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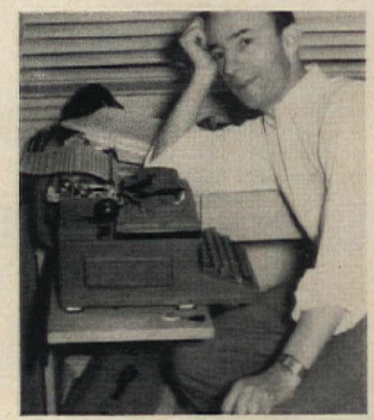

LESTER DAVID, a free-lance magazine writer, specializes in interviewing and writing about famous personalities. This month he turns his hand to the intriguing article on page 34, "A Man's Best Investment—His Wife."

BETTE SANFORD, a successful kitchen designer, takes a busman's holiday and devotes her talents to her own kitchen. Bette comes up with the attractive and efficient arrangement in "A Change for the Brighter," a feature full of bright ideas on page 60. The Sanfords and their three children have a lovely Victorian home just outside of New York City.

NEXT MONTH

MEET THE CHAMBERLAINS of Marblehead, Mass. Mr. Samuel Chamberlain is the noted etcher, photographer, gourmet and architect. His lovely Williamsburg print will be reproduced next month. He is also the author of "Italian Bouquet," a guide to the food and restaurants of Italy, recently published with the help of his wife, Narcissa, and daughter, Narcisse.

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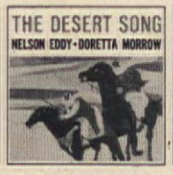

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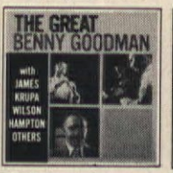

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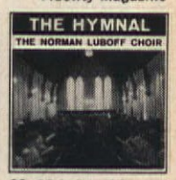

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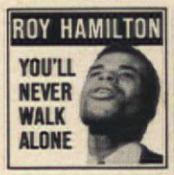

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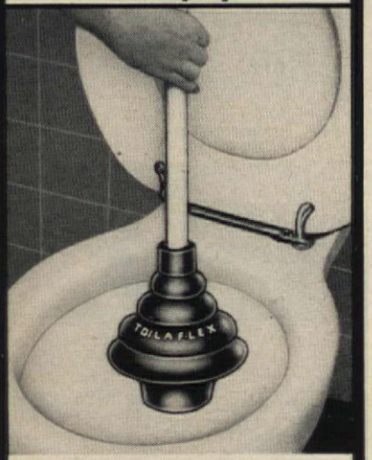

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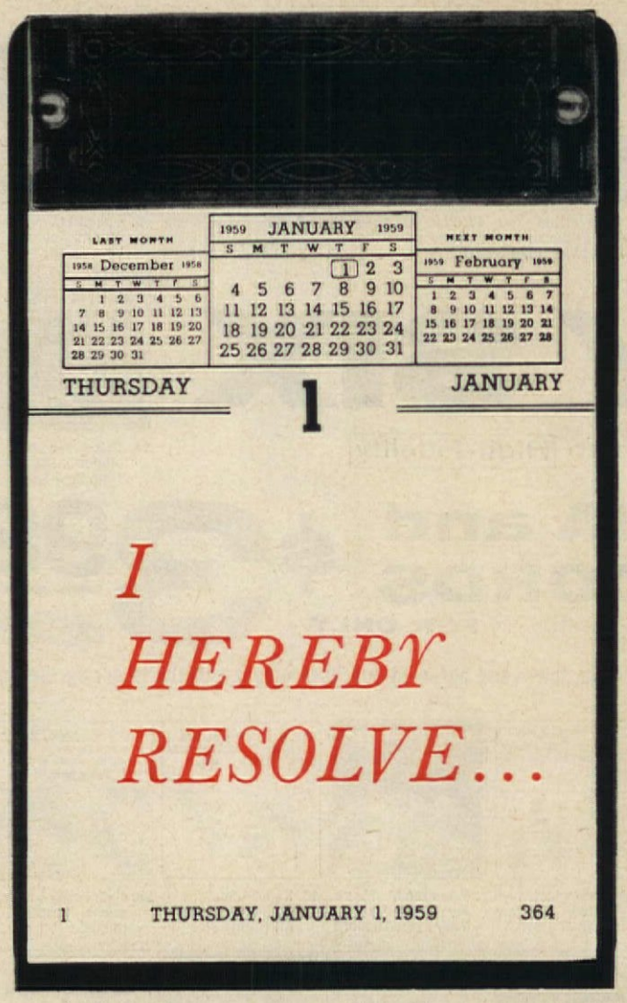

Everybody should make New Year's resolutions. Even if you know you'll break 'em, make 'em! It's sloppy not to. Like not making the bed because it'll just get mussed up again, or not rolling up your hair because it'll just string down again. But why knock yourself out? In this marvelous age of prefab houses and prespanked cake mixes and ready-made lawns we find that resolutions come packed, too—why not just pick up a handy pack of resolutions in your favorite magazine? Keeping somebody else's resolutions is a snap—like watching somebody else's weight or bringing up somebody else's children. Here, take ours. Resolutions, of course. Each is guaranteed to be first-quality, factory-fresh merchandise. Or your money back. Or we wouldn't have made them in the first place.

§ I hereby resolve to stop squawking about the high fuel bills and start having the heating system checked each year. § I hereby resolve to read the manufacturer's directions *before* I use his product, instead of while I'm waiting for the repairman to fix it. § I hereby resolve to slave and fuss and agonize *before* the dinner party, and have a marvelous time at it. § I hereby resolve to make minor repairs (that leaky faucet, that hole-y screen, that bang-y shutter) *before* they sneaky-Pete into *major* repairs. § I hereby resolve not to give house room to *anything* that hasn't been thoroughly tested and approved (unless it has four legs, a tail and a lovelorn expression). § I hereby resolve not to drag home any more bargains that someone could "do wonders with" until I've done wonders with the bargains I've already dragged home. § I hereby resolve to put every lethal jar, bottle, can or tool in the house up *so* high that no child could touch it with a ten-foot hula-hoop. § I hereby resolve to play with my children *now*, before they're suddenly playing with some of their own. § I hereby resolve to take a good long "stranger's look" at my home and do something about the mistakes, eyesores and splitting seams that one doesn't see for living with them. § I hereby resolve to buy food more sensibly, freeze and store it more wisely, and fix it more attractively. § I hereby resolve not to give any more than three, or less than none, sit-down dinners for forty. § I hereby resolve not to call old friends from college "girls," even if we haven't changed a smitch since we sat around over Proust and penuche. § I hereby resolve to be the gentle, soft-voiced, glamorous, understanding, merry, efficient, lovable, tidy wife and mother that I resolved to be last January. § And I resolve, by the hereby, to keep my eyes, my mind and my heart as open as the world is wide . . . to cherish my American home, but never take it for granted. **JEANNE LAMB O'NEILL**

How long has it been since your mind was stretched by a new idea?

Oliver Wendell Holmes once wrote: "A man's mind stretched by a new idea can never go back to its original dimensions." The truth of this statement cannot, of course, be denied. A child who suddenly realizes that the letters in the alphabet are not just isolated sounds and shapes, but meaningful symbols that form words, has grasped an idea that will lead to a continuing expansion of his mind. There comes a time, though, in the lives of too many of us when our minds become occupied only with knowledge we have already learned. When that happens our minds cease to grow.

Unhappily, the more successful a person is in his daily work, the more likelihood there is that this unfortunate condition will result. As we become more and more absorbed with our speciality—whether it is law, medicine, engineering, science, business or any one of the hundreds of other engrossing occupations—we cease to absorb the new knowledge that leads to new concepts. With the years, the mind narrows rather than broadens because we cease to stretch it by exploring the great subjects of philosophy, government, religion—the great humanities which have produced our great men and great thought.

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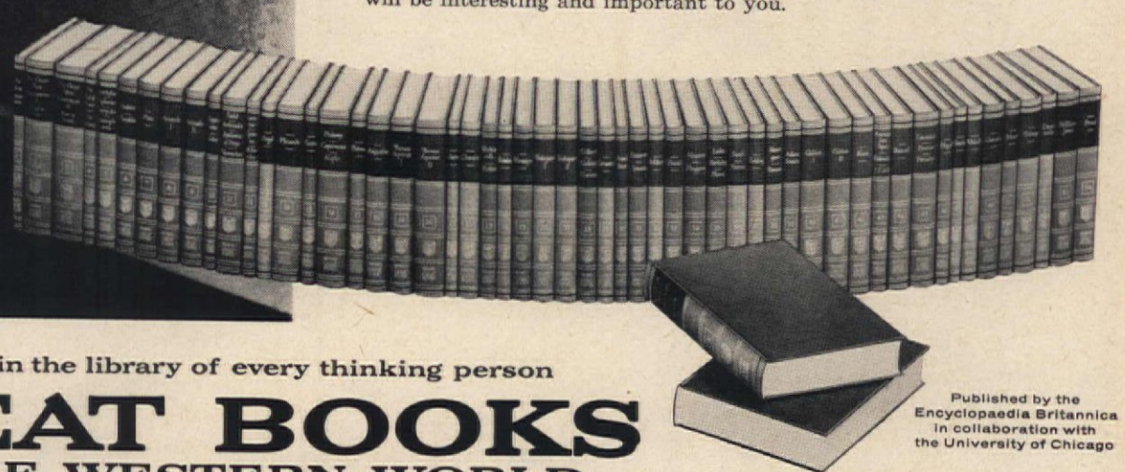

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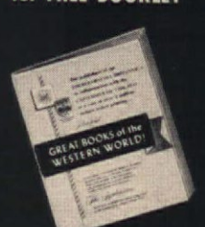

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American HOME readers give a personal account of their satisfying and bountiful home life in the 49th state

When the happy news of the 49th state was relayed throughout Alaska, there was joyous celebration from Ketchikan to Point Barrow. Dancing in the streets in Anchorage . . . handsprings in Fairbanks . . . big whoop-de-dos in Juneau! The newest and biggest state had realized her long-cherished dream.

Because the American HOME has a large family of loyal subscribers living in Alaska, we were prompted to send a message of welcome. At the same time, we invited our readers to write us about their homes and families and the things they find interesting about living in Alaska. Our message had hardly been air-borne when the replies came pouring in, each and every one reflecting the pride, vigor and personality of our new sister state. "Tell your readers we don't all live in igloos!" wrote one enthusiastic sourdough. Another had this to say: "We have a standing joke about writers who come up here on one flight and leave on the next and then print a series of articles. If it happens to rain on that day, we read that Alaska has a wet climate!"

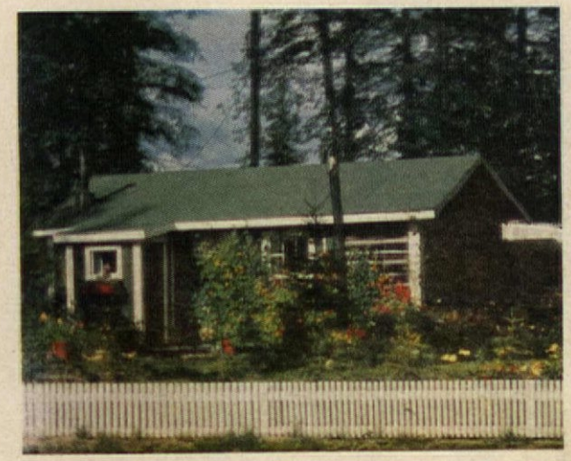
Herewith—more delightful letters and a look inside Alaska, U.S.A. . . .

TOP PICTURE shows Mrs. William Mikkola in her lovely flower garden in Fairbanks. Directly above, with her husband and "moose" dogs.

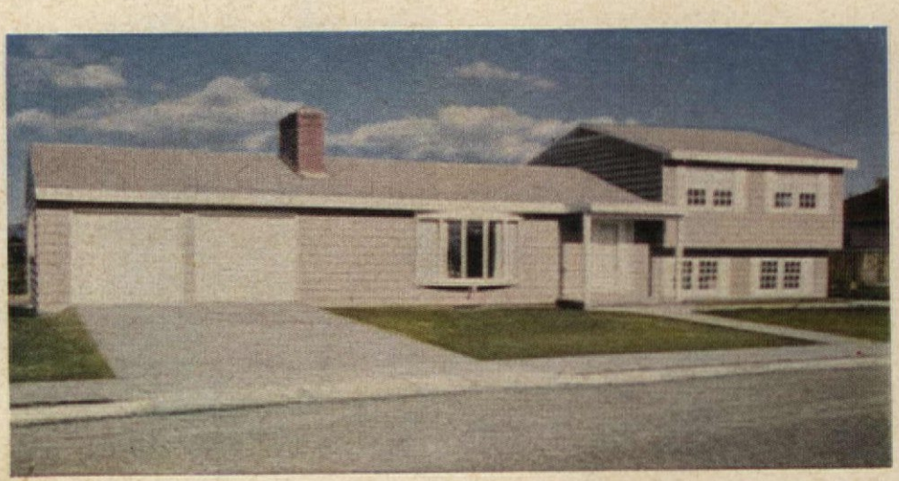
● . . . It's the beauty that fills you with wonder . . . majestic mountains, countless rivers and streams, the most beautiful variety of wild flowers, the midnight sun, days without darkness. And winter . . . the great white silence, the brilliance of Northern lights, the mystery and eternal beauty that only Alaska offers . . .

. . . Our home here is a 2-room log cabin plus a 30-foot trailer in back. It's a simple life but full and rich. We both love to hunt and fish. Every fall we manage to get a moose and two or three caribous. In summer, we live outdoors. We have a small patio outside the cabin where we eat and cook. Moose steaks and mooseburgers with mushrooms are delicious cooked outdoors . . .

MRS. WILLIAM MIKKOLA, FAIRBANKS



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mikkola, Fairbanks.



Mr. and Mrs. Denny G. Breaid live in this charming 3-bedroom house in Fairbanks.

● . . . We have been up here a little over a year. When my husband accepted the position as Manager of Martin Van Buren Lines in Alaska we hadn't the faintest idea of what to expect. We frankly hadn't given the territory much thought other than it was probably dreadfully cold with snow that wouldn't quit. Besides we had heard countless fantastic tales from that vague group of people known as "They say." We were very much surprised when we viewed Anchorage for the first time. It is a very modern city with lovely homes, numerous shops and energetic people. I can think of no city that has a more glorious surrounding than Anchorage. The mountains can be seen from almost every direction and stretch as far as the eye can see . . .

GINNY LANDRY, ANCHORAGE

● . . . You asked us for the things we find interesting about Alaska. I can only say that the most interesting thing IS "Living in Alaska." I just finished my shift at the Airport where I am an Airways Operations Specialist ("radio operator"). After several years in "outpost" stations and since our marriage in 1956, we have decided on remaining in Juneau . . . We left apartment living for the more comfortable "home" living and bought this small but cozy house in one of the few "flat" locations of Juneau, a city which nestles up to towering mountains along Gastineau Channel. Our home is not an elaborate one but we feel it is better-than-average in Juneau, and for our needs, certainly comfortable living by all standards . . .

GLENN & JOYCLYN DAVIS, JUNEAU

● . . . My husband is employed by Wien Alaska Airlines as an aircraft & engine inspector, and we also have an interest in a gold mine, which is where he and our son, Bernie, Jr., are now—and have been all summer. It's located at Chicken, Alaska, which is a beautiful spot . . . Chicken is approximately 300 miles from Fairbanks and can be reached by car or plane. We have a light airplane for short, quick hops to fishing and hunting and also to the mine. I'm expecting the men home shortly and, we hope, with a good "clean-up." (Gold, that is!)

We have a three-bedroom, ranch-type home which is in a housing development, much like you'd find anywhere in the States . . . We plan to improve it, adding a basement that would give us more indoor living space for our long, cold winters. Our front yard looks quite lovely, and we're now in the process of putting a patio in the back yard. Flowers and vegetables do wonderfully here. We have such long, sunny days in the summer—in fact, it's daylight all summer! . . . More about Alaska. I love our winters as well as our lovely summers. I've walked to town at 48 degrees below zero—downtown is approximately two miles. With warm parka and mukluks, warm slacks and mittens, one does not mind the cold. Your nose feels frosty and it's so very clear and calm, as the wind never blows here in Fairbanks in the winter . . .

MRS. BERNARD L. SHERWOOD, FAIRBANKS

● . . . I am enclosing two pictures of my log "cabin," one in summer and one in winter . . . My family consists of two cats, one Pekingese and one sheep dog. The per capita population of dogs in Fairbanks is very high . . . The cost of living is high here, too, but wages in most instances are accordingly high . . . Our city is, and has been, growing by leaps and bounds, with the emphasis on new, modern homes . . .

MRS. VIRGINIA M. POWELL, FAIRBANKS

● . . . The scenery—the informal way of life—the fishing and hunting—the people and their friendliness—and even the cold winters with their short days make Alaska most interesting . . . Anchorage has every type of home dwelling—from two fourteen-story apartments to cozy log cabins to beautiful hundred-thousand-dollar homes . . . We came here ten years ago from Seattle. My husband is an engineer and manages a Steel Fabricating plant . . . Last year we built our second house in Alaska. For us, it is ideal—long (61 ft.) and low with natural cedar siding. On the interior we have used cedar paneling with plaster and have exposed beams. We have three bedrooms, two baths, combination

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and Mrs. Fred Pankratz, of Fairbanks, designed this house themselves.

Mrs. Ginny Landry sent us this picture of her home in Anchorage.

home of the L. E. Flaharts in Anchorage.

Home and patio of the Clifford Warrens, Anchorage.

Mrs. Glenn Davis in her living room in Juneau.

ch-type home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sherwood, Fairbanks.

A row of new homes at Turnagain-By-The-Sea.

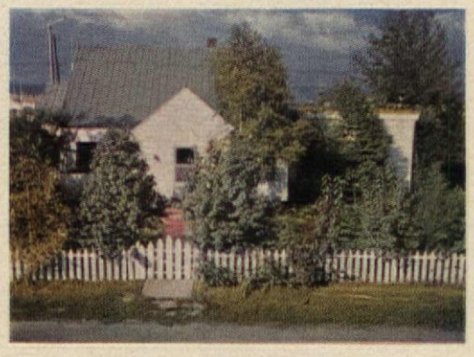
Virginia Powell's home in Fairbanks.

Patio of the Boyd Crumes in Anchorage.

The M. L. Cooks overlook golf course.

family and dining room, an all-G.E. turquoise-colored kitchen, and living room that looks out on Anchorage's 9-hole golf course. We have a full basement, which, as we can do it ourselves, will have a combined den and bedroom and bath, game room, laundry, etc. We still lack some of the furniture and draperies needed, but that will all come in time . . . We do hope you editors will show the people outside that Alaskans do not live in igloos!

MRS. MELVIN L. COOK, ANCHORAGE



Above, living room of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cook. At right, the exterior of their home in Fairbanks.

Mrs. Earl Cook says they have pushed out walls of their home several times to make room for their growing family. Shown here, their up-to-date kitchen.

● . . . We have found so much that is interesting about life in Alaska since arriving here from Boise, Idaho, one 30-below-zero day in March, twenty years ago, that it will be difficult to confine myself to a few highlights. We arrived on tickets furnished us by Earl's father, a mining-camp cook, on the remains of $10 we had borrowed to eat breakfast at our overnight railroad stop at Curry . . . Our first home was a "gun-shot" log cabin rented from a pioneer woman who insisted on coming over each month to collect the rent. She was so impressed with our skill with scrub brushes, paint and the resulting increased value of the cabin that she raised our rent after each visit. Whereupon we decided to attempt to build a home of our own . . . We started it in 1939 in a subdivision across the Chena Slough from town . . . Today, of course, we are just outside the shopping center with our friends scattered in homes for miles around. We have pushed out walls several times to make room for our growing family, now consisting of Mike, 19, who will be a junior at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.; Dennis, 18, who enters M.I.T. this fall; Jeff, 6′2″, 14-year-old, who will be a freshman at Fairbanks High School; Jennifer, 11, entering 6th grade; and Nancy Ann, 5, who will start kindergarten. We were also fortunate, 15 years ago, in purchasing a log cabin on the banks of beautiful Harding Lake, 45 miles south of Fairbanks. It, too, has had its walls pushed out and a basement and furnace installed . . . Our town home has two bathrooms, 4 bedrooms, a dining room, a 13x30′ living room with 15x30′ basement playroom, and a kitchen with washing facilities at my elbow. While there are now many lovely new, costly homes in Fairbanks, we are unanimous in our love for our own "lived in" one . . .

MRS. EARL E. COOK, FAIRBANKS

Log cabin is summer home for the parents of Patricia Oakes in Juneau. They catch salmon and herring in their front yard.

● . . . As a child, I can remember my mother and father poring over The American HOME for ideas for a cabin. Now, after many years of hard, hard work and relatively little expenditure of cash, they have a summer home which is our residence from May to September. Built of logs, it is simple and compact, has a rock fireplace, greenhouse, boathouse, tool and wood sheds and beautiful garden—another of Mom's projects . . . Clever utilization of materials at hand makes it unique in many ways. The fireplace mantel contains ore samples from all over Alaska. No flagstone walks for us—we have utilized crosscuts of sitka spruce . . . We are beachcombers and have added driftwood and other jewels of the sea and tides to the décor in the cabin. And the picture window offers an ever-changing scene of the ocean.

During the summer, we catch salmon and herring right in front of the cabin and at low tide can dig clams. In the winter, we usually can get enough crab for a good feed. Otter, bear, deer and porcupines are seen, yet we are only a half hour by black-topped highway from town.

PATRICIA OAKES, FAIRBANKS

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● . . . Your editors would probably not want to return to New York if they come to Alaska during fishing season! My husband and I returned only June 1 from a 40,000-mile trip around the world. So I can now say, with even more fervor and enthusiasm than before, that there is no place else in the whole wide world that I would rather live than wonderful ALASKA! It is so very progressive—everything that happens is the newest and best . . .

I'm sure you will be interested in knowing that the cover picture on your January, 1956 issue of The American HOME served as an exterior pattern for a log cabin which we are just about to complete. Enclosed is a slide of ours, still under construction. As we drive into the carport, we enter the cabin by the door into the lower level. The main cabin room is 12'x14'. The complete east wall is windows, and the south exposure is windows plus a glass door. This door opens into a roofed, but otherwise open, deck (above the carport). Our view includes a panorama of three ridges of wonderfully rugged mountains, to our center left the blue-white Matanuska Glacier, and 800 feet below us, the slow-moving, winding Matanuska River. No fishing there, but our cabin is a weekend haven for two very active people in business!

MRS. JACK HARRISON, ANCHORAGE

Cabin of Jack Harrisons, Anchorage, was copied from an American HOME Pattern.

Anne Scribner sends this picture of the home her husband built in Anchorage. Above, Anne on snow shoes; left, one of her prize cabbages.

● . . . I arrived in Anchorage, Alaska, from Washington, D.C. on Thanksgiving in 1947. I came up on a two-year contract to work with the United States Air Force, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, and liked Alaska so well that I have continued to renew my contract. My native home state is North Carolina . . . During my first two years here, I met my husband; we were married in 1950. We decided to build a home, so in 1950 we purchased a small lot on the outskirts of Anchorage, which was completely covered with spruce, birch and cottonwood trees. At the time we were living in a small two-room apartment on Elmendorf Air Force Base, so in the evenings and on weekends we would go out to our lot and start clearing the trees, rocks and brush . . . During the summer of 1952 we started building the frame of our house, and finally in May 1954 we moved in . . . My husband did all of the wiring, plumbing, concreting, and building of the house with very little outside assistance other than mine. He worked weekends, after hours, and on short vacation periods . . . During the year 1953 we started a strawberry and raspberry patch, with quite a few clumps of rhubarb; we are still enjoying them. Occasionally, though, we have quite a time trying to keep the kids in our neighborhood out of the berry patch. Also, we had a small vegetable garden that consisted of peas, beans, carrots, radishes, turnips, rutabagas, onions, beets, squash, broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, endive, parsley, Swiss chard, cauliflower and potatoes . . .

