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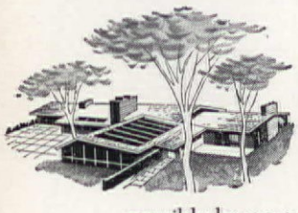

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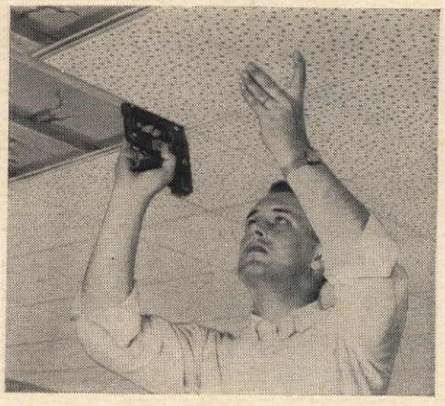

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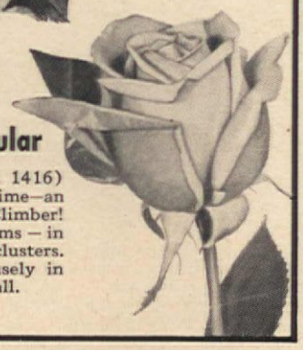

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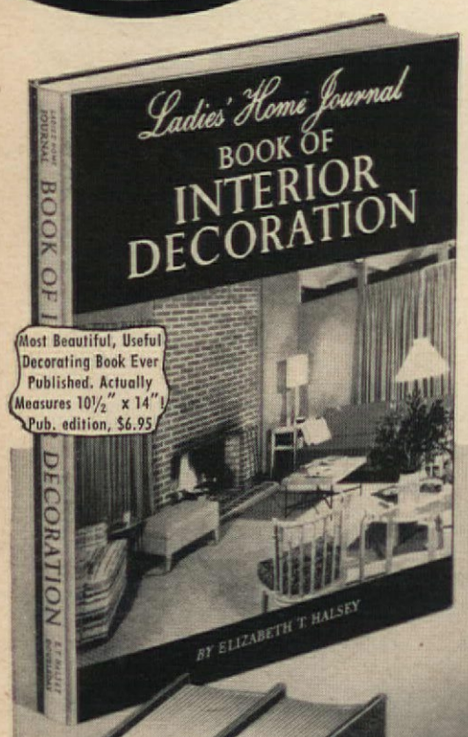

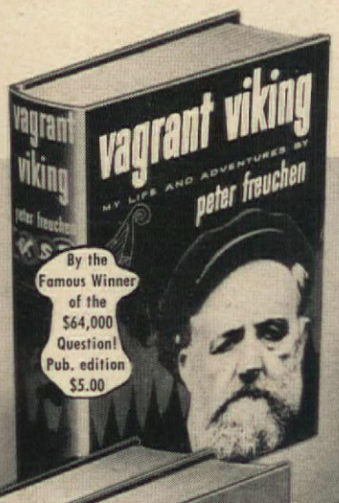

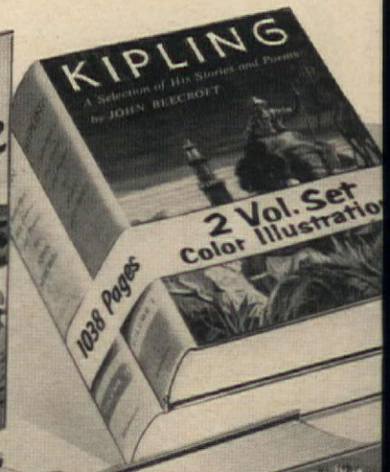

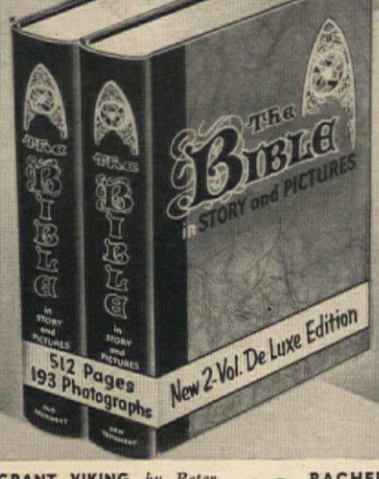

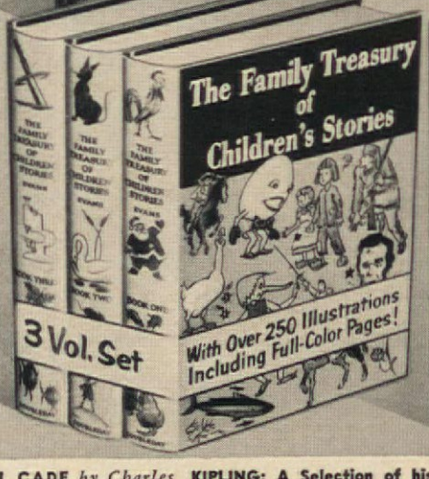

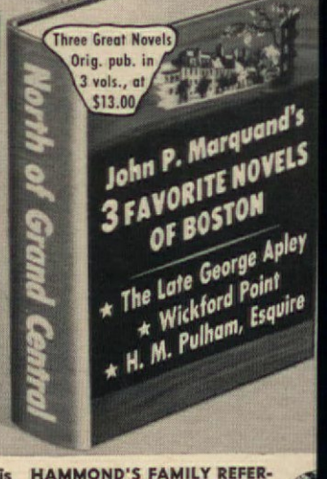

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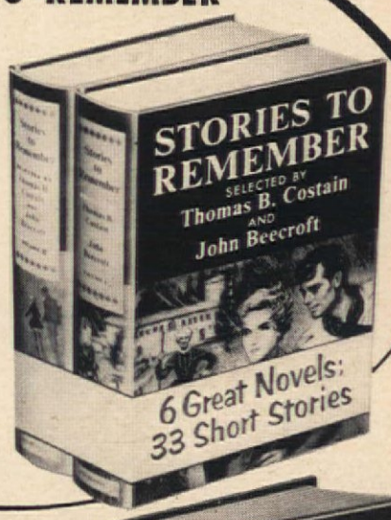

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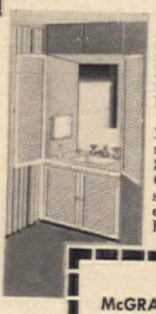

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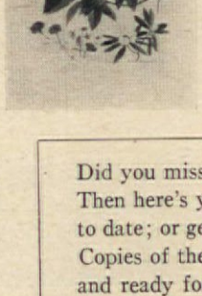

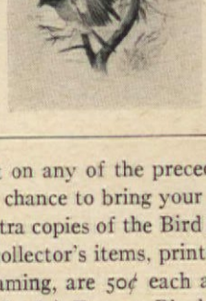

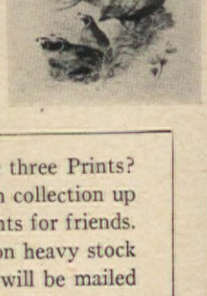

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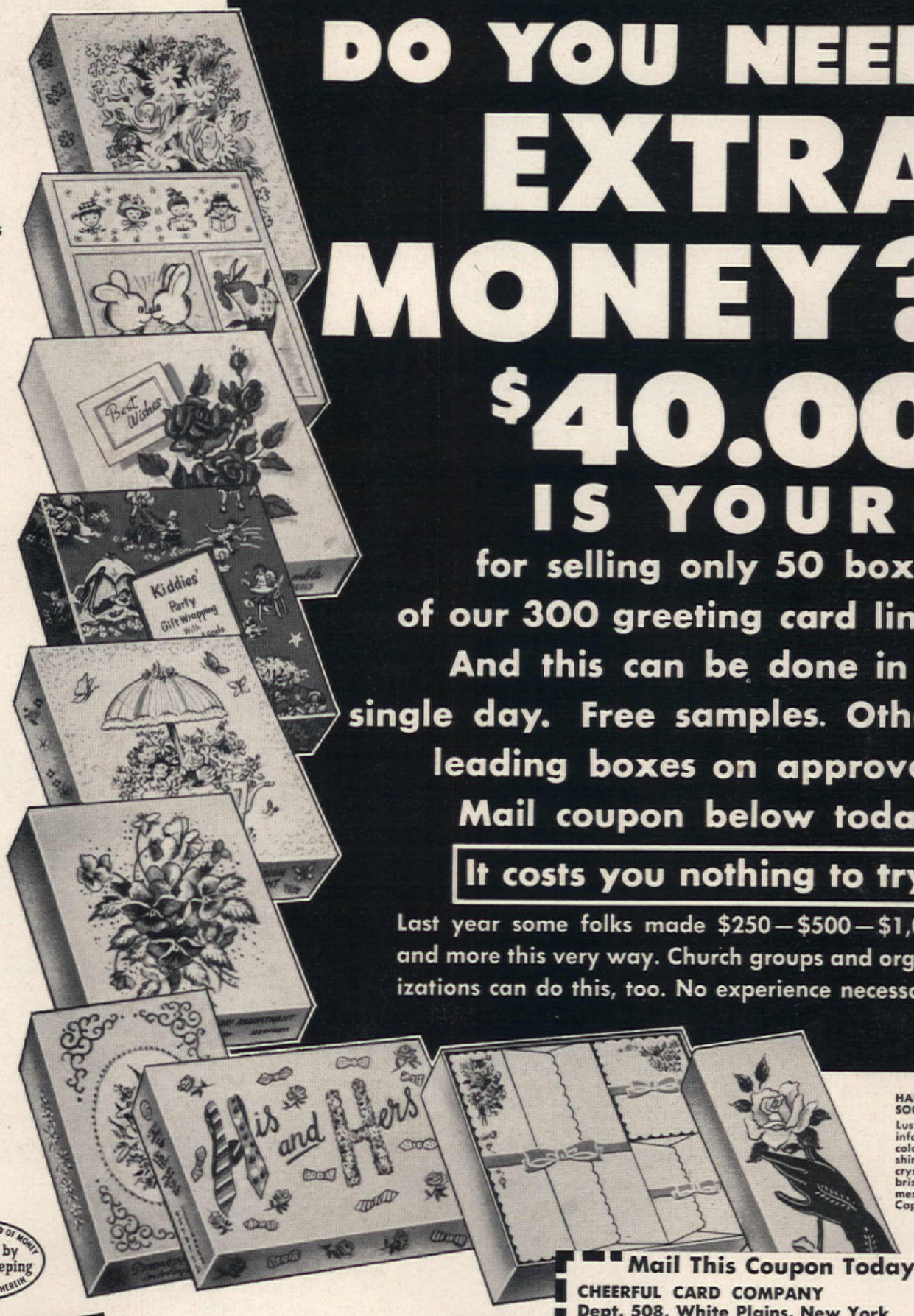

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A TRUE CAT-TALE

AS TOLD BY TAFFY,

whose escapade in a washing machine (See Aug. '56, p. 12) brought solicitous letters from our readers.

PAWDEN ME! But I do think I'm one of the few Celebrity Cats in the country. This is how it happened: One rainy day the picture tube in the television set burned out. My two young owners, being very creative, soon had a novel plan. They chopped up some raw beef kidney, put my feeding dish in the automatic washing machine (the kind with a round glass door in front), and christened me "Orange Fang, King of the Jungle." I found myself inside the dark blue cylinder with a tempting meal before me. Leaving the door open a crack so I wouldn't get *claws-trophobia*, they seated themselves on the floor to watch me devour the "day's kill."

For the next few days it was routine for me to be the star attraction on really-live TV. Then, as will happen with young animal owners, one day they forgot to feed me. I sauntered over to my new restaurant and jumped in. This time it was full of nice woolly things and after kneading contentedly for some minutes, I settled down for a cat nap. I was rudely awakened when I began going 'round and 'round. Before I could say "Meow!", hot water rushed in on me. As though this were not enough to insult my *catacter*, a shower of white granules bubbled into spots before my eyes, and I screeched loudly for help.

Suddenly the door of my frothy whirling cage opened, hot liquid ran out onto the floor, and the "animal trainers' " mother screeched too. She disentangled my legs, claws, and paws from the wet materials and when I found I could still walk, I ran upstairs and hid under the bed for two days.

One good thing came out of this accident, I'm glad to report. Everybody *cat-ers* to me, feeding me shrimp, hamburger, raw beef kidney, and heavy cream—all of it at the dinner table. (My table manners are excellent and I wear a napkin tied 'round my neck.) I was on the front page of lots of newspapers in an AP (Associated Pussycats, I think it means) article, and became known as Television Cat, for I appeared live on a real TV program.

In spite of all I've gone through I'm not sorry, for ever since, I've led a *purrfect* life.

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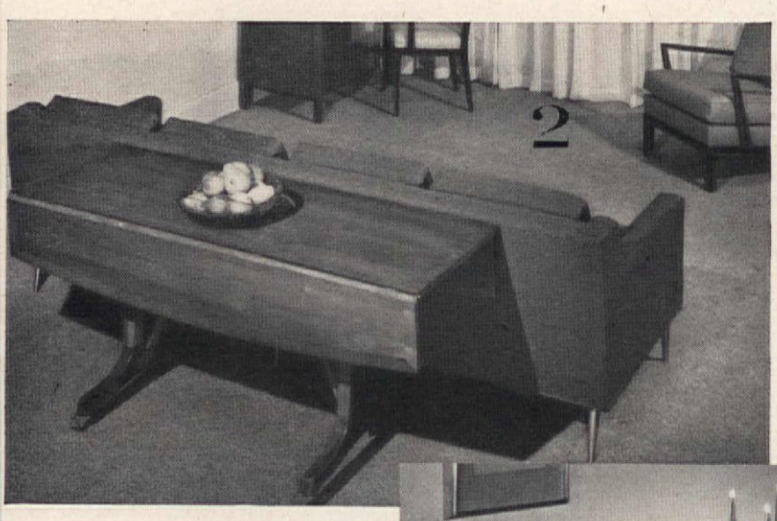

You need a dining table but you don't have a place to keep one? That's a problem, to be sure, but now there's a good answer to it. Here's a dining table you can keep in the middle of your living room. It serves as a commodious, attractive coffee table, then a simple mechanical device allows you to raise it to dining height at a touch. As a coffee table (1) it's 5′ long, 17½″ high and 20″ wide—perfectly scaled for you to use with a low, modern sofa.

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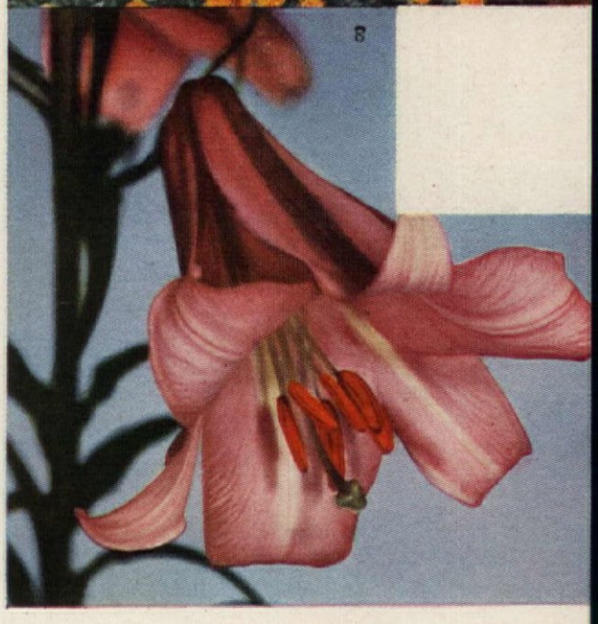

Flowers and gardens are for perceptive minds—and minds that can't stand monotony in any form. So in the world of garden flowers, there's always room for something new. And how well the hybridists know it!

This year, as every year, they've got a multitude of new things all ready for the start of the gardening season—which means soon after New Year's, when the first catalogs begin to arrive. And they've no reason to doubt that gardeners will be waiting, but *eagerly*.

If you're a non-gardener, you may wonder what all the eagerness is about. But try gardening for awhile, and you'll know it's a dynamic pursuit, that none of its phases remains static very long. And then you, too, will demand new flowers—more beautiful, more striking, lighter, darker, larger, smaller, earlier, later, more adaptable to your needs, or easier to grow—anything so long as they're different, and *new*.

New Annuals

Right now, the spotlight of excitement tends to focus on the new annuals. That's because you can buy seed early in the year, and because annuals develop fastest and are easiest to grow.

You can start the seed indoors for early bloom. Or, as soon as it's warm enough, start seeds right in the garden where they're to flower. You'll have a continuous display of color from mid-summer until frost. You can use annuals in almost any kind of garden, and for a dollar or so you can raise many more than you're likely to need.

Most strikingly different of the new annuals, perhaps, is the GLORIOSA DAISY (a new strain of Rudbeckia hirta). It has flowers 4″ to 6″ across, and its colors range from brilliant yellow through shades of gold, orange and bronze, to deep, rich mahogany, including numerous bi-color combinations. From a flower arranger's standpoint, the solid mahogany blooms are especially fascinating. The plants are vigorous and grow 2′ to 3′ tall.

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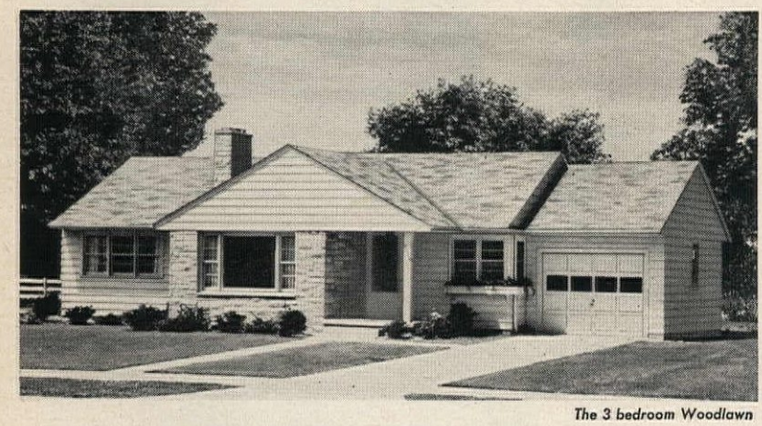

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All-Double White and All-Double Salmon are exquisitely fringed, ruffled petunias. Blue Lace is single-flowered, light blue with dark violet-blue veining, while New Horizon, also single, includes a wide variety of different colors.

Two 1957 additions to the popular, compact, free-flowering "Indian" series of petunias are Aztec, scarlet; and Inca, deep rose. Both have gold throats.

New ZINNIAS for 1957 are Cherry Sundae. Ortho-Polka, and Treasure Island. Cherry Sundae includes blooms of two separate colors, cherry red and creamy vanilla. Ortho-Polka has striped and mottled blooms—like the older Peppermint Stick, but about twice as large. Treasure Island is a large cactus-flowered type that includes shades of yellow, orange, and red.

As for AFRICAN MARIGOLDS—the large flowered kind growing 2′ or so high—several new varieties are coming out in 1957. Crackerjack has big globular blooms of yellow, gold, and orange. Orange Clown has collarette blooms (small petals encircled by a collar of large ones) of deep orange. New Horizons includes many different colors in all flower forms from loose-petaled to tight, sponge-like globes. Primrose Beauty has carnation type blooms of primrose yellow, and Mammoth Mum Primrose has chrysanthemum type blooms of the same color. Nearest-to-White is cream-white, carnation flowered.

Petunia Blue Lace

Zinnia Treasure Island

Marigold Golden Pigmy

Aster Empress

In dwarf FRENCH MARIGOLDS—which grow about 8″ high, have multitudes of small flowers—new varieties for 1957 include Golden Pigmy, gold and mahogany; Fireglow, mahogany-scarlet; and Helen Chapman, gold and red.

ASTERS, among the most useful and long-lasting annuals for cutting, include many new ones for 1957. Blue Beauty is wisteria-blue with incurved petals; Empress, mixed colors with quilled petals; Aloha, giant blooms, mixed colors; Debutantes, extra-early, mixed; Mission Giants, cushion-type, mixed.

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four boys," writes Mrs. Will and that means *lots* of clothes lean and white.

