, it is a tasteful, unorthodox mixture of luxury and clever inexpensive improvisation, as light-hearted as it is aristocratic. The floor is linoleum; the sconces are golden; the table appointments are the finest. But old ice-cream-parlor chairs were bought for $2 each, brass-plated for $8, and padded by Marge with foam rubber covered in a metal-shot fabric. And it was Marge who designed the clever custom-made octagonal cordovan mahogany table shown in detail at your left.

In this house in the woods by the river, birds and fish are the themes, and you'll see them not only on papers and fabrics, but in hard-to-find things as well. For example, the living room's antique bird cage, filled with leaves and flowers (cover). If she couldn't find the right accessories, Marge made them: fish in the upstairs bathroom, fish on the bedroom drawer pulls, and carved wooden fish, peppered with pearls and sequins, and placed on a living-room table.

An imaginative Dining Hall, dramatic Entry

Spacious reception hall off new entry and across from dining room, has an outdoors air. Brick wallpaper picks up where real brick leaves off, lanterns light it, fine poster acts like a painting



Let's go

The charm of most hollies is in their berries, like these of Ilex opaca. But they have other charms, too

Chinese holly (left) has square spiny leaves; in its var. burfordi (below) they are smooth

One of our hardy, native evergreen forms is the black-fruited Inkberry, botanically Ilex glabra

Female (berry-forming) flowers of American holly. Usually these and the male kind grow on different plants

English, American, and Chinese hollies all grow into tall shrubs or small trees unless pruned

English holly, with leaves both plain and variegated, is very popular, though not fully hardy

FACTS ABOUT 15 HOLLY

Foliage E—evergreen D—deciduous	*Fruit*	*Growth Habit*
E. Lvs. glossy, mostly spiny	Br. red; in clusters	Large shrub to 50′; compact
E. Lvs. yellowish beneath; spiny	Red; usually solitary	Large shrub to 50′; pyramida
E. Lvs. glossy; square in form	Scarlet; in clusters	Shrub to 10′
E. Lvs. small, glossy, spiny	Br. red; round-ovoid	Shrub or tree to 30′
E. Lvs. dull colored; smooth	Red; in clusters; round	Shrub to 15′
E. Lvs. ovate; smooth	Red; flattened-round	Shrub or sm. tree to 30′
E. Lvs. smooth, elliptical	Bright red	Shrub or sm. tree to 25′
E. Lvs. about 1″ long; smooth	Black; globose	Large shrub to 20′
E. Lvs. small, round, convex	Lacking or inconspicuous	Shrub to 7′ to 10′
E. Lvs. smooth; dark, lustrous	Black; globose	Shrub to 8′
D. Lvs. long-ovate; yellow in fall	Red; globose	Shrub to 8′
D. Lvs. long-ovate	Br. red; drops early	Shrub to 15′
D. Lvs. ovate-lanceolate	Orange-red; flattish-round	Shrub to 8′
D. Lvs. smooth; black after frost	Bright red; globose	Shrub to 10′
D. Lvs. long-ovate; 3″ or more	Orange-red; round-ovoid	Shrub or sm. tree to 30′

HENRY E. DOWNER

Shopping for HOLLIES

If it were December, that would refer to brightly berried sprays for Yuletide decoration. But at this season, it means holly plants to grow in the garden. Early fall is one of the recommended planting times (the other is early spring), and, thanks to the interest aroused in recent years by the Holly Society of America, and to specialists in the nursery business, various forms of holly are now available—and suitable—for a much larger portion of the country than once was believed possible. Of course, in favored regions where the soil is not likely to freeze hard, planting can be done throughout the dormant season—that is, when deciduous plants are without leaves. But before thinking about buying plants, or of selecting kinds for various purposes on the basis of the descriptions in the accompanying chart, you should give attention to such matters as proper soil preparation, the providing of the congenial environment, and the limitations imposed by the climatic conditions in your locality.

As to soil requirements, hollies, in general, like a soil of a sandy-loam type—not too dry, but sufficiently well drained to prevent sogginess. Plenty of organic matter is essential to the production of good sturdy growth, and that from oak leaf mold and sedge peat is especially good. In

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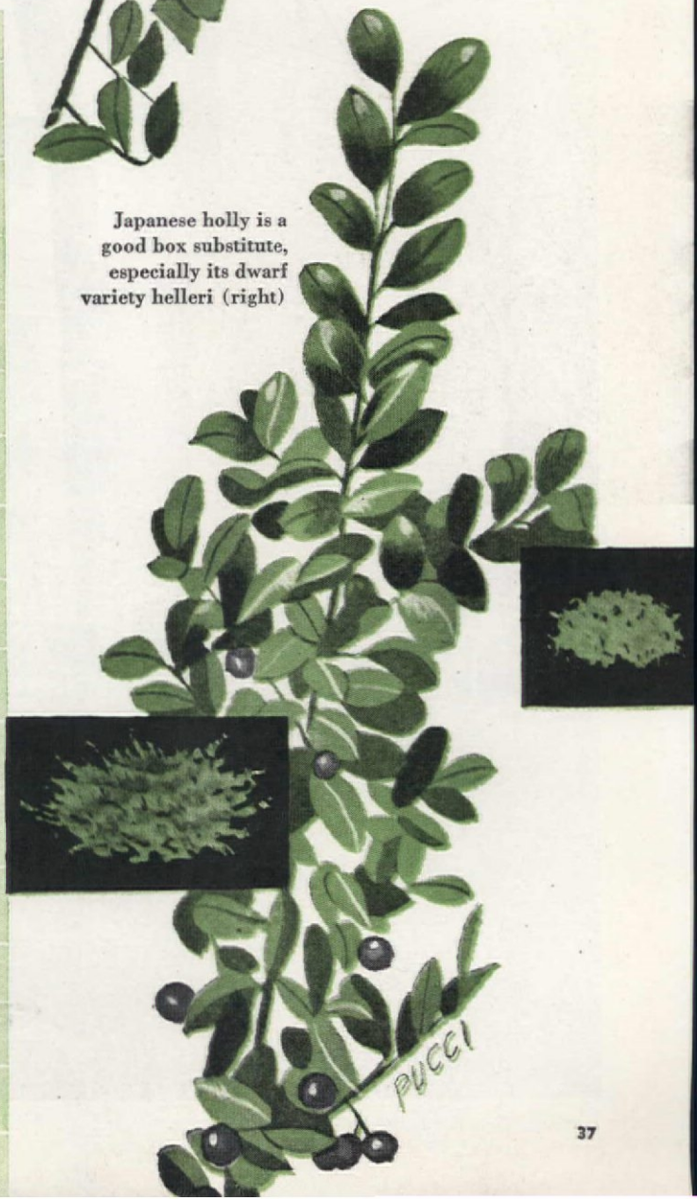
The half-hardy, native, deciduous Yaupon is often sheared into upright specimens



Japanese holly is a good box substitute, especially its dwarf variety helleri (right)

SPECIES GOOD TO GROW IN GARDENS

Hardiness	Garden Value	Name—Species, Variety Habitat
Not reliable below 10° F.	Specimens, hedges, screens. Stands hard trimming	English Holly (*I. aquifolium*) in many forms. Eu., Asia
Hardy to 0° F. with winter shade	Specimens, hedges, screens. Stands trimming. Likes coast	American Holly (*I. opaca*) in many improved forms. E. U.S.
Will not withstand hard frost	Compact, handsome bushes. Odd leaf shape arrang'm't	Chinese Horned H. (*I. cornuta*); var. burfordi, smooth. E. China
Will not withstand hard frost	Slow grower; very neat habit and form	Chinese H. (*I. perneyi*) Cent. W. China
Will not withstand hard frost	Distinctive with long, narrow leaves	Narrow-leaved H. (*I. fargesi*) W. China
Can survive 0° F.	Valued for hardiness, narrow habit. Long-stemmed berry	Long-stalked H. (*I. pedunculosa*) Japan
Will not withstand hard frost	Good for hedges and, in S., clipped specimens	Yaupon (*I. vomitoria*) U.S. (Va., Fla., Tex.)
Will not withstand hard frost	Handsome specimens; also good for screening	Japanese H. (*I. crenata*); var. latifolia, larger lf.; microphylla, bigger pl., smaller lf.
Can survive 0° F.	Rounded bushes. Good as substitute for Boxwood	Variety (*convexa*) of above All four from Japan
Hardy to 0° F. and below	Handsome specimens; good for hedges	Inkberry (*I. glabra*) Nova Scotia to Fla., Mo.
Can survive 0° F.	Distinctive; showy fruit on pendulous stalks	Droopbead Holly (*I. geniculata*) Japan
Can survive 0° F. and below	Very showy in fruit, but for a short season	Finetooth Holly (*I. serrata*) Japan
Hardy to below 0° F.	For massing in wet ground. Fruit bright, lasting	Smooth Winterberry (*I. laevigata*) Maine-Va.
Hardy to below 0° F.	Use like one above. Fruit brighter red	Black-alder (*I. verticillata*) Can.—Fla.; Wis.—Mo.
Hardy to below 0° F.	Good-looking specimens; showy, long-lasting fruit	Mountain Holly (*I. montana*) Catskills to Ga. and Ala.

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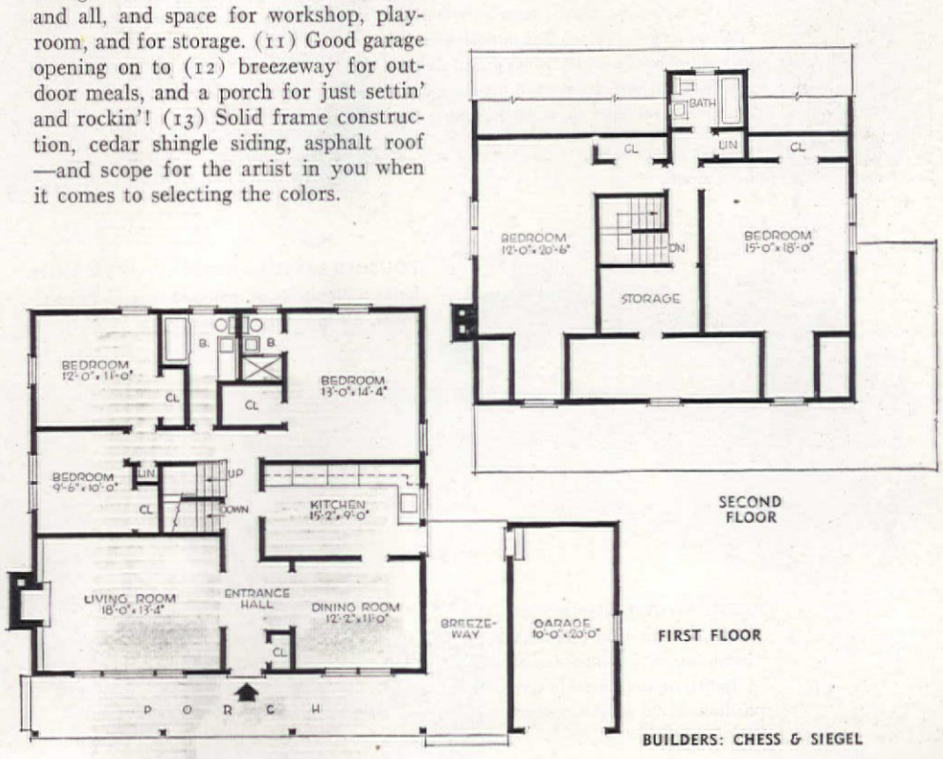

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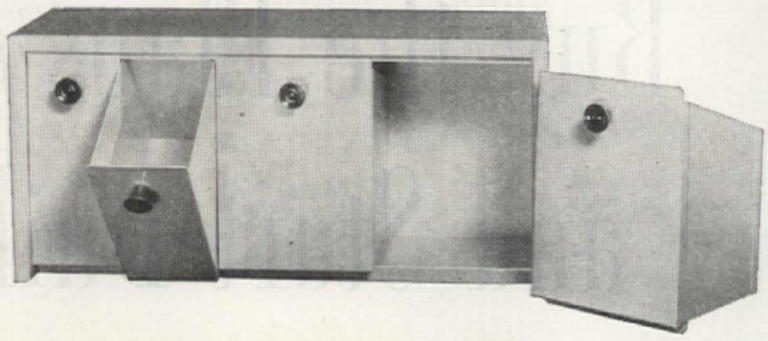

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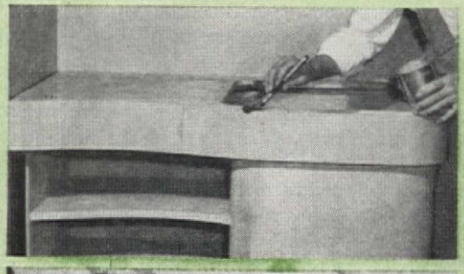

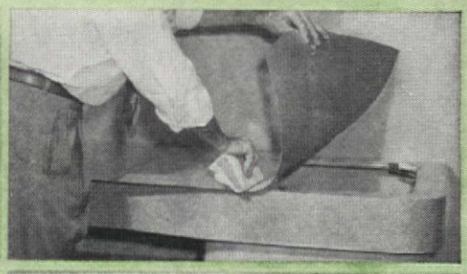

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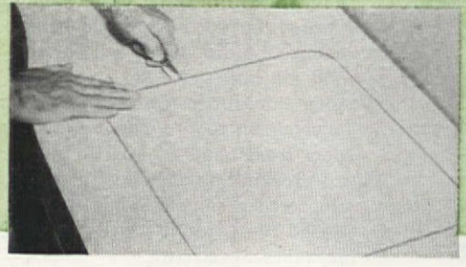

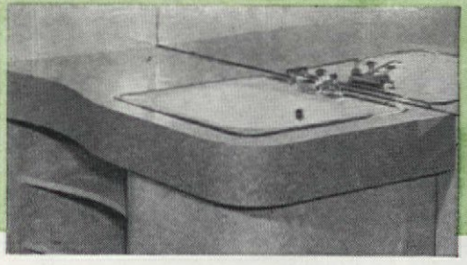

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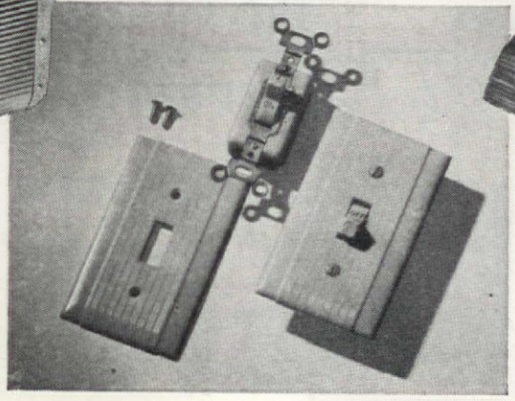
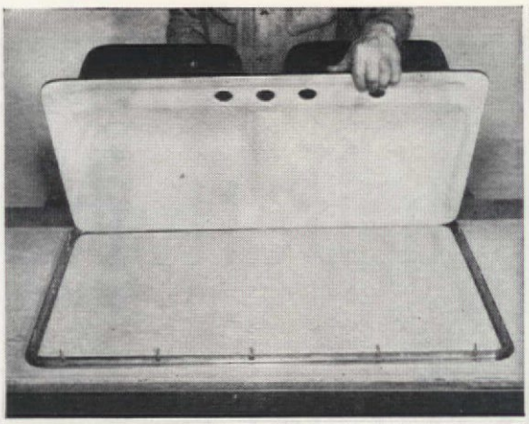
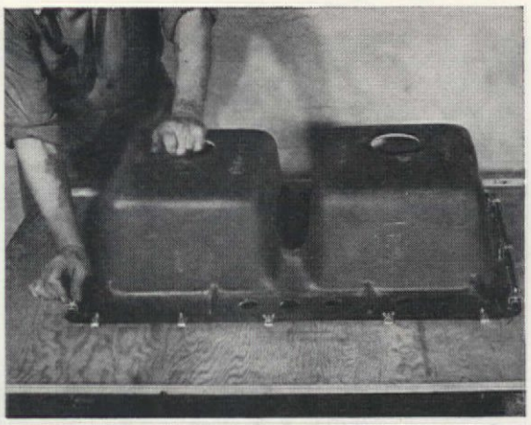


QUIETTE SWITCH, silenter than snow, can be used with both incandescent and fluorescent lights, and installed in any position. $1.50 ea. Arrow-Hart

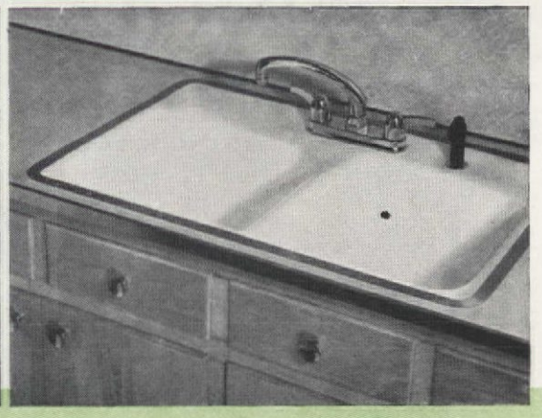
STRATA-WOOD THRESHOLD made of Formica. Its strength is as the strength of ten, will last for years. Standard door widths. $1.75 per ft.

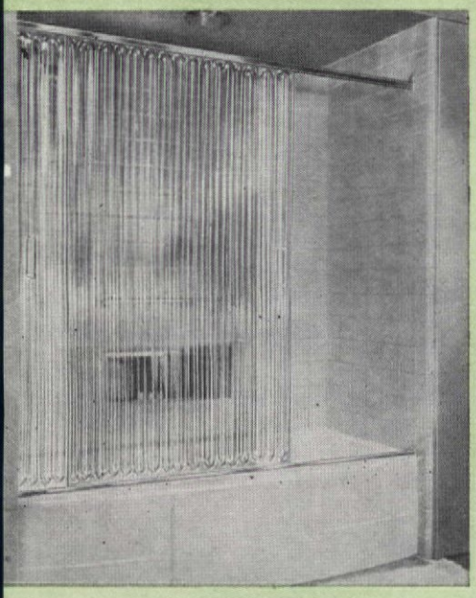
KITCHEN





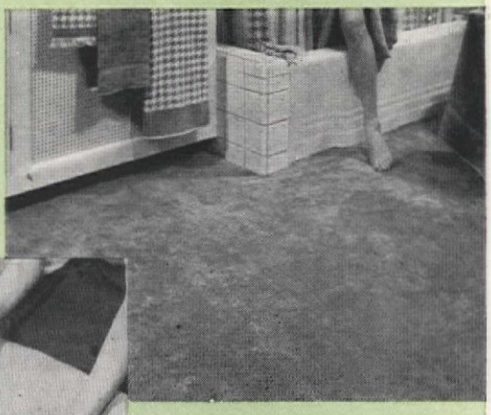
BOL-TITE SINK RIM fits on standard sinks and can be installed, permanent and moistureproof, without using special tools. Turn caulked rim over, drop bowl into it, and then snap in place. Corner brackets, furnished with rim, are tightened with temporary wing nuts. Bowl is lowered in place and permanent brackets installed. A few swipes of a cloth will complete the job—a handsome and durable one. The rim is available in polished or satin finish and in all popular sizes. Pyramid Mouldings, $5.05 for the 36" x 21" rim





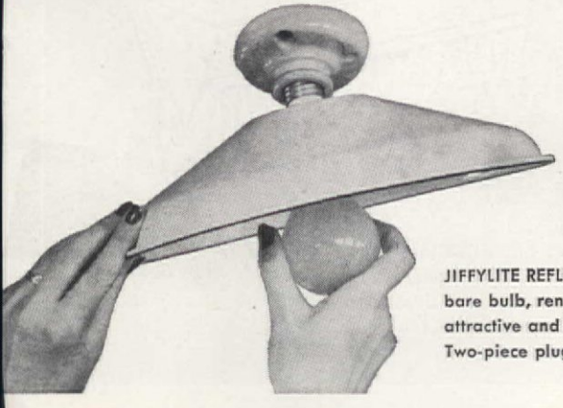
CASCADE BATH ENCLOSURE pretties up the bath in a very prudent way. Rigid panels of pink, gold, or crystal Plexiglas slide in metal track on tub's rim. $79.50

BATHROOM CARPETING, wall-to-wall, the acme of washable luxury. Cotton pile, pre-shrunk, comes in 36-in. widths. You cut to fit; seam on back with masking tape. Martex. $7.95 sq. yd.



