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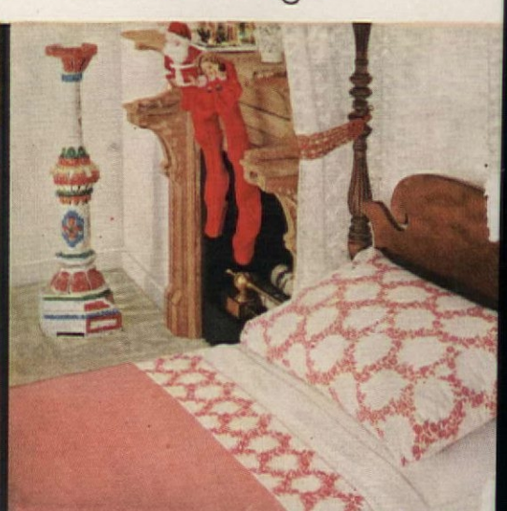

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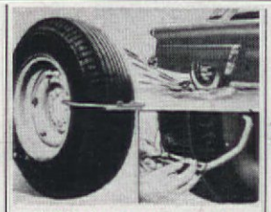

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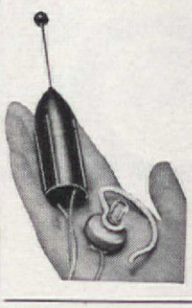

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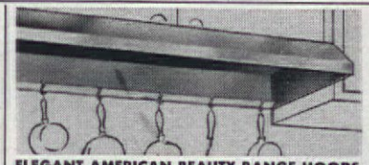

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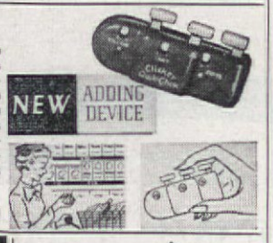

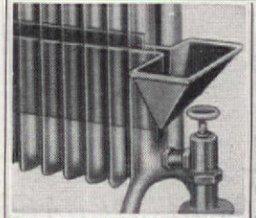

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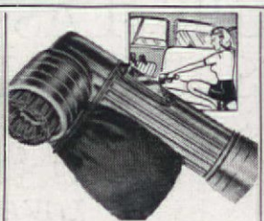

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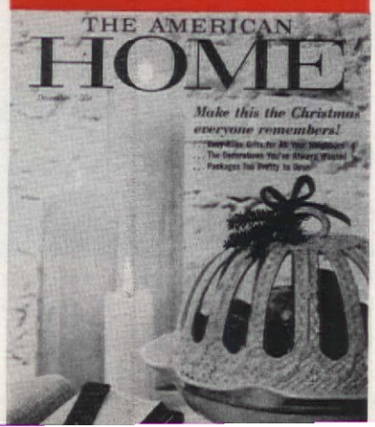

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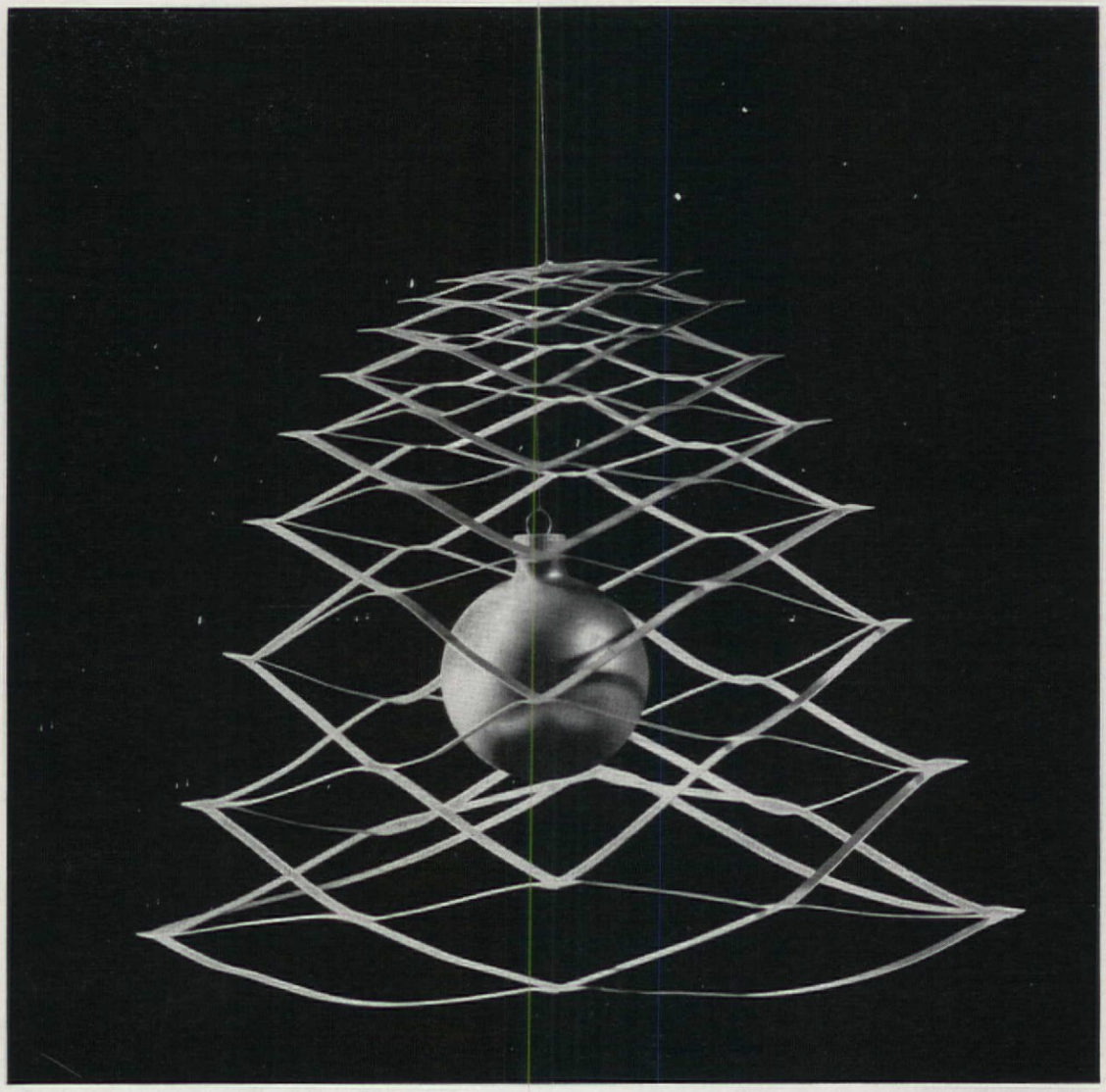
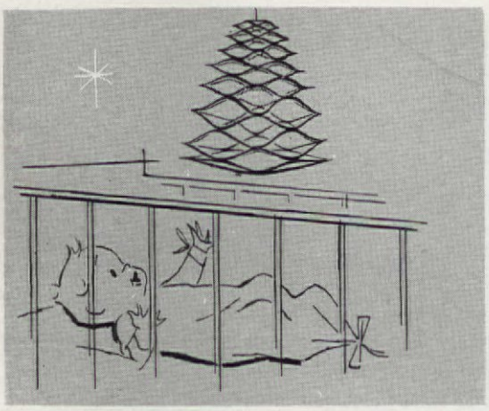
OUR COVER: The quiet beauty of flickering candles, an heirloom adorned with the traditional decorations of the season, and the family Bible turned to the oft-told story of Christmas . . . this is our way of conveying to you the true spirit of this holiday season. Photo by Lisanti.



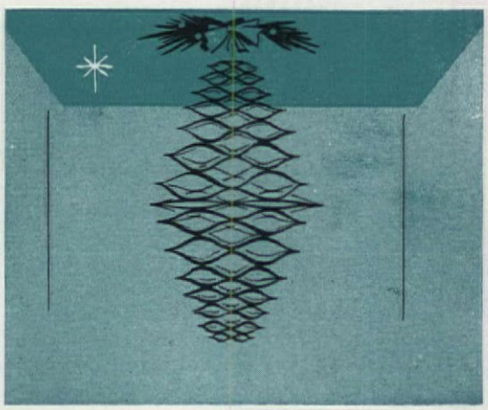
CHRISTMAS TREE CUTOUT

Holiday fun with scissors and paste

● Here's a fascinating mobile made from gay colored paper. Cut out the design at the right, as directed, or use it as a pattern if you would like several mobiles. This lighthearted design is hung from a string and can be decorated in any number of ways. Hang a big Christmas ball or a cluster of tiny ones inside from a string through the center top, or try sparkle-sprayed artificial flowers, a sprig of red-berried holly, or a wonderful "kissing" mistletoe. Make an enchanting star-spangled one with gold paper stars hung from invisible black threads.

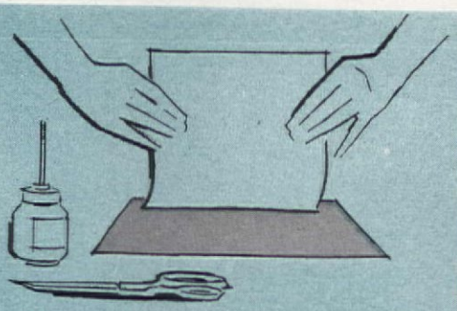


***Delight baby** with this tree suspended from a golden cord. He'll be entranced for hours on end.*

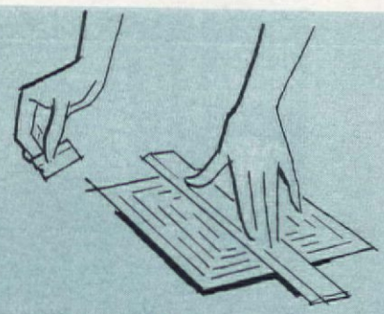


***Make two cutouts;** join at bases with cellophane tape. Hang cone-shaped mobile from ceiling.*

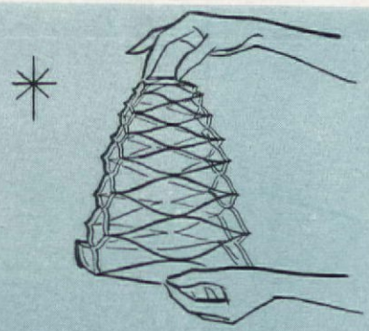
***Paper-star-topped tree** suspended from long black invisible thread makes provocative centerpiece.*



Cut out the design. *Then spread a coat of rubber cement on back of the cut-out and also on a sheet of colored craft paper, larger than the design. Let dry, then mount design on craft paper.*



Cut along each line *with a sharp razor blade, using a metal-edged rule for a guide. Start and end on each dot* exactly. *Do not over- or under-cut. If you over-cut, fix with cellophane tape.*



Hold one side firmly *and raise from center gently, so all cuts separate and spring apart. If any cut does not open completely, cut again carefully.*

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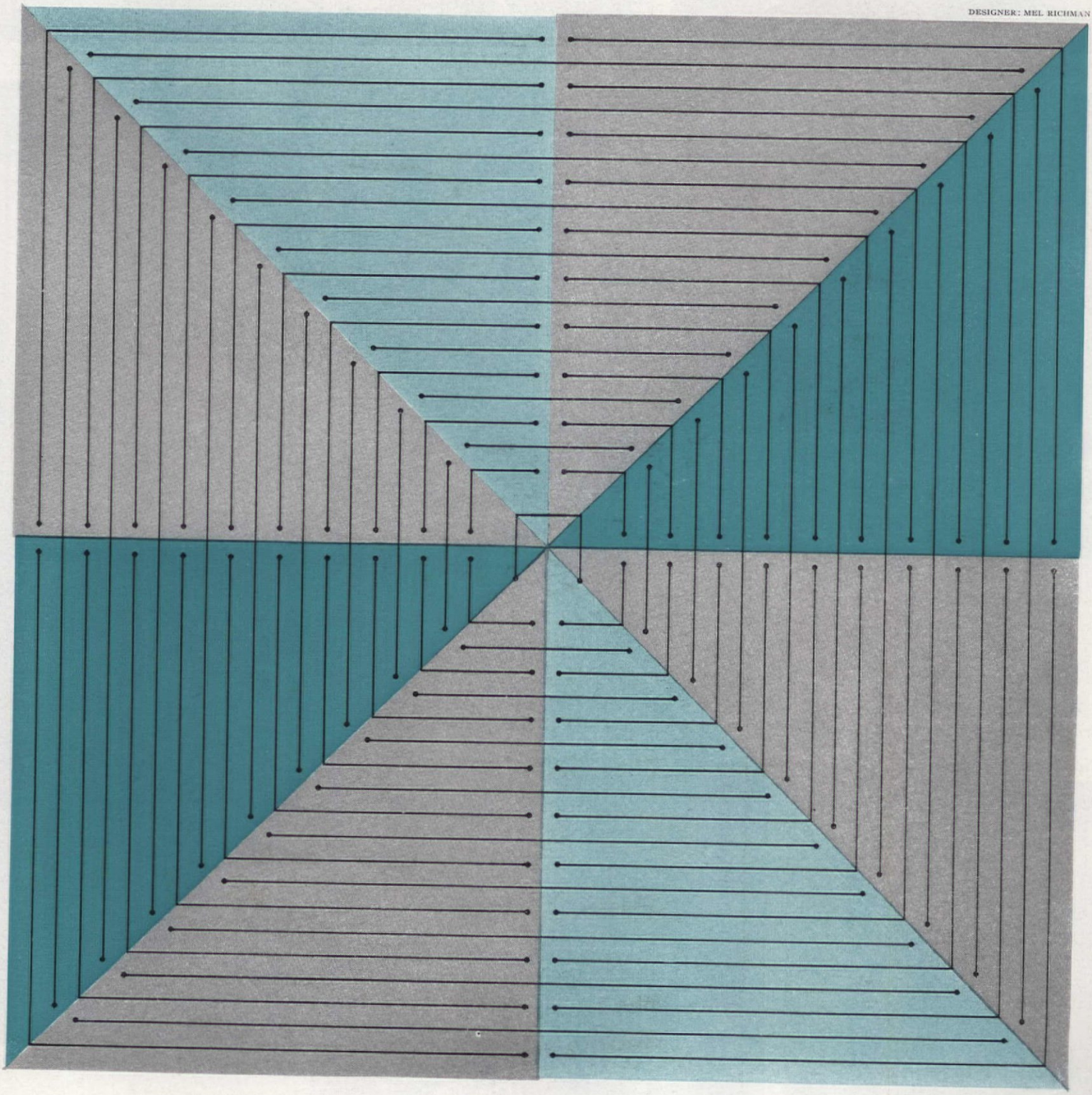
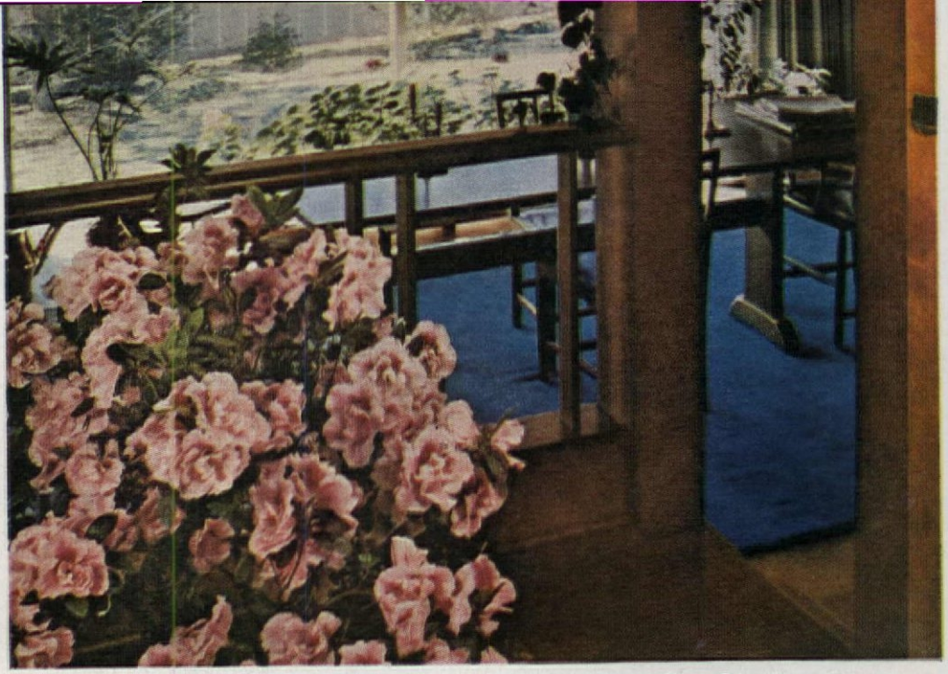


▲ ***Cyclamens*** *look like pink, white, or lavender butterflies.*



▲ ***Group azaleas*** *for a splash of spring color in any room. Give them lots of water.*

▲ ***Brilliant row of geraniums*** *adds charm to a kitchen window sill. White pots add gay touch.*

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▲ ***Amaryllis*** *draws all eyes with its fire.*

JEANNETTE GROSSMAN

▼ ***Tuberous begonias*** *mimic double roses.*

▼ ***Gloxinias*** *vie in brilliance with coleus, caladiums.*

GRETCHEN HARSHBARGER

▲ *Golden mums and philodendron contrast light and shadow in this plant.*

▼ *Try an African violet like Blue Boy for a color note on your coffee table.*

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GRETCHEN HARSHBARGER

BRIGHTEN YOUR HOME WITH FLOWERING PLANTS

The ones we show here are easy to buy and grow during winter

Want to carry your mind far away from December's icy blasts? Then fill your living room with the rosy-winged flowers of a cyclamen. Or try the fiery, orange-red trumpets of an amaryllis—you're suddenly transported to a tropical paradise! Even a pot or two of bright geraniums can do wonders for a room, adding warmth and friendliness at the very time your home needs them most.

These plants will remain in bloom a long time, and with proper care, live for years. The necessary care isn't difficult. There are simple general rules that apply to all house plants. Then, in addition, each of the plants shown has interesting special needs—as you will see later on.

They Need Lots of Light

Flowering plants need more sunlight than foliage plants. Keep them in a sunny window facing south, east, or west most of the time; but when they're in full bloom, blossoms last longest if they're kept out of direct sun. Every day give the pots a quarter turn in the same direction, or stems will lean toward the strongest source of light.

Artificial Light Can Work Wonders

If you have no suitable sunny window, install fluorescent fixtures to increase the light in your plant area. Two 40-watt daylight or standard cool white lamps in a reflector, with the tubes about 12–14″ above the tops of the plants, will give adequate light for African violets, begonias, cyclamens, gloxinias. Make sure it is directly above the plants, in horizontal position. Leave the light on 12–14 hours each day.

Air Should Be Moist

One big hazard for plants in your home is dry air. They like humidity, not a desert atmosphere—unless they are cacti. A humidifier helps, or a steaming teakettle, or pans of water on radiators. Another smart trick is to set the pots on pebble-filled

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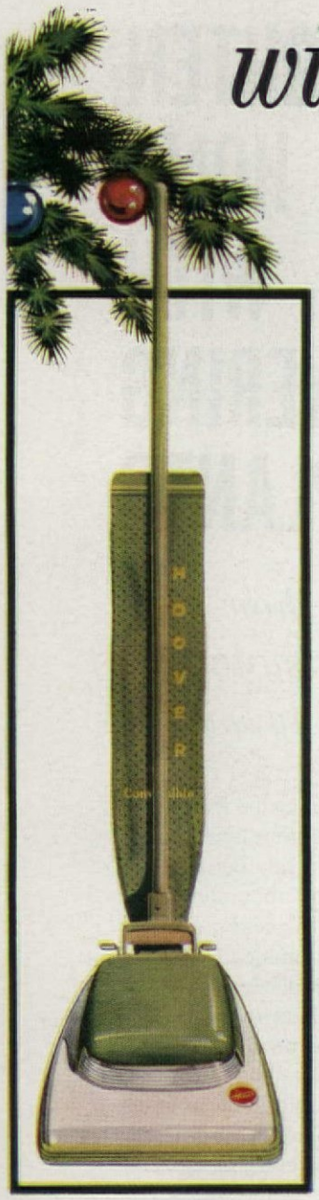
Give her a lift with a gift from HOOVER



NEW HOOVER ELECTRIC FLOOR WASHER

Washes floors and drinks up its own scrub water

Surprising new invention! Wets the floor with clean water and detergent. Scrubs it thoroughly. Vacuum-drys it instantly. The dirty water is kept separate. Hands never touch water.

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trays of water; the pebbles should be an inch or two deep to keep the pots above water level. One can also spray plants daily with a water-filled atomizer. (Keep plants in shade until foliage dries.)

Temperature Needs Vary

THESE LIKE IT COOL	THESE STAND WARMTH
65° Daytime 60° Night	72° Daytime 65° Night
Azalea	African violet
Chrysanthemum	Amaryllis
Cyclamen	Begonia
Geranium	Gardenia
Daffodil	Gloxinia
Tulip	Orchid
Primrose	Sprekelia

A trick for enjoying the plants that like cool temperatures, is to grow them in an unheated room until they are at peak bloom, then move them into your living room to enjoy them during the day, and back to the cooler room at night.

Water Plants Before They Wilt

A sure way to find out whether a plant needs water is to touch the topsoil with your finger tip. If it feels dry, water thoroughly—enough to make water run out of the bottom of the pot. Then don't water again until the topsoil feels a little dry. Use water that's room temperature.

Feed Lightly, on a Schedule

If plants are hungry, they don't look their best. *But overfeeding makes them sick!* Use soluble house-plant food diluted in water, every two weeks except during winter when once a month is enough. Have soil moist when you apply the feeding. Follow manufacturer's instructions carefully. Never use stronger doses.

Prevent Diseases and Pests

Don't wait for trouble to start! Spray your plants monthly with a house-plant bomb according to directions on the container. If you notice any insects, spray weekly until they disappear. And whenever you get a new plant, isolate it from any other plants for two weeks until you are certain it has no troubles it could spread to healthy plants.

How to grow the plants shown on pages 8 and 9

Chrysanthemums Are Extra Easy

Mums are practically foolproof if you keep them watered. Blooms remain in good condition for many weeks. When plants are through flowering, cut tops off so they're only a couple of inches high. Move pots to a sunny window and keep the leaves growing until spring. Then plants can be removed from the pot and transplanted to the outdoor garden. They'll bloom again in the fall! However, if they were a greenhouse variety, they probably will not open their buds outdoors before freezing weather; so dig them, with earth attached to their roots, pot, and bring inside to a cool sunny window.

Amaryllis Starts From a Bulb

You can buy amaryllis plants already in bud or flower, but it's more fun to start with bare, dormant bulbs.

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But one day she stopped me. She asked me how much I'd earn in the next fifteen years—not counting raises. I did some quick arithmetic, multiplying my salary by fifteen. It ran up into *six figures!* I gave her the answer and grinned.

Betty wasn't impressed. "How much of that do you think we'll save?" she asked. I had to be honest. We were always paying off on a new car or a radio or going places. "A thousand or two," I admitted.

"That's just our trouble," she said. "We can't seem to save. You ought to take out one of those retirement income plans right now."

I could see that Betty was right. Most of that money I'd make in the next fifteen years would go—as it always did—unless I made some systematic plan for our future then and there. So I looked into the subject and discovered the Phoenix Mutual Retirement Income Plan.

