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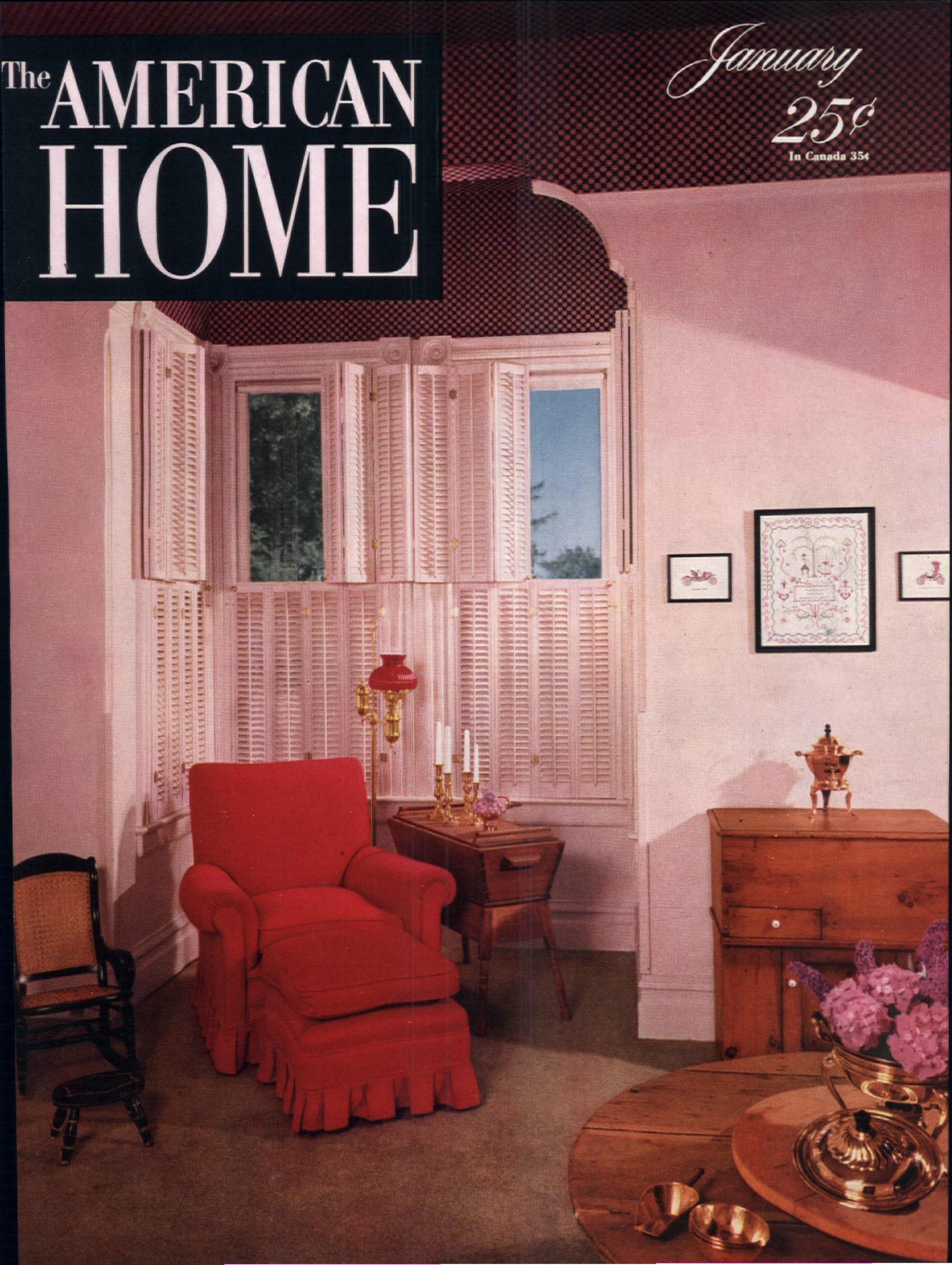

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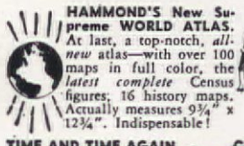

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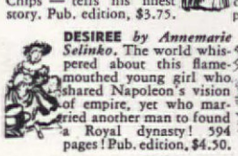

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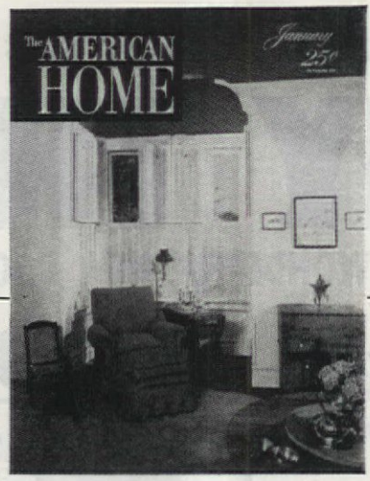

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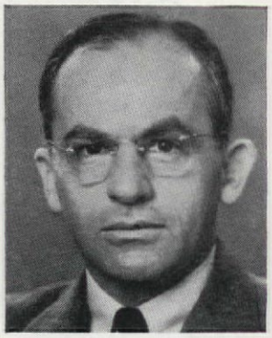

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. . . **JOHN GOODRUM,** an enthusiastic Mississippian, lives in a home perfected with the aid of a scale model (page 41). The house is now happily inhabited by himself, a pair of healthly young fry, and a wife who, he maintains, is "the best-looking girl in Mississippi, and the best cook, too." Mr. Goodrum, a former Lieut. Colonel in the Air Force, is in charge of technical liaison activities for the Mississippi River Commission.

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In September 1951, nineteen-year-old May Hoover of Westminster, Colorado, wrote a theme as a routine assignment for a Colorado University English course. She entitled it "Dream House." But May's theme writing differed from that of other University freshmen because she wrote her assignment in Ward K—Colorado University's polio ward in Denver—and she was breathing with the aid of a portable respirator. She wrote of a dream house that became a real house, the only one of its kind in the United States, according to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc. This is, in part, what May wrote:

"About two months ago, the people of my home town became interested in building me a home. I had been told I could leave the hospital, where I have lived for two years, but there was the problem of finding a place to live, until my friends and neighbors secured land. Offers to build me a home came pouring in. Bricklayers, carpenters, plumbers, and others were eager to get started. Furniture stores began donating furniture to fill the house. The children of Westminster wanted to help, too. Their Riding Club staged a rodeo and raised money for the house. A colt was auctioned off to raise funds. Other benefits were planned. . . . To me, the walls, roof, floors, and furniture represent the good will and generosity of my friends and neighbors. Words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation I have for the people who are making me the happiest girl alive."

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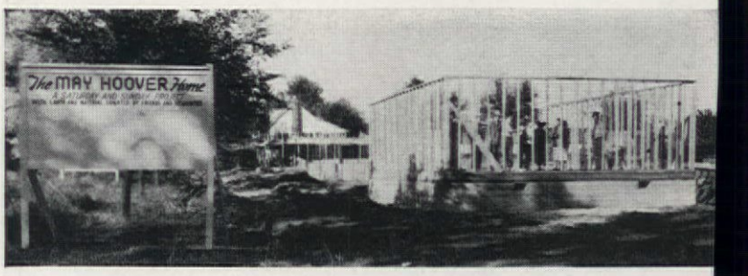

The Town Board assumed custodianship of the site Mr. Drumwright donated, and dedicated the May Hoover home to the use of any resident needing it—when May no longer requires it, there will be another occupant. Blueprints of the five-room house were drawn and volunteer workers built a $12,000 house in three and a half months

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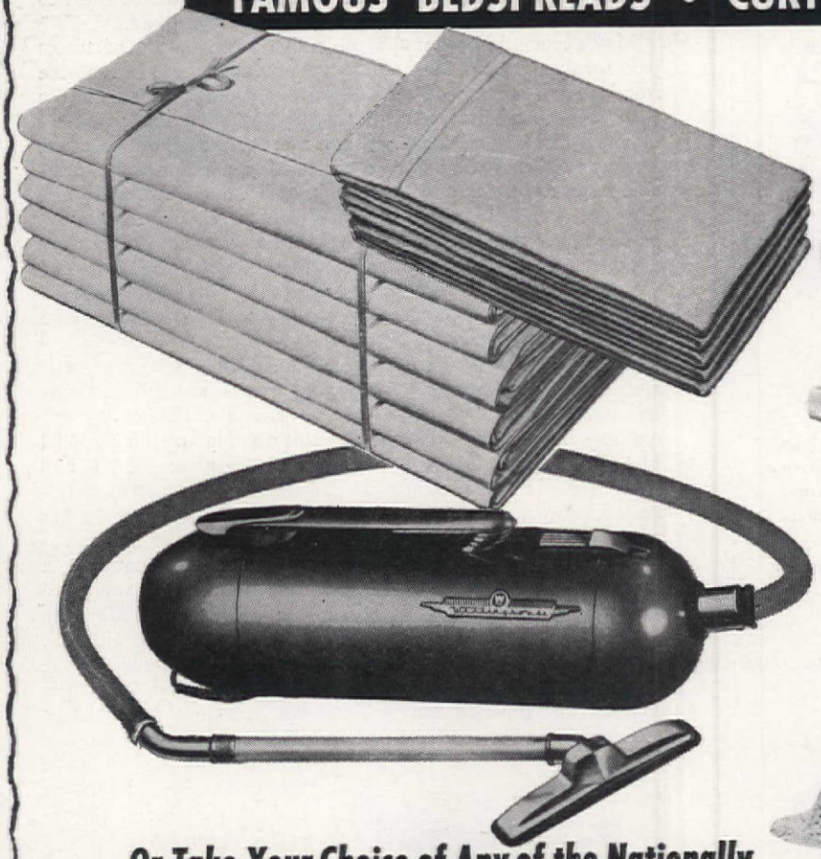

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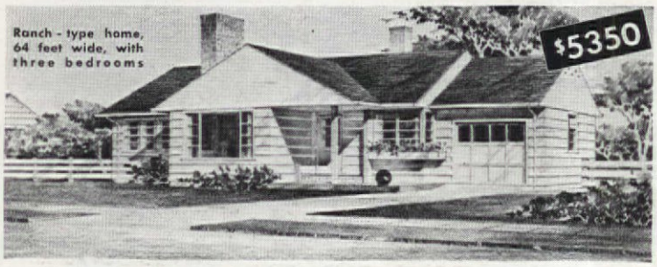

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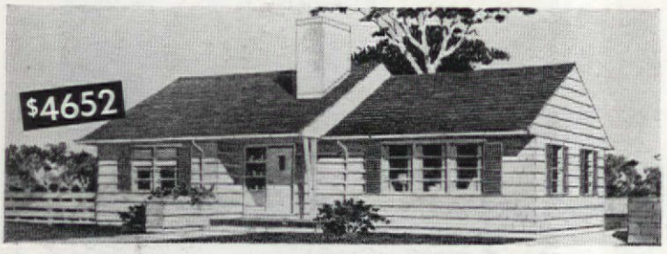

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This Dream House

(Begins on page 8)

In 1949 May Hoover was a Junior in Westminster High School, a vital part of the incorporated town of 2,200. During her summer vacation, she was suddenly stricken with polio and completely paralyzed. As she lived on in an iron lung, her family was told she would never again move her hands or feet, and that she would never speak. But in six weeks, May resumed talking, and could move her left foot. At this time she expressed two desires: to graduate from high school and to return to her home town to live, although her family had by this time moved away.

May accomplished her first objective with the aid of tutors paid for by the Colorado State Board of Education. She used the iron lung as her upside-down study table, reading her assignments with a reflecting mirror, and by May 24, 1951, she had earned her diploma. The day before graduation exercises were to take place, Denver's Knights of Columbus sent to May, a Protestant, a portable respirator, so that, with the help of her nurse, Anne Moring, May left the iron lung to sit on the high school's auditorium platform and receive her diploma with her classmates. Aided by the respirator, which was to be hers for as long as she needed it, she regained enough use of her hands to join the hospital's ceramics class. Soon the doctors told her that she would be able to return to her home by Christmastime.

But home must be a place large enough for herself, her nurse, and her respirator (with batteries requiring from 8 to 24 hours recharging for service from three to four hours). Because her mother's living space did not permit this extra influx, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis agreed to place the girl and her nurse in a rented house. It had invested $15,345 in May's hospitalization, and it wanted its investment dividend to be her rehabilitation into an independent citizen.

Rented houses were hard to come by, but Evert Drumright, a homeowner whose children had been May's classmates, conceived the idea that the community would build a home for May. He donated the site, and took his idea to Mayor Francis M. Day.

The site, at 7760 North Lowell Boulevard, was deeded to the town, and the Town Board assumed the custodianship. With their co-operation, building May's house did become a Westminster community project—a very worthwhile one. From the Saturday a local dozer service made the excavation, the house took shape rapidly. Plumbers, electricians, cabinet makers, linoleum layers, fireplace builders, carpenters, painters, all the workmen necessary to the construction of a home, worked weekends and nights. There is no church, civic, school, youth, or community service group in Westminster that did not make a substantial contribution to the building of May's house.

Actual building started in September, 1951. The local newspaper, *the Westminster Journal*, wrote the story of the project, and Denver papers also publicized the plan. Mayor Day and Mr. Drumright visited May in Ward K and received her enthusiastic approval of the blueprints of the five-room house with bath and utility room.

On Christmas Eve, May left the hospital and was carried over the threshold of her new home. There was even a lighted Christmas tree trimmed by Westminster's Brownies. Only six weeks later, May's physical improvement increased to the point where she was able to leave her respirator for eight and nine hours a day. By midsummer, for twelve hours.

And May's deep blue eyes shine when she takes inventory now of her life. She says, "When I was stricken, I thought it was the end of everything for me. Instead, it seems to be only the beginning. High school graduation . . . this home . . . my enrollment in Colorado University Extension . . . I want to be a journalist some day . . . But I would't have any of these things if it weren't for people and that something people have within them . . . Well, the inscription on my respirator tells it perfectly."

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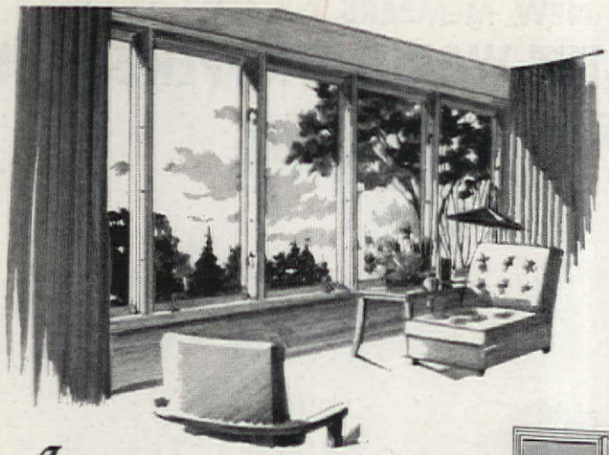

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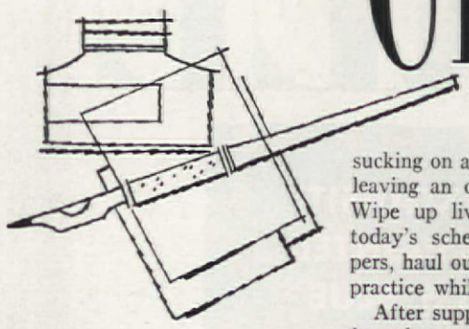


ENERGY UNLIMITED

Dear Editor:

With a grin, I read the article "The Unexpected Guest." I took a quick survey of the living room, and my first thought was: "Heaven help Charlie if he brings in any unannounced friends!"

Unlike many other women who doubtlessly read the same article, I did not jump to my feet and start rearranging the toys on the floor, as this was the first chance I had had to sit down for five minutes. . . .

Not only four children keep me on the run, but my finger is in many pies. I teach ballet to 53 children. My basement is my studio. . . . I am also church organist and director of two choirs. . . .

Take today for instance, an average day for me, really: A thorough house cleaning was on the agenda, and as I was arming myself with the weapons against a losing battle, Mrs. T. called to offer three dozen ears of corn. I'm not one to turn down such an offer for the sake of sanitation under the chairs. Four children were hustled into the car, a quick visit to the store for some aluminum foil, the next stop the cornfield. Home again, with a dash—get the freezing things ready, for this morning I don't clean, apparently, I freeze! This job is finished by naptime, so while the children rest, I *do* have a little while to do a quick clean-up job, even scrub up the bathroom and kitchen floors. Time out to dash downstairs and change loads in the washer—oh yes, today (and every day) is washday. Kids up from naps . . . start a stew simmering for supper . . . whoops! a call from the two oldest boys to come out into the woods and help with the house they are building. It has just fallen apart. Mamma shinnies up tree, ties guide rope to proper bough, and clips back into house to find the next to youngest at her favorite pastime, sucking on a very wet washcloth, and leaving an obvious trail behind her. Wipe up living-room floor (not on today's schedule), put on toe slippers, haul out record player—time to practice while I peel potatoes.

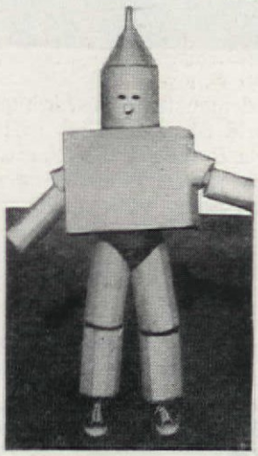
After supper, hurry through dishes in order to get to church in time to accompany a wedding rehearsal. Get back home around nine, descend to studio for more practicing. Take another hour to spend with Charlie so we can discuss the day's events and just enjoy being together with the children in bed; then drop into bed —Unexpected guest, stay away from my door!—PERSIN SCOGGINS

NO HELP, THANKS

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed your article, "A Kitchen Dates You," immensely and agree wholeheartedly! Who wants to relax in the kitchen when there's a living room, den, or the beautiful outdoors? And as far as people helping in the kitchen—I say, "No, thanks!!"

—A READER



TIN MAN

Dear Editor:

Every Hallowe'en, the Rotary Club in Waterbury, Vermont, fills us up and wears us out, too. My mother showed me the picture of the grand-prize winner in The American Home for October 1952, and read me the article by Barbara Ollis. I decided to . . . make a Tin Man costume. I won second prize . . . three silver dollars.—JOHN BACKELS (age 9)

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By Frank W. Strong

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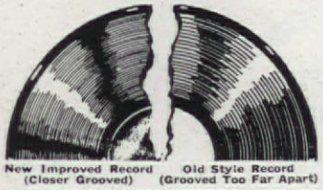

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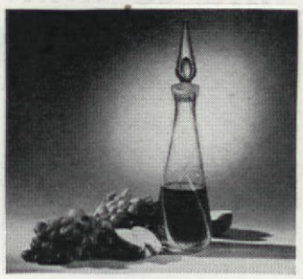

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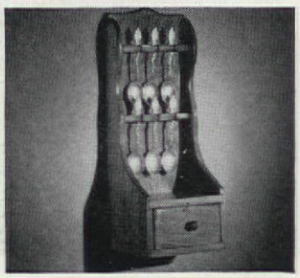

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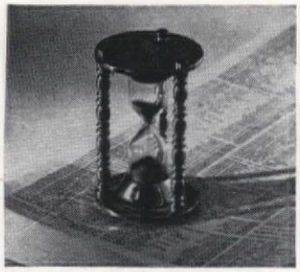

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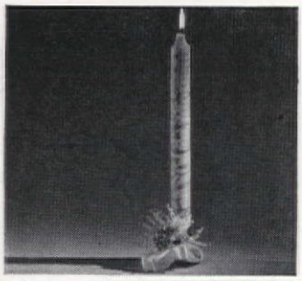

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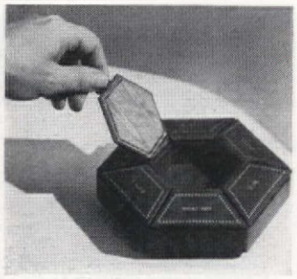

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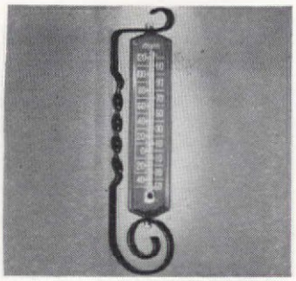

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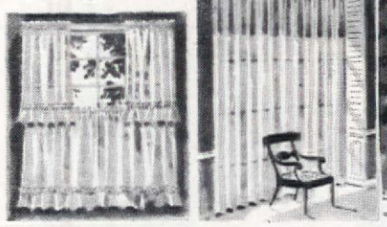

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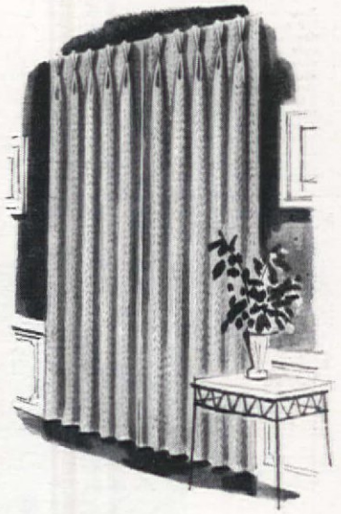

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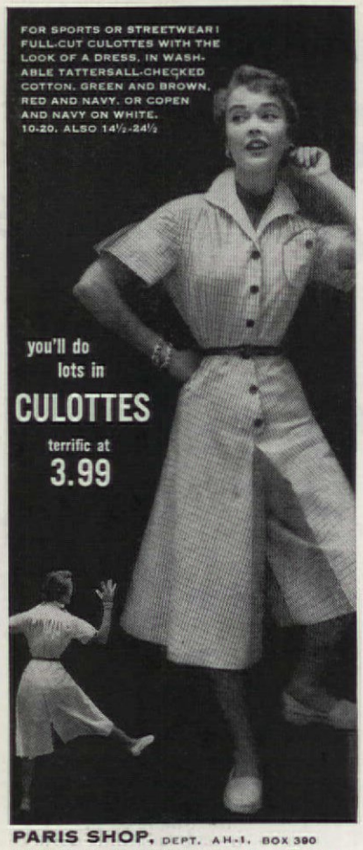

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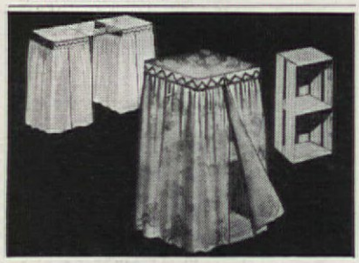

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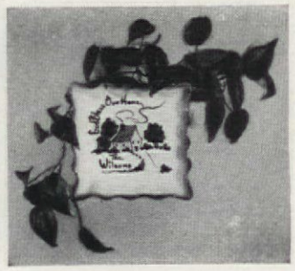

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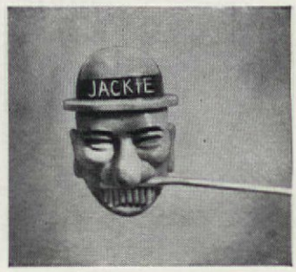

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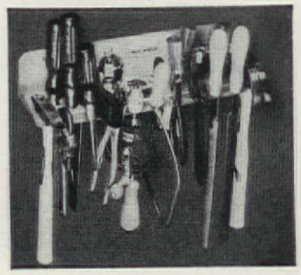