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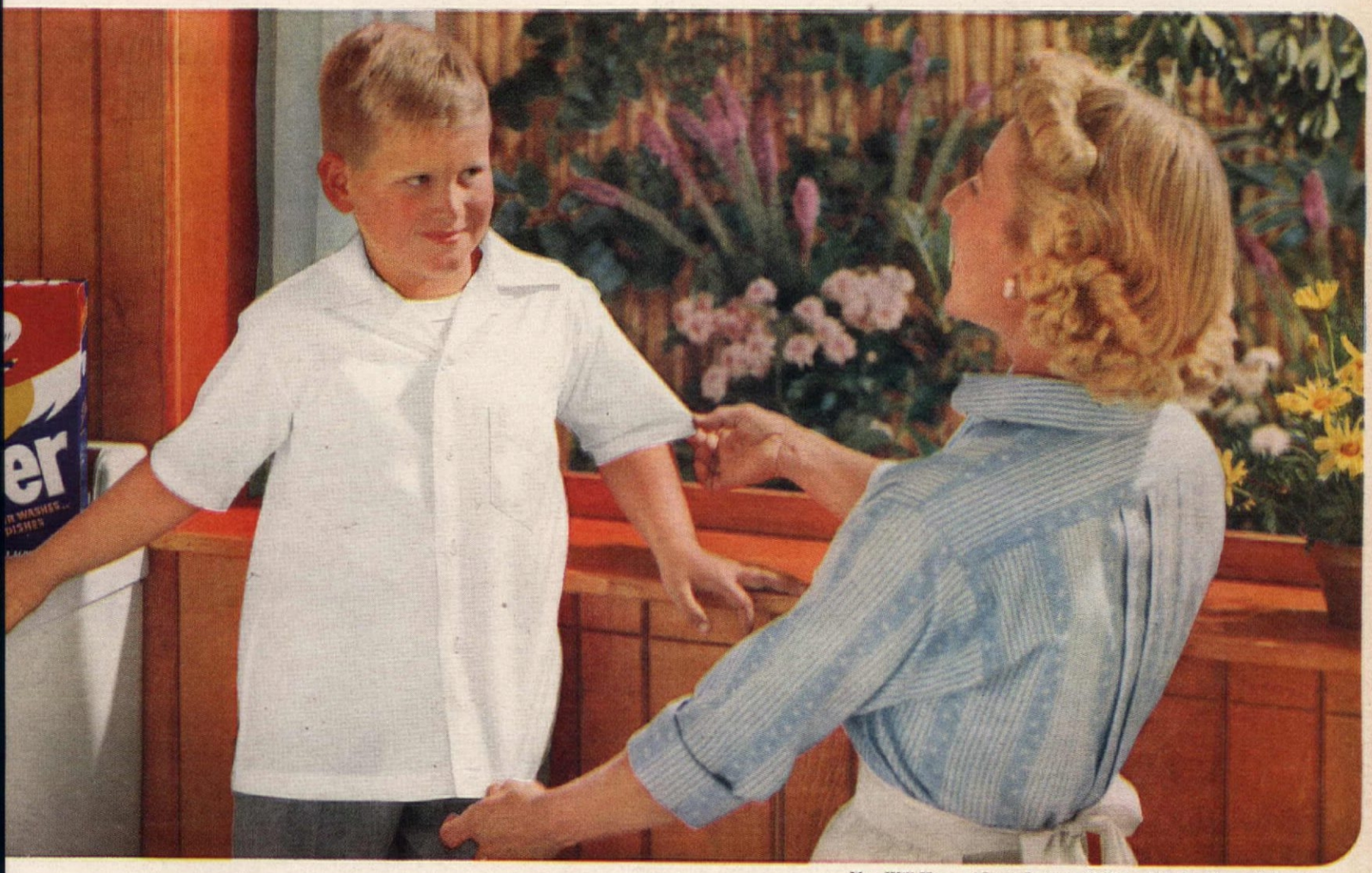

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Another new phlox for 1957 is Tetra Mixed, with regular phlox-type flowers ranging from white, through pinks, to deep crimson.

Small-flowered dwarf DAHLIAS are grown as annuals and offer an attractive addition to the late summer and fall garden. Fall Festival, new for this year, grows 2½′ high and ranges in color from yellow, through orange, to deep red and purple.

Annual Phlox Twinkle

Dahlia Fall Festival

SNAPDRAGONS for 1957 include several that'll make wonderful cut flowers. Carrousel is a 30″-high variety that includes a wide array of colors, while Pink Camellia, of about the same height, has double flowers of deep pink. The five separate colors of the new Tip Top snapdragons are white, appleblossom, yellow, orange-rose, and crimson. They are large-flowered and grow about 4′.

The new dwarf SWEET PEAS called Little Sweetheart offer something entirely different for small gardens. The plants grow only about 8″ high and have full-size sweet pea flowers. Several colors have already been introduced, and new ones for 1957 are Coquette, deep rose, and Snow White.

A new, different kind of MORNING GLORY for this year is Tinkerbell's Petticoat. Most of the blooms are full-double, something like carnations, and include many different colors.

PANSIES are really biennials—you sow seed in summer for flowers the following spring—but they're used the same as annuals by most gardeners. A new one for 1957 is Masquerade, which blooms extra-early and has large, richly colored blooms.

New Roses

Just about everyone likes roses, so most gardeners are eager to learn about the new varieties for 1957.

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Midnight is a black-red, one of the darkest of all red roses, and has magnificent 4″ blooms, long stemmed and fragrant, with luxurious foliage and borne on a husky, tall-growing bush.

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Hybrid Tea Rose Lady Elgin

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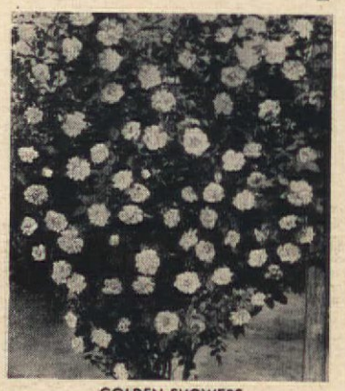

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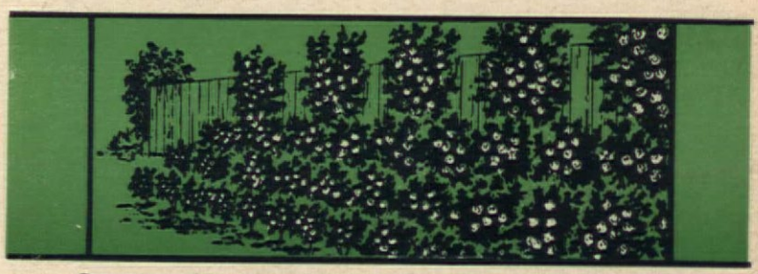

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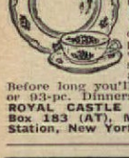

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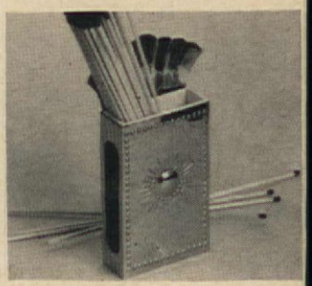

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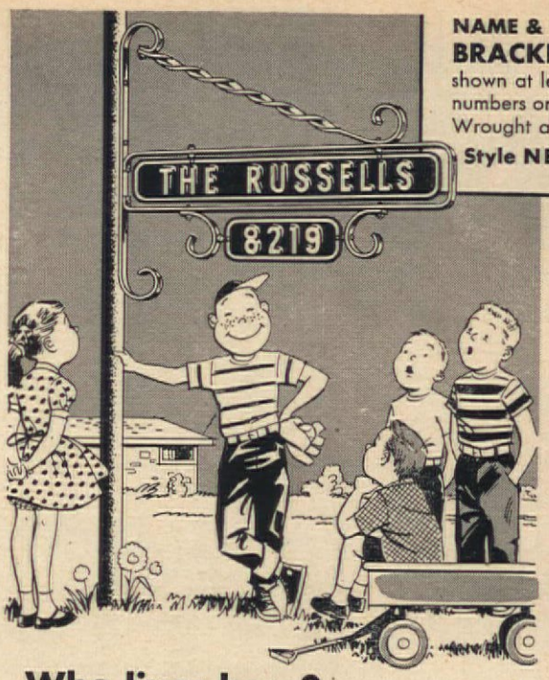

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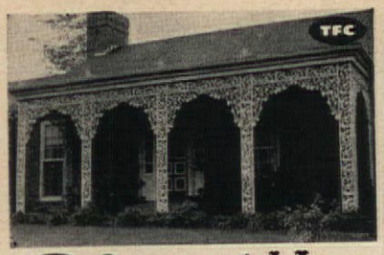

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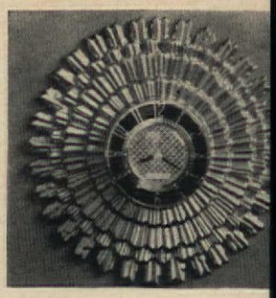

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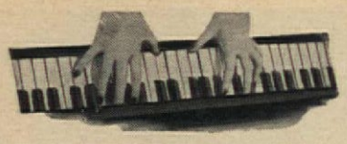

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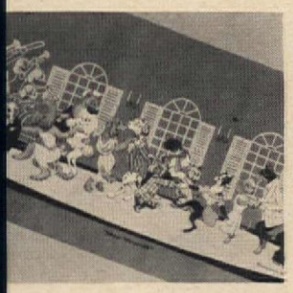

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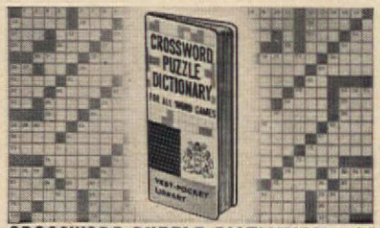

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In Ridgefield, New Jersey, the Twelfth Night festival has added attractions. Last year, fireworks preceded the tree-burning. And each child who brought three Christmas trees to the park received two tickets. One admitted him to a free movie. The other entered him in a drawing to select three kids to help officials light the bonfire. If your town doesn't burn discarded trees, why don't you consider organizing a group to get the tradition started? By Twelfth Night, the sixth of January, Christmas trees are a real hazard in the home. And the thrill of a bonfire will pacify kids who might otherwise want the tree up "one more day."

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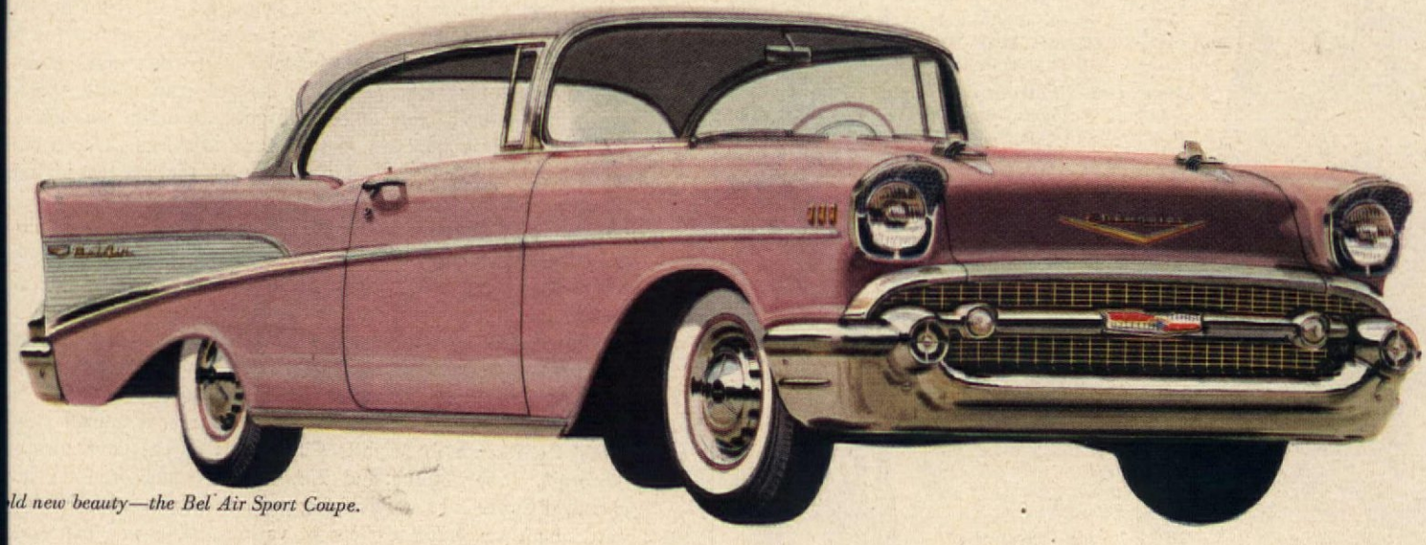

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Then, when the women returned home, each of them invited 10 women—and sometimes a polio patient or a member of a polio family—to a Coffee in her home. Each tried to invite guests from different parts of the county so the plan would spread quickly. Then the hostess asked each guest to invite *nine* guests in her turn. These hostesses, in their turn, asked guests to invite *eight* guests to their Coffees, and so on, until the last two invited one each. So these parties are called Diminishing Coffees.

The purpose of the Coffees? It is threefold: to meet neighbors and friends and enjoy oneself, to encourage guests to discuss Salk vaccine with their doctors, and to receive whatever amount guests would like to contribute to the March of Dimes.

The first Coffee in Iowa led to more than 4,000 such parties. This January, even more successful reports are expected. Other states are having similar success in this venture, a truly worthwhile and gratifying one. And at the most recent annual Governors' Conference in Atlantic City, wives of the governors of California, Iowa, Maine and New Mexico sponsored an unscheduled Coffee for the remaining governors' wives. The women heard about successful Coffees in various states and expressed enthusiasm for the plan. Some promised to help with this year's March of Dimes project.

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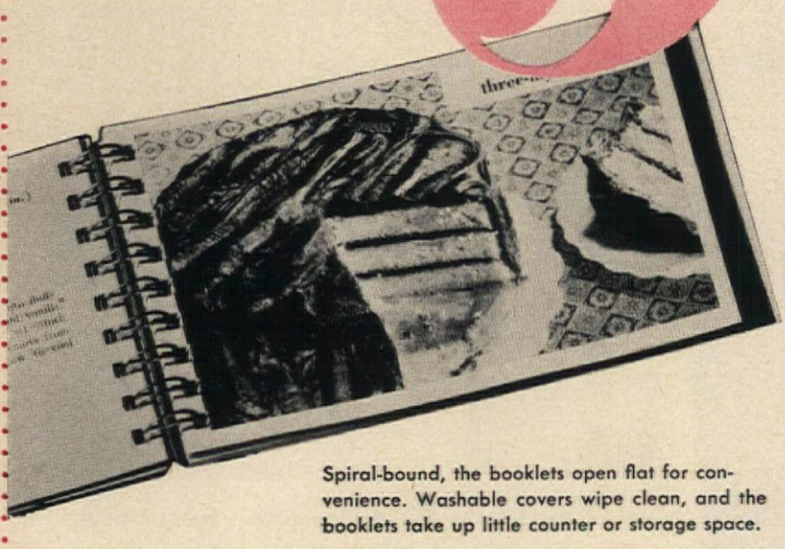

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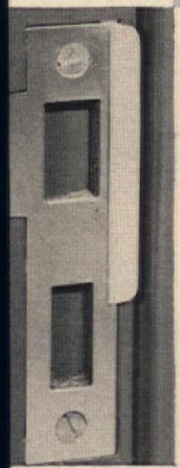

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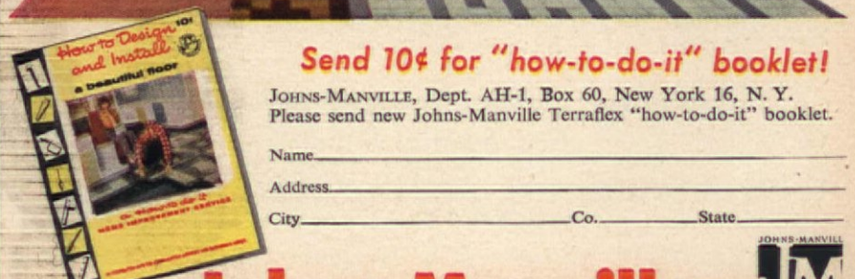

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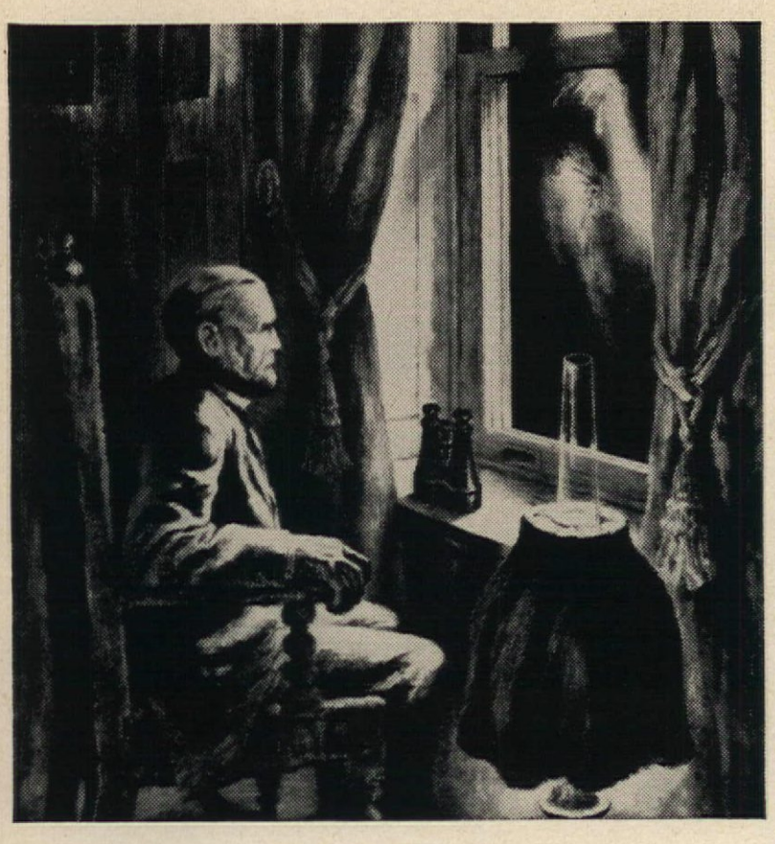

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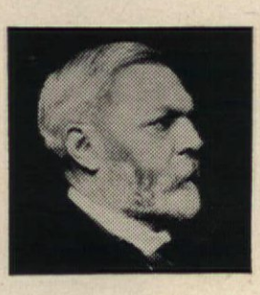

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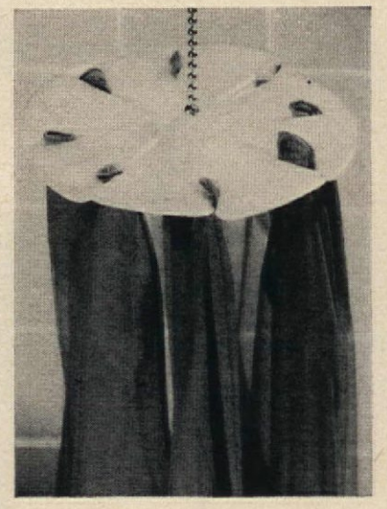

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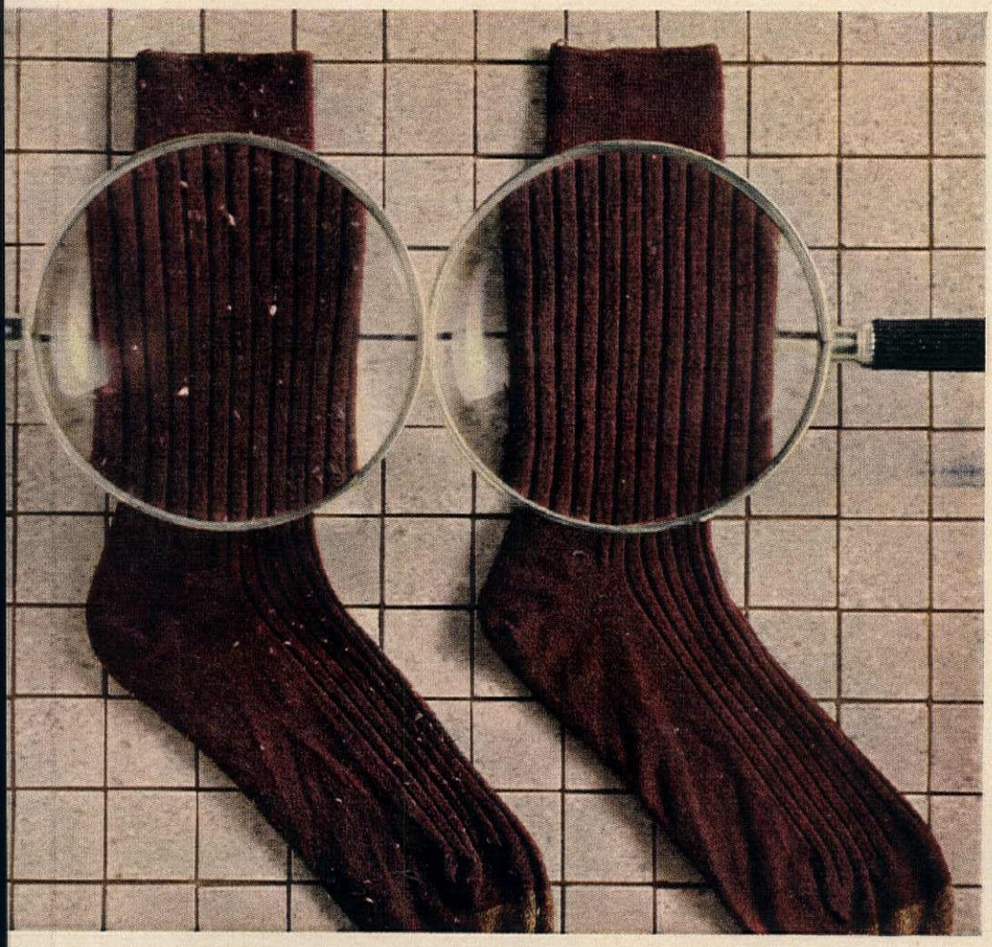

