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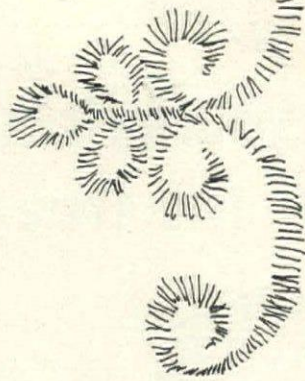
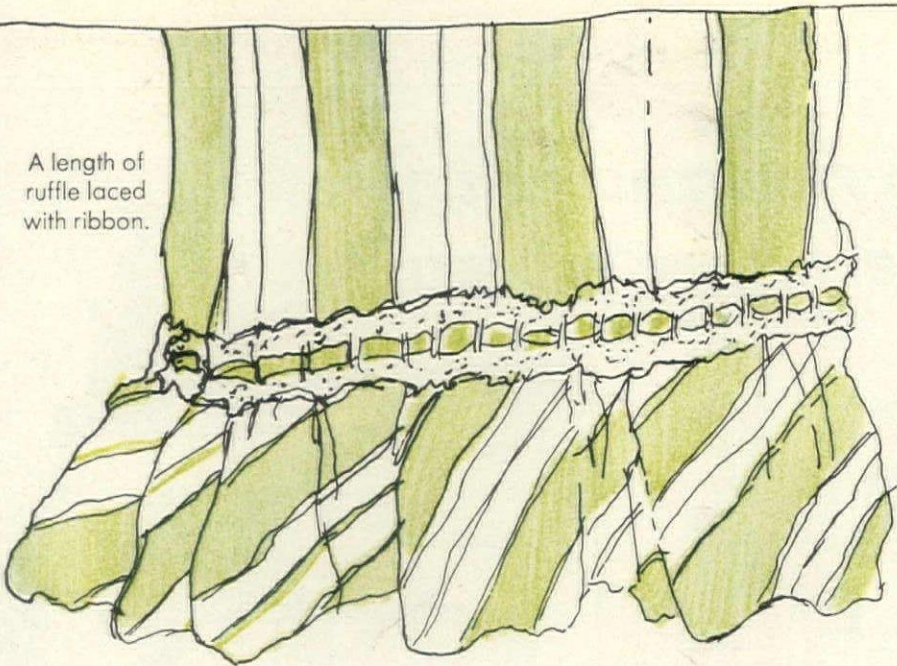


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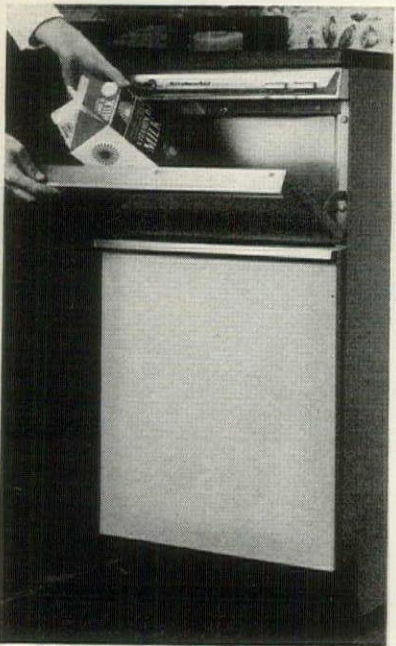
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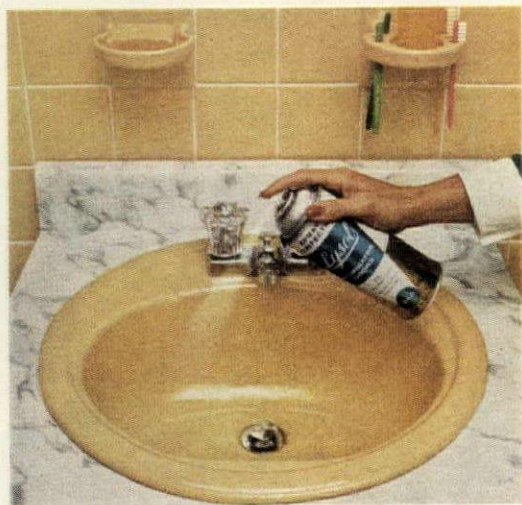
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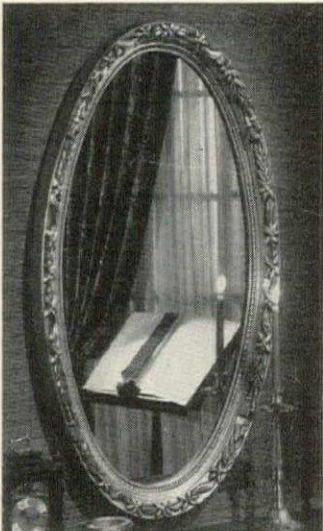
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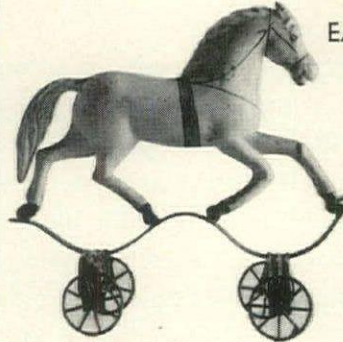
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# Antiques

BY LOUISE ADE BOGER



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E.M.—Kennett Square, Pa.

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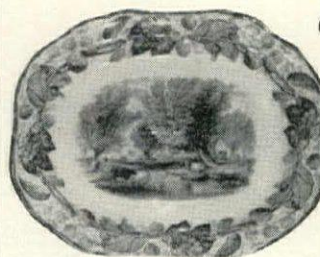
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R.C. McG.—Los Angeles, Cal.

Your handsome American Fancy-chair with gilded decorative designs probably dates between 1820 and 1830.



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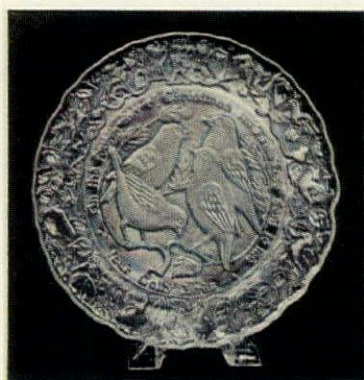
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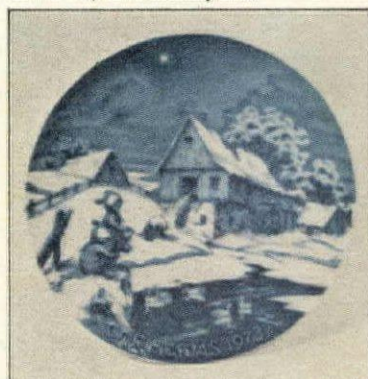
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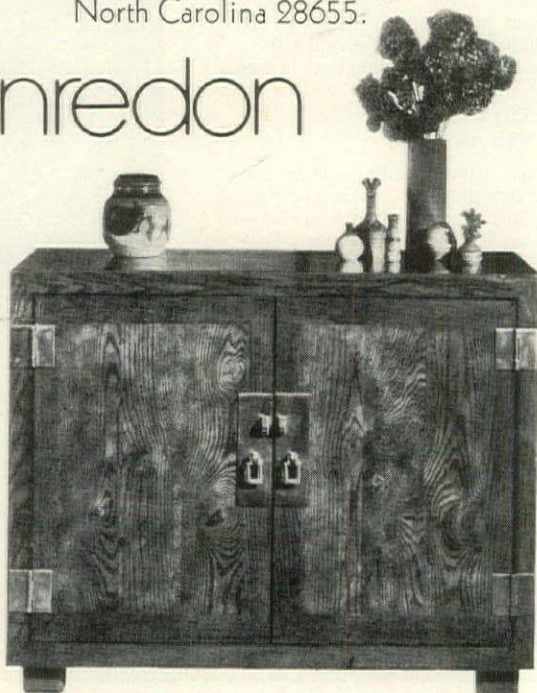
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*Our Old Capitol Restoration Committee recently acquired these bed steps. The exposed area is concealed when the steps are pushed together. We would appreciate any information about them.*

M.M.K.—Iowa City, Iowa

Your Sheraton style bed steps are English (1790-1795). These generally consist of three steps. The hinged upper tread opened to a well, often with wash basin and soap cup. Sometimes there was a drawer under middle tread. Yours is fitted with a bidet.



### DUTCH TEAPOT

*From this photograph, can you tell me anything about my teapot? It has no identifying markings. F.V.—Terre Haute, Ind.*

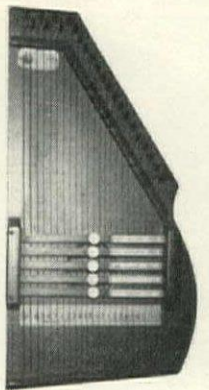
Your Gaudy Dutch teapot decorated with the "King's Rose" pattern was made at a Staffordshire pottery, perhaps Spode, 1820-1825. The form was taken from a silver model.

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*I have an early autoharp. Do you know anything about the history of these instruments?*

M.B.C.—San Diego, Cal.

The autoharp was created by Charles F. Zimmermann in 1882 as a mechanical aid in teaching his tone number system. Fortunately, the instrument was adopted by gifted performers not dependent on musical notation, who made of it an American folk instrument. Modern instruments look and sound no different from the early ones.

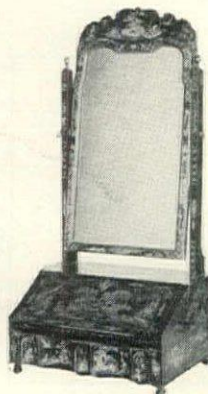


*These three marks appear on some china I inherited. What do they signify?*

J.H.—Hackettstown, N.J.

### GERMAN CHINA MARKS

The first mark was used by a porcelain factory started in 1869 by Reinhold Schlegelmilch at Tillowitz, Germany. The second was used at one started in 1861 by Erdmann Schlegelmilch at Suhl, Prussia, as was the third. Quantities of this porcelain were exported to the U.S. and in recent years have been attracting collectors.



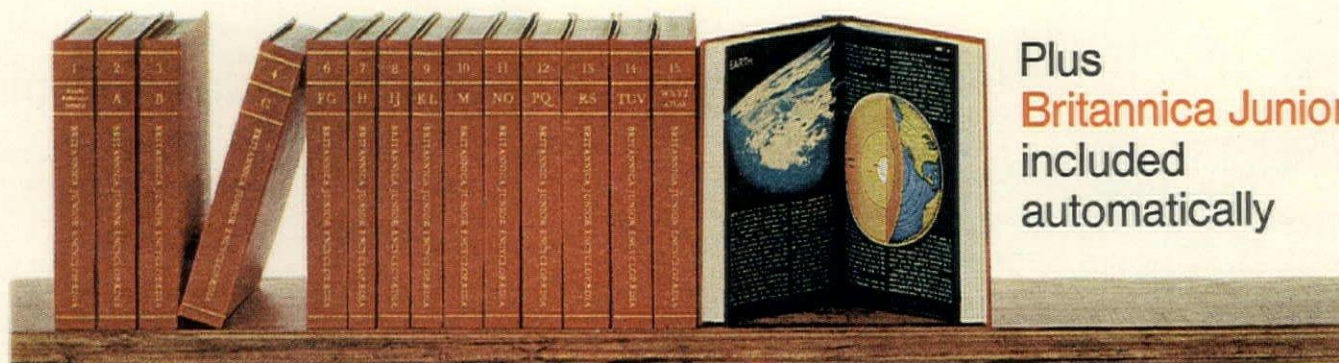
### QUEEN ANNE DRESSING MIRROR

*My lacquered dressing mirror can also be used for writing. Is this rare? K.S.—New York, N.Y.*

In early examples of dressing mirrors mounted on a "box" stand, about 1695, the stand was often a miniature desk, the slant-front opening to serve as a writing board and disclose small pigeonholes. The long drawer below was fitted with toilet accessories. Those with writing equipment would be more highly valued. ■

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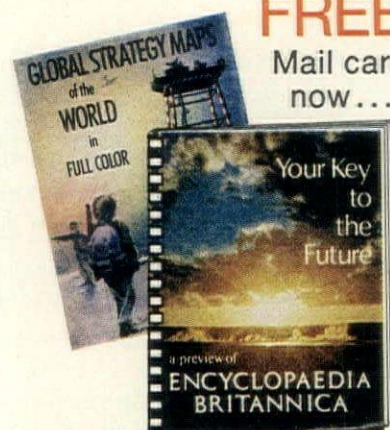
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Home sewing is really booming these days—particularly with the young. Tina's had a sewing machine for about two years and has turned out some highly successful clothes. Many of her friends and lots of the young wives we know are making clothes as well as doing needlepoint and other types of needlework. Keeping everything organized is a problem, however, so this Christmas I'm giving Tina a group of *special storage boxes for sewing materials*. I bought her a roomy two-tray sewing chest with multiple compartments designed to hold the new larger spools of thread, scissors, pins and needles, fasteners, and oddments such as binding tape. I added a pattern file and some clear plastic storage boxes that stack and will be good for leftover fabrics, trimming, and her needlepoint projects. There's room on her closet shelf for all of them. The organizers, made by the Hugh H. Wilson Company, are sold under the name Wil-hold.

While in the post office, the other day, I picked up some useful information. I asked the man behind the counter *what to do with stamps that have become glued to each other* because they have gotten damp. I had an eight-dollar roll of stamps that met this fate in the humidity last summer. He said to soak the stamps in warm water until they are separated, then put them *face down* on a piece of blotting paper, pressing them flat. When the stamps are completely dry, they will be as good as new, except that you have to put a little fresh glue or paste on them to make them adhere to a letter.

Also at the post office I came across *a little book about stamps* by the United States Postal Service called *Stamps & Stories*. I bought one and was amazed at how much information it contains. It's a complete record and descriptive explanation of all the U.S. and United Nations stamps, and it demonstrates how stamps reflect the history of our country. At two dollars, it will make an unusual Christmas present for a youngster, along with some sheets of our newest stamps.

Sally called last night from Connecticut to report that one of the girls she shares her apartment with is moving out and taking her

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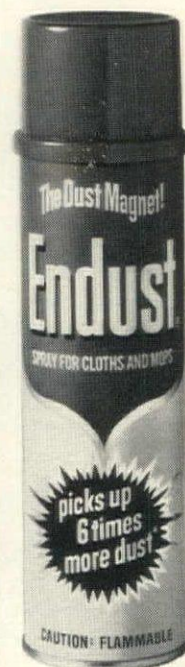
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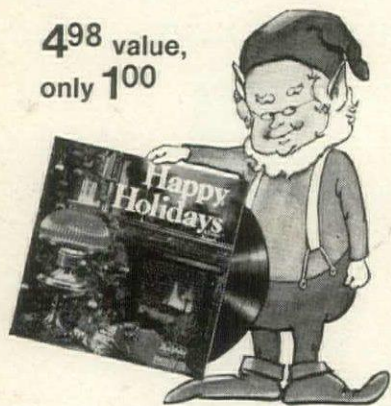
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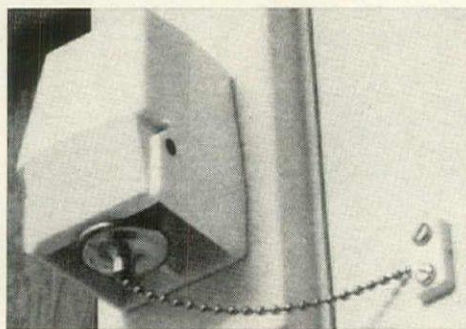
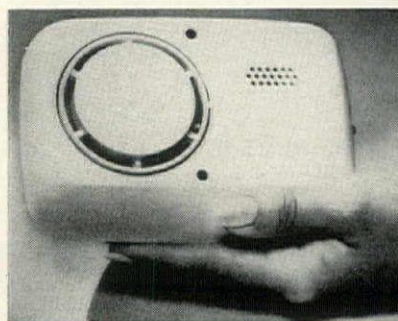
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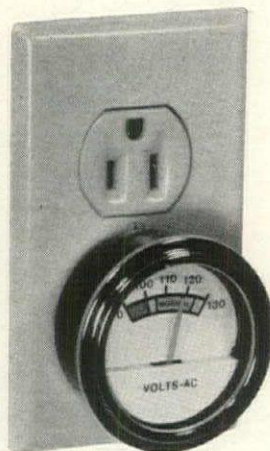
Security, more than ever a major factor in house design, is abetted by two new products. The Pyro-Guardion, an early warning fire and smoke detector, is made in two models. One is installed as part of a standard house wiring system when you are building or remodeling. The other has a cord to plug into a single electrical outlet. The FRU model, *right*, will sound a high frequency alarm simultaneously in six locations if a sensor detects smoke or fire in any of them. The plug-in model, FRU-1L with an 8-foot cord, will alert the area in which it is located. The unit is 6 inches long, 4 wide, and 2 deep. Pyrotechnics Division, Baker Industries, Inc.



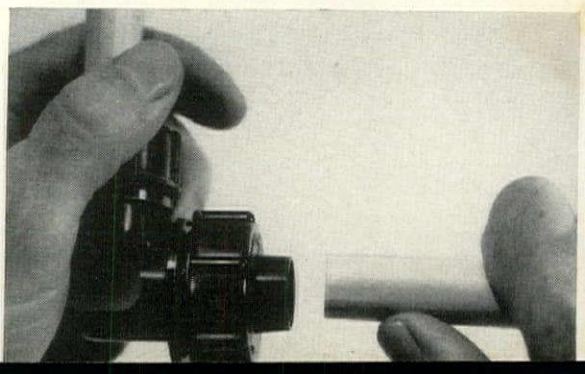
The Flashguard system, *left*, a house-wide burglar alarm installation, uses flash bulbs to trigger a general alarm bell. Instead of elaborately wired-in sensors at doors and windows there are Flashguard units without batteries or other power. Tripped when intruders break in, they release intense light from Sylvania Magicubes. This is detected by an Alarm Control Center even 50 feet away and the clanging bell is set off (100 decibels of sound for thirty minutes). But an Exit-Entry Control, with built-in time delays, allows you to enter and leave normally without setting off the alarm forcible entry would trigger. Flashguard, Inc.

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BY REBECCA WARFIELD

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**A PURE INTENSITY . . .** *A new kind of perfume thinking has been happening lately. Under the direction of a nephew of the great Captain Molyneux who directed his perfume laboratories, an assemblage of the essential oils from every flower that grows has been made at Bloomingdale's under the name of The Perfume Workshop. There are sixty-four essential oils and you can have that clear direction by adding to them and getting a lower profile by making a bath oil or cologne or sachets. This newness seems to be rampaging around the city—taken up particularly by young groups who are often turned off by complex things that try too hard. Among the essences that have been grabbed up and are speaking for certain well-known personalities are Tiger Lily (exotic, with a certain talent to amuse, not too sweet, but sweetish and can be modified to suit your taste). Iris (this astonishing word picture so vivid you can even see the special curly shapes of the flowers and the skinny green leaves swaying tall. Mignonette (seldom seen except in very old-fashioned gardens is here in its gray-green bunchy flower whose soul is its sublime perfume). Jonquil (this one will remind you of Ralph Hodgson's poem on another almost scentless flower "Clean as a lady, cool as glass, fresh without fragrance, the tulip was."). Rose (so brilliant, so preeminently rosy that with Kenneth Koch we might ask "Rose, where did you get that red?" In any case you would never ask "what," just "who.").*

**PERFUME AS A CONVERSATION PIECE.** Pass it around after coffee . . . The days are long gone since women thought it was a part of their essential femininity not to disclose the name of their favorite perfume. Now, for one thing, there is always more than one that they like and very many women drop easily into a discussion of them. "Where did you get that perfume?" "I was at a party on the coast when I noticed it on a friend, although I had never heard of it before, I have been wearing it ever since." That's energy passing from person to person.

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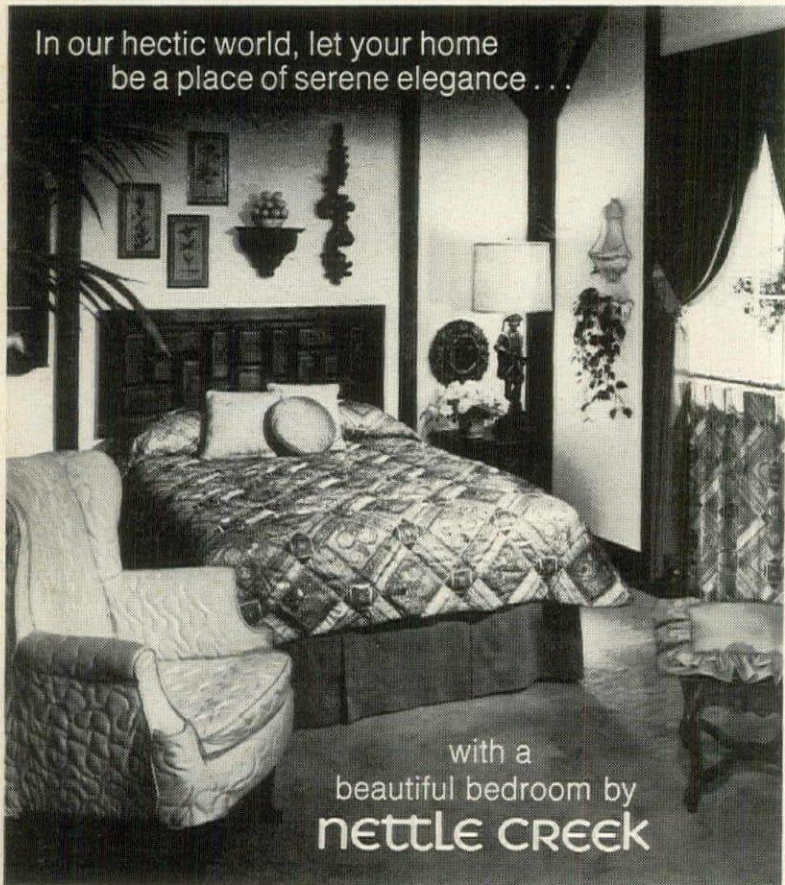
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## GOOD LOOKS & GOOD HEALTH

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Now Andy Lucarelli who has just imagined a men's line of immense style has made this topic into reality. He has designed a quite beautiful little clear plastic bottle that looks like crystal, is domed and faceted, and holds solid perfume. It is done like a jewel and the cover is hinged. The scent is called *Interlude* and the texture is unusually creamy. When spirits lag after dinner, this little jewel can be passed around, dipped into, and suddenly there seems to be more energy in the room.

**THE ENERGY DEAL.** Here are perfumes, some classic, some actually historic, but one way or another each packed with its own kind of energy message, and not one of them is passive or lackadaisical.

*Nectar* . . . a skin oil as sheer as a well-meant lie. It's new and wonderful and makes Jean d'Albret's *Ecussen* even more pleasurable than in its original formulation. High and wild, like a mythic tale of almost unbearable adventure and mystery.

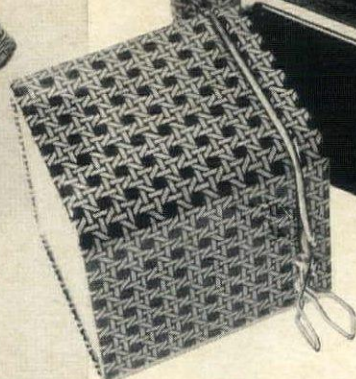
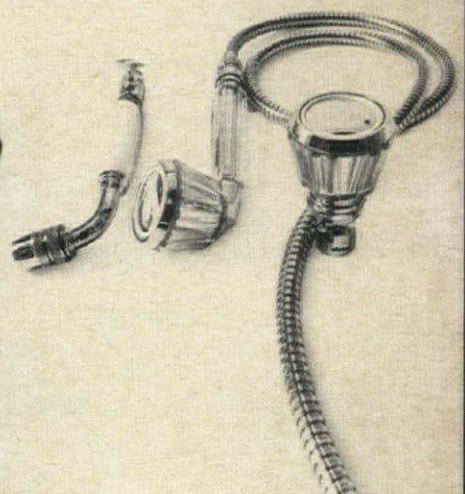
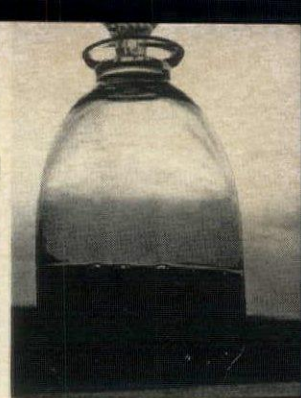
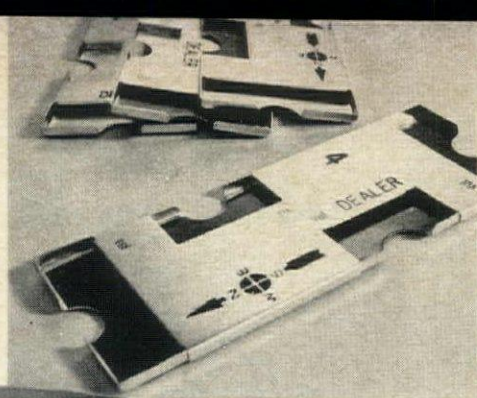
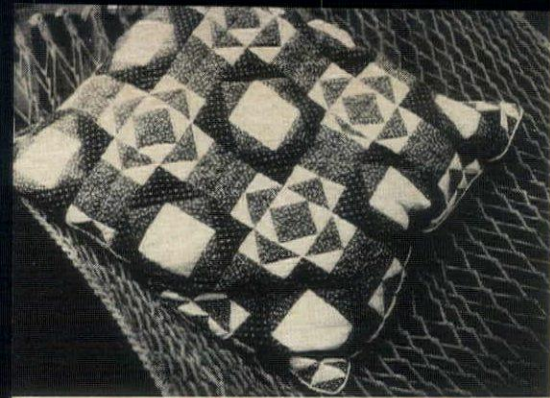
*Detchema* by Revillon, a satisfactory composition, not too facile or leaning over backward to please. And although this may turn some people off, it's going to grab certain others because it is known as the intellectual's perfume.

*Jicky* by Guerlain has been jouncing along from the thirties, includes the rhythm of the *Charleston* and all that, but forget the nostalgia. The reason for *Jicky* is its incredible energy quotient, rollicking, alive, bouncy.

*Givenchy III* by Givenchy. The voice and energy of the worldly young who travel around the Mediterranean beaches, the *Club Marbeille*, the island of Sardinia, the spots where there is plenty of exuberance, no pretension—very laughy. The people whose message this sends turn up at all the sunny, fashiony beaches across the world. They enclose their own energy.

*Eve* by Eve of Roma comes over with the most outgoing assurance—not stuck-up but delivered with so much confidence that their good opinion of you is an unusual and valuable compliment. The message you get from this is like sitting beside someone at dinner from whom you learn something at last, something stimulating that you've always wanted to know.

*Private Collection* by Estée Lauder . . . Though Mrs. Lauder is deeply drawn to perfume and has many celebrated, well-loved ones in her collection, she wears only one. Soon this—*Private Collection*—will be open to the public. It is a tenuous, soft, very raffiné breeze of a perfume. What you sense immediately is a rustle of leaves and branches, greenness, a summer in summer, a summer in winter. These leaves don't seem heavy and overwhelming, but rather like a stand of locust where the tiny little leaves let the sunlight through to the ground beneath. *Private Collection* is a glad perfume.

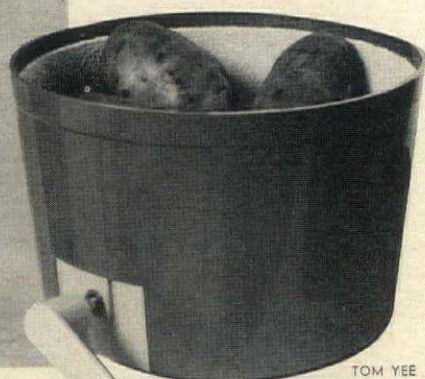


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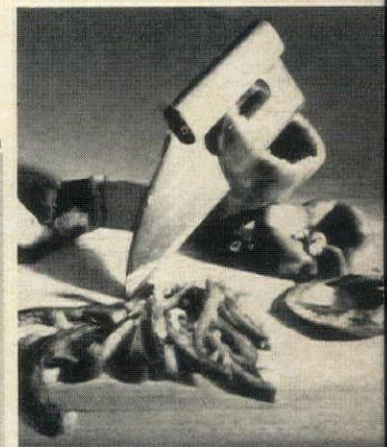
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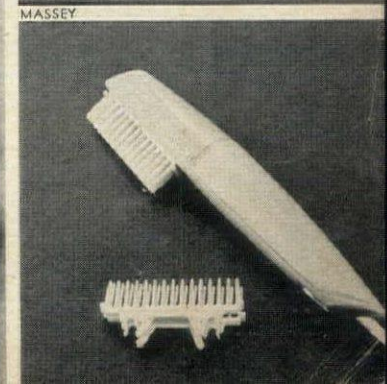
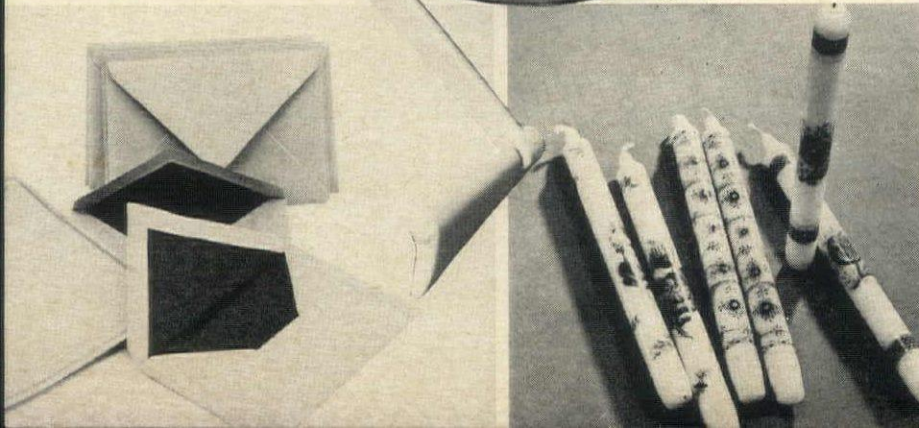
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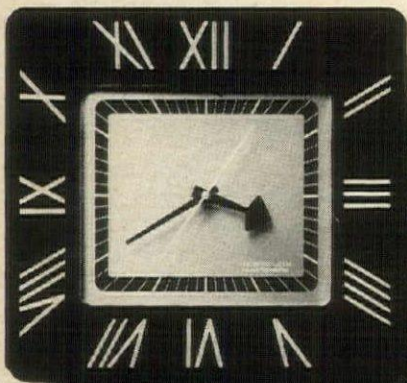
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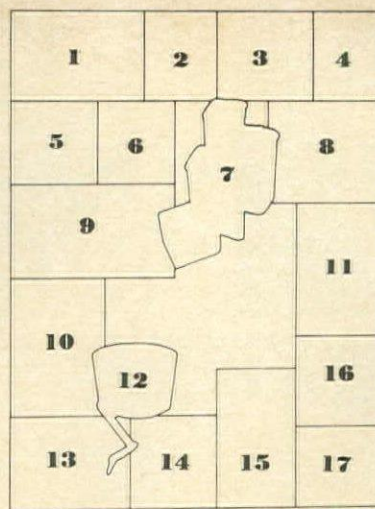
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## HOUSE GIFTS continued from page 39



**1** A square yard of sunshine to sit on, a "Monkey Wrench" quilted patchwork pillow. In red, yellow, and purple. Authentically traditional. Zipper on under-side. Machine-washable. Comes unstuffed. \$27.50 at Court Square Folk Art. **2** The amiable end table works anywhere—singly or paired. With a place to tuck the book you're reading now or favorite art objects. Three drop leaves turn the triangular top into a circle, 26½ inches in diameter, 28 tall. By Hibriten Chair. \$179. Special order only at Gimbels, New York. **3** Snappy duplicate bridge boards make the game doubly organized, doubly interesting. By Parker Brothers. About \$7 the foursome. At Brentano's. **4** For the wine or sherry lover on your list, a lead crystal decanter by Lalique. In majestic "Rambouillet": a swirl of a stopper, an expansive shape with a subtle curve at the bottom. \$36. At Soupçon. **5** You can take it with you: tiny black and white television with whopping good looks, clean simple lines. Screen is 5 inches on the diagonal. Weighs 10½ pounds. \$130. By General Electric. **6** Carrousel candelabrum is a charming centerpiece for Christmas—or a children's party. The ribbons, spirals, and braid are so graceful one can't believe they're terra-cotta pottery. Footed with tiny baskets of flowers. This one is 18 inches high. By Terrafirma. \$75. At Ronaldo Maia. **7** "Cane trunk" canisters in tin, with clip locks and hinged lids. For cookies or coffee. Brown-on-brown. Two sizes: 8 inches tall, \$3.; 6½ inches tall, \$2.50. By Vandor, at Azuma. **8** Lady Alsons Personal Shower gives you the luxury of a handheld shower. Perfect for showering without wetting your hair, a relaxing spray-and-soak bath, or for rinsing shampoo. Fits any threaded shower arm. Here, the

700D, with 59-inch chrome-plated hose, handheld showerhead with adjustable spray and wall bracket, \$44. The handheld showerhead detaches and the optional bidet attachment, \$9.90, shown at left, fits on. For use with your present showerhead or with the 610 adjustable-spray showerhead, at right, \$12.95. Made in Germany. At Hammacher Schlemmer and Hudson's. **9** Spread the Christmas table with starry alpine flowers—a red and white cotton tablecloth, 89 by 53 inches. By D. D. & Leslie Tillett. \$30. Henri Bendel. **10** Charming as New Orleans, a corner baker's rack in wrought iron and brass with curved shelves. Equally at home indoors or on a porch, and it gives plants their own niche in the sun. By Henredon. About \$579. At W & J Sloane. **11** A pet to needlepoint—the gingham dog, 13 inches high. Kit includes canvas, thread, needle, and instructions. Backing not included. \$15. By Elizabeth Buttke for The Works. **12** Potato peeler—with lettuce spinner attachment—is almost as fast as "1 Potato, 2 Potato." And it peels carrots, beets, and such, too. Manual-operated. Heavy-duty plastic in six colors, brass core. 8½ inches wide. By Eva. \$16.50. At Epi-Curious. **13** Understated stationery, brown kraft paper with a shiny black border and envelope lining. 36 sheets—half decorated—18 envelopes. \$2. From The Connoisseur collection by Eaton. **14** Candles in three patterns as pretty as porcelain. \$2 a pair. At Royal Copenhagen. **15** High-backed Windsor chair has the simplicity of Shaker lines—a focal point for a live-in kitchen. Ash with a buttery-yellow lacquered finish. 53 inches high. \$450. At Lord & Taylor. **16** A knife that chops and cuts and gives you a good, safe grip on both. 7-inch stainless steel blade, hardwood handle. Made in France. \$14. At Patricia Moore. **17** The electric Untangle Comb breezes through hair with a purr—even children's fine hair. In lavender with two sets of teeth. \$18. By Remington. ■

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## 50 unique presents from museums and stores across the country

BY MAGGIE MORSE

Do you agree that the closer one gets to Christmas the more unusual a gift must be to catch one's attention? A sure-fire way out of the doldrums is shopping at museum stores. Most of the gifts are exclusive, and the designs are *authentic*—they have a past behind them. They're gifts that are as much fun to give as to receive. And gifts—often at a surprisingly modest profit—to the museums as well. We've gathered together, from all over the country, gifts from museums, historic landmarks, and a sprinkling of stores that you can buy right in your own house.