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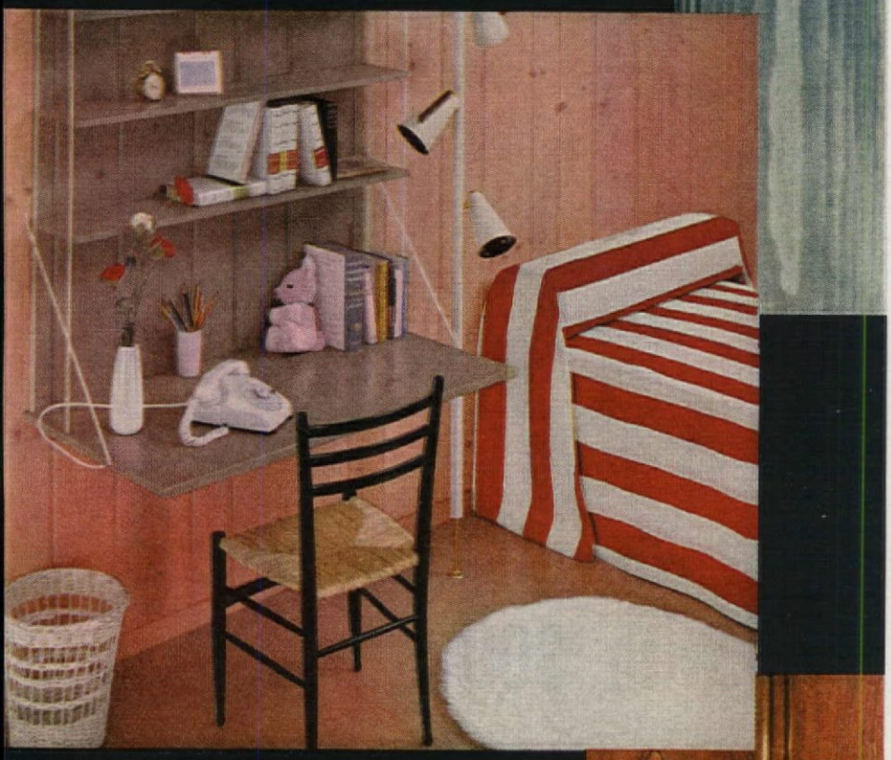

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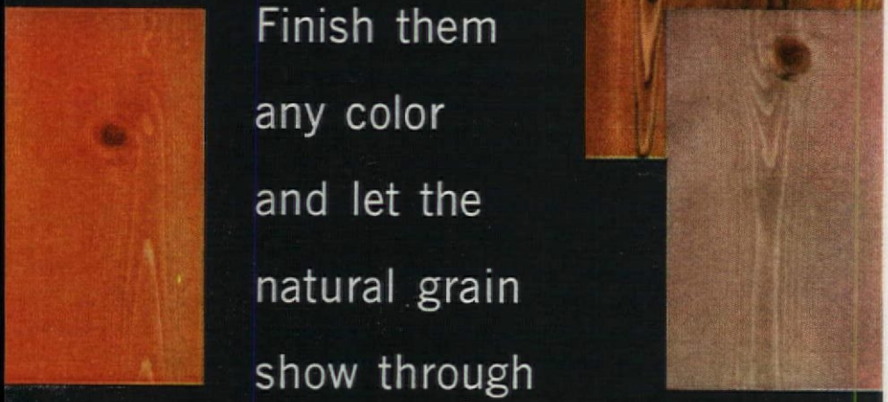

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They're for sale at garden supply stores during the winter. Pot in soil, with bulb ⅔ above ground. Keep barely moist, in a cool dark place, until top growth starts. A fat bud may be the first thing that pokes up, or it may be leaves. Either is all right. Bring pot to your sunniest or lightest window at once, keep well watered, and await the big show! When flowers have withered, cut off stalk, but keep leaves growing. Give sunshine, food, and water. The more leaves the plant produces, the better, because they're manufacturing food to be stored in the bulb to produce next year's flower. No leaves, no bloom. During summer, amaryllis should keep on growing, outdoors, either in their pots or transplanted into the garden. In the fall, dry off and let rest, leafless, for a couple of months or so. Then they're ready to grow again and bloom.

African Violets Are Fascinating Fun

African violet plants will live for years. And, bless them, they like the same winter room temperature as you do: 72 day, 65 night. Give them bright light but not midday sun; north or east windows are preferred. Too much sun damages leaves; too little light produces leaves but not flower buds. In watering, be extra careful to use only warm (or room temperature) water; avoid getting it on leaves, or letting it stand in plant's saucer.

Best soil for both mature plants and young is light, humusy loam, loose, and rapid-draining. It can be a combination of such things as garden loam, sand, vermiculite, peatmoss, etc.

Cyclamen Blooms at Christmastime!

A cyclamen will continue flowering for 3 months if you keep it cool, never let the soil get dry, and give it morning sunshine. Preferred temperature is a chilly 50°, but it will tolerate 60°. In late spring, when leaves yellow, stop watering. Let corm (bulb) rest. Through summer, turn the pot on its side under a bush, or where it will get only a little water. Watch for sprouting leaves in late summer. That's the signal to start watering and feeding again. Bring the plant in to your window before frost.

Azalea Dotes on Cool Temperature

Azalea also likes moist soil, and moist air. Keep in an east or west window, in the coolest room you have. Keep soil constantly moist; the best routine is to set pot in a kettle of water once a week, and let it soak until wet through. Then lift out and let drain. The rest of the week, water daily from the top. If you set the pot inside a larger container filled with damp sphagnum moss, it will help slow down evaporation and keep the air humid. Daily or weekly spraying of leaves with water is good for the plant.

As azalea blooms fade, pick them off. Then, when summer comes, move the azalea into a semishaded place in the garden. Probably, if it came from a florist, it's not a kind that's winter-hardy outdoors. But if you water it well all summer, it will develop buds and you can bring it back into the house for another round of blooming. Bring in before frost; put in a cool, light place, and keep the soil only *moderately* moist for a month while the plant rests. Then water more heavily to start it into growth.

Geraniums Must Have Sunshine

Give geraniums plenty of light to keep them blooming. Put them in your brightest south or east window, near the glass. But they don't like heat! A cool room (not above 65°) suits them best. Go easy on watering. Water

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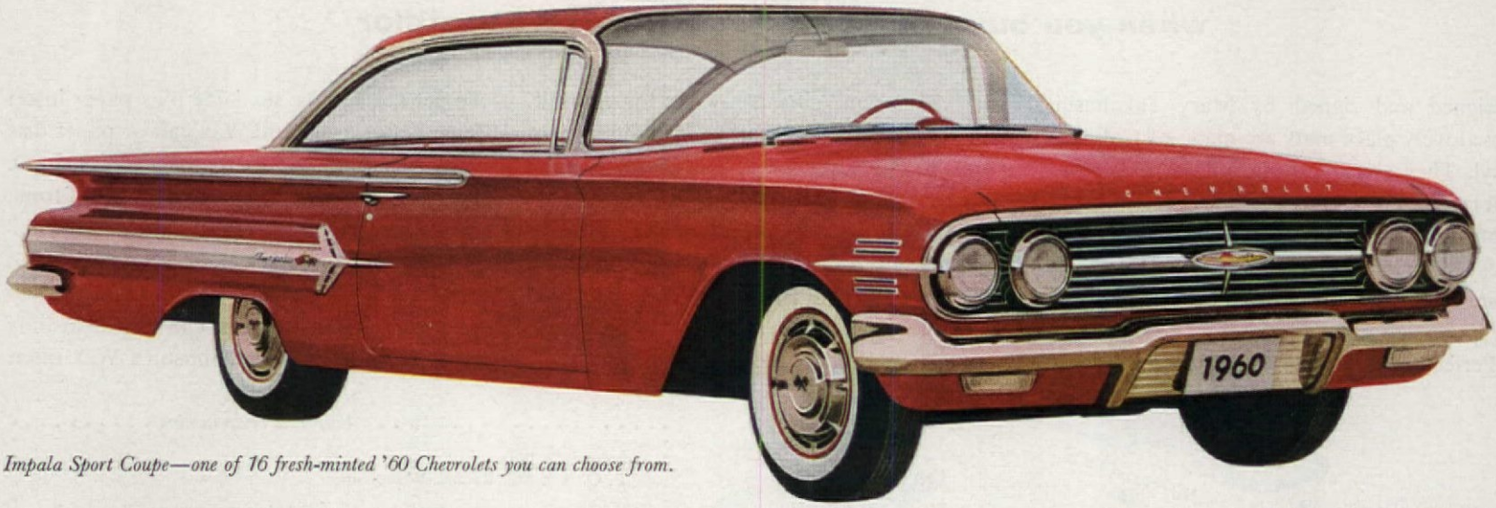

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many things. It is the wonder of a child at the first snowflake, the tenderness of a mother rocking her baby to sleep, the quiet strength of a father reading a story to his children—all cuddled close and warm in front of the fire.

Christmas is the imagination that makes a small boy hear the prancing of reindeer hoofs. It is the hush of twilight, the magic of midnight, the promise of dawn.

Christmas is the love that knits together a family across distance and time.

Above all, Christmas is the shining hope of peace that can unite the world, the faith that has endured since Christmas began. Christmas is the remembrance of the Child of Bethlehem.

PENNEY-BEECHER

Christmas is Music

Christmas is the music of bells, the tinkling of tree ornaments, the voices of the church choir. Most of all, it is the music of the carolers. This year, why not give a caroling party for the neighborhood? After the youngsters complete their merry rounds, invite them back for warming refreshments!

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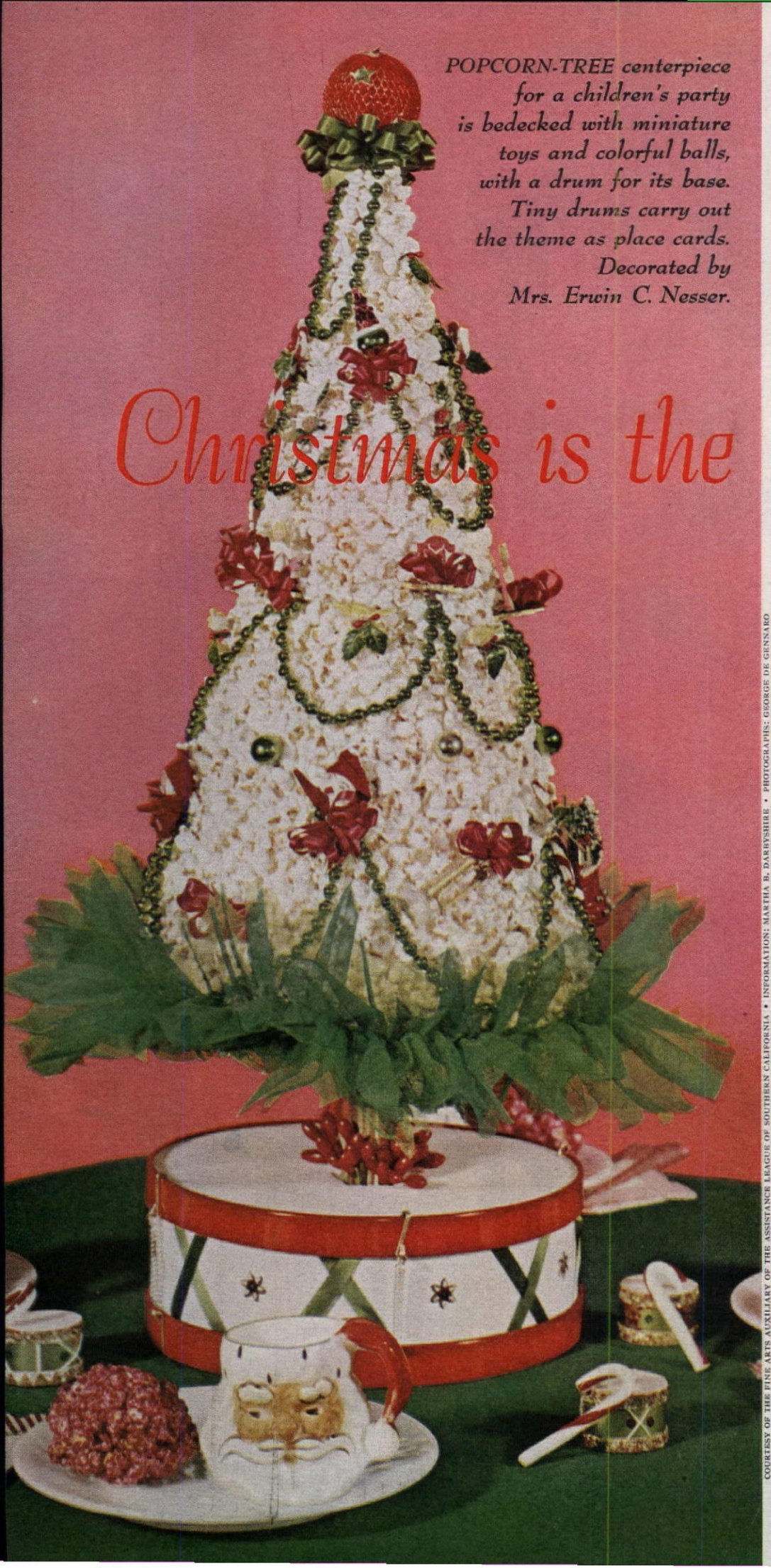
Children gather around the piano in the home of Harrison and Ruth Brent, Norfolk, Virginia, for a brief practice before going out. After carol singing, hot chocolate and the cookies the children decorated earlier in the afternoon are served. *See page 25.*

Carolers pause in the deep snow outside the Brents' home.

POPCORN-TREE centerpiece for a children's party is bedecked with miniature toys and colorful balls, with a drum for its base. Tiny drums carry out the theme as place cards. Decorated by Mrs. Erwin C. Nesser.

Christmas is the Tree



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SNOWBALL TREE is trimmed with plastic foam balls in different sizes. Balls are tied on with red ribbon and studded with glistening cranberry pins. Decorated by Mrs. Fred Nason.

ITALIAN RAFFIA TREE, set in gilded painter's bucket, is trimmed with gold beads, apples, angels, snowballs, artificial roses, candles (for effect only), and topped with an angel and gold star. Decorated by Mrs. H. F. Sturdy.

Christmas is Giving

Big or small, round or square, the nicest gifts come in the prettiest packages. With colorful tissue, paper bags, and a few "props" you can easily duplicate the ones we show here.

From left to right:
THE MILITANT SOLDIER is a mailing tube wrapped in colored craft paper. Buttons are thumb tacks, cap insignia is available in gift-wrapping stores. **TISSUE SUNBURST** (behind the soldier) makes a delicate and effective package. **SMALL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING BAG** goes glamorous with decals. Punch holes in top for ribbon. **SMALL TRAIN** is cut from tissue, pasted on with rubber cement. Draw details with grease pencil (see page 89 for full train design). **ASSORTED SHADES** of same color tissue are pinched near top with band

or ribbon. **SANTA'S HAT** is a red paper bag folded over in rakish manner, trimmed with white cotton. **LITTLE GIRL** is a cut-out from Christmas paper. The gay balloon is a festive touch. Cellophane tape holds balloon, and pins anchor cord. **SANTA CLAUS** is a last year's Christmas card. With a pretty bow, he makes an inexpensive wrapping. **HAPPY CLOWN** is fun for the children. (See how-to's on page 88.) **WATERMELON** is red and green tissue on white paper. **CHECKED WALLPAPER** makes unusual wrapping. **CHRISTMAS BALLS** were snitched from the tree! Shopping Information, page 100

Christmas is Welcome

Tiny multicolored Christmas balls are centered on gilded leaves. Wreath is wound with gold lamé ribbon, has gold lamé bow.

Santa dangling stars is made of paper, felt, cardboard, and a fat wool pompon.

Gold-sprayed nuts and pine cones and colored artificial fruit are touched off with splashing red bow on a wreath of boxwood. ▶

Trees and swag of broad-leaf boxwood are studded with red and gold balls and imitation fruit. Designed by Mrs. William A. Deming. ▶

Walnut-headed choir boys are dressed in lace-paper frocks. They ring gold bells tied with saucy bow.

Velvet bows in three shades — red to pink — are held to wreath by festoons of silver baubles.

F. M. DEMAREST

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CHARLES R. PEARSO

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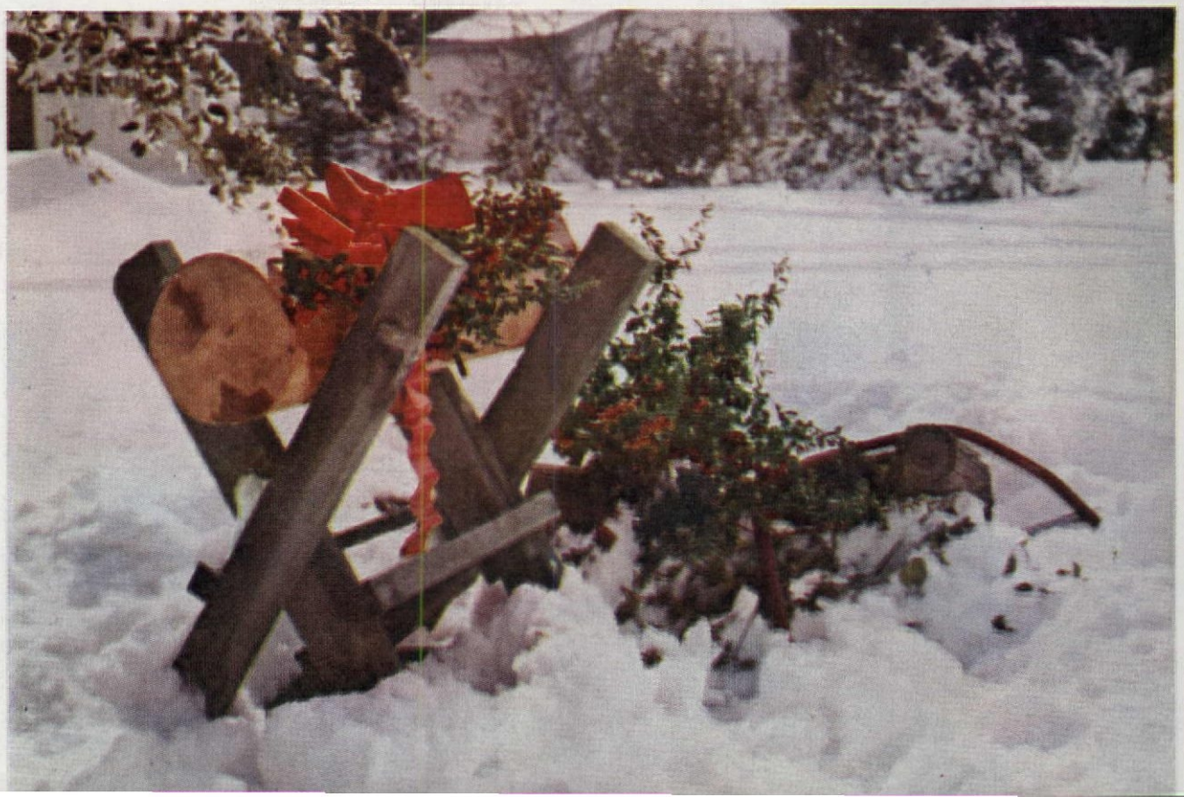
Christmas is fun

The fun of dashing through

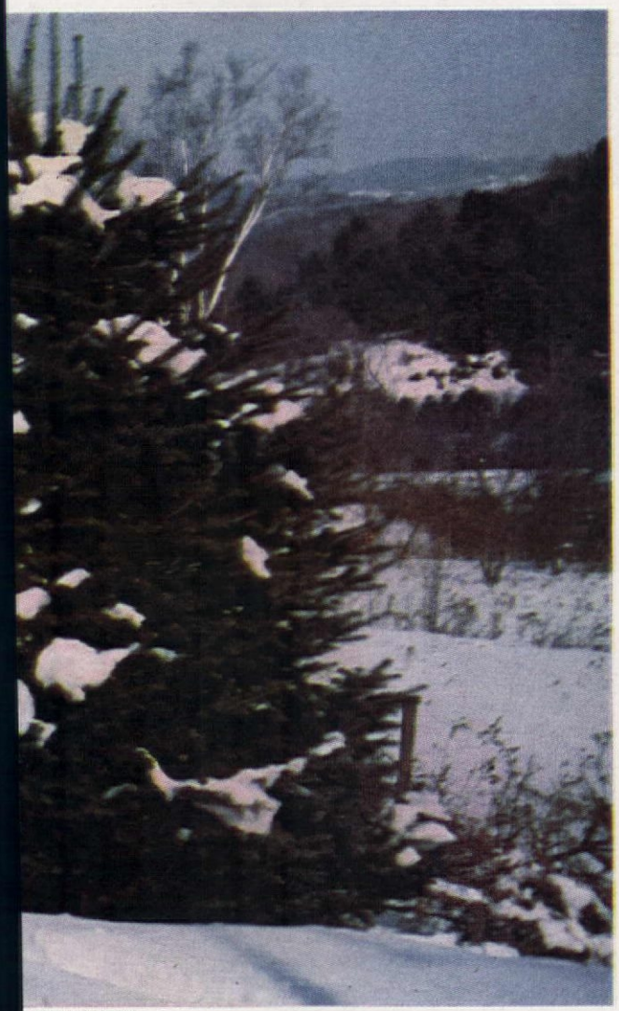
O'er the fields they go—these New Hampshire children know the fun of a real old-fashioned Christmas.

The fun of dragging in the yule log and dressing up a sleigh,



Yule log and holly decorate the lawn of "Holiday House" in Norfolk, Virginia. Members of Lakewood Garden Club choose one member's home each year and decorate it from doorsill to attic for the holidays.

the snow in a one-horse open sleigh, and the finger-licking joy of decorating cookies!



JOHN TITCHEN

Trimming cooky tree for caroling party takes deep concentration. *(See page 17)*

Children add final touch to cupcakes that were baked in tree-shaped molds.

Santa Claus cookies are real super for Mark Young of Norfolk, Virginia.

Hot chocolate is served in Santa Claus mugs with candy-cane stirrers.

reviving traditions of the past and dreaming up some new ones!

Old sleigh belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Locke of Norfolk, Virginia, is piled high with packages and newly cut tree. Gifts are wrapped in weatherproof foil or plastic and tied with oilcloth ribbon.

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Christmas is Your Table

Christmas is the festive board with a family of shining faces gathered around it. Or it's the party buffet, overflowing with the spirit of holiday fun. Here are three arrangements that say for you, "Good Cheer and Good Eating!"

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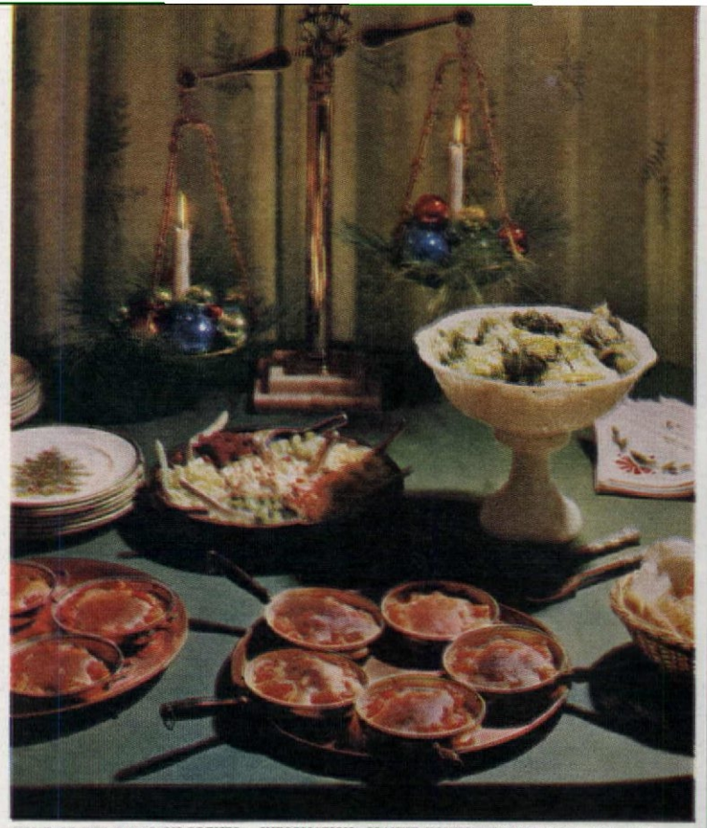

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HANS VAN NES

Bright Christmas reds—the red felt cloth, ruby-topped goblets, and cheery carnation centerpiece—are foil for lots of white. Green velvet ribbon is the crowning touch.

Candlelight party has gleaming brass scales balancing arrangements of Christmas-tree balls. Food is served in milk-glass punch bowl, divided curry dish, and small copper casseroles.

International buffet is served in an Early American setting. Note the Scandinavian casseroles, Mexican angels, Japanese butterfly dish, Dutch coffeepot, English chafing dish. Plates and silver are American.

Take a package of mix and make...