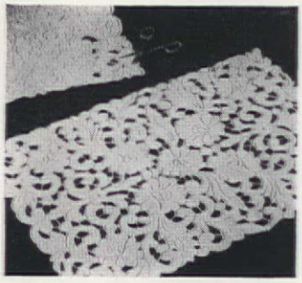

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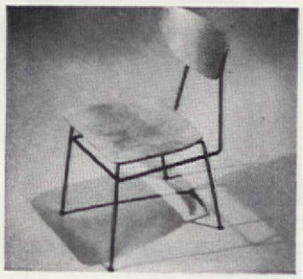

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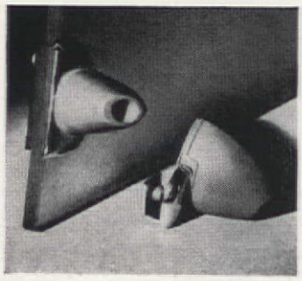

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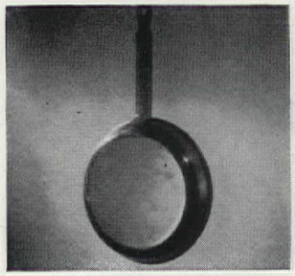

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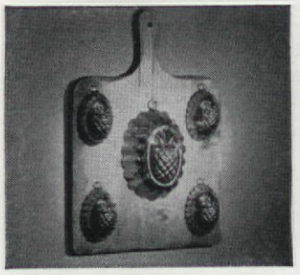

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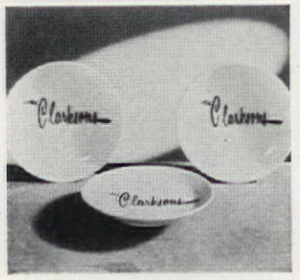

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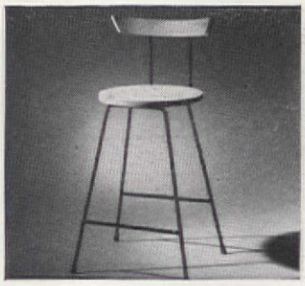

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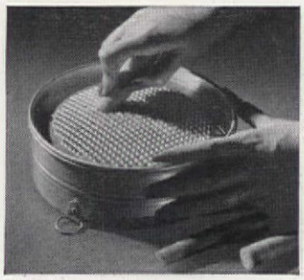

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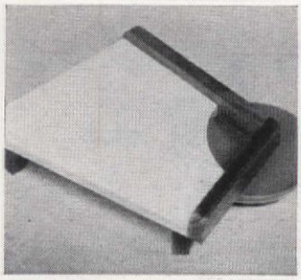

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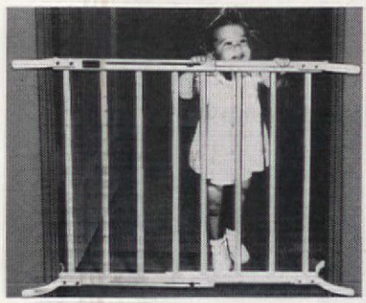

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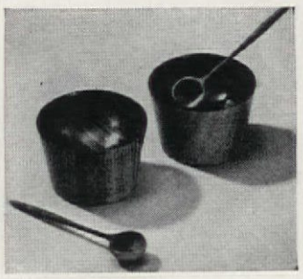

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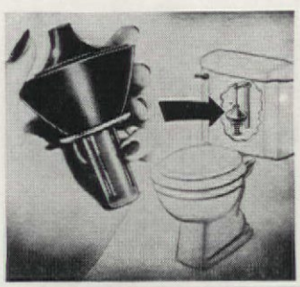

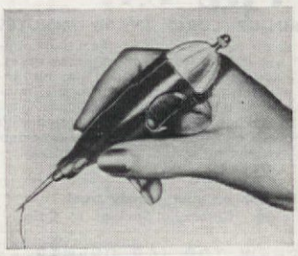

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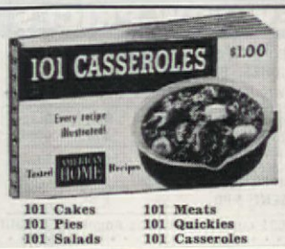

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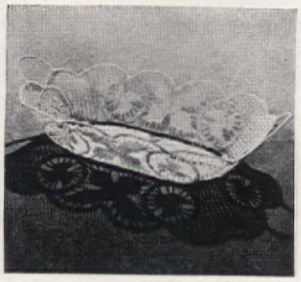

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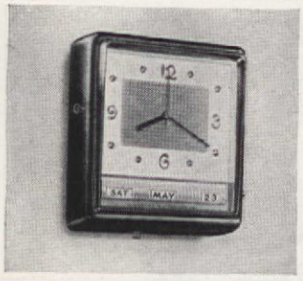

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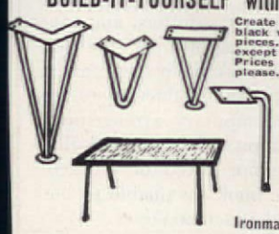

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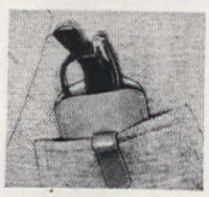

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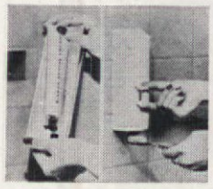

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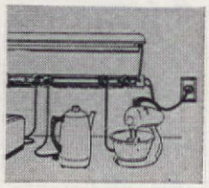

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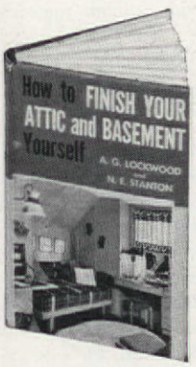

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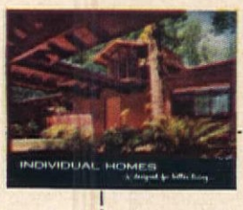

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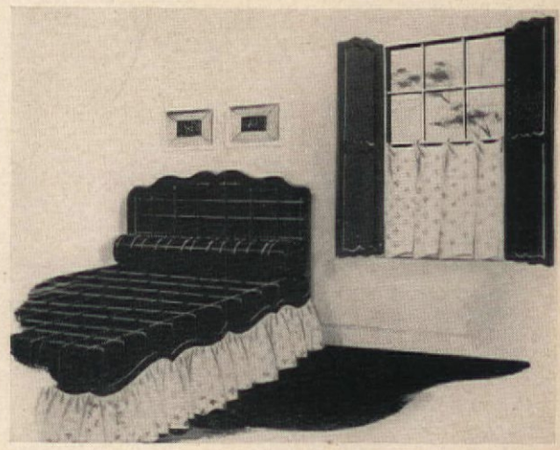

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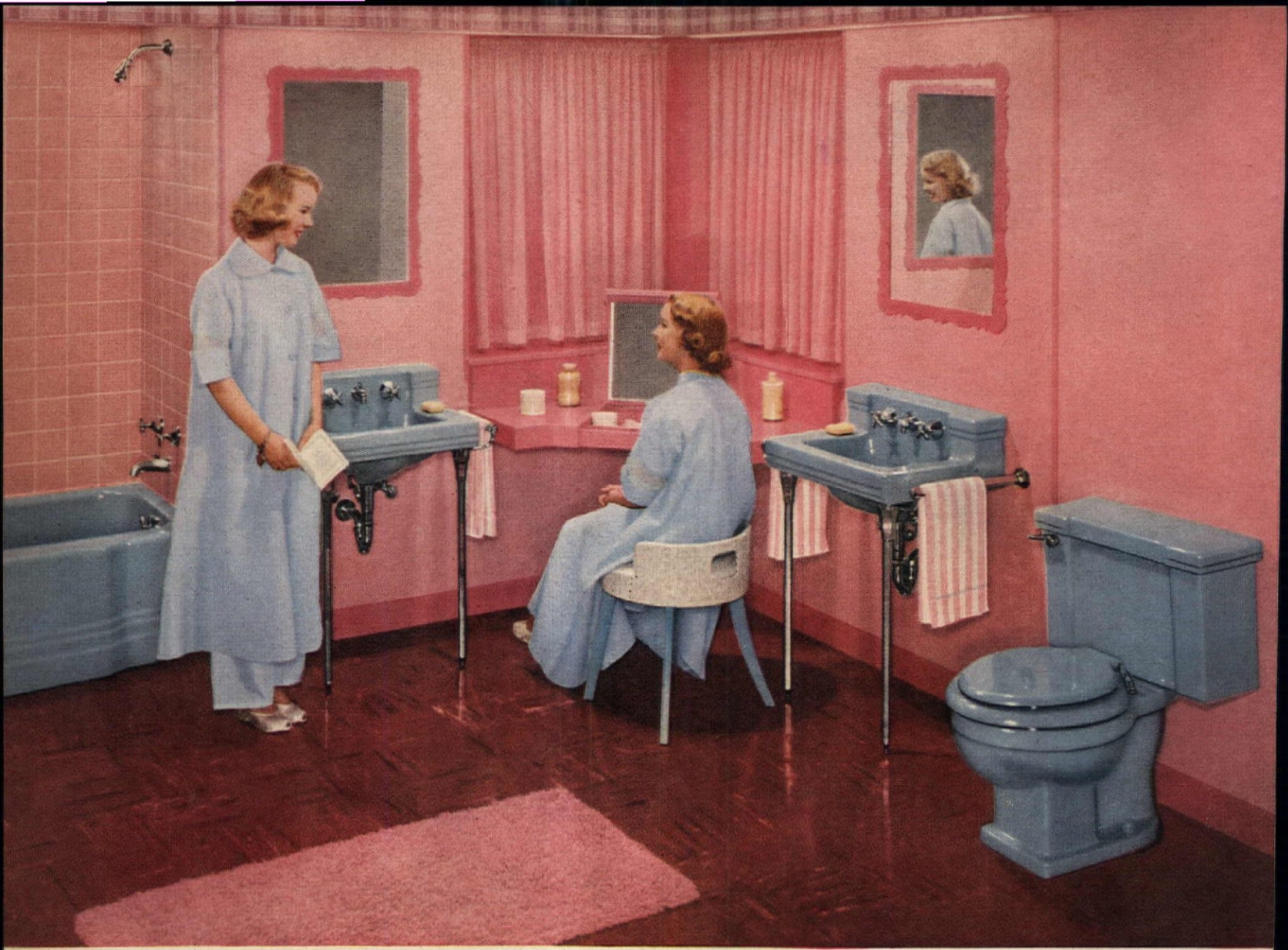

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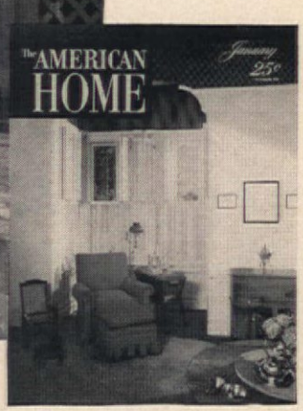
Oregon

A warm voice called out: "Come in and have a cup of coffee!" I was picking my way cautiously down steep old 18th Street, the oldest section of our handsome Portland Heights district, and looked up in surprise. There, in the full flood of autumn sunshine, were Theodora Hosfeldt and her son, Danny, smiling down from the porch of an ancient house. It was one of those squat 1890 models of the tired type usually taken over by the 3-D's—disrepair, decay, demolition squad. But there was Teddy, dashing and modern, whose direct approach and sure style sense conjured up a strictly contemporary habitat. Just to give you an idea: Teddy can slip into a Degas ballerina skirt and star in the *Junior League Follies*; and the next week she can buckle down to sets and costumes for the Children's Theatre—once her own young are abed. Such activities are, of course, in addition to due attention to her husband, Art, to her children, household, and friends. Of all people, then, why should a young woman as modern as Teddy select an outmoded homestead?

I gave the place a long second look. It wasn't 3-D fodder at all! Something, clearly, had happened. In place of the usual tangle of weeds, the frontyard was paved with brick; a new wrought-iron lamp post and picket fence added a well-loved, well-tended look. Under the front porch, an ivy-laced lattice screen had the air of a freshly starched petticoat. New porch rails marched to the door, now painted cornflower blue, and promising (as good front doors should) interesting things to come once you enter the house.



Then we walked in! You know how you feel in the theater when the curtain goes up, and you are suddenly in another era? Well, entering Teddy's living room, you have the same sensation—the place glows, and the furniture has a long-ago charm (see cover and page 30). It takes a few seconds to see that the color flows down from the ceilings

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We Pay a Call on The HOSFELDTS

CYNTHIA EYRE

Bright wallpaper which lowers a too-high ceiling is living room's decorative focal point —a great catcher of compliments and a gay refutation of the theory that ceilings should "fade into infinity." Victorian back parlor (below) is now a very mannish study and TV room. Closet was turned into a bar, its sink made from a Victorian washbasin

We Pay a Call on The HOSFELDTS

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Kitchen was first room to get the ceiling-lowering treatment via wallpaper—so successful, same trick was used to improve proportions of other rooms. Kerosene lamp, electrified and skirted in plaid, adds right note to this excellently modernized old kitchen

What can you do with an obtrusive cellar door? The Hosfeldts shingled its bare pate, flanked it with carriage lamps—and turned a minus into a plus

Bedroom demanded a four-poster; the budget balked. So Art Hosfeldt made posts of curtain poles, and Teddy ran up some ruffles. Chests are inexpensive moderns; paper has an Early American motif

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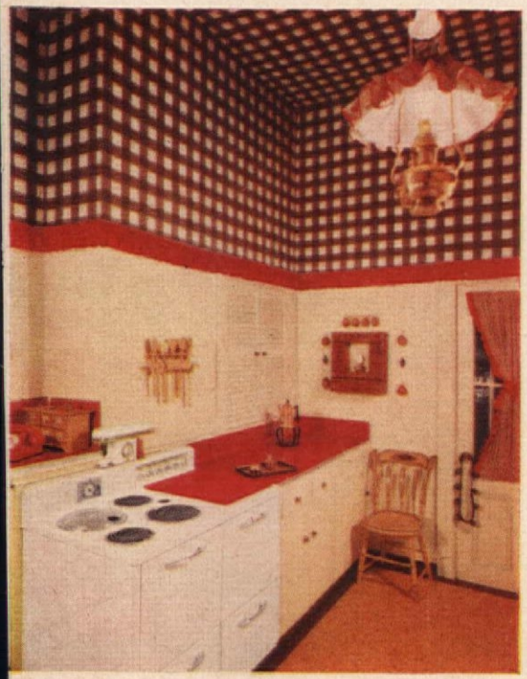
Clever interplay of old and new casts a charming spell. Here (and on cover) you can see how new louvered shutters painted an unorthodox pink make old bay window dance with light. Good color and such elegant touches as French lavabo on mantel, set off Early Americana. Pine Lazy-Susan table was cut down to coffee-table size; ancient dough box is an end table; chest, put to modern use, was once a bonnet box



KILLING FROST PREDICTED... garden is sprinkled

...rising sun discloses an iridescent avenue of thrilling beauty...
flowers encased in crystal have fragile quality of Venetian glass...

Zinnias wear halo as sun peeps over the hedge

A new variety of flower
--"Ice Cream Zinnias"

The Marigolds

A. F. CONRAD

Ohio

These pictures were taken last fall in the formal gardens of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Though now they cannot benefit your 1953 garden, keep them and their lesson in mind next fall when the days grow short, when evenings are still, with the feel of frost, and you know that soon you must bid the garden farewell. If you plant for late-season effect, a forecast of early frost can be distressing. But it need not be if you will expend a little labor—and water. Sprinkling succulent plants when the temperature falls below 36° F. is a common practice in the florist trade; it will work equally well in gardens. Even if the freezing point is reached, and the water transformed into ice, heat is liberated in the process. That is the secret of creating an amazing crystal garden, preserved by "deep freeze" to grow and bloom throughout the Indian summer that often lasts from the first frost to the first killing one.

At Miami U., a very heavy early frost being forecast, the gardener, to protect the floral display, set sprinklers along the long axis of the annual garden and turned

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preserved by deep freeze, they grow and bloom again...

flowering period extended--larger, firmer tubers produced

in their deep freeze

Same Marigolds two days later...Only tall Cosmos broke 'neath weight of ice

Let's Go Shopping for

Ask three gardeners to describe phlox and you may get as variable a set of answers as those storied descriptions of an elephant offered by three blind men who approached the beast from three directions and gained quite different impressions from its tail, its trunk, and its broad, treelike flank. For phlox is not a single type of plant, but several types, each with its special characters, uses, and charm. As a matter of fact, L. H. Bailey's *Hortus II* lists more than 50 species and subspecies not counting some duplications. And the most recent (1949) *Plant Buyer's Guide* gives more than 32 distinct kinds offered in catalogues, although some are sold by only one or a few specialists and are but rarely seen in gardens.

However, considering only a half dozen or so widely distributed and commonly grown types as given at the top of the guide table on page 89, the phloxes as a group are well deserving of the many enthusiastic terms applied to them. As the *Cyclopedia of American Horticulture* put it many years ago, they "are amongst the most satisfying of garden plants. Their neat habit, brightly colored flowers, profuseness of bloom, and ease of culture make them favorites everywhere." Contemporary writers similarly hail them as essential and most desirable garden material, and especially as bright harbingers of summer—which term, however, applies to only one of the groups or classes.

To start at the beginning, phlox (which name is also given the plant family Polemoniaceae) is a truly North American plant; only one or two horticulturally important species grow wild as far beyond the borders of the United States as western Canada and Mexico. The genus Phlox (this is one of those convenient ones in which botanical and popular names are the same) includes mostly perennial herbs. But one annual species native to Texas is perhaps the best known of all to most gardeners, especially beginners. This is Drummond phlox (*P. drummondi*) and its many modern varietal developments, whose bright-eyed flowers in a wide range of colors (except perhaps a true yellow) provide such charming low- and medium-height border effects throughout the summer. Grown from seed best sown (as soon as the days warm up) where the plants are to bloom (though it can be started earlier indoors), this friendly flower makes no heavy demand on either soil or gardener, though it naturally responds to extra care and judicious feeding and watering. Two precautions are necessary, however: To prolong the flowering season, keep the flowers picked before they wither and seeds begin to form; and if dirty white signs of mildew appear on the foliage, promptly apply sulphur or some other fungicide. Any good seed catalogue will offer a choice of selected colors or mixtures; some will include decidedly dwarf sorts ("nana compacta"), or kinds adapted for fall sowing so that earlier summer bloom can be had.

All the other phlox species are perennial, but certain characters separate them into distinct groups or categories. Starting the season in late April in the New York region (and at a corresponding period in other places), the moss-

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P. divaricata

P. drummondi in var.

P. subulata var. alba

Phlox

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

The problem in picturing phlox as it is used in modern gardens is that of choosing a few representative forms from a huge supply of available attractive material. Shown here are, upper left, a "domesticated" strain of the wild blue phlox; upper right, a mat of the white variety of the popular moss-pink; lower left, some typical sprays of the ubiquitous Drummond (annual) phlox, then two impressive heads of the perennial, tall-growing, summer-flowering type to give an idea of the wide variation in form and color. Obviously, there is a phlox for every place, purpose, and preference. . . . Have *you* discovered the varieties that can do the most for you in, and for, *your* garden?

Pink Fringe

Brigadier

for the extraordinary room, bath, and kitchen downstairs, headquarters for sewing, large parties, and house guests, was in itself our cover story in February, 1953.

The design of the street façade is very artful, for the use of several materials (cinder block, ledge rock, bright roofing) avoids monotony—yet the coloring is so skillful that there's no touch of the vulgarity multi-material façades sometimes present. The rear has a view of the Maumee River—a view highly prized in Toledo—so it's here that windows are concentrated. At your right, see how it looks, and how a slope was cleared away and a terrace built to make possible a wall of glass in that wonderful downstairs room.

The planning reflects the owner's fine hand. For one thing, there's the storage which really works: a wall-long coat closet; a most unconventional, but practical, linen closet in the hall—extra long, but only a foot deep, so each thing has its own tidy nook. And you may be sure that the pink Tennessee stone fireplace wall was the object of very special attention from Mrs. P.

And where does *Mr.* Proctor come in? Well, that sagacious gentleman left the house and its décor to his competent wife. All the same, he took no chances—for it was *he* who bought that copious sofa and those enormous easy chairs. Just sent them home. And she decorated around them.

In construction and equipment, expense

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A Lady

Toledo

TINA SATTERTHWAITE

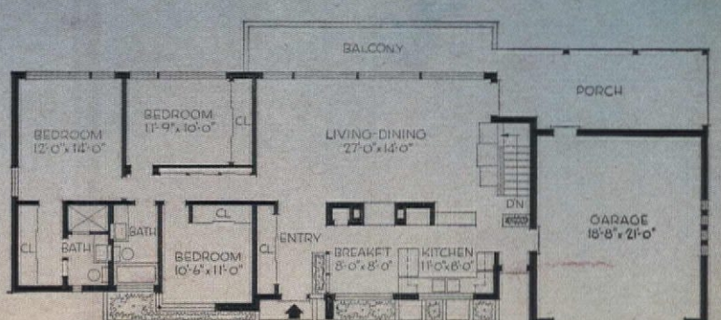
"Oh BOY!" groaned Designer-Builder Donald Scholz, mopping his brow, when we asked about on-the-spot changes made in building this house. Said the owner, Mrs. R. K. Proctor, whose own plans Mr. Scholz had blueprinted: "I put 13,000 miles on my car, just traveling between my old house, 15 miles away, and this new one!" Pleading and cajoling, she spent as much time at the site as the workmen, and the changes she effected were plenty, costly—and, she is sure, well worthwhile. We agree.

Now, perhaps, it would have been better to have made such revisions on a full-scale model before ground for the house ever was broken (see "Look Before You Leap," page 41). But when it comes to building a home, Mrs. Proctor is an artist, and just as no finished painting or sculpture keeps within the limits of the artist's first sketch, so it was inevitable that Mrs. Proctor's great opus, her home, should be perfected in the building. Perfect it is—so satisfying to us that we've shown you this house in two parts,

Gets Her Way

DESIGNER-BUILDER: DONALD SCHOLZ

OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. R. K. PROCTOR



A Lady Gets Her Way

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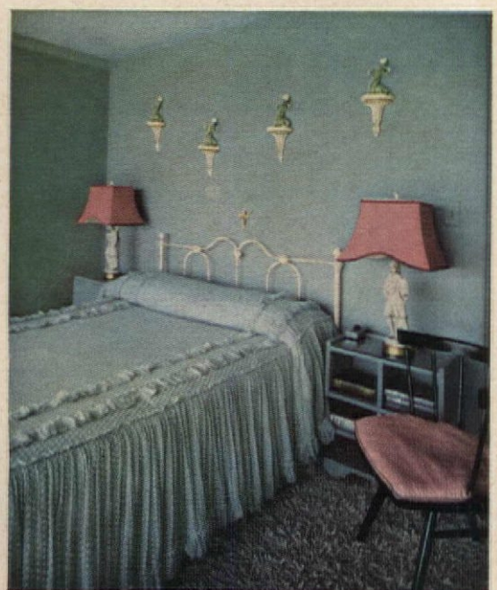
wasn't spared. There are cheaper floorings than the pink stone which paves the entry, dining area, and kitchen—but none more practical nor better suited to Mrs. Proctor's style. Rooms were designed for convenience, not convention. For example, you might expect a larger dining room in such a home, but the charming small dining spot at your right puts no strain upon hospitality, for big parties are welcomed by the big multipurpose room downstairs.

