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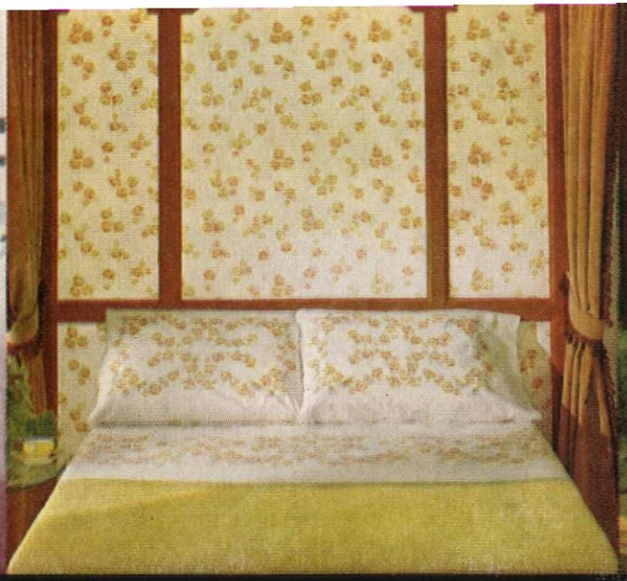

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FROM OUR HOUSE

"Then let us all rejoice amain,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
Then let us all rejoice amain,
On Christmas Day in the morning."

—I SAW THREE SHIPS

MARGY WYVILL ECCLESINE

I love the European custom of making an Advent wreath. It adds to the expectancy of children (and grownups, too) in the four weeks preceding Christmas. Last year I found a simple way of fashioning one, using a discarded tricycle wheel in a salad bowl. I drove four nails through the rubber tire of the wheel at even intervals and impaled a white candle on each. Then I placed the wheel in the bowl, filled with water, and laced hemlock clippings through the spokes to cover the mechanism. The hidden water kept the twigs green and fragrant. We lit a candle each Sunday and had one of the older children read something appropriate. With a red ribbon on one of the candles, the bowl makes a colorful, symbolic centerpiece throughout the pre-Christmas season.

It wouldn't be Christmas if . . .

. . . all the presents were bought and wrapped; the house were straight, the tree decorated, cookies baked—and there were nothing to do on Christmas Eve but sit around and wait.

. . . all the invitations for the parties we especially want to go to weren't for the same night, with nothing the weekend before or after.

. . . we didn't get at least one card unsigned, with the postmark illegible and the handwriting unfamiliar—causing speculation about who thought of us.

DIME STORE DELIRIUM

I really don't mind Christmas shopping. It's fun to splurge once a year on the big things that somebody has been plugging for for a long time. What really gets me are the shopping expeditions to the dime store with a little one in tow, all set to buy eight presents with a carefully saved dollar in pennies. It occurs to me that there aren't as many of those ten-cent items around any more as there used to be. Everything is 19c, 29c, 39c; and as I'm not too good at adding in my head, we're likely to wind up at the check-out counter with a total of $2.39, with guess who paying the difference.

White Magic

Amy, five, is looking out the upstairs window after a snowfall. They've been out sleigh riding the day before, and there have been flurries during the night.

"Hey, look, somebody's fixed up the ground. All the footprints are gone."

TREE MAJESTY

It always bothers me to buy a Christmas tree from a lot—cut, tied, and dumped impersonally. As children, we used to walk in the woods Sunday afternoons, weeks ahead of time, to look for *our* tree, which we'd mark and come back for later. This past summer, traveling through Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, we saw acres and acres of beauties. One day, deep in the primeval forest, with a carpet of moss underfoot and steeped in stillness, I came upon a long-needled pine, majestically lighted by a shaft of sunlight through the aspen. There it stood, just the right size, perfectly adorned by nature. No matter what we select from the lot this year, that's the tree I'll secretly see.

Children's Delight

A bowl of Fruit Nog—eggs, milk, vanilla ice cream, topped with scoops of orange sherbet—served in punch cups with short colored straws. Festive and delicious.

TO ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

"Make new friends—keep the old," is one of those priceless adages that seems more meaningful at Christmas time. I am grateful for all the new friends I've made through The American Home, especially readers who have taken time to write. Like the holly growers from Oregon and from New Jersey, who explained the difference between their holly and all the other kinds; or the lady who wrote for directions to the Pennsylvania Dutch Fair and followed up with an account of her trip. There were others who set me straight about shoo (not shoe) fly pie and sent me recipes; and several with families as large and noisy as ours who told me how they manage to have a peaceful dinner hour.

To all, a heartfelt wish from our house for a merry, truly joyous, Christmas.

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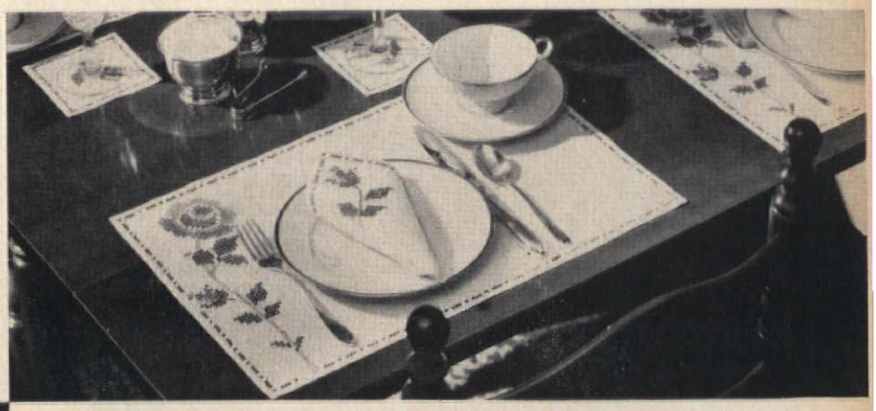
PEK-5, $1.00 each kit; 6 for $5.49

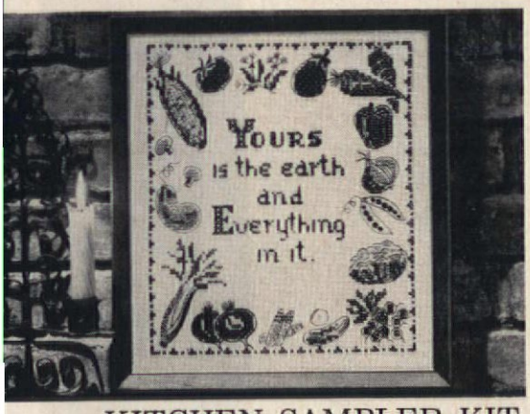
Picture it showing off your best china at luncheon or dinner. Imagine your breakfast served on this lovely rose patterned place mat set. What a cheery way to start the day! *American Home's* dewy, fresh-from-the-garden roses are stamped on creamy white 100% Belgian linen in a simple cross-stitch you can whip up in jig time. Each kit has everything you need for an individual place setting: a mat, a napkin, and a coaster. The embroidery thread, instructions, and color key are included. Order enough for all your needs. Make them for yourself or to give as gifts.



◂ SPRING FLOWERS PLACE MAT KIT

PEK-22, $1.00 each kit; 6 for $5.49

Lovely as springtime, the gay flowers on this place mat set will grace any table and enhance your china. Clearly stamped on creamy white 100% Belgian linen to cross-stitch in the natural flower colors. Once started you won't want to put it down, it has a growing fascination. Each kit includes one place mat, one napkin, and our special dividend, a matching coaster to embroider, also embroidery thread, color key, and instructions. They're perfect for a shower, housewarming, or wedding gifts, if you can bear to give them away!



KITCHEN SAMPLER KIT

PSK-10, $1.00 each kit

Capture the richness of earth's bounty with your needle, and frame it for lasting pleasure. Make it for yourself or as a gift to please a connoisseur of food or needlework. The cross-stitch design is highlighted with a little outline, satin-stitch, French knots, and straight stitch to give rounded form to the lush colorful vegetables. This sampler has a place in an Early American kitchen, yet the simplicity of the design makes it just as appropriate for a contemporary setting. Stamped on 100% Belgian linen, 12x14" with embroidery thread, instructions, and color key.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE SAMPLER KIT

PSK-1, $1.00 each kit

This patriotic sampler is an ideal project for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls to help earn their needlework credits. Think what a nice note it would make in a school hall or a library. How perfect it would be in a child's room. Kit contains all materials you will need. Stamped on 100% Belgian linen with a complete assortment of colored threads, a blue appliqué flag patch, color key, instructions. Size 12x14".

EAGLE SAMPLER KIT

PSK-20, $1.00 each kit

A truly handsome bird is *The American Home* eagle shown above. What a nice gift to make for the men of the family, and what a truly unusual gift for the man who has everything! Stamped on 100% Belgian linen, creamy white in color. Each kit includes brown and yellow thread for the eagle and a blue appliqué patch for the banner with red and white thread for its motto. Chart and color key make this embroidery project easy for the amateur. Instructions are very simple to follow. The over-all size is 12x20".

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GUIDE FOR HOME BUYERS PART XIII

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT INSURANCE FOR YOUR HOME?

You could lose your shirt—as well as your house—if you are not fully protected

■ If your property is damaged by fire, will your insurance cover the full cost of repairing all damage?

If snow and ice cause your roof rafters to collapse, can you collect under your policy?

If you accidentally spill paint and saturate your walls and floor do you have an insurance claim?

If your home is being remodeled, and one of your contractor's workmen injures himself with one of your power tools, can the workman collect damages from you, and if so, does your insurance policy protect you?

If you're not sure of the answers, you're in the company of thousands of other home owners who are confused about the fine points of their insurance protection. There are different types of policies for just about every kind of insurance, and the type you have will determine just how much you'll collect. Most people gloss over the subject until they suffer a loss, or are faced with a lawsuit. Then they may discover their coverage isn't what they thought it was.

Just about everyone needs and carries insurance of one kind or another. But every home owner should have and thoroughly understand two kinds in particular: property (commonly called fire) insurance and liability insurance. Burglary and theft insurance is also an extremely valuable form of protection. The importance of these coverages is underscored by a relatively recent development in the insurance field—the Homeowners Policy, which many home owners now have. This coverage (which we'll discuss later) may be the best insurance buy available to you today since it offers in a single package the protection most needed by home owners. There are several types available to meet varying needs. (continued on page 64)

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BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

■ The Christmas greetings you see here date back to what is known as "the golden age of Christmas"—the Victorian years that saw Christmas revered and celebrated in a fashion unknown to any other era. This was the period when Charles Dickens published "A Christmas Carol," when Prince Albert introduced the first Christmas tree to England, when Clement Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas" suddenly achieved wide popularity. The first Yule card appeared

"A JOYOUS WELCOME TO ALL FRIENDS, AND A HAPPY CHRISTMAS MAY YOU SPEND"

Leonard Balish

Courtesy of the Hallmark Historical Collection

in 1843. The nostalgic collection we show here dates back to the 1860s through the 1890s. You see a chrome lithograph of the "Old Woman in a Shoe," one of the earliest three-panel fold-out cards, as well as cards illustrated by Kate Greenaway whose paintings of children have long since become famous. Reproductions of these cards are not available today; you'll find many similar ones in the card shops that have been inspired by this same sentimental Victorian era. Christmas cards are identified on page 69.

There are only two really fine dishwashers. This one is better than the other. Why?

Because of a lot of things you call convenience and we call engineering advances. Like the blue tub lining of this Waste King Universal built-in. It's Triple-X poly vinyl. Food won't catch on it... dishes won't break on it, as they do against porcelain... and it will never rust. □ That's just one of the things that make Waste King Universal better than all the other dishwashers you could buy. There are more—a special basket for baby-bottle nipples and other small things... a timer-controlled detergent dispenser... extra capacity... convenient random loading. Some other dishwashers have some of these extras. Only Waste King Universal has them all. □ Ask any woman who uses one. Or better still, compare for your own satisfaction. □ And see the Waste King Universal free-standing gas ranges, built-in gas and electric ranges, and food waste disposers. Los Angeles 58, Calif.

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MAKE OUR LOVELY CRÈCHE IN A PEEK-THROUGH BOX

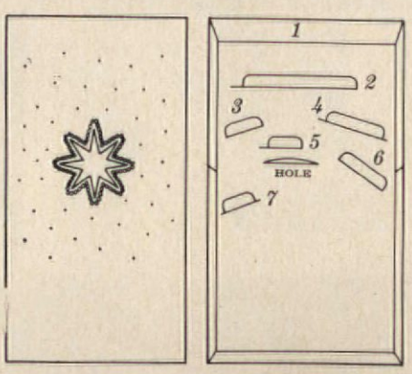
This simple paper cut-out nativity scene in a peek-through box is a charming way to teach your child the true meaning of Christmas.

First cut a round peephole ¾″ in diameter in the center of one end of a shoe box. Then cut a rectangular or elliptical opening 2x½″ in the bottom of the box about 4″ from the opposite end.

To make the figures more rigid, paste on thin cardboard the portion of the page containing the figures and then cut them out. Cut out the scenic panel and glue it in place at the opposite end of the peephole. Bend back the base flaps on the figures and tape or glue them to the bottom of the box in positions shown.

The exterior of the box may be as simple or elaborate as you wish. To decorate it, use brocade, velvet, metallic paper, or any suitable Christmas paper and embellish with ribbon, jewels, gold lace-paper edging, braid, or any other trimming material you might have. With a darning needle or ice pick punch tiny holes for stars in the lid of the box. Then cut a 2″ star-shaped hole in lid directly above the opening in the bottom of the box. Tape a piece of translucent paper to the inside of star (not essential). This will be the Star of Bethlehem.

To view the scene hold the covered box over a patch of intense sunlight or a table lamp, so that a strong light is cast up through the bottom of the box. As you tip the box gently from side to side you will see a play of lights on the nativity scene.



Placement:
1. *Background*
2. *Stable*
3. *Joseph*
4. *Two kings*
5. *Mary and the Infant*
6. *One king*
7. *Shepherd*

***Green velvet** wrapped around the shoe box gives a rich elegant effect. We embellished the edges of the box with red velvet ribbon and gold foil trim. The star was outlined with gold cord and pearls.*

The background

Mary and the Infant

The stable

Joseph

One king

Shepherd

Two kings

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The Floor Watcher
Dirt on rugs and floors upsets her, she cleans every day. See gift 1.

The Squinter
Can't tell time in the dark. Uses a flashlight. See gifts 2 and 4.

The Decorator
Hates blank walls, likes to dress them up with knick-knacks. See gift 3.

The Entertainer
Likes lots of company, keeps the coffeepot working overtime. See gift 5.

The Pancake Poke
Makes pancakes or waffles one at a time, uses every pan in the house. See gift 6.

The Fresh-air Fien
Keeps window wide op at night. His mate freeze See gift 7.

How to play Santa to

1. New, lightweight sweeper!
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3. New "Plain and Fancy" Kitchen Clock! Bold, modern design with a dial you can read from across the room! Comes in yellow, pink or turquoise case. Watch it add sparkle to any kitchen wall!

4. New "Decor-ette" Snooz-Alarm® Clock! Dial lights u at night. Wakes you up, lets you snooz for 10 minutes, wakes you again Handy View Alarm Light tells yo when alarm is set. Only 3 inches high

5. Stainless steel, inside and out!
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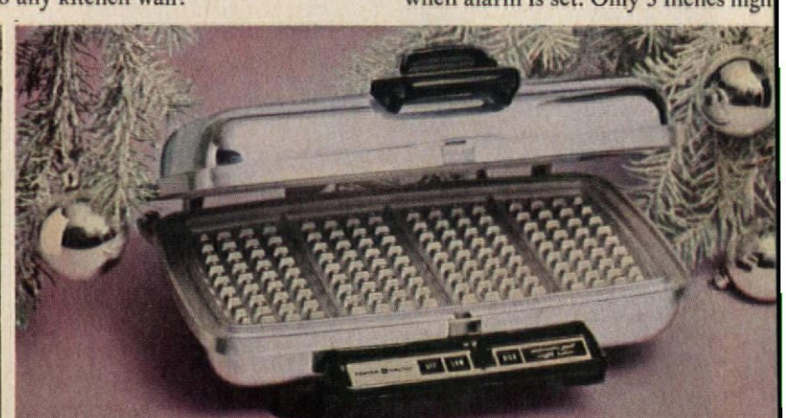

6. Makes four big waffles at a time!
General Electric's Sandwich Grill and Waffle Iron has reversible grids tha make delicious pancakes, too. Grills sandwiches, bacon and eggs.

7. Guards your sleeping warmth!
General Electric "Waverly" Automatic Blanket has dependable Sleep-Guard®. Moreover, maintains sleeping temperature you select. Single or dual

ıe Grater Hater
ates cheese, chops nuts hand. Unless dad is ound to do it. See gift 8.

The Maharanee
Drapes towel around head to dry hair, can't hear a word. See gift 9.

The Toast Arsonist
Has to dig for toast. Often burns toast, likewise English muffins. See gift 10.

The Batter Beater
Bakes cakes often, gets arm-weary from beating batter. See gift 11.

The Can Contester
Has a struggle opening cans, often cuts finger. See gift 12.

The Sprinkler
Douses clothes for ironing, spends hours ironing them dry. See gift 13.

12 harried people (with General Electric gifts, of course!)

. New, low-silhouette blender!
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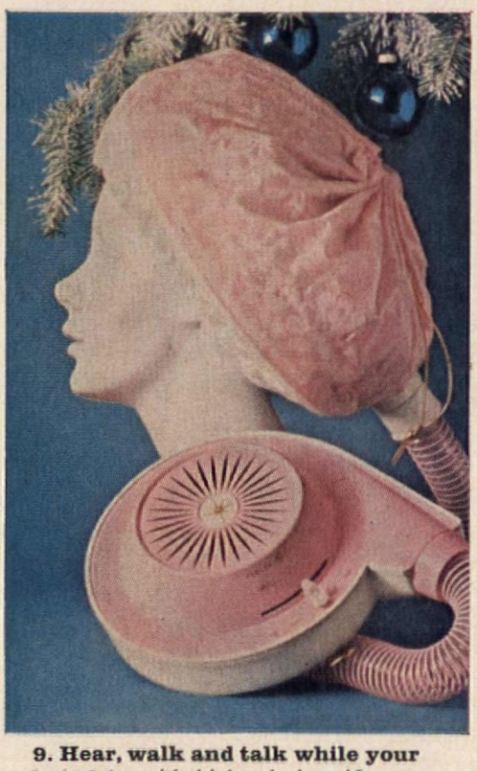

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Hollies can be grown on the entire West Coast, in the Eastern states from southern New England to the middle of Florida, and in all but the desert and mountain regions of the southern one-third of the states all across the country. The hardiest of the popular evergreen hollies can stand temperatures to about 10 below zero, the less hardy to about zero. Where temperatures get to these levels, however, they should not be planted in windy locations unless they can be protected in winter with burlap or other suitable screens.

Cutting holly berries and foliage at Christmas does not harm the plants. All hollies need occasional pruning—either to improve their shapeliness or to prevent them from growing too large—and so Christmas cuttings can be part of their regular pruning.

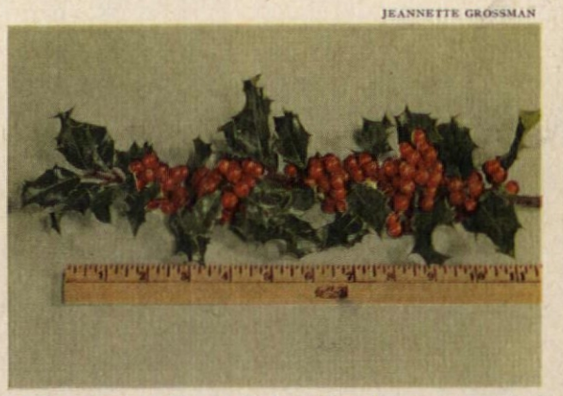
To produce lots of berries, hollies need sun most of the day, but they make attractive foliage plants even in shade. They grow best in fairly light, loamy, well-drained, neutral to slightly acid soil, and they need a reasonably good supply of moisture during the growing season. But they're much less demanding in this respect than rhododendrons, azaleas, mountain laurels, camellias, and many other popular plants. And their needs can be easily supplied by a little soil conditioning, fertilizing, and watering.

American holly (Ilex opaca) is the most useful of the evergreen tree hollies. It grows slowly into a handsome, more or less conical tree 15 to 25 feet high. In time (a long time!) the larger-growing varieties get to be 50 feet or more. By regular once-a-year pruning most of them can be kept to 6 feet or so, either treelike or shrublike, and with frequent shearing they make a splendid hedge. Most varieties withstand 10 below zero, or a little lower if it's not accompanied by too much wind.