REST OF THE HOUSE

RUG BINDING you apply yourself to save the small fortune professional binding costs. Metal teeth grip carpet firmly when tapped. 25¢ per ft.



JIFFYLITE REFLECTOR clothes a bare bulb, rendering it more attractive and more efficient, too. Two-piece plug and socket. $2.50

E-Z PULL PLUGS have a finger grip to save you short circuits, broken nails. Ivory or brown plastic, four for $1.00. Selectric Products Co.

ALL PRICES ARE APPROXIMATE

How to Have a Better Lawn with Less Effort

ELEANOR B. McCLURE and HAROLD HAYNES

If you're weary of annual struggles to maintain an attractive lawn, cheer up. You can enjoy a good bluegrass sod even if you live in a "crab grass belt" or a region reputedly hard on grass; and with a minimum of effort, too. For years lawn care was one of our most laborious and least rewarding garden tasks here in Missouri. Repeatedly, we sowed bluegrass only to raise a bumper crop of weedy grasses that soon clamored for renovation. One fall we spaded the lawn hoping the turned-under growth would supply needed organic matter; it did, and the next year's crab grass benefited! Twice we let the bluegrass go to seed—making our yard dreadfully unkempt and distressing our neighbors; but none of our measures paid off with any permanent improvement.

Now we are doing differently, using seed, equipment, and methods recommended

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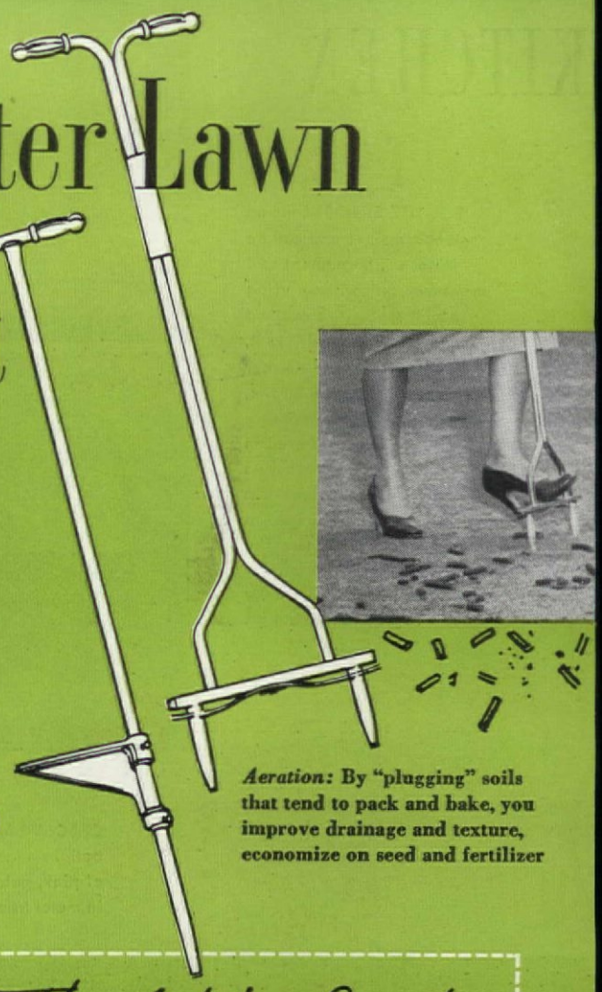
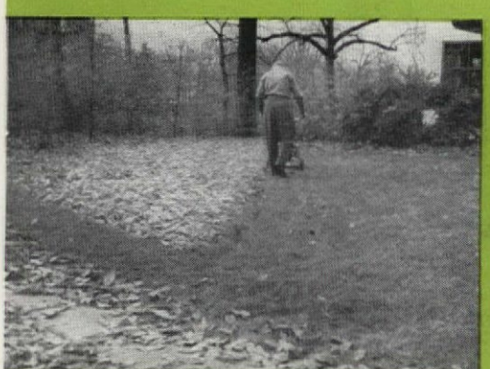


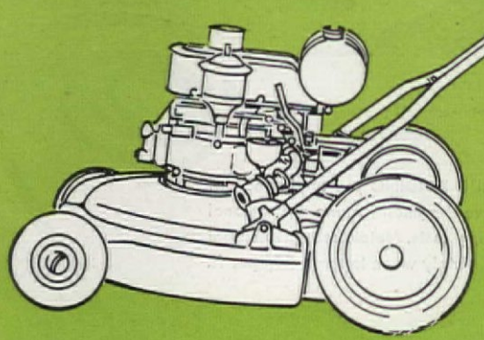
Aeration: **By "plugging" soils that tend to pack and bake, you improve drainage and texture, economize on seed and fertilizer**



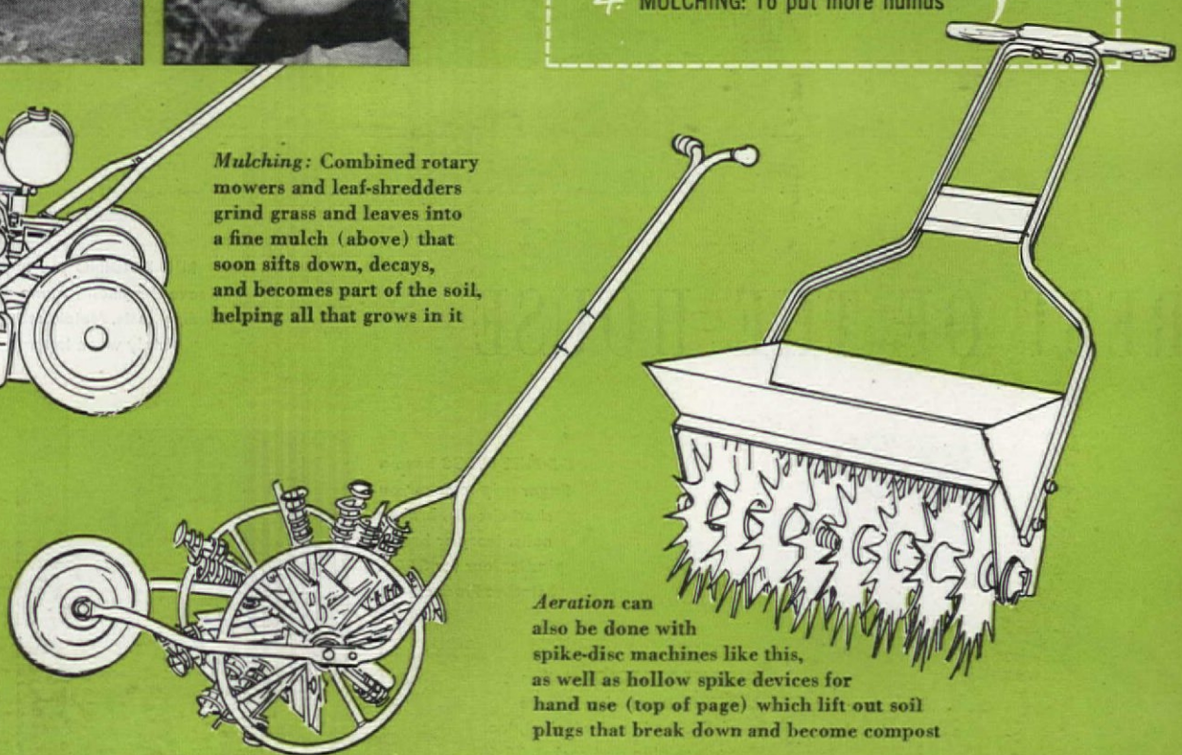
The 4-Way Secret

1. AERIFICATION: To put more air
2. GOOD SEED: To put more plant life
3. FERTILIZATION: To put more food
4. MULCHING: To put more humus

} into the soil

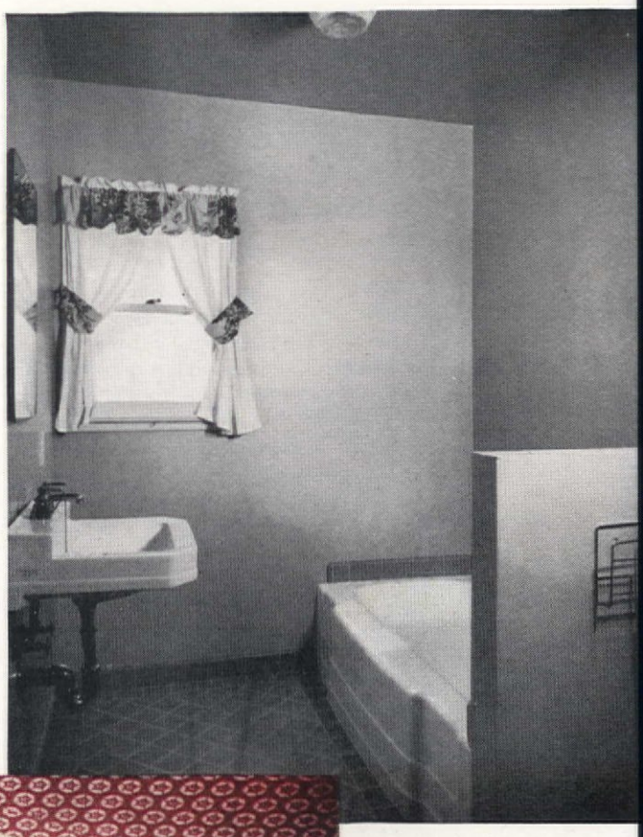


Mulching: **Combined rotary mowers and leaf-shredders grind grass and leaves into a fine mulch (above) that soon sifts down, decays, and becomes part of the soil, helping all that grows in it**



Aeration: **Home-garden type soil aerators are as easy to operate as a lawn mower. Larger, higher capacity machines can be rented with or without professional operators to start a soil improvement program**

Aeration **can also be done with spike-disc machines like this, as well as hollow spike devices for hand use (top of page) which lift out soil plugs that break down and become compost**



PERRY GRANT

The wife looked me in the eye and said our bathroom stood out like an Eames chair at Mount Vernon, and what was the use of an Early American living room and all that, if we had to wash our hands in that ... that lavatory? The room in question seemed to me to be perfectly adapted to hand washing, but the wife assured me functionalism wasn't enough. Right off, I could see the problem: Money. So after a few days, I came up with plans for the solution you see here. We made the key change on the ceiling—real Early American—by building a false ceiling with fake beams put in on a slant. Then, along one wall, a shelf to display our collection of shaving mugs. A small-patterned wallpaper went between the beams and on the wall over the mug shelf, and we brought the paper down into the room by using it to cover the shaped valance I made for the window. We needed more room to store things, so we built a cabinet of white pine (doors were ready-made), cut a hole in the top to hold our antique pitcher and bowl, and used Early American hardware. Finally, we threw in a couple of wrought-iron towel racks. Total cost, including light fixture and paint, but excluding husband's labor, was $36.50. Not bad for the privilege of washing our hands in Early American peace!

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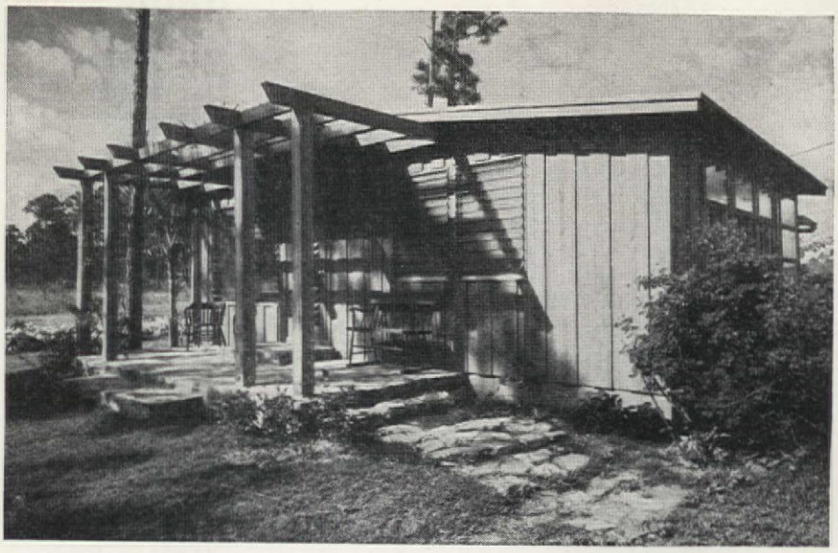
COST-$36.50



When they bought it, the cabin was tiny, but habitable. Eventually, the Dorrs tore off the porch (above) and added a living-room wing (right). Over the pond, at the other side of the house, they built a screened terrace larger than the original cabin had been

JANE FISHER

She loved the water . . . he loved the country . . . she liked the country, too, well enough—if cows and chickens didn't have to "come with"—and they both had roots in Dade County, Florida, and wanted their home to be well rooted, too. And so, the August Dorrs came up with Dorr's Pond which keeps them both very happy. But the phrase "came up" covers a lot of time and thought, for the Dorrs neither found their home as is, nor built it, exactly. They just sort of planted the idea of it, and helped it to grow. And when it comes to planning a landscape, and remodeling a house, and decorating a home, Helen Dorr certainly has a green thumb. (To see the elegant interior of this rustic house, turn to page 80.)

It started when they spotted a little cabin snuggled up to the rim of a five-acre rock pit. Once a servants' shack, the cabin had been somewhat modernized by a family of five who were camping out temporarily in its two tiny rooms. The fact that the pit didn't belong to the cabin's owners was the Dorrs' first disappointment. However, they finally arranged to buy the whole works and moved in. The question of whether to enlarge the cabin, or to use it as a guest house and build a new home on the property, was left for time to decide. Time decided in favor of the former,

and now, several years, a couple of fiascoes, and a few sets of blueprints later, they have the eminently satisfactory house you see here. Mrs. Dorr has water, Mr. Dorr has the country, and they both have a bonus of perfume-laden breezes.

First came work on the rock pit. After 18 truckloads of junk had been carted away, a beautiful pond with tiny islands was their reward. Now it is well stocked with bass that thrive on minnows that feed on algae that are nourished by fertilizer dumped into the water. But the pattern doesn't always hold: "We had a tragedy this spring," reports Helen Dorr, "the fish ate all our baby ducks."

When the pond was fresh and clean, they built an open deck over it, supported by five enormous tapering concrete beams anchored to the bedrock below the cabin, and very handsome viewed from the pond. Then they sat back for a year to enjoy it before making any decisions. But in their climate, open decks over ponds just don't work. So they covered it over and screened it in, and once they had such a fine

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DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

Meissen Patterns . . . paint them yourself

We'll bet heavily upon the popularity of these painting patterns—and that bet is backed up by some very ancient history. If you know old china, you'll recognize this ingratiating motif—the Meissen Onion pattern, beloved of collectors for hundreds of years. It originated in China long, long ago, and was skillfully translated by 18th-century German artists for use on early European porcelains. On china, it has been a best-seller ever since. But why, we asked ourselves, should its crisp blue and white beauty be confined just to one kind of thing when it is so universally appealing, so appropriate in any room, and so perfect for transforming ordinary things like doorknobs or window blinds into real aristocrats? No reason why! So we adapted it to authentic paint-it-yourself patterns which come with directions for the best way to apply the Onion to china, to wood, and to textiles. So delighted were we when we tried them, that we even designed a charming plywood mirror frame especially suited to our Onion garnish—and made the frame an AMERICAN HOME pattern, too. Owners of Meissen have probably already turned to our Pattern Order Form so that no time need be wasted in duplicating that remarkable tablecloth for themselves—but we can assure you that it's enchanting with plain white china as well.

SEE PATTERN ORDER FORM ON PAGE 93

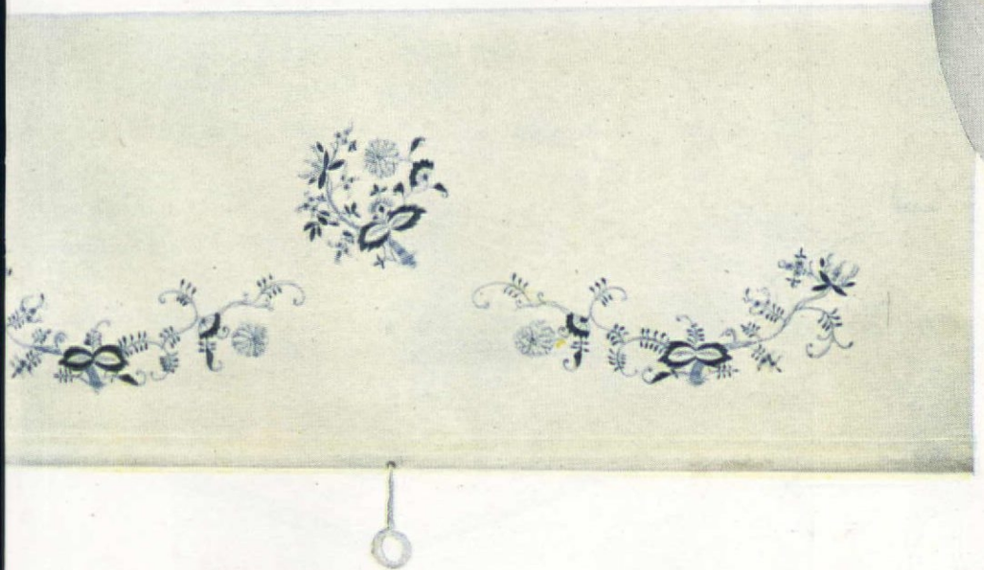
1478

Mirror pattern includes Meissen motif plus shape of frame. Apply paint carefully, and you duplicate chinalike finish. Pattern 1478. Four small Meissen motifs for all manner of objects, Pattern 1479

1479

1481

To complement the extensive Meissen collection of Clarence Partch of Rutgers University, a European artist painted this design exquisitely on linen. With the artist's invention and our pattern to guide your hand, you can do as well. Pattern **1481**



1480

Onion rather than pumpkin makes a Cinderella of a plain window blind in any room in the house. Good under curtains, and a blessing without them. Pattern **1480**

The Care and Feeding of

EDITH RAMSAY

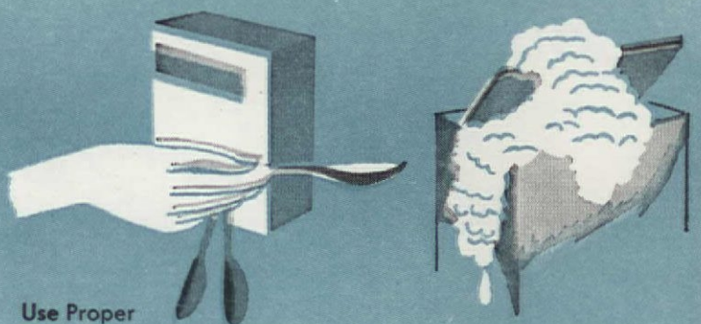
Anyone who owns an automatic dishwasher smiles so broadly at the mere mention of the word that their devotion is beautiful to behold—and why not, when this machine bypasses the messiest of homemaking jobs? It saves many hours per week; and when there is a washer, it's easy to convince Pa and the kids that using it is as much fun as running the electric trains. It changes your housekeeping habits, too, for with an ever-clean washer, you need do your dishes only when you have a full load—often just once a day. Also, it cuts down on colds as well as on work, for it has been proved that the most common and annoying of harmful bacteria are killed in one minute in the 140°–160° water a dishwasher uses—water too hot for washing dishes by hand. To get the best results, you have to use your common sense, and follow a few simple rules. And is it worth it!

BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING—Be sure that your water is hot enough—and plentiful enough. The water in your dishwasher must be between 140° and 160°, for colder water will not get your dishes really clean and germ free. If your hot water supply is limited, don't run another appliance that uses water just before you do the dishes. If the water heater is some distance away, then, before starting the dishwasher, let the water run at the sink faucet until pipes are drained of cold water. Soft water is important too. If the water in your area is hard, give some consideration to a softener in the water-supply system of your house. (See April AMERICAN HOME, page 86.)