MRS. ANNE W. SCRIBNER, ANCHORAGE

Home of the Dawson Coopers in Fairbanks.

● . . . In 1940 our house was built on the east edge of the then small town of Fairbanks. Simply by looking out the large picture window in the living room one could see the massive Alaska Range towering far out over the Tanana flats. The town has grown since then, and so has our family. From Dawson Jr., who was born the first year in our new home, to a happy family of seven . . . Mrs. Cooper keeps the landscaping in our 75x300' yard in tip-top shape. The front is a huge lawn trimmed with several flower beds filled with numerous varieties of flora. Below the picture window is a large rack covered with multi-colored sweetpeas . . .

MR. DAWSON COOPER, FAIRBANKS

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The William Scotts live in this charming home in Anchorage.

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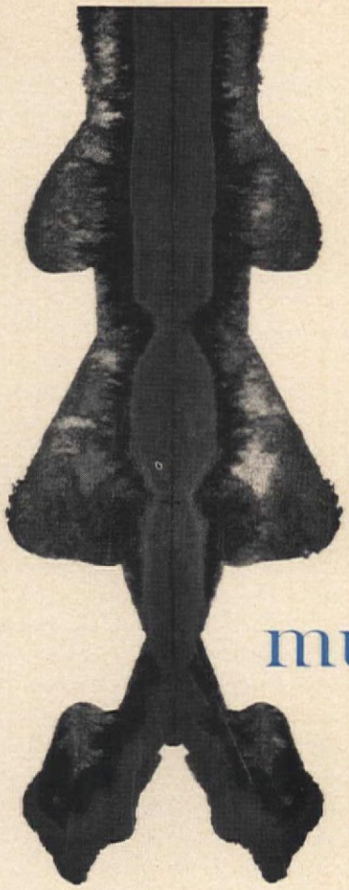

JANET AGLE

How "open" must our lives be?

After a few years of the "open plan" house, a wife pleads for the return of the door and privacy!

You know what I want? Doors. I want a house with a door on every room. Houses, these days, have developed the open plan to the point where, if you want to get away from it all, there's only one place to go—to bed!

Rising costs and shrinking space have brought about the "open plan"—an architectural concept that undoubtedly represents a triumph of ingenuity over circumstance, but which, in human terms, unquestionably leaves something to be desired.

In this open-plan household, everything goes on functioning just the way it used to, but in "spaces" or "areas" instead of rooms. Sometimes you see these areas separated by a bit of fishnet, so that you have a "feeling" of privacy without losing the "feeling" of space. Well, I know why architects do this. I ask them, and they tell me, and then I go away mumbling, and I think they're as concerned as I, frankly, that their effort must be spent in creating illusions instead of designing an environment in which a family can live. I'm sure they feel as I do.

A "feeling" of space may be perfectly satisfactory, until you start moving around in it. Then what you want is *space*. And there can be no illusion of privacy either. You have it, or you don't. It's easy to tell when you don't have it, because you start climbing the walls . . . or go to bed. Bed, it seems, is the last refuge of modern man—or the man in the open-plan house, rather. He can't avoid the pressure and turmoil away from home, but this fellow, when he comes home, finds that even his house is out to get him. One thing, however, is clear: if we have to take this thing, there's only one way we *can* take it—lying down, quietly, in bed. To dementia praecox via architecture—that's where we're going.

The open plan . . . ah! When the front door opens, three "rooms" are laid out before you, along with their occupants, regardless of whether they are sheveled or disheveled, or in a mood to be seen or not . . . and vice versa.

A living room should be separated from the rest of the house by doors—heavy, double-thick doors—and bad cess to the architect who conceives of it as Grand Central Station. It's a place of privacy and retreat, not a place to swirl around in. It's a room for adult social life and shouldn't be designed as a catchall for baseball bats and skates, the neighbor's children, muddy feet and comic books. In open-plan living, adults and children are thrown together, perforce, until one group or the other gives up and goes to bed.

A house with children in it needs *two* living rooms, even if one of them is in the basement. I mourn the passing of the basement. Slab-on-ground construction may save money, but THINK! Do we want the patter of little feet under us, or right with us every minute of the day, from the time they hit the floor in the morning?

Consider the plight of underprivileged parents in the open-plan house. Where is their play space? Where can they entertain friends, or catch a quiet drink together . . . with the family population milling back and forth, making conversation impossible? Is *that* what happened to conversation? Is that why television draws such a crowd?

Open-plan dining has its drawbacks, too. Who among us has not sat at the festive board in one of these houses while a stranger, a stranded motorist, say, stands at our elbow, telephoning for the tow wagon? He can't be asked to wait outside—it's snowing. Furthermore, however quaint, I don't much savor the meals I eat in the kitchen. This back-to-the-farm motif somehow smacks of Marie Antoinette and her playmates at The Petit Trianon. One might as well live in a trailer. If your hostess leads you into the "living area" without clearing the table, the trailer aspect becomes magnified, with overtones of the pig sty.

Worse than this, the problem of entertaining in the open-plan house has given rise to that supreme gastronomic horror—the buffet supper. (continued on page 80)

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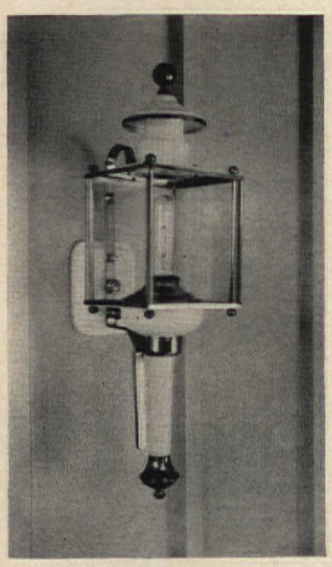
You are looking at Aluminum Skin



One of the most charming and efficient homes you've ever seen has a skin of aluminum and is manufactured by National Homes in a giant factory. Now, don't think we're about to show you a silo with shutters or some such. This is an outstanding home proportioned, detailed and planned to give you everything you could ask for in comfortable and convenient living.

Why factory? Why aluminum skin? you ask. It's factory-built because assembly-line methods give you a carefully constructed house faster and for less money. And it has an aluminum roof and walls because the strength, lightness and corrosion resistance of aluminum give you a house that practically never needs painting or repair. That means thousands of dollars and many work hours saved. The aluminum wall panels, similar in appearance to board-and-batten siding, have a baked-on enamel finish that is available in many colors. You can also choose aluminum siding in shingles or clapboards.

The roof is built of 4-foot-by-18-foot aluminum, ridged panels that are riveted to bracing underneath that is in turn fastened to the wood roof trusses. Tests have shown that this roofing system will withstand hurricane winds and hold a dry snow load, fifty feet deep.

The walls of the house are completely finished at the factory, where each piece of lumber is machine-sized and cut so it will fit exactly when the wall panels are assembled. Fire-resistant gypsum board is glued to the exterior side of the 2x4" fir wall frame with moistureproof adhesives. The board-and-batten style aluminum panels are then adhesive-fastened to the gypsum-board backing, making a complete exterior wall unit. One-inch fiber glass insulation is glued between the studs of exterior wall panels before they are covered with the gypsum board. By the time the finished wall panels reach the building site they are painted, fitted with windows and all set to be joined. On-the-job construction time is cut to just a few days, making it possible for you to move into the house within a few weeks, rather than in a few months. Quick enclosing of the house also prevents bad weather from ruining materials and running up labor bills.

The factory assembly of new materials shaped in new ways to build houses faster, better and cheaper is slowly but surely changing the facade of the American home. Manufacturers who have the talent and facilities to develop and apply new construction methods and materials are probably the most likely wellspring for the better, more abundant American home of the future.

Now that you have a glimmer of the sinews of the house, let's see what the house offers in the way of design ideas for living. There are several important factors to consider: How many rooms are there? How big are they? How are they arranged? And how is the house planned to use outside space as well as inside space? We analyze the floor plan room by room on page 71. (continued)

WALL AND ROOF PANELS are erected over concrete slab at building site. Above, workman installs aluminum corner molding after aluminum-covered wall panels are all in place. At right, 4x18′ roof panels are laid over aluminum rivet strips which are attached to purlins that lie at right angles to wood roof trusses. Fascia at eaves' edge is also aluminum.

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HOUSE AND SITE UNITE to make outdoors an easy-to-use extension of indoor living space. Two great walls of glass in dining and breakfast areas have sliding doors that lead directly onto the terrace for easy outdoor entertaining and meal serving.

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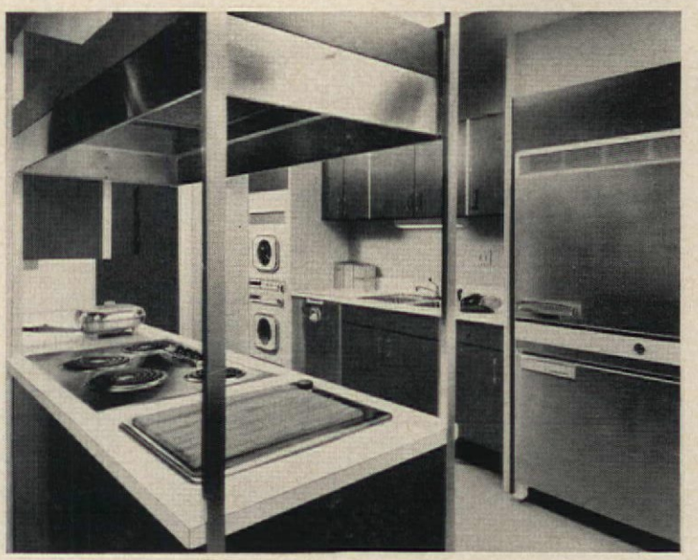

BRIGHT BACKGROUND OF FAMILY ROOM (top) contrasts with neutral background in living-dining area, a gay atmosphere for family fun and entertaining. Well-arranged furniture allows for good traffic pattern through living room to kitchen and family room.

SLIM, TRIM STRUCTURES OF ALUMINUM hold panels of walnut-finished birch to form kitchen cabinets with a "dressy furniture" look. Off-the-floor cooking island features grill and surface burners with pass-through for serving family room.

The pleasure and excitement of the house with the aluminum skin continues on the inside where the spacious rooms are decorated in a fresh and light-hearted manner. This décor makes the most of a floor plan that is divided into an open living area and a private sleeping area. Both areas are conveniently reached by a well-placed foyer and short hallway. From the foyer, the living-dining room interior is revealed in a continuing flow of light, bright colors against a background of neutral carpeting, walls and draperies. On this clean background the decorator has drawn crisp, sharp accents in blues, red-orange and gold. Furniture in warm wood tones is effectively silhouetted against the off-white background throughout this area. Highlights of shining brass gleam here in accessories and furniture trim. Textured linen draperies traverse large sliding panels of glass which open onto the patio, further increasing the size and use of the living area. At night, the handsome brick fireplace with its raised hearth is a dramatic focal center.

Turning sharply to the right from the living-room dining area, we enter a kitchen (two pictures on the right) that is high in style and efficiency. Arranged along two facing walls in a step-saving floor plan, the built-in features include range, oven, refrigerator-freezer, dishwasher and waste disposer. The open design of the off-the-floor cooking island allows for pass-through access to the family room which is gaily decorated and furnished with comfort and entertainment in mind. The comfortable sofa and upholstered chair are covered in durable vinyl fabric. The TV, well placed for easy viewing, the table and chairs set up for games or informal dining, the convenient built-in shelves, all contribute to the interesting design features

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LIVING-DINING ROOM appears to be even more spacious through use of light colors, natural brick and warm wood tones. Beautifully designed fireplace creates a handsome center of attraction in a modern setting.

DECORATOR: HAROLD F. HOLTZ, A.I.D., FOR L. S. AYRES & CO., INDIANAPOLIS

Please DO Eat the Nasturtiums

For months Jean Kerr has been telling us to shy away from the daisies. But are some flowers a toothsome delicacy for the table? Of course!

Your Great Grandmother could have told you about the many ways flowers could be used to make cooking more interesting. For her generation grew flowers and herbs, using them frequently to add new excitement to the everyday eating routine. A stroll through your garden, or a visit to the florist shop will reveal many new possibilities for recipes that are different, delicately flavored, and inviting—delicious recipes starring *flowers!*

NASTURTIUM vinegar adds an unusually tasty flavor to the salad bowl. Or you can chop nasturtium stems and sprinkle them on sliced, ripe tomatoes, or add them to green salad for an exotic new flavor. Use the chopped stems as you would chives or parsley, to garnish creamed soups. Their tangy flavor, similar to that of water cress, adds a new flavor note to sandwiches. Or for homemade capers, so good in salads and sauces, add that extra touch with nasturtium seeds.

MARIGOLDS, plump and pungent, are carefully nurtured in flower pots by the English homemaker, to be later used as a kitchen herb for flavoring soups. The petals, fresh or dried variety, may be used in salads, in scrambled eggs and in a variety of sandwiches. The flavor is reminiscent of hard-to-get, imported saffron.

THE ROSE GERANIUM was another favorite of bygone days. A washed geranium leaf would be placed in the teapot before the tea was brewed. Then, too, this fragrant leaf was placed in the bottom of the cake pan before the batter was poured. A boon to those with a sweet tooth, the rose geranium leaf was found in the jelly or honey jar, the syrup for ice cream and the strawberry pie, adding still another flavor to all these delicate sweets.

ROSE PETALS add a quaint touch to many modern dishes. Rose-petal jam is a treat for the gourmet, as is rose-hip jelly, which is made from the seed pods which are called "rose hips." Rose-petal salads are equally delicious. They also offer a delicate taste appeal used in either currant or strawberry jams and jellies.

VIOLETS are another flower suggesting endless possibilities in cookery. The buds provide a luscious lift to salads. The flowers are delicious when pickled in vinegar, and the leaves may be used as a potherb. Make a syrup from this flower, to use in flavoring puddings, cakes, frozen desserts or iced drinks.

PEACH-TREE LEAVES were valued by homemakers of yesterday. They would drop a few of these leaves into milk that was being scalded for custard. The result, a delicate peach flavor for an old stand-by dessert.

LAZY PETUNIA PETALS, carnation heliotrope, narcissi, and tuberoses were used in sandwiches at one time. Dating way back to pre-Civil War days, these floral sandwiches were considered a fashionable, warm-weather dainty.

CRYSTALLIZED FLOWERS made of candy were a great favorite years ago. The artistic touch of candy rose leaf or crystallized violets added charming decoration to frosted cakes and cookies, whipped-cream-topped desserts, and sweet fruit salads.

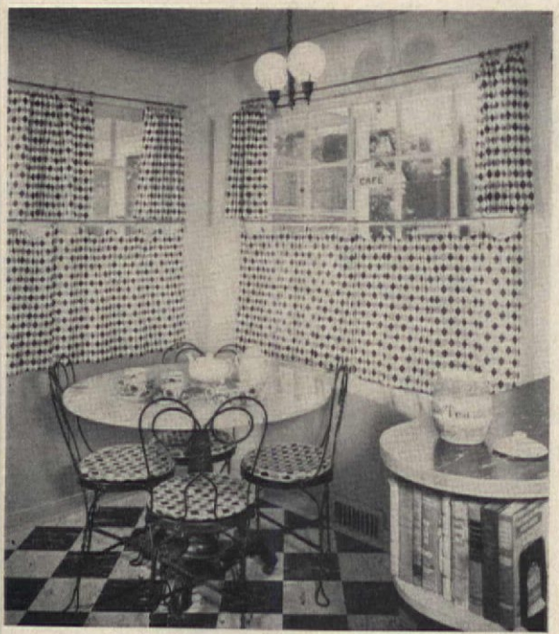
THE EDIBLE WILD GREENS play a very important role in our gourmet story. If you have a garden and some knowledge of the edible wild greens, you can have all the salad greens you need from your own garden. Although some may call them "weeds," you know the nutritional value and delicious taste of dandelion greens and shoots of young milkweed in salad. Try, also, the young leaves of marigold, mustard, dock, and of course, tangy wild mint.

Exquisite floral print by Grambs Miller to cut out and frame.

Information: George Abraham, Blanche Campbell, Laura Dean Cole

GRAVES

CHEERFUL SCREENED PORCH decorated by Kelloggs. Folding screen made of antique shutter, fish-net fixture was street light, antique barber pole cost only $2.50.



DINETTE ADJOINING KITCHEN sparkles with ideas. Note antique café sign, ice-cream-parlor motif.

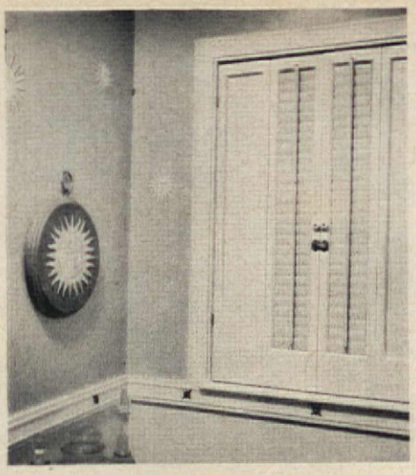
Family Projects, Unlimited

The Kelloggs tackle everything from antiques to swimming pools

CHET KELLOGG

"Where in the world did you learn to do that?" people invariably ask us while visiting our home. "That" constitutes a whole series of projects we dreamed up because they seemed to be constructive and looked like fun to do. Over a period of years my wife, Claire, and I have paved patios and laid tile, we've made fences and mended our fences, painted rooms and painted murals on walls. We have made wood table tops look like marble and have made marble slabs into table tops. We've not only designed lighting fixtures, but we've installed them too! Claire makes all of the curtains and draperies. My specialties include marbleizing, mural painting, framing the pictures Claire paints and crawling around on ladders. We collaborate on wallpaper removal, painting of rooms (Claire does the woodwork while I do the walls), and other projects that require more than two hands. (continued)

CAFÉ CURTAINS (above) on stair landing made by Claire from dish towels. Spectacles were an antique sign for oculist's shop. Chet framed antique keys. Horse heads from old hitching posts.



POWDER-ROOM SHUTTERS (above) were tailored to fit by Chet. He created the sunburst designs and did the smooth paint job in this room.

CEILING FIXTURE (above) was made by Chet from old Austrian helmet. Chet painted inside white, added socket and brass rod to create unique lamp.

CHARMING BEDROOM (below) serves the Kelloggs as study, studio, living room. All paintings in room were done by Claire, framed by Chet. Victorian love seat purchased for $25 was reupholstered and refinished by Claire and Chet. Marble-top coffee table was created from antique chest and new legs.

UNIQUE RECREATION ROOM (right) was created in barren basement by Claire and Chet. They did all work from laying asphalt tile to building wood partitions. Cement-block walls are painted flame red, window (below) shuttered and curtained by Kelloggs.

And then there are always the wonderful projects that begin with antiques. Probably the most pleasurable sport that Claire and I enjoy together is antique hunting. I call it a sport because we consider it a game that can be played any season of the year in any part of the country. Like most sports, the more you practice, the better you get.

It all began when we were first married and discovered the new furniture of good quality was beyond our means. We combed the local antique shops and salvage stores, raided our relatives' attics and friends' basements, applied some effort to refinishing and ended up with five rooms completely and beautifully furnished for about one thousand dollars!

Now, about the refinishing. That's a project we learned by doing. I do the carpentry and upholstering. Claire does what I consider the hardest part—refinishing the wood pieces.

We find antiques not only fun to hunt, but practical to live with. They never look "dated" or out of style and they really lend a special distinction to any room. Our whole family joins in the antique hunts and even the children are developing a rather practiced eye. Fifteen-year-old Paul has a fine collection of military mementos and my 21-year-old daughter, Stewart, is very inventive in converting old objects to new uses. Our weekend trips into the country include stops at wayside antique shops, or have as their goal the irresistible country auction. We plan summer vacations with antique shopping in mind and find "souvenir" antiques of lasting value to remind us for many years of enjoyable trips through the U.S.

We have a coffee table in our living room made from the hand-carved wooden capital of a column from an old New Orleans house. The house was being demolished at the time we were there, and we bought the column from the wrecker for four dollars. Part of the shaft is used for a pedestal in our dining room. Two fine old generals of carved wood grace our living room. These were from a Boer War Memorial that once stood in Manchester, England. We bought the generals from a Winnetka dealer at a time he was having a clearance sale.

Other antiques we picked up both at home and while vacationing needed just a little refinishing or a novel idea to create another handsome and practical conversation piece. I designed a card table with an aluminum base made by a Milwaukee metalworker. The table top, of Tennessee gray marble, which I bought from a marble dealer, is 36x36 inches. It is exactly half the size of the dining table which it matches, and can be used to extend the length of the dining table for our larger dinner parties.

One acquisition that has a kind of funny history is the antique barber pole. We were visiting a small Wisconsin town and we saw this wonderful-looking old barber pole out in front of a barber shop. I was immediately interested in it and the barber told me he'd make the price a good one if I would take it down from the side of the building myself. To make a long story short, I did and he did, and the price was a nice low $2.50!

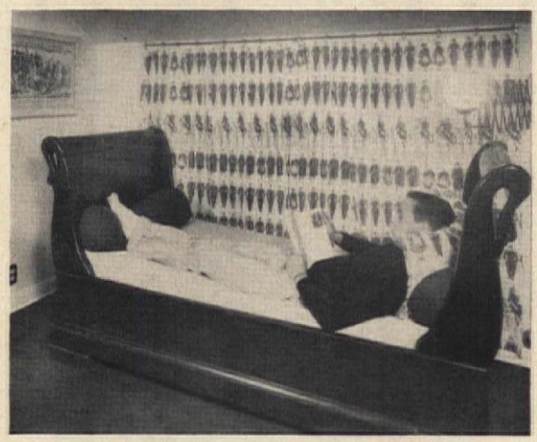
Claire has a way with fabrics. On our screened porch she put up white duck shower curtains, six feet long, and she hung them café-style on rods (continued)

EAST WALL OF LIVING ROOM (above) has butternut woodwork, hand-woven Costa Rica carpeting. Bristol blue glass antiques, such as the lamps that were wired by Chet, provide color accents. Pillows and chair seats are done in same clear blue. Candelabra on mantel are 19th-century French, tables are copies of Pompeian originals.

SOUTH WALL OF LIVING ROOM (below) has two carved-wood generals from a Boer War memorial dramatically set in window recess. Below them is a day bed of walnut, circa 1840 and purchased for $12. At left of day bed is Victorian commode and in the foreground, a coffee table made from hand-carved column of old New Orleans home.

TERRACE AT BACK OF HOUSE (above) was paved in a single weekend by Claire and Chet. Chairs have mocha and white finish, table in foreground is antique cast-iron garden urn with circular marble top. Chet built the family swimming pool here!

PAUL'S ROOM (below) has bright-red carpeting, white walls. The "pantagraph" lamp over bed cost $4.00, was made from a dentist's gas jet! Chet added globe. Mahogany bed is a French antique. Claire made the curtains.



CHET MAKES PICTURE FRAMES (above) using professional tools. Old frames stacked in background were purchased by Chet to be refinished and reinforced for later use.

CORNER OF UPSTAIRS POWDER ROOM (left) reveals Chet's talents. He marbleized wood top of built-in vanity, painted tree motif on wall, set in the black ceramic tile.

with regular shower-curtain rings. They're easy to wash and store during the winter and they're perfect to shut out the sun. Claire also made some wonderful café curtains for the window on the landing between our first and second floors. She made them out of dish towels, of all things, and they look just great! Claire's real forte is painting, and her wonderful paintings line the walls of our home.

The children have their specialties too. My daughter is studying medical technology and so she's the expert on old apothecary jars, old scales and other antiques that indicate medicine practice years ago. Paul is interested in almost anything military. He's got a fine old coin collection going and he's on the lookout for antique swords. Claire made curtains for his room from "Garde Républicaine" military-print cotton.