Easy-bake gifts for all your neighbors

How many Christmases have you been promising to give something extra special to the friends across the street or your favorite aunt or the kids' pet teacher? Yet somehow, in all the rush, you never seem to get around to it. This year, take your cue from our easy-bake gift ideas. They're made in a wink with a mix!

FOR THESE RECIPES, SEE PAGES 34, 43 and 56

Gift-wrap ideas by Jeanne Hammond. How-to's begin on page 34.

Take a package of biscuit mix...
and "easy-bake" a currant-orange loaf

Take a package of angel food mix...
and "easy-bake" a cranberry cake roll

Take a package of chocolate pudding mix...

and "easy-bake" a chocolate steam pudding ... serve with vanilla mix sauce

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SAVORY CHICKEN CASSEROLE. In skillet, brown 2-lb. cut-up frying chicken in 2 tbsp. shortening; place chicken in 2-qt. casserole. Pour off drippings from skillet and blend into skillet 1 can Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup, ½ soup can milk, ¼ tsp. each poultry seasoning and salt, dash pepper. Add 4 carrots (cut in quarters), 6 small onions, 1 pkg. frozen lima beans. Cover; cook 20 min.; stir. Pour over chicken; cover; refrigerate immediately. Remove 1 hr. 15 min. before serving. Bake, covered, at 375°F. for 1 hr.; uncover; bake 15 min., or until chicken is tender. 4 generous servings.*

OP-O-STOVE CASSEROLE STEW

ll 1 lb. beef cubes in 2 tbsp. flour, ½ . salt, dash pepper. Brown in 2 tbsp. rtening. Stir in 1 can Campbell's mato Soup, 1 cup water, 1 minced rlic clove. Cover; cook slowly 1 hr. d 6 carrots (cut in 2-in. pieces), 8 all white onions. Cover; cook 1 hr. Re- gerate immediately. Remove 30 min. ore serving. Add 1 pkg. (10 oz.) fro- peas; cover; cook 30 min. If desired, cover during last 10 min. to thicken.*

TUNA MACARONI CASSEROLE

In buttered 1½-qt. casserole, blend 1 can Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup, ½ cup milk, 7-oz. can tuna (drained, flaked), ¼ cup finely minced onion, ½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese, 2 cups cooked macaroni. Sprinkle top with ½ cup additional cheese. Cover; refrigerate immediately. Remove 30 min. before serving. Top with 2 tbsp. buttered bread crumbs; bake at 400°F. about 30 min. till bubbling. 4 servings.*

FRANK 'N POTATO CASSEROLE

To prepare sauce, combine 1 can Campbell's Cream of Celery Soup, ¾ cup milk, ¼ cup finely chopped onion, 2 to 3 tsp. prepared mustard. In buttered 1½-qt. casserole, arrange alternate layers of 4 cups diced cooked potatoes, sauce, and ½ lb. frankfurters (slit lengthwise). Cover; refrigerate immediately. Remove 45 min. before serving. Bake, covered, at 400°F. for 30 min.; uncover and bake 15 min. 4 servings.*

*Each dish may be completely prepared at one time. Reduce total baking time (cooking time for stew) 10 or 15 min.

ood things begin to happen when you cook with *Campbell's Soups*

AMERICAN HOME RECIPES

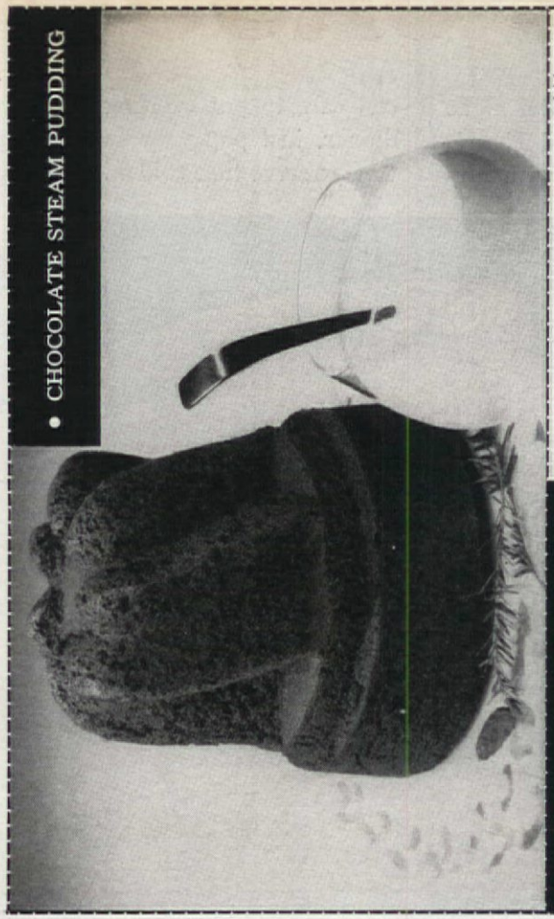
Take a Package of Mix

(pictured in color on pages 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32)

Gift-wrap idea shown on page 32.

Cover large cone paper cup with lace-paper doily ruffles. Make a head from paper jelly cup. Paste features on bottom, star sequin eyes, red sequin nose. Hair is gold paper ribbon, wings silver foil.

• CHOCOLATE STEAM PUDDING



• CHOCOLATE STEAM PUDDING

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Preparation time: 20 min.
Steaming time: 1½ hrs.

2 pkgs. chocolate pudding and pie filling mix
¼ c. flour
¼ tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
4 egg whites
¼ c. sugar
4 egg yolks
4 tbs. melted butter or margarine
½ tsp. vanilla

• Sift together pudding and pie filling mix, flour, baking powder, and salt. Beat egg whites until foamy, in large bowl; gradually beat in sugar; continue beating until mixture stands in stiff peaks. Beat egg yolks until light and thick in medium-sized bowl; fold into egg whites. Carefully and thoroughly fold in sifted dry ingredients. Add melted butter or margarine and vanilla. Turn into well-buttered 1-quart mold; cover tightly. (If mold has no cover, use lightly buttered aluminum foil and tie securely.) Steam 1½ hrs. in large kettle half filled with boiling water. Unmold on serving plate. Serve warm with Vanilla Mix Sauce. To reheat, steam in top of double boiler or wrap in aluminum foil and heat in oven.

Vanilla Mix Sauce: Pour 2½ c. milk, ½ c. light cream, and ¼ tsp. rum extract into medium-sized bowl. Add 1 pkg. vanilla instant pudding mix, and ⅛ tsp. nutmeg. Beat slowly with egg beater just until well mixed, about 1 minute. Let stand until set, about 5 minutes. Makes 3 cups.

Makes 8 servings *290 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

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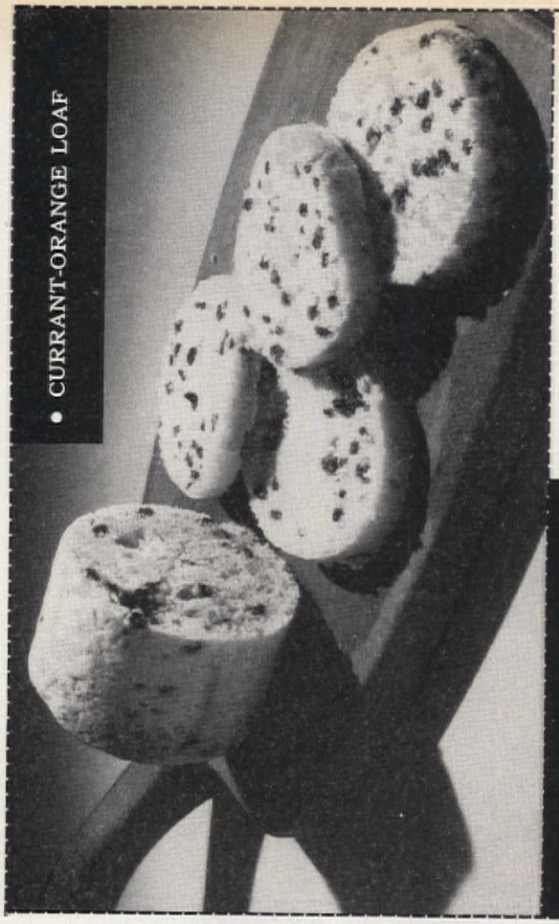
Here are 12 dessert recipes and hints on storing and freezing cookies!

You can bake exciting new cookie gifts and party desserts with these recipes and Betty Crocker Brownie Mix, Date Bar Mix, Gingerbread Mix, and Macaroon Mix.

Detach and keep for reference throughout the year.



• CURRANT-ORANGE LOAF

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Preparation time: 10 min.
Baking time: 45–50 min.

3 c. biscuit mix
¾ c. sugar
1 egg
1¼ c. orange juice
1 tbs. grated orange rind
¾ c. currants

● Combine biscuit mix and sugar; add egg and orange juice; beat well. (Batter will be slightly lumpy.) Add grated orange rind and currants. Divide batter equally into three well-greased clean tin cans (one-pound size), filling slightly more than half full. Bake, uncovered, in moderate oven (350°F.) 45–50 minutes, or until cake tester comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from cans; cool thoroughly before slicing. Note: Batter may also be baked in greased 9x5x3-inch loaf pan.

Makes 3 loaves *900 cal. each.* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

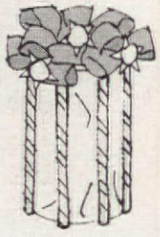
***Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**

GIFT-WRAP IDEAS FOR CURRANT-ORANGE LOAF

(see page 30)

Cover package with gold and white tissue. Gather at top, tie with gold paper ribbon, turn bottom under, fasten with gold seal. Tuck lollypop in top, garland base with tinsel.

Cover package with shiny pink paper. Face is made with red seal and gold-star eyes, red sequin nose, red paper mouth with lace-paper doily mustache and beard. Cover cone paper cup with red paper for hat, bow topped.



Cover package with shiny green paper. Glue red-and-white-striped candy canes evenly spaced around package. Top with looped red ribbon and gold paper stars.

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Holiday Brownies. Make fudgy or cake-like brownies as directed on Betty Crocker Brownie Mix pkg. Then for a holiday touch frost brownies with your favorite frosting tinted green for Christmas and top with a thin layer of melted unsweetened chocolate. Cut into 1" sq.

Cranberry Rounds. For these holiday treats follow the directions on the Betty Crocker Date Bar Mix pkg. – except add ½ cup cooked, drained whole cranberries to date filling mixture. Cool. Sprinkle top with red sugar, cut into 2" rounds.

Macaroon Wreaths. Follow pkg. directions. Swirl spoon in center of unbaked macaroons. Use cinnamon candies for holly, paint leaves with food coloring. Chocolate Macaroon Wreaths – blend 1/3 cup cocoa with macaroon mix before adding liquid. Do not overbake.

Gingerbread Boys. They're easy to make! Just follow the directions on the Betty Crocker Gingerbread Mix package for Ginger Cutouts. Add raisins for eyes and nose. Bake. Trim with Betty Crocker Frosting. And you have a perfect gift for the Christmas carolers!

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(*continued*)

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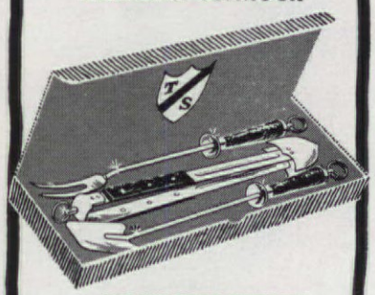

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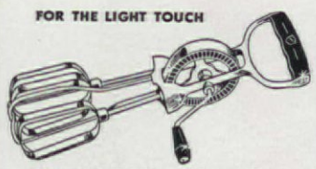

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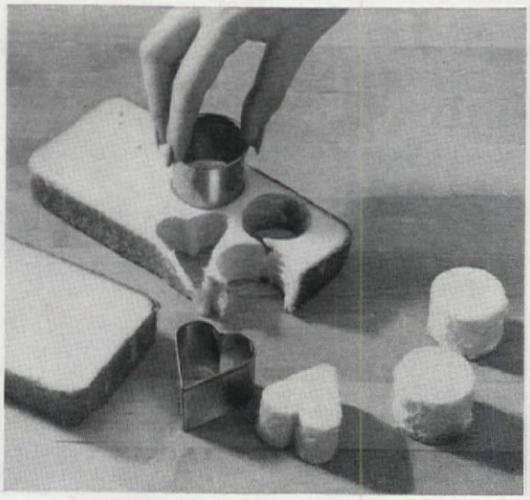
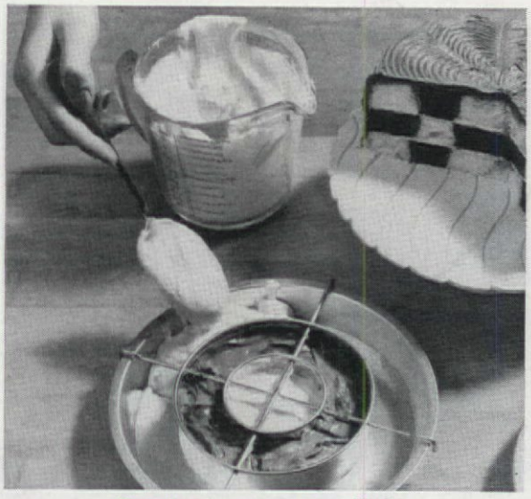
VIRGINIA T. HABEEB

'Tis the season for fancy "doings" in the kitchen and what pretty and festive holiday food you can make with the gadgets we show! Whether you're making traditional family recipes or quick tricks with mixes, these gadgets will give them a professional twist. Look over our suggestions for ideas and then give your imagination free rein! Shopping Information, page 100



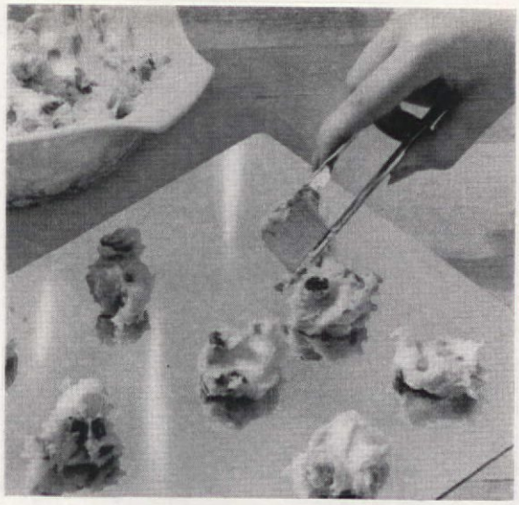
Petits fours cutters give smooth, easy-to-frost sides to these shapely little cakes. Since petits fours freeze so beautifully, make a supply and have them ready for drop-in holiday well-wishers. Use leftover bits of cake in puddings for the children.

A decorator set is bound to bring out the artist in you. Easy to use, it gives a professional touch to all your baking. Use it, too, for filling cream puffs and éclairs or stuffing celery. Six different design tips come in this set.



Checkerboard cake will be a puzzle to young folks and grown-ups alike. But making it will be no puzzle if you have a set of checkered cakepans which includes three 9-inch pans plus the inset for forming alternate rows of batter.

Individual ice cream molds in a variety of patterns give an elegant shape to an everyday dessert. It takes just a few minutes to pack soft ice cream into the molds, add the cover, and store in the freezer. Molds hold one-half cup.



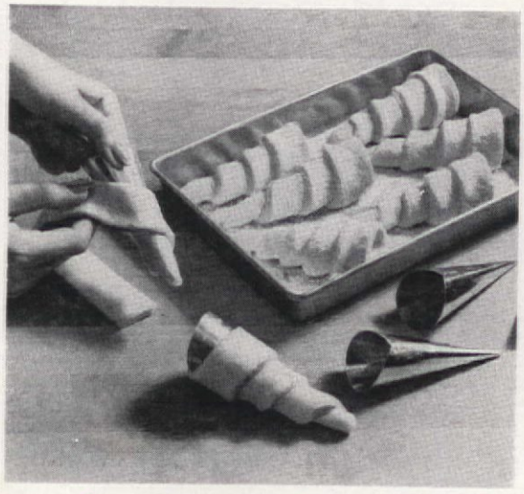
Dropping cookies is this gadget's specialty. What an easy way to get neat-looking, uniform drop cookies! Just scoop up the dough, squeeze the handle, and the cooky drops onto the baking sheet.

Set of timbale molds makes crispy waffle and patty shells in three Christmas designs. Use them as the base for unique hors d'oeuvres and dessert fillings. Electric skillet is handy for deep-fat frying.

Tart tins are especially handy for making individual holiday treats such as these Polynées which are shown on page 45. This year use tins for making mincemeat and pumpkin tarts instead of traditional pies.

Springerle rolling pin makes quite an impression as it rolls sixteen different pictures into this anise-flavored cooky dough. Springerle boards are available, too, which make imprints similar to the ones shown here.

F. M. DEMAREST



Cream horn cases give shape to delightful desserts symbolic of this season of plenty. Just wind strips of puff paste or regular pie pastry around the cases, bake, and gently remove the case when cool. Fill with your favorite mixture.

Christmas cooky cutters are the starting point for some of the prettiest cookies you've ever baked and decorated. This set of five cutters (star, tree, bell, camel, and Santa) is copper-colored—gay enough to hang on the tree.

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LET'S TALK TURKEY

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CHINESE TURKEY PIE—ALMOND CRUST

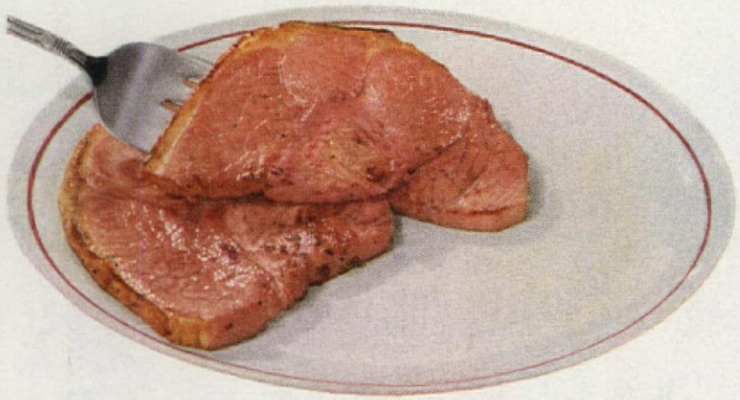
HOT TURKEY SALAD

STUFFED ONIONS

TURKEY FAR EAST

TURKEY AND AVOCADO NEWBURG

We would like to scratch the word "leftover" right out of Mr. Webster's dictionary. Because too many people feel that once the great Christmas feast is over, there is nothing exciting you can do with turkey. How wrong! *The good eating's just begun!* To prove our point we show you ten delectable dishes. Why not surprise your family with Turkey Newburg, made unusually different with the addition of avocado? Or try sandwiching paper-thin slices of turkey and tender asparagus spears between squares of corn bread. Smother with a savory sauce and you're in business! Or set a tender trap for the man (continued on next page)



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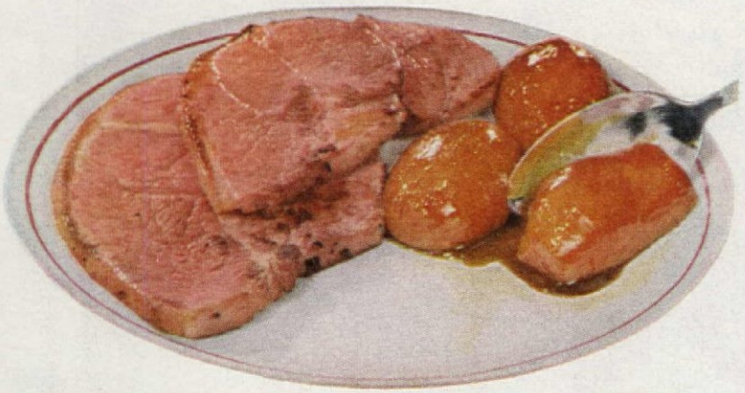

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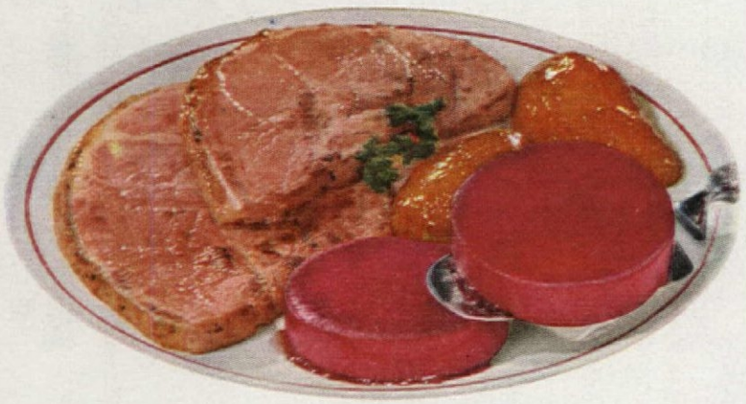

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of the house with hearty Turkey Hash with a poached egg on top! Feel like a foreign dish? Try Chinese Turkey Pie with water chestnuts and almond crust. Or go Italiano with a Macaroni Casserole. Serve up an interesting Turkey Far East, redolent with cinnamon, ginger, cloves, and cardamon seeds and made doubly intriguing with orange slices and diced apple! Coming closer to home, you can use turkey as a stuffing for Baked Onions, in combination with oysters in Turkey Oyster Scallop, or wrapped around a seasoned potato stuffing with a glaze of bright red cranberry sauce. And just one more . . . a Hot Turkey Salad that's simply out of this world. Enough now of turkey talk. On with the recipes! All are tested in The American Home kitchens.

AMERICAN HOME RECIPES

Turkey Leftovers

TURKEY FAR EAST

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 25 min.

1 med. onion, finely chopped
2 tbs. butter or margarine
2 tbs. quick-cooking tapioca
½ tsp. seasoned salt
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. ginger
⅛ tsp. cloves
2½ c. turkey stock
8 whole cardamon seeds
1 tbs. coriander
1 tsp. whole peppercorns
3 c. diced cooked turkey
2 med. oranges
1 large apple, diced (1 c.)
¼ c. blanched pistachio nuts (optional)

● Sauté onion in butter or margarine in large skillet until tender but not browned. Combine tapioca, seasoned salt, cinnamon, ginger, and cloves; add to skillet. Add stock and whole spices tied in cheesecloth. Bring to boiling; simmer 15 minutes; remove spice bag. Peel and section orange, being careful to save all juice; stir into spice mixture; add turkey and apple; simmer 10 minutes longer. Serve over hot cooked rice, sprinkled with pistachio nuts.

Makes 4–6 servings *300 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

HOT TURKEY SALAD

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

1½ c. diced or slivered cooked turkey
1 c. diced celery
½ c. chopped walnuts
¼ c. snipped water cress
1 pimiento, chopped
2 tbs. lemon juice
2 tsp. minced onion
½ tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
½ c. mayonnaise
¼ c. milk
2 tbs. grated Parmesan cheese

● Combine all ingredients except cheese; spoon into 4 individual baking dishes or one 9-inch pie pan; sprinkle with cheese. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) 15 minutes, or until lightly browned. Serve hot.

Makes 4 servings *350 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

TURKEY MACARONI CASSEROLE

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

3 tbs. butter or margarine
4 tbs. flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. dry mustard
½ tsp. paprika
⅛ tsp. pepper
Dash of cayenne
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
Dash of Tabasco
1 can (4 oz.) sliced mushrooms
Turkey stock
1½ c. milk
2 c. diced cooked turkey
2 c. cooked macaroni shells
¼ c. sliced pitted ripe olives
4 slices (4 oz.) processed American cheese

● Melt butter or margarine in medium-sized saucepan; blend in flour and seasonings, Worcestershire sauce, and Tabasco. Drain and reserve

mushrooms; measure liquid; add sufficient turkey stock to make 1½ cups; gradually stir into flour mixture; add milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and comes to a boil; remove from heat. Add turkey, macaroni, olives, and reserved mushrooms; turn half the mixture into greased 1½-quart casserole; dice and add two slices of cheese; top with remaining macaroni mixture. Cut remaining cheese slices into triangles; arrange in pattern on top of casserole. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 15–20 minutes, or until browned and bubbly.