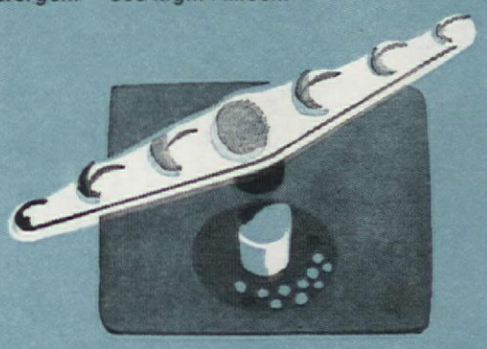
Cooking Utensils: Your dishwasher makes these "horribles" much less so. But you can't expect it to do jobs which, in hand washing, require long minutes of elbow grease with the aid of abrasives. So if the skillet or baking pan is greasy and charred, give it a light going over with abrasive before putting it into the washer. Sometimes things like egg beaters and spatulas also need a little prewasher attention.

LOADING IS EASY, but give your dishwasher a fair chance. It can't do a good job if it is too crowded, or if the flat pieces overlap. Things won't come out clean if water doesn't get to every surface, so load cups, bowls, glasses, pots, and pans all bottoms up. Alternate small and large pieces in the racks. To make for good circulation of the water, place biggest things where they won't block off the water from the smaller ones. If you study the racks of your dishwasher, you will see that the best possible position for each piece is obvious, and remember that careful arranging and loading will pay off.

Economize with the dial control: When the dishes from one meal



Use Proper Detergent—Use Right Amount

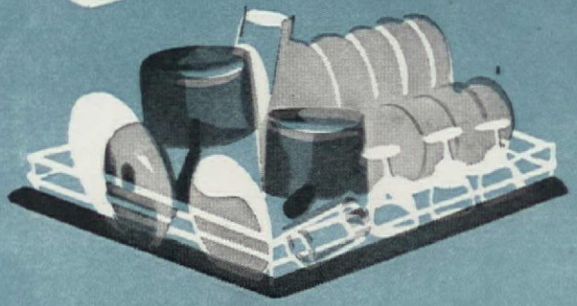


Clean the Impeller

Load Silver, Handles Down

Load Glasses and Cups, Bottoms Up

Make Sure Water Can Reach Every Surface



See to these yourself

Dishwashers

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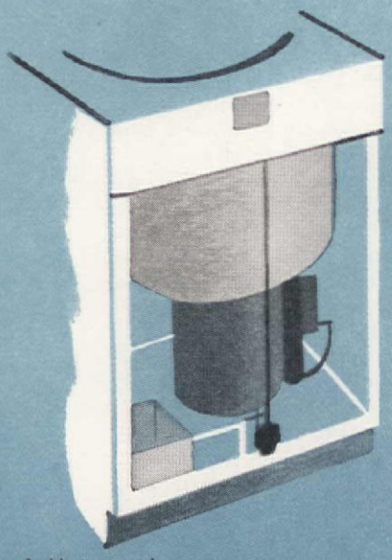
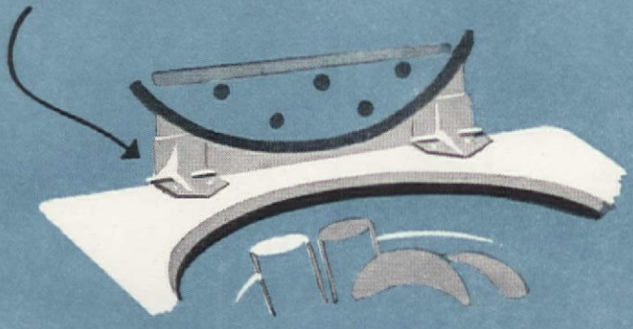


Repair Motor and Mechanical Parts

Repair or Adjust Control Handle

Adjust Hinges on Lid or Door



Replace Worn Gasket

do not completely fill the washer, the load is probably too small for economical operation. That is when the dial can be turned to "On" (no detergent here) just long enough to give the soiled dishes a quick rinse so the food won't dry on them—two or three minutes will do the trick. When the next meal comes along, if there's still not a full load, give the dishes the same quick rinse. When the load is complete, put in the proper amount of detergent and wash the whole batch—at one time!

DISHWASHERS NEED LITTLE CARE. Every time you wash dishes, you wash the inside of the tub too. In areas where water is extremely hard, any hard-water scum can be flushed off by running the dishwasher through a complete cycle without dishes, using a cup of vinegar instead of a detergent. Don't let the small strainer over the drain in the bottom of the tub become clogged, and be certain that the impeller (that is the dasher that sprays the dishes) is free to rotate. You can give it a flick with your finger to make sure. Occasionally, dust the motor and parts, but be careful not to damage the wiring while you're cleaning. A cloth or a hose attachment on the vacuum cleaner does the job. You may have to remove a panel to get to the motor, but the instruction book will show you how to do this. Scouring powders will scratch the smooth finish of the dishwasher, so use only mild soap and water on the outside surfaces, and polish with one of the special appliance waxes.

IT'S EASY TO GET DISHES READY. In the majority of cases all you have to do is scrape off the loose soil (you don't have to scrape every tiny little speck) with a rubber spatula. You don't have to waste time rinsing the dishes—the dishwasher does that for you. There's no need to stack dishes either—just put them right in the washer. And don't wash a single piece by hand if it can be washed in the dishwasher. After all, everything is safe in a dishwasher because nothing *moves* but the water. Glassware is no problem either, and ordinarily, silver doesn't even need rinsing—but load with handles down. (Lipstick on dishes and tarnish on silverware do need a little pretreatment.)

THE RIGHT DETERGENT. Don't use anything that makes a lot of suds, for they cause such a cushion of suds that the water can't get through to the dishes, and you're even apt to find puddles of bubbles oozing out of the washer. Use the products recommended by the manufacturer. Always use the correct measured amount—don't just guess.

IT CAN DO OTHER THINGS, TOO: The dial control on a dishwasher is just as flexible as a thermostat on a range. It not only tells what is happening inside of that dishwasher, but it makes it possible to do many extra things you might not think of.

You can use a dishwasher as a sterilizer for baby bottles.

Use the dishwasher as a plate warmer. Few kitchens have the facilities for warming any quantity of dishes for serving. But since the average dishwasher has a capacity for complete service for six to eight, it is a simple job to load in clean plates, serving bowls, even cups and saucers—as you would for washing—and then turn the dial control to "Dry." When you're ready to serve, the dishes will be warm.

It gets ready for a party: When you are putting on the dog with the best china and glassware from the high cupboard shelf, wash off that light layer of dust in the dishwasher. It isn't necessary to go through the whole cycle—a quick rinse does it.

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Call Serviceman to repair these

The Roses that Bloom in the Fall

Flower Arrangement by Betty B. Merriam

Said Poet Swinburne: "The year of the rose is brief." And so it was, until horticulturists, in answer to the wishes of rose lovers, developed varieties which make possible a long season for these flowers so beloved of poet and peasant—and everyone else.

Among many long-blooming types is the variety The Fairy, from which the arrangement below was made last September. The Fairy is flourishing now, as it will until the first frost. With its own boxlike foliage, it makes a fine summer arrangement. Later, when the dogwood turns, you can use its leaves as a garnish (step-by-step pictures are on page 64), but be sure to take the dogwood judiciously from *your own trees,* for it is on the conservation lists in many places.

Mrs. Merriam, who made our arrangement, describes The Fairy as: "Ideal for everyone, because even a dumb bunny can grow it. It's hardy, practically immune to plant diseases—and even the bugs are kind to it. Its nice, low, bushy form should recommend it to the new home owner who is starting a garden along with a flock of babies and dogs—and so should the fact that it blooms long and needs little care."

The Fairy belongs to the class Polyantha (from the Greek words "many" and "flower") because the blossoms, smaller than those of florist and Hybrid Tea or bedding roses, are borne in loose sprays, as here, or in dense clusters, as in the long-popular climbing Ramblers. Indeed, an early name for the Polyanthas was "Baby Ramblers," because, by contrast with other Ramblers, they form spreading bushes rarely more than three feet high. This variety originated in England in 1932, and was introduced in this country by the Conard-Pyle Co., in 1942. It is a "sport," or natural spontaneous variant, of the English Rambler, Lady Godiva, which, in turn, was a sport of the famous American pink Rambler, Dorothy Perkins. Though not widely grown, it is a charming, adaptable variety, generously praised by those who know it.

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Tip for a cooler summer

Soup 'n' Sandwiches

So appetizing . . . quick-to-fix

ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

BY Anne Marshall

Stay cool—when it's hot! And keep the family happy with something they love to eat—Soup 'n' Sandwiches. That's a combination you can fix in a jiffy, and it's always appetizing.

There's such a variety of delicious soups! Serve any of those shown below. Then find how good Beef Soup tastes . . . and Green Pea . . . and Bean with Bacon. And try some of the 15 other fine soups your grocer has. Remember! Only 3 or 4 minutes preparation time for any of them!

Of course you have family favorites in sandwich fillings. Everybody likes cheese sandwiches. They're specially quick and easy, and specially good with soup.

This is my advice for an easier, cooler summer and for a well fed, appreciative family. Lots of Soup 'n' Sandwich meals!

A good cook keeps a full soup shelf

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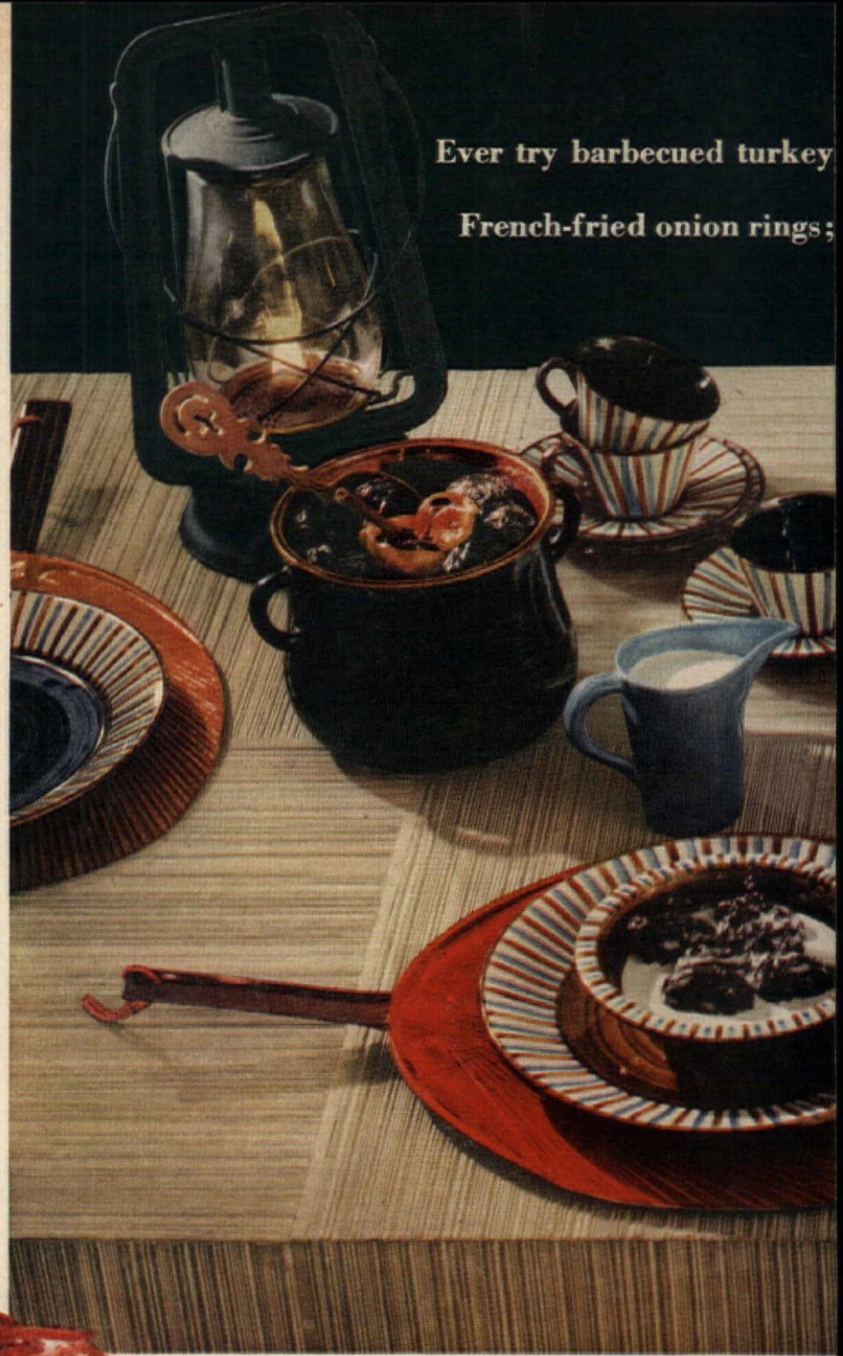
Campbell's SOUPS



Eats! Outdoor Eats!! Remember last June I took you over my knee, spanked you hard—and we agreed there'd be fewer and fewer elaborate outdoor setups for nasty little hot dogs and 4 oz. of hamburger buried in 16 oz. of soggy bun. Well, here's outdoor eating, and to paraphrase Voltaire—all outdoor eating is good except the tiresome kind. Ever try barbecued turkey steaks? They're wonderful! And to make it easy, we've taken a picture of how to carve a frozen turkey so that you might take it to your butcher and let him see, too, exactly how it goes (page 69). And prunes—baked in a bean pot with red wine, a fat cinnamon stick. Easy to do ahead. Easy to serve icy cold—for the bean pot keeps cold, just as it retains heat. Serve with rich cream for dessert.

Now this is for papa! Papa—want real fame? Well, put on your cap and gown and serve your 5 o'clock guests hot, crispy, brown French-Fried Onion Rings. I'll personally guarantee your halo, do you do them *this* way.

And the fun of dunking in a bubbling Swiss Fondue!! A genuine Swiss recipe, this. A famous dish the world over with skiers—but for the life of me, I can think of nothing better for outdoor eating. Everybody stirs it—it's a self-dunking meal or, if the crowd is large, a remarkably easy, "filling" hors d'oeuvre. With cold boiled tongue, ham—or your delicatessen cold cuts—why not rice 'n peanuts 'n raisins? Delicious—and with the tongue (or what have you?), a garnish you can eat! Dill pickles stuffed with cheese.

And, my friends, *look* at the Fisherman's Platter—look! Lobsters—handsome rosy fellows. Clams—very, very special cucumbers—delicate pink shrimp—well, look for yourself. My home state, Maine, is the lobster's paradise—and may I add, the lobster is the only creature who appreciates that ice-cold water. It is said that a lobster takes on the taste of its last feeding. As for us humans, a swim in Penobscot Bay might well be the last of any-

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Good

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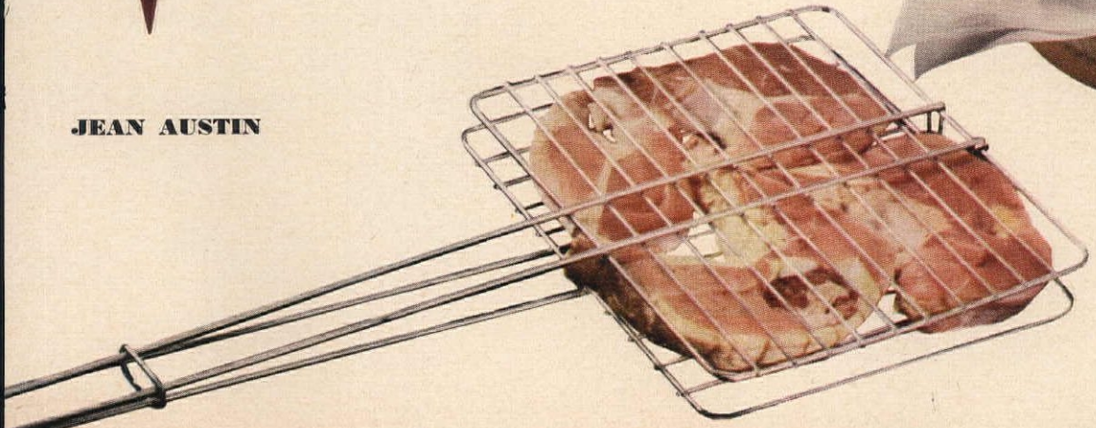
steaks; baked prunes in a bean pot; hot, crispy

or dunking in a Swiss fondue for hors d'oeuvres?

Victuals



JEAN AUSTIN

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Serve this Jell-O Salad tonight!

CABBAGE AND APPLE SALAD. Dissolve 1 package Lemon Jell-O in 1 cup hot water. Add 1 cup cold water, 4 teaspoons vinegar, and ½ teaspoon salt. Chill until slightly thickened, then fold in ½ cup shredded cabbage, 1 cup diced apples, and ¼ cup chopped walnut meats. Turn into molds. Chill. Unmold. Makes 6 servings.
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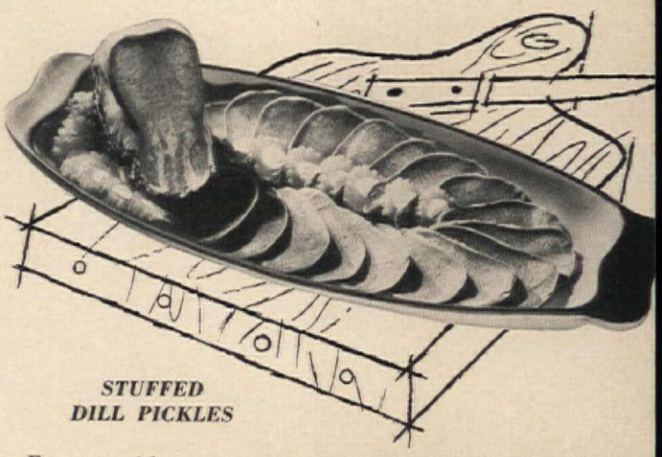
Good Victuals (Begins on page 52)

thing! And a little incidental information about cucumbers—t perfect accompaniment for all denizens of the sea. In ancient Egy cucumbers were so highly prized that guards were posted in cucu ber gardens to protect them from marauders, animal and human.

William Ralph Inge, in his *Outspoken Essays*, said: "The whole nature . . . is a conjugation of the verb to eat, in the active and t passive." Shall we pledge ourselves to make it active—not passiv



STUFFED DILL PICKLES

For a garnish you can eat, why not try stuffed dill pickles? C away ends of fairly thick dill pickles (or cucumbers, if you prefer Scoop out center, and, if using cucumbers, score with tines of for Fill with cream cheese. Chill and cut into ½-in.-thick rounds. Serv with cold boiled tongue, ham, or what have you?

GOOD VICTUALS RECIPES ON PAGE 7

When you need buttermilk or sour milk for those biscuits, quick breads, waffles, or chocolate cake, and no buttermilk's at hand, add 1 tsp. lemon juice or vinegar to 1 cup sweet milk, let stand 15 minutes

Want stiff whipped cream for garnishes, or to blend with diced fruits and bits of marshmallow for a good hurry-up dessert? Add 3 or 4 drops of lemon juice per cup of unwhipped cream before beating

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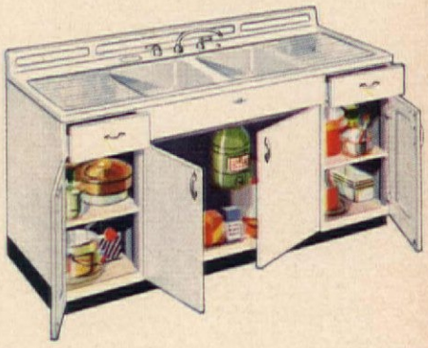

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Take a Can of LUNCHEON MEAT

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KING-SIZE SNACK

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 92

ANNA MAY WILSON

Best Kitchen I Ever Built

The first time I saw this kitchen, the worst thing about it seemed to be the fact that we owned it! Scored on the University of Illinois' kitchen scoring sheet, it rated 0. So did my spirits. And mind you, this wasn't a house we had bought for peanuts, and our kitchen was no worse than many another in expensive houses.