When you glance at the furnishings, you detect no sign of a budget. But take a second, closer look, and you'll see that it was not costly trappings, but a flair, an exceptional sense of color, an attention to detail (things costing nothing) that make these rooms so good. With rush rugs, wrought-iron tables, painted furniture, you could emulate them even if you were blessed with more taste than cash.

What's more, since Mrs. Proctor is our kind of gal, an inveterate do-it-yourselfer (not because she *has* to be, but because she *likes* doing things so), she made every curtain, drapery, and bedspread in the house—and she also made good new use of old things.

The striking chest in her bedroom was an old dresser, refinished, topped with marbleized paper (smart details: mirror frame papered to match; fine pulls made from brass ash trays). Twin chests in the den were part of a dated dressing table; the guest-room headboard was an old footboard; two living-room chairs were rescued from an old three-piece suite.

Of course, it's color that sets the pace—color that's bold, but never hog-wild. The living room with its grays and its beiges, its warm and cool off-white effects, has just enough amethyst to spike it, just enough black to tie it together. Exactly the right amount of the right shade of blue sets off the purple in the master bedroom, for purple walls are not always sure-fire—they require both courage and taste—like our heroine's.



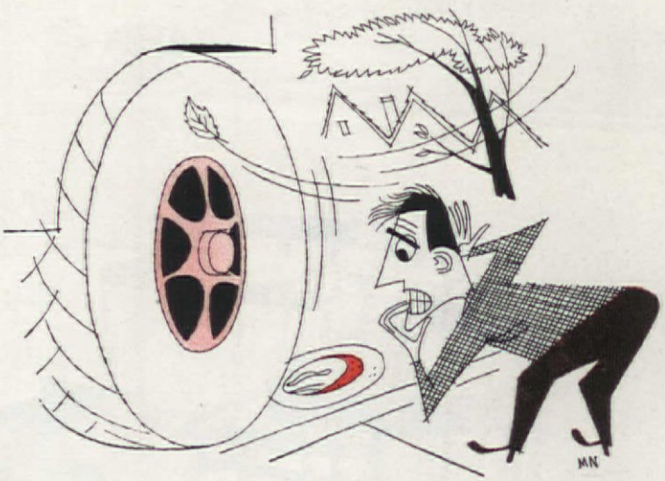
Are You Covered?

ED CONY

A truck run over your hat? Look at your fire insurance policy.

You may be surprised by the things it covers

That cigarette burn in your overstuffed chair may make you jump—but don't despair. The cost of the damage may be covered by your fire insurance. You may not collect if you only mar a table top with a forgotten cigarette, but you can be covered for burns into rugs or upholstery from sparks, as these are the results of "unfriendly fires"



You're walking down Main Street when a gust of wind drops your new $12.95 hat under an oil truck. The truck rumbles by and your once-beautiful hat is a total loss. But don't give up on the $12.95. Look at your fire insurance —you may be insured by extended coverage endorsement on that policy even though the damage was not from fire

If you are like most people, there are probably many things you don't know about your fire insurance and its extended coverages—and what you do *not* know may cost you an unnecessary loss. It may be profitable, then, to take a good look at your fire insurance policy to find out just what protection is included therein.

First, let's talk about fire insurance on your home—on the building itself. The probability is that you carry a policy with "extended coverages." "Extended coverages," as the name suggests, protects your home from other disasters besides fire—explosion, windstorm, riot, vehicles, airplanes, and smoke. And so it is that *fire* insurance comes to your aid when a speed demon misses a curve and drives right into your living room, or when a high wind knocks down the TV aerial. Fire insurance, however, won't help you out when your wife (or your husband) crashes through the back wall of the garage—unless you have "additional extended coverage."

When a fire damages your home, will the insurance company pay every cent of the repair bill? In some cases, the answer is "no." Suppose, for example, fire destroys your five-year-old roof. A new roof costs $2,000. If the insurance company paid the full $2,000, you would profit from the fire by having, free of charge, a new roof in the place of the one that was five years old. To prevent this, the insurance company takes into account the depreciation on your old roof. If the roof had depreciated 25 per cent, for instance, the company would deduct $500 for depreciation and pay only $1,500 of the $2,000 bill.

There is an exception to the depreciation rule, however. If you insure your home against fire for its full value, you may get what is called a "replacement cost" policy. It pays the full cost of repairs. In the case just mentioned, you would collect the full $2,000, provided your policy is properly endorsed. Here is another example:

An attorney in Palo Alto, California, recently remodeled a fine 40-year-old home and insured it for $20,000. Its full value is $26,000. By increasing his insurance $6,000 (at an approximate cost of $8 a year) he would get a "replacement cost" policy. This means that on a $5,000 loss, the reimbursement would be $5,000. Under his present policy, on the other hand, depreciation on a 40-year-old house (even in good condition) is such that he would have to take some depreciation on his loss.

You should know the meaning of a "friendly fire." It is one you start yourself for some useful purpose, such as a fire in a fireplace. As long as the fire stays in its proper place, you are not covered for any damage it may cause. This makes it expensive for you to forget to open the flue. If smoke pours out into your living room and damages paint or wallpaper, you are not covered, because it comes from a "friendly fire." If the flames actually ignite the wallpaper or a spark sets the rug afire, then the fire—being out of its proper place—has become "unfriendly" or "hostile" and your insurance policy covers the loss.

Suppose your home is so badly damaged by fire that you have to move out and live in an apartment or hotel while repairs are being made. Fire insurance coverage in some states will pay up to 10 per cent of the amount of the policy for such rent cost. On a $10,000 policy you may get up to $83 a month, or on a

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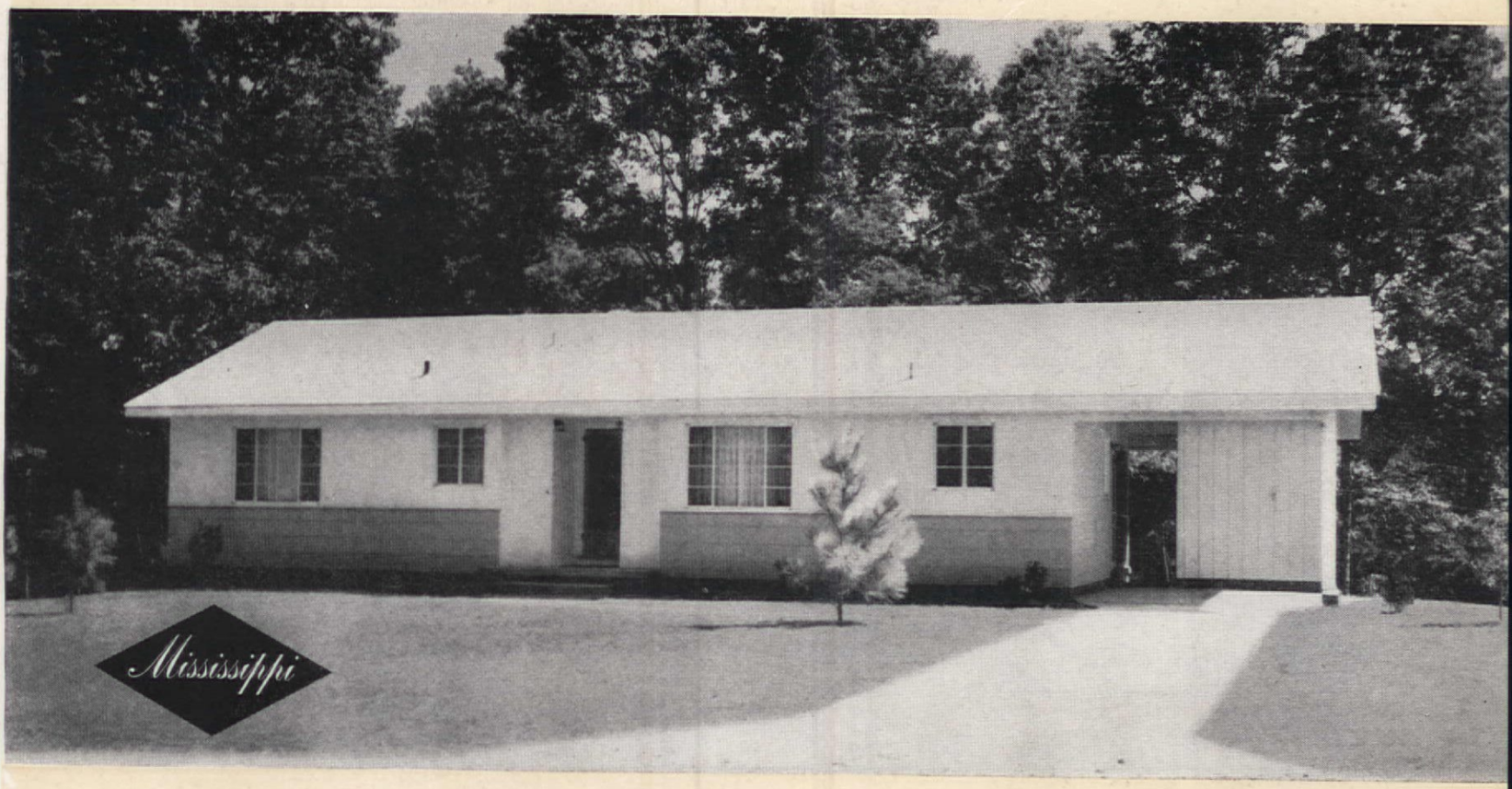
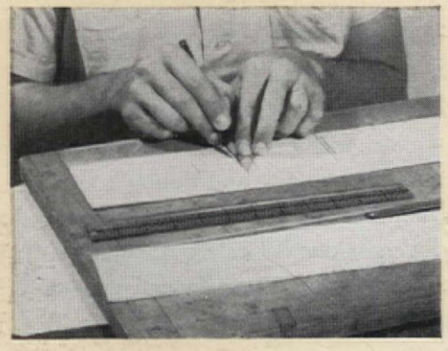
Like so many other families, we studied the plans of our dream house and wondered if this really was *it*. Were all the little things right? Would our furniture fit? Were the colors what we wanted? We knew that a house on the ground looks very different from a house on a drawing board. . . . Well, we found our answers so simply that we don't see why every home builder doesn't do as we did. Equipped with less than $5 worth of materials, and no previous experience, we built, furnished, and decorated a detailed scale model of the house. On the model it cost nothing to enlarge windows, shift doors, increase the opening between living and dining rooms, relocate equipment and built-ins, and make sure of our colors. In the actual house, such changes cost a young fortune. We made scale models of the furniture (just for shape, no detail), and we got our colors from water-soluble drawing inks mixed to match paint samples we had decided upon. In the furnished house, which you see below, we didn't have to change a thing! For step-by-step pictures of our model, please turn the page.



Look before you LEAP!

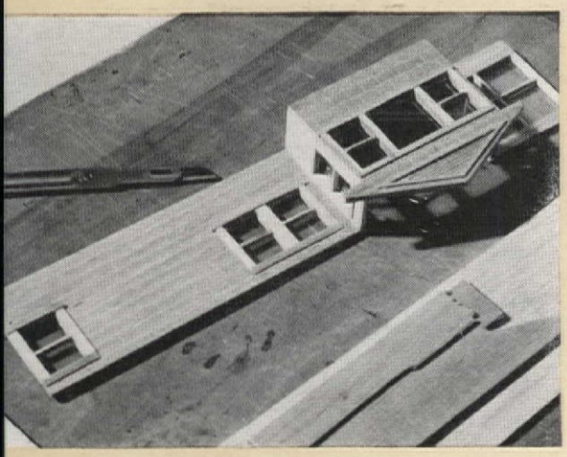
Is the house you *think* you want really perfect?

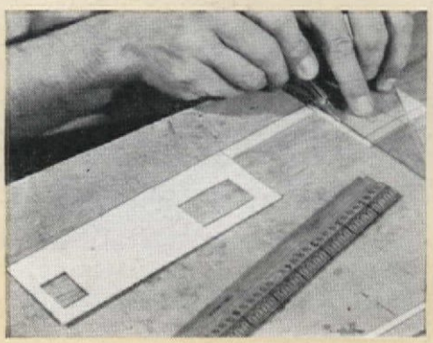
The Goodrums looked before they spent, and made all their changes on a scale model of the house. HERE'S HOW——————→



With the materials listed on the opposite page, my wife and I built our scale model in a week's worth of evenings—coloring, furniture, and all. Often, it's the furniture arrangement that dictates architectural changes in a room. The scale we used for our model was ¼ inch to a foot, the same scale as in the architect's plans. We knew that both the roof and the front would have to be removable to let us fiddle around with the interior, but neither feature presented a problem, for the roof was made to rest directly on the model, and the front was constructed to fit snugly between the end walls. Each wall was constructed in its entirety before assembly. Using a ⅛" x 4" x 36" balsa wood sheet (the ⅛-in. thickness being roughly equivalent in scale to a 5½-in. wall), we first laid out the rear wall and, with very soft pencil, carefully marked off the openings, accurately transferring measurements from the architect's plans.

• Using a model-maker's knife and an engineers' celluloid triangle as a straightedge, we cut the wall from the sheet, and cut out window and door openings. Where necessary, we sandpapered the edges with very fine paper wrapped around a small block. We were fussy about window details and framed each opening inside and out with thin strips of 1/32-in. balsa. To simulate glass, we cemented rectangles of thin acetate sheet to interiors of window openings and drew check rails and muntins on "windows" with white ink. We grooved the exterior to resemble the asbestos siding we planned to use (exaggerating the grooves so they would show up under a coat of ink). We "screened" the porch with plastic sheet scored to resemble screening.





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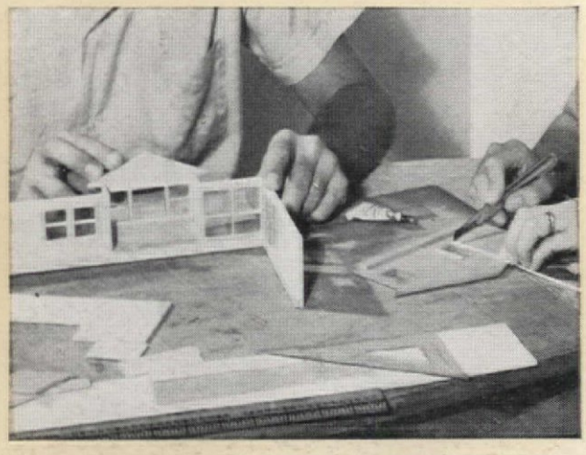
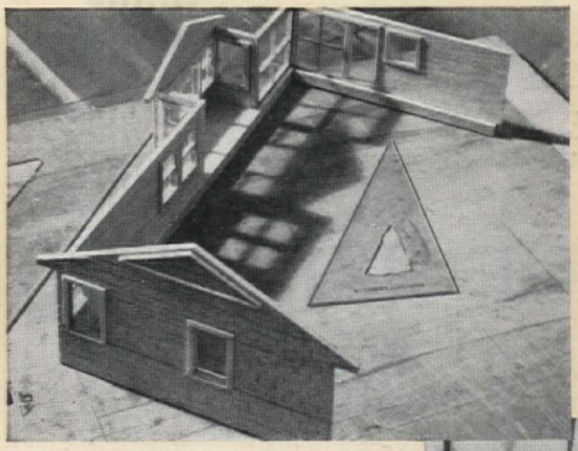
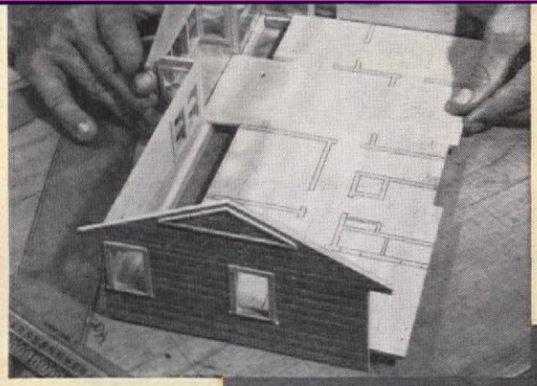
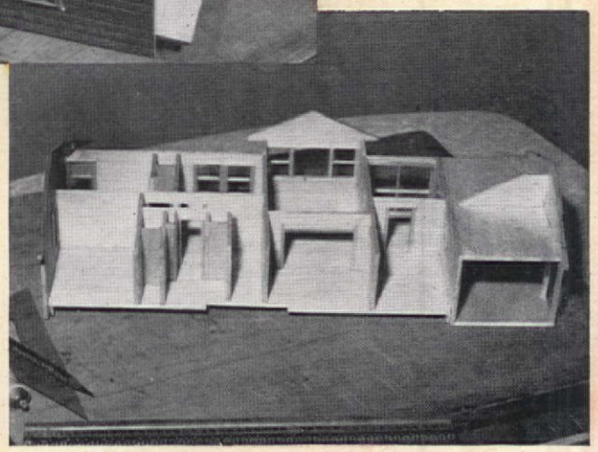


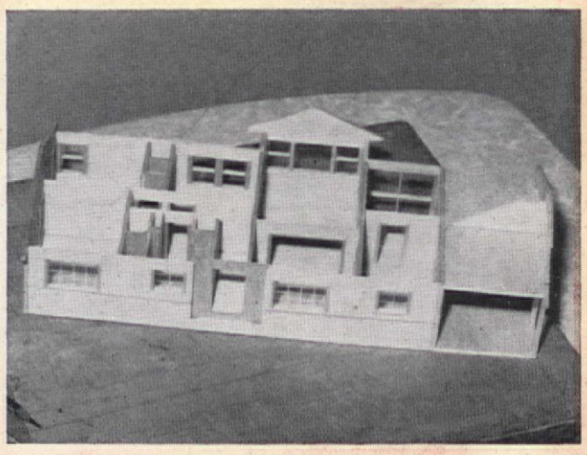


• For the end walls, the only new problem was to simulate louvers, which we did by cutting deep triangular grooves framed with 1/16-in. square strips. We finished up all the details, and then assembled the side and rear walls carefully with quick-drying cement. Next, we laid out the floor on a ⅛" x 8" x 15" balsa sheet (two ⅛" x 4" x 15" sheets cemented together). With soft pencil, we marked the location of all interior walls, doors, windows, built-ins, and other details, following the architect's plans in detail. This was very helpful when we made the interior walls. When two people work together, accurate detailing doesn't seem tedious.

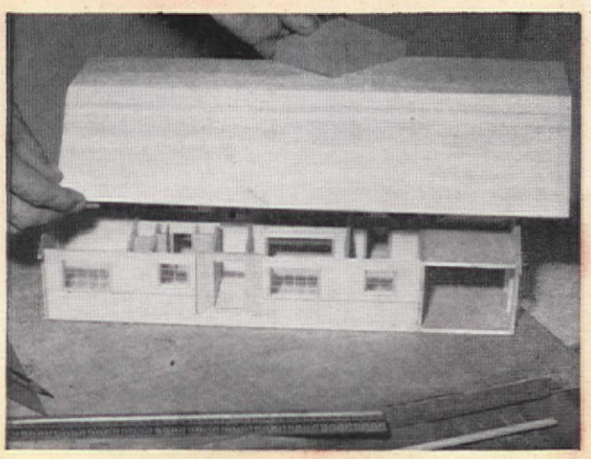


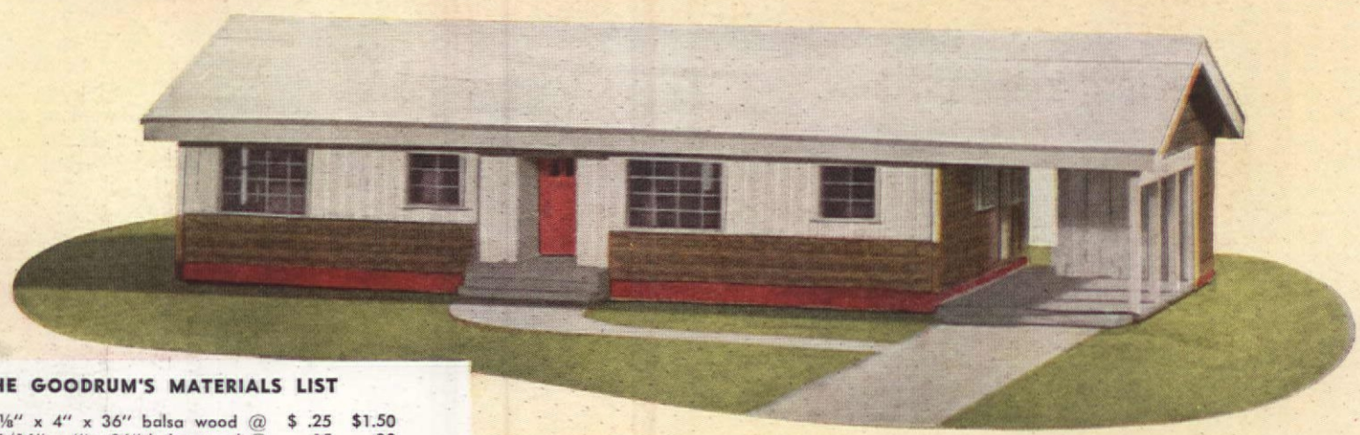
• To strengthen the model, fillets and diagonal braces were cemented on the under side of the floor. Then the floor was cemented into place. To give ourselves a choice between alternate designs, we made two different front walls, each one built to be removable, but to fit snugly inside the end walls at the front edge of the floor.





• Before we built the interior walls, we added a carport and storeroom. We made the carport floor and ceiling and joined them with ⅛-in. square posts. The storeroom was built of ⅛-in. balsa, and we simulated its board-and-batten construction by cementing narrow "battens" of 1/32-in. balsa to the walls. For interior walls, as for exterior ones, measurements were transferred from the architect's plan to the balsa sheets—but each piece, after cutting, was checked against the plan on the model's floor. We cut doors between rooms, and framed them with 1/32-in. strips, but we didn't bother with model doors. Closet doors were grooved and framed, not cut out. Built-in cabinets, bookcases, and kitchen and bathroom fixtures were made of 1/16-in. and 1/32-in. sheet. Finally, we raised our roof, building it on the model, and holding its parts in place by straight pins until the cement had set. Then we lifted the roof off and braced it for strength so it could go off and on often. Of course, we included the roof's trim, in detail. With the addition of steps, the construction was finished. Then came the painting, inside and out, with water-soluble inks, and the "furnishing" with rough scale models of our furniture. We "lived" in our furnished scale model for a time and made quite a few changes which would have been too costly in the actual house. Finally the model below suited us to a "T." So we built a house exactly like it (page 41). And *it* suits us perfectly—as the house built from the original plans, without the changes made in our model, never could have.