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

GLAZED STUFFED TURKEY SLICES

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

1 packet (½ pkg.) instant mashed potatoes or 2 c. leftover mashed potatoes
1 egg, slightly beaten
½ c. herb-seasoned bread stuffing
¼ c. chopped parsley
½ tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
4 tbs. butter or margarine
1 med. onion, chopped (½ c.)
½ c. chopped celery
8–10 large slices of cooked turkey
½ c. stock or broth
½ c. canned whole cranberry sauce
¼ c. sugar

● Prepare mashed potatoes according to package directions; beat in egg. Add bread stuffing, parsley, salt, and pepper. Melt butter or margarine in small skillet; sauté onion and celery until tender; add to potato mixture. Spread stuffing on 4 or 5 large turkey slices; place in shallow baking dish with stock or broth; top with remaining turkey slices; cover. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 10–15 minutes to heat thoroughly. Remove from oven; uncover. Combine cranberry sauce and sugar; spoon onto top turkey slices. Broil in preheated broiler 2–3 minutes to glaze.

Makes 4–5 servings *460 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

TURKEY OYSTER SCALLOP

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: 20–25 min.

1 tbs. instant minced onion
2 tbs. minced celery
3 tbs. butter or margarine
3 tbs. flour
½ tsp. marjoram
½ tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 can (12 oz.) frozen oysters, thawed or 2 cans (7 oz. ea.), thawed
Turkey stock
¾ c. milk
2 c. diced cooked turkey
¼ c. fine bread crumbs
2 tbs. melted butter or margarine
2 tbs. grated Romano or Parmesan cheese

● Sauté onion and celery in butter or margarine in medium-sized saucepan until tender but not browned. Blend in flour, marjoram, salt, pepper, and Worcestershire sauce. Drain oysters; reserve and measure liquid; add sufficient stock to make ¾ cup; stir into flour mixture; add milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Add oysters and turkey. Turn into greased 1-quart casserole. Combine bread crumbs, melted butter or margarine, and cheese; sprinkle over turkey mixture. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 20–25 minutes, or until crumbs are browned.

Makes 4 servings *340 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

CHINESE TURKEY PIE—ALMOND CRUST

Preparation time: 25 min.
Cooking time: 15 min.
Baking time: 20–25 min.

2½ c. turkey stock
1 c. slivered celery
2 tbs. cornstarch
2 tbs. soy sauce
¼ c. water
½ tsp. ginger
½ tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
2 c. diced cooked turkey
1 can (1 lb. 4 oz.) pineapple chunks, drained
1 c. cooked small white onions
¼ c. sliced water chestnuts
½ pkg. pie crust mix
⅓ c. finely chopped or ground blanched almonds

● Heat stock to boiling in medium-sized saucepan; add celery; simmer about 5–8 minutes or until just tender. Combine cornstarch, soy sauce, water, ginger, salt, and pepper; stir into hot mixture; cook, stirring constantly, until clear and slightly thickened. Add turkey, pineapple, onions, and water chestnuts; heat thoroughly. Turn into 1½-quart casserole. Prepare pie crust mix according to package directions, adding almonds to dry mix. Roll to fit top of casserole, cut cross in center for escape of steam; turn back each quarter; place over hot turkey mixture. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 20–25 minutes, or until crust is browned.

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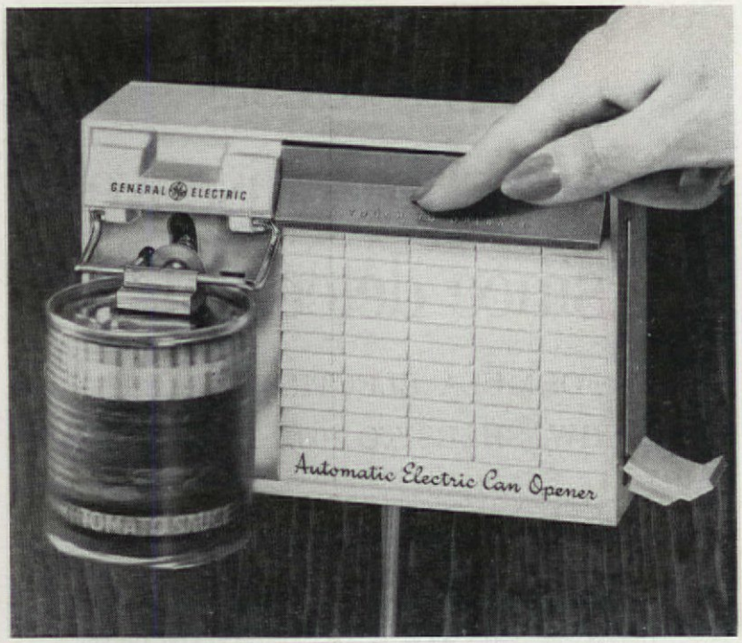

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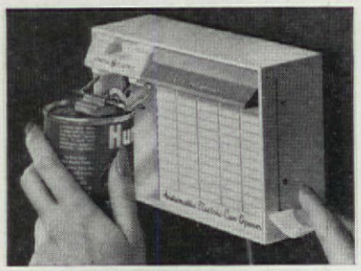

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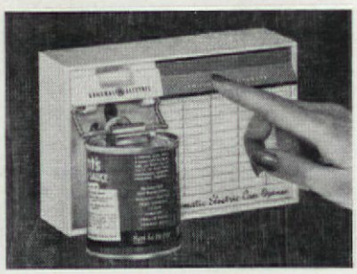

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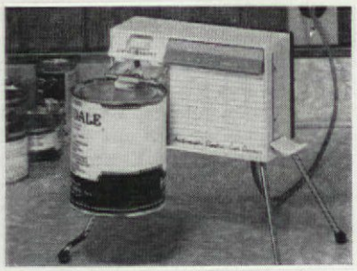

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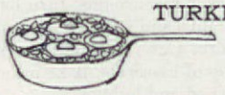

Preparation time: 10 min.
Baking time: 35–40 min.

1½ c. finely chopped cooked turkey
1 c. finely chopped cooked potato
¾ c. leftover turkey gravy
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. thyme
Dash of pepper
4 eggs

● Combine turkey, potatoes, gravy, and seasonings. Turn into 4 individual baking dishes or small ovenproof skillet; bake in hot oven (375°F.) 25–30 minutes. Remove from oven; make four depressions in hash with spoon; drop in eggs. Return to oven; bake 8–10 minutes longer, or just until eggs are set. Serve at once.

Makes 4 servings *220 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

STUFFED ONIONS

Preparation time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 30–40 min.

6 large red Italian onions or Spanish onions
Salt
2 slices bacon, diced
1 c. finely minced cooked turkey
1 egg, slightly beaten
½ c. herb-seasoned bread stuffing
2 tbs. water or stock
1 tsp. salt
Dash of pepper

● Peel onions; cut slice off tops. Parboil onions in boiling, salted water 20–30 minutes, or until tender. Cut out centers to make shells about ½-inch thick; sprinkle insides with salt. Chop enough of centers to make ½ cup. Fry bacon; set aside. Sauté chopped onion in bacon fat until lightly browned. Combine minced turkey, egg, bread stuffing, water, salt, pepper, sautéed onion, and diced bacon. Stuff onions; place in shallow baking dish with small amount of water. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 30 minutes or until lightly browned.

Makes 6 servings *150 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

TURKEY AND AVOCADO NEWBURG

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

4 tbs. butter or margarine
4 tbs. flour
1 tsp. salt
Dash of nutmeg
Dash of cayenne
1 egg yolk, slightly beaten
1½ c. turkey stock
1 tbs. lemon juice
3 tbs. dry sherry
2 c. diced cooked turkey
1 med. avocado, peeled

● Melt butter or margarine in medium-sized saucepan; blend in flour and seasonings. Combine egg yolk and stock; add gradually to flour mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Carefully stir in lemon juice, sherry, and turkey. Just before serving scoop out avocado with melon ball cutter; dice remaining avocado; add to sauce; heat through. Serve in patty shells or on toast points.

Makes 4 servings *335 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

CORN BREAD SANDWICHES

Preparation time: 25 min.

1 pkg. corn muffin mix
1 pkg. frozen asparagus spears
Sliced cooked turkey
1 can (10½ oz.) condensed cream of chicken soup
½ c. milk

● Prepare and bake corn muffin mix in square pan according to package directions for corn bread. Cut into 6 servings; split each through center. Cook asparagus spears according to package directions; drain. Arrange turkey slices and asparagus between layers of corn bread. Heat condensed soup and milk together. Serve over corn bread sandwiches.

Note: Leftover turkey gravy may be used instead of the condensed soup and milk.

Makes 6 servings *340 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

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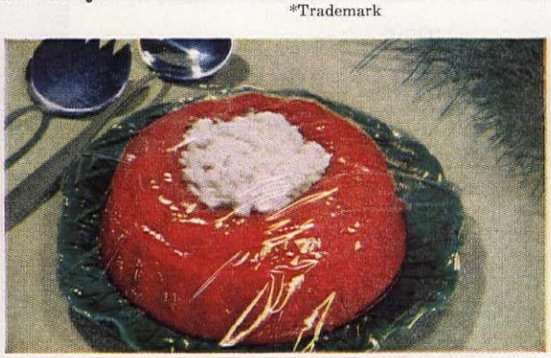

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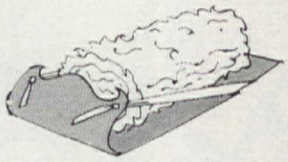
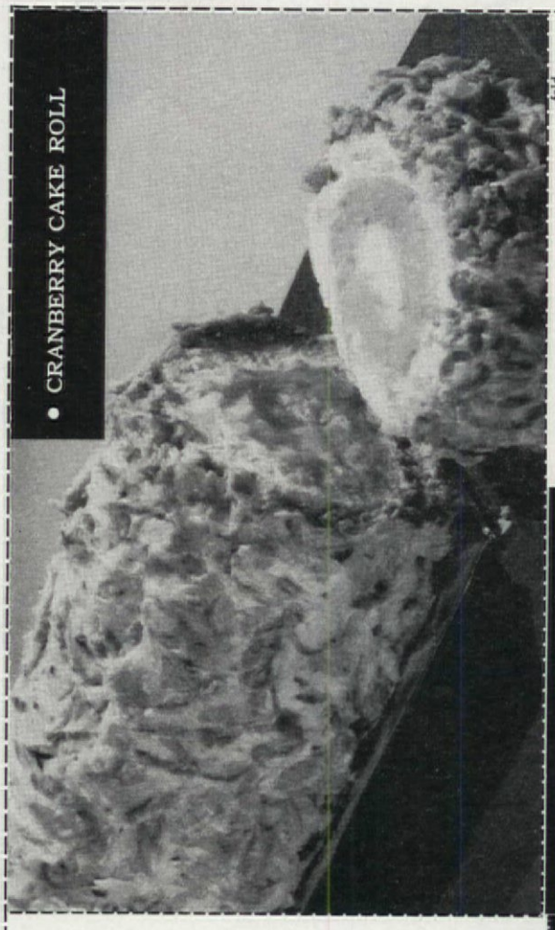


Gift-wrap idea shown on page 31.

Make a sleigh of green craft paper. Cut and curve front of sleigh then tie with striped ribbon streamers to back.

• CRANBERRY CAKE ROLL



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Preparation time: 30 min.
Chilling time: 2 hrs.
Baking time: 15 min.

1 pkg. angel food cake mix or 1 pkg. orange chiffon cake mix
***Filling:* (for 1 roll)**
1½ c. light cream
1 pkg. vanilla instant pudding
***Frosting:* (for 1 roll)**
2½ c. sifted confectioners' sugar
¾ c. ground raw cranberries
1½ tbs. lemon juice
4 tbs. butter or margarine
¾ tsp. grated lemon rind
Dash of salt

● Prepare angel food or chiffon cake mix according to package directions, and bake in 2 jelly roll pans, 15x10x1-inch each. Prepare filling and frosting for one roll at a time for easier handling. *Prepare Filling:* Pour light cream into medium-sized mixing bowl. Add instant pudding. Beat slowly with egg beater just until well mixed, about 1 minute. Let stand until set, about 5 minutes. Chill about 1 hour.

Prepare Frosting: Combine ½ c. of sugar, cranberries, and lemon juice; let stand about 30 minutes to dissolve sugar. Cream butter or margarine, add grated lemon rind and salt. Add remaining sugar alternately with cranberry mixture, beating well after each addition. Makes 1½ cups.

Spread cooled roll with vanilla filling; roll; frost. Chill about 1 hour before serving. Repeat for second roll.

390 cal. per serving *Source of Vitamins A,B,C*

Makes 8–10 servings per roll ***Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**

• CINNAMON ROLL RING

Preparation time: 20 min.
Rising time: 2 hrs.
Baking time: 40–45 min.

2 tbs. honey
½ c. brown sugar, firmly packed
1 tsp. cinnamon
¾ c. raisins
½ c. chopped nuts
¾ c. warm water
1 egg, unbeaten
¼ c. honey
2 tbs. butter or margarine

● Sprinkle yeast from package over warm (not hot) water in large mixing bowl; stir to dissolve. Add egg, ¼ c. honey, and the hot-roll dry mix; blend well. Let rise in warm place, away from draft, about 1 hour, or until light and doubled in bulk. Roll out on lightly floured board into 20x12-inch rectangle. Combine butter or margarine and 2 tbs. honey; spread evenly on dough. Combine brown sugar, cinnamon, raisins, and nuts; sprinkle over dough. Roll as for jelly roll from wide side; cut into 16 slices. Arrange slices, cut side down, in two layers in well-greased 10-inch tube pan. Cover; let rise in warm place, away from draft, about 1 hour, or until doubled in bulk. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 40–45 minutes, or until browned. Frost while still warm with icing made by blending together 1 c. confectioners' (powdered) sugar and 2–3 tbs. milk.

190 cal. each *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

Makes 16 rolls ***Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**

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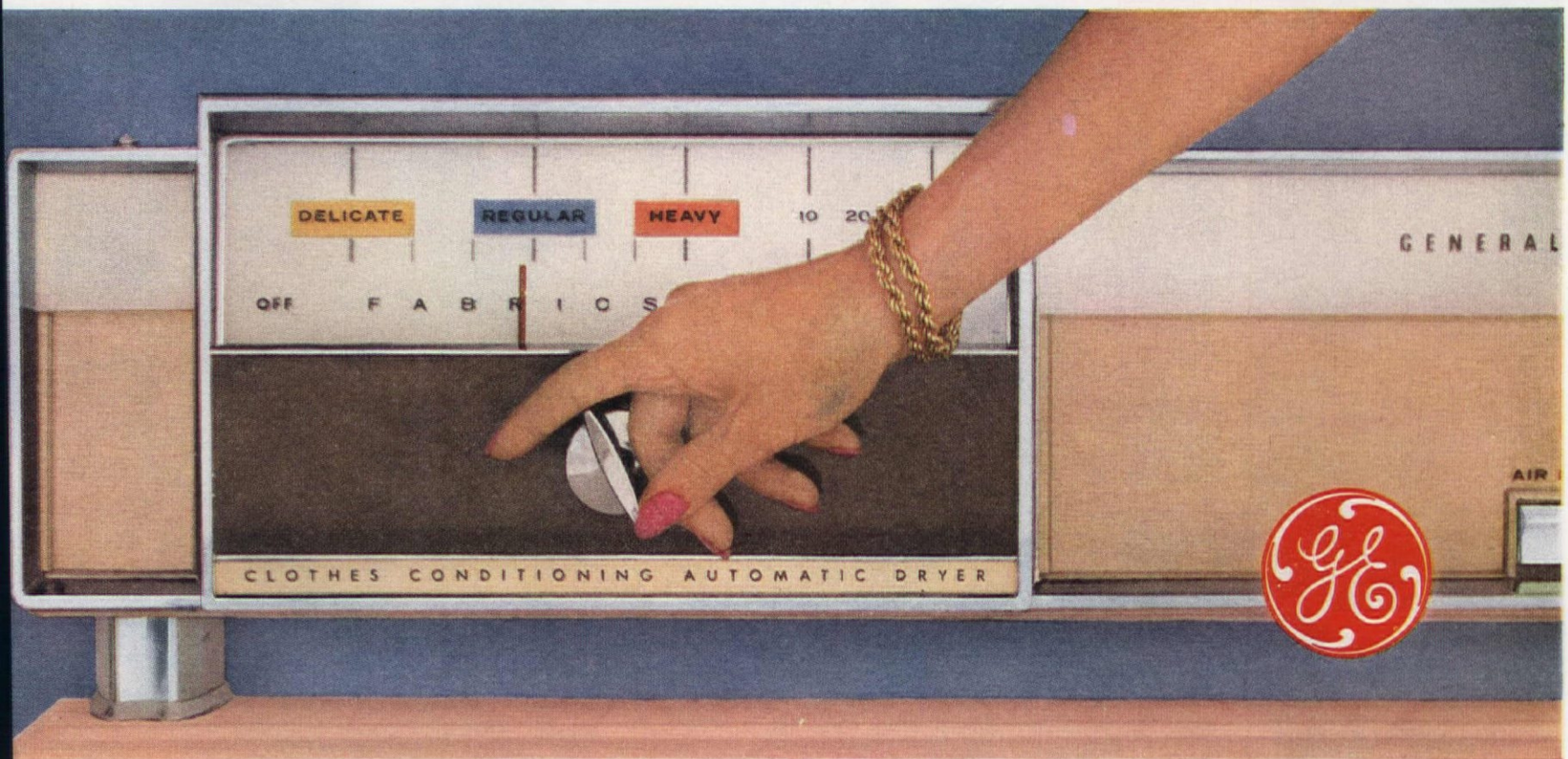

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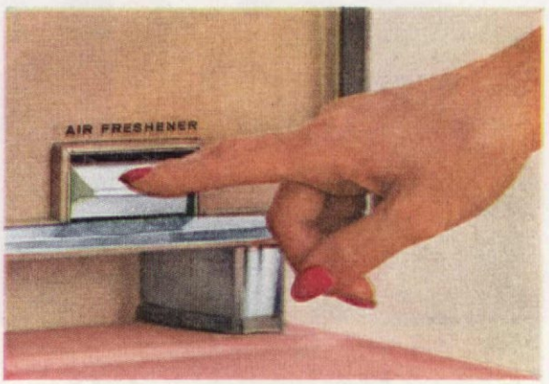

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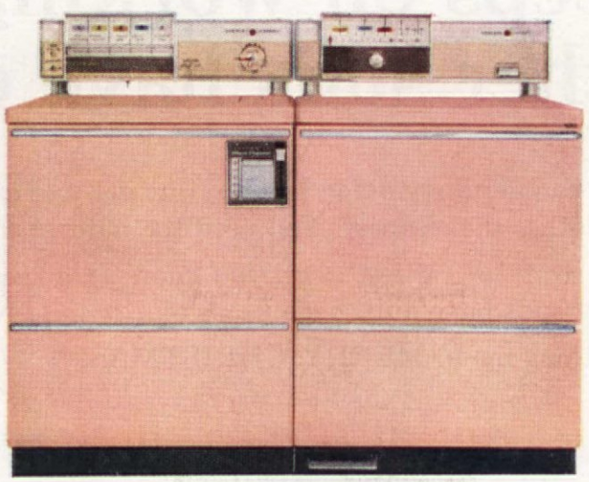

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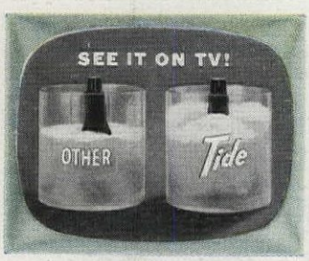

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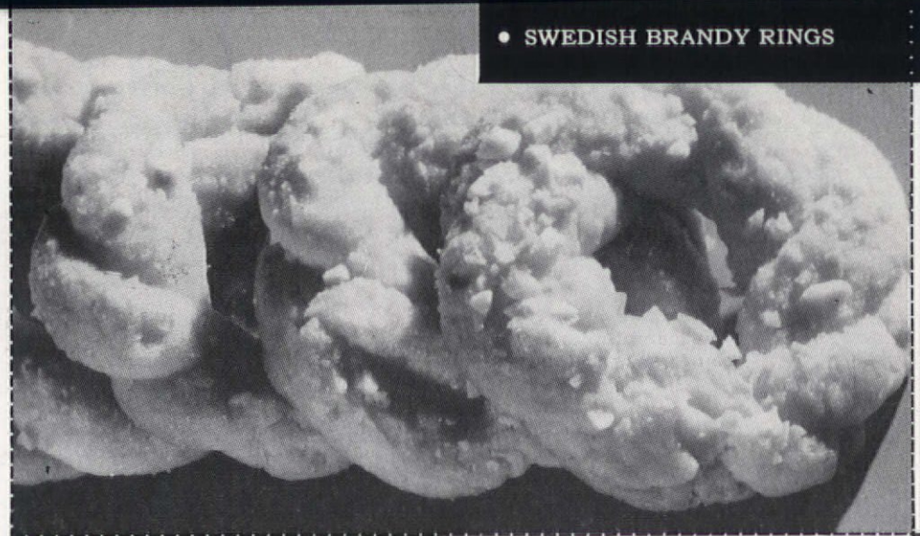

• SWEDISH BRANDY RINGS

Preparation time: 30 min.
Chilling time: 1 hr.
Baking time: 20 min.

Dough
1 c. sifted all-purpose flour
¼ tsp. baking powder
5 tbs. butter or margarine
⅓ c. sifted confectioners' (powdered) sugar
1 egg yolk

Filling
¾ c. blanched almonds, finely ground
2 eggs
¼ tsp. almond extract
2 drops green food coloring
1 c. sifted confectioners' (powdered) sugar

Frosting
½ c. sifted confectioners' (powdered) sugar
1 tbs. water
Chopped pistachio nuts

• Sift flour and baking powder together. Cream butter or margarine in medium-sized bowl until light; add sugar, creaming until mixture is light and fluffy. Stir in egg yolk and sifted flour mixture; blend until smooth. Chill 1 hour. While dough chills make filling: Combine almonds, eggs, sugar, almond extract, and green coloring in medium-sized bowl; blend well. Turn chilled dough out on lightly floured board; shape into roll; pinch or cut off small pieces of dough. With floured hands, pat dough into thin layer to fit buttered tart tins; fill three-quarters full with mixture; place on cooky sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 20 minutes. Cool in tins; remove carefully from tins. Mix confectioners' sugar and water until smooth and easy to spread. Frost tops; sprinkle with pistachio nuts.

Makes 12–15 tarts

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• SCANDINAVIAN SWIRLS

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

1 c. blanched almonds, or macadamia nuts, finely ground
1⅓ c. confectioners' (powdered) sugar
1 egg white
¼ tsp. almond extract
Candied cherries, orange peel, or nuts

• Mix nuts and sugar in medium-sized bowl. Beat egg white slightly with fork in small bowl; add gradually to sugar mixture; blend well. Add almond extract. Put through pastry tube or drop from tip of teaspoon onto well-greased and floured cooky sheets. Decorate tops with candied cherries, orange peel, or nuts. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 15 minutes, or until golden around edges. Cool on wire cake racks.

Makes 15 macaroons

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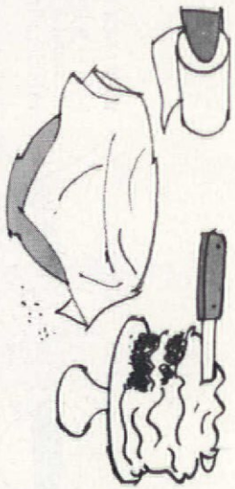
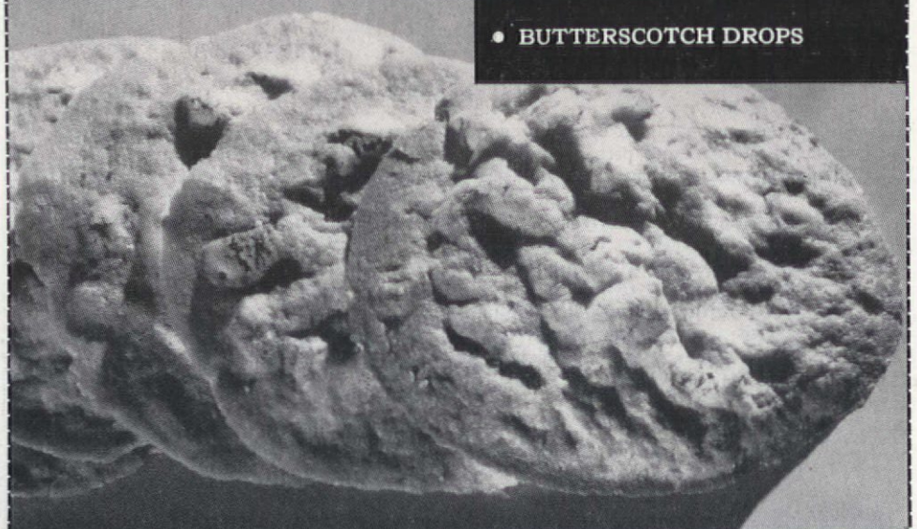
SUGAR FROSTING has a tendency to dry out while you're frosting a cake. To keep moist, cover bowl with damp paper toweling.