### TO ENCHANT CHILDREN

*The Most Beautiful Star in the World*, a **storybook to hang**, about a boy's search for a Christmas star in the world around him. You read a page a day—a sleeve keeps the next pages hidden. The pages grow shorter as you read, their borders stacking up to a Christmas tree at the end. Four years and up. \$3.75, The New York Public Library.

To keep little people busy before the official unwrapping, in the patient Cut & Glue Department, a charming **Dutch cottage**, green with a red tile roof. On a riverbank, with folded paper drawbridge and boat! 8 by 10 inches assembled. \$3.50. The Museum of the City of New York. Or a **toy stage** with players, sets, and script—"Cinderella" or "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves." About 12 inches high. \$4.70 each, The New York Public Library.

An old-fashioned **china doll** that looks like a real baby. Wind the key, she turns her head and plays Brahms' lullaby. 14 inches high. \$15.50, The Museum of the City of New York.

A red and green **steam tractor** that runs on wood alcohol, 10 inches long. \$36.50, The Museum of the City of New York.

"Where did you find them?"—At The American Museum of Natural History: **Nature records**, "American Bird Songs," two different records, each with over 50 songs, \$8.50 each, "The Language and Music of the Wolves," narrated by Robert Redford, and "Songs of the Humpback Whale," \$6.70 each. Real *live* songs.

Great **posters** for a child's room, authentic reproductions of 19th-

century posters: a firetruck arriving at a fire in "The Life of a Fireman" and a steam locomotive in "Across the Continent," each 28½ by 22½ inches, each \$4. The Museum of the City of New York. Or cowboy posters that are reproductions of paintings by Remington or Russell. Send 25c for the "list of publications" from The Amon Carter Museum, or 25c for the "gift shop catalogue" from The Thomas Gilcrease Institute.

More Western lore: **books by explorers and cowboys** themselves, such as *Pony Tracks*, written and illustrated by Frederic Remington. \$3.45 each, from The Thomas Gilcrease Institute. Many other titles in the catalogue.

### STOCKING STUFFERS

"Our Bird Friends," cards for "Go Fish" or guessing games, with scaled picture, description, names, call, nesting habits, and a literary "bird" quote on each card. \$3. The New York Public Library.

Glad tidings: Beatrix Potter and her peers are in paperback! So small children can love them and no harm done if they tear them. A few of the many titles—\$1.05 each—are *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, *The Tailor of Gloucester*—how mice save Christmas Day—plus Robert Louis Stevenson's *A Child's Garden of Verses*.

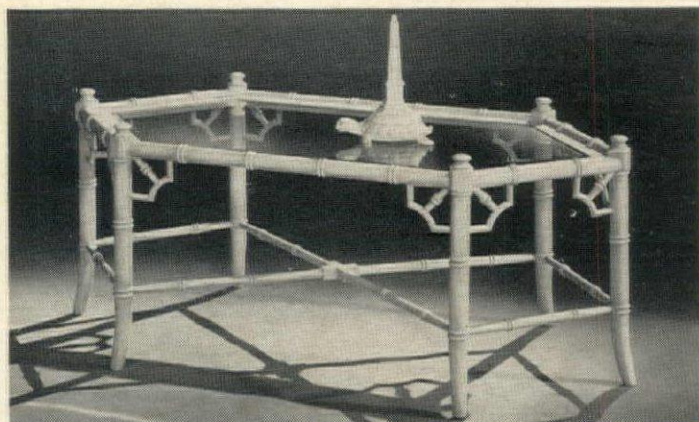
Where has Kate Greenaway gone? Wherever, she's come back as a **coloring book in hardcover**. \$3.75, The New York Public Library. Two coloring books that are reproductions of woodcuts from very early books: *Dragons and Other Animals* and *Noah's Ark*. White paper. 75c each, The Walters Art Gallery.

To inspire young artists, *The Totem Pole of Sakau'wan*, a **book of blockprints** by young people in the Saturday Class Program of The Portland Art Museum. Each child took a different legend of the Northwest Coast Indians and illustrated it. Paperbound, 10½ by 8½ inches. \$3.50 plus postage, The Portland Art Museum.

**For young students:** *The Civil War Chronicle*, edited from Civil War newspapers. Thick with Civil War news photos. In newspaper format, history seems hot off the press. \$2, The Museum of the City of New York.

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## GIVE YOURSELF A COCKTAIL PRETTY



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### HOUSE GIFTS *continued from preceding page*

#### GIFTS FOR HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

Light up the Christmas house: a reproduction of an 18th-century Gaoler's Hand Lantern, for a single candle indoors. Antique tin finish, three open sides. 16 inches. \$31.30. Colonial Williamsburg.

The Cornelius Vanderburgh cordial tumblers in sterling silver, each engraved with a classic wreath. The handleless shape is very modern. Surprisingly, they're reproductions of a c.1695 cup. True to the tumbler name, their bottoms are curved so they right themselves on a shaky surface, very practical in the days of coach travel when one took along his own cup. \$42.95 each. The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

20th-century old-fashioned: Computer glasses that remind one after a long day at the office, "I am a human being—do not fold, mutilate, or spindle." The punched card says it for you. \$11 the set of 6. From Sakowitz.

For the Christmas table, a unique centerpiece, antique pop-up Christmas cards. All made around 1860-65, probably German, and the scenes are charming: houses, churches, trees, crèches, mother, father, children. Some cards open to the front like a stage; some open full circle. From The John Ruge Shop. \$6.50 to \$15 plus postage each. They're one-of-a-kind, so the best way to choose, grab-bag style, is to send a check for the amount you'd like to spend, plus a note whether you want a "stage" or "circular" card.

A small but very welcome gift in these days of buffet entertaining is a handsome trivet—such as a monogram of a British sovereign: the Queen Anne trivet, the symmetric AR, 10½ inches across, \$17.50 brass, \$7 iron; the William and Mary trivet, the symmetric WM, 8 inches, \$11.85 brass, \$4.85 iron; and the King George trivet, the asymmetric, curlicued GR, 5 inches, \$6.35 brass, \$2.85 iron, from Colonial Williamsburg.

A big present that's great for ski houses, an envelope of 8 quilted place mats and napkins in the charming Souleiado cotton prints. Little floral diamonds in soft blues, reds, yellows, greens, and browns, with floral border. Envelope in the same fabrics, snaps closed. Specify predominant color. Made in France. \$95 plus postage. From La

Provence de Pierre Deux.

#### WHAT TO GIVE A GOOD COOK?

Or, for that matter, the dieter: A balance scale calibrated in ounces and grams, wet and dry measure. Perfect for "translating" foreign recipes. Modern, sculptural, it hangs on the wall for efficient storage. Capacity 17 ounces. Weighs letters, too. \$15.50 from Williams-Sonoma.

A small spiral-bound paperback cookbook—*The Pueblo Indian Cookbook*, with over 50 authentic recipes such as Pumpkin Pinon Bread, Green Tomato Stew, and Beef Jerky. Adobe-colored. \$1.64 by writing "Cookbook," The Museum of New Mexico.

For a country kitchen, salt and pepper frogs with green spots on white pottery, \$7. Matching butter dish, \$7.50 including gift wrap. From The Very Thing.

Quilted patchwork potholders almost too pretty to use—in brilliant contrasting colors such as orange and bright blue, or red, black, and yellow; or in tiny pastel flower prints. A very modern approach to gingham. 7¼ inches square. By Terry Wheatley. \$1.75 each plus postage. From Earth Works.

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Or unusual "Log Cabin" pillows made of thin parallel patchwork strips, each strip puffed so that it curves out like a tiny log. These pillows, about 14 inches square, have four "logs"—on-the-diagonal squares at right angles. A pattern that takes skill to do—yet, with bright colors, as modern as Op Art. All cotton. 2 weeks delivery. \$48 each plus postage from the John Ruge Shop.

For Christmas in southern climates—or to simulate That Southern Climate in the den—a man-sized monogrammed hammock. Heavy tobacco brown canvas, rectangular, with a pole at each end to keep it from buckling. Brown stenciled initials—up to 3. With

hanging ropes. \$37 from Sakowitz.

#### TO BRING WITH YOU ON CHRISTMAS DAY

*The Flight into Egypt*, a facsimile book of 27 etchings by G. D. Tiepolo, the son of the famous fresco painter. Each etching is alive with Baroque energy and exuberance, ascending, spiraling forms. A winner of The Association of American University Presses Award. Hardcover, 11½ by 9 inches. Very impressive for \$5.95. The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

For rare friends, reproductions of rare books to set Christmas 1973 apart from all others. A *Christmas Carol* that parallels, on the left- and righthand pages, two editions: The first, December 1843, edition in modern type with the original illustrations. And Dickens's handwritten—"My own, and only, MS of the Book"—in actual-size facsimile. \$13.25. A plum of a book, Thackeray's *The Rose and The Ring*, a facsimile of Thackeray's handwritten copy and priceless caricature illustrations, 21 handcolored by stencil. It's a fairy tale based on the character cards he drew for his children's Twelfth Night party. Cloth cover and slipcase, \$35.75. Both from The Pierpont Morgan Library.

And what to give the neighbors? A little brass "butler" for their door, The American Heritage door knocker. It's a wave of brass, scalloped on either side and back to front. An 1820 design. Screws and grommets for mounting. \$30.95 from The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Or big matchbooks with Pop Art on the covers—Tom Wesselmann's *Mouth #11* (with cigarette of course). \$3.50 for 25 in a matching enamel-white paper box. From The Dallas Museum of Fine Arts.

Two handsome engagement calendars, Gardens East and West, a gathering of gardens, as artists through history have seen them. The color and black and white pages make revealing juxtapositions when the date pages are removed. Gift-boxed, \$3.90. The Metropolitan Museum of Art. A must for photography lovers, *The Intensity of Vision* engagement calendar with 55 black and white photographs from the Alfred Stieglitz Center of Photography. The reproduction quality is excellent. \$4.45 from The Philadelphia Museum of Art.

#### DISTINCTIVE GAMES

The Executive Shell Game, "gold" walnut halves and a single "silver" pea in their own gift box. And, when you're not playing the game, they make eye-catching jewels in a bowl of unshelled nuts. \$15.75 from Sakowitz.

Bridge cards, with reproductions on the back of the earlier European printed playing cards. French, c. 1440—one deck with the Valet of Clubs, the other, the Valet of Spades. By Congress Playing Cards. \$4.50 the double deck from The Cincinnati Art Museum.

Sculptural object "Art Breaker," a heart of two halves—one 22 gold plate, the other sterling silver plate—which rotate 360 degrees. 6 inches long flat. Plated on brass. By Francois Dallegret. \$50.60. The Museum of Modern Art.

#### PRINTS, POSTERS, AND NEEDLEPOINT TO MAKE

Give a Christmas tree "mittens" an angel and trumpet, white, yellow, and gold on blue, based on an American sampler. 4½ inches high. \$5.25; or a reindeer, green and white, or green and purple, \$6.25. To crewel, a conical ornament with a red and green design from the coatsleeve of a Russian noble. 6 inches high, \$5.25. The Philadelphia Museum of Art.

To needlepoint, an Egyptian Coptic angel on his stomach, head in one hand, cordial glass in the other. Wide-eyed, winged, and ruddy-cheeked. Pink and red, or either a green or royal blue background. Everything but stuffing and backing. 10 by 16 inches. \$25.75. The Philadelphia Museum of Art.

For someone you know well, a reproduction can be a most flattering present. A charming print "The Corner of Greenwich and Dey Streets, January 1810," from a watercolor by an amateur painter. Of brick and clapboard houses, dark reds, with soft browns, spruce greens, and white. 12½ by 16½ inches. \$4.25 unframed, The New York Public Library. Or a deserted street of brownstones struck by sunlight—"Early Sunday Morning"—by Edward Hopper. 37 by 23 inches. \$6.50 unframed, The Whitney Museum.

Art for entertaining: The Oakland Museum has contemporary wooden vases. And handblown glass goblets, ceramic patio bowls, planters, and casseroles. ■





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# Store directory

Addresses of stores, mail-order firms,  
and other sources for our Christmas presents  
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AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, Central Park West at 79th St., New York, N.Y. 10024  
AMON CARTER MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART, 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd., Ft. Worth, Tex. 76101  
AZUMA, 415 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016  
BAZAAR DE LA CUISINE, 1003 Second Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022  
BLOOMINGDALE'S, Lexington Ave. at 59th St., New York, N.Y. 10022  
BONNIERS, 605 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022  
BRENTANO'S, 586 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10036  
CHILD LIFE PLAY SPECIALTIES, INC., 1640 Washington St., Holliston, Mass. 01746  
CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM, Eden Park, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG CRAFT HOUSE, Williamsburg, Va. 23185  
CONCINNITY SHOP LTD., 414 1/2 E. 58th St., New York, N.Y. 10022  
COUNTRY FLOORS, INC., 300 E. 61st St., New York, N.Y. 10021  
COURT SQUARE FOLK ART, E. Jefferson & 4th St., Charlottesville, Va.

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DALLAS MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, Fair Park, Dallas, Tex. 75226  
EARTH WORKS, 12 Federal St., Nantucket, Mass. 02554  
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FRIENDS OF ANIMALS, INC., 11 W. 60th St., New York, N.Y. 10023  
GIMBEL'S, Broadway & 33rd St., New York, N.Y. 10001  
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HUBERT DES FORGES, 11 E. 10th St., New York, N.Y. 10003  
J.L. HUDSON, 1206 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48226  
JOHN RUGGE SHOP, India St., Nantucket, Mass. 02554  
LA PROVENCE DE PIERRE DEUX, 378 Bleecker St., New York, N.Y. 10011  
LAWSON & LAWSON, 297 Danbury Rd., Wilton, Conn. 06897  
LIBERTY MUSIC, 450 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022  
LORD & TAYLOR, Fifth Ave. & 38th St., New York, N.Y. 10018

MACY'S, Herald Sq., New York, N.Y. 10001  
MARSHALL FIELD & CO., 11 N. State St., Chicago, Ill. 60690  
METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, Fifth Ave. at 82nd St., New York, N.Y. 10028  
MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, Fifth Ave. and 104th St., New York, N.Y. 10029  
MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, 11 W. 53rd St., New York, N.Y. 10019  
MUSEUM OF NEW MEXICO, P.O. Box 2087, Santa Fe, N.M. 87501  
NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, 42nd St. & Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10036  
OAKLAND ART MUSEUM, 10th St., Oakland, Cal.  
PAPRIKAS WEISS, 1546 Second Ave., New York, N.Y. 10028  
PATRICIA MOORE, Box 688, Aspen, Col. 81611  
PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART, Fairmont Pkwy. & Fairmont Ave. at 26th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19101  
PIERPONT MORGAN LIBRARY, 29 E. 36th St., New York, N.Y. 10016  
PORTLAND ART MUSEUM, Southwest Park and Madison, Portland, Ore. 97205  
ROBERT WEBB, 900 First Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021  
RONALDO MAIA FLOWERS, 27 E. 67th St., New York, N.Y. 10021  
ROYAL COPENHAGEN, 575 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022  
SAKOWITZ, 111 Main St., Houston, Tex. 77002  
SOUPCON, 147 E. 70th St., New York, N.Y. 10021  
STEPHEN BARANY, 149 E. 72nd St.,

New York, N.Y. 10021  
THE NATURALIST, P.O. Box 1423, Provo, Utah 84601  
THE POTTERY CORNER, 606 Post Rd., Westport, Conn. 06880  
THE VERY THING, 149 E. 72nd St., New York, N.Y. 10021  
THE WORKS, P.O. Box 3930, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017  
THOMAS GILCREASE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND ART, 2401 W. Newton St., Tulsa, Okla. 74127  
WALTERS ART GALLERY, 600 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. 21201  
W & J SLOANE, Fifth Ave. & 38th St., New York, N.Y. 10018  
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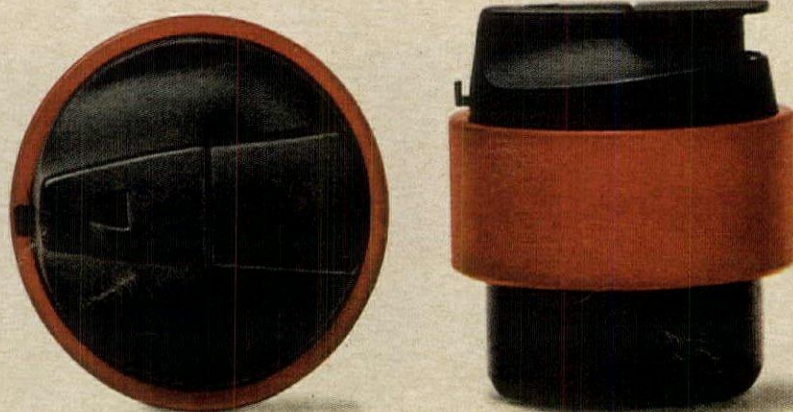
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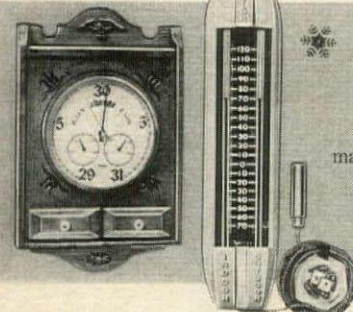
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BY JEROME DENNER

The big, "coffee-table" books are ready for Christmas presents, and if you choose carefully, selecting books that appeal to the special interests of your family and friends, you can't find presents that are more welcome.

Nostalgia is big this year in books as much as in theatre, fashion, pop music. Movie and theatre goers will have many happy hours poring over *Dorothy and Lillian Gish* (Scribners, \$19.95) with text by Lillian herself. Over 800 photographs mirror the careers of these remarkable sisters, which span more than sixty years. Since they appeared with almost all the major stars of screen and stage, the book is a delightful history of 20th-century entertainment... *Esquire's Encyclopedia of 20th Century Men's Fashions* (McGraw-Hill, \$35) by O. E. Schoeffler and William Gale is another amusing "trip down memory lane" demonstrating that men's styles have been almost as subject to designers' whims as have been women's. The drawings and photographs make amusing browsing; the text is so comprehensive that this book is probably the definitive work on the subject of contemporary man's fashions.

*Happy Times* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$25) with text by Brendan Gill is a feast of pictures by photographer Jerome Zerbe who, over the years, has photographed, mostly in candid shots, the great and near great in the arts and Café and then Jet Society. They're all here—at work and very much at play and if you're over thirty, there's hardly a page on which you won't recognize some of your favorite stars or people whose names made, and in many cases still make, news.

Another kind of nostalgia is represented by the interest in the great palaces and mansions of other days, still in existence. They're fun to wonder at and fantasize. A look at the splendor of czarist Russia can be had in *The Palaces of Leningrad* (Putnam, \$25) by Victor and Audrey Kennett. Dozens of these fabulous places give ample evidence of the incredible opulence in which the nobility lived... *Great Houses of Italy* (Viking, \$28.50) by Harold Acton presents the magnificent

Tuscan villas, many by architects such as Buontalenti and Sangallo. Alexander Zielcke's photographs pinpoint the architectural glories, the rich interiors, the splendid gardens, while the urbane text traces the history of the villas... Some of America's finest old houses, furnished with original pieces or similar ones of the same period, are lovingly photographed in *Great Houses* (Pyne Press, \$15) edited by Constance M. Greiff. These appeared originally in *Antiques* magazine and represent a rich assortment of our most affluent period houses.

If, on the other hand, you prefer contemporary decoration with ideas you can adapt to your own lifestyle, get *Bloomingdale's Book of Home Decorating* (Harper & Row, \$10.95) by Barbara D'Arcy, for many years the top interior designer at New York's distinguished department store. Ranging from traditional to no-holds-barred wayout, the rooms, many of which have appeared in *House & Garden*, are fun to look at and Miss D'Arcy offers excellent practical advice on how to shop the department stores and what to look for in the furniture and fabrics you buy.

Nature and garden lovers are not neglected: *Seasons* (Lippincott, \$12.95 until Dec. 31; then \$14.95) has an evocative text by expert nature writer Hal Borland and photographs of shimmering beauty by Les Line. The subject matter is covered by the title—the beauties of nature throughout the year... *The International Book of Trees* (Simon and Schuster, \$29.95) by Hugh Johnson, illustrated copiously and entirely in color, shows all the major garden and forest trees including such rare flowering trees as the snow-bells of Japan. The book also serves as a practical guide, telling how to select trees, plant them, care for them.

Two great bets for flower lovers (and art lovers): *The Book of Flowers* (McGraw-Hill, \$24.95 until Dec. 31; then \$30) by Alice M. Coats has woodcuts, watercolors, engravings, lithographs illustrating the history of flower painting throughout the centuries... *Great Flower Painters* (Over-

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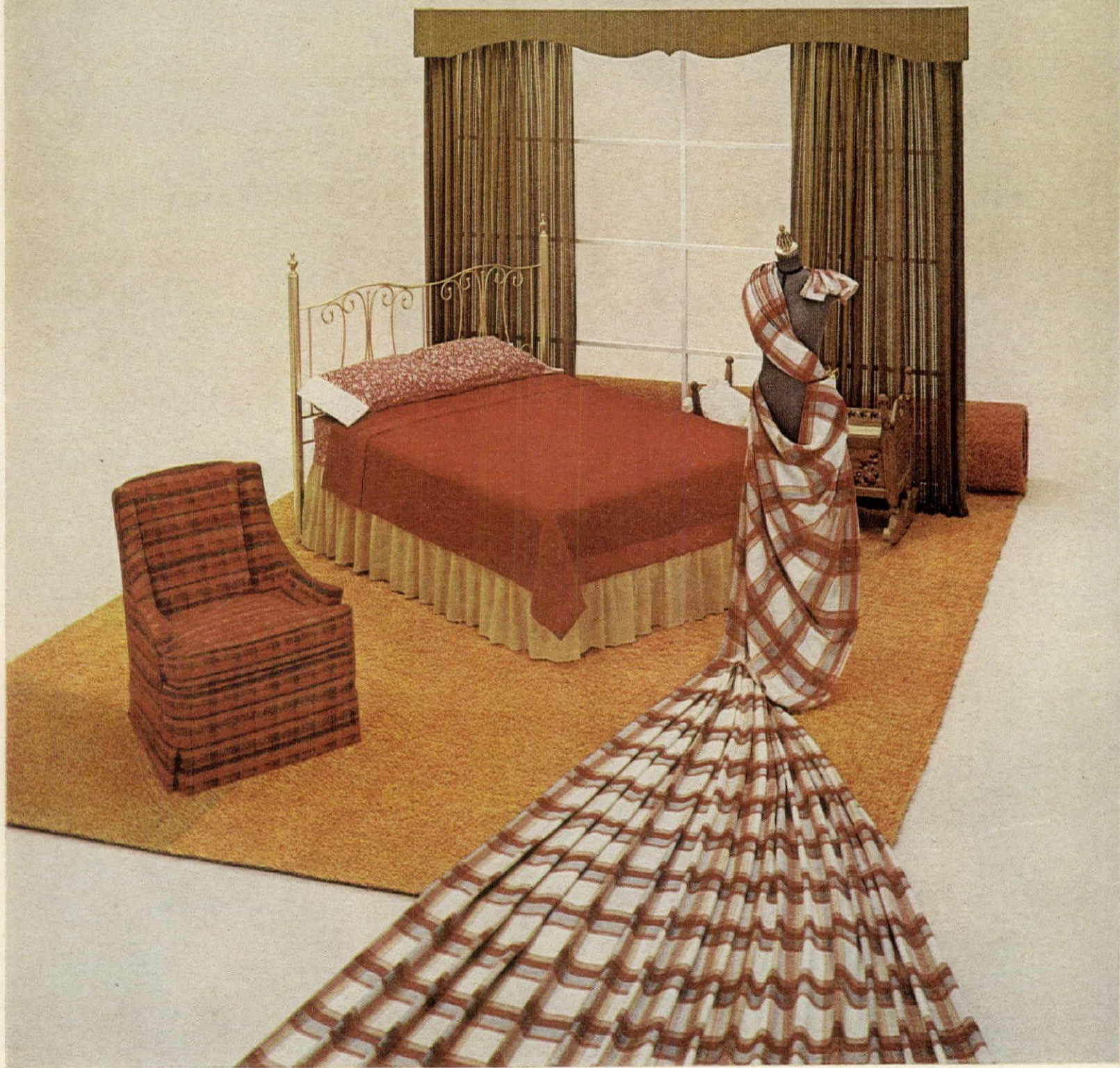
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**BOOKS TO GIVE FOR CHRISTMAS** *continued*

ook Press, Viking, \$27.95) by Peter Mitchell traces the development of flower painting from 17th-century Europe to outstanding European and American paintings of the 19th and 20th centuries.

For the esthete on your list: **Prismatics** (Harper & Row, \$22.50) by renowned photographer David Douglas Duncan who, subtitled his book "Exploring a new world," says of his new technique "I wanted to fragment then reassemble the subjects before me, limited only by my imagination and ability to fulfill it." The result is a collection of startling, unique photographs—the subject matter mostly Paris and some well-known Parisians . . . **The Rohan Master** (Braziller, \$40 until Dec. 31; then \$45) is a meticulous reproduction of a 15th-century French Book of Hours. The work is clearly one of the glories of illuminated manuscripts and the reproduction, in four color and gold, one of the glories of modern-day printing.

Among the many ornate art books that appear during the yule-

tide season, here are two you'll find especially interesting: **The Britannica Encyclopedia of American Art** (Simon and Schuster, \$29.95), an immense volume covering everything in American art and artifacts from Abbey, Edwin Austin to Zox, Larry. The illustrations are splendid and plentiful; the scope of the book—from the earliest American works to most contemporary—make it a must for everyone's library . . . **The Artists' America** (American Heritage, \$16.95 until Dec. 31; then \$19.95) by Marshall B. Davidson reveals how American artists have portrayed and mirrored the American scene from Colonial days to the present. All important artists and every school of art are represented.

A splendid introduction to the whole spectrum of antiques **The Collectors' Encyclopedia of Antiques** (Crown, \$17.50 until Dec. 31; then \$20) edited by Phoebe Phillips contains over 2000 illustrations with quick, concise text, describing every type of antique imaginable. For each category—of

great use to neophyte collectors—there are notes on fakes and forgeries, repairs and maintenance, a useful glossary and bibliography for further reading . . . For the specialist—and all ailurophiles (high-class for cat freaks), **Antique Cats for Collectors** (Scribners, \$10) by Katharine Morrison McClinton is a charmer. Porcelain cats, glass cats, metal cats, cats in painting and sculpture, needlework cats, and lots more.

If you prefer your felines real, try **The International Encyclopedia of Cats** (McGraw-Hill, \$17.95) edited by G. N. Henderson. Every cat imaginable is completely described and pictured. . . . Equal time for the dog folks: **The Encyclopedia of Dogs** (Crowell, \$25) by Fiorenzo Fiorone. Over 300 internationally accepted breeds illustrated so winningly you'll want them all . . . For armchair birdwatchers, the really beautiful **Book of British Birds** (Norton, \$17.95). A superb job.

Now that mainland China is a U.N. member, we've had a surging

interest in its past and present. For a splendid look, both in stunning photographs and incisive text, at China today, **Dawn Wakes in the East** (Harper & Row, \$17.50) by Audrey Topping is the thing. To learn something of its cultural heritage: **The Dynasties and Treasures of China** (Viking, \$16.95) by Bamber Gascoigne.

**TOO MANY COOKS, MAYBE,  
BUT NEVER TOO MANY  
COOKBOOKS**

Everyone who cooks a lot enjoys a new cookbook—no matter how many she or he already has. There are always some new recipes to try, novel twists on old standbys, new techniques. Here are a few recent books, not perhaps for the beginner, that take you away from the routine manual: **The Seven Centuries Cookbook** (McGraw-Hill, \$10.95) by Maxime McKendry. Recipes of the English cuisine from Richard III to Elizabeth II are presented first in their original form ("Take Creme a gode cupfulle, & put it on a straynoure

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**Can you picture your husband  
in this beautiful chair?**



You can if you hold this page up to the light.