Our let's-give-it-a-try approach to projects—almost any at all and the sky's the limit in regard to projects—is getting to be a habit in our family. Just today, for example, we were all sitting around the breakfast table when Paul said, "I know where I can buy a 1932 roadster for thirty-five dollars. Why don't we buy it, put a new motor in it, and then we'd have a second car?"

Claire and I looked at each other and were just about to answer that one when Stewart spoke up. "I've been thinking it would be fun to make a telescope," she said. "We could build a small observatory on the roof of the back porch and it wouldn't take us too long, or be very expensive for that matter!"

Now both of these may sound like pretty wacky ideas, but neither one is discarded yet, and my guess is that we will end up saying about both, "Well, let's give it a try!"

THE END

Man's best investment - HIS WIFE

LESTER DAVID

Not long ago a stubborn virus put my wife out of domestic action for a couple of weeks. Ordinarily, Grandma stays in the bull pen for emergencies of this nature and charges over to pinch-hit when the distress call goes out. This time, however, she, too, was under the weather—and since business duties eliminated me from substituting, only one course remained: hire professional help to keep the household running.

I did, and herewith announce that there is no surer way of developing a brand-new kind of appreciation of a wife. Her absence from the scene and the impersonal way the home was managed by outsiders counted heavily, of course. But a new factor came to my attention with jolting force. It was this: when I totaled up what I had to shell out in cold cash to obtain the services which my wife had been performing gratis, I grew pale—and a lot more understanding!

The incident sparked a thought. Do men actually have any idea of the full value of their wives, not emotionally or spiritually, but in terms that smite hard at their wallets? Are they as aware as they should be that a wife is, quite literally, the best investment they could ever hope to make in a lifetime?

Even more important, does a *woman* know this? Certainly, a wife rarely, if at all, thinks of herself in these practical terms, but I wonder if she ought not take a long, stern and thoroughly objective look at herself from this point of view.

Far too many wives harbor an inner conviction that the task of running a home and raising a family is less important than other work. The phrase "I'm just a housewife," spoken with a self-deprecatory gesture, comes often to a woman's lips. It's a significant revelation of the low esteem in which the function is regarded.

This attitude is quite understandable for a number of sound reasons. First, there's little if any praise from any source. A man expects and generally receives a pat on the back from boss or colleagues when he does a job well at shop or office. There's always a "Good shot, Charlie!" from the partner on the golf course. This sort of thing is customary among males and it helps keep up a man's self-esteem. But breathes there a housewife anywhere whose husband has ever told her at day's end: "Darling, congratulations on the efficient job you did today. The house was cleaned well, the children sent off to school on time, dinner was prompt and good, the laundry done and the sewing finished"?

Secondly, the hours are long. Studies at universities and research centers show that the average mother of growing children works from 80 to 100 hours a week, including child supervision. In the third place, the job is often a lonely one, with little or no adult companionship to brighten an endless day. Thus, because of the thanklessness, the drudgery and the loneliness, it is small wonder that many women develop feelings of inferiority.

Of course, much of this is offset by the pride and joy a mother takes in working for her family. Unquestionably, this is true. But if women realized how much their services were really worth to the home, what actual and practical value they do possess, these feelings of inferiority would disappear entirely.

To this end, I conducted some intensive research and made a few startling discoveries which will not only delight the wives but open a few masculine eyes as well.

First, I studied surveys by home economists and family service agencies which showed that the average housewife regularly performs some 21 jobs in the course of operating a home. (Some actually do as many as 30!) And she must be more than passably proficient in each. For example, can she afford to be a bad driver and still car-pool the kids to Brownie meetings? Can she be an inexpert purchasing agent and avoid financial disaster? Can she be an inefficient dietitian or nurse and maintain her family's health?

Next, I asked the heads of employment agencies, labor unions and government officials for the average annual and hourly pay rates for each of these jobs.

Third, I consulted time studies made at several universities and arrived at the average number of hours spent at each task.

Fourth step was simple arithmetic—multiplying the hours spent at the job by the current hourly rate of pay. The result reveals the cash value of the average housewife's services in the home.

What is this value? Hold your breath: The grand total is $193.95 a week or $10,000 a year, the salary of a rising young executive!

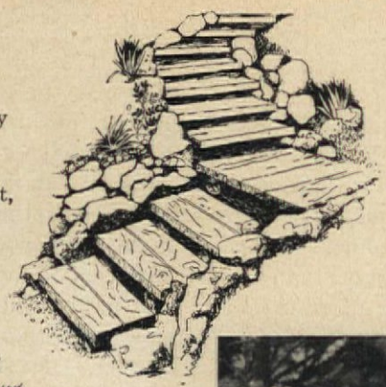
Feel better, ladies? You should. Of course, asking the man of the house for some or all of this may get you nowhere, nor is this the point of my study. It's enough to realize that you're a good deal more valuable, in the terms society thinks are important, than you've imagined.

THE JOB YOU DO	Average Annual Salary	Average Hours a Week	Average Hourly Pay Rate	Your Value Per Hours Worked
IN THE KITCHEN				
Cook	$4,000	8½	$2.00	$17.00
Dishwasher	2,080	6	1.00	6.00
Dietician	6,000	2	2.85	5.70
Baker	3,290	2½	1.60	4.00
Waitress	3,120	4½	1.50	6.75
OTHER PARTS OF HOUSE				
Private nurse	3,700	2	1.80	3.60
Baby sitter*		20	.60	12.00
Governess	3,120	30	1.50	45.00
Chambermaid	2,080	3½	1.00	3.50
Purchasing agent	8,000	3	4.00	12.00
Veterinarian	9,000	1	4.30	4.30
Laundress	2,080	9½	1.00	9.50
Home economist	4,500	4	2.15	8.60
Dressmaker	3,250	4	1.60	6.40
Handyman	3,700	3	1.80	5.40
Hostess	3,500	2½	1.70	4.25
Gen'l Housekeeper	3,120	7½	1.50	11.25
Secretary	3,700	3½	1.80	6.30
OUTSIDE THE HOME				
Gardener	3,300	4½	1.60	7.20
Chauffeur	3,300	4	1.60	7.20
Recreation worker	3,400	5	1.60	8.00
		TOTAL WEEKLY VALUE		$193.95

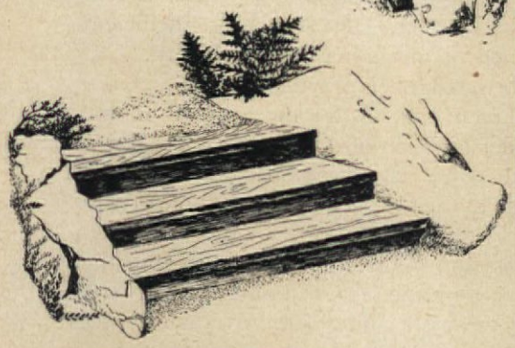
*Part-time job only.

NOTE: If the hours worked add up to an astronomical figure, it's because in several cases, two jobs are done at once, for example: sewing and baby-sitting, housework and governess work. Pay scales differ widely in all sections of the U.S. All figures, including hours worked, are national averages.

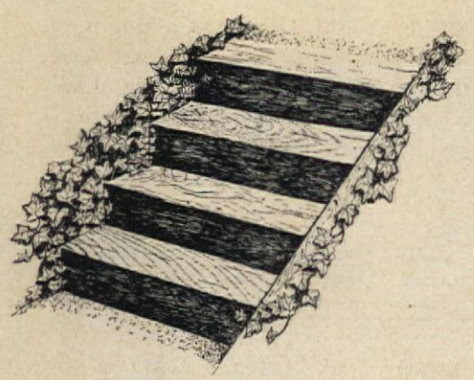
Walk in



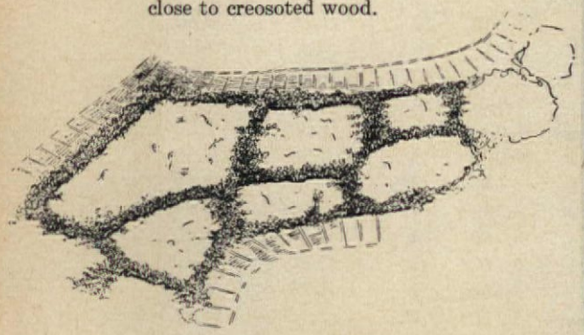
REDWOOD AND CYPRESS are rot resistant, and heavy planks of either wood can be used for many kinds of steps and walks. At right, they're used for a winding ascent up a steep grade.



FOR LESS RUSTIC EFFECT, finished lumber may be used, with the risers of the same wood as the treads. A neat boxlike effect is thus achieved.



OLD RAILROAD TIES, or heavy timbers from building demolition, make wonderful steps—if you're lucky enough to have access to them. But don't set plant roots close to creosoted wood.



IRREGULAR FLAGSTONES, separated by low groundcovers and bordered with brick, make a uniquely interesting walk. Thyme or creeping speedwell could be used in sun, sandwort or thrift in shade.

REDWOOD ROUNDS, or cross-sections of other durable woods, can be used to beautiful advantage for both steps and steppingstone paths. This remarkable use of them is in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brinstad on the Monterey Peninsula, California.

Beauty

THEODORE A. WESTON

Paths and steps are as important outside the house as floors and stairways are inside. (Since you must look where you're going, you can't help seeing them!) So, if the exterior of your home means as much to you as the interior, paving materials rate the same consideration as floor coverings.

Inside, though, your problem is mostly a matter of choosing the right material from an almost infinite variety. Outside, it's more a matter of putting the right material, chosen from a less extensive variety, to the best possible use.

The photographs and sketches on these pages will help you solve *this* problem. There are enough ideas here, we think, to suggest effective uses of several materials available in your own locality and well suited to your own place. (continued)

FIRST IMPRESSIONS are bound to be good if you build a front walk and doorway terrace as skillfully as these—of versatile brick—at the California home of the Robert J. Millers.

FLOWERING AND FOLIAGE PLANTS—amaryllis and other subtropicals on one side and a boxwood hedge on the other—add a lot to the attractiveness of the brick path above. It leads from back door to service area at the D. L. Anderson home in Southern Texas.

WEATHERED NATIVE STONE, large and squarish, is the perfect material for steps that are to be part of a naturalistic planting or rock garden. These are in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Maryatt, Seattle, designed by Roy Williams.

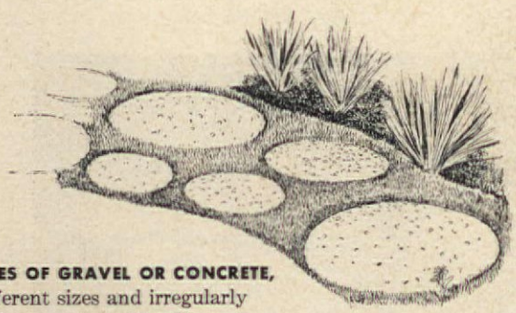
STEPPINGSTONES of slate or other material are easy to use. At the home of Mrs. Joseph R. Ramee, they not only provide a path alongside the house to the canopied terrace at the rear, but also guide the visitor past the floral plantings at the left.

The two things to notice in all these pictures—and to keep in mind when you build your own paths or steps—are: (1) appropriateness of design and material to location; (2) skillful use of plants to tie path or steps to landscape.

The budget probably will compel you to choose a material that's readily available and reasonably priced in your locality. So, if there are half a dozen to select from, it's simply a matter of choosing between the ones that will provide a degree of formality or informality—square-cut stone as against irregular broken stone, facing brick set in concrete as against common brick set in sand, smooth-finished lumber as against rough-hewn timbers, and so on.

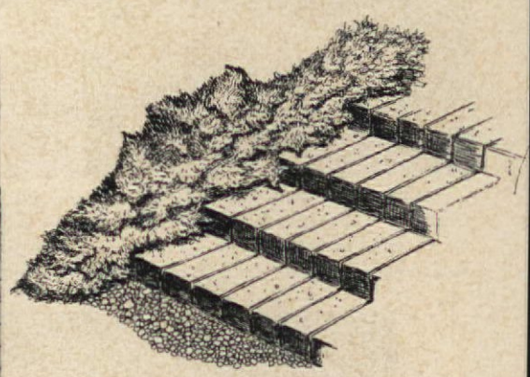
Paths and steps should "go with" their surroundings. If near the house, the architecture determines whether they should tend toward the formal or informal. If distant from the house, the layout of the grounds is the determining factor.

Most of the ideas represented in the pictures can be carried out by do-it-yourselfers. But if any are "just what you want," though apparently a little beyond your own facilities or skill, there's sure to be a contractor in your area who'd be glad to help. And your local nurseryman is sure to have a variety of suitable plants. THE END



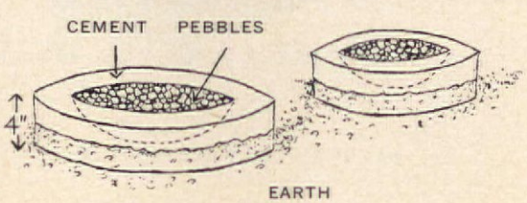
CIRCLES OF GRAVEL OR CONCRETE, of different sizes and irregularly placed, are extraordinarily attractive against a thick, well-cared-for turf.

BROKEN FIELD STONE, with grass or a low-growing groundcover between the stones, lends informality or naturalism to paths and steps. This attractive approach is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cunningham in Seattle, landscaped by S. Kenneth Kelley.



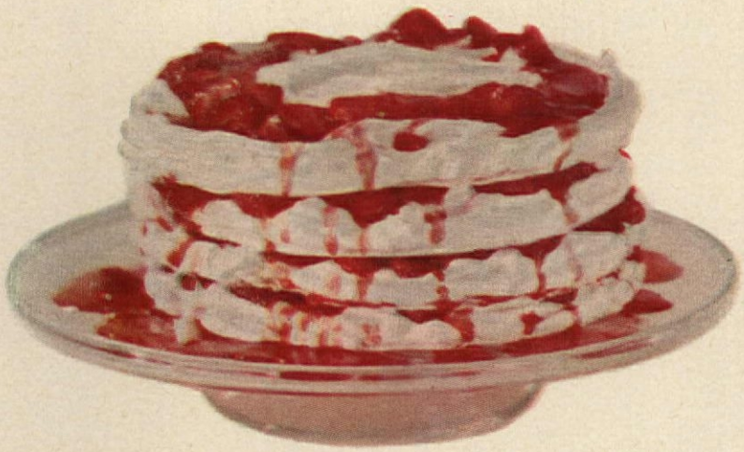
BRICKS are as versatile for steps as for paths. If used as here, their straight-line effect is softened by the growth of junipers, cotoneasters or other low-spreading shrubs.

COLORED SLATE, set in concrete, is both practical and attractive, whether used in curves or in straight lines—about midway between the strictly formal and informal. This walk is at the Long Island home of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Weiss, landscaped by Dalsimer, Inc.



CUSTOM-DESIGN CONCRETE STEPS or paving stones are easy to make and can provide greater distinctiveness than standard materials. Leaf-shape steps like these, at the California home of Mrs. Paul S. Nelson, can be made with plywood or sheet-aluminum forms as shown at left. Pebbled centers are made by brushing partly set sand-and-gravel concrete or by pressing pebbles into sand-mix cement.

SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPERS



Good Food and Good Times
When Good Friends Get Together
on Saturday Night!

Getting together with friends on a Saturday night is a wonderful old American institution! How it got started no one seems to know, although there are a variety of reasons as to why Saturday is so special. For the working wife, Saturday means leisurely preparation without the last-minute hustle and bustle, while for others, a "big" Saturday night can be followed by a delightful Sunday sleep. And anyway, who wants to spend Saturday night alone?

When it's your turn to entertain, you'll find this job can be made a lot simpler if your menu is made up of dishes that can be prepared in advance. Saturday-night supper can be ready long before you have flashed on the outdoor light to greet your guests as their cars turn into the driveway.

There are always favorite foods for these friendly get-togethers. On a cool wintry night, casserole dishes are always well received. From these, guests can help themselves and either gather around in groups as they please for buffet-style dining, or settle down at a big table. Or you can try a green-peas-and-sliced-water-chestnut combination bound together with a creamy mushroom sauce, rich and savory. A full-bodied exotic dish like this can be served with a cold roast or fowl, and dessert. Other universal favorites always enjoyed by everyone include TONGUE NOODLE SUPREME; WHOLE STUFFED CABBAGES; LAMB WITH BEANS, SPANISH STYLE. Recipes for these can be found on pages 55 and 56 in this issue.

As the winter Saturday nights move on to springtime, the dining area moves out of doors. This is the time to enlist the aid of your portable electric servants, the invaluable electric fry pan, helpful hot plates, warmers and chafing dishes. Our INDIAN CHICKEN CURRY recipe served with a tossed salad and a MERINGUE BERRY TORTE is a sure formula for a successful supper party. On a hot night, there are few menus as delightful as refreshingly cool potato salad, crisp cole slaw, vine-ripened sliced tomatoes, perhaps a warm pot of Boston baked beans and frankfurters.

Do you plan a delicious supper with a treat from the charcoal grill? Then consider a succulent, barbecued chicken or a thick, juicy steak, served with fresh-from-the-field corn roasted in the husk. But first, offer your guests a cheese fondue just waiting for "dunking" in a bubbling chafing dish. A wonderful treat while they await the major feast.

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EASY-TO-MAKE

Ice Cream Molds

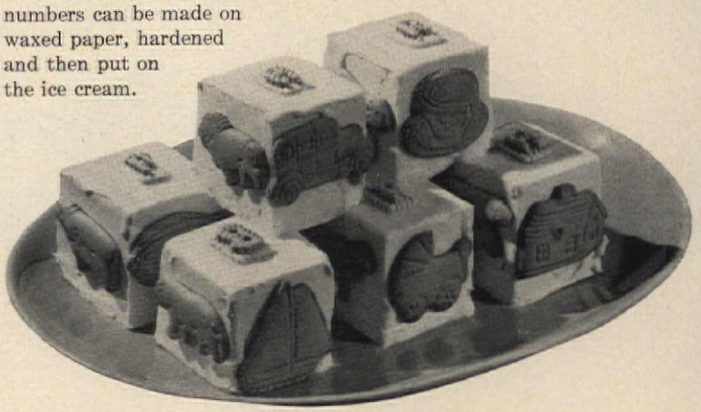
Surprise your youngsters by serving one of these fancy shapes of ice cream at their next party. You'll be surprised at how easy they are to make and the shouts of delight will more than pay you for your effort.

It takes only a few minutes to prepare any one of these molds but we suggest that you make them the day before the party so they can be put into the freezer again to become very hard. The kiddies will want to look before they start to eat.

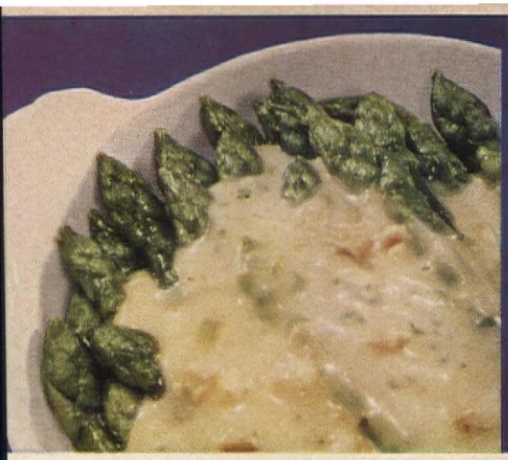
BASEBALLS for a little leaguer's party are rounded scoops of vanilla ice cream with melted bittersweet chocolate marking the stitching lines. The fielder's glove holding the dish is a take-home present that'll remind the kids of your clever work.

A HOUSE, big enough for six, is built from two bricks of ice cream. Cut one diagonally in half; stack one half on top of whole brick. Lines drawn with fork mark shingles; cookies strategically placed make windows, doors and chimney. The lawn is green coconut. (To color coconut see tip, page 55.)

BUILDING BLOCKS to please the younger set are easily made by cutting a brick of ice cream into cubes about two inches square. Decorate them with animal crackers, toy cookies and candy letters. For smaller blocks, frosting or chocolate letters and numbers can be made on waxed paper, hardened and then put on the ice cream.

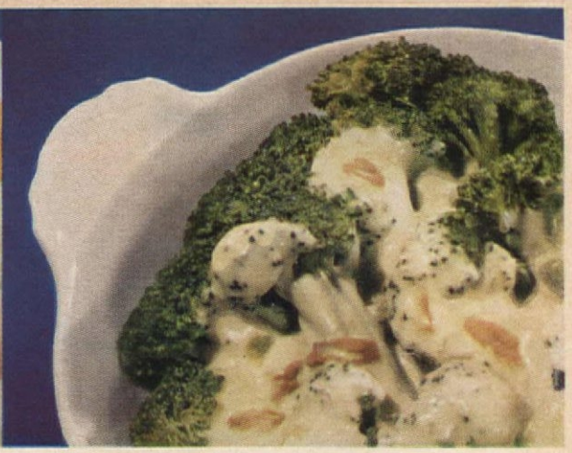


INDIAN TEPEES are constructed by molding softened ice cream in cone-shaped paper cups purchased from a druggist. Pieces of graham cracker make the doors, toothpicks become poles, and green coconut is grass. THE END



Sauce Poulette. Cook 2 tbsp. minced onion in 2 tbsp. butter until tender. Blend in 1 can Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup, ⅓ cup milk, 2 tbsp. chopped parsley, 1 to 2 tsp. lemon juice, and 1 tbsp. sherry (optional). Heat slowly. Pour over 4 to 6 servings asparagus, peas, lima beans.

Cheese Sauce. Combine 1 can Campbell's Cream of Celery Soup with ⅓ cup milk, ½ cup shredded cheese (or a 3-oz. package softened chive cream cheese). Heat, stirring often. Ever so good over carrots, cauliflower, onions, potatoes, broccoli. Makes 1⅔ cups—for 4 to 6 servings.



Mock Hollandaise. A gourmet's delight—smooth, creamy, delicious! Blend 1 can Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup with ¼ cup mayonnaise and 1 tbsp. lemon juice. Heat, but do not boil. Serve over cooked broccoli, carrots, asparagus. Makes 1½ cups sauce—enough for 4 to 6 servings.

Gourmet ways to sauce a vegetable!

Sauce Amandine. A souper-elegant way to sauce your favorite vegetable! Cook ¼ cup chopped blanched almonds (or salted cashews) in 2 tbsp. butter until lightly browned. Blend in 1 can Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup, ⅓ cup water, and 1 tbsp. minced onion. Heat slowly. Pour over cooked green beans or asparagus. Makes about 1⅔ cups sauce—enough for 4 to 6 servings of vegetables.

Good cooks cook with *Campbell's Soups*

From friends
and descendants
of Waldenses
these recipes for

Good Victuals

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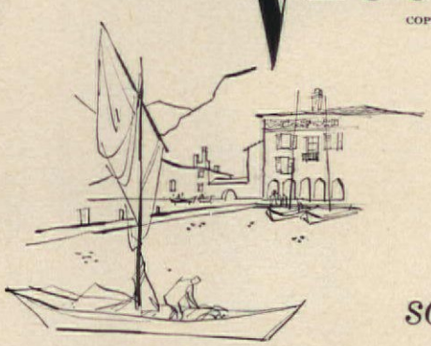
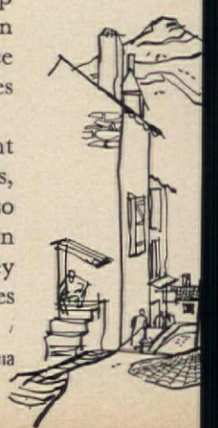


some of which
have never been printed
but passed from
mother to daughter
for many generations

JEAN AUSTIN

● ". . . and to record for future generations the favorite Waldensian family recipes." So reads the dedication in the little cookbook*. My interest piqued, I just had to find out "who" are the Waldenses; and discovered they are a Protestant denomination of medieval origin; that Oliver Cromwell protested their religious persecutions; that Pope Alexander III blessed their lives but forbade their preaching; that Milton wrote a famous poem on the Waldenses; and that a group of them emigrated to and settled in Valdese, North Carolina—from whence came the little cookbook and the recipes herewith.

