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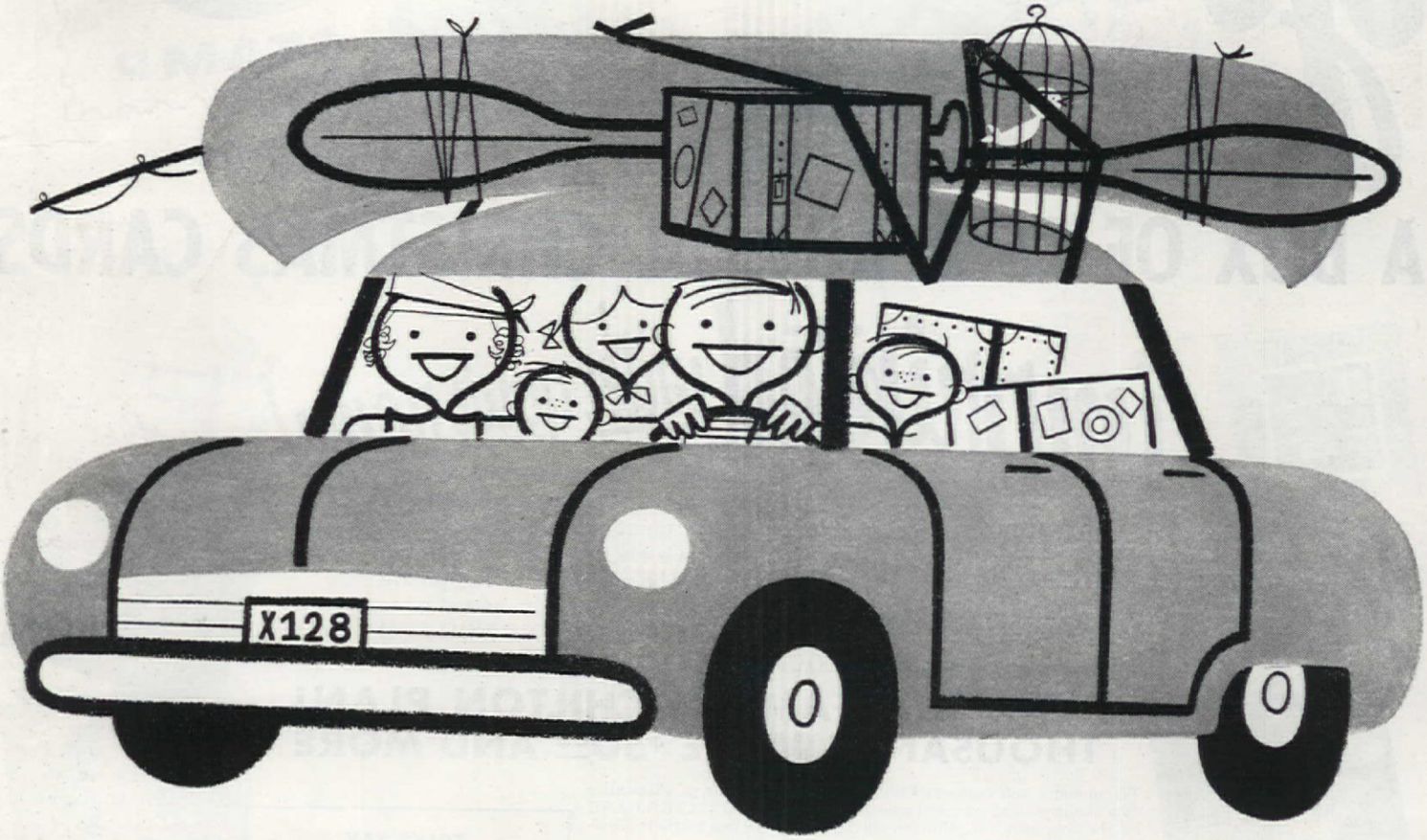

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This cover works on the double this month. With the aid of our painting pattern (see page 87), you can reproduce it in oils to capture its charm in permanent form. We also hope that it will inspire you to use August's most faithful flower, the zinnia, in new and fresh ways. Arrangement and photograph by Edgar Grater and Larry Fritz.

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. . . **KITTY STANLEY,** also a Minnesota product, and also A.I.D., majored in interior architecture at the U. of Minnesota's Institute of Technology. Like her husband, she has been with Dayton's for some years and enjoys creating and living in the home shown on page 51. In addition she's an expert cook and practices that art while Del gardens. They are proud owners of a small poodle named "Backi," acquired last year in Paris.

. . . **CLARENCE AND JEANNE VINCENT,** who use their ingenuity to construct their own furniture, claim said urge to build is a result of Mrs. V.'s love for good modern, conflicting with a limited budget. Mr. V., a Texas A & I grad, served with the Seabees in the Pacific, where he conceived the idea for a barbecue (Old Smokey) that's now on the market. Having studied law and accounting, Mrs. Vincent prefers raising two boys, gardening, and being "chief hammer passer" when her husband starts a spate of building. This couple, after long planning, have finally achieved their dream—a new home, furniture, and a beautifully landscaped yard —all done by themselves and therefore more thoroughly enjoyed.

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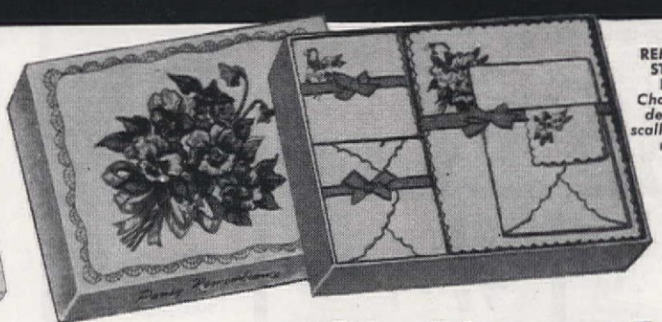

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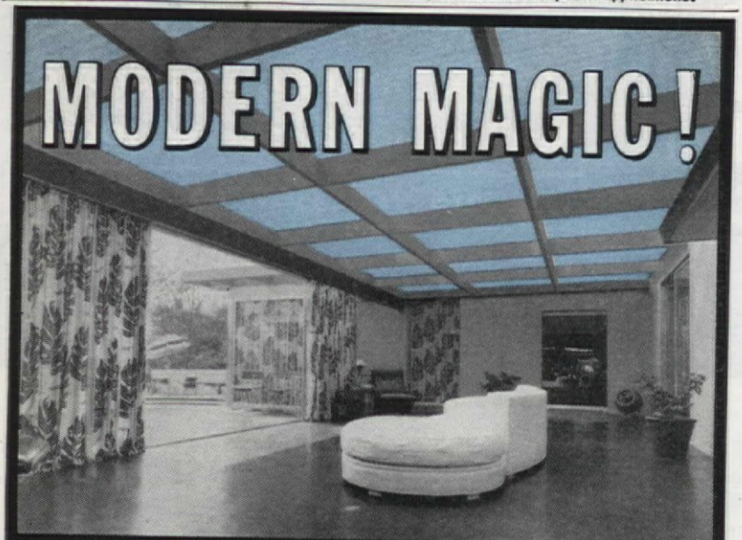

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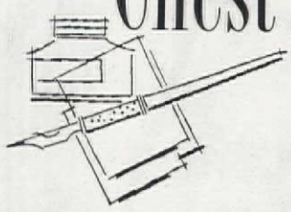


A TOUGH JOB WELL TACKLED

Dear Mrs. Austin:

I couldn't keep house without THE AMERICAN HOME, and of course I read "The Toughest Job I Ever Tackled" in the May issue. . . . That house is more than beautiful; it has a charm that only an expert could achieve, someone who has a feeling for lovely things.

—MAE W. BROWN

HOME IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT

Dear Editor:

I've been wanting to write this letter for a long time. I think your magazine is wonderful. It has helped me change a dreary five-room railroad apartment into a cheerful home.

You see, I've always wanted a home furnished in ranch style or early American—but we never got the house, so we fixed up the apartment. First improvement: We took out all old panels—next, added maple furniture and a fireplace, and in the kitchen we changed an old-fashioned dish closet to a Hutch cabinet. We made a dumbwaiter door into a false window—blinds, curtains, and all. Now I think my apartment looks just as I would want a house to look.

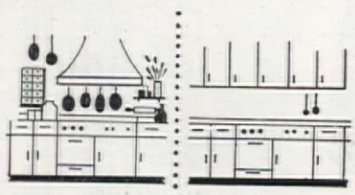
—MRS. FRED LEUTE

MODERN VS. COLONIAL

Dear Editor:

All the beautiful homes I see pictured show glowing shots of the kitchens. To my horror, they are all done in natural finishes: knotty pine, mahogany, or some other unpainted wood. I might ask, what is wrong with clean, smooth, metal cabinets?

I happen to like painted cabinets, walls, and ceilings. Those "lovely"



beams I am constantly hearing of leave me cold. Give me a smooth, sleek, colored ceiling with a light fixture that looks, not like an old-fashioned gas light, but a new modern fixture. Why be ashamed of being modern? The combination of hanging pots, pans, lids, and trivets and cabinets with large leaden handles and hinges makes walking into a kitchen

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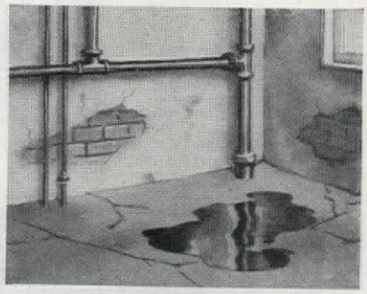
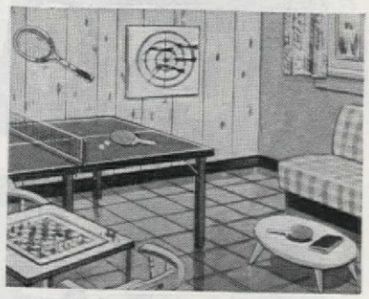
How to turn a damp, moldy basement into cheerful play space!



BEFORE: Even starting with a damp, unattractive basement like this . . .



AFTER: Here's what imagination and surprisingly few dollars can do!

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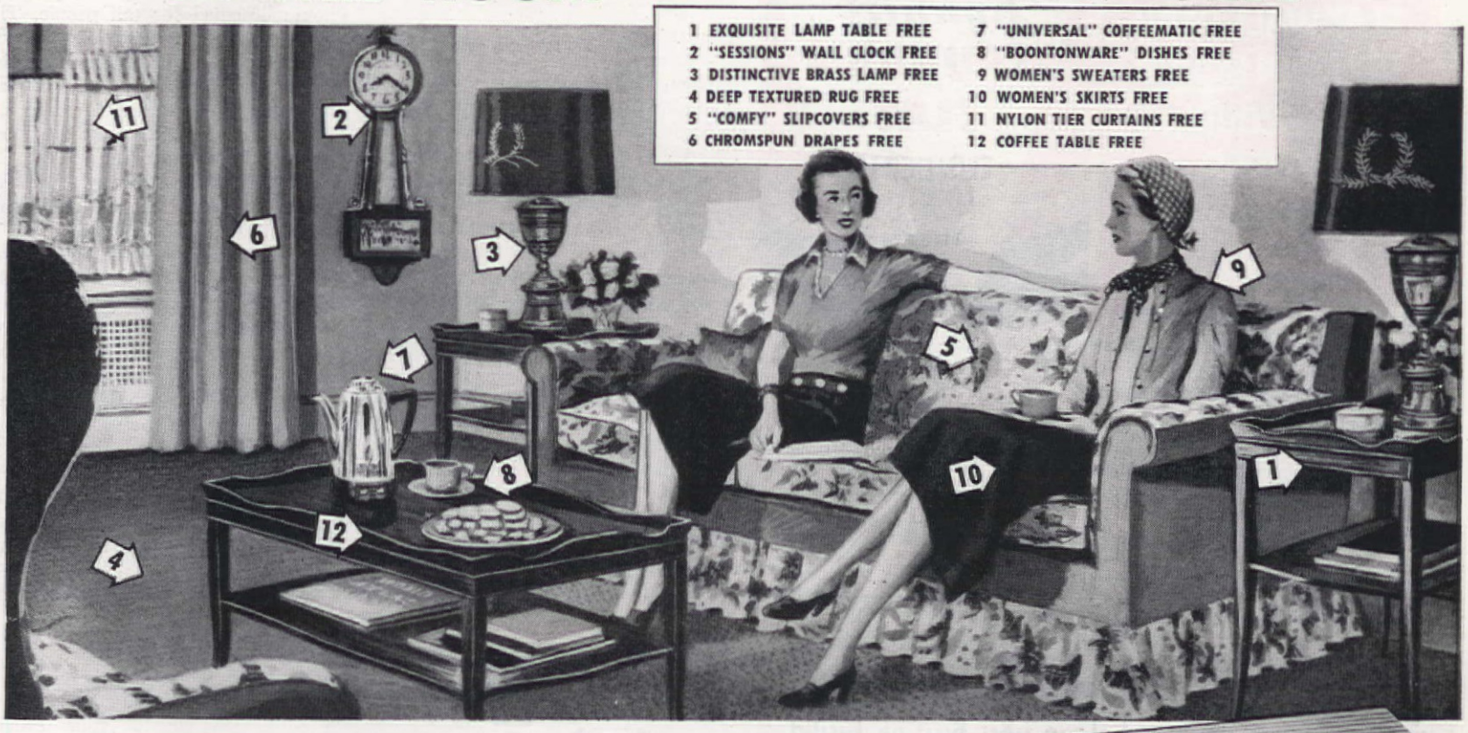

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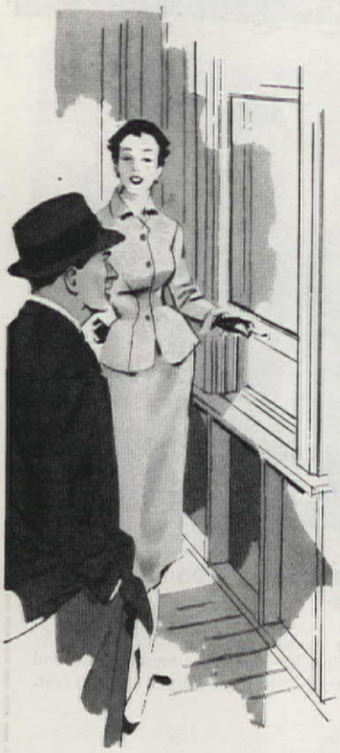

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Off Your Chest

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a nightmare instead of a joy. The "gay" wallpaper running all over the place does little to relieve the tension. Quite the contrary is the efficient row of built-ins with clean counter tops for working space, a stove neatly fitted beside the refrigerator, all against a refreshing shade. . . . Old things are beautiful, but keep them out of my kitchen! —MRS. RAY WILHITE

DEAR EDITOR:

I usually love THE AMERICAN HOME because it isn't too *stark* modern and usually has something for Early American lovers like we are.

We're gradually getting a few nice maple reproductions (I prefer them) mixed with the "refinish-it-yourself" junk from the secondhand store—and I've flat-blacked everything to resemble wrought iron—except my husband and little girl.—MRS. FRANK CASTER, JR.

WE DID IT OURSELVES

Dear Editor:

I firmly believe that this great "do-it-yourself" movement on home remodeling is the worst fraud that has ever been taken up by the American public. Perhaps repainting a room or refinishing a chair is within reason, but such things as building rooms or even houses should be left strictly to those trained in the trade. We started to build two bedrooms, one regular

size and a little one, way last March. Someday we may finish. When that day comes, I would be tempted to crack a bottle over the addition if I didn't think it would fall down under the strain. . . .

We came across an old brick building that was being torn down and for $5 a truck load, they were happy to dump the brick in our driveway. The biggest truck that I have ever seen somehow managed to back up our drive—enroute taking out the front gate post, and then, when the dumper was up, tearing down the wiring to the stable—came twice and dumped about 6,000 bricks. We have basket-weave paths almost *everywhere*. Now, all we want to do is finish this place and try to sell it, and, if we do, I'll *really* hate to leave all the pretty bricks! —M.B.W.

HOUSE FOR SIX-FOOTERS

Gentlemen:

My husband and I were interested in your article in June entitled "A Kitchen for Six-Footers." He is 6′9″ and I am just under 6′. We have recently finished building a "Cape Cod" house designed for tall people. The most important thing, we decided, was to have 7′ clearance *everywhere*, including stairways to the attic and basement, and the low beam in the basement. We had to make the house a foot deeper in order to get the clearance on the stairways. We also proved to skeptics that a traditional house could be functional, too.

In the kitchen we had the sink unit built up an extra *four* inches, and the electric range is raised up four inches. We deliberately chose a tall, narrow refrigerator, so that we wouldn't have to stoop. In the bathroom, we raised the lav unit four inches; the bathtub is extra long, and the shower head is placed extra high.

A word to those who advocate living in an apartment. . . . We have yet to pay out a month's rent, and every penny we spend on this house is an investment!

—MRS. T. BRADLEY ROCKETTE

BLUEGRASS VS CRAB GRASS

Dear Mr. Seymour:

On reading the May, 1954, issue, I notice that one of your readers, Mr. E. H. Tiffany, Jr., is using Scutl on Merion bluegrass. In our tests (Vaughan's Garden Research Center), which were confirmed by Purdue University, we found that Merion is peculiar in that it is highly sensitive to PMAS, the active ingredient in Scutl. It will turn yellow and is hurt enough so that all weeds, including crab grass, have a better chance at it.

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—DR. R. MILTON CARLETON,
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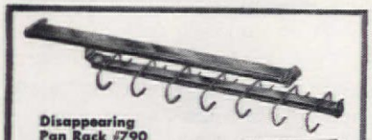

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I require a certain amount of real rest, for I work very hard at an intricate newspaper job, and, as a family woman, keep both house and garden. During World War II, I made a discovery which has made the ensuing years a good deal easier. I found a personal island of peace, a place where I could flee to gather strength, collect my wits, calm my temper, and possess my soul.

I learned I could center such a haven around my most comfortable resting place—my bed. I set it in a pleasant corner, and beside it put the nicest bedside table I could find. It holds my books, a notebook, pencils, a good lamp, all the relaxing things I want. But the table and equipment don't matter, really. It's learning about such an island, and then using it, that counts.

Whenever the demands of house, family, and typewriter permit (that's oftener than you think), I curl up on my comfortable bed to relax, to read, to dream. Sometimes I fix my nails or give myself a facial. But mostly I read to shift my mind's gears from whatever I've been doing, then I just relax and rest.

During the war, when it was essential to can foods in the kitchen, I did. But afterwards, I relaxed on my peaceful island with travel books or biographies. I *completely* relaxed in the little time left me. Now, when tied up with editing, I find a distracting novel. When I overdo at gardening, I settle down with my favorite philosopher or a Broadway play to escape the crab grass and clods. One of my nicest gardens was planted between chapters of Spengler's *Decline of the West*.

These passportless, effortless trips to an island of peace pay off—a few minutes with shoes off, a book in hand, will often solve a nagging problem—or make it seem less nagging. Your peaceful island may be completely different from mine—but it's right if it carries you away from whatever puts wrinkles in your psyche.

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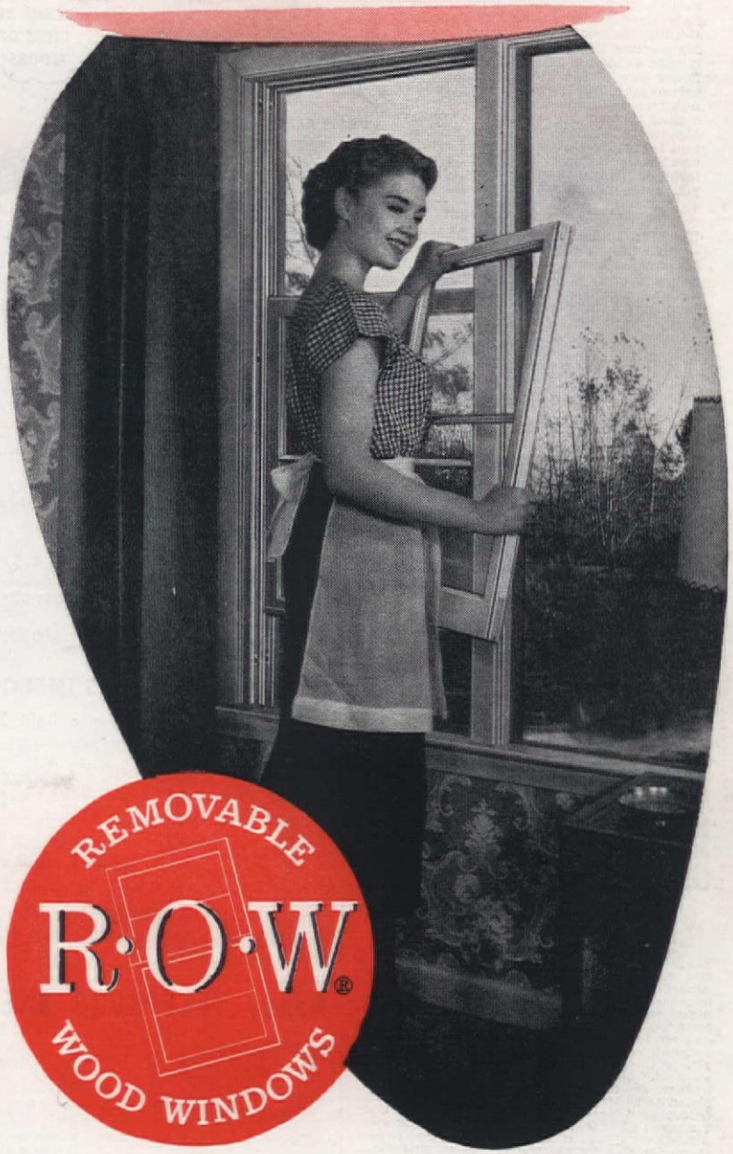

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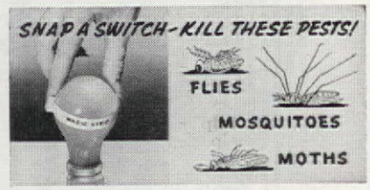

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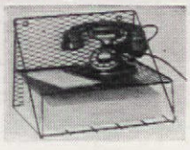

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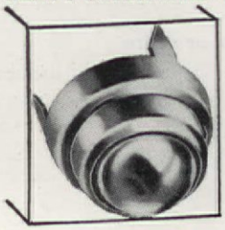

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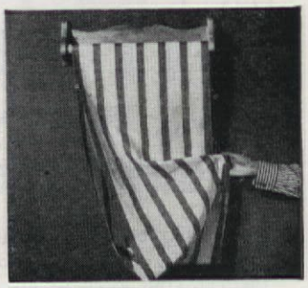

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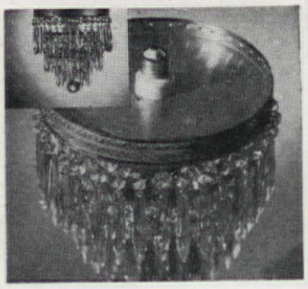

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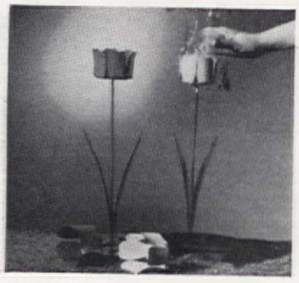

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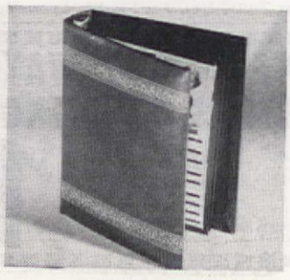

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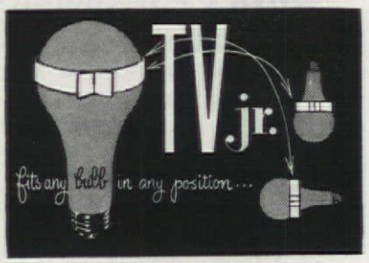

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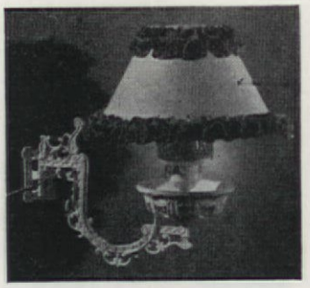

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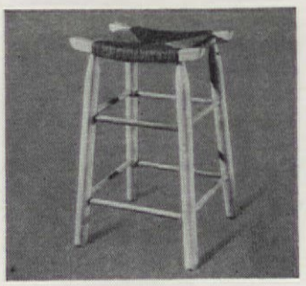

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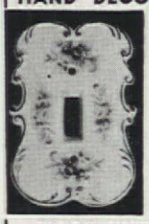

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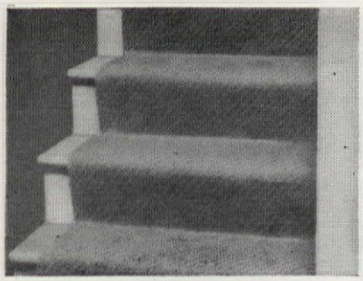

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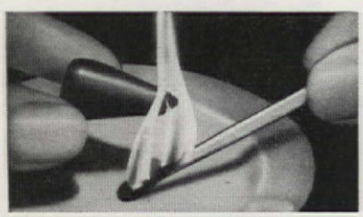

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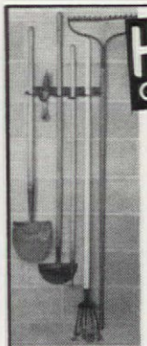

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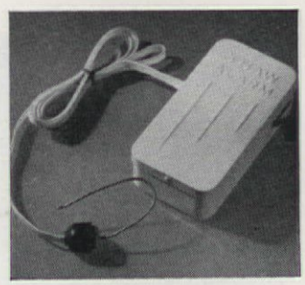

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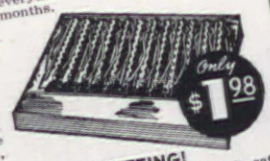

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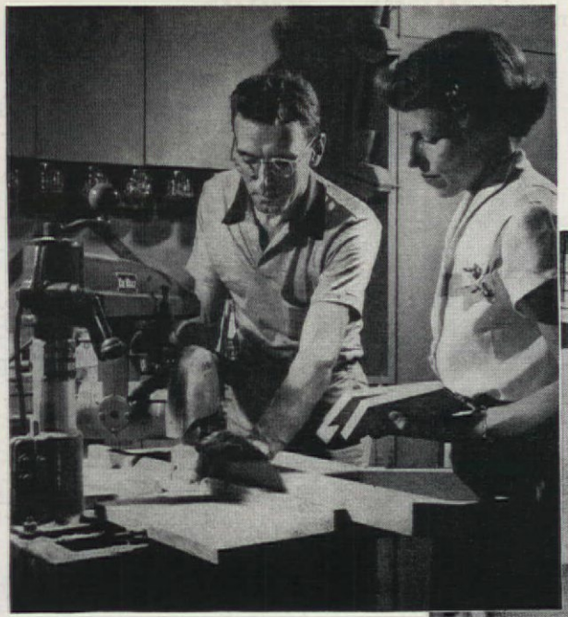

How much of a workshop do you need for turning it out? Well, if you have time, patience, and good old elbow grease, you could make it all with hand tools. A power saw would be an enormous help, however, and an electric drill and sander, while not essential, would make things much easier and quicker