THE GOODRUM'S MATERIALS LIST

6 pieces ⅛" x 4" x 36" balsa wood @	$ .25	$1.50
2 pieces 1/16" x 4" x 36" balsa wood @	.15	.30
1 piece 1/32" x 4" x 36" balsa wood @	.12	.12
2 pieces 8" x 8" acetate sheet @	.10	.20
2 tubes quick-drying cement @	.15	.30
2 model-maker's knives @	.25	.50
6 bottles drawing ink @	.25	1.50
2 small brushes @	.25	.50
		$4.92

Built-ins

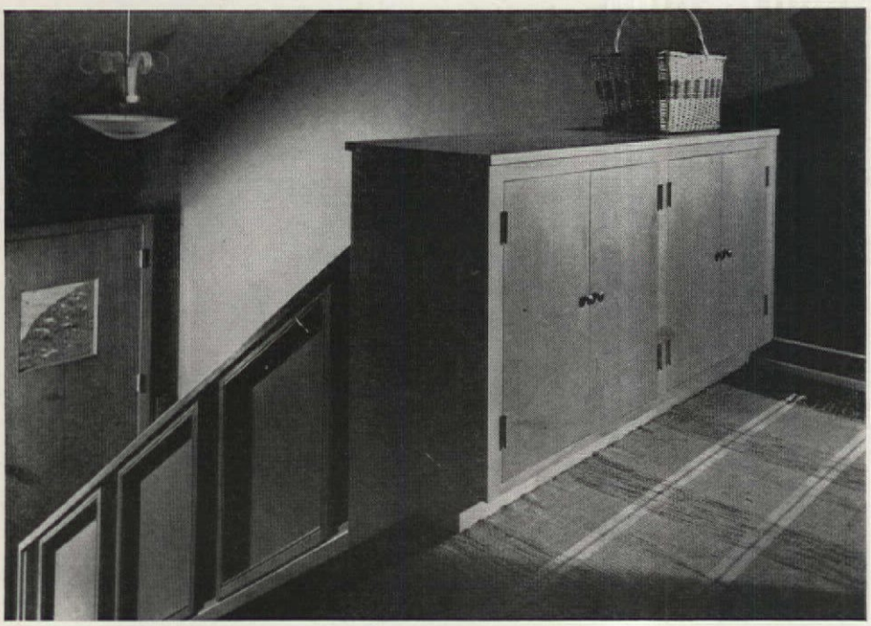
for Bedding

• When those precious cubic feet of space can work *for* instead of *against* you, why have a do-nothing dust trap under a bed? A drawer under a box spring and mattress holds pillows and quilts so your bed can be tidier by day. It also is an ideal spot for out-of-season storage. This one is in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Reid, Jr.

Building costs are higher, basements are fewer—and there's more gear to store every year! So look for wasted wall space, and build your storage in there. A foot or so "stolen" from the length of a room can provide an attic's worth of storage in a floor-to-ceiling unit

for Music and Books

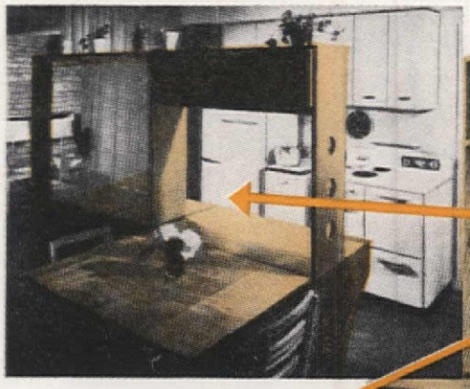
• In the days before built-ins, a space like this would have been furnished with a decorative table and a couple of chairs. But see what a wall-long built-in can do with very little floor space. There's a cabinet for a radio-phonograph and a whole collection of records; there's a storage cabinet, too; and, of course, there's a ceiling-high bookcase. What's more, the built-in "furnishes" the wall, "drapes" the window, displays the pretty things you'd put on a table—and the cornice which ties it together provides an excellent place to install concealed lighting. A companion built-in flanks the door on the other side. Home of Dr. J. Benton Egee.

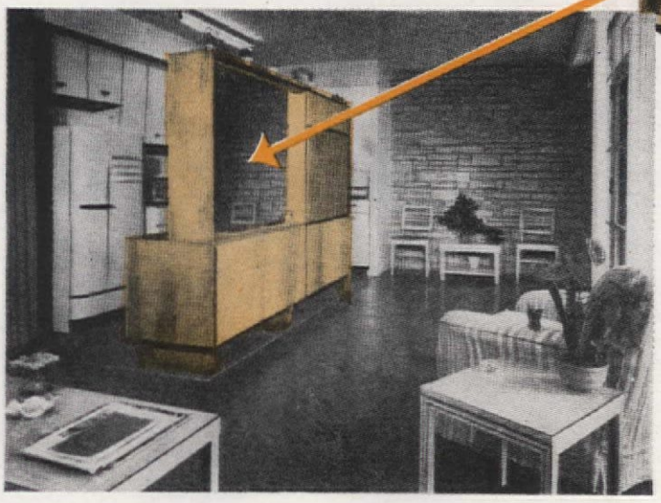


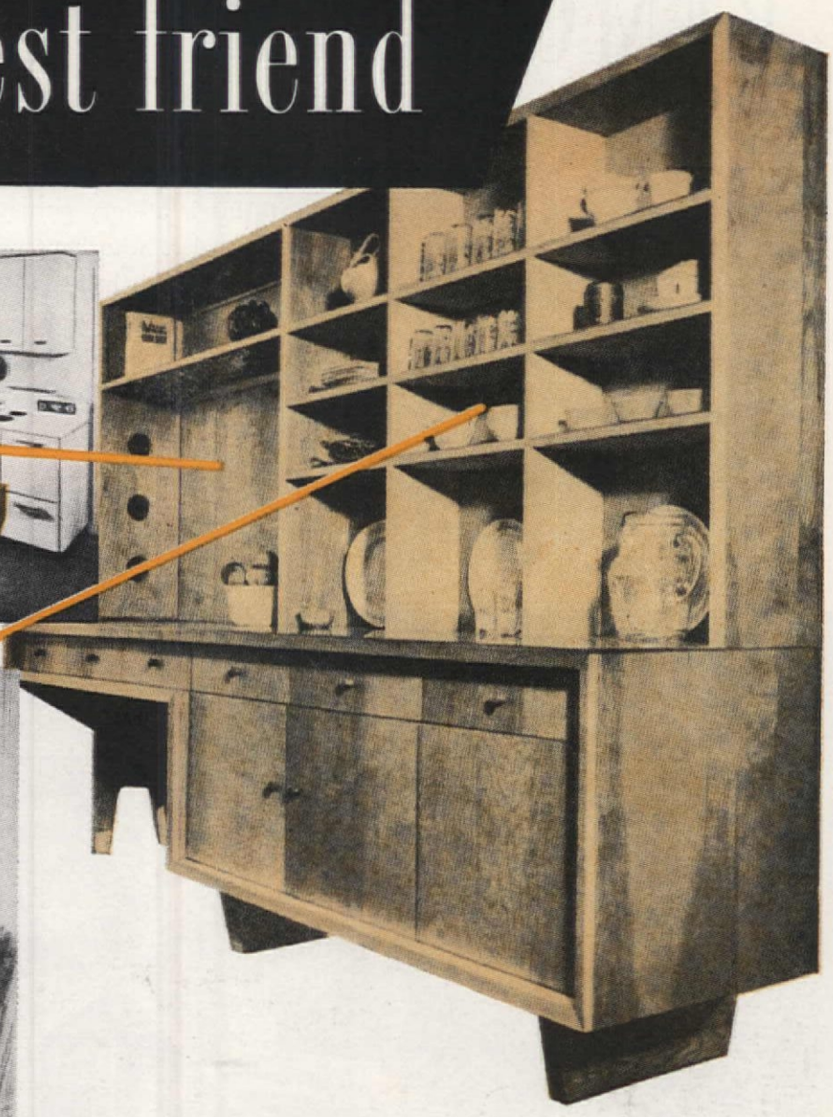
for Linens

• What goes on at the top of your staircase? In most homes there would just be a rail where the Harry Knights built this handsome cabinet, ready to hold linens for bedrooms and bath—and to free the linen closet for dozens of other storage jobs.

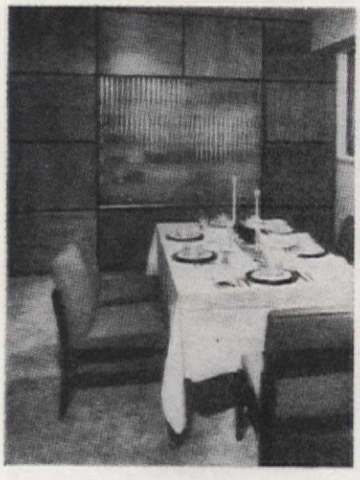
are a girl's best friend







for Table Settings



• If only for the decorative drama it creates, this built-in, in the home of the William Wieners, would earn its keep. Its fluted-glass sliding doors play back every light in the room, and contrast effectively with the walls' mahogany paneling. But such a shallow cabinet, which requires no floor space to speak of, is most useful as a fumble-free place in which to store good glassware in safety.

• With clever modern designing, a built-in storage unit often replaces a conventional wall. The one shown above does even better, for this exceptional divider between a living room and kitchen occupies little more space than a wall would, but it is a complete dining room itself. It is easy to use three times a day, but so planned that it frees the dining-room space for living-room use between meals. On the living-room side, it is a partially mirrored wall. On the kitchen side, it offers all of the cupboard, drawer, and shelf space you would find in the average dining-room buffet, server, and china cabinet together—and it adds badly needed counter space to a small kitchen. A generous dining table comes into the act when the back of the unit nearest the fireplace pulls down to welcome a large family—and it vanishes as soon as the dishes are cleared away.

REMODELING IN A MINOR KEY

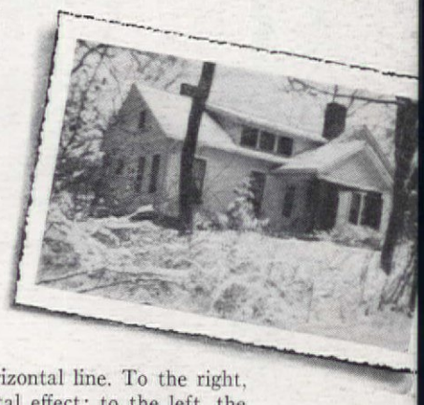
This is a story purposely selected for the more than one million of our readers who have made definite plans for remodeling their homes. Of that million, half—enough families to fill several large cities—will spend just about the amount of money involved in this story. Naturally, then, you can understand our enthusiasm for the realistic improvements which the Walter J. Thomases made to better their not-quite-good-enough home, for it represents the kind of lifting of a home's face and spirits which so many of our readers are about to tackle. Nothing spectacular. Nothing incredible. Just honest and practical minor-key remodeling.

A Success Story

To find such meaningful stories as this, AMERICAN HOME editors often climb into a car and go driving through the residential sections of cities all over the country. We spotted the Thomas house in a lovely woodland setting in suburban Cincinnati, and of course, it stopped us short. Because we are old hands at this game, we could detect under the improvements the lines of the original structure. Here, we could see, money had been well spent on things which mattered—but good cash had *not* been wasted on costly attempts to banish all signs of the "before." After all, it is the total effect that matters, and the total effect here is excellent. We were all the more delighted when we discovered that the remodeling was as successful indoors as out (pages 48-49).

Before remodeling, you reached the Thomases' front door through an awkward portico much too large for the house—and once through the door, you were smack in the middle of a smallish living room, for there was no entry hall. Fixit Step No. 1 was to enclose the portico and turn it into a roomy, welcoming foyer with an oversize storage closet. Next, an expansive bay window replaced the three too-small front windows in their living room, and another large window went into the side wall. Thus opened up, it's now a generous living room of good proportions. There are pine bookcase cabinets, and the walls are partly pine and partly a rich dark green with crisp white woodwork. No traces are left of the original "landlord tan"; no feeling now of the overly long and too-narrow room that was! A sweet red print is used for curtains and one chair; another chair is done in red leather; the couch is green, bright and nice against the curtains. The dining room is furnished to do its own job, and still add to the living room's sweep.

Finally a screen porch was built off the dining room and next to the kitchen so that meals can be served there. A very important addition to a house in the woods by a brook was this porch, for before remodeling, the Thomases had no sheltered place to sit and enjoy their unusually desirable land.



But the entry and the bay and the porch which so vitally improved the interior, were not just "stuck on," as so often happens. They were designed with an eye toward improving the facade as well, and they make it look handsomely (and newly) wide and low. The roof of the old open portico was uncomfortably peaked; the roof of the new entry slopes forward to create a much needed horizontal line. To the right, the bay window adds to this horizontal effect; to the left, the porch, with its good detailing and its lace cap of a top rail, widens the house still more, and very graciously. The Thomases added a coat of paint, a garnish of shutters, and a little new, fuller landscaping—and then they framed the whole charming picture with a good, and appropriate, split-rail fence.

TO SEE THE REMODELED INTERIORS, PLEASE TURN THE PAGE

What better symbol of home than a gracious entry? Enclosing a useless portico gave this to the Thomases, and it shelters their living room from the front-door traffic to which it used to be subjected. A giant coat closet is papered to match the paper on the ceiling

Small living room was enlarged—a little in size, a great deal in use and appearance. New bay window to the front actually adds to its footage, and, of course, like the large window added at the side, it "opens" the room up visually. The furniture arrangement, too, is much better now than it was when the living room had to double as an entry

Remodeling in a Minor Key

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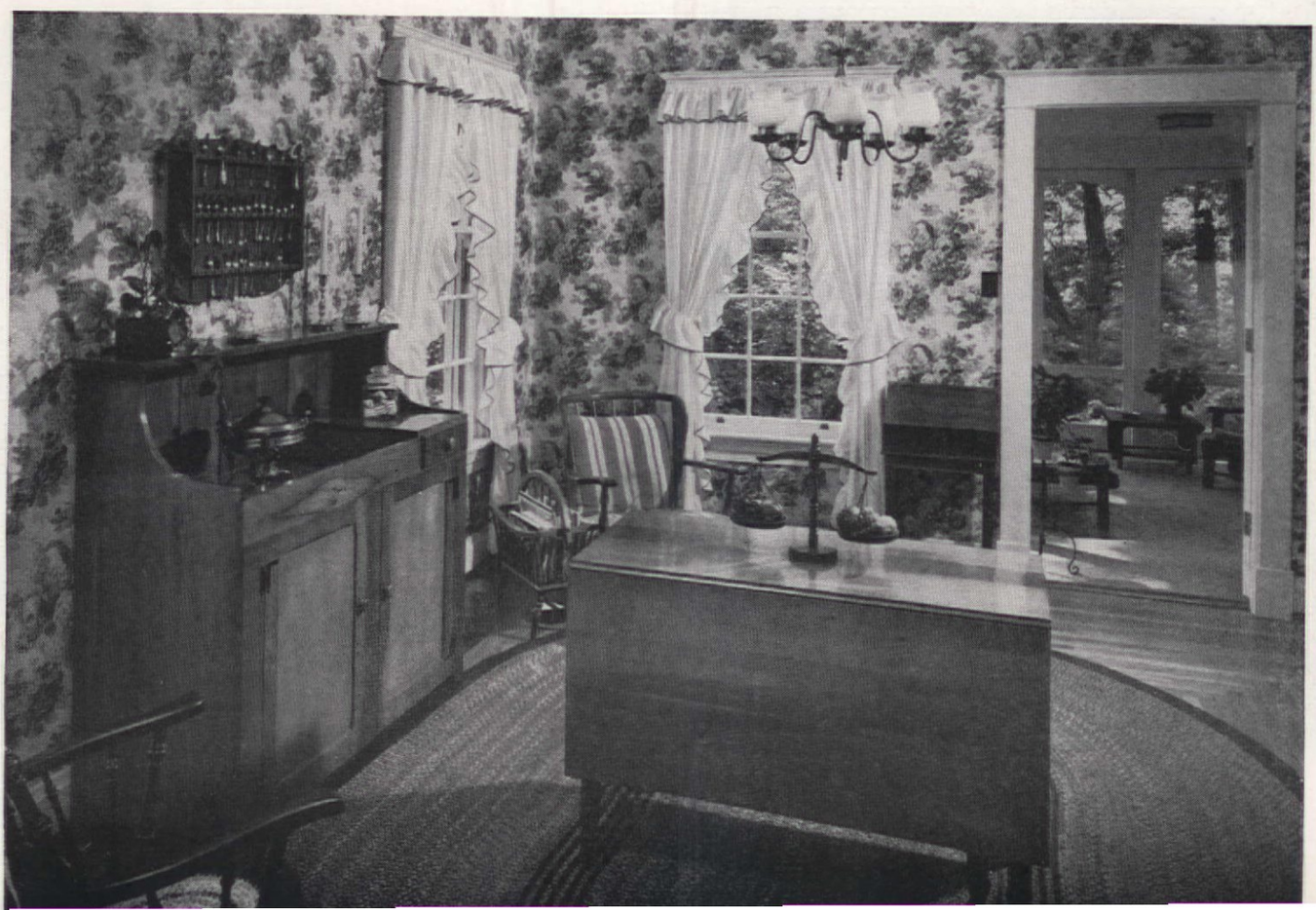
The dining room retains its independence, but it is furnished in such a way that its sweep is added to that of the living room to give this small house the great luxury of an enormous living area. Instead of adding their enclosed porch to the living-room side in the conventional way, the Thomases built it off the dining room where it enjoys a view of their brook, and is handy to the kitchen for the service of oudoor meals



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Find of

See how poised it is in a living room—then watch it in action, and you'll know why we think that this is truly a *terrific* pattern! There is nothing like it ready made, but there is a great need for a cabinet which can hold *everything* required by sewers, and still be a decorative asset. So we dreamed this one up, making dozens of sketches, then "mock-ups," revised and re-revised until performance and appearance were perfected. Finally, an expert craftsman built it of fine materials and blueprinted it so we could share its blessings with you. (Pattern **2036**). It's a find of the month, to be sure, but this pattern took long to develop. It may not be one Dad turns out in jigtime, but it is, we assure you, one of the most worthwhile projects he can undertake.

Other AMERICAN HOME patterns make a fitting background for our pride and joy: "Fairyland Tree" screen (Pattern **1032**), useful for hiding a dress form; Chinese Coin cornice (Blueprint Pattern **2035**); and curtains decorated with our Chinese Coin motif (Pattern **1288**).

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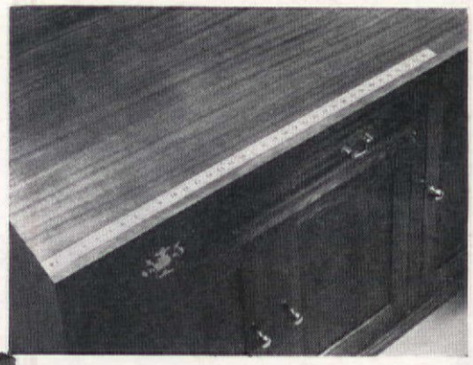
In repose, it's a treat to the eye; in action, this sewing-room-in-a-cabinet considers only its user. Folding "butterfly wings" support a fold-over top to offer a big 4′ x 4′ cutting surface to your fabric, patterns, and such. Ball-bearing casters, masked by beautiful bracket feet, make it easy to move about so you can work on any side



This metal yardstick never gets lost, for it is set right into the top of the work surface. Of course, when the "sewing room" isn't in use, yardstick is concealed by the fold-over top

DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

the Month

It's the best we've ever seen—a complete sewing room, all housed in a cabinet so handsome it would be a worthy companion for any antique. Of course it's one of our Blueprint Patterns, so Dad can duplicate it right in his own workshop

Name your sewing accessory—there's a spot for it here! Compartment with pull-up shelf for portable sewing machine; pegs for dozens of spools of thread; button "boxes"; large tray for tools and attachments; tray for findings; compartments for fabrics and iron; real files for patterns

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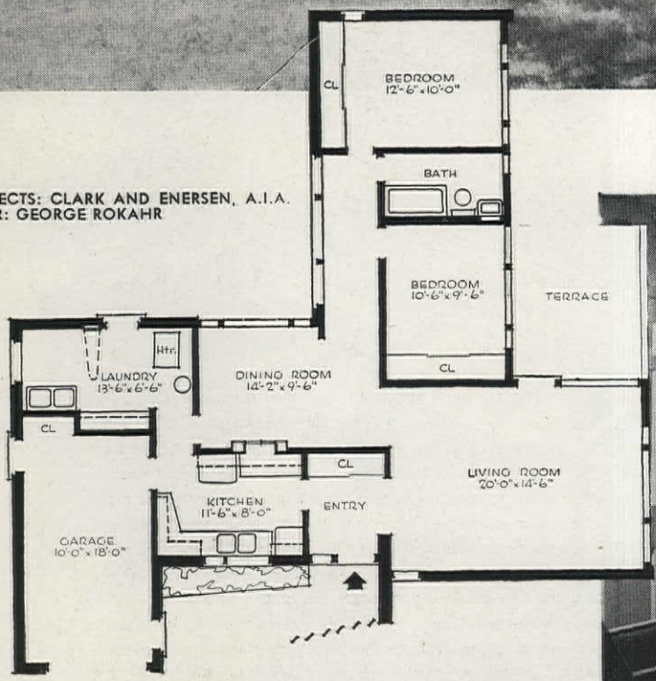
DORIS BRIAN

This Builder's House Is

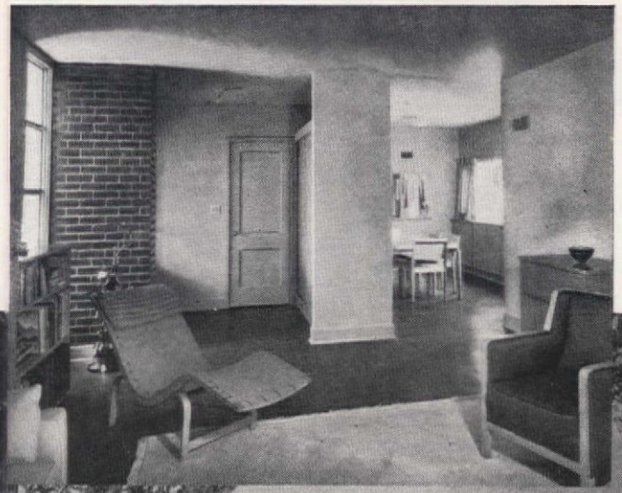
Nebraska

ARCHITECTS: CLARK AND ENERSEN, A.I.A.
BUILDER: GEORGE ROKAHR



It's still "advanced:" Bedrooms are isolated; entry, next to living room and kitchen, affords privacy to both. Large living room windows face away from street. Terrace has privacy, service yard is isolated

Still Up-to-date



Living room isn't large, but good planning makes the most of its size. Dining room and entry extend its space, large windows open it up, one unbroken wall makes it easy to furnish (opposite page)

Because its excellent design avoids fads and cliches, this exceptional developer's house, no longer new, is still "hot" news

This is a happy exception, very different from most development houses which have erupted upon our countryside since World War II. There are good builders' houses, of course, but too many speculation builders outbid each other with gimmicks instead of good sense. Some have even gone so far as to advertise their wares as "Split-level Colonial Ranchelows" in an attempt to offer all things to all buyers. Such giddy mixtures catch slap-happy house hunters—but the house soon looks as dated as an awesome Victorian, and a great deal sillier.