Now, knowing that their permanent communities were in the Cottian Alps, near Turin, it is understandable why so many of the recipes reflect North Italian cookery, and some, the French, for they originated in Lyons. Curiously, the recipes



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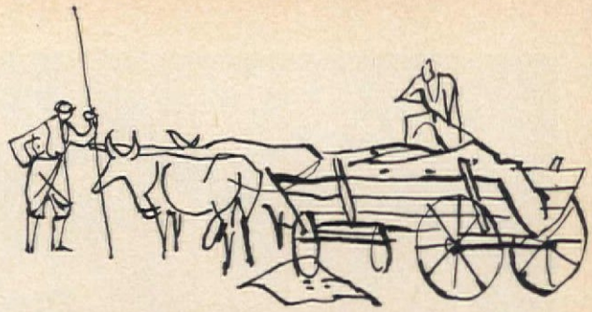

NELLE HERN'S POTATO SALAD (above), hearty and delicious, flavored with beets and eggs.

PUMPKIN CHIFFON PIE (right) with uniquely different taste—and a delightful fragrance.

JUNE ANGEL'S PRUNE CAKE (below), with a delicious buttermilk frosting.

BARBECUED FISH, GARROU STYLE (below right), first marinated, then barbecued over charcoal.

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reflect little, if any, native Carolinian influence, although all contributors, while direct descendants of Italian-born Waldenses, are themselves North or South Carolina-born.

Their recipes are as intriguing as their history. There is a pumpkin chiffon pie, light as a feather but different from any I ever ate—and testing it here on the staff, not one person was able to trace the slightly different taste and the faint, delightful fragrance to its unusual extra ingredients. Besides the usual pumpkin and spices, there are mashed bananas, brown sugar and orange rind added! There is a marinade for fish to loll in before they're barbecued over a low charcoal fire—a mixture of oil and vinegar and herbs, of soy sauce and of sherry. . . . And then a dark, moist cake of rich plump prunes chopped up with nuts and spices and, while still hot, a luscious, sticky buttermilk frosting poured over. . . . A chicken salad with pineapple and orange slices, toasted almonds and orange juice to make a good chicken salad even better than good.

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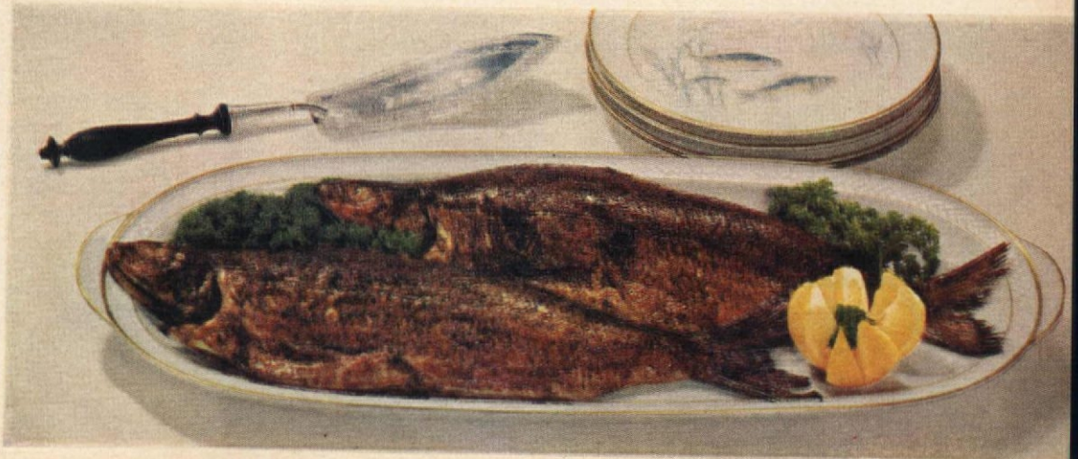

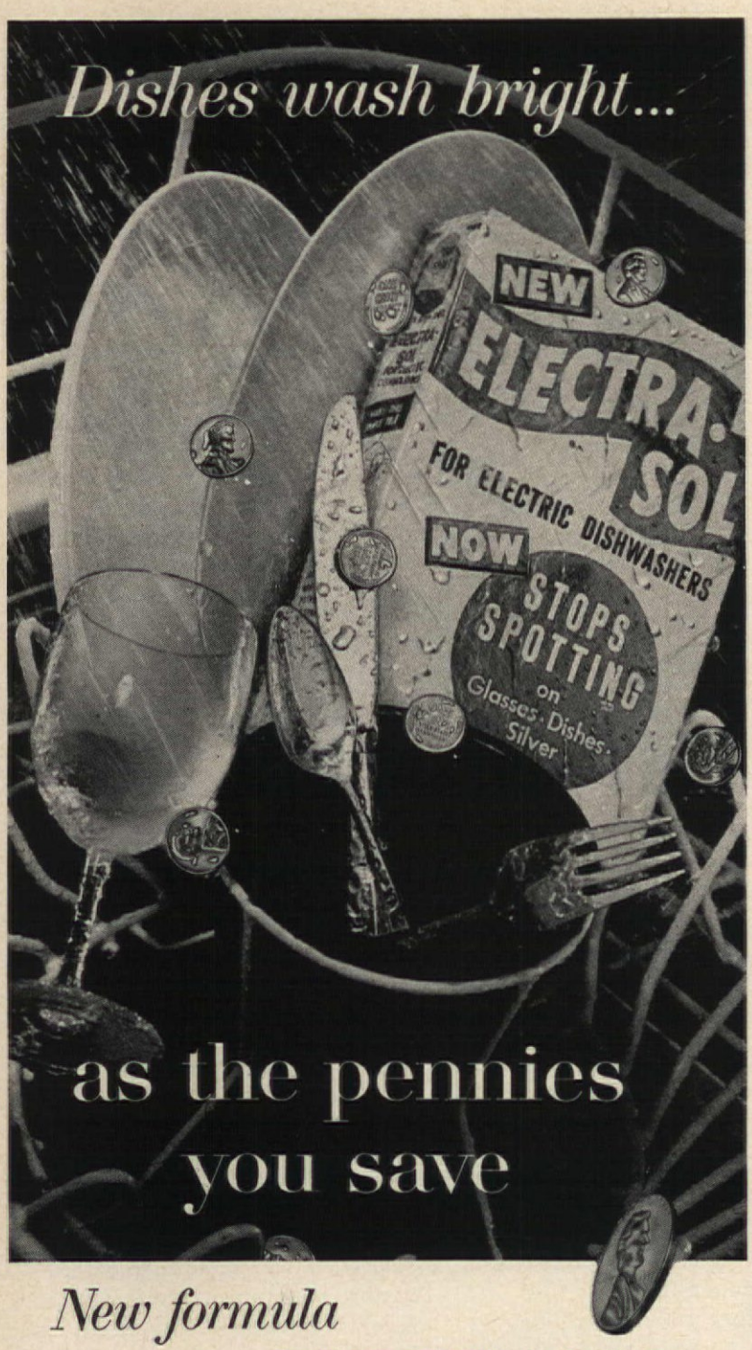

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The Waldenses serve them in cream puffs but I found the salad quite superb without this gilding, and suggest you eat great hot popovers or teeny little hot baking-powder biscuits with your salad. . . . A stanch potato salad with beets and eggs that must have fortified their forebears in the Alps, feeds well the lean and hungry buffet-eers here. . . . Many the good things I did read in this little book of family recipes, including a wine fruitcake so much like mine (which came from Williamsburg, Va.) it did not bear repeating. And so, instead, to make a round full number, a recipe for plums—spiced, put up in wine, when plums are ripe for storing—to stash away for the meal of game or rich, sweet pork which needs a bit of tart spiced plum to aid and to abet digestion.

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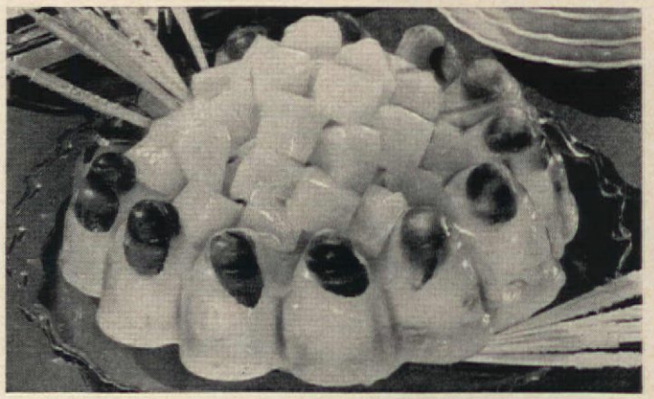
THOSE OF YOU WHO LIKE CHILI CON CARNE will go for the new chili soup with beans. It's a hearty meal-in-a-bowl combining red beans and beef in



a rich broth of tomatoes and spices. ANOTHER NEW MINUTE MEAL, ready in just the minute or two it takes to heat, is beans and franks. It comes in the individual size and the larger 15¼ oz. cans. Beans and franks, placed in a wide-mouthed thermos is ideal for your child's school day luncheon, or for Dad, if he totes his own lunch. AND FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TOMATO JUICE, try the new concentrated variety, it needs no refrigeration. The contents of the 6¼ ounce can may quickly be turned into juice by adding 3 cans of water. A TASTY NEW CHOCOLATE FLAVORED CORN CEREAL has been added to the cereal family. Children are delighted, and grownups, too. Adults find them just great, we've discovered, for nibbling! ANGEL FOOD MIX in a new strawberry version comes straight from the strawberry patch to add variety to the food-mix market.

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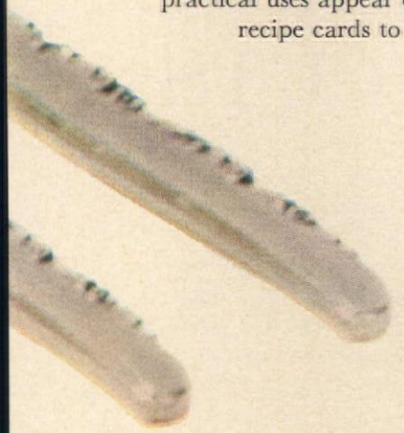
JUNE M. TOWNE

MEAT LOAF WITH OVEN-BROWNED POTATOES (above) prepared with French fries. Brown the potatoes in the drippings of a tasty meat loaf (see recipe p. 54) or a rich roast. That's the oven method, easier than top-of-range preparation, for creating a piping-hot potato treat!

TRY FRENCH FRIES WITH CHICKEN À LA KING (right). French fries lend a new interest to this popular dish when substituted for the usual toast points or patty shells. Although we give you a chicken recipe, you can save time by using both products frozen.

An exciting new way of using frozen French-fried potatoes removes them from the "meat-and-French-fries" culinary rut. For example, use them as a short cut in recipes calling for raw potatoes. Additional economical and practical uses appear on these pages and on the recipe cards to be found on pages 51–54.



HOT DUTCH POTATO SALAD (above right), or any potato salad for that matter, can be more easily made with expertly peeled and cut, frozen French fries. Drop them in boiling water, cover and let stand for five minutes. **POTATO-AND-LEEK SOUP** (right), or vichyssoise need not be a time-consuming, complicated process. You can make these delicious soups in mere minutes when you start with frozen French fries.

O'BRIEN POTATOES WITH SCRAMBLED EGGS (right), or country fried, are two more recipes utilizing frozen French fries. Versatile, tasty and easy to prepare, these frozen potatoes dispense with the need for washing and peeling, as well as cutting down on cooking time. Well-stocked freezers are apt to house several packages of the potatoes that save time and preparation and (in the case of unexpected mealtime guests) may very well "save the day"!

THE EASY PART OF POTATOES AU GRATIN recipe (right) you can do—while frozen French fries do the hard part. Or, you can also turn this dish into a casserole meal by adding hamburger steak, or slivers of ham, thereby producing a luscious blending of unforgettable, delicious flavors designed to please the palate and delight the diner! There is, apparently, no end to the number of ways you can use French fries. We're sure you'll want to try other tempting dishes . . . now we've got you started!

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What festive sweets prunes can be when you begin with this quality!

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⅛ teaspoon salt

Cover DEL MONTE Prunes with boiling water and boil gently 5 minutes. Drain and pit while still warm. Beat cheese with a fork until softened; gradually beat in sugar, salt. Divide into 3 parts. To first part, add 2 drops lemon or orange extract, 1 drop yellow food coloring. To second, 2 drops peppermint extract, 1 drop green food coloring. To third, 2 drops almond extract, 1 drop red food coloring. Fill prunes; garnish with pieces of preserved ginger, bits of green gumdrops, crunchy walnuts and coconut, as shown.

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KITCHEN SHORT CUTS

There are two kinds of cooks, those who have fun cooking and those who cook as a matter of routine. If you watch the woman who gets real pleasure from cooking, you'll find she's inventive, experimental, and knows a lot of good-sense short cuts that are timesavers and work-savers. Why not join the group that likes to cook by trying these tips for greater cooking enjoyment?

You don't have to end up with hard-to-wash dishes when you finish flouring chicken or sugaring doughnuts. Instead, shake the food and coating together in a paper bag, then discard the bag.

A weekly fish dish can be a gourmet experience if you try a new slant each week. For example, roll up those fillets, then stuff them with bread crumbs and crab meat. Or bake the fillets first, then top them with a luscious cheese sauce sprinkled liberally with almonds.

Have you served honey recently? When you do, first put a bit of butter on the honey spoon. Honey will then easily slip off the spoon in a neat portion, rather than drip all about.

Children just love cookies. The joke about the child caught raiding the cooky jar is a classic example. Here's our cooky-making short cut. Instead of baking several sheets of drop cookies, eliminate time-consuming aspects by pouring drop-cooky batter into a greased, rectangular pan and baking as a bar cooky. When completed, top with frosting, then cut quickly and easily while still warm.

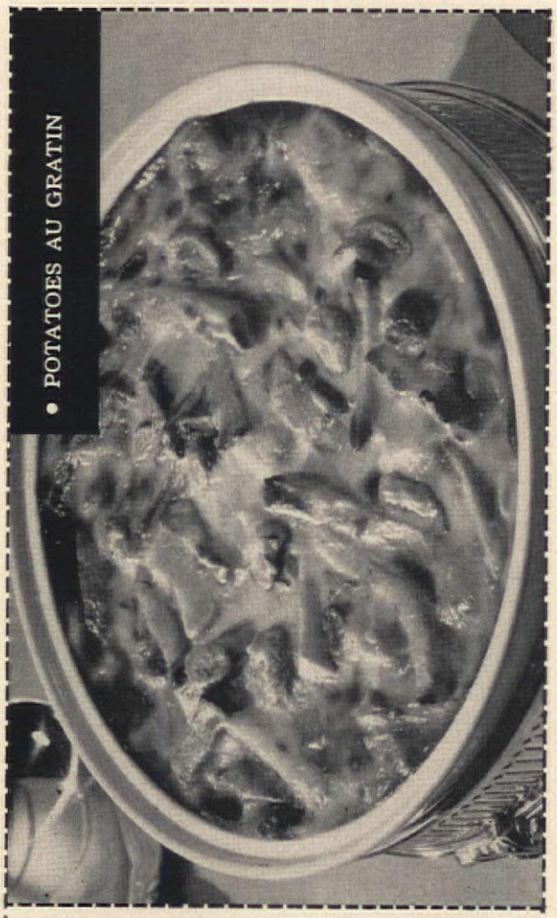
For unusual cake decoration, frost the top of the cake with a smooth confectioner's-sugar frosting. "Paint" flowers or greeting on frosting, using condensed milk tinted with food coloring as "paint."

Remember that color adds a cheerful touch to mealtime. A little chopped parsley topping boiled potatoes or vegetables makes the food more appealing. Bits of chopped pimento or sliced olives will add a cheerful accent to creamed dishes or casseroles.

INFORMATION: MIRIAM B. RANDLES, HELEN HOUSTON BOILEAU

Take a Package of Frozen French Fries

(pictured in color on page 49)



• POTATOES AU GRATIN

• POTATOES AND LEEK SOUP

Preparation time: 10 min.

1 pkg. (9 oz.) frozen French-fried potatoes
2 tbs. sliced leeks
1 chicken bouillon cube
½ tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
1 c. boiling water
2 c. milk
2 tbs. chopped parsley

• Add frozen French-fried potatoes, leeks, bouillon cube, salt and pepper to boiling water in saucepan; cover and simmer 3-5 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Add milk. Pour mixture into electric blender container and beat just a few seconds. Return to saucepan; add parsley and heat thoroughly.

VICHYSSOISE: Chill soup and substitute cream for 1 cup milk, serve with chopped chives.

Serves 4 — *280 cal. per serving* — *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

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Bring to a boil; then let your Soup-Kettle Supper simmer until the vegetables are just tender and there!—within minutes—delicious Soup-Kettle Supper is ready for your family...warming, robust, stick-to-the-ribs! Serve Minute Rice's Soup-Kettle Supper soon! Makes 1 quart.

Tested Recipe from General Foods Kitchens

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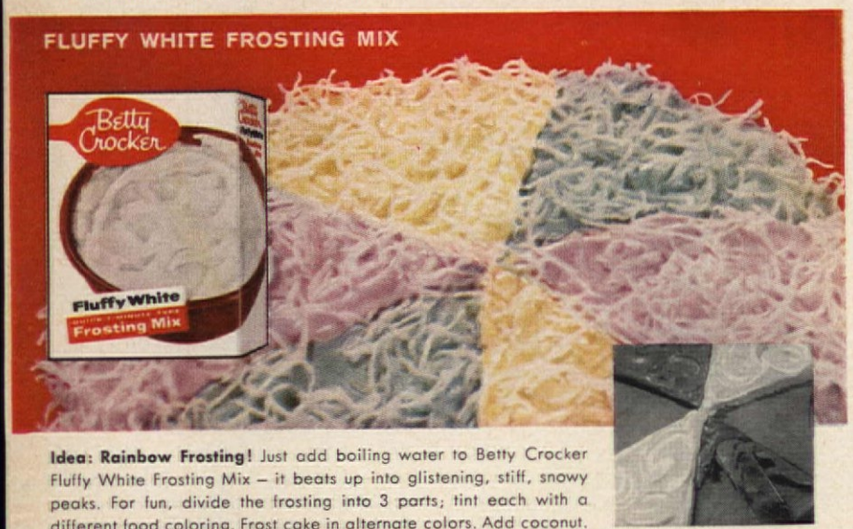
PEANUT CREME FROSTING MIX

Idea: Magic Web Frosting! Frost your cake with smooth Betty Crocker Peanut Creme Frosting Mix, made with real peanut butter! Melt 1 sq. (1 oz.) unsweetened chocolate. Dip knife in chocolate. Mark circles on top of cake. Draw knife from center of cake for web.

FLUFFY WHITE FROSTING MIX



Idea: Rainbow Frosting! Just add boiling water to Betty Crocker Fluffy White Frosting Mix – it beats up into glistening, stiff, snowy peaks. For fun, divide the frosting into 3 parts; tint each with a different food coloring. Frost cake in alternate colors. Add coconut.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE FROSTING MIX

Idea: Calico Fudge Frosting! Betty Crocker Chocolate Fudge Frosting Mix costs less than starting from scratch—makes lickin' good cooked fudge frosting with no cooking. Idea: Mark top of cake in squares with tines of fork; decorate squares with candies.

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Take a Package of Frozen French Fries

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• POTATOES AU GRATIN

Preparation time: 20 min.
Baking time: 25-30 min.

- 1½ tbs. butter or margarine
- 1 tbs. flour
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. caraway seeds
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- ¼ tsp. paprika
- 1 c. milk
- 1 c. grated cheddar cheese
- 1 tsp. grated onion
- 1 pkg. (9 oz.) frozen French-fried potatoes
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen Fordhook Lima beans
- 1 can (4 oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained

● Melt butter in saucepan; blend in flour and seasonings. Gradually add milk; cook and stir over medium heat until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Add grated cheese and stir until completely melted. Add remaining ingredients, mixing well. Turn into a 1½ qt. casserole. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 25-30 minutes or until top is well browned.

MEAL IN ONE CASSEROLE: Add diced cooked ham or sausage to above recipe.

Serves 6 *300 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

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• POTATOES AND LEEK SOUP

• O'BRIEN POTATOES AND SCRAMBLED EGGS

Preparation time: 20 min.

3 tbs. butter, margarine or shortening
1 med. onion, sliced
2 tbs. chopped green pepper
2 pkgs. (9 oz.) frozen French-fried potatoes
2 tbs. chopped pimiento
Salt and pepper to taste

• Melt butter or other shortening in large skillet; add onion slices, green pepper, and frozen French-fried potatoes and sauté until potatoes are well browned. Add chopped pimiento, salt and pepper. Serve as an accompaniment to scrambled eggs.

COUNTRY FRIED POTATOES: Omit green pepper and pimiento.

Serves 6 *400 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

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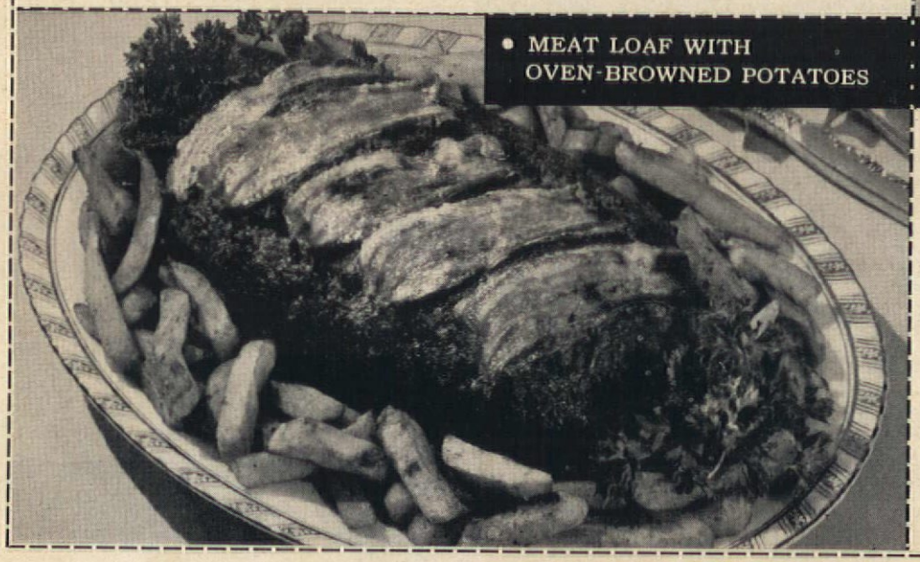
• FRENCH FRIES WITH CHICKEN À LA KING

FOR "ROPE EDGE" PIE SHELL, make a heavy edge around pie-plate rim. Mark crust with toothpick and then pinch pastry between forefinger and thumb at each marking.



• MEAT LOAF WITH OVEN-BROWNED POTATOES

• HOT DUTCH POTATO SALAD

Preparation time: 20 min.

2 pkgs. (9 oz.) frozen French-fried potatoes
1 qt. boiling water
2 slices bacon, diced
4 tbs. bacon fat
¼ c. minced onion
6 tbs. vinegar
6 tbs. water
1 tbs. sugar
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 hard-cooked egg, sliced

• Add frozen French-fried potatoes to boiling water in saucepan; cover; remove from heat and let stand about 5 minutes. Drain well. Fry bacon in skillet; remove bacon and set aside. Then sauté onions in bacon fat until tender but not browned. Add vinegar, water, sugar, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil and simmer 2–3minutes. Combine potatoes, cooked bacon and sliced egg in serving bowl, pour on hot dressing and serve at once.

