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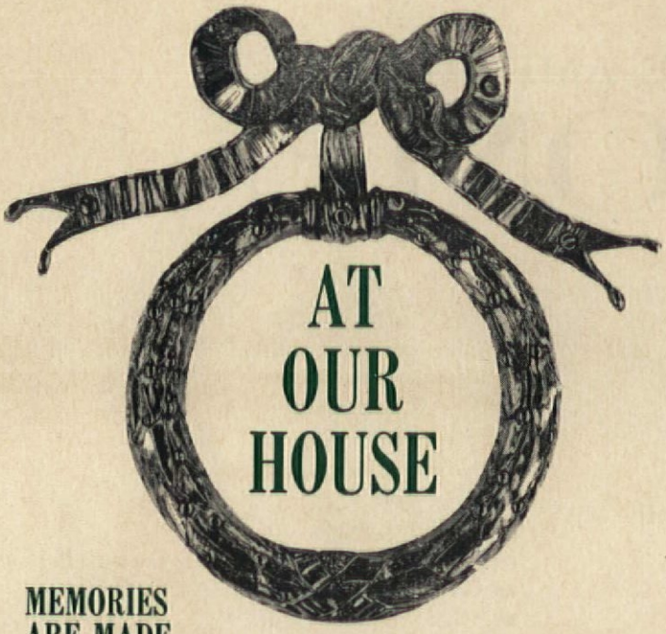

MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS . . . the year we bought a live blue spruce in a tub and let the children help string lights on it at our front door. Weeks later, when Joe planted it in the yard, eager faces watched from the warmth of the house as he labored over a hole big enough for the transferral. Now the tree is taller than Pete, who is six feet—and each year, as lights are strung on it, somebody always recalls the little tree we had for Christmas the first year we moved into our new house.

. . . the year Tracy was getting a farmyard—complete with metal barn, cows, horses, sheep, and chickens to be fastened to platforms, and hundreds (it seemed) of pieces of fence to be fitted together. At 4 A.M., the lights in the basement still burned, as Santa's weary helpers tiptoed around, striving desperately to finish the job before the first eager peeper sneaked down.

. . . the year Stevie had been an especially naughty boy and Santa filled his stocking with switches. He sobbed so hard that it has never been repeated. Wrong time, wrong place.

. . . the year they were all getting sleds and, miraculously, snow fell—and stayed—on Christmas Eve.

. . . the year any baby reaches out to touch his first Christmas tree.

Our neighbors sent over a box of Oregon holly—lustrous dark green with brilliant clusters of red. A far cry from the pale branches we used to hunt in the Maryland woods, only occasionally able to shout, "Come quick. This one has berries." Same genus Ilex, though. Same spiny-edged leaves that are just as prickly. What is Oregon's secret? I'd love to go holly-hunting out there.

Outside of Minnesota and Wisconsin, and the dear old New England states, I wonder how many children these days have a chance to ride in a one-horse open sleigh. When I was a child we had one—actually built by my grandfather. The slightest snowfall was excuse enough for my father to hurry home from work, hitch up Fanny, and take us all for a ride. Especially memorable was a moonlight night as we laughed and sang over miles of country road and watched the horse's breath make "steam." Then, in summer, barefoot and hot, we used to climb on the dusty sleigh where it rested in the tobacco shed and inhale the fragrant leaves hanging from the rafters overhead. Our children are practically strangers in that wonderful world of barns and haylofts and horses. I wonder if there's just as big a thrill for them in a station wagon with the tail-gate open.

When we were married, I told Joe I couldn't live in a house without a piano. So the first Christmas he gave me one—a beat-up baroque-ish monster, costing quite a lot because it was wartime. I've a better-looking one now, but it doesn't seem to sound as sweet.

It's Christmas pageant time again. Every year I wish there were a costume rental place I could dash into for items like: a Santa Claus suit, size 10; elf gear ("teacher said long-sleeved brown pajamas"); or a purple velvet cape for a king, size 8. However, the balloon cloth, Irish lace-trimmed gowns Kim and Tracy are wearing (left) were really worth the frantic hours spent on them. The girls have used them for years in pageants, and have even slept in them. In a way it wouldn't seem like Christmas if we didn't get out the old sheets for draped costumes, towels for Wise Men's turbans, and have that last-minute rush for some extra tinsel for halos.

At last, the family gathers for Christmas. Despite the best-laid plans of the hostess to have the children play outside, or in one of the rooms stocked with toys—they're still racing in among the adults, munching candy and strewing tangerine peels, shooting at each other and having "a wild of a time" with their cousins—*doesn't it take you back?*

Now it is Christmas Eve. The air is filled with secrets, the heart with song. Oh, to capture it. Box it. Wrap it. But you cannot. Gather round, then, for one more telling of The Story. See in each child The Child.

Christmas night. A lovely mellowness, induced by tiredness—but mostly well-being, because you have worked hard. And you enjoy everything so much more when you have made great effort.

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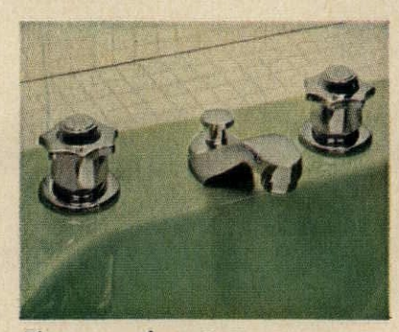

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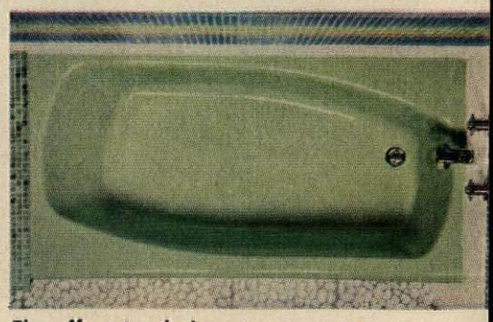

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THE FHA ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

Information from Office of the
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If you have a question for this column, please address FHA Commissioner, % The American Home, 300 Park Ave., New York 22, New York

I have just finished reading your article in the September issue of *The American Home*. You wrote that FHA does "not allow the buyer to pay a discount" on FHA-insured loans. I bought a home last year and paid the local bank two points, which I felt to be quite unjustified. I would appreciate your comments on this matter.

Every family buying a home on which FHA insures the mortgage is certainly entitled to know exactly what he is being charged for.

It is true that FHA does not allow the home buyer to pay a discount to obtain an FHA-insured mortgage. But the regulations do allow the buyer to pay an initial service charge if the lender requires it. This charge cannot be more than one per cent of the original mortgage amount on a *house already built*. It is often referred to as a "point," and is sometimes confused with a discount charge.

The initial service charge may be as much as two and one half per cent if you move into a new home on which the lender has made partial disbursements and property inspections during construction. This might be the case if you had the house built and arranged the financing before or during construction.

So, the *initial service charge* may account for one of the two "points" you paid; or if you had the home built, the charge could have been as much as two and one half per cent, or "points," as it is sometimes erroneously called. I suggest that you check with the mortgage officer of the bank that made you the loan. Ask him just what the charge covered. If the bank is not able to give you a satisfactory explanation, contact the director of the FHA office that insured your mortgage and ask him to clear up the question for you.

A couple of years ago we were all set to buy a new home, using the equity in our old home as a down payment toward the new house. The builder was going to try to sell our old house for us by the time he completed the new one. In fact, we made the deal contingent on this. He wasn't able to sell our old home in time, and the deal fell through. We've been reading about FHA's new trade-in financing regulations. Does this mean we'd have a better chance now to dispose of our old home?

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DISHWASHER NEWS FROM PROCTER & GAMBLE

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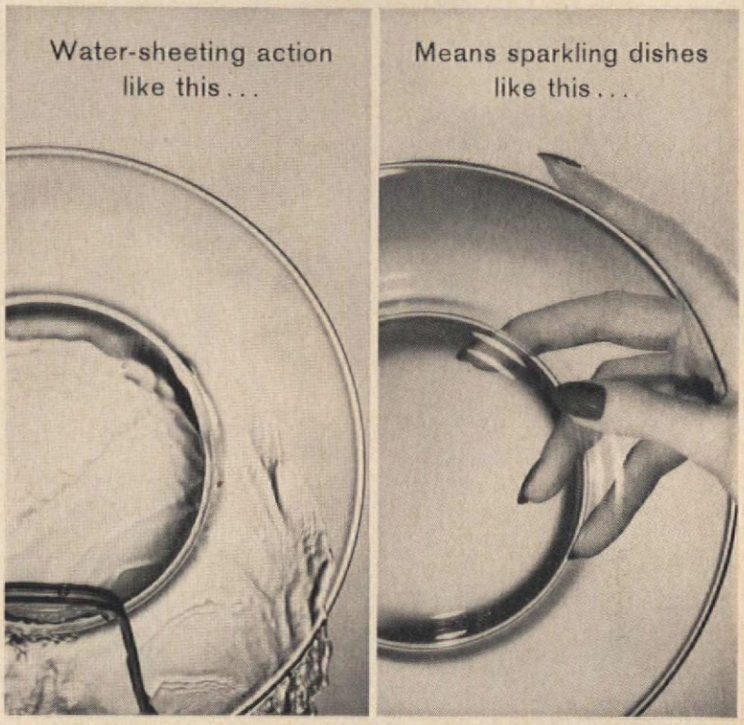

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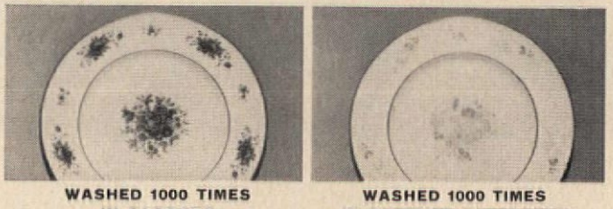

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Since you last tried to use your home as a trade-in on a new one, FHA has made the procedure easier.

Trade-ins are most important in today's home financing transactions. Last year FHA took steps which will measurably help a family trade its home for another one. They resulted in the builder or real estate firm being able to work this kind of transaction with less tie-up of capital and with about half the former closing costs.

One of the advantages of this new plan is that the builder or real estate man is now able to take your old house off your hands quickly. He can almost immediately advise you as to how much equity you have and how much additional money will be needed for your new home. Many builders and real estate men across the country now specialize in this type of transaction.

Why don't you try again? With the additional equity you've built up in your present home, you should be able to get the desired results without too much difficulty.

My family is really enthusiastic about modern architecture and we've decided to buy a contemporary home. But we've read a lot about traditional homes being the best buy. What's FHA policy on this? Do you discourage the building of modern houses?

We do not discourage the building of modern houses. There are good and bad contemporary houses, just as there are good and bad traditional houses.

In fact, far from discouraging the building of modern homes, FHA urges builders to make use of every new advance in building techniques. Our goal in this activity is to produce a more livable home with longer-lasting value.

For the potential home buyer there is a common-sense course; buy the home that will give your family the most comfort and satisfaction for a price you can afford to pay.

I plan to buy a shell home and finish it myself. Does FHA insure mortgages on this kind of deal?

FHA's mortgage program cannot directly benefit you in the purchase of a shell home as it stands.

A shell home is, of course, just what the name implies—the foundation and the walls, the basic equipment, with almost all of the finishing to be done by the buyer.

This shell does not qualify for an FHA-insured mortgage because FHA requires that a house must be completed in such a way as to comply with FHA minimum property standards. These standards, developed by FHA over the years, must be met to make sure the buyer gets a livable home and an acceptable location. Obviously, a home with unfinished walls and without flooring, with merely the basic equipment, does not meet finished standards.

There is a way that FHA can come into play on a shell home. You could apply to a mortgage lending institution that is making FHA-insured loans, and perhaps the FHA insuring office would issue a commitment to your lender that *when the house is completed* (finished inside and out), FHA will insure the mortgage. The application for an FHA commitment to insure would have to be accompanied by completed plans and specifications.

If the FHA office were to issue such a commitment, the lender could make a construction loan to you—a separate transaction at a "going" or conventional rate of interest for such loans. FHA wouldn't have anything to do with or say about the construction loan.

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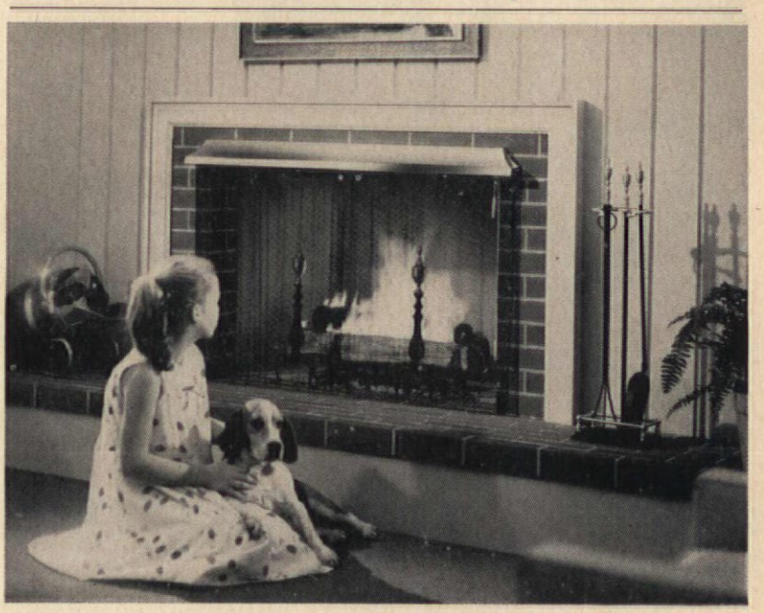

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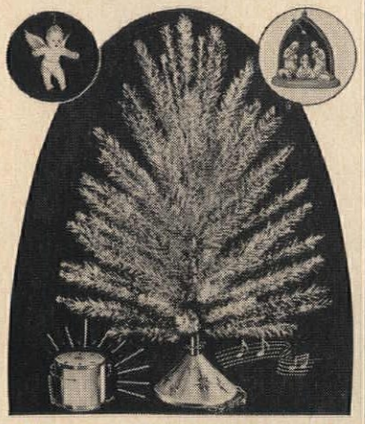

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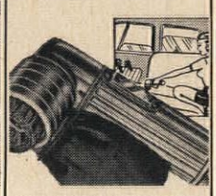

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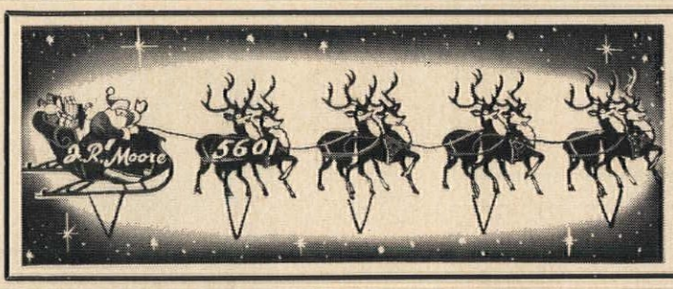

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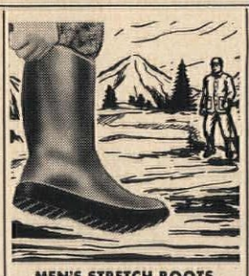

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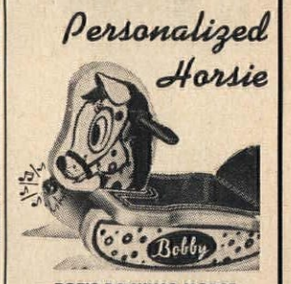

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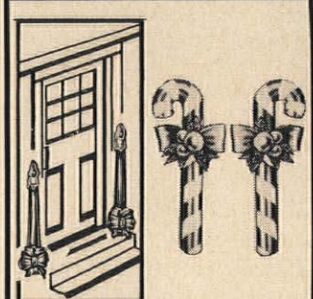

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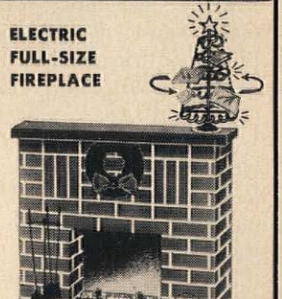

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The problem with most of these splendid ideas is their relatively limited use. The ideal "unusual" gift should combine cautiousness with daring. It should have an aura of dashing practicality. Certainly, above all else, it should be useful. With these 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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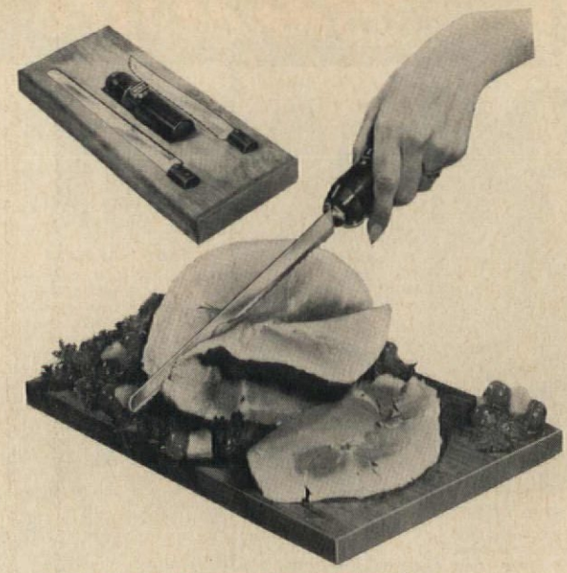

ELECTRIC CARVING KNIFE *does carving and slicing at the touch of the button in its handle that activates the blade. Cordless, it can be used anywhere to carve, trim, and slice meats, cut cheese or cake. Set comes complete with carving board, batteries, power handle, two blades (carving and slicing), and three "how-to-carve" booklets for $19.95. Burgess Vibrocrafters, Inc., Grayslake, Ill.*

SEWHANDY, *a child's sewing machine modeled after Mother's, isn't a toy. It makes a chain stitch, is designed so that little fingers cannot get under the needle, is easy to thread, and almost impossible to jam. By Singer Sewing Machine Co., $14.95 at Singer Sewing Centers and other stores, early next year.*

A STAND-UP BATH SCALE *stands neatly on end after weighing you in—taking less than 4" of floor space. Its handle serves as an easel support. About $10.95. Borg-Erickson Corp., 1133 North Kilbourn Ave., Chicago 51, Ill.*

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LARGER WASH LOADS *are provided for in the entire line of General Electric Filter-Flo Washers for 1961. All feature an extra-large wash basket that will wash 12 pounds of clothes in a single load. In addition, they are streamlined to a 25-inch depth to fit flush with counters and give a built-in look.*

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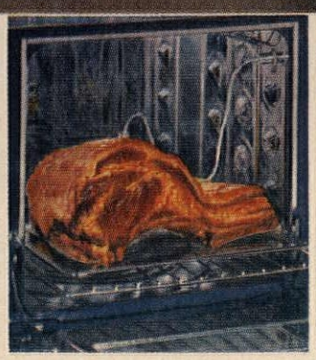

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***Holiday get-together** includes, left to right, Mrs. Lennon, Janet Lennon, Shirley Welk Frederick and daughter Laura, Dr. James Frederick, Mrs. Welk, Donna Welk Mack holding Robbie Frederick, Welk, William Lennon, Kathy, Peggy, Diane, and Mimi Lennon. Not present, Larry Welk.*

AT HOME WITH LAWRENCE WELK

JIM LISTON

Lawrence Welk sat at the organ in his paneled study and let his fingers wander over the keys.

"It's a nice way to relax," he said. He drifted into "White Christmas."

"'White Christmas.' That's something you had plenty of in North Dakota. What are your Christmases like in California?"

"A lot warmer!" he laughed, switching off the organ. "One of the nice things about my life here is that I have more time with my family. Nearly every Christmas in the old days, the band would have an engagement away from home and I couldn't be with the family. Now we're all together. We start the day by going to church and then we have Jerry Burke, our organist, over for dinner because he's a bachelor and doesn't have any relatives out here. And if there are any new band members who aren't married and are away from home, we ask them to join us because Christmas is a family celebration. My daughter Shirley and her husband bring their children and the Lennon family drops in. We really have a lively time of it, singing, dancing, and talking."

"What was Christmas like in North Dakota?"

"Well, it can get pretty cold there—30 and 40 below. We never had to worry about a white Christmas—snow drifted above the windows. We heated the house with coal and wood stoves, but we were snug and warm.

"The real celebration of Christmas was at church. We often had to shovel a path from the house to the barn to get the horses hitched. It was three miles to Strasburg, so we'd heat rocks on the stove and put them in the sleigh to keep our feet warm. It wasn't easy getting through the drifts and sometimes it snowed so hard we could hardly see. But we went every Sunday—my folks never thought weather was an excuse for missing Mass.

"There were all kinds of cakes and cookies at Christmas. There were get-togethers with other families in the neighborhood. My father would play his accordion and everybody danced and sang. I guess that's why I love music; I really like to see people having a good time.

"We kids didn't get a whole lot of toys (continued)

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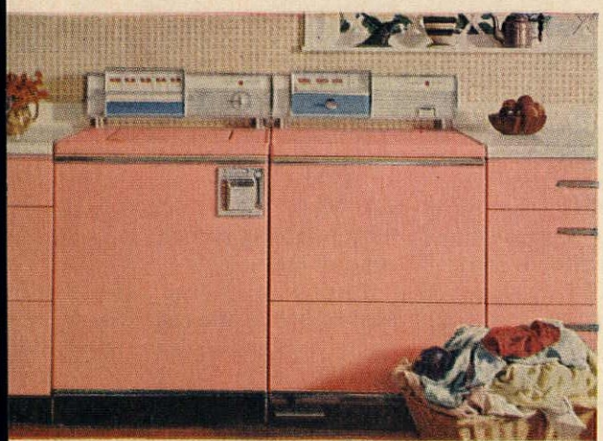
The 1961 General Electric Filter-Flo® Washer fits like a 'built-in'...and washes a bigger-than-ever load...12 pounds!



TICE how neatly the new General Electric Filter-Flo sher and matching High-Speed Dryer fit—like 'built-.' Washer hoses are built inside, plumbing connections n recess at rear. Put this pair (Mix-or-Match colors or ite) in kitchen or other living area.

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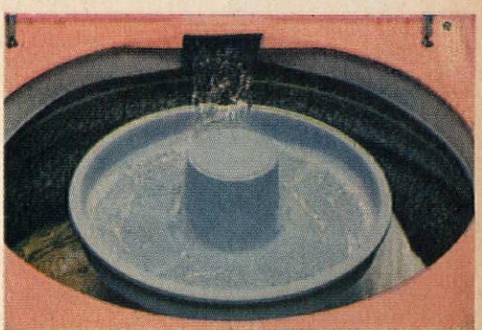

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When the Welks moved to California in 1951, they chose a modest home in Brentwood because they weren't interested in "keeping up with the Joneses." The Welks bought it "because it was a good substantial house that could be remodeled."

Home life is Welk's most cherished reward after years of travel with the band. "Fern made a wonderful home for the children all the years I was on the road," he says. "We used to dream of the day when we could settle down in a town and a home of our own."

for Christmas because there were eight of us and my father was just a wheat farmer who made a little extra money shoeing horses. But stockings stuffed full of candies, nuts, and oranges were our big surprise and we were just as happy as kids are today. You know, people nowadays want to give their kids all kinds of advantages—the kind you buy with money. We didn't have such things, but we were taught that there was an Almighty God we could count on for strength—whether the bank failed or the crop was ruined. That's the best kind of security."

Lawrence Welk's home is a 28-year-old, three-bedroom house real estate men used to call "Spanish bungalow." Welk bought it in 1951 only after he was convinced that his engagement at the Aragon Ballroom in Ocean Park would be a fairly permanent one.

"On weekends I would drive around looking for the kind of neighborhood that seemed right," he said. "I liked Brentwood (in West Los Angeles) but I didn't want to try to keep up with the Joneses. One day I saw a sign in front of this place and the real estate man showed me through. Fern and I liked it because we saw that it was a good solid house we could remodel. I made an offer that was way below the asking price and they turned it down. After three months of haggling, the real estate man called and told me I could have it for what I had originally offered. As you can see, I got a very good buy."

Before the Welks moved in, they installed picture windows in most rooms, redecorated and carpeted the house, remodeled the kitchen, and added a family room with an adjoining lanai. The terrazzo floor of the family room extends beyond sliding glass doors to the lanai.

"All we do is open the doors," said Welk, "and we have a large indoor-outdoor room for entertaining and dancing."

Because the land drops off sharply behind the house, the lanai resembles a large balcony porch. It is roofed with translucent, fiber glass panels supported on redwood beams. The upper branches of a tall sycamore are so close that Welk says, "It's something like being in a tree house."