English holly (Ilex aquifolium) has the most beautiful foliage (continued)

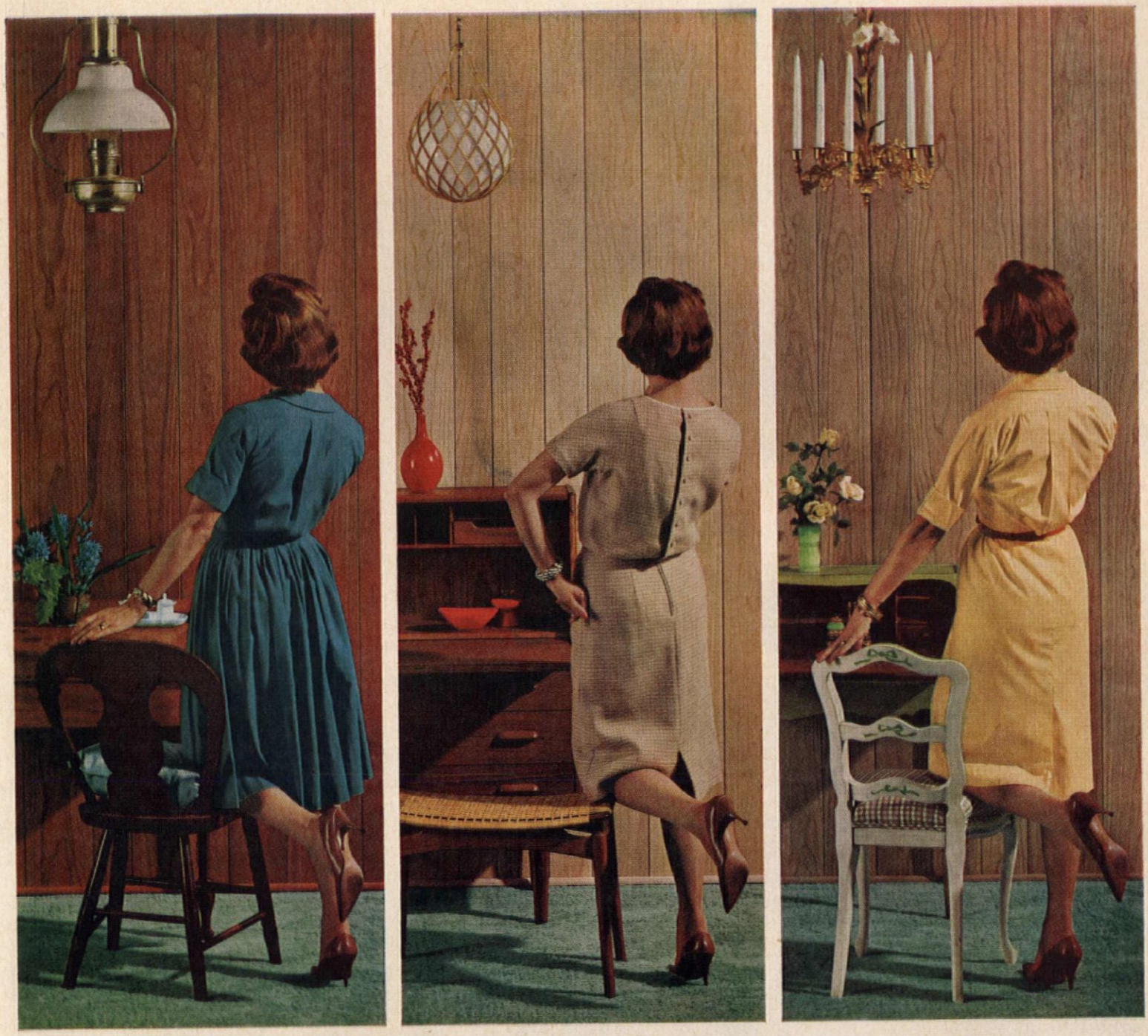
American holly (*Ilex opaca*), right, *is the hardiest red-berried evergreen kind. It'll make a handsome shrub or tree in your garden and will give you plenty of attractive berries for Christmas cutting.*

JEANNETTE GROSSMAN



English holly *(Ilex aquifolium) has the most beautiful foliage, dense clusters of brilliant berries, and grows into a magnificent shrub or tree. Less hardy than American holly, it stands temperatures to about zero.*

Chinese holly *(Ilex cornuta) has rich, lustrous leaves and the densest clusters of berries. It makes a beautiful shrub and is about as hardy as English holly. This branch is of the variety 'Burford.'*



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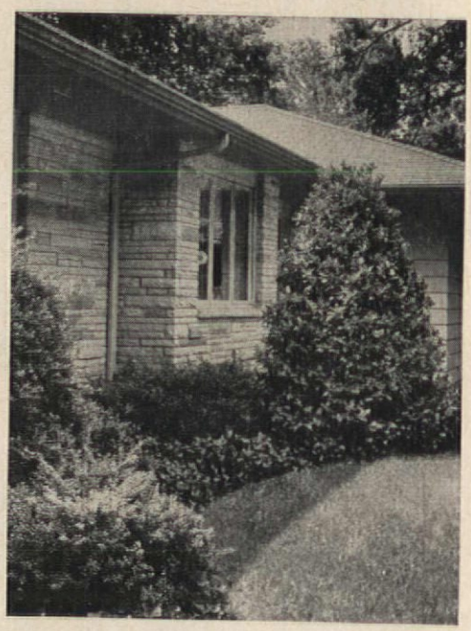
***Looking for the right plant** for a built-in planter? Try convexleaf Japanese holly, as used here at the entrance to the northern New Jersey home of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Adoff. Unless your winters are too cold for hollies, you'll find them the most adaptable of all evergreen shrubs—and also the most beautiful.*



***An all-holly foundation planting** is close to the ultimate in exterior decorating! Here, at the Samuel Marions' home, convexleaf Japanese holly (convexa) is in the foreground, littleleaf (microphylla) at left, dwarf variety 'Stokes' in center, and the large specimen at the back is a form of English holly, ciliata major.*

and berries. The leaves are glossier, more wavy, and darker green than those of the American type, and the berries are in denser clusters and brighter. It's less hardy, however, and is risky in areas where below-zero temperatures are the rule. English holly normally grows as a tree, of about the same size and shape as American, but in the cooler regions, where young growth often loses its tips, it usually takes on the form of a several-stemmed shrub.

Chinese holly (Ilex cornuta) usually grows into a rounded or broad-conical shrub 6 or 8 feet high, but it can be easily kept shorter by once-a-year-pruning. It has beautiful foliage, almost as lustrous as English holly, but somewhat lighter colored, less wavy, and squarish in shape. The berries are brightly colored and densely clustered. It's about as hardy as English holly and so is best suited to regions that don't ordinarily get below-zero temperatures.

American, English, and Chinese hollies come in numerous more or less distinct varieties. All are magnificently effective as individual specimens or in combination with other shrubs or trees. By regular pruning they can also be adapted to focal-point use in foundation plantings.

Japanese holly (Ilex crenata) is perhaps the most valuable of all the popular types because of its adaptability to so many landscape uses. Most varieties grow into medium-size shrubs, 5 to 6 feet high and 3 to 4 feet across. The tallest, if not pruned, eventually get to be 15 feet or more, while the lowest growing never get much above 18 inches. Even the tallest can be kept to 2 feet or so by regular pruning—or by frequent shearing if a solid, clipped hedge effect is desired.

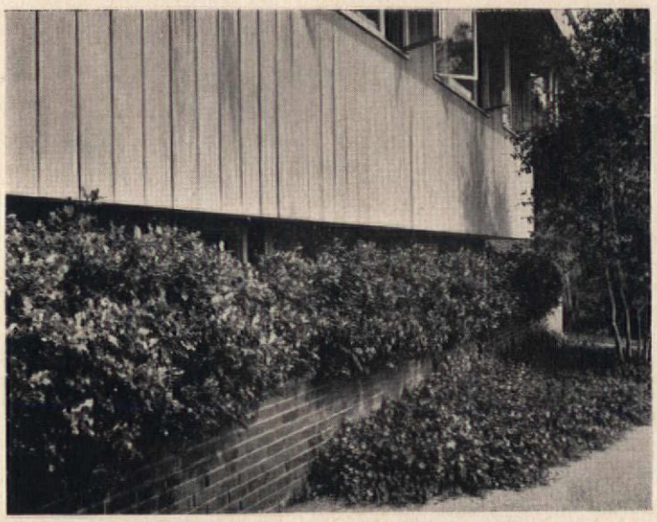
The leaves of Japanese hollies are much smaller than those of the other kinds, are a rich, dark, glossy green, and have no spines. There are many varieties available and their leaves range in size from ½ to 1½ inches long, in shape from nearly round to very slender (⅛ by 1 inch), and from flat to markedly convex.

All these characteristics—compact growth, ease of pruning or shearing, richness and distinctiveness of foliage—make the Japanese hollies suitable for use in any type foundation planting for any type of house. Their broad adaptability also makes them ideal material for planting near outdoor living areas, as individual specimens, in hedges, and in shrubbery borders with other plants.

Their only shortcoming, compared with the other hollies, is that their berries are black and therefore relatively inconspicuous.

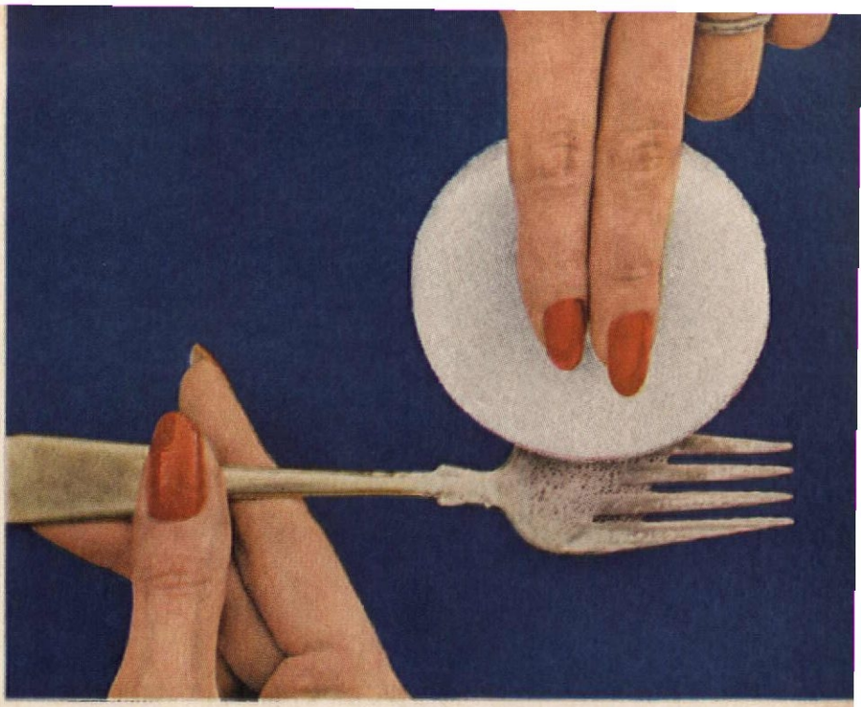
Most varieties of Japanese holly are about as hardy as the American species—that is, can stand temperatures to about 10 below zero. In protected spots they're likely to withstand even greater cold, but, like many evergreens, they may be temporarily damaged by less severe temperatures accompanied by high wind.

You'll find most nurseries in the "holly belt" handle at least a few varieties of each kind. But you may find salesmen referring to American, English, and Chinese kinds by the English name "holly" and to Japanese kinds by the Latin name "ilex"!



***Their versatility**, next to their attractiveness, is the reason for the rising popularity of all the hollies. This unusual use of the English holly variety ciliata major is by Landscape Architect James Rose at the Philip Kruvants' home in northern New Jersey.*

***If you become a holly collector**, like Holly Society President William E. Snyder, you'll have the makings of an exceptionally well-landscaped garden. Designed by Roy H. De Boer, this area of Dr. Snyder's garden includes American holly, several forms of Japanese holly, low junipers, and a dwarf Hinoki cypress.*



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The companies making these kits are deeply concerned with our country's future—and your child's part in it. Not completely altruistic, some are also wondering where their own next wave of scientists is coming from. This, along with the hope of selling the kits like hot cakes, has encouraged them to combine their skills and resources to introduce a new type of educational kit that will start young people on the adventure of learning through play. In so doing, they have made an investment in America's youth. You can make this investment pay off, because you are the one best able to spot and develop your child's interests. You can put into his hands the tools to develop his special talents. What you will give him far surpasses the play value of most "toys." We feel that the kits shown here, and others like them in the stores, are bound to turn many a bump of curiosity into a mountain of knowledge. But most important of all, the kids, not to mention their dads, are going to love them.

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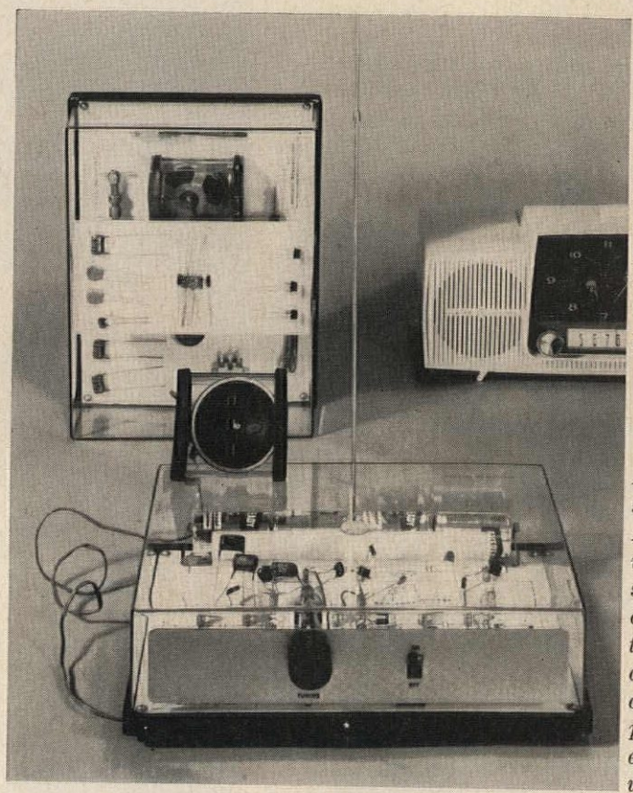

***One of a line of seven** assembly kits that might prove to be a breakthrough into the subject of transistor electronics for a teen-ager, this kit teaches the basic principles of radio transmission. The child learns by building a 3-transistor radio transmitter with a microphone and whip antenna. With it he can talk through his own near-by radio. As with many other kits, the neat packaging becomes an integral part of the project. $19.95. General Electric Co.*

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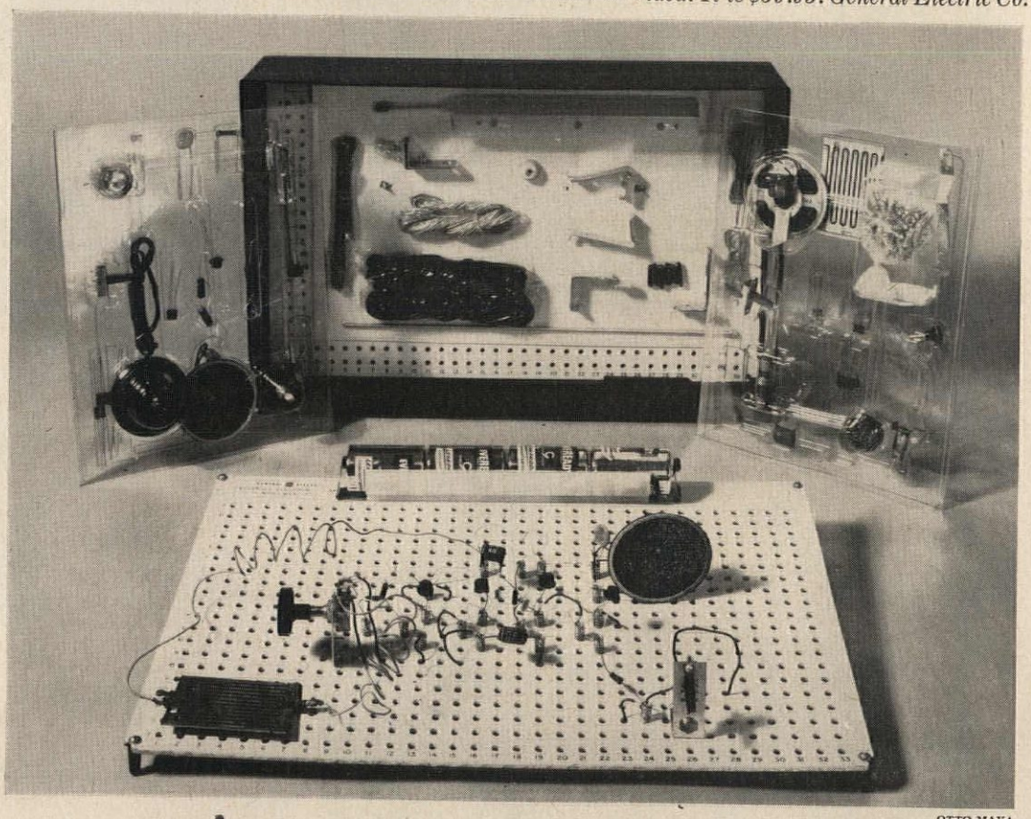

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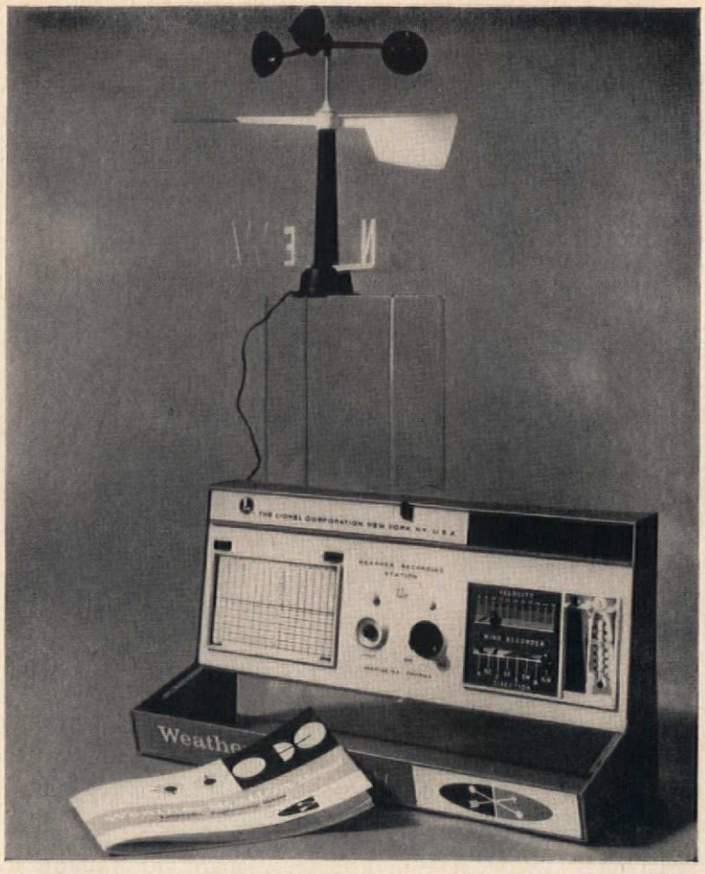

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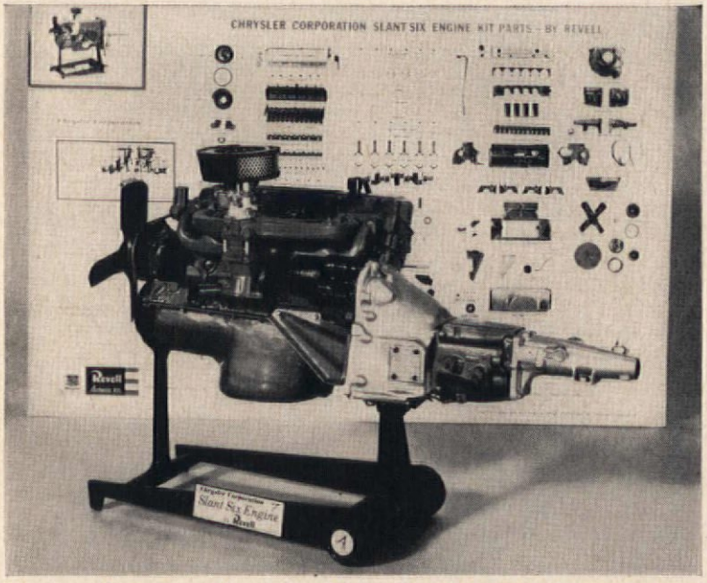

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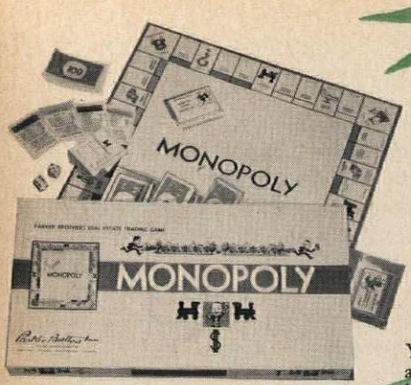

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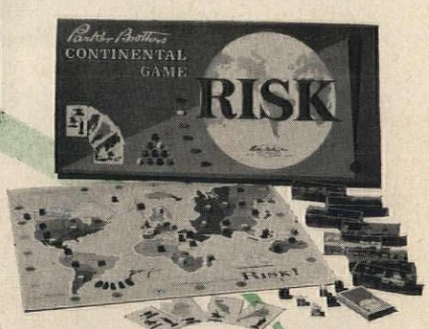

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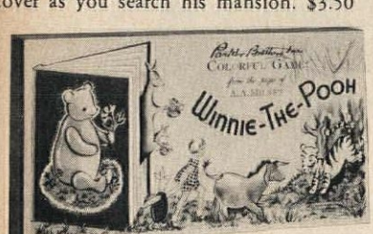

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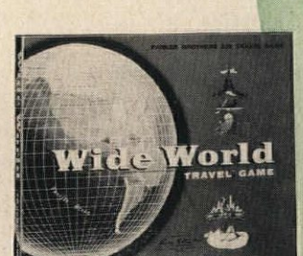

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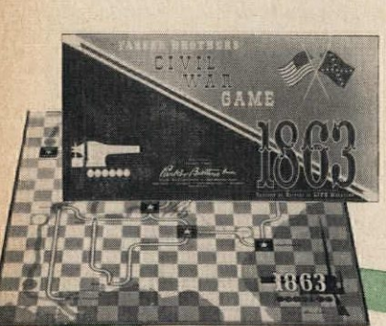

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THE FHA ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

Neal J. Hardy, FHA Commissioner

Can the new 20-year FHA-insured home improvement loans be used for fallout shelters?

Yes. There has been a ruling by FHA to that effect.

All loans of this kind will not have 20-year terms, however. The term can be 5, 10, 15, or 20 years, whichever is appropriate for the individual loan. A lender might not be willing, for example, to allow 15 or 20 years for repayment of a $1000 loan.

The new home improvement loans are intended for major remodeling or improvements, and for this reason the minimum loan amount has been set at $2500 ($1000 if the property is an urban renewal area); but if the loan is to finance the building of a fallout shelter there is no minimum amount.

Also, the home to be improved with one of the new loans must be at least 10 years old, unless the loan is to pay for major structural improvements or to correct defects that were not known when the house was completed or were caused by fire, flood, or other casualty. The building of a fallout shelter is considered a major structural alteration, and so the requirement that the house must be at least 10 years old is waived when the loan is for that purpose.

Fallout shelters can also be financed with FHA-insured Title I property improvement loans in amounts up to $3500, repayable in not more than 5 years.

There is a 20-year FHA mortgage on my home. I would like to shorten the repayment time to 10 or 12 years by making extra payments now and then. I am told I would have to pay a one per cent prepayment charge if I did so. Is this true?

No. FHA regulations were amended on May 26, 1961, to provide that if an insured home mortgage is paid in full at any time after it has been in force for 10 years no prepayment charge will be made.

It has always been possible under the FHA system for a home owner to pay off his mortgage in advance without incurring a prepayment charge, if his extra payments to principal in any one year do not amount to more than 15 per cent of the original loan.

Also, if you were to sell your home at any time to a buyer who financed it with a new FHA-insured mortgage, there would be no prepayment charge.

How old does a working wife have to be in order that FHA will take her salary into account in considering an application for mortgage insurance?

FHA has no specific requirement in this respect. The age of a working wife is considered along with a number of other factors in determining the dependability of her income. A wife's income can be counted, regardless of her age, if FHA establishes that her employment is a normal and continuing part of the family living pattern.

I have a conventional mortgage of $18,000 on my home, made for a 12-year term at 6½ per cent interest, and I would like to refinance with a 40-year FHA mortgage. Whom should I see about this?

An FHA-insured mortgage to refinance a home is limited by law to not more than 30 years.

The Administration housing bill introduced in Congress early this year proposed FHA insurance for 40-year, no-down-payment mortgages on low-cost homes. As finally enacted into law, the bill required a down payment and provided that when the mortgage was approved by FHA for insurance

for low-cost homes only (that is, homes in the $11,000 to $15,000 range) can be lengthened to 40 years. But an insured mortgage to refinance a home in any price range cannot have a term longer than 30 years.

You can apply for an FHA-insured mortgage to any bank, building and loan association, mortgage company, or other lender approved by FHA to make such loans.

Several years ago I bought a large house and converted it into two units. I occupy one and rent the other. I have room enough on my lot to add two more units onto the house. My mortgage carries interest at 4½ per cent and has been reduced to a small balance. Could I get one of the new home improvement loans to help pay for the new construction?