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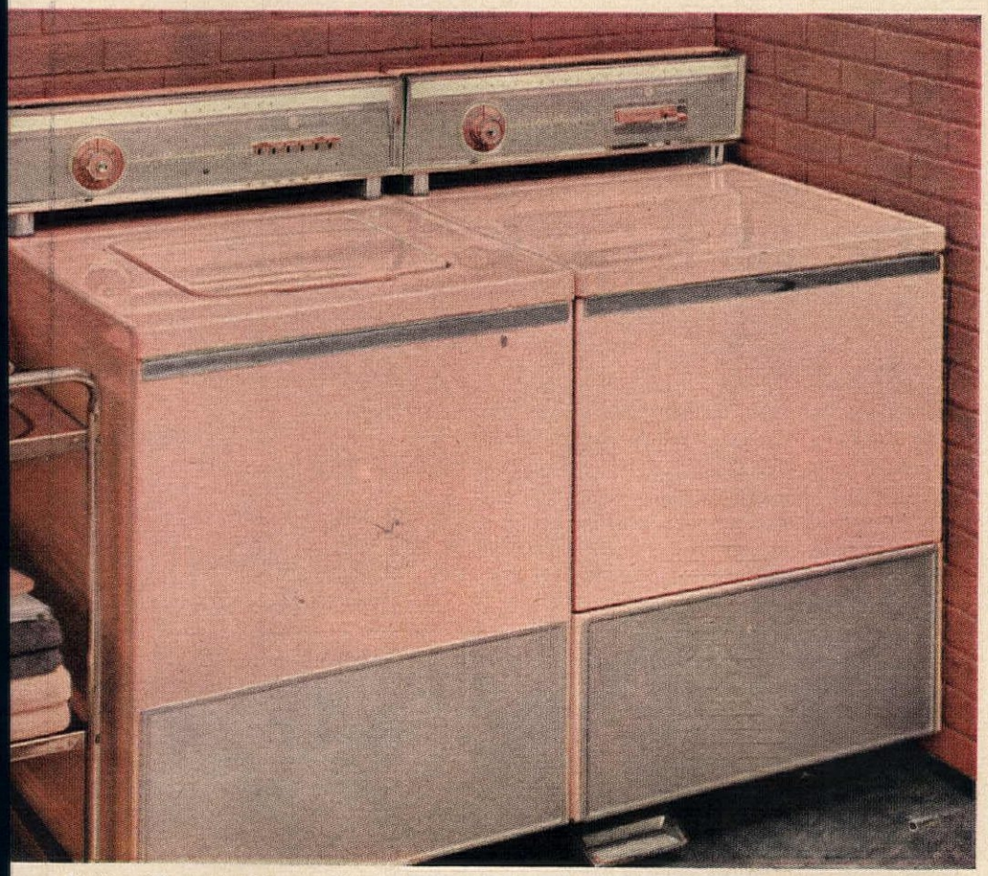

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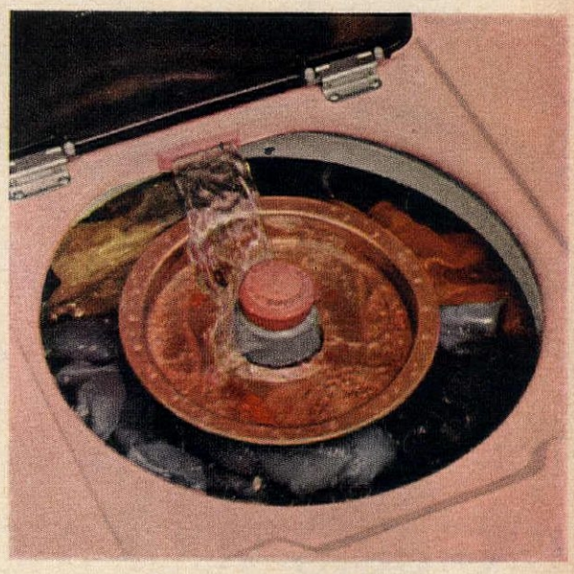

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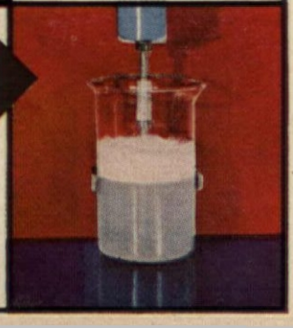

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Know the NEWEST Kitchen Color?

If you don't, please don't turn the page yet! We'd like to tease you a little, whet your appetite. Will you indulge us? On the following pages we make so bold as to predict the coming color in kitchens. Not a NEW color, of course, but a color that's new to kitchen use. What color is it? Think of the shortest ray of color as it comes from the sun . . . think of a royal color associated with queenly robes and kingly halls . . . think of one of the earliest, sweetest little flowers of springtime . . . You've guessed it? Good for you! But you can't see how "THIS" color can possibly be appropriate in a kitchen? Well, you see, we've already established its versatility, right? It's a royal color, it's a sweet, nostalgic color. What better choice, then, for a room that's the heart of our personal kingdom; a room of which we expect such tireless efficiency yet want gay and cheerful and, of course, calm and serene at all times! Verily, the word for kitchen is versatile and, used handsomely and importantly or just prettily, versatile is the word for our predicted NEW kitchen color. For versatile proof, please turn the page—and thank you for waiting to verify your own decision.

Spring

1 *"Dear Mother and Dad, Tom and I finally have a long weekend and are coming to see you . . . can't wait to see your new kitchen."*

2 *How beautiful, Mother! A quick change—and I want to see absolutely everything in it.*

5 *And this is my baking area, everything within reach.*

6 *How many other lovely colors go with violet.*

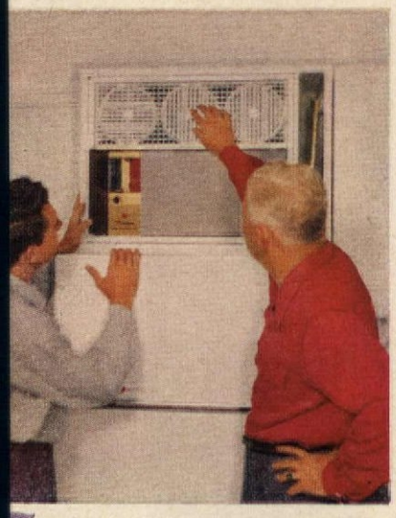
will bring Violets

EDITH RAMSAY

—be it regal parma violet or softly spoken violet,
shy as the violets hiding in the deep, cool woods—
we predict violet will be the upcoming kitchen color this spring!

3 *Isn't this sensible, right beside the sink?*

4 *Beats outdoor barbecuing all hollow.*



7 *Air conditioner's out of way over refrigerator, and worth its weight in gold year 'round.*

• In creating this kitchen, we had in mind some very special people—a couple with retirement on their minds, a couple planning for retirement. Not because of feeble health or old age, but because they wanted more leisure. A home-loving couple intelligent enough to realize how much more physical comfort and visual beauty home could contribute to their living than it had, and young enough in heart to want it so.

When the General Electric Company asked us, along with other magazines, to design a kitchen for exhibit at Appliance Park in Louisville, Ky., this kitchen came into being. Here was our golden opportunity to do a kind of kitchen we'd long wanted to do, a chance to prove several pet theories—not the least of which is that color is one of the greatest of all tools to bring beauty into our daily life.

Here for instance. A couple who really preferred satiny white equipment, saw no need to spend needlessly on built-in equipment but nonetheless appreciated the need for *new* equipment, if the kitchen of their leisure years were to be the fun center they knew it could be. Look again at our good-looking, contemporary-living couple—doesn't their kitchen become them? Naturally it was not for them alone we projected our idea. That with crisp, sparkling white equipment all the freshness and the beauty of spring can be captured with the use of the color of violets, their attendant greens and the young blue sky above them. All these ARE springtime itself and only for the young in heart. And so we predict—spring will bring violets—to kitchens all over America—and may the color of spring bring a fresh concept of beauty to all of you who resist color in kitchen equipment, but need color to be happy.

8 *Any wonder we'd rather come on home for late snacks, with all these fast-working appliances?*

10 *I don't see how I ever lived without one.*

11 *And to think we used to say "back in the kitchen."*

Yes, coffee-making is my department. Used to think I wouldn't be caught dead in a kitchen.

On page 81 you'll find more pertinent information on our young-in-heart kitchen, find many helpful ideas for your own kitchen.

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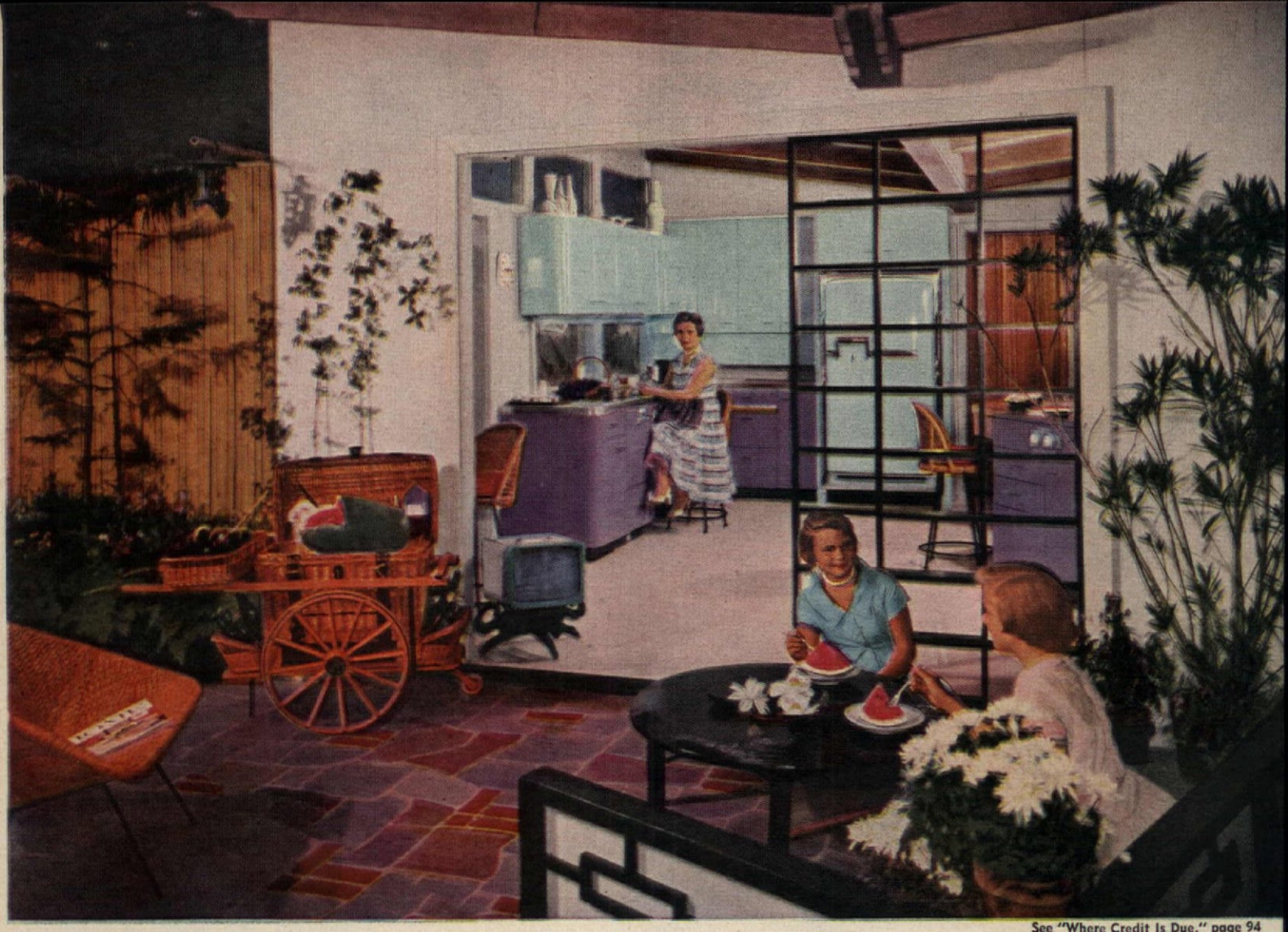

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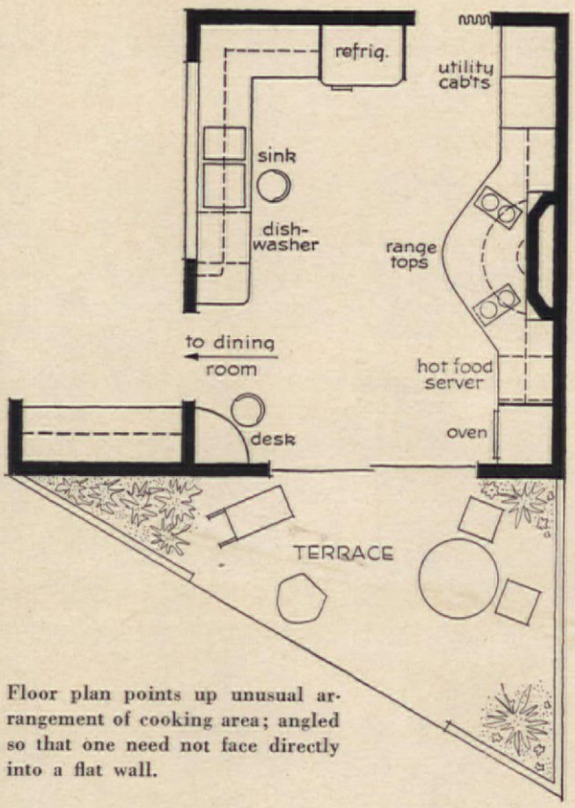
VIRGINIA THABET

Definitely NOT for the Ploddy,

this kitchen! The violet nuances of dusk . . . accents of blue taken from the celestial sky . . . white from the rice fields, the beloved pink of Siam . . . satiny lacquer blacks alongside bamboo and rattan . . . it's a kitchen for the sharp, the woman who brings imagination to her kitchen as in all other things in her life. "Eastern Horizons" we call it—this second kitchen that proves the desirability as well as the versatility of the violet kitchen theme. The last word in American efficiency, yet it is excitingly exotic in its concept. One feels its serenity, a violet mood—yet like all things Oriental it is compounded of many things. On the walls,

- St. Charles rich, deep spring violet and sky blue cabinets, daring and admittedly glamorous.
- "Pagoda" Hood over slanting-shape built-in surface burners and beamed "butterfly" ceiling give Far-Eastern illusion.
- Kappa Shell wall behind cooking surface counter of stainless steel.
- Exquisitely executed window treatment back of sink continues color scheme.
- Built-in equipment is practical, no-nonsense-about-it . . . oven-broiler, and surface units; standard refrigerator built into a special cabinet and a drawer-type hot food server.
- Just outside the kitchen—Japanese Garden or Terrace; call it what you will—has table and floor cushions and the feeling of the Orient, despite its comfort.



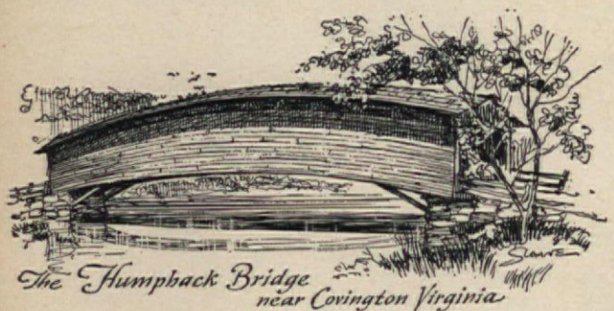
Floor plan points up unusual arrangement of cooking area; angled so that one need not face directly into a flat wall.

dsomely decorative storage unit in alcove between kitchen and ng room. Wall cabinets with sliding glass doors, special cab- below has sliding shallow drawers for table linen storage.

Knee-hole sink, with sit-down rattan, swivel stool. Mixing center conveniently located between sink and refrigerator, displays midway units which provide extra storage space between wall cabinets and counter.

JAMES W. BRETT

The Old Covered Bridge

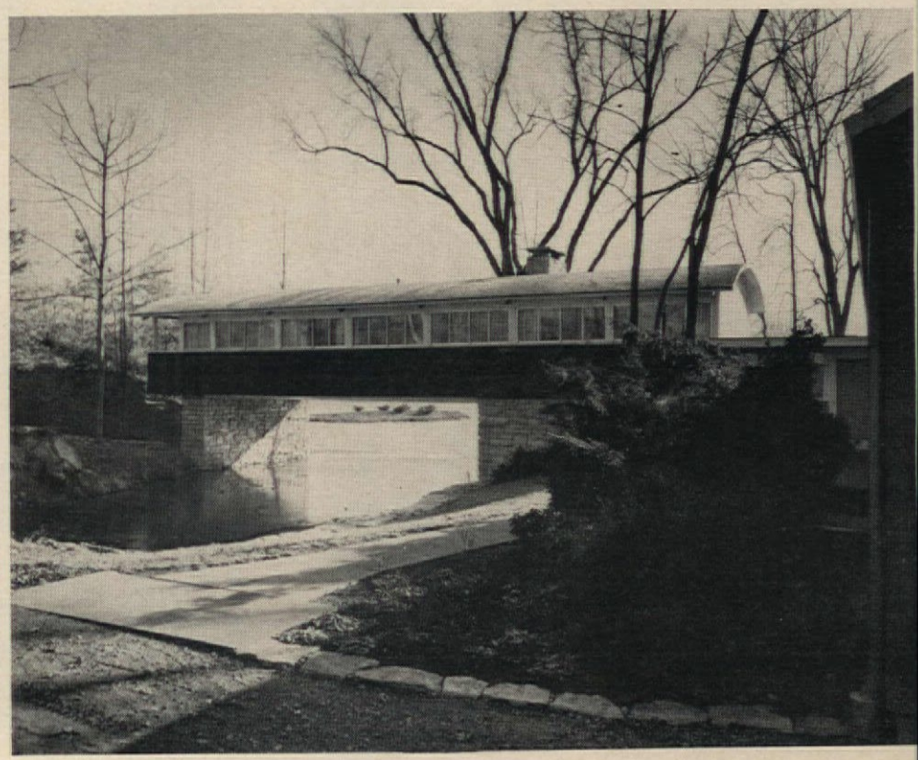


The Humpback Bridge near Covington Virginia

Notice the similarity in roof design between the modern bridge house at right and The Humpback Bridge near Covington, Virginia. Many of the construction ideas developed in our covered bridges are used today. The farther north the bridge, the steeper the roof to shed the snows.

Many bridges have interesting portals. Schoolhouse Bridge, Lyndon, Vt., has special pathway that protects pedestrians from wagon and cattle traffic.

Schoolhouse Bridge Lyndon, Vermont



Inspires Modern Design

This eight-room home in Ohio is a good example of modern American architecture, no doubt about it. But if you look carefully you'll see that one big part of it comes straight out of our early 19th-century landscape—the "covered bridge" that spans the tiny inlet of the lake.

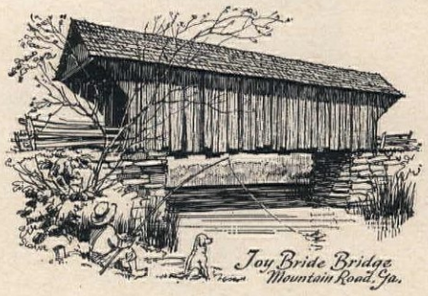
How did such a feature ever show up in the plan for a modern house? Architect Robert A. Little, A.I.A., says that "somewhere in the design, the covered bridge sort of crept in and seemed to belong."

And it is important to note why the bridge "belonged." It belonged not because it lent a "quaint" or Colonial air to the house, but because the original design was basically so sound and sensible that it still could be used 150 years later to help plan a modern home.

Covered bridges were first built in this country about 1800; soon they appeared in almost every state of the union. Many of our early roads followed the banks of rivers and streams, and wherever the road had to cross a stream, there was a likely spot for a covered bridge.