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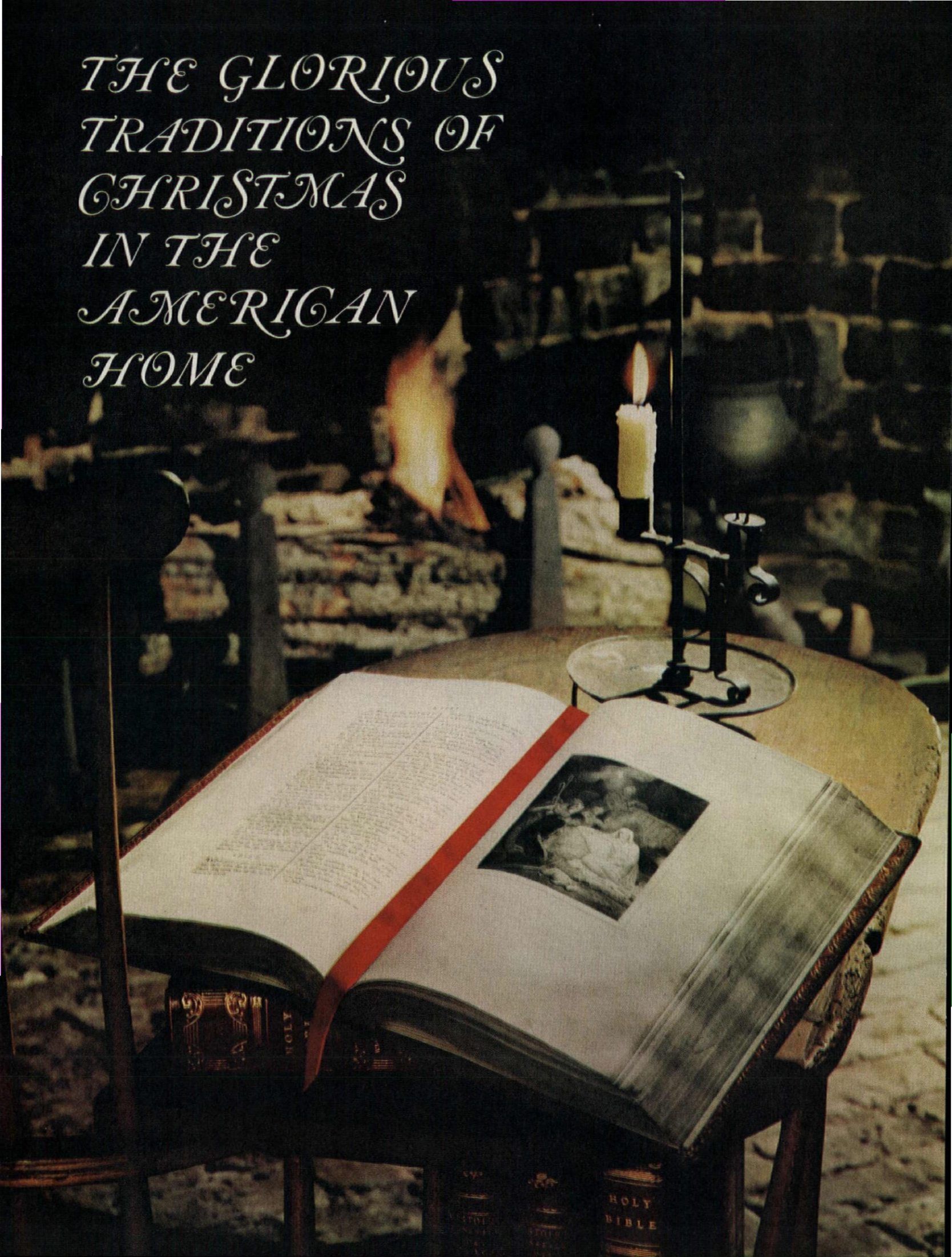

THE GLORIOUS TRADITIONS OF CHRISTMAS IN THE AMERICAN HOME

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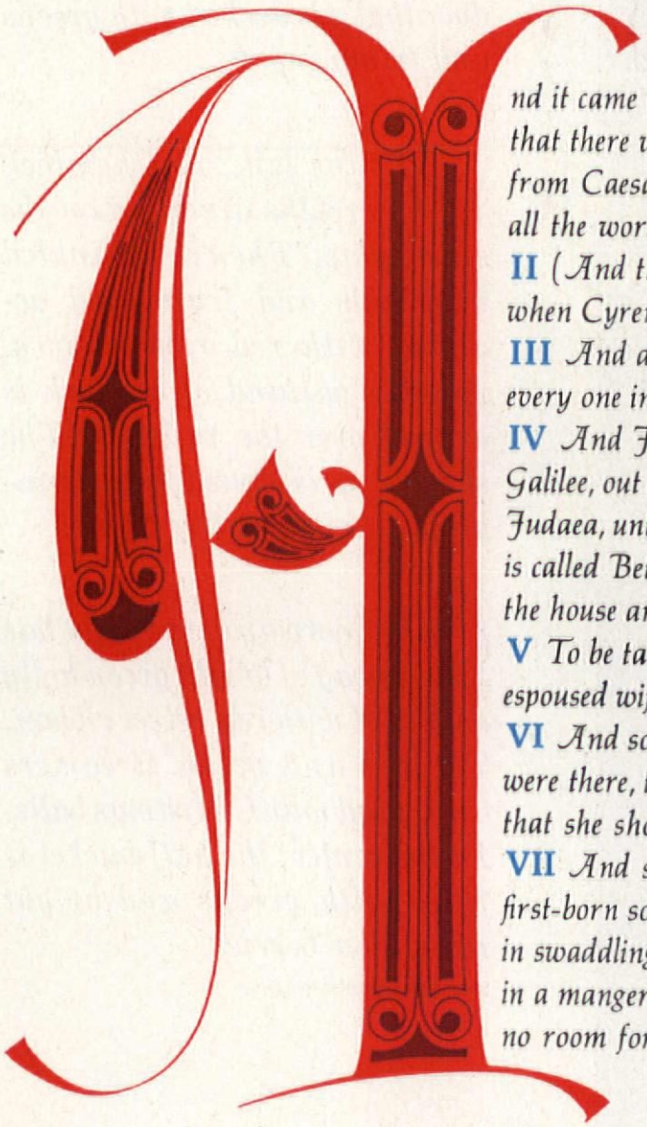

nd it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
II (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
III And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
IV And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
V To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
VI And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
VII And she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
VIII And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
IX And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
X And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
XI For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
XII And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
XIII And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
XIV Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Gospel according to St. Luke. II: I—XIV

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CHRISTMAS BEGINS AT YOUR DOORSTEP!

Is there a warmer way of saying "Merry Christmas" and "Please come in!" than a front door that's bedecked with greens and trimmings?

At the left, oval hemlock wreaths are hung on the side lights. They're sprinkled with nuts and fruits and accented with red ribbon bows. Another garland of hemlock is draped over the railings. The shrubbery is dotted with twinkling Christmas tree lights!

The doorway at the right has a swag of bright green holly entwined with red velvet ribbon. The red and green streamers are tipped with Christmas balls. In the center, the half-bucket is filled with greens and bright red winter berries.

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***Decorate your door** on the inside as well as out! The sunburst is made of fan-pleated metallic paper with leaves of palm (see page 66). The newel posts are hung with streamers of ribbon and have Christmas-ball collars.*

Expecting the carolers to sing at your door? Have a warming treat all ready! Here, surprises in gaily colored folded bags are hung from the ceiling. Each child picks a golden number and opens his treasure over a gingerbread man and hot chocolate!

Kissing rings are a delightful Christmas custom. These are embroidery hoops covered with red ribbon and sprigged with holly and mistletoe. Lucky the one caught beneath! Ribbon can be glued to or wound around the rings.

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The Christmas rose is a tradition that goes back to the Nativity itself—a symbol of love and beauty. Here, pink and red artificial roses are wired to a small live table tree. The container is covered with decorative paper.

Designer: Jerome Kuhl
Photographer: Irwin Horowitz

SO PRETTY, SUCH FUN TO DO!

One of the nicest Christmas customs we know is having both young and old make ornaments for the tree! These are paper—so simple and imaginative you'll want to pack them away for many Christmases to come. They're all here: angels, snowflakes, birds, and Santas! For how-to's, *see page 62.*

BRIGHT
IDEAS
TO
MAKE
YOUR
PRESENTS
THE
MOST
EXCITING
PACKAGES
EVER!
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Irwin Horowitz

Wrap early! You'll want to scatter these sparkling packages all through the house—just to get everyone in the Christmas mood. Some of our gifts are even wrapped with a gift to make them all the more intriguing.

The pirate is a mailing tube covered with colored paper and fabric. Boat-type hat comes off to reveal treasure. ***Letter holder*** and posy pasted on a package add a feminine touch. Posters, wallpaper samples, magazine illustrations, and ads all offer special effects; witness the ***green and black package,*** the bold ***striped shirt,*** and the ***French fashion print.*** Coats of arms, seals, medallions, large initials, even a pacing lion are available in embossed gold foil, for an absolutely elegant effect. To make a gift of clothes more appealing to a little boy, there's ***Santa Claus with pack*** of real toys pasted on his back. (For a print of Santa for you to enlarge, see page 65.) In the same vein, ***teddy bear and tiny gifts*** are taped to a tote cart containing a gift certificate. Wheels are coasters pinned through box. ***Stamps*** lightly pasted on wrapping promise more of same inside. ***Yarn and needles*** for a "purl" of a girl

(continued on page 64)

SET A TABLE WITH THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

Of all the seasons of the year, Christmas is the busiest for entertaining—a time for feasting and hospitality. And a rich, abundant table is a tradition in itself. So set a festive board! One that is as bright and gay as the holiday. On these pages, we show you three seasoned

settings—two are eye-catching buffets, spiced with colorful accessories, and the third, a gala Christmas breakfast at the fireside.

The Three Kings, candles aglow, set the mood for the buffet below. A carnation pink felt cover is a handsome field for the golden serving pieces, the gleaming brass chafing dish and coffee urn, and the cobalt blue demitasse cups, compote, and napkins. Note the efficient organization for easy self-serving—all done beforehand to allow you to enjoy the party. (How-to's for the Three Kings on page 66)

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A ***Christmas star*** *with tiny twinkling lights shines over this buffet setting. Mexican in feeling, the striped tablecloth is a South-of-the-Border red; napkins in a fish, tin tree, and two heavenly angels are bright touches.*

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LISANTI

A ***cheery coverlet,*** *white ironstone, ruby goblets, and an epergne laden with goodies brighten our Christmas breakfast table. Sheaf of wheat with wide red ribbon hangs from the mantel.* *How-to's for trees on page 65.*

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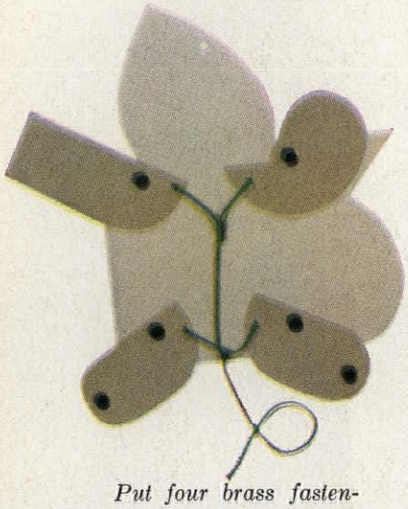
ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN

SILVER STARS FOR GIVING.

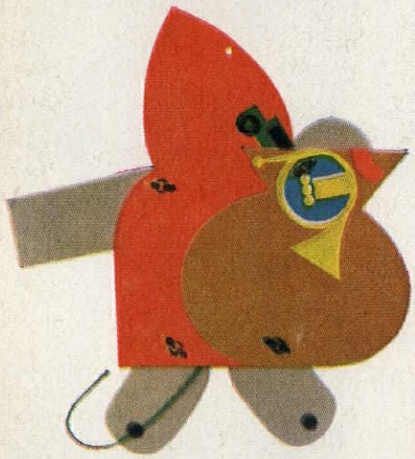
Here is our choice of the six most versatile pieces of silver holloware you can have for yourself or give to someone who loves beautiful things. Your selection of any one of these shining beauties is only the beginning of the pleasure to come, since all will perform ele-

gantly in such a variety of uses. Included in our distinguished array are a handsomely wrought double vegetable dish, Chippendale-design tray, Colonial pitcher, simple Paul Revere bowl, graceful multiple candelabra, and sauceboat with tray. Suited to the budget minded, they range from $10 to $87.50. (continued on page 67)

OUR JOLLY CUT-OUT SANTA REALLY JUMPS!



Put four brass fasteners through front. Turn Santa over and place face down on table. Slip on arm, Raggedy Ann, and legs. Slip string through holes and knot.



Put back piece on and close fasteners. When string is pulled, pieces should move freely. Fasten on boots. Thread a string through hat for holding or hanging up.

He jumps and he jiggles—a spritely old elf all ready to laugh in spite of himself. He's a special present to you and your children—from us. All you have to do is cut out the pieces and mount them on cardboard or Bristol board available at any art store. The large holes are for brass fasteners, the small ones for string. Assemble as shown at the left.

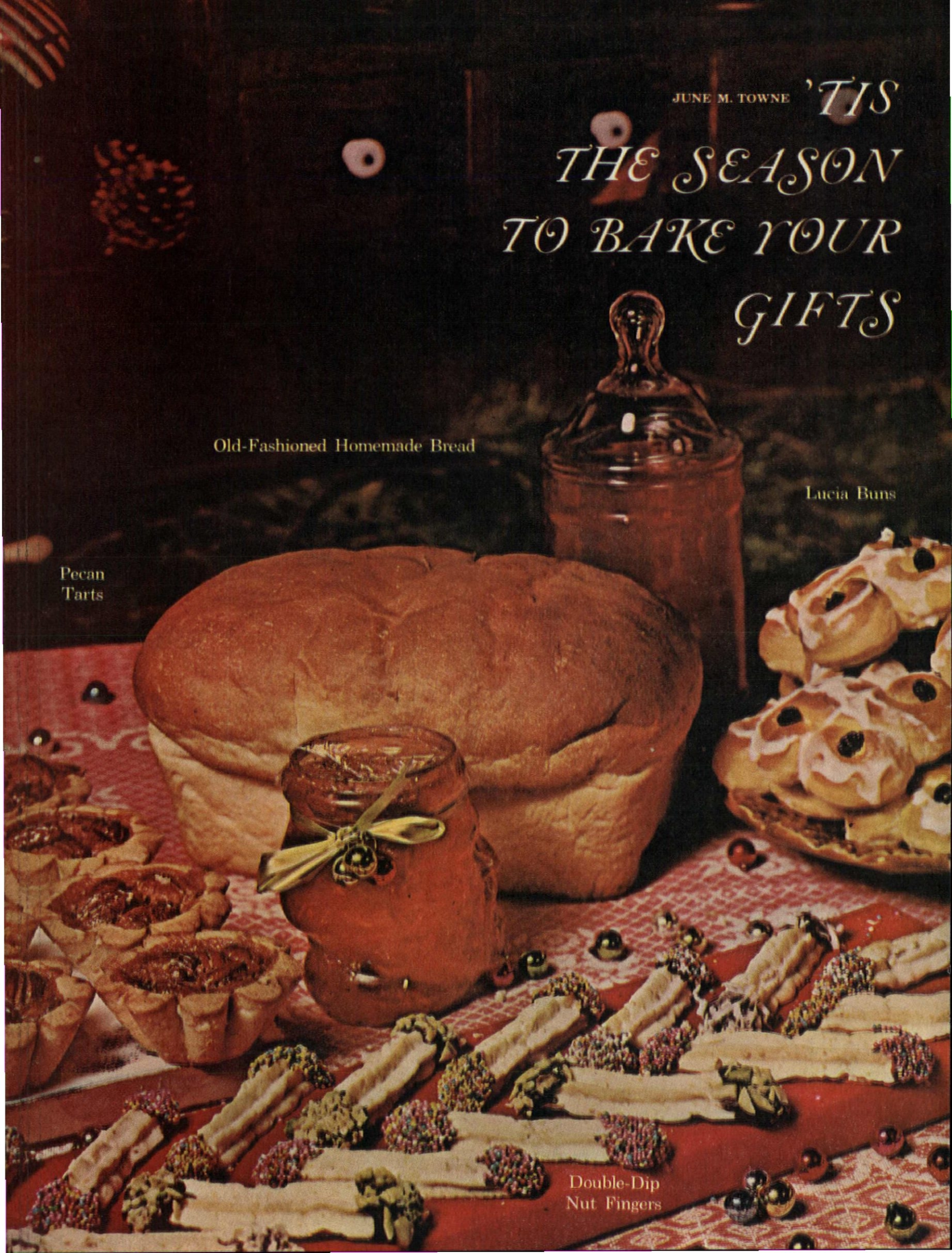
DESIGNER: JEROME KUHL

Guy Burgess
SUCH GOOD THINGS FROM THE KITCHEN!

VIRGINIA T. HABEEB

Oh the wonderful fragrance of Christmas! The tantalizing whiffs of fresh-baked cookies, succulent ham, and homemade bread tell one and all that Christmas really begins in the kitchen. The counters are laden, the ovens are full, the decorations are up. It's time to bake those special gifts and load the family larder. In this kitchen of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Church,

(Story continued on page 58. Food gifts on next page.)


JUNE M. TOWNE
'TIS THE SEASON TO BAKE YOUR GIFTS
Old-Fashioned Homemade Bread
Lucia Buns
Pecan Tarts
Double-Dip Nut Fingers

Old-fashioned Homemade Bread for Uncle Jim. Almost too tempting to let cool! A Danish Christmas Twist filled with raisins and nuts for the neighbors down the street. Double-Dip Nut Fingers for Bobby's teacher. Your Christmas list may go on and on, but so do our ideas for tempting oven-fresh treats! We've golden yellow Lucia Buns, a delightful tradition borrowed from Sweden, plus chewy, delicious Pecan Tarts, and crisp, feather-light Swedish Rosettes. And there's more on the next page!
RECIPES ON PAGE 49
Swedish Rosettes
Danish Christmas Twist
Stan Young

Peppermint Meringues
Almond Braid

What a treat for someone with a sweet tooth—an elegant Apricot Rum Baba! Moist and rich and redolent of apricot nectar. Or how about an Almond Braid, generously filled with almond paste, bread crumbs, candied cherries, and citron? Lebkuchen!—those famous old-fashioned German Christmas honey cakes. Or Jelly Nut Wreaths, fashioned from a nut-laden dough with a dab of jelly in the center. For a cool, refreshing after-dinner sweet—pink or green Peppermint Meringues!

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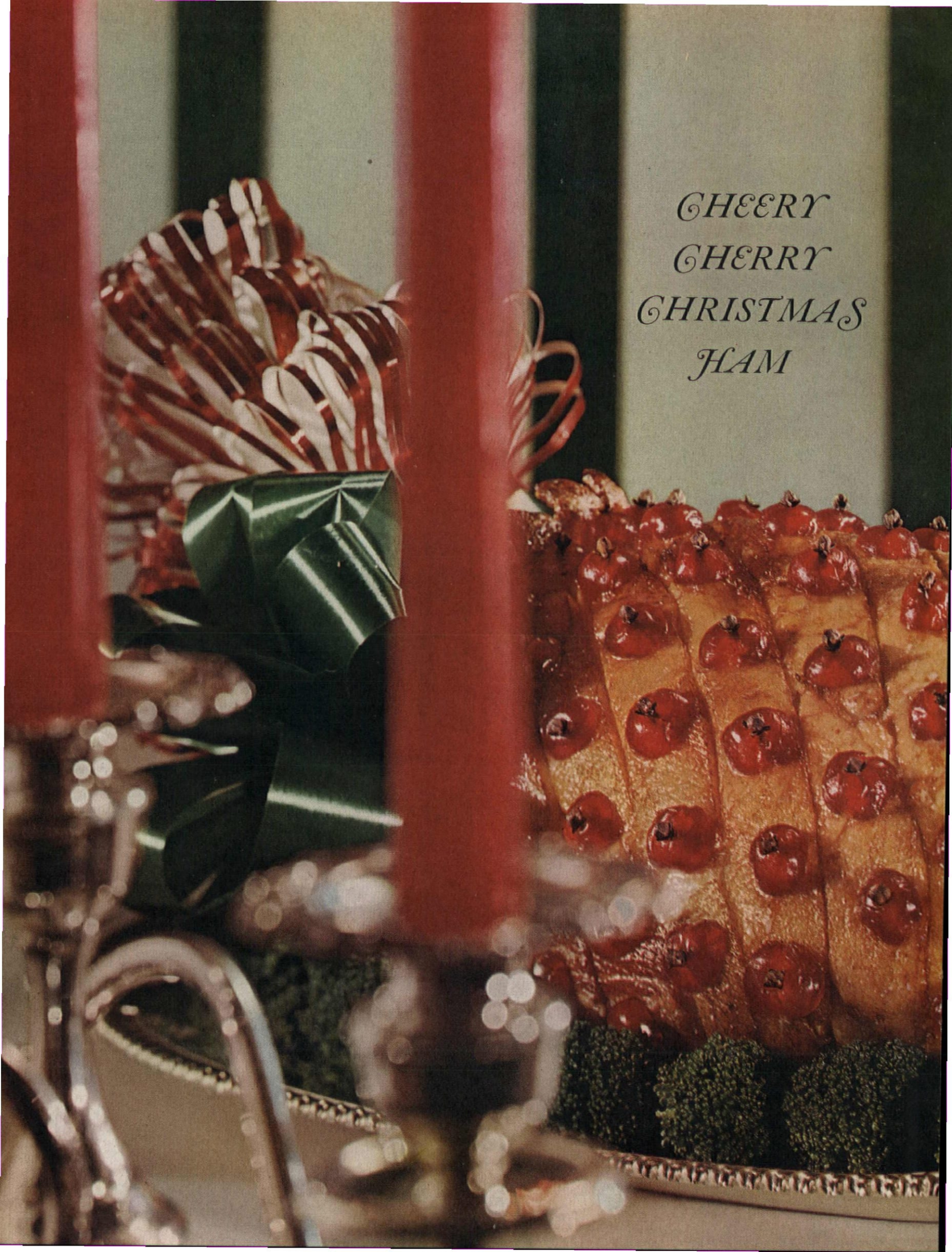
Apricot Rum Baba

Jelly Nut Wreaths

Lebkuchen


CHEERY
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CHRISTMAS
HAM

A delectable baked ham on an attractively garnished platter is elegant fare for a traditional Christmas dinner. Wonderful, too, to have on hand—to serve cold when friends and relatives drop by. Its tempting flavor is perfect for any meal the whole holiday through!

Ham bakes so easily—there's little watching or basting necessary. A half hour before it's done it should be dressed for the occasion—scored and glazed with a brushing of light corn syrup and studded with bright red cherries that are held in place with pungent cloves. Back into the oven it goes until it glistens like a Christmas tree. For a final touch: a frill of paper on the shank and bright green ribbon!

Fruit is always a perfect accompaniment for ham. Here we serve a honeydew cornucopia and it overflows with grapes, strawberries, melon balls, orange and grapefruit sections.

And don't forget, if you are planning on only a half ham for Christmas, you can garnish it as beautifully as a whole one. Information on buying and baking, page 53.

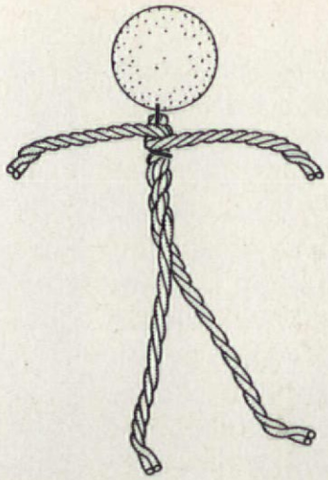
F. M. Demarest

SANTA'S ELVES

are sprightly additions to the Christmas scene and make gay little decorations for your gift packages. Each little elf starts off with a body of pipe cleaners and a plastic foam ball head. The red and green felt clothes, boots, and gloves are cut from the patterns below. Sew the clothes and dress the figures. Pull a small piece of cotton and glue it in place for a beard. Cut out and glue tiny black triangle eyes and a red felt nose. Boots and gloves (double thickness) are glued to the pipe cleaners. Of course, no true Santa's helper would be happy without work to do. So we have supplied ours with a string of stars (gold paper gummed stars glued to gold cord), miniature bells on a red ribbon, a tiny gift-wrapped package, and elf-sized Christmas balls for the tree!