**"Many people today are rediscovering the great taste of homemade breads"**

**BOOKS TO GIVE FOR CHRISTMAS** *continued*

..."), then updated and adapted for the 20th-century American cook. Tired of Hamburger? Try Spitchcocked Eels (1817), Hotchpot (1669), Artichoke Pie (1732) . . . **Recipes from the Auberge of the Flowering Hearth** (Bobbs Merrill, \$14.95) by Roy Andries de Groot. Gastronome de Groot visited this delightful hostel in the French Alps, records the menus served there throughout the year, and gives recipes for the extraordinary dishes prepared by the two proprietresses. The recipes have all been tested and adapted for American kitchens. (For a sample of the book's charm—and a recipe—see page 108) . . . **Much Entertainment** (Liveright, \$10) by Virginia Maclean is "a visual and culinary record of Johnson and Boswell's tour of Scotland in 1773." From the reminiscences of the famous doctor and his amanuensis, Mrs. Maclean has compiled a book about their gastronomic adventures, what they ate, where, and with whom, and she has adapted recipes from 18th- and

early 19th-century cookbooks, so you can duplicate the meals . . . **The Cornucopia** (Harper & Row, \$12.50 through Dec. 31; then \$15) by Judith Herman and Marguerite Shalett Herman. The best way to describe this book is to quote from its title page: "Being a Kitchen Entertainment and Cookbook . . . containing Good Reading and Good Cookery from more than 500 years of Recipes, Food Lore & . . . as conceived and expounded by the Great Chefs & Gourmets of the Old and New Worlds between the years 1390 and 1899."

People who like cooking regional dishes should try **Feast of Italy** (Crowell, \$12.95) translated from the Arnaldo Mondadori edition. The recipes range from simple folk dishes—spaghetti and clams—to highly complex extravaganzas—onion and herb chicken baked in bread. Each dish is illustrated in full color in its finished version, so you know what it should look like and how it should be presented. . . . There's always room for an interesting new book

on French cuisine—in this case **The Hundred Glories of French Cooking** (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$12.50 until Dec. 31; then \$15) by Robert Courtine, a noted French writer on food, who chooses what he considers the 100 best French dishes. Each of the recipes is preceded by an illustrative, amusing, or instructive anecdote, so you'll find it's a book to read as well as use.

Many people today are rediscovering the great taste of homemade breads. You can, too, with the anagrammatically titled **Beard on Bread** (Knopf, \$7.95) by James Beard, perhaps America's best-known male cook, whose recipes have been used by most Americans. All that need be said, perhaps, is that Mr. Beard offers 100 of his favorite bread recipes with variations . . . **Bread—Making It the Natural Way** (Lippincott, \$7.95) by Joan Wiener and Diana Collier has fully illustrated step-by-step basic instructions for breads, rolls, muffins, biscuits, scones, the works. The authors

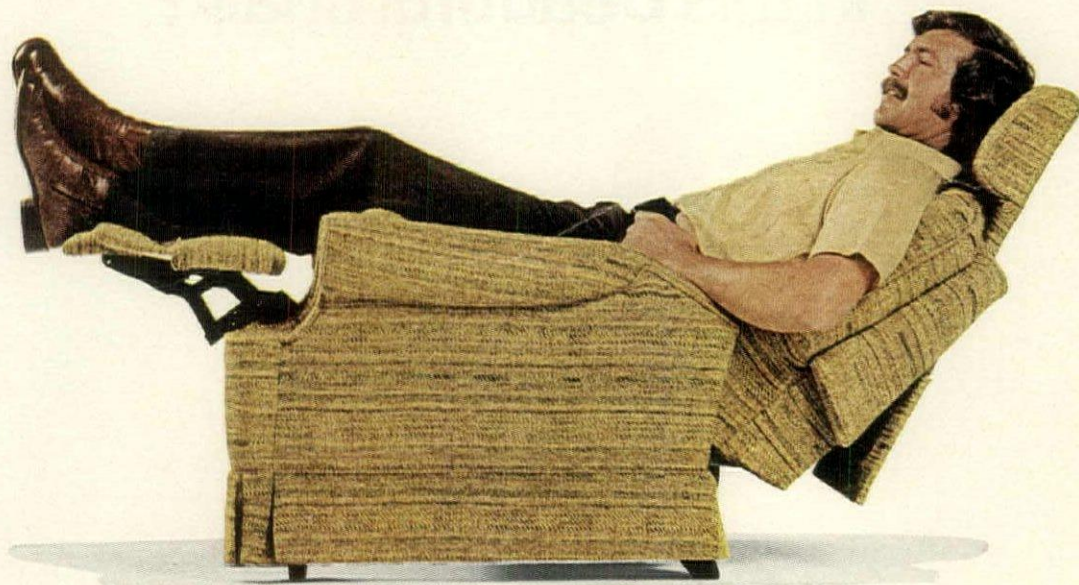
prefer—but do not insist on—the use of natural foods as ingredients in all breads.

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## HRISTMAS IS...

Christmas is a mystical feeling found on a farm in the wilderness.

*Candia Ogle, age 14*

Christmas is our tree from the forest and milk from the cows.

*Clare Ellis, age 8*

Christmas is like a cease-fire—the whole world is happy for a day.

*Jessica Kagan, age 14*

Christmas is...watching happy and excited expressions.

*Lydia MacLear, age 15*

Christmas is most of all...the joy that is in the air.

*Laura Davis, age 11*

Christmas is a time of anticrime.

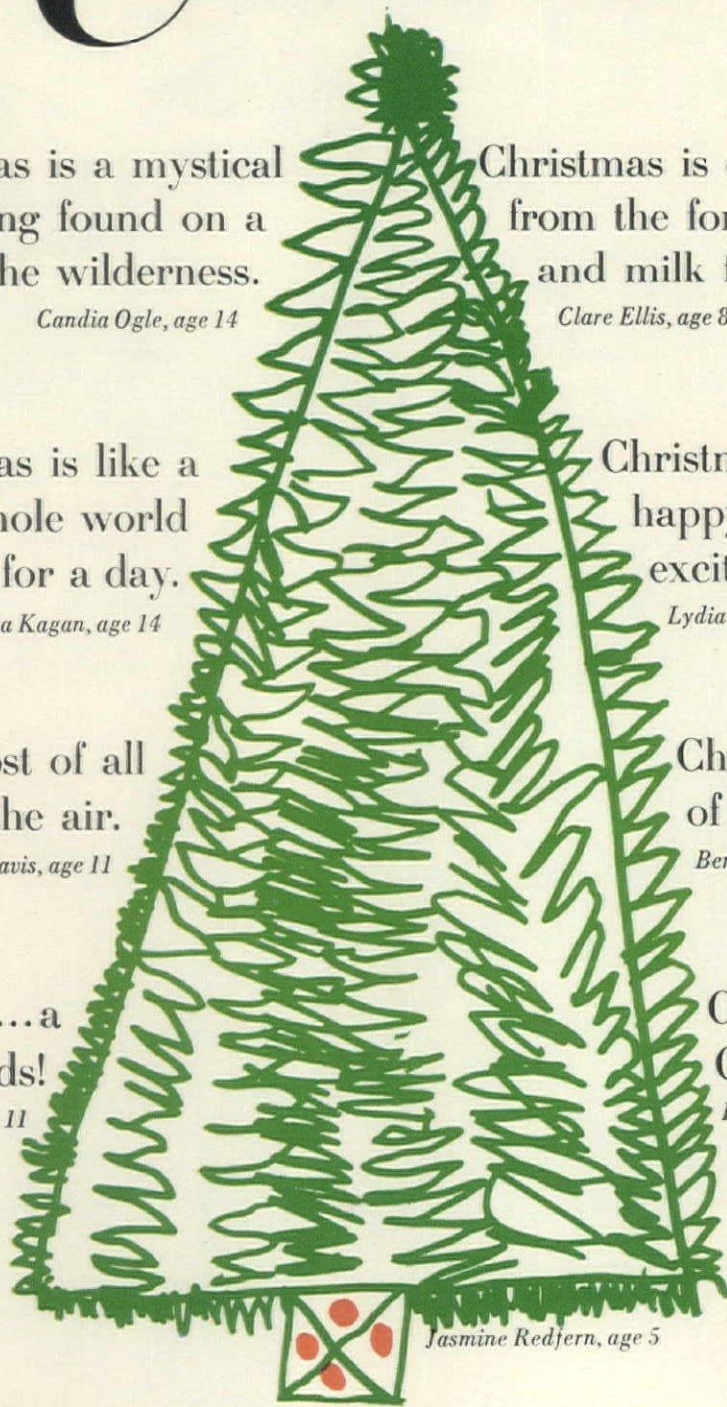
*Benjamin Beardwood, age 10*

Just imagine...a Christmas in the woods!

*Carla Weisberg, age 11*

Christmas is good. Christmas is wonderful.

*Fiona Kotur, age 7*



*Jasmine Redfern, age 5*

Christmas is the magic you make yourself...  
to help you **C**OMMUNICATE  
YOUR HAPPINESS



# Christmas Magic

## *The fun of making things for Christmas*

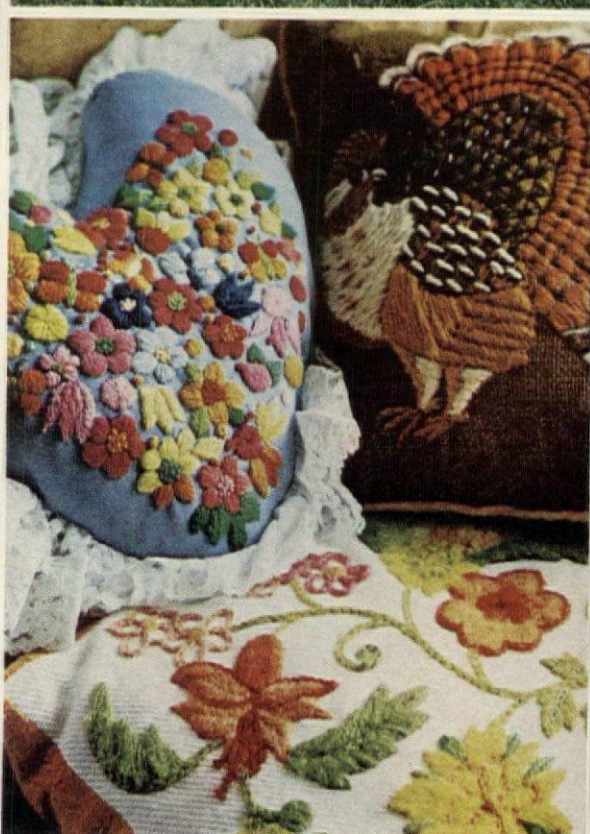
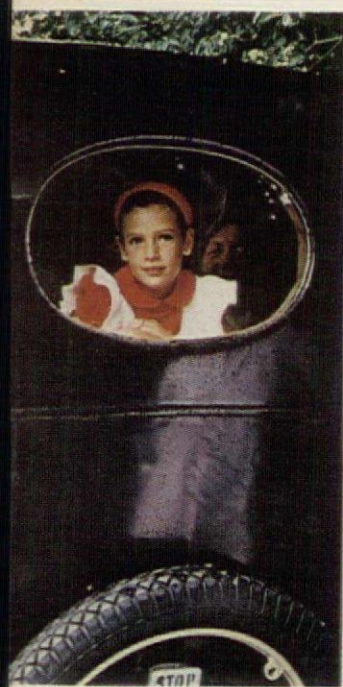
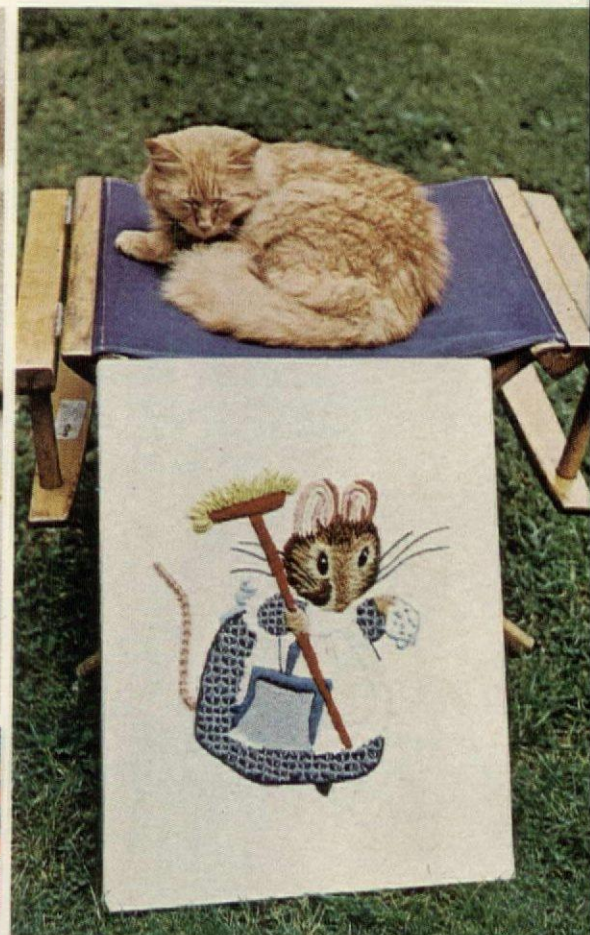
Christmas fun is getting things done, things that make a house merry and bright, like your own tree ornaments, handmade gifts (even handmade wrapping paper), a kissing ball for the front hall, a gingerbread house for the mantel—all great delights that a family can do to make the holidays sparkle. The Vladimir Kagan family, *opposite page*, are great enthusiasts for making Christmas a magic time. Mrs. Kagan is Erica Wilson, known for her designs, kits, and books on embroidery. One of her designs, *above*, which comes in a kit made especially for House & Garden, is a needlepointed house. It's nestled here on a background of tapestry, more of Erica's embroidery work. More things the Kagans make and more ideas from children, to bake and sew, needlepoint and paint, are all on the following pages.



Great embroidery ideas by Erica Wilson *Jessica Kagan, opposite page, loves to do embroidery and crafts, but admits she will never have as fast a needle*  
 Designs to make in needlepoint, crewel, bargello

as her famous mother, Erica Wilson. For Christmas, she's busy making a village of miniature houses, churches, trees. The cone-shaped tree, far right is worked on plastic canvas in acrylic yarn. \$10 for complete crewelpoint kit. Little houses are needlepointed on plastic canvas, come in lots of colors. Each kit makes three houses, or two houses and church. \$5.95. They are quick to stitch, easy to assemble, fun for children beginning to do needlepoint. For the advanced, who want to learn all about embroidery and how to do hundreds of stitches, see *Erica Wilson's Embroidery Book* (Scribners, \$14.95). To subscribe to her quarterly newsletter, *The Creative Needle*, send \$3. This, and all kits on these pages may be ordered from Erica Wilson's Needle Works, 717 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021. There is also a correspondence course available that teaches thirty-two needlepoint and crewel stitches. It consists of a book with photographs and diagrams for each stitch, wools, canvas. \$60. When ordering kits or courses, add 60c postage.

Clay figures, BELOW, are more of Jessica's work—she makes tiny people and animals to go with her Christmas village of needlepointed houses and trees. Owl, RIGHT, is part of a custom designed crewel wall hanging of a tree and flowers. Approximately 36 by 76 inches, \$300. "Hunca Munca, Housewife," FAR RIGHT, is taken from Beatrix Potter's famous book and is worked in crewel wool on imported linen. About 15 inches square. \$18.50. Embroidery can be turned into tabletop picture.



Vanessa, ABOVE, is a Christmas portrait wearing her tree-trimming dress, a pinafore, shadow work embroidered by her mother. She's posing in the family car, a Model T. To learn to do shadow-work embroidery, order Erica's course, \$35. Course comes with pictures, instructions, everything to make an organdy pillow.

Miniature houses, ABOVE, are needlepointed and come in a kit of three, \$5.95, each measuring approximately 3 inches square. They are sitting on a bargello sampler that would make a wall hanging about 26 by 28 inches, or four different pillows. The sampler is part of Erica Wilson's bargello course that can be ordered by mail and comes complete with book, instructions, wools, and canvas. \$60. Heart pillow, RIGHT, is crewel on cotton, about 11 by 12 inches and complete with a 3½-inch-wide lace for ruffling. On the back, embroider a Christmas message. \$12.50. To design your own crewel, order wool in assorted colors, ten skeins, \$4.75.



Smiling pansy pillows are done in quickpoint in pretty pastels. They are worked on #5 canvas and measure 16 inches in diameter. Order by colors, in yellows and oranges, 5310A; in shades of pink, 5310B; and in the blues and lavenders, 5310C. Each, \$20. Kits are simplified versions of the pansies shown here, which were embroidered by Erica Wilson herself when she was working out the design. Kits do not include the filling or backing.



Scrimshaw, ABOVE, was done by Erica's husband, Vladimir Kagan, a contemporary furniture designer and craftsman in his own right. His scrimshaw shows a Nantucket scene, where the family spend their summers. A design like this, or one of your own originals, can be translated into an embroidered work. Finest linen fabrics are available for the custom designs, which include wall hangings, seat cushions, curtains. Custom work, for a 12-inch square, begins at \$60. The crewel Christmas tree, LEFT, stands 12 inches high, is embroidered in wool on linen and comes complete with its Styrofoam cone. \$15. The natural wooden base for the tree is \$4.



## Red letters Rare pillows

made by Candia Ogle in a fit of needlepointing activity that has "been going on for years," she says. She stuffs her pillows with fiberfill, backs them with red felt, and goes from the small pincushion size up to the 12-inch square. (The only letters she doesn't like making are K and R.) "I make so many of these pillows—we play Scrabble with them." Candia turns out the pillows with the assistance of her old nurse, who helps her stuff and sew them. To order: \$25 each, Cache-Cache.



## A kissing ball makes a hall merry

Lydia MacLear puts the finishing touches on her traditional holiday kissing ball. She uses boxwood, sprigs of mistletoe, and narrow red satin ribbon, but actually any holiday greens can be made into a kissing ball. A potato is the center (moisture keeps greens fresh), 6-inch pieces of boxwood are poked all over to make a ball of greens. Ribbons and mistletoe are wired to toothpicks and stuck in here and there. A larger spray of mistletoe can be wired the same way and hung in the bottom; and at the top, another pick and wire to hang the ball. "I make one to hang, one to give to grandmother, and one for the dog to chew up."





# Bean-bags, marble paper, clothes pin dolls

## A medieval room and castle

One young lady makes a wide range of gifts: Amy LeSueur, *below*, shows her medieval room and castle. Medieval furniture is cardboard covered with Hyplar modeling paste. Wall hangings and rugs are postcards. "Pillows are sewed with mice stitching." Castle uses Ajax cans, a papier-mâché mix for moat, celluloid turrets. Her manuscript writing is with India ink and watercolors, *left*, on typing paper dipped in tea and then ironed. Her bean-bags **1** are *Winnie-the-*

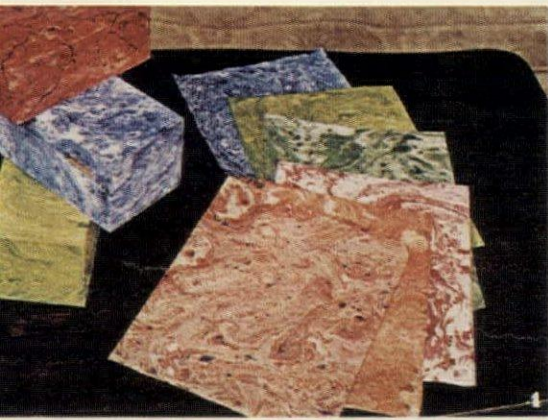
*Pooh* characters of embroidered felt, filled with split peas ("lentils are too expensive"), sewed together, trimmed with pinking shears. Clothespin dolls **2** and **3** are dressed with scraps, have pipe-cleaner arms, shoes and faces drawn with magic markers. Marble paper **4** is adapted from a Williamsburg recipe and is used for wrapping presents, covering boxes and frames. Medieval room **5** is a gift for Amy's grandmother. Tea tin **6** covered in marble paper, for a plant.

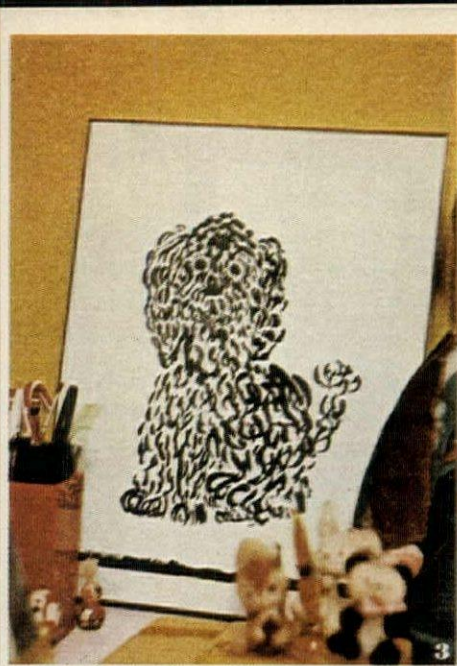
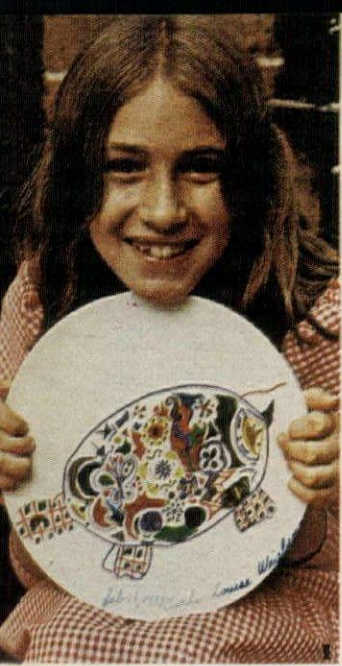
SUSAN WOOD

merry heart  
 maketh a cheerful  
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 sorrow of the heart  
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 Proverbs 15:13



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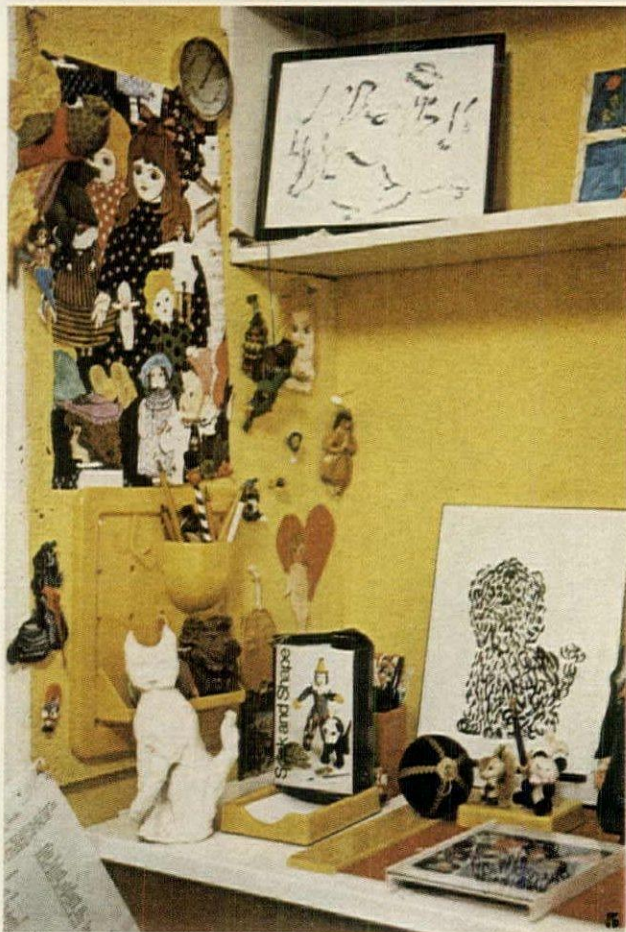


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**Making Christmas magic**

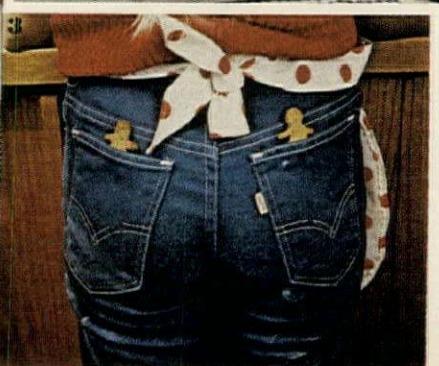
**Painting, stitching and craft ideas**

happen with Carla Weisberg, an eleven year old talent who makes a whole range of presents for family and friends. She's showing one of her first animal drawings **1** a turtle done in a kaleidoscope of color. Her dog Te-We. **2** is inspiration for one of her Christmas portraits, **3** painted in acrylics on cardboard. She does animals, as well as abstract designs, in needlepoint too, and always keeps her work basket of wools and canvas **4** beside her bed. (She does her needlepoint designs freehand, without painting on the canvas first.) Desk **5** is brimming with Carla's handmade things: a wooden cat, to be used as a cutting board, recent drawings, papier-mâché animals, school mementos, her bulletin board of current art ideas and things young girls collect. Carla's gift for her father **6** is Magic Marker painted.



**Two good friends bake a gingerbread house every year**

Alison Head, twelve, and Laura Davis, eleven, have been baking a gingerbread house every Christmas for six years. Laura explains how the house evolved: "That first house had icing on the roof, and it fell right off when it was dry; windows were just pieces of candy. In '68 we developed a new roof, tiny marshmallows stuck on with icing, and in '71 we made another improvement by using melted barley-sugar candy for windows. House pieces **1** are made from gingerbread cookie recipe with extra flour added to make a very stiff dough. End pieces **2** are pentagons; sides and two roof pieces are rectangles. Two little gingerbread figures **3** in Alison's jean pockets are later dressed with frosting and colored sugar. All the house parts are glued together **4** and **5** with icing, and the parts are held with needles pushed through the joints. The marshmallow roofing goes on next **6** and then the real fun begins **7** when the girls seriously begin to decorate, a full afternoon's delight.





SUSAN WOOD



Here are some tips from the girls: First, make a cardboard pattern of the house parts. Mix gingerbread, cut to size, melt barley sugar candy, put in place before baking. Bake on a very well greased pan for maximum hardness, at least 10 to 12 minutes. Decoration ideas: trees of pine cones sprinkled with powdered sugar; paths of sliced gumdrops; flowers of gumdrops pressed out flat, then rolled up to look like roses; a wreath from a large green gumdrop, the bottom sliced off, a hole in the middle, red candy trim.

# HOW TO MAKE CHRISTMAS A VERY SPECIAL DAY



## “THERE IS STILL MAGIC, THERE IS CHRISTMAS” by Dee Hardie

**C**hristmas, if you look at a calendar, happens all by itself. But to celebrate Christmas, truly celebrate, takes direction. Christmas is the center stage of a sublime season. Not a production but a festival prompted by love and care and concern. And Christmas Eve, with those wonderful backstage whispers of children, is the only First Night that ends with high anticipation and expectation. The house lights are dimmed and the leading man makes his entrance down the chimney. There is still magic, there is Christmas.

With Christmas comes a spirit that spreads like the boughs of your tree the day after you've decorated its green limbs with new tinsel and old treasures. With this spirit comes a certain grace of giving, of receiving, and of sharing.

Here, to open before Christmas, are special gifts, of moods and memories; ideas personal and purposeful gathered from all over, showing how some people make Christmas merry and lively and warm for their families and friends, and for themselves—especially once a year.

In London, where the first Christmas card was designed in 1843, Com-

mander and Mrs. Edward Reily-Collins ribbon their long, narrow front hallway with bright cards. Against the high white walls in their Cadogan Gardens flat, Mrs. Reily-Collins hangs almost floor length streamers of broad, 3-inch red ribbon from the very top. But first she staples the ribbons with their cards, about 5 inches apart. “After years of living in a country house and decorating for Christmas with wild abandon, I found Christmas cards a marvelous answer for decorating in town,” she says. “And I like their gaiety against the stark walls and how they greet friends and flutter when the front door opens . . .”

For author Walter Lord of New York City, the *sending* of Christmas cards plays a special part. “I try to find a card that is connected with writing or with some project I’m working on at the moment,” says Mr. Lord, a bachelor, whose books range from *A Night To Remember* to his latest, *The Dawn’s Early Light*.

“So far nothing unusual,” he adds, “but now comes the beauty part. I *always* do my cards in Albany. This custom goes back to an evening shortly before Christmas twenty-five years ago. I was ad- (Continued on page 159)



## BRING THE WORLD HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



Christmas is for grandchildren, designer Adele Simpson believes. And so, as she and her husband Wesley travel during the year, they buy the makings of a Christmas in foreign markets and bring them home to arrange a miniature world for their three grandsons, now just at the ages when things from far away are fascinating. This year the trips were to India and the Orient. Tiny satin toys from Hong Kong, *opposite page*, embroidered and outlined in gold cord—some horses, a camel, a fantailed goldfish, a green-jacketed fuzzy Pekingese pouncing on a ball—play on a wreath hung above the library fireplace, between fierce Chinese hand puppets and toy birds that swing from bell-strung hoops, *left*. The candlesticks below are Indian, spindles brightly enameled and trimmed in gold. In the downstairs taproom, *above*, old beams and wide board floors form an Early American setting for striking hobbyhorses from India, caparisoned in mirror-studded embroidery from Cutch, bridled in silver and hitched to the fireplace with gold Christmas balls tied into their forelocks. Above an enormous bull mask, Spanish prints of horses at the bullfights.

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# A PARTY FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN THAT GROWS AS THEY DO

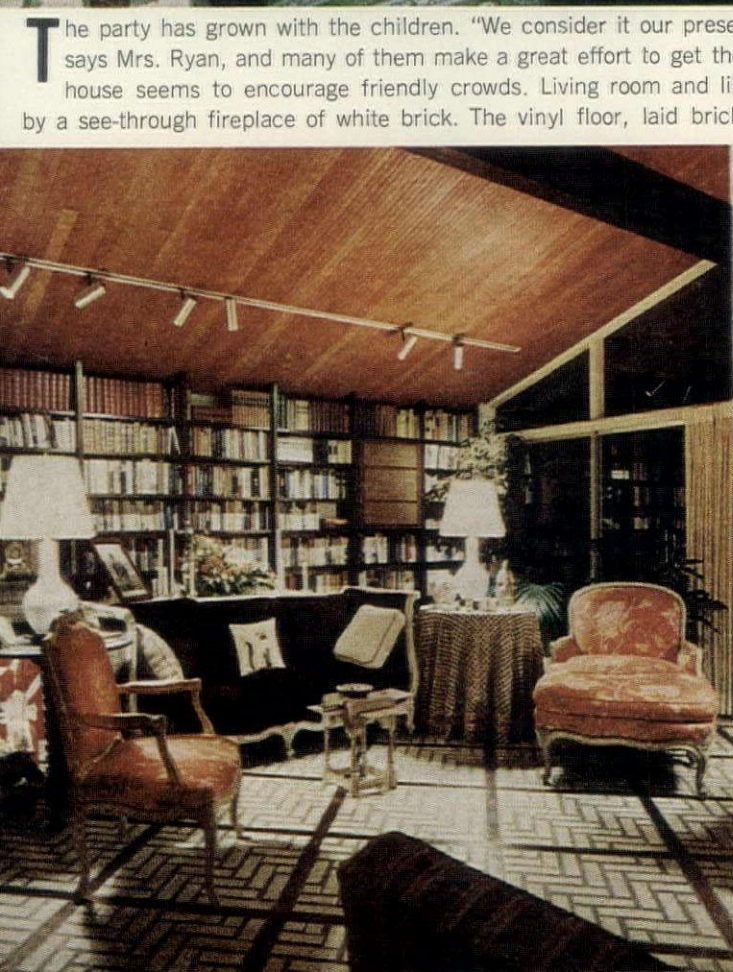
Christmas for Cornelius and Kathryn Morgan Ryan is a huge party just before the twenty-fifth, different each year, for friends and their children. Years ago, Santa used to visit on Christmas Eve. Now sophisticated young people home from college put on evening dress to enjoy themselves with their parents. There's always music—as Mrs. Ryan's father, former Senator Eldon M. Morgan, read the Christmas story, a Salvation Army quartet struck up "Joy to the World" outside, then came in to lead guests in carols. Afterward, dinner and a dance. Mrs. Ryan decorates the house with florist Jay Pinchbeck, *right*, but guests decorate the tree with their presents.