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No discussion about who gets the easy chair when these twins share good reading light. Notice clean lines of chair and firm construction of the frame—not too difficult for an amateur to build and upholster in foam rubber. If Poppa has staked a claim to the best chair, Momma can make one for herself with Pattern **2050**

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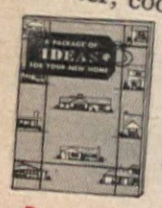

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Our Children

IT'S DERBY DAY FOR DOGS

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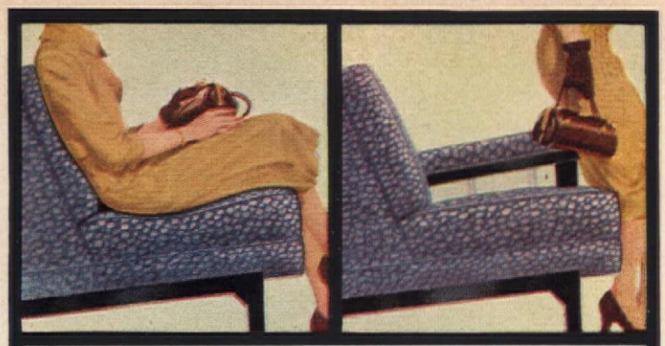

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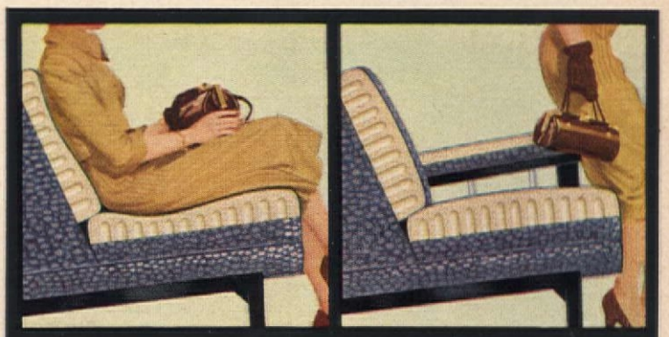

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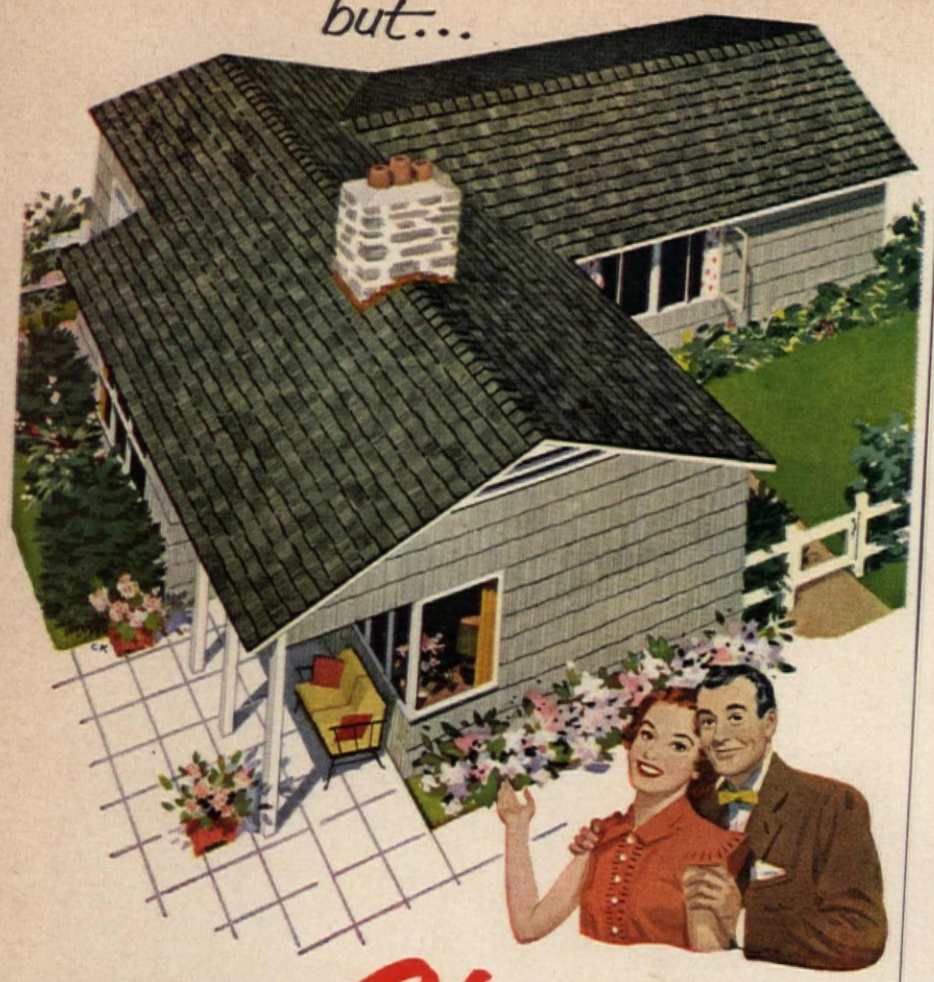

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Derby Day for Dogs

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Beaten but unbowed, this poised young lady and her tensely interested pet watch other preliminary contestants race around the track

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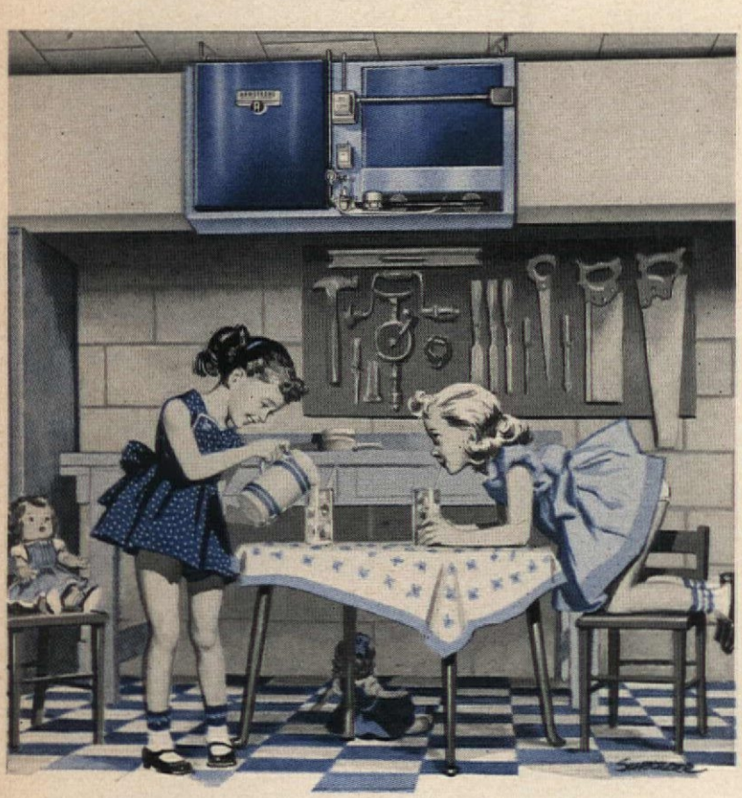

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What's a Bargain?

RAINEY HEARD WILLIAMS

We were lined up at the doors of a large department store, about a hundred women and me . . . it was sale day, and all around were excited feminine buzzings. A lady on my right confided—to about 20 of us—"You know, I don't really need anything on sale today, but I just love hunting for a bargain!" Frank Buck setting out to capture the king of the jungle couldn't have looked more thrilled. And of course there I was, right in line with the rest of them. But I *needed* a sweater to wear around the house.

Finally, the janitor threw back the doors. The stampede was on! I allowed myself to ride the crest toward the elevators and managed to work my way out on the right floor. An hour and a half later, I emerged triumphant, bearing a black knitted cocktail sweater heavily embroidered with gold braid ($29 value, for only $5—but I had nothing to wear *with* it), three pairs of hose, and a set of cannisters I didn't need, instead of the can opener I had intended to buy. Like the women around me, I'd succumbed once again to Bargain-itis.

Disturbing thoughts kept preying on my mind. When I got home, I went over a list of the items I'd bought at bargain prices during the past months. Among them were children's shirts and pajamas, a name-brand mattress and springs, a hat, a pair of shoes, undershirts for my husband, and a set of kitchen curtains.

Some purchases had been good bargains. Others had not. But just what makes a bargain a bargain? How can a housewife know when to plunk down her precious dollars and when to stand back coldly and unemotionally when the fervor of the sale eddies about her? Here are some of the conclusions I reached:

1. Keep your family's needs in mind *before* you read the bargain ads instead of inventing needs met by bargains. Why stock up on bargain tablecloths when it's towels you lack?

2. Be wary. Try to keep in mind that, most of the time, we get what we pay for. Reliable merchants can be depended upon to sell reliable merchandise. Beware of stores that won't stand behind their goods.

3. If the item on sale is unattractive or unbecoming, don't buy it merely because it's a bargain. You've gained nothing there.

4. Accessories, from hats and shoes to lamp shades and sofa pillows, are often hard to match with your basic wardrobe, furnishings or what-have-you.

5. Read ads carefully. A "$50 value for $25" doesn't necessarily mean that the article was ever sold at the first figure. Maybe in the store's opinion, it should be worth $50. See the difference?

6. Safer sale buys are those regular reductions in stock at the end of the season, or at inventory time. Such items as children's clothing, underwear, pajamas, linens, may be bought at substantial savings, though seldom at "sensational reductions." I really take advantage of these sales to stock up for next year.

7. Remember, when buying clothing on sale, that what you're buying is a season or so old, fashion-wise. While this may not disturb some women, to others it is of importance.

8. Be especially careful about buying expensive articles at drastic savings. Before you turn loose your money, you'll want to be sure you want the item (would you if it weren't on sale?), know what the store's backing is on the item, and whether or not it is practical for you, your house, or your family. I shudder to think how close I came to buying a drastically reduced, French provincial, wire-grilled secretary that would have been absolutely ridiculous in our small living room.

The conscientious housewife can save her family money in shopping for sale bargains. But she has to combine will power and common sense to do it. And finally, if you are a bargain hunter, try to keep quiet about it! Somehow it's a little bit boring to prate about your finds, in spite of the fact that you feel you deserve a pat on the back. Instead, why not wait until you're complimented on the bargain dress or lamp table? Then if you can smile graciously and say, "thank you"—and nothing more—you've passed the test.

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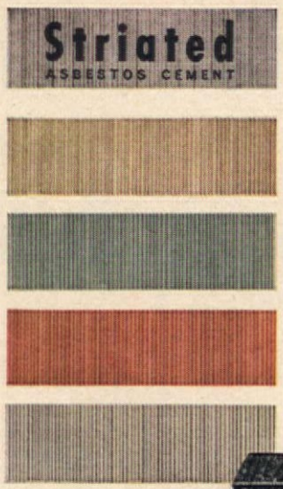

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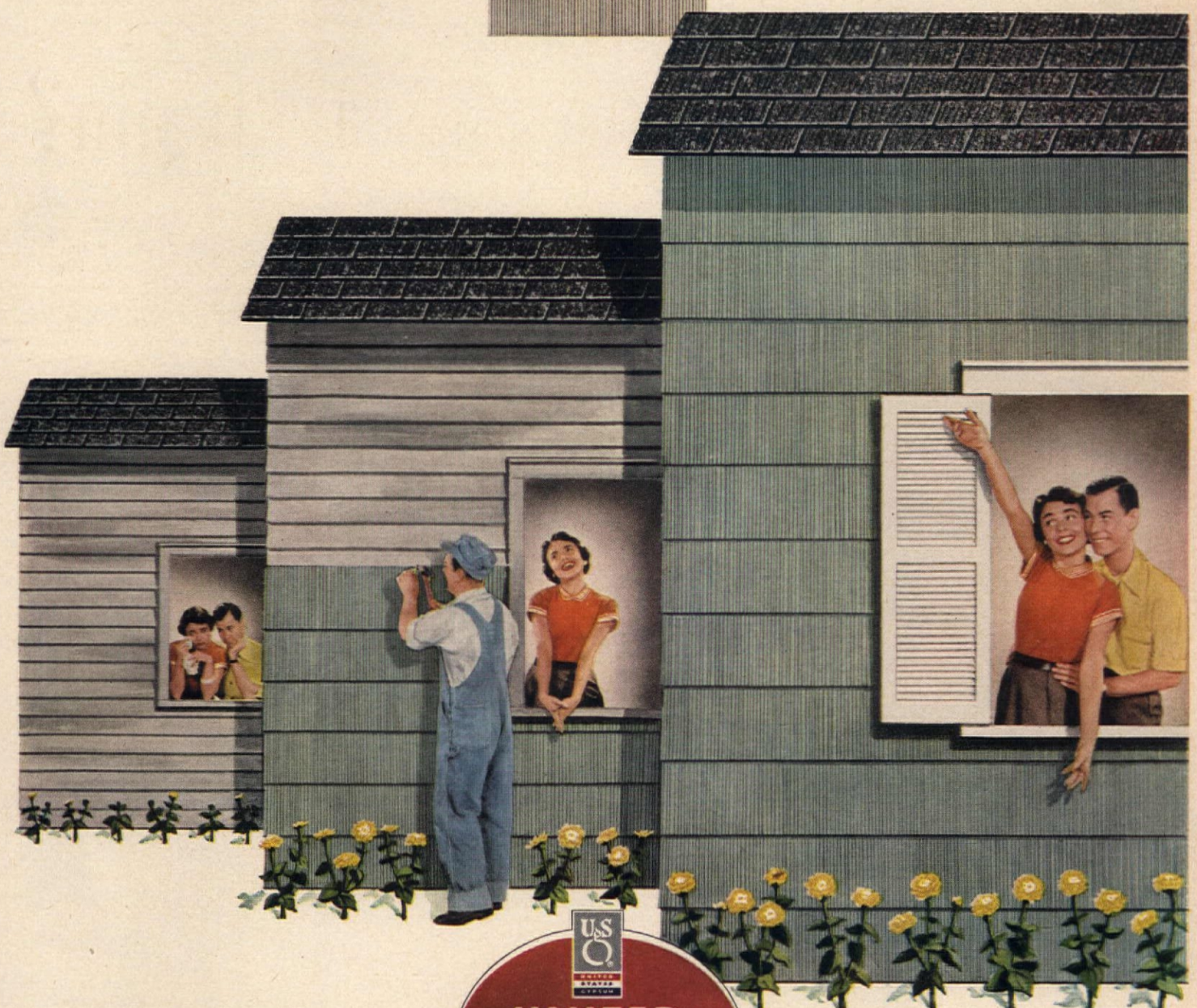

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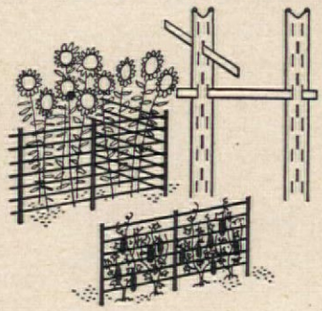

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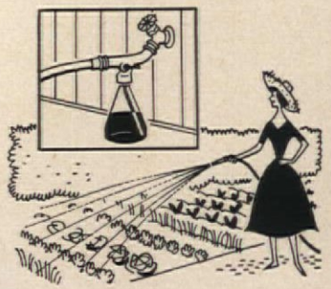

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Why should you bother to paint a tray when you can buy one "hand decorated," for less than $10? A fair question—until you examine the dreamy detail and illusion of depth on these. To compare them to the slick, quick commercial product is like comparing the *Mona Lisa* to a printed reproduction. Trays such as these are the result of a new golden age of tray decoration spearheaded by Esther Stevens Brazer—teacher, student, and writer on Early Americana who, some years ago, made a careful study of 17th and 18th century techniques, and passed them along. Many such venerable methods are employed on our trays—"floating" the

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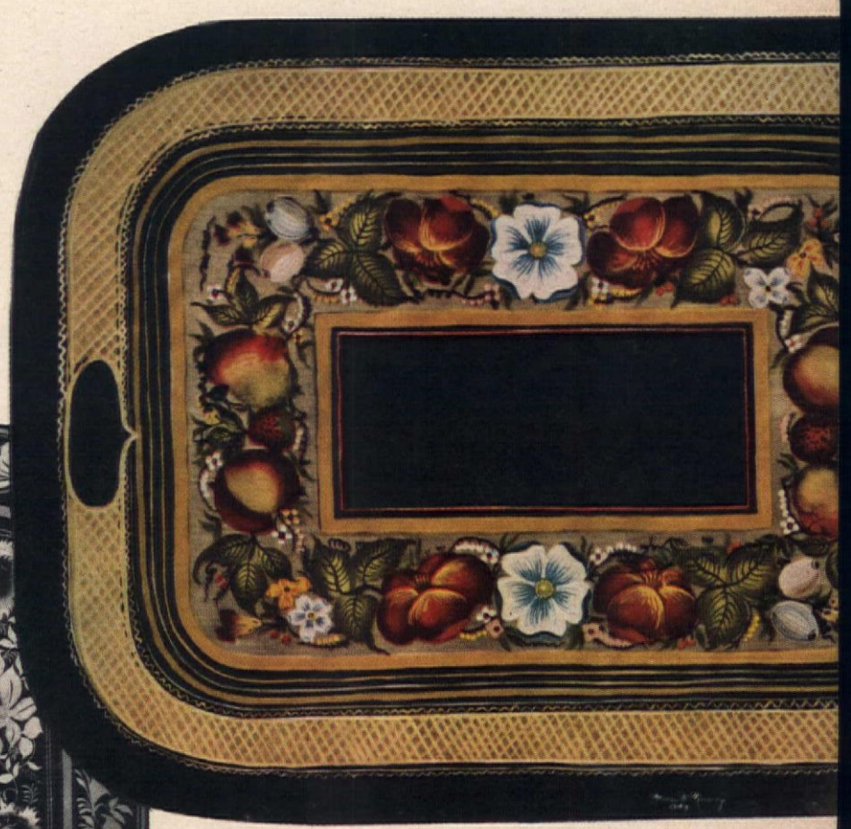

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BARBARA LENOX

AMERICAN AS APPLE PIE

To Interior Decorator Charlie Werner and his wife, Mary, home means the washable comfort of cottons, and lots of color—preferably red with blue or variations thereof, for Charlie believes that red and blue and Early American furnishings are as inseparable as maple syrup and pancakes. This color scheme works well, too, for people who love to collect things—as you can see on the fireplace wall, the blue makes a sympathetic background for an assortment of objects, showing them off to advantage.

American as the Fourth of July, and as jaunty, is the living room with red wall-to-wall carpet and its good small-scale wallpaper complementing the blue paneling. A fine country cupboard holds a collection of old china, and hospitable sofa and chairs were chosen for comfort. There is some smart improvisation, too: the charming settle near the picture window was a tired piece rejuvenated with blue denim accented in red; the small table next to it started life as a keg; the coffee table by the fireplace was once a butcher's chopping block. Does the end table by the sofa catch your eye? A similar one might be fashioned from an old butter churn, a wooden washing machine of early vintage, or from an ordinary barrel, set on a base and topped by a well-polished board.

In designing this home for himself, Charlie Werner applied Modern American ideas to a wealth of built-ins. With their V-jointed, random-width boards and strap hinges, those cupboards flanking the fireplace may look as if they came straight from an 18th-century farmhouse in Bucks County, Pennsylvania—but behind them you'll find a television set, records, and other modern gear, all in space carefully premeasured to hold them. Low built-ins under the picture window make good use of space which is usually wasted. So does the desk-cupboard-bookcase wall in the den pictured on the opposite page. Note its careful detailing: the tilted shelves for magazines, the scalloped sides of the bookcases, and the scalloped cornice which doubles as window valance and display shelf.

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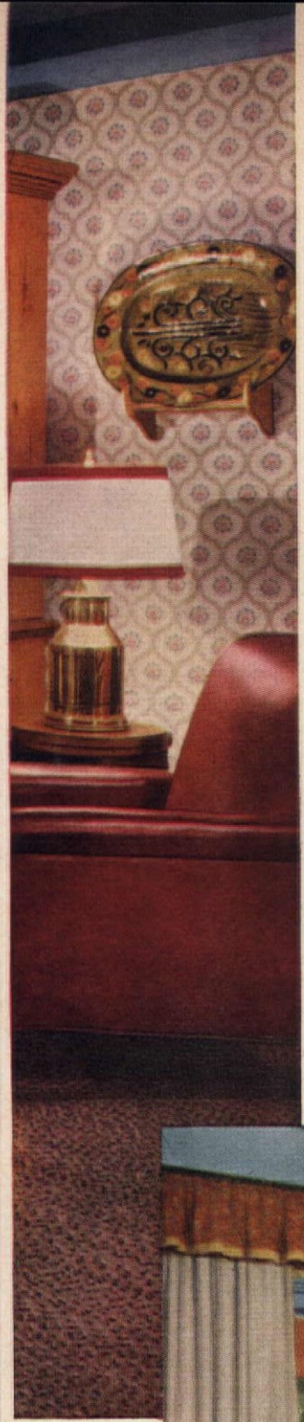

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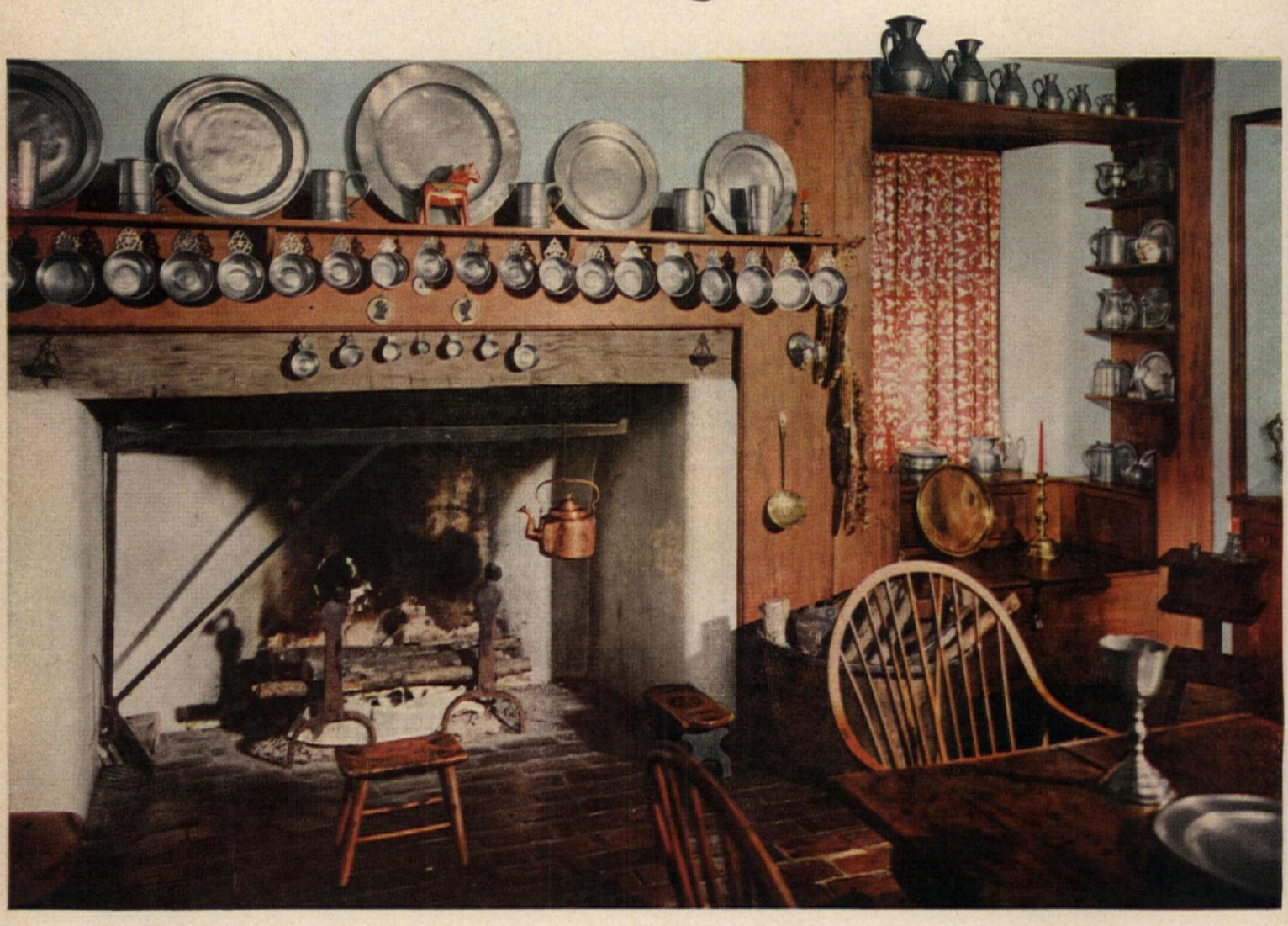

Pewter

by **LEDLIE IRWIN LAUGHLIN**

Mr. Laughlin, owner of a distinguished pewter collection, is a leading scholar and authority on the subject. A former Pittsburgher, he now lives in Princeton, New Jersey

The pewter pictured on these pages is the fruit of some 15 years of careful collecting. Here in our pewter room, which serves as an informal family dining room, we use our pewter much as our ancestors did. Candles burn in pewter candlesticks, meals are eaten from pewter plates and bowls, and pewter-framed silhouettes adorn our hearth which is "garnished"—to use the old-fashioned phrase—with pewter porringers of every known type of handle.

This tableware, together with communion flagons and chalices, and such humble items as nursing bottles, tinder boxes, and tavern measures, is nearly all of early American origin. Although hard to find these days, such pewter played an important part in the households, churches, and business of Americans from the first colonies until about 150 years ago. Because pewter is one of the softer metals, usually an alloy of tin with antimony or bismuth and copper or lead, utensils could be expected to wear out after a decade or so of service. When this happened, trade-ins were customary. Credit was given towards new purchases, and the old was melted down and refashioned. That is the chief reason why early American pewter is scarce today—and so highly prized by collectors.

But another value lies in the beauty of these early designs, often caused by necessity rather than intention. The pewterer, plying his trade in many of the larger towns of the eastern seaboard, was forced by the scarcity and expense of the molds to maintain such an adaptable simplicity of line that the result was this chaste form of art. A resourceful craftsman used the same mold as often as he could, topping a communion chalice and a sugar bowl with identical lids, and using a squat teapot mold twice to form the top and bottom of a tall teapot. It took seven years' apprenticeship to become a pewterer; capital was scarce, the laborious

handicraft required sorting, melting, molding, casting, scraping, burnishing, and selling—for little profit. No wonder the pewterer kept his work simple!

Finally, in addition to its scarcity, beauty, and usefulness, pewter appeals to the collector because of the maker's "touches"—trademarks by which we can identify many of the surviving pieces of American pewter and classify their value in terms of comparative rareness. Like a painter signing his pictures, the pewterer was wont to stamp his work with an insigne, his name, and sometimes his place of business. Roses, crowns, and lions were signs of British or Colonial pewterers, but American eagles and other patriotic symbols of the new republic were the vogue after the Revolution.

It was these "touches"—and the treasures they disclosed—that first set me looking about for pewter.