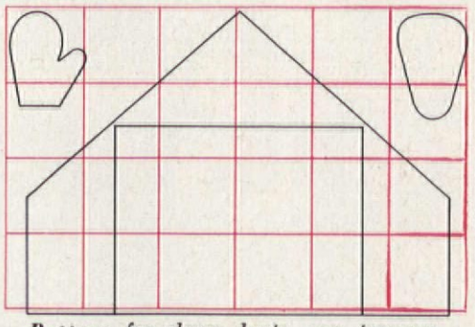
DESIGNER: DOROTHY COLLINS PHOTOGRAPHER: LISANTI SKETCHES: RICHARD OTT

***Santa's helpers** get Christmas under way by trimming tree, wrapping and trying out toys. Twist figures into expressive positions. Use your imagination for the accessories!*

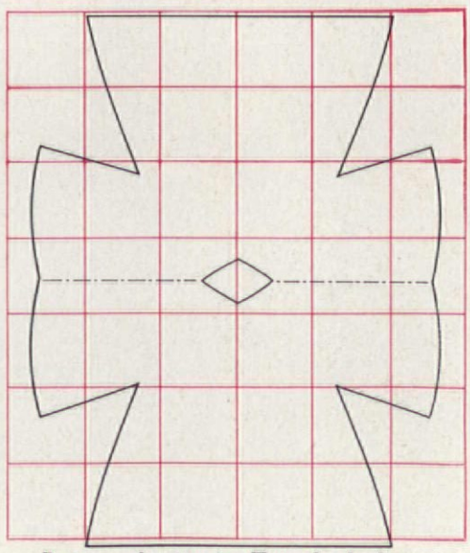


***Twist two pipe cleaners** to form body, attach a foam ball head with wire.*

***Fully dressed elf** holds string of bells.*

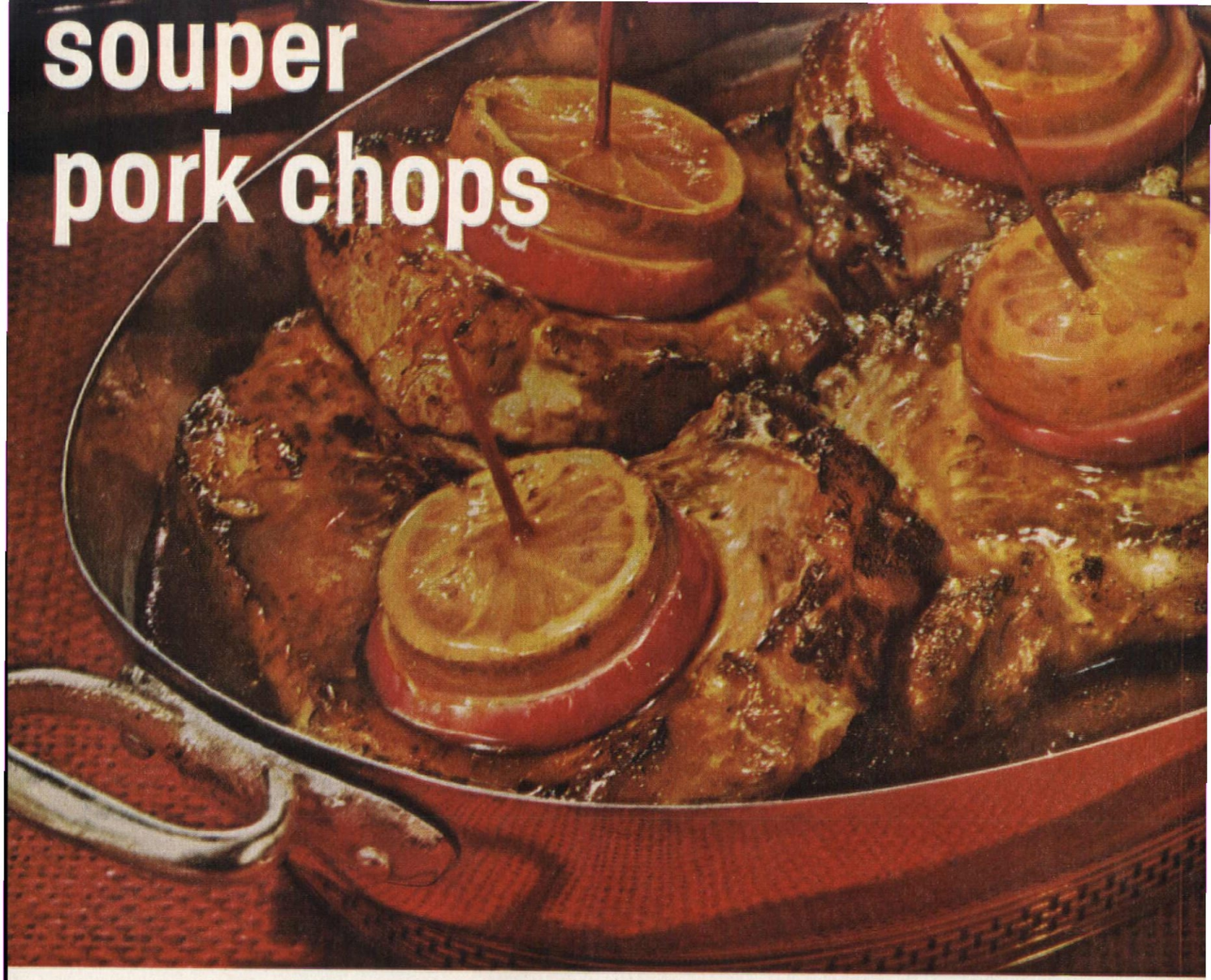


***Pattern** for gloves, boots, cap, trousers (inside cap). Each square equals 1 inch.*



***Pattern for tunic.** Turn back sleeve to make cuff as shown above. Sew on heart.*

souper pork chops



3 ways to turn a plain meal into fancy fare

Glazed Pork Chops. In skillet, brown 4 pork chops (about 1 lb.) on both sides; pour off drippings. Top each with slice of apple and orange; sprinkle with ground cinnamon and cloves. Add 1 can Campbell's Beef Broth, 1 tbsp. brown sugar. Cover; cook over low heat 35 min. Stir 1 tbsp. cornstarch into 2 tbsp. orange juice till smooth; gradually blend into soup. Cook; stir constantly till slightly thickened; simmer few min. Serves 4.

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

Fiesta Pork Chops. In skillet, brown 4 pork chops (about 1 lb.) on both sides; pour off drippings. Stir in 1 can Campbell's Cream of Vegetable Soup, ½ cup water. Cover; cook 15 min. Top each chop with tomato slice and green pepper strips. Cover; cook 30 min. or till chops are tender; stir occasionally. 4 servings of souper pork chops that'll do you proud.

Look for more recipes on every can of Campbell's Soup

Gala Pork Chops. In skillet, brown 4 pork chops (about 1 lb.) on both sides; pour off drippings. Sprinkle chops with pepper; top each with slice of onion and thin slice of lemon. Stir in 1 can of Campbell's Tomato Soup, ¼ cup water. Cover; cook over low heat about 45 min. or until chops are tender; stir occasionally. 4 souper special servings of delicious chops.

Favorite vegetable combination now comes ready to heat!

DEL MONTE® STEWED TOMATOES

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Bake Your Gift

(pictured in color on pages 40, 41, 42, and 43)

• FRUIT CAKE

Preparation time: 30 min.
Baking time: 3½–4 hrs.—tube cakes
2½–3 hrs.—loaf cakes

3½ c. sifted all-purpose flour
1¼ tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg
¼ tsp. ground cloves
1½ c. soft shortening
2½ c. brown sugar, firmly packed
5 eggs
2 tsp. grated orange rind
1 c. currant or grape jelly
½ c. orange juice
1¼ c. seedless raisins
1 c. chopped nuts
1 pkg. (about 12 oz.) dried apricots
2 jars (4 oz. each) candied cherries
1 jar (4 oz.) candied lemon peel
1 can (4 oz.) candied citron

● Line a 10x4-inch tube pan or two 9x5x3-inch loaf pans with heavy brown paper; grease paper. Sift flour, baking powder, salt, and spices together. Cream shortening and sugar until fluffy; beat in eggs and orange rind. Beat jelly and orange juice lightly with fork; add alternately with sifted dry ingredients to egg mixture. Stir in raisins and nuts; cut up remaining fruits; add to batter. Turn into prepared pans. Bake in slow oven (300°F.) 3½ to 4 hours for tube cake, 2½ to 3 hours for loaf cakes, or until cake tester comes out clean. Cover cake with heavy brown paper during last hour of baking. Remove from pan; cool on wire rack. To decorate: brush with hot corn syrup; arrange fruits and nuts on top. Wrap in wax paper or aluminum foil; store in airtight container in cool place.

Makes 1 tube cake or 2 loaf cakes

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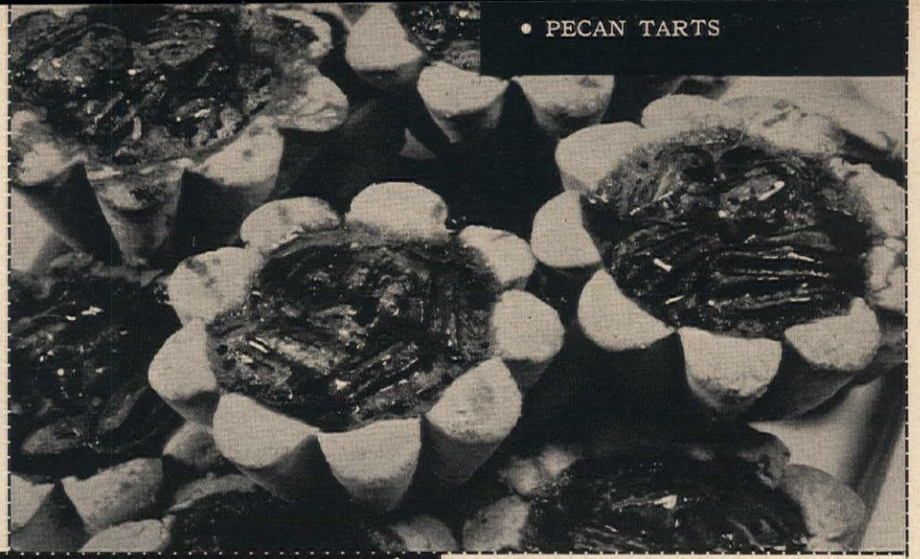
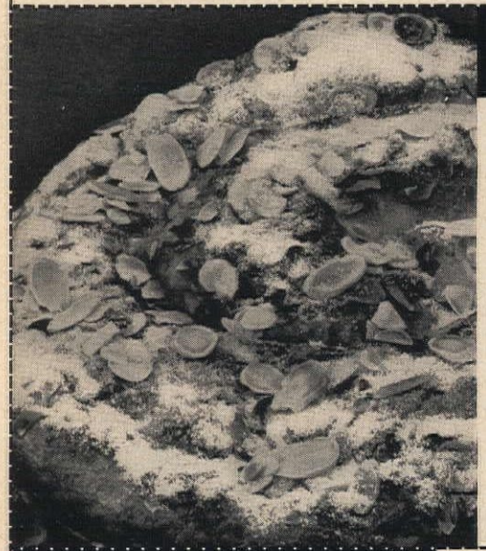


• PECAN TARTS



• DANISH CHRISTMAS TWIST

1 c. butter or margarine
⅓ c. sifted all-purpose flour
⅓ c. warm water (110°–115° F.)
1 pkg. active dry yeast
or: 1 cake compressed yeast
⅔ c. lukewarm milk
1 egg
¼ c. sugar
½ tsp. salt
3–3½ c. sifted all-purpose flour
3 tbs. butter or margarine
¾ c. sifted confectioners' sugar
¼ c. chopped blanched almonds
¼ c. seedless raisins
1 egg yolk
2 tbs. water
Sliced blanched almonds
Granulated sugar

• APRICOT RUM BABA

Preparation time: 20 min.
Rising time: 2 hrs.
Baking time: 35–40 min.

⅓ c. warm water (110°–115° F.)
1 pkg. active dry yeast
or: 1 cake compressed yeast
1¾ c. sifted all-purpose flour
½ c. sugar
½ c. softened butter or margarine
½ tsp. salt
3 eggs
2 tsp. grated lemon rind
Sauce: **1 can (12 oz.) apricot nectar**
1 c. sugar
¼ c. light or dark rum

● Measure warm water into medium-sized bowl (cool to lukewarm for compressed yeast); sprinkle or crumble in yeast; stir to dissolve. Add ½ cup flour and 1 tablespoon sugar to yeast mixture; blend. Let rise in warm place (85° F.), away from draft, about 1 hour, or until very light and bubbly. Cream butter or margarine, remaining sugar, and salt in second bowl; beat in eggs. Stir in yeast mixture, lemon rind, and remaining flour. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed with electric mixer. Turn into well-buttered 1½-quart ring mold. Let rise in warm place (85°F.), away from draft, 45 to 50 minutes, or until doubled in bulk. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 35 to 40 minutes. Remove from mold; cool on wire rack. Wash and dry mold. Simmer apricot nectar and sugar 5 minutes; stir in rum. Pour half into mold; put cooled cake into mold; pour remaining sauce slowly over cake. Let stand several hours. Unmold onto plate; decorate with fruits and nuts, if desired.

Makes 1 cake

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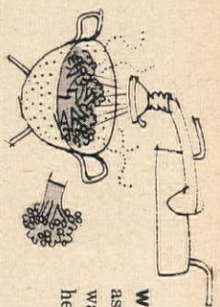

Wash vegetables such as asparagus and broccoli in warm water first. It helps relax the heads and loosen the sand.

• DOUBLE-DIP NUT FINGERS

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: 5–8 min.

3¼ c. sifted all-purpose flour
½ tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
1¼ c. softened butter or margarine
¾ c. sugar
1 egg
2 tsp. grated orange rind
1 pkg. (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
2 tbs. milk
Colored sprinkles
Chopped nuts
Coconut

● Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together. Mix butter or margarine with sugar in medium-sized bowl until creamy; beat in egg and orange rind; stir in flour mixture; blend thoroughly. Press dough through cooky press or pastry bag, using star tube, onto ungreased cooky sheet, making each cooky about 3 inches long. Bake in hot oven (425°F.) 5 to 8 minutes, or until set but not brown. Cool thoroughly on wire racks. Melt chocolate pieces over hot water; stir in milk; beat until smooth. Dip ends of cookies into chocolate, then into sprinkles, nuts, or coconut. Place on wax paper until set.

Makes about 4 dozen cookies

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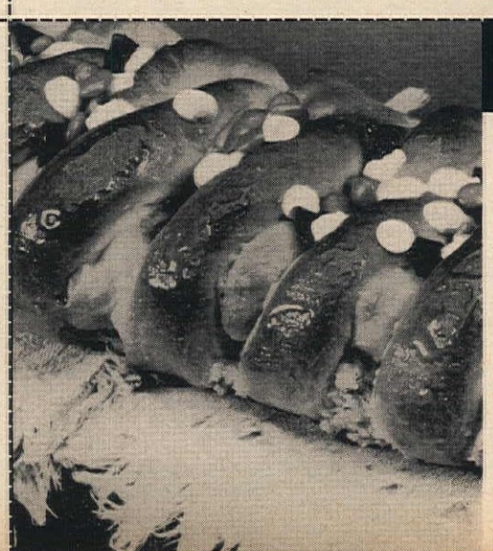

• ALMOND BRAID

½ c. milk
½ c. sugar
1 tsp. salt
¼ c. butter or margarine
½ c. warm water (110°–115° F.)
2 pkg. active dry yeast
or: 2 cakes compressed yeast
2 eggs, beaten
5 c. sifted all-purpose flour
½ lb. almond paste
4 egg whites
3 c. sifted confectioners' sugar
1 c. dry bread crumbs
1 c. chopped candied citron
½ c. chopped nuts
½ c. chopped candied cherries

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Bake Your Gift

(pictured in color on pages 40, 41, 42, and 43)

• DOUBLE-DIP NUT FINGERS

• ALMOND BRAID

Preparation time: 25 min.
Rising time: 1 hr., 40 min.
Baking time: 30–35 min.

● Scald milk; stir in sugar, salt, and butter or margarine; cool to lukewarm. Measure warm water into large bowl (cool to lukewarm for compressed yeast); sprinkle or crumble in yeast; stir to dissolve; add milk mixture. Add eggs and 3 cups flour; beat until blended. Add enough remaining flour to make dough easy to handle, mixing with hands if necessary. Turn out on floured board; knead about 5 minutes, or until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl; turn dough over to bring greased side up; cover with towel. Let rise in a warm place (85° F.), away from draft, about 1 hour or until doubled in bulk. Blend almond paste with egg whites and sugar until smooth; stir in remaining ingredients. Turn dough out on lightly floured board; knead down; divide into thirds. Roll each third to a 10x7-inch rectangle; place on greased baking sheet. Place ⅓ of the filling in a 2-inch-wide strip down center of dough. Cut 9 slits, 1-inch wide along each side of the filling. Cross strips alternately over filling, pressing to seal; cover. Repeat with remaining two portions of dough. Let rise in warm place (85° F.), away from draft, about 40 minutes or until doubled in bulk. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 30 to 35 minutes. Cool on wire racks; garnish with additional candied fruits, if desired.

Makes 3 braids

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• DANISH CHRISTMAS TWIST

Preparation time: 1½ hrs.
Baking time: 25–30 min.

● Cream 1 cup butter or margarine and ⅛ cup flour; shape into rectangle 6x12 inches on wax paper; chill. Measure warm water into bowl (cool to lukewarm for compressed yeast); sprinkle or crumb in yeast; stir to dissolve. Add milk, egg, sugar, salt, and enough flour to make a soft dough. Beat or knead dough until soft and pliable; roll out on floured board to 15-inch square. Place chilled butter mixture on half of the dough; fold other half over; press edges together. Turn dough ¼ turn; roll out ½-inch thick. Fold in thirds; turn open ends to front. Repeat rolling, folding, and turning twice more; chill 30 minutes. Roll, fold, and turn dough as above, two more times. Roll out to 12x15-inch rectangle; cut in half lengthwise. Blend 3 tablespoons butter or margarine and confectioners' sugar; spread half of mixture on each strip of dough; sprinkle with nuts and raisins. Roll each strip jelly-roll fashion starting with long side; press to seal at ends and along seam. Twist each into coil on lightly greased cooky sheets. Blend egg yolk and water; brush tops of twists; sprinkle with sliced almonds, then with granulated sugar. Let rise in warm place (85°F.), away from draft, about 40 minutes, or until doubled in bulk. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden.

Makes 2 twists

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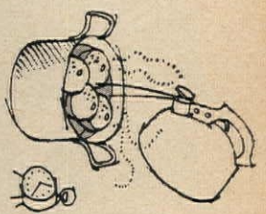
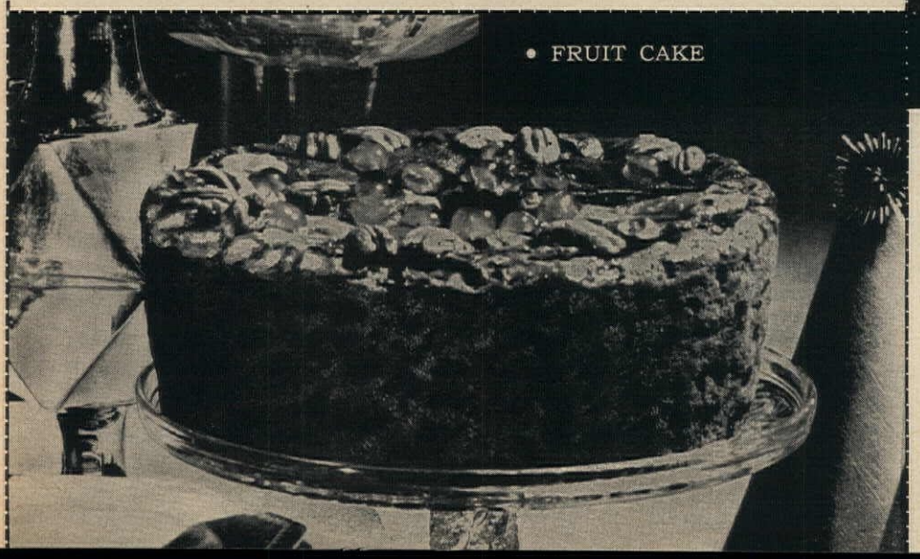


To peel oranges easily, pour boiling water over them and let stand for 5 minutes. The white membrane will loosen and oranges will be easier to prepare.



• FRUIT CAKE

• PECAN TARTS

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

Pastry
⅔ c. butter or margarine
½ c. sugar
2 egg yolks
2 c. sifted all-purpose flour
Filling
2 eggs, beaten
⅔ c. sugar
⅔ c. corn syrup
4 tsp. melted butter or margarine
1 tsp. vanilla
1⅓ c. shelled pecan halves

● Make pastry: Blend butter or margarine, sugar, egg yolks, and flour together. (Dough will be stiff.) Divide dough into 12 pieces; press each piece into a 2-inch scalloped tart shell. Chill while preparing filling. Combine eggs, sugar, corn syrup, melted butter or margarine, and vanilla. Divide pecans among twelve tart shells; carefully pour egg mixture into shells. Place tarts on cooky sheet so that they will not tip in oven. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 20 to 25 minutes. Cool on wire racks.

Makes 12 tarts

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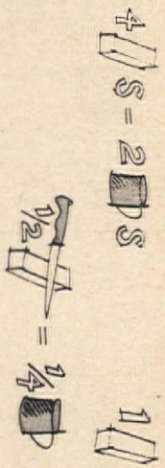

When measuring butter or margarine: remember 4 sticks (1 lb.) equals 2 cups; 1 stick (¼ lb.) equals ½ cup; ½ stick (⅛ lb.) equals ¼ cup.

• OLD-FASHIONED HOMEMADE BREAD

Preparation time: 20 min.
Rising time: 2–2½ hrs.
Baking time: 25–30 min.

¾ c. warm water (110°–115° F.)
2 pkgs. active dry yeast
or: 2 cakes compressed yeast
1⅔ c. lukewarm milk
3 tbs. sugar
1 tbs. salt
¼ c. soft shortening
6½–7 c. sifted all-purpose flour

● Measure warm water into large bowl (cool to lukewarm for compressed yeast); sprinkle or crumble in yeast; stir to dissolve. Add milk, sugar, salt, shortening, and 3 cups flour; beat until smooth. Add enough remaining flour to make dough easy to handle. Turn out onto floured board; knead about 5 minutes, or until smooth and elastic. Place in well-greased bowl; turn dough over to bring greased side up; cover with damp cloth. Let rise in warm place (85° F.), away from draft, 1 to 1½ hours, or until doubled in bulk. Punch dough down; let rise about 30 minutes, or until almost double. Turn out onto board; knead down; divide in half; shape each half into loaf. Place in greased loaf pans, 9x5x3 inches; cover with damp cloth. Let rise in warm place (85° F.), away from draft, about 1 hour, or until sides of dough reach top of pan and top of loaf is well rounded. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from pans; cool on wire racks.