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The dining room changes to accommodate the party. This year it's lime green, and Dickens for dinner: steak and kidney pie, rice molds trimmed with green beans and red beets, and for dessert three huge plum puddings in flames, on a table trimmed with orange trees and holly. Polly Forcelli, presiding in the kitchen, is as much a tradition as the party: "Friends say hello—and head for the kitchen," laughs Mrs. Ryan. The chairs are 18th-century Italian, each painted differently. The china is Royal Crown Derby Imari.



The party has grown with the children. "We consider it our present to our old and dear friends," says Mrs. Ryan, and many of them make a great effort to get there from all over the world. The house seems to encourage friendly crowds. Living room and library, *below*, are separated only by a see-through fireplace of white brick. The vinyl floor, laid brick by brick within enclosures of wood strips, makes a warm and cheerful surface for dancing. The musicians sit on an upstairs balcony that overlooks everything. Arranged by decorator Melanie Kahane, the rooms with their wide, brightly covered chairs and soft sofas are as comfortable for those who sit as for those who dance. For nibblers, there are hot hors d'oeuvres or the country pâtés that Mrs. Ryan makes, several at a time. A hostess for whom every detail must be perfect, she called the two-week preparation for the party "an excuse to stop work for awhile." It was also a special literary vacation. Her novel, *The Betty Tree*, had just been published. Mr. Ryan had just finished his third volume on World War II, *A Bridge Too Far*. Dozens of beeswax candles in Lucite holders, like celebratory rockets, light the scene.



A Christmas rain creates marvelous reflections under the tree outside on the flagstone terrace, *opposite page, left*, and guests arriving with damp packages can spread them to dry on another useful tradition, *above*, individual trays, on which to deliver them with a flourish.







For a very special day

PENATI

## CHILDREN MAKE A CHRISTMAS FOR EVERY CORNER OF THE HOUSE

Christmas is like a gingerbread house to Betsy Theodoracopulos, "and I'm the lady who lives there." Her cozy 1640s house on Long Island is filled to its barely 6-foot ceilings with the artworks and Christmas handicrafts of her two children and their friends. They pick holly to stick in every household cranny; they gather pine cohes to arrange in big baskets. They spend snowy days, and some not so snowy, redecorating Christmas balls with Magic Marker, ribbon, cut-outs, and glue. Then they hang them on the tree with last year's creations. Even the piggy bank, hanging, *left*, gets a holiday collar with snowflakes and pine trees.

Santa appears in construction paper and cotton, with a skeleton left from Halloween. Too much is never enough for a child, so there are dozens of poinsettias and fat candles. On the walls, framed and protected with spray plastic, are masterpieces brought home from kindergarten.



Between Christmas and the New Year, there is a party for a few little friends. The children choose the menu: egg salad and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, Hershey bars, candy canes, little hot dogs, candy pills on paper, potato chips, and popcorn they can pop themselves over the fireplace in the living room. It's like the Big Rock Candy Mountain come to life. Service, *opposite page*, is buffet style, of course, and gingerbread house on the table, *far right*, usually loses a few of its icicles before the party is over. Afterward, Mrs. Theodoracopulos has a quiet cup of tea and looks at her Christmas mail in her kitchen, *top right*, beside a fireplace—one of five in the house—over which meals were cooked for more than a hundred years. It's a working kitchen still: The mantelpiece holds spices, a bookcase holds crockery, cookware, apples, oranges, eggs. The batik tablecloth is washable.





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For a very special day

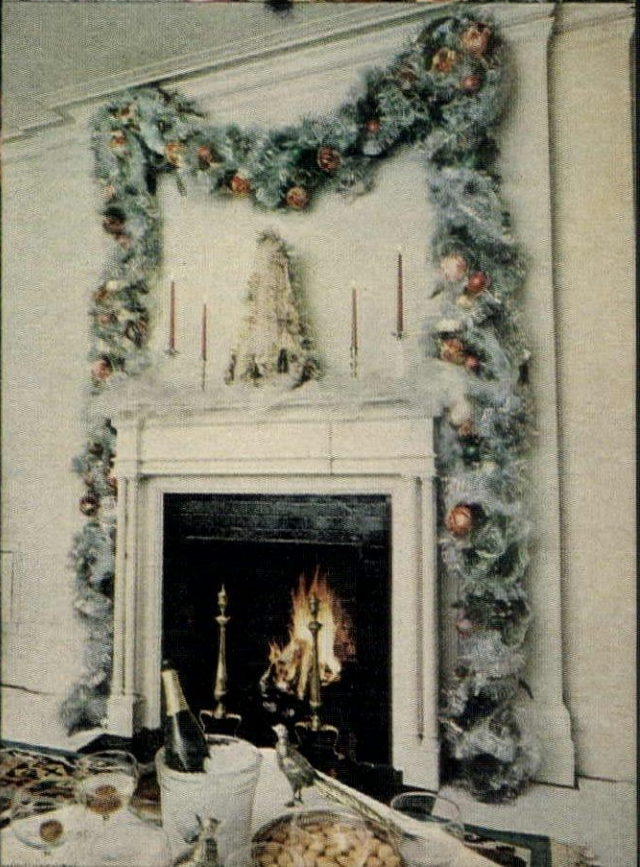
## HAVE A TREE THAT CHANGES ITS TRIMMINGS

Christmas for artist Larry Laslo is a series of parties centered around a tree that responds to each with trimmings, designed by Stephen Barany, that get more elaborate, more fanciful as the season progresses. First, there's a children's party attended by topiary animals, *above*, a giraffe, an elephant for the mantelpiece, and a cuddly looking teddy bear made of boxwood stuck into wire mesh frames. (To make them, see directions on page 156.) The trimmings are edible—amid big striped ribbon bows are candy canes, shiny hard-glazed apples, and baskets of popcorn that go along with little guests as they leave. More candy canes make baskets for holly and candles, *below*, deck the mantel when it's time to wrap holiday packages.

*Right:* Adults gather late on Christmas eve, around a tree trimmed for the main event in patchwork balls and scintillating points of light. On the mantel, framed by an evergreen boa, more balls make secondary trees. By firelight and candlelight, sitting on floor pillows, guests share Santa's snack, a *bûche de Noël* dressed in candy flowers and a dessert wine.



New Year's Eve is a party for which even the tree, below, puts on an evening dress. Its patchwork is adorned with gala silver tinsel garlands and drifts of angel's hair. On the mantel, flanked by slender candles in Lucite or brass holders, its small echo is made of glittering white rock-sugar candy stuck with silver tinsel stars and tiny bead-berries of gold. On the table, a silver pheasant presides over apricots preserved in brandy, to be dropped into glasses full of champagne which will be served with a trayful of butter-rich Christmas tea cakes.



For a very special day  
**USE YOUR  
 COLLECTIONS  
 TO DECORATE  
 FOR  
 CHRISTMAS**

Christmas for designer Giorgio di Sant' Angelo means close friends collected to spend together the whole of a private holiday week, "when I always feel romantic, sentimental, happy." Red and white flowers in masses inside, red and white birds inside and out make even a snowless December festive. Roast turkey, a fish-shaped salmon paste, salads, fruit are served buffet-style, *right*. Friends eat in the dining room, *left*, or else they wander in to sit on living room pillows, *below*, covered with fabrics he has used in his designs.



Outside, except that it overlooks water, the house is a conventional ranch. But inside it embodies Mr. di Sant' Angelo's feeling for natural materials, primitive art, and useful comfort. So do his arrangements for Christmas. There is no tree. Instead, imitation birds fly in the bare trees outside. Candles perch in ceramic cups, plates, holders collected in bazaars all over the world; baskets from the Philippines or Panama or Africa hold presents or serve, overturned, as tables. Everywhere, flowers live or home-dried, *left*, from the winter garden carry out the red and white theme. Everywhere Christmas balls, hanging on strings, highlight corners or cornices. On the white-lacquered living room floor, *above*, and on the wall, rugs in the geometric patterns of primitive peoples throughout the world. Wicker and wood, copper and crockery on shelves, walls, or floor are as useful as they are decorative—baskets for fruit, nuts, or wooden spoons, well-seasoned cast-iron skillets for omelettes or griddle cakes, even a cone-shaped copper praline pot to turn nuts and sugar into candy on cold holiday nights. Only the antique masks on the wall, *above left*, once used by Peruvian Indians to portray Spaniards in dramas not always complimentary, are pure conversation pieces.







For a very special day

DAVID MASSEY

## HAVE A CHRISTMAS FEAST FOR FRIENDS

Christmas means ten or twelve houseguests for the week and parties for forty or more for David and Wendy Steavenson. It's a grand, traditional celebration amid the green hills of rural England that carries an afterglow clear into the drearier days of February. Mrs. Steavenson, a designer both of clothes and interiors, believes in perfection for every detail—and that often means doing it herself, from giant felt Santa bags for presents, *above left*, and tiny sand-weighted holly-stuffed burlap bags for candles, *above right*, to the design for chair upholstery and table linens. For Christmas everything is red and green, even the big four-part artichoke painting by Henry Koehler, through which the handrubbed wall shows like a shiny ribbon.



Built for an ironmaster in 1540, the house includes beams from ships of the Spanish Armada, an unusual split stairway, *top left*, with lintels signed by the carvers, and no room smaller than 18 feet long. When a "new" kitchen was built 200 years ago, the original fireplace, 9 feet high, 15 feet long, was gradually covered over. On a hunch the Steavensons removed three later fireplaces to bring it back. Now it dominates the dining room, where on a sideboard a tipsy-looking frog, *top right*, holds a milk punch laced with brandy for Christmas dinner guests. Prepared by Mrs. Steavenson, it begins with a Strasbourg pâté. Then comes turtle soup and old Madeira, smoked turkey, a whole boned leg of beef with sauce Périgordine, quail stuffed with wild rice, salad, cheese, and fruit and hot chestnuts, and a rich figgy pudding served in burning brandy. "Christmas just has to be a feast," says Mrs. Steavenson. Guests are pampered—"they can stay in bed till four if they like"—but Boxing Day (December 26) is eagerly awaited. Everyone assembles in the kitchen to prepare a second, do-it-yourself feast.



The huge front hall is the hub of the house, so that's where the Christmas tree—or rather, the Christmas trees—go. The 8-foot ceilings would not allow the 20-foot tree the Steavensons wanted, so they decided to have a Christmas grove, three 7-footers. Long tinsel loops are draped over ornaments, some new, some souvenirs, some spangled with glue and glitter, heirlooms from childhood days. Now their three-year old daughter spreads her glue and glitter on the snowy cuffs of the big sacks for presents. Ribbons are everywhere. "If something doesn't have a bow on it, it's not a proper present." Even the trees are tied up with polka dots, and longtailed wreaths of spruce and holly trail streamers of ribbon. On Christmas Eve bellringers from the village play for guests assembled around the trees, on out-of-season Queen Anne's lace and butterflies of the rug Mrs. Stevenson designed. Afterward everybody shares champagne.

Who would you ask to Christmas dinner if you could have anyone in the world, from any century? How would you plan the table? What would you serve? Lesley Blanch plays a game of Christmas fantasy and invites you to take paper and pencil to plan out your own kind of Christmas in your mind's eye

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Traveler, biographer, and novelist, London-born Lesley Blanch was by her own admission traveling in her imagination long before she left the nursery. Subsequent voyages have taken her to many of the remoter regions of the earth, and as a diplomat's wife, she lived in eight countries. She examines in her writing the lure of far places and far times for herself and others with appreciation of the delights of the senses, fine scholarship, a keen sense of the absurd, and great perception of the vagaries of human emotions. The title of her first book, The Wilder Shores of Love, has become part of the language. Among her books are The Sabres of Paradise, Under a Lilac-Bleeding Star, and Journey into the Mind's Eye. Pavilions of the Heart (The Four Walls of Love) will be published by Putnam in spring. Lesley Blanch makes her home in France, but typically, she had no sooner written about her kind of Christmas than she was off to Persia.*

Call me Mrs. Scrooge if you like, but I've decided to bypass the seasonal uproar. I shall unplug the telephone and dream up the sort of Christmas party darling Self would really enjoy. Thanks to the abracadabras and magics of my imaginings, I shall be able to summon

# LESLEY BLANCH'S MAGIC CHRISTMAS DINNER

all kinds of conditions of guests—twelve people whom I should most like to see gathered round my table, irrespective of centuries or geography, people of today or yesterday, of long ago or faraway . . . By some extra magic we shall all be endowed with a common tongue, so there will be no bother over communicating; thus with a mixed grill such as my guest list there's no telling where the conversation will go. Of course, all will be in their prime—that is, the moment of their lives when they are looking and feeling their best, which should make the party go with a swing. Thus

Sir Richard Burton, that darkling adventurer, will have lately returned from his pilgrimage to Mecca. La Dame aux Camélias, Madeleine du Plessis, will have just been launched on *la vie galante* by the Duc de Guiche, and the young Pushkin acclaimed as Russia's greatest poet . . . but you get the idea.

Before I describe the menu and the setting I have chosen for this singular festivity, let me recapitulate and round out my guest list of five women and seven men. Madeleine du Plessis, the greatest courtesan of Romantic Paris, whom Liszt described as the most perfect incarnation of woman he had ever encountered—and he had encountered quite a few. Such a charmer, of such a profession, will put the men on their mettle—the other women too. Even those of my guests such as St. Francis of Assisi or General de Gaulle (for so the President remains to me, forever, remembering his warrior greatness) will, I think, accept her unquestioningly, the General having far too profound a knowledge of human nature and the past not to be intrigued by so celebrated a fellow countrywoman. As to St. Francis, he had known some of 12th-century Tuscan revelry in his beginnings. Besides, with his limitless charity, he would be the last to condemn, and sinners, redeemable or otherwise, are seldom judged harshly by such as he.

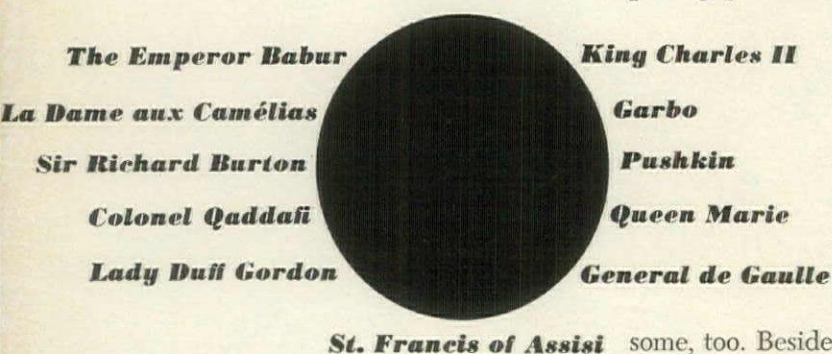
Now for a woman everyone will like on sight, for her classic beauty, charming personality, learning, and wide humanity—Lady Duff Gordon, who is forever associated with Upper Egypt, where in Luxor, in the middle of the last century, she came seeking health, and lived and was loved and revered among the people, dying at last, among them, far from her family and the brilliant life she had known in London. Her conversation will be as entrancing as her letters.

If you look at my seating plan, you will see that except for placing the Mogul Emperor Babur on my right and King Charles II on my left, I have ignored the thorny question of protocol, putting everyone where I think he will be most harmoniously placed. Thus, beside Lucie Duff Gordon, I am putting Colonel Qaddafi, the most dynamic, enigmatic figure of Middle Eastern power politics today—and desperately handsome, too. Besides, his views on Eastern ladies remaining behind the veil seem to me entirely sound, for they little know the stresses that await them, with emancipation. In any case, the Colonel can thrash that, and some other questions, out with Lady Duff Gordon, who, knowing so well his world and Koranic idealism, might offer acceptable advice.

Now comes Pushkin, immortal poet and irresistible to all women, whose talk is as magical as his verse. Garbo shall be next to him—a pleasure for both. Of course Garbo must be present, monosyllabic or no, for she represents immortal beauty. Those bones, those eyelashes are already part of legend. I should have liked to invite Nureyev, another legend, but fear he might accept, and then not turn up, which would be disappointing. On Garbo's right, I put King Charles (and his spaniels, like everybody else's pets, will be welcome at my table). Could any hostess ask for a more perfect guest than this saturnine-faced royal

## SEATING PLAN

Lesley Blanch





voluptuary, witty, cultivated, generous, and kind?

I had rather a struggle to decide which of my three Central Asian heroes I would invite—Tamerlane, 'Timur the Tartar' of my childhood's reading; the Mogul Emperor Babur, whose Memoirs are my *livre de chevet*; or that wall-eyed old rascal Ranjit Singh, whose extravagant Sikh encampments are so vividly described in Emily Eden's letters home. Babur won, for we share a deep love of Afghanistan, where he chose to be buried, on a hillside overlooking Kabul. (I must not forget to tell him how well his tomb has been restored.) Now comes Queen Marie of Rumania, a wonderful woman, the most romantic figure, and a far-seeing politician too—de Gaulle may enjoy talking Balkan intrigues with her. Then, too, her dazzling beauty and gaiety will be set off by those fabulous jewels she inherited from her mother, The Tzar Alexander II's only daughter, which she wears with such panache—huge kakoshniks of diamonds, skipping ropes of pearls, sapphires, rubies. . . . No need for a Christmas tree when the candles spark across such glitter.

For obvious reasons, I put Burton and Qaddafi together, the desert will be their meeting point. But if Burton turns to La Dame aux Camélias he may learn something more of Western erotica—he is already master of the Eastern kind. I'm not quite sure how she will make out with Babur, but still, she knew how to get along with most men.

I've drawn up my seating plan—here it is. Or would you care to offer a variation?

I've asked for everyone for 8 PM with magic carpets at midnight. Now let me tell you something about the setting I've chosen. We shall dine out on the deck of a dahabeah (one of those old-fashioned Nile houseboats) moored below the Temple of Karnak, so we can watch the moon rise over the Theban hills, while the stars rain down around us, reflected in the water as if caught in some gently swaying net. I shan't have any worry with the service, for there will be the traditional Nubian staff, perfect in every respect, as they pad round, in their graceful long galabias, softly attentive, and not yet infected by the idea that domestic service is lowering. . . . I shall have arrived a bit early, to do the flowers (English cottage flowers, roses, and pinks), to enjoy the whole long, slow magic of sunset, and the legendary afterglow—that's a Christmas present in itself.

Which reminds me: Did I list the presents my kind guests are bringing me? All the things darling Self craved. From Pushkin, an icon; from St. Francis, a rookery, and an elm tree to harbor it; from Lucie Duff Gordon, her knowledge of Arabic; from King Charles II, my likeness by Lely, his Court portrait painter; from Queen Marie, a band of her Roumanian gypsy musicians—Lautari, for choice; from Burton, those strange diaries his wife burned; from Colonel Qaddafi, an oasis and a black Bedouin tent; from the Emperor Babur, a baby elephant caparisoned in pearls; from Garbo, eyelashes as long, and as real, as her own; from General de Gaulle, a vineyard near Bordeaux; from La Dame aux Camélias, her way with men . . . such gifts need no gift wrappings. . . . O! thank you! thank you!

Do I hear a clatter on the bank? My guests are arriving, punctual to the minute. Here they come! Babur on his elephant under a gold umbrella; King Charles in a State Coach, his dogs yapping round; a roar, overhead, and de Gaulle's helicopter plummets to earth, while Madeleine du Plessis's elegant little blue coupé spans up in style. Queen Marie (though in full regalia) is managing to look the superb horsewoman she is, dismounting from a fiery stallion. Burton and Colonel Qaddafi have both arrived at the same moment, on camels. Out of the cloud of dust they've raised I see St. Francis, on foot, surrounded by a flock of birds. Here comes Pushkin, dashing up, in a troika (there is still snow powdering the horses' manes). Lucie Duff Gordon has come alongside in her own felucca; she is no stranger to these parts. . . . Now, are we all here? All but Garbo, who telephones she's lost her way and must be fetched. Oh well . . .

I shall start us off with champagne, of course, while Willie (the Lion) Smith and his piano, direct from New Orleans, get things going.

Here is my menu, unconventional, for the season, save for the Pudding, and as I'm no expert on vintages, any really good (Continued on page 160)

*MENU*  
*25 December, 1973*

Unlimited Caviar  
(Champagne)

Roast Saddle of Lamb  
Persian Rice with Raisins  
Romaine Lettuce Salad Throbbing with Garlic  
(Nuits-St.-Georges)


Three Perfect Cheeses:  
Stilton  
Greek Goat Cheese  
Pont L'Évêque  
(Châteauneuf-du-Pape)

Pause, for a Lemon Sherbet  
then:

English Christmas Pudding  
with Brandy Butter Sauce  
(Sauternes—Port)

Coffee and Liqueurs  
Green Tea throughout the meal for those  
who do not touch alcohol





A  
ROSE  
LOVER'S  
ROMANTIC  
ROSE  
GARDEN

*The very  
personal garden of  
Mrs. Albert D. Lasker*





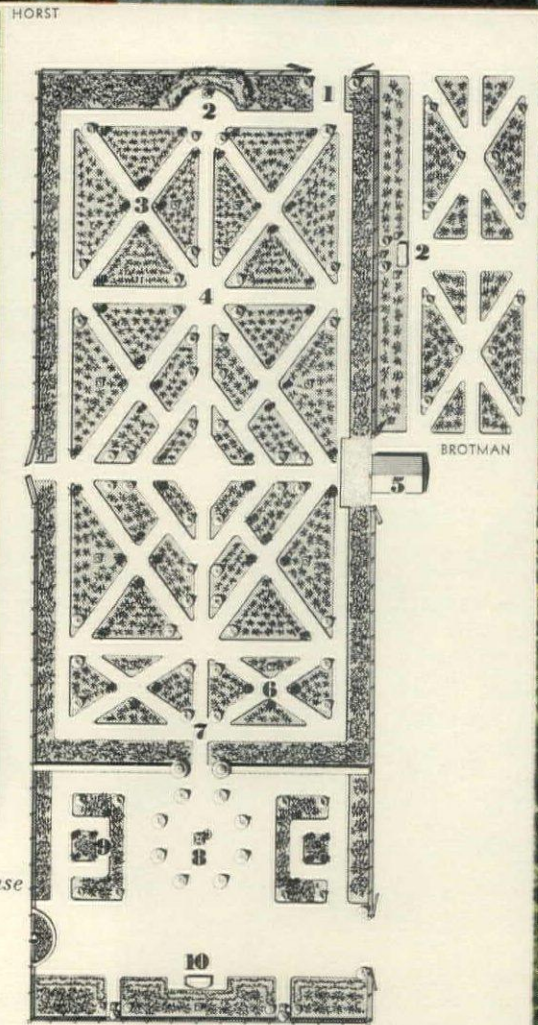
**A** rose lover and rose grower, Mrs. Albert D. Lasker believes "Flowers make people happy and we need that." She has translated her conviction that "cities should be beautiful, highways safe and glorious" into gifts of flowers and trees by the thousands for the parks and streets of Washington, D.C. and New York (House & Garden, February 1971). Before she had a rose garden of her own, *left*, she gave a rose garden to Oxford University, where she had studied after Radcliffe, in honor of the researchers who developed penicillin. When you study her garden's details you know it belongs to a woman with a passion for beauty. "My mother who loved flowers and who was exercised about the parks in our town in Wisconsin recalled that my first intelligible word as a baby was inspired by the fragrance—'mell!—of roses." In her rose garden there is "a frill of white alyssum around each rose bed in summer, a scattering of lilies among the rose bushes so the garden will look different in July from June, old-fashioned shrub roses and perennials in the borders around the outside paths. A rose garden needs tall accents, too—tree roses, evergreens, jets of water. I like small statues as punctuation marks. A garden should be beautiful in every season, and so should cities. There is an idea I wish everyone would promote. To celebrate our nation's 200th birthday in 1976, states, cities, communities, and federal highway departments could plant along highways, especially at entrances and exits of towns and cities, indigenous flowering trees and shrubs, evergreens, and daffodils, which flower every spring. Indigenous trees last a long time, are not difficult to maintain, and make wonderful gifts, a vast permanent improvement for the country." **"Roses are the most rewarding of flowers. I love to grow and give them"**

**E**vergreens and grass paths invite strolling in Mrs. Lasker's garden, especially at the time of rose bloom and fragrance, *LEFT*, and even out of season when roses are dormant and most rose gardens bleak. A windbreak of white pines frames the garden in upstate New York; arborvitae stand at attention down the main axis; clipped yews form a hedge and gateway within the sunny well-drained enclosure. Tree roses, like the white rose John F. Kennedy, *INSET*, provide tall accents and "a touch of formality I find refreshing in the midst of natural countryside." One of Mrs. Lasker's characteristic table arrangements, *ABOVE*, combines roses massed in small pyramids, freighted on swan wings, and set singly to reveal their splendor. The flower-patterned plates are Spode.

Roses take some pampering, it's true, but they are so rewarding," Mrs. Lasker says. "They live longer, bloom longer, and yield more blossoms per plant than most any other flower. Roses bloomed only in June when I was a child, but hybridizers have taught them to bloom till frost. They are the perfect cut flower and because I grow them for the house I grow only the colors that suit my rooms - white, pink, coral, red, almost no yellows except blends. Color control also makes a harmonious garden. The trouble with too many rose gardens is the clashing of color, that and off-season doldrums for lack of evergreens. I have every type of rose except miniatures. Hybrid teas are showy for cutting—Peace, Crimson Glory, Tropicana, First Prize. I love the clustered floribundas—Fashion, Saratoga, Spartan. Queen Elizabeth is a superb tall grandiflora [see inset, far right]. Two climbers that do well in our 10-below winters are New Dawn and Summer Snow. In our climate we have to loosen tree roses and trench them under a foot of earth to keep them through winter, but they are worth it—the John F. Kennedy standards, for instance, a gift from his mother, Rose. Winter is a good time for reading up on roses and ordering them for early spring planting. I find the All-America Rose Selections and the American Rose Society ratings valuable. [See Gardener's Notes, page 156.] Garden rose bouquets have short stems compared with florist bouquets. I cut on a slant, not lower than the fifth leaf, and leave about a quarter-inch above the dormant bud at a leaf junction. Short stems encourage more blooms and a healthier bush. I love to put just a single short rose in a small vase to enjoy its form and color."

"I always wanted a great lot of roses, so no matter how many we picked there would be more"

An abundance of roses rewards both Mrs. Lasker, standing at RIGHT near tree rose, Peace, and her supervisor Sam Mahaffey who designed the garden and who "is aware of every rose that's cut." Arrangement now, combines a medley of roses, clematis. Roses bloom from June to frost, are watered well in early morning so foliage dries by night, dosed weekly with Isotox insecticide and captan and folpet fungicides, fertilized monthly till mid-summer with 5-10-5. Faded blooms are cut promptly and discarded. Roses are straw-mulched after hard freeze.



Rose garden alongside driveway, RIGHT, and house has about seventy-five varieties. Yet each area is intimate, with a pattern easily adapted to backyard or city space, SEE PLAN. Fence and border beds, 1, of shrub and climbing roses and mixed flowers—fox-glove, peonies, lilies, poppies, phlox—surround grass paths and rose beds. Fountains, 2, tree roses, 3, at path intersections, and arborvitae, 4, along main axis and some side paths, add height. Tool house, 5, is covered with wisteria. Statues, 6, and LEFT, are small and classic. Yew hedge, 7, marks entrance to self-contained garden with sundial and circle of topiary yews, 8, and RIGHT. (In photograph note discreet light fixtures for night strolling.) Here are more rose beds, 9, and niches, 10, for bench and statues.

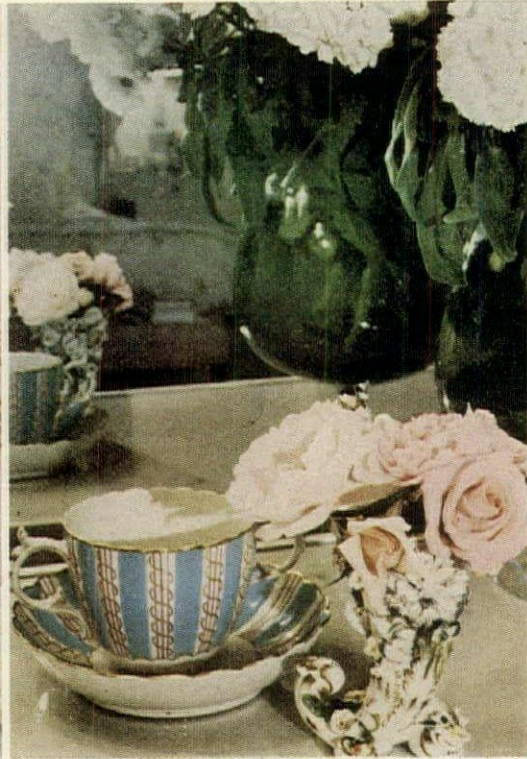
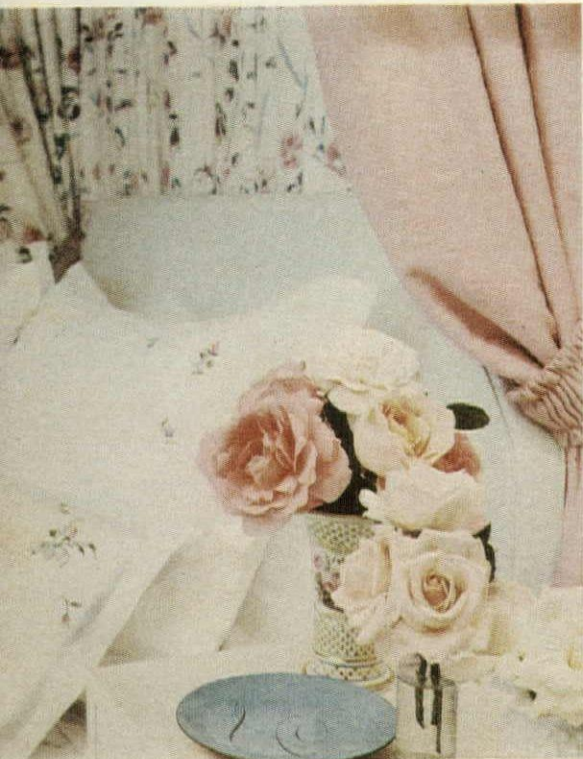


A ROMANTIC  
ROSE GARDEN  
WITH EVERGREENS,  
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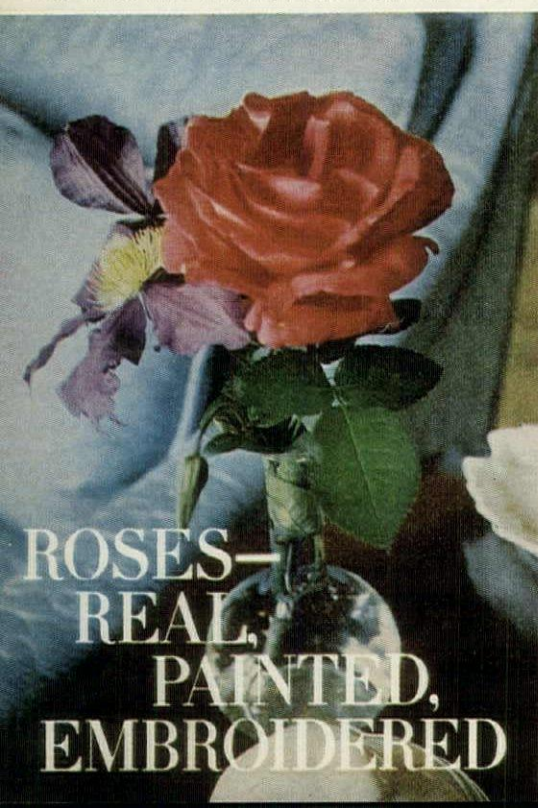




The color and fragrance of roses fill Mrs. Albert D. Lasker's house. LEFT: In small vases near Spode plates, John F. Kennedy and Summer Snow roses; Embroidered portrait is of Mrs. Lasker and her sister. MIDDLE: Peace, Crimson Glory, Golden Masterpiece, and clematis. RIGHT: Smoky and Hallmark roses near red and



and Chelsea plates in library. LEFT: Bedside bouquets of Queen Elizabeth, New Dawn. MIDDLE: Fashion, other roses in Coalbrookdale vase. RIGHT: Porcelain and real roses, wild strawberries, vinca. BELOW LEFT TO RIGHT: Chrysler Imperial, clematis; Pascali and pink roses in living room; rose pyramid in dining room

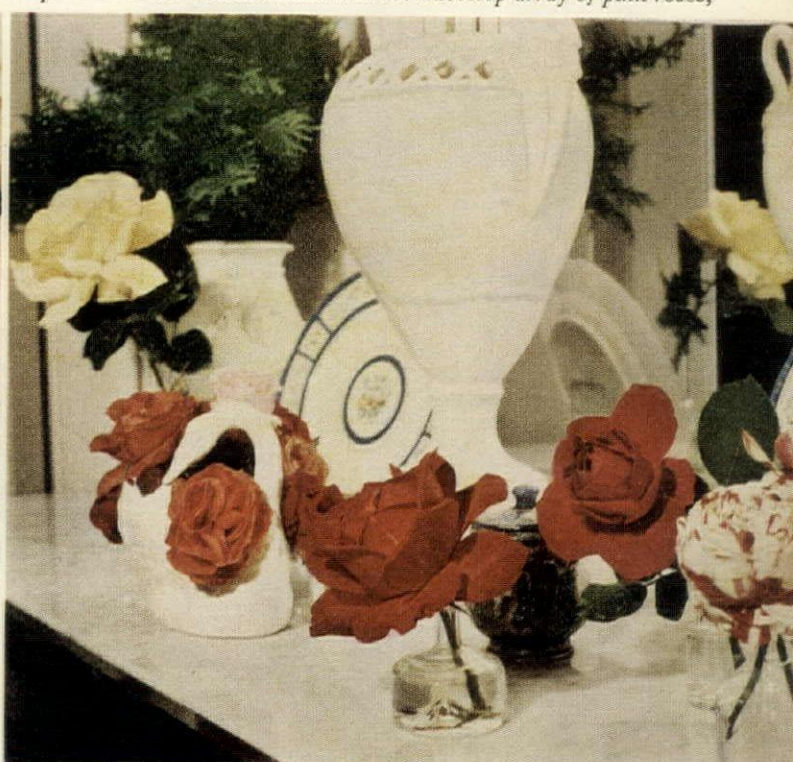


ROSES—  
REAL,  
PAINTED,  
EMBROIDERED





Old-fashioned damask and striped moss roses in milk glass, LEFT, also pink and white kousa dogwood and forced chrysanthemums. RIGHT: Queen Elizabeth and Peace roses near flowery china Mrs. Lasker collects—urns are Spode, plate is Coalbrookdale. BELOW LEFT: Tabletop array of pink roses,



icon. RIGHT: Some favorites: Peace, Crimson Glory, and striped old-fashioned. BELOW LEFT: Beneath a watercolor of roses by Dufy, Sèvres miniature ewer and basin, mixed roses in milk glass. RIGHT: A shimmer of swans, Battersea candlesticks, damask roses in an old silver vase and a little watering can.