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Pewter, sacred and profane: Handsome "trifles"; flagon by Thomas Boardman, Hartford; chalice by Timothy Brigden, Albany; tankard by William Kirby, New York City

The men and their marks: J. B. Kerfoot's book on pewter inspired author's 15 years of research into the subject which resulted in his own two volumes. Prizes of Laughlin Collection include magnificent William Will coffee pot and rare lidded sugar bowl by Johannes Christopher Heyne

Quite by chance, while visiting one day in the 1920's, I happened to pick up from a table the handsome volume, *American Pewter,* by J. B. Kerfoot. Not in the least interested in antiques at that time, I probably would never have read the book had the author not proved an entertaining writer. And from that book I realized that, while the recognized work of early pewterers was valuable, so little was known about the subject that many pieces had to be dismissed as "unidentified"—pewter that might be rare, too, if only someone could find out more about it! Kerfoot and a few others had only *begun* to explore the subject. If I wanted to know more, I would have to find out for myself.

Not only did I start looking about for pewter, which at that time could be easily found in attics and antique shops, but I also searched old records of law suits, marriages, wills, inventories, and directories to find out all I could about the men who had so literally left their mark on American pewter —who they were, what they made, where they sold it. In this way, I grew to know what pewter I might *hope* to find. Although only about 20 early pewterers had previously been listed, I was able to record more than 60 who worked before 1750. There must have been many more, some with large businesses. One Boston brazier and pewterer (who died in 1666) left over a ton of finished pewter as well as molds and tools! To me, each newly discovered mark became part of a puzzle which must be made to fit.

I found that I could collect pewter as one collects stamps, filling in the blank spaces. By searching, buying, and trading, I acquired my collection, and the intensive research and classification resulted in my book, *Pewter in*

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In this Pewter Room, which serves as an informal dining room, the furnishings are Early American. Examples of rare pewter "garnish" the hearth and adorn the shelves, and household pewter is really put to everyday use. The teapot shown in detail at your right is by Daniel Curtiss of Albany (*circa* 1800-1872) whose exquisite sense of line continued despite the florid tastes of a later period

Platter, tureen, and covered vegetable dish illustrated below are all old Chinese examples, brought over by Captain Edwards on the Borneo. Sugar bowl is modern, water pitcher is an old one, carafe is of uncertain date. The Chinese put handles on cups made for export to the West. Saucer next to tureen is an early Chinese example

This collection began with the good ship Borneo, shown above as she stood in the Hong Kong harbor in the 1840's. Her master, Captain James Bodfish Edwards, whose family were part owners of the Sandwich Glass Company, had a sharp eye for beauty—and that eye was attracted by the lovely china in the "Willow" pattern for which the port of Canton was famous. Many of the treasures he brought home were destroyed in a fire, but his great-granddaughter, Mrs. Buckminster Marcy of New York, who inherited the surviving pieces, built around them a considerable collection of authentic Canton. Of course, not all "Willow-ware" is Canton, for this pattern became one of the most popular of all dinnerware decorations in the West. According to tradition, its widespread use in England began in the 1780's when Thomas Minton, then a young apprentice in Thomas Turner's Caughley pottery, engraved a willow design (the original copper, worn paper thin, still exists at Coalport). Soon Spode, Wedgwood, and other major English firms were making their versions of "Willow."

"Willow" pattern has lots of legend behind it. Most romantic one deals with a princess, Koong-See, and her lover, a secretary named Chang. Her Proud Poppa put up a fence for to part them, and arranged to marry her off to a rich duke, Ta-Jin. Just before the nuptials, Koong-See and Chang eloped, not neglecting to take along priceless jewels Ta-Jin had given her. Some say that, pursued by Furious Father, they turned into doves forthwith. Other versions, more elaborate, still finish the pair off as doves, but permit them to escape over a bridge, buy an island with the jewels, and enjoy living for a time

The Marcy Collection

LOIS PALMER

Canton China

Chosen from the

American eagle, in fascinating variety, is the design most frequently found on flasks. Some eagle flasks have a portrait of Lafayette on reverse (far left); these were produced as souvenirs when the French general visited here in 1824 and 1825. "Success to the Railroad," inscribed on flask at left, signalizes the 19th century's great advance in transportation

Historical Flasks

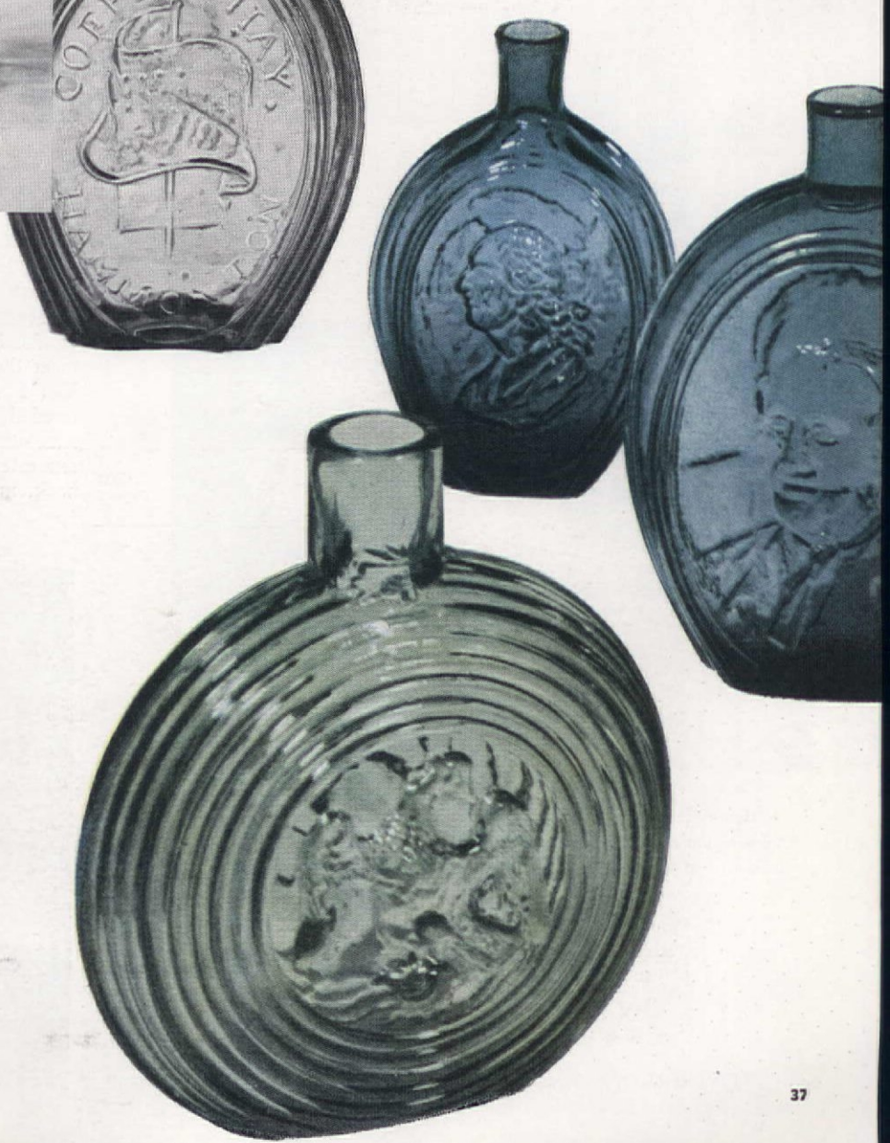
Swedish singer Jenny Lind captivated Americans when she visited in 1850, and popular souvenirs included flasks like that at the right. Bottle next to it, with caricature of an adventurer off "For Pike's Peak," is reminder of 1859 gold rush

At bottom of page, flasks with occult, though familiar, symbols of Masons (the all-seeing eye, pavement and arch, etc.) which appeared frequently in early 1800's

George S. McKearin Collection

by ALICE WINCHESTER

Alice Winchester has always felt that antiques should be considered as both history and art. As Editor of Antiques Magazine, *she has done a great deal to emphasize their importance to any sound interpretation of the American scene, past and present*



Like the eagle, many emblems and symbols on flasks appeal to patriotism—the cornucopia, Columbia, the American flag. Glassmakers also occasionally put their own names in the designs. A particularly handsome pair of flasks are the large Washington and Franklin in unusually clear glass (below). On early flasks, Washington is shown in his general's uniform; later, he wears the Roman toga which the 19th century considered befitting a great personage. The "concentric ring eagle" (bottom of page) is a very rare bottle, unusual in shape, which owes its effectiveness to fine color, texture, and bold simplicity more than to careful modeling

A hundred years ago, they were ordinary "likker" bottles; now they are historical flasks, collected as antiques. This change of status is due to more than mere age, to more even than the lovely colors and appealing shapes of these early American bottles. It is because they evoke whole chapters of history.

Popular from the 1820's into the 1870's, these flasks reflect the popular tastes and interests of their era. Their surfaces are decorated with raised designs fashioned by the molds in which they were blown, and it is these designs, topical as the Currier & Ives prints of the same period, that give them their special interest. A few from the hundreds that exist are shown here, chosen from the collection of George S. McKearin of Hoosick Falls, New York—the most comprehensive collection of American historical flasks ever brought together.

While the designs on many flasks are conventional motifs, such as sunbursts or scrolls, those classed as historical are related to some aspect of the life of their times. These fall into several categories: portraits of national heroes and celebrities; emblems, patriotic chiefly; Masonic symbols; designs pertaining to American political and economic development.

Portraits make up the largest group, and the most ubiquitous portrait is that of our greatest national hero, George Washington. While on a few flasks the same picture appears on both sides, the majority offer double interest with a different design on each side. Washington is paired with such notables as Jackson, Taylor, and Henry Clay, and also with sheaves of grain, eagles, trees, sailing ships, and monuments.

Most later presidents were portrayed not so much in commemoration, as for political campaign purposes. John Quincy Adams appears on only one flask, Andrew Jackson on many. There is a whole series related to William Henry Harrison, presidential candidate in 1840, showing his campaign symbols and slogans—the hard-cider barrel, the log cabin, the plow,

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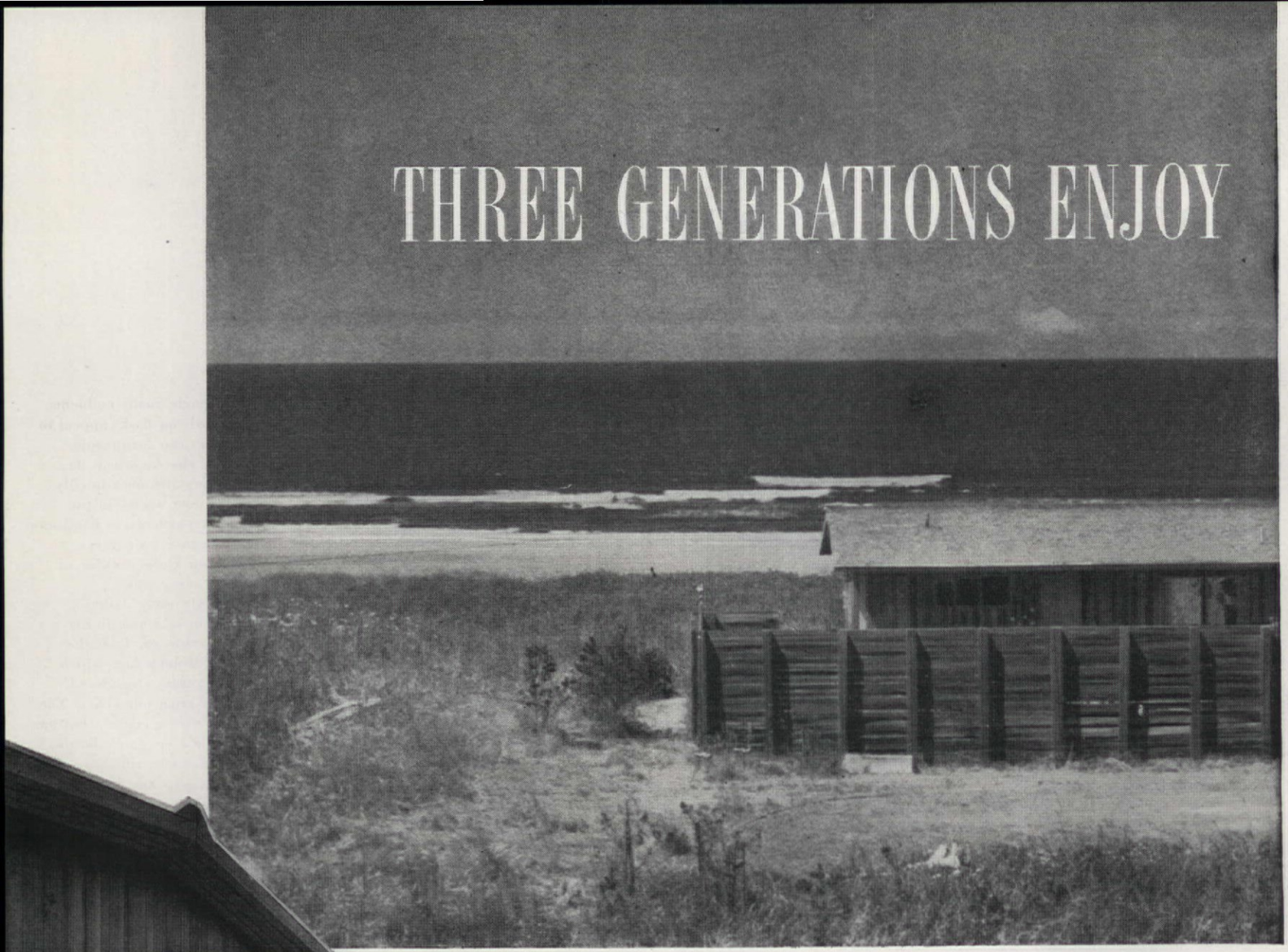
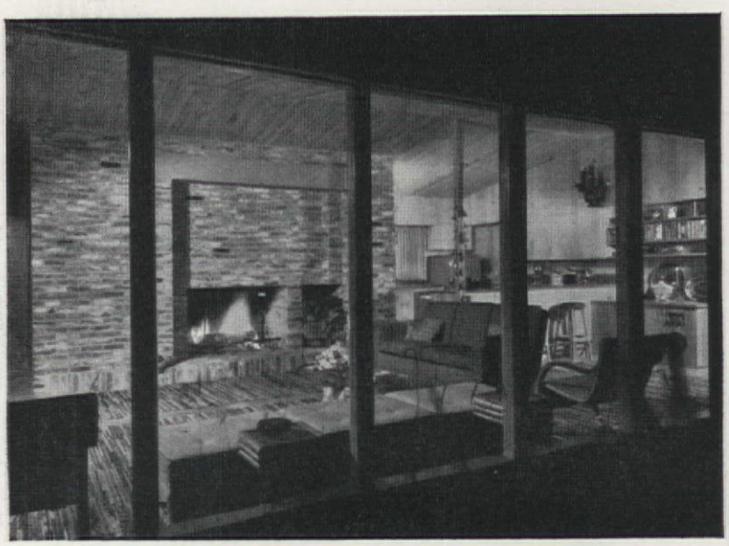
THREE GENERATIONS ENJOY



A high cedar fence, comfortable furniture, and a profusion of flowers make the paved terrace an attractive spot for outdoor living even when high winds blow in from the Pacific

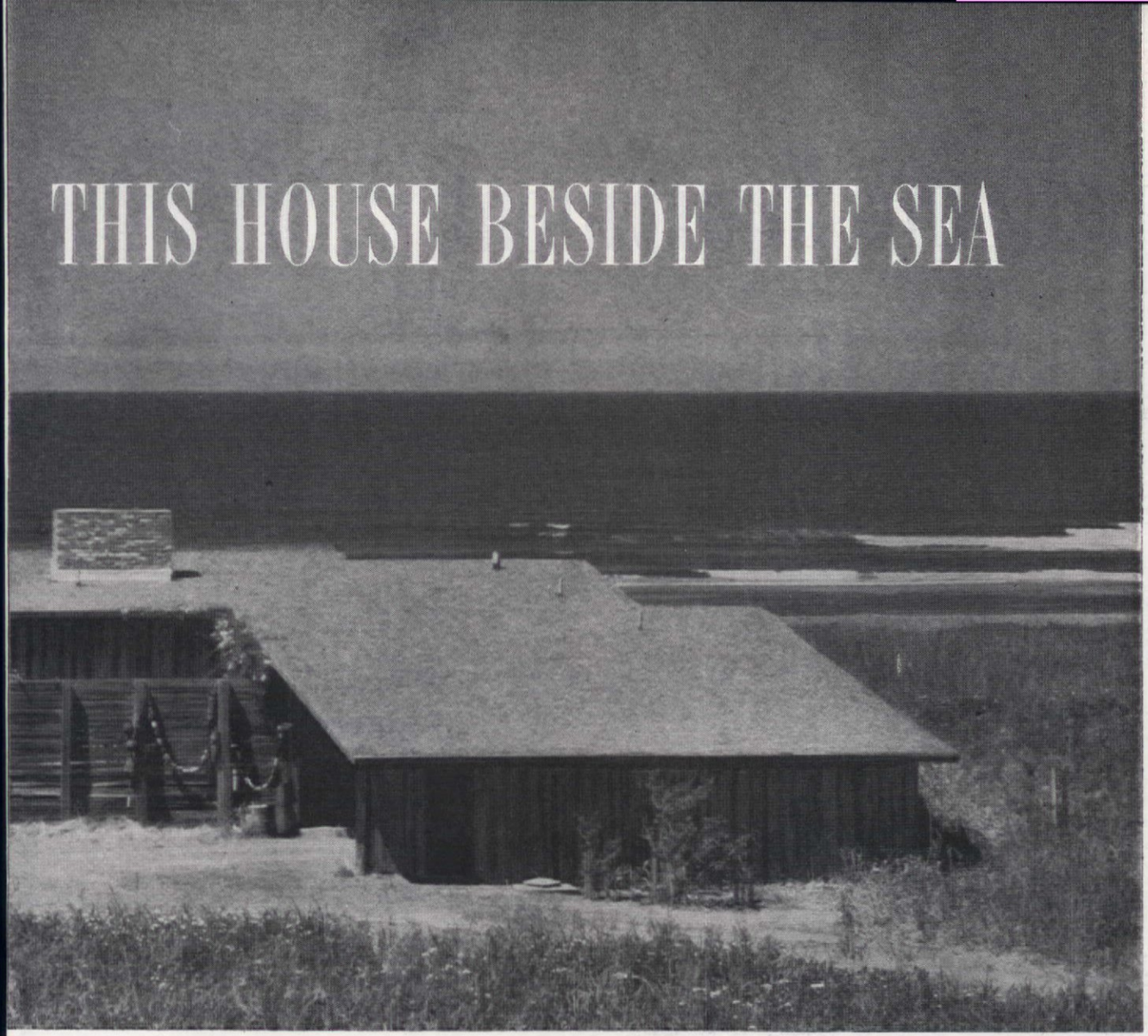
"We don't want a nautical beach house, all anchors aweigh and ready to sail," the Grahams told their architect. "We want a comfortable home that just happens to be at the beach. Since we often will share it with our children and grandchildren, we'd like the guest quarters isolated so the youngsters can be undisturbed—and won't disturb us! And we don't want a kitchen shut away from the fun in the living room." To meet these requirements for a three-generation vacation house, Architect Van Evera Bailey worked out a plan in which four zones are sharply divided: 1. The guest wing—two rooms and bath which can be entirely shut off. 2. The master bedroom and bath at the other end of the house, separated from the living room by an accordion door which, when folded back, makes it a den-like extension of the living room. 3. The general



Principal rooms face the ocean through walls of fixed glass with sliding panels above for ventilation. Beyond the fireplace, you can see the open kitchen planned as a part of the living area

OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. A. B. GRAHAM, Gearhart, Oregon

THIS HOUSE BESIDE THE SEA



indoor living area whose open plan takes in a kitchen as beautifully paneled as the living room. 4. The terrace, planned for shelter from the winds and showers that suddenly spring up along the Oregon coast. The deep overhang of the roof offers partial shade, and a high, split-cedar fence shields this outdoor room from the road. Opening from the terrace are a bather's shower and a wood storage compartment which also houses an overhead water heater.

Aesthetically the house, with its long, low lines and its roof line staggered like the breakers beyond, fits perfectly into the breeze-swept landscape. The Northwesterner's love and respect for wood as a building material is everywhere evident here: The exterior is finished in rough-sawn vertical cedar boards of narrow width, weathered to the color of driftwood. Inside.

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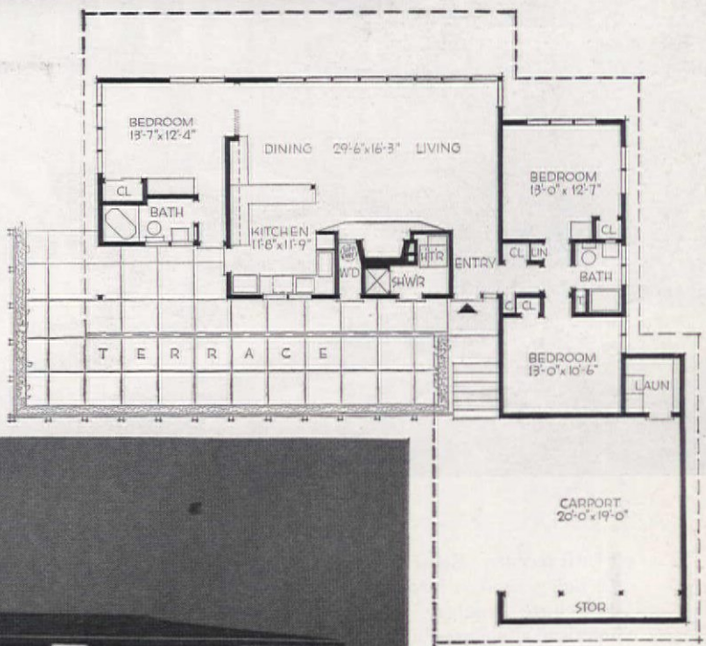
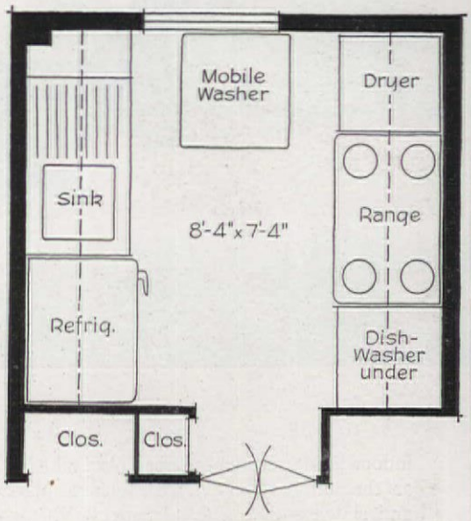


ARCHITECT:
VAN EVERA BAILEY

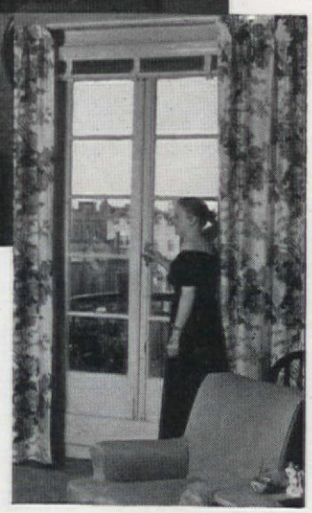
Our Home Equipment Editor Lives Here

MARY E. MONZE

BEFORE: Any landlord who considered this adequate for Mrs. Modern reckoned without our Edie! She placed a washer, dryer, dishwasher, and two-oven range in this kitchen. Made it all pretty, too!



FEATURED IN THIS APARTMENT: Fabrics, Cohama; Venetian blinds, Venetian Blind Industry; Youngstown cabinets and sink; Caloric range; Hamilton washer; Congoleum vinyl tile; Heinley shutters; Whirlpool dryer; Frigidaire air conditioner; James dishwasher; Hoover vacuum cleaner. (For additional merchandise, see "Where Credit Is Due," page 92.)



BEFORE: Equipment and storage were sad. Now modern appliances fill floor area; cabinets line the walls; utensils hang, decoratively, within easy reach

Until recently, Home Equipment Editor Edith Ramsay and her daughter, Betsy, used to throw wonderful parties in the most unique of rooms—a huge "country" kitchen, all Early American furniture and Late American appliances built into what was once the living room of a New York apartment. Anyone who ever tasted one of Edie's steaks, charcoal broiled with the aid of a pitchfork in the fireplace of that parlor-kitchen, will never forget that delightful anomaly of a room. But alas! As happens in Manhattan, the building came down, and the Ramsays went home-hunting.