Makes 2 loaves

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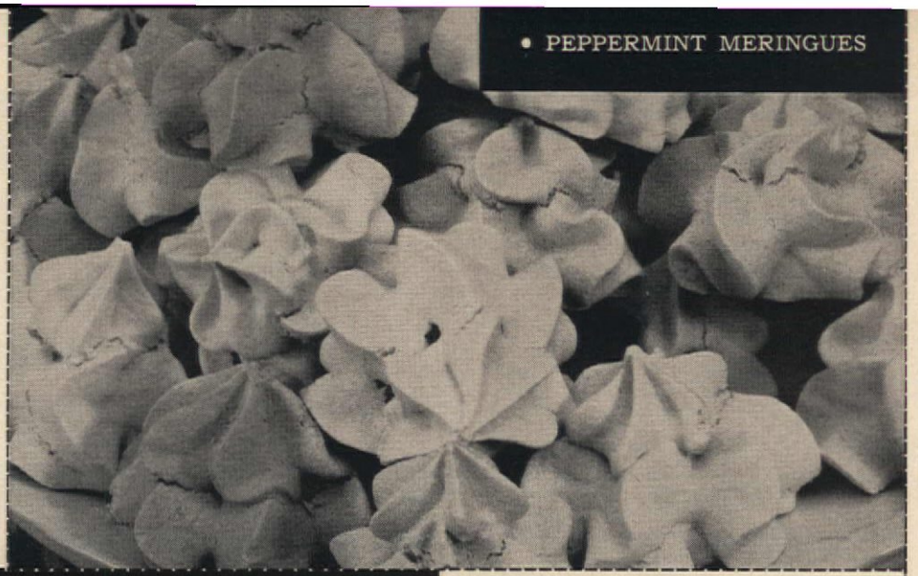
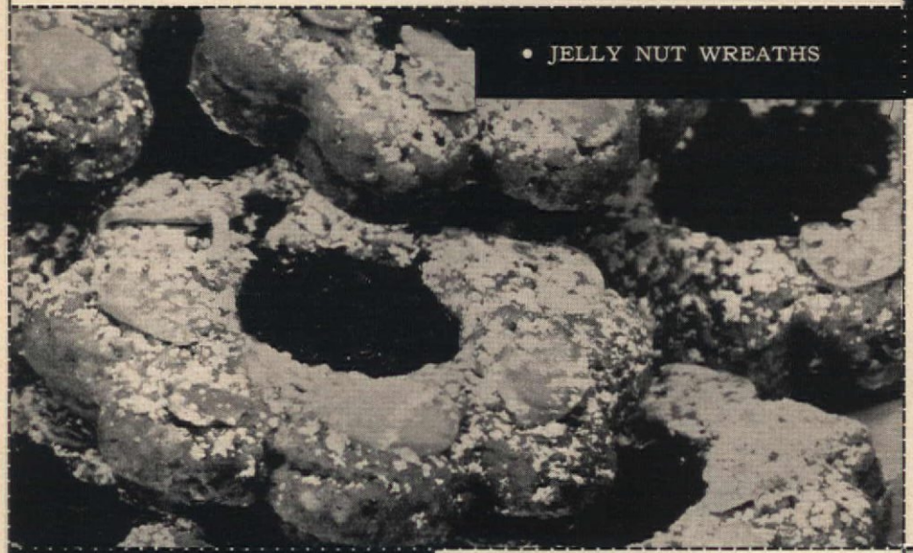


• PEPPERMINT MERINGUES



• JELLY NUT WREATHS

• SWEDISH ROSETTES

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

½ c. sifted all-purpose flour
1 tbs. sugar
½ tsp. salt
1 egg
½ c. milk
1 tbs. cooking oil
½ tsp. vanilla
Shortening or oil for frying

● Sift flour, sugar, and salt together. Beat egg, milk, cooking oil, and vanilla together until blended; stir into flour mixture. Heat fat in electric skillet or heavy saucepan to 400° F. Heat rosette iron in fat for several minutes; shake off excess fat. Dip iron into batter just to top of iron; immerse quickly into hot fat; hold immersed until rosette begins to brown. Lift iron; shake off rosette; turn to brown other side; drain on absorbent towels. When cool, dust lightly with confectioners' sugar. May be kept several weeks in a tightly covered container.

Makes 3 dozen rosettes

May be frozen

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• LEBKUCHEN

Preparation time: 35 min.
Baking time: 10–12 min.

⅔ c. honey
⅔ c. brown sugar, firmly packed
1 egg
1 tsp. grated lemon rind
1 tbs. lemon juice
2⅔ c. sifted all-purpose flour
½ tsp. soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. ground cloves
½ c. chopped candied citron
½ c. chopped nuts
Candied cherries
Whole, blanched almonds
1 c. sugar
½ c. water
¼ c. sifted confectioners' sugar

● Heat honey to boiling; cool. Add brown sugar, egg, lemon rind and juice, flour, soda, and spices; blend well. Stir in citron and ½ cup chopped nuts; chill dough several hours. Roll out on floured board ¼-inch thick. Cut in rectangles 2 x 3 inches; place on greased cooky sheets; decorate with cherries and almonds. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 10 to 12 minutes. While cookies are baking, bring sugar and water to boiling in small saucepan; boil three minutes; stir in confectioners' sugar. Brush hot cookies with hot glaze; cool on wire racks. If glaze becomes stiff, add a few drops of water; heat until clear again. Store in a tightly covered container to mellow.

Makes about 3 dozen

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• LUCIA BUNS

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• LUCIA BUNS

Preparation time: 20 min.
Rising time: 65–80 min.
Baking time: 12–15 min.

2 tbs. boiling water
1 tsp. saffron
⅔ c. warm water (110°–115°)
1 pkg. hot roll mix
1 egg
Raisins
1 egg yolk
2 tbs. water

● Pour boiling water over saffron in cup or small bowl; let stand 5 minutes; drain, reserving liquid. Measure warm water into large bowl; sprinkle in yeast (from envelope in mix package); stir to dissolve. Stir in egg, dry mix, and saffron liquid; mix well; cover. Let rise in warm place (85°F.), away from draft, 45 to 60 minutes, or until doubled in bulk. Turn out on floured board; knead 6 to 8 times; divide in half. Roll each piece ¼-inch thick; cut into strips 5½ inches x ½ inch. Cross 2 strips to make an "X"; curl each end in to center. Place on greased cooky sheets; insert raisin into each curled end. Dilute egg yolk with 2 tablespoons water; brush on buns. Let rise about 20 minutes, or until doubled in bulk. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 12 to 15 minutes. Frost while still warm with icing made by blending 1 cup confectioners' sugar and 2 to 3 tablespoons water.

Makes 1 dozen buns

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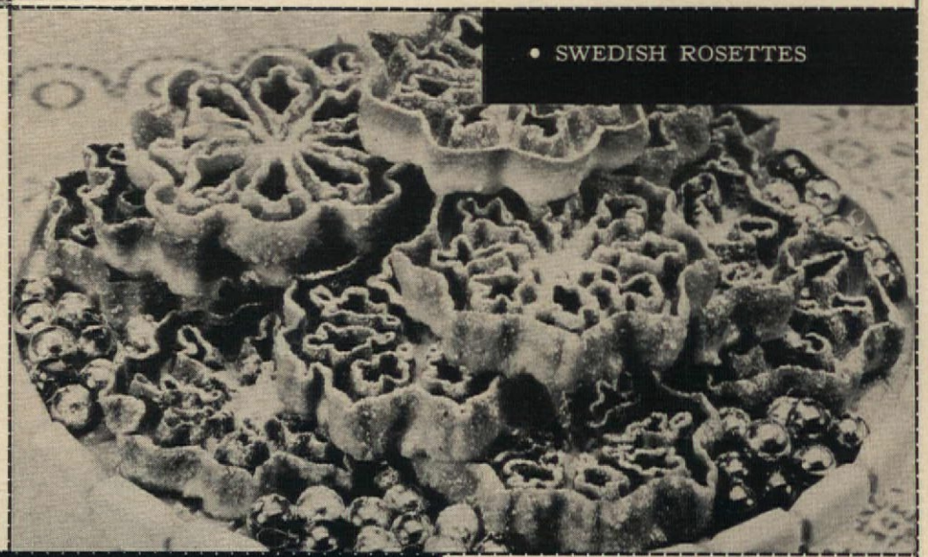
• JELLY NUT WREATHS

Preparation time: 20 min.
Baking time: 6–8 min.
Chilling time: 1 hr.

2 eggs
¾ c. shortening
1 c. sugar
1½ c. sifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. allspice
1 c. rolled oats
¾ c. finely chopped nuts
Sliced, blanched almonds
Raspberry preserves
Confectioners' sugar

● Beat eggs lightly; reserve 2 tablespoons. Beat shortening, sugar, and remaining beaten eggs until blended. Sift flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and allspice together; stir into shortening mixture. Add rolled oats and ¾ cup chopped nuts; chill several hours. Roll dough out on floured board to ¼-inch thickness. Cut into rounds with scalloped or plain 2½-inch cooky cutter. Cut round centers out of half the cookies; brush these cookies with the reserved egg; sprinkle with sliced almonds. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 6 to 8 minutes; cool on wire racks. When cool, spread solid rounds with thin layer of raspberry preserves; top with cut-out rounds. Dust cookies with confectioners' sugar; spoon half teaspoon of preserves into center of each cooky.

Makes 2 dozen *May be frozen* ***Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**



• SWEDISH ROSETTES

• OLD-FASHIONED HOMEMADE BREAD

• PEPPERMINT MERINGUES

Preparation time: 10 min.
Baking time: 30–40 min.

4 egg whites
¼ tsp. cream of tartar
1¼ c. sugar
½ tsp. peppermint extract
Red food coloring
Green food coloring

● Beat egg whites and cream of tartar until foamy in medium-sized bowl. Beat in sugar, a small amount at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in peppermint extract. Continue beating until mixture stands in stiff peaks; divide in half. Tint one half a pastel pink with a few drops of red food coloring; tint second half with a few drops of green food coloring. Spoon heaping teaspoonfuls onto heavy brown paper on cooky sheet. Bake in slow oven (250°F.) 30 to 40 minutes, or until set but not brown.

Makes 5 dozen cookies

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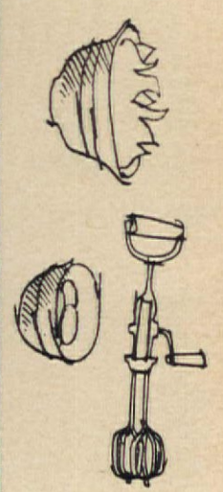
AMERICAN HOME RECIPES

Bake Your Gift

(pictured in color on pages 40, 41, 42, and 43)



Beaten egg whites will hold for half an hour. Save washing a beater by always beating the whites before the yolks.

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Pillsbury HOT ROLL MIX

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Christmas Ham (continued from page 45)

BUYING HAM

There are two kinds of ham generally available in stores. You'll find them labeled as FULLY-COOKED, or as COOK-BEFORE-EATING ham.

Fully-Cooked hams may be served cold without any further cooking, or, if you prefer, may be reheated following the chart below. Canned hams belong in this group, as they are fully cooked. They too may be served cold or reheated according to preference.

Cook-Before-Eating hams will need some cooking before being served. Directions are included in the chart for baking.

You may also find the so-called "Country Style" ham, although it is not readily available in all localities. These are heavily cured hams which usually require soaking and simmering in water before baking.

Hams may be bought in the following styles: bone in; skinless, shankless (only the shank removed and meat skinned and trimmed of excess fat); semi-boneless; boneless; boneless skinless (shaped into rolls); and canned hams, which are also boneless and skinless.

STORING HAM

All hams should be refrigerated and are best when used promptly. Freezing is not recommended for ham, as it tends to reduce its flavor. Canned hams three pounds or larger should be refrigerated but not frozen. Canned hams less than three pounds should be stored according to label directions.

SCORING HAM

Cut away any rind on ham. With sharp knife make diagonal cuts across entire fat surface of ham approximately ⅛-inch deep and 1 inch apart. Repeat at an angle if squares or diamonds are desired.

COOKING HAM

Place ham, fat side up, on a rack in shallow baking pan. Do not add water or cover. Insert meat thermometer into thickest part of meat.

TYPE AND CUT	MINUTES PER POUND	MEAT THERM.	OVEN TEMP.
COOK-BEFORE-EATING			
Whole ham	18 to 20	160°F.	325°F.
Half ham	22 to 25	160°F.	325°F.
Roll-shaped, Boned ham	30	160°F.	325°F.
FULLY-COOKED			
Whole ham	10	125°–130°F.	325°F.
Half ham	14	125°–130°F.	325°F.
Roll-shaped, Boned ham	12 to 15	125°–130°F.	325°F.
Canned, 8–13 pounds	10 to 15	125°–130°F.	325°F.
6 pounds	15 to 20	125°–130°F.	325°F.

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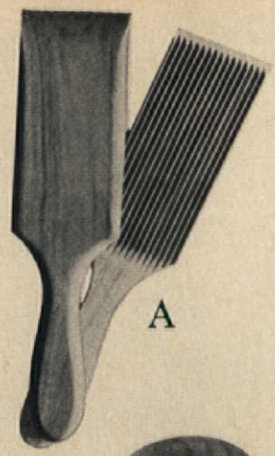
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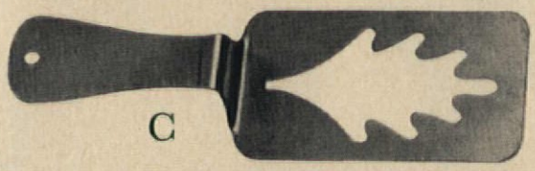
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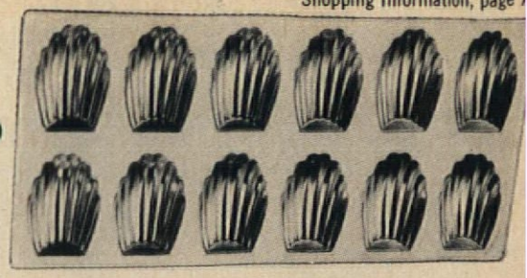
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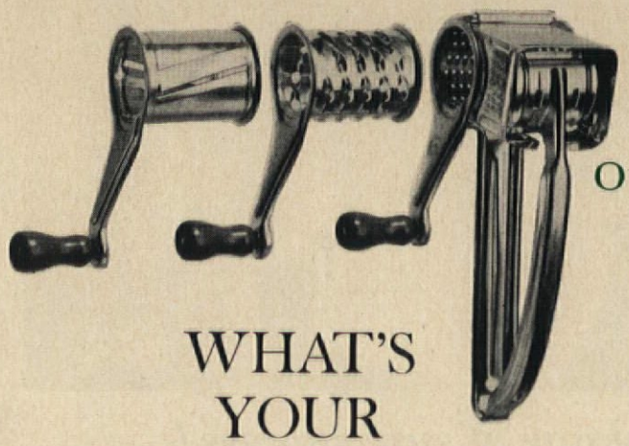
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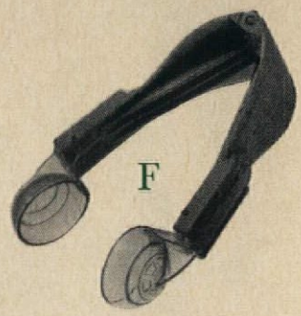
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WHAT'S YOUR G.G.Q.?

(Gourmet Gadget Quotient)

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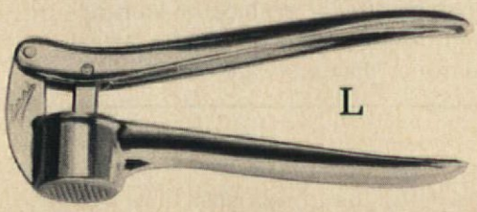
Ever browse through the housewares department of your favorite store, pick up a gadget and say, "What's this for?" The holiday season is a good time to find the answers, what with all the extra cooking and baking you'll probably be doing.

Gadgets are fun to use, make difficult jobs easy, and add to the creativity of cooking. When we say gadgets, we really mean *tools*—the kind that are well made, that will become a permanent part of your cooking equipment collection.

And now, just for fun, take our gourmet gadget quiz. Match the gadgets on this page with the food on the right. For answers and to learn your score as a true gourmet, turn the page upside down.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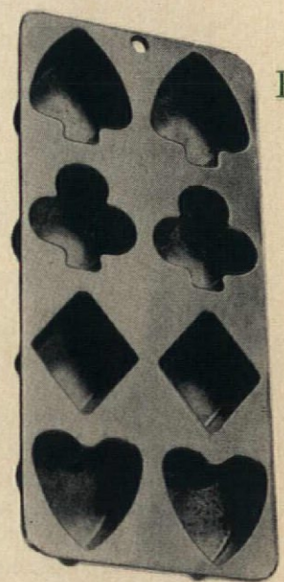
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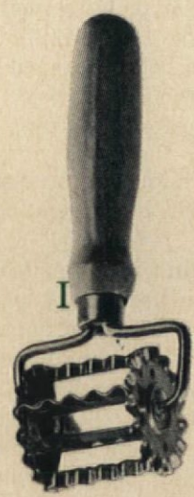
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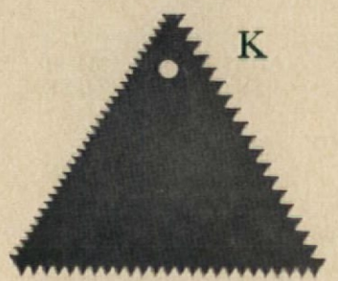
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ANSWERS:

A. *Butter paddle set* (14); **B.** *Butter curler* (11); **C.** *Wafer leaf stencil* (7); **D.** *Madeleine pan* (9); **E.** *Noodle and pastry rolling pin* (13); **F.** *Meat ball former* (3); **G.** *Bell cake mold* (10); **H.** *Petits fours pan* (5); **I.** *Ravioli wheel* (15); **J.** *Oyster and clam knife* (2); **K.** *Decorating comb* (6); **L.** *Garlic press* (4); **M.** *Eclair and ladyfinger pan* (12); **N.** *Filled cooky maker* (8); **O.** *Triple grater* (1).

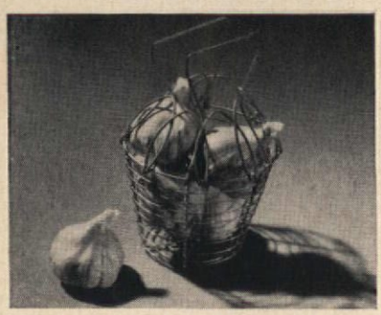
SCORING:

For each gadget correctly identified give yourself 10 points. If your score is 120 to 150, you're a gourmet gadget genius; 70 to 110 indicates a fairly good acquaintance with the tools that add ingenuity to cooking. 60 or below shows there's a whole new world of cooking extras for you to explore. But congratulations for finishing the test—it indicates interest, the first important ingredient in gourmet cooking!

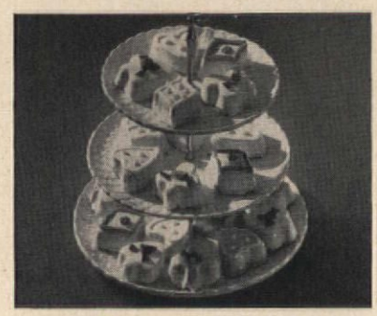
☐ 1. *By changing the drums, you can grate chocolate, nuts, cheese; shred or slice vegetables.*

☐ 2. *Clams and oysters are easy to prepare with gadget that opens them with a mere twist.*

☐ 3. *Hor d'oeuvres-sized meat balls are a cinch to make with a scoop. Two sizes come with gadget.*

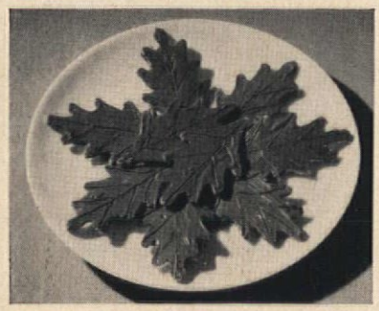


☐ 4. *A special gadget will press fresh garlic buds into a smooth paste to add flavor to recipes.*

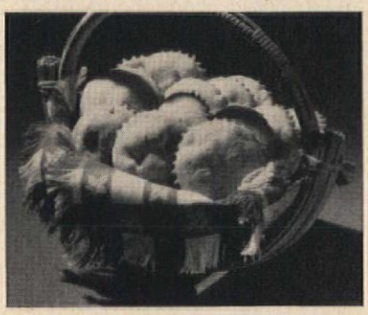


☐ 5. *For king-size petits fours, bake shapely cakes in a petits fours pan. Use it to mold ice cream.*

☐ 6. *Add a swirling touch to holiday cakes by running a special comb across the frosting.*



☐ 7. *Leaf-shaped cookies covered with chocolate are easy to make. Recipe comes with stencil.*



☐ 8. *Filled cookies can be made quickly when you use a device that cuts, crimps, seals.*

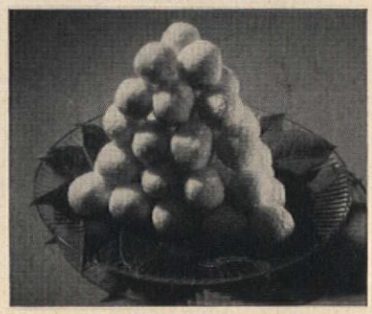
☐ 9. *Like French madeleines? Bake a dozen at a time in a heavy tin-plated pan.*

☐ 10. *Bake your favorite cake in a bell shape. Put two together for a pretty holiday centerpiece.*

☐ 11. *Delicate butter curls add a festive touch to a party brunch. Quickly made with a curler.*

☐ 12. *Eclairs and ladyfingers are fun to make if you have a special pan to bake them in.*

☐ 13. *For uniform noodles roll dough with a tool designed for the job.*



☐ 14. *Roll your own butter balls for party meals from cubes of chilled butter or margarine.*

☐ 15. *Ravioli cut just right every time you use a ravioli wheel. So easy, you'll make it often!*

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Lawrence Welk

(continued from page 16)

He wandered into the kitchen and opened the refrigerator.

"Just where I expected to find you," said Mrs. Welk, coming in and taking him by surprise.

"Oh, there you are," laughed Welk. "This is Fern," he said, slipping his arm around her and giving her a quick hug. "Fern can hear the refrigerator door from the other side of the house."

As we sat in the breakfast room and Welk talked, Fern quickly produced a farm-style breakfast of bacon and eggs, hot rolls, and coffee—for this was a morning visit.

"We're plain folks," smiled Welk. "Where we come from you never let your guests go hungry."

Lawrence Welk was born in a sod farmhouse near Strasburg 57 years ago, the next to the youngest of four boys in a family of eight children. He learned how to finger an ancient accordion his parents brought with them when they immigrated to North Dakota from Alsace-Lorraine.

"When the chores were done, music was our only recreation. My father would play the accordion, my brother John would play the violin, and I'd play chords on our old-fashioned pump organ. This was the best part of the day."

By trapping small game and selling the pelts, Lawrence saved enough to buy a $15 mail-order accordion. At 13, he was entertaining at school and church socials and local dances. He wore out the cheap accordion and talked his father into buying him a $400 instrument by promising to stay on the farm until he was 21 and turn over all the money he earned from playing at weddings and dances. He repaid more than twice the price of the accordion and left Strasburg to begin his career, playing one-night stands with the "Peerless Entertainers" and "The Biggest Little Band in America." In 25 years of traveling he evolved the bouncy, danceable style that has made him famous.

"In the early days when we were on the road all the time with the band, staying in a different town every night, Fern and I would envy people who were settled in a nice home on a quiet street. We used to drive through neighborhoods sizing up the town and wondering if it would be a good place to settle down some day. I don't care where it is, there's nothing like a town and a home to call your own."

"I love my home and I like to cook," said Fern. "This has been my life all these years." A recent improvement had necessitated new counter tops in the kitchen and she is delighted with the sunny yellow surfaces that surround her.

"After we were in California for a while," said Welk, "I told Fern I could afford to build her a new house with a big kitchen, but she said she was happy where we are."

"Well, I am," said Fern with conviction. "What more could I ask for in a home?"

"Let me show you the rest of the house," said Welk, striding through the dining room, which is gold and white and furnished with traditional mahogany.

Halfway across the living room he paused, clasped his hands in front of him as he does on television before introducing a new

***The Lennon Sisters** and their parents are close friends of the Welks. They drop in frequently and always end up around the piano or the organ in the study. Mimi, four, seated next to Welk, is eagerly practicing for the day when she can join her famous singing sisters.*

number, and gravely announced, "This is our living room. It is rather formal. We don't use it as much as our family room."

The living room, separated from the family room by a provincial fireplace and shutter doors, is decorated in a delicate shade of green called "seaweed." At first glance this appears white, but a subtle touch of green gives it character. Carpeting and traditional upholstered pieces in tones of green blend smoothly.

"A family room is a wonderful idea," he said, entering it. "All the time Shirley and Donna were in school they brought their friends here and served refreshments after a dance or a show. We didn't have to urge them to do that, either, because they knew they'd have a better time here than anywhere else."

Welk's home has a 100-foot frontage on Tiger Tail Road (the children urged him to buy it, if only to live on a street with that name); the lot extends to the next block.

"There's room for another house here," said Welk, leaning on the railing that surrounds the lanai and pointing out the property below.

"I thought it would be good to have if the children wanted to build a house after they were married."

Shirley is the wife of Dr. Robert Frederick of Los Angeles, and the Fredericks are now planning the home they'll build within hailing distance of the Welk lanai.

"We'll be able to see our grandchildren down there when they're playing in the back yard."

Welk's younger daughter, Donna, recently married Jim Mack, a medical student at St. Louis University. Donna is an elementary-school teacher.

"Our boy Larry is a senior at Loyola University, Los Angeles, and he's majoring in industrial relations," said Welk. "I'm proud of him. He has paid all of his college expenses by working during the summer. Last summer he earned $75 a week by traveling around the country doing promotional work for a recording company and they told me he did a fine job."