Here were its shortcomings: No base cabinets. No wall cabinets. No counter to right of sink. No counter to left of sink. No counter next to range. No counter beside refrigerator. In fact, no counter. Refrigerator was across room from sink. Range was across room from refrigerator. Traffic through work area. Corner door interfered with chair at table, and covered the window. Another door made cellar entry a booby trap. Eight doors conflicted with each other something fierce. Work area divided in two by "maid's" stairs (no maid). High ceiling, walls, woodwork, and doors, all same shade of tannish cream; floor, light brown marbelized with tan (colors used by scenic designers to create moods of depression). For 60 years, women had endured it. But one thing was sure—Anna May Wilson would not. After all, I've told too many other people what to do about *their* kitchens!

I wanted to high-tail it back to my old home (those tannish-cream walls!) But since I couldn't, I started with the changes shown under Stage Two on the opposite page. Because plumbing is outrageously expensive hereabouts, we had to recover from the cost of the first projects. But eventually we got what we wanted—time, patience, and some good color have done wonders for all the Wilsons.

These are the changes we made: Knocked out stairs and nailed stair door shut to make unbroken, L-shaped working area. Located sink to have elbow room on either side of it. Moved range to outside wall for good light, and where it's handy to sink when I use pressure cooker. Placed refrigerator near work center—now it no

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Now the room almost sings. We cook in it, eat in it, play in it—and love it. But what a depressing all-tan mess it was when we started—inadequately equipped, poorly arranged, studded with useless, conflicting doors. First step was to remove unused "maid's" stairs, take down two doors and nail up another, rearrange the equipment, buy new cabinets and a new sink. But I was mad at the plumbers when I got their bill. After recovering from that bill, we finished the job, adding more cabinets, removing more doors. Now we love our kitchen for its convenience, and its lively color—and we're mad at nobody!

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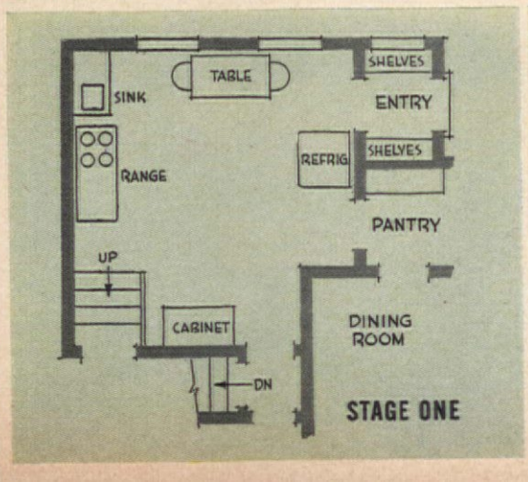

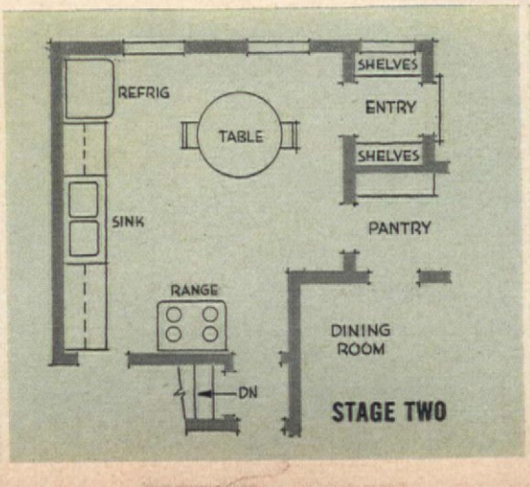

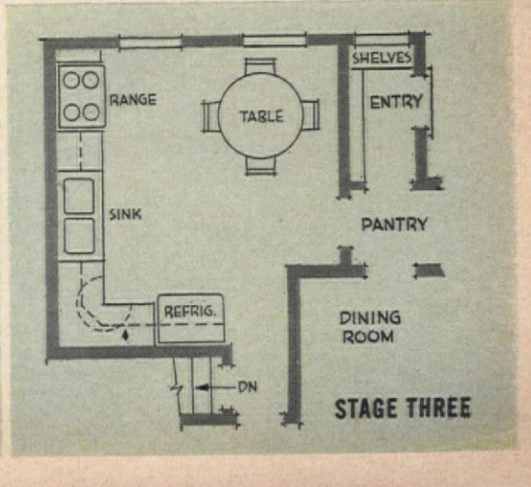

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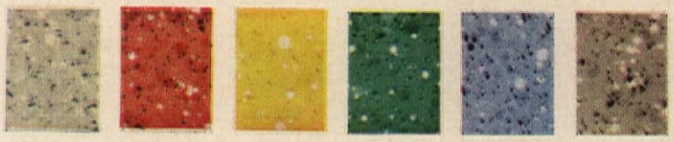

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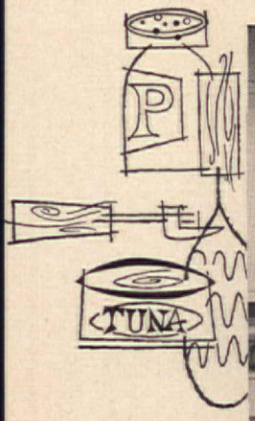
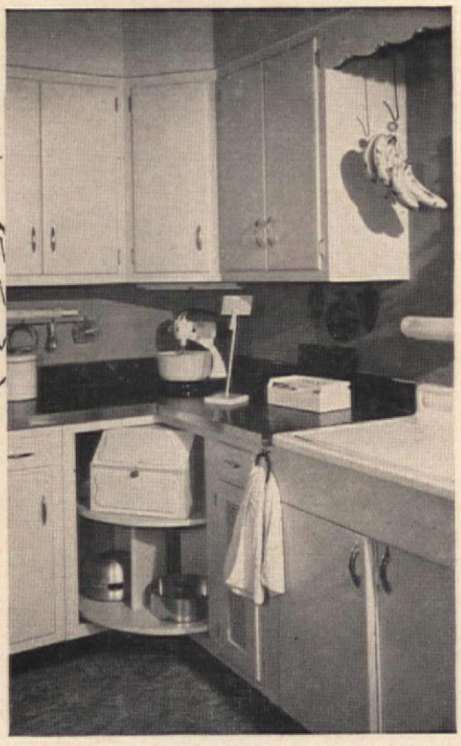
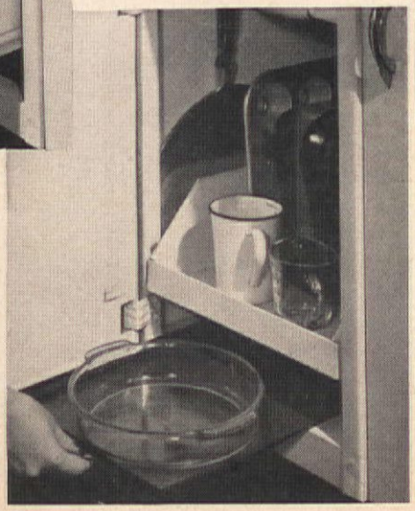
nger seems to smother the kitchen. Closed up corner door and ilt shelves behind it. Made new opening between back door and ntry. Removed all kitchen doors. Installed good lighting. Painted binets and most walls turquoise; made cold north wall watermelon d; covered high ceiling in a lovely handmade paper; invested in od fabric for curtains. Now the new kitchen not only does gay ings to our dispositions—it also works!





re back stairs used to be there's a mixing center, ocated between sink and rigerator. Revolving bin is a blessing; top corner shelves are horror holes we'll remedy someday. American Home" recipe ls are kept visible with a handy clothespin holder (see "Idea," page 75)

The sliding shelf in the base cabinet under the sink wasn't good for storing much of anything but a few boxes of soap and some cleaning supplies. But look at all the things it houses now—muffin tins, trays, large flat pans. Those vertical dividers which make it possible are nothing more than an old commercial office file that sits on the top of the shelf



nder this same shelf, inches of storage space were wasted ecause you couldn't reach into it without getting on bended knee. But an old cookie sheet ne with turned-up ends) made a pull-out bottom that is handy and safe for storing glass baking dishes

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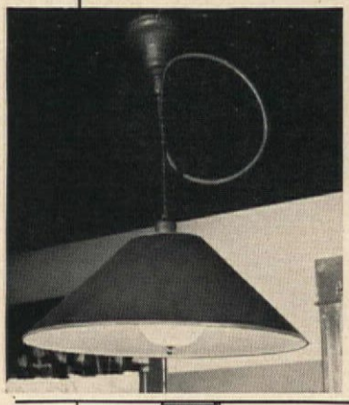
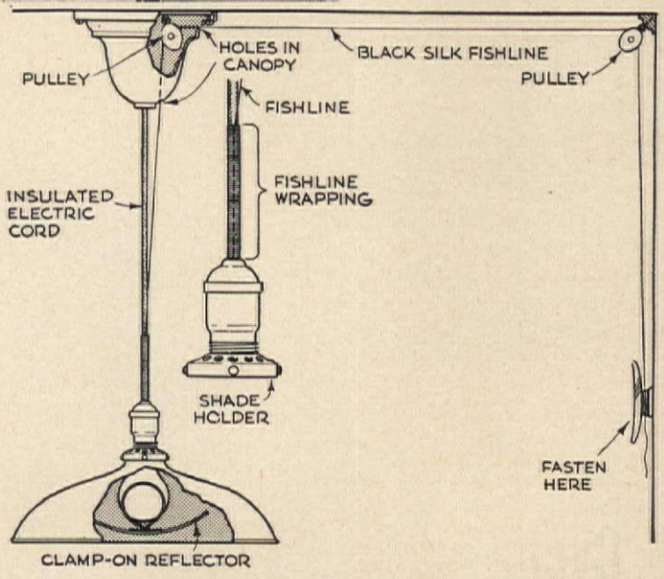
Rear entry is now a well-lit pantry, with a low closet for outdoor clothes and a mirror which makes it an ideal place for the girls to primp before meals (there is no downstairs lavatory in this old house). Door directly into kitchen has been blocked off, its back treated to shelves especially measured to hold cans and jars



We wanted a counter-balanced light which could rest on high, or be pulled down to give good illumination over the dining table in the kitchen. Prices of the store-bought variety scared me, so I used the drop-ceiling light so often found in old kitchens, dressed it up for $2.75, and a handsome light was born. The shade matches the wallpaper on the ceiling



Here's how counter-balanced light works: Nylon fishing tackle, wound around heavy black cord, pulls lamp out of the way when we eat by candlelight. Clamp-on reflector used over bulb came from the dime store. Cord which operates pully is anchored to boat cleat

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Treating our bathroom to a fake ceiling with beams was twice as easy as it sounds. We used some scrap 2 x 4's (the older the better) as beams. I cut them to the proper length, and to the angle I wanted for the slant. Top beam was put in 2 in. down from ceiling on higher side (the 2 in. to allow room for working between beams and ceiling), and 14 in. down on the lower side. It's best to measure for each beam right on the wall, because some houses aren't built as squarely as they could be. To anchor the beams, I propped them temporarily in place with poles, and nailed a 2 x 4 stringer, the length of the wall, under the ends of the beam on the lower side. This stringer is notched to receive the beams, and is nailed into the wall studs with strong finishing nails. The higher end of the beams is held in place only by their own angle of cut—because I made the beams a bit longer than the space they fill, they act as a wedge and can't fall down.

For the fake ceiling, I tacked strips of wallboard on top of the beams (that's when the 2-in. free space came in handy). One long strip of wood, angled to the beams near the high end of the ceiling, was placed in position before all the board was up. I nailed the strip through the board horizontally. After this job was finished, I papered the wallboard. [If, like Mr. Grant, you plan to use wallpaper, the wallboard should be of a type recommended by the manufacturer for papering—Ed.] In the center of the room, I left an open space for the light fixture which goes through a trap door of wallboard—but getting it to look right took some jiggling. (Of course, proper wiring is essential!)

For the shaving mug shelf which runs the length of the room over the washstand, I built a job, which looks like a plate rail and has cutouts, for the top of the medicine cabinet and the shower entrance. Hand-carved pegs were added to the flat side, and they are very handy for bathrobes and such. Now Paul Revere himself would be right at home in our bathroom, despite the lack of a half-moon in the door.

Bloom in the Fall (Begins on page 50)

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page

You can give both charm and stability to an arrangement featuring a light, dainty rose like The Fairy. Use a broad, shallow container (this one is of copper and pewter), and a wide, flat pinholder. Place sprays of both buds and open flowers, starting at center, and angling them gracefully. Later in the season, when the dogwood takes on copper hues, you can strengthen the base of such an arrangement with a few dogwood leaves snipped from your own trees

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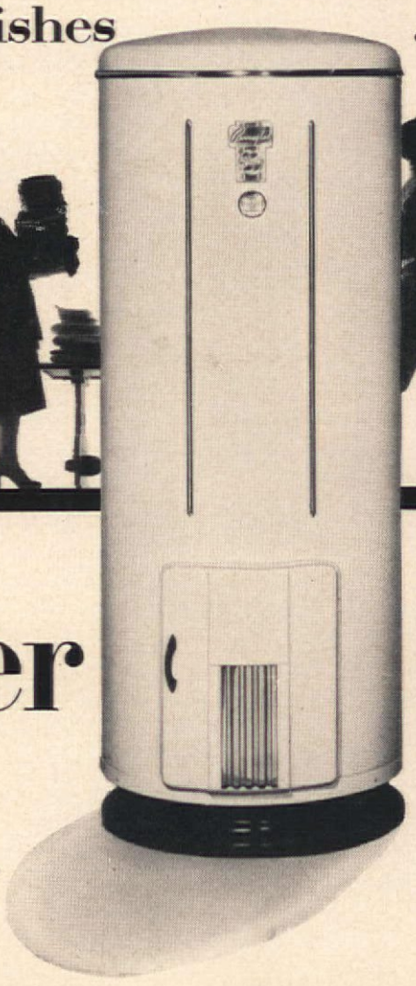

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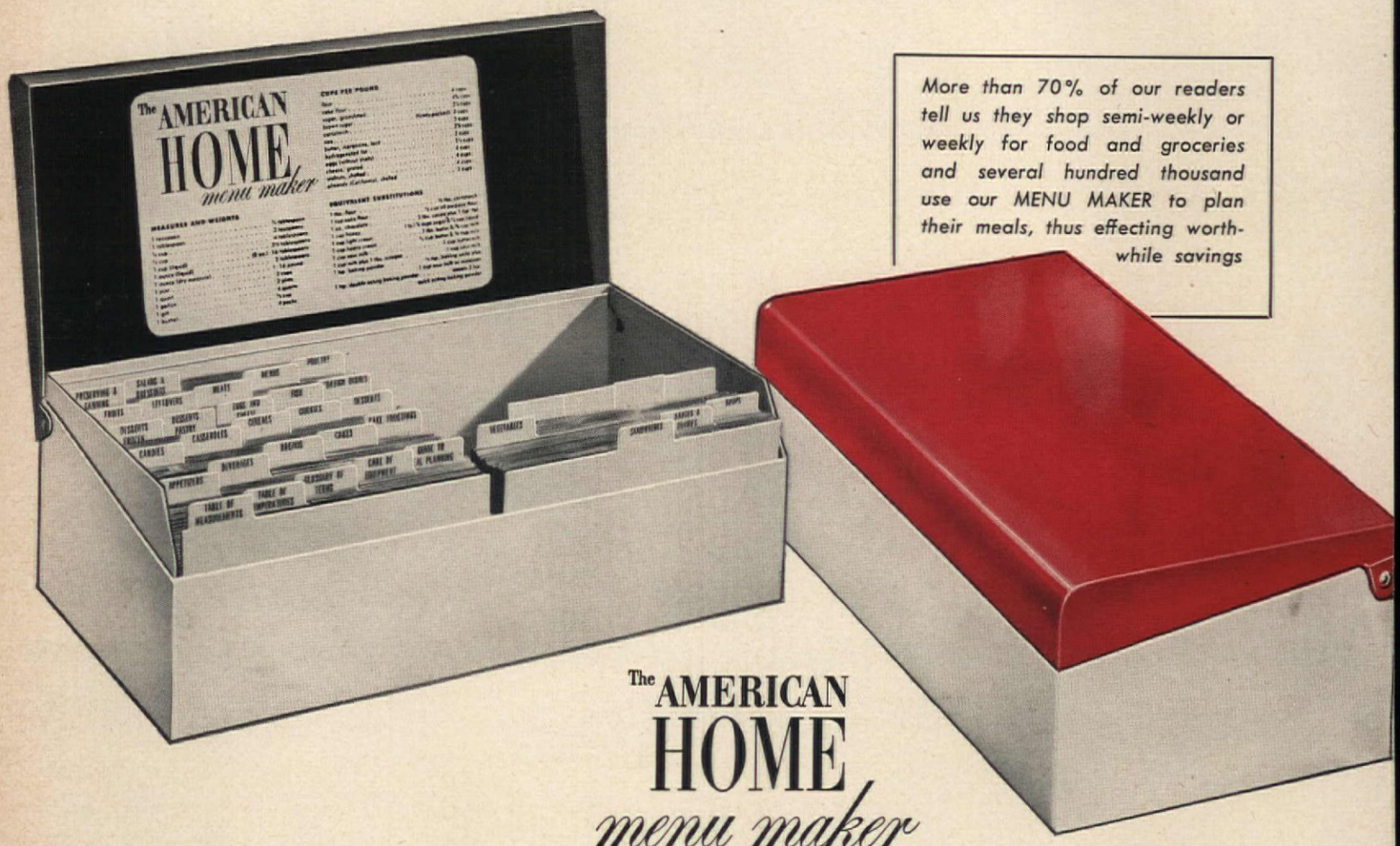

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6 slices pineapple
1 jar mint jelly

• Arrange lamb slices, alternating with a half of pineapple slice, on a platter. Melt mint jelly over low heat until smooth. Pour over meat, and chill until rejelled.

Serves 6 FAMILY-TESTED

JEANNIE WILLIS

AMERICAN HOME *Cheapies*

Instead of climbing the soapbox and lecturing our members on the horse sense of spending food money, Cheapies for August climbs the *icebox.* Excuse—I mean the refrigerator. For with August come real cooking doldrums. In June a hot dog still tasted marvelous. Summer was still a gay thing—long-awaited. Then came July, month of salads and of quickies. Summer was *here.* But our enjoyment of it cooled as the weather "hottened." And then August. A veritable endurance contest, and the kitchen a horrendous nightmare. Thus, Cheapies is happy to be able to give you six such wonderfully cool, easy recipes as these, with nary a gimmick or a frill. Just plain good eating with a minimum of effort and expense. Look at the two cold-meat platters. Total preparation time for each is about 15 minutes, yet they are not in any way slapdash food. They will win your appetite and tempt the eye—they're summer eating at its best—not to mention at its easiest.

Lamb Mint Platter epitomizes the kind of food we have been discussing. In no time flat, you can put this together, then stash it away in the refrigerator until time for dinner. And the joy of it is that it takes no hours of garnishing to make it look so cool and inviting; it is the green mint jelly which does the trick.

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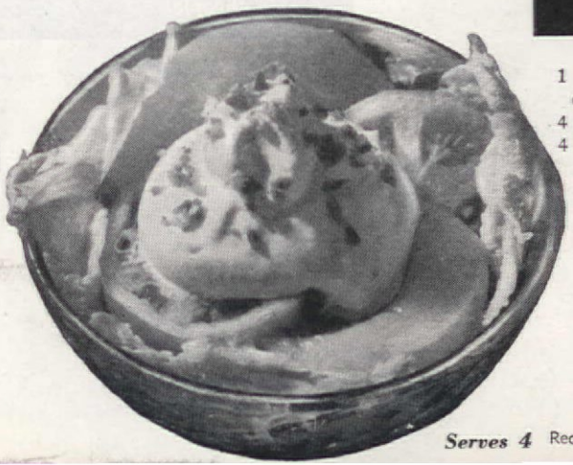
• country slaw • salsa
(a cheapie)

• peach appetizer salads *(a cheapie)*



1 tbs. minced onion
4 peaches
4 tomatoes
2 tbs. lemon juice
2 tbs. sugar
½ cup Burgundy

• Line four salad bowls with greens; sprinkle the onion in bottom. Peel and halve fruits. Put half a peach, dipped in lemon juice, in bowl; then tomato half, dipped in sugar. Repeat. Cover and chill for few hours. Pour wine over and serve.