In the new apartment we illustrate, Edie decided to meet the challenge offered by the tiny kitchen, and to enjoy, for a change, the luxury of a real living room furnished more formally to use to advantage such distinguished heirlooms as that Goddard tripod table by the bookcase. But if you knew Edie as we know Edie, you'd understand that mere prettiness isn't enough for this career gal with the heart of a homebody. The carpet had to be the kind that would shed New York City dirt and grime; the chairs, instead of being reupholstered, had to be outfitted with washable slipcovers—nylon where possible, for Edie is a great one for throwing everything into her washer and dryer—and often. (That's why she insisted upon making

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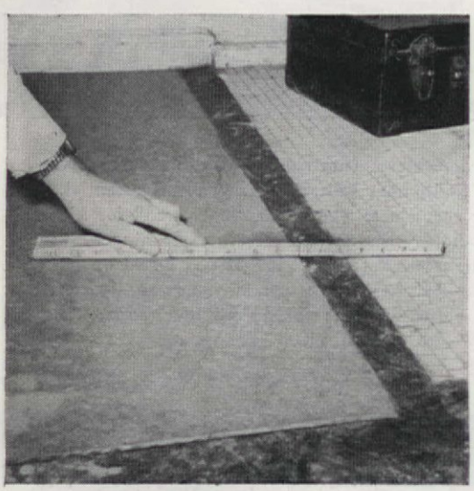
Old broom closet (not shown) couldn't harbor gear Home Equipment Editor Ramsay deems essential, so former coat closet, above, was "borrowed" for kitchen use. It holds vacuum and all other cleaning paraphernalia. Note smart use of peg board on back of door—brushes and carpet sweeper can hang. Old broom closet now has shelves for pots, pans, and a wealth of small electrical appliances

Automatic clothes washer (left) and dishwasher (right) in a tiny city kitchen? Editor Ramsay demonstrates that renters can enjoy their blessings via equipment-on-wheels which moves to the sink when required, and needn't be "plumbed-in." Here, hoses connect under the sink to supply hot and cold water. (Mixing faucet will not operate clothes washer automatically.) When not in use, clothes washer stands by the window, and dishwasher slips under a counter

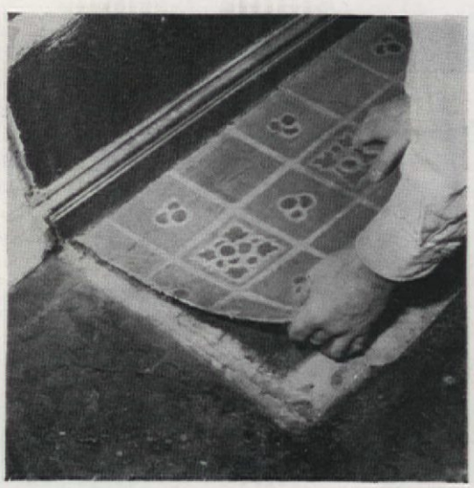
Don't attempt to lay tiles or strip flooring on rough, uneven surfaces —

Prepare Old

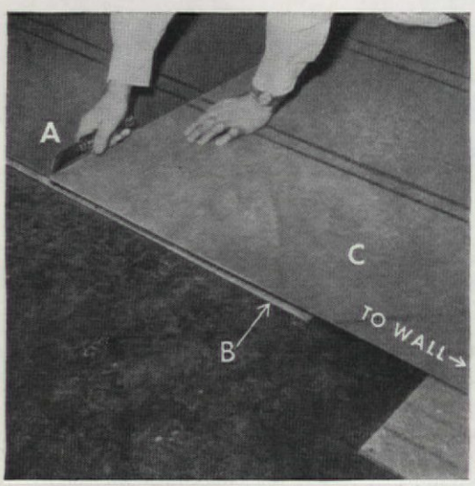
1. First locate high spots (such as hearths). With a sheet of underlayment next to high spot, check the relative heights. Old floor covering beneath underlayment can be left on floor or removed to help level the over-all height



2. Locate low spots—for example, where cabinets have been removed, thus exposing bare floor. Build up low spots to the required height with scrap linoleum, plywood, hardboard, or a separate layer of underlayment

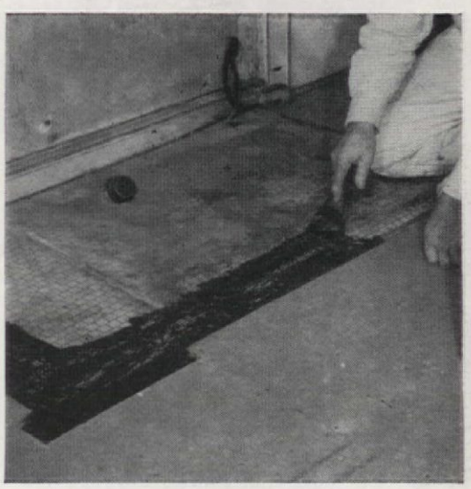


3. Doors may have to be removed and trimmed at bottom to clear thicker new floor. Taper edges of underlayment touching door saddles, so new floor will not rise above saddle. Old floor covering, if left on floor, should be tapered off as shown



7. Use this quick-fit trick where less than a full sheet is required to fit against wall. Lay sheet to be cut (A) on top of last installed sheet (B). Align edges. As cutting guide, use an additional sheet (C), butted against wall. Scribe B as shown

8. Underlayment can be cut on straight lines or slight curves by scoring deeply or cutting part-way through sheet with a linoleum knife. Then break sheet along the line and trim off any ragged edges with a plane or sharp linoleum knife



9. Where spaces between hearth and underlayment can not be filled with underlayment or other solid material because of sharp taper up to hearth, use filler compound described in next two pictures. First, prime uneven area with brushed-on emulsion

JONATHAN ALEY

When you do your own building, or redecorating, the work that doesn't show counts for a lot. This is particularly true when you put down resilient flooring—getting the surface ready is all important. Both tile and strip flooring will conform to the subfloor: if it is smooth and flat, you'll get a good job; if it is irregular, the final job will look sloppy. So the first step is to examine the old floor. If there is a good double floor of tightly nailed narrow boards under the old floor covering, you can probably plane and sand to a smooth, clean working surface. If so, all you need do before laying the final covering is to put down lining felt paper (see page 92).

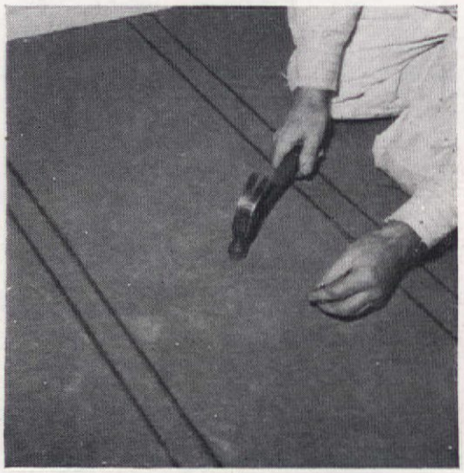
However, if your floor should be uneven, or oil soaked, or if it is a single-thickness floor, then carefully installed sheets of underlayment will prove rewarding whether you put down the final covering yourself or have it done professionally. In addition to common hand tools, you'll need a notched spreader, sufficient underlayment to cover the floor, nails, plaster of Paris and emulsion (to make filler if required), linoleum adhesive, and sufficient lining felt to cover the floor.

Floors for New Resilient Flooring

4. Edges of underlayment should be snug against walls. If walls are irregular, place sheet against wall, open dividers to match greatest gap between wall and sheet edge, and scribe sheet, duplicating on underlayment irregularities of wall

5. Cut underlayment along scribed line with sharp linoleum knife or coping saw. Space sheets 1/16 in. apart to permit expansion. On wood floor, put unglued lining felt below underlayment. Then place underlayment rough side up for good bond

6. Nail underlayment to floor with three-penny cement-coated, rosin-coated, or special serrated underlayment nails. Drive nails one inch from edges of sheets, spaced six inches apart in both directions. Nailheads must be flush with surface



See "Where Credit Is Due," on page 92

10. Mix filler compound of two parts plaster of Paris to one part emulsion. Add water to make a filler approximately the consistency of ordinary concrete. Using mason's trowel, fill primed area to height of underlayment and hearth

11. Feather out the edges of the filler to make surface perfectly smooth and level. Use filler on any uneven joints between sheets of underlayment or where sheets have not been accurately fitted around edges of the room

FOR HOW TO INSTALL LINING FELT, SEE PAGE 92

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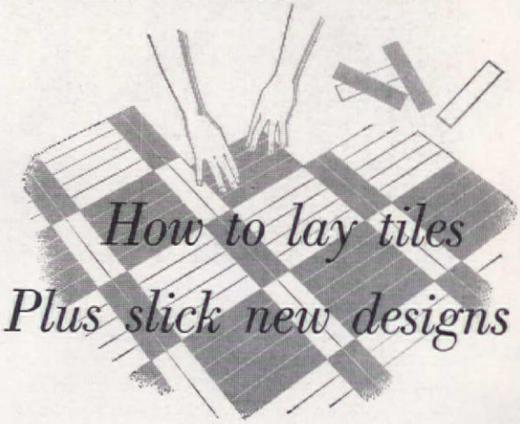

How to lay tiles
Plus slick new designs

Mums

MARK M. TAYLOR

Photograph, courtesy Jackson & Perkins Co.

Made Me a Garden Fan

If you have never tried raising big exhibition-type chrysanthemums outdoors, you have missed a real garden thrill. It was just such home-grown mums that made me a garden hobbyist. A chap in my office kept bringing in blooms such as I had never seen outside a florist shop. One spring he offered us rooted cuttings (for sale; he's a Scotchman), stressing how easily they are grown and that there is a ready market for good flowers. I bought twelve (perhaps there's a Scot in *my* ancestry) and the first thing I knew, my flowers won three blue ribbons in a local flower show. From then on, there was no stopping me. The next season, by taking successive crops of cuttings, I increased my plants to 125; and a year later, I had some 1200 in my yard. Don't think I'm suggesting this as a get-rich-quick scheme, for there's a lot of work involved. But it's not hard work, and if you raise good flowers you can, besides enjoying them, sell some to local florists and sell rooted cuttings to other home gardeners. Based upon my experience, this is how to raise large-flowered chrysanthemums outdoors:

Taking cuttings (slips) from old plants in March or early April, starts the year's cycle. I took mine farthest from the center of the clump, with a piece of the parent root attached; also 3- or 4-inch-long stem cuttings from young growth, cutting just below a leaf joint. Plant them about half their length deep in sand, and water carefully. To avoid later transplanting, I dug small trenches where the plants were to grow, filled them with sand, and rooted the cuttings there. After growth started, I never let them go for more than 24 hours without moisture. They also need generous feeding, and I found liquid fertilizer made from sheep guano effective and inexpensive.

As staking is important, I used a three-row system with 24 inches between rows, 18 inches between plants. At the ends of the middle row, I drove heavy stakes and ran galvanized wires between them, the first, on one side, 12 inches from the ground, the next, on the other side, at 18 inches, and so on at 24-, 30-, and 36-inch intervals. As the stalks grew, I tied each one to the nearest wire with raffia, knotting it tightly to the wire but looping it loosely around the stem. This did not pull the plants over, and it allowed some "give" so they suffered little or no damage from chafing or wind impact. As to protection, I found that Black Leaf 40 and DDT took care of insect pests, and that dusting with sulphur proved effective against mildew.

When plants were eight inches high, I pinched out the tops to

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Home of M. A. Harris, Woodside, California

Among garden details that don't call for weeding or mowing are bricked terraces and paths, vines and climbing roses planted in soil pockets against the house wall, and plants in pots and tubs. The straight edge of this lawn, flush with the terrace, suggests that mowing here will be easy, as such things go

Tired of Weeding and Mowing?

Then reduce them to a minimum! How cut down on mowing and weeding—without cutting down on the beauty of your grounds? There are several ways, some involving a garden plan designed to demand fewer of these tedious tasks, others taking advantage of horticultural methods and chemicals to slow up grass growth and discourage weeds. All give you added time in which to enjoy that garden of yours, and to devote to making it flourish.

One good solution to the mowing problem is to have less grass to mow: replace some of the lawn with terraces of brick, flagstone, or concrete; use large areas of gravel bordered with colorful flowers; put in a wide driveway with provision for off-street parking.

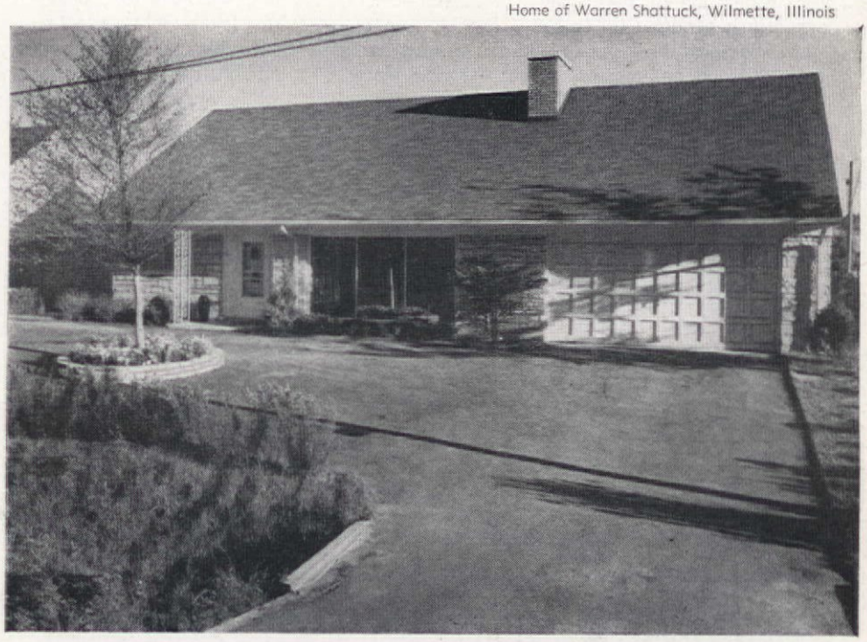
If you prefer green underfoot, you can still cut down on mowing by using, in place of grass, some sort of evergreen herbaceous ground cover—English ivy, periwinkle, Pachysandra, Ajuga, Dichondra; or low woody plants such as spreading juniper, trailing rose, Japanese honeysuckle.

Chemicals can cut down your mowing time, too, if you slow up the growth of at least part of the grass area by treating it with one of the preparations in which the active agent is maleic hydrazide. While they act on different kinds of grasses and other plants in varying degrees, and may therefore cause an uneven appearance, they apparently reduce the number of mowings needed.

As to weeding, you can control weeds in the lawn by the proper use of various selective herbicides. In your flower beds, underplant the larger things with shallow-rooting ornamentals such as pansies, violas, alyssum, etc., so as to crowd or shade out the weeds. Also, you can maintain around your plants a mulch of peat moss, sawdust, leaf mold, buckwheat hulls, or paper, aluminum foil, glass wool, stones—any material that smothers or discourages weeds and keeps soil cool and moist in hot weather.

In the vegetable garden, control weeds by treating the soil, *before crops appear,* with one of the commercial preparations that destroy weed seeds before they germinate, or the seedlings immediately afterward. (But do this cautiously, until you learn how it works.)

Home of Warren Shattuck, Wilmette, Illinois



A lawn is good to look at, and to walk on, barefoot, when it's dewy. But an ample forecourt, bordered by shrubbery, is attractive too—and cuts down on mowing. It also welcomes guests' cars, and, when no cars are present, makes a good place for games

You can have plenty of grass and still eliminate mowing in difficult areas by using a ground cover such as this English ivy. It's also a natural in the shade, where grass won't grow, and makes a handsome transition from house to garden

Home of J. R. Crenshaw, Cincinnati, Ohio

When It's Too Hot

ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN

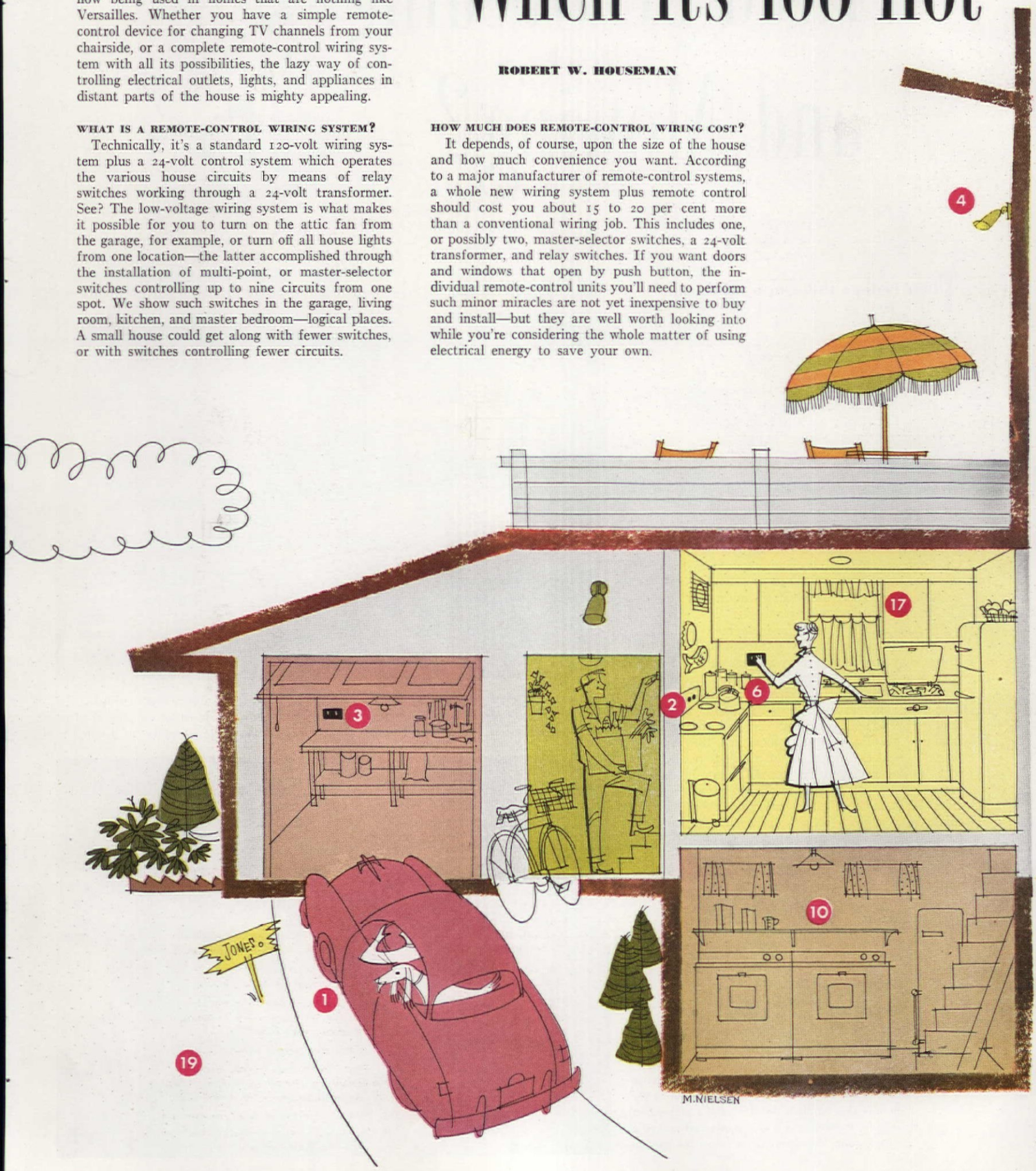
Think Marie Antoinette lived in clover? Well, could she throw a switch at her bedside to close a window or to start the electric coffee maker in the kitchen? *You* can, if you wire your home for remote control. We illustrate just a sampling of the remote-controlled conveniences now being used in homes that are nothing like Versailles. Whether you have a simple remote-control device for changing TV channels from your chairside, or a complete remote-control wiring system with all its possibilities, the lazy way of controlling electrical outlets, lights, and appliances in distant parts of the house is mighty appealing.

WHAT IS A REMOTE-CONTROL WIRING SYSTEM?

Technically, it's a standard 120-volt wiring system plus a 24-volt control system which operates the various house circuits by means of relay switches working through a 24-volt transformer. See? The low-voltage wiring system is what makes it possible for you to turn on the attic fan from the garage, for example, or turn off all house lights from one location—the latter accomplished through the installation of multi-point, or master-selector switches controlling up to nine circuits from one spot. We show such switches in the garage, living room, kitchen, and master bedroom—logical places. A small house could get along with fewer switches, or with switches controlling fewer circuits.

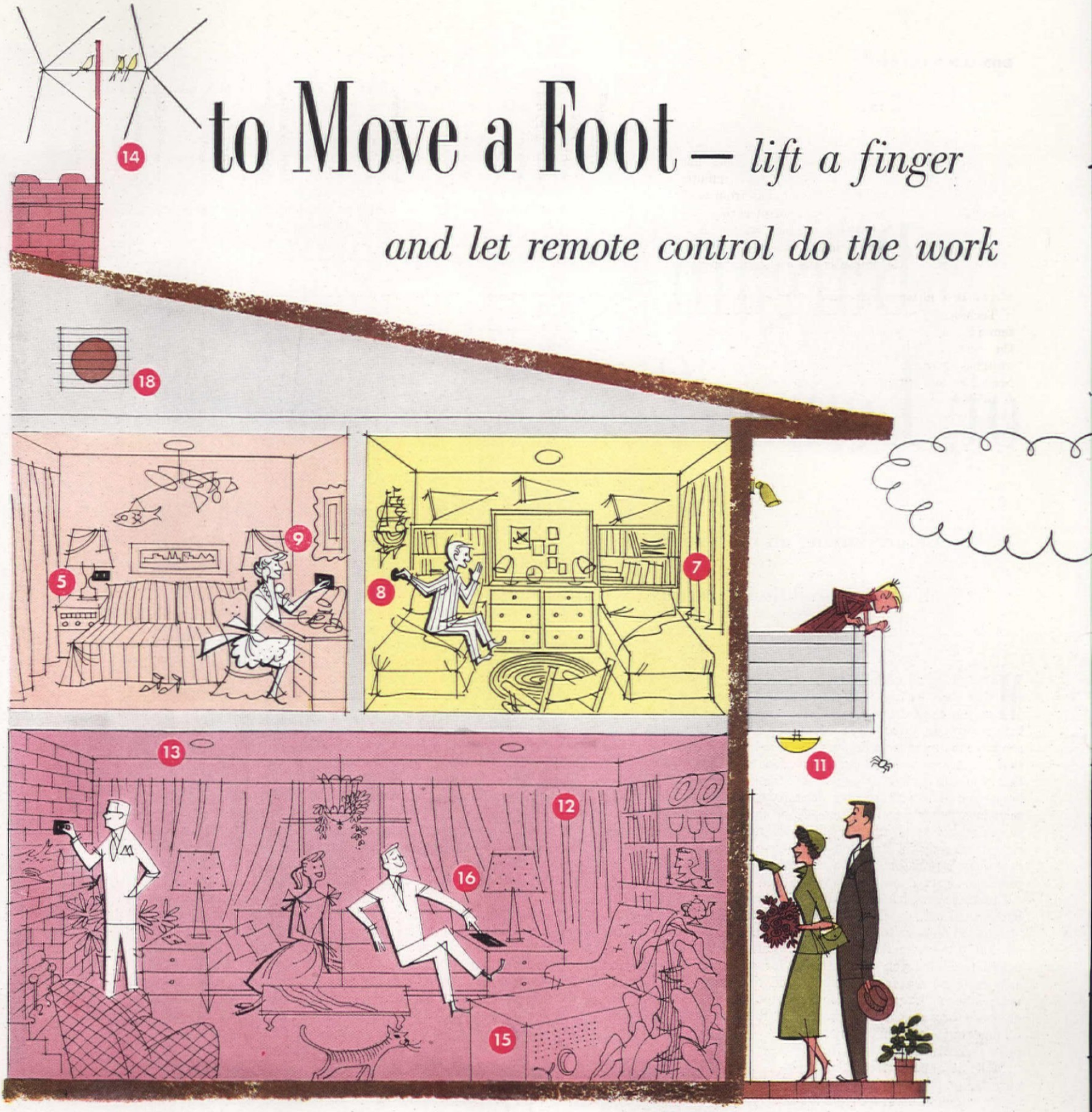
HOW MUCH DOES REMOTE-CONTROL WIRING COST?

It depends, of course, upon the size of the house and how much convenience you want. According to a major manufacturer of remote-control systems, a whole new wiring system plus remote control should cost you about 15 to 20 per cent more than a conventional wiring job. This includes one, or possibly two, master-selector switches, a 24-volt transformer, and relay switches. If you want doors and windows that open by push button, the individual remote-control units you'll need to perform such minor miracles are not yet inexpensive to buy and install—but they are well worth looking into while you're considering the whole matter of using electrical energy to save your own.



to Move a Foot — *lift a finger*

and let remote control do the work



What Goes On Here?

1. Garage door opens and shuts, garage lights turn on or off—from car.

2. Ditto from kitchen.

3. All house lights turn off or on from garage.

4. & 5. A bedside switch controls any light inside or outside of the house.

6. Button by your bed can start the coffee and toast in the kitchen.

7. Bedroom air conditioner—and window—operate from a bedside switch.

8. Auxiliary bathroom heater turns on from a button beside the bed.

9. A button by the telephone silences radio while you talk.

10. A pre-set automatic washer turns on from upstairs.

11. Entry lights flick on from kitchen.

12. Any draperies open or close if you press a central control switch.

13. Lights may be dimmed without being turned off—by button any place.

14. TV roof antenna is turned by push button from the living room.

15. TV channels can be changed (or commercials turned off) without moving from your chair.

16. Hi-fi's also under remote control.

17. Any window opens and shuts by push button—a remote one, if you wish. This works on windows up to 96"x72".

18. Attic fan turns on from downstairs.

19. Automatic lawn sprinkler can be controlled from indoors.

DONALD TAYLOR

Bargain—or Lemon?

Before buying an old home, check its condition carefully

Many young house-hunting families discover, sooner or later, that their limited finances will buy all the space they need only if they are willing to settle for an older home. If that happens to you, you needn't regret it, for, actually, a used home can have many advantages over any new home—beyond the fact that it costs dollars less per square foot! One big advantage is that you can pick the type of neighborhood—and the neighbors—you like with greater accuracy in an established area than in a newly developed one. Also, churches, transportation, shops, schools, and other facilities are normally present; utilities are already in (and you won't have to pay to bring them in); there's probably a lawn and other landscaping already in place, and garage and driveway are sold with the house.

But there are pitfalls to avoid, of course, for a "used" house, like a used car, can be either the bargain of a lifetime—or a "lemon." You have to know what you are buying—and knowing inevitably means a thorough study. Start looking by following up all the leads you can gather—"for sale" signs, newspaper ads, or tips from friends. You'll find that you can eliminate many houses at a glance as too small, too large, too expensive—or simply because they just won't lend themselves to the degree of modernization you'll want, at the price you're willing to pay for it.

Make it a point from the beginning to take your time. If a real estate salesman says: "I have a sure buyer coming here in half an hour, so if you want it, you'd better take it now"—forget it! Buying a home is probably the biggest investment of your life; it's no time to succumb to pressure of any kind. If the owner or salesman won't give you the opportunity or adequate time to look the place over carefully from top to bottom, inside and out—move on.

When you find a home which appears to meet your family's requirements, priced reasonably and located in an acceptable neighborhood, call in an architect to look it over. He'll be able to pick out its basic defects quickly and to estimate how much it will cost to set the place to rights. He'll also be able to tell you how much it will cost to put in the improvements you'll like to make, now or later. A reliable builder or skilled workman can also be a valuable source of advice on this score.

Obvious flaws like these are easy to spot, but it takes real detecting to find hidden hazards—slipshod framing, inferior pipes, and the like

But whether or not you use the services of experts, learn to be your own expert, too. Take a complete tour of the house with paper and pencil in hand to make note of its defects. Later on, you will want to tot up the cost of curing all the home's ills—expenses that should be considered as part of the buying price. And while you're at it, don't forget the cost of any painting, papering, or other redecorating that you'll want.

The basement, if there is one, is a good place to start your tour of inspection. There you will be able to observe much about the structure of the house, for framing members are more than likely exposed. Look for signs of flooding or excessive dampness. The first is betrayed by water marks on the walls or rust at the base of equipment; the walls and wooden members will show mold, rot, or visible moisture if the basement has a severe condensation problem, which always means trouble.

Breaks or wide cracks in the foundation are probably an indication of faulty construction—and you should pass up the house unless you are willing to pay for extensive reconstruction. Minor cracks in either the floor or walls of the basement are not serious—they can be patched at little expense.

Check the framing. Joists supporting the first floor should be 2 x 6's or larger, spaced 16 inches apart on centers. They should rest on 2 x 8 sill running around the top of the foundation, and, except in a very small house, there should be steel or wooden beams or girders supporting the joists. Where joists span distances of eight or nine feet or more, they should be braced with "bridging."

Examine all mechanical equipment. Is it in good repair? Will you want more recent models?

Naturally, you will want to make sure that none of these framing members have sagged, cracked, rotted, or been damaged by termites—such damage can spell plenty of trouble, too.

Check the heating plant and water heater to see their general condition, and to see if they are automatic (you'll undoubtedly want to replace them later if they aren't). If the furnace or boiler and ducts or pipes take up most of the basement, you will have to buy a compact, modern plant before finishing the basement off as living space. And if there are signs that extensive repairs have been necessary in the past, you can be sure that the heating system will give trouble in the future.

While you're still in the basement, look up to see if there is subflooring under the finish floor of the living area; there should be. Then go upstairs and walk all around the floor, listening for squeaks. Jump on the floor to see if it is firm. "Soft" spots in the floor may indicate framing troubles you couldn't see when you made the basement inspection.