"No musicians in the family?"

"No. I always said Larry doesn't have an ear for music—but sometimes I wonder. After all, he discovered the Lennon Sisters. Larry asked Diane if he could take her to a high-school dance, but she turned him down because she and her sisters had promised to sing at a charity affair. He said he'd wait and hear them and then take her.

"When he came home and told me how good they were and that I ought to have them on the show, I told Fern that Larry was probably taken with the pretty girls. But a few weeks later he brought them to the house and made me listen. You know the rest. Diane, Cathy, Peggy, and Janet have been on our ABC-TV show ever since."

Welk lapsed into silence, then said hesitantly, "There's something I can tell you that would be good for a home magazine. I think a happy home life is important. I've seen so many show-business marriages break up because things weren't right at home."

"What does make things really *right* at home?"

"The thing you need in a home is a heart, and if the heart is right the home will be right. The heart of the home is the wife and mother. Fern is a wonderful mother and she has made a real home for me and for the children during all the years I was on the road.

"I'm completely relaxed from the time I walk in the door until I leave. There is peace and joy and contentment here. I can honestly say that we've gone years and years without a harsh word being spoken in this house. And if we've got kids who are a lot of fun and not a lot of problems, that's because Fern trained them right.

"Lots of times women get discouraged because, as they say, they're just housewives. It's the man's job to get out and support the family. But the mother has to make the home. That's the biggest, most important job in the world. When the kids get older, grow up to be good people, a mother sees what she has accomplished.

"I don't always express myself well," he said earnestly, "but that's what I think." THE END

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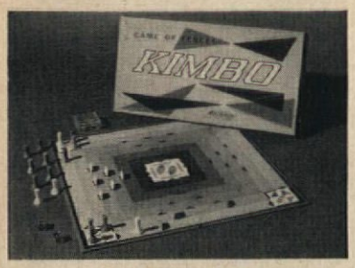

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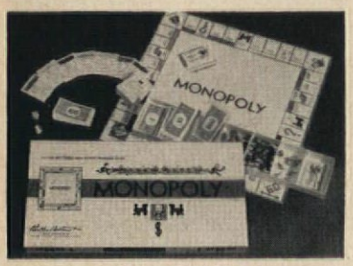

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Such Good Things From the Kitchen!

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who live in Colorado Springs, we found just the warmth we were looking for to wish you a Merry Christmas. It is a handsome wood-paneled room that offers gracious sitting-room comfort with top-flight kitchen efficiency. The Churches travel a great deal, so you find this room filled with mementos and treasures collected from far and wide. With a background of mellow fruitwood paneling, it is decorated with old-world antiques and gleaming copper heirlooms, many of which are in daily use.

It is a small kitchen but a very "family" one. At one end, there's a sturdy hearth with a built-in fireplace and barbecue, and a television set. Mr. and Mrs. Church enjoy the warmth of this area whether they are alone, sitting on the comfortable chairs at the pink marble-topped table, or whether they are surrounded by their children and grandchildren.

The kitchen is efficiency itself—beautifully designed to allow the Churches to indulge in their favorite pastime of cooking. Basically U-shaped, it has a refrigerator, freezer, dishwasher, and sink, all within easy reach, and a peninsula that serves both as a cooking top and serving area. The sturdy steel cabinets are a pretty shell pink, with custom-designed provincial wood doors in a soft fruitwood finish. The multicolored leaded glass windows cast interesting shadows from outdoors and add character and charm to the inside.

The Churches are currently remodeling and decorating the pantry-utility room between the kitchen and dining room. During their

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***Kitchen is basically U-shaped,** the plan formed by a peninsula that divides the room. The sink is in the center with the cooking area and refrigerator on either side. It is a compact, turn-around kitchen. The peninsula serves a dual purpose, a place for the cooking top and a counter for food service. Copper hood doubles as a saucepan rack.*

***Wall opposite U-shaped area** houses a second sink, near refrigerator and freezer. Handy for salad making, flower arranging, and other such jobs. Dishwasher to right of sink serves as clean-up area. Dutch door leads to the terrace, which is right next to the kitchen for handy indoor-outdoor cooking and eating. Even the work areas in this kitchen carry a decorative note with old-fashioned cooky board, copper molds, and apothecary jars.*

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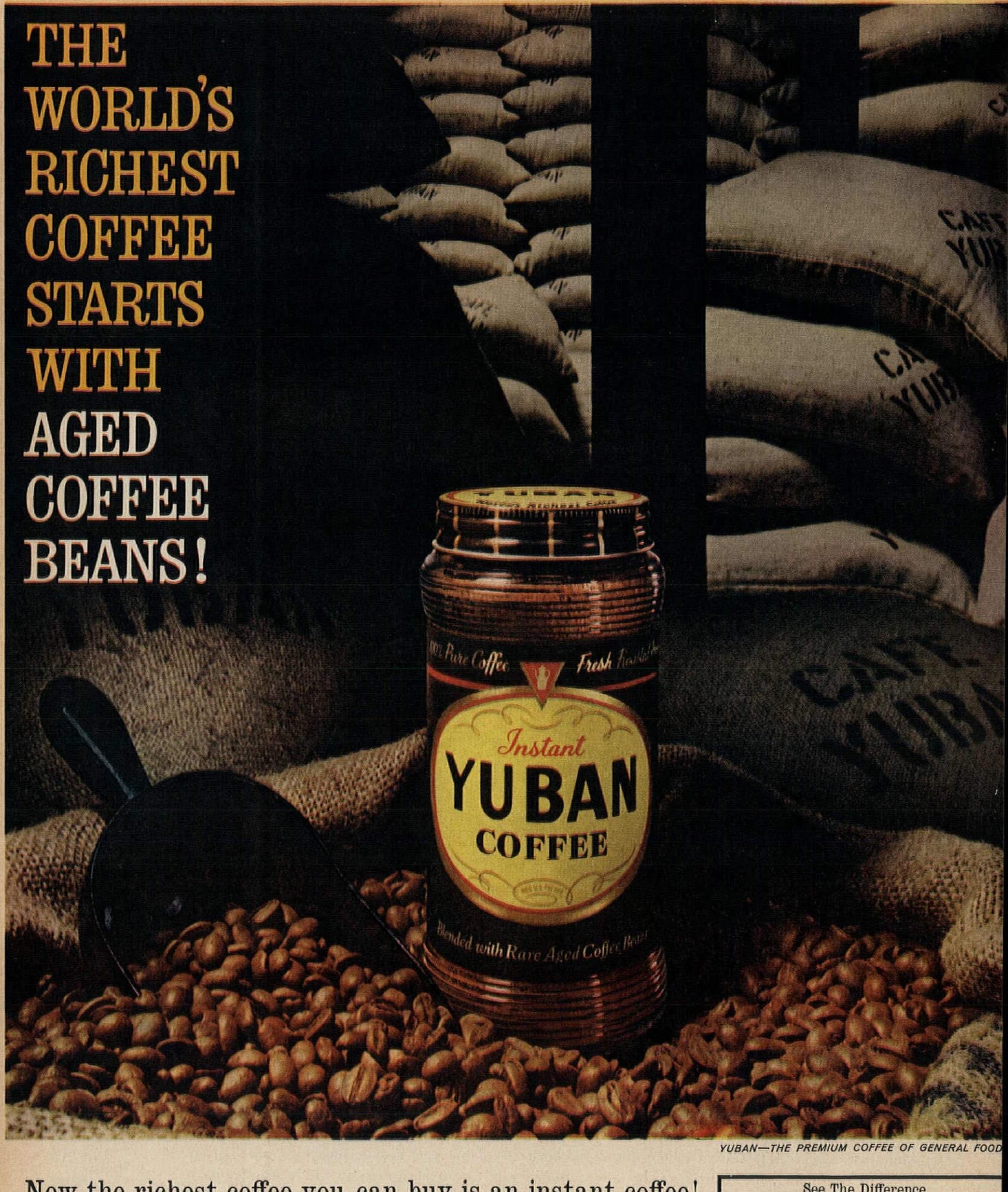

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MOST COFFEE BEANS are roasted still green in color —good, but can't compare in richness with aged beans.

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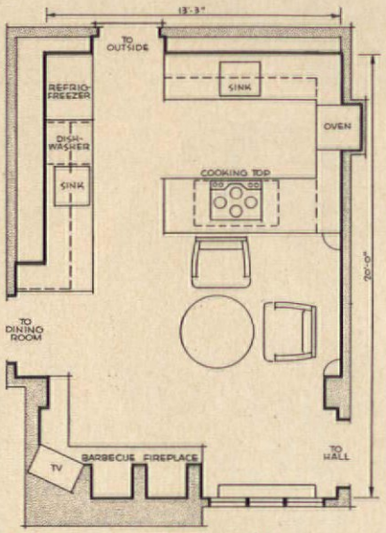
travels they collected menus, wine lists, maps, and snapshots. They plan to cover the pantry wall with these mementos, applying them with a heavy wallpaper paste, then lacquering for a permanent finish. A wonderful idea for anyone, to keep memories of happy vacations alive!

As you can see, this is a personality kitchen, one that is designed to reflect the tastes and interests of the Churches. Of course, any kitchen can bear the stamp of your own personality if you put the *you* in it. It's not necessary to own expensive antiques or paintings—use beautiful reproductions instead! Collect something you especially like—pottery or glassware—and let it set the color scheme for the kitchen. Decorate with your prettiest pots, utensils, molds, and trays. Frame pretty dish towels—they come in beautiful designs—and every shade you can think of. Whether you spend a maximum or minimum of money, you can add a special note to your kitchen. Adapt any one of these ideas from the Churches' kitchen or think up new ideas of your own. It can be lots of fun. Merry Christmas!



***Kitchen floor plan** provides roomy, traffic-free working areas. Food service flows easily to family area and dining room.*

***Brick wall** (left) has built-in TV and hi-fi, below-the-hearth storage for firewood, cooking equipment. Note wood counter near TV and handsome wood-carved panels.*

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Yes, we have sketch plans of the New England traditional homes in our October issue

New England two-story house located in Needham, Mass.

The response to the lovely traditional homes designed by Royal Barry Wills, shown in our October issue, has been overwhelming. For the thousands of *American Home* readers who have requested further information about these houses, rough sketches of the floor plans and elevations are now available. Indicate your choice below and send your request, together with a self-addressed stamped envelope, to *The American Home*, Dept. BLD, Forest Hills 75, N.Y.

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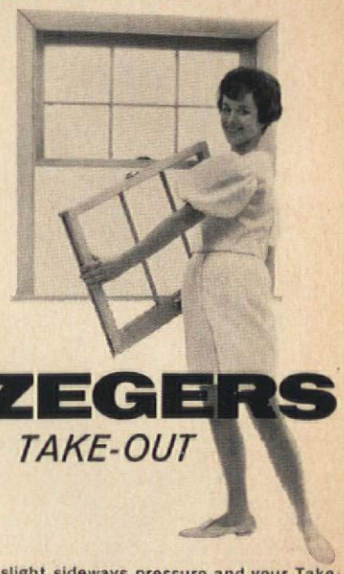

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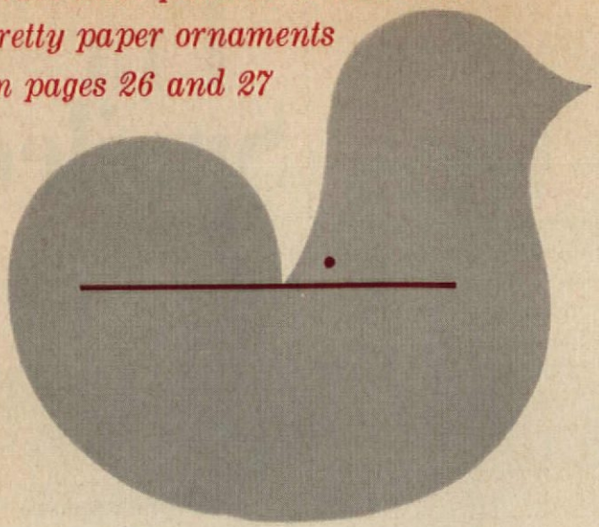
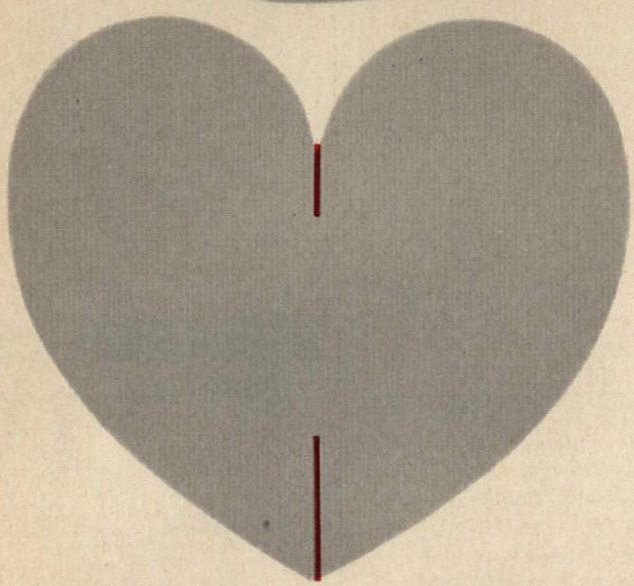
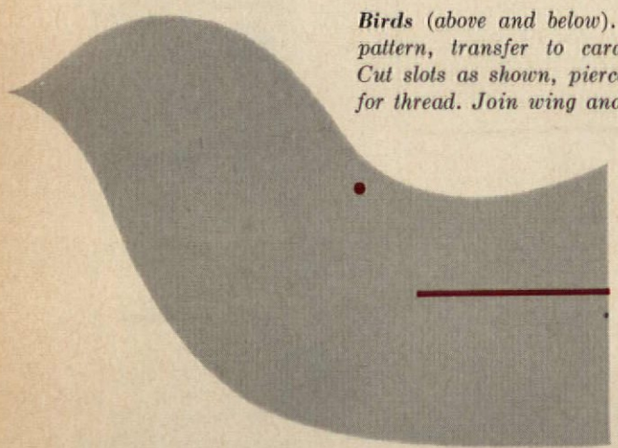
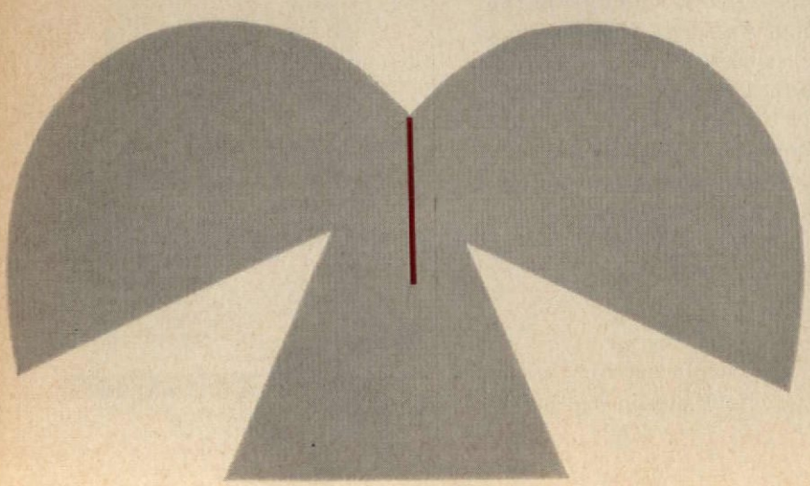
Trace these patterns to make the pretty paper ornaments on pages 26 and 27



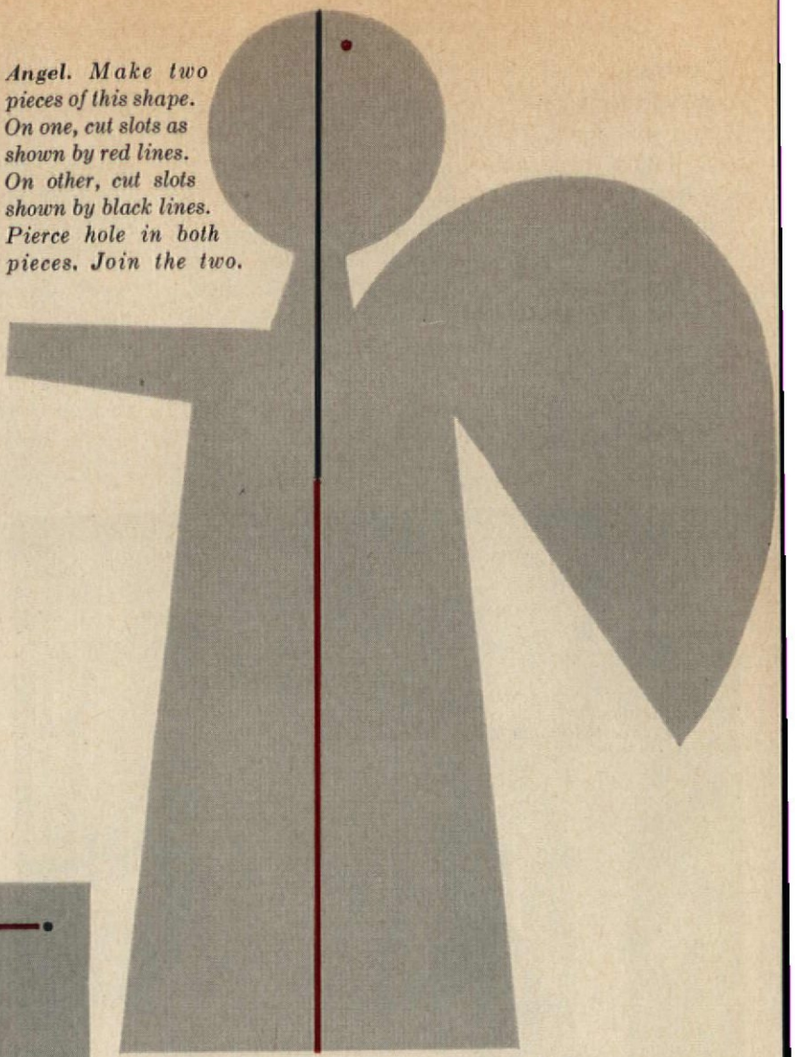


Birds *(above and below). Trace pattern, transfer to cardboard. Cut slots as shown, pierce holes for thread. Join wing and body.*

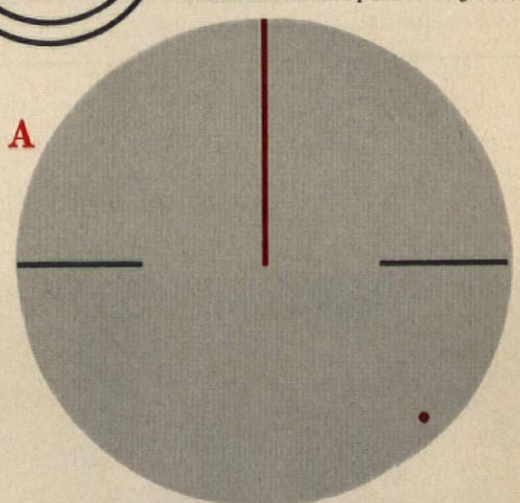


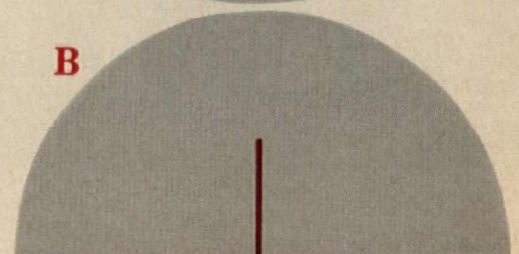


Angel. *Make two pieces of this shape. On one, cut slots as shown by red lines. On other, cut slots shown by black lines. Pierce hole in both pieces. Join the two.*



Hanging rings *(left). Cut four strips, 6½", 8", 9½", 11". Make slots ¼" from ends of each piece. Pierce holes. Curl paper before making each loop. Interlock each piece with ends inside the circle. Knot thread at end and pass through holes.*





Christmas ball. *Make two pieces of A. On one, cut red slot and hole for thread. On other, cut red and black slots. Join the two pieces. Make two pieces of B, cut slots. Interlock to complete ball.*

Circle snowflake. *Make 1 piece of A, 2 of B, 1 of C, and 6 of D. Cut slots in all. Pierce thread hole in one piece of D. Insert two pieces of B into center slot of A (1st sketch). Space points equally. Curl C and insert (2nd sketch). Curl and insert D pieces on each of six points (3rd sketch).*

Snowflake. *Make 1 piece of A, 2 of B, 3 of C, 3 of D, 6 of E. Pierce hole in one of C pieces. Insert two pieces of B into A (1st sketch). Insert C pieces (2nd sketch). Insert D pieces with E pieces on each point. For variety, cut out pieces in two different colors.*

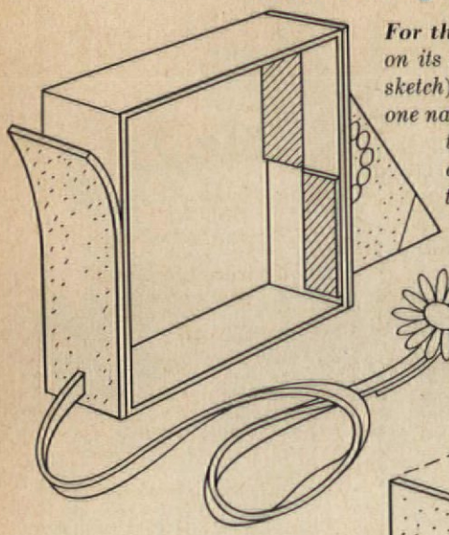
Christmas star. *Make two pieces of A. On one, cut red slot and hole for thread. On other, cut red and black slots. Join the two pieces. Make two pieces of B; cut slots. Interlock to complete star.*

PAPERWORK HOW-TO'S

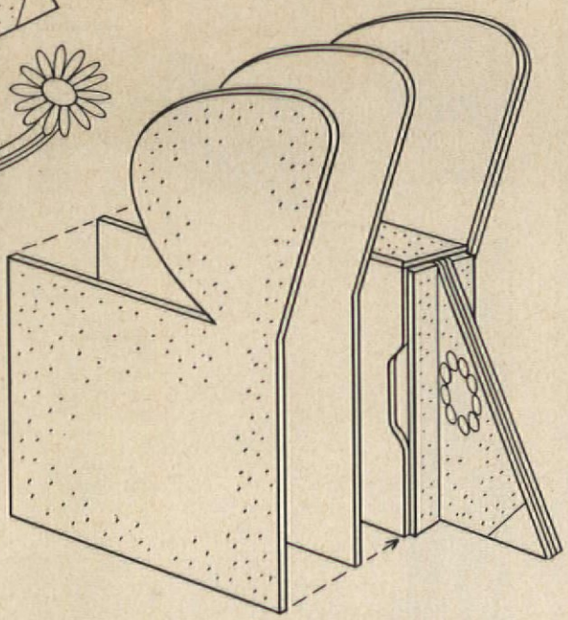
Paper ornaments can be made of lightweight Bristol board (available at art stores), lightweight cardboard, or colored paper. Do not cut pieces from magazine. Trace on thin paper and then transfer pattern to cardboard or paper. Width of slots depends on thickness of paper. Heavy lines indicate where double thickness of paper will be inserted. In making circular pieces, put curl in paper before interlocking. Be sure ends of paper are on inside of circle.

To make Santas on pages 26 and 27: For one, use a plain white paper cup. Simply cut slots for whiskers and paint or crayon the face. The other is cut from cardboard (see sketch), rolled and fastened with cellophane tape. Trim to your fancy.

Make a pink housemouse



For the frame, *turn a shallow square box on its side. Make a triangle of cardboard (see sketch) to simulate mouse's head. Cut a slit down one narrow side; insert triangle. Cut inserted end of triangle on inside of box (see shaded area in drawing); fold ends and glue to inside of box. Glue felt to head.*



Cover narrow sides *of box with felt; add tail. Cut two pieces of cardboard to cover wide side of box and ear all in one. Cut felt pieces to match, then glue felt to cardboard, cardboard to box. Trim insides of ears with gold paper; add seals, sequins, tape (for nose), and daisy.*

Make Your Presents the Prettiest Packages Ever!

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who loves to knit are attached to the package by means of double-coated tape.

The PINK MOUSE with a long felt tail is a felt-covered box (see instructions at left). The TRADITIONAL TREE is made by draping an artificial garland on a white felt backing, fixing it with clear glue. The tree is spiced with ornaments, then the whole panel is pinned to the box so it can be used later as a wall decoration. The KING-SIZE KEY bottle opener will make a hit with Dad on a box of ties.