Serves 4 Recipe submitted by Martha Gittler

• salami egg whirls
(a cheapie)

8 slices salami
4 eggs
½ cup milk
1 cup soft white bread crumbs
½ tsp. salt

• Beat eggs, add milk, salt, and bread crumbs. Let stand few minutes, then beat again. Cook like regular scrambled eggs. Cut half across salami and whirl. Hold into shape with toothpick. Now stuff with the scrambled eggs. Serve cold.

Serves 4 FAMILY-TESTED

Cheapies (Begins on page 67)

Another cold-meat Cheapie is the Salami Egg Whirls. To make the whirls, take a slice of salami, not too thin, and cut it from the center straight over to one edge. Pick up one cut edge and roll just slightly into cornucopia shape. Secure with a toothpick, and there you have it. They are really perfectly simple to make, will take you about five minutes to do six or eight of them, yet don't they look festive? You'll like that easy trick for making egg salad, too, and want to use it in other summer dishes, as well.

We might more properly have started with our "Hot Tomato" recipe, since it is a first course which you'll find most useful. Basically, it is a spiced-up tomato juice, marvelous when served icy cold. Or you can thin it down with consommé or a diluted bouillon cube, and have yourself a deliciously different-flavored soup to serve hot or cold. Top with a dab of whipped cream or a slice of lemon or lime which has a whole clove in the center.

By this time in the summer, most of us are guilty of having overworked salads as a main course. It's surprising how good a salad used as a *salad* tastes about now! Judging by the quantities which disappeared, our Country Slaw seems to have hit the spot around here. It is essentially real old-fashioned coleslaw, spiced to that "just right" point only. Shred the cabbage fine if you prefer, but we all found the finely chopped was a pleasant change.

Salsa, as we presumptuously call this recipe, is the name of a superb gourmet food. Yet it is so simple and so delicious that we've pre-empted it as a Cheapie. Vary spices to go with the rest of your meal, using mint to go with lamb; marjoram or basil for fish and so forth. Both Salsa and the slaw recipes benefit by standing in the refrigerator, so don't hesitate to make them up in the morning, for serving at dinner time.

The Peach Appetizer Salads are something completely new in taste. The combination may not sound as though it went together well, yet upon testing it we found it very popular. This, too, is made in advance for flavors to be absorbed and blended, and makes a grand salad to go with your dinner. But you'll notice we've named it Appetizer Salad, for we were also delighted with it as a first course. The chilled fruit seemed somehow so right as a beginning to a summer meal.

So here are our Cheapies, all guaranteed to be kind to a vacation-flattened purse, yet the best of cool eating.

• country slaw • salsa
(a cheapie)

COUNTRY SLAW

2 cups finely chopped cabbage
¼ cup chopped parsley
1 medium onion, minced
¼ cup pimento, minced
3 tbs. vinegar
2 tbs. salad oil
3 tbs. sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper
1 drop garlic juice

• Combine the vegetables and chill well. Dissolve sugar, salt, and pepper in vinegar; add oil and mix thoroughly. Pour dressing over vegetables and toss.

Serves 8 Recipe submitted by Evelyn Anderson

SALSA

Sliced tomatoes
Coarsely chopped parsley
Salt and pepper
Marjoram
3 parts oil to 1 part vinegar

• Place sliced tomatoes in long, low dish. Marinate in oil and vinegar, and seasonings. Sprinkle top with parsley. Let stand 2 to 3 hours before serving. Serve with Country Slaw or separately.

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• "hot tomato"
(a cheapie)

4 cups tomato juice
1 bayleaf
3 whole cloves
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 small onion, diced
1 handful celery leaves, crushed

• Combine ingredients. Cover. Let stand 4 hrs. Strain, then serve. Or add consommé, heat and serve as soup, or rechill and serve cold.

Serves 6

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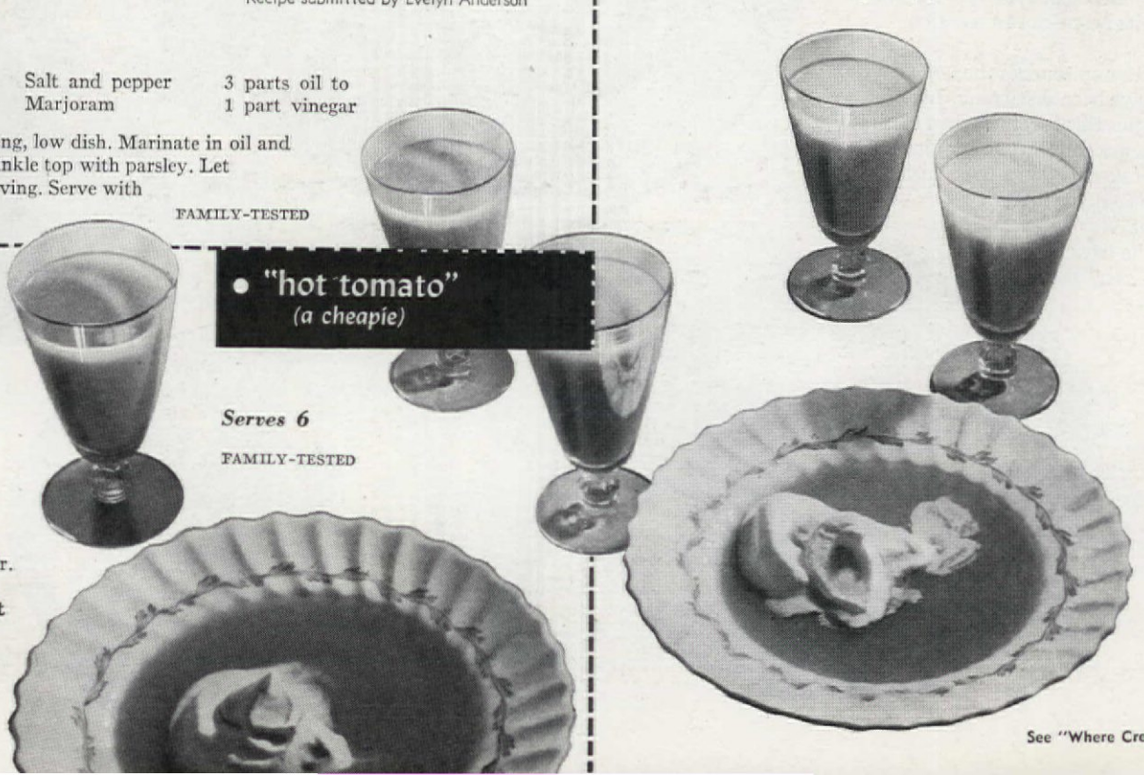

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• French-fried onion rings

• fisherman's platter

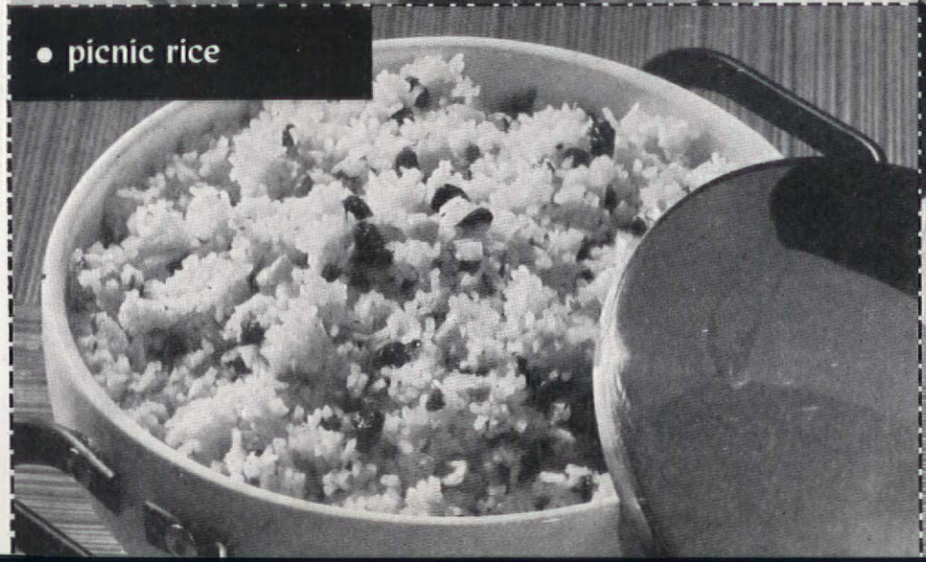
CUCUMBER SALAD: Peel, cut off ends, and scoop out center of 4 large cucumbers; sprinkle with salt. Mix diced cucumber ends and crumbled yolks of 3 hard-boiled eggs with ½ pt. sour cream. Moisten 2 tsp. gelatin in 1 tbs. vinegar and dissolve over hot water. Add to sour cream mixture and chill in refrigerator until thick. Stuff cucumbers and slice into ½-in.-thick rounds. Serve ice cold.

More Fisherman's Platter recipes on reverse side

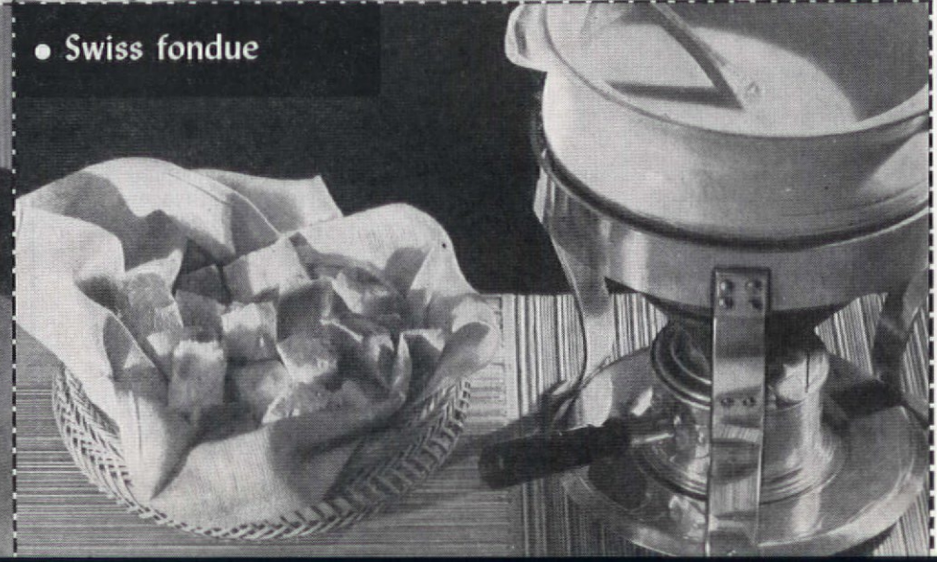
• barbecued turkey steaks

• prunes au vin in bean pot

• picnic rice



• Swiss fondue



• picnic rice

Wash 1½ cups rice and cook in very heavy kettle with 2 dissolved bouillon cubes, 1 cup water, 2 tbs. bacon grease, salt, and pepper.

When rice has soaked up nearly all the water, add ½ cup chopped peanuts mashed with rolling pin, ½ cup chopped raisins, and ½ cup chopped celery.

Cook about 1½ hours on asbestos mat.

• Swiss fondue

½ lb. imported Swiss cheese, shredded
1½ tbs. flour
1 clove fresh garlic
1 cup light dry white wine
Salt, pepper, nutmeg to taste
1 loaf French or other white bread with hard crust (or 4 hard rolls) cut into bite-size pieces, each with at least one side of crust.
3 tbs. Kirschwasser or 2 tbs. any non-sweetened fruit brandy

Dredge cheese with flour. Rub cooking utensil well with garlic. Pour in wine and set over very slow fire (preferably use chafing dish, alcohol stove, or electric plate with asbestos pad). When air bubbles rise to surface (*before* boiling point), stir with fork and add cheese by handfuls, each handful to be completely dissolved before another one is added.

Stir until mixture starts bubbling lightly. Then add a little salt and pepper and a dash of nutmeg (optional). Thoroughly stir in Kirschwasser or brandy and it's ready to serve.

The eating: Keep fondue bubbling lightly. Spear piece of bread with fork, going through soft part first and securing points in the crust. Each guest dunks his own with a stirring motion. If fondue becomes too thick, stir in a little preheated (never cold) wine. Keep heat low when, towards the end, the melted cheese forms brown crust (a special delicacy) at bottom of utensil.

Recipe from Switzerland Cheese Association

• barbecued turkey steaks

Buy a large, hard-frozen, eviscerated tom turkey—the bigger, the better. Have your butcher cut it on his power saw into 1-in. transverse slices, starting at the front of the breast bone, and working back to about where the thighs join the body. If you're serving a large number of people, have him cut more slices—one slice will make two good servings. The two ends that are left can be left frozen until you need them.

Now lay the frozen slices out in a large, flat pan, sprinkle with monosodium glutamate, and drizzle on enough cooking oil to coat each one. As they thaw, the oil and the turkey juices will make a fine marinade in the pan. This should be brushed back over the slices from time to time. When they are completely thawed, divide each slice into two steaks with a sharp, heavy knife. (You'll find that the cross sections of breast and backbone will split easily.)

Have a good, hot bed of coals going in the barbecue. Arrange the steaks in toasting racks, brush with basting sauce (¼ lb. butter, ½ cup dry white wine, salt, and pepper). Broil about 8 in. from the fire for about 10 min. on each side. Turn them a couple of times during the cooking, and brush with more butter-wine mixture—don't overcook, and don't let them dry out.

Serve them up, one to a customer, with the remainder of the basting sauce heated and spooned over each serving.

• prunes au vin in bean pot

Cover and soak large prunes in claret or Burgundy (domestic) overnight in a bean pot. Add ½ cup sugar, stick of cinnamon, and thin rind of ½ lemon; cover bean pot; and bake in slow oven (300° F.) for about an hour or until prunes are soft. Remove prunes and let juice cook a little longer. Return prunes to bean pot. Chill. Serve very cold with cream.

• French-fried onion rings

Peel 4 medium onions. Cut into ¼-in. slices. Separate into rings.

Add ½ cup milk to 1 egg, well beaten. Stir in ¾ cup flour, sifted with ¼ tsp. baking powder and ½ tsp. salt. Dip rings in batter, one at a time. Fry in hot deep fat (380° F.) until light brown (about 3 min.). Drain on absorbent paper.

• fisherman's platter

With boiled lobster, shrimp, and salmon serve:

TOMATO, AVOCADO, CRABMEAT RUSSE: Place ½-in. slices of tomato in bed of coarsely shredded lettuce. Combine 1 can crabmeat with 1 diced avocado in juice of 2 limes or 1 lemon; mix with Shrimp Cocktail Sauce. Mound high on tomato slices and dust with paprika.

SHRIMP COCKTAIL SAUCE: Mix 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. hot sauce, juice of 2 lemons and 1 tbs. vinegar. Gradually add this sauce and 1 qt. salad oil to 4 beaten egg yolks. Add 1 bottle tomato catchup. (This famous Brewton Inn sauce will keep several weeks in refrigerator.)

SHELL SPAGHETTI: Blanch 3 cups of shell spaghetti in boiling water; drain. Cook in rich consommé, well seasoned (I use ⅔ cup consommé and ½ cup clam juice). When cooked, lift out spaghetti with slatted spoon and keep warm. Reduce consommé to ½ cup. Whip 4 egg yolks with ¼ cup cream and add consommé. Pour over spaghetti. Reheat in pan of hot water. Cool.

CLAMS ASPIC: Mix ½ cup fresh clams (mince clams, if you do not use electric blender) with ½ cup finely chopped crabmeat. Add ½ cup clam juice, ¼ cup white wine, and ⅛ cup cream. Add ¼ cup soft French bread which has been crumbled in water and squeezed dry. Mix in blender or with rotary beater. Add salt, white pepper, and a few grains of cayenne. Cook uncovered, in top of double boiler until thick (about 30 min.). Cool.

In shallow pan over high flame, reduce 1 can of jellied clear chicken consommé to ½ can. Remove from stove and add 1 tbs. pale, dry sherry and ½ tsp. cognac. Chill until firm. Chop very finely, mix with clam-crabmeat mixture. Fill each clam shell. (Fills about 24 shells.)

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Sundays—Fun for Kids and Company

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My eight-year-old daughter snuggled closer in anticipation: "Mother, tell me again about the company dinner parties on Sundays when you were a little girl?" Almost automatically, I began. I described the preparations which started on Saturday. First, she must hear about the general house cleaning—how we aired each room, scrubbed and waxed the floors, oiled the woodwork; how we beat the rugs stretched over clotheslines and polished the silver and copper for hours, until our faces were distortedly reflected in the gleaming surfaces.

"Now, Mother, the baking. Don't forget the dessert with the toasted nuts on top like autumn leaves. And tell me about turning the ice cream freezer and licking the dasher and—"

As she paused for breath, I reminded her, "We children had our share of the work, too. Many times we were glad to have Saturday end. We must have made dozens of trips up and down the narrow basement stairs to fetch apples, potatoes, and carrots. We had to hunt the dusty shelves for all kinds of pickles, relishes, jellies, and preserves."

"But," my daughter interrupted, "it was fun, wasn't it? I love to have you tell about the caramel rolls full of raisins, and the real dark bread and how you ate the end crusts when they were just out of the oven and the butter melted in."

When I had finished, my daughter sighed: "That must have been wonderful!" Then, somewhat wistfully: "I wish we could have company for dinner on Sunday."

For the next few days her remark kept popping into my mind like the refrain of an old song. There were many reasons why we, and other families like us, had discontinued the custom of dinners for the entire family. We were too busy, our house too small, the children had their own parties and we ours. Of course, at holiday and vacation time, we exchanged visits with relatives, but the distance was so great that these meetings were infrequent. On the other hand, wouldn't the effort be worth while? Couldn't we, despite the lack of space and other demands on our time, plan at least one such party? We did, and after a dozen or more, we are agreed this is an experience for every family to share. Perhaps

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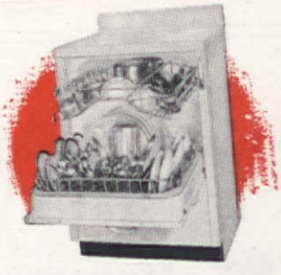

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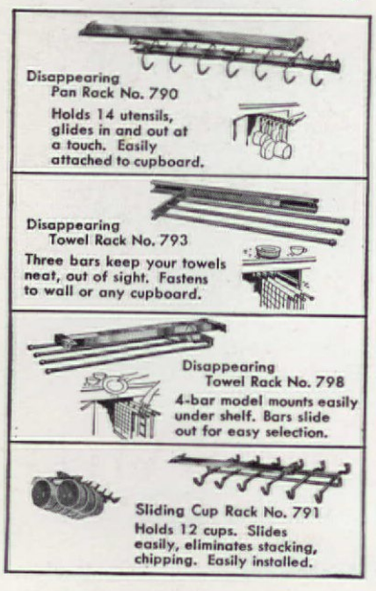

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Fun for Kids

(Begins on page 71)

you, too, would like to build a store house of future pleasant childhood memories. If so, these suggestions may help to get you started:

1. Remember that this is to be a family affair and let the children have a vote in making the guest list. For our first dinner, we chose a family parallel to ours—a couple with two children, a boy who was a friend of our son's, and his sister, a classmate of our daughter's. We had met these people only once, so a personal call to explain our invitation was in order. The ensuing friendship is one we will always cherish. This happy experience became the base upon which we built future dinners, outdoor excursions, and other shared experiences. We discovered, interestingly enough, that the similarity of our children's ages need not be a fixed rule for these occasions.

2. Plan a simple menu. Children eat and enjoy the known, everyday foods. Sherried sweet potatoes are a hit with your adult guests, but often youngsters prefer a baked white potato. A fruit salad is usually preferred to one of cucumber and onion, and ice cream and cake to a sophisticated torte or other "special" dessert.