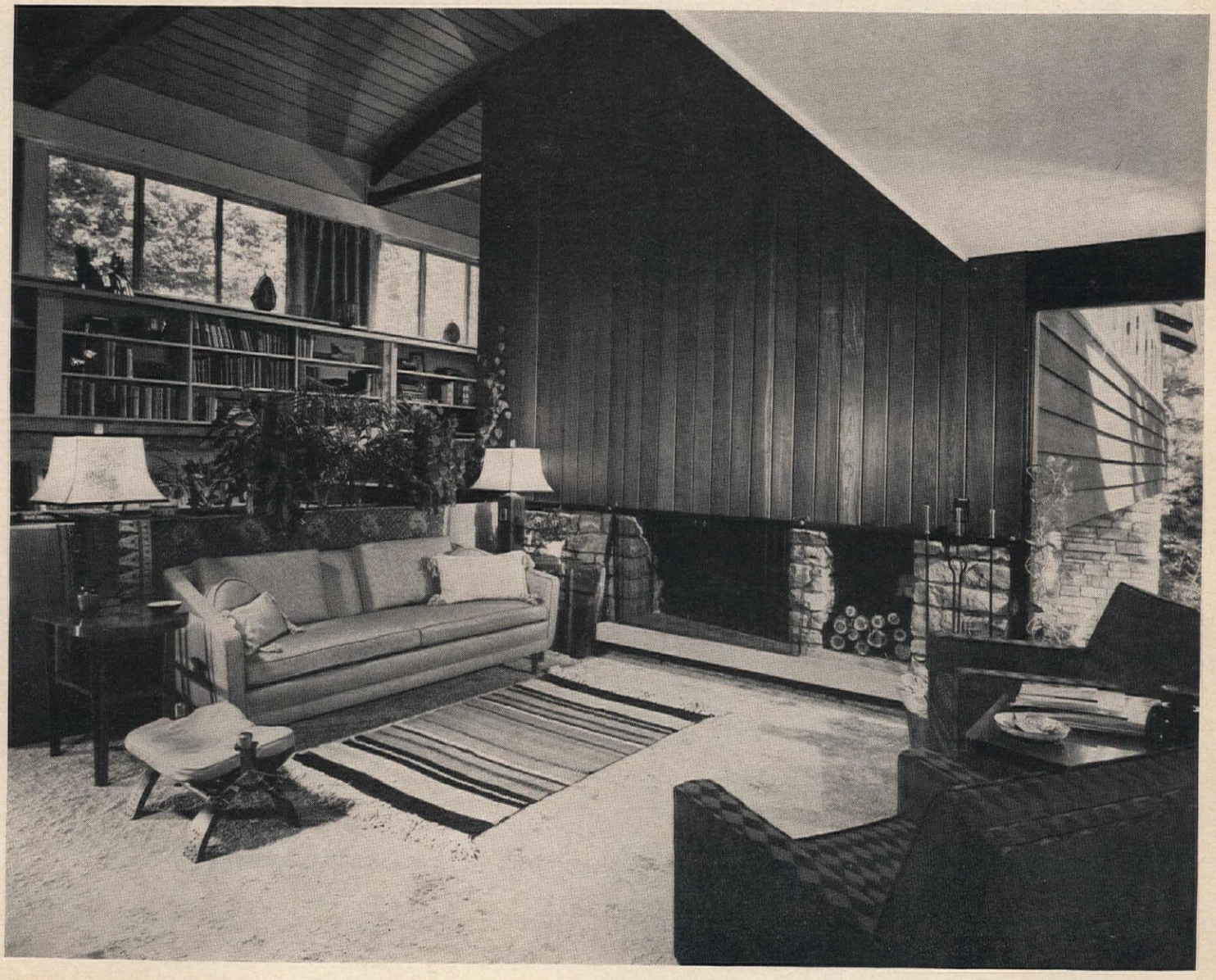
The technique of building covered bridges became quite a science. It attracted many noted engineers and business men to the challenge of building a better bridge. While most of these covered bridges of the 19th century have disappeared from the roads of our country, there are still—surprisingly—quite a few left. What amounted to CONTINUED ON PAGE 93

One of very first advertising billboards in America was the side of the Coca-Cola bridge at Portland, Pennsylvania.



The primary reason for a bridge being covered was to strengthen structure, and at same time to allow interior wood to season.

There's more than one way to make one room act like two. And it's done in the living room with ceilings. One high and vaulted of wood, the other low and flat of plaster. The high one lends a feeling of great unrestricted space; the low one, an aura of intimacy and warmth.



ARRANGEMENTS BY BETTY B. MERRIAM

Charming Companions

The basis of many a beautiful flower arrangement may be a simple figurine, so don't relegate your favorite pieces to the shelf as dust collectors. Use them, instead, with a few blossoms of the season. In early spring you'll have freesias, narcissus, tulips, scillas, grape hyacinths, etc.; in summer there'll be an even wider choice—some of which are pictured here. You'll need but a few flowers to make an unusual arrangement in this fashion, and you'll receive many compliments for your ingenuity and imagination. For flowers and figurines, thoughtfully used, can make charming companions at any season of the year.

Thin bamboo bases hold figure of Japanese fisherman with arrangement of euphorbia and begonia foliage. Notice how little plant material is needed for a very effective arrangement.

Fragile plant material is used to emphasize the delicacy of this white ceramic deer on black base. Plastic foam in bottle cap holds plant material beside the base.

Much too lovely just to sit on a shelf is this white alabaster prancing horse. Small cup pin holder on round black lacquer base supports feverfew and white-striped hosta foliage. Nylon bristles fanned out behind leaves complement alabaster sheen.

Handsome rooster looks very important in arrangement on rough burl. Use small pin holder or plastic foam in can or glass for flowers. Shown here: celosia, red euphorbia, galax, cattails. For dramatic effect, conceal a small candle—be sure there's no inflammable material above it.

If you collect Hummel figurines, you have the beginning of a very lovely arrangement. Place two figures on curved walnut bases. Position where they appear natural and compatible. Choose flowers or foliage that appear appropriate and sympathetic with the chosen figurines.

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USUALLY IT'S NO

Look inside your house for the clue. In most cases you'll find it's that hidden drop of water tha

HUBBARD H. COBB

What makes the paint blister and peel on the outside walls of a house? In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred you can't blame the paint, nor the way it was applied, nor even the siding. So chances are you won't cure blistering and peeling paint for long just by removing the old paint and repainting. The real villain is *water*—water that gets under the paint film and forces it away from the siding.

Sometimes—because of poor construction—water gets under the paint through cracks; in other cases trouble is caused because the woodwork soaks up water through direct contact with the damp earth or with surrounding masonry. But in the vast majority of cases, the water under the paint is caused by moisture coming from *inside* the house. Where does this water come from and how can you keep it from giving you trouble? Let's move in for a close look.

Most of the air around us (indoors as well as outdoors) contains moisture in the form of invisible water vapor. How much water vapor the air can carry depends on the temperature of the air: the warmer the air, the more water vapor it can carry.

Now, when this moisture-carrying air strikes a cold surface—like a window or a cold outside wall—the air gets cooled down; and since cooler air can't carry so much water vapor, the excess condenses into a liquid—water. Or, if the wall or window is cold enough, the excess water vapor forms frost. The dew on the grass and the frost on the pumpkin are the result of condensation. So is the moisture on the window glass or the drops of water on cold water pipes.

Besides condensing on cold surfaces, water vapor has another habit that can cause you trouble: water vapor always flows *from moist air to dry*. So if the air in your home has more water vapor than the air outside, the vapor will flow *right through the house structure* toward the outside. Does this mean that water vapor can flow through building materials such as wood, plaster, masonry and many types of interior paints? Yes, it can—and *does!* And because water vapor is a *gas,* it can also flow through many kinds of wall and roof insulation unless the insulation is protected by a vapor barrier.

What's all this mean to *you* and your home? Well, let's see.

Assume, for instance, that you live in a home with plastered inside walls, wall insulation, wood sheathing and painted wood siding. During the cold weather when the house is tightly closed, there's more water vapor in the air *inside* the house than in the air *outside*. So the water vapor starts to flow *through your house walls* to reach the drier outside air. It passes right through the plaster and the insulation; and when it strikes the cold sheathing and siding, the excess water vapor condenses into a liquid—water. This water saturates the sheathing and siding. Does it evaporate to the drier outside air? At first it can't, for the paint film on the siding seals the water in. But what happens eventually is that this water that's trapped under the paint film *forces the paint away from the siding.* That's what causes the blistering and peeling. Obviously, then, the way to keep exterior paint from blistering and peeling is to prevent the wood under it from getting damp. But *how?*

To do it, we have three approaches: 1) reducing the water-vapor content of the air in the house, 2) installing vapor barriers to keep the water vapor from flowing through the walls, and 3) letting water vapor flow out of the house through vents so that it doesn't have to pass through the house structure to get outside. Sometimes one of these remedies will do the trick; in severe cases, you may need to use all three.

1.—REDUCING WATER VAPOR IN HOUSE AIR:

Water vapor gets into the house air in many ways: take a shower and you add ⅓ of a pound of water to the air; cook for a day on an unvented gas range and you add over 3 pounds of water to the air. Washing clothes, hanging laundry to dry indoors, mopping the floor, ironing—even the gold fish bowl or the potted plants—add water to the air. Damp basements, of course, add water to the house air, and steps should be taken to make the basement as dry as possible.

Gas-burning equipment can add considerable moisture to the house air unless the equipment is

vented into a chimney or flue that's been designed for gas-burning devices. Have your gas company check venting devices and chimneys used for gas-burning equipment to make sure that they meet requirements. The expert in this field can recommend methods to make existing equipment adequate for gas-burning devices.

To prevent the water from showers, cooking and washing from being added to the house air, your best bet is to install exhaust fans in kitchen, bath and laundry. These will pull out the moisture before it can saturate the house air. Even opening windows in these rooms will help. Of course either an exhaust fan or an open window will mean some heat loss; but it's preferable to lose a little heat rather than let too much water vapor get into the house air.

Another way to cut the water content of the house air is to use a dehumidifier. These appliances—which can be either permanent or portable—will remove many gallons of water from the air each day. They operate chemically or on electricity, and are very effective.

2.—VAPOR BARRIERS: While water vapor can flow through many building materials, there are some that it won't flow through. If you use such materials on the inside walls, the water vapor can't get through to the cold sheathing and siding.

Many kinds of insulation nowadays have a vapor barrier (such as aluminum foil) built right in. But if your house was insulated and the insulation did not come with a vapor barrier, it's possible to create a vapor barrier. You simply coat the inside wall with some product that won't let water vapor through. Enamel paint makes a good vapor barrier: apply *two coats* to the plaster or dry-wall surface. Or aluminum paint under the finish coat of paint is also suitable. So are *two coats* of rubber-base paint.

Regular wallpaper does not make a satisfactory vapor barrier; but

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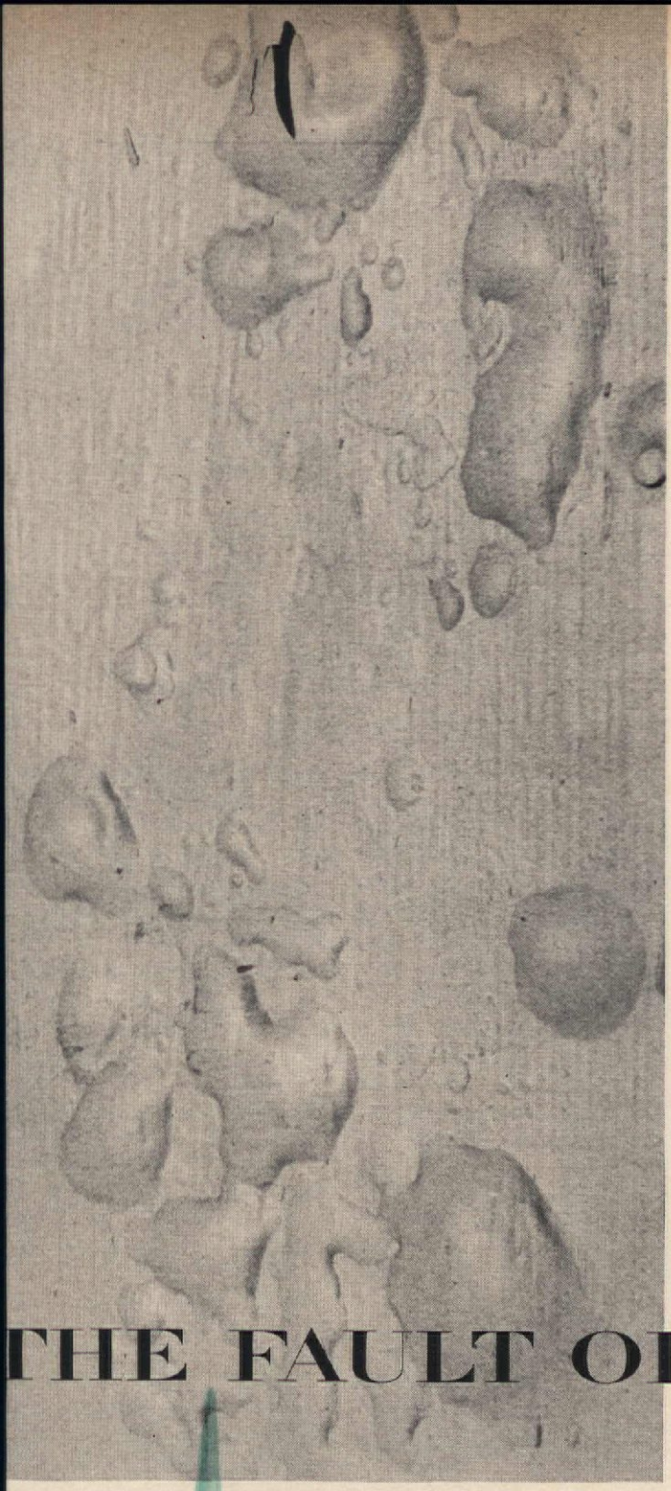

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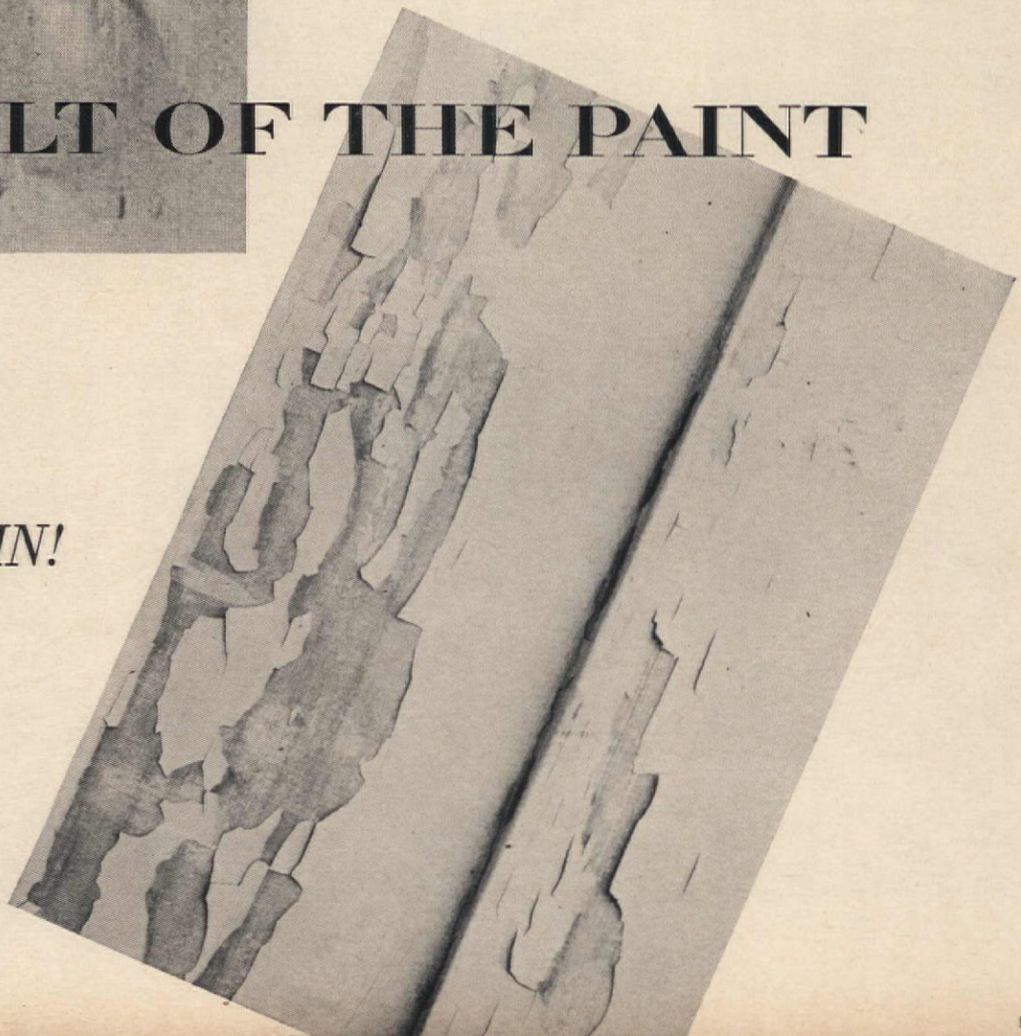

CREATE YOUR OWN BUSINESS CENTER

Our construction pattern will show you how to build three versions of a desk to fit your space requirement—one that will become a hub for home activities and a convenient place for Dad's paper work

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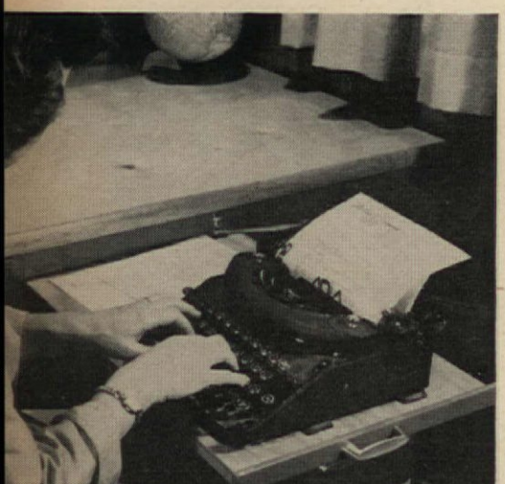
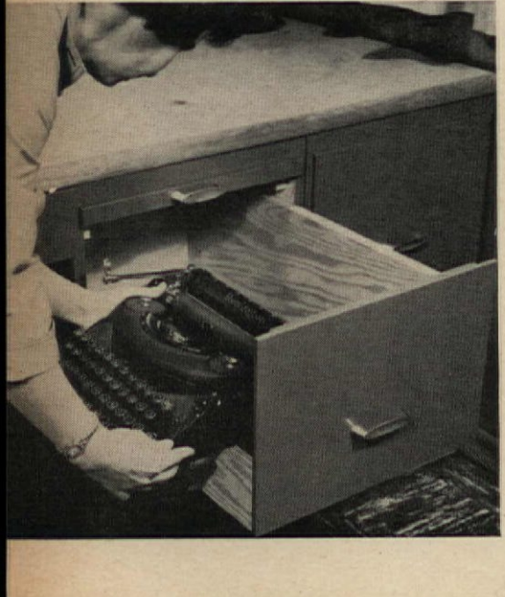


Slide-out shelf for typewriter lets you sit at right angles to desk. You can spread out papers on desk top, and "go right to town."

Small, deep file drawer for reference cards is right near the telephone. You will find reference cards mean easier accurate records than a book.

Smooth-sliding typewriter storage drawer is convenient—just below slide-out shelf. Kept under cover, typewriter stays clean.



Large central storage unit of this do-it-yourself desk holds bulky pieces like brief cases, blueprints, drawing pads and boards, and scrapbooks.

The business of running a home is fast becoming just that—a business. Like any business man, you, the homemaker, now find yourself deeply involved in budget planning, business as well as personal correspondence, income tax records, insurance records, investment accounts, accounts payable and receivable, detail work and records for your community association, church and charity drives—all of which involve a good deal of paper work.

Any "homework" is less of a chore if everything you need for it is in one place, efficiently stored and immediately available. It makes good sense to set aside some corner of your home as a "business center." You'll find that it pays dividends—daily dividends in convenience, and cash dividends at income-tax time.

Here is a design for a "business center" that is sure to fill your requirements, no matter how modest or extensive they may be. It consists of five basic storage units. **You can build any of these units with our Construction Pattern 211—$1.00.** You simply build the units you need for an efficient, attractive home office.

At the least, with only two units, you will have a desk with four generous drawers, typewriter storage, typing shelf, and a king-sized file. Build all five units and you have the equivalent of a large executive desk, a three-drawer filing cabinet, typewriter and adding machine storage, typing shelf, four extra-long card files, a deep storage bin, bookshelf and storage cabinet. And all this can be constructed in from 55″ to 80″ of wall space!

General Construction: Each floor unit consists basically of two solid side panels joined together by simple, butt-jointed top and bottom frames. Drawer divider strips and drawer guide rails are glued and nailed directly to the side panels. Drawers are all of the same basic design and many have exactly the same measurements. Only two dado widths and depths are used throughout. The base units are topped by a hollow-core door cut to the length needed for the number of base units used.