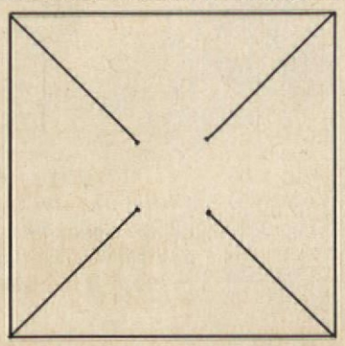
Follow the instructions given below to make the coated-paper PINWHEEL (with gold seal center), and also the TOPIARY TREE, which "grows" from tissue in three shades of green.

MATCHBOXES taped on gold paper make an appropriate wrap for a gift pipe rack. A CIGAR BOX covered with pressure-sensitive paper and colored coated paper, with a legal seal on the binding, is a handsome letter box.

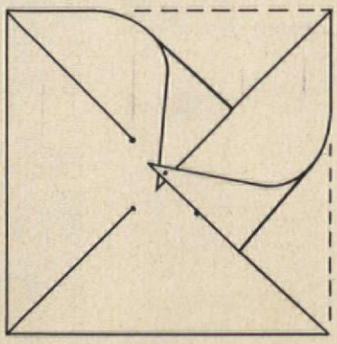
The FOLDED BAG with medallion fastener and ribbon flourish resembles a grocery bag, but contains two theater tickets. The STYLIZED SANTA is cut from craft paper, with a triangle as the basis for the design.

DESIGNS FOR PINWHEEL, TOPIARY TREE, FOLDED BAG: EAST HOUSE ENTERPRISES, INC.

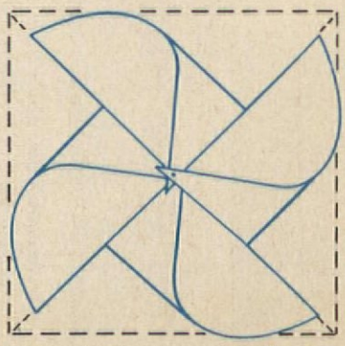
Pinwheels are simple to make



Paste together *two sheets of coated paper in two different colors. Cut a 5½-inch square. Fold square from corner to corner; cut to within 1 inch of center.*

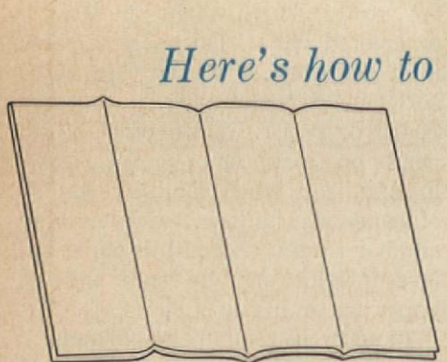


Bring points *to the center, overlapping slightly. Hold in place with cellophane tape. Pin through four tips as shown; add seal for center decoration.*

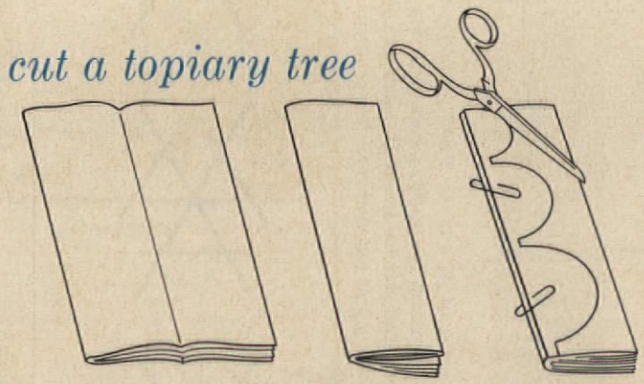


Round off points *as in the diagram. For handle, roll a length of brown wrapping paper; cement the edge. Paste handle to package; pin on the pinwheel.*

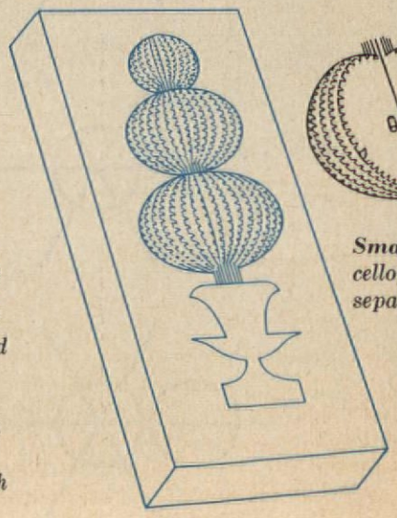
Here's how to cut a topiary tree

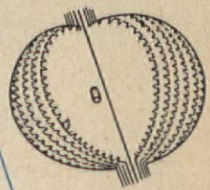


For each color, *take a half sheet of tissue paper (15x20"). Fold in half, then in quarters and eighths, lengthwise, as shown above.*



Stack tissue *in color sequence, placing quarter-folded sheets on top of each other as in a tall narrow book. Fold over into eighths and hold "binding" with paper clips. Make a pattern of graduated hemispheres, as shown; clip pattern to tissues and cut. Remove pattern; reopen and staple along center fold. Cut jagged edge, or use pinking shears. Attach bottom tissue to package with rubber cement. Paste on urn design.*





Small rolls *of cellophane tape separate sheets.*

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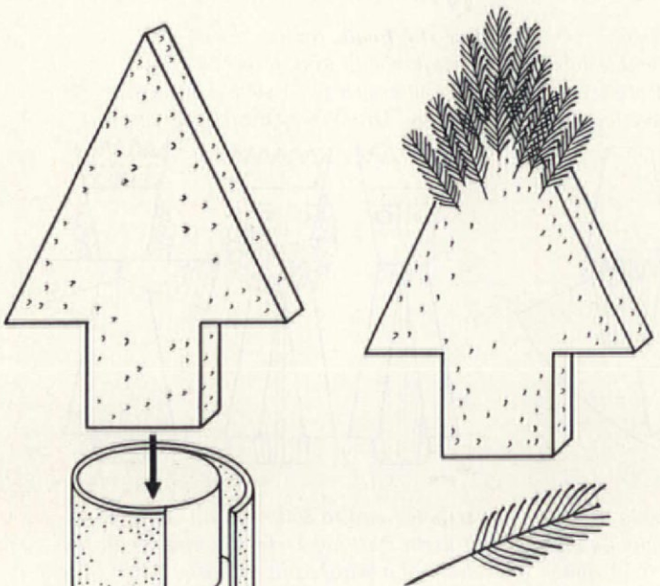
Santa Claus with pack of toys, shown on page 29

***The first step** is to have our Santa photostated. To do this check the classified telephone directory under "photo prints." Specify the size you want (and number of copies); the cost should be reasonable. If you're artistic, copy him yourself on a dull-finish paper with black pencil or crayon. Or adapt the pack idea, using a Santa from a Christmas card. Then paste him on a box; "fill" his pack with toys from the 5 & 10.*

Little mantel trees



***Framework** for the trees shown on page 33 is simply a Christmas-tree shape cut from a sheet of plastic foam. The tree is "planted" in a small holder. (Ours is the bottom of a round salt container.) Thrust bits of evergreen twigs about 3" long into foam (with the aid of an ice pick). Be sure they extend outside the frame and that the "tree" is very full, completely hiding foam. Trim to shape if necessary. If for a mantel, just do one side. Decorate with tiny ornaments. Cover base with red felt and gold trim, or use wrapping paper.*

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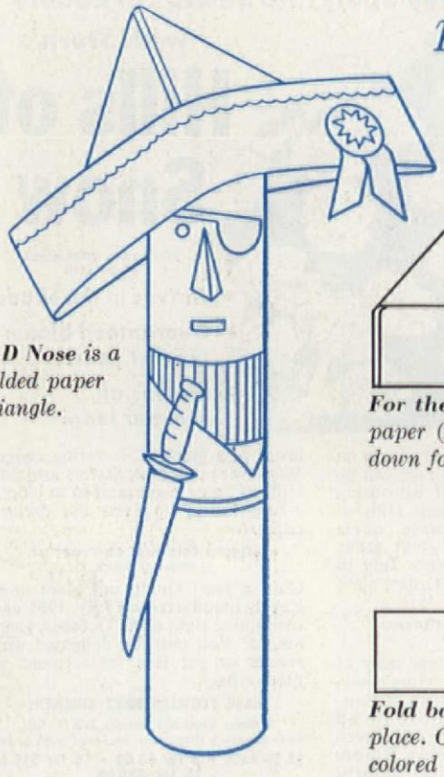
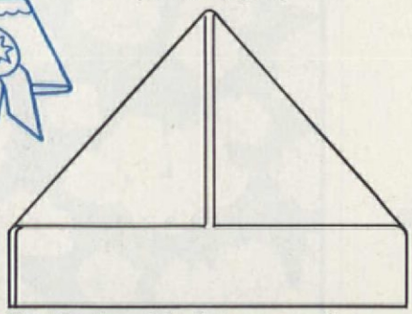
Trim a swashbuckling pirate package

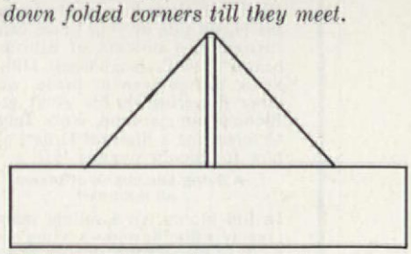
(shown on page 28)



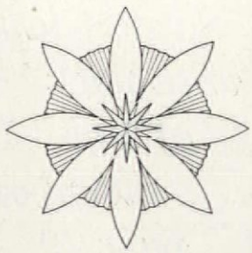
***3-D Nose** is a folded paper triangle.*

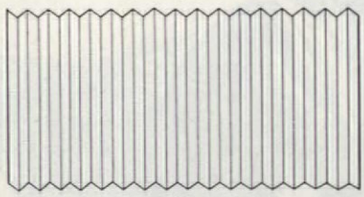


***For the hat,** take heavy wrapping paper (22x30); fold in half. Turn down folded corners till they meet.*

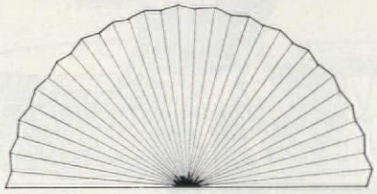


***Fold back** loose edges; tape in place. Cover mailing-tube body with colored paper. Decorate as shown.*





***Cut heavy foil** four times as long as high. Score folds before pleating.*



***Hold fan** in place with cellophane tape.*

Decorate your door with a sunburst

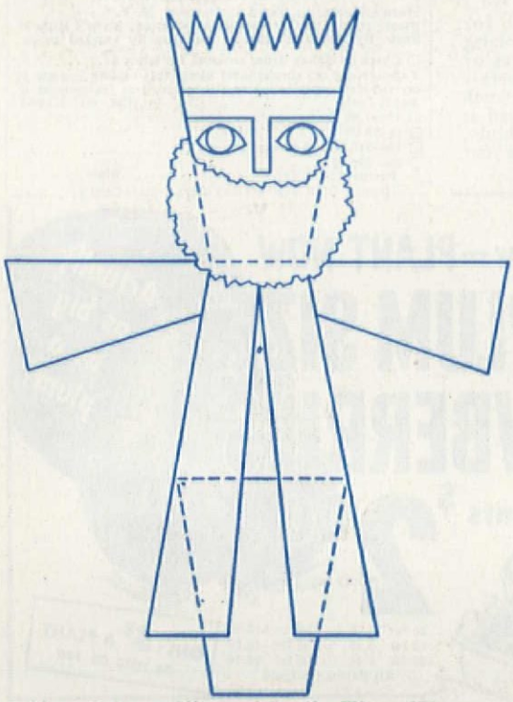
(shown on page 22)

***Sunburst** is made of two accordion-pleated fans stapled together along their straight edges. Decorations—ti or rhododendron leaves and small sunburst—may be attached by double-coated tape. Run wire through fan (behind top leaf) for hanging; reinforce holes with cellophane tape.*

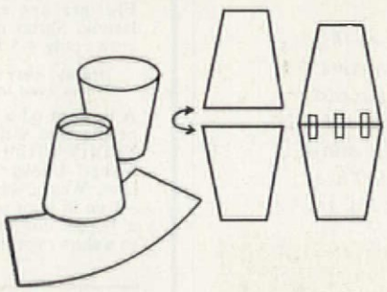
DESIGNER: SARA LITTLE

The Three Kings

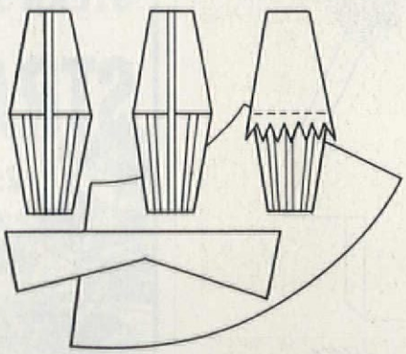
(shown on page 30)



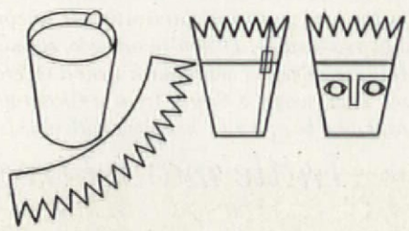
***Materials you'll need** for the Three Kings:*
9 tapered quart-size paper food containers (3 for each king); with 3 lids of the kind that fit inside (rather than over) the top
3 metal pot cleaners
Colored and metallic papers
Colored and clear cellophane tapes
Decorative baubles—binding, sequins, paper stars, rickrack, costume jewelry, birthday-cake rosettes
Tools—scissors, straight pins, glue, and, for the pattern, wrapping paper and yardstick



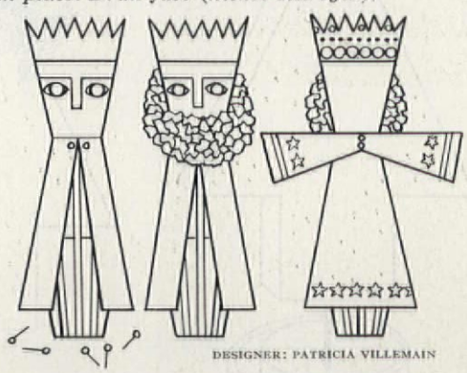
***For the body,** cover a pair of quart-size food containers with colored paper (see pattern at right below). Then tape covered containers together.*



***Dress and decorate** the body with colored tape. For one with an under tunic, see pattern at right. Cut cloak and sleeves from pattern directly below.*



***For the head,** cover a third container with pink paper; put in lid. Cut crown from gold foil; tape in place. Draw face (nickel-size eyes).*



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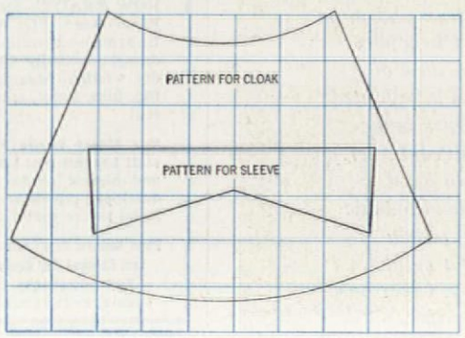
***Attach head** to body section. Pin cloak at neck. Pull out metal pot cleaner in the shape of a beard; pin at "ears." Pin sleeves at back. Decorate with seals and sequins.*



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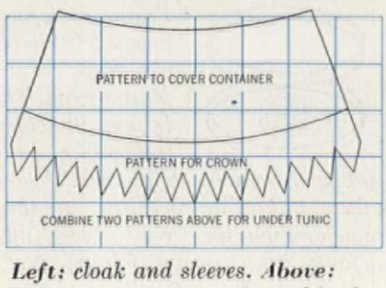

***Left:** cloak and sleeves. **Above:** body cover, crown, and, combined, these patterns form the under tunic.*

Silverware—to give or to own (continued from page 35)

1. *Paul Revere bowl,* *authentically reproduced in 4", 6", 8", and 10" sizes, has a multitude of uses. You'll find it perfect for chowders, stews, salads, fruit, ice cubes, frothy sherbet punch, plus, of course, as a centerpiece for flowers, Christmas balls, etc. Classically simple, it suits all decorating styles. By Oneida Silversmiths—$4.50 to $13.50.*

2. *Colonial pitcher* *stands alone in its beauty as a decorative object, but you needn't stop there. It's extremely practical for all beverages. Pitcher is 8½" high. By Gorham—$27.50.*

3. *Chippendale platter* *is an elegant server for meats, entree dish, smorgasbord, hors d'oeuvres. Or use it as a table decoration, filled with fruit or colorful vegetables. Available in 11¾", 15½", 17½", and 20" sizes. By Reed & Barton—$15 to $32.50.*

4. *Georgian multiple candelabra* *is beautifully styled for your most important centerpiece. Interchangeable sections can be combined in eight decorative arrangements at four different heights to suit the most elegant or informal occasion. Also available is a glass flower vase which fits into the center candleholder. By International—$87.50.*

5. *Double vegetable dish,* *the most basic of holloware pieces, is charming convenience to the hostess. Both halves may be used for serving. Besides its obvious uses, try it for hot muffins, spaghetti, noodles, or as a Sunday breakfast dish of bacon and French toast. It will make any meal a special occasion. By Wallace—$24.95.*

6. *Gravy and sauceboat,* *in handsome traditional style, is uniquely versatile for sauces, salad dressings, cocktail dips, and small flower arrangements. Its tray may be used separately for candy, nuts, and relishes of all kinds. By Reed & Barton—set, $42.50.*

Protect your silver. *When using it for flowers, cover the inside surface with metal foil or use a plastic container for the flower holder. Never allow silver to touch rubber.*

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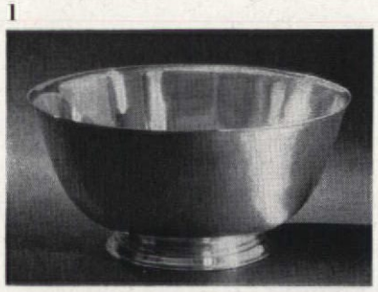

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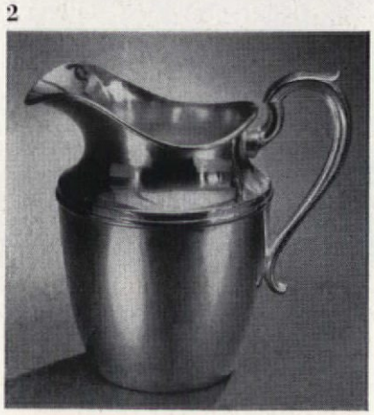

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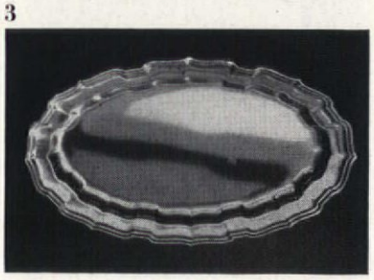

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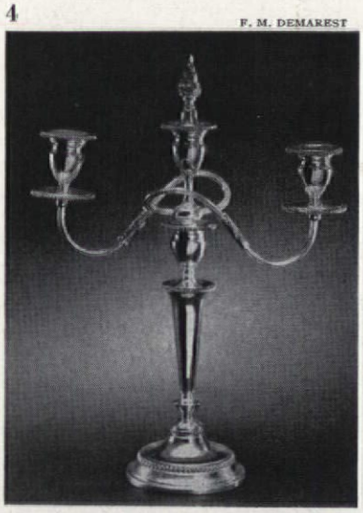

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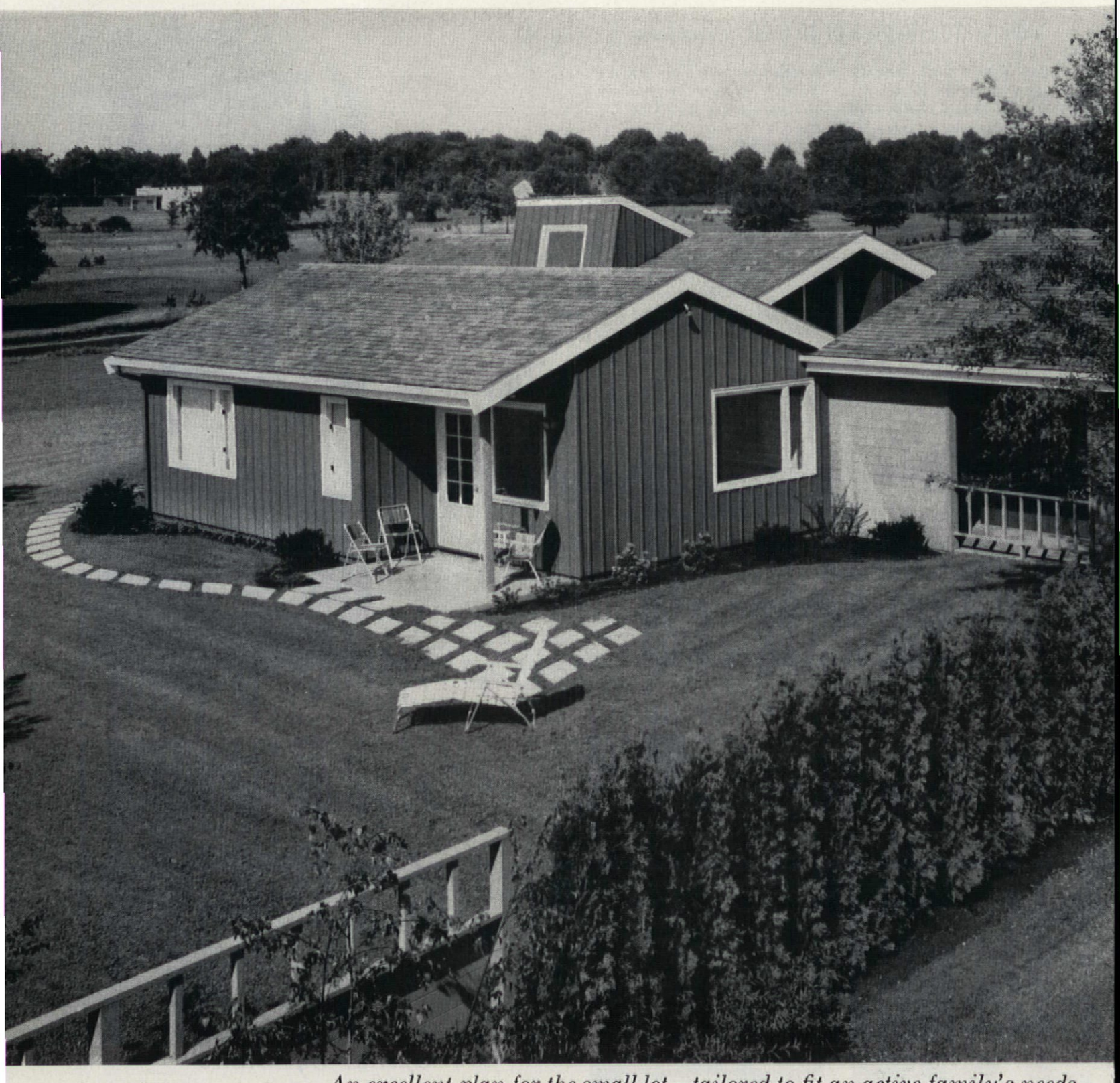