MAYONNAISE POTATO SALAD: Prepare potatoes as above. When cool, add mayonnaise and the seasonings your taste requires.

Serves 6 *325 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

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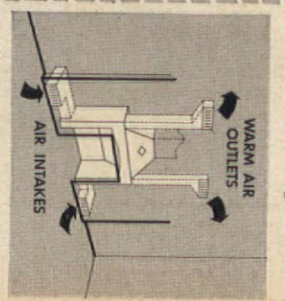

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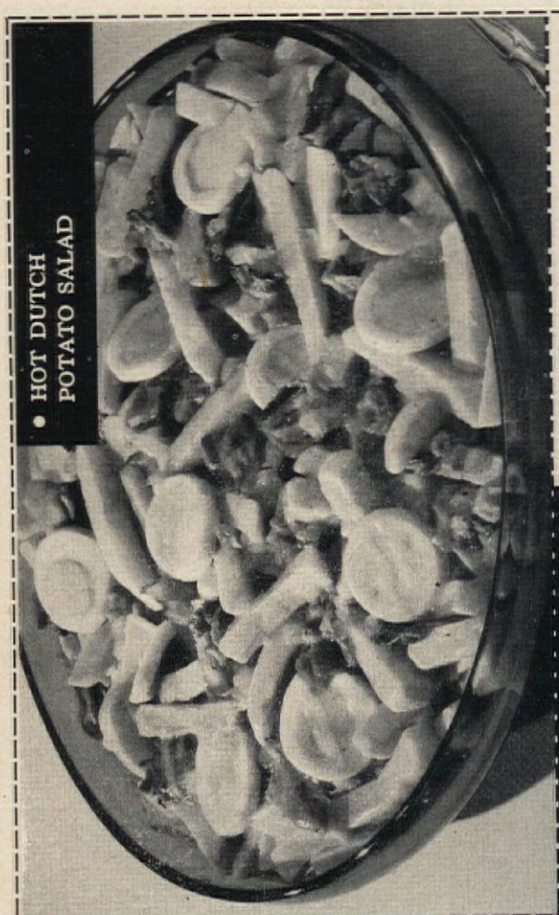

• HOT DUTCH POTATO SALAD

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

2 pkgs. (9 oz.) frozen French-fried potatoes
3 tbs. butter or margarine
4 tbs. flour
½ tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
1 c. milk
1 c. chicken stock
¼ c. light cream
1 can (4 oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained
2 c. diced cooked chicken
1 c. cooked peas
3 tbs. chopped pimiento

• Prepare frozen French-fried potatoes according to package directions for oven browning.

Melt butter or margarine in saucepan; blend in flour, salt and pepper. Gradually add liquids; cook and stir over medium heat until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Add remaining ingredients and heat thoroughly. Serve over French-fried potatoes.

CREAMED SEAFOOD: Substitute tuna, shrimp, or other seafood for chicken. Use water instead of chicken stock.

Serves 6-8 *440 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

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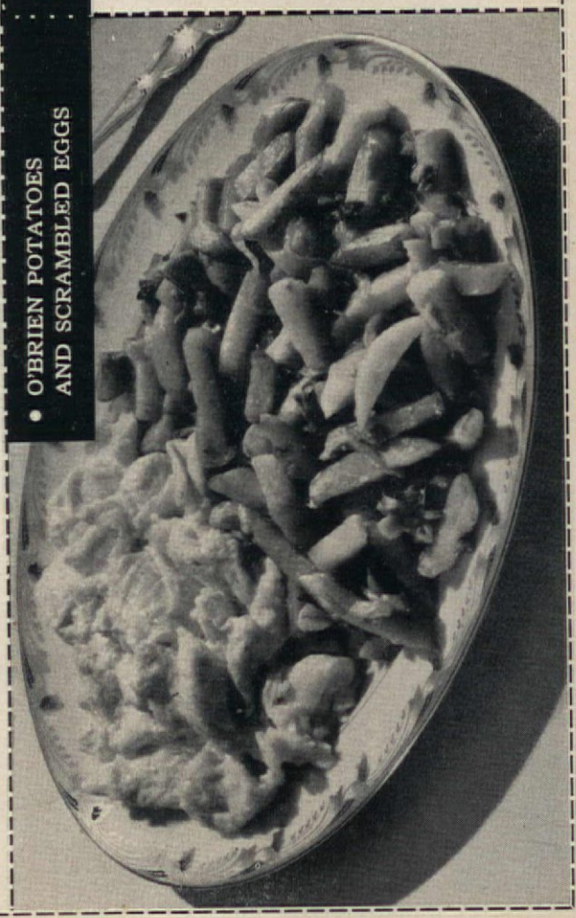
• FRENCH FRIES WITH CHICKEN À LA KING

• O'BRIEN POTATOES AND SCRAMBLED EGGS



• MEAT LOAF WITH OVEN-BROWNED POTATOES

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: 1½ hrs.

1 egg, slightly beaten
¼ c. milk
½ c. catsup
2 lbs. ground beef
½ c. bread crumbs
2 tbs. minced onion
2 tbs. minced green pepper
2 tsp. dry mustard
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
2 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
2 slices bacon
2 pkgs. (9 oz.) frozen French-fried potatoes

• Combine egg, milk and catsup in bowl; add beef, bread crumbs, onion, green pepper and seasonings; blend well. Shape into a loaf and place in shallow baking pan. Arrange strips of bacon, cut in half, on top. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour. Remove meat from oven and raise oven temperature to 450° F. Spread frozen French-fried potatoes in shallow baking pan; add 3-4 tablespoons of drippings from meat loaf; mix lightly to coat potatoes evenly. Bake 15-20 minutes, or until well browned.

ROAST BEEF WITH OVEN-BROWNED POTATOES: Use drippings from beef and prepare potatoes as above.

Serves 8 *445 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

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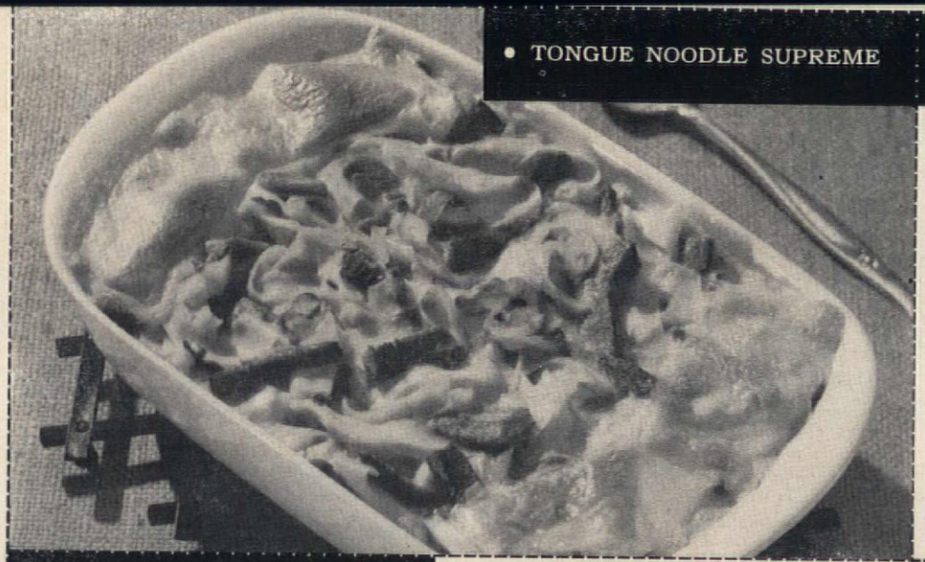

• TONGUE NOODLE SUPREME

• WHOLE STUFFED CABBAGE

Preparation time: 30 min.
Baking time: 1½–2 hrs.

2 small heads cabbage (about 2 lbs. each)
¾ lb. ground beef
¼ lb. ground pork
1 c. canned tomatoes
½ c. cooked rice
2 tbs. instant minced onion
1 tbs. vinegar
1 tbs. sugar
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper

• Trim off outside leaves of cabbages. Cut a wedge out of each at the stem end, removing core and forming a good-sized cavity. Combine remaining ingredients and fill each cavity; place one large outside leaf over top. Place in deep baking dish with ½ cup water; cover and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 1½–2 hours, or until cabbage is tender.

Serves 6–8 *315 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

***Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**

• CHICKEN CURRY

Preparation time: 30 min.
Cooking time: 1½ hrs.

5 lbs. stewing chicken, cut in pieces
1 medium onion, quartered
½ tsp. whole coriander seeds
1 tsp. salt
4 tbs. butter or margarine
½ c. chopped onion
4 tbs. flour
1 tbs. curry powder
⅛ tsp. cinnamon
⅛ tsp. ginger
3 c. chicken stock
¼ c. chopped parsley
4 c. hot cooked rice

• Place chicken in large saucepan with water to cover; add quartered onion, coriander seeds and salt; cover and simmer 1–1½ hours, or until chicken is tender. Strain off chicken stock and set aside. Cool chicken slightly; remove meat from bones and dice. Melt butter in saucepan, add chopped onion and sauté until tender. Blend in flour, curry, cinnamon and ginger; gradually add chicken stock. Cook and stir over medium heat, until sauce is thickened. Add diced chicken and heat. Add parsley to rice, tossing together lightly. Serve the curried chicken over parsley rice with the following accompaniments: slivered candied ginger, flaked coconut, chopped peanuts, chutney and chopped hard-cooked egg.

Serves 6–8 *360 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B*

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• MERINGUE BERRY TORTE

TO COLOR COCONUT for cake or cookie decoration, put a few drops of liquid vegetable coloring, two tablespoons of water and coconut in covered container. Shake vigorously, remove and dry on paper toweling. Add ½ teaspoon of extract for added flavor.

• LUNCH BOX SANDWICHES

• LAMB WITH BEANS—SPANISH STYLE

Preparation time: 1–1½ hrs.
Baking time: 30 min.

1 c. dried navy beans
4 slices bacon
½ c. chopped onion
1 lb. lamb, cut in cubes
2 tbs. vegetable oil
2 c. water
1 c. tomato puree
1 bay leaf
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
½ lb. sausage (Spanish or spicy Italian)

• Soak beans in water to cover overnight; drain. Cover again with water in saucepan, add bacon and simmer until beans are tender, about 1 hour. Drain, reserve bacon. Meanwhile, brown onion and lamb in oil, add remaining ingredients, cover and simmer about 1 hour, or until meat is tender. Add cooked beans and turn into a 1½ quart casserole; arrange cooked bacon on top. Bake in hot oven (375° F.) 30 minutes.

Serves 6–8 *525 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

Submitted by Elena Zelayeta

Family Food

(pictured in color on pages 40 and 41)

• LUNCH BOX SANDWICHES

Preparation time: 15 min.

CREAM CHEESE-RIPE OLIVE-NUT: Combine two 3 oz. packages cream cheese, 3 tbs. chopped ripe olives, 3 tbs. chopped nuts, 1 tsp. orange rind, ¼ tsp. salt and ¼ cup cream. Spread between slices of buttered white bread.

FRANKFURTER-PICKLE: Mix together 6 finely chopped frankfurters, ⅓ cup pickle relish, 2 tbs. prepared mustard, and ¼ cup chili sauce. Spread between split buttered frankfurter buns.

TUNA-EGG: Toss together lightly 4 chopped hard-cooked eggs, ½ tsp. prepared mustard, 2 tsp. lemon juice, 1 cup tuna fish, 1 tsp. grated onion, ½ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. celery salt, and ¼ cup salad dressing. Spread between slices of buttered whole-wheat bread.

Note: These sandwiches may be prepared ahead of time and frozen.

Yield: 6 sandwiches per recipe *About 400 cal. per sandwich* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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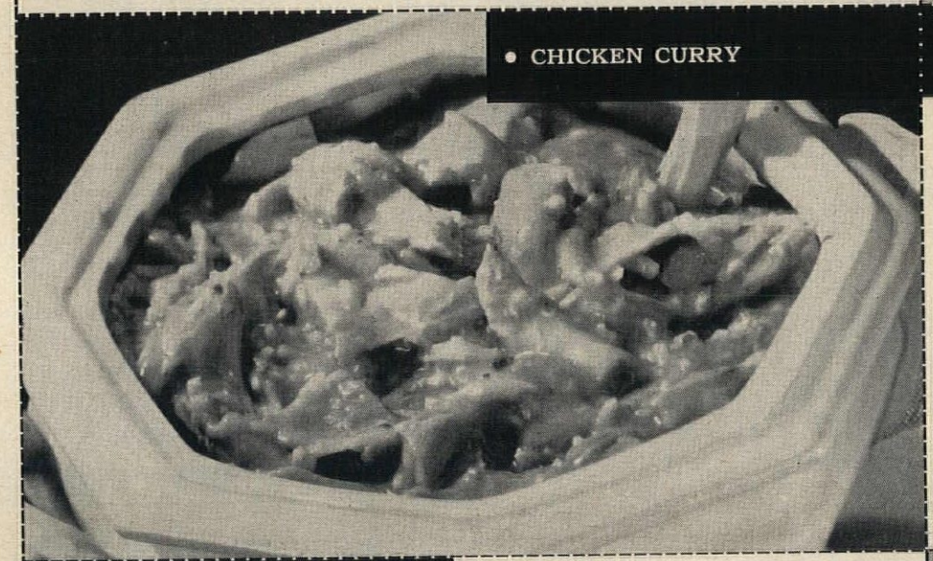
• LAMB WITH BEANS—SPANISH STYLE

• CHICKEN CURRY



• MERINGUE BERRY TORTE

Preparation time: 20 min.
Baking time: 1 hr.

1 pkg. (2 packets) meringue mix
2 pkgs. (10 oz.) frozen sliced strawberries
2 tbs. cornstarch
⅔ c. sugar
½ tsp. salt

• Prepare meringue mix, one packet at a time, according to package directions. Spread the meringue mixture made from the 2 packets on paper-covered baking sheets in four 8-inch circles. Bake in slow oven (275° F.) 1 hour. Turn off oven and allow meringues to dry for 1 hour. Thaw strawberries just to separate. Combine cornstarch, sugar and salt in saucepan; add strawberries. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a boil; boil about 3 minutes or until thickened and clear. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature. Stack the meringue layers with strawberry sauce between each layer and around the edges of top layer. To serve, cut in wedges and top with whipped cream, if desired.

Serves 8 *200 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

***Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**

ROLL A PERFECT CIRCLE OF PIE CRUST by easily reshaping it as you go. Patch cracks quickly and roll dough lightly, rolling the same number of strokes in each direction.

• TONGUE NOODLE SUPREME

Preparation time: 20 min.

2 tbs. butter or margarine
3 tbs. flour
½ tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
2½ c. beef stock (or use condensed beef bouillon and water)
1 can (4 oz.) sliced mushrooms
4 c. cooked noodles
3 c. cooked tongue, cut in julienne strips
1 tbs. horse-radish

• Melt butter or margarine in saucepan; blend in flour, salt, and pepper. Gradually add beef stock; cook and stir over medium heat until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Add mushrooms, noodles, tongue and horse-radish and heat together. If desired, mixture may be turned into baking dish. Top with strips of processed cheese and place under broiler 5–10 minutes to brown.

Serves 6–8 *235 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B*

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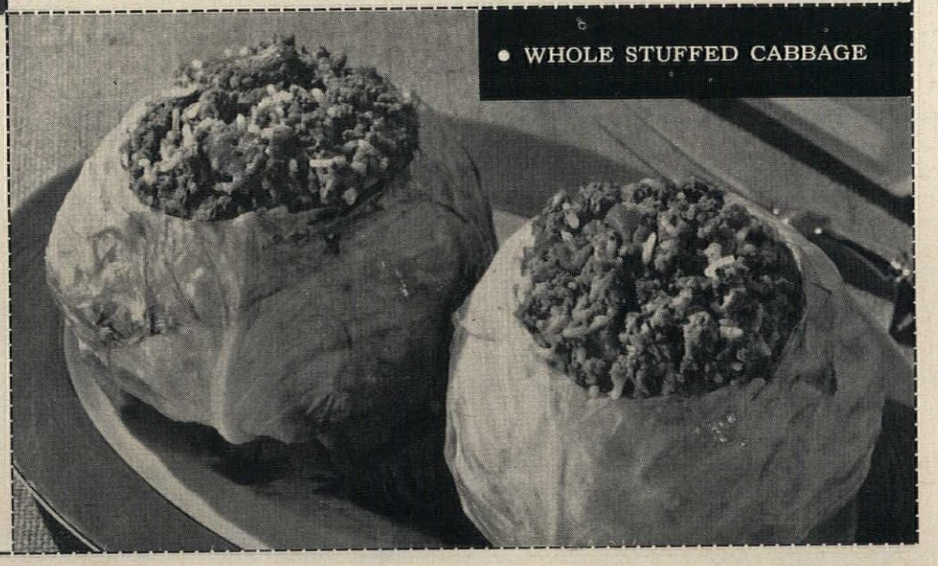
• WHOLE STUFFED CABBAGE



• BARBECUED FISH GARROU STYLE

• JUNE ANGEL'S PRUNE CAKE

3 eggs
1 cup vegetable oil
1½ cups sugar
1 teaspoon each: cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice
1 teaspoon soda
1 cup buttermilk
1 cup prunes, cooked, seeded, chopped
1 cup nuts
1 teaspoon vanilla

• Blend sugar and oil. Add eggs. Add dry ingredients alternately with the milk. Add vanilla, nuts and prunes. Pour into buttered pan. Bake at 300 degrees for 45 minutes. When brown, remove from stove and while still hot cover with following icing:

BUTTERMILK ICING

1 cup sugar
½ cup buttermilk
½ teaspoon soda
1 tablespoon white corn syrup
¼ cup butter
1 teaspoon vanilla

• Boil mixture until it forms a soft ball. Pour over hot cake without beating. (A low pyrex dish is recommended for baking this cake so that cake may be left in the pan until ready to be cut into blocks for serving).

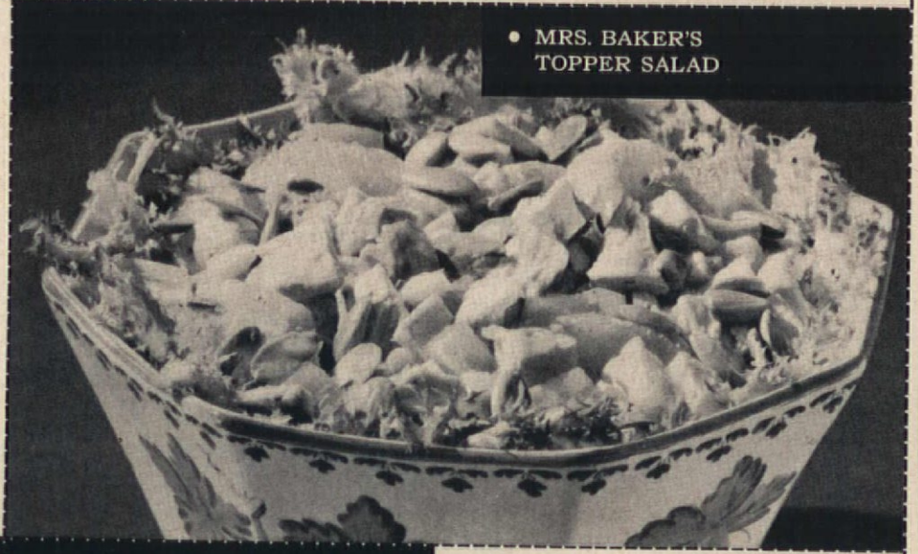
• SPICED PLUMS IN WINE

3 lbs. Italian Prune Plums
1 bottle red wine
1½ cups sugar
¾ cup cider vinegar
4 sticks cinnamon
1 tablespoon cloves

• Wash plums and remove stones. Place in an earthenware crock. Heat vinegar and sugar, stirring until sugar is dissolved, add wine and spices. Pour over plums. Cover and store in refrigerator or cool place. Plums will be ready to eat in about two weeks and will keep for months. Good with meat and poultry.

Recipe by Vera Bjorck

• MRS. BAKER'S TOPPER SALAD



SCRAMBLED EGGS come out light and fluffy if you cook the egg and milk combination over very low heat. As mixture starts setting, lift up portions with spoon and turn over to cook slowly.

Good Victuals

(pictured in color on page 45)

• MRS. CROWE'S CHIFFON PIE

• NELLE HERN'S POTATO SALAD

6 cooked potatoes, sliced, cold
¼ cup salad oil
1 head lettuce
½ teaspoon mustard
2 tablespoons vinegar
¼ cup cream
2 medium cooked beets cut in strips
2 egg yolks
salt and pepper
1 teaspoon sugar

• Potatoes should be cut into thin slices and beets into strips. Have lettuce washed and patted dry, then cut into long thin strips also. Mix all of these vegetables lightly in the salad bowl. Make dressing by adding salt, mustard and sugar to the egg yolks. While beating, add slowly the oil, vinegar and cream. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss lightly before serving.

Good Victuals

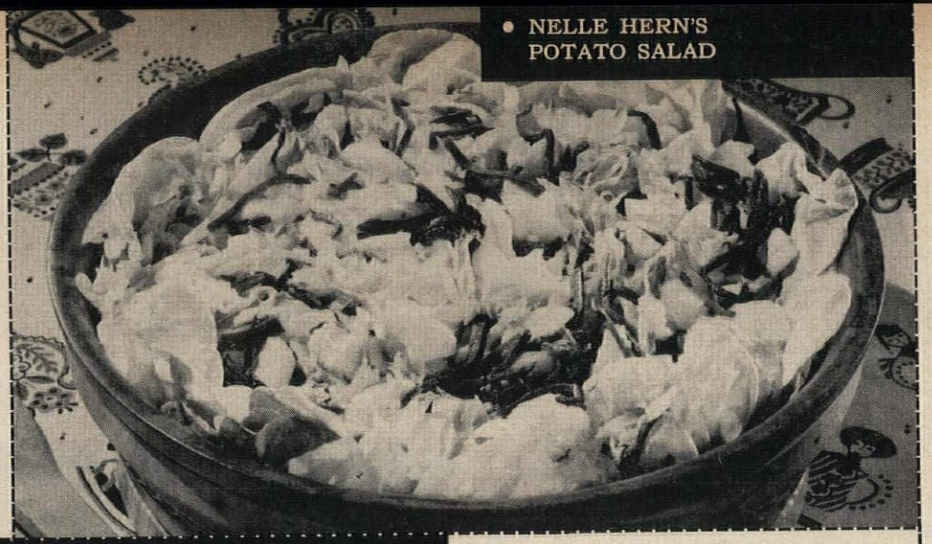
(pictured in color on pages 44 and 45)

• MRS. CROWE'S CHIFFON PIE

½ cup milk
1½ cups pumpkin
1 cup brown sugar
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon ginger
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
3 eggs, separated
1½ envelopes gelatine, plain
¼ cup water, cold
¼ cup bananas, mashed
¼ cup white sugar
1 cup heavy cream
½ teaspoon orange rind

• Heat milk in the top of double boiler with pumpkin, brown sugar, ginger, cinnamon and nutmeg. Separate eggs, beat yolks slightly. Add gradually some of the hot mixture to the egg yolks. Mix well and pour into balance of hot mixture. Continue cooking over boiling water until slightly thickened. That will be the spoon-coating stage. Stir constantly. Soften gelatine in cold water, add to the hot custard and stir until dissolved. Cool. Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold into pumpkin mixture, add the mashed bananas. Chill a little while but do not allow to set. Beat cream until stiff, add with care the orange rind and sugar. Fold this into the pumpkin mixture. Pour into baked pie crust. Chill until set. Serve garnished with whipped cream and walnut halves. Use your favorite pie crust recipe.