3. Follow your mother's example in Saturday preparation. No need to accept the elaborateness of her generation, but do agree in the value of making salads, desserts, or even the entree ahead of time. Take advantage of the time-saving packaged mixes and frozen foods. However well we like the effect of smooth, heavy, damask table linens, we're grateful for our own practical mats and easy-to-launder cottons. We realize our transparent china looks regal, but we know colored pottery, gay and appealing, is eminently satisfactory too.

4. Let the children help. They'll benefit through their contributions and so will you. There are lots of ways for them to participate: setting, serving, and clearing the table, aiding with the shopping and food preparation, etc. Our little daughter once surprised us by making place cards of spring flowers and lace doilies; our son by making a "surprise" dessert from gingerbread mix.

5. Be alert for entertainment ideas which include both children and adults. We play croquet, volley ball, baseball, charades, and a variety of card games. One rainy afternoon our young guests decided to present a program of their own. The impromptu skits, recitations, and piano playing *were* entertaining, and all of us had a marvelous time. One father said something to my husband that we think sums up *our* feelings very well: "The kids have something wonderful and, thank goodness, we can take time out to share it with them!"

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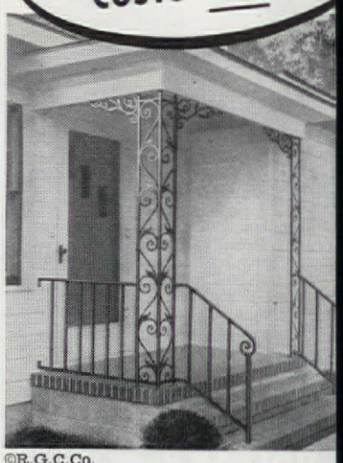

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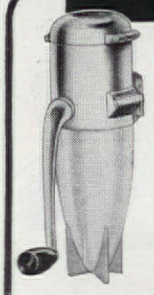

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Take a Package of Spaghetti

(Begins on page 56)

• spaghetti Tetrazzini

Preparation time: 35 min.

2 cans condensed chicken consommé or 5 chicken bouillon cubes
1 tsp. salt
2 cups uncooked spaghetti, broken
¼ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup flour
Salt and pepper
1 cup light cream
4-oz. can sliced mushrooms, drained
6-oz. can boned chicken or turkey, cut in 1-in. pieces
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

• Dilute consommé (or use cubes) to make 5 cups liquid. Add 1 tsp. salt. Heat to boiling point; add spaghetti. Cook uncovered until tender, but not mushy. Drain, reserving 1½ cups liquid. Melt butter, stir in flour, add reserved liquid and cream gradually, stirring constantly. Season to taste. Cook over low heat, stirring until thickened. Add mushrooms and chicken. Heat to serving temperature. Cover bottom of greased 1½-quart casserole with half the cooked spaghetti. Pour half the creamed chicken over spaghetti. Arrange remaining spaghetti on top, then remaining chicken mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Broil about 4 inches from heat until sauce bubbles and cheese is lightly browned.

Serves 6 ***392 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, D***

• surprise pudding

Preparation time: 15 min.

14¼-oz. can evaporated milk
1 cup regular milk
1 cup water
½ 8-oz. pkg. thin spaghetti
6 tbs. sugar
¼ tsp. salt
4 tsps. vanilla
4 eggs, well beaten
½ cup zwieback crumbs
1 egg, beaten

• Blend milks and water. Heat in double boiler, then add spaghetti, sugar, and salt. Cover; cook 30 min. Add vanilla and the four eggs, stirring constantly. Line buttered baking dish with zwieback crumbs, reserving some for top. Pour in the 1 beaten egg and tip around until crumbs are all coated, then pour off excess egg. Add warm mixture, top with reserved crumbs. Bake in moderate oven, 350° F., for 1 hour. Let stand for 10 min., then turn out. Serve with Raspberry Sauce.

RASPBERRY SAUCE

1 box frozen raspberries
½ cup water
¼ cup sugar
2 tbs. cornstarch

Bring raspberries to boil; cook for 5 min. at a slow boil. Strain through fine sieve. Add water to make 1½ cups liquid. Add sugar and cornstarch which have been mixed together. Cook in top of double boiler until clear.

Serves 8 ***293 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, C, D***

Take a Can of Luncheon Meat

(Begins on page 57)

• king-size snack

Preparation time: 15 min.

1 can luncheon meat
2 cups finely grated Cheddar cheese
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. prepared mustard
1 tsp. baking powder
2 eggs, slightly beaten
16 crackers

• Slice meat, arrange on various-shaped crackers or toast. Combine cheese, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, baking powder, and eggs. Spread over meat. Broil 4 inches from heat for about 3 to 4 minutes.

Makes 1 cup mixture
129 cal. per serving (cracker) ***Source of vitamins A, B***

• pungent porkies

Preparation time: 30 min.

1 can luncheon meat
Prepared mustard
Brown sugar
Bread crumbs
Butter or margarine

• Slice luncheon meat. Spread with mustard and brown sugar. Roll in bread crumbs. Brown on both sides in butter. Serve with Sweet and Sour Sauce.

SWEET AND SOUR SAUCE

3 tbs. sugar
2 tbs. vinegar
¾ cup water
¼ cup currant jelly
¼ cup raisins
1 tsp. prepared mustard
1½ tbs. cornstarch

Mix all ingredients. Cook over low heat, stirring until it reaches boiling point. Reduce heat; simmer 2 minutes.

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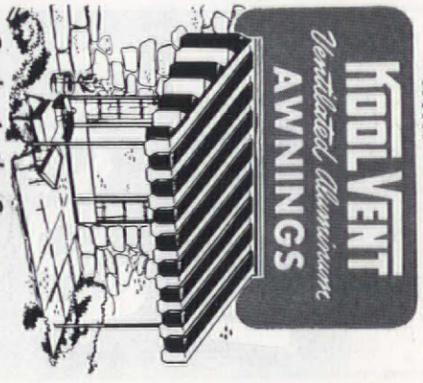

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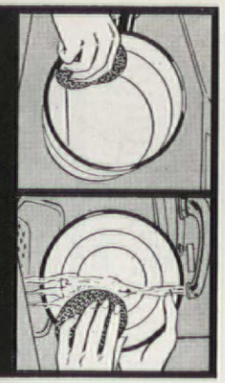

Take a Package of Spaghetti

(Begins on page 56)

• Spanish spaghetti

Preparation time: 15 min.

1 chicken bouillon cube
½ cup hot water
¼ tsp. pepper
1 cup uncooked thin spaghetti, broken
1 cup grated cheese
1 cup diced stuffed olives
½ cup butter or margarine
1 #2 can tomatoes

• Dissolve bouillon cube in hot water. Blend all ingredients in bowl; turn into greased 1½-quart baking dish. Bake in moderate oven, 350° F., for 1 hour.

Serves 4 ***468 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, C***

• Vera's spaghetti ring

Preparation time: 40 min.

8 oz. spaghetti
3 tbs. butter or margarine
4 tbs. flour
1 tsp. salt
2 cups milk
Ripe olives

• Cook spaghetti according to the package directions; drain. Melt butter, stir in flour and salt, add milk, stirring constantly until thickened. Fold in spaghetti. Turn into heavily buttered and floured 1½-qt. ring mold. Bake in moderate oven, 350° F., for 45 min. Unmold on serving plate. Fill center with Clam Chowder Sauce. Garnish with ripe olives, if desired.

CLAM CHOWDER SAUCE

4 slices bacon, cubed
⅔ cup chopped celery
⅔ cup chopped onions
⅔ cup chopped green pepper
2 tbs. flour
⅔ cup ripe olives, cut in strips
1 can tomato sauce
2 cans clams
½ tsp. thyme
1 tsp. salt

Fry bacon, celery, onion, and green pepper until tender; stir in flour. Add remaining ingredients. Cook over low heat about 5 min.

Serves 8 ***305 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, C, D***

Take a Can of Luncheon Meat

(Begins on page 57)

• pinwheel salad mold

Preparation time: 35–40 min.

1 can luncheon meat
10 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
2 envelopes plain gelatin
1½ cups milk
4 tbs. pickle juice
1 tsp. celery salt
1 tsp. onion salt
2 cups mayonnaise

• Cut several thin slices meat and decorate the mold. Coarsely chop the remaining meat. Soften gelatin in 1 cup milk; dissolve over hot water. When cool, add remaining ½ cup milk. Add pickle juice, celery salt, onion salt, mayonnaise, eggs, and remaining meat. Blend well. Carefully fill the mold. Chill until firm.

Serves 8–10 ***476 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, C***

• hot-'n-hearty special

Preparation time: 15 min.

1 can luncheon meat, cubed
2 tbs. butter or margarine
2 tbs. flour
1 cup milk
2 tbs. prepared horse-radish
Salt
Toast

• Melt butter, stir in flour. Add milk, stirring until thickened. Add horse-radish, cubed meat, and salt if desired. Simmer a few minutes. Serve with toast triangles.

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Dishwasher

(Begins on page 48)

A FEW THINGS TO WASH BY HAND: *Rubber materials* may soften at dishwasher water temperature.

Your hand-painted china: The kind of china mother used to paint is valuable and pretty, but the colors aren't so permanent as in commercially glazed wares, so wash carefully by hand.

Wooden ware should be wiped or rinsed only. Hot water will not be kind to its finish.

Plastic materials: Some types may warp in water of 150°, though most modern plastic kitchen gadgets of good quality won't. If you aren't sure, wash by hand.

IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, you may be able to fix the trouble:

1. If machine *doesn't fill properly* or fills too slowly, first check the filter screen on the water-inlet valve. It may be clogged, or the house plumbing could be plugged with mineral deposits. Or there could be a crimp in the inlet tubing. If the timer is faulty, call a serviceman.
2. *When water doesn't stay in the tub* the drain valve may be leaking. See if food particles are holding it open.
3. *Slow draining* as a rule is due to plumbing stoppage, not the washer.
4. *Door leaks:* Is the door gasket loose or worn?
5. If *current isn't reaching machine,* check fuses. If power supply is all right, then remove the panel, as in cleaning, and carefully touch the motor to see if it is hot. Let it cool (almost all motors have protective overload devices) then reset this overload switch by pressing the red reset button (usually on bottom front of motor). Turn control switch to "On" again, and if dishwasher still doesn't start, call a serviceman.

A good gadget to hold a recipe card: take a wooden square, drill a small hole to accommodate a dowel to which you can screw a spring-type clothespin, upside down. (See page 61.)

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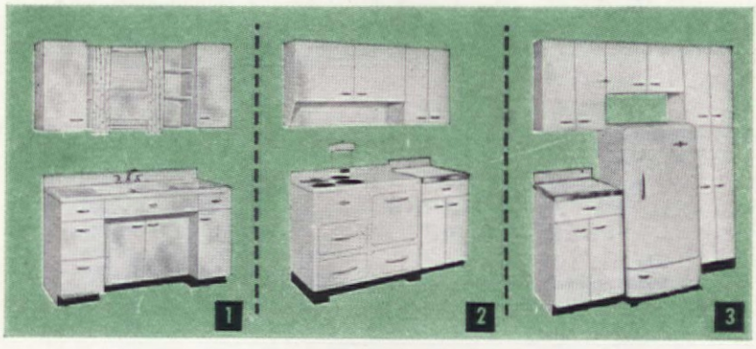

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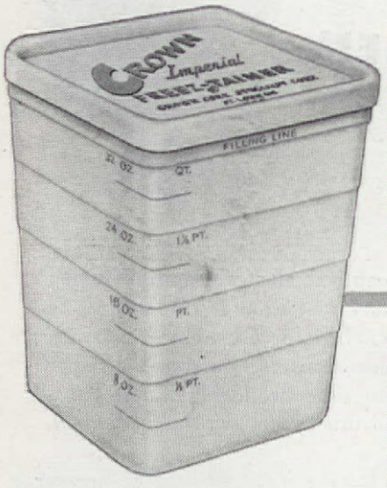

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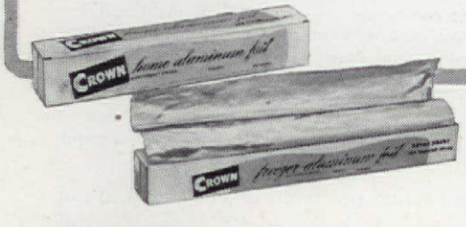

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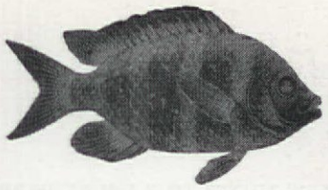
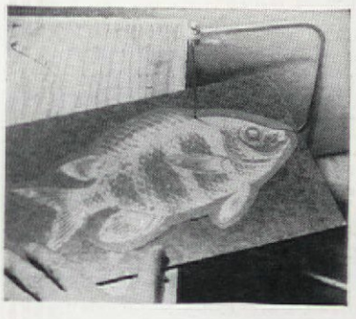
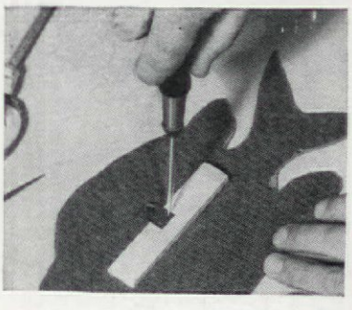


HOW TO MAKE THE FISH

SEE OPPOSITE PAGE

Cut out fish or other motif from wallpaper. Leave margin of about ⅜ in. paper all around motif. Apply good paste to back; mount on hardboard. To get a flat, clean, even bond, lay a sheet of blank paper over motif, press down, and smooth out excess paste. Remove blank paper. Let dry overnight, using books as weights





With jig saw, cut closely around motif, and go very gently when sawing around tail—it can break off. Sand. Paint edges matching color. Glue piece of ¼-in. wood to back of fish. To find true center of fish, so it will hang straight, insert long, thin nail and hold fish up, adjusting until balanced. Fasten bracket as shown above. Another method of hanging is to fasten screw eyes to each end of wooden block and attach picture wire. Hang from picture hook

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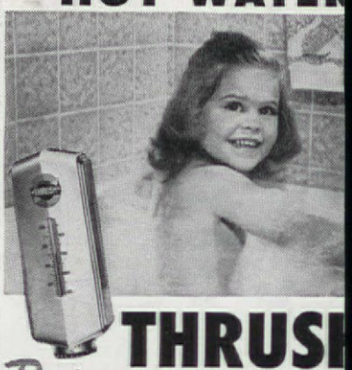

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Give a room a good background, and it practically furnishes itself—and this one proves that a good background is a matter of taste and of judgment, not of money. Here good (but inexpensive) walls, good fabrics with a moderate tab, and inventive accessories contribute so much character that an assortment of random furniture rides right along with them.

It's the living room of the Edward Fortunas' beach house at Southampton Shores, and the Fortunas were no more anxious than other young couples to sink a small fortune into decorating a summer place. But neither were they going to let their eyes be offended by ugly makeshift in a place intended for relaxation and recreation!

So they started with the walls. Knotty pine would have been great—but not on their budget. Plain wallboard would have been cheap—but less attractive "as is," and a bother to keep on painting. Their solution was a hardboard with a glossy built-in

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See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 92

They used the hardboard to surround the fireplace completely, and to flank it with excellent built-in storage at either end. When the house is used for winter weekends, the pot-bellied stove does service (the painting hides its flue). Ed made fish from a patterned wallpaper—claims they are the only fish that he ever caught, but they're quite a haul! (See his method, page 76)

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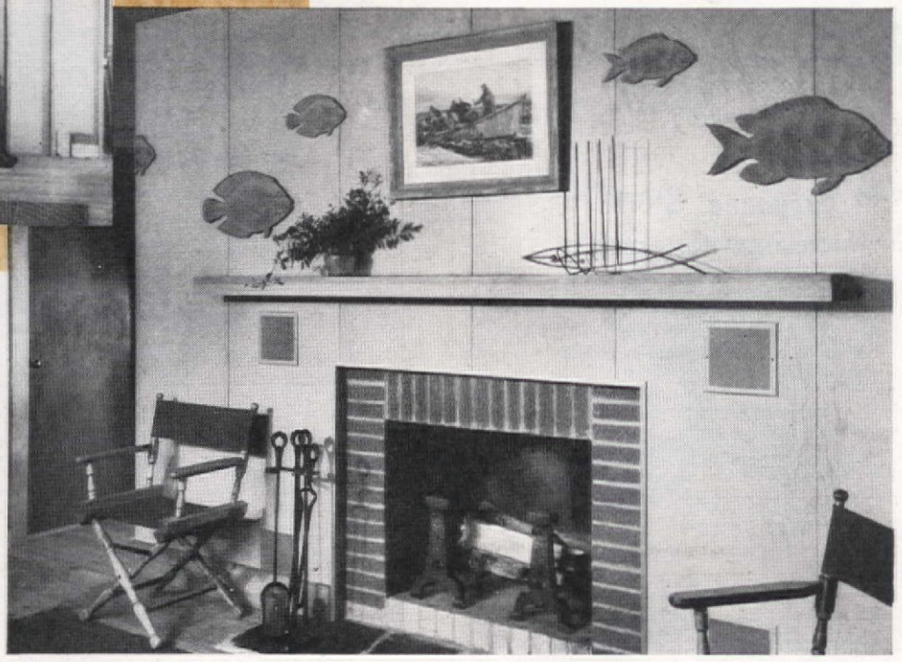

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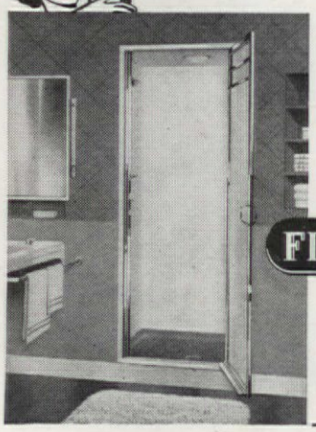

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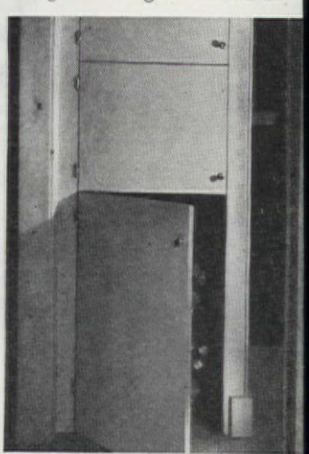
Background for Fun

(Begins on page 77)

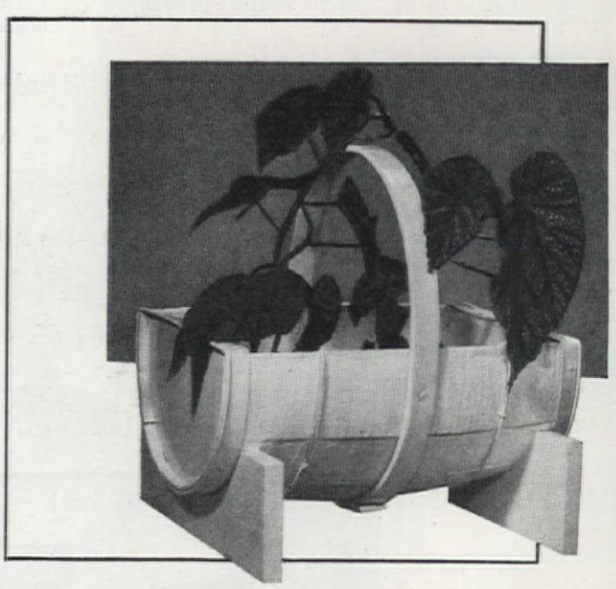
finish that simulates natural birch down to the tiniest grain. It's pre-finished, needs no staining, painting, nor even waxing. It has been up for a couple of years now, in this house surrounded by water and uninhabited in the winter—and the only attention it has demanded was from their eyes: approving attention. To create the effect of wooden planks, and to make easy handling still easier, the 4′ x 8′ panels were cut into 2′ x 8′ strips. The same material masks the bulky fireplace and the good cupboards which flank it. A drapery fabric with a lively geometrical print completes the background, and it's as attractive as a broad grin on a bleak day.