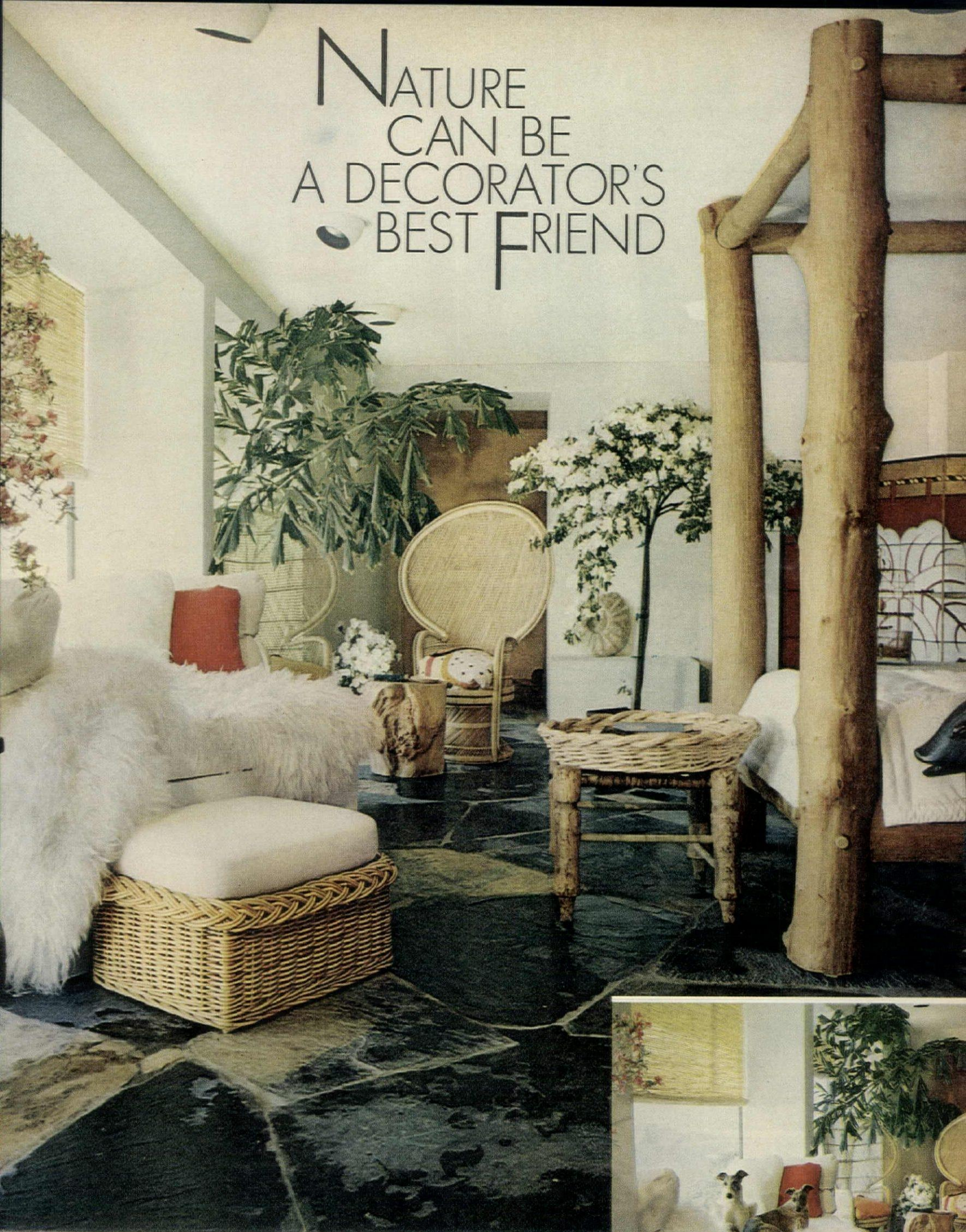


Not many people live at the end of a rainbow," says interior designer Michael Taylor. "But I do. The Golden Gate Bridge is my next-door neighbor—a beautiful thing that floats past my windows like a steel ribbon, and I felt that the least I could do, to live up to it, was to have a romantic house. I learned long ago that nature, being an incurable romantic, can be a decorator's best friend, and she's mine. In the guest room [above and opposite page], the bed, which I designed and Mimi London executed, is made of alder trees from Oregon. Very simple, strong, no finish, no trappings. The wood is too beautiful to cover up. The bedside tables are cedar stumps with marble tops, and all the floors are paved with Yosemite slate laid like flagging. Except for their tubs, the azaleas are nature untouched and shuttle to and from the terrace, where they can look at the sea, have a little sun, then roll back indoors."



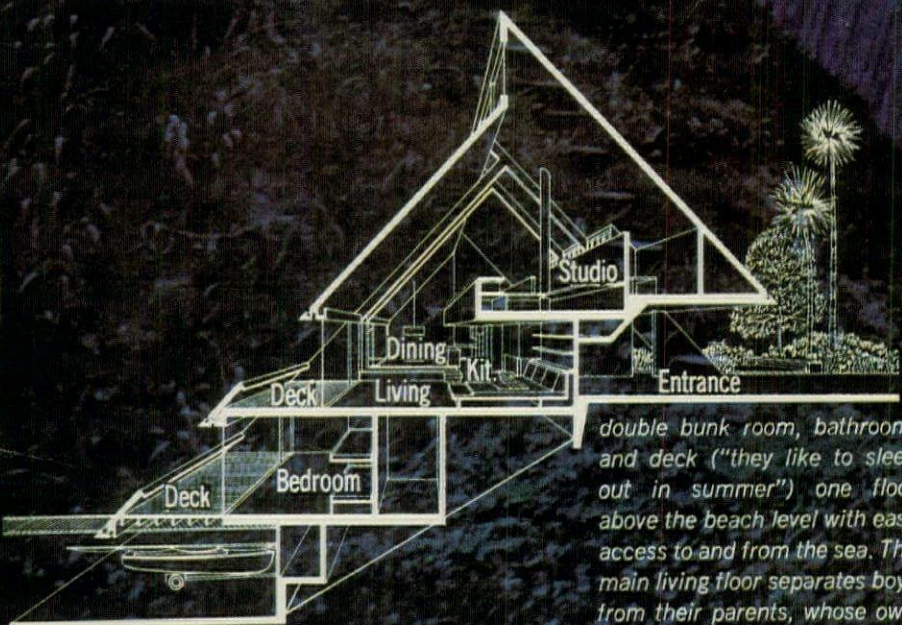


# NATURE CAN BE A DECORATOR'S BEST FRIEND



"This house is the best way to live 'up over the store' that I know. Not that it looks like a store. My office [left] is as unofficial as I could make it, and clients come to see me as though they were visiting a friend's home. They wander through the house, and if they find something they like that I've designed, I copy it for them. All very informal. The wicker furniture is Italian, and I keep fabric samples in big laundry baskets. Like strawberries. What nature hasn't contributed, man has: the Chinese deer—Sung dynasty bronze—a painting by Bryan Wilson, a William and Mary Table with balloon legs, two ancient Japanese screens, an old Chinese barber's chair with an adjustable back to make my clients comfortable. Even the whippets, Miko and Bodkin, are decorative and do they know it! Only nature could copy them."





BROTMAN

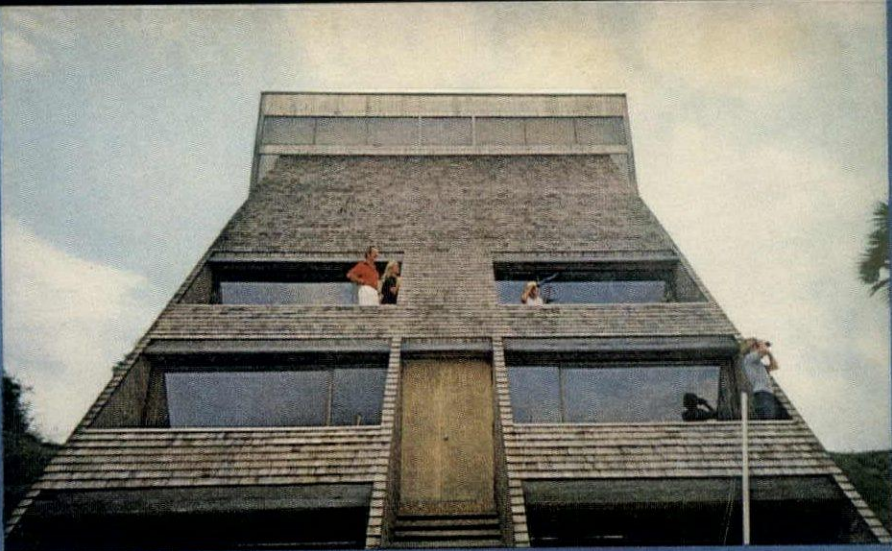
Stepping down the dune, the private work study retreat and beach house with its layers of bedroom is at the top. They get jutting decks is on four levels their light from the clerestory and designed to remain stand- ing on its 30 foot piles no mat- juncture of the shed roofs. On ter what might happen to sea, the street-facing side of the beach, and dune. Mr. and Mrs. house, there are two carports Morgan's two sons, aged thir- neatly slotted into space un- teen and sixteen, each have a der the steep slope of shingles.

double bunk room, bathroom, and deck ("they like to sleep out in summer") one floor above the beach level with easy access to and from the sea. The main living floor separates boys from their parents, whose own double bunk room, bathroom, and deck ("they like to sleep out in summer") one floor above the beach level with easy access to and from the sea. The main living floor separates boys from their parents, whose own

An architect designs for his own family

# A MULTILAYERED HOUSE THAT

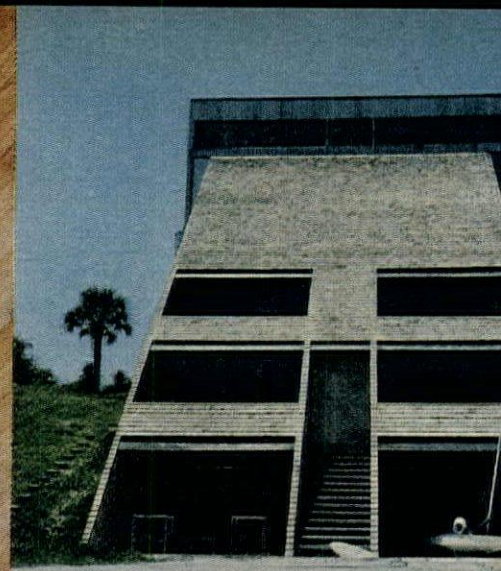
# COMMUNICATES WITH NATURE



A spectacular example of how architecture can blend into nature's environment to enhance the landscape is this house that architect William Morgan designed for his own family on the beach in Florida. The steep dune descending toward the ocean suggested platforms on either side of a broad main stairway. Nature also indicated the materials. With strong winds hitting this coast frequently, diagonally laid siding braces the building. The sweeping cedar-shingled roof is also critically angled at 45 degrees as a protection against gales. Within these dictates, Mr. Morgan organized the house along a master pattern seen at Herculaneum, the Ancient Roman city in Italy "where urban and ordered life went on in the main piazza and grottoes down below related to the beach and life of the sea." Hence: a family floor where people meet and talk and rooms below for boats and other activities.

TOM YEE

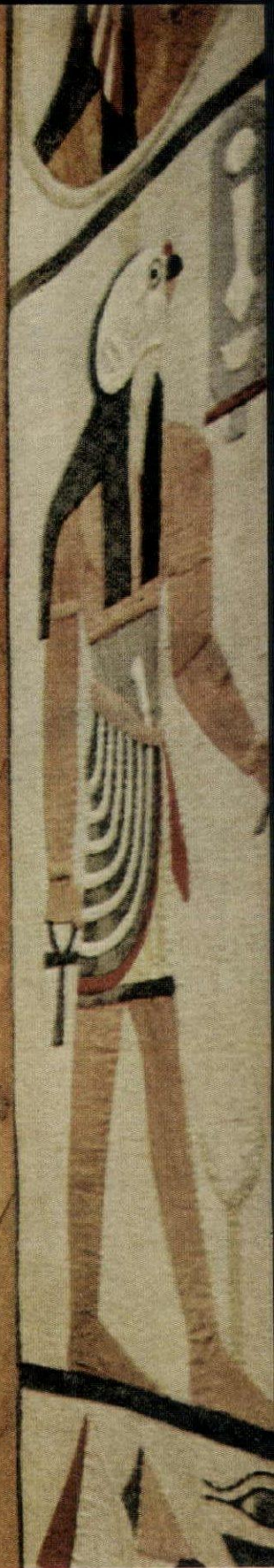




**In a multilayered house**  
**LIVING BY THE SEA**  
**CAN BE WARM**  
**AND INWARD**  
**LOOKING**

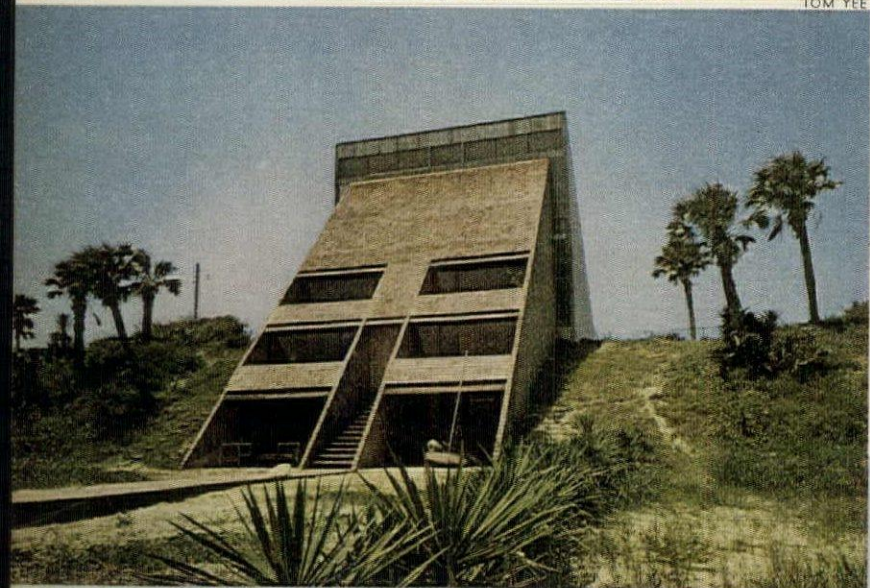
created through terra-cotta carpet and blond wood surfaces is equally calculated. The room looks sunlit even when it isn't. "We like the sea in its many moods, but when the winds begin to blow you need a house that is inward looking and warm inside. As we live here year round, we can't retreat elsewhere. In any case we don't want to." Throughout the interior Mr. Morgan pursues his ideal of clear-headed and straightforward design, repeating the same carpet, building in storage and seating where appropriate. "There is directness and simplicity, which I like very much and think is suitable for today. And a sense of freedom in space. I love the 30-foot ceilings. We enjoy classical music and the height relates to largeness in sound." The house reflects the adventurous, creative nature of a talented couple. Mr. Morgan designed the aluminum chairs and table, light cube over dining table.

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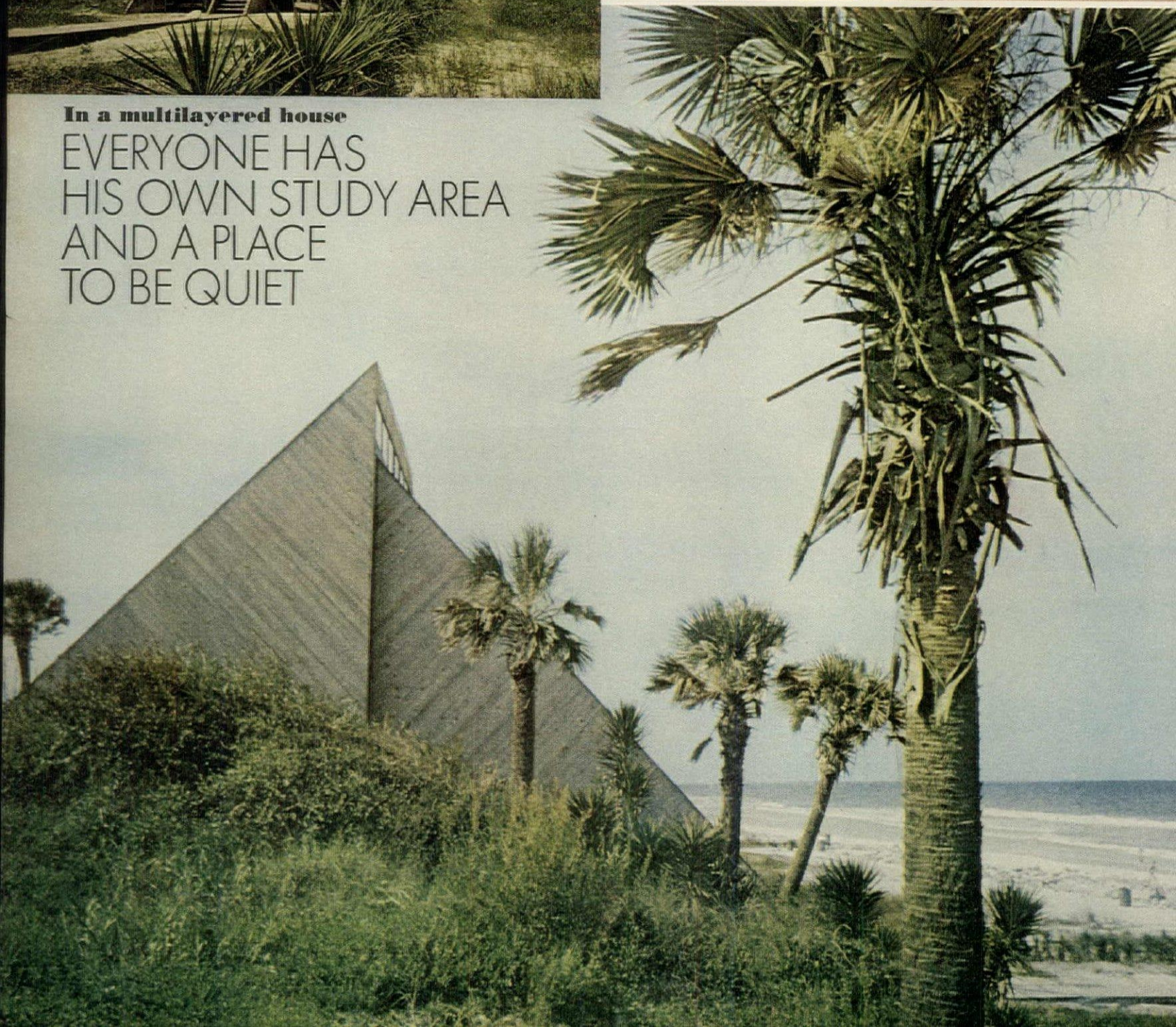


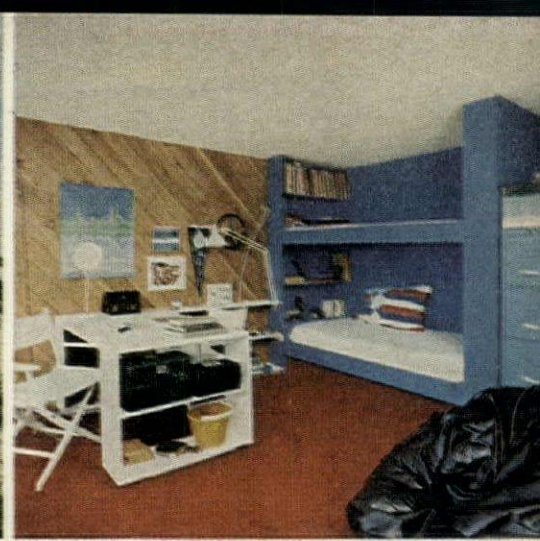


TOM YEE



**In a multilayered house**  
EVERYONE HAS  
HIS OWN STUDY AREA  
AND A PLACE  
TO BE QUIET





"When we lived in a single-level house, I found that everyone was around my desk disturbing books and drawings, or my study was being preempted for my sons," William Morgan continues. "So now everyone has his own study area and a place to be quiet." Mr. and Mrs. Morgan's work space, opposite page, top right, overlooks the living level and continues on to their bedroom, below. Their younger son has a blue study bedroom, above, his brother's is yellow. Both have double bunks for guests. What looks like the perfect house for the Morgans was no easy project to design. "It took two years and ten approaches," admits Mr. Morgan. "At one point I thought we'd have to have another architect do it for us. I feel bothered by a lot of building today. It seems to me there's too much technology, not enough humanity. I try to put emphasis the other way." Building materials, page 160.

## Christmas at Bayou Bend

# A HOUSE FILLED WITH

**T**ake one of the finest collections of Americana in the country, set in one of the loveliest houses in the South surrounded by 14 green acres, add to it a festive dressing of decorations revived from periods in American history and you have an unforgettable Christmas experience, the annual Open House at Bayou Bend. This great house has been a magnet for lovers of Americana ever since Miss Ima Hogg, daughter of Texas Governor James S. Hogg, donated her remarkable collection of antiques, paintings, silver, and other objects—along with the house—to the Houston Museum of Fine Arts in 1966. She and her brothers Michael and Will, who began collecting with her in 1915, once lived in the graceful mansion *left*, built in 1927, with its twenty-four rooms decorated and furnished in 17th-, 18th-, and 19th-century styles. Beyond its esthetic value, Miss Hogg's idea is that the collection should serve to encourage a keener interest in this country's heritage and generate greater respect for the treasures created by Early American craftsmen.

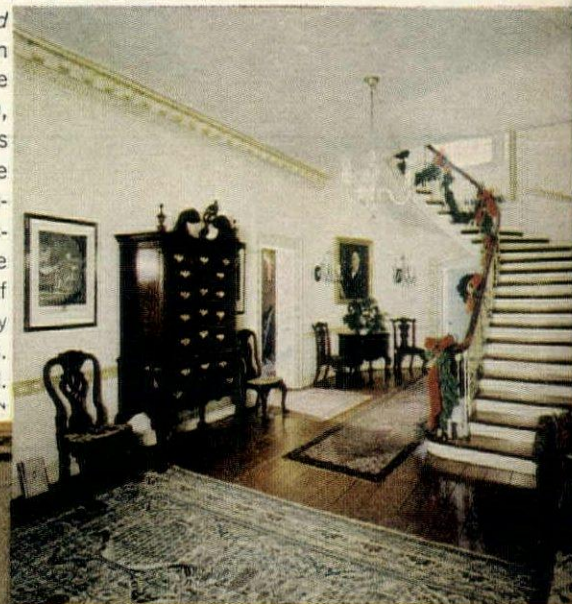


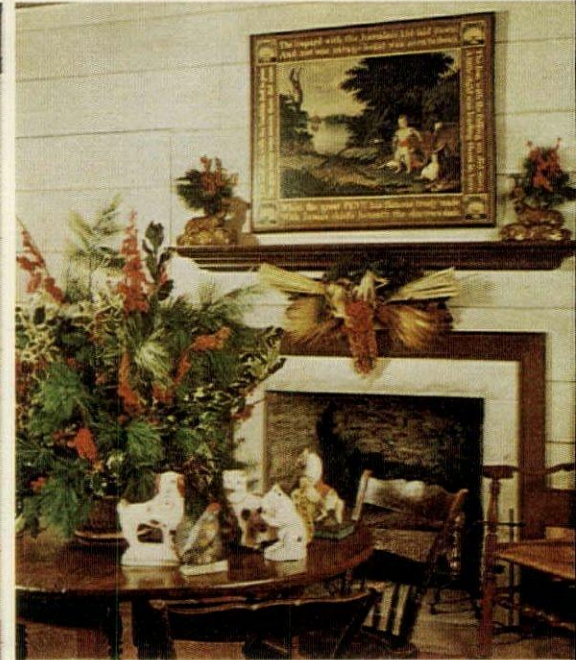
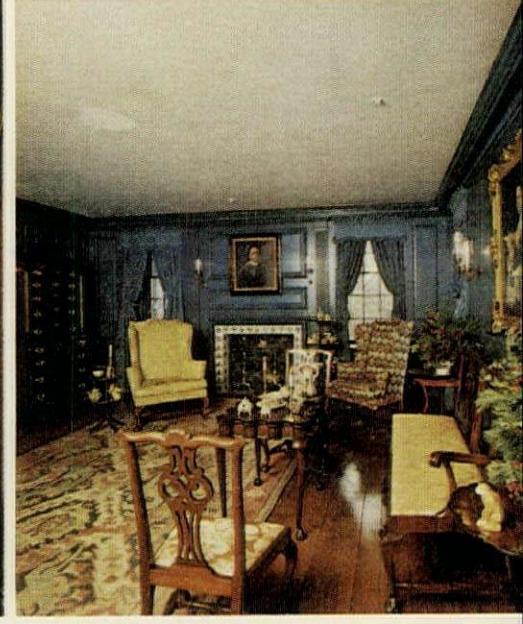
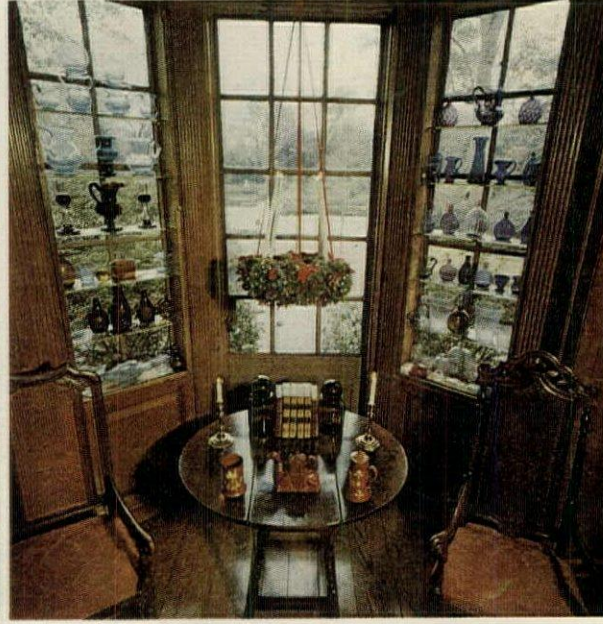
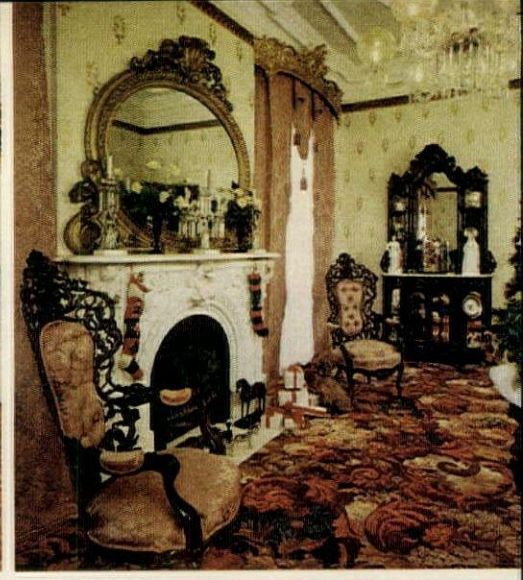
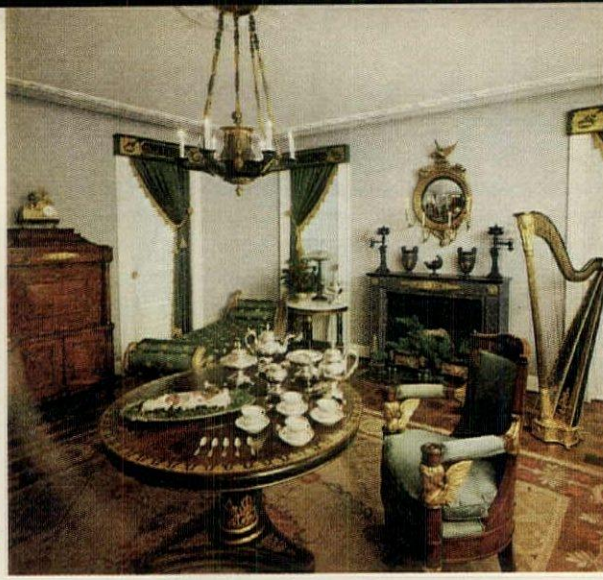


# GREAT AMERICAN INSPIRATION

Recreating a gala Twelfth Night celebration, the table in the Federal period dining room, *opposite page and below*, is set with a tempting feast of early 19th-century desserts, candies and drinks, including forgotten cookies, candied rose petals, and syllabub, a delicious white wine punch bubbled with cream. Centering the array, a silver lyre epergne holds fruits, berries, mints, and marzipan in six tiered baskets. Shimmering above, an English George III crystal chandelier, and glistening all around gold-leaf painted walls—the original canvas of dogwood and peonies done for Miss Hogg in 1927 by William Mackay. Pitchers on the butler's table are Tucker porcelain. On the mantel, a five-piece set of Chinese Export porcelain. Stairway in the late 18th-century Philadelphia Hall, *right*, is swagged with greenery. Portrait of Governor Hogg in the corner festively accented with pine, magnolia, holly berries, and fluffy white cotton balls. All the decorations shown are by the River Oaks Garden Club directed by Mrs. Peter Brooks and Mrs. Borden Tennant, assisted by Mr. John Shaw of Nacogdoches and Mr. David B. Warren, curator of Bayou Bend. The Docent Christmas committee headed by Mrs. Alexander McLanahan and Mrs. Robin Elverson researched and prepared the authentic Christmas dishes. Their recipes will soon be collected and put into book form. The book will be available from Bayou Bend.