Mrs. Johnsie Crowe



• NELLE HERN'S POTATO SALAD

• SPICED PLUMS IN WINE

• MRS. BAKER'S TOPPER SALAD

(Fruit and almonds make this salad extra special)

3 cups diced cooked chicken
1 cup diced celery
1 cup orange sections
1 9-ounce can pineapple tidbits (1 cup drained)
½ cup chopped toasted almonds
2 tablespoons salad oil
2 tablespoons orange juice
2 tablespoons vinegar
½ teaspoon salt
dash marjoram
½ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing

• Combine chicken, celery, fruit and nuts. Blend oil, orange juice, vinegar and seasonings. Add to chicken mixture, let stand one hour. Drain. Add mayonnaise and toss lightly. Serve in cream puffs. Serves eight to ten.

Mrs. A. W. Baker

HOMEMADE MAYONNAISE can be successfully made if it is done slowly. The first oil should be added drop-by-drop, the final oil in a fine stream. Your mayonnaise will never curdle if you follow this method.

• BARBECUED FISH GARROU STYLE

• Use 1- to 2-pound fish, (preferably freshwater fish). Two hours prior to barbecuing marinate fish in sauce below until time for cooking. Place on grill over low charcoal fire and cook slowly for an hour to hour and a half. Turn sparingly and baste each time you turn with the same sauce used for marinating. (Care must be taken when turning or you will lose the skin of the fish.) Salt to taste.

MARINADE SAUCE FOR FISH

This makes enough sauce to marinate and baste 12 fish.

Combine the following ingredients:

1 cup olive oil
⅔ cup (or 5 large lemons) lemon juice
⅓ cup cooking sherry
9 dashes of Tabasco sauce
⅓ to ½ cup apple cider vinegar
2 large pinches of orégano
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons black pepper
2 teaspoons garlic powder
7 dashes soy sauce

Edward Garrou

• JUNE ANGEL'S PRUNE CAKE

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A CHANGE

THE COZY BARBECUING AREA is a real gathering place now for Stephen and his friends. It's close enough to the oven for auxiliary use and close by the eating area for piping-hot service . . . Before, this area housed the sink, range and refrigerator.

The original kitchen in the Francis F. Sanfords' lovely rambling home in Waccabuc, New York, was perfectly respectable. It had walls and windows, cabinets and counters, the usual sink, range and refrigerator and all the room in the world to move around in—even a pantry. Most women would have "let it be." But Kitchen Design Consultant Bette Sanford *isn't* most women. Bette knew that her big old-fashioned kitchen was a step-wasting, energy-wasting, space-wasting ogre. She'd rescued too many women from porcelain "prisons" to put up with one herself. From her world of experience came many ideas and they're all included in this remodeling: appliances that are timesaving and easy to use; stylish wallpaper that was treated with a special coating for performance and cleanability; honed slate for the island counter because it's easy to care for (rub it with lemon oil and seal it with a silicone preparation); laminated plastic counter tops for durability and attractiveness; cabinets carefully planned for special storage in specific areas. Note the bright-colored plastic panels here and there and the well-planned, well-designed lighting which highlights the scene as well as the little but all-important touches in Bette's décor.

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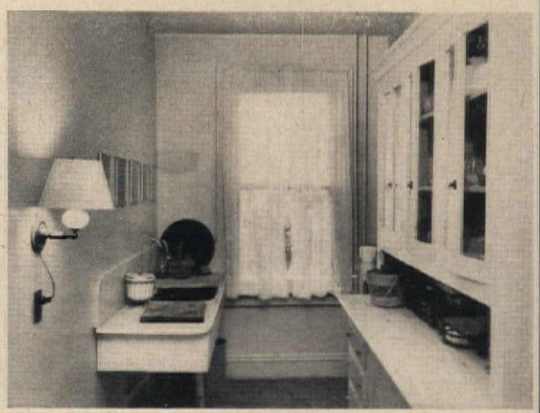
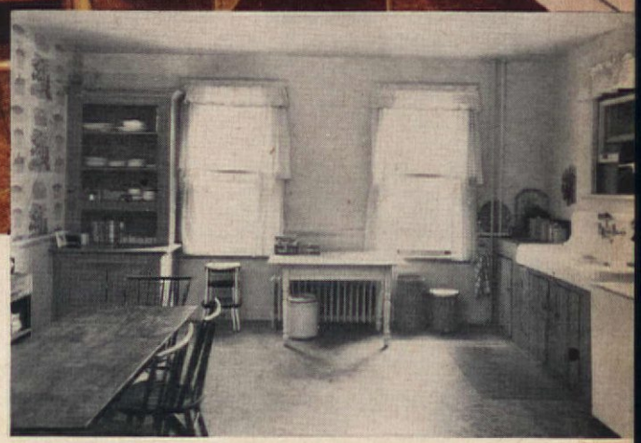
AS IT IS NOW: Bette liked the idea of a pantry . . . she wouldn't do away with it. But remodeling has given it an entirely new personality, as Dad and Stephen demonstrate. Note the plan desk and telephone.



AS IT WAS: The dark, dull and drab butler's pantry had built-in cabinets and sink but not enough cabinets and counter space. It was an utter waste of good space.

FOR THE BRIGHTER



AS IT IS NOW: (above) That handsome gleaming center island cuts the Sanfords' big kitchen down to working size. Convenient to refrigerator, oven and sink, it's the hub of all activity—cooking, serving and eating. **AS IT WAS:** (right) The old kitchen had plenty of space, but not much charm or consideration for mother and a big, busy family.

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CLEVERLY DESIGNED HOOD rids kitchen of all unpleasant cooking odors. The easy-to-reach filters and the top that comes down are child's play for Stephen, as he shows us here.

Now let's meet Bette and Sandy, her radio-and-TV-account executive husband, big sister Cathy, Boy Scout Stephen and cub Scout Tommy in their Mommy-designed kitchen on a typical busy Saturday. With Mother and Dad on the job all week and the kids off at school, Saturday is their day for getting together and getting things done. It starts off with breakfast—a real family affair, with everybody pitching in. The kids set the table, Tommy makes the orange juice, Stephen empties the trash, and both boys do the dishes and feed the dog. Chores for the children are a household rule—nobody wants Mother to "slave" all alone, even in this marvelous, modern work-saving dream of a kitchen. Luncheon

is a gay family picnic, with the Scouts in charge of the weenie roast. Such a busy kitchen! . . . but it makes light of work, for it's an organized kitchen. It's living proof that the "shoemaker's daughter really has shoes." Career woman Bette has created many a handsome kitchen for her clients, but nowhere is her gift for the winsome-and-workable more apparent than here. Thus, the Sanford kitchen grew into a Saturday and everyday joy for the whole family—it grew not only from an idea on a drawing board and a dream of Bette's, but out of plain good sense. As Bette knows, the key to an efficient and smooth-running household is the kitchen!

DISHWASHING IS A BREEZE with two boys and a dishwasher. With Stephen to load and Tommy to add the detergent, Bette never touches a dish—and never has a cluttered kitchen!

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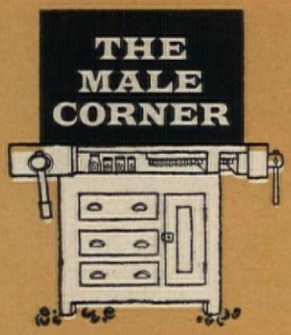

WINTER PROJECTS, PRODUCTS AND IDEAS

DESK DESIGNER: RODNEY H. COPELAND

This desk can put unused space to work for you in wasted corners of kitchen, workshop or den, or any room. Its construction is quite simple and you won't need any special tools or building know-how to turn out a handsome finished product. All ¾"-thick pieces are pine and the ½" pieces are plywood. By following the dimensioned construction drawings at the right, you can cut each piece to exact size and assemble with glue and nails. To get correct curvature of supporting brackets, draw curving line on 1"-square graph paper as shown at the far right. Smooth all surfaces with fine sandpaper before finishing with paint, stain or shellac. Size requirements for the two small drawers are as follows: front—¾x2x12⅞"; sides—½x2x7"; back—¼x1½x7⅛"; inside dimensions of drawer are—11⅜" wide by 6¼" deep. Sizes for the large drawer are: front—¾x5¼x26½"; sides—½x5¼x20½"; back—¼x4¾x25½"; inside dimensions of drawer are 25" wide by 19¾" deep. Four drawer guides for small drawers are ½x½x6¾". Two drawer guides for large drawer are ½x½x20¼".

SOAP SOLUTIONS: Make windows glide and drawers slide more easily by applying soap to rubbing edges. . . . Unscrew broken lamp bulb by pressing soap into broken end and turning left; turn off current first. . . . To protect windowpanes, hardware and trim when painting, coat them with soapsuds. When paint is dry, wipe up any spattered paint together with soap film. . . . Squeaking floor boards can be silenced by working moist soap between the cracks in the boards. . . . Soften new rope by soaking it in soapy water for five minutes before using.

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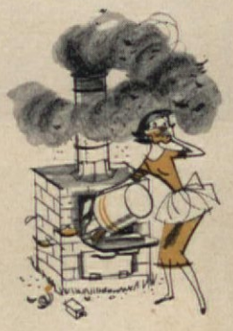

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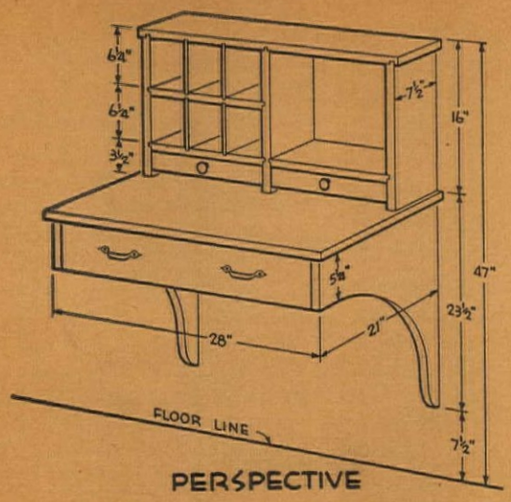

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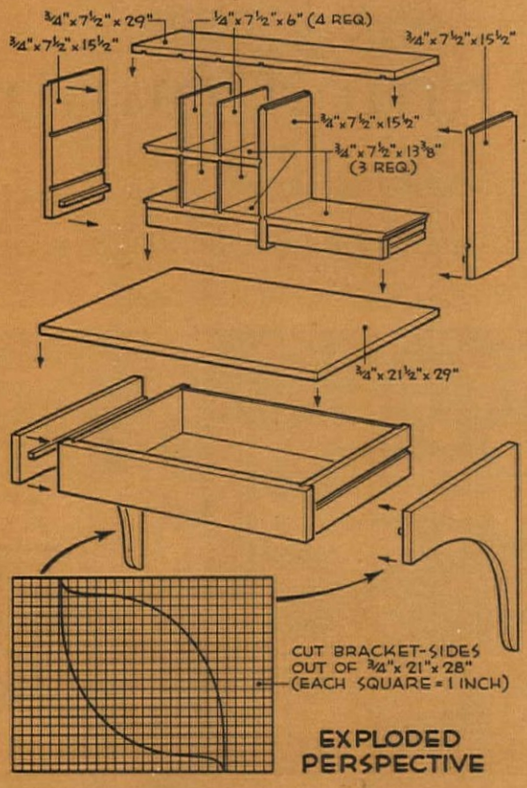

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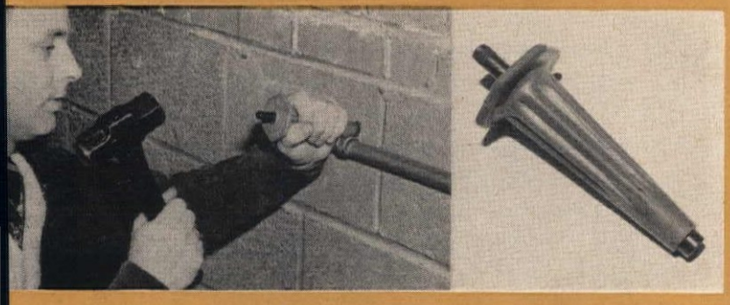

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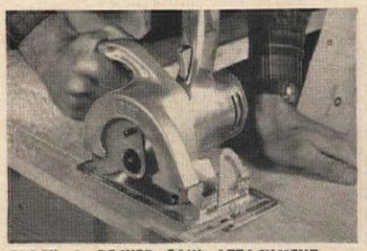

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● . . . Our family consists of two adopted baby girls, age 7 months and 3 months. Needless to say, we have had little time for yardwork this season. We find many things of interest in the Anchorage area and we are active in the community. I am secretary of the Susitna Girl Scout Council and my husband is just retiring from a two-year term as director of the Greater Anchorage Chamber of Commerce . . . We love the outdoors and in other years have spent the month of August (weekends) berry picking. We generally get an abundance of both low and highbush cranberries. My husband, who is a partner in a local CPA firm, is an ardent hunter and our freezer always is well stocked with moose, deer, wild birds and fish . . .

MRS. WILLIAM H. SCOTT, ANCHORAGE

● . . . Alaska beckoned to Hank and me back in our high school days (six years ago for me). And when we married immediately after graduation and Hank was sent to Elmendorf Air Force Base, our dream came true. I arrived here at age 17 with wedding rice still in my hair and a determination to make a home for us no matter what we lived in, which turned out to be a warm cottage on the outskirts of town. The following years brought frozen water pipes, our first taste of moose, our 2 healthy children, discharge from the Service, and the addition of 3 rooms—not to mention an increasing knowledge of plumbing (sink or swim), electrical wiring, weather-proofing, and anything else found in the book of homes and house-building. In short, plenty of hard work and wonderful experience we'll never forget.

Why tell you all this? Because that's one of the reasons we have grown to love it so up here. The nights I fell in bed so tired I couldn't sleep; the times Hank worked around the clock to give us more room have made us deeply appreciate our home—much more so than if we had stayed back East, bought a finished house, and settled down to a 20-year mortgage. Our place isn't finished, but it's paid for!

We find all and more of the cultural side of life here. "The Alaska Music Trail" founded by Max Shapiro and the Anchorage Festival of Music conducted by musicians such as Robert Shaw, Julius Herford, and Allen Lannom have brought many an enchanted evening to Alaskans. Art exhibitions are frequent, especially during the Fur Rendezvous. Anchorage is a transient city with frequent important visitors.

But best of all, Alaska is a land free from deep-rooted prejudices, customs, and conventions. You can be as different or as commonplace as you wish without a second glance from people. MRS. HENRY L. MADDEN, SPENARD

● . . . We have eight acres and a 100′x40′ swimming pool, the first pool here, I believe . . .

MRS. GEORGE D. JACKSON, ANCHORAGE

● . . . We would not by choice live any place else. The way of life, the people, excitement, freedom, beauty of the land, growth, vitality all go to make up Alaska. Needless to say, I could go on for hours, and am still enthusiastic after 15 years. There are homes in Anchorage now that are every bit as lovely and modern as anything you have ever pictured. It would be impossible to pick the best because individualism is respected in Alaska and there are as many different types as people . . .

MRS. PHIL K. HIGHT, ANCHORAGE

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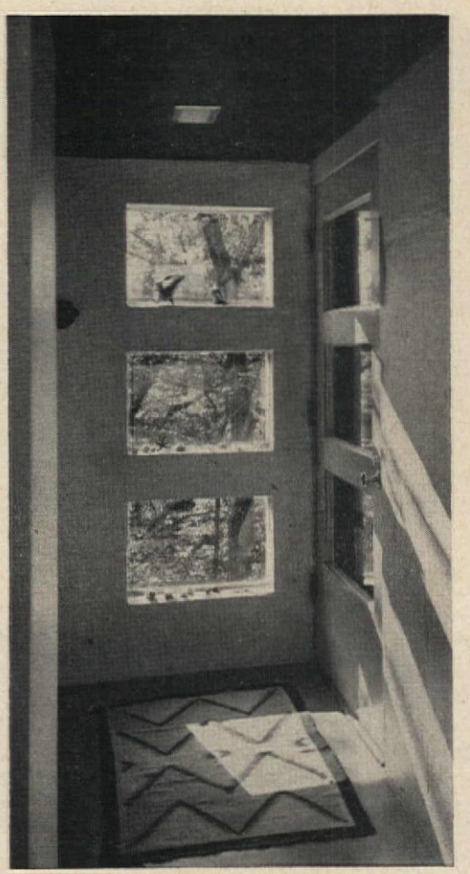

MATCHING PANELS of glass set in both entry door and adjoining masonry wall provide good natural lighting for entry hall. The simplicity and novelty of design is just one example of how the architect has achieved an original and unique house at a very low cost.

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INFORMATION: EMELIE DANIELSON NICHOLSON

open the branch and be its first manager. When this branch was closed we elected to stay in Alaska rather than go back to California.

. . . We live in a three bedroom, two-car, ranch-style house which is complete with fireplace, GE electric table top range with eye level oven . . .

We have converted one of the bedrooms into a TV, music room and enjoy all the programs that are shown in the 48 other states . . .

. . . We love to entertain our small circle of friends and my husband plays our Wurlitzer Electric organ since music is one of his hobbies. . . .

ELIZABETH SHOEMAKER, ANCHORAGE

● . . . One could almost call Juneau, which is our Capital city, the city of houses painted different hues. Even though our house is small, there isn't a more beautiful view from any house here than ours. With three picture windows in the living and dining rooms, we see three beautiful mountains. I should say snow-capped, but with winter here more mild than your New York last year, alas! there is no snow! . . .

JESSIE LEE TYLER, JUNEAU

● . . . Because I paint, the beauty of this land of mountains, lakes and glaciers appeals to me. My husband likes to hunt and fish and Alaska is great for that. Maybe our most important reason for making this our home stems from our fellow Alaskans, their friendliness and their attitude towards living . . .

MRS. L. W. IVIE, MT. VIEW

● . . . As I write this, my family and I are moose hunting on the beautiful Kenai Peninsula. My husband, an avid hunter, and my daughter, Judy, hunt every possible moment. Mimi, aged 4, and I remain at camp most of the time taking a sun bath or else picking wild cranberries. They grow in profusion here in Alaska. This peninsula is the home of the world's largest moose—some weighing a ton. When you see a bull down after the kill you wonder how you'll ever get him back to camp. Backbreaking work but worth it in T-bones and sirloins next winter, along with cranberry sauce and jelly . . .

HELEN G. BURRIS, ANCHORAGE

● . . . Mr. Smith has gone hunting and we are hoping he brings home, not the bacon, but a moose and a black bear. Moose and caribou are both delicious. Of course, we have a large freezer which I consider a must for any Alaskan! . . .

DOROTHY L. SMITH, SPENARD

● . . . My husband is an electrician at Eison Air Force Base. We have four sons who seem to be thriving up here. After going back home in Southern California this summer for a visit, we were more than happy to return to this new land . . .

MARY HOLT, FAIRBANKS

● . . . We are a three-generation Alaskan family, which is not too common in a new country. My husband was born in Juneau, my son was born here, and his son was born here. I have been here thirty-one years, having met my husband when he went "outside" to college . . .

MRS. EARLE L. HUNTER, JUNEAU

● . . . Words cannot express how strong my feelings are for Anchorage, Spenard and all the surrounding towns. We have our problems to be sure, but we can never complain about hot sleepless nights. I have had my share of those living in New England for 25 years. We have lived here for 12 years. The weather here is similar to that of New England. However the summers are not humid or as long . . .

PAULINE LEWIS, SPENARD

● . . . Most people regard Alaska as the land of ice and snow, but after living in Fairbanks for 5 years, I find it a warm city with a golden heart . . .

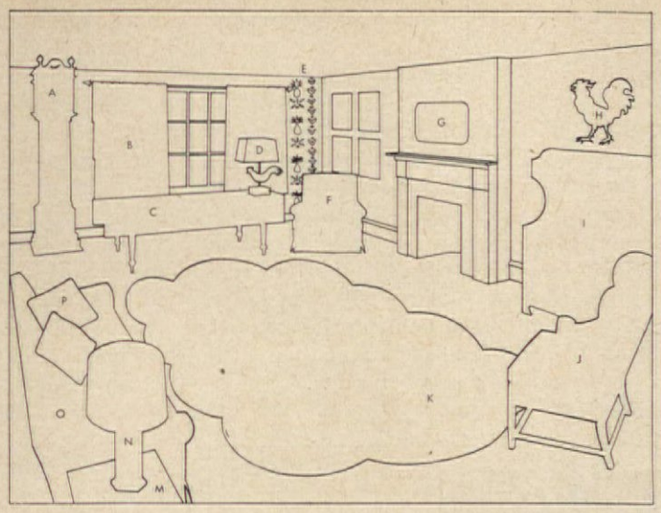
JOANNA HORN, FAIRBANKS

THE END

ARCHITECT: FREDRIC W. COLLINS

Ogden Dunes, a suburb of both Gary, Indiana, and Chicago, Illinois, is one of the most noteworthy interior shore-front areas of our country. One working couple we know commutes between the big industrial city of Gary and the charming home they built in the magnificent beauty of the dune country. Simply made of wood and stone, their home in Ogden Dunes was designed and decorated to blend with its rugged, natural site. It rides a high ridge with a view of a woodland valley on one side and the rolling dunes on the other. Native wild flowers and shrubs growing on the dunes provide a natural and rather unique landscape for the attractively designed house. The interior décor, too, is quite simple, stressing natural tones and textures in keeping with the exterior setting. Fabrics and rugs are done in neutral grays, the furniture in natural woods, and the floors are of beautifully stained and waxed concrete. The great windows merge house and site, bringing the occupants of the house that much closer to nature!

FIREPLACE WALL provides handsome focal point in attractive living room.



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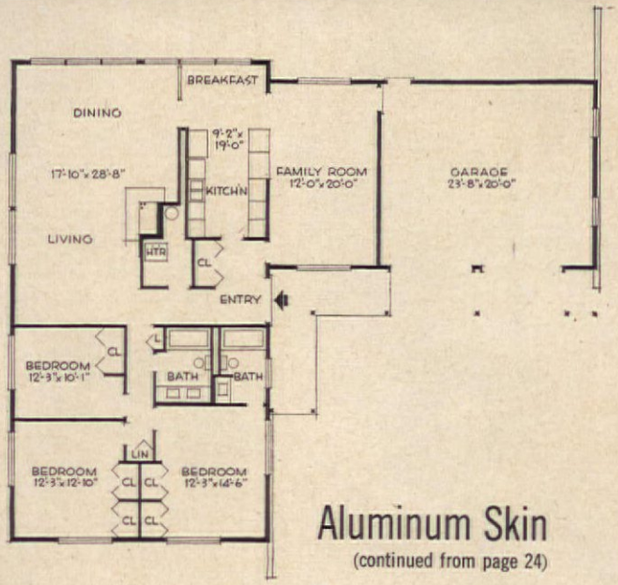

Aluminum Skin

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of this attractive and useful room. The same pumpkin-colored vinyl flooring is used in both kitchen and family room. Walls in the family room pick up the same color tones as the window wall, in walnut-patterned, laminated plastic.

The aluminum-skin house has a highly workable floor plan with living, sleeping and utility areas sensibly laid out to provide a comfortable, convenient, private home life. The layout of the living area of the house is well-nigh perfect with its traffic-free interrelation of rooms, separation of activity areas, economy of central utility core and integration between indoor and outdoor living areas. The entry hall provides a central distribution point for traffic to family room, kitchen, utility room, living room and bedroom area. The family room is ideally located for premeal family gatherings. The kitchen is convenient to both dining room and breakfast nook; deliveries to the kitchen from front or back door and grocery carrying from the car are accomplished easily and with no steps to climb. THE END

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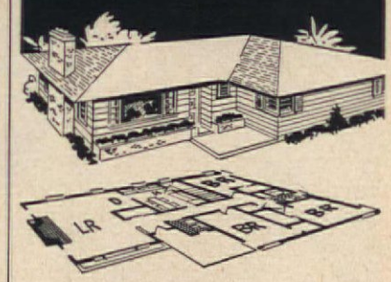

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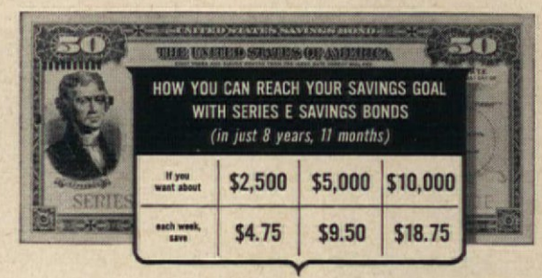

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But how much care *do* house plants require? In actual time and effort, they require very little. Perhaps only minutes a week. What they do require, however, is *regular* care. In addition, that is, to a fairly congenial environment—particularly as regards light.