Back when the housing boom was still new, George Rokahr of Lincoln, Nebraska, a builder of houses on speculation, had an idea and the courage to experiment. Why not, in ready-built houses, take advantage of the good new ideas in style, plan, and construction economy found in custom-built homes? He consulted with Architects Clarke and Enersen who came up with several excellent plans, including this one.

In appearance, this house is certainly up-to-date, but not so extreme as to scare away buyers who *thought* they didn't like Modern. For looks, it concentrates upon good proportions, good texture and color, softened by greenery—things which, after all, are more appealing than strained "cuteness." And because the architects knew their stuff, they were able to effect intelligent savings so that this house could be priced to compete with inferior ones. For example, the elimination of attic, basement, and fireplace made it cheaper to build, but really modern comfort was provided by excellent insulation and a combined heating *and* air-conditioning system. As you can see, the plan is excellent, incorporating sound modern ideas about space and privacy of a type seldom found in development houses.

The result? A house half a dozen years old which is still "hot" news—way ahead of many custom-built homes, and years in advance of the average builder's new product. The lucky people who bought it, Mr. and Mrs. James Carmel, knew what a bargain it was—and Mrs. Carmel, an art instructor at the University of Nebraska, furnished it as intelligently as the architects had planned it.

Place and Show

Not only did the Greeks always have words for it—they also had beautiful patterns for everything. And their most popular pattern for household pottery in their Golden Age (*circa* 500 B.C.) was the very motif around which we planned this well-poised setting—very American, *circa* 1954! In combination with a sprig of laurel (another ancient favorite) it crests the china and decorates the Irish linen damask. Greek Key is one name for it; scholars call it "fretwork" or "meander"; and in Grandma's day, it was known as "Walls of Troy," though its connection with that fabled city is mostly fanciful. In any event, though no ancient Greek ever dined from such wonderfully translucent ware as this "Dorian" china, he would have relished the simple beauty of its decoration and modern coupe shape. With it, hand-blown goblets, also bearing a Greek name, "Corinth"—just sheer beauty of shape. For drama, a flower arrangement in a classic container (the design is Roman this time) which looks for all the world like marble. The Greeks had no such luxuries as these sterling sauce boats and salts and peppers (their shapes are our heritage from the 18th century), nor would they have known what to do with forks. But these forks, and their companion sterling flatware, in a pattern called "Reigning Beauty" are, like all beauties, joys in any era.

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GERTRUDE BRASSARD

Vary Your Meals with
VARIOUS SOUPS

by ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

Next time you say, "*What* shall we eat today?"—try a soup you've never had, or at least not for a long time. You can always prepare easy, tempting and hearty meals around *any* soup. But why not have a change, the fun of something *new?* Check the list . . . fill up your soup shelf . . . and watch the family respond to adventure!

4 kinds that have Chicken Stock

CHICKEN WITH RICE: Tender pieces of chicken and fluffy rice in golden chicken broth. An all-family favorite.

CHICKEN GUMBO: Chicken and vegetables, expertly seasoned. From an old New Orleans recipe.

CHICKEN NOODLE: Old-fashioned egg noodles and generous pieces of chicken in delicious broth.

CREAM OF CHICKEN: Smooth with heavy cream, flavorful with pieces of chicken and celery.

7 kinds that have Beef Stock

BEEF: Pieces of beef, vegetables and barley in good beef stock.

BEEF NOODLE: Generous with golden egg noodles, hearty with beef broth and tender beef.

VEGETABLE BEEF: In this "square meal" soup—vegetables, barley, beef, in sturdy beef stock.

OX TAIL: English-style and robust, with meaty ox tail pieces, barley, vegetables.

VEGETABLE: Almost a meal in itself! 15 different garden vegetables in rich beef stock.

BOUILLON: Savory beef broth, flavored with vegetables.

CONSOMMÉ: Herbs, tomatoes, celery and carrots flavor this clear, appetizing beef broth.

These 7 are principally Vegetable

TOMATO: America's favorite soup! Red-ripe tomatoes puréed, seasoned, blended with butter.

GREEN PEA: A nourishing purée of green peas with butter and delicate seasonings.

BLACK BEAN: Once only fine restaurants served it. An expertly seasoned purée of black beans.

CREAM OF ASPARAGUS: A smooth blend of fresh asparagus and butter, with tender asparagus tips.

CREAM OF CELERY: Velvet smooth! Crisp garden celery blended with heavy cream.

CREAM OF MUSHROOM: Blended from fresh mushrooms and heavy cream, with tender pieces of mushroom.

VEGETARIAN VEGETABLE: An all-vegetable soup. Garden vegetables in vegetable broth.

3 that are thick and hearty

BEAN WITH BACON: An old-fashioned, thick soup of plump beans, made savory with the smoky flavor of bacon.

CLAM CHOWDER: Tempting clam broth with chopped clams, tomatoes and potatoes.

SCOTCH BROTH: Substantial with meat, macaroni, vegetables.

SCOTCH BROTH: Sturdy with mutton, barley, and vegetables.

Campbell's SOUPS

Good cooks keep a full soup shelf

JEANNIE WILLIS

AMERICAN HOME *Family Food*

What—we'd like to know—what about *winter* food? Six months from now, just about the time the trees have turned decently green, you'll be up to your ears in news about *summer* foods concocted with hot weather in mind, for the term "summer food" has, long since, come to mean a species of food which rates very special attention. Well, we like the cold weather, too, and we like to celebrate it with the delicious, stick-to-the-ribs kind of fare especially designed to warm the blood and cheer the eye—and to make the most and the best of even a shivery January day. Proud we are to announce that five of the six hearties here were submitted by Cheapies Club members (how you gals can cook!), and that every one of them involves only common, garden-variety ingredients—but done up in a most *extra*ordinary manner. We had a wonderful time taste-testing them in our own AMERICAN HOME kitchens.

A soup to start out with, Brisket Soup, full of meat and potato and corn, with a plus of cheese to intrigue the nose and the palate. With a salad, a hot bread, and dessert—it's a whole dinner. And of course, we have casseroles for winter days, two excellent ones. The first, our Hot Pot, includes nice big hunks of pork or beef plus plenty of cabbage, corn, carrots, and other good things, in addition to the barbecue sauce and spices which give it its name—it's hot all right, but, as the Bopsters would say, "Sister, it's *cool*." The second, we call Fisherman's Catch-erole to honor its good blending of white fish and shrimp for a change—mushrooms and parsley and onions enhance the flavors, and potatoes, cooked right with, make it a meal. The sauce is simple, but like so many simple sauces, it is superior.

Everyone knows about New England Baked Beans—so we give you Ohio Baked Beans: canned beans, plus crushed pineapple, plus stewed tomatoes, prepared in a whipstitch, tossed in a beanpot and heated. Moveover—and this is what women really care for—this is a family dish or a party dish which can stand in the oven for hours without being ruined.

Honey Bran Bread is non-yeast sweet bread—almost a cake. Sliced with butter or cream cheese, you can't beat it. Preparation time for all this—10 minutes (your oven takes it from there). Knowing how pampered a hot bread can make a man feel, we'll bet a lot of smart gals will spend those 10 minutes over a hot mixing bowl to treat Papa so well—so easily!

To finish a cold-day dinner, a light dessert, Grape Imperial—a gelatin dessert that neither looks nor tastes like every other one. It's light for milady—but *sweet*, for milord.

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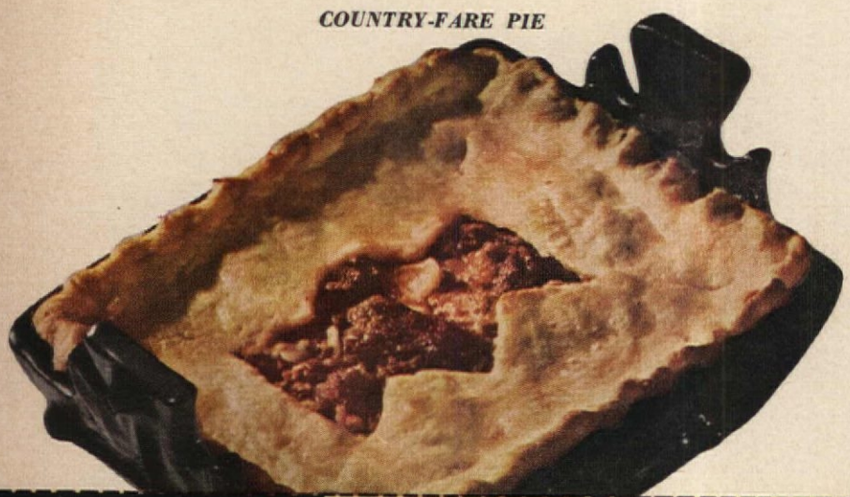
Take a Pound of SAUSAGE

COUNTRY-FARE PIE



GO-TO-MEETING PORKIES

• country-fare pie

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: 20 min.

1 lb. sausage meat
1 cup diced raw potatoes
1 cup chopped celery
½ tsp. salt
1-lb. can cream-style corn
1-lb. can lima beans
½ pastry recipe

• Cook sausage meat, potato, celery, and salt until potatoes are tender and meat is cooked through. Combine with corn and lima beans in 2-qt. baking dish. Cover with pastry, cutting slits in the pastry to allow escape of steam. Bake in hot oven 425° F., about 20 min.

Serves 6 ***382 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, C***

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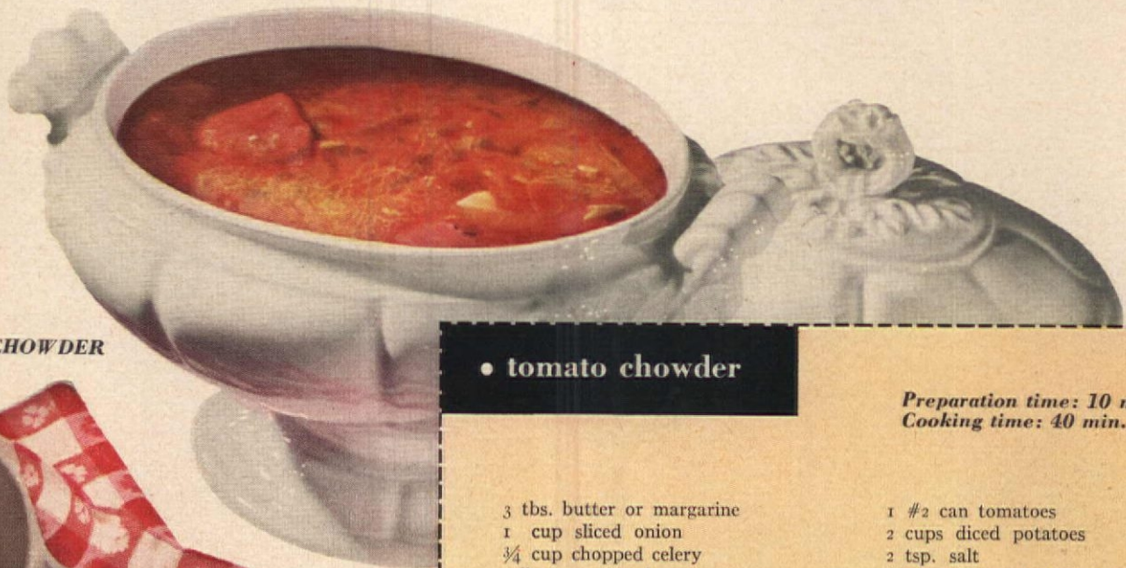
Take a Can of TOMATOES

CATHERINE NISSLY



TOMATO CHOWDER

• tomato chowder

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 40 min.

3 tbs. butter or margarine
1 cup sliced onion
¼ cup chopped celery
1-lb. can green beans
1-lb. can whole kernel corn
1 #2 can tomatoes
2 cups diced potatoes
2 tsp. salt
½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
7-oz. can tuna, drained and flaked

• Melt butter or margarine in saucepan. Add onion and celery; cook over low heat until tender. Drain green beans and corn. Reserve liquid and add water to measure 5 cups. Add to saucepan with tomatoes, potatoes, salt, and Worcestershire sauce. Cook over low heat for about 30 min. Add beans, corn, and flaked tuna. Heat to serving temperature.

Serves 12 ***105 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, C, D***

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Anne's Notebook

"This Happy Family," 19th century illustration

ANNE BARNARD

TRANQUIL DAYS should be ours again as 1954 comes our way and the hectic holidays retreat into memory. A pleasant memory, but a welcome change of pace it will be to tackle the New Year. Up pops that perennial question of Resolutions. I've made mine regarding the family—and the food that I'll serve them. Few are these guideposts of mine, but I'd like to share them (all but the secret ones) with you:

I SHALL PLAN MY MENUS A WEEK AHEAD (as I once did for six months)—a boon to a homemaker and her food budget this practice can be! Type menus on 3" x 5" cards, and plan them to use every left-over worth mentioning. Then check supplies, make out the week's shopping list, and do all that you can at a clip. Date menus, earmark those that win special kudos, and use them again later on—another timesaver.

THE FAMILY'S PET DISHES SHALL LOOK AND TASTE HIGH-HAT—BUT COST NO MORE.

I'LL COOK VEGETABLES WITH CARE AND NOT JUST BOIL UP AND SERVE. (See page 69.)

I'LL GET 'EM TO EAT SALADS AND LOVE IT by serving salads as a first course or as a dessert—or by making the salads particularly interesting to the male palate when served along with the meat.

I SHALL KEEP SVELTE—BUT I WON'T SKIP DESSERTS! When whipped cream is called for, the family will get the McCoy, but mine will be made from dried milk. There will be plenty of gelatin desserts, low calorie in themselves, and lots of fruit—fresh, frozen, or canned—with which the family can eat cakes. I'll pass 'em up. (When Pop and Sis look bulgy, I'll encourage them to do likewise.)

BREAKFASTS WILL HAVE MORE FLAIR—strawberry hard sauce with pancakes, for a change (page 69), or orange French toast (just add one tablespoon each of sugar and grated orange peel to your recipe).

ABOUT THOSE HIGH-HAT MAIN COURSES—STUFFED, BAKED PORK CHOPS, instead of fried ones—and serve them proudly on your best platter, surrounded by crab apples out of a jar. To my stuffing, I add chopped peppers, onions, and celery.

LAMB BASTED WITH COFFEE offers a new twist. Fix a cup of good strong coffee with cream and sugar as if you were going

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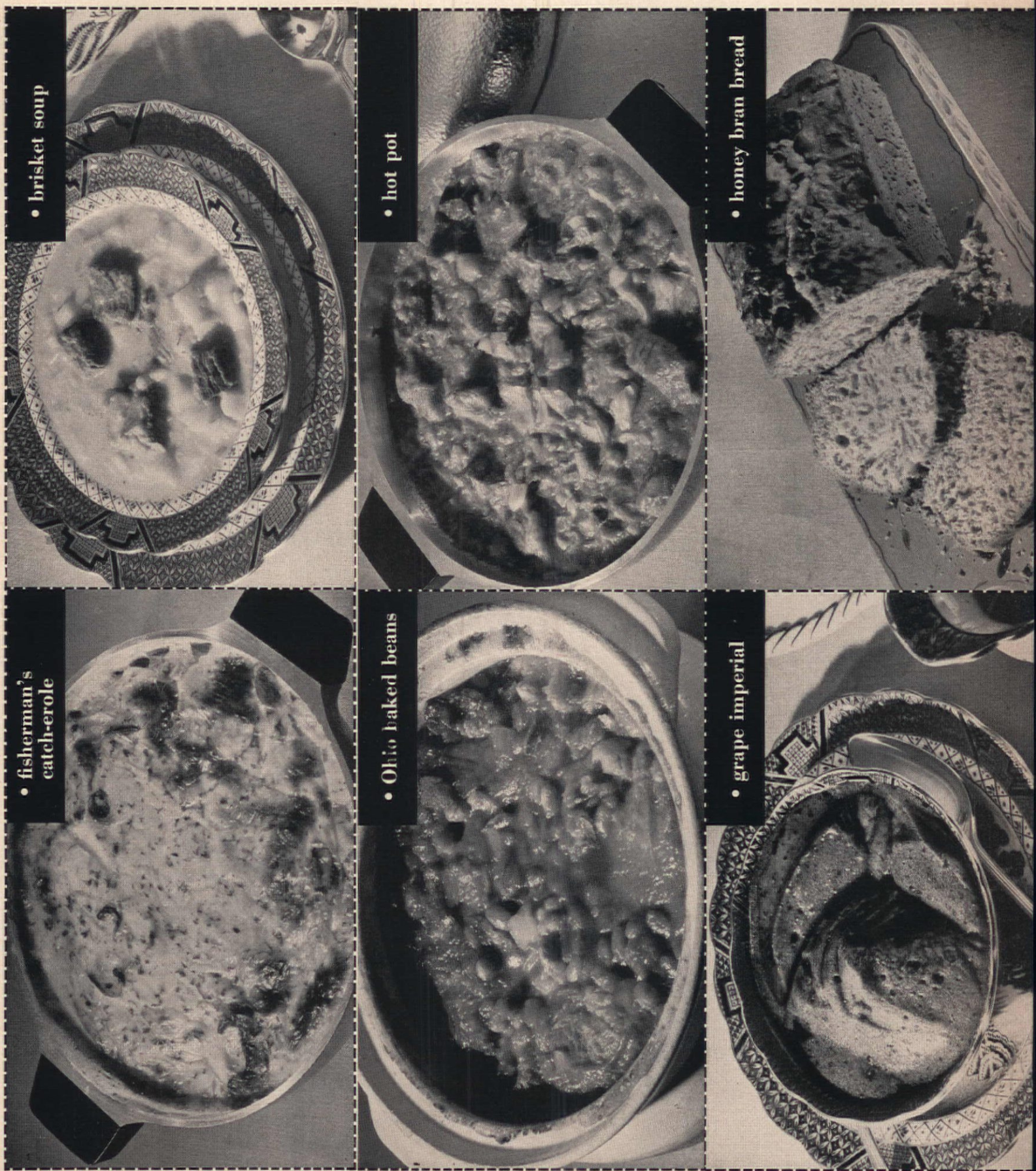

• grape imperial

Preparation time: 15 min.
Chilling time: 2 hrs.

1 pkg. strawberry-flavored gelatin
½ cup hot water
1½ cups hot grape juice
4 tbs. sugar
¼ tsp. salt
½ cup cold grape juice

• Dissolve gelatin in hot water and grape juice. Add sugar and salt. Reserve ½ cup of mixture for the sauce. Chill remaining 1½ cups mixture until cold and syrupy. Place in chilled bowl and whip until fluffy and thick like whipped cream. Turn into oiled mold or bowl, chill until firm and unmold.

SAUCE: Add ½ cup cold grape juice to the reserved ½ cup gelatin and grape juice mixture. Chill until slightly jellied and pour over mold, or serve separately.

Serves 6 ***142 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamin B***

Submitted by Mrs. Clyde Miller

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• honey bran bread

Preparation time: 10 min.
Baking time: 1 hr.

3 cups flour, sifted
1 tsp. salt
4 tsp. baking powder
1½ cups bran
2 eggs
⅔ cup milk
1 cup honey
⅓ cup shortening, melted

• Sift the flour, salt, and baking powder together, and add bran. Beat eggs and stir in milk, honey, and melted shortening. Pour liquid ingredients into dry ingredients all at once and stir until mixed. Turn into a greased loaf pan and bake in 375° F. oven for 1 hr. This makes a delicious sweet bread.

Makes 1 loaf ***210-158 cal. per slice*** ***Source of vitamin B***

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• Ohio baked beans

Preparation time: 10 min.
Baking time: 1 hour

4 cans baked beans in tomato sauce
1 #2 can crushed pineapple, drained
1 #2 can stewed tomatoes
½ lb. bacon, chopped and fried
½ cup dark molasses
1 tsp. salt

• Combine all ingredients in a 2½-qt. bean pot or casserole. Bake in a 375° F. oven for 1 hr. Since all ingredients are precooked, 1 hr. baking time is adequate, though if baking only 1 hr. we recommend draining off ½ cup juice from stewed tomatoes before combining ingredients. This can also be baked at 300° F. for 2-3 hrs., in which case you need not drain tomatoes.

Serves 8-10 ***512-409 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins B, C***

Submitted by Mrs. Chester E. Neuhaus

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• hot pot

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: 1 hr.

1½ lbs. beef or shoulder pork (cut in 1-in. cubes)
2 tbs. butter or margarine
1 medium large onion, chopped
Salt
½ cup hot barbecue sauce
1 10½-oz. can condensed mushroom soup
3 cups water
1 medium potato, cut in small pieces
3 carrots, diced
2 cups cabbage, cut up
2 cups canned corn, cream-style
⅛ tsp. celery salt
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
½ tsp. curry powder (optional)

• Place beef or pork cubes, butter, and onion in large pan. Salt, cover, and cook slowly until tender and slightly brown, turning once. Add barbecue sauce, mushroom soup, water, potato, carrots, cabbage, and corn. Simmer for 20 min. Add celery salt and Worcestershire sauce; salt to suit taste. Curry powder may be used. Cover and cook about 45 min. or until vegetables are done. If desired, thickening may be added.

Serves 6-8 ***517-388 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, C***

Submitted by Mrs. Louise Sutton

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• fisherman's catch-erole

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: 1 hr.

1 onion, thinly sliced
½ cup mushrooms
4 tbs. butter or margarine
1½ cups medium cream sauce
Salt
Pepper
¼ cup finely chopped parsley
1 lb. fish fillets (in 1-in. pieces)
1 cup canned shrimp
3 raw potatoes, thinly sliced

• Sauté the onion and mushrooms in butter. Add the cream sauce and season to taste; add parsley. Put a layer of fish fillets and a layer of shrimp into a greased 2-qt. casserole. Add half the sauce and cover with the sliced potatoes. Add the remaining sauce and bake for 1 hr. in a 375° F. oven.

Serves 6-8 ***278-208 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, D***

Submitted by Ellen R. Haste

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• brisket soup

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 1 hr.

2 lbs. beef brisket
8 cups water
1 tbs. salt
5 medium potatoes, peeled and diced
Dash of celery salt
1 large onion, chopped
½ cup American or Cheddar cheese
⅔ cup rolled oats
1 #2 can cream-style corn, optional

• Cut brisket in pieces and put on to simmer, covered, in salted water. When meat is tender, add diced potatoes, celery salt, onion, cheese, and rolled oats. A can of corn may be added, if desired. Continue to cook covered until vegetables are done, stirring once or twice during cooking process. Remove from heat and serve in separate small bowls, allowing a piece of beef for each bowl. Several small onions cut in slices may be added for decoration a few minutes before serving.

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Drain fruit cocktail. Beat eggs till light and fluffy; add melted butter, then flour, sugar, salt. Mix into smooth stiff dough. Form into roll 6 in. long; with sharp knife, cut in 12 half-in. slices. Roll each slice into thin 4-in. circle on well-floured surface. Make 8 slashes in each, from outer edge toward center, leaving a center the size of a quarter. Dampen centers of 6 circles with water, place a second circle on each, pressing centers together. Slip 1 "flower" at a time into hot fat (375°F.) in a 6 to 8-in. saucepan. Hold down center with end of a wooden spoon till just golden brown underneath. Turn over carefully to finish browning. Remove from fat; drain; cool. Heap fruit cocktail in center; top with whipped or ice cream, or sherbet, if desired. Serves 6.