OGDEN ROBERTSON





Continuing the Christmas cameos at Bayou Bend. Card games before the fire in the rich, inviting Queen Anne sitting room, *top left*, are dealt with silver tankards of beer, cheese, and fruit. In the Chillman Parlor, *top center*, a Christmas tea party reflects the gentle elegance of the gilded Empire furniture around. A bûche de Noël, Baltimore silver tea service, and Tucker porcelain suggest an accompaniment of carols on the harp. More flamboyant, the Christmas of the Victorians, in the Belter Parlor, *top right*, where the bauble-laden tree and bulging stockings on the mantel represent customary traditions of the era. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, who popularized the evergreen tree, are there in miniature Staffordshire china figures, on the background étagère. Around the time General Hogg was Governor of

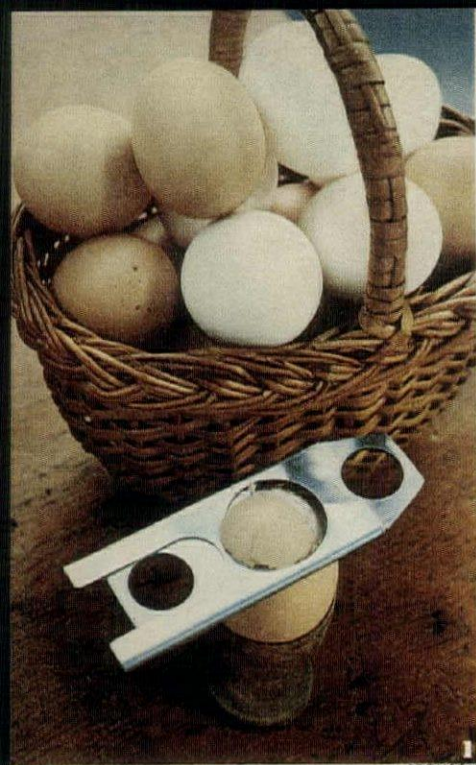
Christmas at Bayou Bend

# OLD FASHIONED DECORATIONS AND DELIGHTS

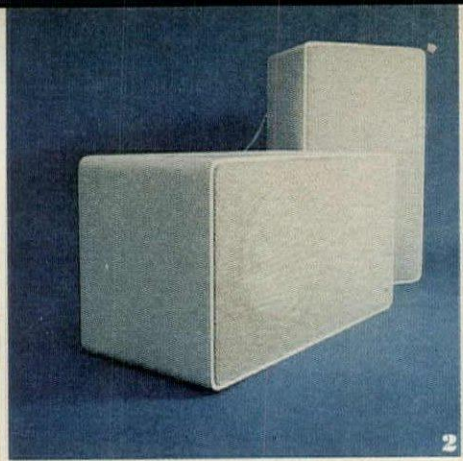


Texas, in 1891-5, the state had its own way of celebrating yuletide. In the Texas Room, *middle left*, a typical dinner—wild turkey, Brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes served on Staffordshire plates with scenes from the *Texian Campaign*. Oranges and apples pyramid in a simple centerpiece. Tissue paper crackers provide a touch of Southern fireworks. The Christmas Advent wreath of boxwood and berries in the bay window of the Pine Room, *middle center*, rekindles an early 18th-century custom. Four tall tapers were lit on the four Sundays in December when family prayers were said. The Massachusetts Room, *middle right*, recreates the Puritan New England Christmas scene. No fuss, nothing elaborate, just simple pine and berry decorations on the table. A century before, early settlers from England and Holland enjoyed a more lavish scene. The Murphy Room, *above and right*, with its painted wooden floor shows their approach—a boar's head on a pewter charger, plenty of cheese, fruit and wine, wild game, herbs and vegetables piled on a tavern table beside the greenery-swathed stairs. More country customs in Winedale Cottage, *opposite page, bottom*, where a tall cedar tree decked with yarn dolls, cookies, pine cone elves, gum drop strings and a hundred-and-one other goodies lights the brick-paved living room. A little sugar house garnishes a drop leaf desk. Over the fireplace is a sheaf of wheat and some ears of corn that is a replica of something the Scandinavians liked to place over their doorways at Christmas as a present to the birds.

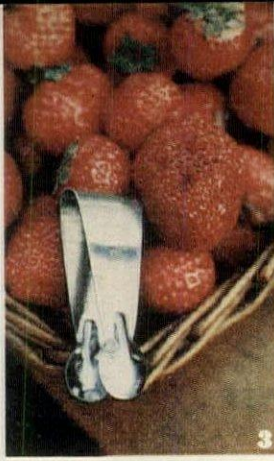




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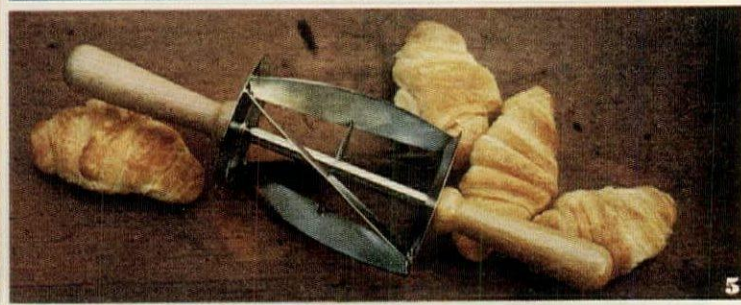
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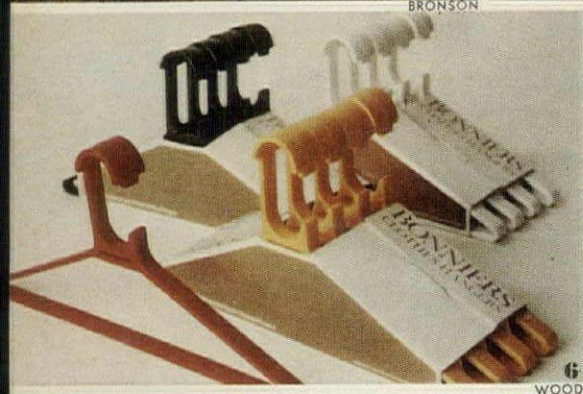
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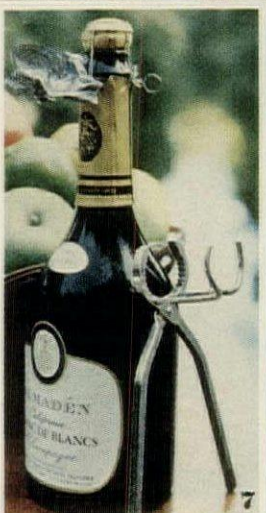
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# SURPRISES AND ZEST FOR A LAST-MINUTE CHRISTMAS

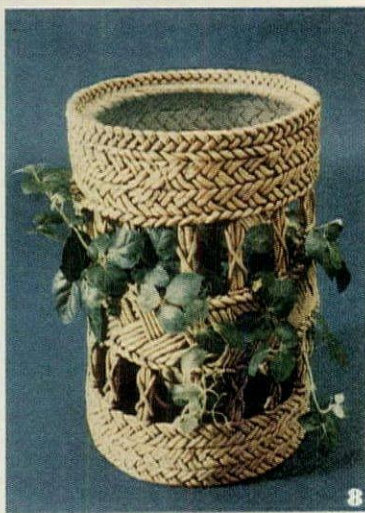
An egg topper, **1**, makes lopping the tops off soft-boiled eggs child's play. Just put egg in middle hole and press slide. In stainless steel from Rowoco. \$5 at The Pottery Corner. **2** High-fidelity sound teams up with good looks in Braun's small speaker collection. The pair shown in white polyester lacquered wood, approximately 18 by 10 by 9 inches. \$149.50 each at Liberty Music. **3** To fit in the tiniest stocking—strawberry huller from Germany, just 2 inches long. \$1 at Patricia Moore. **4** Sturdy simpleness to flatter any flower. Ceramic tile container in eight colors, 7½ inches in diameter by 6 inches high. \$6.50 at Country Floors. **5** The gourmet's quest for a perfect croissant may end in your kitchen. Cutting perfect shapes is easy with a croissant cutter from France. \$25 at Hubert des Forges. **6** The closet invasion—colorful molded plastic hangers, self-spacing, non-slip, nonbreakable. \$2 each, gift boxed set of four, \$8. Bonniers. **7** Celebrate New Year's with popping corks but keep them off the ceiling. Champagne bottle opener. \$5 at Patricia Moore. **8** Interwoven ropes of terra cotta—a table with glass top, 24¼ by 14¼ inches in diameter, \$200; grape ivy plant, \$9 at Ronaldo Maia. **9** Make your tea break even a little more special—measure loose tea with a tea caddy spoon of English horn. \$3.25 at Patricia Moore. **10** To make a small task simple, a steel lemon slicer gives 10 perfect wedges. \$25 at Paprikas Weiss. **11** Carry it with you. "Four Handed Chess" for two teams or four friends. Playing board is flexible and comes with directions. \$25 at Lawson & Lawson. **12** Piquant memories created by flowers are preserved by "The Plant-Press," 12 by 18 inches. \$10.50 from the Naturalist.



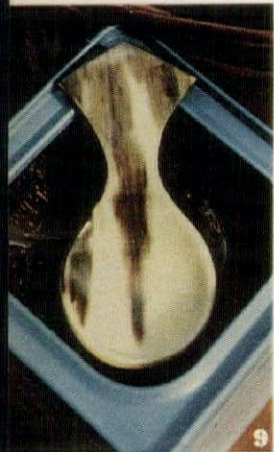
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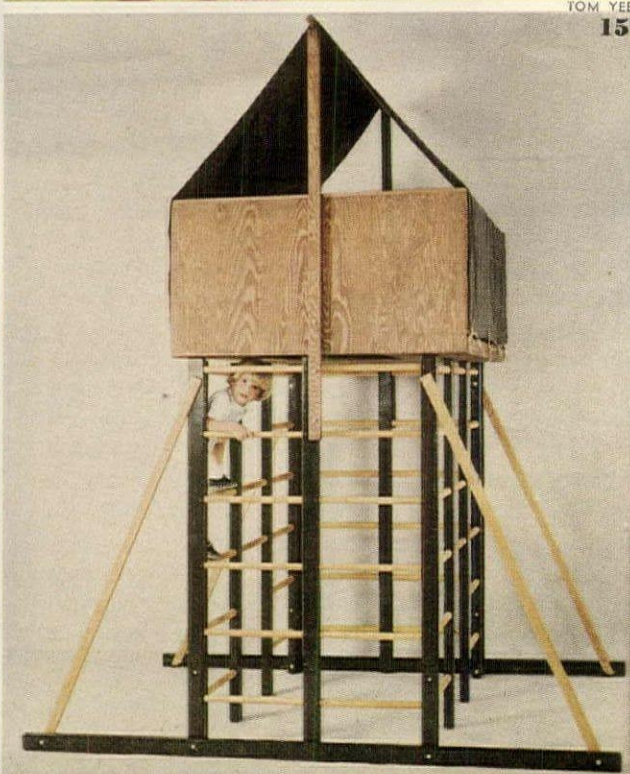
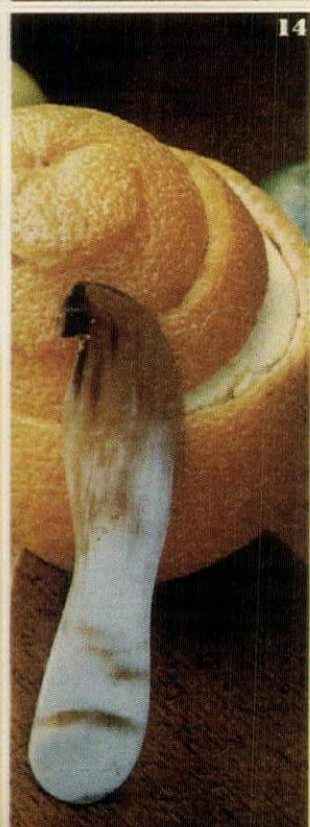
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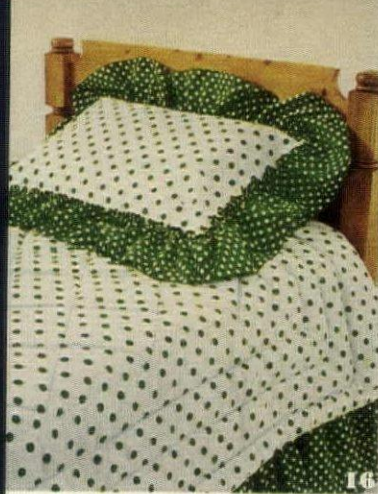


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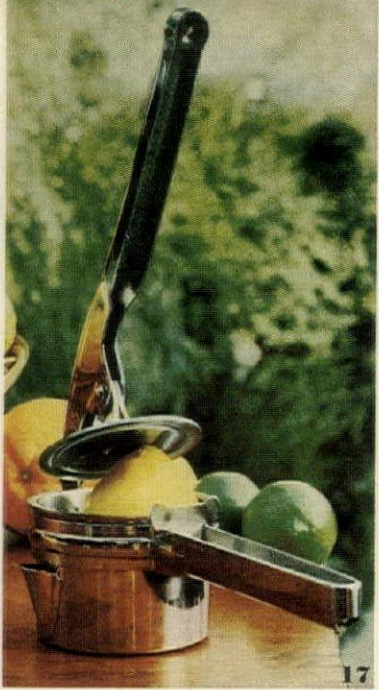


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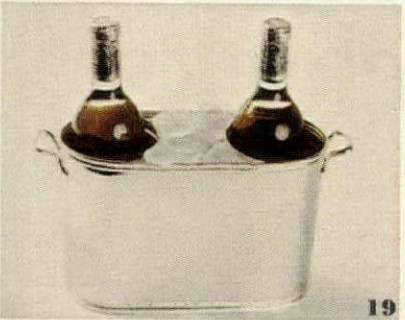
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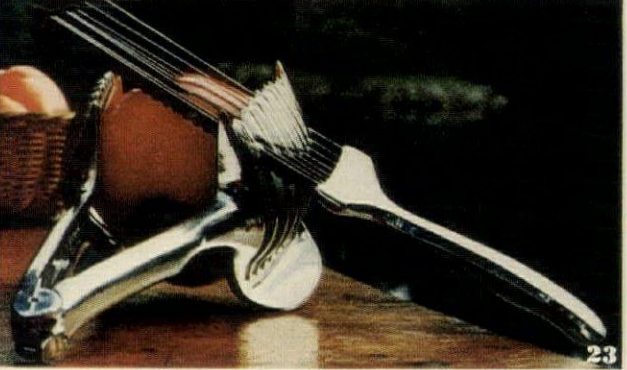
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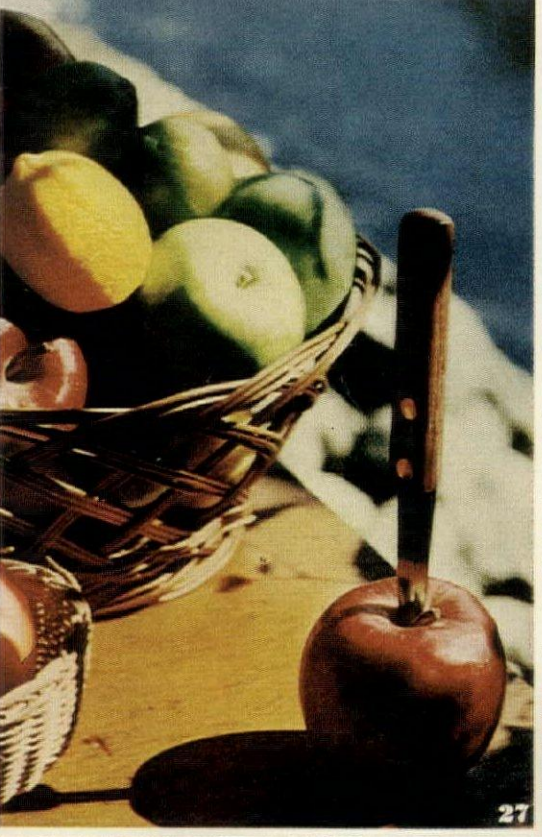
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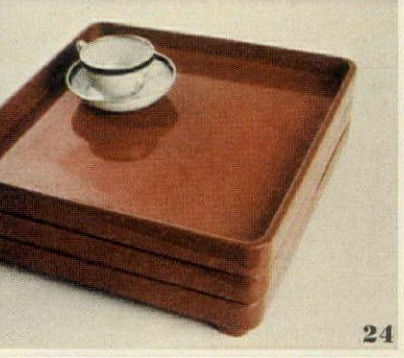
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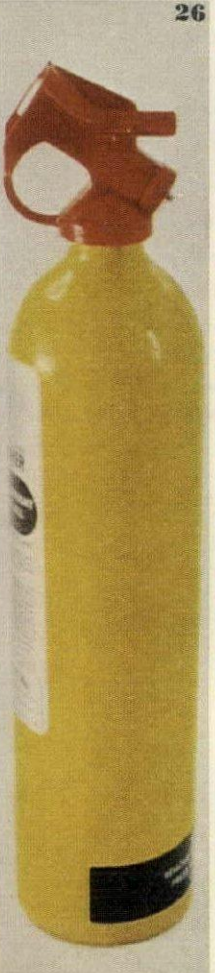
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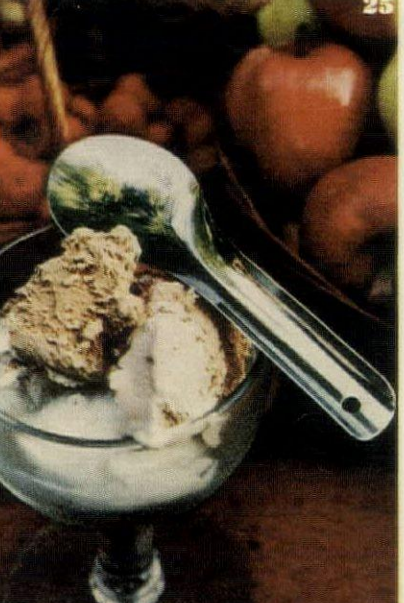
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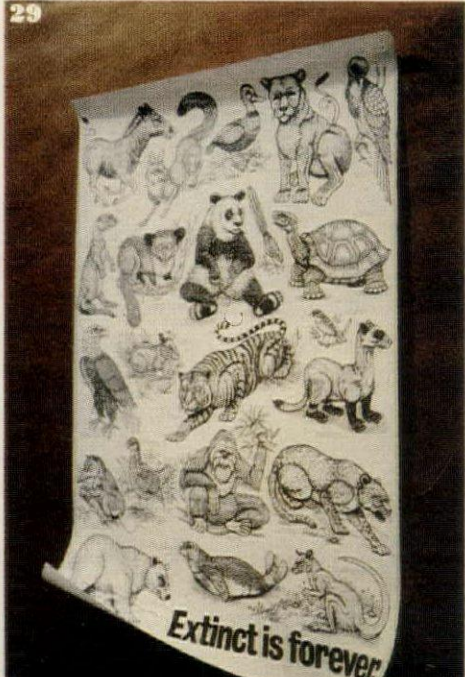
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Storage tower, **13**, table, stool, or bar. Elements of two heights stacked and on casters. Designed by Anna Castelli for Beylerian. Of ABS cyclolac resin. Unit shown \$65, butcher block top \$15. Bloomingdale's. **14** A tool you'll love to use—horn orange peeler from England. \$2.75 at Patricia Moore. **15** Hours of fun for little ones who dream of being sailors. Crows Nest Gym of wood, comes partly assembled. \$195 from Child Life Play Specialties. **16** Cheery "Domino" comforter filled with Kodel, twin \$36, pillow sham \$10, twin dust ruffle \$16. All by Crosscill. Headboard by Seaman-Cross, twin \$59. All at Bloomingdale's. **17** Joy in the morning! Fresh squeezed fruit juice with fruit press. \$22.50 at Patricia Moore. **18** A geometric poem in red and blue, "Pastorale," acrylic face, 3 by 5 feet. \$55 by Karastan. **19** One for you and one for me, both icy cold in a silver-plated wine cooler. \$110 at Concinnity Shop. **20** and **21** Delightful whimsy—animal cookie ornaments of baked dough designed by Judith Ott. Eight on cookie rack \$35 including rack. Elephant included in an assortment of six for \$24. From Soupçon. **22** For that masterpiece from your last trip, brass banded frame in silver plate from Italy. \$125 at Hammacher Schlemmer. **23** No more wrestling with plump tomatoes! Tongs hold tomato and multibladed knife quickly cuts even slices. From Westmark. \$7 at Bazaar de la Cuisine. **24** Red Chinese lacquer stacking trays, 14 inches square \$45 each from Robert Webb. **25** Reflect the joys of ice cream in Rowoco's shiny and strong stainless steel ice cream spade. \$2 at The Pottery Corner. **26** So slim, light and efficient, the Xtinguisher can be in view and handy, in yellow or white. From Rogin Ltd., \$17.50 at Bloomingdale's. **27** A V-shaped blade for decorative edges on fruits. By Rowoco. \$1.60 at The Pottery Corner. **28** Tubs, handpainted à la "Matisse," 18 by 7 inches. \$85 from Stephen Barany. **29** Lively animals, but all endangered. A poster from woodcut by James Grashow. \$5 from Friends Of Animals.

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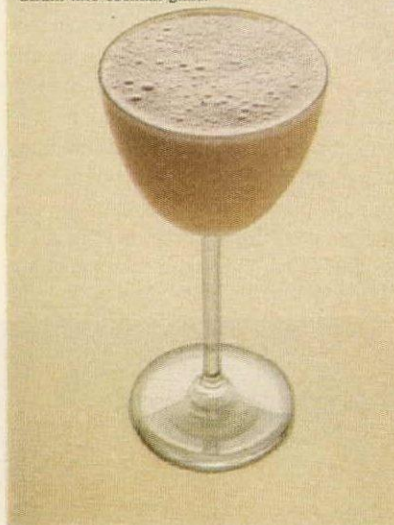
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# And you thought the Swiss only made cuckoo clocks.

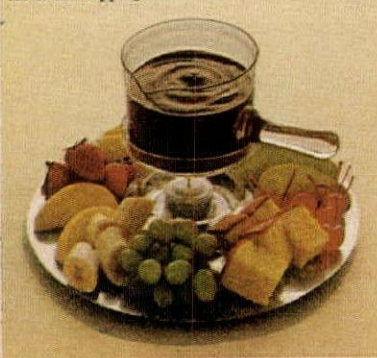
But what the Swiss know about fine liqueur you won't believe.



**Cheri Alexander.** Shake 1 oz. Cheri-Suisse, 1 oz. gin or vodka and 1 oz. cream with cracked ice. Strain into cocktail glass.



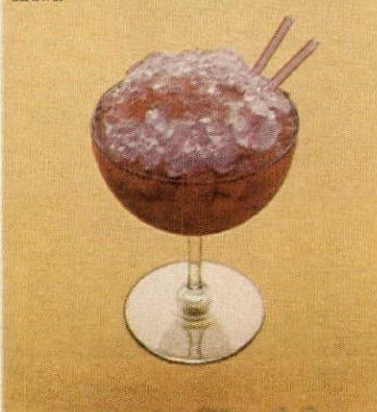
**Cheri-Suisse Fondue.** In saucepan, melt 2 tbs. butter with 12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate. Blend in ½ cup Cheri-Suisse. Keep warm over low heat. Dip in fruit pieces or cake squares, or use as an ice cream topping.



**Cheri-Suisse Romanoff.** Drain one jar (14-16 oz.) pitted dark sweet cherries. Whip 1 cup heavy cream with 2 tbs. Cheri-Suisse. Fold into 1 pt. softened vanilla ice cream. Fold in cherries and 2 more tbs. Cheri-Suisse. Serves 8.



**Cheri-Suisse Mist.** Pour 2 oz. Cheri-Suisse over crushed ice in champagne glass. Serve with short straws.



Those Swiss! They're better at everything than anybody. Like their fine watches, their lust for fine food, and their famous finesse with money. Now they've blended their great Swiss chocolate and bursting ripe cherries into the world's most lovable liqueur. It's called Cheri-Suisse. You can do so many things with it, it'll drive you cuckoo.

## Cheri-Suisse

Imported and bottled by Park Avenue Imports, 375 Park Avenue, New York City. 60 Proof.

**"Put salad greens into two pillow cases, then into your washing machine. Set the machine to spin and, presto, crisp dry lettuce!"**

HAPPY HOUSEKEEPER *continued from page 16*

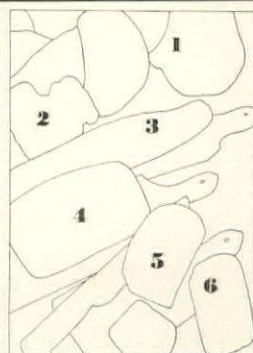
tableware with her. Sal said they had a few spoons and forks, but did we have any silverware we didn't need that they could use? Well, we don't—so I went to the department store to see what I could find for her. I was more than pleased by a *handsome and practical stainless steel service* made by Ekco. It's beautifully designed with simulated wooden handles that are completely safe in the dishwasher. A service for four includes two teaspoons as well as a soup spoon in each place setting and was so inexpensive I could afford to buy two, which will give the girls extras for entertaining.

I love to give parties, particularly during the holiday season, even though some of the preparations are tedious. Now, I've learned an *easy way to wash a large amount of lettuce* you'll need for the salad. Just pick over the greens, wash them thoroughly (which isn't the worst part), and then put them into two pillow slips, one inside the other. This goes into the washing machine, the water is turned off, and the machine is set on spin. Presto—crisp, dry lettuce. All that remains is to transfer the lettuce into a plastic bag for storage in the refrigerator.

We're a family that dearly loves a fire in the fireplace, and we have two fireplaces and a Franklin stove to prove it. The only dreary note is the high cost of firewood and the fact that it's becoming harder and harder to obtain. We can usually buy logs from the man who cuts the lawn in the summer, but we've been really stumped on the question of kindling. At least we were stumped until we discovered manufactured Blazer Logs, which are *lightweight, clean burning, and safe-to-use man-made logs*. No falling apart in the middle with a huge burst of flame. Furthermore, they look like actual logs, don't require kindling, and can be used to start a real log fire or burn on their own in place of logs, indoors and out. We find they are excellent for the Franklin stove, too.

Tom and I have a special Christmas surprise for all the children—some *new short skis* called Hot Stix. They're only 33 inches long and are virtually indestructible because they're made of tough heavy plastic and are especially designed for even weight distribution and maneuverability. Hot Stix, made by Rubbermaid, come with good metal bindings, with or without poles. We think they'll be fun for everybody—easy for the timid skiers (Tina and me), and challenging for the more expert ones, who will probably learn to do all sorts of tricks on them. They'll be great for touring around the neighborhood after a snowfall and for skiing on the golf course.

## Delicious loaves to make and give for Christmas



*Braided rye and pumpernickel, 1; checkerboard rye and pumpernickel, 2; Cuban, 3; white potato, 4; spiral herb, 5; and honey cornmeal, 6. For recipes, please turn the page.*

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# THE RONRICO GIFT-WRAPPING GUIDE

How to go from Inept to Ept in a matter of minutes. And enjoy yourself along the way.

'Tis the Night before C-Day. You picked up that 3-foot ceramic elephant your wife lusts after just as the store closed. Ditto, junior's Giant Dirt Mover. And your daughter's new life-size Dolly Dimple Doll.

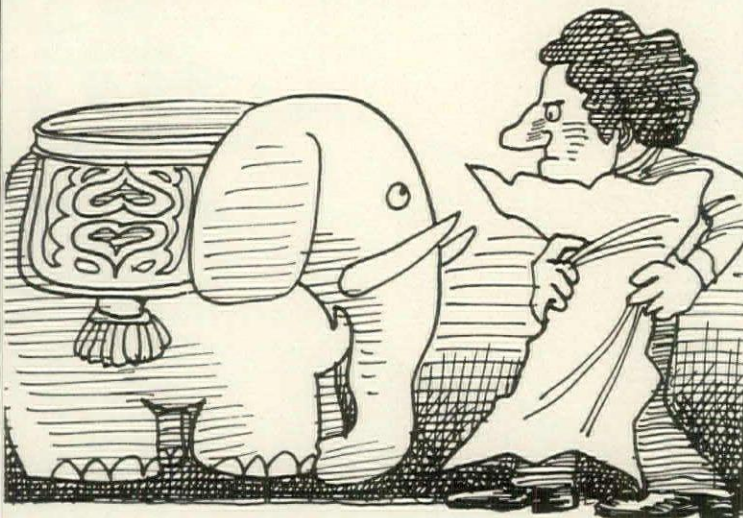
So now you're squashed in the furnace room at 10 P.M. with your lumpy treasures and nothing to put them in.

A 75' roll of sticky tape (solid, bright colors preferred).

A ball of thick, colored yarn (all you can steal from your wife's knitting bag).

Box of colored felt-tip markers (from kids' toy chest. It's O.K. now, they're asleep.).

Open up bags by cutting along seams and remove bottoms. Tape flattened bags to-



## Your 11th Hour Necessity List.

- Grocery Bags.
- Foreign Newspapers (Oriental ones make the most festive wrap).
- Those old striped neckties that are too skinny now. For bows.
- Your wife's hair rollers (the old set—the mauve ones) to build the bows around.
- Plastic Flowers.
- Those psychedelic posters you gave your son and have been trying to get rid of ever since.

## The Grocery Bag Gambit.

Let tomorrow's garbage fend for itself. Now's when you need them.

## Elephant-wrapping made easy:

Grocery bags (the big ones—all you can dig up).

gether (until elephant-sized). Fold around elephant and secure with small pieces of transparent tape. Tie with yarn and decorate with your-own-version of stars, yule trees or angels (the more primitive the better). See example.

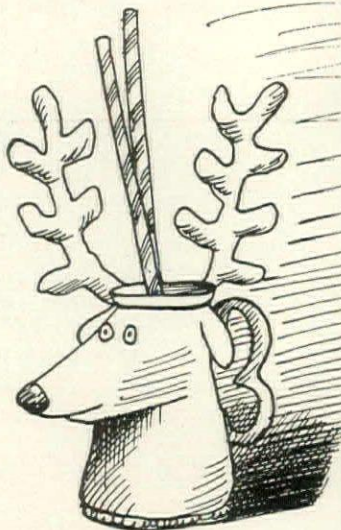
Now call your wife down—you need a friendly finger to help with the other knotty problems. And you both could use a little warm holiday cheer for the oversized evening ahead in that unheated basement.