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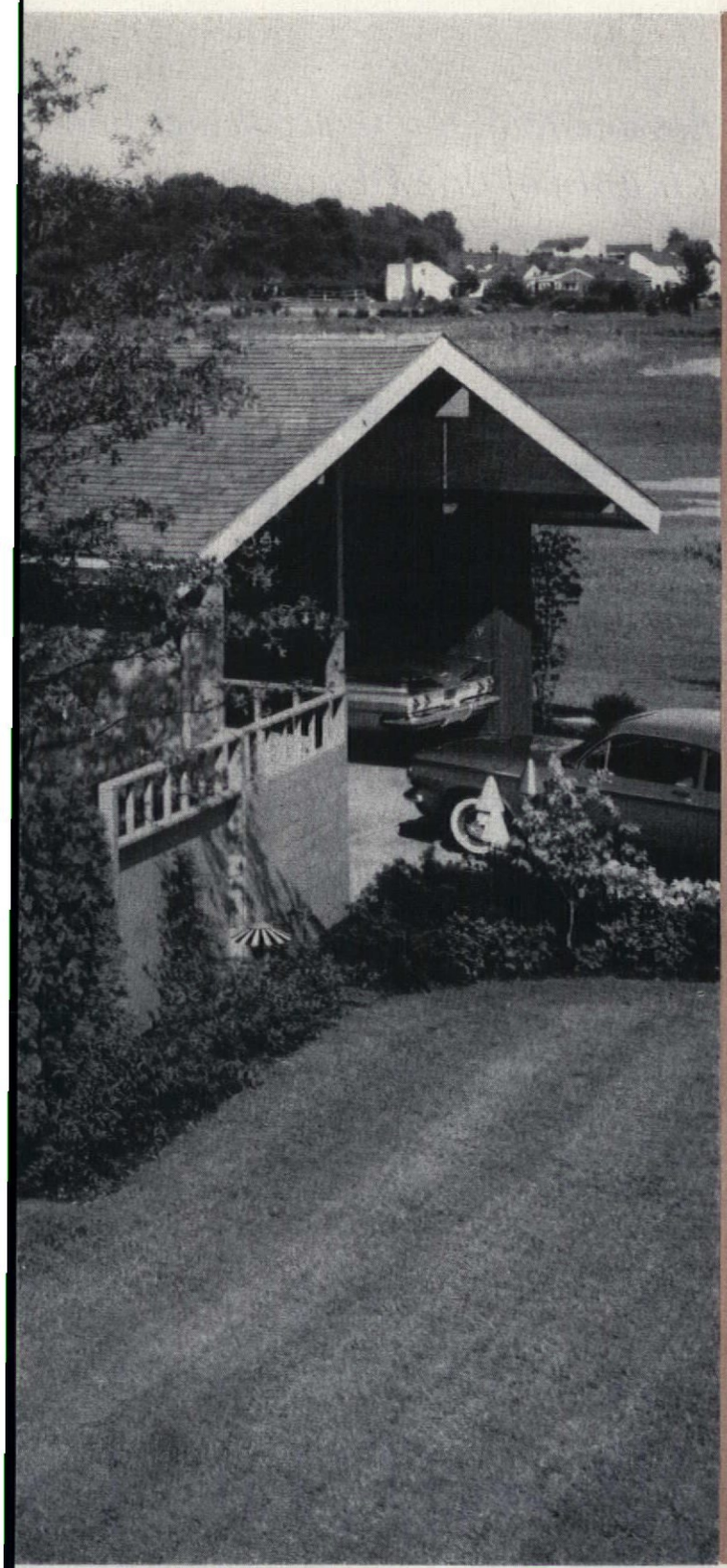

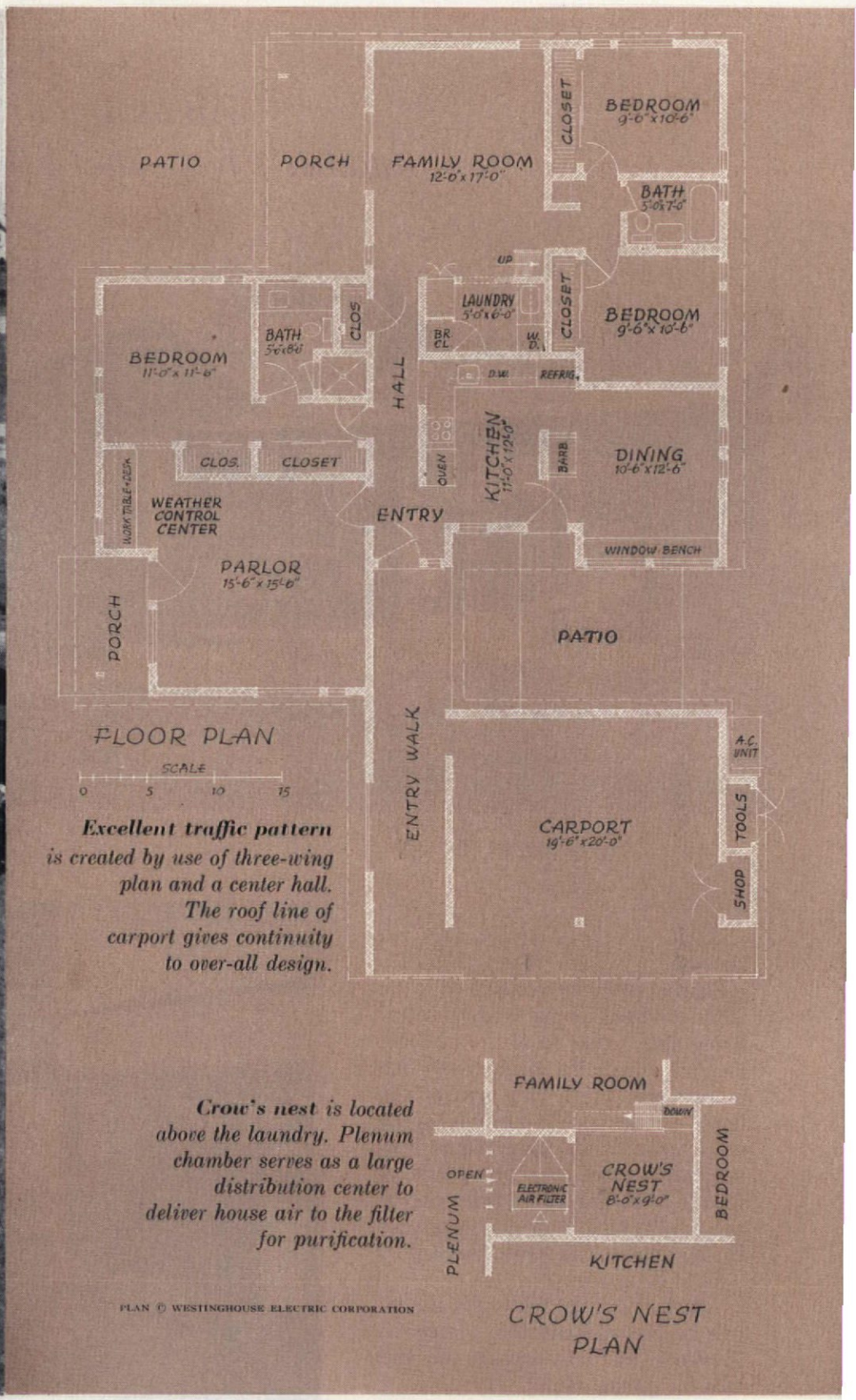

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Architects: Bassetti and Morse, A. I. A. Builder: J. R. Wilkin Photographer: Julius Shulman

Here's a house where everybody in the family enjoys his freedom. No need for the children to get under the feet of parents. And vice versa! It's all accomplished, compactly and charmingly, on a relatively small (72x110′) lot.

The secret's in the ingenious, three-wing floor plan (two living wings plus a carport) which zones both indoors and outdoors into distinct adult and children areas.

The children's bailiwick consists of two bedrooms (with a bath between), and a family room that opens onto a large porch. A great boon, we might add, when the family is entertaining in the parlor. But what makes the children's area so extra special is the crow's nest—an enchanting play area just a short flight of steps up over the laundry. No child could resist it, and it could serve in a pinch as an extra bedroom.

The adult area has a 15½x15½′ parlor with its own covered porch, and a master bedroom with bath.

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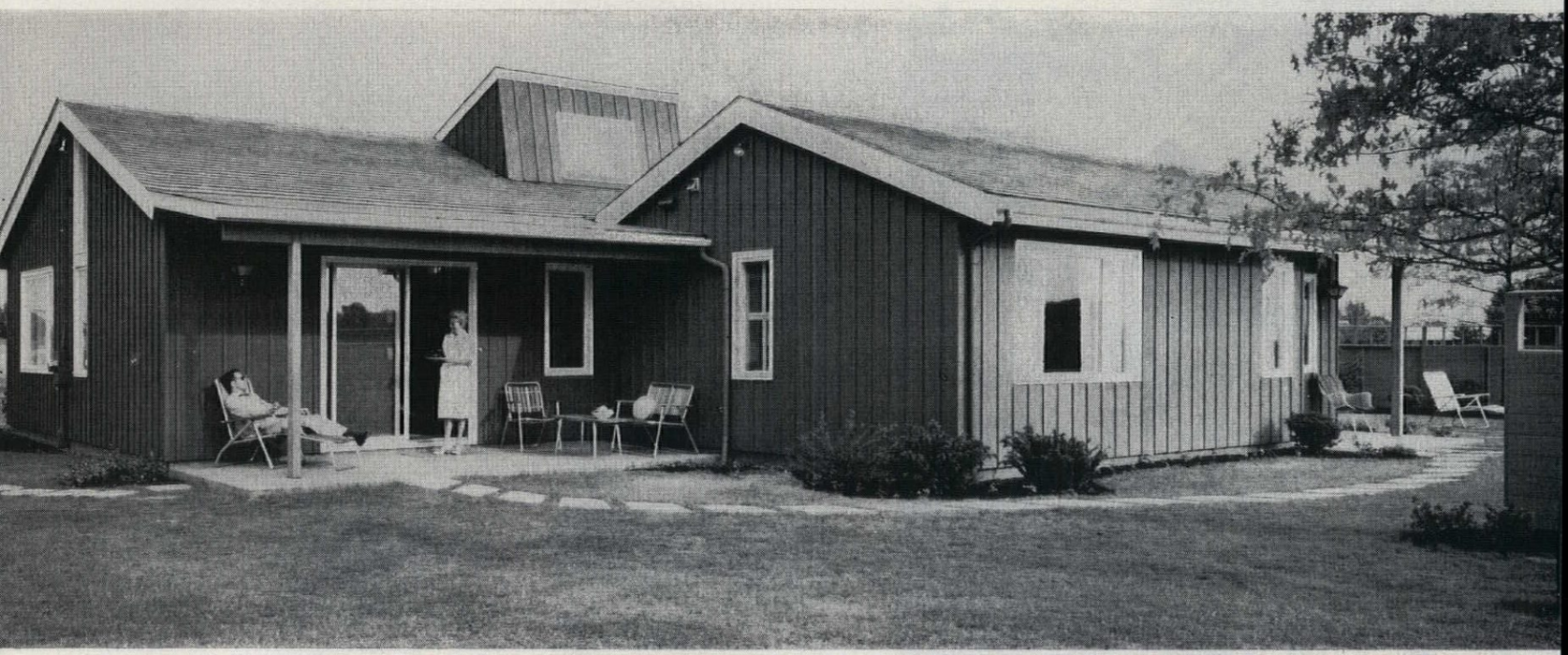
All happy under one roof, but never under one another's feet—that's the beauty of this Blueprint House



***Outdoor living** is stressed as much as indoor comfort. Pictured above are two of the three outdoor areas—the large porch off the family room (left), another off the parlor (right). Note the crow's nest!*

RELAXING IN THE SUN

(continued)

Sharing equal importance with the adult-children zoning is the central living area, made up of the kitchen, laundry, and dining room. Here's one more large patio! This area of the house can be reached easily from the other zones via the center hall. A conveniently located pass-through allows food to be served from the kitchen to the family room—an advantage for the busy housewife whose family does a lot of entertaining.

Another unusual feature is the inside barbecue. Here, too, the cook's burden is eased by having the unit face the dining room.

Some other top features: laundry with an automatic washer, dryer, tub, and cabinets.

Storage space: more than ample closets are supplemented by a large storage area in a two-car carport, and a large tool shed outside.

Since this Canton, Ohio, house is all electric, including the heat, it does not require a chimney.

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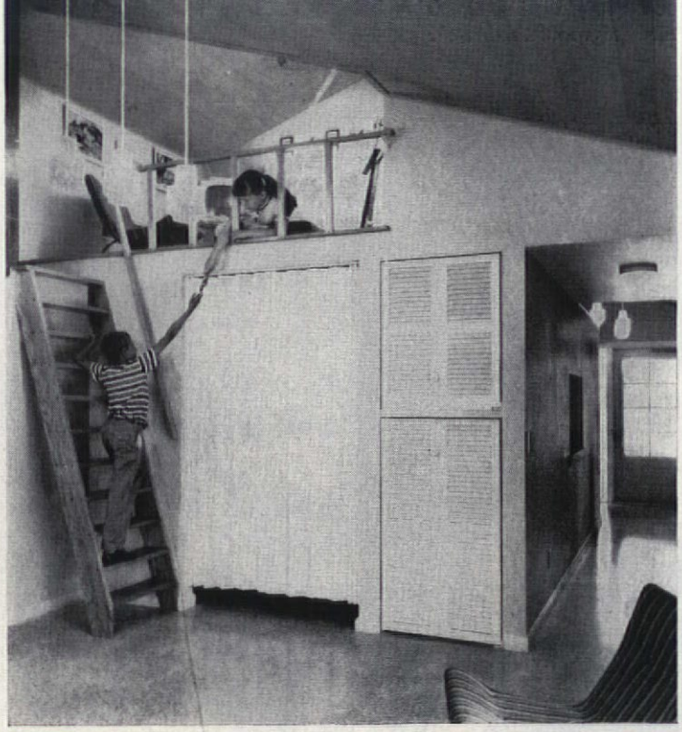
MODERN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE KITCHEN

***Built-in appliances** in the L-shaped kitchen are conveniently placed. An automatic appliance center allows as many as four portable appliances to be used at one time. The clean-up area, with its under-the-counter dishwasher, is located between the surface cooking top and the refrigerator.*



SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD

***Children's delight** is the crow's nest opening onto the family room and built above the laundry (behind the accordion-style doors). Louvered doors conceal the television set and storage space. Note the pass-through in the hall which eases the job of serving food in the family room or parlor.*

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***Highlights of the master bath:** walls of laminated plastic with wood-grain finish, a wall-length mirror, sliding doors of perforated hardboard under the lavatory.*

YOU SHALL HAVE MUSIC

***Stereophonic radio-phonograph combination** lines one wall in the parlor. L-shaped area at left, with built-in desk and work table, leads to master bedroom. If needed, this wing could be turned into a suite for grandparents.*

SMART COOKING IDEA

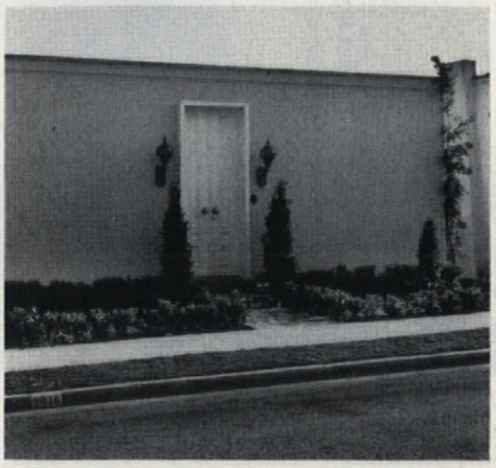
***Electric barbecue unit** is a clever way to divide the dining room and kitchen. Through the window you can see the sheltered outdoor living-dining area. Note how additional storage space is provided under the built-in seat.*

"It was sound but oh so dated!"

"Out here in California, we refer to the Spanish-style stucco houses that thrived in the twenties as 'dingbats,'" says Charles Pollock, A.I.D., of Los Angeles. "Mine was structurally sound and had a workable floor plan. But, besides being dated, it lacked privacy on its 40x90-foot lot and there was no outdoor living area. The interior was drab and broken up into small rooms."

Mr. Pollock changed all this by building a grooved plywood facade (called Texture 1-11) across the front. This converted the front porch into an entrance hall and formed two small gardens (continued)

***Before:** Tiny front porch was useless.*



***After:** new facade conceals bad architectural details, allows for new foyer and patio gardens.*

***Sliding glass doors** give open, airy feeling in back bedroom (see floor plan on page 74). Handsome sundeck has striped canvas awning and draperies.*

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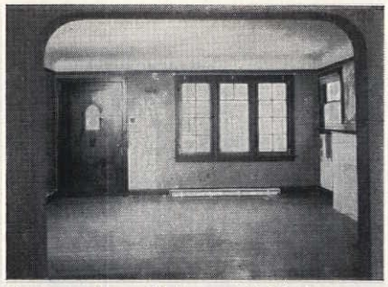
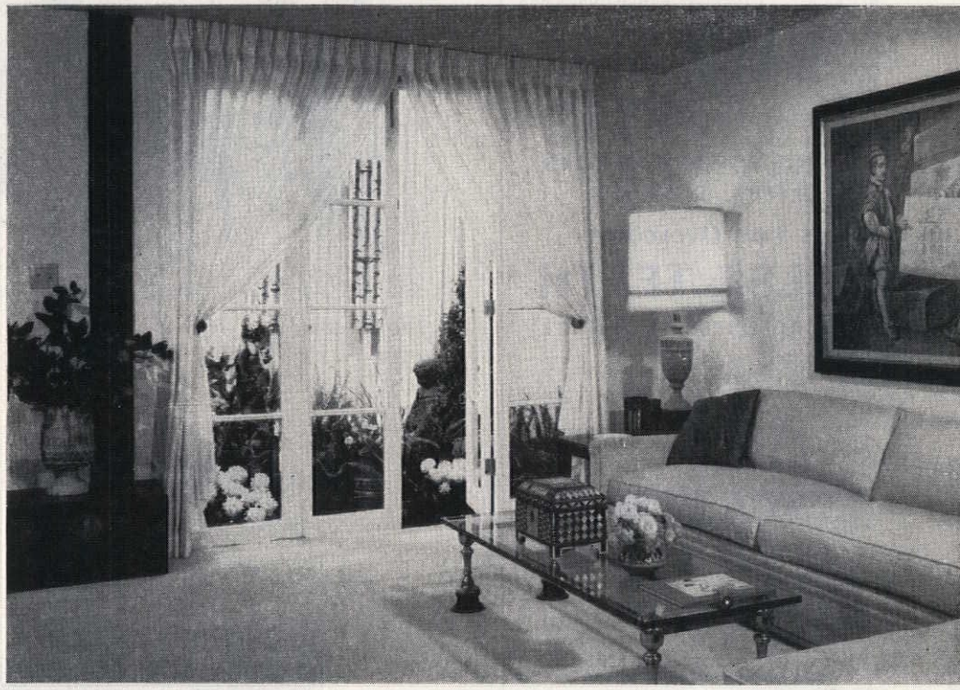


Before: *dingy living-and-dining room.*



After: *spacious living room with arch partition removed. Glass doors to small garden have simple sheer draperies. Comfortable sofa takes place of old false fireplace.*

Dining area *of living room has folding screen instead of draperies.*

New double door *makes dignified entrance foyer from former front porch. Right wall in foyer has window opening to garden off living room.*

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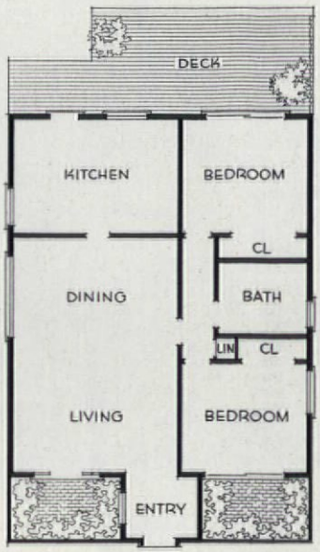
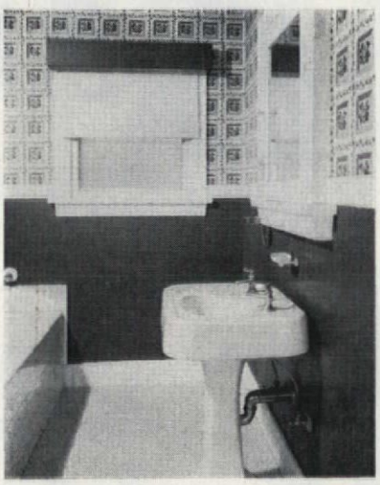
Dining area *by the window in kitchen was made possible when partition was removed; range and sink are on opposite wall.*



Basic plan *was simplified by removing unnecessary partitions. Front facade added foyer and two small gardens; sundeck was added to rear.*



Dated bathroom *(above) had old-fashioned lavatory, exposed plumbing, and small medicine cabinet. New built-in counter and basin (right) provides lots of storage. Molding strip was removed along with medicine cabinet. Handsome striped wallpaper covers wall except for tile behind tub. Shield-shaped mirror and simple light are decorative touches.*

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on either side with glass doors opening into the living room and front bedroom. These brick-floored patios are open to the sky and are filled with potted plants. Floodlights provide a garden view at night.

The living room was formerly separated from the dining room by an arched partition. This was removed to make one large living-dining room. A useless false fireplace was also taken out and the small windows sealed up. A big window was added in the dining area along the same wall.

The small windows in the rear bedroom were also removed. In their place, sliding glass doors now open onto a sundeck that extends across the rear of the house. The deck can also be reached from the kitchen.

In the kitchen, a partition was knocked out, making room for a pleasant dining area at the window. Old-fashioned equipment was replaced with a new range and sink and placed along the opposite wall.

The bathroom between the front and rear bedrooms was brought up to date with a new lavatory counter with plenty of storage space. New draperies, wallpaper, and flooring were added and give a fresh new look.

Although the structural changes were few, this remodeling proves that a dingbat can be transformed into a humdinger! THE END

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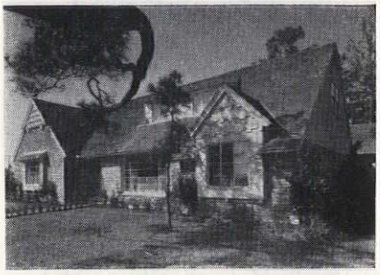

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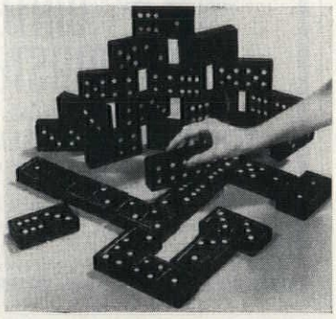

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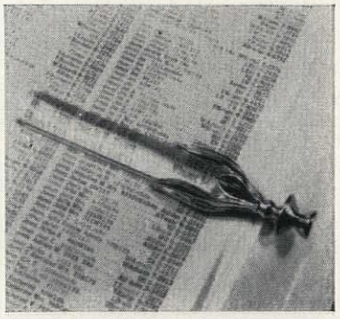

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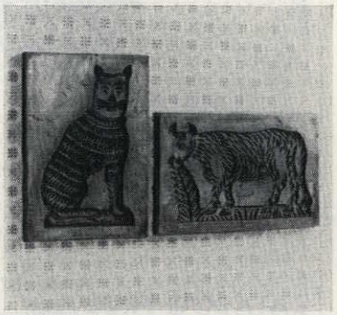

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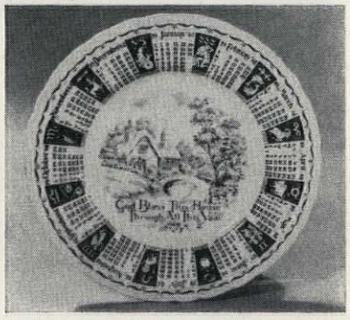

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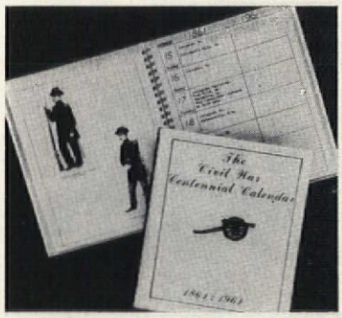

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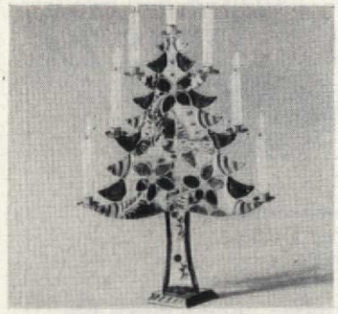

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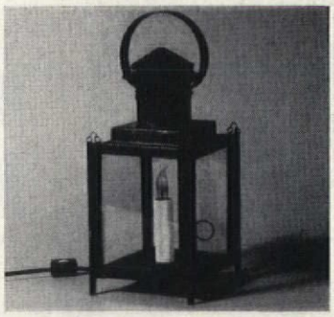

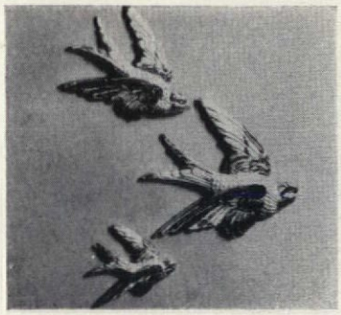

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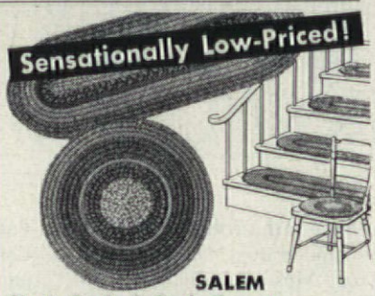