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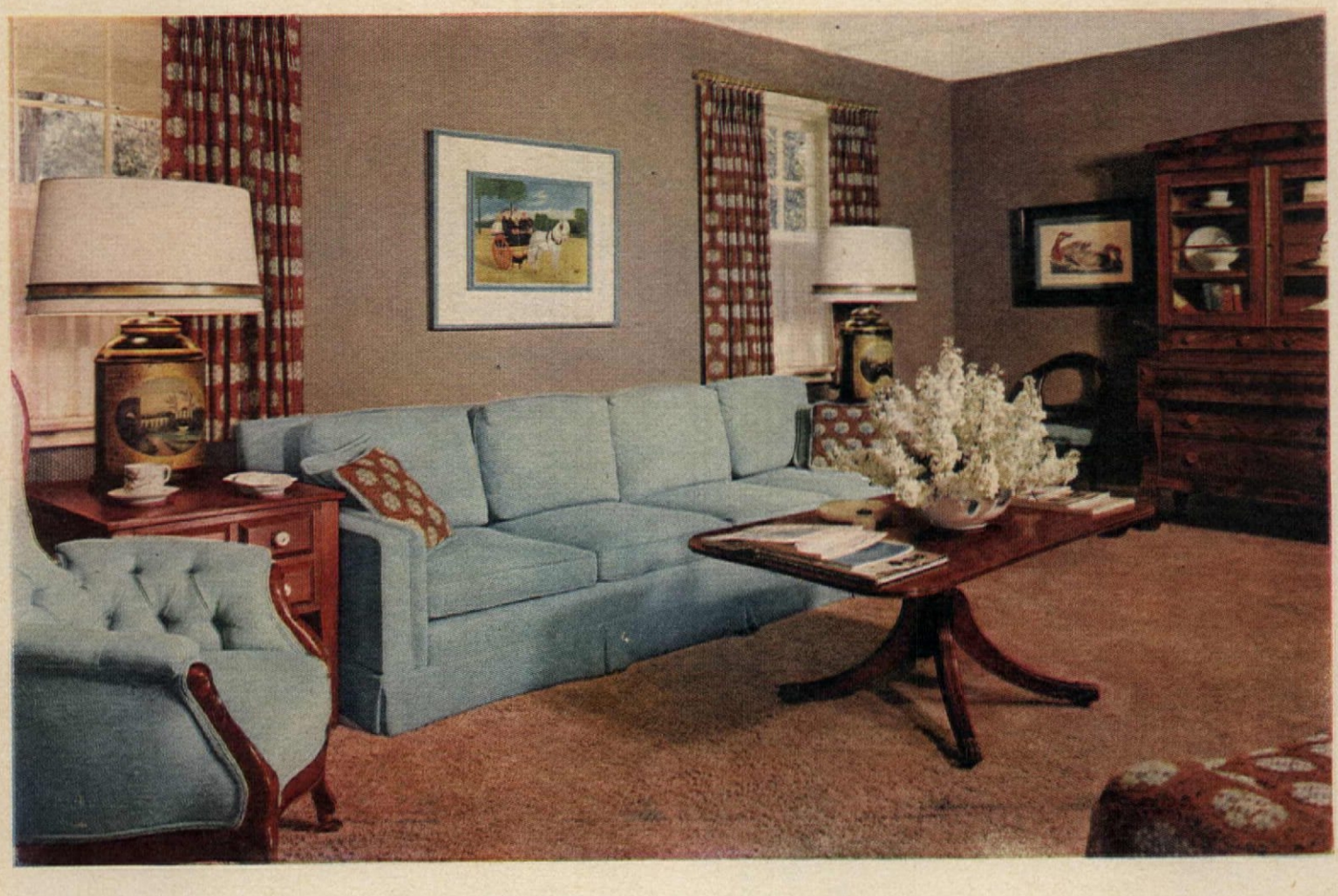
ic model (above) may be just what you need. It has two sections: a 3-drawer on one side; and on the other side, typewriter shelf and drawer over another drawer. Central drawer separates two sides. For bigger office (right) there's ther 2-drawer file unit. And for complete "home office" (below), you have an r-the-desk unit as well as all of the special units shown on the opposite page.

TRADITION stripped down so

MARTHA DARBYSHIRE

LAST MONTH we showed you the colorful garden and picturesque exterior of the Louis de Haven Shaws' Palos Verdes home. We felt we had found a flawless home of Early American tradition, adjusted to today's living. We trust our outdoor tour of the Shaw home gave you much pleasure. This month, we are happy to be able to give you a room-by-room tour of the house itself—a home that perpetuates the best in our American tradition but is not skittish about change and progress.



Every home should be the total view of the family who lives in it. This one is. There is not a ruffle in the house, absolutely no clutter, no knick-knacks anywhere. The furnishings are traditional, but there's a difference. The difference between softness and fussiness, a home full of understandable homilies like comfort, warmth and character, but nowhere is there evidence of a grim resolve to stick to old customs for old custom's sake. Mr. Shaw disarms purists by his adroitness in achieving modern comfort with grace, his ability to edit down hackneyed memorabilia so that they glow with freshness, his gift for using color positively but not brashly. In his own home tradition gets a clean shave, looks years young.

Traditional, sunny side up—that's the best description of the Shaws' living room, a room that is the antithesis of the once fussy, dressy, chilling "best room" look. Strained light pours in from the glass walls at each side of the fireplace. Mrs. Shaw likes turquoise and wears it, so the living room is color—and primarily to her color taste. Wing chairs are upholstered in a combination of the turquoise linen used on sofa and the chintz curtain print in brown, black and turquoise. Wallpaper that matches curtain print coordinates entry hall and sitting areas. Turquoise used again in linen mats for Rousseau and old Dutch duck prints. Astringent ironstone accessories, white woodwork, and white flowers give a panther-leap to the quietness of two brown walls. Another point you'll notice in the living room and in every room: Mr. Shaw mixes woods and period pieces of furniture with engaging disregard, yet all get along like kissin' cousins. In the living room, he's combined with the mahogany Empire secretary, Victorian rosewood and 18th Century mahogany pieces as well as simple walnut sofa end tables. In the hall, he has put together old pine apothecary chest, bleached walnut barometer, rosewood chairs, and cherry dropleaf table with antiqued blue painted mirror above it.

that the truth shows

Gerard R. Colcord A.I.A. ARCHITECT

Louis De Haven Shaw A.I.D. INTERIOR DECORATOR

From the covered terrace we peer through the dining bay into a warm and pleasant family room. On the small side, it's for knockabout daily use

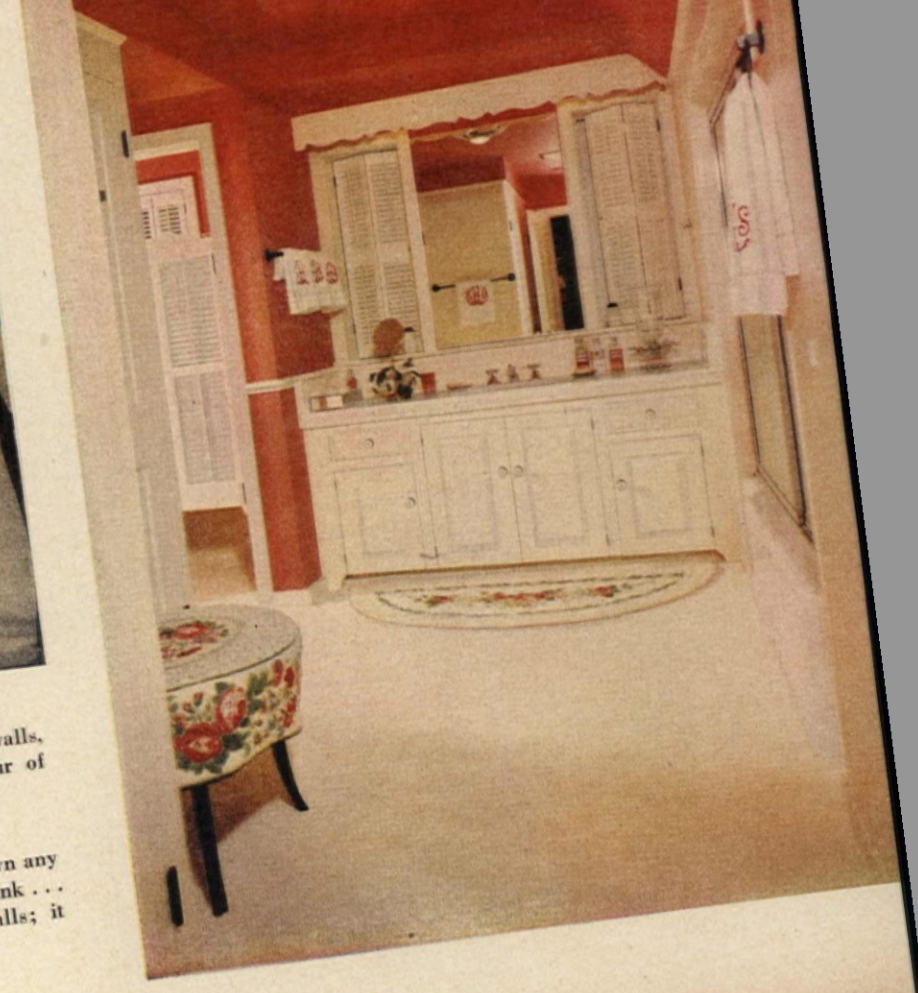
Here, Mr. Shaw somehow manages a pretty deliberate traditional feeling without giving the impression that the place is a period stage-set. Even the sturdy fireplace with its hand wrought heavy beam (it's made of cement, colored brown, to simulate wood) is far from having the smug appearance of being shown within quotation marks. Used brick of floor has been cleaned with muriatic acid and waxed. Citron, beige and red are background colors for pumpkin pine and old brass. Kitchen closes off with half doors that fold back at each side. And in this room, of course, the TV set.

At right, window at head of stairs is fitted with glass shelves, displays a collection of old colored-glass sugar shakers over lyre-pedestaled sewing table. Old cranberry glass shades on brass ceiling fixture.

Upstairs now, shall we turn left to view the master bedroom, or right to Mrs. Shaw's mother's bedroom (Mrs. Herbert Standing)? We'll do both, see how Mr. Shaw, in his own bedroom, manages a brand of *new* traditional which is all grace and ease, and good anywhere under the moon.

All five Shaw children were born in this solid mahogany heirloom . . . Whole concept of master bedroom is thorough-going change from usual hooked-rug, spinning wheel and cradle deal.

Flowers, myriads of them, in Mrs. Standing's room—on the walls, the ceiling, at the windows, everywhere—a bright heady blur of color against crisp white.



Color scheme of master suite you've probably never seen down any stroll in memory lane. It's pinker than red and redder than pink . . . glowing against white-as-a-daisy carpeting and panelled walls; it fairly crackles.

Raised hearth follows contour of black iron and brass fender
which came to Shaw family years ago from Oliver Wendell Holmes' Boston home

MORE ABOUT THE SHAWS' HOME ON PAGE 62

21 times for good hot soup

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Make it a healthy, *happy* custom! An after of **Cream of Celery** — and crackers to nibb

AFTER-THE-GAME SOUP

way to snack and relax — have a bracing ampbell's **Scotch Broth.** Hearty, good fare.

SOUP THROUGH THE MEAL

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SOUP FOR LUNCH

nch with **Pepper Pot** Soup! Quick to fix irited flavor and wholesome nutrition.

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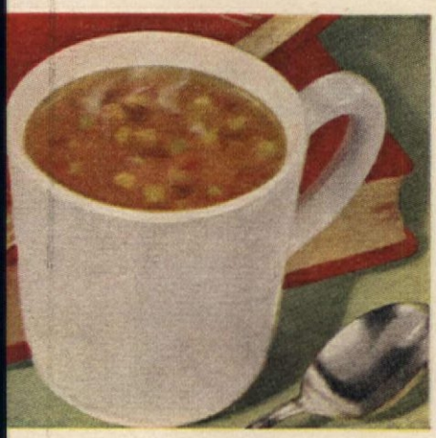

HOMEWORK SOUP

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SOUP FOR BREAKFAST

New idea at the breakfast table . . . a hot and sparkling soup to start — Campbell's **Chicken with Rice!**

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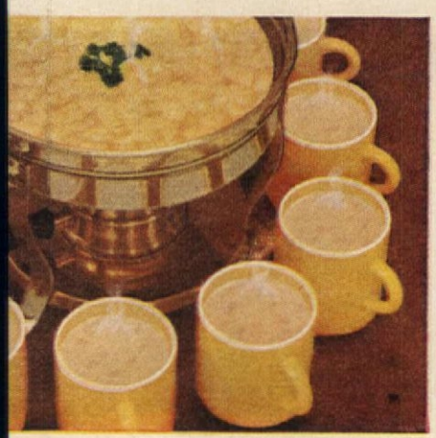

AFTER-THE-PARTY SOUP

e on back to my house" — for scrambled Campbell's **Cream of Mushroom** Soup.

OFF-TO-SLEEP SOUP

A good, warm drink before bed — that sweet dream of a soup — **Cream of Chicken** made the home-kitchen way.

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Tradition Stripped Down

(Begins on page 54)

Detail of the beautiful heirloom bed, clever bolster that holds clu to daytime pillow storage.

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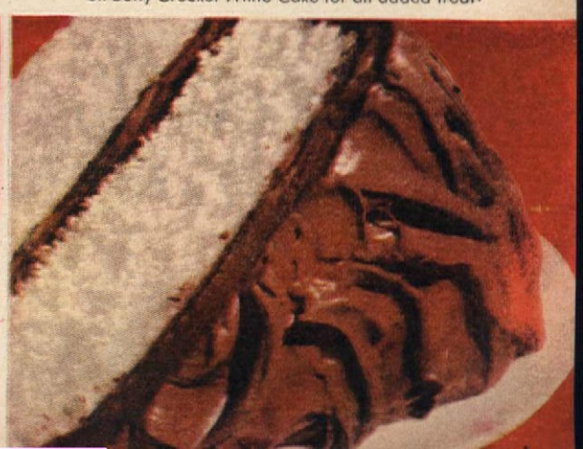

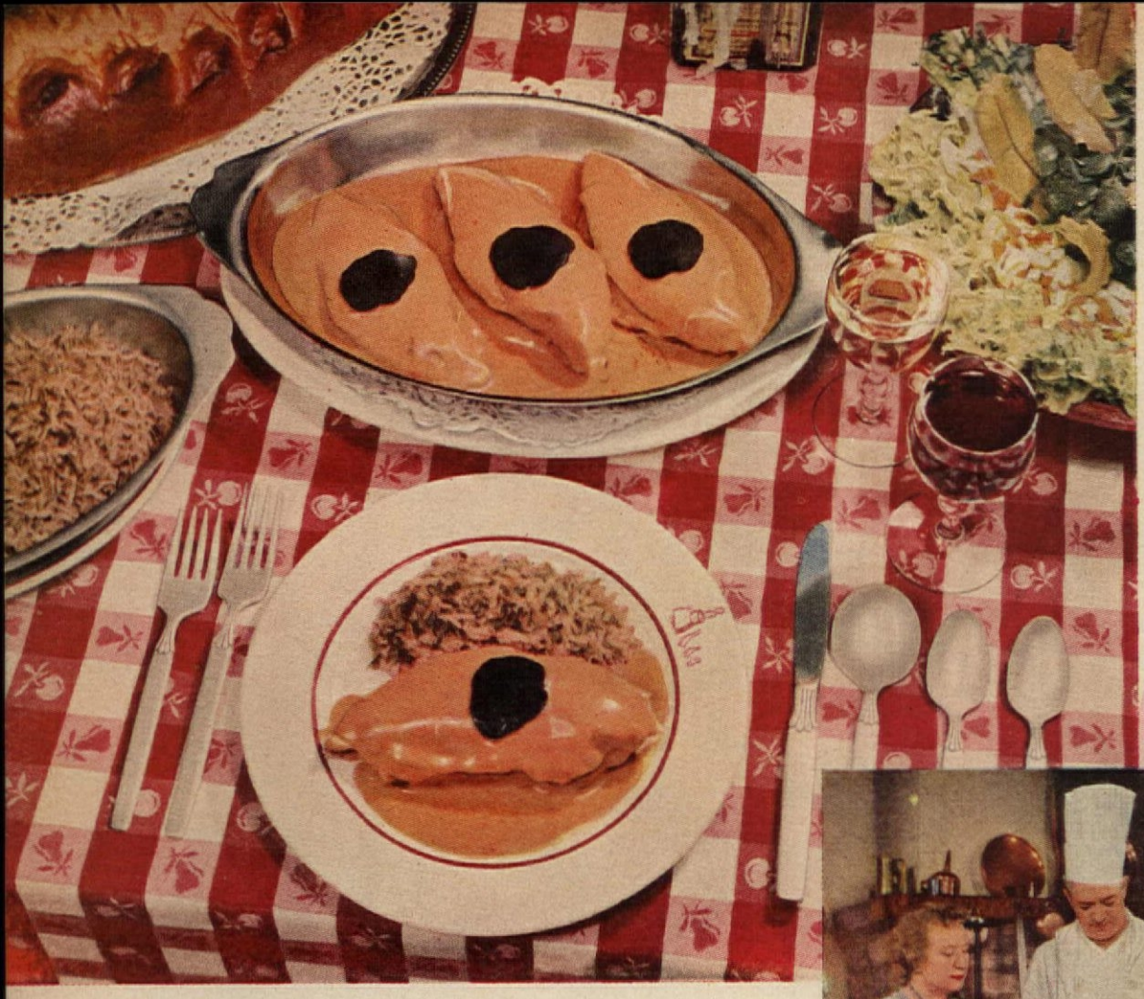

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Owner Marjory Hendricks confers with Chef de Cuisine, Antoine.

LE DINER DES CONNAISSEURS

Le Consommé Celestine
Medaillon de Langouste Admiral

Supreme de Poularde au Champagne

Salade

Savarin Flambé Montmorency

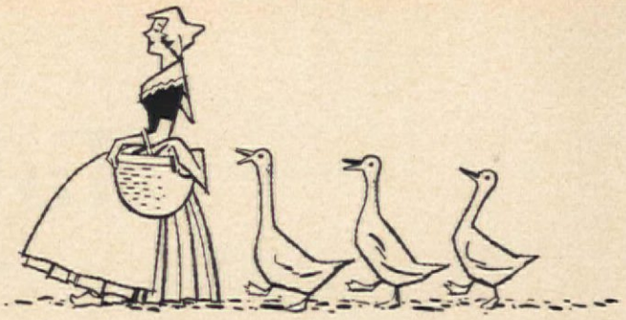
Demi-Tasse

In almost any direction one's eye wanders there is an authentic, old-country fireplace . . . five of them all told and all of them fascinating.

There must be many people who *read* cookbooks, not just use them—but I know only two, beside myself, who reach for a cookbook instead of a whodunit. One is John Scott Trotter, the other Marjory Hendricks. However, unlike John and myself, prone to allow our excitement lead to experimentation and the divine results lead to ruination of the form divine, Marjory Hendricks' love of cookbooks led to something far more profitable—the beautiful restaurant known as Normandy Farm and later, to a second almost as famous—Water Gate Inn in Washington, D.C.

It was on a trip West that she took, as reading matter, some cookbooks and an idea began to perk. On her return, she would be faced with finding a source of income for herself and her son . . . why not open a fine country restaurant—the delightful sort one finds throughout France but so seldom in our country. Washington, D.C. could certainly support one, surrounded as it is by hunt country, Annapolis, famed historical shrines . . . small wonder then that Normandy Farm soon became an institution in Washingon social life and has retained the affection of its sophisticated clientele. Authentically French Provincial, it is furnished with antiques that the Hendricks sisters (her sister Genevieve is a well-known interior decorator) have collected in their many trips to France. Set down in the midst of gently rolling Maryland country, there is, indoors, something to arrest the eye wherever one's glance falls. Wings have been added, in all directions, to take care of the crowds who flock there for gourmet food in such delightful surroundings. Miss Hen-

Victuals from NORMANDY FARM



JEAN AUSTIN

dricks no longer does the cooking herself, naturally—but she does point with pride to the little corner in the now-enormous kitchen that used to be the whole kitchen when she and one helper did everything themselves. The menu given here was personally chosen by Miss Hendricks and served to me while dining at Normandy Farm as her guest. All recipes were prepared and photographed in the kitchen of Normandy Farm under the eagle eye of Chef de Cuisine Antoine. And, coming soon, some more delicious but quite different recipes courtesy of Miss Hendricks. These, from Water Gate Inn, the second restaurant that her cookbook-hobby built. Water Gate is as colorfully and authentically Pennsylvania Dutch as Normandy Farm is French Provincial.