## What to drink while wrapping.

Something warm and human and easy to keep you company wherever you're hiding out.

## Hot Buttered Rum

Dissolve 1 tsp. sugar with hot water in mug  
Add 1½ oz. Ronrico White or Gold Rum  
A pinch of nutmeg  
Fill mug with boiling water  
Top with a pat of butter  
Add cinnamon stick



Or, for early dawn, when you're spreading your goodies under the tree...

## The Ronrico Reindeer

1½ oz. Ronrico White or Gold  
2 drops vanilla  
A pinch of nutmeg  
A dash of Angostura  
1 cup milk  
2 tsp. sugar

Shake well with ice, pour into tall glass and drink a toast to wrapping things up. Here's a little goody for instance: "Salud, dinero y amor!"—roughly translated, "Here's mud in your eye". Which considering the condition of the basement probably makes a lot of sense.

## What to rap about while wrapping.

Start with gratitude.

1. You managed to miss "The Little Drummer Boy" for the fifth time in 5 years.
2. The Skurniks didn't send you that terrible ten-pound fruit cake for a change.
3. And it hasn't snowed, it hasn't snowed.

## What not to rap about.

1. In-laws, of course.
2. The fact the turkey's still half-frozen.
3. The fact you forgot the eggs for the egg nog.
4. You even forgot the cartons of ready-made egg nog mix.



## Eggless Egg Nog

1 large package vanilla pudding  
2 quarts milk  
1 Fifth Ronrico White or Gold Rum  
1 tsp. grated nutmeg

Prepare pudding as directed on box but instead of letting it set, continue cooking as you slowly beat in extra milk. Stir in nutmeg while mixture is still over fire. Allow to cool. Stir in Ronrico and refrigerate for an hour or until ready to serve. Garnish with pinch of nutmeg. Makes around 20 cups of rich, thoroughly authentic and undetectably easy nog.

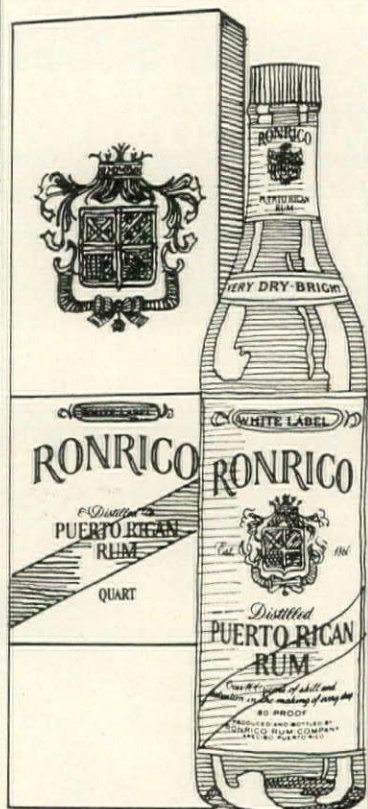
## One gift you don't have to wrap.

Unless the spirit moves you to add a bow. Here it is. The only rum that dressed for the Season. That's right, the *only*. But we have our reason—a beautiful solution to that last-minute Top Priority Gift List of yours:

*The 90-year-old rich uncle.  
Your tax man.  
The Boss.  
The Building Inspector.  
The Little League umpire.  
Your TV repair man.  
Your wife's shrink.*

What, we should have mentioned our lovely Wrap-Up a little earlier?

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# 20 easy appetizing ways to serve nuts

**S**imone Beck in, *Simca's Cuisine* (Knopf) suggests serving a mixture of nuts and raisins with cocktails. Combine 1/3 cup **cashews**; 1/3 cup blanched, toasted, **almonds**, cut into thick slivers; 1/3 cup **pine-nut** or **pine nuts** with 1 cup raisins.

Equal quantities of **macadamia nuts** and white raisins are tossed together by Mrs. Vincent Donovan to serve with drinks.

Black raisins mixed with shelled, broken **walnuts** are kept on hand in a large glass jar with a moisture-proof cork lid by Mrs. Myrtle Corbman on her boat the Bountiful II.

Combine equal amounts of **pine nuts** and raisins and sprinkle with a little mint and cinnamon sugar. The Dionysos Restaurant in Manhattan serves this with feta cheese.

Top a **pecan** half with Roquefort cheese softened with a little cream cheese and a drop of lemon juice suggests Kathleen Hand, who sends pecans all over the country from her Sternberg Pecan Co. in Jackson, Miss. Mrs. Hand also serves pecans with cream cheese and dips.

Wrap small pieces of prosciutto around **Brazil nuts**, suggests Helen Feingold, who serves them with green and black olives.

Sauté **pecans** and **cashew nuts** in a little butter and sprinkle with celery salt. Remove from heat and toss, if you wish, with dates.

Mix shelled **peanuts**, **cashews**, **Brazil nuts**, **pecans**, **walnuts**, **filberts**, and blanched, whole **almonds** and sauté in a little oil until brown. Cool and toss with tiny cubes of sharp Cheddar cheese.

Cut raw green beans into 1/2-inch pieces and toss with whole, salted **almonds**.

Toss dried apple rings with **hazelnuts**. Cut fresh **coconut** in small chunks and serve in a bowl to accompany long cool drinks.

Mix bite-sized chunks of dark chocolate with shelled **Brazil nuts**.

Mary Moon Hemingway mixes pumpkin seeds with raisins and **Brazil nuts** for a pre-dinner nibble; or mix **macadamia nuts** with candied ginger; dried apples with salted **peanuts**; black **walnuts** with chopped dried apricots; **Brazil nuts** with chopped dates; broken **walnuts** and currants.

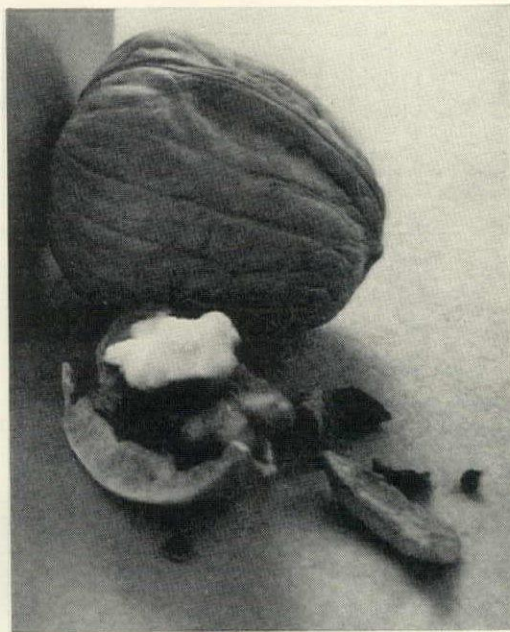
Shell fresh **peanuts**, toss with melted butter to coat, and salt. Toast in the oven.

Mix **nuts** and brush with herb flavored oil (thyme, parsley, and chives), bake until crisp.

## WALNUTS

**Foil-roast walnuts** over an open fire, as

**Nuts, to put it in a nutshell, are delicious eaten fresh from the shell, tossed with dried fruits, or toasted with spices. There are innumerable quick and easy ways to serve them as an accompaniment to drinks—to package prettily, give away, or simply have around the house for snacking.**



TOM YEE

James Beard does. Crack the walnuts but do not shell them. Wrap in foil and cook them on a grate in a fireplace for about 10 minutes, or until they are heated through.

Marion Bard gives small individual tins of **sugared walnuts**. Cook 1 pound light brown sugar with 1/8 cup water until dissolved. Remove from stove, add 2 pounds shelled walnuts, coat with sugar mixture. Dry on wax paper.

## PECANS

**Spiced pecans** make a special home-made Christmas present. Susan Zevon beats 1 egg white with 2 tablespoons water, stirs in 2 cups pecans until wet. In a separate bowl she mixes 1/2 cup sugar; 3/4 teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon cinnamon; 1/4 teaspoon each cloves and nutmeg. Sprinkle spice mixture over nuts and mix thoroughly. Spread on cookie sheet and bake in a 300° oven for 30 minutes.

To make **pepper pecans** sauté 1 pound of pecans in a little butter or margarine. Add 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce, a few dashes Tabasco, salt and white pepper. Roast until

brown in a slow oven stirring occasionally.

## ALMONDS

Stuff **green olives with almonds**, or use the bottled variety, and wrap with 1/3 slice of bacon and bake at 375° for about 15 minutes until bacon is crisp. Serve on toothpicks.

**Croccante**, the Italian praline, which is less sweet than the French, is made by Marcella Hazan, author of *The Classic Italian Cook Book* (Harper's Magazine Press). She uses it as an after dinner candy brittle and crushed to top ice cream. Keeps in an airtight jar indefinitely. Drop 1 1/2 cups of shelled, unskinned **almonds** into boiling water. 20 seconds after water returns to the boil, drain and squeeze almonds out of skins with fingers and spread on baking sheet. Toast in preheated 450° oven for 6 minutes or until light brown. Chop finely. Melt a heaping cup of granulated sugar with 1/4 cup water over medium high heat tilting pan. When sugar becomes golden add almonds and stir until almonds turn deep tawny gold. Pour immediately onto greased sheet of aluminum foil. With flat side of peeled potato half, spread out mixture to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut into 2-inch diamonds for a candy before it cools. When cool wrap tightly in foil and store in a dry cupboard.

## PINE NUTS

Creamy **pine nuts** toasted are delicious. Coat 1 cup pine nuts with 1 tablespoon butter and roast in 300° oven until slightly browned. Watch carefully to prevent over browning.

## PISTACHIOS

Sprinkle chopped pistachios thickly over a wine Cheddar cheese ball.

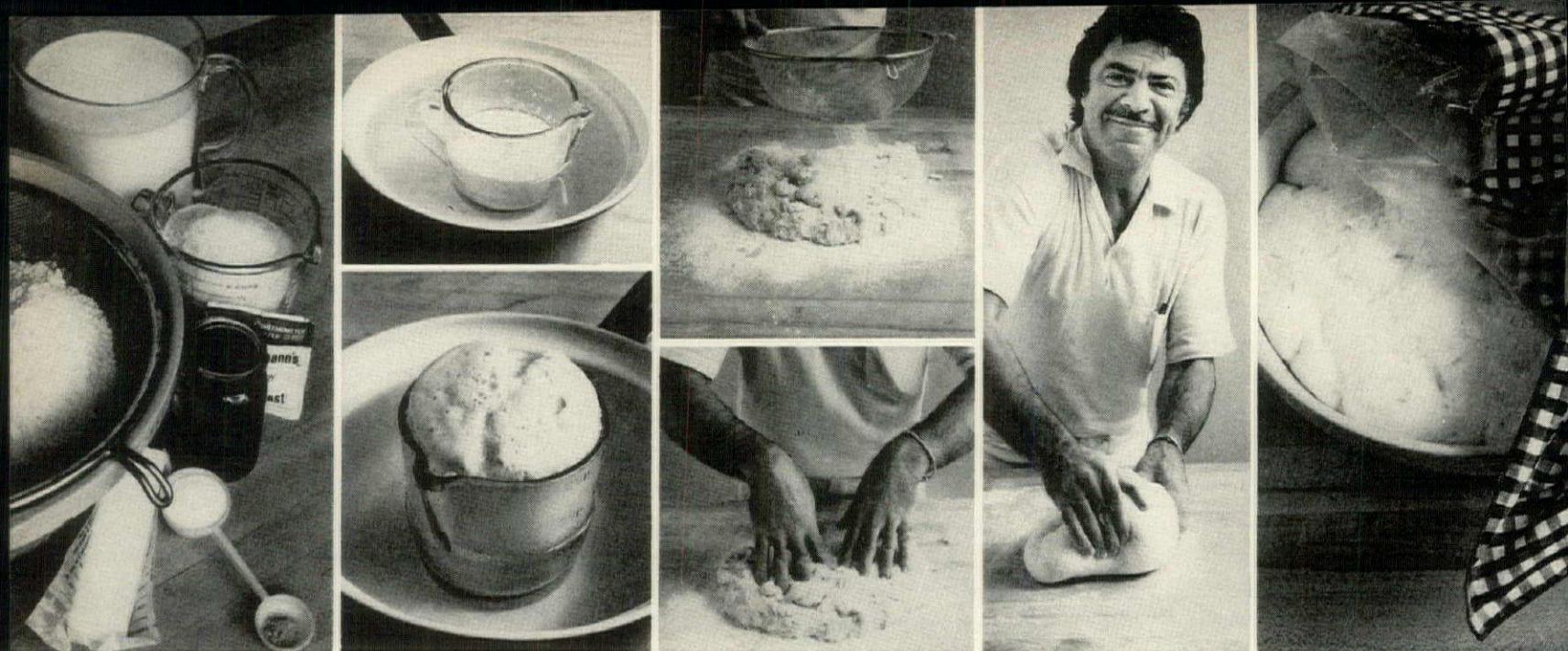
## FILBERTS

**Spiced filberts**. In a heavy skillet brown 4 cups shelled filberts in butter for about 20 minutes. Drain on paper towels then toss in a paper bag together with 3 cups confectioners sugar, 2 tablespoons each nutmeg, ground cloves, and cinnamon. Shake nuts into a colander to remove excess sugar. Cool on paper towels.

## CASHEWS

**Curried cashews**. Dot 2 cups unroasted cashews with butter and bake in 350° oven, stirring occasionally, for about 20 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from oven. Blend 2 teaspoons seasoned salt, 3/4 tablespoon curry powder and sprinkle over nuts and stir. Return to oven for 5 minutes. Spread on absorbent paper to cool. ■

“Nuts are a rich and concentrated source  
of protein—a valuable and quick source of energy”



## Six special breads to bake and give for Christmas

**B**read making is one of the great pleasures of the kitchen—the warm scent of bread baking in the oven; the satisfying feel of elastic dough; the taste of a warm crusty loaf. Bread also makes a marvelous present. These four cooks who enjoy baking their own bread, also love to give it away and here are their recipes, straight forward to make and delicious to receive.

William Harris, genial president and founder of White Flower Farm in Connecticut, has baked bread for years at home on a farm, now does it more effortlessly with the help of a KitchenAid mixer. Here is his family recipe for a good basic white bread. "I've long since concluded that the joy of homemade bread is not in the recipe, but in the doing."

Rochelle Udell is an artist and a baker's daughter. She bakes 100 loaves of bread in her family's bakery in Brooklyn at Christmas to give away as presents. Here are her pared-down recipes for Slavic braided and checkerboard breads. She likes to give each loaf away with a bread board, a good knife, or a pot of honey.

Penni Wisner bakes masses of bread at Thanksgiving to freeze and give away at Christmas. She wraps them in plastic wrap and bright tissue paper, and loves to add a homemade loaf to a birthday or hostess present. These recipes come from Craig Claiborne's *New York Times Cook Book*. Penni uses only unbleached flour, so one cup

of flour in the recipe equals about  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup unbleached. "I find the best way to test is to knock the loaf, if it sounds hollow it's done."

Emerick Bronson, a photographer whose food pictures appear often in House & Garden, bakes

down the proving process."

### SPIRAL BREAD

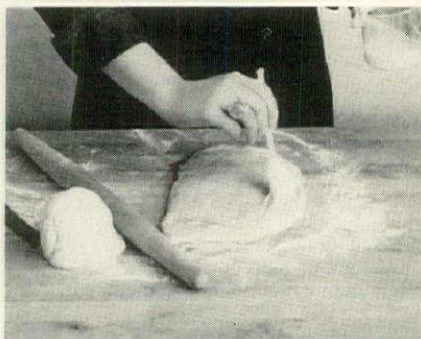
*Ingredients:* 1 cup scalded milk; 2 tablespoons sugar;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoons salt;  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup shortening; 1 cup lukewarm water; 2 packages yeast; 7 cups sifted flour; melted butter or

maining flour and stir until dampened. Let stand 10 minutes.

Turn dough out onto a floured surface and knead until smooth, about 10 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, grease surface, cover and let rise in a warm place



*Dough for Penni Wisner's spiral bread resting in a bowl with filling and egg. Dough rolled out and brushed with beaten egg. After herb filling is spread on top, dough is rolled up like jelly roll, and pinched at the edges to make sure filling doesn't escape.*



bread every two weeks and always makes extra mini loaves to give away. A devotee of corn bread, he finds it freezes beautifully and tastes fresh if you leave it out overnight after baking; then wrap it well and freeze. He likes his loaves to be uniform in size, so he always weighs the dough on a scale. He feels the important rule is not to add fat and salt until yeast mixture has foamed up well. "If you mix it together first, both the salt and fat curtail yeast activities and slow

salad oil. Herb filling: 2 cups finely chopped parsley; 2 cups finely chopped scallions; 1 large clove garlic, minced; 2 tablespoons butter; 2 eggs, lightly beaten;  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt; freshly ground black pepper, Tabasco sauce to taste.

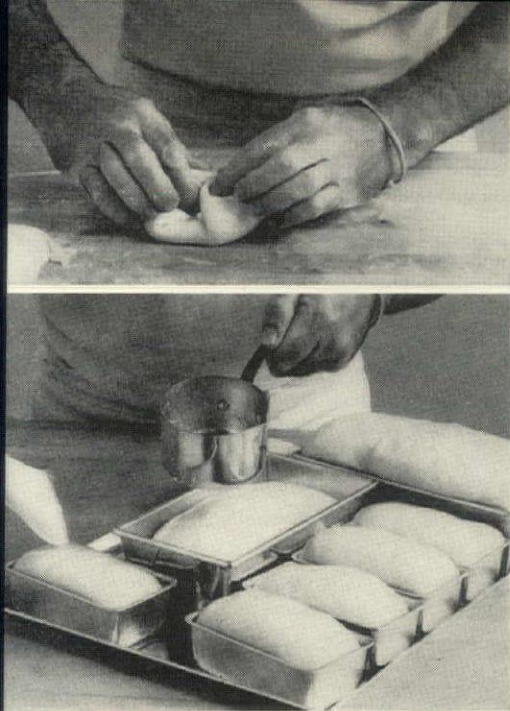
*Method:* To the scalded milk add sugar, salt, and shortening. Stir and cool to lukewarm.

Pour the water into a large bowl and add yeast; stir until dissolved. Add milk mixture. Add 4 cups flour, stir; then beat well. Add re-



(80° to 85° F) until double in bulk, about 45 minutes.

*Herb Filling:* In a large saucepan cook parsley, scallions, and garlic in butter over moderate heat, stirring often, until thoroughly wilted but not browned. Mixture should reduce to half original



*Ingredients for Emerick Bronson's corn meal bread: ginger, yeast, honey, water, milk, and corn meal. Yeast with honey, ginger, and water in a measuring cup set in a pan of warm water to hasten the proving. Yeast rising. Flour is sifted over dough to make it smooth for kneading. Dough is gathered into a ball for kneading. Emerick Bronson kneads dough vigorously. Dough rises in greased bowl covered with wax paper and a napkin. Dough ends being tucked under to fit tin neatly for baking. Butter brushed with a feather brush on top of loaves to give a golden sheen when baked.*

**"The joy of homemade bread is not in the recipe but in the doing"**

volume. Cool. Reserve about 2 tablespoons of beaten eggs for use in brushing over the dough. Add balance to vegetables and season with salt, pepper, and Tabasco.

Punch dough down, turn out on a smooth surface and let rest 10 minutes. Grease 2 9-by-5-by-3-inch bread pans. Cut dough in half and shape each half into a ball. Roll each into a rectangle about 1/4 inch thick and almost 9 inches wide. Brush with lightly beaten egg reserved from the filling and then spread the filling over it to

about 1 inch from the edges. Roll jelly-roll fashion and pinch edges to seal. Place in greased pans with seam side down. Brush tops with melted butter or salad oil, cover with wax paper, let rise in a warm place until slightly higher in middle than edge, 50-60 minutes.

Preheat oven to 400°. Cut gashes in top of loaves if desired. Place in oven and bake 1 hour. Cool on rack. Makes 2 loaves.

**JAMES BEARD'S CUBAN BREAD**

*Ingredients:* 1 package yeast, 2

cups lukewarm water, 1 1/4 tablespoons salt, 1 tablespoon sugar, 6-7 cups sifted flour.

*Method:* In a large bowl dissolve the yeast in water and add salt, and sugar, stirring thoroughly.

Add the flour, 1 cup at a time, beating it in with a wooden spoon. Or use the dough hook on an electric mixer at low speed. Add enough flour to make a fairly stiff dough. When the dough is thoroughly mixed, shape it into a ball, place in a greased bowl and grease the top. Cover with a towel and let stand in a warm place (80° to 85° F) until doubled in bulk.

Turn the dough onto a lightly floured board and shape into 2 long, French-style loaves or round, Italian-style loaves. Arrange on a baking sheet heavily sprinkled with corn meal and allow to rise 5 minutes. Slash the tops of the loaves in 2 or 3 places with a knife or scissors. Brush the loaves with water and place them in a cold oven. Set the oven control at hot (400° F) and place a pan of boiling water on the bottom of the

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*"If I didn't have an electric mixer with a 1 gallon stainless steel bowl so powerful that its dough hook will knead 2 1-pound loaves in about 4 minutes, I wouldn't be baking bread," says William Harris, who finds kneading a chore. "Years ago I did it by hand, I had to, I lived on a farm miles from a store." Here Mr. Harris adds liquid to mixer bowl, pushes potato through a strainer to be incorporated in dough, and sets the dough hook to work to knead the dough. Rochelle Udell stands by her checkerboard bread assembled for baking.*

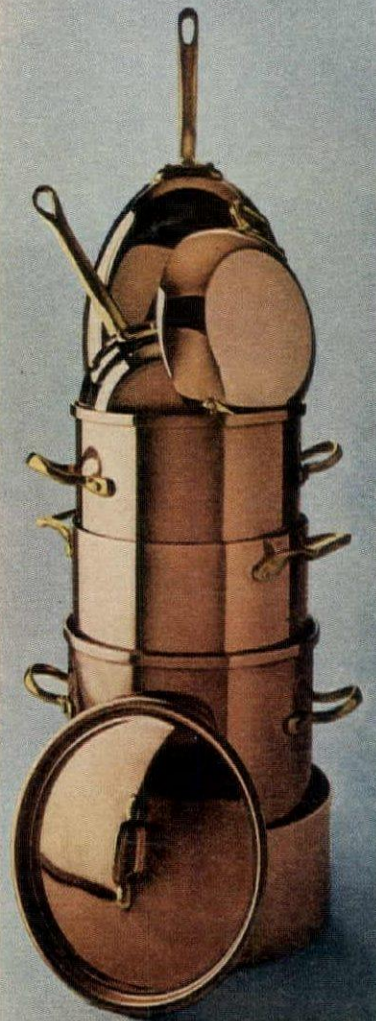


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# A great cook's Christmas

## three holiday parties

### from Maurice Moore-Betty

**W**hen I spend Christmas at home, I have what I like to call open house on Christmas Eve, announcing to all friends and acquaintances who live alone that they'll be welcome between 7 and 11," says Maurice Moore-Betty, who for this evening prepares a make-ahead buffet for about eighteen. On Christmas Day he might give a small lunch party and on New Year's Eve an elegant dinner. Here are his menus and recipes for this delicious yet organized feasting, from his second and just published book *The Maurice Moore-Betty Cooking School Book of Fine Cooking* Arbor House—a fine collection of menus and recipes for all seasons, every occasion.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE BUFFET FOR 14-18

- Carriage House Terrine*
- Stuffed Striped Bass and Sauce Verte*
- Glazed Corned Beef\**
- Potato Salad\* Cheese*
- French Breads*
- Praline Mousse\* Mince Pies\**
- Frozen Chocolate Mousse\**
- Fresh Fruits*
- Decanted California Red*
- Chilled California White*

#### GLAZED CORNED BEEF

*Ingredients:* 1 4-6 pound corned beef; whole cloves.

*Method:* Wash the piece of beef under cold running water to remove surface brine. Put the beef in a pot and cover with boiling water. Simmer 3 to 4 hours with lid on. When done it should be easy to shove a fork through to the center. Take the cooked beef out of its pot and force it into one smaller. Weight it to compress it for easier slicing.

#### THE GLAZE

*Ingredients:* 1 small can crushed pineapple, ¼ cup chopped candied cherries, ½ cup orange marmalade, 4 heaping tablespoons domestic prepared mustard.

*Method:* Preheat oven to 450°. Combine all ingredients in a small heavy pan and cook over medium heat until thick. Put the corned beef on a greased baking sheet with an edge. Stud it with cloves in a pattern. Brush on glaze and cook in the oven for 1 hour, or until lightly browned,

basting frequently, adding more glaze as necessary. Take care clove pattern is not disturbed.

#### POTATO SALAD

*Ingredients:* 4 pounds small red round potatoes; salt; 2 recipes vinaigrette dressing; ¼ cup chopped parsley and a few sprigs; ¼ cup chopped chives; 1 tablespoon capers, drained and chopped; ¼ cup green onions, chopped; freshly ground black pepper.

*Method:* Boil the potatoes in salted water, adding 1 tablespoon salt to every quart of water. Cook until tender. Take care not to overcook. They should be firm. When cool enough to handle, peel and slice in ¼-inch slices.

Heat the vinaigrette dressing gently. Pour it over the still warm potatoes and mix carefully. Allow to soak until half an hour before serving. Stir in the parsley, chives, capers, onions, and black pepper, if you think it is needed. Pile in a serving bowl and garnish with parsley sprigs.

#### PRALINE MOUSSE

*Ingredients:* 3 eggs, separated; ½ cup sugar; 2 tablespoons Madeira; 6-8 tablespoons praline powder; 2 cups heavy cream, chilled in freezer for 10 minutes

*Method:* In a bowl beat the egg yolks with ½ cup sugar until light in color and creamy. Mix in the Madeira and praline powder. In a separate bowl, beat the chilled cream until soft peaks are formed. Fold the cream into the egg yolk mixture carefully. In a separate bowl, beat the whites with the salt until definite peaks are formed. Spoon 2 large spoonfuls of the beaten egg white into the egg-cream mixture. Mix to lighten and then fold in the remainder of the egg whites. Spoon the mousse into ramekins that hold ¾ cup and freeze.

When frozen the ramekins should be wrapped in a plastic wrap to seal. They may be stored almost indefinitely in the freezer. Remove from freezer about 10 minutes before serving and sprinkle top with a little praline powder.

#### PRALINE

*Ingredients:* 1 cup sugar; 1 cup

pecans, walnuts, or filberts, toasted in the oven.

*Method:* Over low heat, and in a pan that is not much used, dissolve or melt the sugar, stirring constantly. Raise the heat and cook until brown. I like a dark amber in preference to a lighter color, but this is a matter of personal taste. Some find the darker makes a bitter praline. As the syrup turns color add the toasted nuts and stir to coat evenly. When the syrup has reached the desired color pour in an even stream onto an oiled cookie sheet. Allow it to harden and cool. When quite hard and cold, break it off the sheet by bending. It will come away quite easily. Grind it to a coarse powder with a bottle or rolling pin. If you own a blender the operation will only take seconds. Store the praline in a screw-top jar in the refrigerator.

#### MINCE PIES

*Ingredients:* 2 recipes basic short pastry; 2 14-15-ounce jars commercial mincemeat; ½ cup dark rum; 2 egg yolks, diluted and well beaten with ¼ cup heavy cream; superfine sugar.

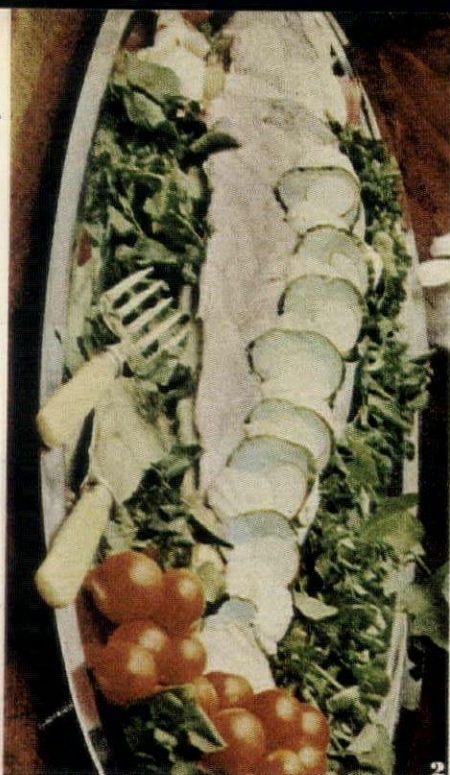
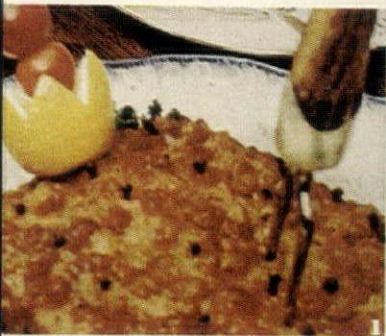
*Method:* Preheat oven to 375°. Line 15½ by 10½-inch baking sheet with an edge with half the pastry rolled out to the thickness of approximately ¼ inch, allowing about ½ inch of the pastry to hang over the edge all the way around. Bake for 10 minutes.

In a large bowl mix mincemeat with ½ cup dark rum. Fill the pastry lined cookie tin with the mincemeat, spreading evenly. Roll out remaining pastry and cover the mincemeat. Pinch the edge of the unbaked pastry to the baked. Brush top with egg and cream mixture and score with knife, being careful not to cut through the pastry. Score in squares or diamond shapes, serving-piece sizes. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, being careful not to over-brown the top. Dust with superfine sugar as soon as it comes out of the oven. Makes about 18 pieces.

#### FROZEN CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

*Ingredients:* 12 ounces semi-  
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For Christmas Eve buffet have a variety of dishes to please varied tastes"



Maurice Moore-Betty's Christmas Eve buffet for fourteen to eighteen: (1) Glazed corned beef. (2) Striped bass, garnished with cucumber slices, watercress, tomatoes, and radishes, sits handsomely on the sideboard buffet. (3) A pyramid of fruit makes a rich decoration for the buffet. (4) Desserts are set up on a separate table. (5) Individual ramekins of praline mousse iced with whipped cream and a sprinkling of praline powder. (6) Mince pie cut into neat squares. (7) A frozen chocolate mousse. (8) Glasses, silver, and plates are set up conveniently on a round table in the center of the room.

# What the wine people are drinking now

by Jane Ellis

**W**hat are the wine people drinking themselves? We've quizzed the wine writers and businessmen whose chief preoccupation is wine and spirits and asked what they like to drink as an apéritif, as a wine.

**Hugh Johnson** *Wine* (Simon and Schuster) picks Champagne, "When I can get it, Pol Roger is my favorite. I also love a really dry Spanish fino sherry like Tio Pepe, which is, I think, one of the world's great apéritifs." Mr. Johnson, whose latest book, *The International Book of Trees* (Simon and Schuster), is on trees, not wine, has now taken on the role of President of the English *Sunday Times* Wine Club. "To me half the joy in wine is that there are so many choices; I love trying new things."

"I like a sweeter, fruitier, white wine before dinner, like a Moselle," says **Alexis Bespaloff**, author of *Alexis Bespaloff's Guide to Inexpensive Wines* (Simon and Schuster). "I enjoy the wines of Germany, but they are hard to place in a meal because they're not dry, so a good time to serve them is beforehand. I always plan an entrée with which I can serve red wine. I don't find white wine so satisfying as a main wine somehow. I might serve two wines side by side that make an interesting pair that guests can talk about for a bit; two California Zinfandels or Cabernet Sauvignons or two vintages of a Bordeaux Château."

"I always choose a wine drink," says **José Wilson**. "I love Almadén's new Flor Fino Sherry." Miss Wilson also likes California wines with dinner, especially Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Fumé Blanc, and Chardonnay. For after dinner, or with a dessert soufflé, she likes Beaulieu's Muscat de Frontignan, Beringer's Malvasia Bianca, Charles Krug's Moscato di Canelli.