The floor plan of the house should be judged with the present and near-future requirements of every member of the family in mind. The lady of the house, for example, will be particularly interested in making certain that the kitchen is big enough to take the equipment she'll want, and to lend itself to convenient arrangement. She'll also want to make sure that furniture can be well arranged in every room. The children may each want a bedroom—and need it. Then, there should, now or later, be a bath for every two bedrooms, and one bath on each floor. Tearing down partitions and building new ones, installing bigger windows or new doorways, and adding rooms—all possible remedies for a bad floor plan—are costly.

Make sure that there is ample storage space in the kitchen,

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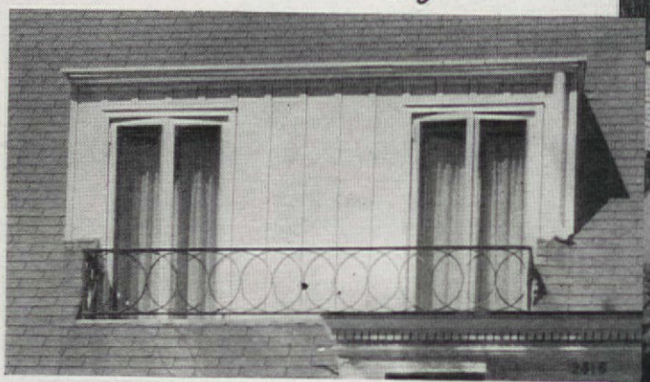
It's Hard to Believe *but Here It Is!*

Turn the page for the most knowing remodeling we've seen

From this

Dinky dormer not only looked like an afterthought but failed to admit adequate light and air to the rooms it served

They got this

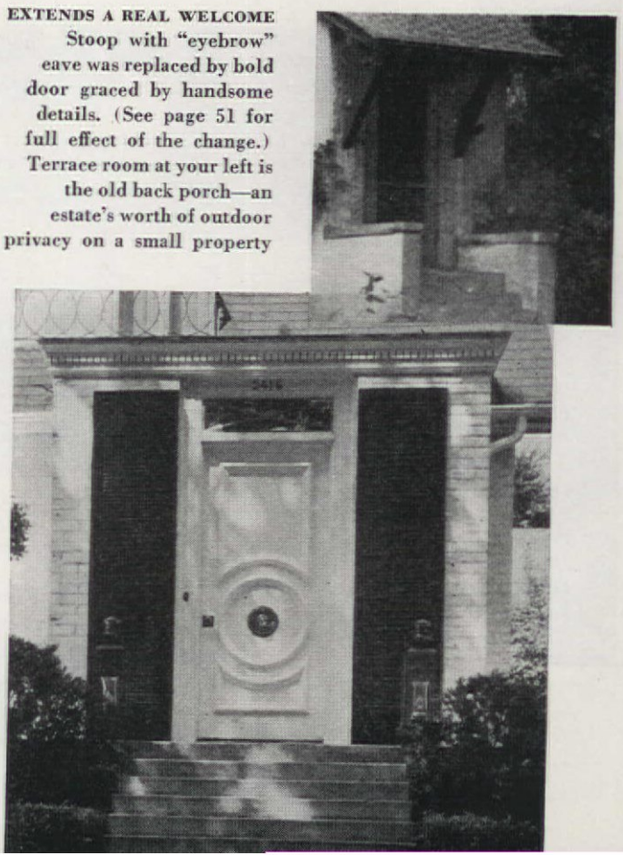


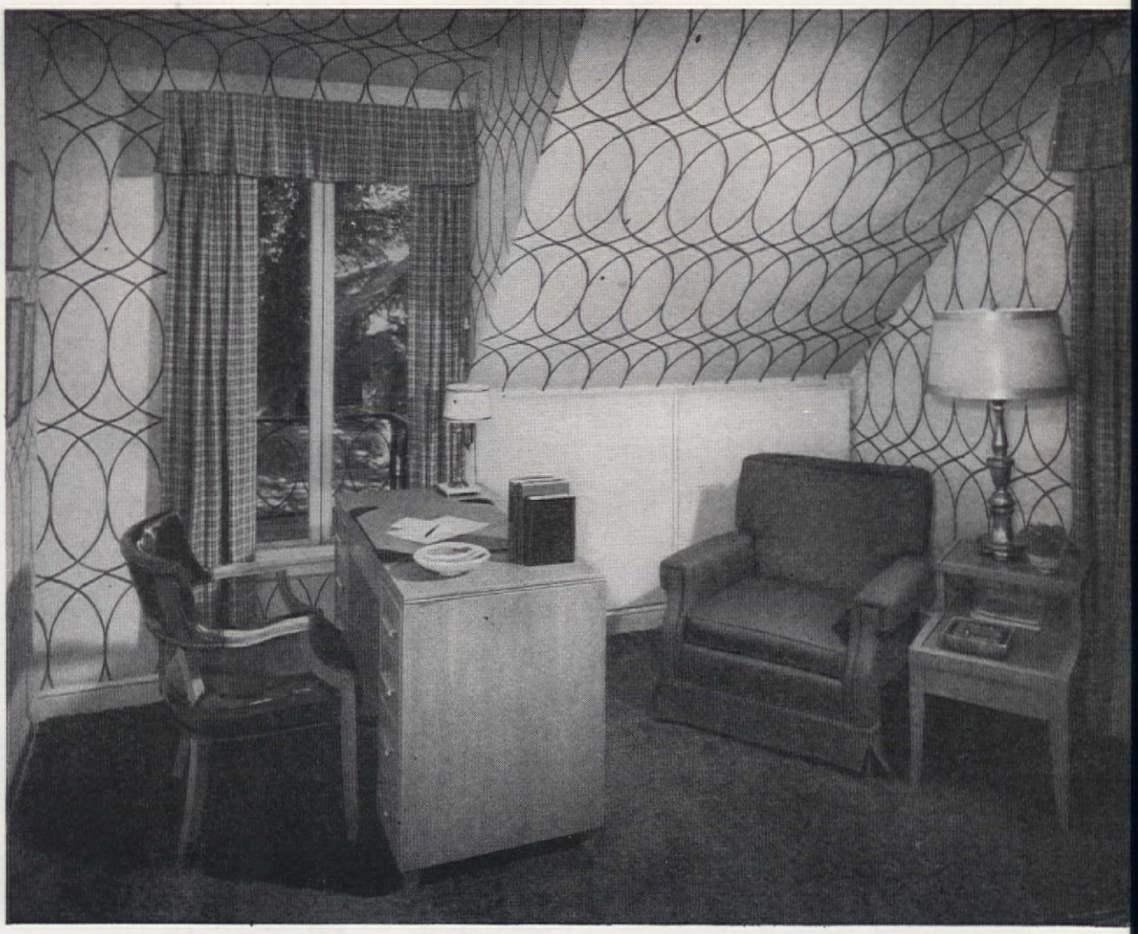
Enlarged dormer with casement windows adds to stature of the façade, and was the "making" of the two rooms shown at your right. Note excellent built-ins, and the fact that wallpaper in room at far right repeats circle motif of balcony ironwork

THE MOST KNOWING REMODELING WE'VE

OWNERS AND DECORATORS: MR. AND MRS. DELROY STANLEY, A.I.D., MINNEAPOLIS

EXTENDS A REAL WELCOME Stoop with "eyebrow" eave was replaced by bold door graced by handsome details. (See page 51 for full effect of the change.) Terrace room at your left is the old back porch—an estate's worth of outdoor privacy on a small property





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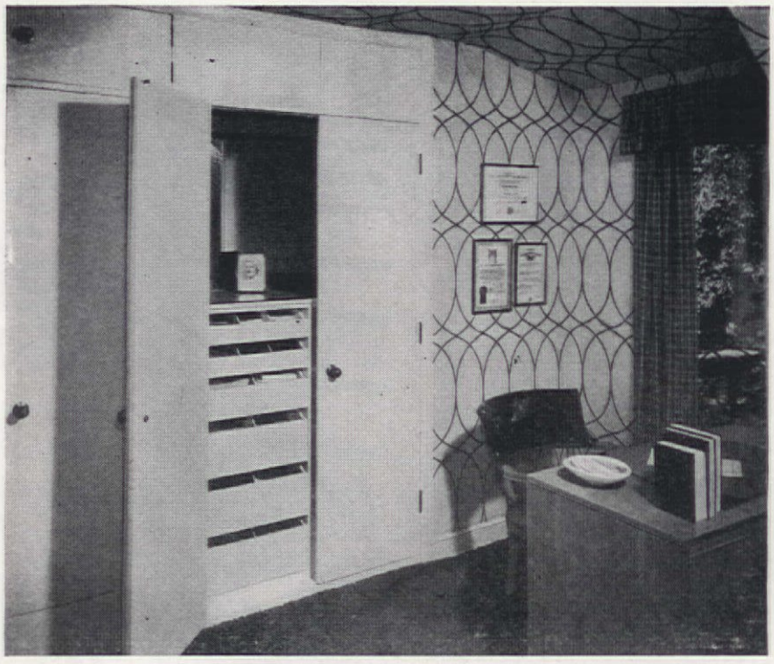
GERTRUDE BROOKS DIXSON

To get the full scope of this story, start with the dowdy "Before" exterior at the bottom of page 51, and wind up with the elegant blend of shimmer and magic and sound perfectionism pictured in color on page 55. Plenty of inspiration here, whether you're about to remodel an uninspired old house—or merely to order some new draperies. This short tour will show you that unusual skill was at work here—and no wonder, for the couple who remodeled and furnished this home for themselves are both noted decorators. Delroy Stanley is head of the decorating department at Dayton's, a leading department store in Minneapolis, and his wife, Kitty, works with him.

So far, rather unusual. But the housing problem the Stanleys faced was a typical one. They are the kind of people you'd expect to find in a custom-designed home in the country—a home with plenty of land around it. However, to such busy professionals as the Stanleys, convenient location can be worth its weight in acreage. Time-consuming commuting would never do for Kitty who is as skilled in the kitchen as she is at the drawing board, and loves to get home from work in time to turn out gourmet fare. So, when they found a sound, middle-aged house in an excellent neighborhood not too far from the center of things, the Stanleys, like many another family, bought and remodeled in order to get the kind of home they wanted, where they wanted it.

New slender windows replaced the dinky dormer and the semi-porch, and improved the interiors as much as they enhanced the façade. Strictly for looks were the new front terrace, the bold door with flanking shutters to repeat the lines of the new fenestration—and such grace notes as tall carriage lamps and a pair of potted trees which might have



come from a garden in Wonderland. For outdoor living, the Stanleys built a sheltered terrace room at the back of the house, and mirrored doors leading to it.

Downstairs, they tore down walls with a vengeance to make a single vast sweep of the living room and dining room (which can be separated by closing folding wall of louvered doors). Each room is an entity, yet they were furnished to blend together. Note on page 55 the knowing ways in which this was accomplished. To unify them subtly, the print which covers one living-room sofa was repeated on the dining-room chairs, the silvery beiges of the living room are echoed with variation by the dining room's wallpaper, the golden tones of the dining room reappear on living-room chairs. To separate them gently, the wall-to-wall carpet of the living room stops just short of the dining room which has its own golden area rug; the window treatments in the two rooms, essentially the same design, are different enough in fabric and trim to avoid monotony.

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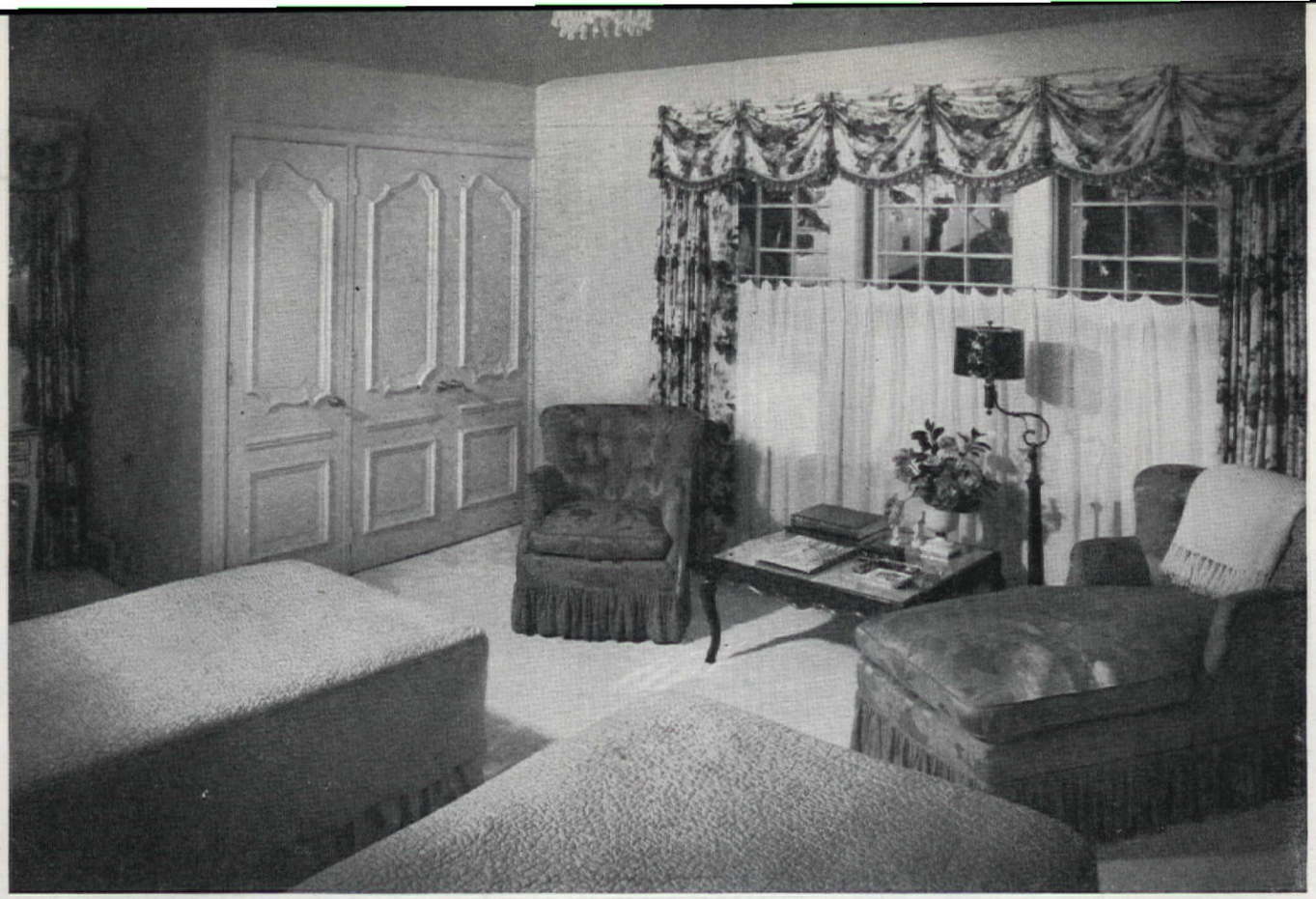
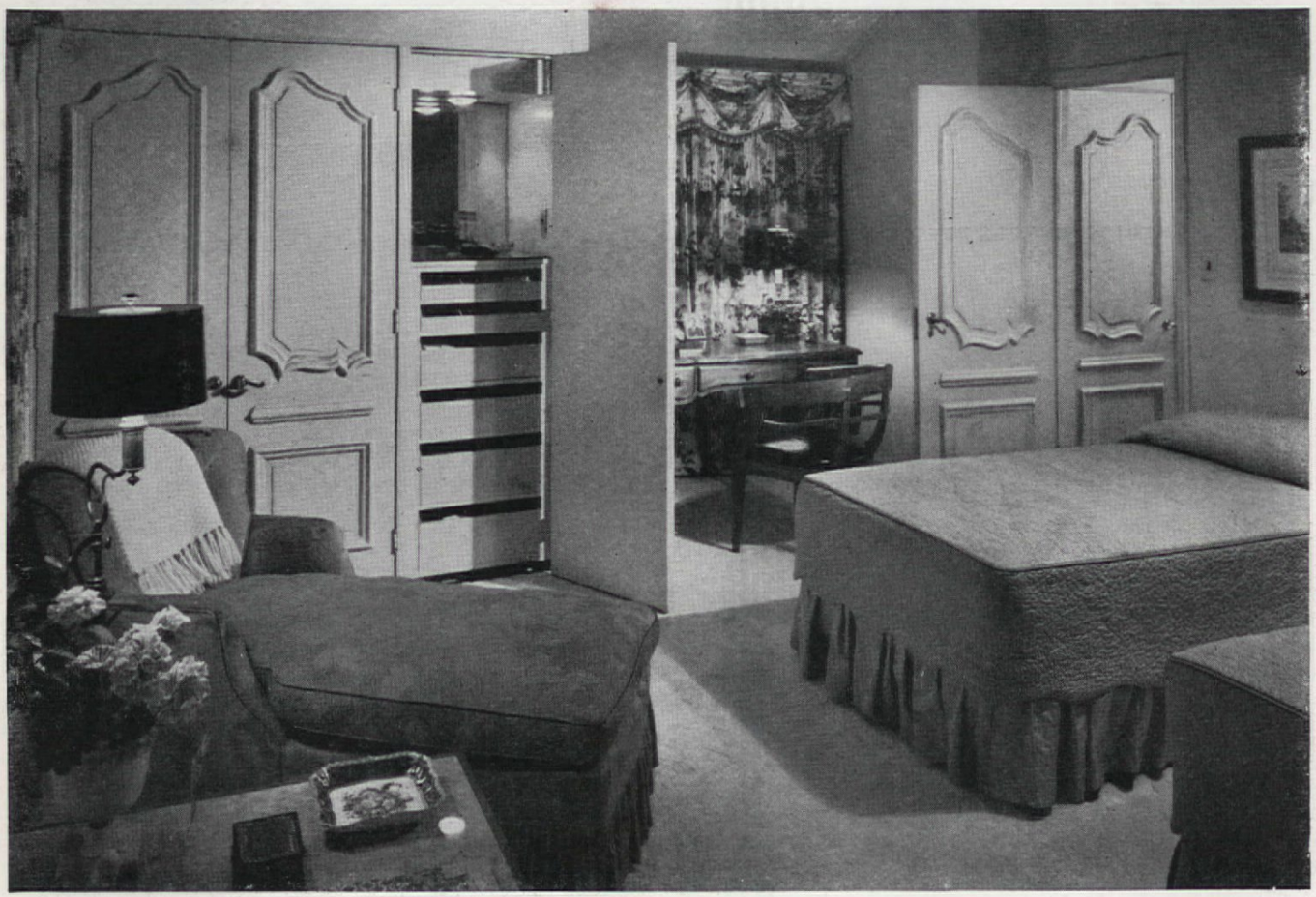


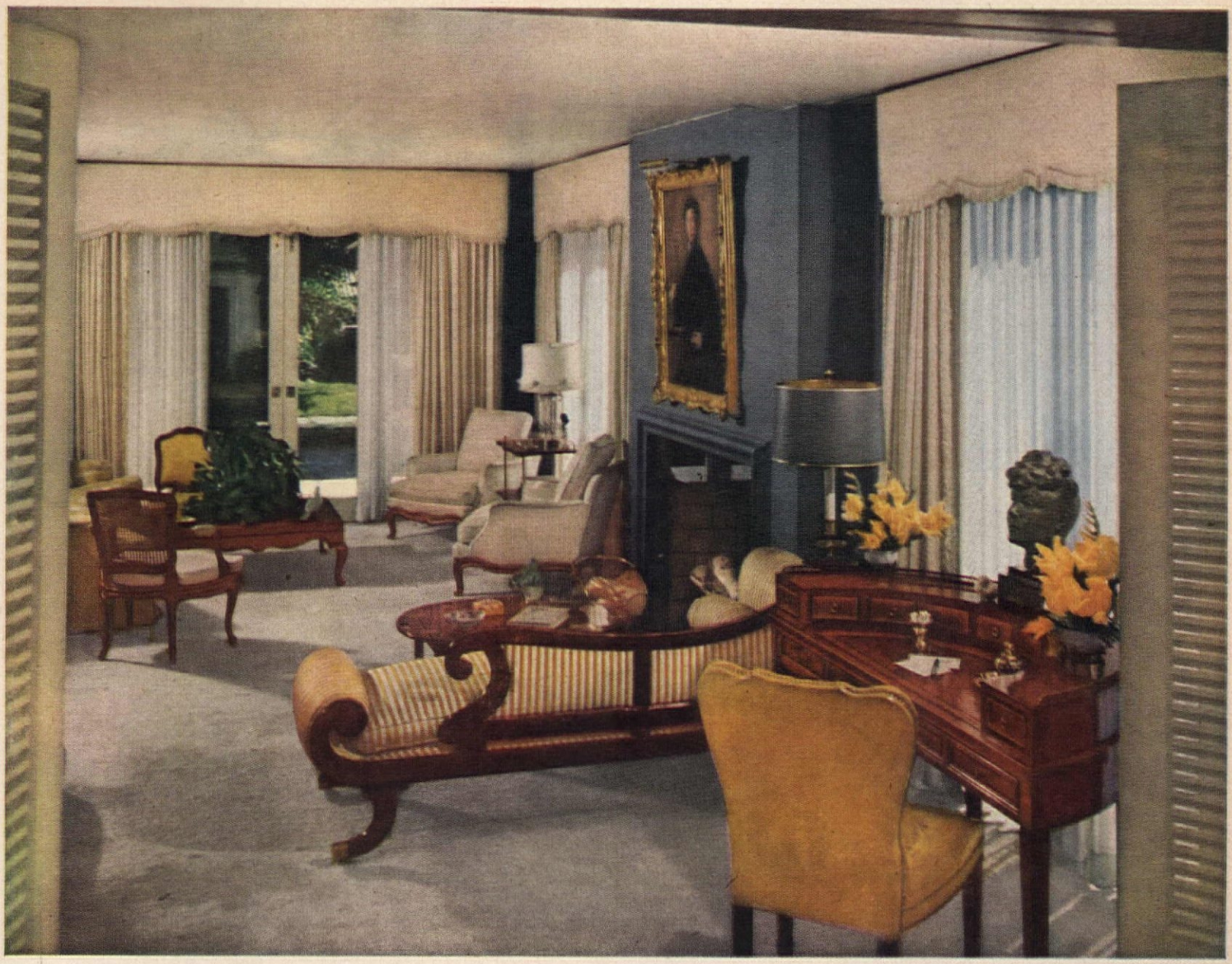


Hard to Believe

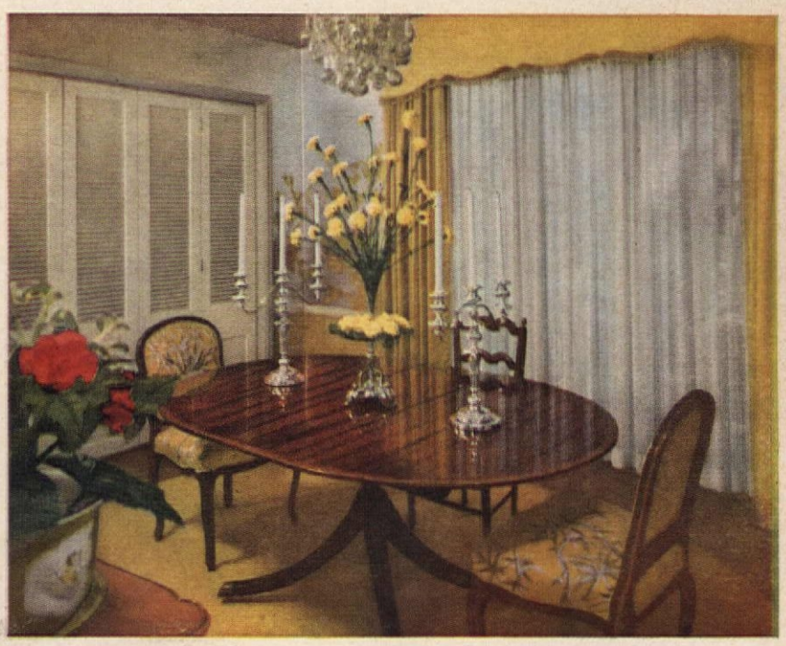
(Begins on page 51)

Built-ins give character and infinite luxury to master bedroom. One complete unit is Del's, the other Kitty's, each one comprising a double closet and a mirrored compartment with sliding trays perfectly planned for the objects they hold. To achieve carved effect so reminiscent of costly French *boiserie*, molding was applied to ordinary flush doors, and same distinctive treatment was used for all doors upstairs. Walls and bedspreads are pale blue, woodwork is white, curtains are embroidered white batiste, and chintz gathers pinks and greens onto a field of white

Remodeling added spaciousness without adding space. There's now an expansive sweep when you look from the dining room through the living room to the new front windows. Originally, walls divided this area into small "boxes," and conventional windows closed it in. Sculpture in foreground is portrait of Kitty Stanley



Staircase is masked on living-room side by book wall whose detailing reveals the same care and taste reflected in woodwork upstairs. Note that color scheme of living room is distinct from that of dining room, yet subtly related to it by repetition of yellow tones and fabrics



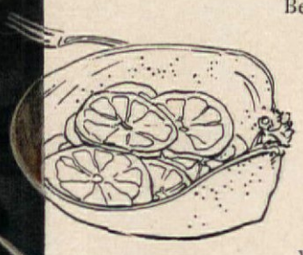
The whole "gang" often dines here, for Kitty Stanley is a gourmet short-order cook who loves to bring people home for dinner. Note perfectionism at work: room is tiny, so exquisite furniture is small in scale, and colors are kept to gold and silver tones which make it seem larger. Don't miss delicate gold pattern on wallpaper

Place and Show

GERTRUDE BRASSARD

We were talking with the artist who created this gay dinnerware, Eva Zeisel, one of the most distinguished of modern designers of ceramics: "You named this pattern 'Pals.' What *are* the pals, Mrs. Zeisel?" "Why, they're *people!*" she answered. We felt a little abashed. "We. . . . Well, we thought maybe they were some kind of wonderful turnips," we ventured. Her voice twinkled: "Of course! They're *turnip*-people!" Abstract art is like that! But it's a cinch that these jaunty figures, nestled together in close harmony, are uncommonly appealing whether they remind you of people, or of turnips, or perhaps of penguins from Mars—or whether you just enjoy, for their own sakes, the engaging shapes and mellow colors applied in high glaze over a matte finish. "Informality with a certain finesse" is how Eva Zeisel characterizes this and the rest of her large newsworthy line of "fine stoneware" produced by Monmouth Pottery.

In addition to making good fun, this ware makes extraordinary good sense. The material, a substance less fragile than porcelain but infinitely harder and with thinner walls than pottery, has a venerable history. Stoneware was developed in Germany in the early 18th century by Johann Böttger who made it before he produced the first porcelain in Europe. Because it is durable and highly vitrified, and because it can withstand acids and high heat (it's ovenproof as all get-out), it has been widely used in industry. Some stoneware, mostly handmade, has also been around—the news about this line by Eva Zeisel is the fact that it is thinner than most stoneware, and that it can be mass-produced to sell for $20.95 for a 16-piece starter set in the "Pals" pattern.



We found companions for "Pals" in Fostoria's handmade crystal stemware and accessories ("Diadem" stemware, $2.75 each); in Charles Briddell's "Vogue" cutlery (eight-piece set, $25); in International's up-to-the-second sterling flatware, "Silver Rhythm," ($32.50 for a six-piece place setting)—then set them off with napery in tones borrowed from the plates.