• BUTTERSCOTCH DROPS



• PETALED SPRITZ

• RAISIN-LEMON CRISPS

Preparation time: 20 min.
Baking time: 6 min.

Filling
1 c. golden or dark raisins
½ c. brown sugar, firmly packed
2 tbs. flour
Few grains of salt
2 tbs. lemon juice
¼ c. water
½ c. chopped nuts

• Rinse raisins; drain; chop. Combine with brown sugar, flour, salt, lemon juice, and water in small saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thick. Remove from heat; cool. Stir in nuts.

Cookies
1¾ c. sifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. cinnamon
⅓ c. butter or margarine
¼ c. grated American cheese
1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese
⅔ c. sugar
1 egg yolk
1 tsp. grated lemon rind
1 tbs. lemon juice

• Sift flour, salt, baking soda, and cinnamon together. Cream butter or margarine in large bowl until soft; add cheeses and continue creaming. Add sugar gradually, creaming after each addition; continue creaming until light and fluffy. Stir in egg yolk, lemon rind, and juice. Stir in sifted dry ingredients. Roll out dough on lightly floured board or pastry cloth to ⅛-inch thickness; cut into rounds with floured 2-inch cutter. Place on lightly greased cooky sheets. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) about 6 minutes, or until edges are a delicate brown. Cool; put together with filling. Combine 1½ c. sifted confectioners' sugar and 1½ tbs. water; frost cookies. Top with candied cherry and angelica.

Makes 3 doz. cookies

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• PETALED SPRITZ

Preparation time: 20 min.
Baking time: 8—10 min.

½ c. butter or margarine
⅓ c. sugar
1 egg yolk
1½ tsp. lemon extract
1 c. sifted all-purpose flour
Candied cherries

• Cream butter or margarine in medium-sized bowl until soft; add sugar gradually, creaming after each addition; continue creaming until light and fluffy. Stir in egg yolk, lemon extract, and flour; blend well. Pack into tube of cooky press; press out onto greased cooky sheets. Decorate with cherries. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 8 to 10 minutes, or until golden. Cool on wire cake racks.

Makes about 2½ doz. cookies

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• RAISIN-LEMON CRISPS

• MAZARINS (NUT-FILLED TARTS)

• BUTTERSCOTCH DROPS

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

¼ c. soft butter or margarine
1¼ c. brown sugar, firmly packed
1 egg
⅔ c. sifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
½ tsp. vanilla
½ c. coarsely chopped nuts
¾ c. golden raisins, washed, drained, and coarsely chopped

• Cream butter or margarine in medium-sized bowl until soft; add brown sugar gradually, creaming after each addition; continue creaming until light and fluffy. Add egg; beat well. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt; stir into creamed mixture; blend in vanilla, nuts, and raisins. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cooky sheets. Bake in slow oven (325° F.) 15 minutes. Let stand 1 to 2 minutes; remove from cooky sheet with wide spatula; cool on wire cake racks. If cookies become difficult to remove from cooky sheet return to oven for one minute.

Makes about 3½ doz. cookies

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TO BLANCH ALMONDS: put shelled nuts in a bowl; cover with boiling water; let stand 5 minutes, or until skins wrinkle; slip off skins.

• SWEDISH BRANDY RINGS

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: 8 min.

3½ c. sifted all-purpose flour
1 c. sugar
½ tsp. salt
¼ c. brandy or lemon juice
1⅓ c. butter or margarine
⅓ c. chopped blanched almonds

• Sift flour, ¾ c. sugar, and salt into large bowl; add brandy or lemon juice. Cut in butter or margarine with pastry blender or two knives; mix with wooden spoon to form a smooth dough. Flour hands and pinch off small pieces of dough. Roll each piece into 6-inch-long strip; twist or braid two strips together; form into ring. Mix almonds and remaining ¼ c. sugar; spread on wax paper. Press rings down in sugar mixture; place, sugared side up, on greased cooky sheets. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) about 8 minutes. Cookies should not be brown.

Makes about 3 doz. cookies

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• SCANDINAVIAN SWIRLS

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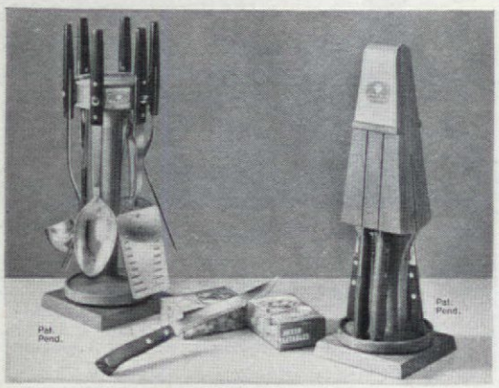

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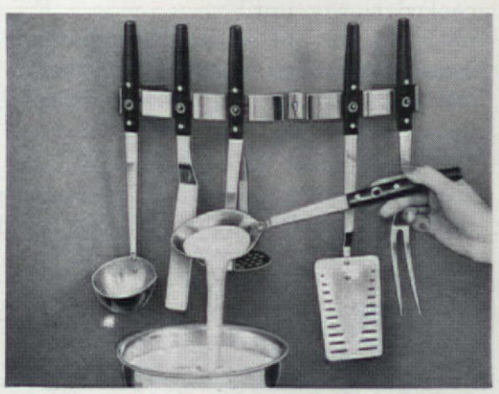

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• FRYSTEKAKA (NUT BARS)

• ALMOND SNOWBALLS

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

1 c. butter or margarine
½ c. sifted confectioners' (powdered) sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
2¼ c. sifted all-purpose flour
¼ tsp. salt
¾ c. blanched almonds, ground

• Cream butter or margarine in large bowl until light; add sugar, creaming well until mixture is light and fluffy; stir in vanilla. Sift flour and salt together; blend into creamed mixture; stir in almonds. Shape into balls the size of walnuts; place on ungreased cooky sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 15 minutes. Remove from cooky sheet; roll in additional confectioners' (powdered) sugar; cool on cake racks; roll again in sugar.

Makes 3 doz. cookies

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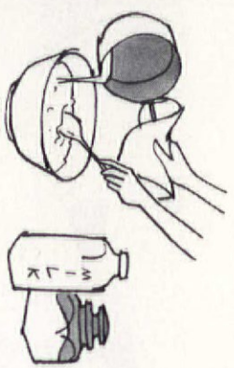
WHEN MAKING CUSTARD, stir the hot milk slowly into the beaten eggs and sugar to avoid having the custard curdle.



• GINGERBREAD FANCIES

Preparation time: 30 min.
Chilling time: Overnight
Baking time: 8—10 min.

1 c. butter or margarine
1 c. sugar
1 c. molasses
1 tbs. vinegar
1 egg
4½–5 c. sifted all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. salt

• Put butter or margarine and sugar in large bowl. Heat molasses in small saucepan to boiling; pour over butter and sugar; add vinegar; stir until well blended. Set aside to cool. When cool, add egg. Sift dry ingredients together; stir into liquid; mix well. Chill overnight. Roll out on well-floured pastry cloth or board to ⅛-inch thickness; cut with floured, shaped cooky cutters. Place on greased cooky sheets; brush with cold water. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 8 to 10 minutes. Cool on wire cake racks. Decorate cooled cookies with frosting made by combining 1 c. sifted confectioners' (powdered) sugar and about 2 tbs. of water until of consistency to put through a pastry tube.

Makes 6 doz. cookies

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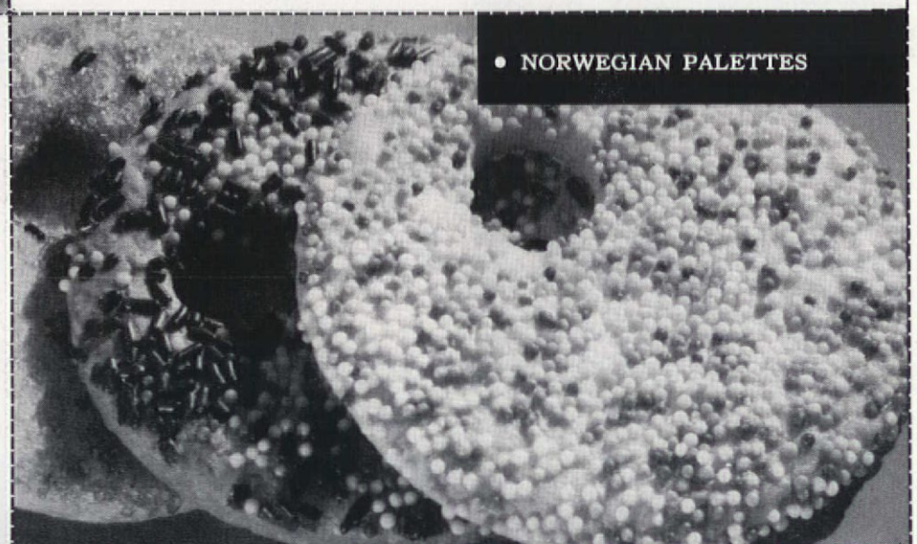
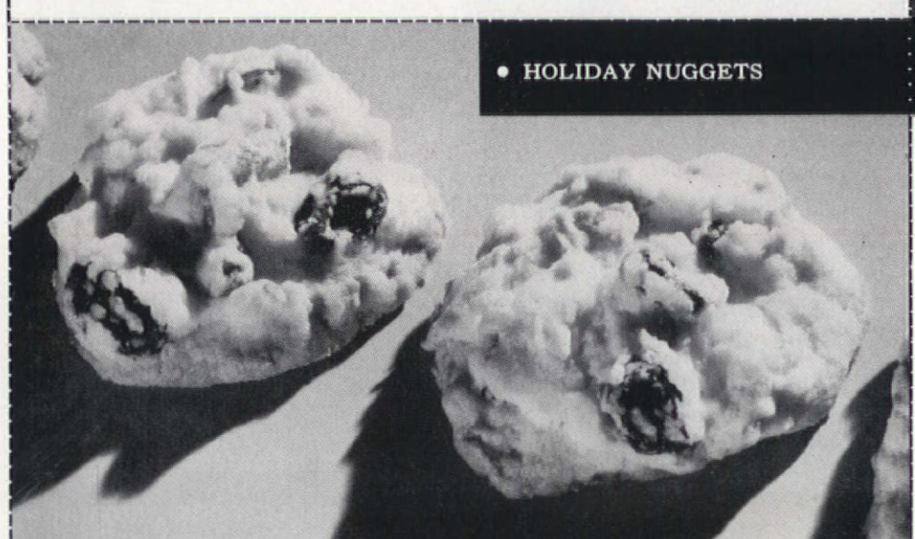


• NORWEGIAN PALETTES



• HOLIDAY NUGGETS

• CHRISTMAS SUGAR COOKIES

Preparation time: 25 min.
Baking time: 8 min.

½ c. butter or margarine
1 c. sugar
1 egg
1 tbs. heavy cream
½ tsp. vanilla
1¾ c. sifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt

• Cream butter or margarine in medium-sized bowl until soft; add sugar gradually, creaming after each addition; continue creaming until light and fluffy. Beat in egg, cream, and vanilla. Sift dry ingredients together; add to creamed mixture; blend well. Roll out on lightly floured board to ¼-inch thickness. Cut out with floured cooky cutters; place on lightly greased cooky sheets. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 8 minutes, or until golden. Cool on wire cake racks. To decorate: Beat 1 egg white slightly; stir in about 2 c. confectioners' (powdered) sugar. (Use only enough sugar to make frosting of good spreading consistency.) Tint frosting colors desired with food coloring. Make designs with cinnamon drops and silver shot candies.

Makes 4 doz. cookies

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From Our Cooky Jar

(pictured in color on pages 45, 46, and 47)

• HOLIDAY NUGGETS

Preparation time: 10 min.
Baking time: 15–18 min.

¾ c. butter or margarine
¾ c. sugar
1 egg
1 tsp. grated lemon rind
2 c. sifted all-purpose flour
½ tsp. salt
1 c. flaked coconut
¾ c. golden or dark raisins, rinsed and drained
¼ c. candied cherries, coarsely chopped

• Cream butter or margarine in large bowl until soft; add sugar gradually, creaming well after each addition; continue creaming until light and fluffy. Stir in egg and lemon rind. Sift flour and salt into creamed mixture; mix to form stiff dough; stir in coconut, raisins, and cherries. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cooky sheets. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 15 to 18 minutes, or until golden. Remove from cooky sheets; cool on wire racks.

Makes about 3 doz. cookies

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• CHRISTMAS SUGAR COOKIES

• GINGERBREAD FANCIES

• NORWEGIAN PALETTES

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: 8–10 min.

1 egg
½ c. sugar
½ tsp. grated lemon rind
½ c. butter or margarine
1½ c. sifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
½ c. finely chopped almonds
1 egg white, slightly beaten
Colored sugar or "shot" candies

• Beat egg in large bowl; add sugar and lemon rind; continue beating until light and fluffy. Add butter; beat until butter is in pieces the size of small peas. (Leaving butter in small pieces makes cookies flaky.) Sift flour, baking powder, and salt into egg mixture; mix until smooth; stir in almonds. Roll out on lightly floured board to ⅛-inch thickness; cut into rounds with floured 2½-inch cooky cutter. Cut hole in each cooky with floured thimble, slightly to one side of center. Brush cookies with beaten egg white; sprinkle with sugar or "shot"; transfer to greased cooky sheet with wide spatula. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 8 to 10 minutes. Watch carefully as these cookies brown readily. Cool on wire cake racks.

Makes 2 doz. cookies

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• FRYSTEKAKA (NUT BARS)

Preparation time: 30 min.
Chilling time: 2 hrs.
Baking time: 30–35 min.

2½ c. sifted all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 c. butter or margarine
½ c. granulated sugar
1 egg
1¼ c. blanched almonds, finely chopped
2 c. confectioners' (powdered) sugar
3 tbs. sherry
1 egg white

• Sift flour and baking powder into medium-sized bowl; cut in butter or margarine with pastry blender or two knives. Add granulated sugar and egg; blend well. Chill dough at least 2 hours. Combine remaining ingredients in small bowl. Place half the chilled dough in 9x12x2-inch baking pan; pat out evenly to cover pan; spread almond mixture over dough. Roll remaining half of dough between two pieces of waxed paper to rectangle 9x12 inches; carefully peel off top paper. Invert dough and paper onto filling in pan; peel off paper; pat dough gently to fit. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 30 to 35 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool; cut into bars. Decorate tops with pastel tinted frosting, if desired.

Makes about 4 doz. bars

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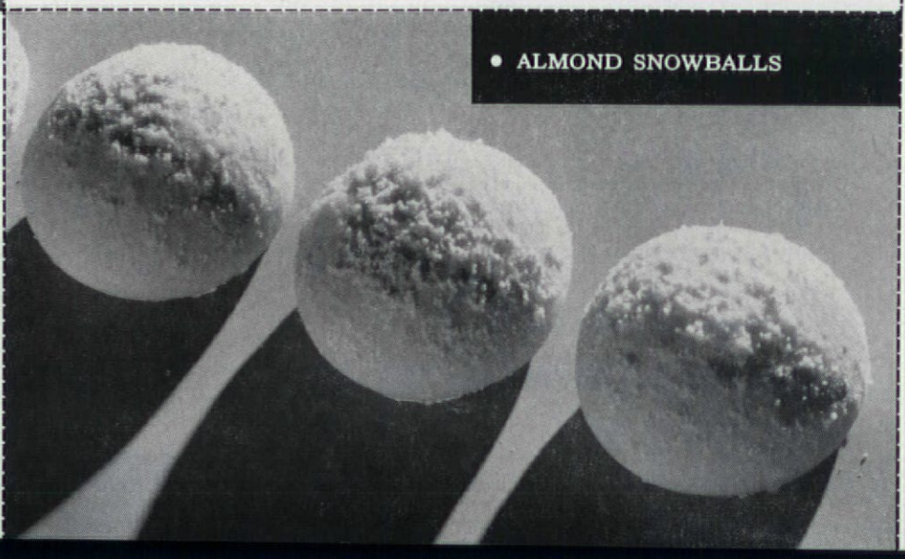
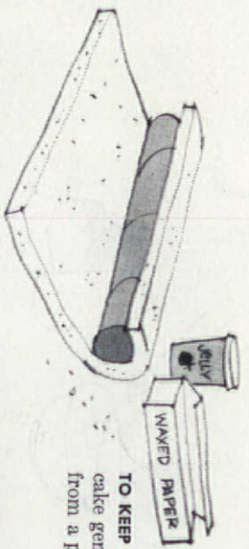
• ALMOND SNOWBALLS





TO KEEP A JELLY ROLL ROUND, roll the cake gently around the cardboard tube from a package of waxed paper.

From Our Cooky Jar

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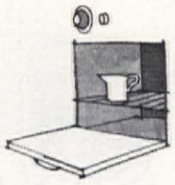
FOR MELTED SEMISWEET CHOCOLATE BITS, put the required amount of bits into an ovenproof measuring cup, then put the cup into a warm oven until they melt.



• SUGARED NUT RINGS

Preparation time: 30 min.
Chilling time: 1 hr.
Baking time: 25 min.

Dough
6 tbs. butter or margarine
3 tbs. granulated sugar
1 egg yolk
1 c. sifted flour

Filling
⅔ c. blanched almonds, or macadamia nuts, finely ground
¾ c. sifted confectioners' (powdered) sugar
2 egg whites
¼ tsp. almond extract

• Cream butter or margarine in small bowl until soft; add granulated sugar, creaming until mixture is light and fluffy. Add egg yolk and flour; blend until smooth. Chill 1 hour. While dough chills, make filling: Combine nuts, confectioners' (powdered) sugar, egg whites, and almond extract in small bowl; beat until fluffy. Turn chilled dough out on lightly floured board; shape into roll; pinch or cut off small pieces of dough. With floured hands, pat dough into thin layer to fit lightly buttered tart tins. Fill three-quarters full with almond mixture; place on cooky sheet. Roll out remaining dough on well-floured board; cut in ½-inch-wide strips. Arrange 2 strips in cross on top of each tart; crimp ends. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 25 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool in tins; remove carefully from tins.

Makes 8–10 tarts

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• POLYNÉES (EUROPEAN MACAROON TART)

• DATE ICE-BOX COOKIES

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

1 packet (½ pkg.) meringue mix
¼ tsp. salt
⅓ c. sugar
⅓ c. water
1 tsp. vanilla
¼ tsp. almond extract
¼ c. sifted all-purpose flour
1 c. unblanched almonds, ground
1 c. pitted dates, sliced
Candied cherries
Walnut halves

• Combine meringue mix, salt, sugar, and water in medium-sized bowl. Beat with rotary beater, or electric mixer at high speed, until mixture stands in stiff peaks. Fold in vanilla, almond extract, flour, almonds, and dates. Spoon into small fluted paper cups set in muffin pan cups. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 15 minutes. While still warm, decorate with candied cherries or walnut halves. Cool on wire cake racks.

Makes 1½ doz. cookies

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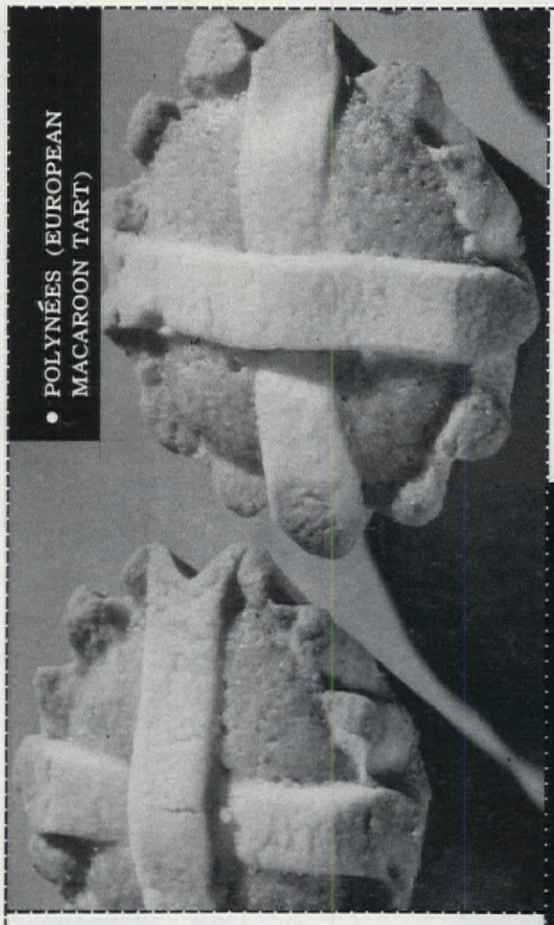

Preparation time: 20 min.
Baking time: 10–12 min.

⅔ c. butter or margarine
1 c. sifted all-purpose flour
2 tbs. heavy cream
1 egg white, slightly beaten
¼ c. sugar
¼ c. chopped almonds

• Cream butter in medium-sized bowl until soft; stir in flour and cream. Roll out on lightly floured pastry cloth or board to ⅛-inch thickness; cut into rounds with floured 2½-inch cutter; cut out centers with floured thimble. Brush with egg white; sprinkle with combined sugar and almonds. Bake on ungreased cooky sheets in moderate oven (375° F.) 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden. Cool on wire cake racks.

Makes about 20 cookies

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• SUGARED NUT RINGS

Preparation time: 10 min.
Chilling time: 3 hrs. or overnight
Baking time: 8–10 min.

¾ c. soft butter or margarine
1½ c. brown sugar, firmly packed
1 egg
¼ c. milk
3 c. sifted all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 c. pitted dates, finely chopped (or packaged chopped dates)
1 c. nuts, finely chopped

• Put butter or margarine, brown sugar, egg, and milk into large bowl. Beat until well blended. Sift flour, baking powder, salt, and cinnamon into mixture; add dates and nuts. Mix to form a moderately stiff dough. Chill in refrigerator 3 hours or overnight, or until firm. Roll out on lightly floured board or pastry cloth to ⅛-inch thickness; cut into rounds with floured 2-inch cutter. Bake on ungreased cooky sheets, in moderate oven (375° F.) 8 to 10 minutes, or until just lightly browned. Cool on wire cake racks.

Makes about 5 doz. cookies

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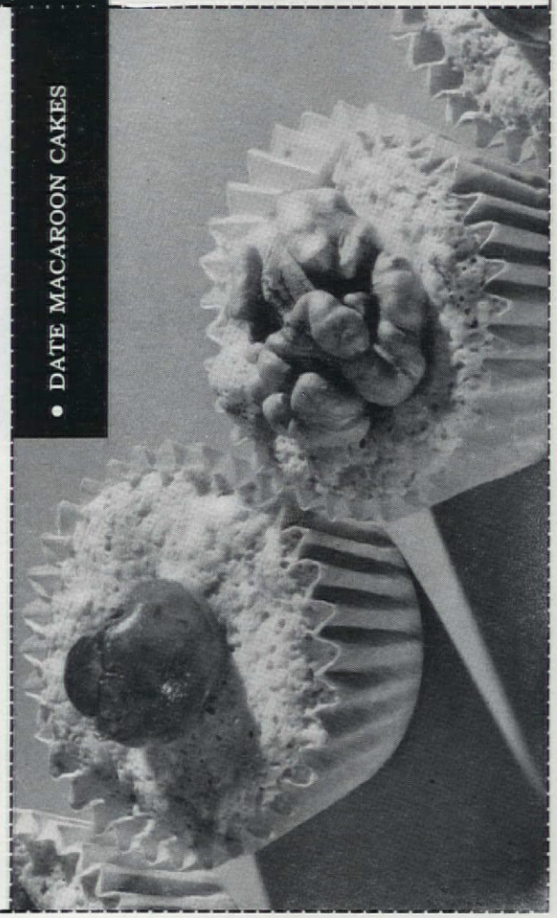

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Packages that say they're special

A little imagination can turn out very special packages such as these. For the golfer in your family, glue on a cut-out photograph of a glove. Then cut the box to hold a real golf ball and tee. For another effect, adorn a block-shaped package with your man's initials, add a gold paper seal and cut-out section of a last year's Christmas card. Or reflect the spirit of the season by wrapping a gift with a sheet of Christmas music!