You should be able to use one of the new loans for your purpose, if the completed property would meet FHA standards. The improvement loan could not exceed any of the following limitations:

3. An amount which, added to your present mortgage balance, would not be greater than the mortgage FHA could insure based on its estimate of what the property value will be after the improvements are completed. An insured mortgage is limited to not more than 97 per cent of $15,000 of the property value, plus 90 per cent of the next $5000 of value, plus 75 per cent of the value above $20,000. Keep in mind, however, that for a four-family property, the mortgage cannot exceed $35,000.

Here's how it works. Suppose your present mortgage balance is $10,000 and the cost of your addition and improvements is estimated at $30,000. Assuming that the value of the improved property would justify an insured mortgage in the maximum amount of $35,000, the largest improvement loan FHA could insure would be $25,000.

You said in this column some time ago that an FHA home buyer who was 62 or older could borrow the down payment. What about a buyer who is not that old? Couldn't he borrow on his car or

tions require the home buyer to have an investment in the property in cash or its equivalent. He can borrow for the purpose on other assets provided the collateral is of a kind that is ordinarily accepted by lenders as security and the amount and term of the loan on the collateral are consistent with its value.

For example, he can borrow on the cash surrender value of his life insurance. He can borrow on real estate he owns other than the home he is financing with the new mortgage. He can borrow on marketable securities.

Also, work that he intends to do on the house himself can be counted as part of his investment to the extent of its value to the property, if he can show that he is able to do the work competently and without interference with his regular employment.

He can use money given to him by a close relative who signs a statement to the effect that it is an actual gift and is not to be repaid.

He cannot create an unsecured debt to provide any part of the required cash. He cannot borrow on his household furniture or on tools he uses in his work.

eral Housing Administration.

The dictionary meaning is "joint dominion or sovereignty." In Roman law, condominium meant joint ownership. In housing today, it means ownership by individual families in an apartment building of the apartments they occupy. This form of ownership has been used successfully in Puerto Rico and some European countries, but it is relatively new in the United States.

The Housing Act of 1961 authorized FHA for the first time to insure a mortgage that covers an individual apartment and an undivided interest in the common areas and facilities that serve the building, such as corridors, stairs, elevators, lobbies, land, parking areas, and community and commercial facilities.

An individual owner can own not more than three apartments covered by insured mortgages, in addition to the one he owns and occupies in the building.

If you have a question for this column, please write Neal J. Hardy, FHA Commissioner, The American Home, 300 Park Ave., New York 22, N.Y.

'Twas the night before Christmas
When all through the house
Not a creature was
Not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by
The chimney with care,
In hopes that Saint
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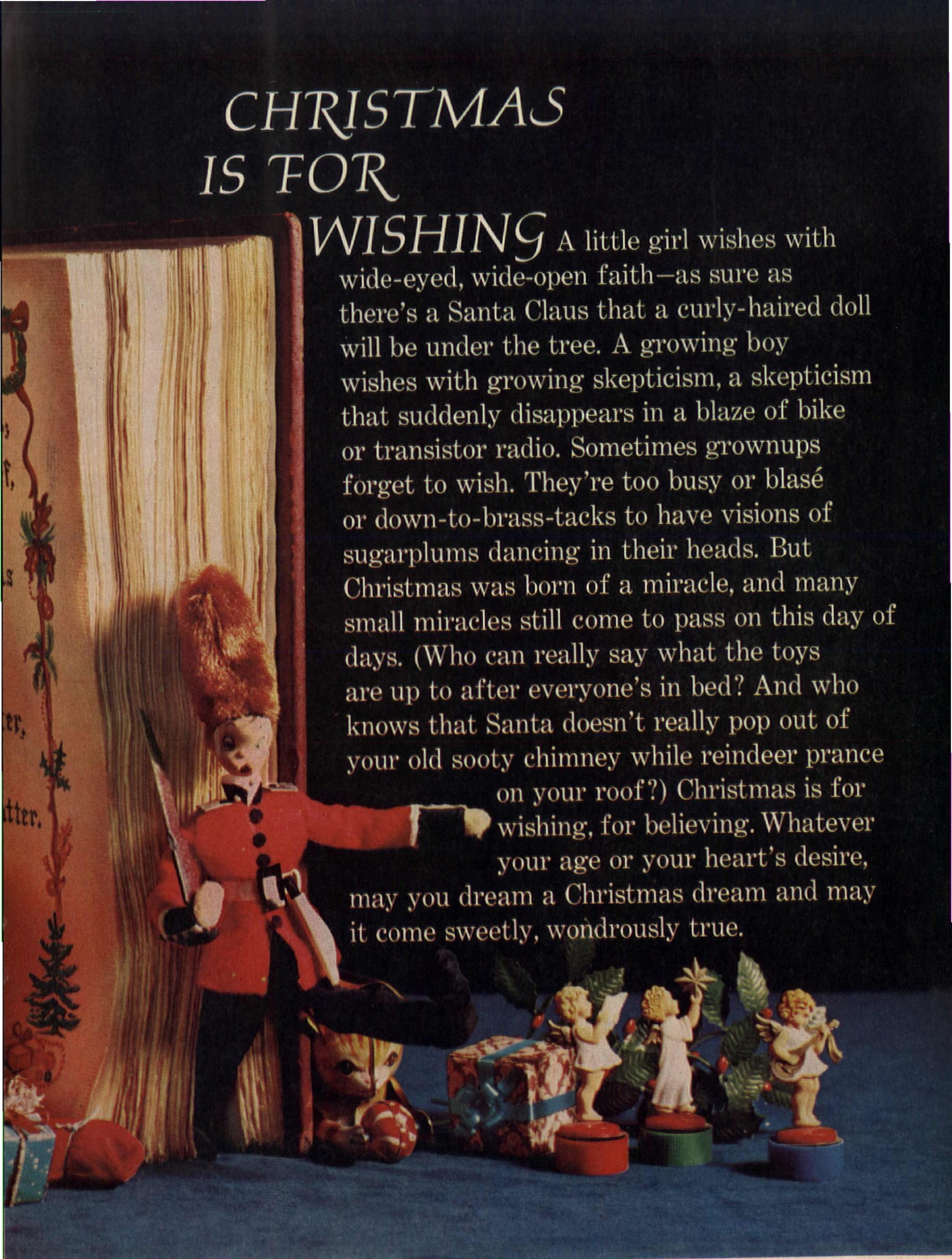
CHRISTMAS IS FOR WISHING



A little girl wishes with wide-eyed, wide-open faith—as sure as there's a Santa Claus that a curly-haired doll will be under the tree. A growing boy wishes with growing skepticism, a skepticism that suddenly disappears in a blaze of bike or transistor radio. Sometimes grownups forget to wish. They're too busy or blasé or down-to-brass-tacks to have visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads. But Christmas was born of a miracle, and many small miracles still come to pass on this day of days. (Who can really say what the toys are up to after everyone's in bed? And who knows that Santa doesn't really pop out of your old sooty chimney while reindeer prance on your roof?) Christmas is for wishing, for believing. Whatever your age or your heart's desire, may you dream a Christmas dream and may it come sweetly, wondrously true.

CHRISTMAS ALL OVER THE HOUSE

Inside and outside, in the hall, on the wall, on the table, at the window . . . it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Here are dozens of gay and glamorous decorating ideas to make your house the Christmas-iest in town.

ESPALIERED EVERGREEN TREE is a delightfully imaginative departure from customary wreath or spray of fresh greens. Start with a frame of 1″ square moulding, braced at the corners. Wire on tips of golden arborvitae, spruce, or Princess pine. Use generous loops of heavier wire to hold glittering tree-top ornaments firmly in place. Trim with red velvet bows, holly berries, strings of tiny ornaments. For the base, cut a paper bucket in half and cover with red felt. Gold braid and a Santa peering over the rim complete this enchanting decoration.

LEAFY CHRISTMAS BELLS were inspired by a Williamsburg decoration. Tier upon tier of glossy green camellia leaves are attached to plastic foam bells, with bright red Christmas balls for clappers and a graceful festoon of tasseled red silk roping. Carve bells with ring tops out of 2″-thick plastic foam blocks (see page 70). Bevel sides and cut shallow scoop out of bottom. Starting at the base, tack on fresh camellia or lemon leaves with stapling gun (or strong hairpins). Bend bottom row of leaves under bell; bend half-leaves around top ring.

DESIGNER: BENNY HUBBARD OF IRENE HAYES, W AND S PHOTOGRAPHED AT LENNOX SHOP, HEWLETT, N. Y., BY LISANTI

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AN OLD-FASHIONED SWEDISH WHEAT TREE for winter birds inspired this welcoming door decoration. Spray the handle of a child's broom bright red. Holding broom upright, tie a sheaf of wheat where handle meets broom straws. Cut a tree form out of green plastic foam, glue to broom above wheat. Pierce foam tree with an ice pick and insert sprigs of boxwood in holes. Wire fat red berries to the greens, add dime store birds and big red bow.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS is a charming flight of fancy for indoors or out. You'll treasure it for many Christmases, just adding fresh greens. The plastic foam balloon is painted turquoise. (You could also make a balloon of wire covered with fabric.) The "net" is made of tiny huckleberry leaves. There's a garland of leaves and berries around the red velvet suspension lines, a miniature tree and cluster of holly below. How-to's are on page 71.

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HOME OWNER: DR. R. S. GEORGE AT SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN, MAINE PHOTOGRAPHER: LISANTI

NOEL

"PICK A GIFT" TREE (left) is snowy plastic foam with cut-out niches to hold gay presents for drop-in guests. The four Noel blocks at base are the November American Home Kit #PCK-24; see order form on page 79.

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TINY RED CHRISTMAS ROSEBUDS and spicy smelling boxwood greens form a tree-shaped arrangement in brass compote on antique desk, right.

HOME OF MR. AND MRS. ROBERT A. DUNCAN, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA
DESIGNERS: MRS. BAXTER BELL, JR. AND MRS. ROBERT WALLACE, JR.

HOME OF MR. AND MRS. ROBERT A. DUNCAN, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA
DESIGNERS: MRS. ROBERT HORNSBY (ABOVE) AND MRS. ROBERT WALKER (BELOW)

BELLS OF IRELAND with red carnations and silver Christmas bells (top) ring out Yuletide cheer in a glass epergnette inside a silver candlestick. You might prefer traditional holly and eucalyptus with red carnations.

18TH CENTURY APPLE TREE beside an antique snipe decoy is made on a wooden cone circled with rows of finishing nails on which fruit is pressed, with boxwood between. See page 70.

HOME OF MR. AND MRS. JAMES A. HEWITT, COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG DESIGNER: MRS. JAMES A. HEWITT INFORMATION: JOANNE B. YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER: WARREN REYNOLDS

F. M. DEMAREST

WARREN REYNOLDS

"STRING OF POPCORN PEARLS" MANTEL, opposite, combines strings of popcorn with classic arborvitae rope hung in artistic swags and trimmed with pine cones and red ribbon.

POPCORN TREE AND WREATH are merry concoctions. Attach popcorn wreath and green wreath to cardboard, lace together with ribbons. Make tree on chicken-wire cone. Special popcorn recipe on page 70.

OLD WORLD HARVEST TREE depicts the story of the harvest with simple ornaments. Originally made of native roadside reeds, grasses, wheat, etc., these materials are now found in hobby-craft shops. See page 69.

COURTESY OF CHEROKEE GARDEN CLUB, ATLANTA, GEORGIA. INFORMATION: SUSAN JONES MEDLOCK

F. M. DEMAREST

TOY TREE CENTERPIECE is almost a party in itself. The cocoa-and-marshmallow crowd will love having a Christmas tree all to themselves—not to mention the dangling toy favors to pick and take home at "goodby-and-thank-you" time. You can load your tree with treasures from dime and novelty stores—these cost between 5c and 69c. Our tree was made from boughs stuck into a plastic foam trunk; the base is a plain clay pot decorated with Mexican straw beads. You might use a fresh or artificial miniature evergreen tree and camouflage the base with felt or paper.

Other ideas: trim a "Candy Tree" centerpiece with candy canes, gay strings of gumdrops, and fancy foil-wrapped chocolate Santas and angels. For a child's room decorate a tiny tree with odd earrings, cast-off jewelry, favorite old toys, shiny paper stars, and precious handmade ornaments carried home from kindergarten.

F. M. DEMAREST

CHILDREN'S STRAWBERRY TABLE makes Christmas dinner a delight for young and old. Berries on the cloth are picked right off the walls. Centerpiece of marzipan strawberries can be nibbled for dessert. Note gay ornaments in goblets and surprise balls for wound-up kids to unwind.

HOLIDAY HOOPLA TREE adds touch of frou-frou and frivolity to your table, console, or buffet. Frilly white bouclé yarn hoops dangle from green and red ribbons, are trimmed with glamorous red Christmas roses. Ribbons are attached to white-painted wooden dowel mounted on a wooden base.

DESIGNER: MRS. A. WHEELER FOR THE FINE ARTS AUXILIARY OF THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN CALIF.
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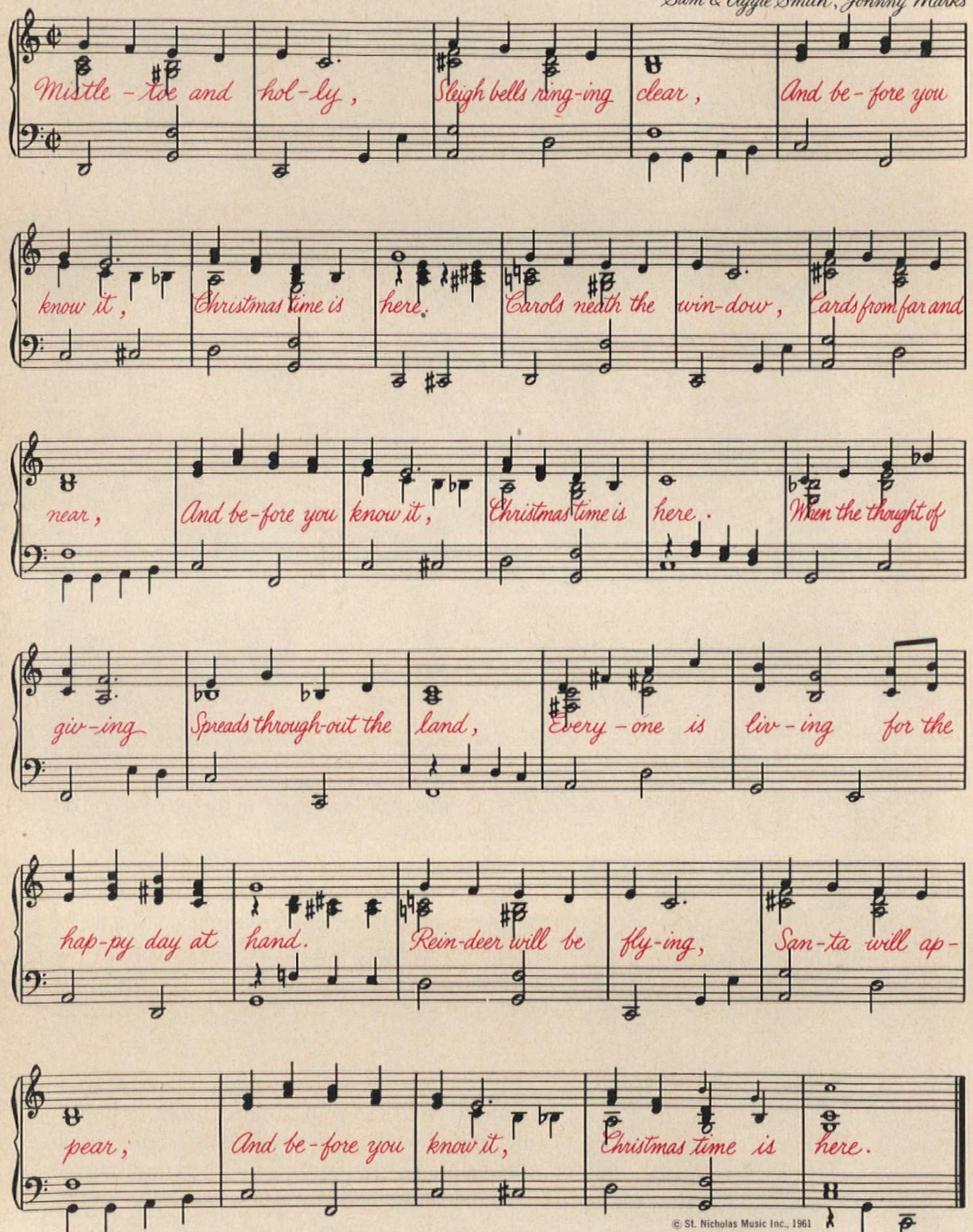
Christmas Time Is Here

Sam & Aggie Smith, Johnny Marks



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SING THIS MERRY NEW CHRISTMAS CAROL. It's as bright and fresh as the very first snowflake and sure to be hummed in your home for many Christmases to come. A special gift for you, sent to us by American Home readers Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith.

LISANTI

DRUM HOSPITALITY TABLE invites one and all to step up and share the season's joys. Cardboard drum frame is covered in green felt trimmed with upholstery cord, tassels, and seals. Punch is served in an antique urn-shaped dispenser. Children's "candy canes" are gift-filled paper tubes, wrapped presents are for grownups. How-to's on page 68.

GIFTS THAT WILL LAST ALL YEAR LONG

Rudy Muller

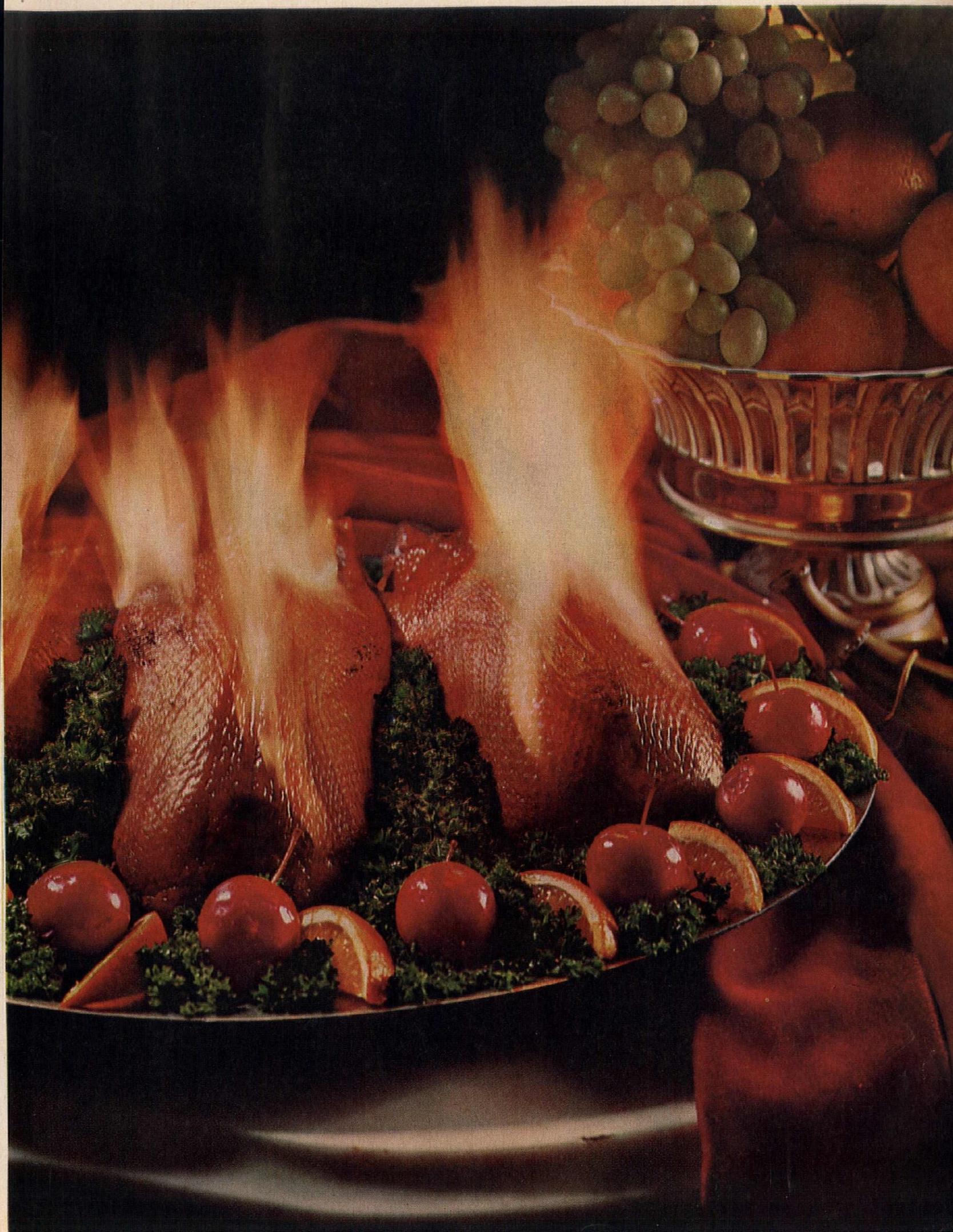
Nothing will ever take the place of dolls and dump trucks. But the woods (and television screens) are filled with glittery, gimmicky toys that lose their charms as fast as a Christmas tree loses its needles. If you're tired of presents that are forlorn and forgotten by the second week in January, there are dozens of delightful surprises *outside* of the toy department. There are presents for the home—a gay wicker chair, a barber-pole lamp, a chest of drawers, a smoochable teddy-bear rug. There are presents for the mind—a real, working telescope, phonograph records, a globe. There are keep-busy presents—bar bells, carpenter tools, a real electric soda-fountain mixer. How about a subscription to a magazine, or to a concert series? Or a real-live present—a puppy, a bowl of fish, or a living Christmas tree? Whether it's a big, expensive present or stocking-stuffers from the drug or hardware store, nontoy gifts are a wonderful investment. Shopping Information, page 70.

A GALA FEAST OF WILD GAME

If your husband stalks in with a brace of pheasant—don't panic. Cook it! Whether he bags it or you buy it, there's nothing quite like wild game. Its rich, succulent, dark-fleshed flavor makes gourmets the world over go weak in the knees. Herewith, the tricks of preparing, seasoning, and bringing wild game to the perfect state of juicy doneness. Imagine a magnificent trio of steaming Roast Wild Ducks with Apricot Stuffing nesting in regal splendor on your holiday table. Think of the treat in store with delicate, white-meated Braised Quail with Grapes or fragile-flavored Partridge Pie. For a very special dinner party, during this festive season, pamper your guests with subtle, tender Roast Pheasant with Wild Rice or savor the charms of Hasenpfeffer or rich, meaty Venison Stew. Happy holidays and *bon appétit!* (Recipes on page 55.)

STAN YOUNG

***Roast wild duck** with its flavorful dark meat is a gourmet delicacy the world over. Alight with flaming brandy, it is served here with a pungent apricot stuffing.*



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NOEL PLUM PUDDING

CRANBERRY PUDDING

GLAZED DATE ORANGE PUDDING

JUNE M. TOWNE and Food Staff

FRUITCAKES AND STEAMED PUDDINGS!