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Shortcakes and Pies by Campbell's

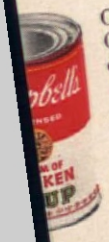
JUST SIMPLY WONDERFUL... ANY TIME

By Anne Marshall
Director, Home Economics, Campbell Soup Company.

When the call's for a quick'n easy dinner, surprise the family with a Campbell's special. Peek in the refrigerator for leftover meat, fish or chicken (or take a handy can of meat from the kitchen shelf). Then add a tender green vegetable and a flavor-packed can of Campbell's Soup. Top with a light, flaky pie crust or quick baking-powder biscuits. In no time you're serving your family a piping-hot, come-and-get-it meal.

Here are four ways I use Campbell's Soup in my shortcakes and pies. I know you'll think of many variations, but you'll discover one thing's always the same—when you add Campbell's, you add goodness!

CHICKEN PIE



Combine 1 can Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup with ¼ cup milk, 1 cup diced cooked chicken, 1 large potato (cooked and cubed), 1 cup cooked peas and carrots and a dash of black pepper. Put in 1½-quart casserole and top with pastry crust (with or without a picture window!). Bake in very hot oven (450°F.) 25 minutes. 4 servings.

TUNA 'N WAFFLES

Blend 1 can Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup with ⅓ cup milk, 1 cup drained, flaked tuna (7-oz. can) and ¼ cup sliced stuffed olives. Heat thoroughly. Pour over 4 crisp waffles. Presto, a quick'n easy dinner for 4.

SALMON SHORTCAKE

Blend 1 can Campbell's Cream of Celery Soup with ⅓ cup milk, 1 cup drained, flaked salmon (8-oz. can), 1 cup drained cooked peas and a dash of powdered dill. Heat thoroughly. Serve on hot biscuits. 4 servings.

HAM 'N EGGS 'N CORN BREAD

Combine 1 can Campbell's Cream of Asparagus Soup with ¼ cup milk, 1 cup diced cooked ham (or canned luncheon meat) and 2 hard-cooked, sliced eggs. Heat thoroughly. Serve on hot corn bread. 4 servings.

JEAN AUSTIN

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Long Trail's "One-of-Each" Soup

Chicken Flamande

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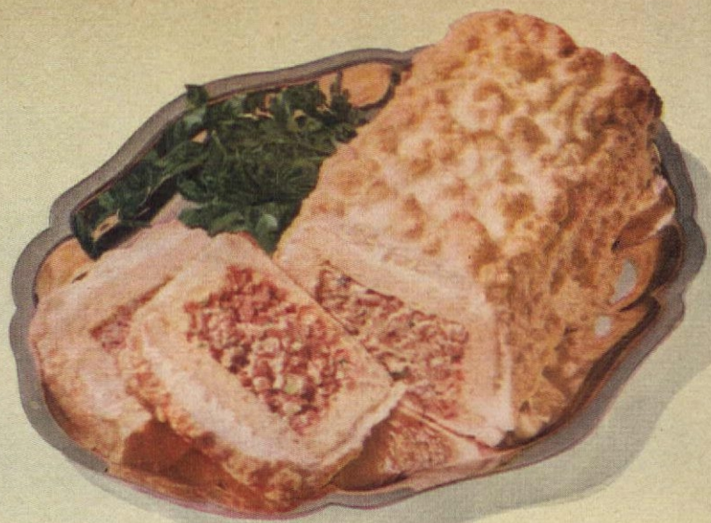
Sweet Caprice

Victuals



Blitheloaf

Raspberry Braid

One day, and a fine day it did turn out to be for you and for me, I nosed about in our mailroom whilst waiting for my friend John to wrap a package for me. My eye was caught by a handsome little book sent in for review in our Market Place. *A Guide to Distinctive Dining* it was called, and upon examination proved to be a delightful guide book as well, for it showed and described famous inns and restaurants throughout the country. Fascinating names there were—The Whistling Oyster, Publick House, The Pink House, The Tiffin, The Nut Tree, and then—ah, then I found it—Long Trail Lodge and its One-of-Each Soup recipe. One potato, one banana. One onion, one apple, and one of many other things as well. Now if cooking were your passion, would you, too, not be fascinated by such a recipe, and would you not proceed to make it forthwith? I did, and so will you—if you value my opinion one whit. For here, Madam, is one of the most delicious soups you have ever tasted. Its subtle blend and unusual ingredients will elude the most knowing gourmet. Art Editor Fortuna, of Polish extraction, pronounced it "just like Mother used to make." Granddaughter Clyte called it gingerbread soup—mistaking the one-of-curry for ginger, I presume. To me, eaten cold, it surpasses all the Vichyssoise in the world. Eaten hot, pure bliss. And from the many to whom I have served it since, the same acclaim. I multiply one by four and keep it always on hand. And so, for my meager little file of homemade soups, this new-found gem. Why a meager collection of soups, you ask? Because, my dear, I have mastered the art of a gourmet touch with soup from a can (my Boula and Tomato Crab Bisque, for example) and very rarely consider soup-from-scratch worth the effort. Here's one that is.

Clams, as I must have said before, you take or you leave—there is no middle road about them. And to those who go through life without appreciating and

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Clams Sicilian

• peach butterscotch cake

Preparation time: 5 min.
Baking time: 35 min.

2 eggs
1 cup sugar
½ cup milk, heated
1 tbs. butter
1 cup flour
1 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
½ tsp. vanilla

• Beat eggs with electric or rotary egg beater until light and lemon-colored; gradually add sugar and beat for 2½ minutes. Fold in flour which has been sifted with baking powder and salt. Add hot milk in which butter has been melted. The addition of flour and hot milk should not take over 1 minute. Add vanilla. Turn into greased and floured 1½-qt. ring mold. Bake in moderate oven, 350°F., for about 30 minutes.

TOPPING:

2 tbs. soft butter
4 tbs. brown sugar
3 tbs. cream or milk
Chopped nuts or coconut
Fresh or frozen peaches

Cream butter with brown sugar, stir in cream or milk. When cake is done, remove from oven; spread on topping and sprinkle with chopped nuts or coconut. Place under broiler for a few seconds until mixture bubbles. (Watch it! It burns easily.) To serve, fill center with peaches.

Serves 10 ***268 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, C***

Submitted by Margaret Coghill *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• coffee sponge pie

Preparation time: 20 min.
Chilling time: 2 to 3 hrs.

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
⅓ cup water
2 eggs, separated
½ cup sugar
1 cup strong coffee
¼ tsp. salt
2 tsp. vanilla
½ cup sugar
8-inch baked pie shell

• Soak gelatin in water. Beat egg yolks in top of double boiler; add sugar, coffee, and salt. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly until mixture is thickened; stir in gelatin until dissolved. Beat egg whites until stiff; beat in sugar gradually; stir in vanilla. Fold into the coffee mixture; turn into baked pie shell. Chill until firm.

Serves 6 ***270 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B***

Submitted by Mrs. Laura M. Getschmann *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

JEANNIE WILLIS

You've just never eaten a really good peach shortcake until you try our Peach Butterscotch Cake. It all began with a new recipe from a reader. She called it Hot Milk Cake, and with its choice of toppings, it is a grand dessert on its own merits and one you will want to use often. Then we took it a step further, glazed it with brown sugar and butter, and served it up with sliced peaches for the best peach shortcake you will ever eat. We have shown it baked in a ring mold, to have its picture taken, but it makes a powerfully good cake in any shape pan. You might like to do it in layers, with jam as a filling and one of the simple good toppings instead of a frosting.

Coffee Sponge Pie is another new dessert. If you are like me and get very tired of the same old pie fillings, you must be sure to try this. We have garnished it with shaved chocolate. You'll like the easy way you can turn out this quite different dessert, the way it responds to quick "fixing up," and the way family and friends will rave about it.

A thought in passing—if your family likes their iced tea sweetened, add sugar when making the tea, and before icing it.

Slivers Salad is a variation of a chef's salad. It always amazes me to see the great number of people—men and women—who order chef's salad when out for lunch in a restaurant. To follow up this observation, with some of my own amateurish but persistent surveying, I find that it's because they never have it at home. And I'll never know why not! It is an out-and-out cinch to make; it lends itself to refrigerator-purging; so many people like it. So here is a recipe for a salad very like a chef's salad—and I go on record, here and now—as asking you all to try it, and then experiment freely with whatever you have dibs

Family Food

• slivers salad

Preparation time: 10 min.

1 head lettuce
1 green pepper, cut in slivers
1 cup cold meat (ham, beef, or chicken) cut in slivers
½ cup cheese, cut in slivers
3 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. celery seed
Freshly ground pepper
¾ cup French dressing
1 tbs. crumbled blue cheese
1 tbs. ketchup

• Break or cut lettuce into bite-size pieces. Place slivers of green pepper, meat, cheese, and egg slices in salad bowl. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, and celery seeds. Combine French dressing, blue cheese, and ketchup. Pour over salad; toss lightly before serving. Garnish as desired.

Serves 6 to 8 ***315 to 236 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B, C***

Submitted by Laura M. Getschmann *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• chicken in foil

Preparation time: 35 min.
Baking time: 1 hr.

1 frying chicken, cut up, *or*
3 breasts, halved, and 6 drumsticks
Flour
Salt
Pepper
Shortening or cooking oil
Aluminum foil
1 lb. fresh mushrooms
12 4-inch pieces of celery
6 bay leaves
6 tbs. butter or margarine

• Add salt and pepper to flour; roll chicken in flour. Cook gently in hot fat until delicately browned (about 30 minutes). For each serving, tear off a 15-inch length of foil. Place 2 pieces of chicken in center; top with mushrooms, bay leaf, and 2 pieces of celery. Dot with butter or margarine. Bring edges of foil together, pinching ends to make a sealed package. Place on a cookie sheet or shallow pan. Bake in 400°F. oven for 1 hour.

Serves 6 ***430 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B***

Submitted by Mrs. Luella Dahlstrom *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

and dabs of in your refrigerator. You will find this a basic recipe with a thousand-and-one variations.

Chicken in Foil should by rights be a barbecue recipe, I suppose. But it's so heavenly I do it in my oven for all-the-time use. When you open up that foil package, the aroma issuing forth is guaranteed to provoke an appetite. Couldn't be easier to do, and in its foil, it will stay hot for laggard guests.

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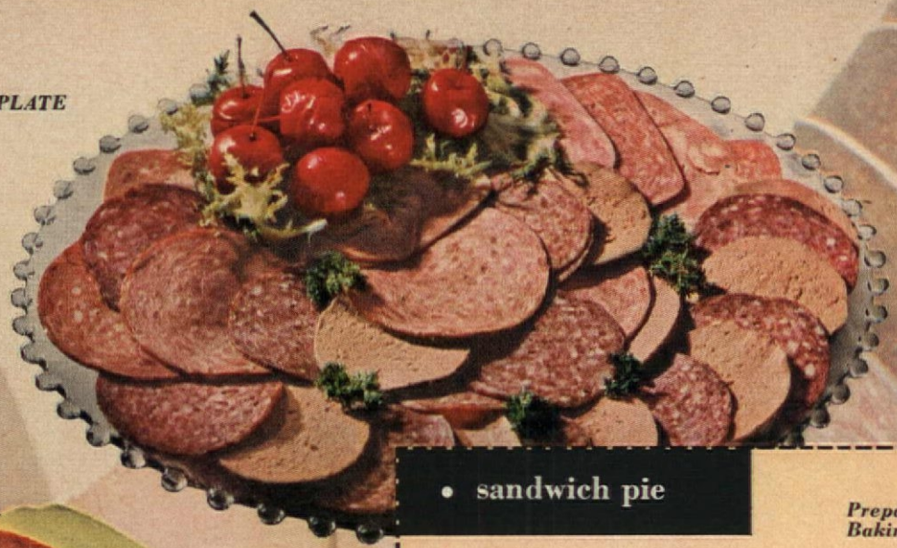
PRONTO PLATE



SANDWICH PIE

• sandwich pie

Preparation time: 35 min.
Baking time: 1 hr.

8-oz. pkg. bologna	3 eggs	1 tbs. chopped onion
8 slices toast bread	5 slices cheese	1 tsp. salt
1 can cream-style corn	1 cup milk	1 tsp. dry mustard

• Place 4 slices toast in greased 8″ x 8″ x 2″ baking dish. On each slice, place a slice of bologna, cheese, and second piece of toast. Spread corn on top. Beat eggs slightly, add milk, onion, salt, and mustard; pour over corn. Allow to stand in refrigerator for 30 minutes. Bake in moderate oven 350°F. for about 1 hour. Last 5 minutes, place remaining bologna slices with cheese strips over top. Garnish as desired with olives, parsley, or pimiento.

4 servings ***501 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B***

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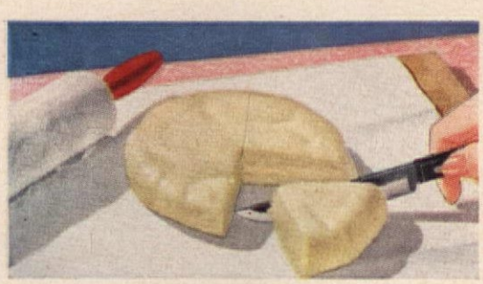
HIDDEN CRUST PIE

1 1/2 cups *sifted* GOLD MEDAL Flour
3/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup shortening
3 tbsp. water
Chocolate cream filling for 9 inch pie

Heat oven to 475° (very hot). Mix flour and salt; cut in shortening. Sprinkle water over mixture, mixing with fork until dough clings together.



Divide dough as in picture. Round up larger piece on lightly floured pastry cloth. Flatten into circle. Roll 1" larger than inverted 9" pan.

Ease into pan; trim and fork edge. Prick well. Roll smaller piece into 6" circle. Place on inverted pan; prick well. Bake circle 8 min., shell 10 min., at 475°.

Pour in half of filling; top with "hidden crust." Add rest of filling. Chill. Serve topped with whipped cream and shaved chocolate.

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LIME CHEESE SALAD

Dissolve 1 package Lime Jell-O in 1 cup *hot* water. Add ¾ cup cold water, 2 tablespoons vinegar, and 1 teaspoon grated onion. Pour ½ cup mixture into 1-quart ring mold. Chill until firm. Chill remaining Jell-O until slightly thickened. Then fold in 1 cup cottage cheese, and 1 tablespoon mayonnaise; blend. Pour onto firm Jell-O. Chill until firm. Unmold. Garnish with salad greens. Fill center with seafood salad. Makes 6 servings.

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Sandwich These into Your Menu

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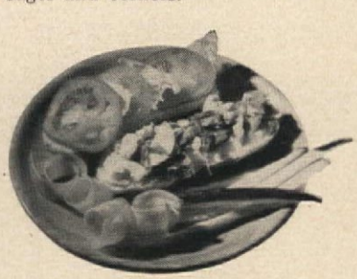
If you want to feed 'em well, and feed 'em quick, there's nothing better this hot month of August than a truly tasty sandwich served up on a plate well garnished with greens and the like. Not just the old ham and cheese—use your imagination, plan a sandwich as you'd plan a meal. And make them up in advance, stored well wrapped in your freezer or refrigerator. Here are hints:

1. Use butter or margarine at room temperature so spreading is easy. But don't melt them—they should be firm enough to make a protective coating which prevents moist fillings from soaking into the bread.
2. Take adjoining slices of bread from the loaf to assure even edges. Leave the crusts on the bread to help hold sandwich together.
3. Use a spatula for spreading soft fillings—flexibility of the blade makes for easier spreading. Spread evenly to edges and corners.

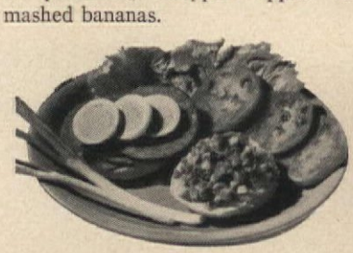


CORNED BEEF CONFETTI: Combine chopped corned beef with chopped, hard-cooked eggs. Serve on scooped-out soft roll with lettuce, tomato

4. For crispness, add chopped pickles, celery, green pepper, raw carrots, cabbage, cucumber, or relish.
5. Cut off the crusts with a long, sharp knife, if edges are uneven.
6. For future use, wrap sandwiches in tightly closed cellophane bags, wax paper, plastic wrap, or aluminum foil. Store in your freezer or refrigerator freezing compartment.

KNIFE 'N FORK SANDWICHES: Combine 1 cup chopped cooked shrimp (6¾-oz. can) with 1 tbs. each finely chopped onion and parsley, dash garlic salt and pepper. Stir 2 tsp. lemon juice into ¼ cup mayonnaise, and mix with shrimp mixture. Spread on bread slice. Combine ¾ cup sour cream and 3 tbs. tomato paste. Dot on top; broil lightly.

Don't pass up these fillings: CHICKEN: combine with chopped pineapple, green pepper, celery, and olives, mixed with French dressing, mayonnaise, or salad dressing. SEAFOOD: Combine with chopped pickles, cheese, pickle relish, green pepper, pimiento, chopped eggs. PEANUT BUTTER: Combine with chopped bacon and pineapple, dates or prunes, jelly or preserves, chopped apples or mashed bananas.



3-LAYER SANDWICH: Put salami slices on hard roll with chopped olives and hard-cooked egg slices. Serve with tomato salad and scallions

PASTRA-FAZULE: Spicy pastrami on rye bread is topped with baked beans and spread with a mixture of prepared mustard and ketchup

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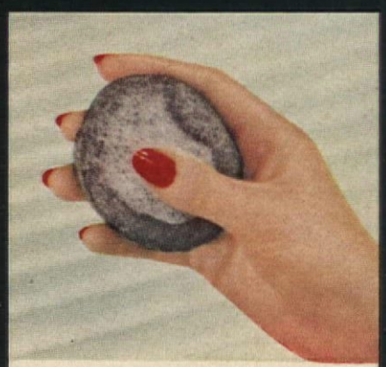

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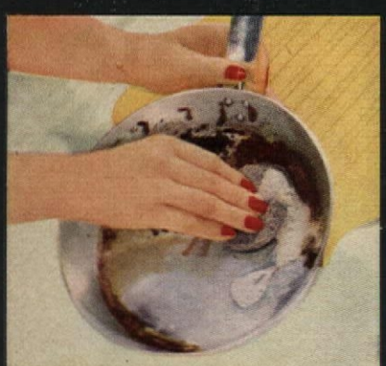

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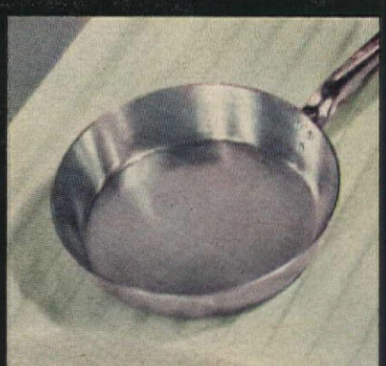

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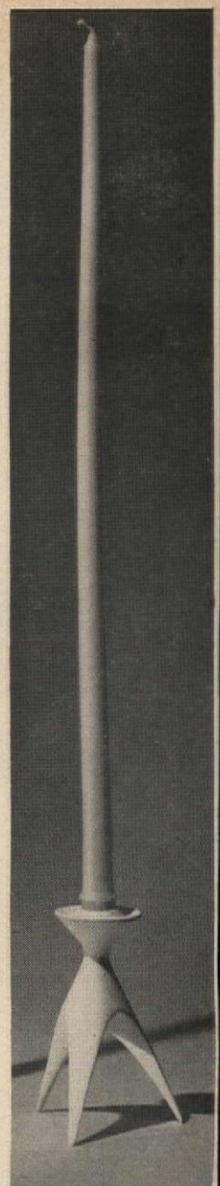

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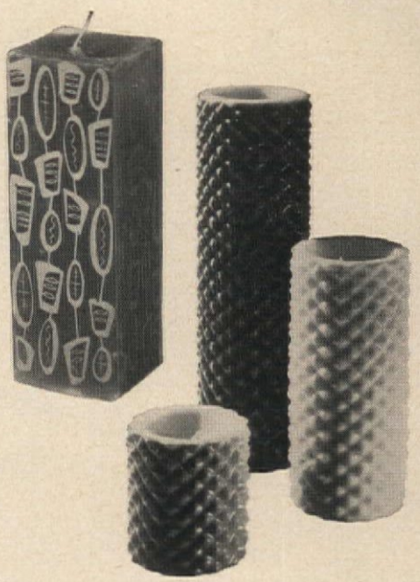

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For candlelight where there are breezes! Try this double hurricane candle lamp (left) of rust-resistant, baked enamel finish in black or white. Spun-metal shades with reflectors are 7 inches wide at base, $8.95, Del Rey Enterprises. Tiffin's crystal hurricane lamp (right) is about 9 inches high, $9.50, U.S. Glass. Candles shown are 15¢ each, Will & Baumer

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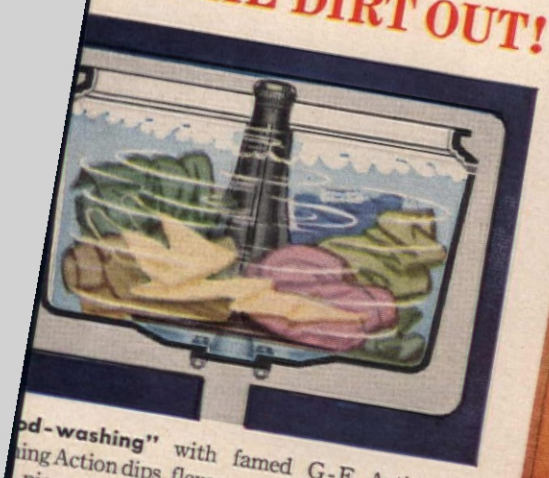

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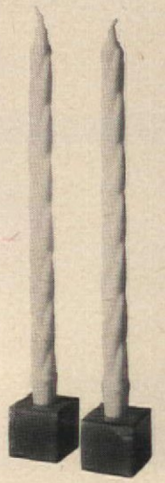

If Jack-be-nimble did jump over the candlestick at far right, the flame would *not* go out because this "Candlewick" hurricane lamp of handblown crystal has a chimney that keeps the candle burning; $5, Imperial. "Marble" candle is a hard, high-grade stearic-acid candle with a self-fitting end that holds it upright in the holder. Three lengths, four for $1.10, Will & Baumer. "Driftwood" handmade glass holders (center) resemble marble. $2 a pair, Viking. "Byzantine" candles 15 inches long, $2.40 a dozen, Emkay. A pair of three-branch candelabra (top, left) with solid brass plate rods and cups, $3.50, Metalcrafts of California. Smokeless "Byzantine" candles, 11 inches, $1.80 a dozen, Emkay. **ALL PRICES ARE APPROXIMATE**

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room for such "suburban" appliances in her town kitchen, and that's why she tells all renters to stop shuffling along without conveniences homeowners take for granted. She even saw to it that her apartment was adequately wired for air conditioning.)

When it came to the fabric for the draperies and sofa, the Woman in Edie got the better of the Household Manager—she plain fell in love with that floral print and had to have it. The manufacturer recommends dry cleaning—but again, we know our Edie: we expect to learn, any day now, that she has home-laundered the draperies, and when she comes up with the best technique for so doing, you may be sure that you'll hear all about it, too.

There was no room for antiques, or for antiquated thinking in the new kitchen, however. Turn back for another close look at the miniscule space, just 8′4″ x 7′4″, hardly as large as a self-respecting pantry should be. Then marvel at the fact that it harbors not only a two-oven range and large refrigerator, but a dishwasher and automatic laundry equipment as well—all of it new as next week. How was it accomplished? Well, good arrangement in a small area requires wizardry in knowing what to give up. Notice the absence of base cabinets. Equipment tops become work surfaces, and to make up for the lack of storage space, wall cabinets climb to the ceiling, and upper shelves are used for out-of-season storage. A "grocery-grabber" is used to reach for unreachables, and thus National Safety Council Member Edie plays it safe.

In addition to being streamlined, Edie insists her kitchen be good to look at. Both virtues combine in the vinyl flooring which matches her coral walls and cleans in a trice with a sponge mop. Shutters over the kitchen window hide a ventilating fan, and the matching barroom-type swinging doors are not only attractive, but a practical solution to the door problem in limited space. Beyond those doors, Edie's friends still get together for charcoal-broiled steaks. No matter how modern her kitchen, to Edie, home is no home without a fireplace.

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1 10¾-oz. can mushroom soup, undiluted
3 hard-cooked eggs
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
Dash of Tabasco
Salt, pepper to taste

Drain and chop pimientos; flake tuna; chop eggs. Gently fold together all ingredients and pour into large casserole or individual baking dishes. Top with buttered bread crumbs, garnish with strips of pimiento, and bake 20-25 minutes at 325°. Four servings.

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• saucy salami

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 30 min.

8-oz. pkg. slivered salami
3 tbs. butter, margarine, or bacon fat
1 cup chopped onions
4-oz. can sliced mushrooms
¼ cup chopped green pepper
1 tbs. flour
1-lb. 2-oz can tomato juice
½ cup water
1½ tbs. Worcestershire sauce
2 tbs. chopped parsley
8-oz. pkg. spaghetti

• Cook onions, mushrooms, and green peppers in fat until lightly browned. Stir in flour and salami. Add tomato juice, water, and Worcestershire sauce. Simmer about 30 minutes. Add parsley. In the meantime, cook spaghetti as directed on package. Serve with sauce and additional salami slices if desired.

Serves 4 ***463 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins B, C***

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• whirligig

Preparation time: 20 min.
Chilling time: 3 to 4 hrs.

8-oz. pkg. bologna
8-oz. pkg. thuringer
4 cups cubed cooked potatoes
1 bunch green onions or
¼ cup diced onion
¼ cup French dressing
1 cup diced carrots
½ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing

• Add French dressing to potatoes while they are still hot. Cool; add remaining ingredients except cold cuts. Chill. Serve with lettuce and center "flower" decoration. Arrange slices of bologna, thuringer, or any desired cold cut combination into petal-shaped pieces. Place around and around on top of salad until it looks like a flower arrangement. Place lettuce or salad greens as leaves and cheese or carrot strips as flower centers.

Serves 4 to 6 ***620 to 413 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B***

Salad decoration idea submitted by Mrs. O'Rourke *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• bombe angelica

Line a melon mold with 1 qt. pistachio ice cream. Chill until firm. Now add a layer of orange ice (1 qt.) and chill again. Last, ½ pint of lemon ice. Cover with greased wax paper before putting on the lid. Freeze. Unmold and decorate with thin strips of Angelica. Dust with macaroon crumbs.

Recipe by Jean Austin

• pronto plate

• Cold meat trays should look pretty as a picture and taste even better than they look. Buy enough cold cuts to allow a choice. Cold meat trays are ready "pronto" when unexpected guests drop in. Use leftovers in sandwiches or casserole dishes.

ARRANGEMENTS: Select a variety of flavors, textures, colors, and shapes. Plan an orderly design. Cut larger slices in two so that each guest may have some of each meat. Arrange slices to make service easy. Avoid over-crowding. Use garnishes with flavors that go with the meat and add color to the tray.

STORAGE of cold meat trays: Keep cold meat trays covered and chilled until served.