The rest of the furnishings? Only the lamp-table next to the divan was bought for the room—everything else was clever improvisation. An old box-spring and mattress on legs was trimly covered in a solid-green fabric and treated to a couple of store-bought bolsters encased by the drapery print —a fine sofa and guest bed! An aged table with wrought-iron legs and a wooden top was in bad shape, and intended for outdoor use, but Ed painted the iron a pleasant shade of green, refinished the top lovingly—and found himself with a perfect living-room dining table to set by that wall of windows. A coupl other small tables were given si treatment, half a dozen yacht c were thrown in, a green rug added, and a piscatorial garnis over the mantel—and the resul summertime living room worth all the good living it witnesses.

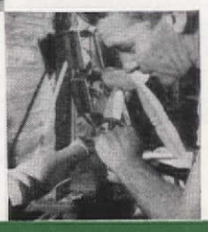


Two room-high cupboards flank the hearth, but their doors open around the corner from the fireplace rather than directly into the room. This one holds logs below, and all manner of gear above. The other harbors a coat closet and additional storag

Nail Keg Planter



Ordinary nail keg makes rustic plant basket. Mark cutting lines across center of top and bottom of keg and cut lengthwise. Staple each stave you wish to retain to metal hoops. Bolt rims at top and bottom below cutting line. Remove unwanted staves. Unfasten metal rims above cutting lines and use keyhole saw to cut along lines. Hammer rims down on cut edges. Clip metal hoops 1 in. above top staves, turn over edges, and staple inside. Handle is made from wood barrel hoop cut to fit. Stand is made from 1-in. boards. Drill holes in bottom of keg for drainage, paint to suit, dry, then plant



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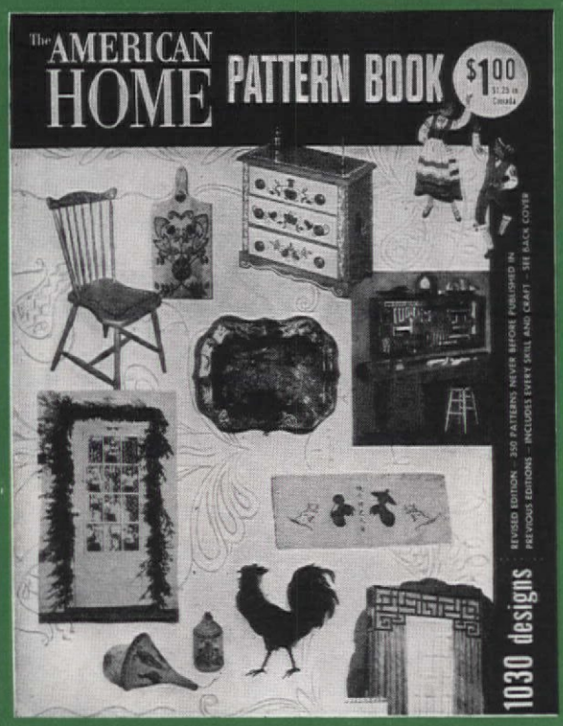

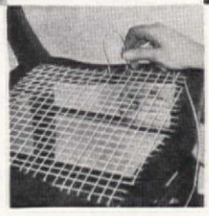

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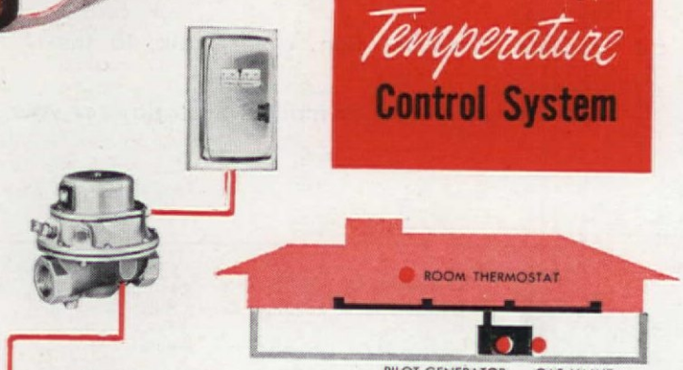

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Dorr's Pond (Begins on page 44)

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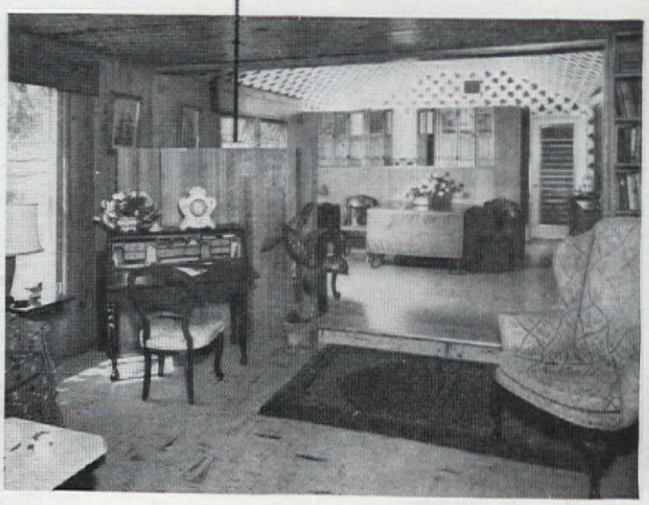
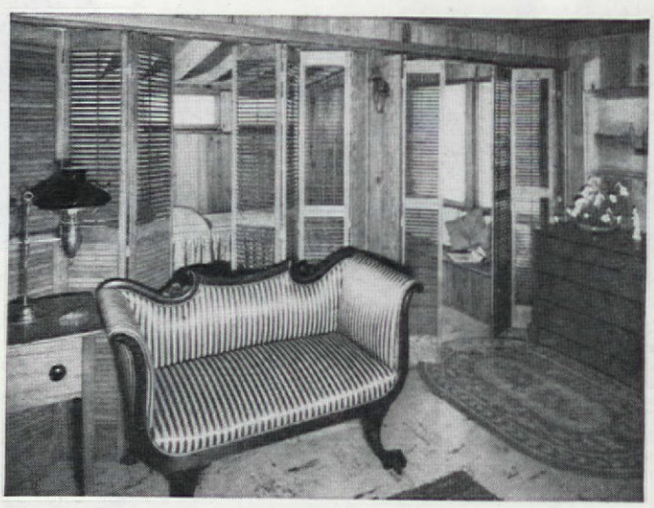
Wide archway leads from new living room into dining area which is divided from kitchen by antique wooden blinds found in Gary, Ind. Modern spinet piano is separated by a screen from an old spinet desk on which stands a china clock—a wedding present to Mrs. Dorr's mother which still chimes as sweetly as it did in the home in which Mrs. Dorr grew up. Not everything went easily, however. Of her dining-room furniture, Mrs. Dorr laments: "For this drop-leaf table and fiddle-back chairs, I traded Grandmother's oval table. Now I wish I hadn't."





Space and air are what count for most in this house in the woods on the water. So the new living room has no real inside walls. Between living room and master bedroom, a wall of plantation shutters makes a satisfactory division, and they are very like the antique shutters which separate the dining room from the kitchen. Provincial antiques mix well with city-bred ones here

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Dorr's Pond

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terrace room, the open question easily answered itself—the cabin was to become a comfortable "main" house. The original two rooms are now the kitchen, dining room, dressing room, and bath. A living room and bedroom wing was added, a huge corner fireplace plus barbecue was built on the terrace. Then, with the aid of a stiff brush and bleach, a rosy-gray tone was given to the cabin's exterior, a beautiful color which was the despair of the painter who had to attempt to match it when he was painting the new parts of the house.

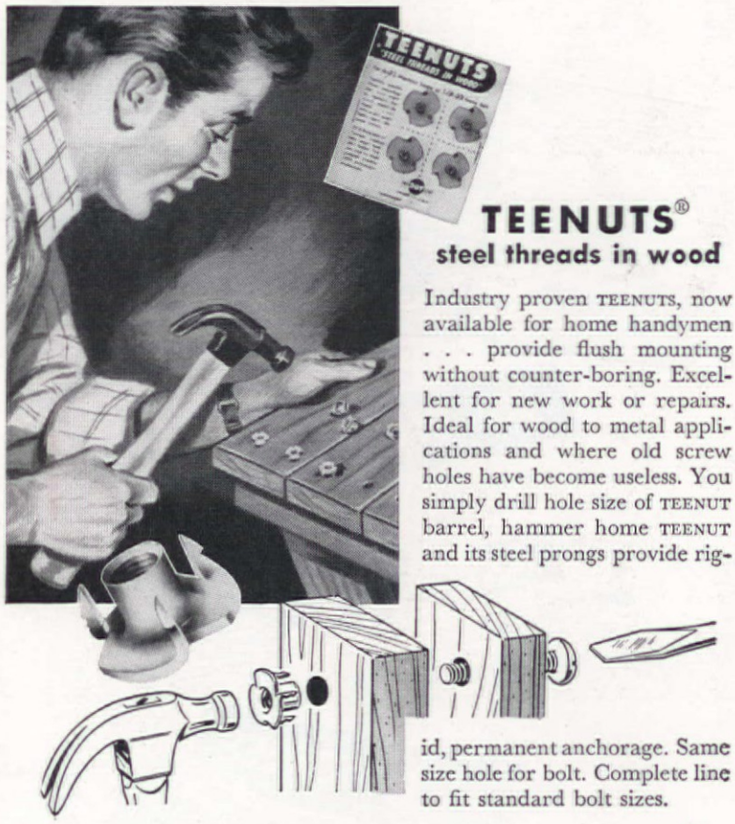
Under the terrace room, there's a cavelike retreat right on the water, and its walls are covered with ferns. It's perfect for outdoor dining—aquatic for Mrs. Dorr, and accompanied by the quack of mallards and the hiss of wild geese which give Mr. Dorr his country no'ses. A curved flight of stone stairs leading down to this spot, a network of paths around the pond, and a little wooden dock for a rowboat, were all planned by Mrs. Dorr and executed by an ax-wielding gardener.

Individualists, the Dorrs; and little things which give their home character are apt to have stories attached. For example, there's the green glass ball suspended by a net from the roof of their "cave"—a wartime memento copped by Mr. Dorr when he was a Seabee. Japanese fishermen used such balls as floats for their fishing nets, and they were highly regarded as souvenirs by Seabees who swam out to nab them by the dawn's early light, at the risk of being shot at by our own Marines. Mr. Dorr took that chance, and he got this one, which he claims is the biggest of them all.

Then there's "Dorr's Folly," a load of granite slabs which were once part of the White House in Washington. Freight charges, of course, were much higher than the dollars-and-cents value of the stone—and the stone couldn't even be used for the purpose they first had in mind! They had intended to face their fireplace with this historical material—but it was too hard to cut, and there wasn't enough of it. So it now makes the walk to their entry.

There isn't any real history to the signpost which marks their home and makes the headpiece for this story (page 44)—it's just the bleached root of an old pine tree on which they painted the legend: "Dorr's Pond." But it's absolutely perfect for this purpose and this house, and very typical of their bright improvisations.

On the inside, modern glass louvers keep company with antique wooden ones. Oriental rugs lie happily on rubber-tile floors, hand-woven Guatemalan fabrics cover an old chair and English sofa. Nothing is standard, and everything "works" charmingly.



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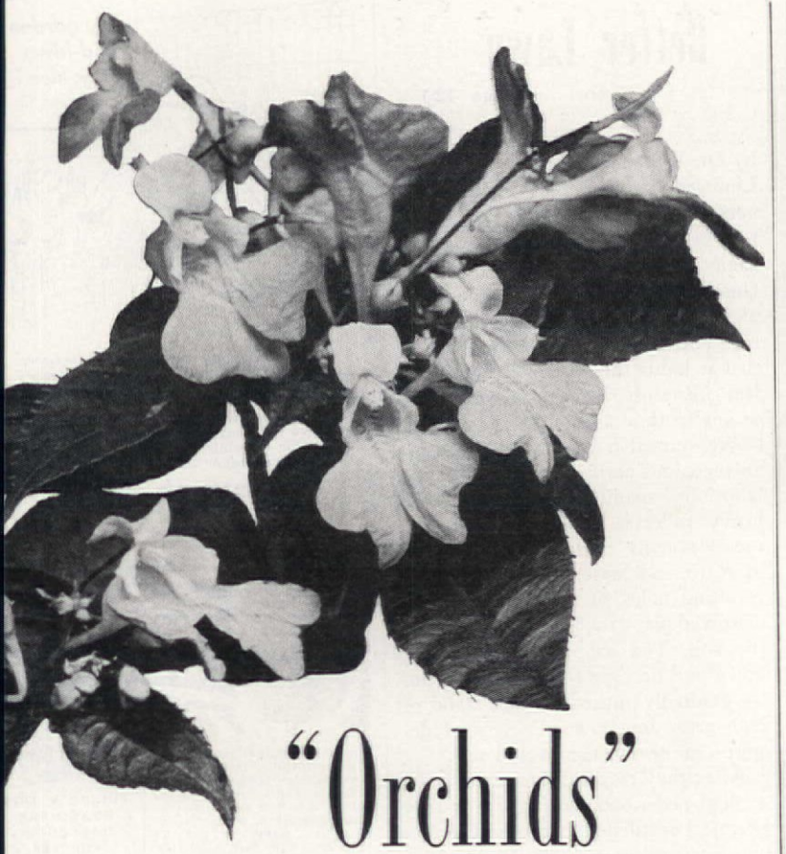

"Orchids" for Your Garden

RUTH DENT HUGHES

If you are looking for an unusual, sturdy, easily grown annual flower with the delicacy and soft pastel colors of certain orchids, a relatively little known, but now available, relative of the old-fashioned but still beloved garden balsam should appeal to you. It is an improved form of the Asiatic species, Impatiens roylei, and is being grown by (perhaps among others) a California gardener who is promoting it under the popular name "Bel Air Orchid." It thrives in shady places, and when established, flowers all summer long. Unlike the common balsam which bears its almost stemless, double, rosettelike blossoms close against its upright, leafy stalks where they are often hidden, this Oriental relative holds its odd, orchid-shaped flowers well out from and above its open, spreading foliage on slender, but strong, stems.

A prolific seed bearer, it is likely to self-sow in all but severely cold regions—which may prove a convenient and welcome way to maintain it in the garden, or a nuisance as something unwanted, depending on the gardener's tastes and plans. While it is not particular as to soil—so long as it is well drained—this Impatiens responds well to the addition of humus and plant food to the soil by making bushy plants up to two feet tall. They will often bloom four or six weeks after the small plants are set out, which should be after the weather has warmed up and the seedlings, started indoors from February on, have been hardened off.

Good for a north border, or for use in the broken shade of shrubs or trees (providing their roots are not allowed to take all the food), Bel Air Orchids also make fine pot plants and material for window boxes and hanging baskets, and thus can bring brightness into sick rooms, patios, enclosed porches, etc. In making a hanging basket, line the wire container with sheet or sphagnum moss to hold the soil and keep it from drying out. A temperature of 60–70° F., with rather high humidity but good air circulation and protection from hot sun, suits the plants best.

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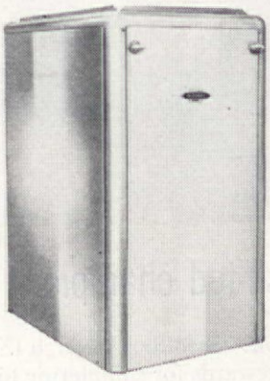

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Better Lawn

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by Dr. William Daniels and Albert A. Linkogel, in charge of Purdue University's Midwest Turf Foundation test plots at Lafayette, Ind., and St. Louis. Their simple program advises: Good seed, proper soil aeration, plenty of food for the grass, and high cutting. Already we are satisfied that it holds the answer to our problem. Certainly, it means a substantial saving in time and effort.

We started it in the fall by using an ingenious aerifier which eliminates laborious spading and raking. Its heavy roller is studded with sturdy metal "spoons" that dig out little plugs of earth and loosen the walls of the resulting holes so that moisture and dissolved plant food quickly penetrate the soil. The extruded plugs break down and become top dressing. Thus we gradually turned a thick stand of crab grass into a good seed bed despite our heavy, compacted soil.

After the first aerifying, we applied 20 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. of a 5-10-5 chemical fertilizer, then used the machine several more times, working in different directions until the whole area was peppered with holes. Next we seeded with the new B-27 Merion strain of bluegrass plus 10 per cent Colonial bent. This, though expensive, was economical, going much farther than cheaper seed; less than a pound is enough for 1,000 sq. ft. Spreading and growing vigorously, the Merion strain fights weed competition and under good conditions should soon become the dominant grass in a lawn; also it is resistant to the leaf spot disease that can wipe out ordinary bluegrass in hot, humid weather. (Another mixture for a new lawn recommended by Mr. Linkogel consists of 25% B-27 bluegrass, 25% Kentucky bluegrass, 40% Alta fescue, and 10% Colonial bent. If mowed rather short, the fescue gradually dies out as the bluegrass takes over.) After raking the lawn lightly to spread the seed and send much of it into the holes left by the aerifier, we kept it well watered until frost; by then, the new grass was established.

A final important part of our fall program was the use of a new type combined rotary mower and leaf mulcher which disposed of fallen leaves much faster than we could gather and take them to the compost heap. This efficient little machine, though not self-propelled, is light and easy to handle; can be adjusted to cut up to 3 in. high, and operates so close to edges that a minimum of hand trimming is required. Come fall, the mower blade is easily replaced by the mulching attachment, which clears a 20-in. path, sucking up leaves, small twigs, etc., and spewing them out in the form of a tidy, fine mulch that is much appreciated by the turf.

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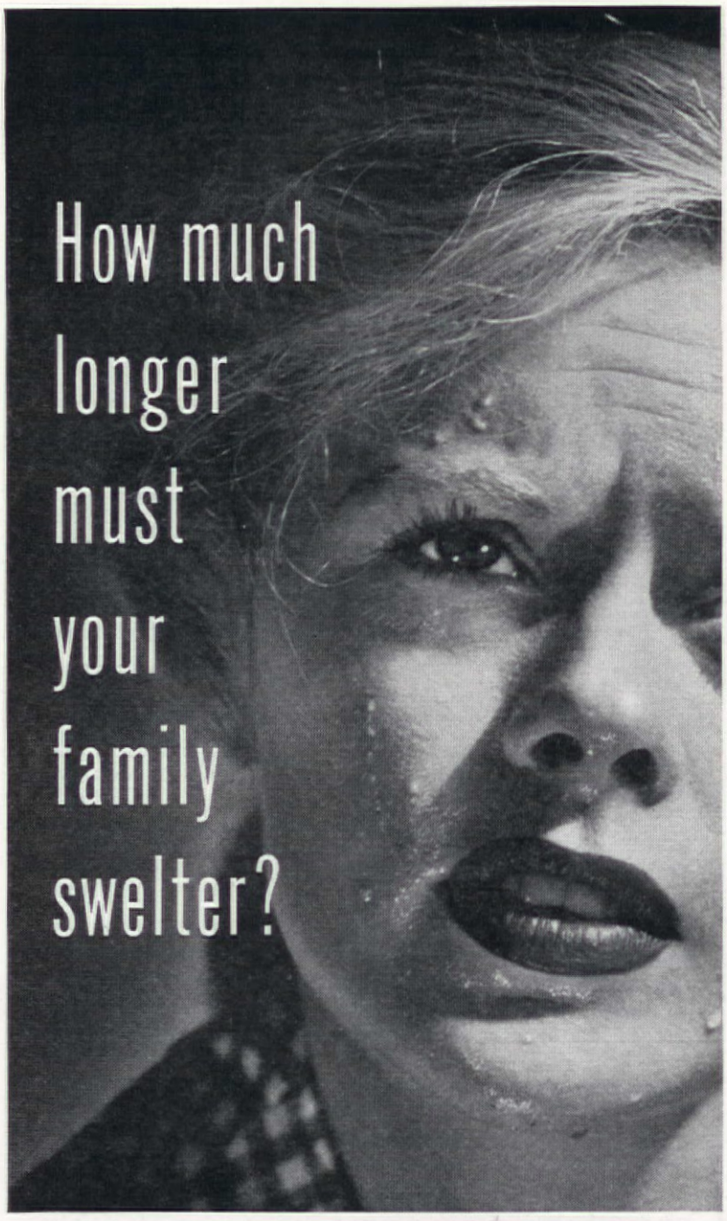

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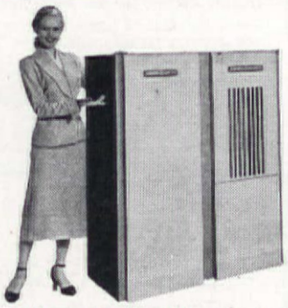

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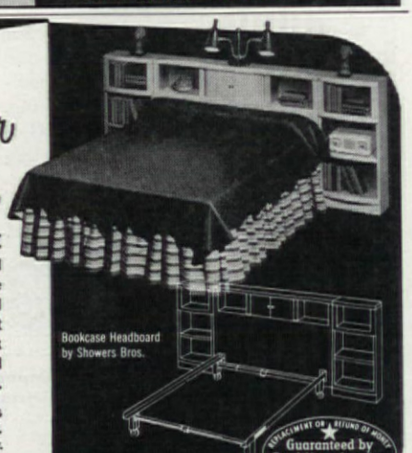

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Hollies

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the case of clayey soil inclined to pack, the mixing in of some sand as well as humus will help. It is well worth the effort to dig a hole larger than is needed to take the root spread, and to loosen the bottom several inches deeper than is required to take the root ball. Mix some of the organic matter into the subsoil to attract the main roots, as well as close around the ball to encourage the growth of feeding roots. When the plant has been firmed in place and the hole half filled with soil, fill it up with water and wait a few hours before filling in the rest of the soil. In dry weather, daily sprinkling of the foliage, in addition to soaking the soil whenever necessary to prevent it from drying out, is helpful. A 2- to 3-in.-deep mulch of peaty material, old sawdust, or pine needles over the root area will help conserve moisture and promote good root development. Renew this mulch each fall when the soil is moist and before it freezes. Don't attempt to force lush growth by heavy fertilizing, but if a plant seems to be lagging, mulch it with old cow manure in the fall and add a sprinkling of cottonseed meal in the spring.