What would Christmas be without a fruitcake bursting with candied fruits and nut meats? Or a pudding so steamy it sends rivulets of sauce cascading down its sides? Here are six delightful desserts—to give as never-to-be-forgotten gifts or to serve as the crowning touch to your Christmas feast! A Noel Plum Pudding, richly fruited, knowingly spiced, and garnished with frosted green grapes. Cranberry Pudding, redolent of molasses, raisins, and bright red cranberries. Our Glazed Date-Orange Pudding, a heavenly concoction to be served with pomp and pageantry. Rich, dark Easy Holiday Fruitcake, decked with festive marzipan strawberries. Light Golden Fruitcake, studded with nut meats, cherries, and ribbons of Christmasy gumdrops. Or a Prune-Apricot Duff, half light, half dark, with a creamy hard sauce. *Recipes on page 59.*

GOLDEN FRUITCAKE EASY HOLIDAY FRUITCAKE PRUNE-APRICOT DUFF

WONDERFUL GIFTS OF HOMEMADE COOKIES &

■ Calling all cookie cutters! Now's the time to join the fun of baking cookies for Christmas. The warm sweet smell of the kitchen, the children eagerly cookie-snatching from the cooling rack, the platters piling up with pretty cookies in fanciful shapes and fairy-tale colors—who'd trade such wonderful excitement for store-bought cookies off the shelves?

Even if this is your umpteenth Christmas at the range, you'll want to add a few of these gala goodies to your repertoire: fruit-studded Meringue Jewels—delicate, melt-on-the-tongue Spritz—our crunchy Christmas Tree Cookies. Or how about creamy almond-sprinkled Dutch Bars—sweet and flavorful Cinnamon-Sugar Cookies—nutty, chewy Pecan Balls? Some of these cookies you'll hang from the tree; some you'll tuck into gaily wrapped boxes for favorite friends and neighbors. But be sure you make enough for your nearest and dearest to munch on through the whole holiday. You don't know how fast a dozen cookies can disappear until you've made your very own! (Recipes on page 51.)

Irwin Horowitz

CANDIES

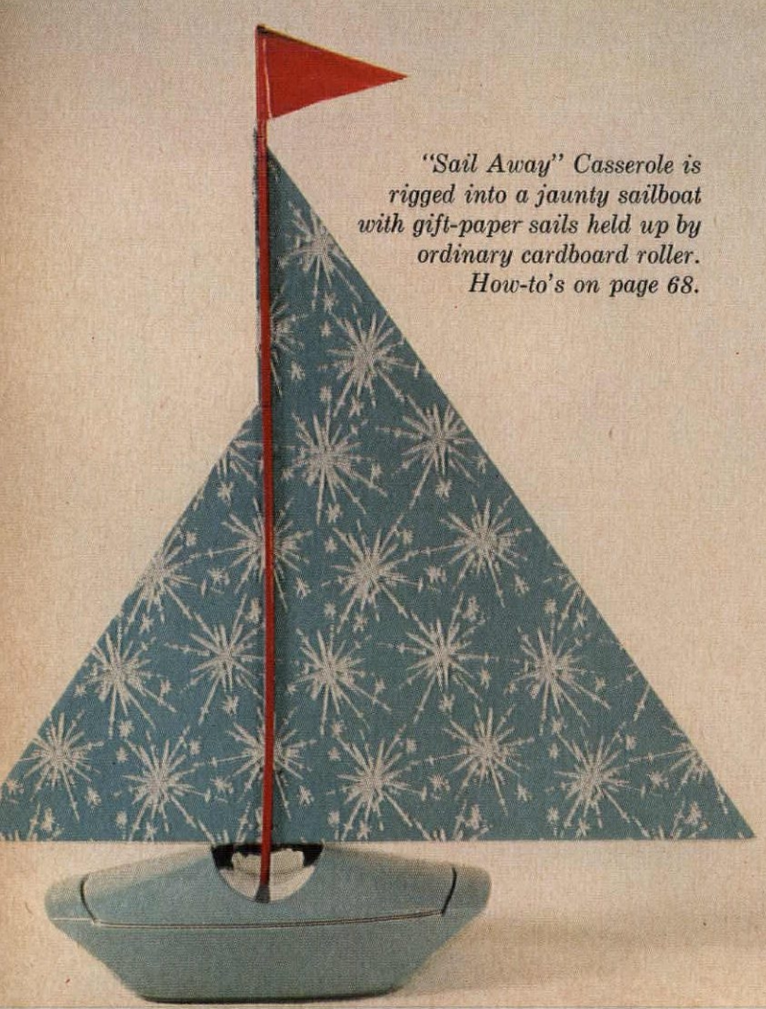
■ Is there anything sweeter than candy made in your own cozy kitchen? Fancy as they look, colorful Fruit Confections, sugary Peanut Butter Pin Wheels, and Stuffed Dates or Prunes are simple enough for your littlest apron-wearer to make. With a bit of skill at chocolate-dipping (It's fun! See page 55.), you'll be turning out luscious platefuls of puffy Chocolate Marshmallows, succulent Chocolate Cherries, violet-topped Chocolate Coated Pineapple and yummy Cream Centers. (See recipes, page 52.)

Pop-goes-the-present Toaster has a wide ribbon band topped off with a pompon bow. Gay foil-wrapped gifts take the place of toast slices.

Sunny-side-up Electric Fry Pan is crowned with a glamorous sunburst made of gold foil and Christmas balls. *How-to's on page 68.*

Strawberry Soda Blender is stuffed with shocking pink foil, topped with fluffy pink ribbon pompons and angel hair "whipped cream." Straws are paper-covered tubes wound with red ribbon.

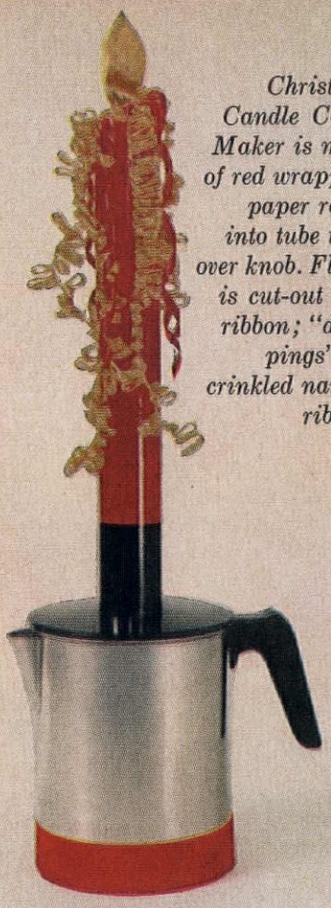
"Sail Away" Casserole is rigged into a jaunty sailboat with gift-paper sails held up by ordinary cardboard roller. *How-to's on page 68.*



Cock-of-the-walk Tea Kettle sports wattles of self-sticking red ribbon, blossom-bow eyes, and a comb of shredded 1¼" ribbon in many colors.

All Wrapped up in Themselves

The best way to gift-wrap a bulky or odd-shaped kitchen appliance or utensil is—don't! Give it a fanciful shape, instead—with Christmas paper, ribbons, gay ornaments, and such. Take an electric blender, for instance, and turn it into a frothy pink strawberry soda. Turn an electric tea kettle into a cocky rooster with wattles and comb of curly ribbon. With a little imagination, a vacuum cleaner turns into Santa Claus, an oven-proof casserole into a sailboat, a coffee maker into a candlestick. We put a golden sunburst on an electric frying pan and king-and-queen crowns on a set of wooden canisters. Gaily wrapped gifts pop out of a toaster. More ideas on page 68. P.S. Don't misplace the instruction book and the warranty! Shopping Information, page 70



Christmas Candle Coffee Maker is made of red wrapping paper rolled into tube to fit over knob. Flame is cut-out gold ribbon; "drippings" are crinkled narrow ribbon.

Santa Vacuum wears a red foil suit, has a jolly pink paper face with eyes, whiskers, and nose of paper and self-sticking ribbon. How-to's on page 68.

King and Queen of Canisters wear gold cut-out crowns, curled ribbon hair, cut-out eyes, and gold seal medals.

INFORMATION: TIE-TIE GIFT WRAPPINGS PHOTOGRAPHER: STEPHEN MICHAEL

WE LOOK AT FREEZER FOOD PLANS

Will buying a freezer and food on a pay-as-you-eat basis freeze your budget?

VIRGINIA T. HABEEB

■ Have you shied away from the freezer food plan idea because you've heard how other families got trapped into "paying $1500 for a $500 freezer" or "being left high and dry with an empty one"? Chances are, such stories were close to the truth at one time. Fortunately, most of the racketeers responsible have long since vanished, forced out of business by their own fraudulent schemes and public mistrust.

What you may not have heard about is the legitimate dealers, who did survive the bad publicity of the unscrupulous ones. Once again, food plans are a growing business. Over three million families now buy food on a pay-as-you-eat basis, along with installment plan freezers.

It's possible that a freezer food plan can solve the problem of feeding your family well-balanced meals on a well-balanced food budget—and even that it is the best way for you to add the convenience of a freezer.

We can't deny that some plans are good for some families, but we also know that unscrupulous practices are not completely past history. Once again, we're hearing of fly-by-night operators out to make a fast dollar, who mislead customers into buying plans that are not sound and paying exorbitant prices for freezers with the empty hope of saving money. And it could happen to you unless you know how to tell the difference between the legitimate plan dealer and the shady operator.

Of course, there are advantages in good freezer food plans, and first among these is convenience. Shopping time is reduced; it may be easier and faster to prepare meals; budgeting may be simplified by paying major food bills on a monthly basis. And in the long run a good plan can be economical for the homemaker who uses her freezer wisely and takes advantage of worth-while discounts for buying foods in quantity. But don't believe claims that money you save on food will pay for a freezer. It just isn't possible.

A freezer food plan amounts to buying a freezer, along with several months' supply of frozen foods—and other staples, perhaps—and paying for both on an installment basis. Like any other installment plan purchase, it involves contracts, carrying charges, and interest.

An average family, for example, might buy an 18 cubic foot freezer priced at $528, to be financed over two years, along with a four months' supply of frozen vegetables, fruits, juices, and a hind quarter of beef totaling $160. Their monthly payment would then be about $62 ($22 on the freezer, $40 on the food), plus carrying charges. Of course, these figures are hypothetical, as is our average family.

How do you decide whether any freezer food plan is for you? It depends on so many factors, only you can determine how it would fit into your way of life.

YOU MIGHT LIKE A FOOD PLAN IF:

1. It provides foods in quality and variety at least equal to those you would normally buy, at prices comparable to those you'd pay without such a plan.
2. It ties up no more than ⅔ of your total food dollar.
3. It does not involve purchase of a freezer of a size or type you would not otherwise choose.
4. The total price of the freezer is within reason, compared with a regular appliance dealer's price.
5. You are sure you will like the idea of buying food for several months at a time and the extra cost that may be involved for the convenience of this kind of service.
6. You know, before signing any contracts, exactly what you are paying for and when.
7. Financing charges do not outweigh the advantages of convenience and savings in time.
8. It includes adequate guarantees covering both freezer and food spoilage (which may cost extra, but is worth it to protect your investment in case of trouble).
9. You have trouble sticking to a food budget and are convinced that a food plan would help.

IT MAY NOT BE RIGHT FOR YOU IF:

1. Your family definitely prefers fresh—not frozen—foods.
2. You really enjoy grocery shopping, comparing "best buys," and trying out new foods and recipes.
3. Your grocer is willing to offer equally advantageous discounts on quantity food purchases.
4. It would, for the sake of economy, require you to buy foods you otherwise would not want. (A side of beef isn't all sirloin steak, for example. If your family dislikes hamburger and stew, you might do better to watch your regular market for specials on meats they do like and buy quantities there.)
5. You do not feel you can afford to buy and operate a freezer. (Remember, buying one in connection with a food plan is really the same as buying any appliance on time from a regular dealer.)

If you decide you are in the market for a freezer food plan, avoid some common pitfalls by using these guides to careful appraisal:

Be sure the dealer is absolutely reliable. There are several ways to determine this. If the firm that sells you a freezer is the same one that will supply you with food, it stands to reason that they have a long-range interest in keeping you as a satisfied customer. To them, the sale of a freezer is merely a means of preserving the food they hope to sell you regularly.

Don't get the impression, however, that good plans come only from food companies. There are highly reputable department stores and appliance dealers who sell freezers on a food-plan basis, making it perfectly clear that another source supplies food.

The troublemaker is the firm that's interested only in selling a freezer and misrepresents itself as being in the food business. In reality, they arrange for another source to supply food, turn over the freezer contract to a finance company or bank, and no longer have reason to care what becomes of the customer. It was this type of operator who nearly put an end to all food plans several years ago.

In an effort to overcome bad publicity of the past, the better freezer food plan dealers have banded together to redeem themselves and earn a better reputation. As members of trade associations, such as the National Institute of Locker and Freezer Provisioners or affiliated regional organizations, individual firms voluntarily subscribe to stringent rules governing advertising and selling practices. These rules, called a Code of Ethics, are worked out in co-operation with Better Business Bureaus, District Attorneys, and/or State Attorney Generals, who then help to enforce them. If you deal with a firm belonging to this type of organization, you can ask to see the Code of Ethics which they subscribe to and expect them to live up to it.

You can also find out whether the dealer has a clear record with your local Better Business Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, or district attorney's office. These sources will rarely recommend *or* condemn, of course, but they will advise you of any complaints they have received and how they were handled.

Be sure the proposed plan leaves room in your food budget for all the staples, dairy items, fresh produce, and other extras not included in the plan. Obviously no plan can cover everything. A reputable firm helps you analyze your eating patterns and arrive at a suitable proportion. Some families spend as much as 70% of their total food budget on frozen items, but a more (continued)

SOUP'N CHIPS

Great Idea: Pass the soup tray! Such an easy way to entertain—soup 'n chips. Heat up Campbell's Cream of Vegetable Soup, for instance. This creamy blend of vegetables tastes so good with crisp chips. Or try Campbell's Tomato Rice Soup. Rich and red with pieces of tomato and long-grain rice, it's a friendly soup with potato chips, corn chips, any kind of chips. Children's parties, grown-up parties . . . mid-morning snacks or good-night-caps . . . any time someone's hungry . . . just pass the soup tray!

M'm! M'm! Good! When the soup is *Campbell's*

likely average would be 60–65%. Just be sure the plan is flexible so you can order more or less next time, if necessary.

Study the food price lists. Do they state what quantities you must buy to qualify for discounts? Do they specify whether meats are priced by dressed or processed weights? (Up to 30% of the dressed weight is lost in cutting and trimming beef for actual use. If you know about it, pricing meat by dressed weight is not wrong.) Are fruits and vegetables identified by brand names? Are meats described by standard government grading terms? Can you buy only desirable cuts at prices stated without taking other portions? Are there extra charges for wrapping, freezing, or other services? If you're not buying a freezer, do the same prices still apply?

Ask about a membership fee. This in itself is not bad, if you know what it covers and if you feel it's worth your money. But some firms hide such fees in the prices of freezers. Some charge membership fees only to families with freezers who wish to take the food plan service alone. (If you do this, be absolutely sure you are dealing directly with a food supplier.)

Find out whether present customers are satisfied. If you don't know any, ask for a list of at least 25 customers of six months or more and call some of them immediately. Explain that you're interested in the same plan and ask their frank opinions of food quality, prices, and the kind of service they receive.

Compare the price of the freezer offered with a regular appliance store's price for the same model. If the difference is not within reason, investigate! You can justify some extra cost as a premium paid for extra service. There's help with menu planning, for example, plus the convenience of delivery and buying economically in bulk to get full use from the freezer. Some provisioners permit ordering in large quantities at discount prices, then deliver the order in monthly segments. Reputable dealers guarantee the quality of all foods, and many provide emergency pick-up service and storage of your food in case of freezer trouble at home.

Don't be fooled by the "low monthly payments" story. Over a span of months or years, these payments might boost the total price of the freezer into a range far beyond its worth to you. We have talked to customers who've paid two or three times normal retail prices for freezers without fully realizing it.

Insist on knowing the exact cost of the freezer, what carrying charges will be added, and just what you get for your money. Know what the freezer warranty covers, whom you should call for service, and when to expect it.

As a guide, the National Institute of Locker and Freezer Provisioners suggests a maximum of $35 per cubic foot (usable storage), not including financing.

Be sure the freezer offered suits your needs. For day-to-day convenience, allow three to four cubic feet per person, plus a couple of feet to provide for any special freezing you might like to do.

Fly-by-night operators try to sell the largest and most de luxe models, regardless of customers' needs or budgets. Don't let it happen to you!

Consider the space you have, the doors the freezer must pass through, the strength of the floor it will rest on. Do you shop often? Do you entertain frequently on short notice and like to have emergency foods on hand? All these factors help determine the size of freezer you'll need.

There's no point in buying a freezer to hold a year's supply of food if you plan to buy most of it and restock every few months. Remember it costs money to keep foods frozen, and time adds to this cost. It can run as high as 26 cents on one pound of food kept frozen for one year.

If a salesman tries to minimize such points, watch out!

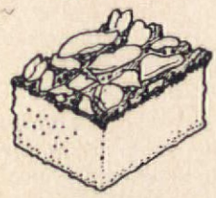
Know what you pay for and when. Demand a breakdown of figures to show the freezer price, cost of your first food order, carrying charges, and any extra charges that might be included. Be sure you won't still be paying for food after you've used it. Unscrupulous dealers have been known to weasel-word contracts so that payments for the initial food order continue right along with those for the freezer. You can well imagine what carrying costs would amount to. And yet such contracts are as binding as any other, once you've signed. So don't lift a pen until you've checked the contract to be sure it includes all the promises the salesman has made.

More information is offered in a bulletin, "Freezer-Frozen Food Plans," which you can obtain by sending a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope to National Better Business Bureau, Inc., Dept. AH, 230 Park Ave., N.Y. 17, N.Y.

Cookies

(pictured in color on page 44)

DUTCH BARS



Cream 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine and 1 cup of sugar in large bowl until light and fluffy. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla, and 1 egg yolk. Add 2¼ cups sifted flour; beat until smooth. Turn into ungreased 10x6x2-inch pan. Spread slightly beaten egg white over top. Sprinkle with ½ cup sliced almonds and colored sugar. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 40 minutes, or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cut into bars or squares while still warm. Makes about 1½ dozen.

MERINGUE JEWELS

Beat 3 egg whites and ⅛ teaspoon salt in medium-sized bowl until foamy. Beat in 1 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating well after each addition. Continue beating until meringue stands in stiff peaks and sugar is dissolved. Fold in ½ teaspoon vanilla and ¾ cup diced candied fruits. Drop by teaspoonfuls or put through pastry bag onto greased cooky sheet. Bake in very slow oven (250° F.) about 40 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool. Makes about 2½ dozen.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Sift together 3 cups sifted flour, ½ teaspoon baking powder, and ⅛ teaspoon salt. Cream 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine and ½ cup sugar in large bowl until light and fluffy; beat in 1 egg and 2 teaspoons vanilla. Stir in sifted dry ingredients; beat until smooth. Roll out ⅛-inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut with floured 2-inch cooky cutter; place on greased cooky sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 10 to 12 minutes, or until lightly browned around the edges. Transfer to wire racks to cool. After all are baked and cooled, brush designs on cookies with small artist's brush and diluted food coloring. Makes 5 dozen.

SPRITZ

Sift together 2½ cups sifted flour, ½ teaspoon baking powder, and ⅛ teaspoon salt. Cream 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine and ¾ cup sugar in large bowl until light and fluffy; beat in 1 egg. Stir in sifted dry ingredients; beat until smooth; beat in 1 teaspoon vanilla. Divide dough in half. Tint one half a delicate pink with a few drops of food color; tint the other half with a few drops of green food color. Fill cooky press; press cookies onto ungreased cold cooky sheet. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 8 to 10 minutes. Remove to wire racks. Makes about 7 dozen.

CINNAMON-SUGAR COOKIES

Sift together 2¾ cups sifted flour, 2 teaspoons cream of tartar, 1 teaspoon baking soda, and ½ teaspoon salt. Cream 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine and 1½ cups sugar in large bowl until light and fluffy; beat in 2 eggs. Stir in sifted dry ingredients; beat until smooth. Shape into small balls; dip into mixture of 2 tablespoons sugar and 1 tablespoon cinnamon, then into slightly beaten egg white. Place on greased cooky sheets; press down in center with fork. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 12 to 15 minutes. Remove at once to wire racks. Makes about 5 dozen.

PECAN BALLS

Cream 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine and ½ cup granulated sugar in medium-sized bowl until light and fluffy. Stir in ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon almond extract, 2 cups sifted flour, and 2 cups finely chopped pecans; mix well. Chill dough several hours. Shape dough into small balls; place on ungreased cooky

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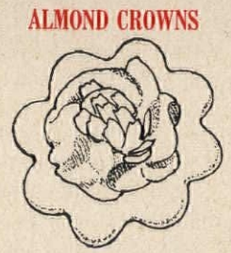
APRICOT NESTS

Sift together 1 cup sifted flour and ½ teaspoon salt. Cream ½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine and ⅓ cup sugar in medium-sized bowl until light and fluffy; beat in 1 egg yolk and ½ teaspoon vanilla. Stir in sifted dry ingredients; beat until smooth. Shape dough into 3 dozen small balls; dip balls into slightly beaten egg white; roll in coarsely chopped nuts. Place 2 inches apart on lightly greased cooky sheets; make a deep dent in center of each ball with thumb or with a thimble. Bake in slow oven (300° F.) 30 minutes. Transfer to wire racks to cool. When cookies are completely cool, spoon apricot preserves into centers. Makes 3 dozen.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT COOKIES

Sift together 3½ cups sifted flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, and ½ teaspoon salt. Cream 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine and 1½ cups sugar in large bowl until light and fluffy; add 2 eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition; add 2 teaspoons vanilla. Add sifted dry ingredients gradually, mixing only until blended after each addition. Chill dough thoroughly. Roll dough ¼-inch thick out on lightly floured board. Cut into desired shapes with floured cooky cutters. Transfer to cooky sheets with spatula or pancake turner. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 6 to 8 minutes. If you plan to hang these on the tree, make hole in top of cooky by inserting 1-inch piece of paper straw in cooky before baking. Makes 4 to 5 dozen. Frost completely cooled cookies with Ornamental Frosting and decorate with candy hearts, silver shot, or colored sugars. ORNAMENTAL FROSTING—Combine 1 package (1 pound) confectioners' sugar, ½ teaspoon cream of tartar, and 3 egg whites. Mix, using electric mixer or wire whip; add ½ teaspoon vanilla. Beat until stiff enough that a knife will leave a clean-cut path when drawn through frosting. Keep unused portion covered with damp cloth or paper towel, as frosting hardens quickly.

ALMOND CROWNS



Cream ½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine and 3 tablespoons sugar until light and fluffy; beat in 3 egg yolks. Add and beat in 1½ cups sifted flour; chill dough 15 minutes. While dough chills, beat 3 egg whites and ⅛ teaspoon salt until foamy; beat in ¾ cup sifted granulated sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating well after each addition; continue beating until stiff peaks form. Fold in 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind. Roll out chilled dough ⅛-inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut with floured 2-inch scalloped cooky cutter. Place cookies on ungreased cooky sheet. Spoon or pipe meringue through pastry tube onto each cooky; sprinkle each with slivered almonds. Bake in a slow oven (325° F.) 15 minutes, or until lightly browned. Makes about 2 dozen.