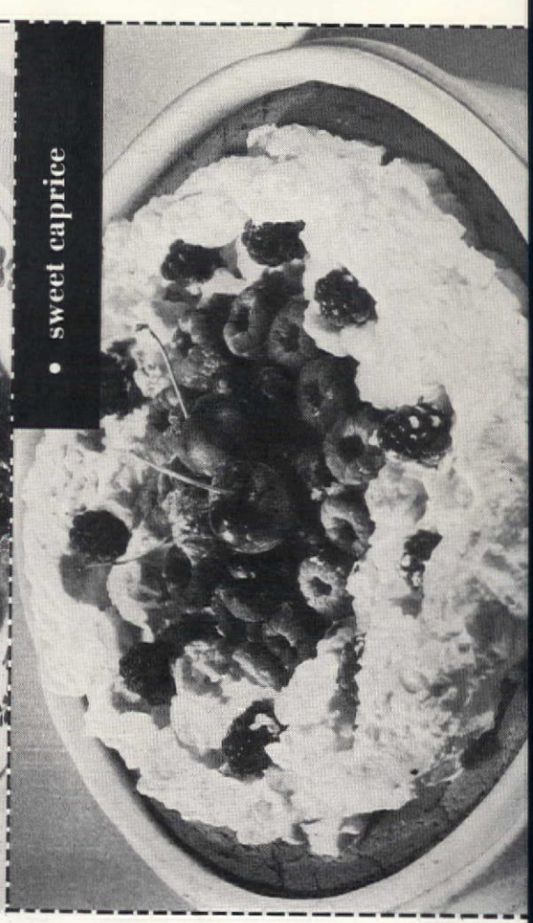
GARNISHES for cold meat trays:

Cheeses: Balls of cream or smoked cheese rolled in chopped nuts or parsley.
Cottage cheese with chopped chives, green pepper, pimiento, or olives, sliced cheese.
Cheese spreads in tomato, green pepper, or pimiento cups.

Relishes, etc.: Radishes, olives, sliced cucumbers or tomatoes, pickles, spiced fruits, pear or peach halves filled with jelly or berries.

• blitheloaf

• chicken flamande



• sweet caprice

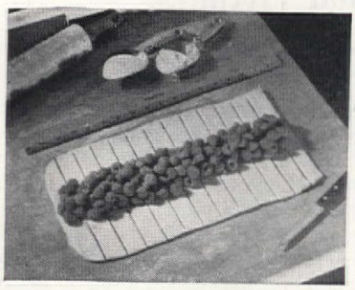
American Home Recipes

(Good Victuals, pictured in color on page 58)

• clams Sicilian

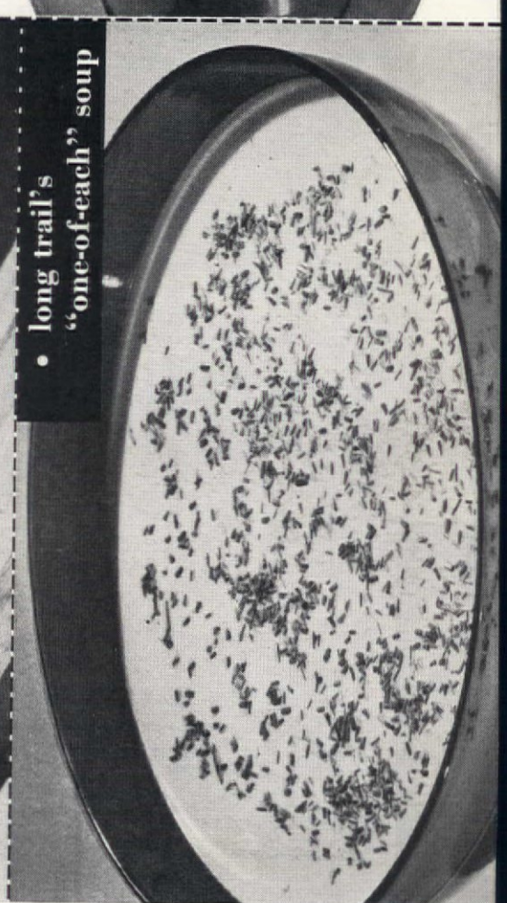
Scrub 4 dozen clams in shell. Rinse and rinse—and rinse! Place 2 cloves garlic, 2 tbs. olive oil, and 2 tbs. parsley in large pot. Cook 3 minutes. Add ½ cup water, salt, pepper, clams. Cover and steam until clams open, about 20 minutes. Serve with the broth

How to Braid the Dough



To "braid," roll out each half of dough for Raspberry Braid into oblongs 16 by 8 in. Spread filling down the center third of each oblong (top picture). Cut 15 slits in dough along each side of filling, making strips 1 in. wide—use ruler to make slits even. Alternating from side to side, fold strips at an angle across filling

• raspberry braid



• long trail's "one-of-each" soup

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1 potato, medium size
1 onion, medium size
1 apple, medium size
1 banana, medium size
1 celery heart with leaves
1 pint chicken consommé or chicken soup base
1 tsp. salt
1 cup light cream
1 tbs. melted butter
1 scant tsp. curry powder
Chopped chives

Peel and roughly chop the fruit and vegetables. Simmer them in the salted chicken stock until soft. Force through strainer or put in electric blender to reduce to a smooth purée. Stir in cream, butter, curry, and pepper to taste. Do not cook any more. Let cool, and then chill thoroughly in refrigerator before serving. Sprinkle with chopped chives.

As served by Long Trail Lodge,
a Treadway Inn in the Green Mountains

• raspberry braid

Scald ½ cup milk. Stir in ½ cup sugar, 1½ tsp. salt, and ¼ cup shortening. Cool to lukewarm. Measure into bowl ½ cup warm (not hot) water. (Cool to lukewarm for compressed yeast.) Sprinkle or crumble in 2 packages or cakes yeast, active dry or compressed. Stir until dissolved. Stir in lukewarm milk mixture. Add 2 eggs, beaten, and 3 cups sifted flour. Beat until smooth. Stir in about 2 more cups sifted flour.

Turn dough out on lightly floured board. Knead until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl; brush top with soft shortening. Cover. Let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Punch down and turn out on lightly floured board. Divide dough in half (recipe makes two braids). Roll out each half into an oblong about 16 x 8 inches. Spread Raspberry Filling down center third of each oblong. Cut 15 slits in dough along each side of filling, making strips about 1 inch wide. Fold strips at an angle across filling, alternating from side to side. Place on greased baking sheet. Cover. Let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk. Bake in moderate oven at 350° about 35 minutes.

FILLING: 2 cups fresh raspberries sprinkled with about 2 tbs. each of sugar and flour for each braid.

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(Good Victuals, pictured in color on page 58)

When your torte comes out of oven and makes a rapid descent like this, be not alarmed—it's exactly what it should do!

Good Victuals

(Begins on page 58)

enjoying clams I extend my sincerest sympathy. For those of us who do, a simple but delicious variation on the theme, and you do know, of course, how easy and very good they are for outdoor eating. . . . Now isn't our Raspberry Braid yummy looking? Making bread is one of the most satisfactory things in the entire field of cookery, and never having met a soul in my entire life that was not impressed by homemade bread, for the life of me I can't see why more women don't have a few bread specialties for which they are famed, yes envied. Why not begin with this—served just warm with a luncheon salad, the Bombe Angelica the grande finale? On a pale pink cloth or tender green—wouldn't that impress the girls? You are just going to have to read those few simple directions on the recipe card to believe a dessert so beautiful looking is the unbelievably simple, easy thing that it is—but you know me and bombes—I've shown many, all beautiful, all of them easy, using bombes to preach the gospel of *haute cuisine* that is deceivingly elaborate in appearance, amazingly simple to accomplish. . . .

Sweet Caprice and Blitheloaf—names sound, perhaps, too fanciful? I trust not, for actually they are very

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• sweet caprice

TORTE SHELL:

Cream: 1 cup superfine sugar
½ cup butter
Add alternately: ½ cup sweet milk and
1 cup all-purpose flour sifted with
1½ tsp. baking powder
½ cup cornstarch
Beat well, add 1 tsp. lemon extract.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Bake 1 hour in 9-inch layer pan with removable bottom lined with wax paper.

TOPPING: Whip heavy cream with a little sugar and any flavoring desired. Fold in berries, fruits, and nuts according to preference or availability.

Recipe by Jean Austin

• chicken flamande

Disjoint chicken or fowl in serving pieces.

Sauté in butter, chopped onions, cut up bits of bacon, and an herb bouquet. When browned, remove to heavy ovenproof casserole with cover.

Add to casserole: 3 cups red wine
¼ cup tarragon vinegar
8 to 10 plump prunes
½ cup raisins

Cook covered in 350° F. oven for one hour. Remove cover and cook about another 30 minutes, depending on the age of your bird.

Recipe by Jean Austin

• blitheloaf

1 one-pound or 20-ounce loaf day-old bread, whole-wheat or white
1 tbs. soft butter or margarine (room temperature)
1½ cups chopped ham or cooked chicken
¾ cup finely chopped celery
2 tsp. chopped onion (garlic may be used for those who prefer it)
1½ tsp. chopped parsley
½ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
¼ tsp. salt
Dash of pepper

Remove the crusts from a loaf of bread to make an even box-shaped loaf. Cut a lengthwise slice from the top. Hollow out the center of the loaf, leaving the sides and bottom at least ½ in. thick. Spread butter or margarine on inside walls of cavity. Fill center of the loaf of bread with the mixed salad. Cover with top slice of bread. Wrap loaf with heavy waxed paper or aluminum foil, and chill in refrigerator for six hours.

LOAF TOPPING

2 egg whites ¼ cup mayonnaise Dash of salt

Beat egg whites until stiff; fold in mayonnaise and salt.

To complete salad loaf: Unwrap and spread top and sides of loaf with topping mixture. Place on a cookie sheet and brown in a hot oven (450°) for ten minutes. If chicken is used, serve hot with whole cranberry sauce. If filled with ham salad, serve cold.

Serves 6

Recipe by D. O. Tischler

You need hot water to

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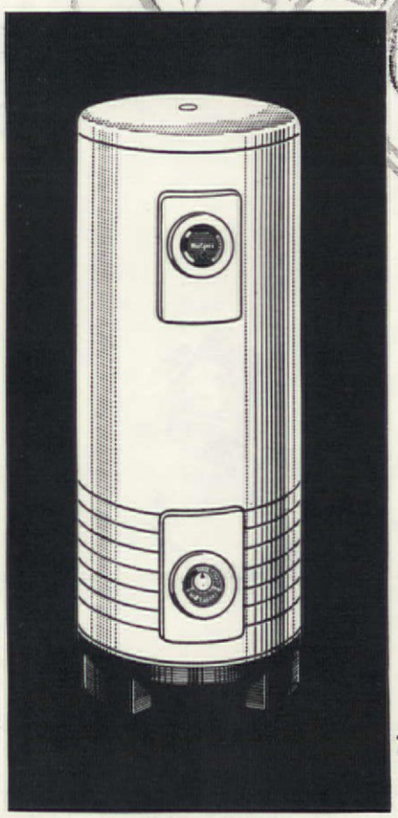

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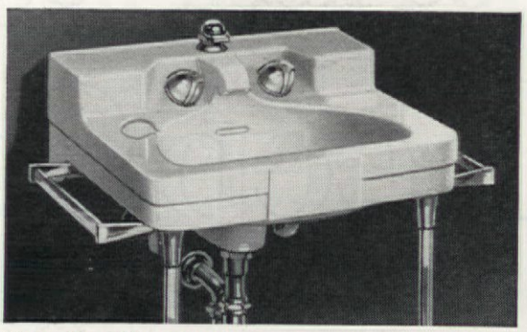

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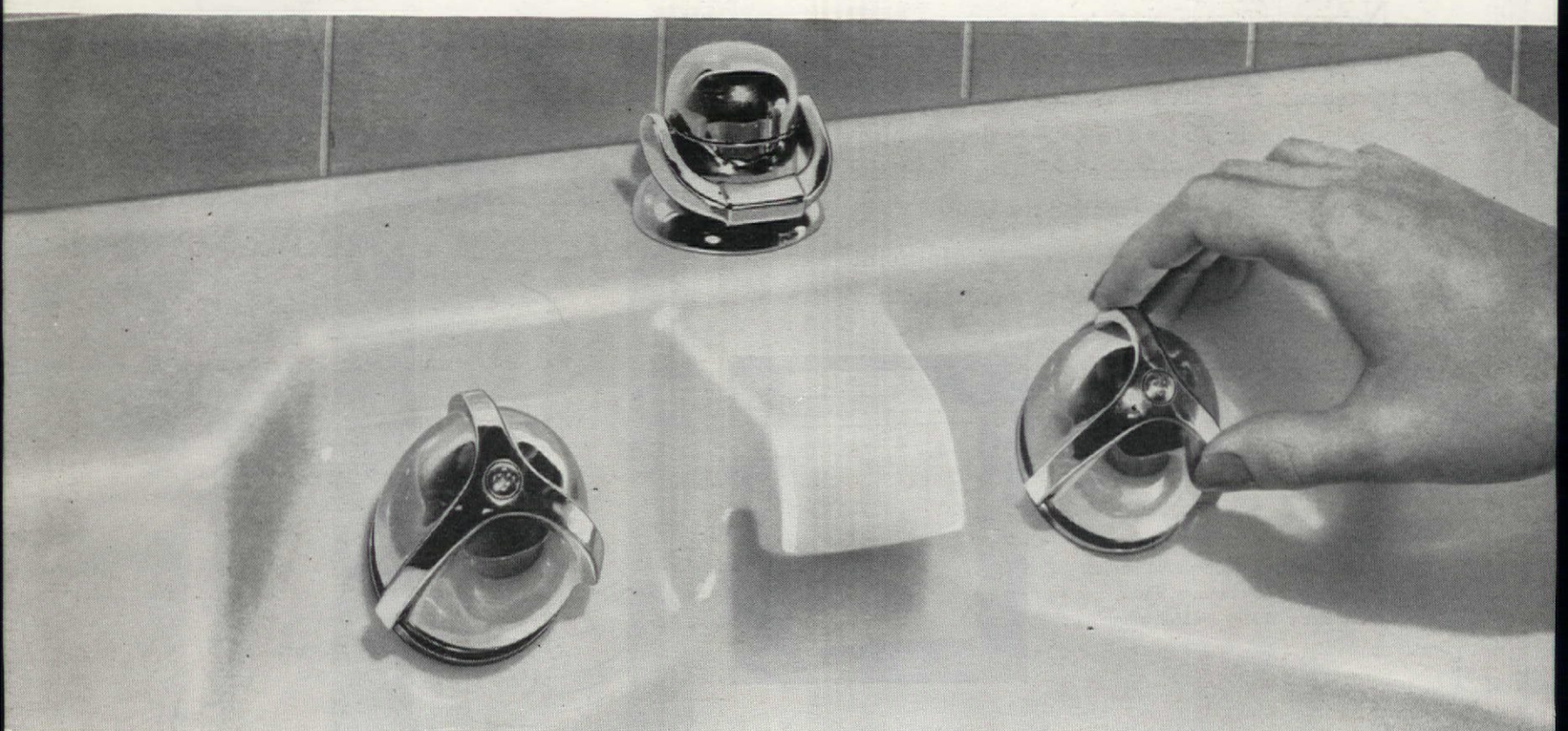

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Anne's Notebook

ANNE BARNARD

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BE ADVENTURESOME when your refrigerator is stocked with good little snippets—if you use your imagination you can turn them into a supper of delicious sandwiches, smörgåsbord style, which will establish your reputation as a culinary artist. A Swedish friend of mine inspired me when she served the happy combinations described below, and your own variations can be equally appetizing.

GLAZED POT ROAST SLICES ON DARK BREAD look as well as they taste. First, spread with horseradish butter: Mix ¼ cup drained horseradish with ½ cup butter or margarine and spread over bread slices. Trim edges of bread to fit beef slices. Now for the glaze: Dissolve 1 tsp. gelatin in ½ cup hot consommé. Chill. Spoon chilled mixture over beef. Decorate with cooked carrot slices and pickled onions.

COLD POACHED EGGS WITH HOLLANDAISE SAUCE are good by themselves, and still better sitting on rounds of bread spread with chili-sauce butter. Poach eggs until yolks are set. Remove eggs from water and cool. Spread rounds of white bread with chili-sauce butter (2 tbs. drained chili sauce added to ¼ cup butter or margarine). Trim edges of egg to fit rounds of bread. Cover with Hollandaise sauce sprinkled with chopped chives and paprika.

COLD SLICED LAMB GARNISHED WITH WEDGES OF PINEAPPLE, served on white bread spread with curry butter, is quick to fix. For the curry butter, add 1 tbs. of curry powder to ½ cup butter or margarine. Don't forget the garnish.

IT'S MUSTARD BUTTER WITH LIVERWURST AND ONION RINGS for this one. Spread slices of dark bread with mustard butter (½ cup butter or margarine and ¼ cup prepared mustard) and top the liverwurst with two onion rings.

TASTY PARTNERS ARE SLICED FRANKFURTERS WITH EGG-BUTTER SPREAD on whole wheat bread. Through the sieve go 4 hard cooked egg yolks; mix thoroughly with ½ cup butter or margarine, adding a few drops of Worcestershire sauce. Generously spread bread slices with mixture and arrange thinly sliced, cooked, cold frankfurters as a border.

TUCK IN A FEW OF THESE ROLLED ASPARAGUS SANDWICHES made with SHRIMP BUTTER. Mix ½ cup cooked, mashed shrimp with ½ cup butter or margarine, 1 tsp. lemon juice, dash of salt, and paprika. Spread shrimp mixture. Top with asparagus spear. Roll. Decorative and flavorful.

HAM SLICES WITH PARMESAN CHEESE BUTTER on rye are good flavor mates. Combine ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese and spread on rye bread slices. Top with ham slices; garnish with sliced pickle fan.

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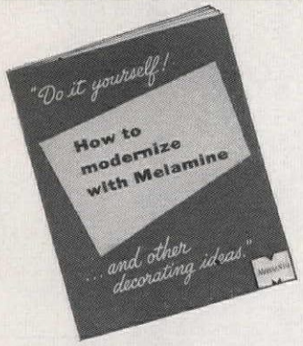

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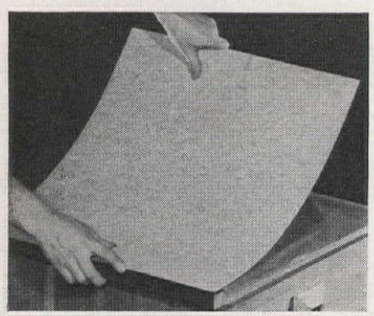

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Lady, you're missing a lot if you think an electric mixer is only for cake. Ask the gal who owns one what she most enjoys about it, and she's apt to tell you: "The fact that it does so many of those nasty little chores I *hate*. Mashed potatoes, for instance. Or those so-called Seven Minute frostings that take nearly an hour by hand!" When it does come to cake, of course, it's an old, old story that an electric mixer is better than a good right arm (even with a prepared mix, it saves about 500 hand strokes—and you know how your arm feels after stroke Number 50!). But cake isn't the half of it. More later about all the added tasks and attractions. First, some pointers about:

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A MIXER

- Beaters that slip in and out easily. Each manufacturer has his own method—try out the various models to see which one you prefer.
- An adequate range of speed settings. Some have only three or four; others, 15 or more gradations of speed between low and high.
- Control knobs that are easy to reach (most satisfactory are those that can be operated by either hand).
- Control knobs that are easy to read.
- A relatively quiet motor.
- A motor that gives full power at every speed with no "batter drag" with heavy mixtures.
- A mixer that carries the Underwriters' Laboratory Seal to assure you of its mechanical and electrical safety.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Conventional mixers such as those on this page come complete with one or two bowls and a juicer. However, a variety of attachments, available as extras, are good buys. Not all manufacturers make every one, but here are the types:

For vegetable cookery: Pea sheller, bean slicer, vegetable shredder, colander and sieve for straining and puréeing.

For meat cookery: Meat grinder (use it for bread crumbs—or dozens of other things).

For other food preparation: Food chopper, ice-cream freezer, ice crusher, dough hook (for kneading yeast doughs); oil dropper (for mayonnaise, etc.).

For other jobs around the house: Can opener, knife sharpener, silver buffer (NOTE: If Poppa has a workshop, he'll have other ideas).

USE IT FOR ALL IT IS WORTH

Keep it handy! Too many mixers are kept on top shelves. With all their versatility, that's a prodigal waste. We suggest that you keep yours at a handy level, fully set up, next to an outlet—and learn to use it for every possible job. Of course, if you want the ultimate in a mixing center, keep your mixer on a handy pull-up-and-out shelf in one of your base cabinets. Most of the cabinet manufacturers are now stocking such units.

Do not overbeat: It is well to remember always that a motor is much more powerful than arm muscle, and swifter too. So, particularly at first, guard against over-beating. Other than that, there are very few rules to follow when you use your mixer.

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Most directions are included in recipes; and then there is always the instruction book that comes with the mixer for helpful reference. In general, each successive speed on the control knob has greater power. For jobs like light folding in, whipping cream, beating eggs, or mixing dry ingredients, start with a low speed; as batters become heavier, the speed can be advanced. And you'll find a rubber spatula is a good aid in cake making, for handling shortening, for scraping and removing the last bit of batter from the bowl.

Keep it clean: Wipe off the motor and stand with a damp cloth. Motor should never be put in water, but the bowls and beaters take well to the automatic dishwasher or the dishpan. The beaters should be detached as soon as you're through using them, and always be sure you have turned the motor off before attempting to raise beaters or to remove the bowl.

THE PORTABLES

On some conventional mixers, you can remove the motor head and beaters to use right at your range, and so many women were enthusiastic about these talents, that manufacturers began producing small portable models such as those shown on page 82.

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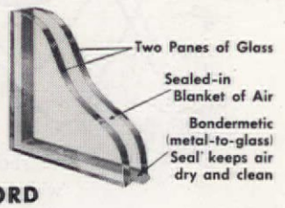

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Anne's Notebook

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CHOPPED CHICKEN AND CRUSHED PINEAPPLE are a happy combination. Mix drained crushed pineapple with chicken, and moisten with mayonnaise. Heap on buttered white bread slices—rectangular in shape for variety. Garnish with slices of ripe olives.

DRIED BEEF WITH MELON BALLS and **BROILED PINEAPPLE SPEARS** with **BACON** are a festive accompaniment.

HERE'S A SUMMER BREAKFAST SPECIAL—cold cereal with fruited milk that teases reluctant early morning appetites. Combine 2 cups chilled milk with 1 cup sweetened, sliced peaches. Mix well with rotary egg beater or electric blender. Pour over cereal. Decorate with additional sliced peaches.

BLUEBERRIES IN BLUE CHEESE CREAM served with waffles or folded in an omelette offer an impressive luncheon dish. You'll need 1 box (2½ cups) blueberries, 1 cup blue cheese spread, 2 tbs. (or more) milk or cream. Have all ingredients well chilled. Blend the cheese spread with enough milk or cream to make it fluffy and smooth; add the blueberries.

SPIKE THE FLAVOR OF VEGETABLES. Adding a bit of sugar and spice is a good flavor trick. We like a dash of nutmeg with green beans; allspice with asparagus; garlic salt with spinach; ginger with summer squash . . . be stingy with the ginger. Good, too, are a few whole cloves and 2 tbs. vinegar cooked with beets. Try experimenting with other spices.

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GRAVY ON A CAMPING TRIP is welcomed with enthusiasm by the men in our crowd. We solved the problem. For a cup of gravy, take 2 tbs. drippings, add 1 cup of water. Mix 4 tbs. flour and shake into water. Bring to full boil, stirring. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

APPLE HORSERADISH SAUCE gives a tangy lift to cold cuts and is a pleasing change. Combine ¼ cup grated apples, ⅓ cup grated horseradish, with 1 cup orange juice. Chill. 'Specially good served over boiled beef, pork, lamb, ham, and veal.

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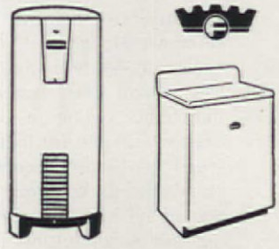

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Good Victuals

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descriptive. Caprice, of course, is an abrupt change in feeling or opinion, proceeding from some whim or fancy. That accurately describes my dessert which proceeds from the season's fruits or berries enfolded in delicately scented cream to a firm, chewy foundation that is as good in itself as any candy you ever ate. A very rich and a very sweet caprice it is. . . . Mr. Tischler, who sent what is to me something absolutely new in the way of a salad loaf, called it just that. But having made it, I could not pin such a mundane name on so glamorous and delicious a creation. You, of course, may fill it with any salad combination you prefer, but you'll find, as I did, that ham is the prettiest as well as tangy enough to offset the blandness of the bread and meringue—which, by the way, is mayonnaise and egg white. Blithebread (pronounced bli-bred) is of Celtic origin, is food prepared for a feast at childbirth. Our own kind of blitheness is likewise of a joyous disposition, so what could be more logical than calling this lighthearted, gay creation Blitheloaf? Surely you need no urging to be the first in your crowd to serve it? Your very next buffet, shall we say?

Hundreds and hundreds of most-favorite-way recipes for chicken have I—remember my telling you so? I gave you chicken baked in corn custard; roast chicken with pecan-sherry stuffing; Chicken Soufflé Lazarus; Chicken Bo Lo Gai, of Chinese origin cooked in pineapple juice and soy sauce; Irene's Chicken Piquante; a squab pie from Kansas; Chicken Hawaiian, a lovesome thing cooked with coconut milk and bedded down with spinach before the lid goes on; Chicken Cacciatore, a recipe so good I dare serve it to the most finicky connoisseur of Italian foods; chicken stuffed with noodles and jelled in a rich amber aspic; Coq de la Paroisse, Archa—this almost the very best of all; and a chicken fricassee with tiny little herb biscuits. These, mind you, in the very short time I have been doing Good Victuals for you! But don't think for a moment, that's enough good ways to cook chicken. Not by any means, for it does not include Chicken Flamande—and is that ever a dish! Sautéed in butter, onions, bacon, and a herb bouquet—then baked in red wine and vinegar, big fat prunes and raisins. Oh yes, indeed, another very, very good way with chicken. Try it, please do!

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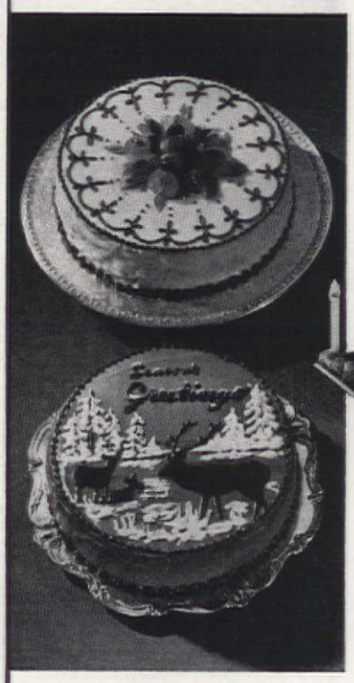

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Laughlin Collection

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America, Its Makers and Their Marks, published in 1940 by the Houghton Mifflin Company.