RECIPES ON PAGES 69, 70

• savarin flambé montmorency

1 pkg. of yeast
⅓ cup lukewarm water
1¾ cups flour
¼ cup sugar
Pinch of salt
4 eggs
3 yolks
½ cup butter, melted

• In a bowl, dilute yeast in the water and add one fourth of the flour. Sprinkle with some flour and let rise in warm temperature until double in volume (about 35 minutes). Punch down and beat in eggs, yolks one by one and remaining flour. Beat 10 minutes. Add slowly the melted butter, sugar and salt.

Butter ring-shaped savarin molds and fill half full with Savarin batter and let rise again until rings are nearly full (about 30 minutes). Bake in 400°F oven for 15 minutes. Remove from molds and let soak in a light hot syrup. Place on metal platter and fill with fresh black pitted cherries (or canned black cherries well drained) Serve hot and flame with brandy. Makes 12-14 ring molds.

(Syrup: Boil 2 cups sugar with 2 cups water for 5 minutes.)

RECIPE FROM NORMANDY FARM RESTAURANT

JUNE TOWNE

Take a can of

LEMON CREAM PIE made from a can of frozen lemonade and a package of prepared pudding is an exciting shortcut to delicious eating. And we tell you additional ways to use this thirst-quenching beverage in your menu. It is delicious as a sauce over ice cream or sherbet . . . and lemon mint jelly is a superb taste treat.

TANGERINE SHERBET is smooth and rich. It's good as a dessert, or with meat. Goes together like a charm, too. Flavor a butter frosting with tangerine juice; and try it for syrup for waffles.

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ORANGE STICKY BUNS are just right to make your Sunday breakfast like no other in the week! Frozen orange juice also takes to ice cream and desserts like any seven-year-old does. Use it mushy as a sauce for ice cream, custard, mixed fruits or other desserts. Or marble it through ice cream or sherbet. *You don't always have to stick to the flavor we suggest.*

FROZEN JUICICLES are a freezer item you can always have on hand. With all the fruit flavors, the kids will love the variety. Start with grapefruit juice, and also use it as the base for a fruit punch. Still another good use for grapefruit juice: the liquid in a molded salad. *Instructions for making juicicles on page 76.*

FROZEN JUICE

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You could tell me that most cans of frozen fruit juice sold in the United States were headed for drinking, and I would believe it. But it fascinates me to try prove to the world that it "ain't necessarily so" . . . or at least *ouldn't* be so. I'm almost certain the statistics favor the usual inking of the juice. I see enough proof. Traveling around the untry, as we editors do, you have only to observe many, many nericans ordering some kind of fruit juice in dining cars, cafe- ias and restaurants. And you can be sure most families are sitting wn to home breakfasts that include fruit juice. All well and od. But if you haven't also used these juices as recipe ingredients u're depriving yourselves of a great, convenient treat. Those ns of fruit juice in the freezing compartment of your refrigerator n be transformed, with our recipes and suggestions, into delec- ly different dishes. And if you're caught short with a recipe t calls for fresh fruit, this is your answer.

Next time you open a can of frozen fruit juice, don't just mix and drink in the usual fashion, good though it is that way. Instead, use it as the backbone of one of these exciting new recipes. Your family will be in for a rare treat; you'll get the compliments!

etails about table appointments, see "Where Credit Is Due," page 94

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TINY—A TABLESPOON HOLDS 15

Marshmallow Floating Island

Scald 2 cups of milk. Combine 3 slightly beaten eggs, ⅛ cup sugar, dash of salt and a small amount of the milk. Add to the remaining milk in the top of a double boiler. Cook over hot, not boiling, water, stirring constantly, until the mixture coats a metal spoon. Remove the custard immediately from the hot water, and add ½ teaspoon of vanilla. Cool quickly. Fold in 1 cup Kraft Miniature Marshmallows, and serve. Kraft Miniatures make so many treats easy!

Marshmallow Pineapple-Lime Mold

Dissolve 1 package lime gelatin dessert in 1 cup hot water. Drain the juice from 1 cup canned crushed pineapple and add water to make 1 cup of liquid. Add this liquid and 1 tablespoon lemon juice to the gelatin mixture. Chill until almost firm. Fold in the crushed pineapple and 2 cups of Kraft Miniature Marshmallows. Pour into a 1-quart mold. Chill until firm. Unmold onto a serving plate covered with lettuce. Serve with Kraft Mayonnaise or Miracle Whip Salad Dressing.

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Place 6 canned peach halve
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sprinkle them with ½ cup sh
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American Home Recipes

(Good Victuals, pictured in color on page 64)
(Family Food, pictured in color on page 72)

de langouste admiral

• mix-quick cake

Preparation time: 10 min.
Baking time: about 30 min.

2 pkg. chocolate pudding mix
1 cup flour
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. baking soda
1½ tsp. baking powder
1 cup light cream or undiluted evaporated milk
½ cup milk
¼ cup chopped nuts (optional)

• Combine dry ingredients in a bowl. Add cream and milk and beat until smooth. Pour into a greased 8" square pan. Sprinkle nuts on top (they will settle throughout the cake). Bake in a 375° F. oven about 30 min. Cool and serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

Serves: 6 ***225 cal. per serving*** ***Source of Vitamins A, B***

SUBMITTED BY MRS. ROSE ALBERTA BAIRPAUGH

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

Note: For two large 9-inch round layers, double the recipe. Bake as above.

• consommé celestine

• To a rich consommé add a fine julienne of unsalted thin French pancakes, a pinch of chopped parsley and at the last moment a tablespoon of good sherry wine in each serving.

RECIPE FROM NORMANDY FARM RESTAURANT

• stumble-on cabbage

Preparation time: 20 min.
Cooking time: 25 min.

3 cups shredded red cabbage
¼ cup vinegar
Boiling water
½ cup chestnuts
1 tbs. brown sugar
¼ cup currants
½ cup sliced tart apple
½ cup water
¾ cup apple juice or white wine
¼ cup butter
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. monosodium glutamate
Dash of nutmeg
1 tbs. flour

• Place cabbage in bowl with vinegar, cover with boiling water and let stand for 10 min. Simmer chestnuts, sugar, currants and apples in ½ cup water and apple juice for 10 min. Cook cabbage in butter with seasonings in a skillet about 10 min. Stir in flour and chestnut mixture. Mix well and serve.

Serves: 4 ***250 cal. per serving*** ***Source of Vitamins A, B, C***

SUBMITTED BY LUDWIG HEYMANN

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

Note: Chestnuts are available fresh or canned.

• supreme de poularde au champagne

• grilled turkeycakes

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

1 cup flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. nutmeg
⅛ tsp. thyme
Dash of pepper
1 cup thin chicken or turkey gravy
3 tbs. melted butter
1 small onion, grated
2 cups cooked, finely chopped turkey

• Sift all dry ingredients together. Stir in remaining ingredients. Bake on a moderately hot (350° F.) greased griddle.

Serves: 5 ***165 cal. per serving*** ***Source of Vitamins A, B***

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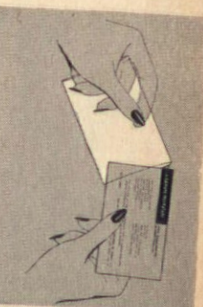
Note: 1 cup of thin cream of chicken soup or milk may be used instead of gravy.



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• supreme de poularde au champagne

• Sauté in butter the required amount of boneless chicken breasts previously rolled in flour. When done, remove and keep hot. Now, pour in the pan 1 ounce French brandy per person and ignite. Add ½ cup of Velouté Sauce per serving and let boil for 2 minutes. Strain through a very fine strainer lined with cheesecloth. Place each breast on oval-shaped bread croutons (French bread sliced ½" thick and fried in butter). Pour sauce over the supremes and place on each a thin slice of black truffle. Serve with wild rice.

SAUCE VELOUTÉ (8 servings)

• Melt ½ cup butter in sauce pan. Stir in a scant cup of flour and let cook slowly a few minutes. Gradually add 4 cups chicken stock stirring constantly until it comes to a boil. Cook 15 minutes in double boiler to cook the flour thoroughly.

RECIPE FROM NORMANDY FARM RESTAURANT

• grilled turkeycakes

• rich consommé

2 lb. shin of beef
1½ lb. veal
Small chicken
3 pair of chicken feet
Marrow bone and knuckle of veal and beef about 4 lb. bones.

• Wash bones and meat. Place bones and scalded and skinned chicken feet in a large kettle. Cut the meat in 1" cubes, divide in 2 portions; add one portion to the kettle. Brown the remaining portion of meat in frying pan; add browned meat and rinsings of the frying pan to the kettle. Add 6 qts. water and bring gently to a boil skimming the scum as it rises. When clear add 1 large bayleaf, 8 peppercorns, 2 tbs. salt. Cover and cook slowly for 3 hours.

Then add:

3 carrots peeled, 2 leeks or one onion, 4 stalks of celery, 8 branches of parsley and one large tomato chopped. Continue slow cooking another 2 hours. Strain through fine strainer. When consommé is cold, lift off the fat and clear. Heat stock enough to liquefy. Allow 1 egg white slightly beaten and the crushed egg shell to each quart of liquid. Stir constantly until it boils. Boil vigorously for 5 min. Remove from heat. Pour ½ cup cold water over the hot stock and leave in room-temperature to settle. Strain through several thicknesses of cheesecloth placed over a sieve.

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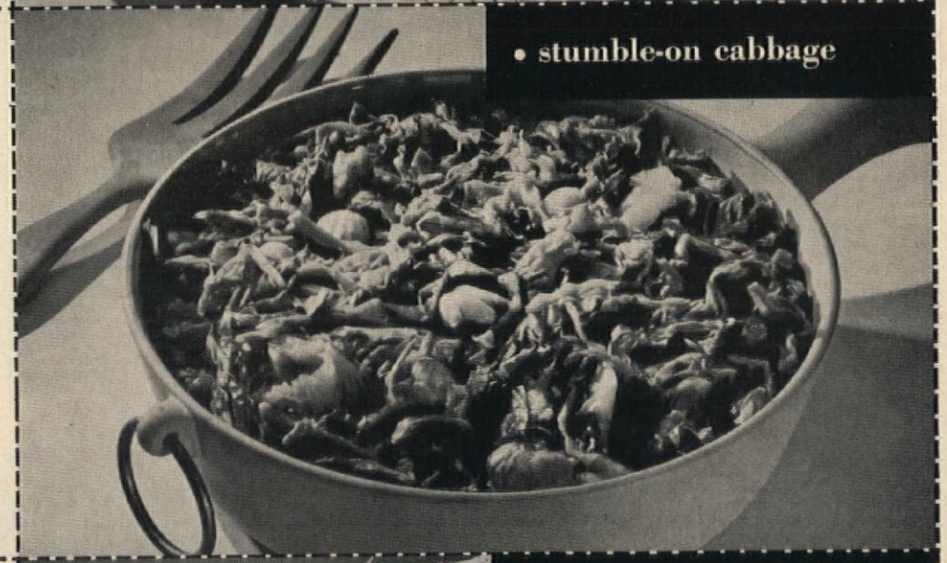

• stumble-on cabbage

• medaillon de langouste admiral

• For 4 people, cook 1½ lb. of Rock lobster tails. Remove the shell and let cool. Cut in ½" slices.

Arrange on Boston lettuce leaves with sliced tomatoes, ripe olives, hard cooked eggs, pimiento, anchovies, radishes, avocado, sprigs of parsley. Serve ice cold with mayonnaise or French dressing.

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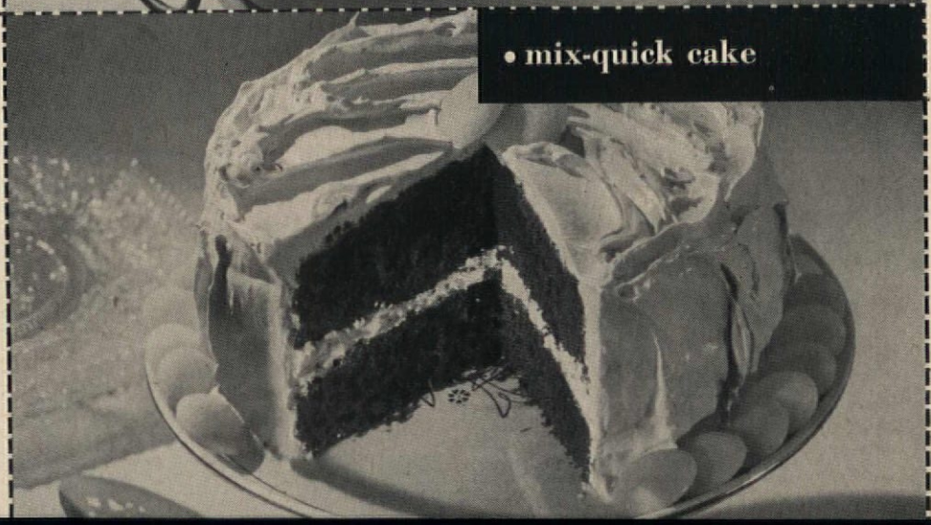

• mix-quick cake

TOPPING TIP

When you find you've whipped more cream than you can use at one time, don't throw away what's left over. Instead, freeze it in dabs. Once the dabs of whipped cream harden, you can put them in a plastic bag, store in your freezer, and have them available for garnishes at a moment's notice. No cream is wasted.

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It was fun, and each new recipe came about in a natural way. The GRILLED TURKEYCAKES, for instance are the resu of our great urge to find a satisfying change from the customary hash-and-more-hash after the holidays. PEANUT-BUTTE SOUP, croutoned with salted nuts, came from the Southern member of our staff. Our cabbage-loving gal stumbled on chestnut vender, so she bought a bag of nuts and, adding some currants, developed what we have named STUMBLE-O CABBAGE. One other recipe: our MIX-QUICK CAKE, made from a package of chocolate pudding!

MIX-QUICK CAKE

PEANUT-BUTTER SOUP

Year ?

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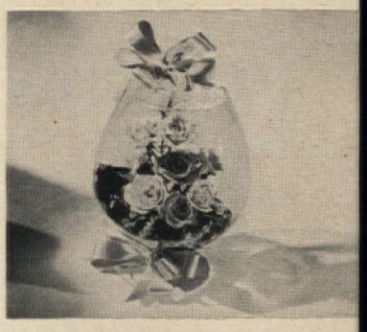

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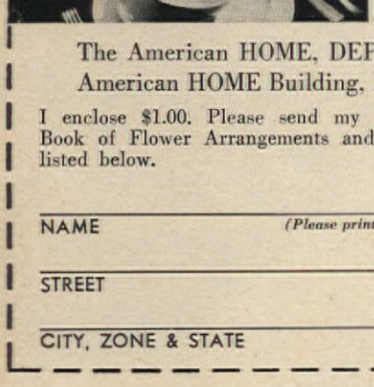

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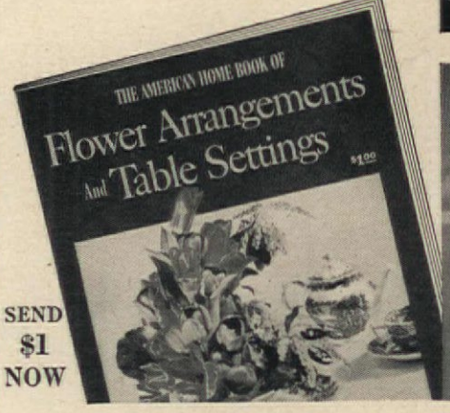

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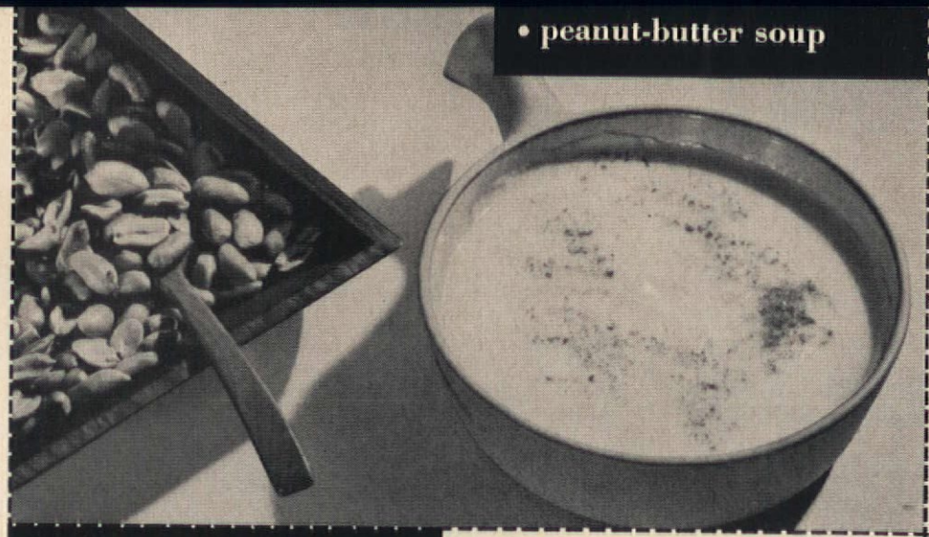

• peanut-butter soup

• grape juice

Preparation time: 15 min.
Chilling time: about 1 hr.

GRAPE CHIFFON PIE

1 tbs. plain gelatin
½ cup cold water
1 6-oz. can frozen concentrated grape juice
1 tbs. lemon juice
¼ tsp. salt
3 well beaten egg yolks
3 egg whites
⅓ cup sugar
8″ baked pie shell

• Soften gelatin in cold water. Heat grape juice, lemon juice, and salt. Add gelatin and stir until dissolved. Remove from heat and stir in egg yolks. Chill until partially set. Whip egg whites until foamy, add sugar gradually and continue beating until stiff, but not dry, peaks are formed. Fold into grape mixture. Pour into pie shell. Chill until firm.

Serves: 6 ***265 cal. per serving*** ***Source of Vitamins A, B, C***

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Additional uses for frozen concentrated grape juice:

1. Grape Duck: Baste duck with grape juice during broiling. Prepare a sauce of remaining grape juice, duck fat and cornstarch. Serve over duck.
2. Grape Tapioca: Substitute grape juice for the fruit next time you make fruit tapioca for a family treat.

• orange juice

Preparation time: 3 min.
Cooking time: 4 min.

ORANGE STICKY BUNS

½ cup sugar
¼ cup frozen concentrated orange juice
1 tbs. butter
½ cup pecans

• Combine orange juice and sugar. Bring to rapid boil; boil a full minute. Stir in butter and nuts. Pour over freshly baked cinnamon or sweet rolls. Excellent for "dressing up" brown-and-serve rolls, refrigerator rolls, or roll mixes.

Yield: sauce for 8 rolls ***975 cal. per yield*** ***Source of Vitamins A, C***

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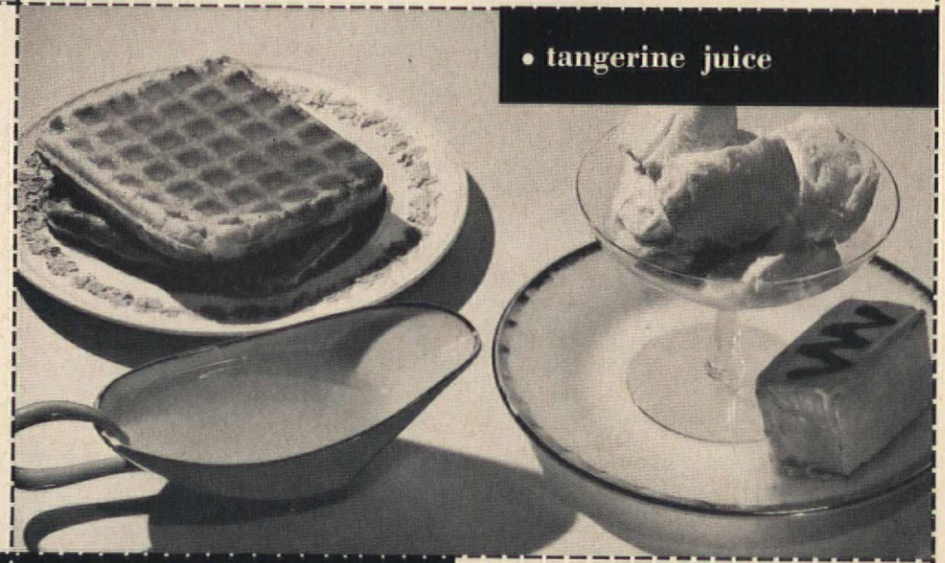
Additional uses for frozen concentrated orange juice:

1. Fruit cup: Pour defrosted juice over combinations of fresh fruits. Allow to stand several hours to mellow.
2. Orange Ripple Ice Cream: Marble frozen concentrated juice and ice cream in freezer tray. Return to freezing compartment.



• tangerine juice

• grapefruit juice

• lemonade

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: about 10 min.