Candies

(pictured in color on page 45)

CREAM CENTERS

Cream 2 tablespoons softened butter or margarine, 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar, and ⅛ teaspoon salt. Blend thoroughly. Add 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar alternately with 2 to 3 teaspoons milk or cream. Beat until smooth. Turn out on board; knead in 4 tablespoons chopped maraschino cherries and 2 tablespoons chopped pistachio nuts. Shape into small

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logs. Melt 4 to 5 semi-sweet chocolate squares in small double boiler, over hot, not boiling, water. Dip candies, one at a time, into chocolate to coat well. Set on wax paper; decorate with candied rose leaves; let harden. Makes 20.

FRUIT CONFECTION

Put ½ cup dried apricots, ½ cup dried figs, 1 cup raisins, and ½ cup shelled walnuts through food chopper, using medium knife. Add 1 tablespoon lemon juice; mix well. Shape into small balls, using about a tablespoon of the mixture for each. Roll in colored sugar. Makes about 2 dozen.

STUFFED FRUITS

Remove pits from large prunes. Stuff with softened cream cheese. Sprinkle with colored sugar.

Stuff dates with smooth peanut butter. For a festive touch, pipe peanut butter through pastry tube.

CHOCOLATE MARSHMALLOWS

Melt 5 semi-sweet chocolate squares in small double boiler over hot, not boiling, water. Using a two-tined fork, dip marshmallows into chocolate. Coat marshmallow two-thirds the way up sides. Set on wax paper; decorate with pieces of red and green cherries; let harden. Makes about 2 dozen.

PEANUT BUTTER PIN WHEELS

Combine ½ cup cold mashed potatoes with enough sifted confectioners' sugar to make fondant the consistency of pie dough (you will need from 5 to 6 cups). Add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Chill. Roll out ¼-inch thick between two pieces of wax paper. Spread with ¾ cup smooth peanut butter; roll up from short side, jelly-roll fashion. Chill until firm. Cut in ¼-inch slices. Keep in cool place. Makes 4 to 5 dozen.

CHOCOLATE-COATED PINEAPPLE

Cut 6 slices candied pineapple into quarters. Melt 5 semi-sweet chocolate squares in small double boiler over hot, not boiling, water. Spear pineapple piece with two-tined fork; dip in chocolate to coat. Set on wax paper; garnish each with a candied violet. Let harden. Makes 2 dozen.

NUT MINTS

Blend ¼ cup sweetened condensed milk and 1¼ cups sifted confectioners' sugar in bowl. Add ¼ teaspoon peppermint extract; beat until smooth and creamy. Divide mixture in half. Tint one half a pastel pink with a few drops of red food color; tint the other half with a few drops of green food color. Shape into small balls between palms of hands dusted with confectioners' sugar; place on wax paper. Flatten each with bottom of glass; top each with a walnut or pecan half. Makes about 2 dozen.

CHOCOLATE BALLS

Combine ½ cup (1 stick) softened butter or margarine, 5 tablespoons quick chocolate-flavored mix, 2¾ cups sifted confectioners' sugar, and ⅛ teaspoon salt; beat until creamy. Knead in ½ cup confectioners' sugar. Chill. Shape into small balls; roll in chocolate shot or chopped pistachio nuts or a combination of shot and chopped nuts. Makes about 3 dozen.

CHOCOLATE CHERRIES

Drain juice from 8-ounce jar of stemmed maraschino cherries. Melt 5 semi-sweet chocolate squares in small double boiler over hot, not boiling, water. Dip cherries, one at a time, into chocolate to coat. Place on wax paper to harden. Makes 2 dozen.

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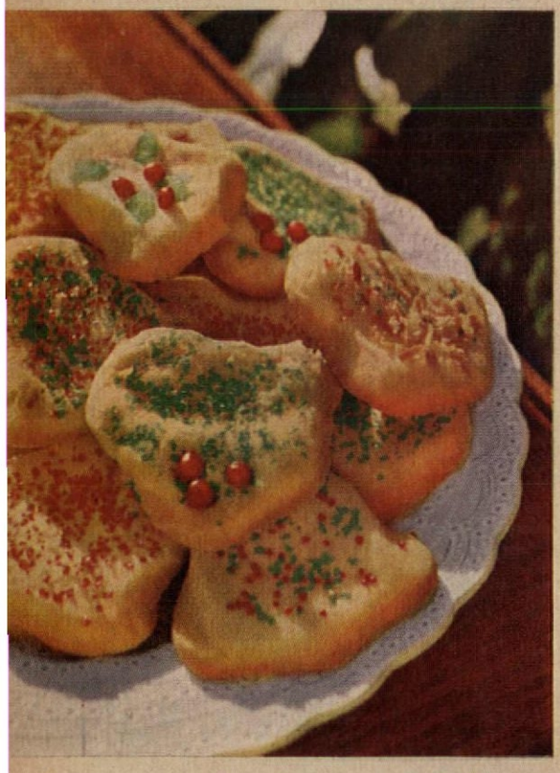

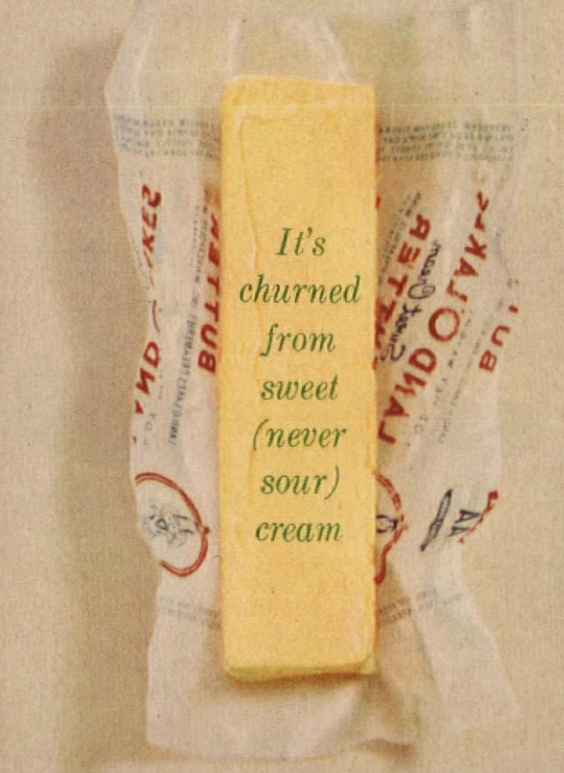

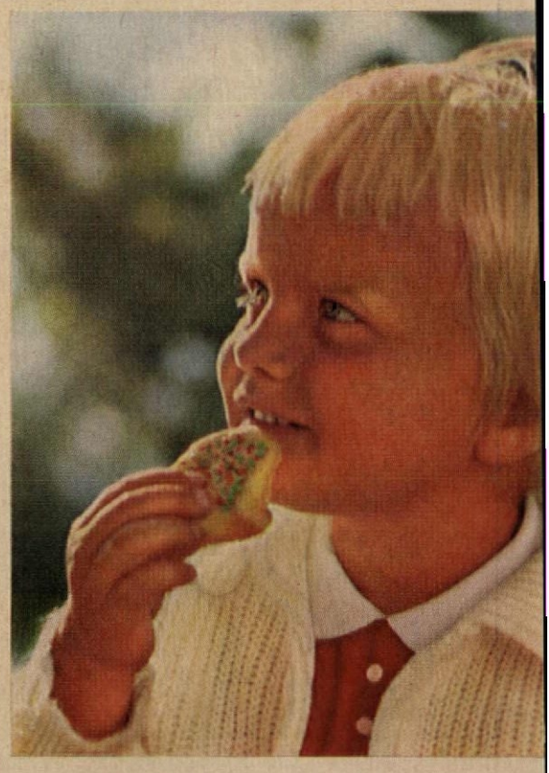

in your butter cookies here's one... and here's another

Wild Game

(pictured in color on pages 40 and 41)

• PARTRIDGE PIE

Preparation time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 20 min.
Baking time: 40–50 min.

3 partridge, cut in serving-size pieces
Flour, salt, pepper
2 tbs. butter or margarine
½ lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced
1 medium-sized onion, chopped (½ c.)
½ c. diced celery
2 c. chicken broth
½ tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
½ lb. cooked ham, diced
1½ tbs. flour
3 tbs. water
Pastry for 1 crust pie

• Coat partridge pieces with combined flour, salt, and pepper; brown in butter or margarine in skillet; remove partridge. Sauté mushrooms and onion in remaining fat 5 minutes. Return partridge to skillet; add celery, chicken broth, salt, and pepper. Cover; simmer 10 minutes. Place partridge pieces and ham in 2-quart casserole. Mix 1½ tablespoons flour and 3 tablespoons water to a smooth paste; stir into mixture in skillet; cook until thickened; pour into casserole. Roll out pastry; fit over casserole; flute edge; cut vents to allow steam to escape. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 40 to 50 minutes, or until pastry is browned.

Makes 6 servings

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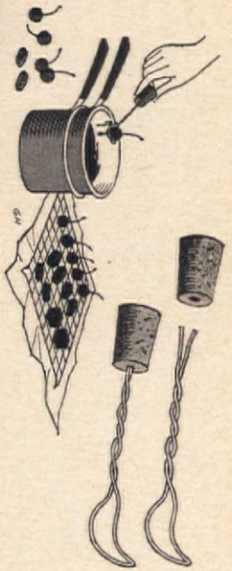
• ROAST WILD DUCK WITH APRICOT STUFFING



• VENISON STEW

• HASENPFEFFER

Preparation time: 20 min.
Marinating time: 2 days
Cooking time: 55 min.

2 c. vinegar
2 c. dry red wine
2 large onions, sliced (2 c.)
4 tsp. salt
½ tsp. coarsely ground black pepper
¾ tsp. crushed juniper berries
6 whole cloves
3 bay leaves
1 tsp. mustard seed
1 large rabbit (about 3½ lbs.), cut in serving-size pieces
Flour, salt, pepper
⅓ c. pure vegetable oil
1 c. water
1 tbs. sugar

• Combine vinegar, wine, onions, salt, pepper, juniper berries, cloves, bay leaves, and mustard seed for marinade; pour over rabbit pieces in glass or enamel container. Marinate in refrigerator 2 days, turning rabbit pieces occasionally. Strain and reserve marinade. Dry rabbit pieces; coat lightly with combined flour, salt, and pepper. Brown pieces well on all sides in hot oil in heavy kettle or Dutch oven; pour off all fat. Add marinade, water, and sugar; cover; simmer 45 minutes, or until rabbit is tender. Skim off excess fat; season to taste with salt and pepper. Thicken gravy, if desired.

Makes 6 servings

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• ROAST PHEASANT WITH WILD RICE

Preparation time: 20 min.
Cooking time: 40–45 min.
Roasting time: 30 min. per lb.

1 c. wild rice
5 c. boiling water
1 tsp. salt
½ lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced
3 tbs. butter or margarine
½ c. chopped pecans
2 pheasants, 2–3 lbs. dressed weight each
Melted butter or margarine
1 c. dry white wine
½ c. chicken broth

• Add well-washed wild rice to rapidly boiling salted water; boil 35 to 40 minutes, or until just tender. Drain; rinse with hot water. Dry out over low heat (or place rice in colander, cover with cloth, and place over steaming water; or place in shallow pan in slow oven [325° F.] 15 to 30 minutes). Sauté mushrooms in butter or margarine until tender; add pecans and wild rice. Salt insides of pheasants; stuff with rice mixture. (Or roast pheasants unstuffed and serve wild-rice mixture with them.) Brush pheasants with melted butter or margarine; place in open roasting pan. Roast in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 minutes per pound. Baste frequently during roasting with combined white wine and chicken broth.

Makes 6 servings

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• BRAISED QUAIL WITH GRAPES

TO COAT CONFECTIONS WITH CHOCOLATE successfully, remember it is easier to use semi-sweet chocolate squares for dipping. This is a special blend of chocolate developed for home dippers.

Choose a clear, cool day for dipping, never a hot, humid one. (continued)

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Wild Game

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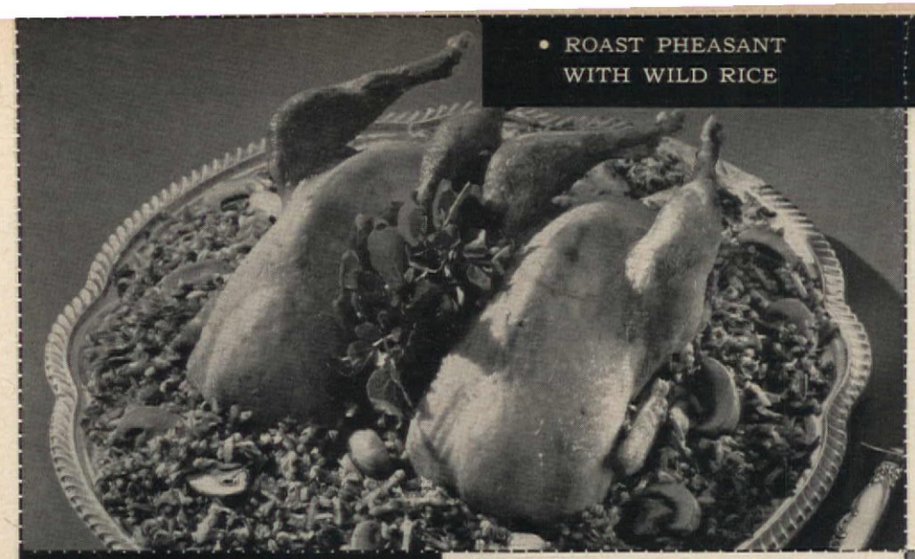

• ROAST PHEASANT WITH WILD RICE

• BRAISED QUAIL WITH GRAPES

Preparation time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 35 min.

6 quail
Flour, salt, pepper
¼ c. (½ stick) butter or margarine
1¼ c. chicken broth
1 tsp. chopped parsley
⅛ tsp. thyme
1 bay leaf
Dash of pepper
1 tsp. orange rind, slivered
1 c. halved white grapes
6 slices buttered toast

● Coat quail lightly with combined flour, salt, and pepper; brown in butter or margarine in large skillet; remove. Combine chicken broth, parsley, thyme, bay leaf, and pepper; pour into skillet. Cover; simmer sauce 10 minutes; remove bay leaf. Add browned quail; cover; simmer 15 minutes. Add orange rind and grapes; simmer 5 minutes longer, or until quail are tender. Place a quail on each toast slice. Serve with sauce. Garnish with grapes and orange slices, if desired.

Makes 6 servings ***Tested in*** THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• VENISON STEW

Preparation time: 20 min.
Marinating time: 2 days
Cooking time: 1¾ hrs.

3 lbs. breast or shoulder of venison
MARINADE
2 c. dry red wine
¼ c. vinegar or lemon juice
2 large onions, sliced
2 carrots, sliced
6 peppercorns, crushed
2 bay leaves
2 whole cloves
1 large clove of garlic, crushed
½ tsp. thyme
¼ tsp. tarragon
1 tbs. salt
STEW LIQUID
3 tbs. pure vegetable oil
2 tbs. flour
1 c. dry red wine
1 tbs. finely chopped shallots
¼ tsp. thyme
1 small bay leaf
4 celery tops and leaves
12 small white onions, peeled
4 carrots, pared and cut up
12 to 15 chestnuts, shelled and skinned

● Remove all gristle, fat, and bone from venison; cut in cubes. Combine marinade ingredients; pour over venison in glass or enamel container. Marinate 2 days in refrigerator; stir occasionally. Strain; reserve marinade. Dry venison thoroughly; brown well in oil in heavy kettle or Dutch oven; pour off oil; sprinkle meat with flour. Add marinade; wine, shallots, thyme, bay leaf, and celery tops. Cover; simmer 1 hour. Add remaining ingredients. Cover; simmer 45 minutes, or until tender. Add liquid if needed during cooking.

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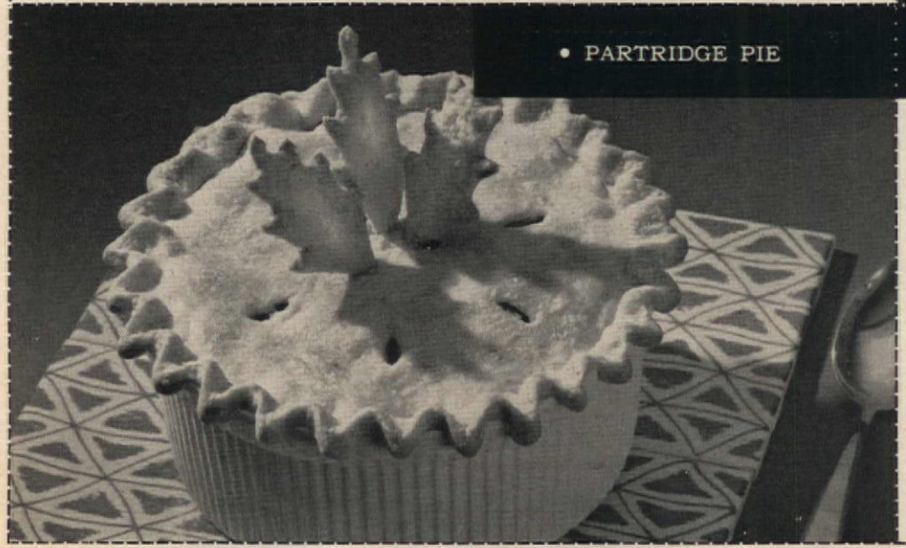
• HASENPFEFFER



• PARTRIDGE PIE

• ROAST WILD DUCK WITH APRICOT STUFFING

Preparation time: 25 min.
Roasting time: 30 min.

3 wild ducks, about 1½ lbs. each
¾ c. chopped onion
1½ c. diced celery
3 tbs. butter or margarine
1¼ c. toasted bread cubes
⅓ c. finely chopped dried apricots*
1 tbs. brandy
½ tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
¾ c. dry red wine
⅛ c. water
2 tsp. cornstarch
1 tbs. cold water

● Wash and dry ducks thoroughly; salt insides. Sauté onion and celery in butter or margarine 5 minutes; combine with toasted bread cubes and apricots. Sprinkle with brandy, salt, and pepper; mix well. Fill ducks loosely with stuffing; fasten opening with skewers; lace closed; place ducks in open roasting pan. Combine wine and water; pour over ducks. Roast in very hot oven (450° F.) 30 minutes, basting frequently. Remove ducks to hot platter. Skim fat from drippings in pan. Dissolve cornstarch in 1 tablespoon cold water; stir into drippings in pan; cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Serve gravy with ducks. For flame: Pour *heated* brandy over ducks and light.

Makes 6 servings ***Tested in*** THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

*If apricots are very dry and hard, simmer 5 minutes in 1 cup water; drain and chop.

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Chocolate should be stirred thoroughly—continually and rapidly, with a circular motion, while melting, cooling, and, as much as possible, during dipping, to give a proper blend and to insure a rich glossy coating.

Because you should work quickly, organize the work area before you begin. Arrange centers to be dipped at the left, and the wax-paper-covered wire racks at the right, leaving the center space for the double boiler with the chocolate.

Chocolate for dipping must be melted, cooled, then held at a temperature of 83°F. At this temperature the chocolate is the right consistency and blend for dipping. Here's how to do it:

1. Put grated or finely cut chocolate in top of double boiler. Set over boiling water.

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Fruitcakes and Steamed Puddings

(pictured in color on pages 42 and 43)

• NOEL PLUM PUDDING

Preparation time: 30 min.
Steaming time: 6 hrs.

1½ c. (8 oz. pkg.) pitted dates, cut up
1 c. seeded raisins
1 c. currants
1 c. dried apricots, cooked and chopped
2 jars (4 oz. each) candied pineapple (1 c.)
2 jars (4 oz. each) candied citron (1 c.)
1 jar (4 oz.) candied cherries, halved (½ c.)
1 c. shelled pecans, chopped
½ c. orange juice
4 eggs
1 c. brown sugar, firmly packed
2 tbs. grated orange rind
½ c. light corn syrup
1½ c. finely ground suet
1½ c. packaged dry bread crumbs
1 c. sifted all-purpose flour
2 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. ground cloves
½ tsp. mace
½ tsp. salt

● Butter and sugar a 6-cup pudding mold. Combine all fruits, nuts, and orange juice in large bowl; mix well. Beat eggs in medium-sized bowl; beat in sugar; stir in orange rind, corn syrup, suet, and bread crumbs. Sift flour, spices, and salt together; blend into egg mixture. Pour over fruit-nut mixture; mix thoroughly. Fill mold ¾ full; cover (if mold has no cover, use lightly buttered aluminum foil and tie securely). Steam on rack in large kettle half filled with boiling water 6 hours. Add more water to the kettle during

TURN OVER

• EASY HOLIDAY FRUITCAKE

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2. Stir constantly to melt chocolate evenly and to prevent overheating at any point.
3. When chocolate is melted, clip candy thermometer to side of double boiler. Be sure that the bulb is immersed in the chocolate.
4. Stir chocolate rapidly and constantly in circular motion until temperature reaches 130°F. Remove top of double boiler.
5. Discard hot water; fill bottom of double boiler with cold tap water. Replace top.
6. Stir chocolate continually and rapidly with circular motion, stirring down sides, to cool chocolate evenly, until temperature reaches 83°F.
7. To hold chocolate at this temperature, replace cold water in bottom of double boiler with water of 85°F.

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• GOLDEN FRUITCAKE

• PRUNE-APRICOT DUFF

Preparation time: 25 min.
Steaming time: 2 hrs.

½ c. chopped dried apricots
1 c. drained cooked prunes
½ c. soft shortening
1¼ c. light brown sugar, firmly packed
2 eggs
2 c. sifted all-purpose flour
1½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon

● Simmer chopped apricots in water to cover 5 minutes; drain. Remove pits from prunes; cut up. Butter and sugar a 6-cup mold. Beat shortening, brown sugar, and eggs in medium-sized bowl until fluffy and well blended. Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together. Beat into shortening mixture. Turn ⅓ of batter into small bowl; stir in apricots; spoon into prepared mold. Stir prunes and cinnamon into remaining batter; spoon carefully into mold on top of apricot batter. Cover (if mold has no cover, use lightly buttered aluminum foil and tie securely). Steam on rack in large kettle half filled with boiling water 2 hours, or until done. Let stand in mold 5 minutes; unmold onto serving plate. Serve warm with hard sauce, if desired.

Makes 8 servings

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• GLAZED DATE-ORANGE PUDDING

Preparation time: 30 min.
Steaming time: 2 hrs.

½ c. brown sugar, firmly packed
1 tbs. cornstarch
¾ c. water
1½ c. (8 oz. pkg.) pitted dates, cut up
½ c. orange sections
1½ c. sifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
2¼ tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. ginger
¼ tsp. ground cloves
1½ c. packaged dry bread crumbs
1½ c. orange marmalade
½ c. pure vegetable oil
1 c. milk

● Butter and sugar a 2-quart mold. Blend brown sugar and cornstarch; add water. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until clear and thickened. Add ½ cup cut up dates; pour into prepared mold; place orange sections in sauce in mold. Combine flour, salt, soda, spices, bread crumbs, marmalade, oil, milk, and remaining dates; stir until well blended. Pour carefully into mold; cover (if mold has no cover, use lightly buttered aluminum foil and tie securely). Steam 2 hours on rack in large kettle half filled with boiling water. Let pudding stand in mold 5 minutes; unmold onto serving plate. Serve warm with whipped cream, if desired.