As to environment, a situation protected from cold drying winds is most desirable. Winter wind can do more harm than winter (or summer) sun. Until plants are well established, protect them from icy blasts (moist coastal winds are less damaging). Burlap can be used, set up a little distance from them as a screen or windbreak; or simple fencing or evergreen boughs will do. A good place for a specimen holly is where its winter charm can be enjoyed from a window.

While holly plants are themselves beautiful and interesting, their charm for many is their berries. But not all individuals are berry bearing. With most kinds, the male or pollen-bearing, and the female or fruit-forming, flowers occur on separate plants; without one of the former in the vicinity, a female plant may bear no berries (or only a few as a result of bees bringing pollen from a distance). If it is not convenient to establish a male tree nearby, a few scions from such a tree can be grafted on the female plant to insure a berry crop. In buying plants, insist on knowing which kind you are getting.

Of the many types, the evergreen hollies are naturally the more important and popular because of their year-'round decorative value. Some are able to withstand occasional subzero temperatures, but all show to better advantage in a less rigorous climate. From Long Island, south along the coastal region, and in the mild, moist parts of the Pacific Coast region, the favorite is the English holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) in any of its

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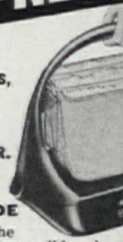

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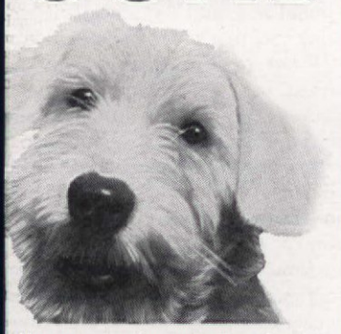

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numerous forms, which show great variation in size and growth habit. Some have extra spiny leaves; in others the foliage is as smooth as that of a camellia; some show bright "gold" and "silver" variegations. A good hybrid of this species, hardy on Long Island, is I. altaclarensis, known as Highclere holly.

American holly (*I. opaca*), while not as glossy and effective, is hardier and usable over a wider area. During the last 40 or so years, specialists have selected, propagated, and named varieties that are superior in plant form, leaf, and fruit, such as Arden, Bittersweet, Cardinal, Croonenberg (which bears both kinds of flowers), Merry Christmas, and others.

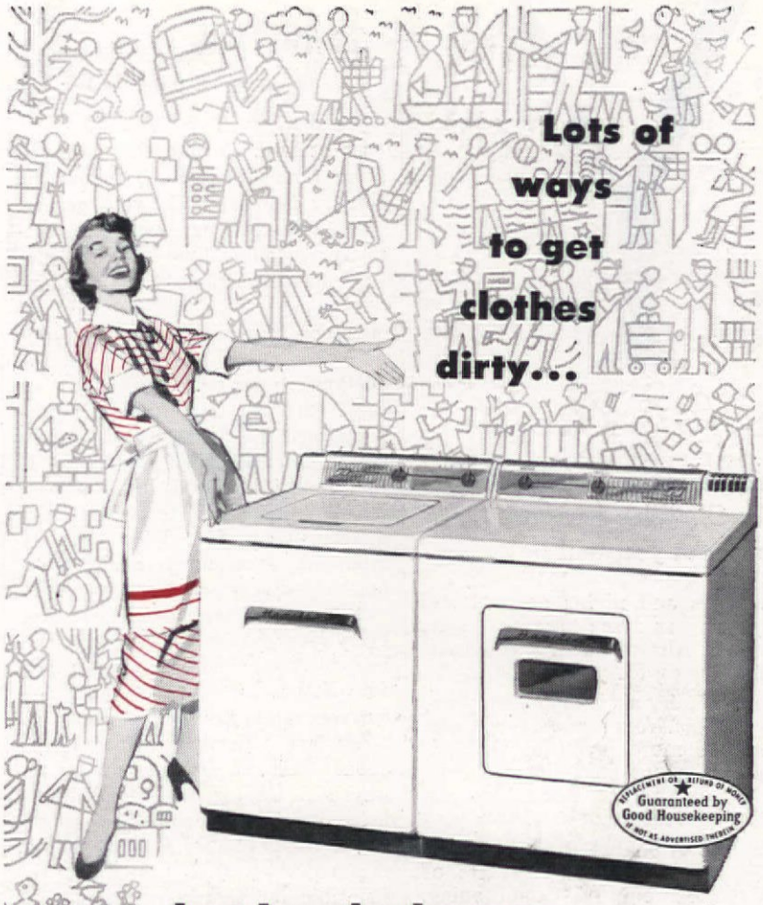
Several lesser-known hollies can be used to add interest to a garden. I. cornuta, the Chinese Horned species, has squared, spined leaves; Burford holly is a smooth-leaved variety of it. The small-leaved Chinese I. perneyi, being a slow grower, is well suited to small places; I. pedunculosa, whose pear-shaped leaves become bronzy in winter, is the hardiest of the Asiatic group. Resembling box in foliage and dense habit, Japanese holly (*I. crenata*) and its hardier variety, convexa, are excellent border subjects highly resistant to difficult city conditions.

Of our native kinds, the evergreen Yaupon of Indian lore (*I. vomitoria*) is too tender for northern use, but in the South it is often seen used as sheared specimens and as clipped hedges. A plant allowed to grow naturally is also good looking, with its smooth leaves and profusion of red berries on rather rigid branches. Like the Japanese hollies, our native Inkberry (*I. glabra*) bears black berries scattered among leaves that turn darker in color as winter approaches.

Of the deciduous species, the best known is the Black-alder (*I. verticillata*) common in swampy places in the North where its brilliant red berries shine in the fall; the leafless but thickly fruited twigs are sold in bunches at Christmas time to be used with different kinds of foliage and for decorating packages. The Winterberry (*I. laevigata*) is somewhat similar, but its berries are more of an orange-red, and are longer lasting. Mountain holly (*I. montana*) is the largest of the native species, sometimes attaining the proportions of a small tree and making a fine sight when laden with orange-red fruits.

Two deciduous species from the Orient are I. geniculata, known as Dropbead holly, and I. serrata, the Finetooth holly. They are hardy as far north as southern New York and decidedly showy when in fruit.

So think of holly as something more than Christmas wreath material. Go out and study the many kinds in nurseries and gardens and see how you can use them in yours.



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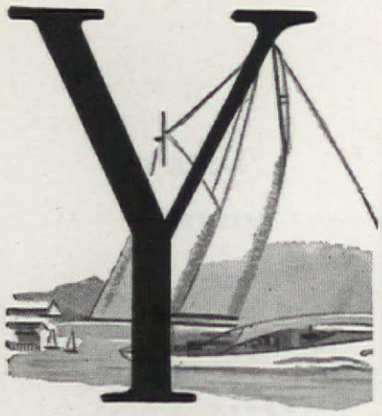

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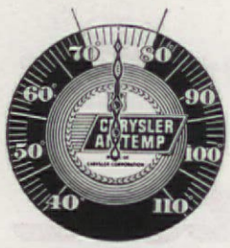

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If you are to enjoy the performance, and profit by it as well, the auctioneer must be more than just an M.C. Patronize responsible men who know their merchandise and give accurate descriptions of each item. If the item is chipped or imperfect, reliable auctioneers are conscientious in reporting it. If a defect slips my attention, a refund is made if requested—otherwise, *all sales are final.*

What to Bring with You. Not everything you are going to want will be advertised, and, as bidding calls for quick decisions, it is wise to bring current catalogues on whatever interests you. Remember what I said about wholesale prices? You are always safe bidding up to one half the listed price and perhaps a dollar more.

The terms of each auction are advertised, and usually you are responsible for spot payment in full, and the immediate removal of your purchases. Drive the largest car at your disposal, but you can rely on truckers, often on the premises, to crate and ship the big pieces.

Come Early and Stay Late. This is the first rule for all auctions. Before the auction, there is an exhibition where everything is on display, sometimes listed in a catalogue with numbers. If you attend with your spouse, this is the time for decisions. Work out in advance just what main pieces you are going to try for, and approximately how high you will go. There is no time for discussion later on.

When the auction starts, the crowd needs warming up to the bidding fervor, so the first items put up will not bring very much. Here is your chance at real bargains. But since this is just the warm-up, don't expect the Chippendale or the Staffordshire to appear quite yet.

Bidding. When you want to bid, raise your hand and call out, making sure to attract the auctioneer's attention. There is no set rule on how to do this, and you will see regular fans who hold up fingers, nod, wink, or give some other kind of signal once they are recognized.

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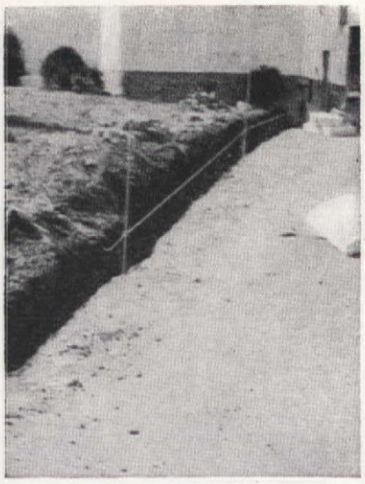

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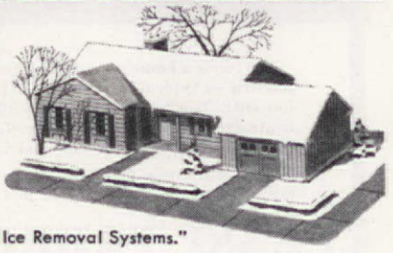

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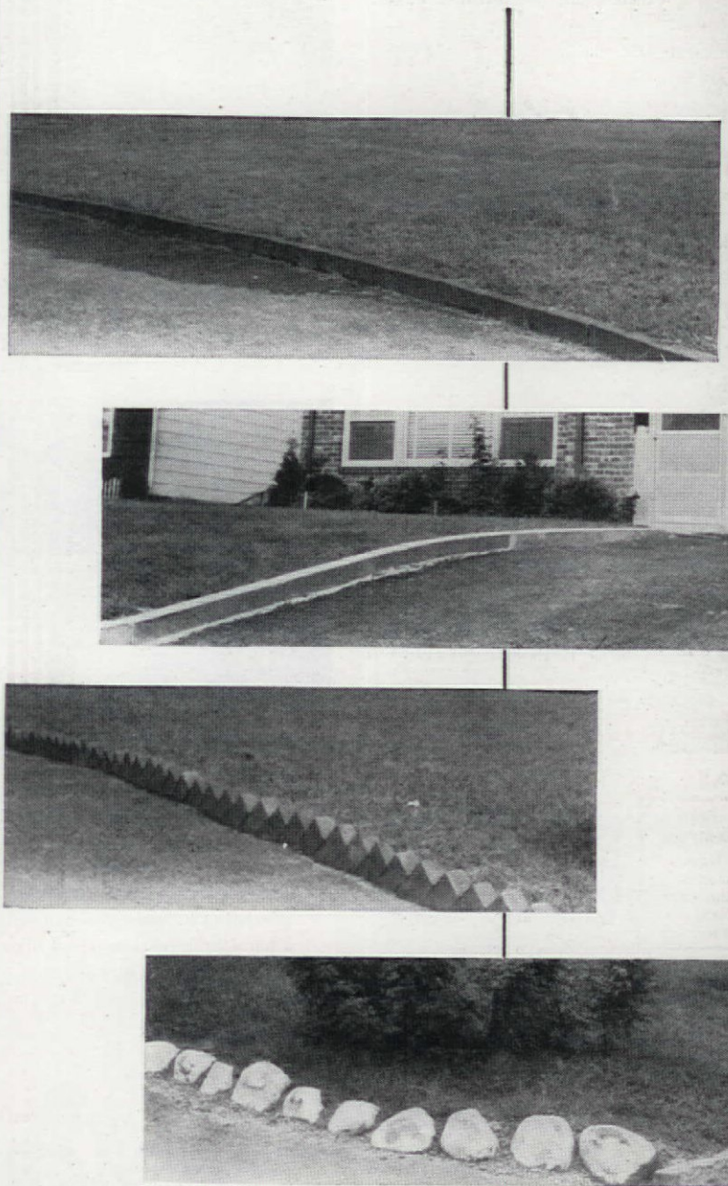

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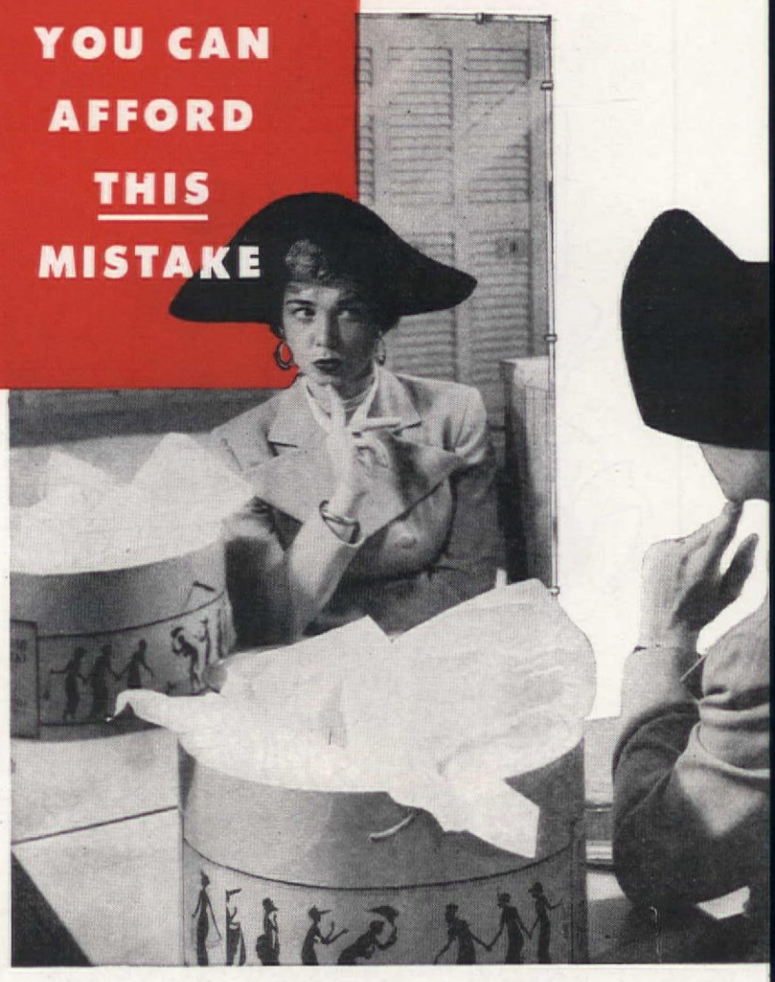

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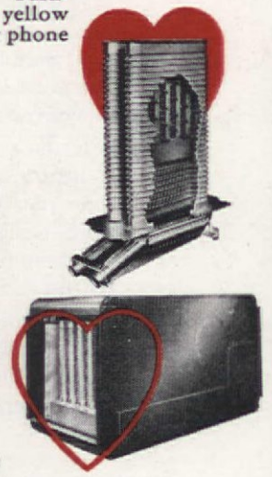

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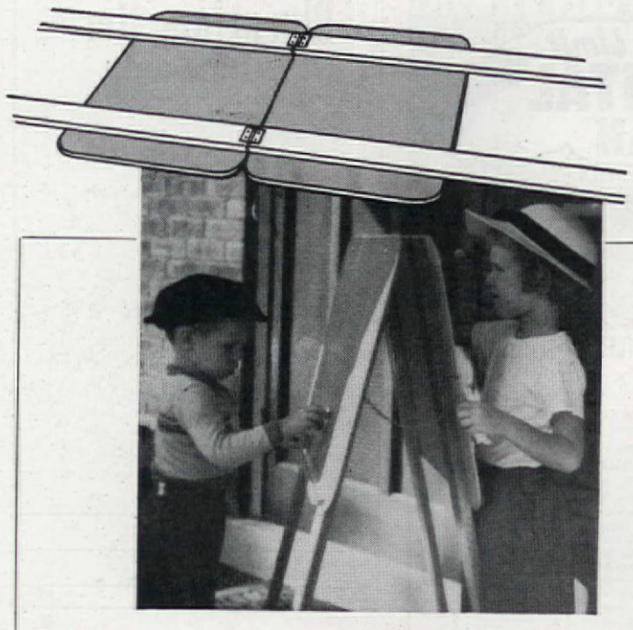

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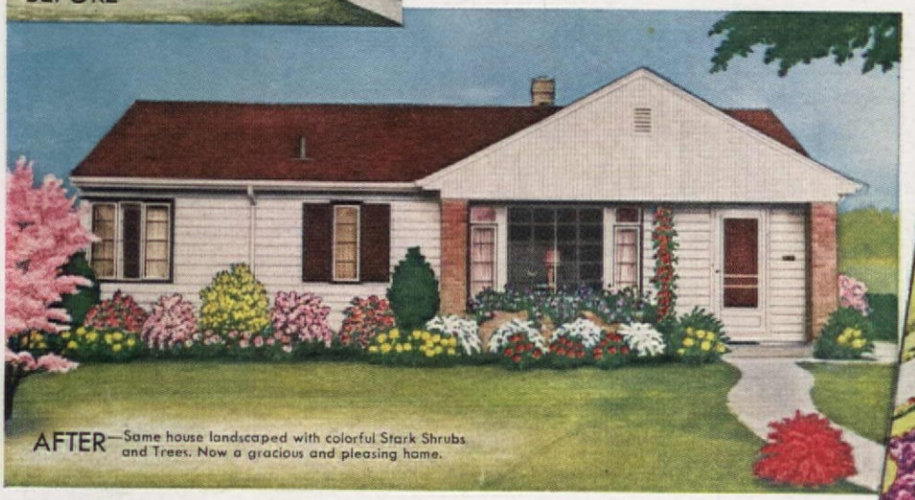

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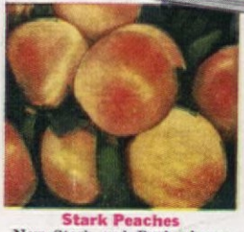

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