LEMON CREAM PIE

1 pkg. vanilla pudding and pie-filling mix
1½ cups milk
2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
½ 6-oz. can frozen concentrated lemonade
8″ Baked pie shell
Meringue—2 egg whites and ¼ cup sugar

• Combine pudding, egg yolks and milk in a saucepan. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. (Mixture will be *very* thick.) Remove from heat. Stir in lemonade. Pour into baked pie shell. Top with meringue and bake in a 375° F. Oven for about 10 min. or until delicately browned. Cool 2 hours before serving; pie sets slowly.

Serves: 6-8 ***275 cal. per serving*** ***Source of Vitamins A, B, C***

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Additional uses for frozen concentrated lemonade:

1. Lemon-chocolate sundae: Just pour chocolate sauce over ice cream and top with a spoonful of concentrated lemonade.
2. Lemon-mint Jelly: Make jelly by boiling 2½ cups water and 1 pkg. powdered fruit pectin for 1 minute. Add ¾ cup thawed concentrated lemonade and 2½ cups sugar. Tint and flavor as desired. Pour into glasses and cover with paraffin.

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American Home Recipes

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• grapefruit juice

Preparation time: 10 min.
Chilling time: about 2 hrs.

FROZEN JUICICLES

1 6-oz. can frozen concentrated grapefruit juice
½ cup sugar
3 cans water

• Dissolve fruit juice and sugar in water. Do not shake or beat. Pour into 4 fruit juice cans and place a strip of foil down the center of each can. When partially frozen, insert sticks. Juicicles can also be made in ice cube trays or waxed paper drinking cups.

Yield: 8 juicicles ***85 cal. per juicicle*** ***Source of Vitamins A, C***

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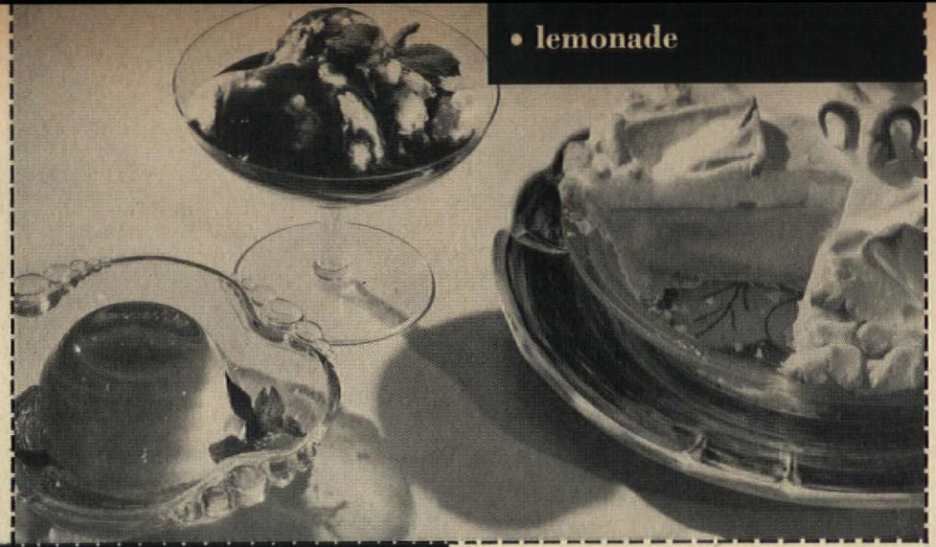
Additional uses for frozen concentrated grapefruit juice:

1. Punch: Steep mint leaves in hot water. Cool, then combine with frozen grapefruit juice, pineapple juice, and sliced strawberries for a fine "open house" punch.
2. Molded Salads: Use reconstituted frozen grapefruit juice for part of the liquid when preparing molded fruit or vegetable salads.



• lemonade

• orange juice

• tangerine juice

Preparation time: 15 min.
Freezing time: about 2 hrs.

TANGERINE SHERBET

2 tbs. plain gelatin
¼ cup cold water
1 cup boiling water
½ cup sugar
¼ tsp. salt
2 cups milk
1 6-oz. can frozen concentrated tangerine juice
½ lemon, juice of
2 egg whites
¼ cup sugar

• Soften gelatin in cold water; then dissolve in the boiling water. Add ½ cup sugar, salt, milk, tangerine juice and lemon juice. Stir until sugar and salt dissolve. Pour into a freezing container and freeze to the mushy stage. Whip egg whites until stiff, but not dry, gradually adding ¼ cup sugar. Fold into frozen mixture. Return to freezer and freeze to sherbet consistency.

Yield: 1 qt. ***1295 cal. per quart*** ***Source of Vitamins A, B, C***

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Additional uses for frozen concentrated tangerine juice:

1. Tangerine Pancake syrup: Add frozen tangerine juice to light corn syrup. Thin with a little water if thinner syrup is desired.
2. Tangerine Butter Frosting: Use frozen concentrated tangerine juice for liquid in butter-confectioner's sugar frosting.

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• peanut-butter soup

Preparation time: about 8 min.
Cooking time: 10 min.

¼ cup butter
¼ cup flour
3 cups milk
¼ cup chunk-style peanut butter
Dash of pepper
1 tsp. monosodium glutamate
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. celery salt
¼ tsp. curry powder
Salted peanuts

• Melt butter in saucepan, quickly stir in flour and blend. Gradually stir in milk and peanut butter. Add seasonings and bring to a rolling boil. Garnish with salted peanuts.

Serves: 3-4 ***340 cal. per serving*** ***Source of Vitamins A, B***

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• grape juice

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Heat oven to 400° (hot). Beat eggs with fork until well blended. Stir in Wesson Oil, vanilla and lemon rind. Blend in sugar until mixture thickens. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt; add to egg mixture. (Dough will be soft.) Drop by teaspoonfuls about 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Stamp each cookie flat with bottom of glass dipped in sugar. (Lightly oil glass, then dip in sugar . . . continue dipping in sugar.) Decorate with pecans, walnuts or chocolate bits. Bake 8 to 10 minutes. Remove immediately from cookie sheet. 3 dozen cookies, 3 inches in diameter.

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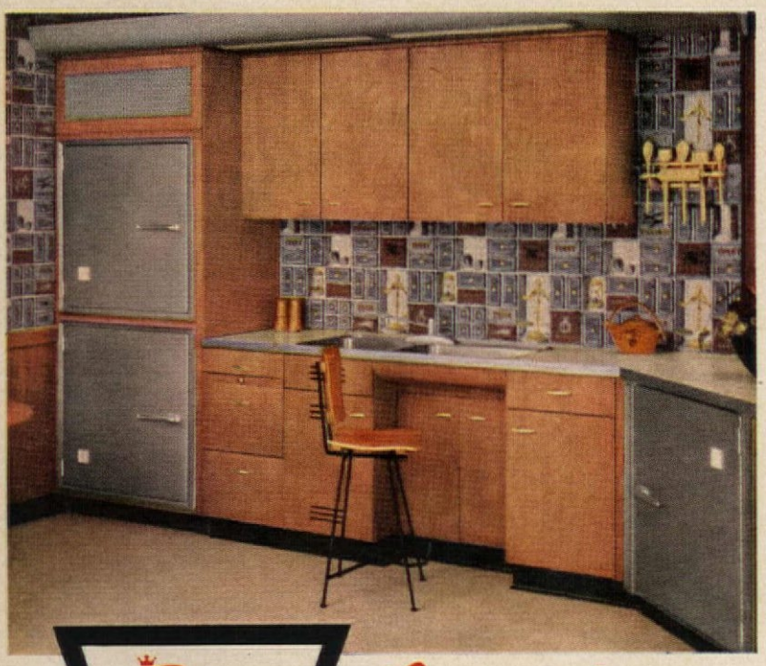

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1 lb. cake flour	5 cups	1 lb. raisins	2½ cups
1 lb. confectioner's sugar	3½ cups	1 lb. cut candied fruit	3 cups
1 lb. brown sugar	2½ cups	1 lb. finely cut dates	1½ cups
1 lb. granulated sugar	2 cups	¼ lb. chopped nuts	1 cup
1 lb. syrup, honey or molasses	1⅓ cups	1 lb. bread crumbs	11 cups
1 lb. butter	2 cups	1 lb. rice	2⅓ cups
1 lb. vegetable shortening	2½ cups	1 lb. split peas	2½ cups
1 lb. shredded cheese	4 cups	1 lb. ground cooked meat	5 cups
1 lb. cottage cheese	2 cups	1 lb. diced cooked meat	5 cups
3 oz. cream cheese	6 tbs.	1 lb. raw potatoes	approx. 3
3-4 eggs	1 cup	1 lb. raw tomatoes	approx. 3
8-10 egg whites	1 cup	1 lb. coffee	80 tbs.
1 egg yolk	2 tbs.	½ lb. tea bags	100
1 medium lemon—juice	2 - 3 tbs.	1 lb. cocoa	4 cups

Can of Frozen Juice

(Begins on page 66)

FROZEN JUICICLES resemble the "store bought" kind when the mixture (recipe page 76) is poured into four frozen-juice cans. When mix begins to freeze, insert a stiff piece of foil down the center of can so that it touches both sides. Put a stick on each side and finish freezing. A little warm water over the cans will make the bars slide out. The foil makes them quite easy to separate.

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- 1 can (1 lb. 13 oz.) DEL MONTE Brand Sliced Peaches, drained
- 1 teaspoon unflavored gelatine
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 3 tablespoons white or light brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon each, nutmeg and cinnamon
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cloves

ake cake as package directs, in square or round 8 or 9 in. layers. ool. Topping: Soften gelatine in cold water; dissolve over hot ater. Remove from heat; cool 5 min. Whip cream. Mix sugar, ices; fold into cream along with gelatine. Spread on layers; top th drained peaches. Put layers together; chill 1 hr. Serves 8-10.

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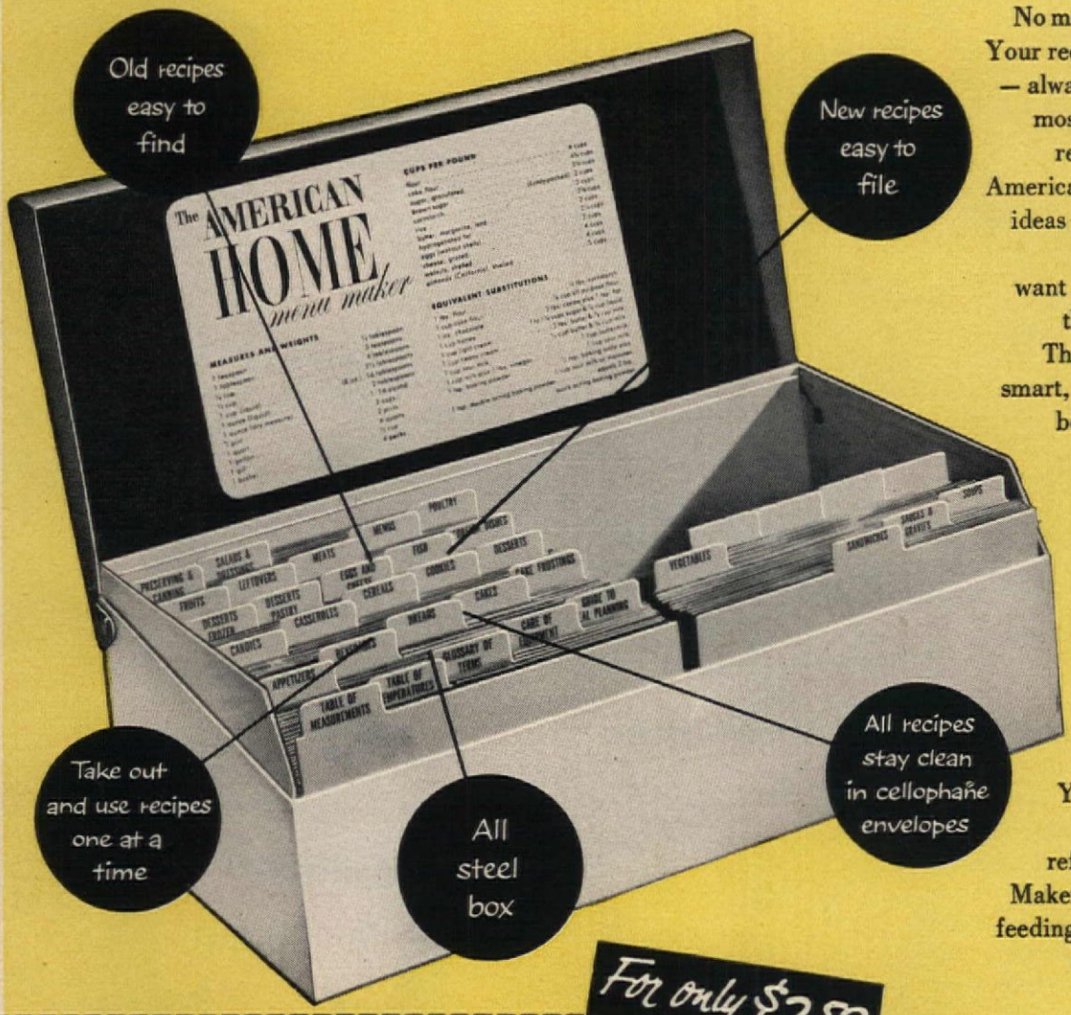

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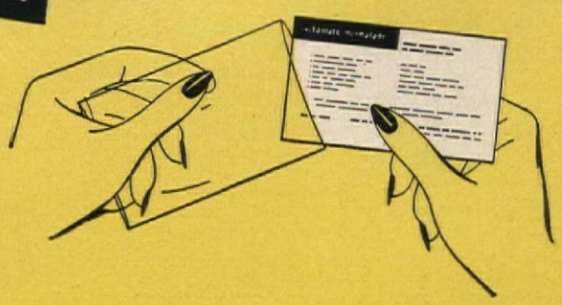

Spring will bring Violets

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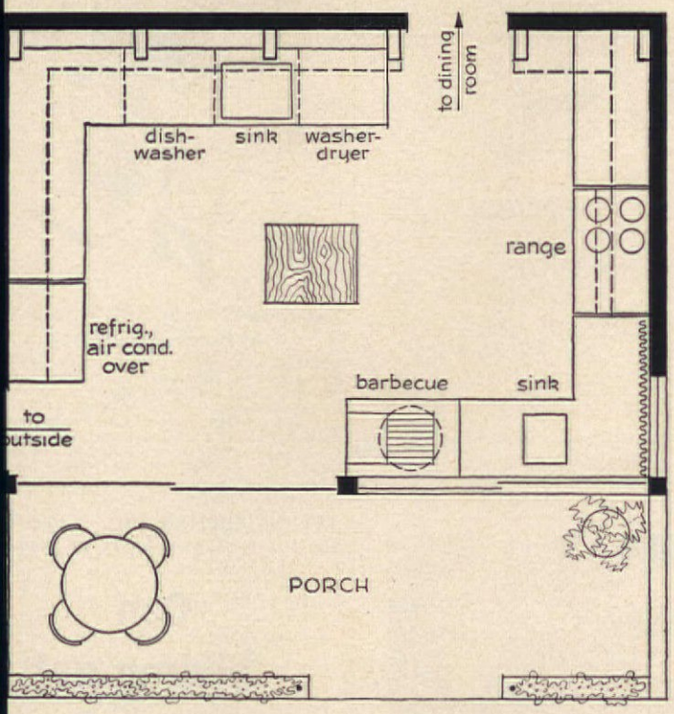
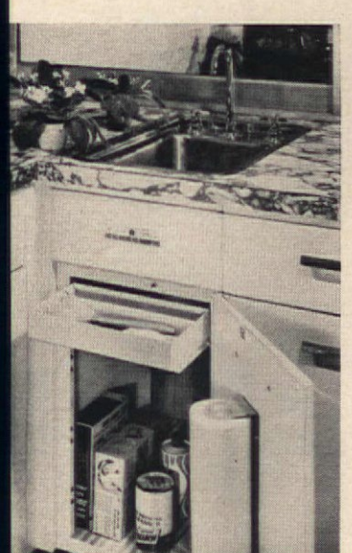


It's a standard kitchen in size: about the same dimensions as you l find in many homes across the nation. And the broken U-shape angement, and doors to dining room and outside are standard fea- es. But in most other ways, this kitchen is definitely *not* standard. eck these features with this plan, and with pictures (pages 40-43); old-fashioned maple butcher block in center; 2) new "free-standing" pliances give built-in illusion; 3) washer-dryer under counter and t to sink; 4) power-opening dishwasher; 5) laminated-plastic ntertop material on all work-surface walls; 6) barbecue unit oors: accessible to porch through sliding windows; 7) decorative lves to hold "color accent" acces- ies; 8) flooring—resilient, durable, orful; 9) small sink for flower- anging, beverages, barbecues; 10) let color scheme; 11) cabinet lves, drawers, and doors lined h pink-striped, adhesive-backed per; 12) cabinets with sliding rs use wall area between wall inets and countertop behind sink l mixing area.



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Sauce Scheherazade

Open sesame to a thousand and one exotic dishes. And so simple—just add nuts and diced Jellied Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce to your own turkey à la king recipe. Use in noodle nests, pie shells, or bake in a casserole with corn-bread topping or green noodles. Or spoon generously over fried rice, waffles, or tiny party pancakes. Ummm!

Cranberry Velvet

Warm and wine-topped, this steamed pudding impresses guests without pressuring you. You can make both pudding and sauce ahead of time and reheat at the last minute. To serve 6:

Sift together 1 cup sifted flour, ½ teaspoon salt and 1½ teaspoons baking powder. Add ½ cup dry bread crumbs and ½ cup sugar. Stir in 1 beaten egg, ¼ cup milk, 3 tablespoons melted butter, 2 tablespoons grated orange rind and ⅔ cup drained Whole Berry Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce. Pour batter into 6 greased 5-oz. custard cups, cover tightly with foil, and place on rack in skillet. Pour in boiling water to half the depth of cups. Cover skillet tightly, bring water to full boil, then simmer 1 hour—till cake tester inserted in puddings comes out clean. Unmold and serve with a sauce blended from the Ocean Spray left after mixing the pudding (about 1 cup including juice) with 1 cup of Burgundy wine and 1 tablespoon cornstarch. Simmer till thickened and clear, stirring constantly.

Here's to a bright New Year!

FOOD NEWS

Next time you go grocery-shopping, look for these new foods to make your meal preparation fun

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"We couldn't afford to buy an old house!"

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My wife and I couldn't agree on buying a house. For more than three years we'd looked at houses—hundreds of them. It was the same old story: those we could get we didn't want; those we wanted we couldn't get.

All this time we were getting more and more fed up with our apartment—no porch or back yard for summer enjoyment, no fireplace for the indoor months. And these were just a few of the features we felt our home should have. When we weren't *looking* at houses we were *talking* about them.

Gerry's experience with the arts, interior decorating, and running a household led her to one conclusion; my own background—more than 20 years of work *with* and *for* lending institutions—led me to quite another conclusion.

Her idea was to buy an old house with "charm" and "possibilities;" you know—the sort of deal where you have to install new plumbing, new heating, new wiring, and move a few interior walls around. It would have been a lot of fun; and if we'd had enough money to swing an old house, we'd probably have gone ahead.

My theme song was that we ought to figure on a house that we could handle comfortably out of relatively assured income. Besides, I contended, we shouldn't expect to make a profit by owning a house.

True, most people who bought houses in the past 20 years or so have been able to sell them later without any loss; in fact many of them have made a profit. But it seems no more logical to expect a cash profit from owning a house than to expect it from owning a car; depreciation reduces the value of a house as surely as it reduces the value of a car. And yet the relatively slower rate of depreciation in houses has led a lot of people to overlook this factor almost entirely.

In my book, the profit from either a car or a house comes from the *enjoyment* you get in day-to-day use. If you don't get pleasure from owning an automobile or a single-family house, you have what I'd call a mighty poor investment.

Gerry accepted my financial viewpoint in good grace. But since she's practical as well as artistic, she had a theory of her own: we should roll up our sleeves and go to work. That, she said, would be better than just sitting around talking, waiting for building costs to get "stabilized" (the word that mortgage-loan people use to describe the rare times when "market price" agrees with "fair market value.")

Well, I had no good answer to that—we just had to jump in and get our feet wet.

I was to make all the big decisions; Gerry was to make all the small ones. This, we figured, would get us the best financial deal. Only trouble was we couldn't always agree which decisions were the big ones and which were the small ones.

We were pretty well agreed on a six-room two-story colonial with a bath-and-a-half; and we figured out just about what we could afford to spend on the house each month so we'd still have enough left over to lead a fairly happy, normal life.

Being in the mortgage business, I naturally took it as a matter of personal pride (and economic convenience) that we should plan our house so that we could borrow "the mostest, for the leastest, for the longest." That's what swung our decision to a *new* house. That way we might keep our payments in line with what we laughingly called our budget.