Makes 8 servings

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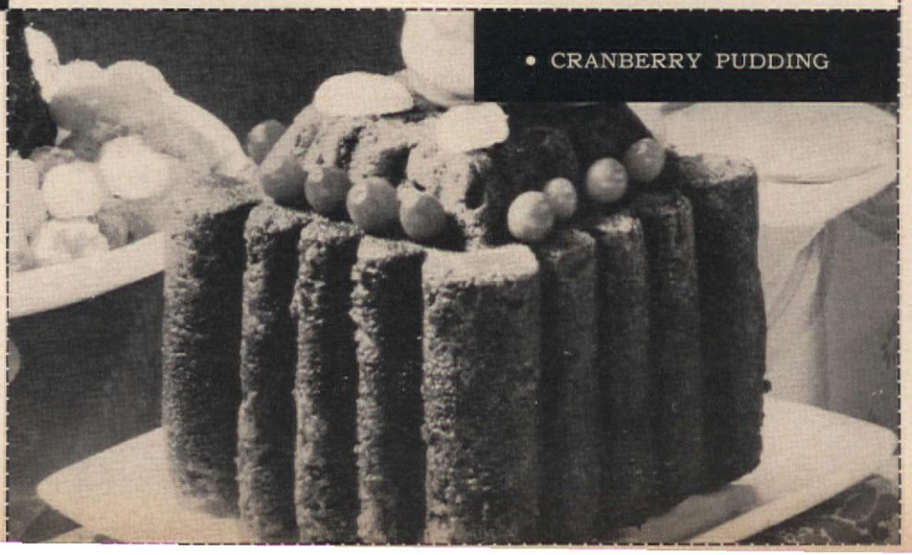

• CRANBERRY PUDDING

Fruitcakes and Steamed Puddings

(pictured in color on pages 42 and 43)

• GLAZED DATE-ORANGE PUDDING

• CRANBERRY PUDDING

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

4 c. fresh cranberries, coarsely chopped
1 c. raisins
1 jar (4 oz.) candied lemon peel (½ c.)
3 c. sifted all-purpose flour
3¼ tsp. baking soda
1 c. molasses
¾ c. hot water

● Butter and sugar a 2-quart mold. Mix cranberries, raisins, and lemon peel in large bowl. Sift flour and baking soda over fruit mixture. Blend molasses and hot water; stir into fruit-flour mixture until thoroughly mixed. Pour into prepared mold; cover (if mold has no cover, use buttered aluminum foil and tie securely). Steam on rack in large kettle half filled with boiling water 1½ hours, or until done. Let stand in mold 5 minutes; unmold onto serving plate. Garnish with lemon peel, rose, green gumdrops, and fresh cranberries, if desired.

Makes 8 servings

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• GOLDEN FRUITCAKE

Preparation time: 45 min.
Baking time: 2–2½ hrs.

1½ c. (8 oz. pkg.) pitted dates
2 c. (8 oz.) shelled walnuts
2 jars (4 oz. each) candied cherries
1 c. raisins
2 jars (4 oz. each) candied citron
¾ c. (1½ sticks) soft butter or margarine
1½ c. sugar
4 eggs
3½ c. sifted all-purpose flour
½ tsp. baking soda
1½ tsp. salt
1½ tsp. nutmeg
1 c. (8 oz.) dairy sour cream

● Grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan or two 9x5x3-inch loaf pans. Cut up dates; chop walnuts; cut cherries in half; combine with raisins and citron. Beat butter or margarine with sugar until blended in large bowl; add eggs, one at a time; beat until light and fluffy (3 minutes at high speed on mixer). Sift flour, soda, salt, and nutmeg; add alternately with sour cream to butter mixture; beat until well blended. Add fruit mixture; mix thoroughly. Spoon into prepared pans. Bake in a slow oven (300° F.) 2 to 2½ hours, or until cake tests done. Cool in pan 10 minutes; turn out; cool thoroughly on wire rack. Cake is best if allowed to ripen at least 24 hours. Decorate with nut meats, cherries, and ribbons of gumdrops, if desired. *Makes one 10-inch tube cake or two loaves.*

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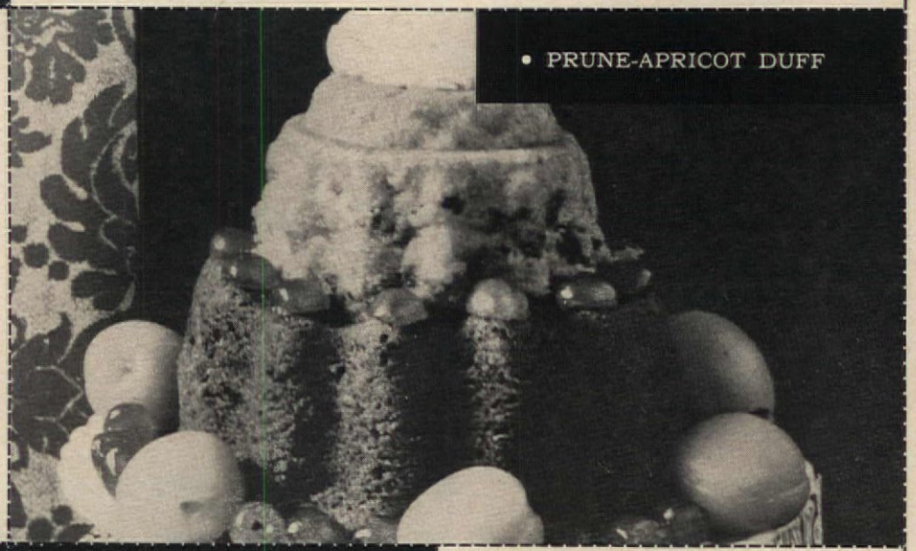

• PRUNE-APRICOT DUFF

• NOEL PLUM PUDDING

steaming, if necessary. Let pudding stand in mold 10 minutes; unmold. Cool; wrap in foil or saran wrap to store. Baste occasionally with brandy, if desired. To reheat, steam in top of double boiler, or wrap in foil and heat in oven. Garnish with sugared grapes, if desired.

Makes 8 servings

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• EASY HOLIDAY FRUITCAKE

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

1 c. seedless raisins
1 c. seeded raisins
1 can (about 1 lb.) cling peaches, drained and chopped
1 c. soft shortening
1 c. brown sugar, firmly packed
½ c. orange juice
2 jars (1 lb. each) mixed candied fruits
2 c. shelled walnuts, chopped
4 eggs, beaten
2½ c. sifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg
½ tsp. ground cloves

● Grease two 9x5x3-inch loaf pans. Combine raisins, peaches, shortening, sugar, and orange juice in saucepan; heat just to boiling. Remove from heat; pour into large bowl; cool. Add candied fruits and nuts to cooled mixture; stir in beaten eggs. Sift flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves together; beat into fruit-nut mixture. Spoon batter into prepared pans. Bake in slow oven (300° F.) 2 hours, or until cakes test done. Decorate with marzipan, if desired.

Makes 2 fruit cakes

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(continued) Now you are ready to dip centers. Drop a center into chocolate and stir well with two-tined fork or candy dipper until it is entirely coated. Slip fork under center and lift it out. Rap on rim of pan two or three times. Draw center across rim to remove excess chocolate. Invert dipped center onto wax paper. As fork is removed, the thread of chocolate which falls across the top may be swirled into a design. Continue with remaining centers, but always remember to work quickly and stir chocolate continually with fork except when removing centers. Let chocolates set at least 5 minutes. Keep cooled chocolates in a cool dry place—never expose them to direct sunlight. You may pack them in layers separated by sheets of wax paper.

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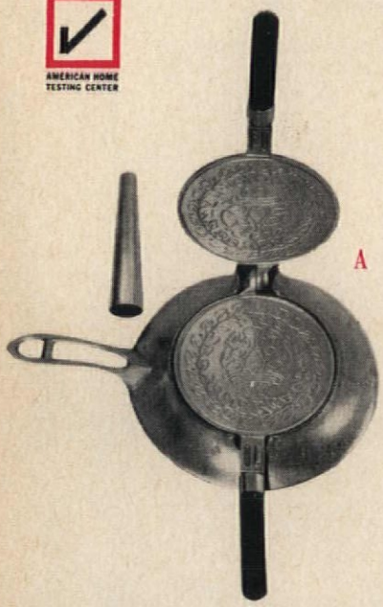

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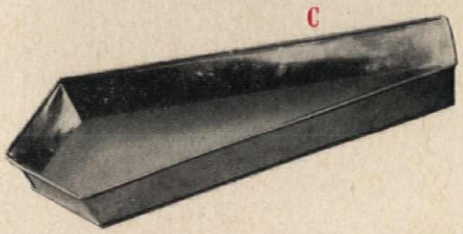

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GADGETS FOR CHRISTMAS

Here are a dozen fancy kitchen gadgets to give for presents or to keep for your own cooking fun. You don't have to be a gourmet cook to enjoy owning and using gourmet gadgets. At Christmas time, everybody gets the urge to create out-of-the-ordinary foods, and these out-of-the-ordinary gadgets make child's play out of gourmet undertakings.

There are gadgets for cutting carrot corkscrews and slicing apple wedges, gadgets for baking Christmas trees, gentlemen's ties, and jolly Santas, gadgets for turning out everything from simply delicious Danish *ebleskiver* to absolutely perfect American pie crusts. With gadgets like these, you can make fascinating fare out of the

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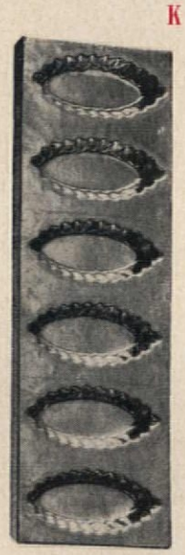

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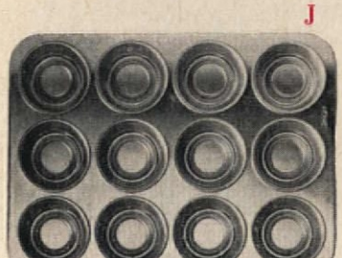

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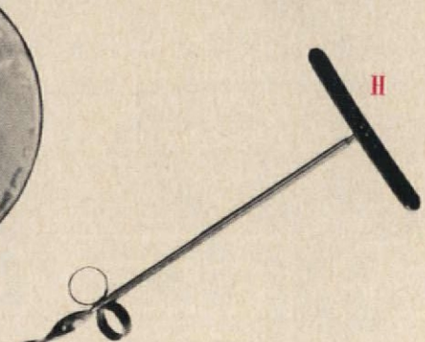

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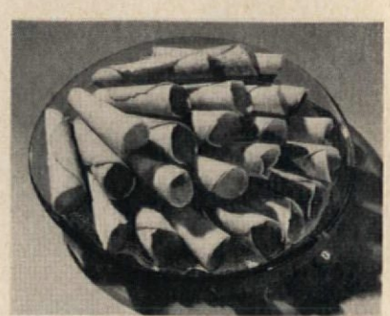
most ordinary short-cut foods on your shelves—cake mixes, waffle mix, prepared pie crust, refrigerator cookies.

Is there a fancy cook on your list? You're sure to find a thingumajig here that she hasn't yet



A *Who'd think it would be so easy to bake* krumkake? *This luscious Scandinavian treat calls for a special iron and rolling cone.*

D *Bite-sized cookies look so gay! There are 16 different shapes in this set of midget cooky cutters. Let the children help decorate them.*

G *Wait till you taste* ebleskiver, *Danish pancake balls filled with applesauce! They're made on a special iron called a "monk's pan."*

J *Cupcakes? No, cake cups baked in a flan tin that leaves a rim around the edge. Use them to show off your fanciest fruit preserves!*

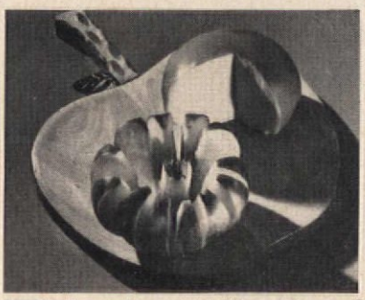
discovered. To make your gadget-gift extra special, practice on a duplicate and present your most successful recipe along with the gift. Prices of the gadgets shown here range from 50c to under $6.

Now, let's see if you can pick out the carrot-curler on the page at left—or the "monk's pan" for making *ebleskiver*. The pictures below show the magical tricks they do. No excuse for hum-drum foods this Christmas!

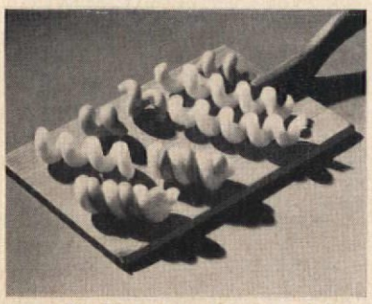
B *Jumbo cooky cutters, to number among your favorites, are five inches tall, available in any numeral, even "th" to make it a date.*

C *A tie he's sure to like is one you turn out of a tie-shaped cake pan. It's sized to hold a box of cake mix or any 9" layer cake recipe.*

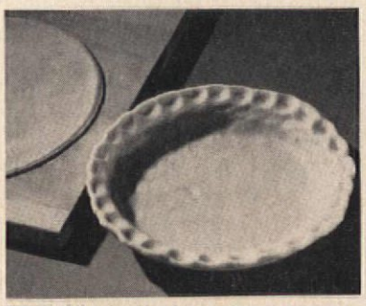
E *A Christmas tree you can eat is a cake, trimmed with cherry "baubles." Special stand comes with this set of three aluminum bake pans.*



F *Go continental with apples and cheese for dessert! Apple divider's stainless steel blades cut even wedges, minus the core and seeds.*



H *Curlicue carrots—or potatoes or beets, if you wish—are made by a quick twist of the twin curl cutter. And aren't they festive?*



I *It's in the bag—a neat way to roll perfect pie crust circles with no ragged edges to trim. Round zipper bag is washable plastic.*

K *Barquette is French for little boat, and a barquette pan is for baking flute-edged pastry boats to hold your favorite savory filling.*

L *Here stands Santa! Baked as a cake in a cast aluminum mold and frosted in full color, he makes a delightfully tasty centerpiece.*

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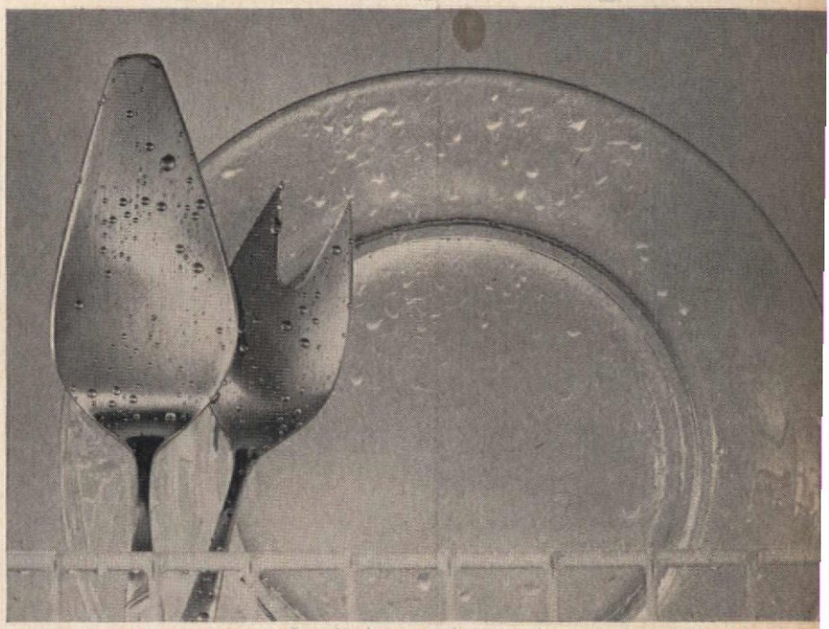
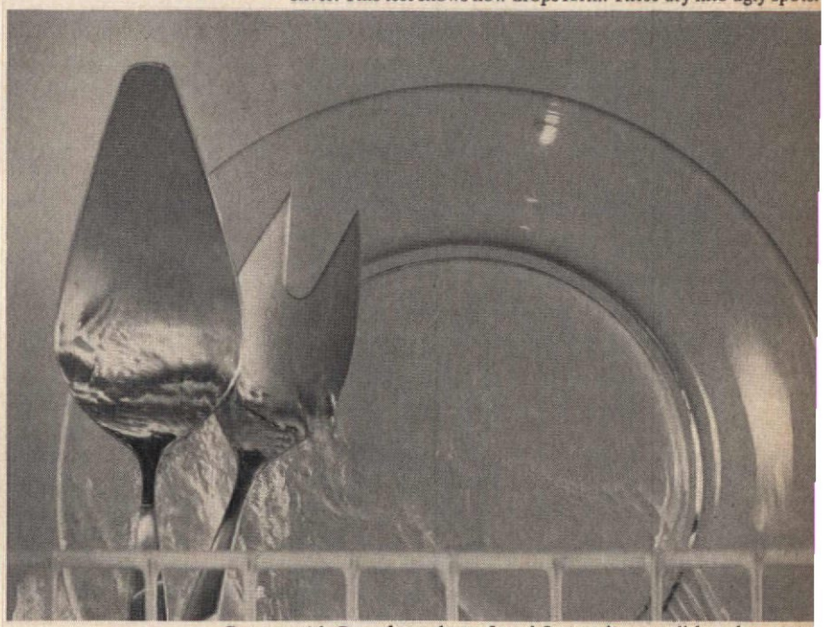


WATER DROPS See what happens when even clean water is sprayed on glassware, silver. This test shows how drops form. These dry into ugly spots.



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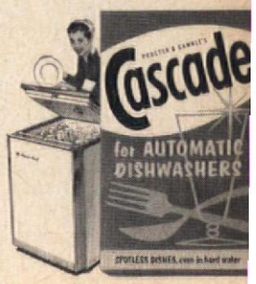

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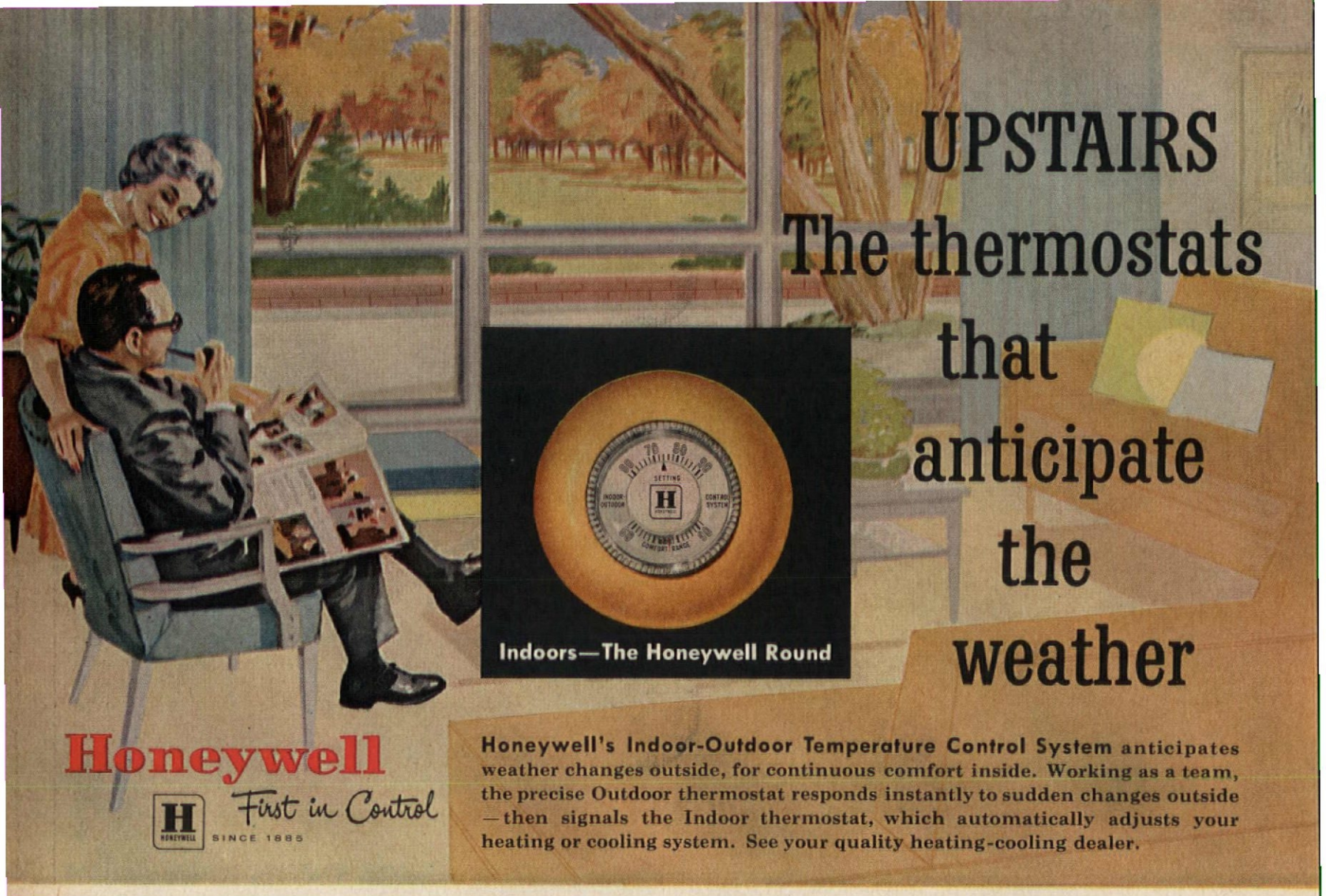

Home Insurance

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PROPERTY INSURANCE

If you do not have a Homeowners Policy, you'll probably find you have one of these three kinds: the Basic Dwelling and Contents Form, the Broad Dwelling and Contents Form, or the Dwelling Building(s) Special Form.

Basic Dwelling and Contents Form. This protects you against only the perils of fire and lightning. It can be endorsed to cover damage from windstorm, hail, explosion, riot, smoke, and certain other hazards. But you are not insured for loss due to a roof collapsing from the weight of snow or for damages caused by spilled paint that saturates your walls and ceilings. With this type of policy you probably would not obtain the full amount needed to replace certain damaged parts of your home, since the insurance company's liability is limited to the *actual cash value* of the destroyed property. Actual cash value is not market value, original value, sentimental value, or even replacement value. Rather it is the cost of replacement (with materials of like kind and quality) less depreciation.

Broad Dwelling and Contents Form. This offers much broader protection. In addition to the perils covered in the basic form, such things as vandalism and malicious mischief, damage caused by burglars, burning or bulging of a steam or hot water system, overflow of water or steam from within a plumbing, heating, or air-conditioning system, as well as many others, are included. And with this type of coverage you would collect if your roof collapsed from the weight of snow or ice.

You may also receive the *full* cost of repairing any damage to your home since coverage is based on *replacement cost*. No deduction for depreciation is made *providing you carry an amount of insurance equal to at least 80 per cent of your home's replacement value*. Note that this percentage applies to the cost of duplicating your house—not to its actual cash value or market value.

If, however, you are not insured for at least 80 per cent of your home's replacement value, the insurance company will pay you the larger of these two amounts: (1) the actual cash value with depreciation deducted; (2) the proportion of replacement cost which the amount of your insurance bears to 80 per cent of the full replacement cost.