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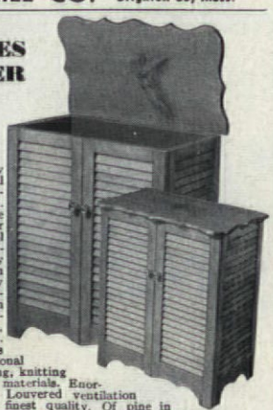

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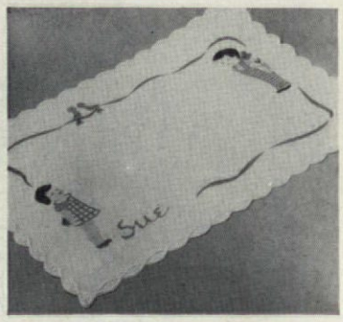

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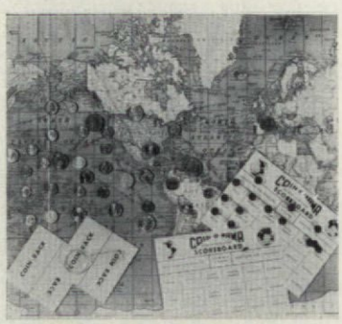

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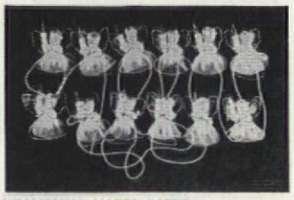

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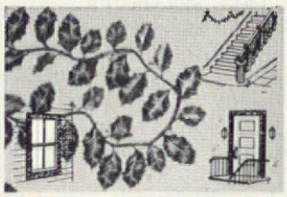

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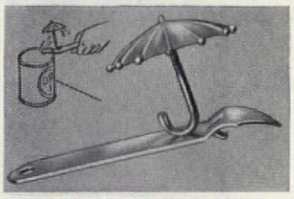

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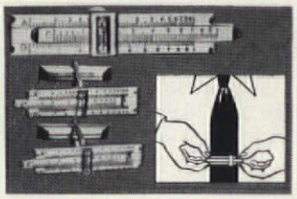

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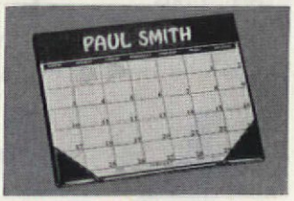

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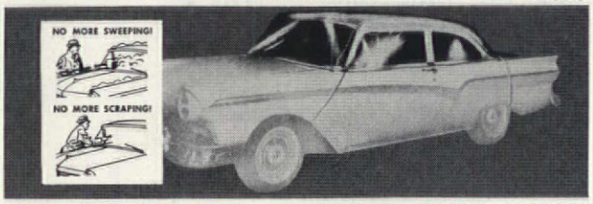

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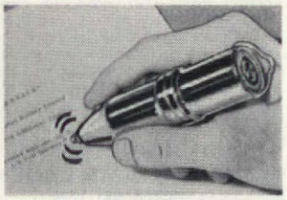

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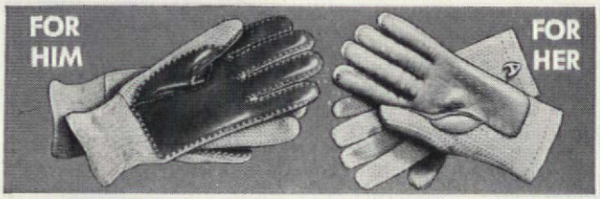

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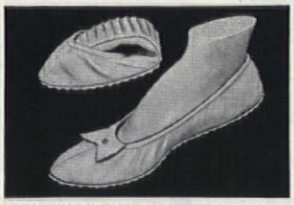

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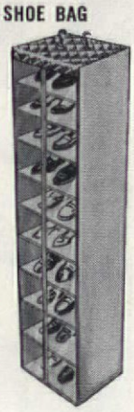

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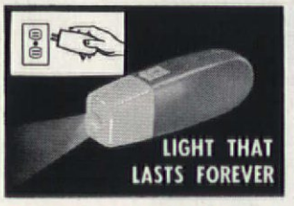

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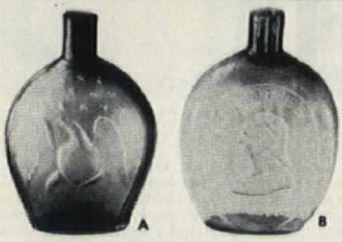

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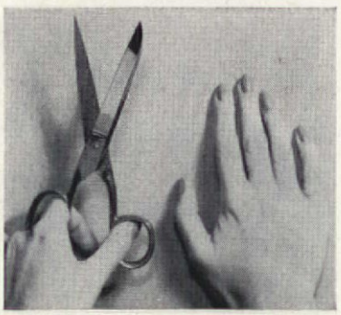

A SHEAR DELIGHT for every southpaw you know, *left-handed scissors* will be the biggest prize under the Christmas tree. The blades and handles are completely reversed for a lefty's comfort, and make cutting a cinch instead of a chore. They are 7″ long, guaranteed to stay sharp—there's never a dull moment. $3.95. Walter Drake, AH-70 Drake Building, Colorado Springs, Colo.

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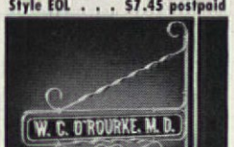

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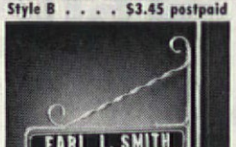

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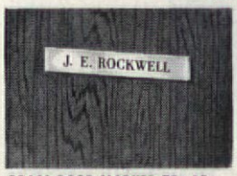

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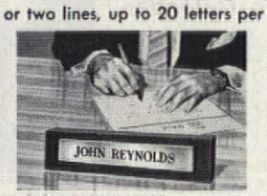

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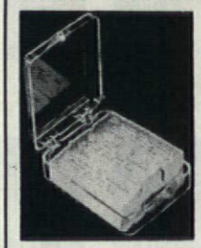

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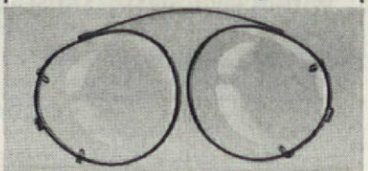

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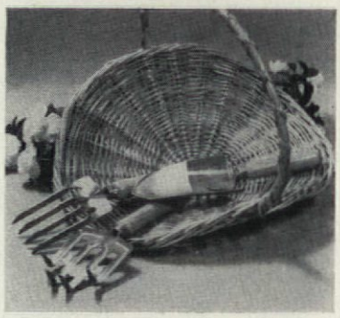

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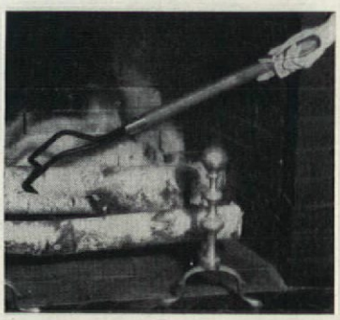

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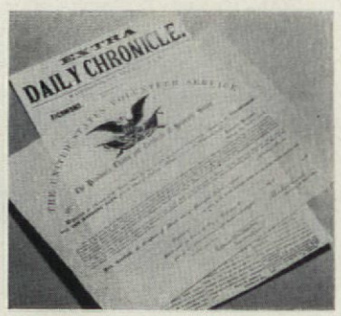

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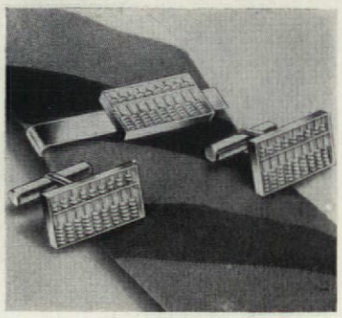

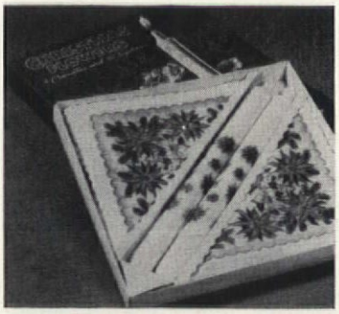

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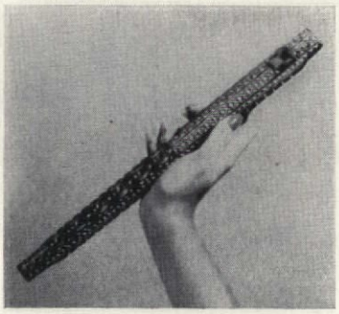

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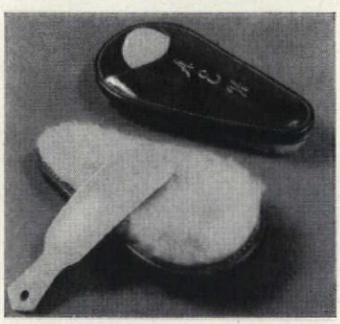

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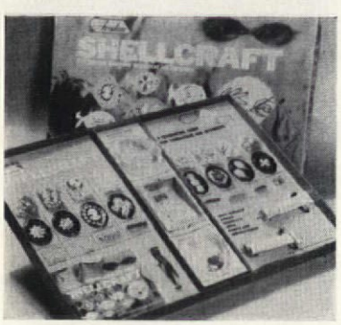

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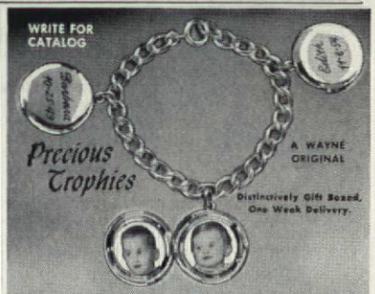

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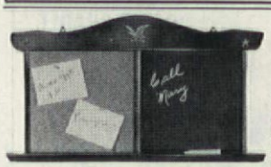

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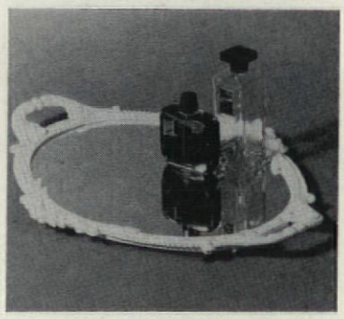

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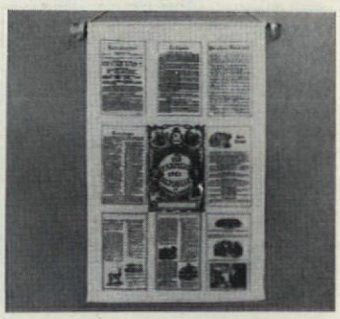

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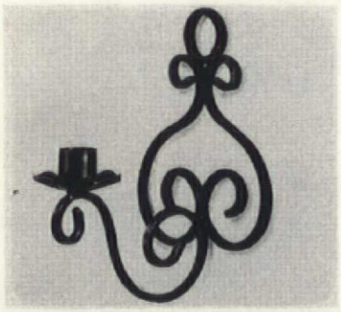

A LIGHT TOUCH for a wall would be one or two of these graceful, handcrafted black wrought-iron sconces from Denmark. Perfect for a small dining room to extend your candlelight, they are scrolled to make a happy play of shadows and tracery. 7¾″ high and 5″ wide. $3.95 each from Home Community Shops, Dept. AH, North Brunswick Branch, North Brunswick, N.J.

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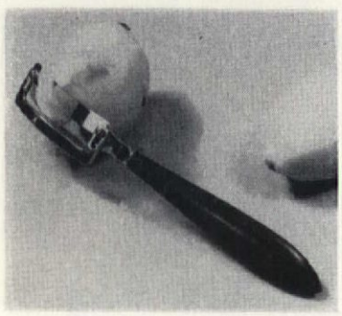

A-PEELING gadget that comes to the aid of a party maker. This handy and handsome lemon peeler skims off the peel of an orange or a lemon with the twist of a wrist. Very appealing to the cook with an eye on eye appeal, it has a smooth rosewood handle and stainless steel blade to go through thick and thin skins. $1.95. The Lighthouse, Dept. AH-6, Plymouth, Mass.

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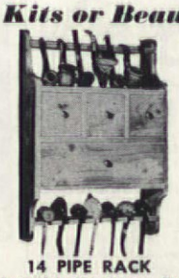

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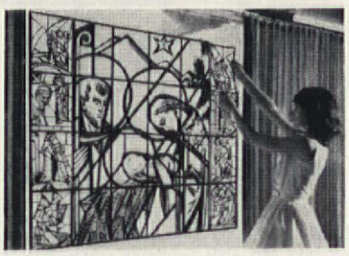

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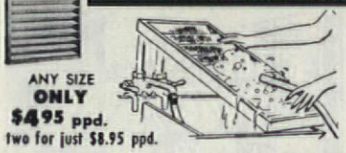

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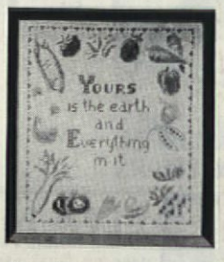

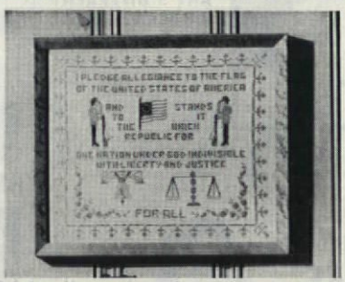

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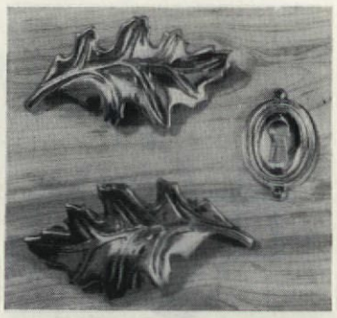
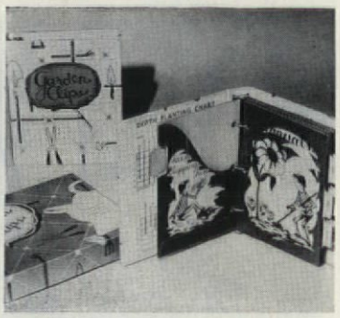
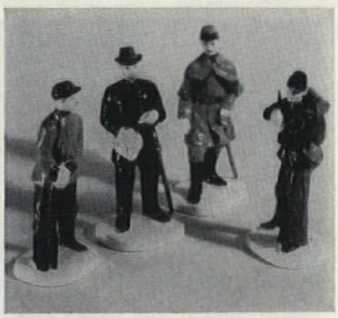


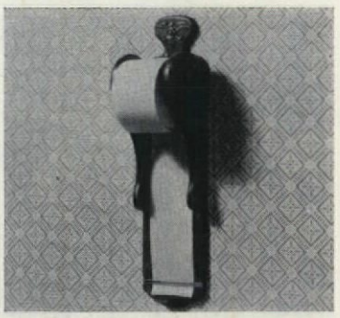
TURN GREEN-gauged Garden Clips over to a gardener, for his file of notes and clippings. An ivory and green binder keeps clippings in 9 envelope-pages indexed *Lawn Care*, *Annuals*, *Vegetables*, and so on. It has 18 filler pages 8¼x5¾", for notes, plus planting depth and herb charts on inside covers. $2.95. 25c post. RMS Interiors, Dept. AH, 214 W. Ontario St., Chicago 10, Ill.



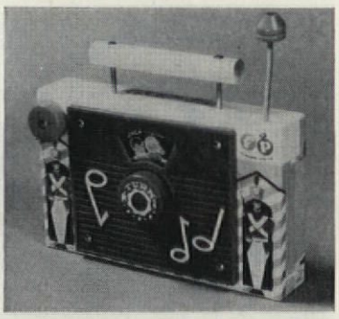
JOIN FORCES of the North and the South or you won't get both sides of the story. Civil War soldiers are 6" china figurines, Union and Confederate enlisted men and officers. To get undivided attention on a collector's shelf or in the den, their authentic uniforms are hand-painted. The set of four, $7.95. Greenland Studios, Dept. A, 3735 N.W. 67th St., Miami 47, Fla.



TAPE RECORDING all the messages has a holder of handsome, hand-rubbed pine topped with a brass eagle. The 225-ft. roll of adding machine tape adds up to a lot of note-taking, so it's a good companion for a wall phone. It has holes to keep a pencil in its grip, and a brass tear-off plate. 14" high, 3" wide. $3.25. Panda Prod., R365, 1200 Niagara St., Buffalo 13, N.Y.



COLOR TV, small-fry style, is a repeat show for 2 to 6-year olds who'll love having a "TV-radio." The audio portion is really a Swiss music box playing "Jack and Jill," with color pictures revolving on the screen. The 7x6" wooden case has gay nursery-rhyme figures, unbreakable plastic speaker, spring "aerial." $3. Texas Home Sales, Dept. 3A, Box 100, Terrell, Tex.



POTTED PLANTS will get their next drink from this boon to indoor gardeners. A 2-qt. polyethylene pitcher has a spout and hose attachment to facilitate watering hard-to-reach centerpieces, narrow-lipped drain saucers, and dense leafy plants such as African violets. Fingertip valve controls the flow. Yellow or Aqua. $1.98. Webb Industries, Box 9714-AH, Cleveland 40, Ohio.

A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW illuminates a "partridge in a pear tree," and as the flame burns down within this 9½" glass cylinder it lights up each of the delights of the Twelve Days of Christmas. The twelve numbered doors and windows are opened a day at a time; candle burns about 168 hrs. $2.95. Candles of the Month Club, Dept. AH, 5134 Mercer Ave., Houston 5, Tex.

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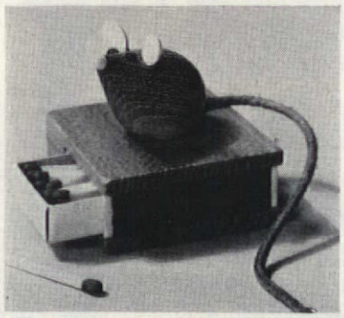
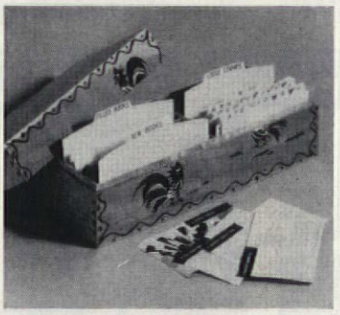


LIGHT MOUSEKEEPING his beady eye on things is cute as can be. Complete with leather tail, he sits atop a light-hearted wooden matchbox that holds a replaceable box of La Petite matches. This whimsical mouse won't convince the cat, but he'll charm your guests and bring joy to a match-less hostess! $1.19 ea.; $1.98 pr. Seven Seas House, 23-A Danbury Rd., Wilton, Conn.



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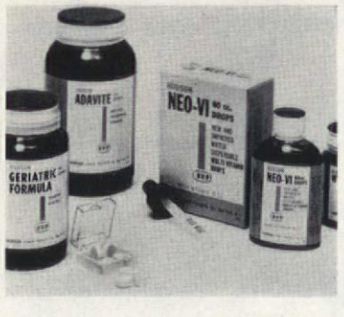

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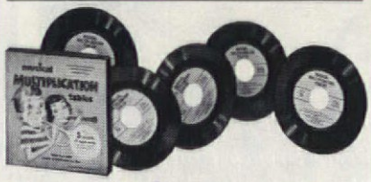

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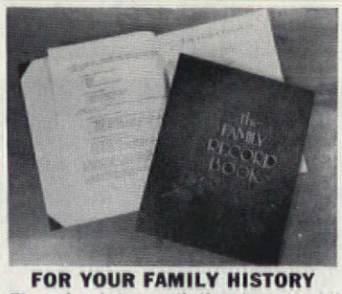

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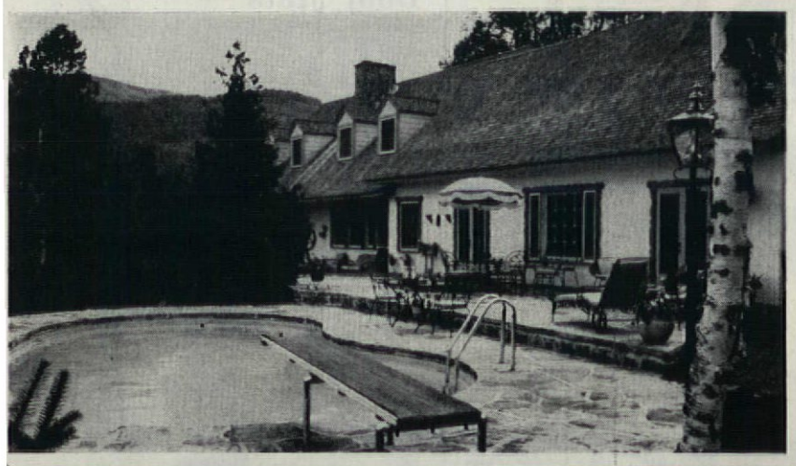
Mrs. August Windau, Carey, Ohio

When the day came that we were to build our first home, bungalows were the style. Ours is a house filled with treasures collected over the years, and furniture my husband has made. The Christmas lamp post is his work, too.



Living here in the Province of Quebec, I have been especially interested in creating a truly French Provincial atmosphere in my home, 'Bondurant.' Articles in The American Home *on French Provincial furniture have been a source of inspiration in the decorating. From this terrace, there's a spectacular view of the Laurentian Mountains.*

Mary R. J. Ryan, Mont Tremblant, Quebec

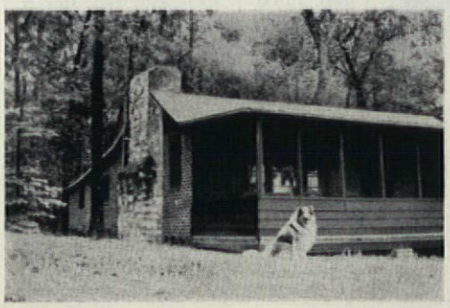
We began our building project with the purchase of a second-hand jeep and scoop, intending to excavate the basement ourselves. Living in New England, we should have known better—we've since named the place 'Fieldstone'! Nine years later, here's our lovely Y-shaped ranch house with stuccoed, half-timbered exterior.

Mrs. Richard Thayer, Marlborough, Massachusetts

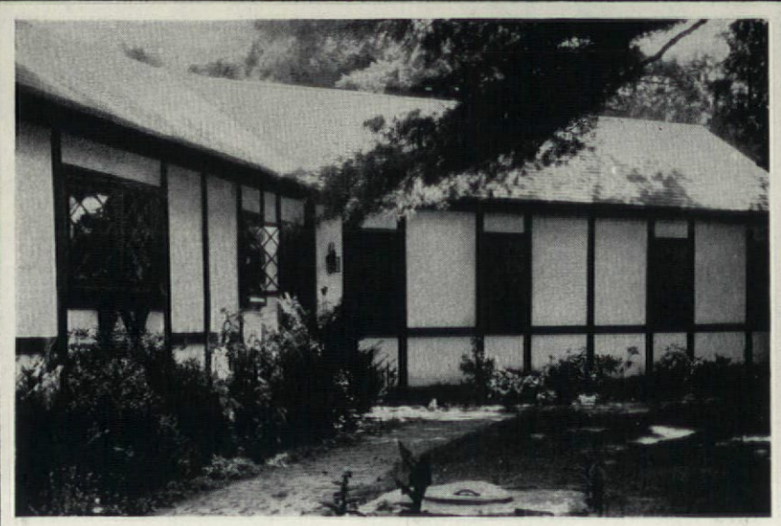
We recently bought this 150-year-old farmhouse in Maryland. It was in excellent condition in spite of its age, though it did, of course, need some remodeling—especially the kitchen. We love our home and would like to share it with other readers.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Cunningham, Davidsonville, Maryland

Mr. Douglas E. Imbach, Martinsburg, West Virginia



My family and I built this five-room brick cottage on a cliff overlooking the Potomac River. A path leads down to the dock for swimming, boating, and water skiing. Do you wonder we spend every available minute at our 'River Retreat'?



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- 1 cup chopped candied fruit
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Heat oven to 325° (slow mod.). Grease and flour 9x5x3" loaf pan. Combine date filling from Date Bar Mix package with hot water in large bowl. Add crumbly mix, eggs, flour, baking powder, molasses and spices; blend well. Fold in nuts and fruit thoroughly. Pour into prepared pan. Bake about 1 hour 20 minutes, or until toothpick stuck in center comes out clean. Cool. Wrap well in aluminum foil. Store in cool place 2 or 3 days before slicing. *Note:* If an 8½x4½x2¾" pan is used, bake 1 hr. and 45 to 50 min.

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