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We Call on the Hosfeldts

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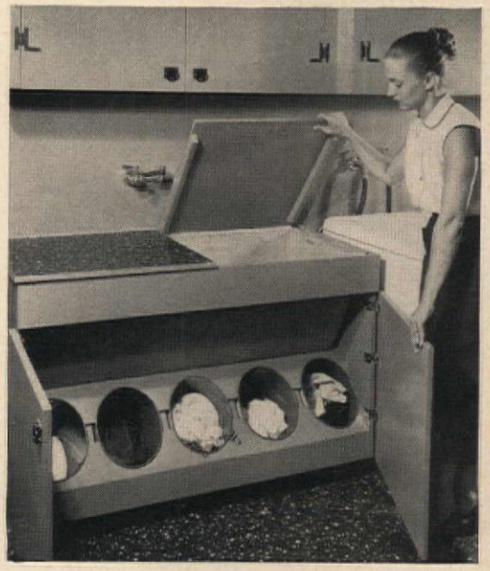
Nothing could be more modern than this new room added to a Victorian house. Storage wall, figured out to the inch, looks as well open as shut, for everything fits tidily into bags or well-marked boxes. But it isn't all engineering—note prettiness of the birdcage planter hanging from the ceiling



The small Victorian house, brought up to date, answered most needs of this active modern family. But the 15′ x 20′ addition you see here really completed it. For one thing, it's a well-equipped modern laundry—the clever contraption above consists of buckets in which Teddy sorts her washables. It's a storage room, too, and an excellent sewing room for Teddy whose hobby of making theatrical costumes demands such a spot. It's also an indoor play area for her small sons, and it opens upon their fenced-in outdoor playyard

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Hosfeldts

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for, with bold imagination and striking black and pink wallpaper, Teddy papered the lofty ceiling down to the picture moldings, greatly improving the room's proportions.

What cast the spell? Well, Teddy played two opposite elements against each other: on the one hand, the high sophistication of bold color and handsome details—on the other, the warm charm of Early Americana. Old things were used—but in refreshing new ways: a Lazy-Susan table was cut to coffee-table height; an old sugar bin became a toy box, a Victorian washbasin is now a bar sink. And in doing all this, she avoided exaggeration, clichés, and the worst sin of all, tearoom "cuteness." A few tongue-in-cheek tricks are here to amuse us—but they never cloy.

After the second cup of coffee, Teddy told me the story of this remodeling. Five years ago, when room for a new baby was imperative, an ad led them to the little house. The price per foot was less than new building in this excellent location. Price and neighborhood both were desirable—so they bought the house.

After 60-odd years of valiant service, the kitchen and bath required "the works." When these rooms and the bedrooms were livable, the Hosfeldts moved in, determined to finish the rest of the modernization—as time, energy, and funds permitted. It wasn't easy, and there was even less time after son Nicky arrived. But weekends and evenings and while the boys napped, their parents worked, occasionally calling in professionals when a problem was too tough to handle.

Their favorite pastime, of course, was discovering old pine pieces and scrubbing, rubbing, and coaxing them back into usefulness. Thanks to these, a carpet, the shutters, and a beautiful copper lavabo—a splurge item—on the mantel (page 31), the little house came to life.

The gals all love it—but Teddy's house also considers the male point of view. Chairs are big and comfortable, and a Victorian back parlor is now Art's study (page 30); its closet, a bar. His friends sprawl on the leather and watch TV with nary a fear of tangling with fussy frills.

The Hosfeldts added a many-purpose room (page 66) opening onto a fenced-in patio. Together, these take care of the overflow, and the antics of small males.

The house had been taken in at the waist and let down at the hem. It didn't become an architectural gem exactly, but what the Hosfeldts accomplished, thanks to good homing instincts and no stinting of hard work, was to create a setting which welcomes all comers warmly, yet is refreshingly their own.

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to drink it. Roast the lamb as usual, using the coffee mixture for basting. Fix more coffee to use with drippings in making the gravy.

HOT SPICED PEACHES are good dinner partners for lamb, beef, or poultry. Buy them in a jar, or do at home. Pour juice in saucepan, add ¼ tsp. ground cinnamon and 2 tbs. vinegar. Cook a few minutes. Reduce heat, add fruit, and cook 5 minutes.

MOUNDS OF CORNED BEEF hash baked on thick onion slices is a worthy dish that keeps the food budget in line. Break contents of a 1-lb. can of corned beef hash with fork, blend in 3 tsp. finely chopped green pepper. Pack hash firmly into custard cups. Unmold on thick slices of Bermuda onion, salt-and-pepper seasoned, and spread with butter or margarine. Bake 20 minutes (350° F.). Serve with hot chili sauce.

A GOOD CLAM MAIN DISH—spaghetti with white or red clam sauce. With canned minced clams, you can whip this up in jigtime. For white sauce, drain juice from 7-oz. can of minced clams and combine with one crushed garlic bud and 2 tbs. olive oil. To make sauce red, add ½ can tomato paste. Heat thoroughly. Just 3 or 4 minutes before serving, add clams, 2 tbs. chopped parsley, and a dash of basil. Grated Italian cheese can go with this taste teaser. Serve with tossed green salad.

THE BOYS EAT THIS SALAD in restaurants and should do same at home: cold cooked string beans mixed with salad oil, vinegar, onion salt, grated cheese, served in lettuce cups. Refreshing with the main course.

ADD DASH OF THYME, marjoram, and chopped parsley to your tossed salads. It spikes them.

A SALAD DESSERT they like at my house is this: Grind 1 qt. fresh cranberries with 2 cored apples; add ½ cup sugar. Blend well. Dissolve package of lemon-flavored gelatin in 1½ cups of hot water. Cool. When slightly thickened, stir in cranberry mixture. Chill. Serve with sour cream.

THAT STRAWBERRY HARD SAUCE on pancakes or waffles is elegant. Add 3 or 4 tbs. frozen strawberries or strawberry preserves to your hard sauce and mix thoroughly.

SOME HINTS ON VEGETABLES are in order. With fresh and frozen vegetables, start with one inch of *hot* water in pan; cover pan; bring to boil over heat. Reduce heat and cook until tender—don't overcook. Treat canned vegetables with respect—follow directions.

VARY THE REGULARS with these combinations! Use ½ can consommé when cooking green beans. Cook mushrooms, or pimiento, or sliced onions with green beans. Cook lima beans with tomatoes—brussels sprouts with chestnuts—carrots with celery.

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• chili bake

Preparation time: 30 min.
Baking time: 20 min.

1 #2 can tomatoes
1 lb. ground beef
1 cup chopped onions
1 tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. pepper
2 cups cooked rice
2 tsp. chili powder
1½ cups grated Cheddar cheese
1 tsp. paprika

• Add salt and pepper to beef and onions; cook until lightly browned. Combine with rice, chili powder, and ½ cup of cheese in 1½-qt. baking dish. Top with remaining cheese and the paprika. Bake in moderate oven 375° F., for 20 min.

Serves 6 ***442 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, C***

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• old-timers' tomato stew

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 10 min.

2 #2 cans tomatoes
3 tbs. butter or margarine
3 tbs. chopped onion
2 tsp. sugar
½ tsp. salt
Dash of black pepper
2 slices bread

• Cook onion in butter, add seasonings and tomatoes. Cut bread into cubes, brown lightly in small amount of butter in shallow pan. Add just before serving. For flavor variations: Try dash of sage, ground cloves, oregano, or thyme.

Serves 6 ***97 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, C***

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• kohl roll

Preparation time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 45 min.

8 cabbage leaves
1 lb. ground beef
1 cup cooked rice
3 tbs. chopped onion
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 #2 can tomatoes
½ cup water
½ bay leaf
½ tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. pepper
¼ tsp. powdered sage
½ tsp. sugar

• Cook 8 cabbage leaves in boiling salted water for 2 min.; drain. Combine beef, rice, onion, salt, and pepper. Place 2 or 3 tbs. of mixture on each cabbage leaf. Fold leaf to enclose mixture. Place in large saucepan. Add tomatoes, water, and seasonings. Cover; cook over low heat 45 min.

Serves 8 ***221 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins B, C***

Submitted by Nellie R. Campbell *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• pigs on a blanket

Preparation time: 20 min.
Baking time: 25 min.

12 sausages
1 cup water
⅔ cup milk
2 cups prepared biscuit mix
2 apples
1 tbs. brown sugar

• Cook sausages in water for about 5 min; drain. Add milk to biscuit mix, stir until blended. Roll in a rectangle, about 5" x 10" and about ½ in. thick. Wash, core, and cut apples in 12 wedges; do not pare. Dip in brown sugar. Press sausages into biscuit dough, alternating with apple wedges in any preferred design. Bake in hot oven, 400° F., about 25 min.

Serves 6 ***423 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamin B***

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• sausages with curried eggs

Preparation time: 15 min.

1 lb. sausages
6 eggs, well beaten
6 tbs. milk
Salt and pepper
½ to 1 tsp. curry powder

• Cut link sausages apart. Fry over low heat until lightly browned and cooked through. Drain sausage on absorbent paper. Pour off all but 2 or 3 tbs. fat. Add milk and seasonings to well-beaten eggs, gently pour into fat. Stir and cook until creamy. Serve with sausages.

Serves 6 ***275 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, D***

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• go-to-meeting porkies

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: 30 min.

1 lb. link sausages
½ cup water
¼ cup sliced onion
¼ cup chopped parsley
⅓ cup drippings
4 to 6 cups bread cubes
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. sage or poultry seasoning
Dash of pepper
1 egg, beaten
½ cup milk

• Separate sausages and place in skillet or shallow saucepan with ½ cup water. Cover; simmer 10 min. Drain. Fry onion and parsley in the drippings. Stir in bread cubes and seasonings. Combine egg and milk; add. Turn into 1½-qt. baking dish. Top with sausages. Bake in moderate oven 350° F., for 30 min.

Serves 6 ***382 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamin B***

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Beauties—aren't they? We show them off in this jeweler's-case type of display to call your attention to the fact that most good new coffee "pots" are worthy of appearing right at your dinner table. But to nothing more than to coffee makers does the "handsome is as handsome does" requirement apply. So, first off, we'd like to say that a *good* coffee maker of *any* type (drip, percolator, or vacuum, electrical or not) will do handsomely—*if* you feed it a good bean, and obey the basic rules (page 74). And vice versa: the best coffee beans in the world, lovingly roasted, blended, and ground, won't make a good cup of coffee in a stained, beat-up, poorly proportioned coffee maker.

Whether you want drip, percolated, or vacuum-made coffee is a matter of personal preference. Each type has slightly different taste characteristics; but, despite all the hocus-pocus you may have heard, each can produce very *good* coffee. So pick the type first, and then let your requirements, and your purse, decide whether your new coffee maker is to be the at-home-on-the-range kind, or electrically operated, or a superdeluxe electric automatic.

As to shape, we frankly don't think that it matters much. But the *basket* does matter—baskets should always be large enough to permit the coffee to expand without edging over the rim and into the brew itself.

THE AUTOMATICS: These usually are the most expensive coffee makers, well worth the price, and you'll be well rewarded if you invest that Christmas check in one. They differ from the less-expensive electrically operated types in that they will brew coffee, then turn themselves off—and, of course, they *keep* the coffee at drinking temperature *without* boiling. There *is* such a thing as an almost foolproof coffee maker—and this is it (only the measurements are subject to human caprice), for with every other type you may ruin perfectly good coffee by overcooking, or by boiling when you reheat it. Some models have a strength-control gadget, and some have a little signal light to tell you when the coffee is brewed. Automatics come in percolator and vacuum types. You can buy extra visual luxury in the form of silver-plated models which resemble celebrated silversmiths' designs.

ELECTRIC NONAUTOMATICS: An older type than the automatic, lower in price, and a good buy. Their advantage over the range-top type is that you can use them anyplace. Also, they will never boil over—although, if you don't watch it, a nonautomatic percolator might "perk" too long. If you happen to own an electric timer, this type of coffee maker, plugged into it, behaves almost like an automatic—it will turn off when the coffee is finished, but, of course, it won't be kept at drinking temperature. They come in percolator and vacuum types.

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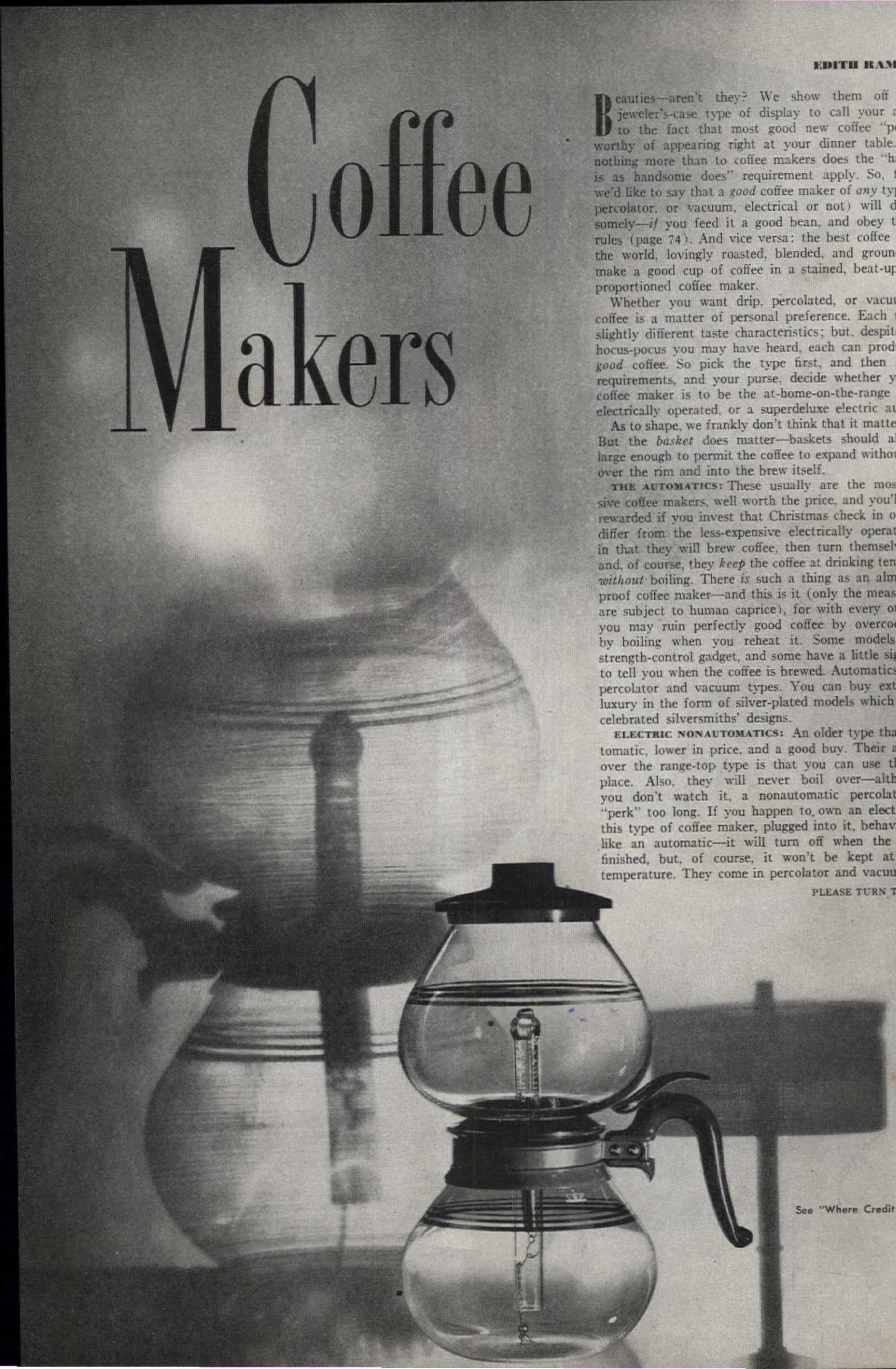

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Coffee Makers (Begins on page 72)

HOME-ON-THE-RANGE TYPES: Use a drip, a vacuum, or a "perk"—but within its class, buy the *best* you can afford—and *keep* it "like new." An old, or too-thin, or a beat-up coffeepot, whatever its symbolical homely virtues may be, is apt to boil over too easily, or otherwise spoil your coffee. Of the range-top types, the drip pots are the most foolproof because the actual brewing operation doesn't take place over heat, and needn't be watched—it's in the warming-up that the trouble may come.

WHAT SIZE? For home use, you can buy a one-cup drip coffee maker, a 25-cup electric percolator—or any size between. Some manufacturers maintain that you can make a good single cup in *their* pots. The Pan-American Coffee Institute disagrees. But whoever is right, it stands to reason that a small pot, in addition to a larger one, is a handy thing to have if the family is small, or if one member likes a good, fresh cup at odd hours. If you entertain a lot, we urge you to buy a *big* coffee maker—a 15-18 cup drip pot can be had for well under $10. It's so much easier to make one good big batch of coffee than to work your six or eight cupper in shifts, struggling to keep the first batch warm in a saucepan, to its great disadvantage.

MATERIAL: There are them as maintain that brewed coffee should never, never touch metal, that the best coffee is made by drip or vacuum methods, and that the part of the coffee maker which holds the finished brew should be made of glass, porcelain, or porcelain enamel. Whether or not these Sensitive Palates are right is a hair-splitting matter, but we assure you that you *can* make wonderful coffee in metal, which has the great advantage of durability. This is especially true if you keep the inside of your metal coffee maker as free from coffee stains as you'd keep a glass one you can see through!

WANT A GOOD CUP *EVERY* TIME? Then follow the rules. They are simple, and they apply to every type of coffee maker.

- *Keep the pot scrupulously clean*—and soap-and-water clean isn't enough. Thin layers of coffee residue, which you can hardly see, give a rancid taint to the pot. Baking soda is an old reliable for "sweetening" the pot, or use one of the coffeepot cleaning compounds now on the market.

- *Always start with fresh, cold water.*
- *Don't use by-guess-and-by-gosh methods.* Accurate measurements are important! Any cup and any spoon won't do. Follow the markings on your coffee maker if they are clear. If not, use a real measuring cup for the water, and a coffee measure (*two* level tbs.) for the coffee. Ideal proportions for ordinary coffee are one measure of coffee to *three quarters* of a measuring cup of water. For after-dinner demi-tasse (which should be extra-strong coffee, not just a small cup of ordinary coffee), use three measures of coffee to a cup-and-a-half of water.
- *Never boil coffee* when you warm it up for drinking. But never!
- *Always use* fresh *coffee.* Coffee made from a stale grind is worse than no coffee at all. Perfectionists, of course, grind the beans before brewing each batch, and new adjustable electrical grinders make this easier. However, using a good vacuum-packed coffee stored tightly covered in your *refrigerator* is a lot less trouble, and produces a mighty fresh cup.
- *Be sure to use the correct grind* for the type of coffee maker you are using. If you have a drip pot, *pulverized* coffee (finer than drip grind) will give you a stronger brew—but in that case, use a coffee filter, or improvise a filter from a facial tissue.
- *Serve your coffee piping hot, immediately after it is brewed.* That's when it is at its peak in flavor.
- *Don't bother about the tricks.* Some fine cooks stoutly hold that eggs improve the flavor of coffee. Others insist that a pinch of salt does wonders. We're sorry—but coffee specialists, who have tested these theories repeatedly, assure us that there is nothing to them. We blushingly admit to being something of coffee experts ourselves—and we agree with the specialists.

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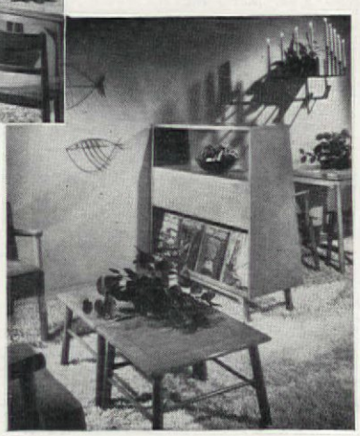

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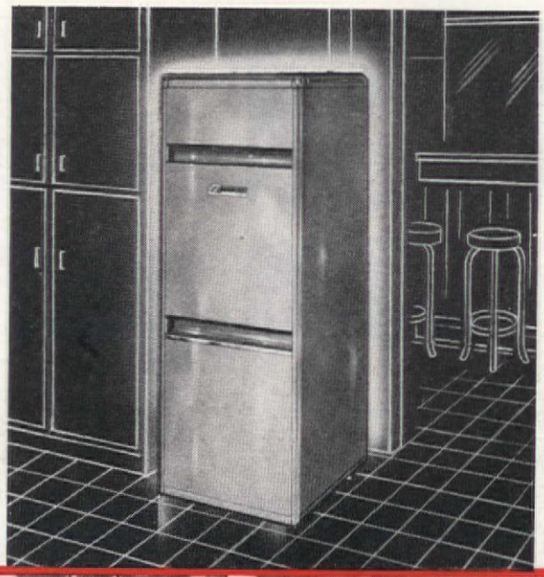

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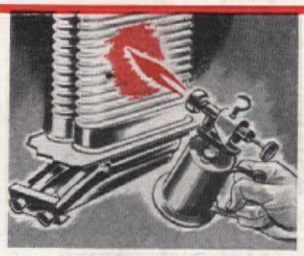

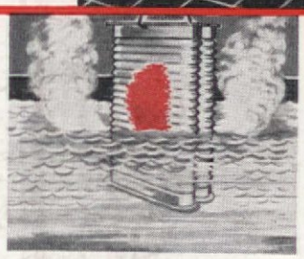

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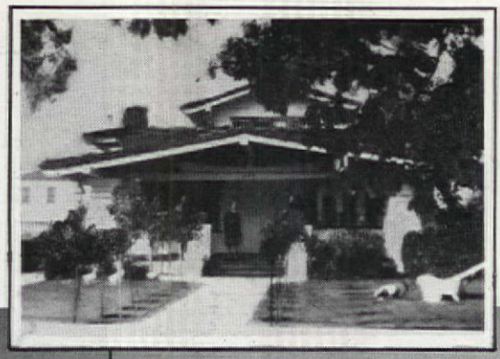

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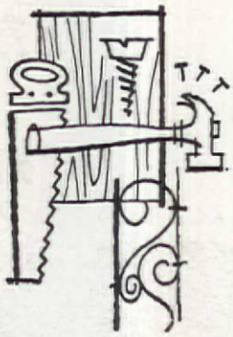


When Mildred Bates came from Hillsdale, Michigan to Los Angeles and bought the 20-year-old house shown at the top of the page, she knew precisely what she was doing. The pros and cons of the purchase were perfectly clear to her. On the credit side of the ledger were the house's location—the heart of the Wilshire district—the general excellence of the property, and its possibilities for remodeling without extensive structural change. On the debit side were its old-fashioned, squatty appearance, its wide eaves, and the covered porch which made the interior gloomy and dark. For a number of reasons, the pros won out, so she acquired the house and made the practical changes shown here.