Suppose, for example, that wind destroys your shingle roof. Your home would cost $30,000 to replace; the estimated life span of your roof is 20 years and the roof is 10 years old; your contractor estimates replacement cost of the roof to be $1200. How much would you collect?

If you carried $24,000 of insurance (80 per cent of replacement value) you would receive the full $1200. But if you only carried $18,000 of insurance (60 per cent of replacement value) you would receive the larger of the following amounts:

(1) The actual cash value ($1200 less a 50 per cent deduction for ten years of wear or $600.

(2) The proportion of the replacement cost which $18,000 bears to $24,000 (75 per cent) or $900.

However, you could be paid in full (unless you were seriously underinsured) even though you did not carry insurance amounting to 80 per cent of the replacement cost. The 80 per cent provision does not apply to losses which are less than five per cent of the dwelling insurance but in no event more than $1000.

Within the same policy your household and personal property can be protected against all specified perils. But this coverage is on an actual cash value basis rather than on replacement value.

Dwelling Building(s) Special Form. This is an extremely broad type of policy. Coverage is on a replacement cost basis exactly the same as with the Broad Dwelling Form. Here you would even collect if that gallon of paint saturated your walls and floors. Instead of naming the perils you are protected against, the policy covers all risks except those which are specifically excluded. In general the exclusions are for damage considered to be uninsurable or occurring with time instead of on a single occasion. Examples are certain types of water perils, deterioration, or termites.

This type of policy does not provide insurance for household or personal property. But you can purchase separate policies for this.

Other Coverage. All three of the above described forms of property

insurance provide other important coverage. For example, you are allowed to apply up to 10 per cent of the amount of dwelling insurance you carry to cover private outbuildings on your property. If your house is insured for $20,000 you are protected against a loss as high as $2000 on your detached garage. However, if your outbuildings are worth more than ten per cent of the amount of your dwelling insurance, you should provide additional coverage.

Another important item is rental value insurance. If you normally rent a portion of your property and it is made untenantable by an insured peril, the loss of rent or a fair rental value, whether rented or not, is covered up to 10 per cent of the amount of your dwelling coverage.

The broad and special forms contain an additional living-expense provision which takes care of costs such as hotel and restaurant bills if you must leave your home while it is being repaired after a loss. The coverage is limited to 10 per cent of the amount of your dwelling coverage and costs above and beyond your normal living expenses.

If you have a broad or special dwelling form of insurance you may even apply up to five per cent of the amount of your dwelling insurance to cover trees, shrubs, and plants. However, there is a limit of $250 for one tree, shrub, or plant, and certain perils such as windstorm are not covered.

If your household and personal property is insured under a basic or broad policy, you may apply up to 10 per cent of the designated amount of insurance to cover property temporarily away from your home. And if you live in rented quarters, you may extend 10 per cent to cover improvements you have made such as certain types of carpentry.

GLOSSARY OF INSURANCE TERMS

Confused about some of the wording in your insurance policies? Here's a quick rundown on a few of the more common terms.

Actual Cash Value: the cost of replacement less depreciation. When a part of your home is damaged or destroyed, the insurance company will make a deduction for depreciation from the amount it will cost you to replace the damaged area.

Depreciation: the decline in value of property due to wear and use. Thus, if your roof has an expected lifetime of ten years, and it is destroyed after one year, it will be worth one-tenth less than when it was new.

Replacement Cost: the actual amount it costs you to duplicate the portion of your property which has been damaged or destroyed.

Insured Peril: actual risk specified in your policy against which you are protected, i.e., fire, windstorm, and vandalism.

Named-Peril Policy: specifies the perils against which you are protected.

All-Risks Policy: protects you against all risks except those specifically excluded.

Package Coverage: an insurance policy which includes several kinds of protection normally written separately, i.e., fire, comprehensive personal liability, and burglary and theft.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Comprehensive personal liability insurance provides broad coverage at a nominal cost and is a must for all home owners. Although it is written with a basic $10,000 limit, higher limits can be endorsed for a relatively small extra cost. For example, a $100,000 policy costs only 50 per cent more than one for $10,000.

This form of insurance protects you against lawsuits brought by persons injured on your property, or by those whose person or property is injured or damaged by you or a member of your family while away from home. Basically it covers your legal liability but it also pays the costs of defending you against suits whether or not you are held legally liable.

Medical payments are provided for persons accidentally injured on your property or by you or your family almost anywhere, whether or not you are legally liable. On the same basis, you are protected for accidental damage to the property of others. These two features might be described as moral obligation coverages in contrast with those which insure you against legal liability (continued)

based upon negligence. Each feature is subject to a $250 limit but it is possible to increase medical payments if you desire.

If you are a boating enthusiast, you are covered while operating your boat unless it exceeds a specified length or horsepower, and even here the proper coverage can be added by your agent.

About the only instances in which you are not protected are when you or members of your family are engaged in business pursuits, are driving a car, or are considered employers of injured parties under the workmen's compensation laws of your state.

An important protection concerns suits brought by persons who are injured while working on your property. Your legal liability is covered for injuries to full or part time residence employees. But, although comprehensive personal liability insurance protects you as an employer for legal liability based on negligence, it does not protect you against any obligations under your state's workmen's compensation laws.

The effect of these laws depends upon whether or not the injured party is deemed to be your employee. For example, suppose a workman employed by you or your contractor is hurt while using your power saw. If the injury is caused by lack of a proper guard, or other defect, you might be legally liable for damages and, if so, they would be payable under your policy. But let's assume the power saw was not defective, the injury occurred for other reasons, and you are not held legally liable. Your state's workmen's compensation laws might require you to compensate the injured person if he comes under their protection and is considered your employee. All states have laws stating that a workman injured while performing services for his employer is entitled to compensation—whether or not the employer is negligent.

Definitions of employer-employee relationships vary in different states, so be sure to check with your insurance agent when you hire a servant or other worker, to be certain you don't need workmen's compensation insurance.

You can protect yourself in other ways. If you hire a contractor employing several men, have him give you a certificate showing that he carries the necessary insurance. If he is not protected, check with your insurance agent to verify the contractor's status under the laws and your possible obligation.

Any written contract for proposed work should state that your contractor carries public liability insurance and, if subject to workmen's compensation laws, that type of coverage too. If the workmen's compensation laws do not apply, employers' liability insurance should be substituted. In this way, your contractor would have protection for injuries to both his men and third parties, and the possibility of action against you might be lessened.

Even if your contractor is properly insured and has offered written evidence of his ability and willingness to accept responsibility you still may share liability for certain of his operations. For example if a person other than the contractor or his crew members is injured near or about the job by your contractor's breach of a safety rule, you might be held liable if you could be expected to know about it. So, if you are contemplating extensive alterations check with your insurance agent as to the advisability of having your comprehensive personal liability policy endorsed for higher limits.

BURGLARY AND THEFT INSURANCE

The broad-form personal theft policy is a popular way to insure for loss by burglary, robbery, theft, mysterious disappearance, and related perils.

The premises portion covers loss of property not only at your home but also at certain specified places such as a bank, safe-deposit company, public warehouse, or friend's home where you have left it for safekeeping. If your premises coverage is $1000 or more, the off-premises portion can be added for protection anywhere in the world.

The off-premises coverage would pay the loss if your son borrows a friend's bicycle and it is stolen from the school playground. Protection applies to property that you or your family own or use.

Although the broad-form personal theft policy insures primarily personal property, it contains liberal extensions. For example, damage by a burglar to your house would be covered if you own the house or are liable for its repairs.

This form of insurance provides unusual breadth of protection, subject only to a few exclusions. Aircraft, automobiles, trailers, motorcycles, and their equipment are not covered because they are insured under specific policies. But to protect the owners of small boats who might not have a marine policy, coverage up to $500 is provided. The policy is intended for residential risks, so it does not apply to portions of your premises used for business or to personal property used in your business.

HOMEOWNERS POLICIES

As we stated earlier, the new Homeowners Policies are rapidly growing in popularity. They are available in every state except Alaska, Hawaii, Mississippi, and Oregon. There are different packages available, but each package combines property insurance with burglary and theft as well as comprehensive personal liability.

There are several advantages. In the first place, you have only one policy to puzzle over. More important, because it combines the risks formerly covered by several policies, you get broader protection at lower cost. With some variations, your insurance costs can be as much as 20 to 30 per cent lower than those for the same coverages written under separate contracts.

You can choose a form in which specific perils are named or one with all-risk coverage. Your house is insured on a replacement-cost basis but household and personal property are covered for actual cash value. The named-perils forms limit coverage on personal property away from your premises to 10 per cent of the specified amount of insurance. But, under the all-risk forms the full amount of insurance on personal property applies everywhere except at a second home where it is limited to 10 per cent. If you want your personal property fully protected at your vacation home you should have a separate policy.

All the benefits and extensions of the dwelling and contents forms are included—in some cases on a broader basis.

HOW MUCH INSURANCE?

Our modern economy is characterized by soaring property values and jury awards. To determine the value of your property, you should have an appraisal made by an expert. Or at least, consult your local insurance agent. He is familiar with values in your area, and you may be surprised to learn that your home is worth more than you realize. After the original appraisal is made, you will be able to estimate how much the amount of your insurance should be raised or lowered when renewal time rolls around.

If you guess at your property's value, you may waste money by overinsuring; but worse, you may be underinsured. In the event of a total loss, probably you would find it difficult to replace your home. In the more likely event of a partial loss, you still might have to supplement insurance proceeds with your own money. If your policy is written on a replacement-cost basis, you must maintain insurance equal to 80 per cent of the replacement value of your dwelling to collect full replacement costs on the larger losses. In the New York City metropolitan area, a coinsurance clause in your policy *requires* that you carry insurance equal to 80 per cent of the actual cash value of your dwelling or contents to collect any loss in full. Even if your policy is not subject to these stipulations, a good rule of thumb is to insure your property for at least 80 per cent of its actual cash value.

It is more difficult to determine your liability insurance needs because you cannot know ahead of time how much you may be sued for. Every day suits for hundreds of thousands of dollars are filed against persons of average means, and jury awards are running at an all-time high. If you are not protected adequately, you can lose your property and face an income attachment for years.

Naturally the amount of a potential suit will be influenced by your apparent income level and property holdings. So, add up the value of your home, household and personal property, automobile, securities, bank accounts, and other possessions. The limits of your liability insurance should at least equal your net worth. But when you estimate the value of your future earnings, an amount of insurance double your net worth is not out of order.

The best protection you can gain when you buy insurance is to make certain you completely understand what coverages you do and do not have. Read your contract carefully. If it contains something you don't understand, ask your agent for an explanation. He will be happy to discuss your individual requirements and make recommendations about the best kinds of insurance for you. THE END

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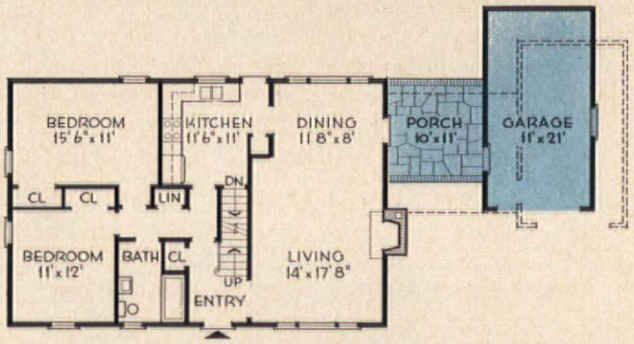
THEY ALMOST DUPLICATED THE ORIGINAL PLAN WITHOUT KNOWING IT

Two people couldn't have been more surprised than Marion and Harold Charles when they ran across the original plan of their home. They discovered the breezeway and garage they had just added was almost the same as the builder had originally proposed.

The Charleses have worked on their Stony Brook, Long Island, home since they moved in six years ago. "We wanted a home that would grow with us," Harold Charles says. "Marion had definite ideas, this was our chance to build exactly what we wanted."

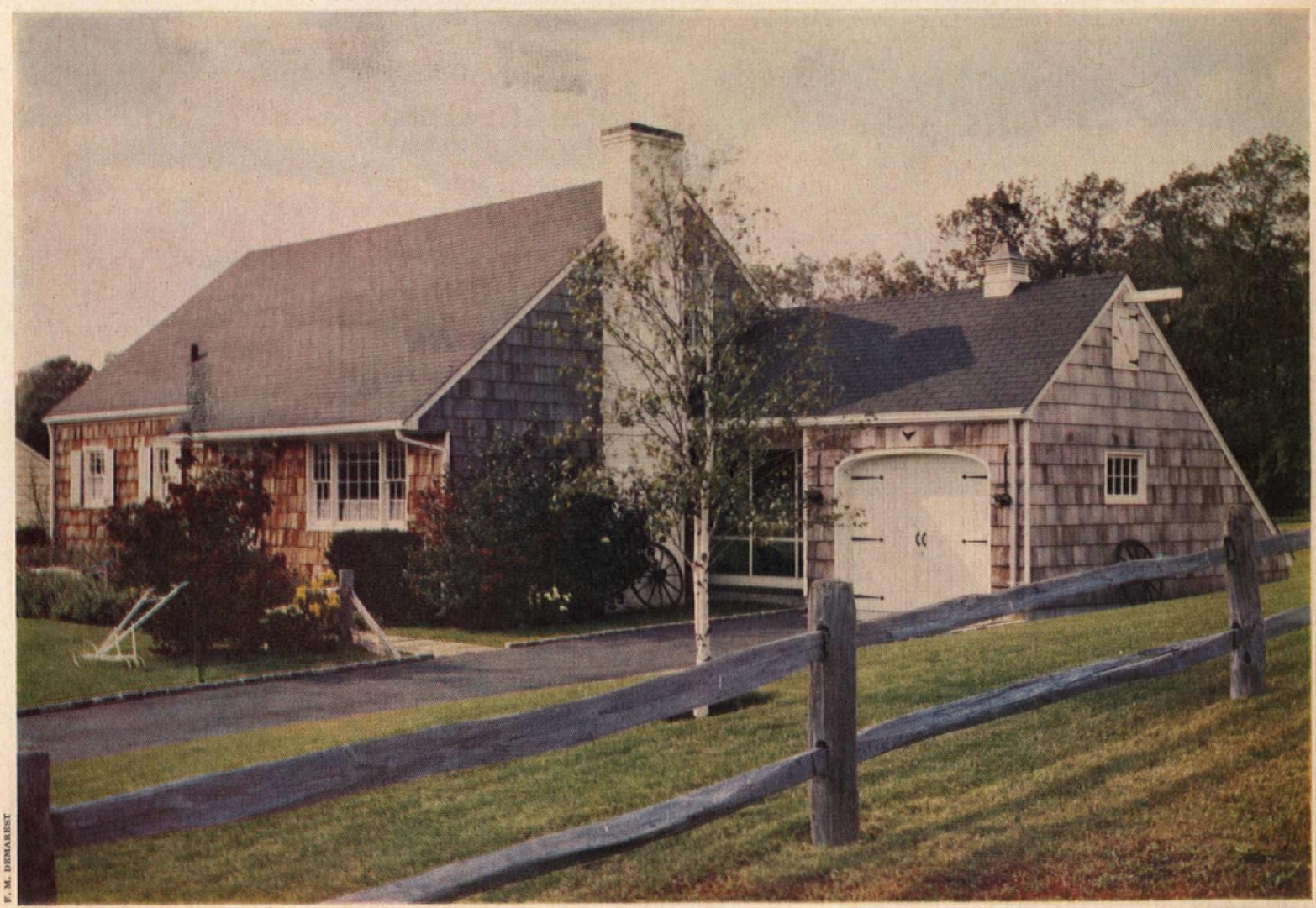
It took them two years to rearrange the outdoors area. Then, "We stayed up many nights making sketches until we decided this was what we wanted." The dining room window was replaced with a Dutch door and they used a barn-type door between the breezeway and the garage. The Charleses did some of the work themselves, but most of it was handled by a friend, George Nesbitt, who is a custom builder. When the addition was completed, the Charleses carted in several tons of dirt and blacktop for a new driveway.

***The Charleses fell in love** with their home from the very beginning. They knew it had excellent growth possibilities.*



***Original plan and new work.** Dotted line shows addition proposed when house was built. The addition is in blue.*

***Salt-box garage** is a perfect complement to the home. Door is 2"-thick V-joint redwood. The Charleses built the split-rail fence.*



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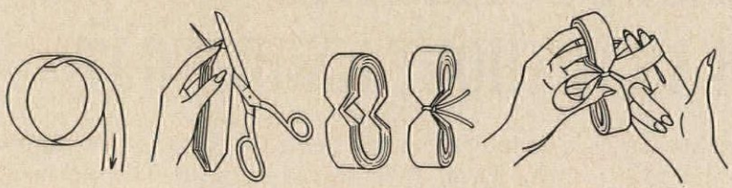
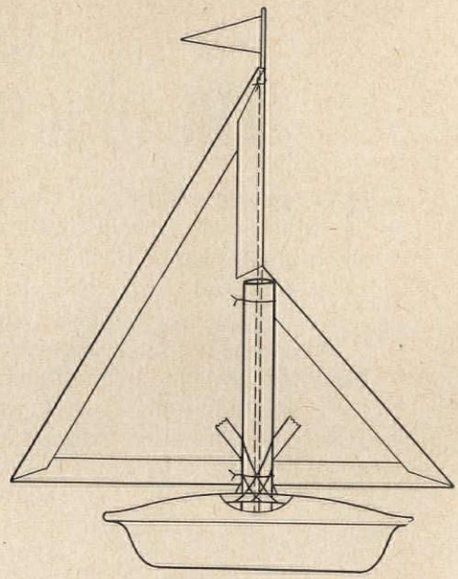
All Wrapped Up in Themselves (pictured in color on pages 46 and 47)

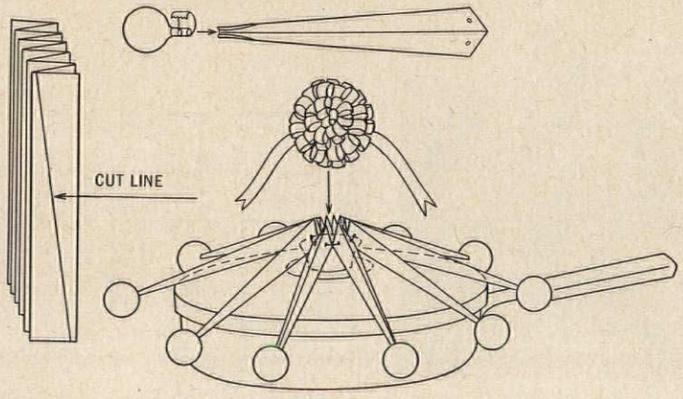


Five-inch Pompon *is made with self-sticking ribbon. Using 1¼" ribbon, form circle with 11 inches of ribbon using 1 inch for overlap. Moisten end, attach inside of circle. Make 10 layers. Cut, moisten, and fasten. Flatten circle. Cut wedge-shape pieces from both sides of each fold, leaving ⅛" center. Open circle, put cut-out centers together, tie with narrow strip. To open, hold as shown and slip inner loop out with two fingers, twist down and forward. Repeat until all the loops are pulled free.*

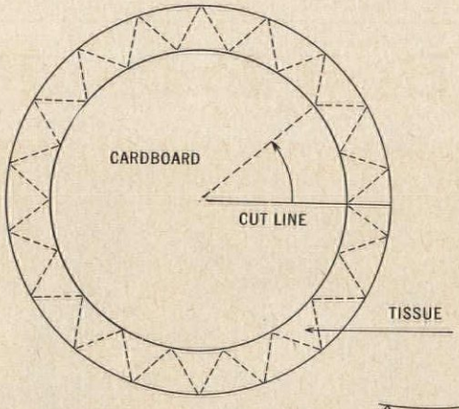


"Sail Away" Casserole. *Our sail can be adapted to fit almost any casserole. Cut a cardboard sail 22" at the base and cover with gay Christmas wrapping. Use a cardboard tube from a roll of paper towels or wax paper for support at the back. Tape tube to casserole handle. Attach sail with wire to the mast made of ¼" dowel. Tape sail to cardboard tube. Add a red paper flag to mast.*

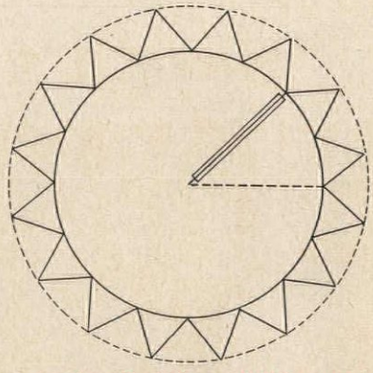
Fry-pan Sunburst. *Mount gold foil paper on heavy paper and make accordion pleats 3" wide as shown. Cut diagonally to form triangles, making sure they are long enough to extend over edge of fry pan. Pierce holes at bases and tie together to form sunburst. Slip on small Christmas balls to each point and fasten with tape. Place on pan and top with pompon.*

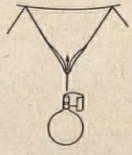


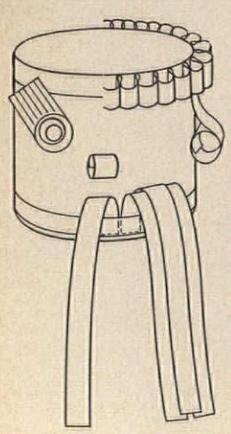
A Polka-dot Paper Carrousel *is a festive way to dress up a gift assortment of your favorite kitchen tools.*



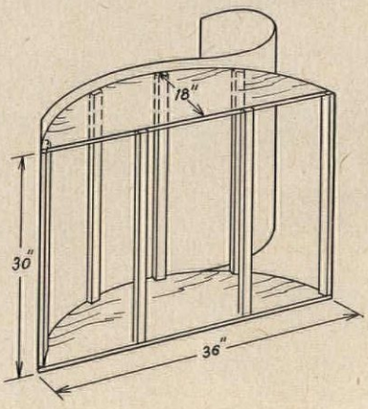
Carrousel Top. *To make this, cut an 18" circle of cardboard and paste it on a 20½" circle of polka-dot paper. Cut points from overlapping paper. Cut a line to center of circle and fold over to form cone; tape in place. Tape tiny Christmas balls to each point and press down. Cut out red flag and tape around pipe cleaner. Insert in top of the carrousel.*





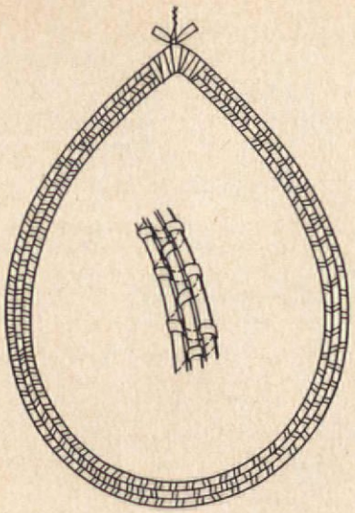


Santa Claus Face *for vacuum cleaner is a paper tube, 5" in diameter, covered with pink paper. Cut eyes of paper, shred ribbon for lashes. Whiskers and hair are ribbon, curled at end. Wrap white ribbon around top and bottom of tube to cover ends of hair and beard. Nose is tiny roll of pink paper. Cut circle of red foil, 12" wide, to make cone hat. Stuff with paper and add 5" pompon tassel. Add white candy ribbon border at base of hat. For Santa Claus suit, cover vacuum bag with red foil. Add belt of 3" black paper with cut-out gold buckle, pompon-bow buttons. Slip Santa Claus face over handle of vacuum and secure at desired height.*