(See other gift-package ideas on pages 20 and 21)

DO YOU KNOW HOLLY?

If you think holly is holly and that's all there is to it, you're in for a surprise! There are four main popular types of evergreen holly, each with many varieties, and all providing beautiful shrubs for the garden and wonderful foliage for decorations.

ENGLISH HOLLY (Ilex aquifolium)—most beautiful of them all, with lustrous, dark green, wavy, spiny leaves and bright red berries. Hardy in the South, on the West Coast, and in the East where temperatures get no colder than those of New York City.

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CHINESE HOLLY (Ilex cornuta)—leaves almost as lustrous as English, but squarish, less wavy; red berries; hardiness about same as English. Burford holly is an oval-leaf, almost spineless variety.

JAPANESE HOLLY (Ilex crenata)—leaves much smaller than others, oval, spineless, similar to boxwood; black berries. Excellent for foundation plantings, as a specimen shrub and for hedges. About as hardy as American holly. The variety convexa (bullata) is one of the most attractive and hardiest; variety helleri is one of the lowest-growing.

Hula hoop tree

Hoops in graduating sizes *and in several colors are decorated with colored Christmas balls, topped with a gold star. Hoops are suspended with black wire from a height to form stylized tree. Clever use for discarded hula hoops. Idea from San Bernardino Holiday Tour.*

Candle fantasy

Red dime-store candle *is banded with gold paper braid, then set into a star-shaped holder painted gold and embellished with fake jewels. Candle and holder are set atop an inverted glass goblet housing a tiny Santa which stands in a gilded saucer. Designed by Mrs. Louis Le Laurin of Louisville, Kentucky.*

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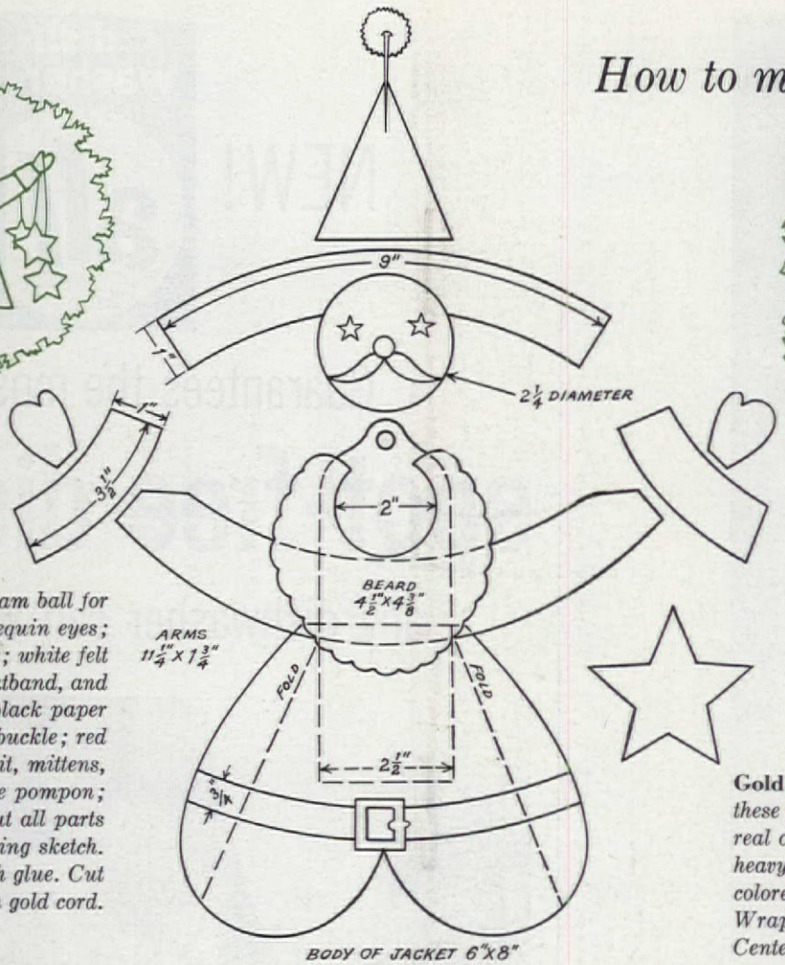
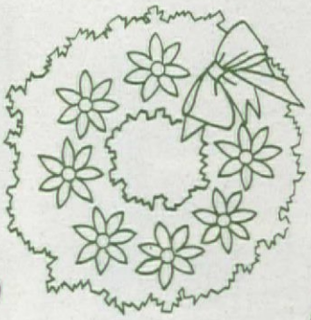
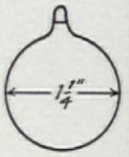
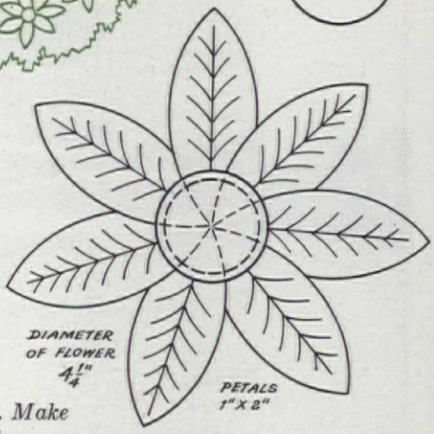


Santa. *Plastic foam ball for head; star sequin eyes; red sequin nose; white felt mustache, beard, hatband, and cuffs; shiny black paper belt; gold paper buckle; red craft-paper suit, mittens, hat; ball fringe pompon; cardboard base. Cut all parts to shape following sketch. Assemble parts with glue. Cut out stars, hang with gold cord.*







Gold poinsettias. *Make these from gilded leaves, real or artificial. Paste each leaf on a 2-inch circle of heavy gold paper to form flower. Wire tiny colored Christmas balls in center of each one. Wrap gold lamé ribbon diagonally around wreath. Center the poinsettias on ribbon. Add gold lamé bow.*

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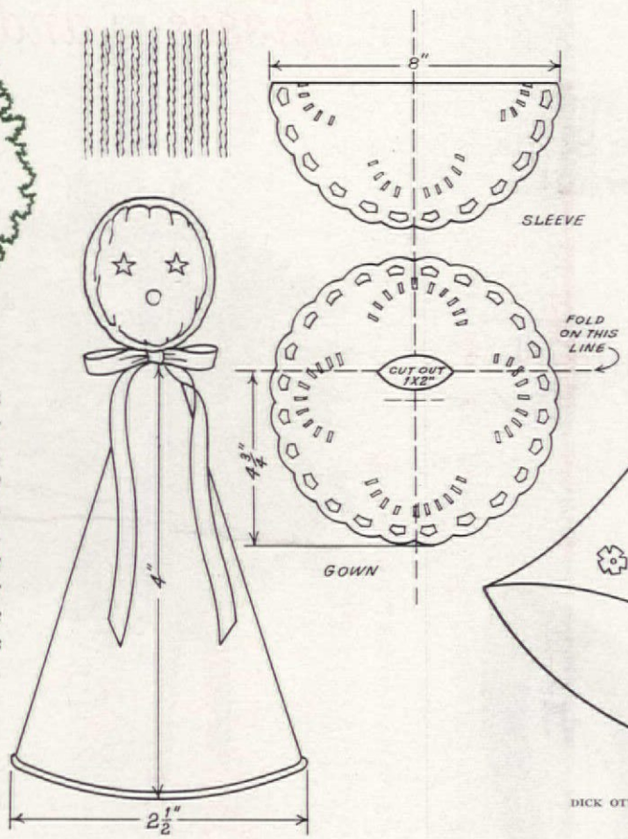
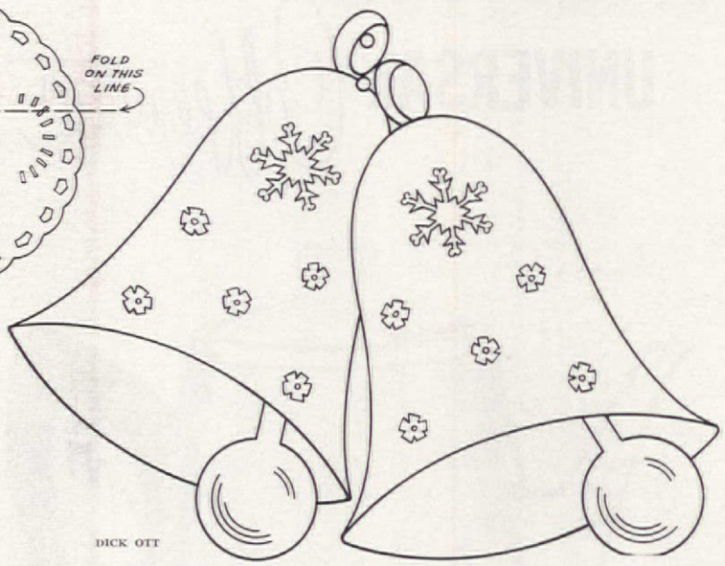
wreaths pictured on page 22

Choir boys. *Use walnut for head. Glue on star sequin eyes, red sequin nose, yarn hair. Cut tip off cone-shaped paper cup. Glue walnut to opening. Wrap folded lace-paper doily around cup, glue or staple in place. Fold one half lace-paper doily for sleeves (see sketch), fasten in place.*



Bells. *Glue heavy gold paper to cardboard, cut bells shaped like sketch. Fasten in position as shown. Wire choir boys in place. Run gold cords from bells to choir boys to simulate ringing the bells.*



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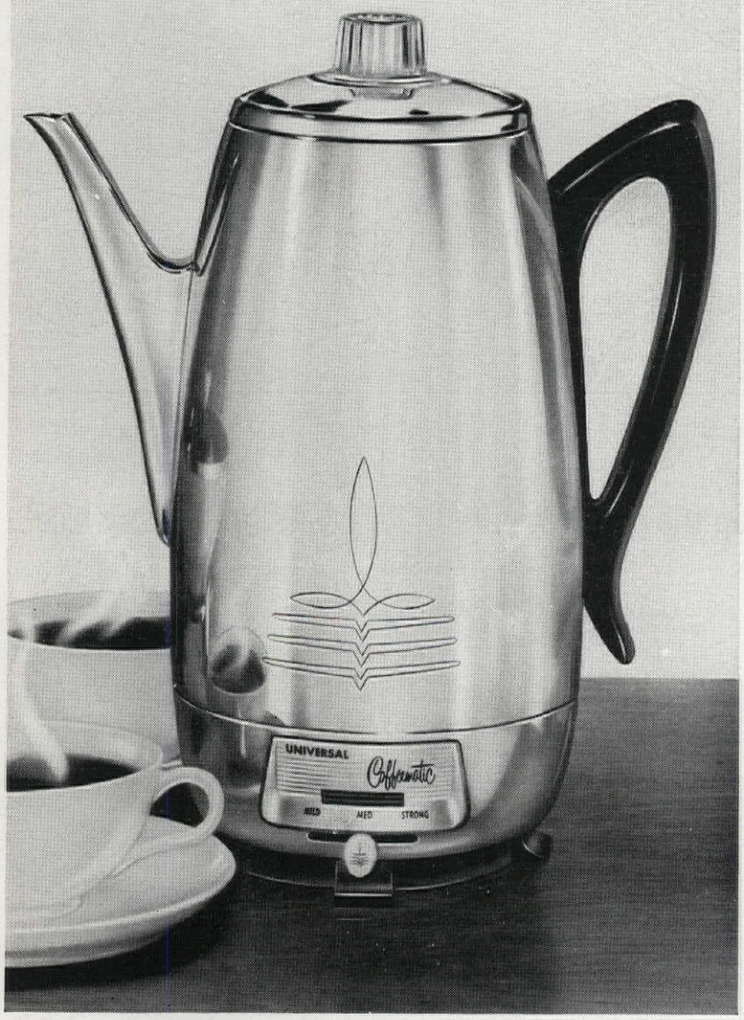

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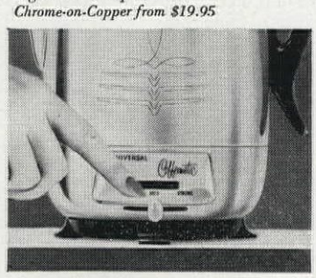

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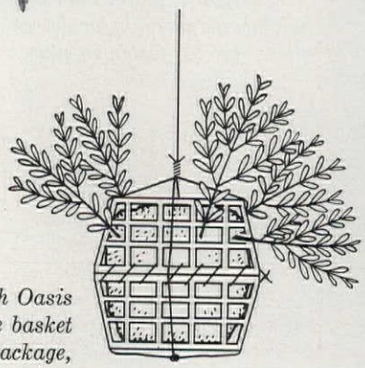
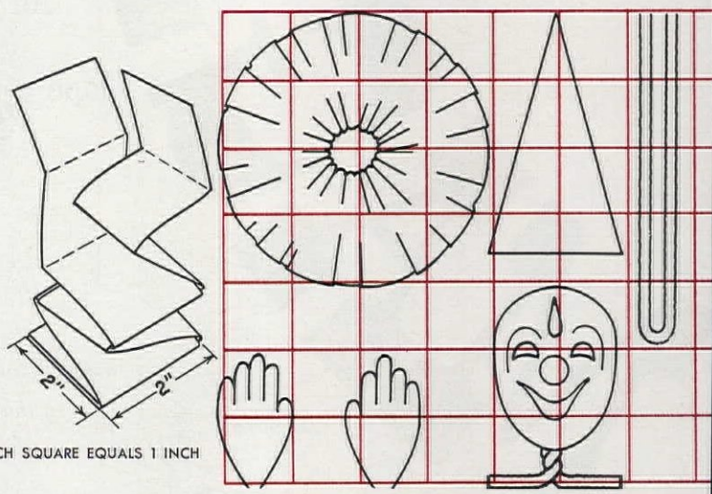


Fill two plastic berry containers with Oasis (available at florists). Invert one basket and wire both together as if to tie a package, leaving a long piece for hanging. Soak in water. Thrust small sprays of boxwood or pine into Oasis through basket mesh, forming a ball. Trim even. Tuck in sprays of mistletoe. Wire ribbon bow to wooden pick and insert at side.

How to make jack-in-the-box clown



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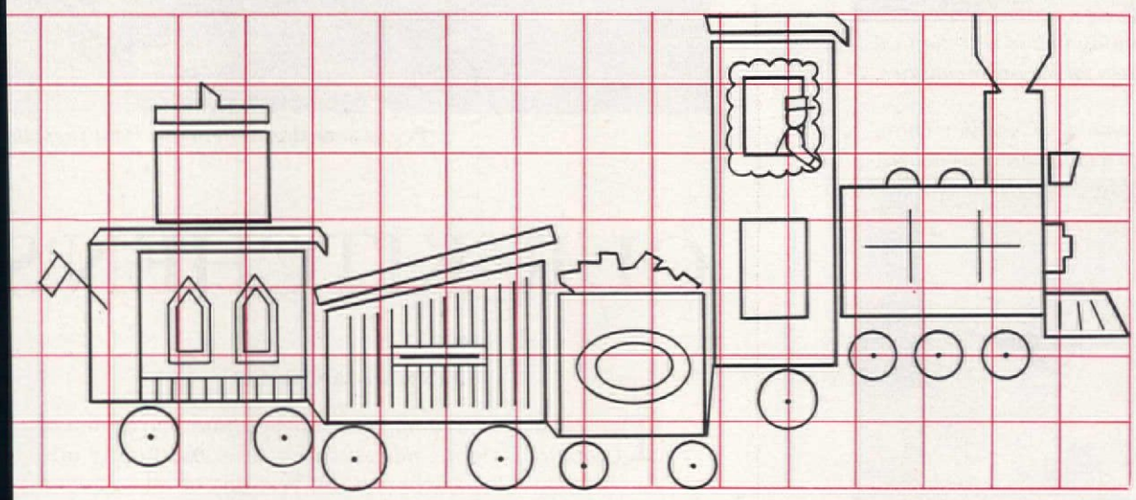
Add extra upright cover *to square box, wrap with bright paper. To enlarge graph for pattern, draw 1" squares on paper. Copy motifs, line by line. Glue paper clown's face on plastic foam ball, top with ribbon-trimmed hat. Add ruff. Attach gloves to pipe cleaner for arms. Assemble clown. Attach to spring fold. Glue unit to top of box.*

Pomander Balls. *They have a delightful spicy aroma everyone will enjoy. Wrap* firm *and* perfect *oranges with narrow cotton tape to form four equal sections. Stick whole cloves evenly and closely enough to cover entire exposed surface. Sprinkle with powdered orris root (available at drugstores). Let stand several days. Shake off surplus powder, replace tape with red ribbon. Allow enough length to tie several pomander balls in a cluster and top with spray of greens and big red bow. Add tiny bows to ribbons for another pretty touch. Snip off balls for guests to hang later in their linen or clothes closet.*

package and train package shown on pages 20 and 21



Cover box *with solid-colored tissue paper. To enlarge train motifs, draw 1" squares on a sheet of paper. Copy motifs, line by line. Trace them on colored tissues for locomotive, cars, and caboose. Wheels and details are traced on in pencil from enlarged graph drawing. Sketch in railroad tracks and smoke from the chimney. Go over the penciled lines with black grease pencil to emphasize them.*

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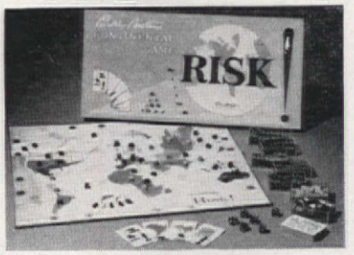

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***Every day promises to be a holiday** in this well-planned kitchen where materials were chosen for easy-care qualities.*

***Out of the oven rotisserie** comes the Canadian bacon to accompany fluffy scrambled eggs with tender mushrooms.*

***Peggy sets the table** while Paul inspects*

OUR KITCHEN'S

JANE McCANDLESS

The presents have all been opened and the aroma of Canadian bacon and hot coffee lures our family into the kitchen. The kitchen is the best gift of all . . . even though we "opened" it a few months ago and stole the march on Santa Claus.

Bruce and I moved to Milwaukee two years ago and bought this attractive older house. At first glance, the kitchen looked good. But then I tried working in it!

his new truck. The angled range wall and short peninsula conveniently separate kitchen and dining area.

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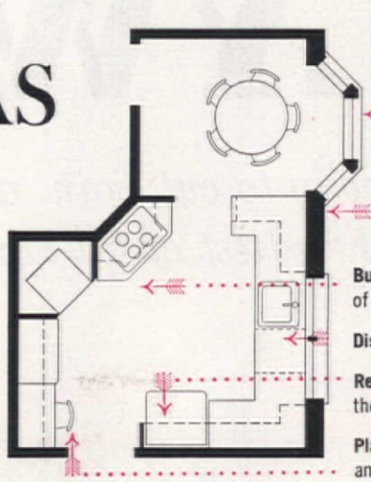
FIRST CHRISTMAS

When we decided to remodel, our designer came up with a plan that required no structural changes. Yet it provided us with a sunny dining area large enough to accommodate the whole family comfortably as well as a very workable kitchen. The fruitwood cabinets and easy-to-clean tile walls give a contemporary feeling, while the eagle on the range hood and black hardware go with our Early American furnishings.



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Dining area is large enough to accommodate the entire family for informal meals.

Peninsula-divider is handy for serving; base cabinets open into dining area.

Built-in cooking top and oven take advantage of unusual jog in the wall.

Dishwasher was a must in the remodeling plans.

Refrigerator is now conveniently located in the main work area of the kitchen.

Planning desk is the favorite spot for making and taking telephone calls in this busy family.

Cut plywood *with a fine-tooth saw (this is 11-point) held at a slight angle. For power saws, portable electric saws, and saber saws there are special plywood blades worth their cost if you work much with plywood.*

Do the job better with PLYWOOD

The right way to cut, join, and finish fir plywood— one of the handiest of all home workshop materials

Fir plywood is the nearly perfect material for the home craftsman. It is easy to work with, easy to finish—as well as economical. The mistake many homeowners make is in thinking of plywood only for large panels. While this is plywood's natural use, there are many times when ordinary fir plywood cut into boards will outperform a solid material. This is true particularly with 1x10 or wider lumber which has a tendency to warp.

BUY THE GRADE YOU NEED

You'll find a big range of grades—and prices—in the plywood racks of a good lumberyard.

GOOD ONE SIDE (G1S) is an example. When only one side of the stock you use will be visible, you can save money by paying for smoothness only on one side. Only if both sides are to be displayed, will you need the more expensive Good two sides (G2S) plywood.

EXTERIOR GRADE plywood is put together with waterproof glue, and will not separate because of moisture. For slightly higher prices there is an exterior grade plywood so water resistant that boats are made from it. Interior grade plywood, however, must never be used where it may be exposed to moisture.

SHEATHING GRADE is quite inexpensive, because it is usually concealed and therefore not sanded at the mill. However, it can be used for visible surfaces, as its texture can produce some beautiful effects under paint.

TEXTURED PLYWOOD comes in various patterns of swirls, striations, or grooves, which produce more interesting painted surfaces, invite special finishes, and obscure the uncontrolled pattern of rotary-cut fir. Textures often come in exterior or interior grade.

THICKNESS MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Most people think of plywood as being three-quarters or one-quarter inch thick. But it also comes in several other gauges, the more useful being three-eighths, one-half, and an extra-thick grade, just over an inch, that is intended primarily as single-layer subflooring. That extra bit you get from three-eighths often turns out to be exactly right when quarter-inch seems a little skimpy. On the other hand, many projects constructed of three-quarter plywood would be just as strong if you used half-inch plywood. Half-inch thickness for built-ins, shelves, and cabinets is safe and economical, and can have a quality look if you face the edges with full one-inch square molding. Half-inch plywood is also of great value for drawer sides and backs and many other uses which call for half-inch sawed lumber.