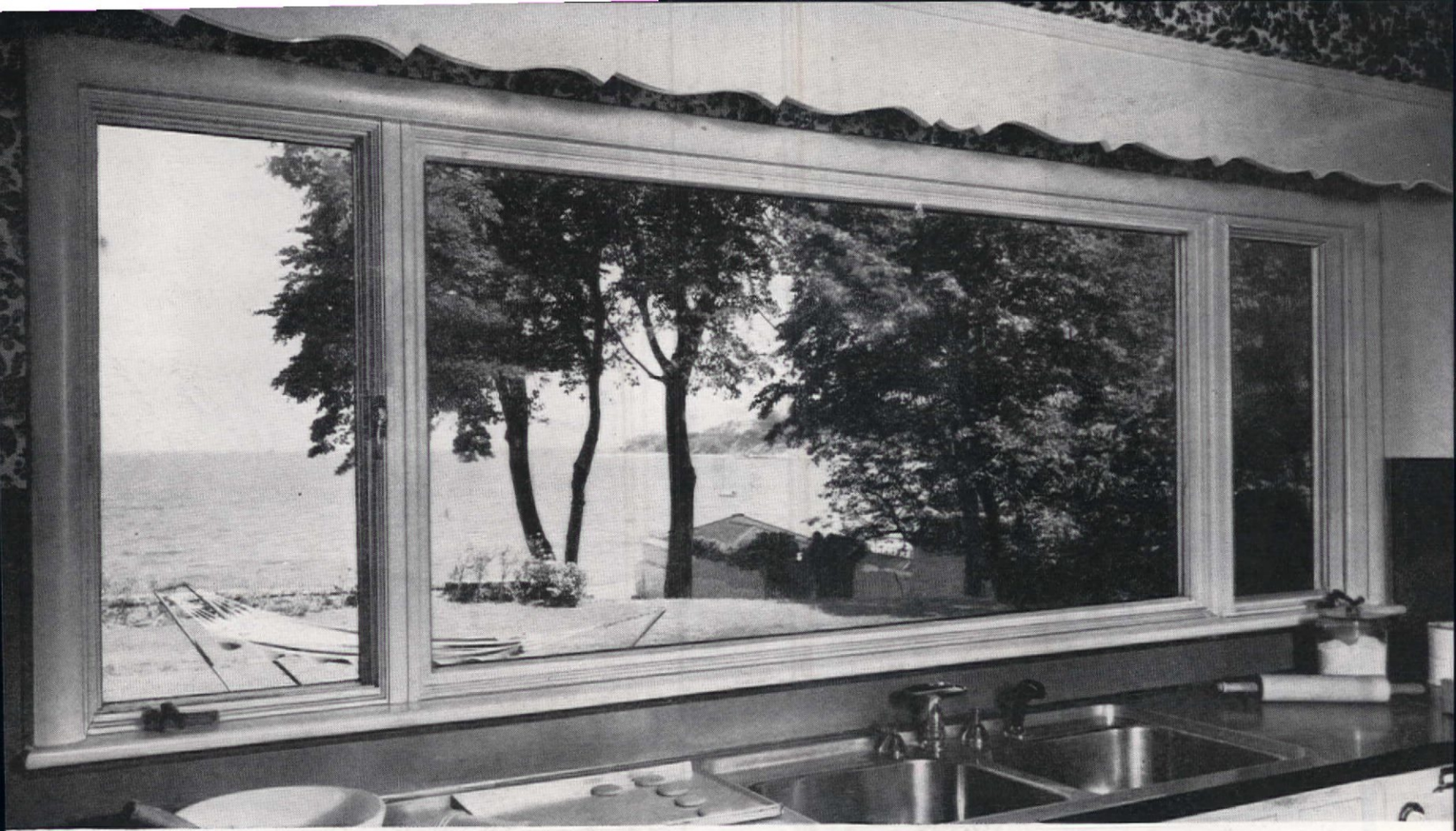
Mrs. Bates, a veteran of several remodelings back in Michigan, set about making profit out of loss with as few structural changes as possible. First thing was to remove the porch roof to brighten the living room. This left a sunroom-entry on the right, and its roof's pitch was neatly duplicated by the roof of the garage which was added to the left of the house—a convenient spot for it, and one which made the whole structure look very much more imposing.

On garage and entry side both, slender wrought-iron supports, painted white and echoing wrought-iron used elsewhere on the porch, unify the area. The now almost-open porch was turned into a garden-terrace with a perennial planting of low evergreen shade shrubs and flowering plants in tubs and boxes. Short brick columns at either side of the steps were painted white.

A small window, with slatted shutters, was inserted in the garage door to break the flat expanse and make it part of the new façade. Not a single structural change was made in existing windows, but a metal awning was introduced to shield the center bank.

Pink paint worked magic with dingy gray stucco, and a judicious cutting back of old unkempt shrubbery lent new grace to the grounds. Finally, the driveway was repaired and treated with matching pink cement paint.

Imagination, a modicum of daring, and an eye for the basically good made possible this transformation of a nondescript old house into a good-as-new one—and that with minimum recourse to professional help and structural changes.



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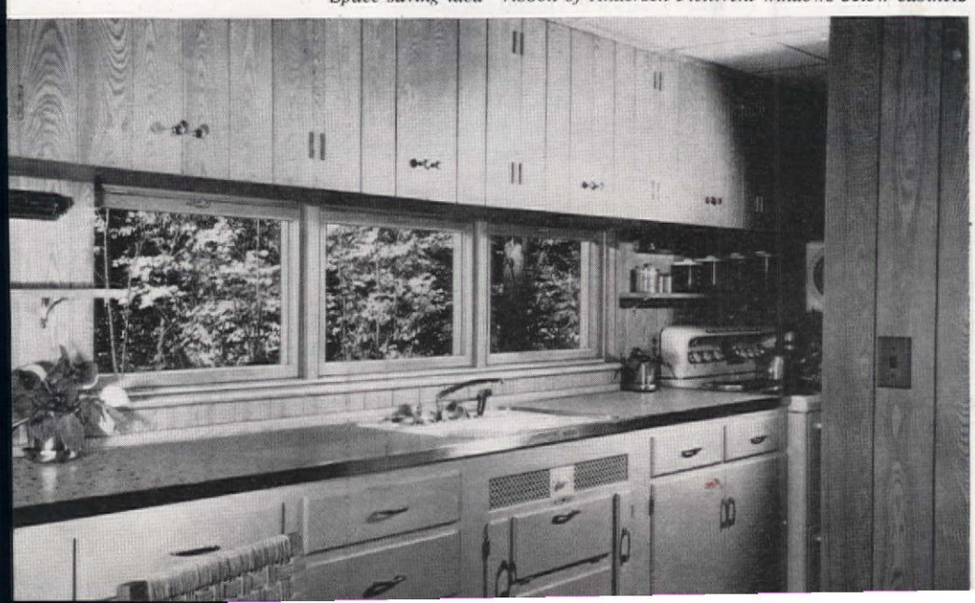

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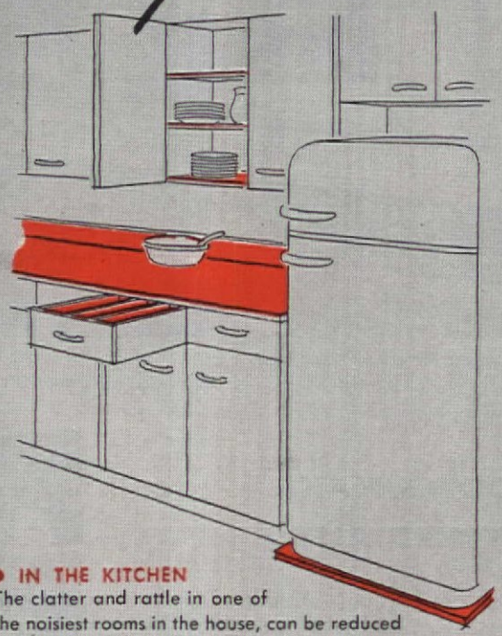
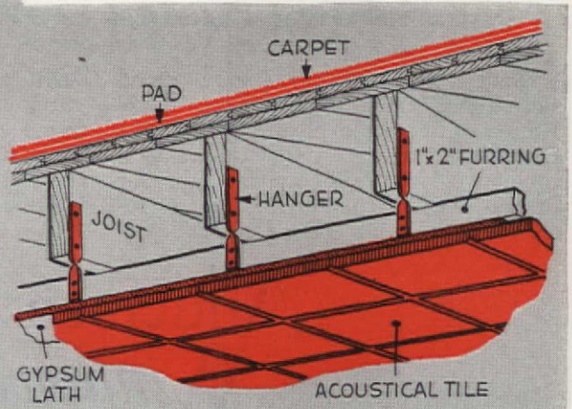
There are a great many sounds being produced in the average home, and a good many of them are rather unpleasant. Unpleasant sounds are known as noise, and according to medical authorities, it's just plain and simple noise that makes a lot of us nervous, tense, irritable, gives us headaches, sleepless nights, and makes us difficult, if not impossible, to live with.

Years ago industry found that if factories and offices were made nice and quiet, the workers would feel better, get more done, and probably ask for a raise. In spite of the raises, the elimination of unnecessary and annoying noises has paid off handsomely for industry, and it will do the same for you in your home.

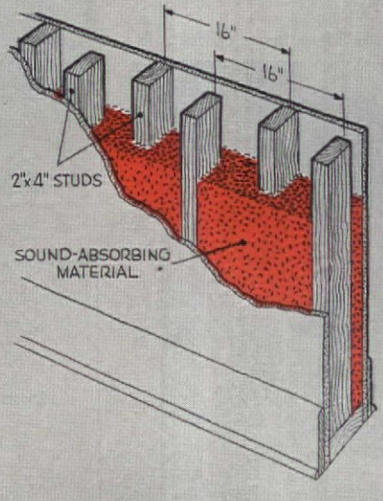
Many annoying sounds can be eliminated by catching them at the source. Carpets, rugs, and



• IN THE KITCHEN
The clatter and rattle in one of the noisiest rooms in the house, can be reduced if resilient materials, such as linoleum, are used on the work counters and as shelf and drawer linings. Linoleum used over plywood under the refrigerator eliminates the sound of vibration

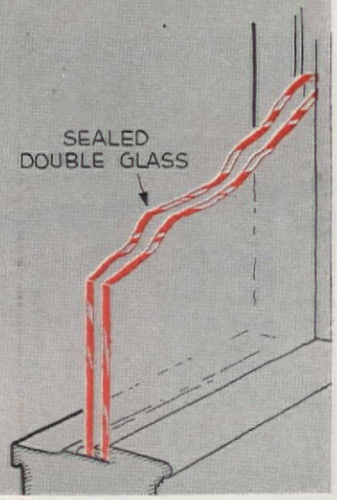


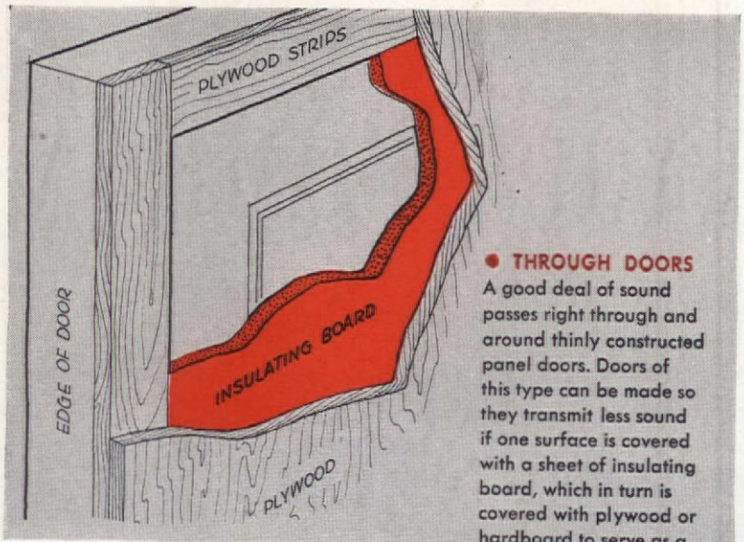
BETWEEN FLOORS •
Here's an effective treatment when annoying sounds pass from floor to floor: Ceiling of the lower room is suspended by metal hangers from the joists and consists of sound-absorbing acoustical tile over gypsum lath. The floor of the room above has a carpet pad and carpet—both good sound absorbers



• THROUGH WALLS
An easy way to prevent sound passing through a wall is to fill the cavity with insulation—the kind used to prevent heat loss. An even more effective treatment is to build the wall with two sets of studding so that the wall surfaces are not in direct contact with each other

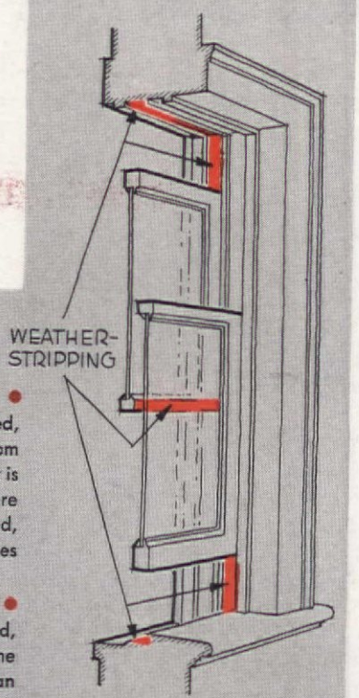
FROM THE OUTSIDE •
Sounds originating outside the house are more difficult to control than interior ones. Using sealed double glass on windows that face noisy streets will help. So will a dense row of shrubs between the house and the street, as these deflect and absorb the street noises





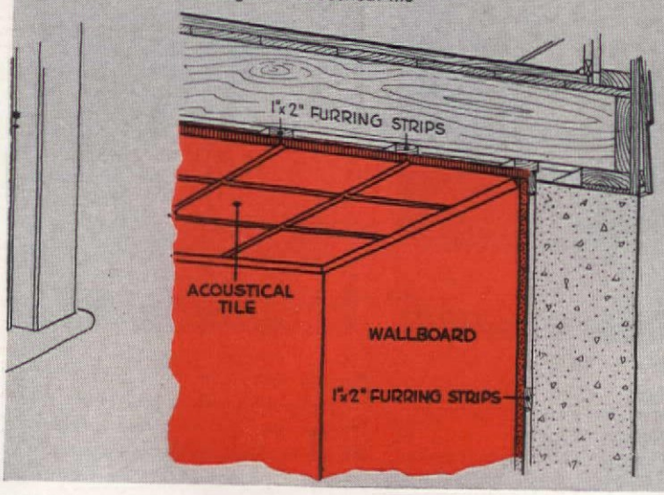
● THROUGH DOORS
A good deal of sound passes right through and around thinly constructed panel doors. Doors of this type can be made so they transmit less sound if one surface is covered with a sheet of insulating board, which in turn is covered with plywood or hardboard to serve as a wearing surface. Installing weather stripping around the door will also prevent sound waves from passing between the rooms

resilient floor coverings will, for example, eliminate the sound of footsteps. A rubber sink pad takes care of the clatter made by the dishes. Many sounds, of course, cannot be eliminated at the source. Sound travels in waves, and these are carried by the air and by the house structure. These sounds can be reduced either by absorbing them or by deflecting them from the area you want quiet. Draperies, carpets, upholstered furniture, porous wall coverings, and acoustical tile are all fine for absorbing sound waves. Double-glass windows, thick rows of shrubs, and window awnings help to deflect and absorb outside noises from the house.



THROUGH WINDOWS ●
Good weather stripping, properly installed, will help to keep outside noises from entering the house. But this treatment is only effective in winter or in rooms where some other means of ventilation is provided, so the window can be closed at all times

IN THE BASEMENT ●
As concrete is a poor absorber of sound, the basement can be a very noisy room. The remedy here is to line walls with an absorbent wall material set away from the masonry by wood furring, and cover the ceiling with acoustical tile



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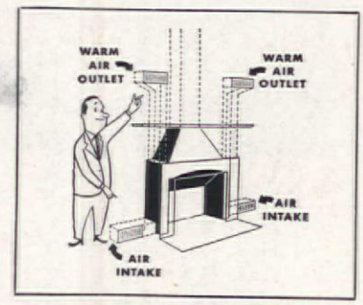

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Now designers have taken the guessing out of lamp lighting with excellent styles, all scientifically put together to save your eyes while pleasing them—and they are among the handsomest lamps we've ever seen, at any price.

When you buy a lamp, remember that simple lines are the safest, and avoid the "cute" novelties, and the bizarre ones. Keep the proportions of your furniture in mind, and don't make the common error of using a "dwarf" lamp, too small for its place visually.

For adequate illumination, the average room needs more lamps than it has. Your own living room could probably profit from an extra lamp or two, and so could most other rooms. But add your new lamps with an eye to the old ones so that, together, they all

SEE ADDITIONAL LAMP NEWS ON PAGE 84

Texture story: Pottery base (gray or brown), black iron stand, and a shade of a type you are not apt to find unless the whole lamp is designed as a unit. The shade is terry cloth laminated to translucent paper—very original and attractive. The lighting is three-way, direct. 21 in. high. $16

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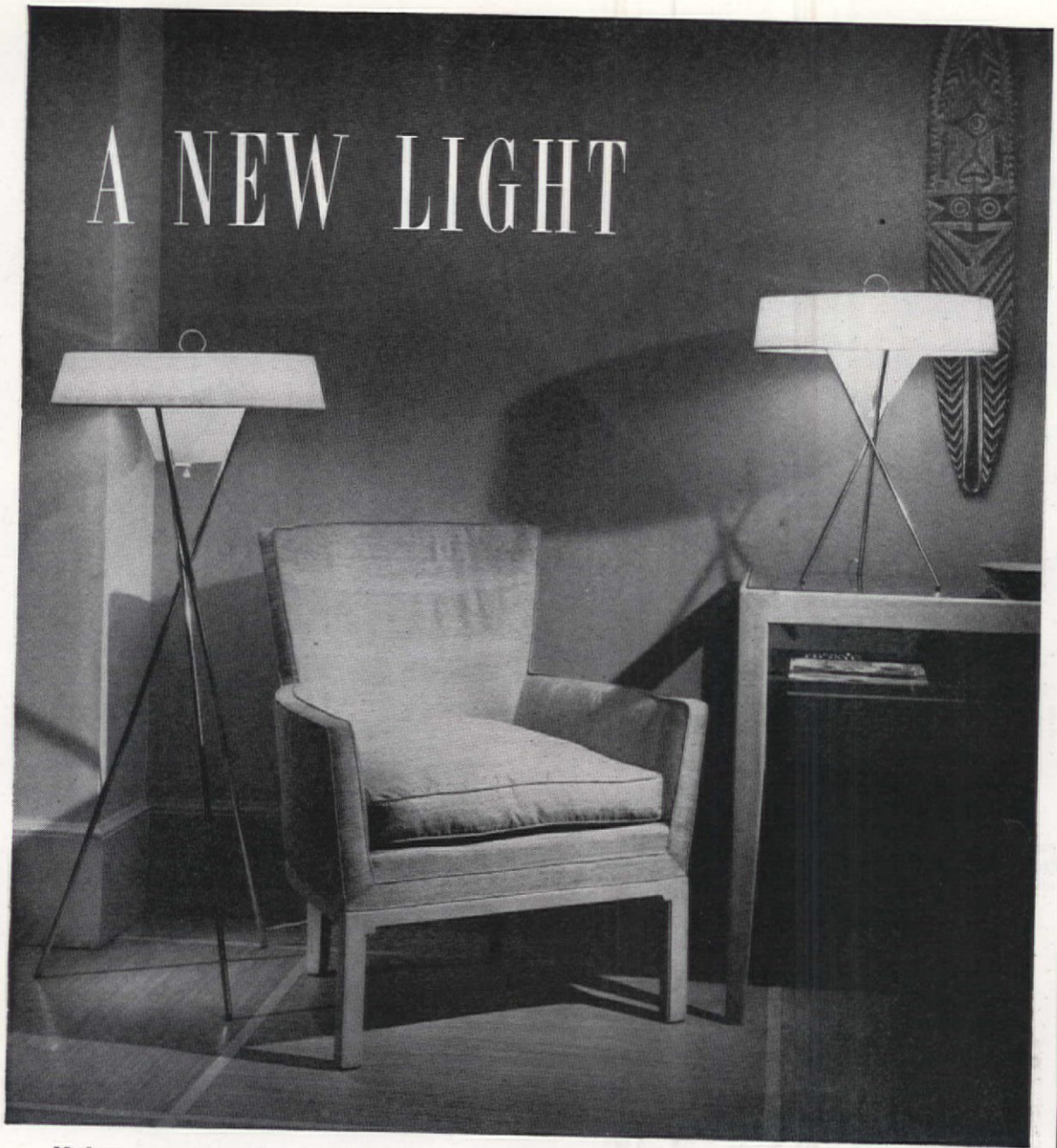
Old concept, new feeling: Hand-painted china on a gold-plated base. Handmade silk shantung shade to match gray, coffee, or green grounds of the china. Light is three-way, direct. 23 in. high. $57.50

Hand-blown Venetian glass, prized by princes for centuries, a find at this price. The glass, either amethyst or amber in color. The silk shantung shade matches. Three-way light. 36½ in. high. $62

A NEW LIGHT



Modern companions, this pair which handsomely embody a whole new concept. The "base," an elegant polished-brass tripod, rubber-tipped. The bulb is housed in a perforated metal cone, sprayed with a plastic to eliminate glare, and the shallow linen shade is an integral part of the design, as is the pert polished-brass finial. Table lamp, 23 in. high, $24. Floor lamp, 46½ in. high, $31.50

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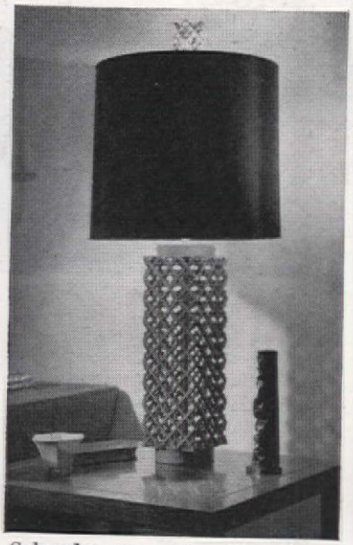
A hand-crafted ceramic combines with wrought iron to produce a knowing modern of excellent size to use on a chest. Shade, on sturdy frame, has interesting texture. 21 in. high. $20



Colored to your order: Wrought-iron grillwork of this imposing and distinguished lamp may be lacquered in any color you specify. Black faille shade is handmade. Three-way light. 36 in. high. $125

It gives off a warm, golden glow: Floral decorations, golden in tone, are applied in enamel to a crackled crystal shaft. The shade is antique-gold parchment. 33 in. high. Three-way light. $40

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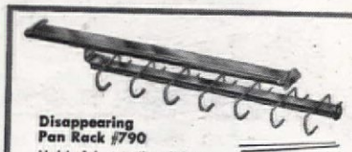

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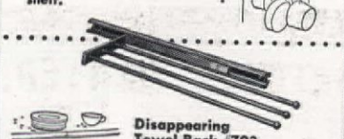

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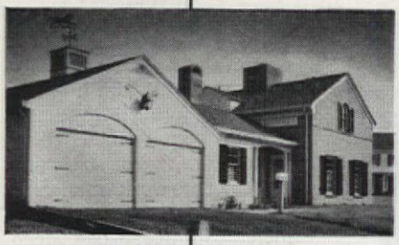

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Sportsmen would be especially proud of this duck-decoy lamp, its base the image of a mallard, hand-carved in wood and hand-colored. But it is a good bit of sculpture, and a well-proportioned lamp for anybody's home. Shade, made of natural burlap, adds to homespun look.
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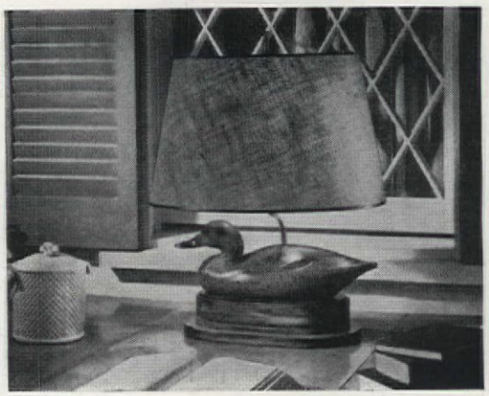

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Slender and aristocratic lamp of fine china is importantly high for its type, and well proportioned for any small table. Beige china is decorated with brown scrolls, metal base is antique-finished. Handmade shade of rough-textured silk boasts such knowing details as scalloped edge and brown braid trim.
29 in. high. $55

Made of pewter fired on porcelain, this cock-of-the-walk becomes master of a table top. Like the mallard duck above, the realistically modeled rooster is an authentic bit of modern folk art. Shade is off-white fabric laminated to parchment and bound in black.
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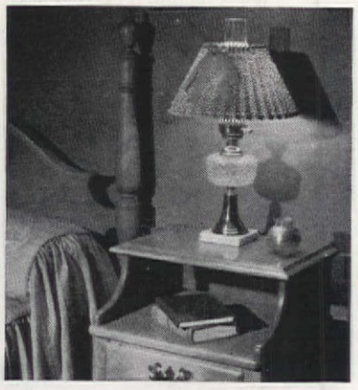

Just right for the bedside table in an Early American room. Hobnail glass bowl and brass stem set on marble base. Complemented by a pleated shade in a quaint print. Jaunty ribbon bow adds gay touch. 21 in. high. $11.50

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As the Coles thought about this long-range remodeling program, which they were planning to do *themselves* on weekends, they wrote out their ideas in the order in which each improvement was to be made. Then they made rough drawings so they could see what their remodeled house was really going to look like when it was finished. (Following the old Chinese saying that one picture is worth ten thousand words.) They knew it would be much cheaper and easier to correct their mistakes on paper, than to correct them during the remodeling.