So, if that sounds reasonable enough, the next question is: What plants are best suited to your own home? It's a lot smarter to choose them for their suitability than to satisfy some hazy old prejudice! And remember that suitability refers to quite a few things—size, shape, color of flowers, time of flowering and, above all, to light and water requirements.

In general, flowering plants need stronger light than foliage plants. If you can place pots in windows that face south, east or west, and which are not shaded by trees or buildings, you can probably grow most kinds of house plants. If you can use only north-facing or shaded windows, foliage plants are definitely your best bet.

Here are the basic facts on some of the most popular, easiest-to-grow, and best plants:

African violets are the most popular of flowering house plants, and for good reasons. They're small, compact, include many colors and a variety of flower and leaf forms, are almost constantly in flower, and are quite easy to grow. Though they need a bright window during the day, they're wonderful for decorative use at night—as a table centerpiece, on a coffee table, and so on.

The best spot for African violets is in a window facing south, east or west. They need some direct sunlight, but not too much or too strong. In a south or west window, a *light* curtain or a *slightly* tilted Venetian blind will suit them just fine.

The begonias are a tremendous group of plants—small, medium and large, with widely different types of flowers and leaves—and certainly are worth looking into. Most of the popular kinds are easy to grow and many are prized more for the year-round attractiveness of their leaves than for the short-term interest of their flowers.

If you want flowers, the small wax begonias (Begonia semperflorens) are your best bet. They're in bloom most of the year, make attractive little plants, and they're the easiest to grow. They include white-, pink- and red-flowered varieties.

The primroses are beautiful plants—as the illustration proves!—and you'll find them easy to manage if you happen to have a really cool spot that gets plenty of sunlight from the east or west. If you like very little heat in your bedrooms, or if you have an unused room which you don't heat at all, or any other sunny spot that doesn't go much over 55° at night during winter, you have all it takes to grow primroses. Their

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House Plants

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only other special requirement is *plenty* of water.

Easiest to grow and longest blooming are the fairy primroses (Primula malacoides), which come in white and lavender-pink, and the Chinese primroses (P. sinensis), in pink, salmon and red. Most striking, perhaps, are the polyantha hybrids, which the picture on page 73 so effectively illustrates.

Most magnificent of flowering house plants are amaryllis—huge trumpetlike blooms up to 8″ or more across, brilliant orange, red, pink or white, four to a stem, 12″ to 18″ tall!

You buy amaryllis bulbs in the fall or early winter, pot them, and they flower in midwinter or early spring. Then you sink the pots to their rims in the garden in late May, bring them inside in the early fall, and the cycle starts over again. All in all, the easiest, surest, most spectacularly rewarding of plants!

Gloxinias are close relatives of African violets, but their flowers and leaves are quite different. The blooms are good-size, velvety trumpets, 2″ to 4″ across, in bright red, pink, purple, white and many bicolor and speckled combinations. The leaves are fairly large, somewhat "woolly," and quite attractive.

Give gloxinias about the same growing conditions as African violets and, though they won't flower so continuously, they'll reward you with much more impressive blooms.

Geraniums are the gayest of house plants—and ideally suited to colonial furnishings—but they do need a lot of sunlight and not too much heat. The light and heat they'd get in a south-facing window in a cool (60-65°) bedroom should be just right. Also, they should be fed only about half as often as most other house plants and shouldn't be watered until they've really dried out, then soaked well.

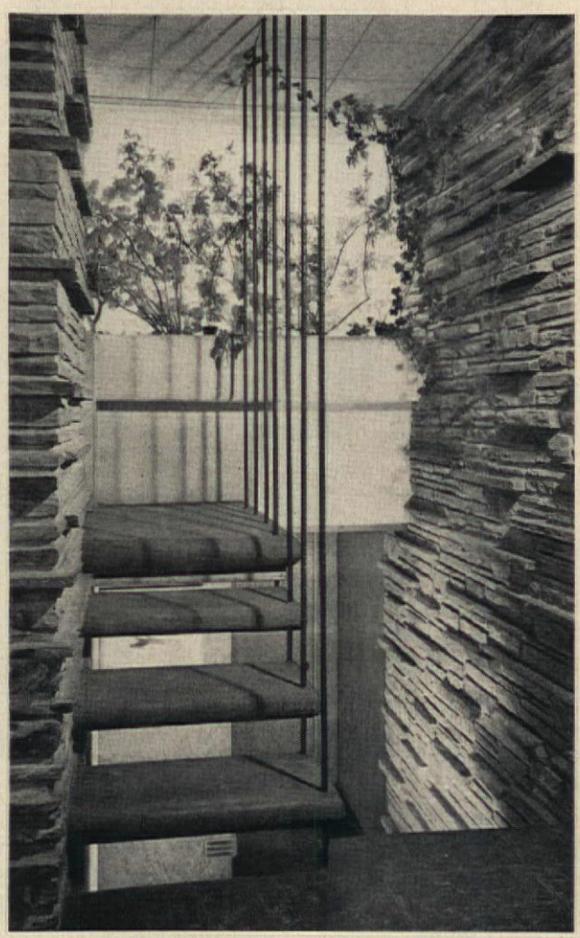
Spring flowering bulbs—tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and so on—make a glorious display indoors, but they need more handling than most other plants. You pot them in the fall, bury the pots in the garden for about two months, then start bringing them inside for forcing from early January onward. They can be planted out in the garden after flowering and when the leaves have withered, but you need new bulbs for forcing each year.

Paper-white narcissus, however, simply need to be planted in pebbles and water and stood in a sunny window. They'll bloom with no more attention than adding to the water as necessary. Discard the bulbs (fortunately they're cheap) after flowering.

A delightfully attractive and long-blooming plant is the cyclamen. Like the primrose and the geranium, though, it needs an east-facing window in a cool room—not over 60°. It also needs to be kept well watered but not soggy-wet. The leaves wither away in late spring, and from then until early fall, when new growth starts, the plant should be watered very little.

Gardenias are lovely plants but difficult to grow in the average home. They need good light—a south, east, or west exposure—and an even temperature, around 65°, and a fairly high humidity. Spraying the leaves with water at least two or three times a week seems to help. They also need plenty of water, an acid soil and a constant supply of nitrogen and iron in the soil. Some people can grow them well, but most people can't.

A "different" flowering house plant is the Christmas cactus. It has slender, cactus-type leaves and cerise, fuchsialike flowers that start opening in December or January. It's a South American mountain-growing cactus and so shouldn't be kept as dry as the desert species.



A LIGHT LOOK and a sturdy stairway can be had with these steel supports and molded cement steps. The see-through risers for a contemporary touch are as attractive as they are functional.

THE SMART WAY TO GO UP

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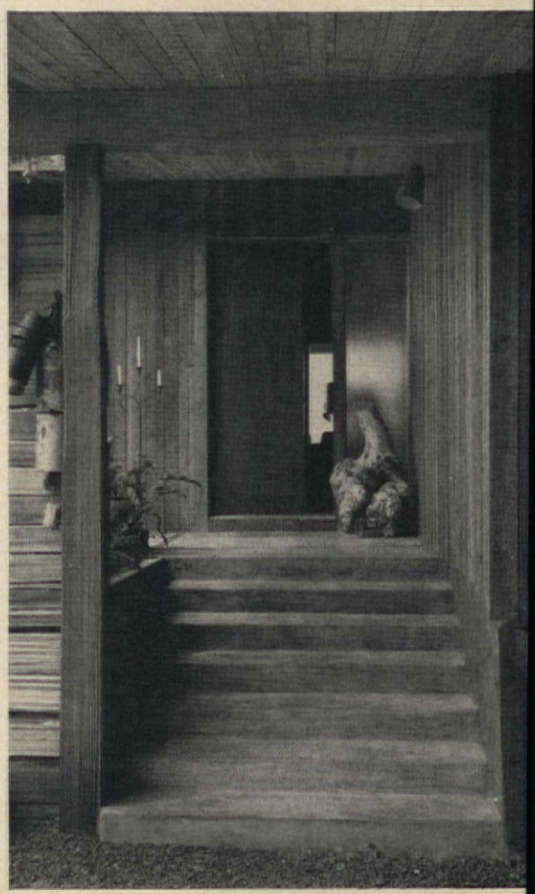


WIDE AND HANDSOME entryway, in the home of the A. B. Grahams, is enhanced by the solid-looking steps that give the approach to this house a beautiful horizontal design. Natural-color concrete steps harmonize with redwood siding of the house.

Foliage plants can get along on considerably less light than those grown chiefly for their flowers. On the average, too, they rate higher for year-round appearance. So, if you can't give plants good light—meaning at least a few hours of direct sunlight a day—you'd do well to make the most of the wonderful foliage types currently available.

Nowadays florist shops, greenhouses, garden-supply shops and even department stores, ten-cent stores and supermarkets handle remarkable selections of foliage plants. So you should have no trouble finding half a dozen or so that are just right for your own home.

Small plants with attractive foliage include those with such all-Greek-to-me names as aglaonema, chlorophytum, fittonia, maranta, peperomia, pilea, pothos, scindapsus, tolmiea. Obviously, it's better to choose them by their appearance than by their names!

Larger plants include sansevieria, fatshedera, dieffenbachia, schefflera, monstera, large-leaf philodendron, and both the standard and fiddle-leaf rubber plants.

Trailing plants include a wide variety of large- and small-leaf ivies, the philodendrons, wax plant (hoya), kangaroo vine (cissus), vinca, tradescantia and the everyday sweet potato.

If you have windows that provide an abundance of direct sunlight, but you'd like plants that require a minimum of attention, then the ones for you are the cacti and other succulents. They're an extremely interesting group of plants—some of them truly beautiful—and they seem especially appropriate to modern décor.

The true cacti are mostly desert plants and should be grown in light sandy soil. They need a fair amount of water when in growth, but should be watered only sparingly during their dormant period, which is generally during the winter.

The non-cactus succulents—including crassulas, sedums, sempervivums, echeverias, aloes, gasterias, kalanchoes—generally need more water than the cacti but less than most of the flowering and foliage house plants.

Given the right amount of light and heat—which your home either provides or doesn't—all house plants need regular attention as regards watering, feeding, pest control, and so on. All this is up to you. Here are the basic rules:

WATERING. Check the soil in the pots every day or every other day. If dry to the touch, water; if moist, don't. (African violets and cacti suffer most from overwatering; primroses most from underwatering.) Several times a year, water your plants in the sink, so that excess nutrient salts leach out and are not continuously drawn up into the pot from the saucer.

FEEDING. Feed with soluble plant food, in water, every two weeks in spring, summer and fall; once a month during winter. Use plant food at about half the rate recommended by the manufacturer.

PEST CONTROL. Watch for signs of insects. If you see any, spray plants immediately with a *plant-spray* aerosol, not a household insecticide.

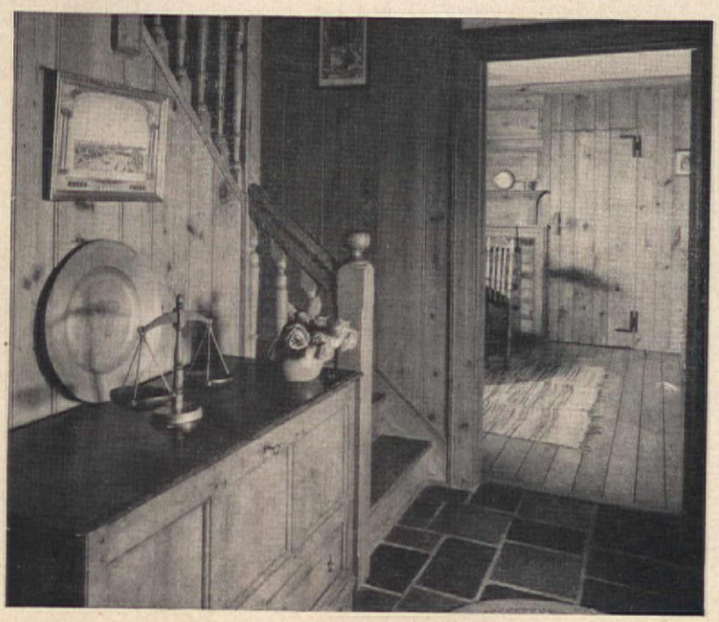
TURNING. Give pots a quarter-turn every week, so the plants do not become lopsided.

REPOTTING. Most plants grow best if repotted in new soil every year or so, and if they're getting bigger they should be shifted into the next-larger pots. Standard clay pots seem to suit most plants best and are good insurance against inadequate soil aeration. Potting soil can be bought at your florist's or garden-supply shop, or you can make an all-purpose mixture from one-half good garden soil, one-quarter peat moss, and one-quarter sand.

As we said at the outset, it's the regularity, not the quantity, of attention that determines the success or failure of house plants. If you can provide it, by all means grow some; if you can't, for heaven's sake don't even try! THE END

WHIMSEY AND DIGNITY blend to make this unusual and important-looking stairway. Carved horse's head on the newel post is in commanding position to hold rail with interesting grille design.

SHORT CURVE at the bottom of this stairway leaves room for a small but handy coat closet. A curved stairway makes the design of the room more interesting than a long straight sweep of steps. Photographed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Bassey.



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a beautifully shaped hybrid tea with petals of yellowish white edged with cerise-red.

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There are two All-America gladioli, Sparkler and Joyous, an All-America camellia named Sweetheart, and some All-America chrysanthemums which will be announced next month. Other new perennials include a red summer phlox, also called Starfire, and a remarkable strain of ruffled tuberous begonias named Ballerina. And there are lots of other new perennials, shrubs, trees and house plants all ready to make their debut in 1959.

If these new things tempt you, write for your catalogs now—and make your selections at your leisure before spring's at your doorstep. THE END

PINK HEATHER ALYSSUM literally covers itself with bright lavender-pink flowers and makes a wonderful ground cover or edging plant. It's an All-America annual for 1959.

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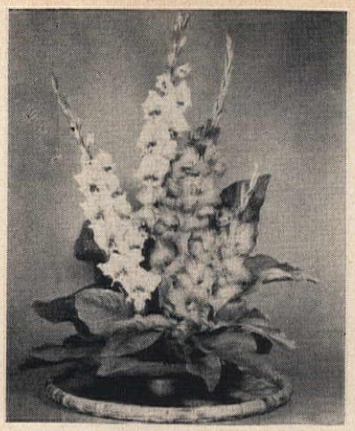
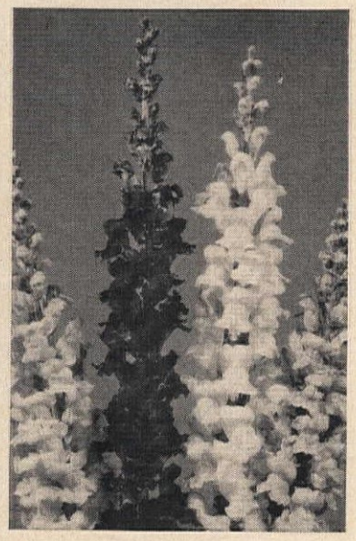


ALL-AMERICA GLADIOLI for 1959 are yellow-and-red Sparkler, shown at the left in this arrangement, and deep rose-red Joyous, shown at the right. They originated in Minnesota and Wisconsin, respectively.

BALLERINA is the name of a new strain of tuberous begonias with large, ruffled, full-petaled blooms. Colors include many shades of pink, red, orange and yellow. Plants are strong-stemmed and hold blooms well above the attractive foliage.

RUBY LIPS is a floribunda (cluster-flowered) rose that literally covers itself with a sheet of brightest-red, medium-size, open flowers.



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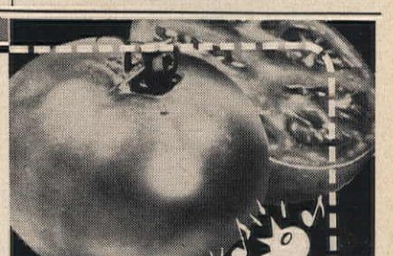

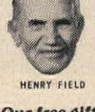

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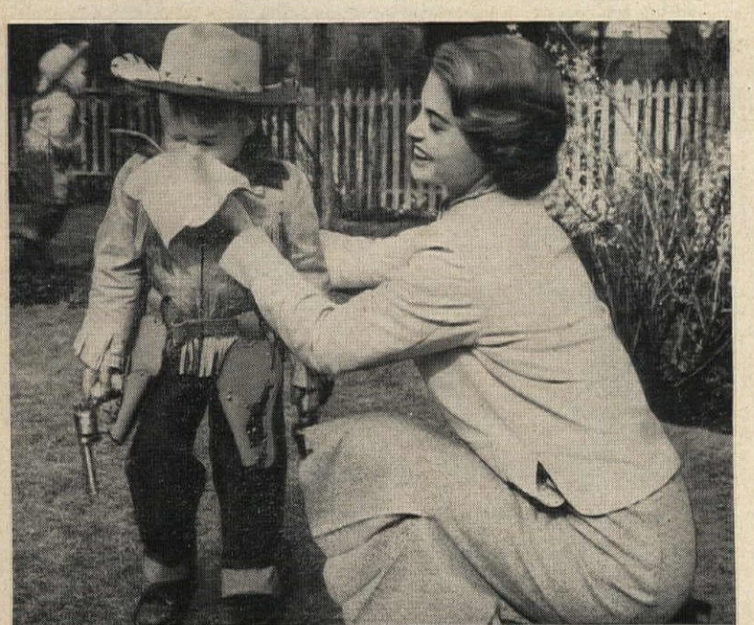

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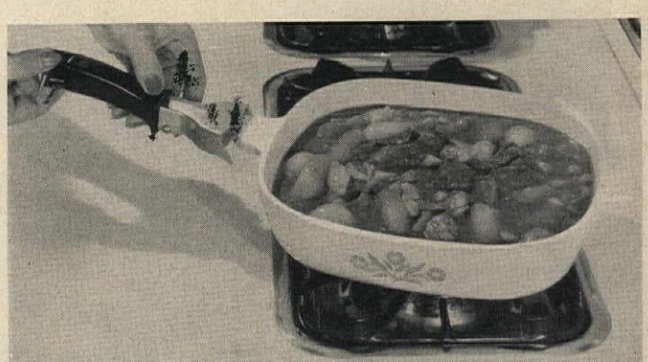

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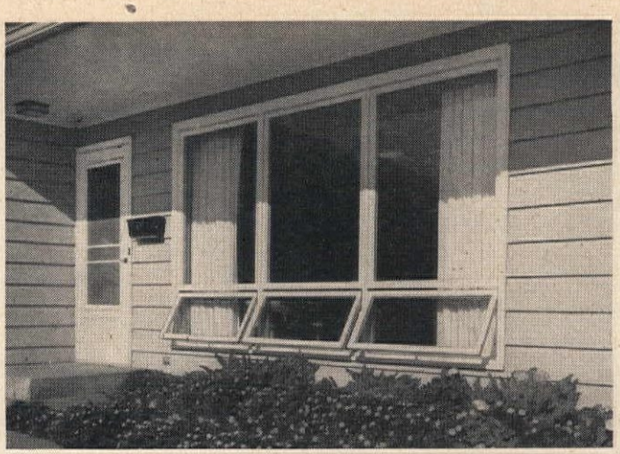

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The Male Corner

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MANY SMOKEY FIREPLACES cannot function properly due to lack of air. It is important to remember that wood needs air if it is to burn properly, and cannot produce satisfactory results in a room with all doors and windows closed. To create a draft and prevent smoking, open a door or window. You can also set a register in the floor directly in front of the fireplace. This will provide the fire with air without creating a draft in the room to annoy you as you lounge in front of a crackling fire.

PUT STORM WINDOWS on out-swinging wood casements in this simplified manner. First, cut a sheet of double-strength glass just about one inch wider and longer than the total glass area of each sash. Next, lay the glass up over the outside of the window glass and screw into place with chrome-plated mirror hangers—two on the bottom, one on each of the other sides. You will find that the extra thickness of glass has many advantages. It will not only help to keep out the cold, but it prevents condensation on the window panes and, unlike plastic films which wrinkle, this is not visible and won't interfere with vision. Since window operation is not interfered with, the "storm sash" can stay on all summer.

POST-AND-BEAM construction provides an effect that most people are quite enthusiastic about. However, it has an additional advantage that few people know about—cost reduction! Because there are fewer, though larger, framing members in post-and-beam than in standard construction, a good carpenter can save on materials and also cut building time.

HARDWOOD PLYWOOD PANELING comes both finished and unfinished. Consider this in making your choice: the cost of applying your own finish comes close to wiping out the saving you make with unfinished plywood. As a rule, the factory finish is much superior. The drawback to finished paneling is that you must handle it more carefully when putting it up.

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How Open . . .

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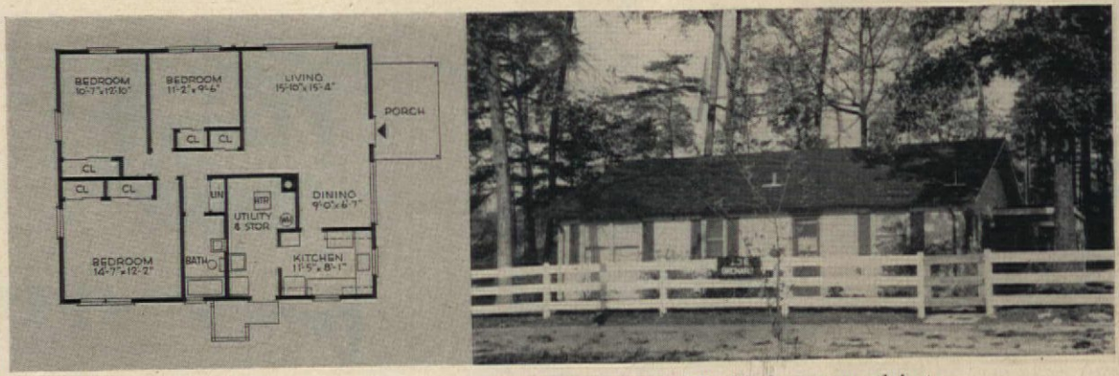
The rolls swim in the gravy, which is the inevitable concomitant of the inevitable casserole, which in turn mingles greasily with the salad dressing on the same plate. The hostess usually declines to lay out her wine glasses for trampling, thereby forgoing another essential of pleasant dining. However, you do wind up with a coffee cup between your feet. Or, say you're lucky enough to be given a wobbly card table—how many times do you get through the meal without a saucer full of coffee?

And the kitchens! These are apt to be either a vaguely defined area in the "living space" or else a compact laboratory where one individual can operate—just. Either way, it's no good. What a girl needs in the way of a kitchen is a combination gymnasium, kennel, nursery, study hall, and cocktail lounge, where she can, incidentally, turn out a meal while all the other facilities are simultaneously in use. *That's* where communal living does and should take place. But if a girl is like me, she wants to turn her back on the whole thing when it's time to eat.

Remodeling Reaps Results!



BEFORE REMODELING Bagley house was plain to behold and badly planned. Rooms were arranged so the front entry opened directly into the utility room and kitchen, making dining room a hallway. House had one bath, one living area.

THE NEW CARPORT extension to the house has four different functions. It provides car shelter, it furnishes extra storage room and cloisters the back lawn from the street. Also, use of brick in the construction lends variety to the front-of-house picture. Bold gable end of carport roof lends architectural interest to the house.