After winning the battle of new house vs. old, I agreed to make concessions. And that's when Gerry decided we ought to plan our *new* house to look like an *old* house. I agreed that she could make all other decisions as long as the house met the structural requirements of the VA and FHA.

In letting my wife make so many decisions, I wasn't being nearly so magnanimous as she might have thought. She had no idea of the size of the book (or the fineness of the print) that tells what's allowed and what isn't.

What with following all those rules and keeping within our cost estimates, we had many a headache. We started with a set of stock builder's plans for a frame house, and made many changes. We altered the floor plan, decided on brick-over-masonry-block for the exterior, and included many of Gerry's ideas to make the house look "old."

Some of these "old" touches pained me. For instance those long windows on the first floor—and the resulting heat loss—took something fine out of my Scotch blood. But all in all, I think Gerry did a bang-up job in making her decisions for our new house. And best of all from her standpoint, she has fooled a good many people into thinking that she got exactly what she wanted in the beginning: an old house with "charm" and "possibilities."

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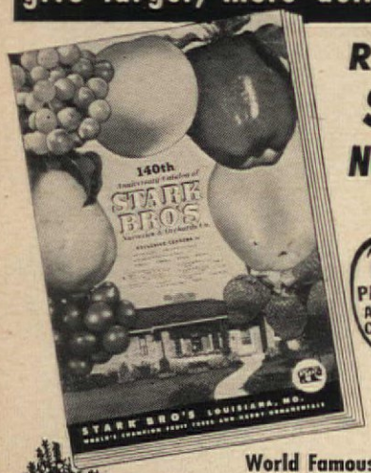

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MORE AND

1. Sooner or later an African violet plant makes side crowns and looks something like this. It's less attractive than a single-crown plant, but it's your cue that you can now make several new plants out of the old one.

JOHN J. SIMPKINS

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ove the plant from its pot by holding it care-
nd tapping the pot. Or you can hold the
imilarly and tap pot rim downward against
edge until root-ball slips loose from pot.

3. With the plant removed, carefully loosen soil with your fingers. If the crowns, with their roots, seem to separate easily, simply break them apart. If it's difficult to divide them, use a sharp knife. Don't sever roots from crowns. Here, original plant was split into three.

4. Pot individual crowns as you would any small plants. Three-inch clay pots suit most African violets; and to guard against disease and insects use sterilized soil. Set plants to full root depth. Press soil firm but not tight.

5. After the plants are potted, water thoroughly with a soluble plant food solution. Follow package directions, and *don't* use more plant food than called for. Test soil every day or two and water whenever the surface is beginning to get dry to the touch. Use plant food every two weeks. Every two months, water with pots standing in sink to drain off any excess plant food.

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New Flowers

(Begins on page 16)

Chrysanthemum Virginia Rail

Regal Lily Royal Gold

Chrysanthemum Teal

Pink Lustre is near-perfection in "cool pink" roses. The blooms are of exhibition type, 4½" to 5", exquisitely formed, and long-stemmed. It's an offspring of the famous variety Peace.

Lady Elgin is "jeweler's gold," a rich combination of orange and apricot. The blooms are large, heavily petaled, perfect for cutting, and the plant is tall and vigorous.

Summertime is an extremely free-flowering light pink, with beautifully formed blooms and rich olive-green foliage. The plant is of medium height, 20" to 24".

In FLORIBUNDAS—roses whose flowers are borne in large clusters and which make the brightest showing in the garden—Texan and Moonsprite are among the leading new varieties for 1957.

Texan is bright red, derived from a cross between Peace and Improved LaFayette, and Moonsprite is golden yellow at the center, paler toward the edges.

A wonderfully promising SHRUB rose is Will Scarlett. It's a hybrid musk variety, brilliant red, perpetual flowering, and grows 4′ to 6′.

Two MINIATURE roses — growing less than a foot high, with tiny leaves and perfectly shaped flowers about the size of a quarter—are being introduced this year. Both are dark red —Robin with flowers 1¼" across, Dwarfking with ¾" flowers.

New Perennials

Hardy herbaceous perennials—the plants that die down in the fall and come up again in the spring—are introduced at different times of the year, and at this writing there's no telling how many new ones will come out in 1957.

DAYLILIES have been improved tremendously in recent years and newer varieties have been gaining popularity rapidly. An outstanding new one for 1957 is Nannette, with wide-petaled 7" flowers, pale yellow with green center. Elizabeth Rose is of similar form but golden yellow. Elton Rutherford has even larger flowers, about 8", of rich copper with a yellow background with deeper copper veins.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS, showiest of perennials for late summer and autumn bloom, are introduced in considerable numbers each year.

This year's newcomers include additions to the popular "Bird" group of mums: Virginia Rail, rich bronze blending to tan; Teal, silver pink; Iceland Gull, pure white; Cockatoo, Indian yellow; Redbird, bronze red; and Carolina Parakeet, orange-bronze. All grow 2′ to 3′ and have flowers 4" to 5½" across.

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ew tall-growing summer PHLOX 1957 are Thunderbolt, which ds shades of tangerine, scarlet, salmon, and Twilight, in tones of e, heliotrope, and violet.

new spring-flowering, rock garden oundcover phlox (P. subulata) is kles, warm pink with red eye.

yellow DAISY (heliopsis) new for year is Light of Loddon, brilliant ium yellow, excellent for cutting.

new form of BALTIC IVY, called r Variegated, has rich green s that appear to be dusted with and are also silver-edged.

Shrubs and Trees

rieties of trees and shrubs remain popular much longer than those of most other plants. Usually there are fewer new introductions, but this year there are quite a few.

One of the choicest is a daphne-flowered BUTTERFLY-BUSH (buddleia) called Hever Castle. Its deliciously fragrant lavender flowers are borne in large upright clusters in June and July. The plant grows 5′ to 6′ and is hardy to below-zero temperatures.

Another important new item that blooms in June and July is a purple-leaved SMOKE-TREE named Notcutt. The feathery plumes produce a "smoke" of rich claret color.

New spring-blooming shrubs for 1957 include a brilliant, densely-flowered FORSYTHIA named Beatrix Farrand, a 3′ to 4′ spirea named Swan Lake, and Deutzia elegantissima, a medium-size shrub with rose-pink, fragrant flowers in large clusters.

A new SNOWBERRY for autumn gardens is White Hedge, which grows upright instead of in the pendulous manner of the common species.

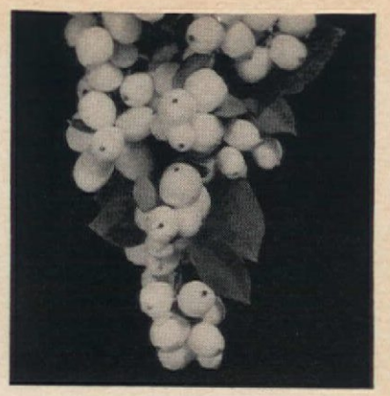
A GROUNDCOVER shrub, which will grow in the shade of trees or can be used at the front of a shrub border, is Stephanandra incisa crispa. It has feathery leaves, green-white flowers.

In FOLIAGE shrubs, there are four new evergreen varieties of euonymus: Emerald Cushion, growing 18″ high and spread 3′; Emerald Pride, 4′ high and 3½′ across; Emerald Leader, 4′ to 5′ high, 2½′ across; and Fmerald Charm, 4′ to 5′ high, 18″ across.

For the warmer states, from Maryland southward, there's a striking new evergreen privet (ligustrum) called Suwannee River. With large, lustrous leaves clustered densely on branches, it has all kinds of landscaping uses.

THE END

Forsythia Beatrix Farrand



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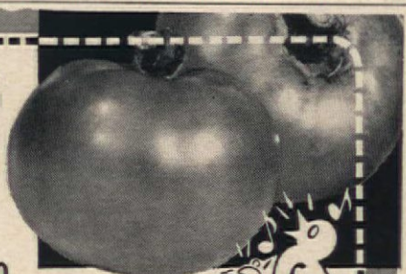

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The new cucumber is called Smoothie, and, true to its name, it's completely smooth-skinned. It's also of beautiful deep green, has fine flavor, and produces a heavy crop of perfectly-shaped 8″ fruits.

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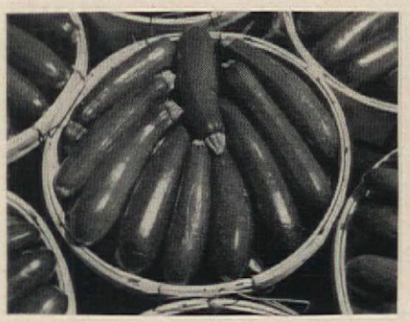
If you're a salad fan, grow the 1957 cucumber named Smoothie.

For vegetable variety, try the Zucchini squash Black Beauty.



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erproof-coated wall fabrics are y suitable. They must, however, be alled with care; any spots on the ls that aren't coated will let water or pass through. Ordinary wall- er can, of course, be applied over vall previously made waterproof n one of the vapor-proof paints.

-VENTILATION:

ou're probably familiar with the ers that are ordinarily placed at end of a house near the roof, or er the house eaves. These open- let out the moist air that collects e the insulation of roof or attic. hese louvers should *never be ed* during the winter. If, in spite he louvers, you find that the attic ttic crawl-space is damp in win- then the louver opening may not arge enough. The louver should e one square foot of free opening ach 300 square feet of attic floor. nother spot about the house that s ventilation is the crawl space d under many homes that do not basements. Vents should be in- ed in the foundation wall to pro- 2 square feet of ventilation for 100 linear feet of the foundation meter plus ⅓ of 1 per cent of crawl space floor area. It is also sable to cover the exposed soil sheets of 55-pound roll roofing. s of the roofing are lapped about ches and the ends should extend he foundation wall and be ce- ed there with roofing cement.

many severe cases of moisture house, it is also worthwhile to the outside walls of the house itself. You can do this by installing tiny metal louvers along the top of the exterior wall—one in each space between studs.

Of course, nobody would want a house to be completely without water vapor inside. Comfort and health demand *some* water content in the air we breathe. When the air is too dry, you're likely to feel an uncomfortable dryness in your nose and throat; the house feels stuffy, and you must set the heater a degree or so higher to remain comfortable. Experts agree, however, that with the inside temperature at 70°, and the outside temperature 10°, the water content of the inside air—the humidity—should be around 40 per cent. Humidity, by the way, can be measured by a hygrometer.

Homes that are older or less carefully constructed are likely to get too dry indoors; they have many cracks that let the moisture-carrying air escape. But the better constructed homes of today that are well insulated and tightly sealed give water vapor less chance to escape. So the problem today is usually *too much* moisture.

What about *your* house? Do your windows regularly cloud up with moisture? Then you'd better take a look at the paint on the outside. If it's blistering and peeling, you'll be pretty sure why. Before you attempt to repaint, get rid of that excess moisture inside by installing fans and louvers, and by applying a vapor barrier so water vapor can't travel through your walls to cause blistering and peeling paint. THE END

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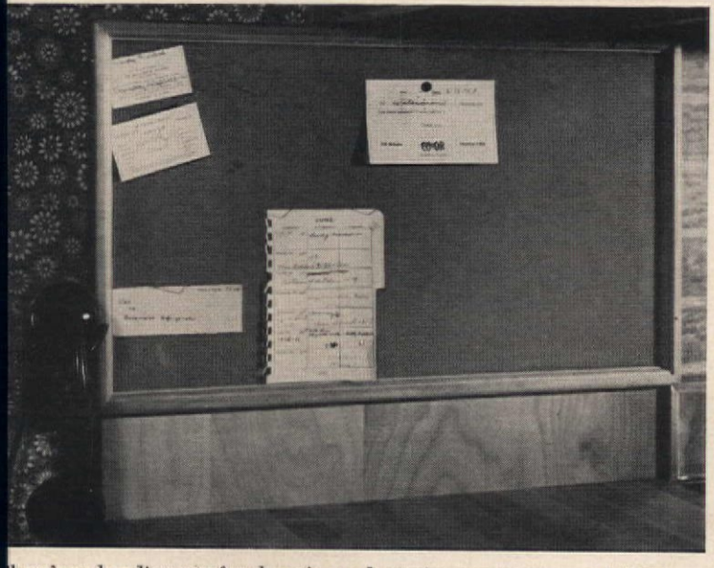

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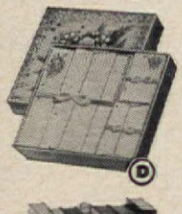

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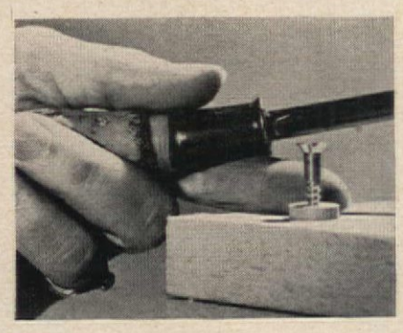

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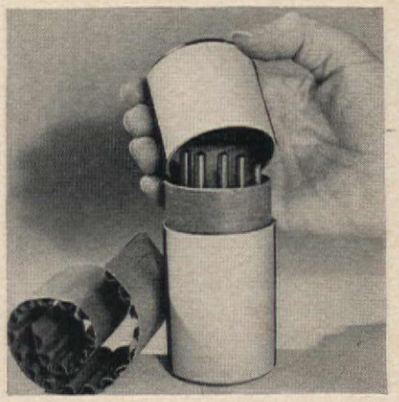

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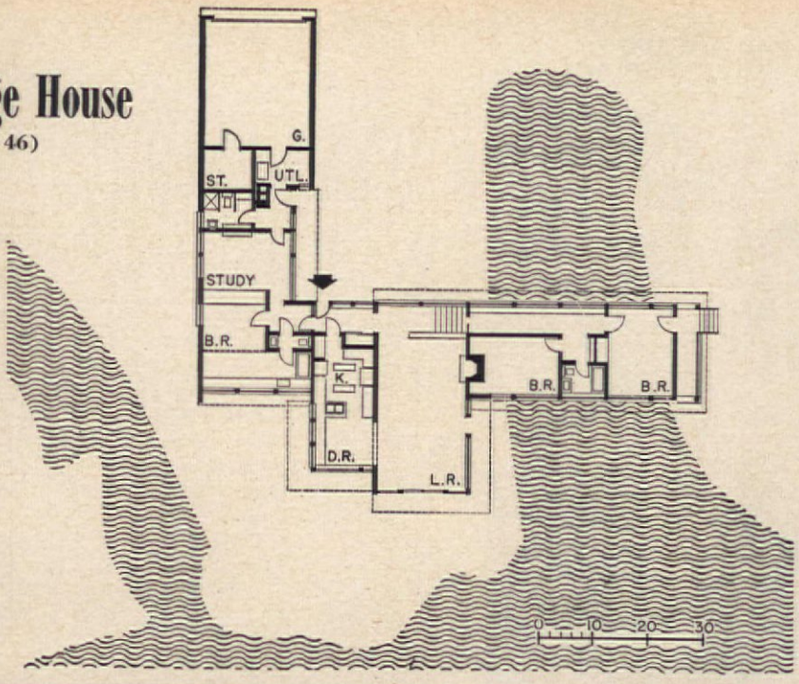

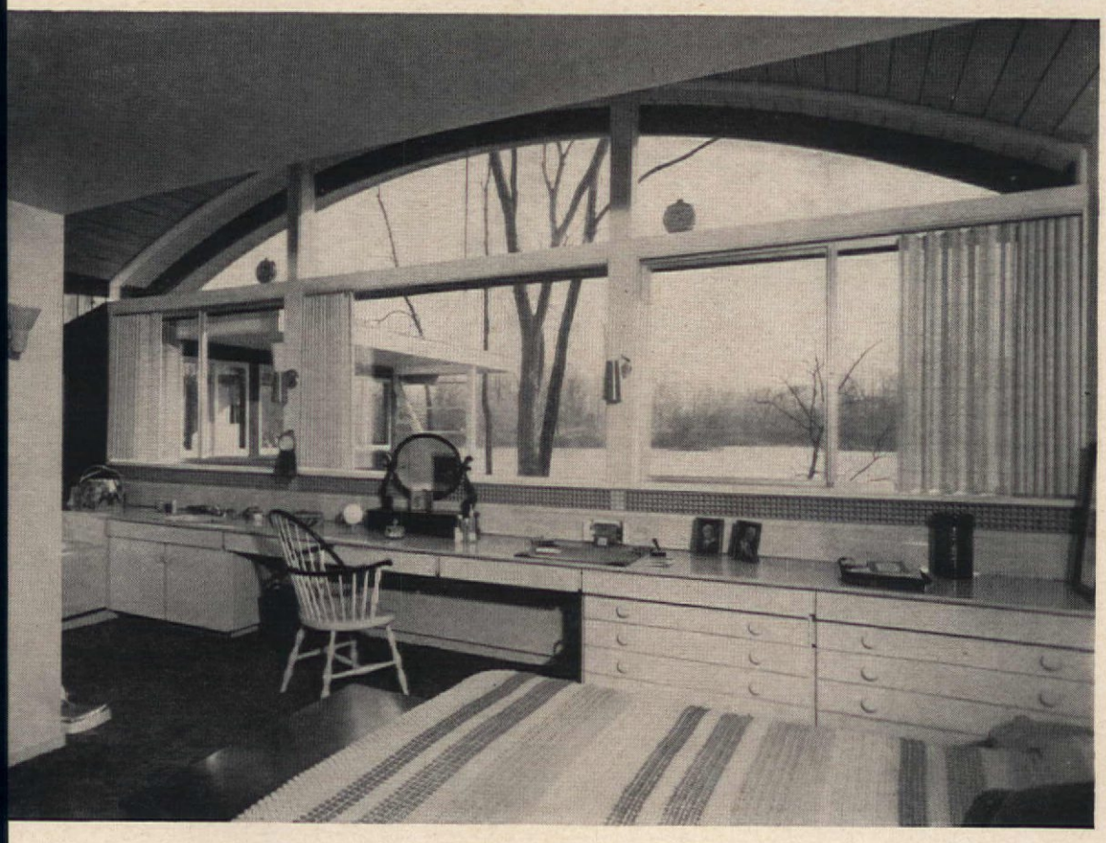

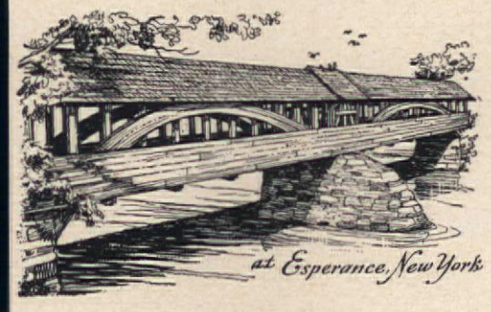
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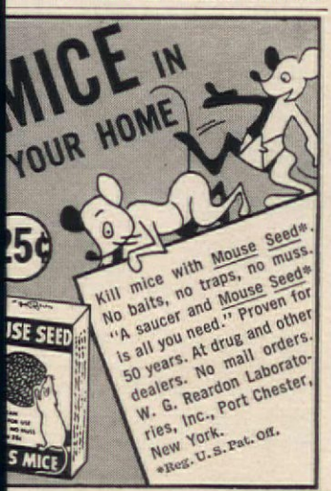

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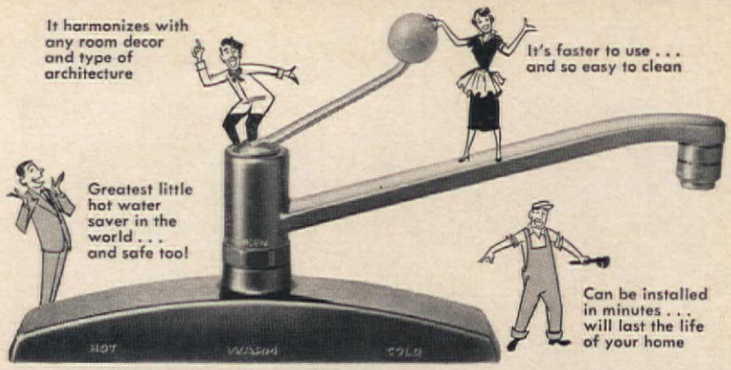

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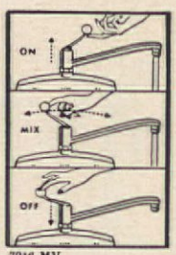

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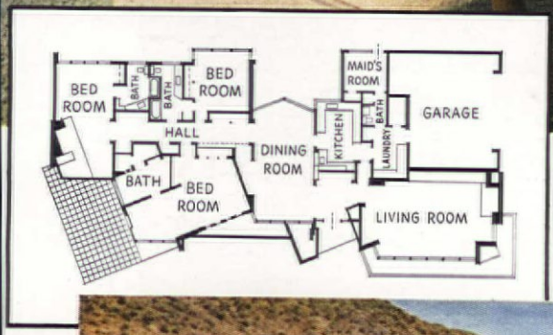

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