A 4x8 sheet of plywood is hard to handle on any home-size power saw. Solve this problem

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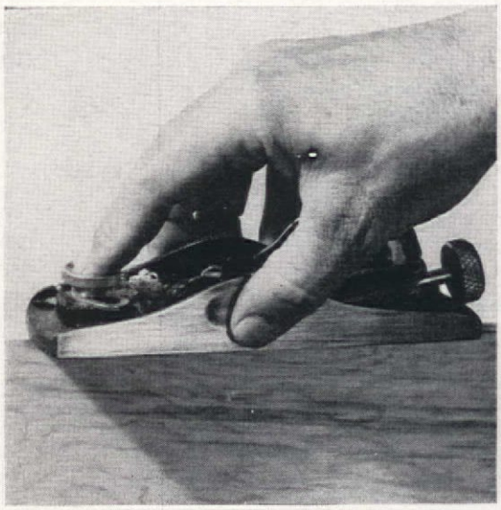
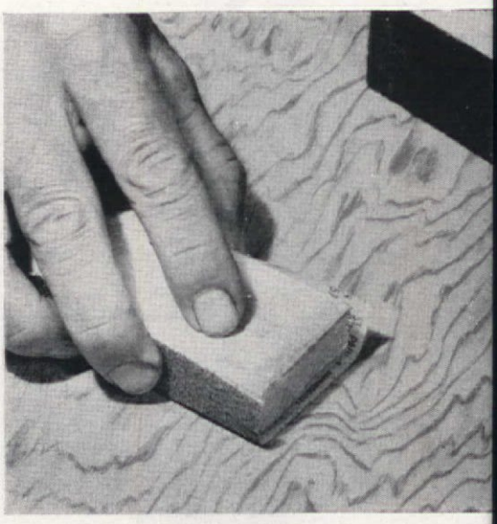


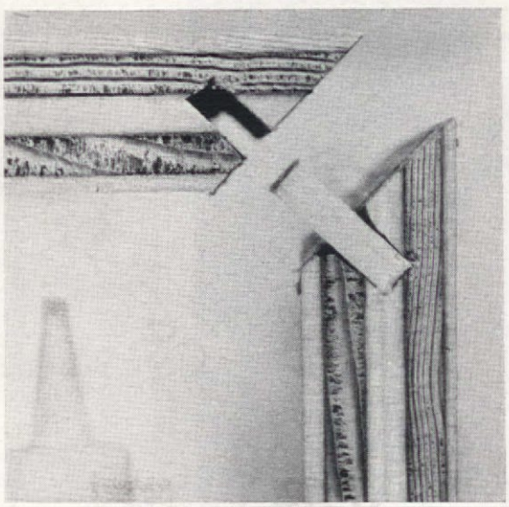
Smooth edges *of plywood easily with low-angle block plane. Work from corners toward middle to avoid splintering at corners. Rasplike cutter of surface forming tool is also good for this.*



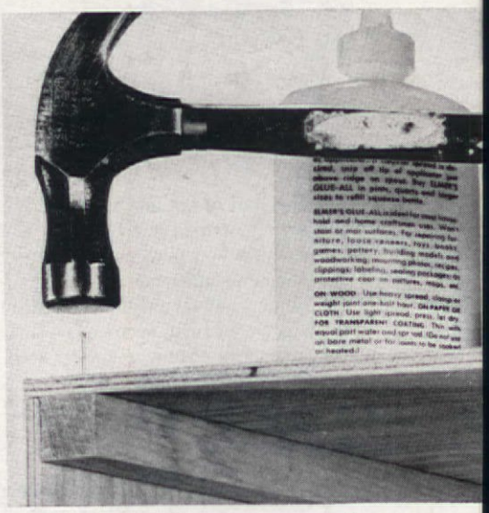
Sand plywood *very lightly. Use sanding block to avoid "dishes" in soft grain. Use block with felt glued to the bottom under sandpaper.*

Butt joint *is simplest and one of the strongest if it is well fitted and glued as well as nailed or screwed. Plane* V*-groove where two members meet so joint will become part of design.*

Invisible corner *easiest to make is deep rabbet which leaves only one-eighth inch of top showing. Fasten with glue and screws driven at slight angle.*



Mitered corners *are most difficult of all joints on average home equipment. Strength is little greater than butt joints unless spline is used, as shown. "Blind" spline doesn't come clear to end.*



Cleated corner *is only answer when you use thinner plywood which isn't bulky enough to fasten to itself. Joint is very strong when 1x1 cleat is used.*

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by carefully planning the first cut or two, then having these cuts made at the lumberyard where the equipment is bigger and where you and the yard man can handle the sheet together.

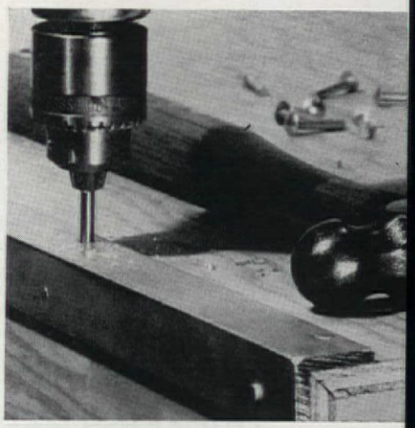
IT'S NO TRICK TO FINISH PLYWOOD

Special primers for plywood are sold in any paint store. Any of the following will do a good job.

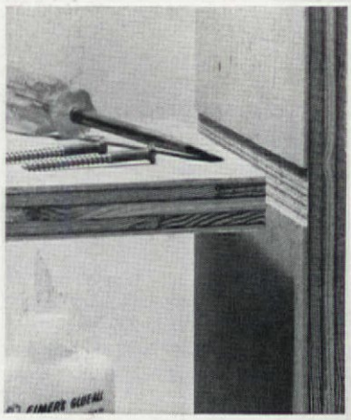
1. Penetrating resin sealers which come clear or white-pigmented, and go a long way toward killing grain-raise.
2. Shellac-base primers, pigmented white or black. The white can be tinted to any shade with universal pigment colors.
3. Polyvinyl acetate paint also makes an excellent primer for plywood.

Whichever you use, consider it both a primer-sealer and a "sanding sealer." It is after the primer is dry that you sand the ultimate smoothness into plywood.

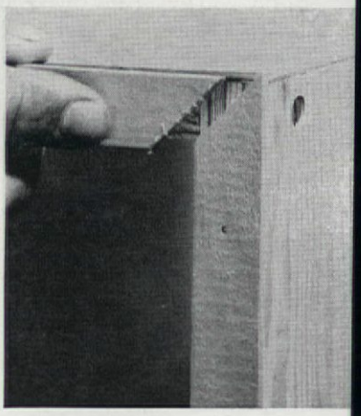
Following the primer-sealer, plywood needs two coats of semigloss or glossy enamel with light scuff-sanding between coats. It is often enough to put on one coat of a flat enamel, since its purpose is not so much protection as it is color and surface character.



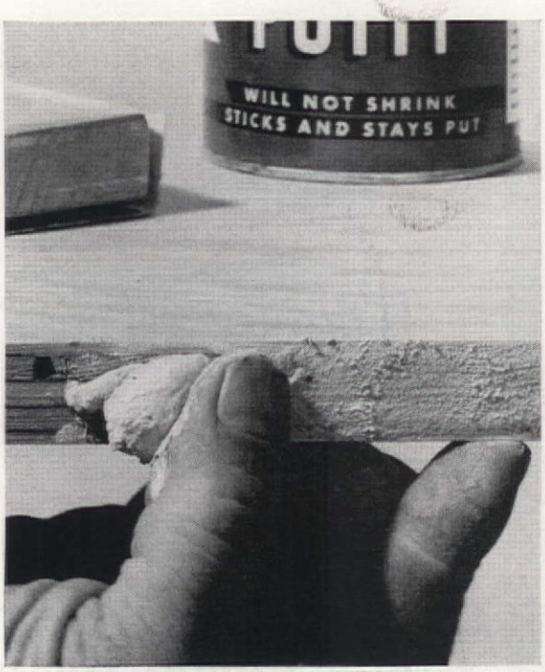
Metal corner *utilizes popular, easy-to-buy handyman aluminum. Rivets are fastest, simplest method of joining aluminum to plywood, although bolts or sheet metal screws can be used.*



Shelf joint *is classic dado. Keep dado shallow—not quite through face veneer—to avoid weakening upright. Screws for plywood should be No. 8—two inches long.*

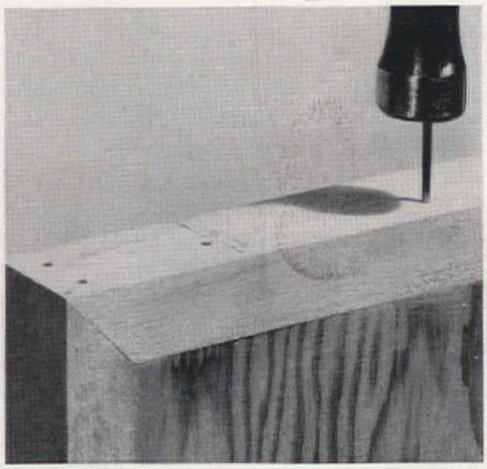


Cover edges *of plywood with thin, one-eighth-inch strips of wood held on with contact cement or with brads and regular glue. Miter corners, sand strips flush with plywood when glue is dry to make edge strip invisible.*



Edge of plywood *can be made smoothest by filling any voids and minute holes with water-mix putty. When putty is dry, sand smooth and surface will be unrecognizable as plywood.*

Plank-top look *with plywood is a simple edging of 1x2 boards. This technique permits use of thinner plywood when it would be strong enough but wouldn't look right. Use this trick for table tops and similar projects.*



Furniture *like that pictured can be easily made of fir plywood, using hand or power tools with simple techniques listed in this article.*

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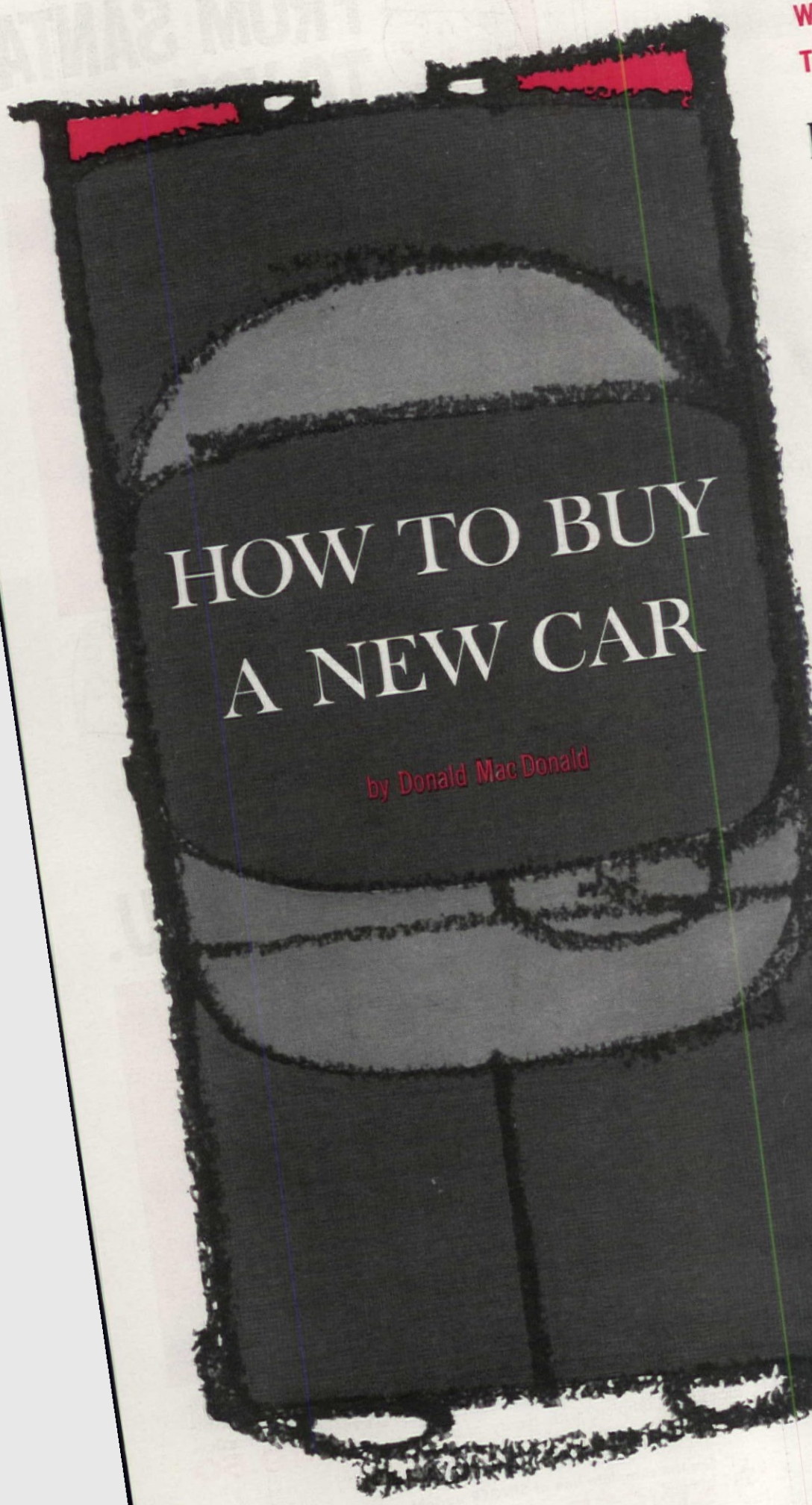

Where do you begin?

WHAT ABOUT THE STICKER THE LAW NOW REQUIRES?

Is that the real price?

WHERE ARE THOSE "DEALS" YOU READ AND HEAR ABOUT?

When, where and how should you buy?

Pulling up in front of your home in a dazzling new car is a pretty soul-stirring event in the life of a normal American. For most of us, a new car represents an important financial investment.

But buying a car is no longer a simple matter. Automakers themselves suggest that you go out equipped with the knowledge necessary to be a rational buyer. If you were to start shopping for a new car tomorrow, where would you begin? Would you listen to friends who tell you that nobody pays list price? What about the dealer who claims that he is never undersold? What's your old car really worth? What about financing? Here are the facts you should know.

THE FIRST STEP

Before you venture into the auto market, you should first realize that:

- Price classes can overlap widely. For example, a normally equipped standard Dodge can be sold for substantially less than an accessory-laden, top-line Plymouth.
- Within a given price class, no current model car is apt to be outstandingly superior to all others. The differences that will sell you can be determined only at first hand.
- Truly basic materials, such as body steel, are about the same in all cars. Any car made in America today will easily last 100,000 miles, but higher-priced makes grow old more gracefully because of better detail, finish, and more strict quality control.

The list could be expanded upon, but not the point. It's obvious that to make a rational choice, you will have to visit the various dealerships in your price class.

Far too many people envision buying a new car as a nightmarish experience of dealing

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with a high-pressure, loudmouthed salesman whose straw hat hangs in that modern-day flea market known as an automobile dealership. Unfortunately, a few such dealers exist . . . but most are reputable dealers who can make buying a car the beginning of a fine and continuing business relationship.

THE KEY STEP—DEALERS

More and more, car manufacturers are stressing dealer quality. A good dealer will offer a decent demonstration of his product. With all the complicated mechanisms in a car today it is important that you have sufficient time to get the feel of it. Visit a quality dealer. Tell him frankly that you are in the market for a new car. Give his salesman a chance to sell its features and then ask the dealer to let you drive it over a weekend.

Help Fight TB

Use Christmas Seals

To recognize a quality dealer check these factors:

● **Does he operate a used-car lot?** With rare exceptions, such as a dealer located in an exclusive residential community where zoning excludes this kind of activity, a dealer without a used-car operation is probably ignoring one third of his profit potential. Obviously, his loss is also yours.

● **Check his service facilities.** They should be spacious and fully equipped. More important, you should see the place packed full of not new cars of the make being sold, but older models of every make. This indicates two things: A sound used-car reconditioning program and a neighborhood reputation as the local "doctor of motors." Remember, your new car will only be as good as the service behind it.

● **Look for some trucks being serviced** even if they are not being sold at that location. Truck owners are businessmen. Every day that their vehicle is laid up costs them money. They, of necessity, know where to buy good service.

● **Is the dealer the local fleet sales agency for his make?** Makers pick fleet dealers to handle large-order sales and they are usually service-minded.

To test a dealer's service, simply bring your car down for a routine service job, such as a lube change or brake adjustment. Is he ready for you, a customer fresh off the street, or does he have to ask you to leave the car for the day? Do the mechanics use specialized tools, or pliers and hammer for everything?

The "volume operator" is readily recognizable. On his windows you will see emblazoned such signs as "No down payment—as low as $43 monthly!!!" Or, "Buy at dealer's cost." The auto dealers' own association, the NADA, deplores these tactics, which exist all too frequently. However, the NADA reports in its current bulletin, "Many of the razzle-dazzle price cutters have left the automotive field. They have found that the public soon catches up with them and that a bad reputation makes it impossible for them to realize a legitimate profit."

It really boils down to the fact that if you live in a town with three dealers who sell cars within your price range and only one of these dealers is readily recognizable as a legitimate businessman, then the make, styling, and engineering features of the car should be only

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a part of the factors involved in your consideration.

PRICE

The price sticker, now required by law to be posted on the window of every new car, indicates factory-suggested list price. The word "suggested" is important. Manufacturers cannot, again by law, tell dealers what to charge. The sticker has helped prevent only one area of chiseling, and that is price-packing. This technique, once widely practiced, was simply adding dollars as a hedge against the customer's bargaining prowess.

For the sake of simplicity, let's assume that the price sticker on the car of your choice totals $2480, including accessories, taxes, and transportation. The dealer had to pay $2000 cash for this car. His actual costs to deliver it to you are shown above. No profit to him is included.

Factory invoice to dealer	$2000*
Dealer's financing cost	30
Minimum predelivery service, labor only	30**
Salesman's average commission	70
Unabsorbed overhead (rent, insurance, etc.)	0 to 100***
Average warranty service, labor only	40

* Includes Federal tax and transportation

** Higher in rural areas

*** Good service and used-car operation can pay the overhead

Averaging these costs, the actual cost to the dealer on this car is $2200. If he charges just this amount to you, he must be in business as a hobby. If he charges anything less, he will soon be out of business.

Let's say three per cent (and this is about as low as he can go) is a reasonable profit to which an automobile dealer is entitled. So taking three per cent of the price he pays the manufacturer, our sample car should sell for a minimum of $2280. If the dealer sells you the car for this price instead of the suggested $2480 he would be giving you a discount of $200.

Remember this figure when you see window signs claiming $600 off. Something is obviously very wrong. Whatever the final transaction may be, you are not getting $600 off. Or if you are, the doors will be closed wher you show up for your 1000-mile warranty checkup.

There are, of course, other monetary factors involved. If you finance through the dealer, his kickback on this fee can amount to as much as $50. Also, the unscrupulous operator can forget about preparation and warranty costs. You bring back the car for fixing the bugs of newness and you get the fresh-air treatment, which is, namely, parking it outside all day.

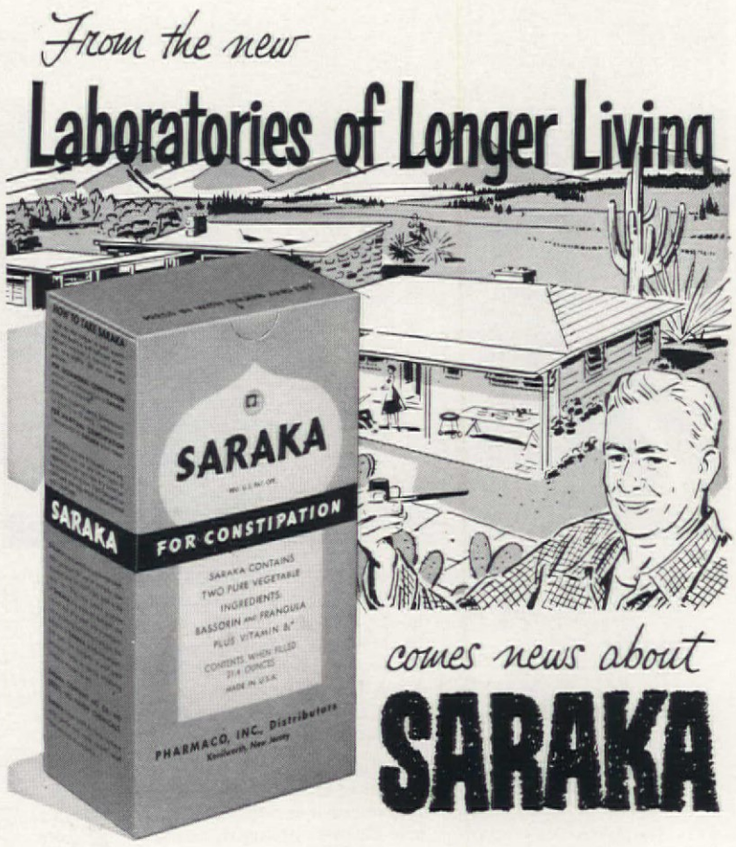
About the only time greater discounts are legitimately in order (but not $600) is during the season of the year known as contest time. These contests are for the dealer and his salesmen. Factory rebates involved can run as high as $125 per unit, and some of this can be and is passed on to the consumer. The season varies. Makers of a slow-moving brand can start contests as early as May. Hot lines, on the other hand, seldom indulge in this game until two months before new model announcement time.

THE TRADE-IN

You have already seen that the price structure of a new car allows very little room for juggling trade-in allowances. Daily dealer auctions throughout the country govern the exact value of any make, model, and condition of used car. This information is quickly disseminated to all new-car dealers through trade publications.

The dealer without a used-car operation must depend upon these auctions. Whatever the excuse, he can allow you only what he will get from them, minus the cost of bringing your car to the block. But the quality dealer who operates a used-car lot will take into consideration his expected profit from this operation. You will fare better with this man. Both types of dealers will go either way on a trade-in. Using our sample transaction, where there was a $200 discount, any allowance over on your old car comes out of this. Only a few men in any dealership have authority for the final word on the value of your trade-in. So get your appraisal before you talk figures with the salesman.

Sprucing up the trade-in, beyond polishing, is a waste of time



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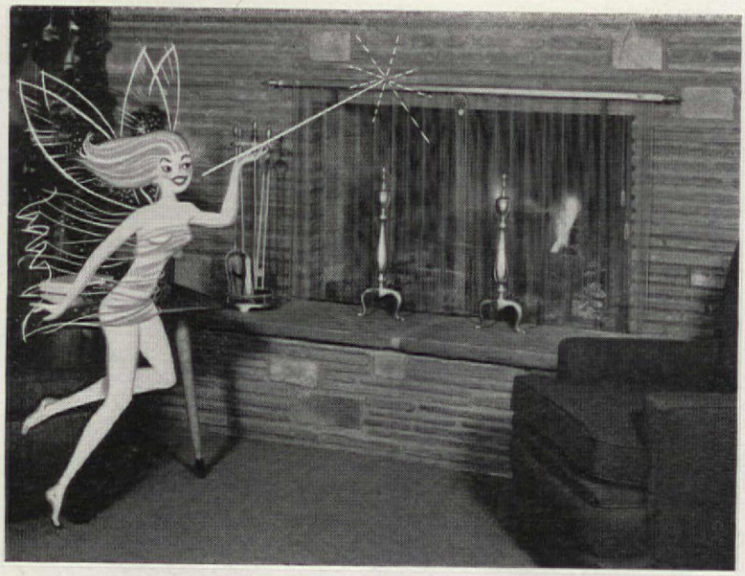

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FINANCING

The difference in terms available from reputable consumer finance companies and banks varies widely across the country. In general, a finance company will accept a greater risk and charge for it accordingly. After one-quarter down payment, it will extend the balance due over 36 months, whereas banks usually have a top limit of 30 months. On more reasonable transactions, it is not uncommon for both types of lenders to charge the same rates.

Six per cent interest, which may seem low, actually amounts to much more because it is always pegged against the original debt rather than the declining obligation as in a mortgage. This charge can be quite substantial over a period of 36 months. On a $2100 obligation, it amounts to $378. You can check a dealer's figures by using this simple formula: Six per cent of $2100 times three (the number of years). Substitute whatever figures are involved in your own transaction. On this deal, six per cent is low, but nine would be excessive, assuming a one-third down payment.

The money lender has a right to insist that you purchase collision insurance with a loss clause made out to him, but you do not have to purchase it from either the lender or the dealer. In many cases, your own insurance agent can write the policy at less cost. Also, you do not have to buy an expensive $50 deductible policy to satisfy this requirement. A $100 policy is satisfactory, although in package deals this fact is seldom mentioned.

THE CAR ITSELF

It is only lately that car manufacturers have seen fit to include as standard equipment necessities such as a sun visor. They usually still charge extra for items such as windshield washers and turn signals that are required by law in most states. Accessories can add $1000 or more to the cost of our sample car.

Some items, however, are sound and add to the turn-in value. An automatic transmission will return a large percentage of its original cost. A heater is a must and a radio almost so. Power steering and brakes on medium-priced cars and above are expected by the used-car buyer. He may shy away, though, from gimmicks such as electrically operated windows and seats, fearing potential mechanical trouble.

In low-priced cars, there is always a choice of economy or V-8 engines. The V-8 costs about $100 more initially, but will return this sum almost intact at trade-in. Reason: most used-car buyers are young people who prefer power to economy. They also prefer a deluxe model to the more austere version of the same make.

The more expensive body models, such as station wagons and hardtops, tend to hold a fair share of their extra cost at trade-in time. Wagons in particular are on a rising curve of popularity. Used convertibles are in demand during the spring and early summer months, but are tough for dealers to move at other times.