It took some imagination and vision to turn this very sad shack into the good weekend house below. The roof was raised and a small room was added to make the second floor more habitable

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There is nothing dreary about the kitchen now, for the Coles love good food, and endowed their house with the wherewithal to produce it in comfort. Refrigerator and range operate automatically on bottled gas

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Since the house had no fancy trimmings or awkward lines, they kept the remodeled house as simple as the old one. When the roof was raised over the kitchen, they kept the pitch the same as that over the rest of the house. (Roofs that join always look better if they have the same pitch.) This extra room, along with the new roof on the front porch and the addition of the porch on the kitchen, did much to extend the horizontal lines of the house.

But there were other considerations, besides the structural changes, that had to be made. The house had to be wired for electricity, and a fuel chosen to heat the house automatically. When the Coles found out that bottled or tank gas could be stored in a tank, buried in the ground and filled from a mobile tank truck, they knew that they could have real city comforts in their remote country home. Bottled gas also gave them another advantage—all their major appliances could operate on gas, a fact that cuts down on the fuel costs. In some cases, a buried gas tank isn't practical—for those who wish to use bottled gas, and want to store it in cylinders aboveground, we have some suggestions on page 88 for **masking those bottles.**

So if you are thinking about remodeling a house in the country, you'll find equally good results are possible with many old farmhouses, if you approach it in the Cole fashion.

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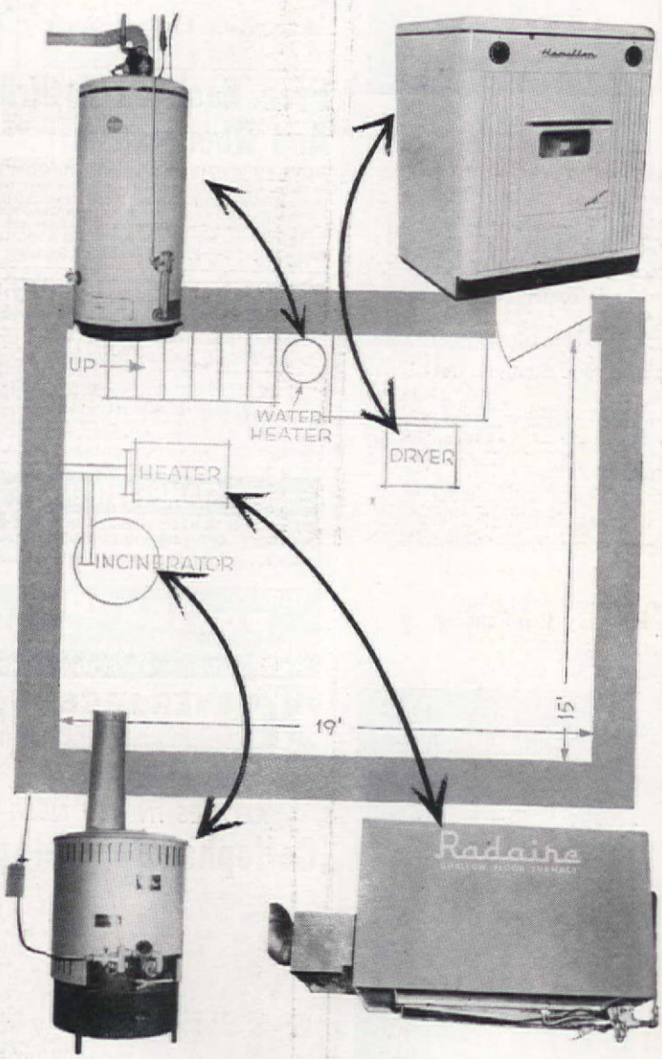

Now there's no coal bin in the Coles' basement, because they're heated with gas, even in a rural area (bottled gas is the answer). Gas is also used by them for drying clothes, heating water, and burning trash

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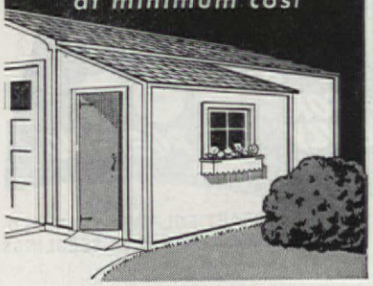

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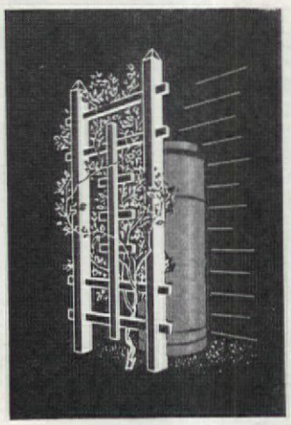
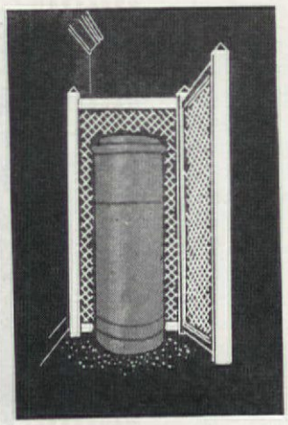
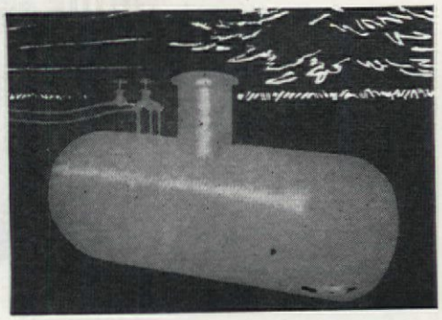


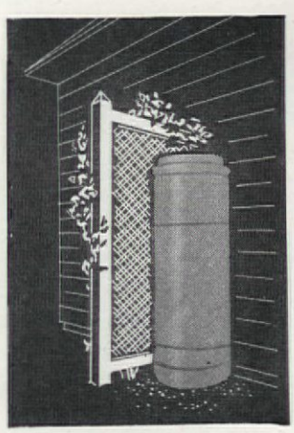


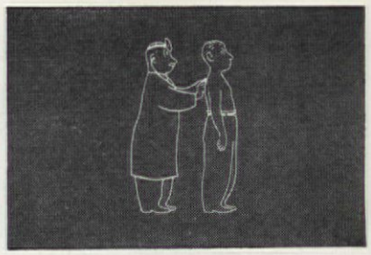
Ways to disguise a bottled gas tank



The Coles found that the use of bottled gas made remodeling, and living in, their weekend house simpler. For weekenders or permanent rural residents, this fuel is a great convenience. But the gas cylinders, while they *do* handsomely, do not *look* handsome. The Coles store their gas in a sizable tank, buried in the ground—an excellent way, but sometimes expensive, and in some areas, difficult. If using small cylinders is easier for you, here are some ways to mask them.

- Just a single panel of wooden trellis covered by climbing roses or screened by shrubs does wonders. The plants hide the tank, but may be pulled away when you paint the trellis.
- Two sections of metal lattice or fence almost conceal the tank, and since the metal rarely needs attention, clinging vines can cover it—clematis, Dutchmans-pipe, or trumpet vine.
- If cylinders are in shady spots, screen the fence with shade-tolerant shrubs, or use a decorative fence without planting.
- Without a fence or trellis, a screen of carefully trimmed evergreens can do very well, as you see below. For an informal effect, use hemlocks, yew, or arborvitae in their graceful natural shapes. If tank stands against a soil-topped wall, grow ivy there and let it make a "waterfall" screen.





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Let's Go Shopping for Phlox

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pink or ground phlox (*P. subulata*) spreads blankets of color over sunny borders, rock gardens, stone walls, etc. As the original shade (often scathingly termed "magenta") has been modified to a more appealing lilac shade and supplemented by white and pink varieties, this excellent, low, hardy ground cover has become more popular. Give it a place in full sun.

Next to appear (in early May) is the graceful, delicate, truly charming P. divaricata, called Blue Phlox and, occasionally, Wild-Sweet William. It bears, on stems a foot or more tall, somewhat looser, more open flower clusters and adapts itself to more shady situations than the foregoing; but it prefers and responds to a better soil than P. subulata needs. Soon after its season ends, there appears the first of the hardy, tall, summer-blooming sorts which are what many people have in mind when phlox is mentioned. This outstanding and spectacular group of species and hybrids includes P. suffruticosa (sometimes called carolina) and the even more massive and colorful P. paniculata (or decussata). As with many garden plants, there is some disagreement among authorities as to preferred names.

In the suffruticosa group, one of the older but highly satisfactory and popular varieties is the statuesque, pure white Miss Lingard. In the decussata group—which includes both that species and many hybrids—a long list of named sorts exhibit a remarkable range of clear and combined colors and flower markings.

Because perennial phlox is easy to grow under average garden conditions, is durable, brilliant, and free-flowering, it is often planted and then left to shift for itself. (That it can do so is proved by the way it has survived in, and "escaped" from, many a neglected garden and become semiwild.) But another result is that

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A GUIDE TO THE MORE IMPORTANT PHLOXES

Descriptive data given in this order: Type: An (nual) or Per (ennial) — Region of origin — Flowering period: Sp (ring), Su (mmer), Fall — Colors: W (hite), Pi (nk), Pu (rple), B (lue), V (iolet), Li (lac), Ro (se) — Notes.

P. drummondi Drummond or Annual Phlox	An. — Tex. — Su — Various colors — To 1½ ft.; 1-in. flowers in tight, flattish clusters; good border or edging plant; keep flowers picked
P. subulata Ground- or Moss-pink	Per. — Atlan. Coast — Sp (late April) — W, Li, Pi — Low (6 in.), spreading to form mats of brilliant ground cover; ¾-in. flowers abundant; needs sun
P. divaricata Blue Phlox, Wild-Sweet William	Per. — Atlan. Coast to Tex. — Sp (early May) — V, B, W — To 1½ ft.; spreads by seeds, runners; flowers larger, less dense than in subulata; stands shade
P. suffruticosa (or P. carolina) Thickleaf Phlox	Per. — Cent. States to Fla. — Early Su to Fall — Pu, Ro, W — First to bloom of tall, large flowering summer forms; to 4 ft.; Miss Lingard a famous white
P. paniculata (or P. decussata) Summer Phlox	Per. — Atlan. Coast to Ark. — Su and early Fall — Many colors — To 4 ft.; 1-in. flowers in large, dense, heads; prevent seeding to avoid self-sown intruders
P. adsurgens	Per. — Pacif. NW — Late Sp — Ro to Pi, W centers — Creeping habit; 1-ft. flower stems bear 1-in. blooms in flattened clusters
P. amoena (or P. procumbens)	Per. — Probably a hybrid — Sp — Pu — To 1 ft.; flowers small (¾ in.)
P. bifida Sand Phlox	Per. — Cent. States — Early Sp — Pale V to W — Resembles P. subulata in habit, color
P. glaberrima Smooth Phlox	Per. — Cent., SE and S States — Early Su — Pu — Tall (to 5 ft.); flattish clusters of ¾-in. flowers
P. nivalis Trailing Phlox	Per. — SE — Sp — Pi or W — Low, creeping like P. subulata; hairy stems; flowers to 1 in. across
P. ovata	Per. — Atlan. Coast to Ala. — Su — Pu or Pi — To 2 ft.; flowers 1 in. across in small clusters
P. stolonifera (or P. reptans)	Per. — Atlan. Coast — Sp and early Su — Pu or V — To 1 ft.; hairy stems; 1-in. flowers in loose, flattish clusters

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The Home Food Garden

of different vegetables; (b) *the usual safe growing season for hardy kinds* in your locality; (c) *the usual safe growing season for tender kinds;* (d) *the time usually needed by each variety to reach usable maturity;* (e) *the time that it remains productive.*

These are some of the *hardy* kinds: beets, carrots, cabbage and its relatives, lettuce, onions, peas, radish, spinach.

These are some of the tender vegetables subject to frost injury: beans, sweet corn, cucumber, pepper, pumpkin, squash, tomato. (Plantings of early sweet corn varieties can safely be made a little earlier than can those of the other tender kinds.)

The chart on page 90 applies to those northern regions where garden soils can usually be made ready for seeding early in April, and where freezes damaging to hardy crops may not occur until early in November. In such regions, the soil is usually warm enough by mid-May to encourage seeds of tender kinds to sprout, and transplanted seedlings to start active growth; frost injury to these vegetables may occur late in September or early in October. Since the last and first frost dates vary widely in different regions and from season to season, it is well to consult the nearest weather bureau station, or weatherwise veteran gardeners in your neighborhood, regarding safe planting dates.

As to midsummer planting, here are some tips: In any garden, but particularly in small ones, summer-sown succession crops can take over rows vacated by early crops. Thus, a late planting of bush beans can follow early radishes; spinach can replace early lettuce; and late cabbage, early spinach. . . . Sow seeds a little thicker and a trifle deeper than in spring. . . . If planting time comes during a dry spell, it may prove worthwhile to run some water into each furrow as you open it and sow the seeds on the moistened earth. . . . Water newly sown rows thoroughly now and then during dry spells until the seedlings appear. . . . For better results with summer-sown lettuce, wait until a coolish evening to plant; for, while a 65° to 75° temperature may induce prompt germination, 80° heat may cause prolonged dormancy.

Let's Go Shopping for Phlox

(Begins on page 34)

gardeners often complain that their carefully chosen named varieties have reverted to an unsatisfactory pink or cerise color after a few years. This is not true. What has happened in such cases is that vigorous plants from selfsown seed have grown up undisturbed and crowded out the more highly bred, less pugnacious, improved selections. So don't let your choice named sorts mature seed.

Once established, phlox can be a fixture for years. But usually it is advisable to lift and divide clumps every four or five years. To do this, in spring, if most convenient, or better in September, dig up the clump, cut and pull it apart, discard the oldest, woody portions, and reset the best of the younger small divisions. Depending on the size of the variety, these new plants should each be allowed two to three sq. ft. of uncontested space; the ground between can be covered with shallow-rooted, quick-growing, annual ground-cover plants. Plants of annual phlox, grown from seed or perhaps from rooted cuttings, can go closer together.

Variety selections, whether of annual or perennial phlox, must be based on personal preferences, the general color scheme of the garden, and any special combinations involved; also the extent to which you feel you must have the latest things. For new varieties are constantly being offered, some of which—though not all—will probably take the place of some of the old standbys. Once you get what you want, you can multiply your stock of perennial kinds by rooting cuttings during the first half of the growing season, or, in the case of P. subulata and other creeping kinds, by "layering." That means watching for joints or nodes of the creeping stems to touch the soil and take root, after which they can be cut free and handled as separate new plants; or the development of such increase can be induced by "pegging down" one or more stems and covering the joints with soil.

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Frost Predicted

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them on at 9 P.M. when the temperature reached 37°, on the premise that the relatively warm water (65°) would raise the air temperature sufficiently to protect the flowers.

Actually, by early morning the temperature dropped to 24° over most of the area, and to 21° in the lower portions. The entire dahlia garden, where an effort was made to protect the plants with heaters (called salamanders), was frozen black. No one was prepared for the picture it presented—or, for that matter, for the picture presented by the long walk in the annual garden where the sprinkling was done. There, the rising sun disclosed a fairyland. Trees, hedge, and flowers were all encased in more than half an inch of ice. Yet all retained their original colors, from the deep green of the arborvitae to the pastel shades of the zinnias and dahlias. The iridescence caused by the sun shining through the ice made the garden seem cast in crystal.

The day was clear and cool and, as the temperature rose slowly, the ice gradually melted and fell from the plants. In shaded areas, some of it was still in evidence on the ground 48 hours later. But after the plants were free of the ice, neither foliage nor bloom showed any ill effects. Even the petals of the delicate cactus dahlias remained in perfect arrangement. Only the tall late cosmos stalks, which could not support the weight of the ice-sheathed flower clusters when lower sections melted, broke down. The bedding-type flowers, when released from their coating of ice, returned to their original positions, and all that received the ice bath continued to produce beautiful blooms for two weeks until the eventual hard freeze cut them down. When heavy frost threatened the second night, portions of the garden were again sprayed with the same results as before. One interesting result was that the dahlias ice-encased during the frost period went on growing and produced larger, firmer tubers than those in the unsprayed dahlia garden. [*Note:* The experience reported by Mr. Conrad is especially interesting and encouraging in contrast to a portion of a bulletin, *Frost and the Prevention of Frost Damage*, published by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture in 1929, 1940, and 1947 and now issued by the Weather Bureau. It says, "Spraying of trees with water to afford protection from frost has been proved impracticable," because of branch breakage by the ice load; also, "Spraying of low-growing plants may be effective if the temperature does not fall too low," and if spraying is continued as long as the temperature stays below the danger point. Well, we'd say try it anyway. *Ed.*]

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TAKE A POUND OF SAUSAGE

Page 58: Black casserole and aluminized casserole both from Saks Fifth Ave. Guest and Gift Shop. "Smart Set" steak platter, Red Wing Potterers. "Buttercup" meat platter, Copeland and Thompson.

TAKE A CAN OF TOMATOES

Page 59: Tomato chowder tureen and white cabbage platter, both from Saks Fifth Ave. Guest and Gift Shop. "Rosalie" vegetable dish, Copeland and Thompson. Gray meat casserole, Gabriel, Pasadena, Calif.

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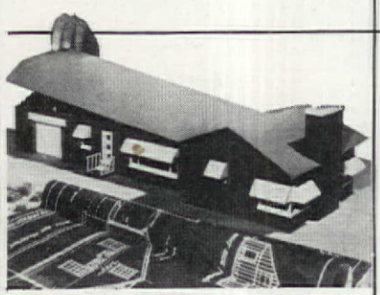

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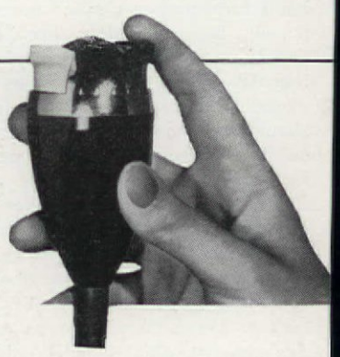

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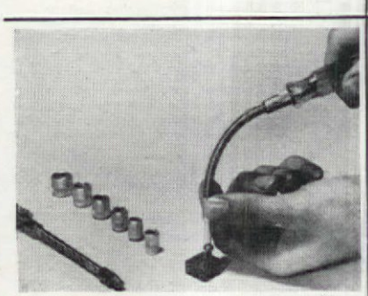

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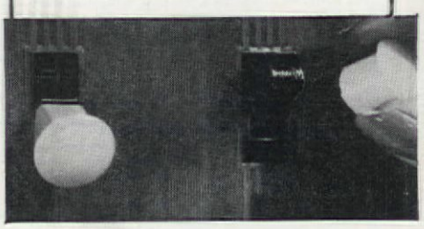

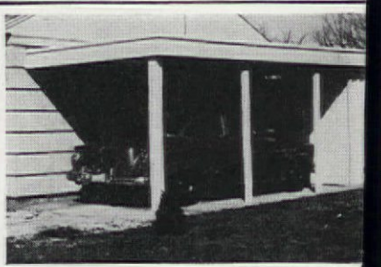

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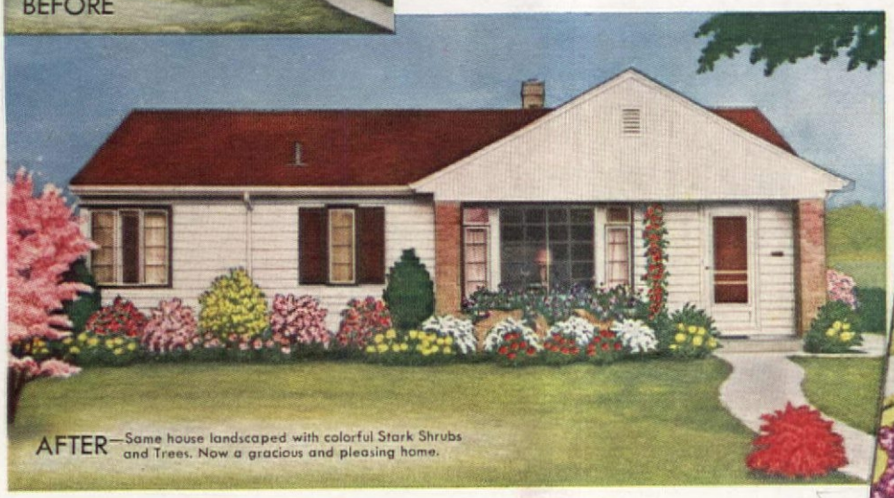

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