Architects, note: in these servantless times, mother is apt to be in the kitchen more or less continuously, from five o'clock on, and where *she* is, the children are. There's something about the smell of food that draws their attention from their peers and focuses it on *her*. I've noticed it, always. Even men aren't immune to it. Around that time of day, in most households, the kitchen is apt to include, in addition to the afore-mentioned mother, a preschooler or two who have to brief her on a television show she just (somehow) missed; an adolescent who would like to practice his trombone where he can be admired; a dog or two looking for a handout; and, later on, a husband who would like a drink (and someone to drink it with). How many kitchens in open-plan houses can accommodate this sort of activity? A kitchen is a living room.

But then, do you want to eat in it? No matter how beautiful a kitchen looks in repose, with its natural-wood paneling and sundry disguises, it looks another way when you've just finished fixing a meal in it, and who wouldn't rather dine in the presence of a Marin water color than a used potato masher?

I am fascinated, by the way, with the increasing use of screens to simulate privacy. Particularly the lightweight kinds that separate children's rooms. I don't know about other people's children, but any two of mine would plunge through one in the course of a normal roughhouse.

Remember the old-fashioned entrance hall? This gracious buffer between the Fuller brush man and the family is beyond the reach of most pocketbooks today, but ah, the pity of it! What an escape hatch it was for those who felt the homing instinct but not the desire to congregate . . . and yet were not ready for bed. Nowadays, when anyone opens the front door, he's in up to his neck.

Another thing about these houses that interests me, in a negative sort of way, is the carport. As far as the car goes, who could ask for more? But so many leave no place to store outdoor furniture, screens, bicycles, wheelbarrows, lawnmowers and similar bulky objects.

Where, in this welter of clean lines and geometric planes and aseptic foam-rubber pillows, are you going to put a *couch?* You know the kind I mean—you sit down in it and keep right on going, supported by acres of feathers. A couch with arm rests on both ends, which, as everyone knows, provide the absolutely perfect head rest when you want to stretch out and read. But then, in an open-plan house, your chances of sprawling out like that in peace, with a book, are remote. You know where you're going to wind up, don't you? That's right. It's back to bed, for you. There's only one place for this sort of thing, in the open-plan house, and I'm wondering whether I want to spend the rest of my days there.

Let there be doors! Let's build houses with an eye to the human predicament! Let's sum it up: what mankind needs is a living room for each generation—with a door; a bedroom for each member of the family—with a door; a kitchen big enough to accommodate the crowd that gathers in it nightly from five to seven—with a door; a dining room big enough to hold a table, diners, and now and then something in the background wearing a white apron—with a door; a garage with storage space—with a door; and above all: *walls* to hang doors in. *That* for the open plan!

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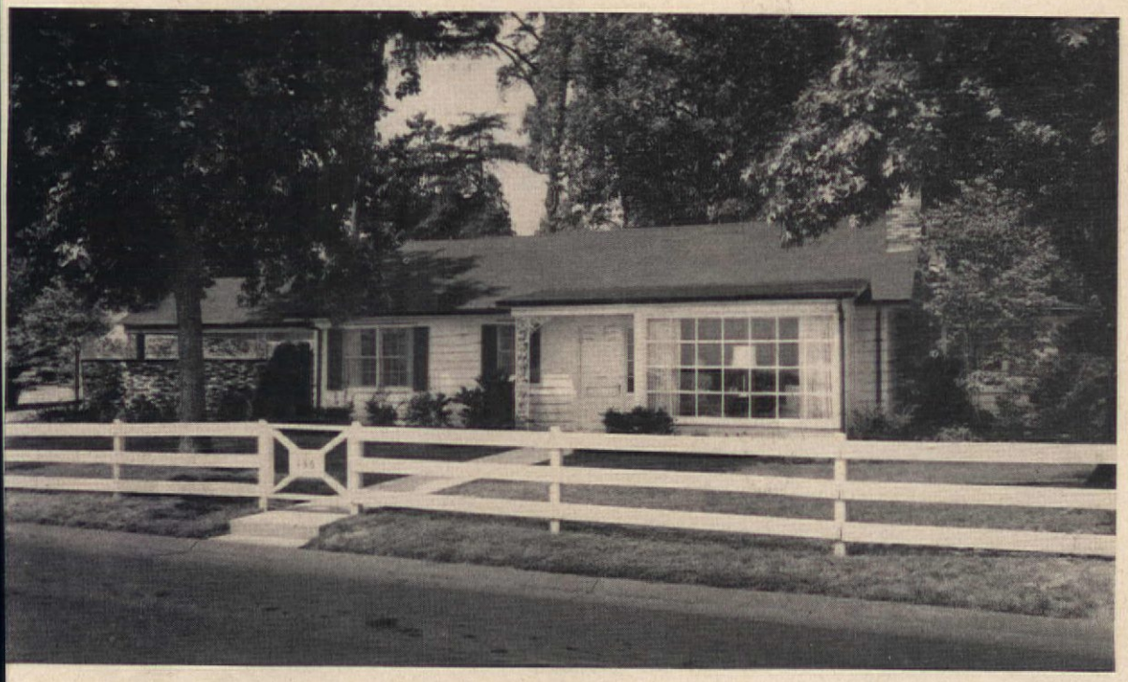

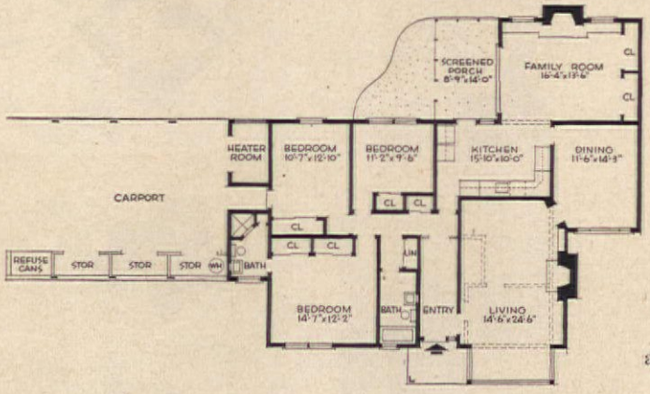

REMODELING gave Bagleys a center hall to keep rooms private. There are two full baths, a living room and new family room. New screened porch right next to kitchen makes a pleasant and convenient place to serve outdoor meals.

BELOW, LEFT. New family room and screened porch give Bagleys more space. L-shaped addition creates secluded area on the back lawn for outdoor living.

When is a basic bungalow not a basic bungalow? We'd say when the Bagley family takes over. Their house was one of a group built by the Government, but later offered for private sale. The Bagleys bought one of the "look-alike" houses, and immediately consulted an architect about remodeling for more space, beauty and, above all, for individuality.

Excellent planning and good-taste design rapidly changed the little house from a nondescript basic bungalow to a lovely, luxury-level home. A floor-to-ceiling bay window, a deep carport, a new family room, fresh exterior of white clapboards completely altered the appearance of the house.

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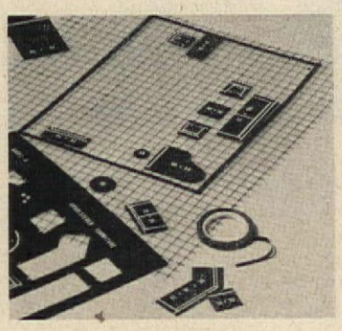
THREE'S A CROWD in the kitchen, even if they are those indispensable cook's helpers: paper towels, wax paper, and Saran or foil wrap. Line up *your* big three in a handsome Salem-pine dispenser with smooth antiqued finish and brass eagles for decoration. 15x13x6", with serrated edges for tearing. $8.98 plus 50c shipping. Merrill Ann, 3601-AH Kingsbridge Ave., N.Y. 63, N.Y.

A MASTER PLAN for arranging the furniture saves mister's back muscles. Homeowner's Layout Kit includes grid planning board, 4 sheets of scaled furniture press-outs, and a roll of ⅛" tape. Pieces stick to the grid so they don't blow away, but are easily removed and changed around. Saves time, trouble, money! $3.95. Planoramics, 631-AH East 1st St., Boston 27, Massachusetts.



HAVE A HEARTH that's easy to care for. The tool for effortless tending is the FireTender—it's a 30"-long scissor-grip tongs that lifts logs, feeds fuel, pokes the draft and all but sweeps the ashes. For that, a brass-handled brush and shovel in a brass-railed stand. All are velvet-black finished heat-resistant heavy iron. Set, $31.95. Fireplace Necessities, Dept. AH3, Box 35, N.Y.C. 62.

ALPHABETICALLY SPEAKING, this little hooked ABC rug is a charmer for any child's room! 2x3', it's of sturdy cotton on a heavy canvas backing, with alphabet and toy designs in bright red and blue. Perfect next to the bed, to keep small feet cozy and warm while they're searching for slippers. It's $5.95 plus 25c. Page & Biddle, 21-AH Station Rd., Haverford, Penna.

TO TICKLE YOUR FANCY, a feather pen 12" long in its own wooden inkstand that's darling on your desk. It's a replica of a ship's master's pen, but the surprise is that its writing end is a ball-point pen! White enameled stand is splashed with ink-blue and has an official-looking red seal. $2.25 from World Traveler Gifts, Box 202-AH, Crestwood Drive, Maplewood, New Jersey.

LAY THAT PISTOL DOWN on your front door, and presto—it's a doorknocker! Pistol rests on a powder flask, and both solid brass pieces are cast from an Early American Cap and Ball gun, of about 1840. 3½x7½", it's lacquered for outdoor use. $8.95; $10 West of the Mississippi. Basics by Dieman, Inc., 8044-AH Kugler Mill Road, Cincinnati 43, Ohio.

YOUR JUST DESSERTS will look twice as yummy if you serve them in lovely Lotus Bowls! Of dainty white translucent porcelain, they're petal shaped to display puddings and ice cream as prettily as they will nuts, candies, or before-dinner tidbits. 2½" high, 4½" in diam. and charming on your table. 4 for $2.50. Artisan Galleries, 2100-AH N. Haskell Ave., Dallas 4, Texas

SCOOP OF VANILLA-white glazed ceramic makes a pretty planter to contrast with your favorite greens! 9½x4x3¼", the sugar scoop has a sculptured leaf and floral motif that's right in keeping with ivy and philodendron. We'd love it on a provincial wall, or in the kitchen holding wooden spoons. $2.79 ea. Sturbridge Yankee Workshop, 1 Brimfield Tpk., Sturbridge, Mass.

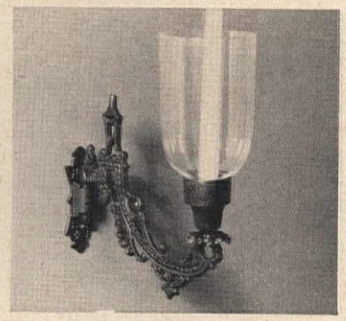
Welcome to the Market Place! Merchandise, if not personalized, may be returned within seven days for a full refund. Most of the firms mentioned in the Market Place prefer not to handle C.O.D.'s. Unless otherwise stated, postage is included in price.

Helen De Motte

MARKET PLACE

THREE TO GET READY for your prettiest table setting are these Staffordshire pitchers in white semiporcelain striped with blue. Fill the ½-pint size with cream, the ¾-pint with syrup or gravy, and the pint full of flowers. Result: a feast for the eyes and a feast for hungry stomachs! The set of 3, $3.95 plus 25c. The Added Touch, Dept. AH, Wynnewood, Penna.

FIGURE THE ANGLES you can turn these pretty hurricane sconces to, and see how versatile they are! Extending 10″ from the wall, base and bracket are black wrought iron with clear glass chimney. On either side of the mantel, swing them toward or away from each other for interesting effects. 11″ high. $5.95 ea., $10.95 the pair. Seth & Jed, Dept. AH, New Marlborough, Mass.



A JAR-RING NOTE on the table is mustard or jam in the jar. Banish the mess forever with a *Spoofy Spoon*—a gaily striped ceramic jar with its own whimsical cover and attached spoon. Striped yellow on white for mustard, pink on white for jam & jelly, or red on white for ketchup. 5″ tall. $1 each. Order from Breck's, 110 Breck Building, Boston 10, Massachusetts.

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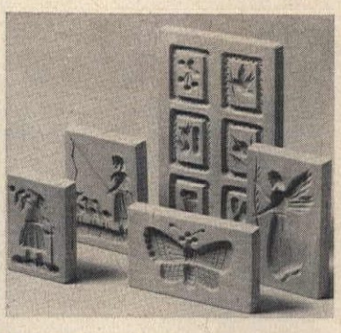
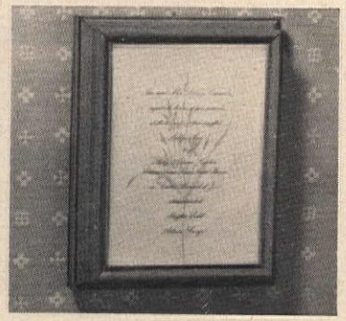
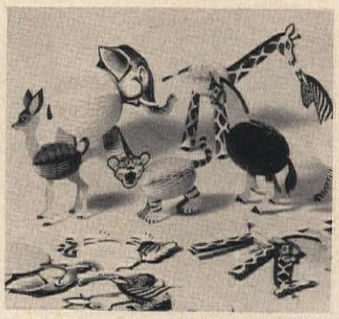


ROOKIE-COOKIE-makers can turn out professional-looking goodies with these hand-carved molds pretty enough to hang! Fine hardwood, deeply carved in old-country patterns: (l. to r.) gnome, goose girl, butterfly, angel or a 6½x4″ combination. A centuries-old Dutch recipe included. $1.50 ea.; all 5, $6.50. Handy Gifts, Dept. 04, Jasperson Bldg., Culver City, Calif.



"THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE" at their wedding suggests an unusual wedding or anniversary gift for a favorite couple. Send the invitation to be colored with a dainty spray of forget-me-nots, then mounted in a deep frame that conceals a music box. Of course, it plays the Wedding March! Light or dark finish. $8.95. Market Combers, Box 12257, Atlanta 5, Ga.

RING IN THE CREW for dinner with a gay little solid brass dinner bell—so much easier than trying to round them up from all corners of the house. It sits on its own 5½″-high pine stand and happily announces *Good bread, good meat, good gosh, let's eat!* Its merry tinkle will bring everyone on the run. $2 from Darlton Gifts, 10-AH Duncan Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.



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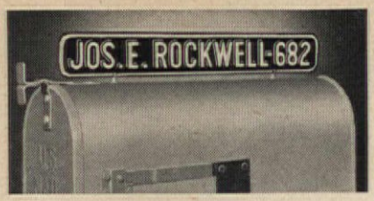

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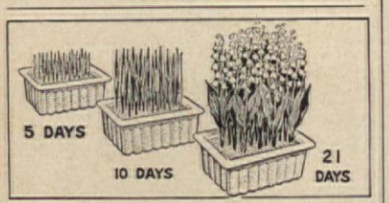

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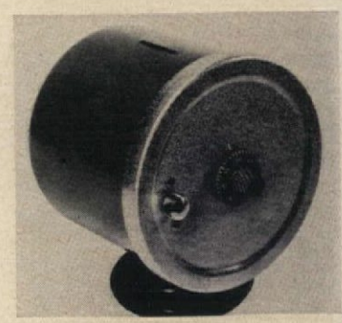
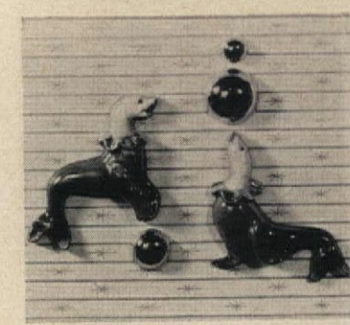
TALLIES-HO! Your bridge party will be off to a fast start if you give out these unique tallies. On their backs are recipes for dips, canapés and spreads, with gay assorted designs on the front sides. For regular or progressive bridge, each set has 8 tallies and 2 score cards. 2½x 4". 35c a set, 3 sets for $1. From Spencer Gifts, 329 Spencer Building, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

"OPEN, SESAME" just isn't enough—you have to know the combination to get *this* treasure vault open! Of solid steel with combination lock (no two the same) and a throw-bolt, too; only you can get at the cash, documents, keys or jewelry you've stashed inside. It stands alone or may be installed in the wall. $2.49. Carol Beatty, 11 Beatty Bldg., Culver City, Calif.

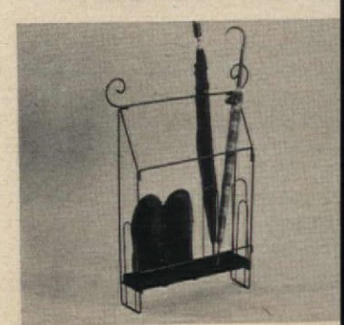


BUBBLES IN YOUR BATH-room will add a bright touch if they're of gold and if they're balanced by two perky circus seals! Of ceramic, with a glazed mother-of-pearl finish, they're a charming touch in a lackluster bathroom. 5½x6", in black, pink, yellow, white or aqua to suit your color scheme. Set of 2 seals and 3 gay golden bubbles, $2.95. The Florin, Box 6-A, San Clemente, Calif.



PRINT CLEARLY designed to perk up a quiet room is this charming India spread called "People and Scenery." Designed in vivid colors on a creamy background, fine cotton spreads are washable and colorfast. Great for skirts and draperies as well! Single bed, 72x108", $3.95; double bed, 90x108", $4.95. From Shopping International, 65-AH Court St., White Plains, N.Y.

WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND is great fun, but drippy boots do mess up the hall! Get this smart black wrought-metal rack to put an end to puddles—it has its own drip pan below. Besides room for three pairs of boots, it will hold lots of umbrellas and can stand or hang. 19" wide, 30" high and 4½" deep. $4.95. Arthur Charles, Box 86-S, Atlantic City, New Jersey.



RACK OF ALL TRADES is the most versatile home accessory we've seen yet. Of pine, with honey pine or maple satin finish, it has 6 slots for mail, a magazine shelf, a removable planter and 6 hooks for keys! 11x20″, it's just the right size for that bare spot in your hall. $11.75. In kit form, ready to put together and finish, $7.25. Yield House, Dept. A-9, North Conway, N.H.

OUR BOWL RUNNETH OVER with popcorn, and does it ever look appetizing! 12″ in diameter, it's plenty big enough for all the corn you want to pop on chilly winter evenings around the fire. Pretty, too—it's tin, in antiqued beige with a blue-green antiqued edge and an eagle in the middle to keep an eye on supplies. $4.95. Old Guilford Forge, Dept. AH, Guilford, Conn.

THE ICEMAN COMETH back to the kitchen every few minutes for ice cubes? Not if you have this charming 8″-high ice basket of brown rattan. The liner is white polystyrene—lightweight, washable, unbreakable, and keeps 3½ quarts of cubes for *hours*. Such a pretty basket, you'll never put it away! $6.95. Hathore House, Dept. H-D, 542 3rd Ave., New York 16, N.Y.

FAIR-WEATHER FRIENDS will have a place of their own when they return to your yard after a winter in the South, and less fortunate stay-at-homes will be in out of the cold. For a wren-size family, put a woodsy cedar birdhouse outside your bird-watching window and watch them feather their nest! 7½x 6″. $1. Bird House, Dept. AH-2, Box 84, North Baldwin, N. Y.

IT HAS ITS UPS AND DOWNS, this clever shower cable. Of 1″ chrome-plated steel tubing, *Flex-Arm* fits your shower pipe at one end and shower head at the other. Curve it up for a six-footer or turn it down for a six-year-old who doesn't like the water in his face. Ours safeguards fresh hairdos! 24″ long. $8.95. Miles Kimball, 126 Bond St., Oshkosh, Wisc.

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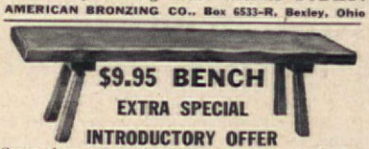

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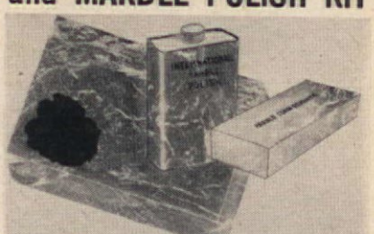

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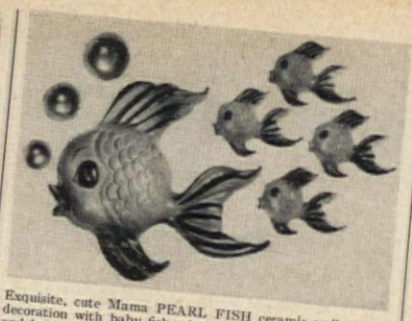

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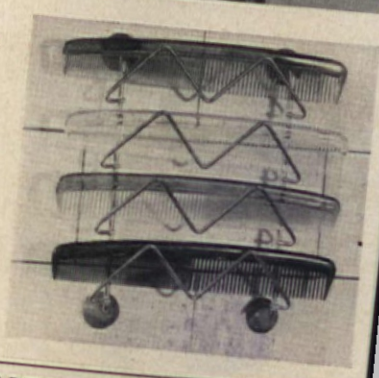

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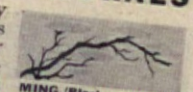

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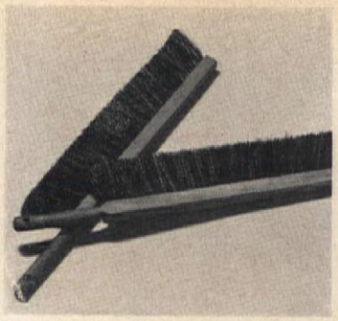

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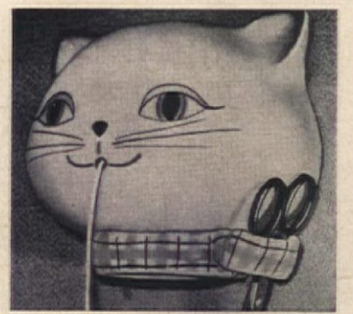

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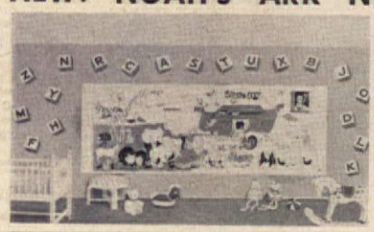

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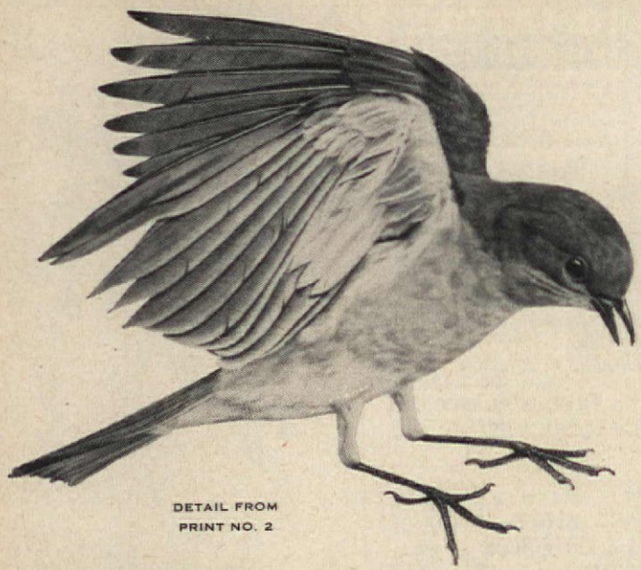

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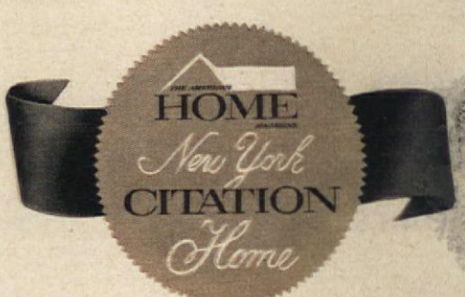

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