Many shadowy shapes take form from the fading "touches" here in our pewter room. The Boardmans of Hartford, New York, and Philadelphia, the greatest "chain merchants" of American pewter; the four generations of Danforths who spread pewter making from Middletown, Connecticut to Augusta, Georgia; Colonel William Will, patriotic sheriff of Philadelphia; Daniel Curtiss of Albany, whose exquisite sense of line continued despite the florid tastes of the later period; Gershom Jones, a portly man of Providence, whose lusty voice was raised in his church's choir; and Richard Lee, an itinerant preacher and writer of children's books who also fashioned such pewter miniatures as the smallest porringers in my collection.

These men and a hundred of their fellows remain with us in their work, treasured by collectors and exhibited in our great museums. They made eight-inch plates for eating, larger ones for serving, and platters sometimes know as "chargers"; basins for stew, soup, and vegetables; pots and tankards for quaffing ale and stout; beakers for sipping wine and water; and porringers for wine as well as porridge; flatware, spoons, and ladles; besides a host of tea and coffee pots, pitchers, sugar bowls, and countless other items. Salt cellars, which like buttons and buckles could contain more lead than dishes, were known as "trifles" and their makers as "triflers." Pewter of the highest quality contained no lead, which in eating vessels could not exceed eight per cent or woe betide the pewterer who was not literally "on his metal!"

Unfortunately for the American pewterer, the opportunity of profitable manufacture arrived too late. China and porcelain imported from Europe and the Orient took over the dining room, and pewter lingered only in the kitchen or homes of the poor. The pewterer's day was done. By 1825, when demand for pewter was dying, an occasional pewterer remained to make repairs or to continue his trade with a more profitable line of silver, brass, or even plumbing. But obscurity fell on the pewterer's art, leaving only the scattered monuments of a fine communion service, an imposing pot, or the dainty filigree of a porringer handle.

These became a puzzle I spent 15 years putting together in order to obtain the story of American pewter. More pieces may yet exist—tucked away in barns or attics—pieces which will prove to be the still-missing parts of our puzzle.

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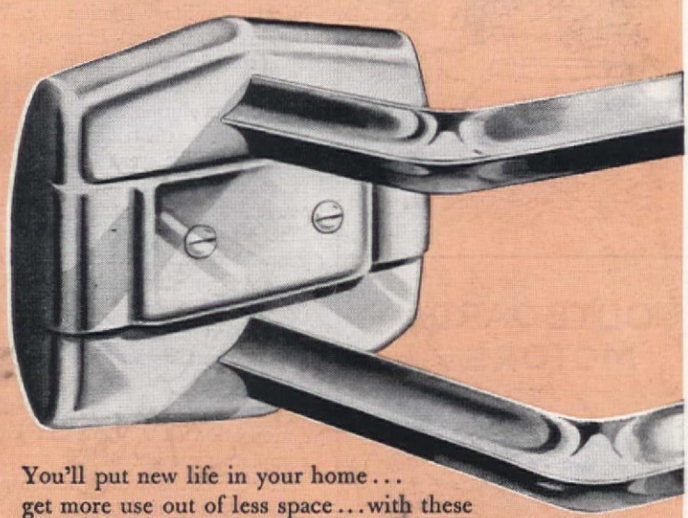

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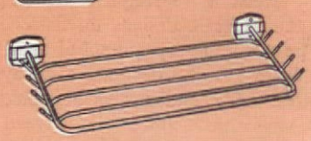

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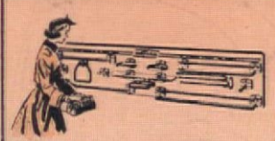

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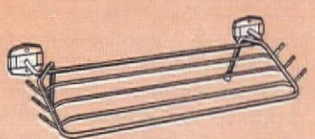

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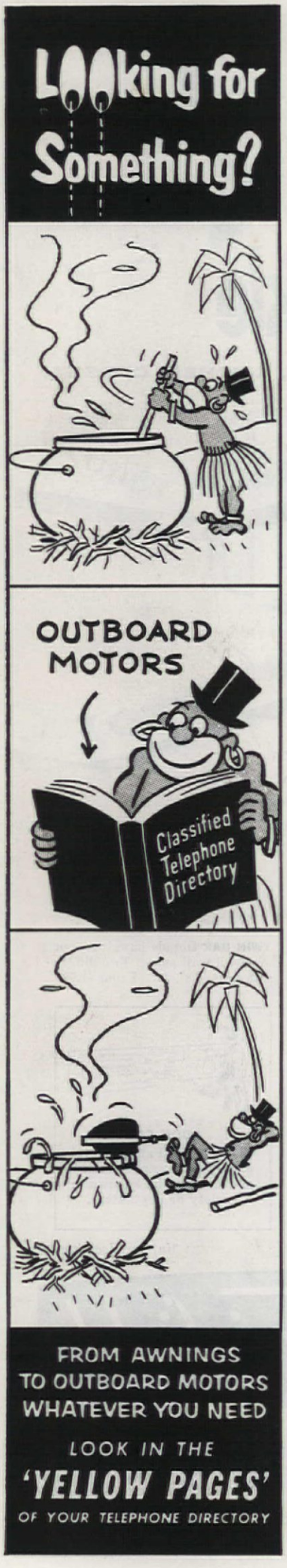

McKearin Collection

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the "Tippecanoe"—but only one shows his portrait.

Pictorial flasks were at their peak at the time of the Mexican War in 1847 and 1848, and that conflict supplied the designers with ample subject matter in the way of heroes, events, symbols, and slogans. The great favorite was Zachary Taylor, who was not only a military hero, but in 1848 a presidential candidate.

Not all portraits on flasks were of Americans, and not all had political or military significance. When the French General Lafayette made a visit to America in 1824 and 1825, a generation after his great services in our Revolution, his tour through the nation was a triumphal progress. Everywhere he went there were parades and parties, and everywhere souvenirs appeared, as varied as those that signalized the Coronation last year. Americans learned long ago how to fete a popular celebrity—and how to capitalize on him. Naturally makers of flasks saw their opportunity and put his portrait in glass.

Twenty-five years later, another European visitor made an equally complete conquest of the country—Jenny Lind, the great Swedish nightingale. One periodical spoke of her as "This lovely child of mercy and of song . . . scattering charity and melody, like flowers, along her path." Like Lafayette's, her path was strewn also with souvenirs of every sort and kind; there were Jenny Lind lamps, quilts, beds—and of course—flasks.

Even more frequent than any of the portrait designs on flasks is the eagle—the very symbol of the United States, always decorative, always recognizable, and always meaningful to Americans. Since the spread-eagle motif of the Great Seal of the United States was adopted in 1782, the national bird has inspired designs in every medium. Housewives have worked it into weaving and embroidery; architects into buildings; sculptors into monuments; potters, cabinetmakers, silversmiths, and other craftsmen all into their own creations. As the examples shown here indicate, the eagles on glass flasks are a study in variety—if not in ornithology.

Quite as significant as the portraits and patriotic symbols are the flask designs that relate to the development of American life in the 1800's. for this was a time of expansion in all directions. We find a picture of a river steamboat as a symbol of improved transportation; a sheaf of rye, symbol of agriculture. Flask designs of ships and railroads and agricultural symbols are related to the same theme.

On the whole, the pictorial flasks that are most highly prized by collectors are those of the earlier period, that is, up to about 1850. But important and interesting examples were made in the next 25 years, such as the clasped hands designs relating to the Civil War.

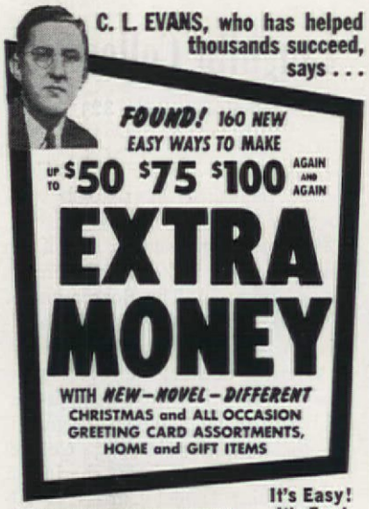
Political, military, social, economic—all these aspects of American history are reflected in glass flasks. Industrial history is too, for they are a part of the development of glassmaking in this country. Collecting information about them is as much fun as collecting the bottles themselves, as Mr. McKearin's daughter Helen has discovered. She had collaborated with her father on two books that have become indispensable to other collectors and students, *American Glass* and *Two Hundred Years of American Blown Glass*. She has also kindly assisted in the preparation of this article.

From the flasks themselves, as well as from old records, much has been learned about who made these bottles, and when, and why. The "when" is often answered by the design and its relation to contemporary events. The "why", too, is no great puzzle: these flasks were containers for hard liquor, and they were also a form of advertising for glassmakers. Names or initials of manufacturers which sometimes appear as part of the design have helped to answer the question "who," though most flasks still remain anonymous.

While glassmaking in America's early days was largely a sad succession of attempts and failures, the need for bottles was a great spur to its development. During the 19th century, hundreds of glasshouses, operated either sporadically or continuously, and many of them were primarily bottle houses. The popular pictorial bottles were produced in New England, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, and what is now West Virginia.

Some of the examples illustrated are extremely rare, but historical flasks as such are not. While certain specimens, because of unusual design or color or size, command prices well up in the hundreds of dollars, Mr. McKearin says that a representative collection of the major flask designs could be made even today at not more than fifteen dollars each. Some may be bought for much less, and there is always a chance that the wide-awake collector may happen on a real rarity at a paltry price.

Historical flasks were common commercial products made of cheap glass that was often impure or bubbly. But they still glow with color, subtle or brilliant, in countless tones. The designs are often crude, but in the light of the 20th century, these flasks are rich in historical meaning.



By the Sea

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walls are paneled in hemlock, in a natural finish. All ceilings are of four-inch-thick laminated rough-sawn boards, in one, two, and three-inch widths.

As befits a room whose chief decoration will always be its close-up view of the sea and tall grasses, the living room is simple in design and devoid of all ornamental trim—a fine background it makes for the simple, vividly colored furnishings, some of them modern, many of them Early American in flavor. The large fireplace wall is of used brick, warmly rich in tone, and provides a soundproof barrier to the heating plant behind it. A wall of glass faces the ocean, and sliding panels above the fixed glass are for the occasional times when ventilation is needed on this northern coast. Between the kitchen and the dining area, a tile-topped counter makes for easy serving. At right-angles to the counter, on the dining area side, a built-in buffet has open book shelves on top, and conceals a radio and record-player below.

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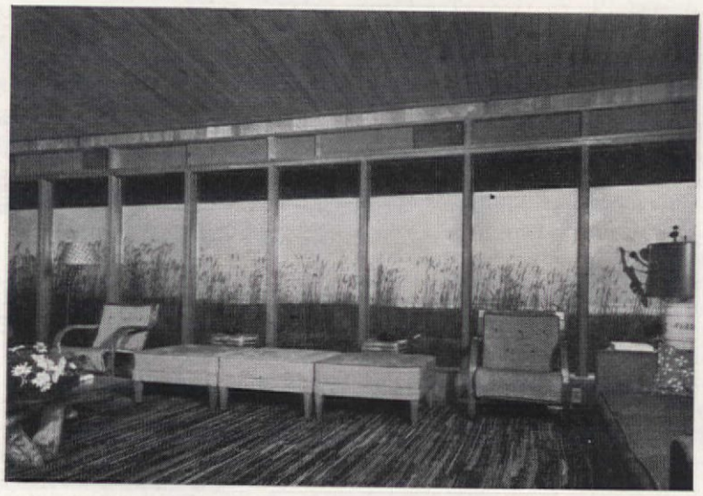

Living-room decoration plays up to the view, but provides ample seating for a large gathering. Two big sofas stand at right angles to the fireplace, while easy chairs and low stools are ranged along the glass wall. The imposing paneled kitchen was planned as part of the living area, visually. Dishwasher and refrigerator were painted deep red to match tile-topped counter which divides kitchen from the living room

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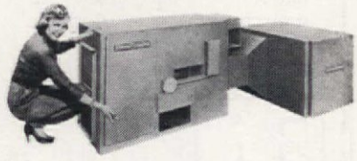

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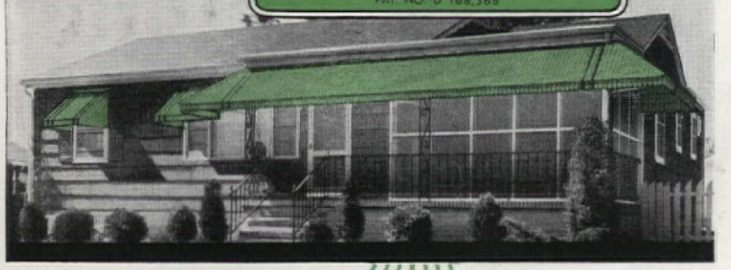

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Tray Designs

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paint, for example; and the old method of applying colored bronze powders to a prepared surface (not by brush); and the delicate, rewarding method of laying gold leaf. All are described in our patterns.

The English word "tray" is Anglo-Saxon in origin, but the article itself existed long before the Christian Era. In Asia, trays were widely used in very ancient times; and later, the Chinese, Koreans, and Japanese embellished them in many ways, including various lacquer techniques.

At the close of the 17th century, the English began to make their own adaptations, in their own materials. During the next two centuries, they produced several tray shapes in metal and papier-mâché which are the models for the trays most popular today in our country.

Two of the favorite tray shapes are the oblong and the Chippendale (also known as the pie-crust or Gothic tray—our Pattern 1543). The Chippendale, with its exotic birds and flowers, is the most glamorous, and the most highly detailed. Its decorations are usually made by the "floated" painting method and are soft and subtle in coloring. Gold leaf decoration on such trays appears as delicate tendrils and curlicues with drippy moss (the English version of Chinese bamboo and weeping willow). Delicate brush strokes form a kind of scroll border. Intertwined with the gold-leaf border detail, exquisite groupings of small flowers often are blended.

Before decorations were applied, all trays received a ground coat—nearly always black, but another deep, rich shade could be used. Chippendale trays were often "bronzed" with gold powders before painting bird and flower motifs. Such golden backgrounds may be almost solid, or they may be delicately shaded—in any case, the gold is predominant at the center, while at the edges bronze powders in orange and silver tones were used, with much of the ground coat showing through.

The second popular type is the oblong tray, rounded at the edges, with or without handle holes. Stenciled decorations were generally applied to them directly over the varnished ground coat. Leaves and flowers, in natural forms or conventionalized, often appeared as double borders. Usually the center was plain, but sometimes a scenic or floral motif took over. The stenciling was executed with bronze powders ranging in tone from pale gold to copper to silver tones. Sometimes transparent color washes were applied over the stenciling to create a jewel-like quality. Gold leaf and silver leaf also appeared in double border designs.

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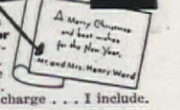

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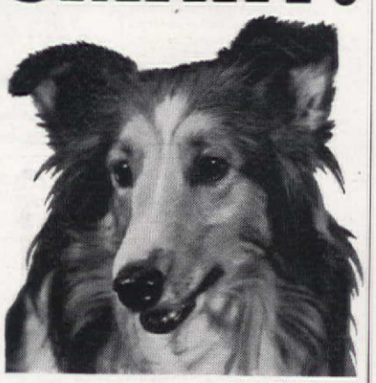

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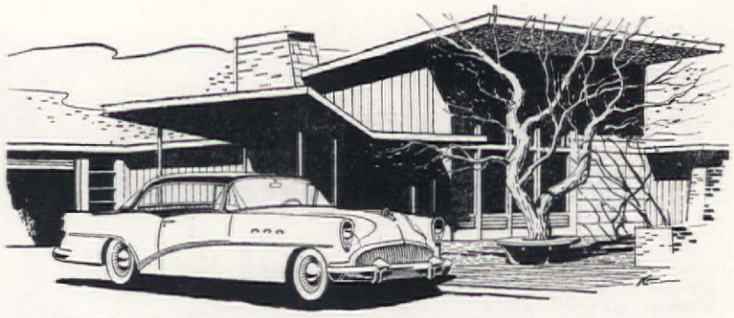

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Mums

(Begins on page 44)

induce branching; I held some plants to three main stems, others to five, a few to seven. Then comes a sometimes difficult question: How many blooms do we want on each plant? This is determined by removing all the side (lateral) buds except those that you want to grow into blooms. The first bud to form after a plant is topped (called the "first crown bud") makes a flower with more petals than any other, but takes longer to bloom. With some varieties it will be the choicest flower; with others, you must wait for a second crown bud, or for terminal buds which mark the end of branch growth.

When flower buds appeared, I started fertilizing, using liquid food only, because overfeeding causes cracked buds, split stems, and other deformities. I put sheep guano in a sack, put this in a barrel of water for 24 hours, then removed it. Twice a week, until the flowers showed color, I gave each plant about a pint of the resulting liquid diluted to the color of weak tea. I have also made liquid fertilizer of various commercial plant foods with equal success. As rain can damage the blossoms, protection may be needed. I made a temporary covering from salvaged celebration banners (muslin). I have always cut blooms in late afternoon, stripping off the lower leaves, and standing the stems in cans of water, one to a variety. As soon as all flowers were cut, I attached a variety label to the plant stump as a guide for the next season, and cut to the ground remaining shoots.

Varieties? There are so many to choose from that it is hard for the novice to decide until he sees them in bloom in gardens or shows. My favorite is Cameo, a large, delicate pink incurve. Among the largest blooms are the Turners—White, Yellow, and Bronze. By selecting according to the blooming date, you can enjoy flowers from September until frost. Major Bowes, for instance, a large purple incurve, bloomed for me for 30 days starting September 15. I have also grown a number of the anemone-type, with a cushionlike center within a single row of ray flowers ("petals"), singles, and pompons. Of the latter, my favorite is Angelo, a large pink; one plant "threw a sport," white tinged with pink—a thrilling experience for any gardener. I kept it alive through subsequent cuttings and, (who knows?) I may, some day, be growing it in quantity—a new variety!

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Mums

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Mr. Taylor grew, and sometimes bloom during July, 'way ahead of frost. Shown are: Robin (red), Cockatoo (white), Kingbird (pink), Woodcock (dark pink), Canary (yellow). ED.

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must be in as nearly complete darkness as possible, the cloth should be black and closely woven. Shade from about six o'clock in the evening until eight next morning, and, for late September and early October flowering, do it until the buds are plainly visible, that is, for from 21 to 26 days. For August flowering, continue it until the buds show color. To obtain a continuous supply of flowers, shade different plants or groups at weekly intervals. It is fascinating to watch the different blocks reach maturity according to your plans and manipulation of nature's process.

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Bargain or Lemon?

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dining room, bedrooms, baths, and in the area you will use as a recreation room.

Turn on water faucets all over the house. Low pressure may be a fault of the neighborhood—or it may indicate that the plumbing system is outdated or clogged and needs replacement—a very costly item! Make a note of all plumbing and lighting fixtures that are so unpleasantly ancient you will want to get rid of them. Make sure that there are water outlets and a drain in the area where you will want to locate your laundry.

The attic, like the basement, is a place where structural faults are likely to show up. If there's any chance that you will want to use the space, even for storage, it should be accessible via a stairway, or at least offer a space where you can install folding steps. Moreover, the attic should have at least a rough floor, although such a floor can be installed inexpensively.

Check exposed framing in the attic just as carefully as you did in the basement, still looking for damage or weaknesses. You should find 2 x 6 rafters supporting the roof, 2 x 4 studs at gable ends, and 2 x 6 joists underfoot, all with 16-inch spacing. The lower ends of rafters should rest on double 2 x 4's or 2 x 6's, called plates. Look over the underside of the roof thoroughly. It's much easier to spot evidence of leaking from the attic than from atop the house.

If you find insulation on the attic floor, the attic space should be well ventilated. If the attic is finished as living space, there should be insulation up the walls and across the ceiling—with ventilation for the space above the ceiling.

Then go outside. Look all around the house for cracked, rotten, or broken boards or shingles or crumbling masonry. Make sure that the house is plumb at corners and that walls don't bulge or sag along the foundation. Check the paint and the wood around windows and doors.

Try to get onto the roof to determine its condition. How long will it be good for? Make sure that there is flashing around the chimney and vents and at joints where different sections of the roof meet, and check condition of the flashing. The gutters and downspouts should be in good condition, for they provide the home with vital protection.

Once you are satisfied that you have checked the house for every possible defect, consult other members of the family and add up the score. Total the purchase price and the expenses you will encounter in turning the house into the kind of home you and your family desire.

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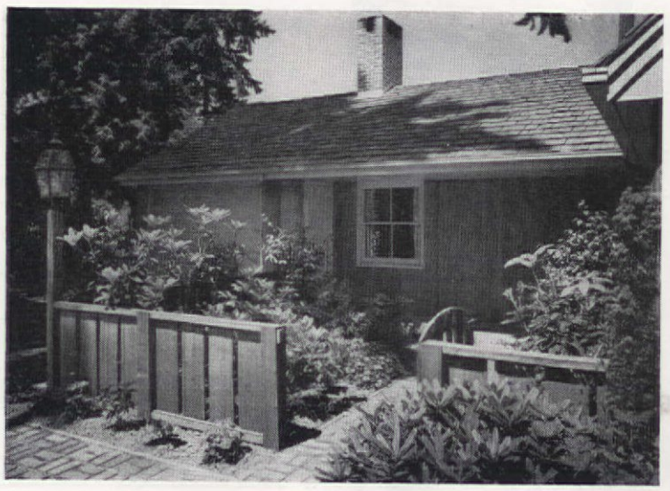

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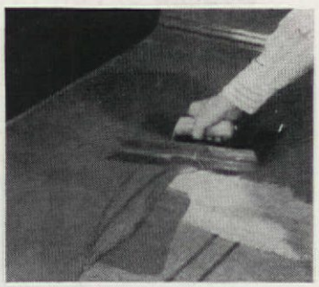
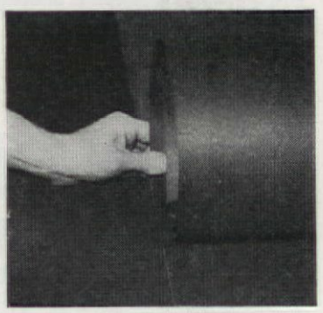
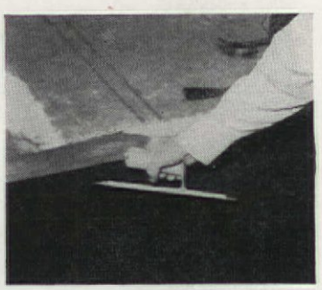


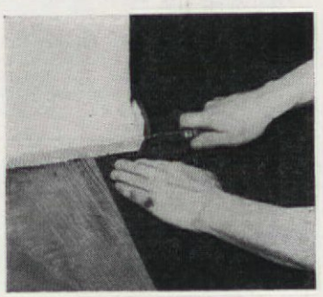
Whether you use underlayment or not, you need lining felt under resilient flooring. First, cover floor with strips cut slightly oversize. Butt joints. Fold each piece to expose one half of floor



Spread adhesive on underlayment (or old floor) starting at the fold-back in the felt. Use notched trowel to get a thin, even coat



Roll felt over paste. Smooth each strip immediately. Use the smooth side of trowel to remove bubbles. Roll with strong pressure with a rolling pin or heavy roller



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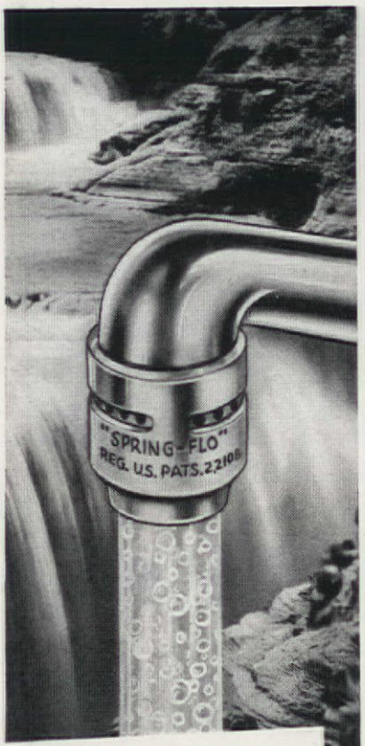

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Page 59: Mexican brasero, Fred Leighton.

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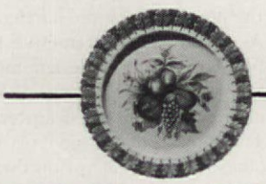
Pages 60, 61: "Poppytrail" dinner plate, individual bowl, mug, bucket; "Free Form" dinner plate, large platter, salts and peppers, cups and saucers, candy dish; all from Metlox. Wooden salad bowl, Ed Langbein. "French Renaissance" cake breaker, Reed & Barton. "Dawn" tumblers, Fostoria. "Tempo" cloth, Ellison & Spring. Kob-Knobs, C. J. Schneider Mfg. Company.



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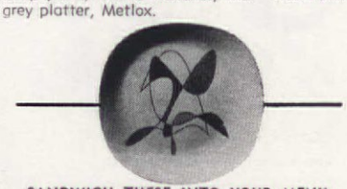

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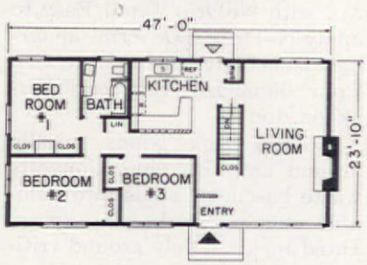

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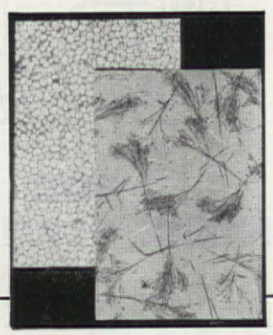

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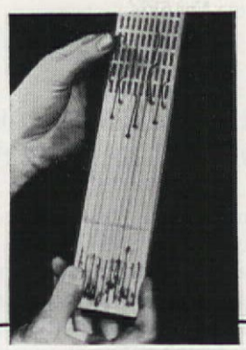

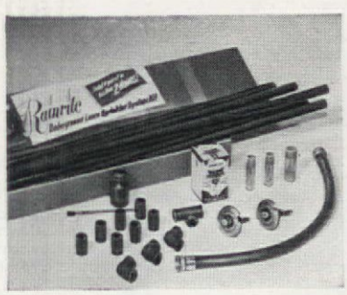

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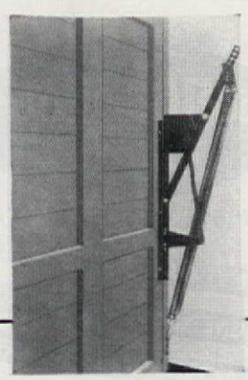

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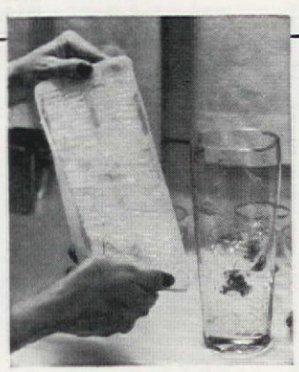

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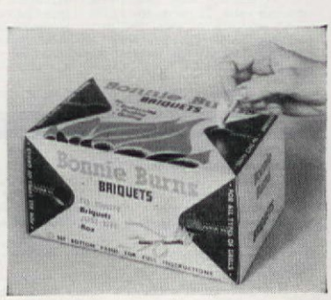

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