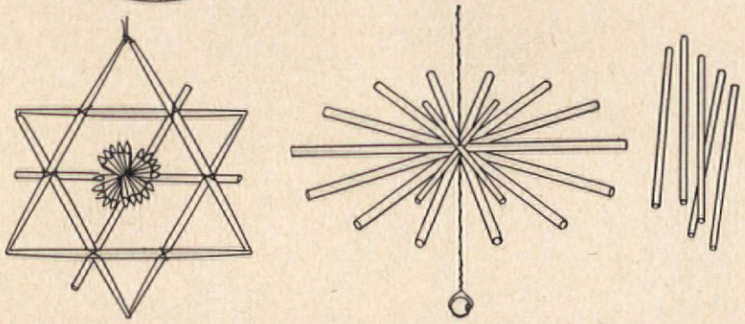


Drum Hospitality Table *(see page 37). Using a 4x4' sheet of ⅛" plywood, cut out a circle with a 16" diameter. Cut in half. Cut 8 pieces of 1x2" rough furring, each 30" long. Nail to plywood halves as shown. Cut heavy cardboard or illustration board and staple to framework, leaving a 2" overhang at top. Stretch green felt over cardboard, fold over top edge, and staple at each end. (Or paint cardboard or cover with colored paper.) Cover top with felt or paint. Apply gold braid, tassels, and medallions.*

Old World Harvest Tree (pictured in color on page 33)

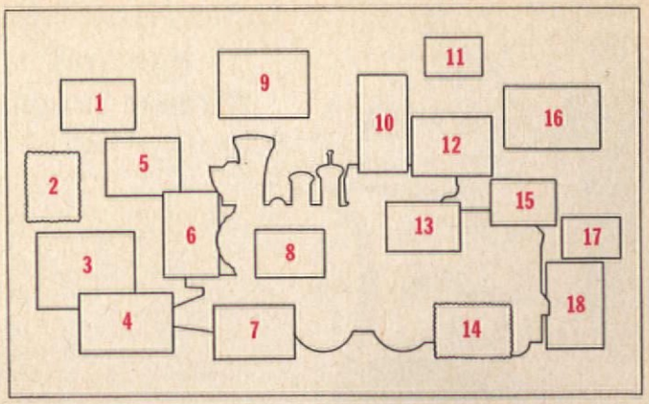


Teardrop Loop *requires willow reed and raffia. Soak both in water for 12 hours. Determine size of loop desired (the one shown is 9x12″), then cut 3 pieces of reed, graduating size so they will fit into each other. Bend them to form teardrop shape; secure all together at top with masking tape and tie together with raffia, using a weaver's knot. (Keep reed wet while working, as it slips and becomes hard to control.) Thread a needlepoint needle with raffia and weave it between and around the 3 pieces of reed. Suspend a dime-store Santa from top to center of teardrop.*



Star—*Small 4″ star is made of reed or wheat stems. Form triangles, place one over the other, turning them in opposite directions and secure at joints with fine red twine or heavy thread. Crisscross 2 short straws. In center secure a tiny cluster of (10) 1″ pieces, with ends cut sharply on diagonal. These pieces are tied in two clusters of 5 each, one on top of the other, to form a small sunburst. Large star (8″) is made of soda straws. (See tree, page 33.) If white, spray-paint them straw color. Follow same procedure as for small star, making 3 stars and 2 cross pieces, no center sunburst on this design.*

Use 12 soda straws (8″) and 6 smaller sippers (4″). Crisscross, one on top of the other, secure at center with needle and thread. Paint and shellac as for stars. With wire attach to center a large colored bead.



Key to Old-fashioned Christmas Cards *(see page 10). 1. Old woman in a shoe. About 1875. 2. Waiting for Santa Claus. 1880. 3. Three-panel fold-out card. About 1890. 4. "Far best of all the Christmas fun, the merry dance when dinner's done." 1878. 5. Children with tree. About 1875. 6. "A Greeting by my page." 1877. 7. Jester and Christmas pudding. About 1870. 8. "Never look a gift horse in the mouth." 1875. 9. Children with toys at table. 1880. 10. "I come to wish you health & happiness." 1880. 11. Children on ice. 1870. 12. Children trimming tree. Date unknown. 13. Boy drawing sled with girl and tree. 1870. 14. Father Christmas on yule log. 1870. 15. Elves making a cake. 1877. 16. Children going to a party. 1880. 17. Woman with muff. 1870. 18. Girl with Christmas letter. About 1877.*

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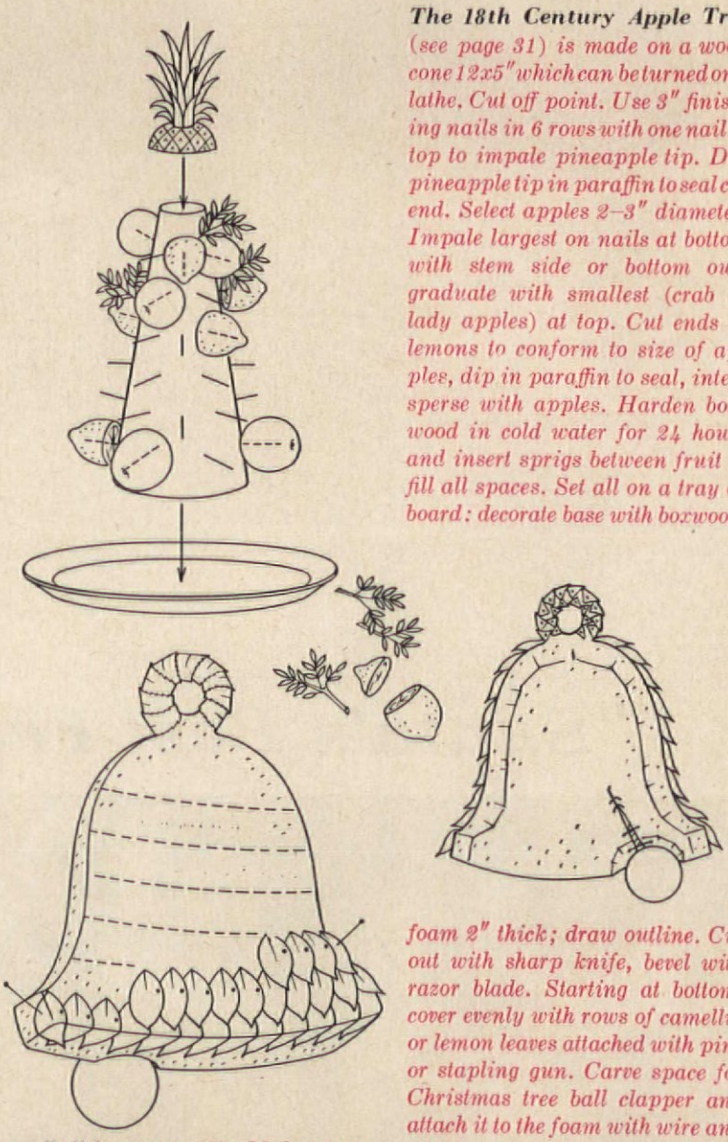
(see page 33)

1 c. white corn syrup
1 c. sugar
¼ c. water
1 tsp. vinegar
2 tbs. butter or margarine
2 qts. unsalted popped corn

• Combine corn syrup, sugar, water, and vinegar in saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils. Continue cooking, stirring almost constantly, to hard-ball stage (260°F), or until small amount forms a hard ball when dropped into cold water. Remove from heat; add butter or margarine quickly and blend. Pour syrup slowly over popcorn in large bowl. Mix well to coat kernels evenly. Butter hands and shape as desired.



The 18th Century Apple Tree *(see page 31) is made on a wood cone 12x5" which can be turned on a lathe. Cut off point. Use 3" finishing nails in 6 rows with one nail at top to impale pineapple tip. Dip pineapple tip in paraffin to seal cut end. Select apples 2–3" diameter. Impale largest on nails at bottom with stem side or bottom out; graduate with smallest (crab or lady apples) at top. Cut ends of lemons to conform to size of apples, dip in paraffin to seal, intersperse with apples. Harden boxwood in cold water for 24 hours and insert sprigs between fruit to fill all spaces. Set all on a tray or board: decorate base with boxwood.*

Bell *(see page 27). Make paper pattern of bell 14" high by 12" wide, place on slab of plastic foam 2" thick; draw outline. Cut out with sharp knife, bevel with razor blade. Starting at bottom, cover evenly with rows of camellia or lemon leaves attached with pins or stapling gun. Carve space for Christmas tree ball clapper and attach it to the foam with wire and pieces of pipe cleaner. Heavy red silk rope and tassels add an elegant finish.*

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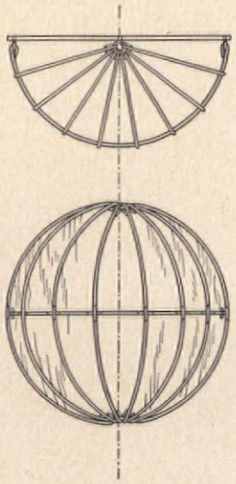
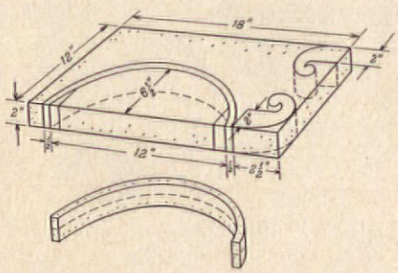
Balloon Door Decoration

(pictured in color on page 29)

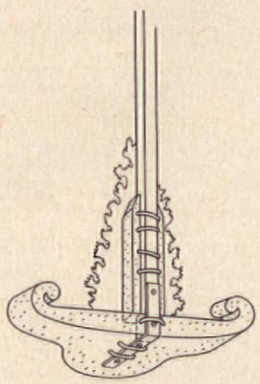


The sphere *we used was cut from a 20" plastic foam ball, sprayed with a special plastic foam paint (you could also use rubber-base paint). If such a ball is not available, you can make your own sphere. Cut a circle of thin plywood (¼") 20" in diameter. Draw 2 guide lines dividing circle into 4 equal parts. Put a large screw eye at top and bottom, a smaller one at each side. Measure spring wire for ribs halfway around plywood base, allowing enough extra wire to make loops. Measure and cut all 9 ribs at one time. Secure horizontal rib first. Then loop vertical ribs top and bottom to screw eyes, keeping ribs equidistant. Tape each rib to the horizontal rib.*

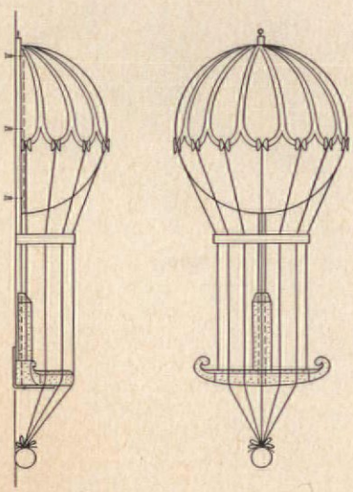
The cover. *Cut a circle of stretchable fabric, leaving a 2" overlap. Stretch fabric over frame, pulling taut on bias; secure at back with thumbtacks. Repeat in opposite direction. To remove remaining fullness, make a series of tiny tucks in each quarter and secure with thumbtacks. Papier-mâché is another alternate covering.*



The platform. *Using a sharp knife, cut a semicircle with 6½" radius for platform from a 1x2' slab of plastic foam, 2" thick. Bevel bottom with razor blade. Cut scroll ends and bevel. Slice ½" from each end of platform and attach scroll ends with toothpicks or wire. Cut a small semicircle for the middle support as shown. Spray pieces gold with special plastic foam paint or use rubber-base paint.*



Screw angle iron to bottom *of a piece of 1" square molding, 3½' long. Mount platform and secure with pipe cleaners. Cut out another piece of plastic foam with a 1" groove to support Christmas tree greens, secure to molding with pipe cleaners.*



Screw balloon *to top of molding, pin huckleberry leaves to cover to make "net," starting from the bottom. Pin velvet rope (or silk cord) "guide lines" to the cover and extend to below the platform; gather and tie to Christmas ball. Pin lines to plastic foam semicircle directly under sphere. Add sprigs of holly; insert Christmas greens into plastic foam platform and use a small reindeer figure as a final touch.*

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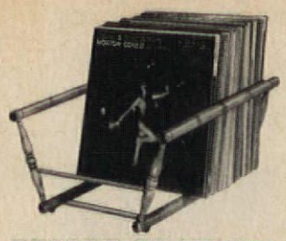

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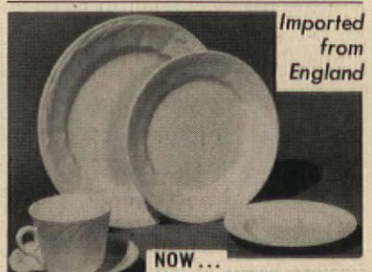

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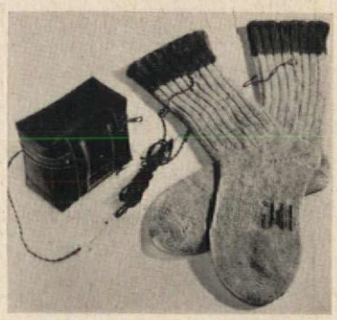

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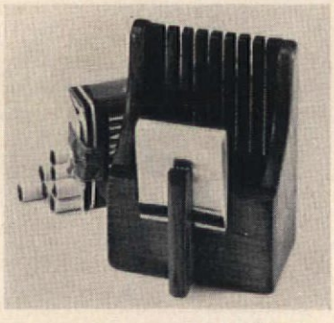

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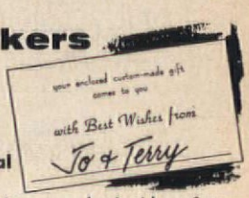

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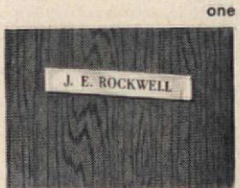

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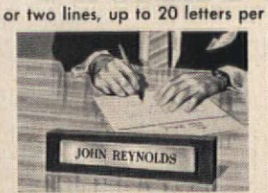

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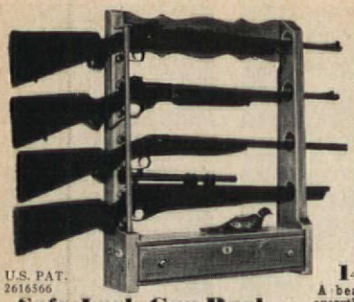

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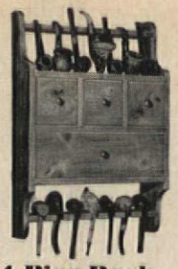

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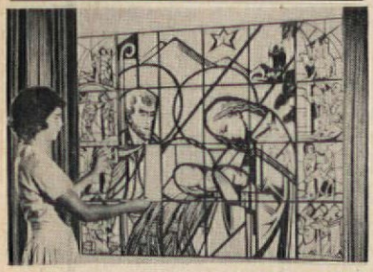

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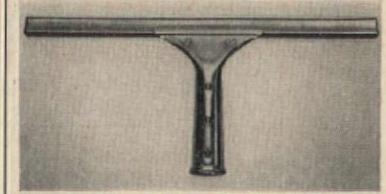

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GROWN UP bags with loads of storage space are as useful for the school-going teenager as for her mother. This one has two spacious zippered compartments and a huge 5x7" mirror that flips out. Masquerading as leather, it comes in black or tan. The spacious 12x13" carryall is a natural traveler. $5.95 plus 50c post. Old Pueblo Traders, Box 4035-AHB, Tucson, Ariz.

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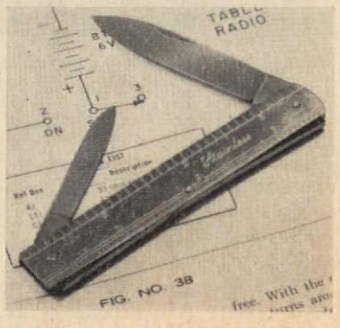
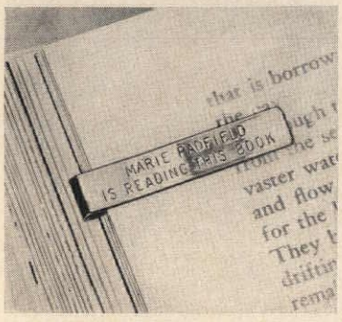


M'DEAR, A Madeira basket filled with yellow nasturtiums can bring a breath of spring to your home this winter. There are three bunches of look-like-real plastic flowers from Italy or, come spring, you may grow your favorite plant in this metal-lined basket. The lacquered wicker basket is 9x7½", $3.95; 2 for $7.50. Gotham Gifts, 67-85A Exeter St., Forest Hills 75, N.Y.



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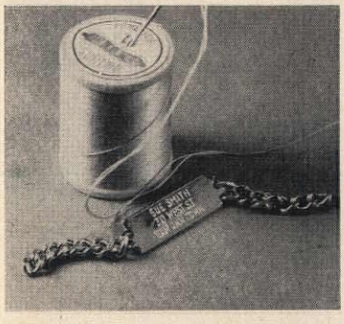

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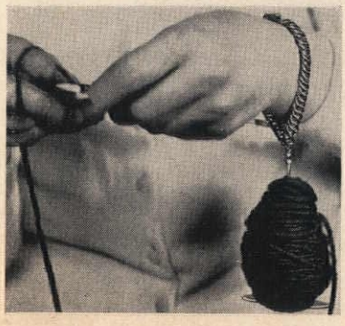

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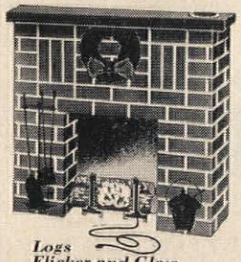

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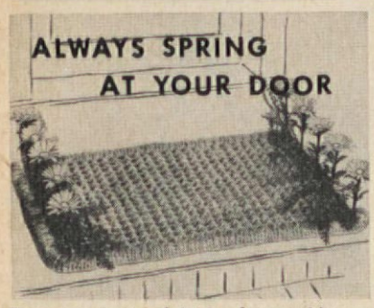

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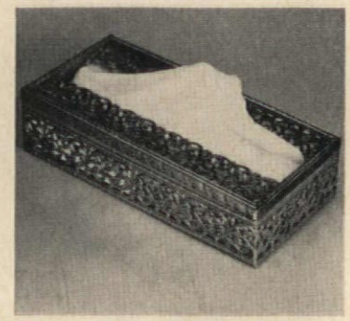

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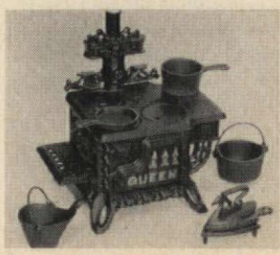

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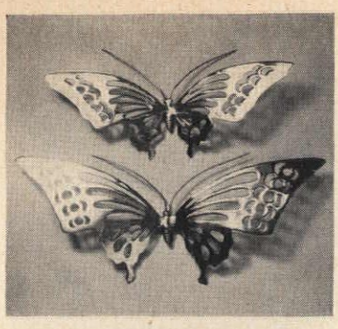

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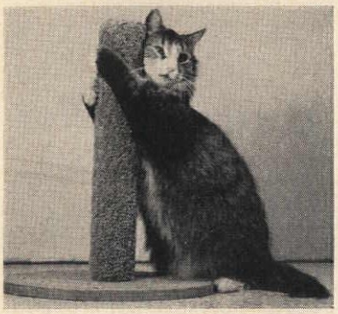

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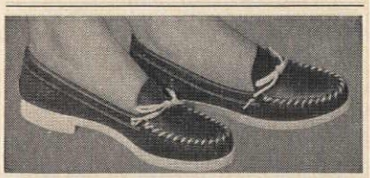

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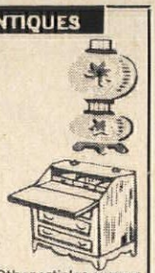

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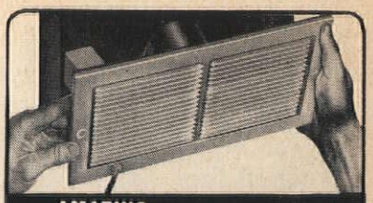

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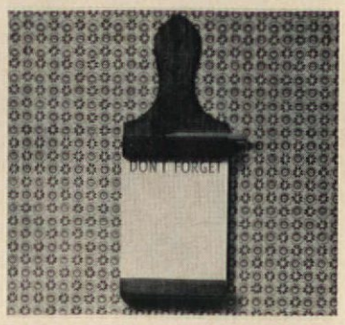

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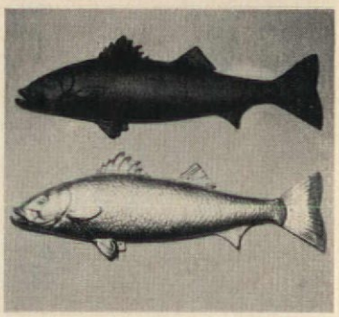

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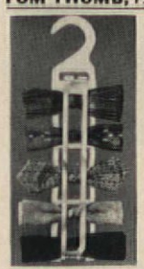

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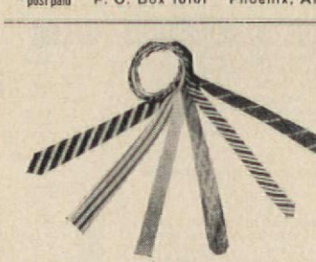

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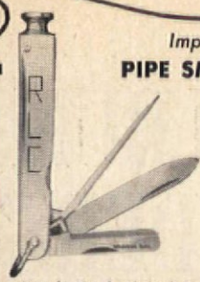

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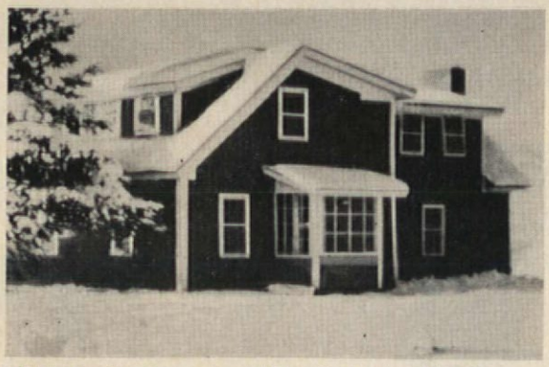

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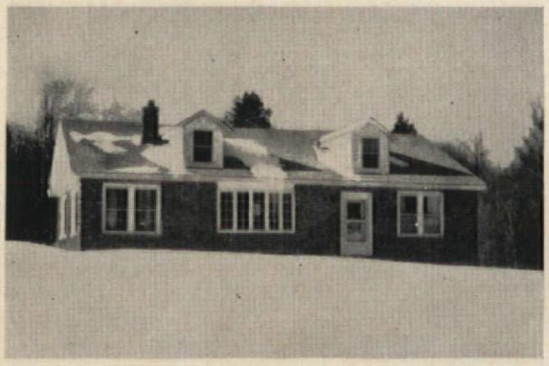

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