If you are in the market for one of the handsome 1960 models, we hope this article has given you the information which will make your choice a wise one. THE END

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CHRISTMAS IS GIVING

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OUR KITCHEN'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

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Flowering Plants (continued from page 12)

thoroughly; then wait until the soil is almost dry before soaking again. Don't water every day! Young plants bloom better than big old tired ones that have been outdoing themselves in the garden all summer. If you have a big bloomless geranium plant now, cut its side branches back to mere stubs. Place in a cool light room or basement to rest. Let the soil stay on the dry side until the first of the year. Then move to sun, give water and feed. As the days get longer and there's more sunshine, the new growth should produce flower buds. When summer comes, you can move your geraniums out into the garden. But don't plan on bringing the same ones in next fall. Instead, start new plants in June, from cuttings taken from branches of old plants. Root them in either water or damp sand.

Tuberous Begonia is a Summer Beauty

Start tuberous begonias during winter from dormant bulblike tubers. Stimulate these tubers into growth by placing them rounded-side down on top of slightly moist sand or peatmoss in a warm, light place (living-room temperature). When leaves are a few inches high, and roots have developed, pot the plants in loose soil composed of garden loam, sand, and peatmoss or leafmold. Tubers should be barely below soil. Keep plants in bright light or morning sun, not hot sunshine. Water generously, but don't let soil get soggy. When summer comes, plants can be moved into the garden in a shady place, or kept in their pots.

There are other kinds of begonias. Some of them bloom in winter. They all like the same kind of soil and light conditions as tuberous begonias.

Gloxinia Needs Rest

Gloxinia likes the same care as African violet, while it's blooming. But when flowers finish, the plant wants to rest. You'll get the signal when leaves turn yellow and drop off. That's the time to stop watering; and let the tuber (bulb) become dry and remain dormant for several months. You can leave it in the pot. For summer the tuber can be started into growth again (by watering) and can be set outdoors in a shaded spot protected from wind. It can be either left in the pot, or transplanted into the garden, and will bloom through summer. Then it wants another rest. So in autumn, dry it off and store in a warm place for several months. Then it's ready to grow and bloom again. You can also buy new, dormant gloxinia tubers through your garden supply dealer, and start them by potting them in soil.

Do Dishwashers Do the Job?

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The problem with most of these perfectly splendid ideas is their relatively limited use. The ideal "unusual" gift should combine cautiousness with daring. It should have an aura of dashing practicality. Certainly, above all else, it should be useful. With these requirements in mind, we have come up with what may prove to be the gift idea of the year! Regular readers of this rectangle, by now, will have given a knowing nod. For the uninitiated, we will end the suspense here and blurt it out ... E-Z-DU® Wallpaper.

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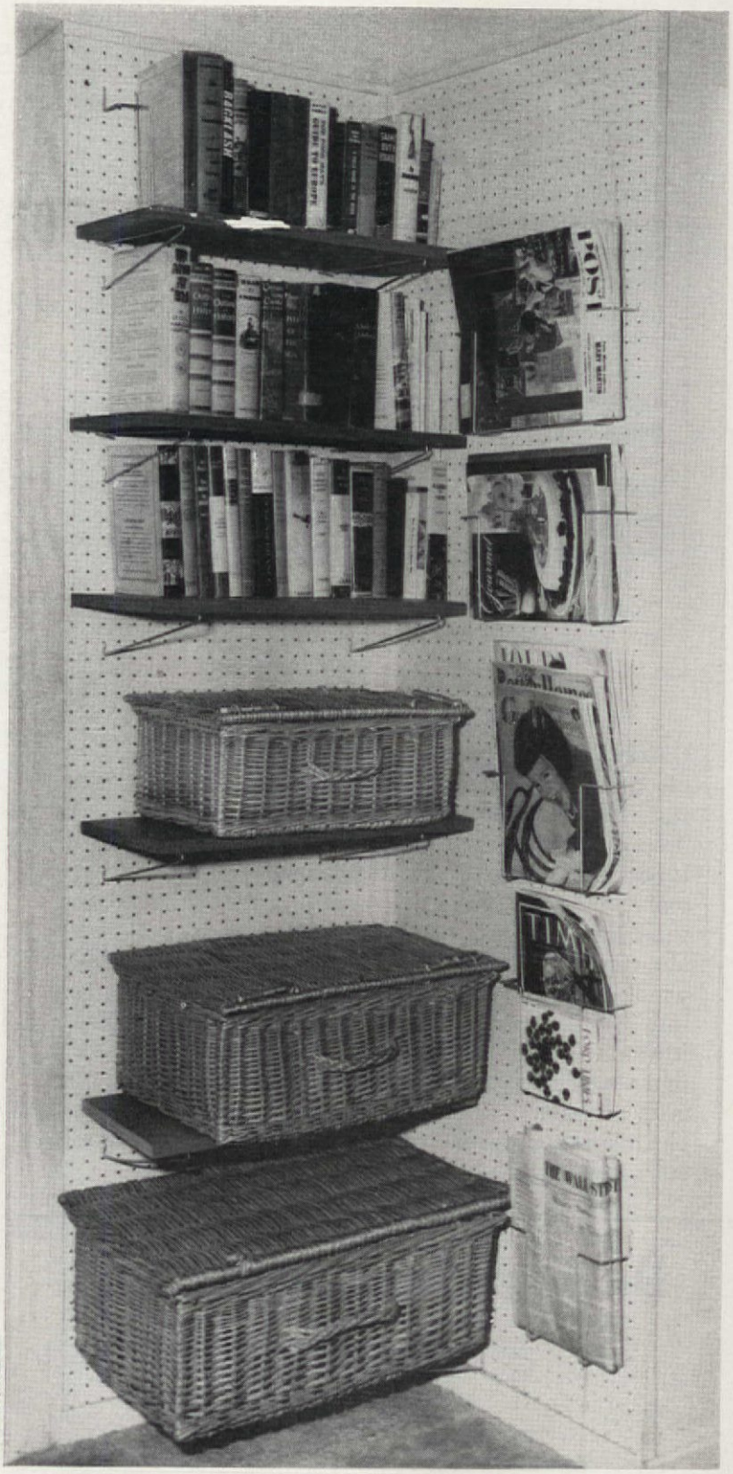
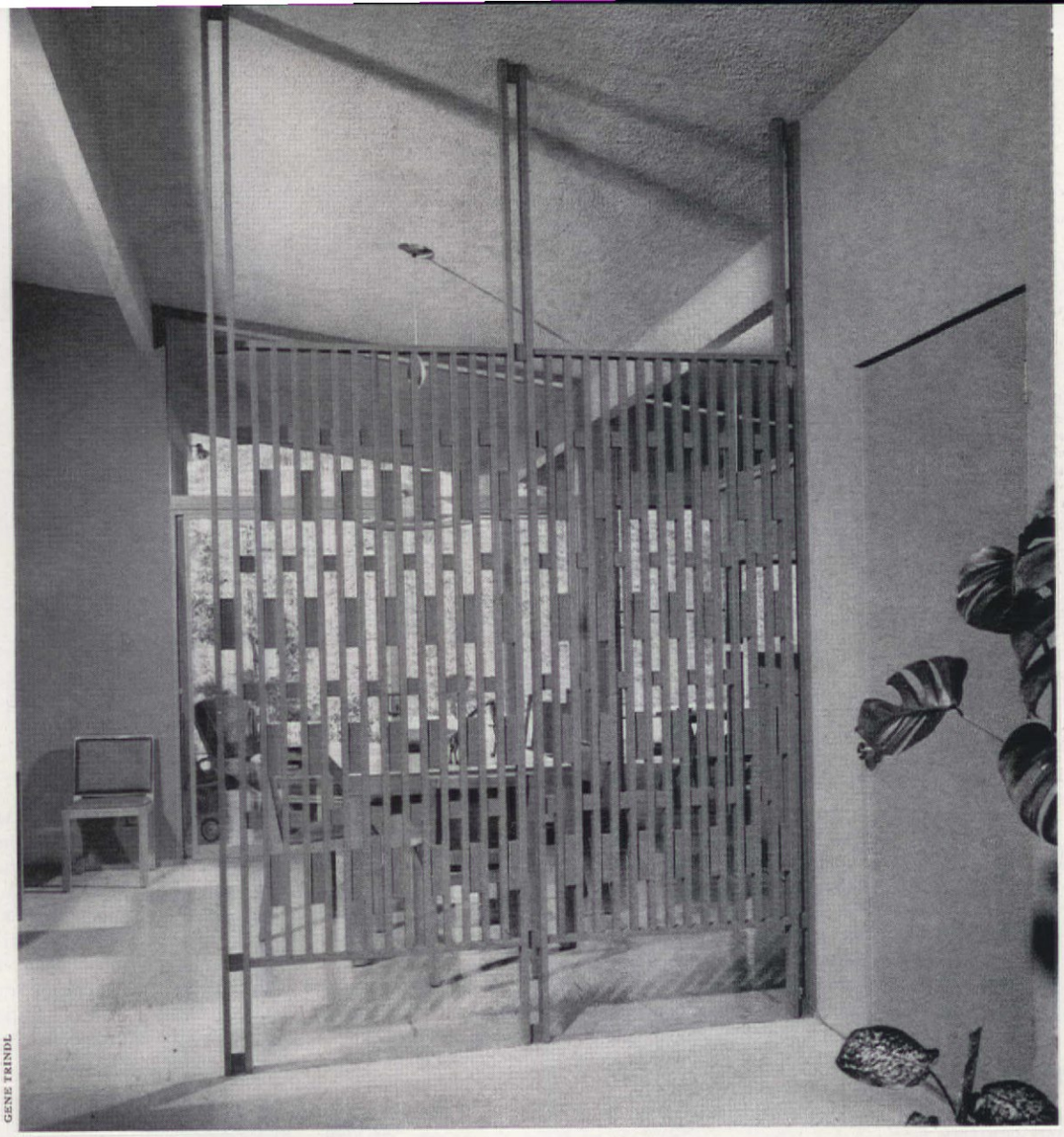


CHARLES JACKSON

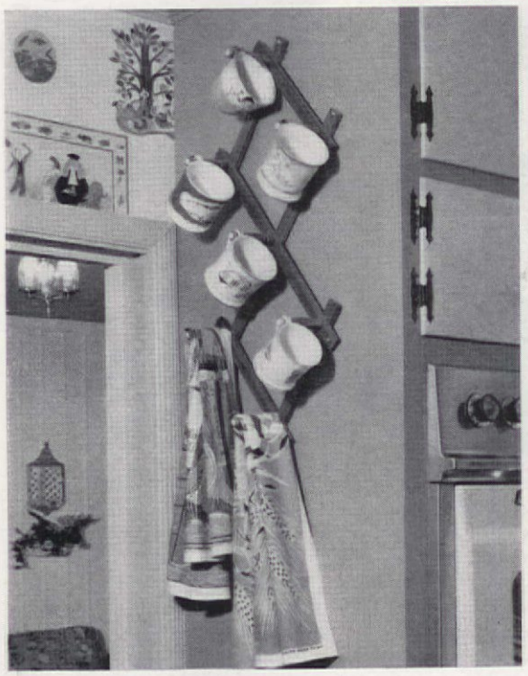
Pegboard corner supports brackets for decorative arrangement of books, magazines and hampers in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Knipple, Smyrna, Georgia. Wicker hampers provide ideal storage for such articles as accessories, pocketbooks, and sweaters.



GENE TRINDL

Handsome wood grille, attached to ceiling, wall, and floor separates dining room from entrance hall in the Clinton Peets' home, Sherman Oaks, California. The open-work panels supply design interest to both areas. They require no extra floor space, and permit the passage of daylight into the dining room. Panels are painted charcoal gray. Decorated by Susan Ross.

ROBERT MC GINNIS



Antique hatrack used to display a collection of old mustache cups is ideal for a narrow kitchen wall. Colorful dish towels add variety. A small nail or tack on pegs will keep mugs from slipping.

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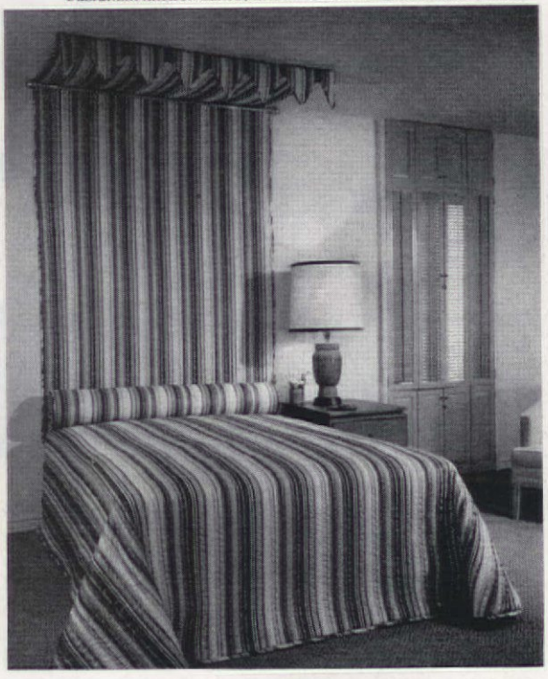

Tailored canopy bed is made from a panel of fabric running up wall and onto ceiling and held in place by brass rod at corner line. Fabric matches spread and trim bolster.

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Shallow cupboards fill 13-inch alcove in dining room of Mrs. L. Dickson Griffith, of Darien, Connecticut. Slate surface is oiled for sheen. White café curtains hang above it on brass rod.

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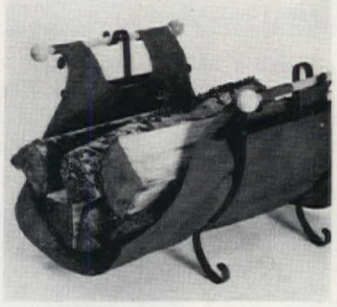

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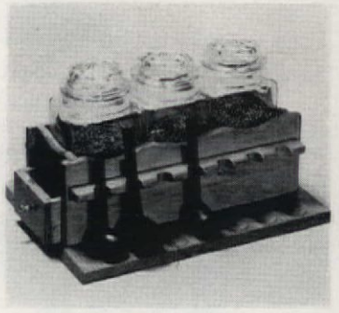

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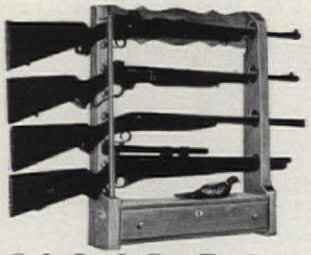

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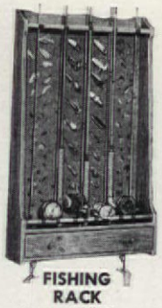

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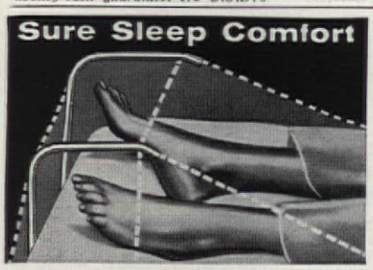

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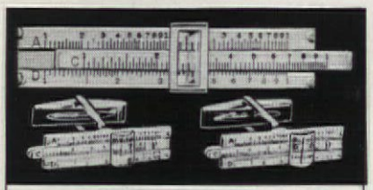

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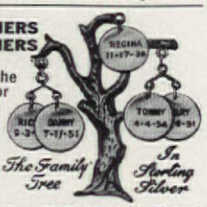

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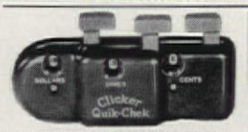

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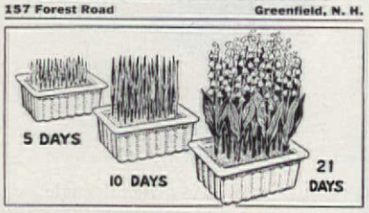

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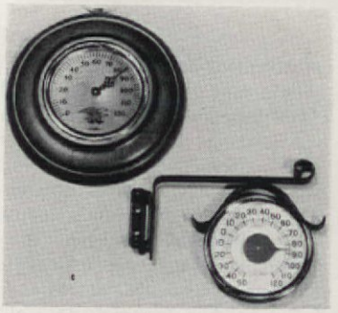

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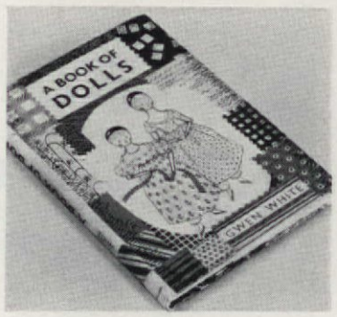

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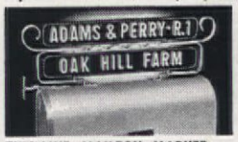

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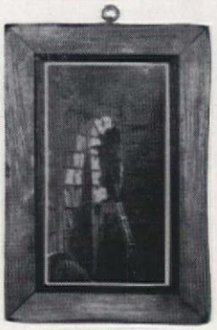

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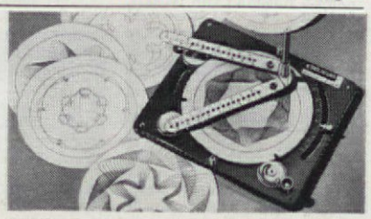

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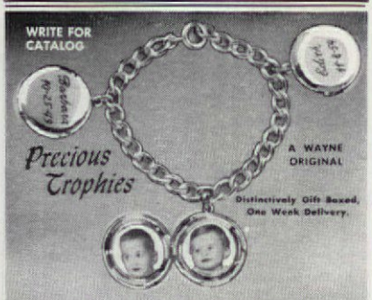

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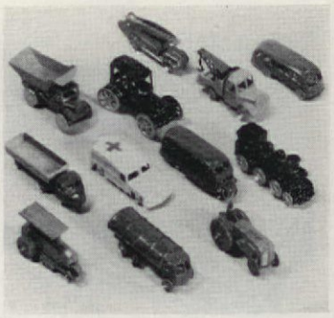

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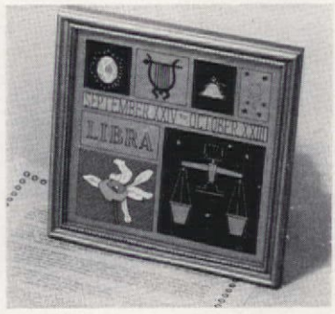

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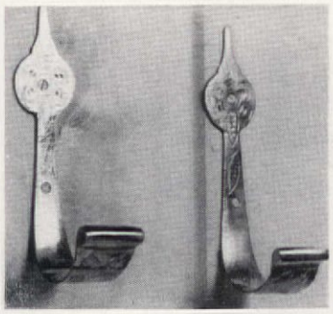

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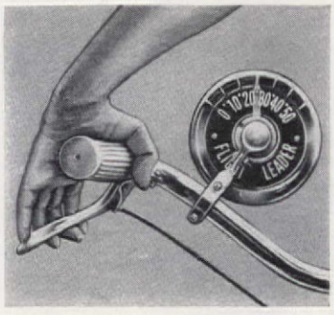

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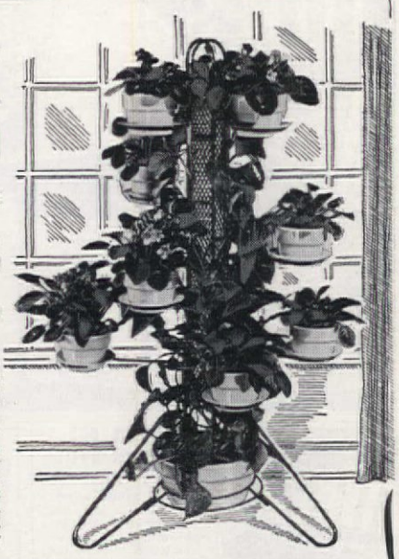

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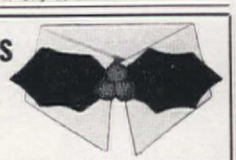

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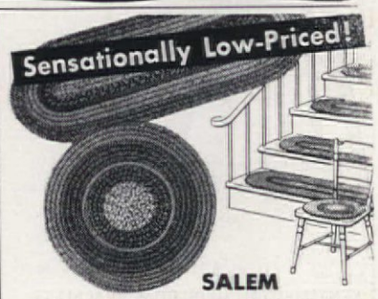

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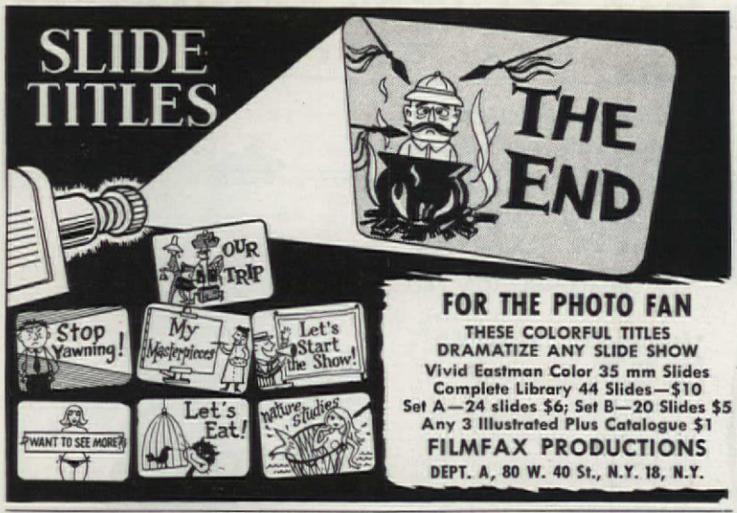

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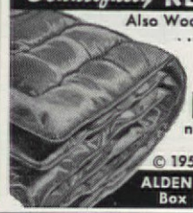

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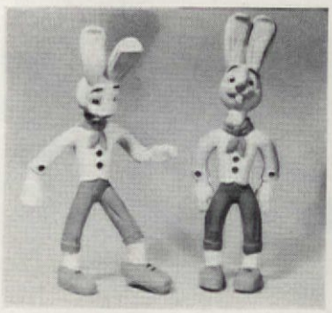

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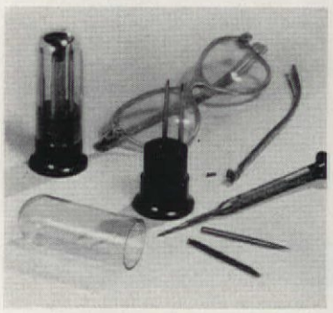

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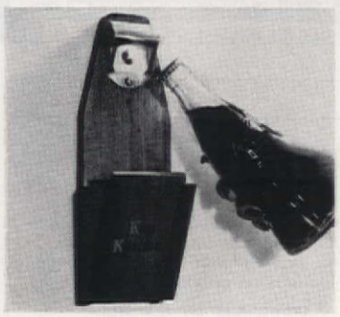

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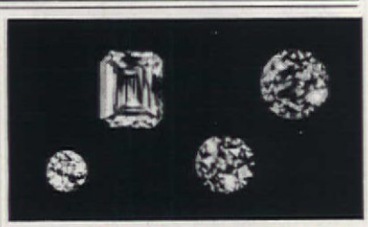

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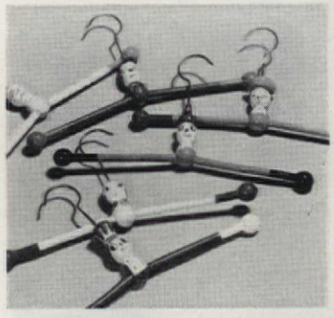

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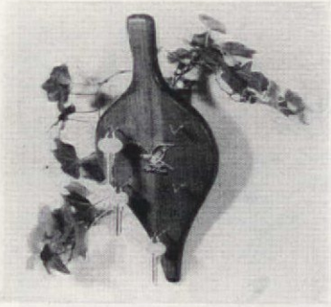

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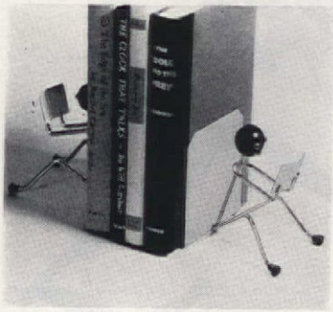

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