**Nika Hazelton**, working on a wine book, *I Cook As I Please* (Grosset & Dunlap), loves experimenting with wines; "At the moment I'm enjoying New York State's Bully Hill wines—the red, white, and Chelois."

"My before dinner drink is quite invariable," says the *New York Times's* **John Hess**. "It's any good white wine. I drink Sancerre at

home or a good dry Champagne. One of my minor areas of disagreement with the French is on sweet drinks before dinner. I would rather drink beer than a mixed sweet drink or even a pastis."

**William Massee** who wrote *The Insiders Guide to Low Priced Wines and Wines of America* (Saturday Review Press) drinks scotch before dinner. If he has had a good lunch, he might simply sip soda water, a twist of lemon and a drop of wine just to be sociable. "I only drink wine that costs under \$4. That's plenty to pay for wine."

"I like to try a lot of different white wines as apéritifs for my own tasting notes", says Sherry Lehmann's **Michael Aaron** who quite often adds a drop or two of cassis to make a before-dinner kir. "While I'm studying the menu, I like to drink a nice dry white wine—Gallo Chablis Blanc is a spectacularly good value," says **Robert Balzer**, who publishes, monthly, *Robert Laurence Balzer's Private Guide to Food and Wine*. "Another good one, a sleeper to Americans, is Trimbach Muscat

er, I like gin and bitters."

"I like Champagne as an apéritif, it might sound hoity-toity, but I do," says The Wine and Food Society president, **Howard Meighan**, who also likes a Lillet. "I enjoy buying and trying new wines. For every-day drinking, I think the Gallo Burgundy and Chablis Blanc are excellent."

"I drink almost anything," admits **Frank Schoonmaker**; *Frank Schoonmaker's Encyclopedia of Wine* (Hastings House). "I don't mind a martini, or a whiskey, just because one is in the wine business doesn't preclude other drinks. I don't happen to like sweet apéritifs myself. The less complicated and rigid we are about drinks the more we'll enjoy them."

"The most exciting apéritif I serve is a Cardinal," declares **Sam Aaron**, who was introduced to it by master chef, Paul Bocuse; "it is a glass of Champagne with a teaspoon each of cassis and Eau de Vie de Framboise. "I always drink wine before lunch and dinner," says Mr. Aaron, author with James Beard of *How to Eat Better For*

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d'Alsace, very dry and very opulent, and it sells for about \$4." For reds, he looks more to California and Italy for reasonably priced wines; "Recioto della Valpolicella Amarone is a rich big wine that I often serve after the roast with the cheese and on."

**Peter Sichel** drinks his own bottled Kir Gallique, adds a twist of lemon. "I like Champagne as an apéritif; I think that's the only time to drink it whatever the Champagne people say. I like red Bordeaux at this time of the year; the Médoc and St.-Émilion regionals; in the whites, Moselles—Bernkasteler or Piesporter."

Another fan of the kir is actor, oenologist, **Burgess Meredith**, who prefers it to a hard drink if the wines are going to be good. "If kir is a puzzlement to the bartender, I might choose a Tio Pepe. If I'm going to sip something strong-

*Less Money*, (Simon and Schuster) who chooses Chablis or Champagne. His current favorites are Muscadet Sur Lie 1972 (\$3); "Light and bone dry and it gives you an appetite." For a red Beaujolais, Brouilly de la Chaize 1972. "This is the wine my wife and I drink most of the time, and we have drunk 120 bottles this year."

"I like to drink a light white wine at lunch and a light red at dinner," says The Four Seasons' **Paul Kovi**, who picks a Hungarian Mori or Beringer Fumé Blanc from California for the whites; a Beaujolais or Mondavi's Cabernet Sauvignon or a well-aged Chianti (Carobbio 1967) for the red. After dinner, a glass of Tokaji.

A glass of white Burgundy, a Pouilly Fuissé, or a Pinot Chardonnay is a satisfactory apéritif for oenologist **Gregory Thomas**. "I find that with the high price of

wine, I get a great deal of pleasure from Soleil Blanc of Joseph Drouhin, or Sichel Pinot Chardonnay. I like a good Bordeaux and Claret if they're at least ten years old; otherwise, I drink a good Beaujolais of Jadot, Sichel, or a good Morgon or Fleurie."

Wine writer **William Olcott** likes to sip a cool Dom Ruinart; **Ruth Ellen Church** of the *Chicago Tribune* a Tio Pepe or La Ina on the rocks. N.B.C.'s **Edwin Newman** adds lime juice and bitters to his dry vermouth. His wine cellar consists of two cases, on scale with a small apartment, and he stocks it with a Château Léoville-Poyferré, discovered as a correspondent in Paris, a Sancerre, or a Château Lynch-Bages, "If I'm feeling friendly to myself."

Almadén's **William Dieppe** makes a Black Velvet, ¾ stout to ¼ Almadén Champagne.

**Craig Claiborne** likes a Tequila Sunrise: 2 ounces of vodka, 1 ounce tequila, 1 cup orange juice and enough grenadine to give a sunrise color wash.

The Cork and Bottle's **Irving Cohen** drinks a Byrr straight or a red Lillet. **William Clifford**, wine columnist "Wine on the Table," thinks a very dry Sercial Madeira makes an excellent apéritif.

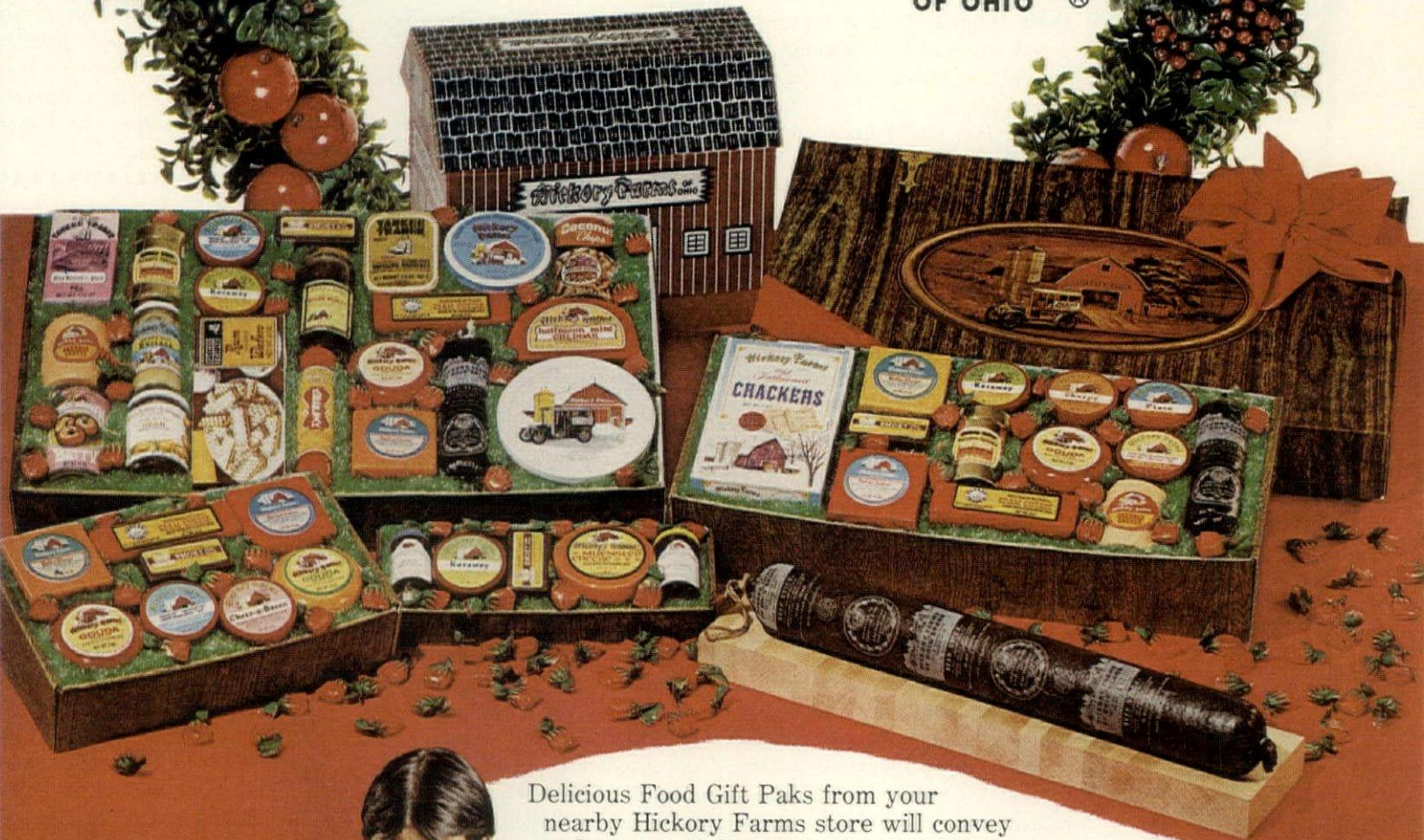
Peartree Imports **Leonard Birnbaum** likes a chilled Krieter; wine writer **Philip Brown** a martini. **William Kaufman**, whose new book is *Champagne* (Viking) likes to drink vodka in a cold glass or Harvey's Bristol Cream Sherry.

"Bend an orange rind skin side out and light a match to release the oils and drop it in a Lillet," says **Robert Jay Misch**, who finds it accentuates the orange flavor. Mr. Misch, whose new book, *Quick Guide to Cheese* (Doubleday), might also choose a Manzanilla sherry or vermouth cassis.

Importer **Mario Daniele** likes a very dry white wine or Champagne as an apéritif. He finds the California whites have an edge on the imports; likes Beringer Fumé Blanc, Chapellet Chenin Blanc. **Ted Kheel** of the Automation House Wine Society likes to drink Pouilly Fumé la Doucette; he also finds California's Wente Brothers Chablis a pleasant apéritif. ■

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**TRUFFLES IN COGNAC** José Wilson strains liquid from a small can of black truffles; puts truffles in a small jar and covers with cognac. This can be stored in the refrigerator indefinitely and used as needed. Cognac may be drawn off and used for flaming or in sauces when a slight truffle flavor is desirable. Replenish cognac as used.

**MARINATED COCKTAIL OLIVES** Drain 1 4½ ounce jar green pitted olives and 1 5½ ounce jar pitted black olives and place in a bowl with 3 large cloves garlic, split, ¼ cup mixed herb vinegar, pepper to taste, a sprig of fresh basil or 1 tablespoon dried basil, ½ cup white wine or vermouth. Cover and refrigerate at least three days. Remove garlic cloves before packing in glass containers. Makes 2 8 ounce jars. From *Gifts From The Kitchen* by Joan Scobey and Norma Myers (Doubleday).

**GINGER BRANDY MARMALADE** Julie Dannenbaum mixes ¼ cup ginger brandy with 1 cup ginger marmalade, packs it in decorative glass jars and small crocks. When ready to use, heat and brush on game, such as ducks and cornish hens.

**COGNAC PEPPER** Helen Worth makes cognac pepper and puts it into a bitters bottle to give as a present. It's from her book, *Cooking Without Recipes*. Crack 4 tablespoons peppercorns coarsely, add ½ cup cognac and allow mixture to stand 2 weeks. Strain and decant into an attractive bitters bottle to use at table.

**MINCEMEAT** Mincemeat will keep all winter in a cool place. Keep in stone jars tied over with double covers. Add a little more liquor when you make up your batch of pies. After it is made, let the mixture stand at least 24 hours before it is used. Put together 2 pounds of fresh beef, boiled and when cold chopped fine; 1 pound beef suet cleared of strings and minced to powder; 5 pounds apples pared and chopped; 2 pounds raisins seeded and chopped; 1 pound Sultana raisins washed and picked over; 2 pounds currants washed and carefully picked over; ¾ pound citron cut

fine; 2 tablespoons cinnamon; 1 teaspoon nutmeg; 2 tablespoons mace; 1 tablespoon cloves; 1 tablespoon allspice; 1 tablespoon fine salt; 2½ pounds brown sugar; 1 quart brown sherry; 1 pint good brandy. Makes a gallon, or better, of mincemeat, or enough for 7-8 pies. Sandra Oddo *Home Made* (Atheneum).

**"A drop of wine is a festive touch to a recipe as well as a party"**

**RICOTTA BALLS** Ed Giobbi, gives ricotta balls in a gift basket with other homemade items, which might include homemade tuna, wine, etc. Mix together in a large bowl 3 eggs, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 pound ricotta, 1 cup flour, 5 teaspoons baking powder, ¼ teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons brandy. Let rest for 1 hour. Put about 2-inches of corn or peanut oil in a small skillet and heat until quite hot. Drop 1 teaspoon of batter at a time into skillet (oil should boil violently when batter is added). Cook 5-6 minutes or until balls are golden brown. Remove with a slotted spoon and blot on paper towels and dust with powdered sugar. Wrap in tissue and add a note to eat as soon as possible.

**LEMON BRANDY** "Half a tablespoon is an excellent flavoring for custards," suggests Maxime McKendry, who makes it to give away. Peel 2 small lemons rather thinly, taking care to leave none of the white pith. Put the peel into a bottle with 2 cups brandy and let it infuse for 24 hours, then strain. Boil 2 ounces sugar with ½ cup water for a few minutes, skim it, and when cold add to brandy. From Maxime McKendry's *The Seven Centuries Cookbook From Richard II to Elizabeth II* (McGraw Hill).

**VANILLA BRANDY** Philip Brown adds several small Taitian vanilla beans to a small jar of cognac to give away as presents... as you use it, replace the cognac.

**IZARRA BUTTER** Mrs. Leon-

ard Bimbaum packs crocks of Izarra butter to give away at holiday time with a bottle of brandy or a bag of her own apples. Blend ½ pound unsalted butter, ½ cup honey and ½ cup Izarra yellow together. Grate rind of 1 orange and add to mixture. Pack in small jars or crocks and refrigerate.

**RUM AND APPLE ICE** Ernst Beadle makes this delicious ice quickly in his Salton ice cream maker. To 3 cups apple juice or cider add 3 or 4 tablespoons honey, 2 or 3 jiggers Puerto Rican rum and 1 or 2 tablespoons Grand Marnier and freeze.

**PEARS IN WILLIAMS PEAR LIQUEUR** Soak quartered pears in Williams Pear Liqueur to be served over French vanilla ice cream.

**BRANDY GARLIC BUTTER** Roy Andries de Groot laces garlic butter with cheese and brandy to pack in crocks to give away at holiday time.

**BRANDIED APPLESAUCE** In a large heavy saucepan combine 8 cups apples, peeled and quartered, 2 oranges, peeled, seeded, and sliced and cover fruit with water. Simmer until fruit is pulpy. Drain fruit and sieve or put through food mill. Add 1 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon allspice and simmer uncovered until thickened, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and stir in ½ cup peach brandy. Makes 4 cups. (*Gifts From The Kitchen* by Joan Scobey and Norma Myers).

**CRANBERRY CASSIS PRESERVES** Wash and drain 4½ cups cranberries. Peel and core 2 medium apples and dice coarsely. In a large saucepan heat 3 cups sugar and ¾ cup water, stirring constantly until sugar dissolves. Add cranberries and apples. Bring the mixture to a boil; reduce heat to moderate and cook, stirring frequently for 15 minutes, or until liquid has a jam-like consistency. Remove the pan from heat and stir in ¼ cup crème de cassis. Pour into hot, sterilized jars and seal. Yields about 3 pints. From *Whiskey In The Kitchen* by Emanuel and Madeline Greenberg (Bobbs-Merrill). ■



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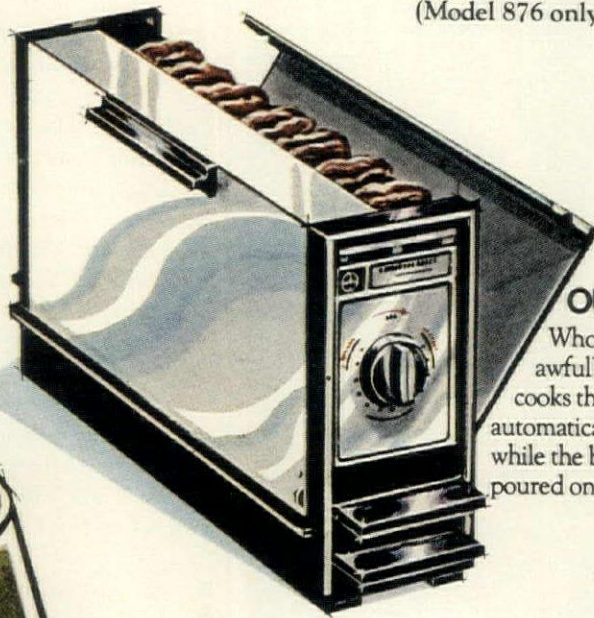


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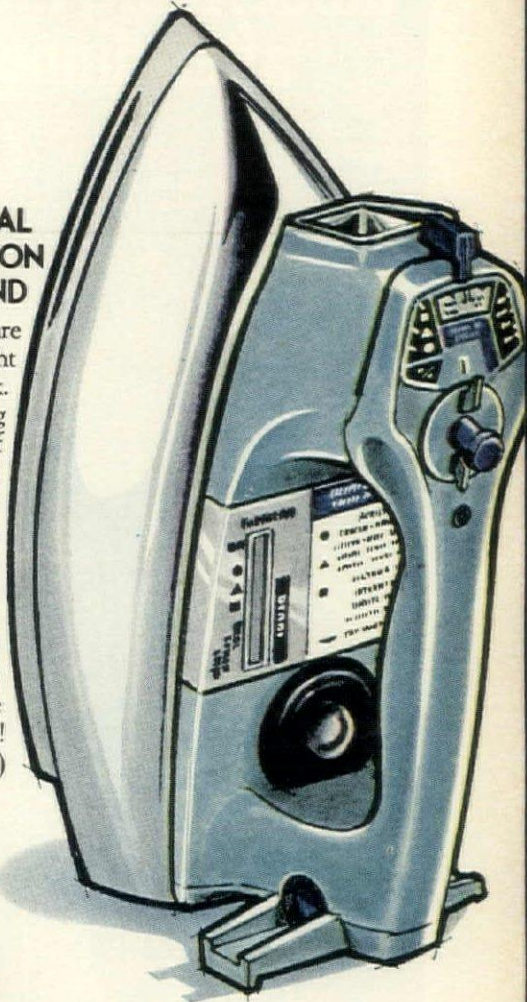


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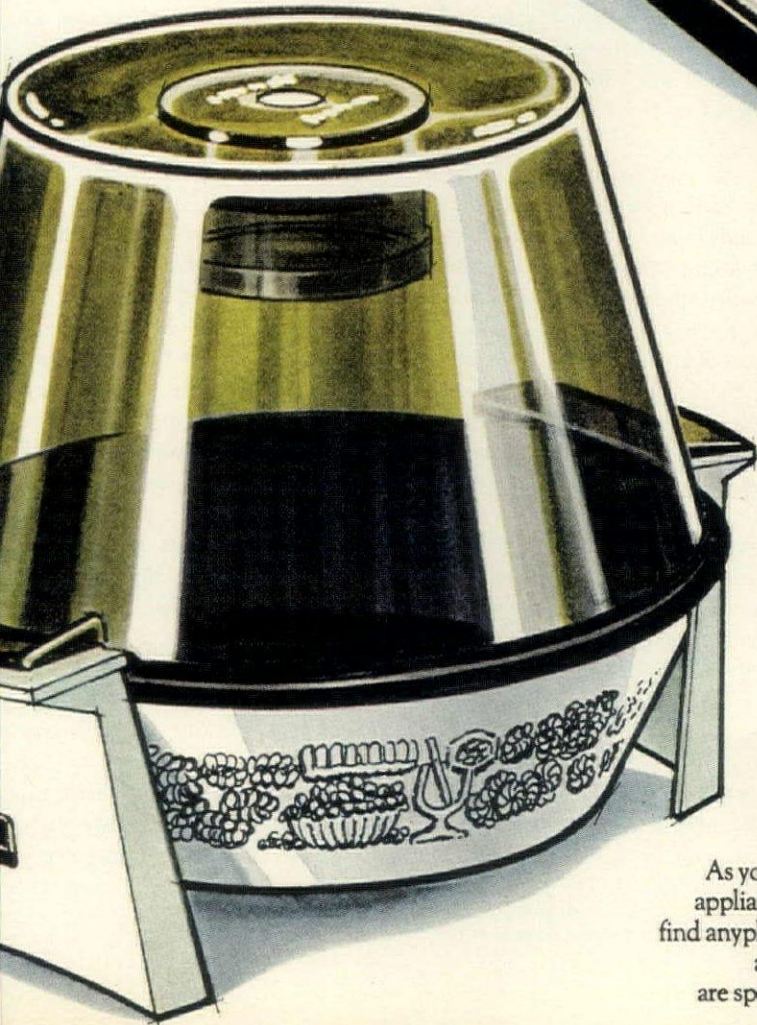
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cubes in a "rocks" glass.

**6. VANDERMINT PARFAIT:** Alternate Vandermint and scoops of pistachio, chocolate, coffee ice cream in parfait glass. Top with whipped cream, splash Vandermint. **7. VANDERMINT MOUSSE:** Mix in blender 6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate pieces, 1/2 cup Vandermint. Blend. Add 1/4 lb. soft butter (in pieces), 4 egg yolks. Blend. Beat 4 egg whites, 2 Tbsps. confectioners sugar till stiff. Fold into Vandermint mixture. Pour into dish lined with Vandermint-dipped ladyfingers. Chill. **8. VANDERMINT FONDUE:** Melt 6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate pieces. Stir in 1 cup sour cream, 1/2 cup Vandermint. Serve warm. Dip strawberries, cookies. **9. DUTCH COFFEE:** Pour jigger of Vandermint into a cup. Add hot coffee and top off with whipped cream. **10. VANDERMINT STRAIGHT.**



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## The thirteen desserts of réveillon

### Roy Andries de Groot talks about a traditional Christmas Eve in Provence

EDITOR'S NOTE: *In the south of France, réveillon—Christmas Eve midnight supper—includes among its many traditions the relighting of the yule log and the feast of the thirteen desserts—here remembered rather wistfully by Mlle Artaud, as she sat in her inn, the Auberge of the Flowering Hearth, nestled high in the snow-capped French Alps. Her listener, Roy Andries de Groot, past president of the International Gourmet Society, member of the London Food and Wine Society, author of The Rockefeller Diet and Feasts for All Seasons was so captivated with the exceptional menus and exquisitely chosen and prepared food of Mlle Vivette Artaud and her partner Mlle Ray Girard, that he persuaded them to tell him about the meals at the inn throughout the year and to share with him their experiences and recipes. He has lovingly recorded it all in his new book Recipes from the Auberge of the Flowering Hearth\* from which this excerpt is taken.*

It was past midnight. Our conversation on the regional dishes and foods of the seasons was coming to an end. Mademoiselle Vivette spoke softly: "So, you see, we have come around the full circle of the year and are back on the Eve of Christmas. This Auberge of ours—here among these snow-white mountains—sometimes seems a very long way from my sunny childhood in Provence. But, on the night before Christmas I like to bring Provence into this house with the ceremony of 'The Thirteen Desserts of Réveillon.'"

She noticed my questioning look and added: "To understand this ancient custom, one must know about the family traditions at the time when I was a child."

I said: "Would I get the feel of it, if your words could take me

there?"

"On Christmas Eve in my home in Provence," she said, "the huge dining table was laid with a snow-white cloth for what we call, in the Provençal language, 'Lou Gros Soupa.' But before we could start eating, there had to be the ceremonial relighting of the great log fire in the hearth, beginning with the partly burned log, which had been kept from Christmas Eve the year before. In every home, the head of the house, called in Provençal, 'Lou Maistre,' went to fetch the log from the closet where it had been stored, placed it in the hearth and, while rekindling it, spoke, in Provençal, these traditional words. . . .

"Fire, Beautiful Fire,  
Log, Beautiful Log,  
Gather us around you for this  
feast,  
And warm us from the hearth,  
And if, next year, there are not  
more of us,  
Then, at least, let us not be  
fewer."

"Then, new logs were added to the old and, when the fire was burning brightly, our family took its place at table for 'Lou Gros Soupa.' It was, of course, a meal for a day of fasting, because of the coming Midnight Mass and the huge feasting of Christmas Day. We ate, first, white sticks of raw celery dipped into the famous, Provençal Anchouiado, a thick warm sauce of pounded anchovies, with garlic, parsley, and shallots. A little of this was ladled onto each plate, and we dipped into it with our celery sticks. Next, there was served a dish of poached salt cod, flaked into a hot purée of spinach, and garnished with hard-boiled eggs. Finally, our table was set with the Thirteen Desserts (for the thirteen days from Christmas Day to Epiphany), all extremely simple, all exactly the same every

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**“The ceremonial relighting of the great log fire in the hearth began with the partly burned log kept from Christmas Eve the year before”**

year: Tunisian dates, Smyrna figs, muscat raisins, whole walnuts, soft almonds, hazelnuts, boiled candies inside tiny Christmas crackers for the children, marrons glacés, black nougat, white nougat, bright red apples, sweet grapes slightly sun-dried on straw mats and small, knobby cakes called *Pompes* or *Gibassiers* (*Gibes* in Provençal means ‘lumpy’). We stayed a long time at table, nibbling, talking, and watching the flaming logs. We always drank the local, sweet wine from the village of Palette, near our city-with-the-fountains, Aix-en-Provence. When it was time to leave for the village church, my father, ‘Lou Maistre,’ put out the now-dying fire by pouring on the remaining wine. Again, he asked a blessing on the house, and, then, set aside the log to be kept for the next year. The Thirteen Desserts would remain on the dining table for the thirteen days so that if a hungry beggar came to our front door he could be offered food to eat.”

**BLACK NOUGAT WITH PINE HONEY**

The recipe for this extraordinary and irresistible, traditional Christmas candy was brought by Mademoiselle Vivette from her native Provence, but was then changed by Mademoiselle Ray to include the strange mountain honey produced by the bees of The Valley in the Springtime, when the tiny flowers appear on the pine trees. The pine blossom honey adds its delicate and subtle taste to the browned almonds and the dark nougat. This is one of the thirteen “Christmas Desserts” of Provence, where “The Twelve Days” is increased to thirteen by being extended through the day of Epiphany, with one particular dessert in honor of each day. Here is the original recipe, which I prepare with Linden honey in place of the Alpine pine.

The pine honey, which is a delicious specialty of the Chartreuse Valley, may be replaced by any, good, flower honey, such as rasp-

berry or buckwheat. The preparation is extremely simple—only the temperature has to be watched and, for this, a candy thermometer is a most useful watchdog.

*Ingredients:* About 2 tablespoons butter; 1 pint flower honey; 3 cups or about 16 ounces whole almonds; fresh thyme, a small handful.

*Method:* Into a 1½-quart saucepan, preferably of heavy iron (or any other type that will stand the high heat of candymaking), slowly heat the 1 pint of honey. As the temperature begins to rise, drop in a small handful of the thyme and the 3 cups whole almonds with their skins on (very carefully dried, if you have washed them), and continue, cooking slowly, bringing up the temperature, stirring the contents almost continuously, until the honey begins to turn dark brown and the almonds begin to crackle. This will usually take about 30 minutes and you must be prepared to keep stirring for that length of time.

Choose a square cake tin, large

enough to hold 2 quarts—a 9 by 9 by 1½ inch size, for example. Line it carefully, with well-buttered, heavy wax paper or aluminum foil. When the almonds and honey are ready, pour them into this mold. Press another piece of buttered paper or foil on top of the hot mixture. On top of that, place a light wooden board of a size just to fit inside the mold and put a reasonably heavy weight on top of the board, so that the candy mixture will be pressed down and solidified. Let it cool gradually at room temperature. Do not refrigerate. When it is cool, take it out of the mold, peel off its covering, lay it on a wooden board and, with a heavy, sharp knife, cut it up into bite-sized squares. Store these in a tightly lidded jar. At room temperature, they will be chewy. From the refrigerator, they will be crackly. This candy will have a different flavor for every kind of honey used. You can, literally, make hundreds of different experiments, because there are hundreds of honeys. ■

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## SIX SPECIAL BREADS *continued from page 101*

oven. Bake the loaves until they are crusty and done, about 40-45 minutes. Makes 2 loaves.

### WHITE BREAD

**Ingredients:** 1 small to medium potato, peeled and sliced; 1½ tablespoons sugar; ¼ teaspoon ginger; 1 cake fresh or envelope dried yeast; 2 teaspoons salt; 1½ tablespoons butter; 1½ cups milk; 4 cups hard wheat or all-purpose flour.

**Method:** Boil the potato and reserve ½ cup of the potato water. Mash the potato through a fine sieve.

In a measuring cup, dissolve ½ tablespoon sugar in reserved water, add ginger and yeast (being sure water is just warm).

In a separate saucepan, put salt, butter, remaining sugar, and milk and stir. Heat mixture to the foaming point (be sure not to let it boil). Cool it. Put milk mixture in mixer and add proven yeast, mashed potato, and flour. Start the mixer on the lowest speed, then turn up speed for 3 minutes. Stop mixer, pull dough from hook. Turn mixer on, run 1 minute at high

speed. You may have to add flour, as dough should come away cleanly as it turns from side of bowl.

Butter a large bowl lightly and dump the dough into it. Roll the dough so that it is coated with butter on all sides. Drape with a damp towel and set aside to rise 1-2 hours. When dough has doubled in size, knock it down with hand kneading and let double again and knock it down.

Flour table lightly and cut dough in half and place in buttered 8½-by-4½-by-2½-inch metal bread pans. Shaping the loaf properly takes practice. Roll it out to double the length and width of the pan, turn ends under so the loaf fits the pan. Have a bit of flour on your hands when working the dough. Cover pans with a damp cloth, allow dough to double. This takes about 40 minutes.

Preheat oven to 250° and bake for 10 minutes; then raise the oven to 350° and bake 35 minutes or until golden brown. Knock bread out of pan and place on rack. Do not cover. Makes 2 loaves.

### CORN MEAL BREAD

**Ingredients:** ¾ cup plus 1 teaspoon honey; ¼ cup very warm water; 1 envelope dry yeast; ¼ teaspoon ginger; 2 cups corn meal; 3¾ cups milk scalded; 3 pounds flour, approximately; 1 tablespoon salt, ½ cup butter, melted and cooled.

**Method:** Dissolve 1 teaspoon honey in water. Add yeast and ginger and stir well. Let stand in bath of very warm water until foamy.

In a large bowl add corn meal and pour milk in. Stir well and let cool until warm to the touch. Add ½ cup honey; stir well. Add 1 cup flour and beat well. Add foaming yeast mixture and stir well again. Let stand 5 minutes then add ½ cup butter and salt. Stir well. Add enough remaining flour to make stiff dough. Turn out onto floured board, adding enough flour to prevent stickiness. Knead thoroughly until elastic and springy.

Turn into buttered and warmed bowl, cover with wax paper and clean dishtowel. Place in warm spot, away from drafts, to rise until doubled in bulk. Punch down in bowl to remove accumulated gas bubbles and let rise until doubled again. Turn out onto floured board, divide into portions, punch down, form into loaves. Place in buttered pans, 2 large 8½ by 4½ by 2½ inches, plus 2 mini loaf pans 4½ by 2½ by 1½ inches. Preheat oven to 360°. Place in draft-free area, covered with wax paper and dishtowel until doubled. Brush tops with remaining butter melted, and bake until bread makes a hollow sound when tapped on the bottom.

### PUMPERNICKEL BREAD

**Ingredients:** 2 envelopes active dry yeast, 2½ cups lukewarm water, 1 tablespoon instant coffee, ¼ cup dark molasses, 3 cups finely ground toasted dark bread crumbs, ¼ cup melted butter, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 cups unsifted rye flour, 2 teaspoons caraway seeds, 2-3 cups unsifted all-purpose flour.

**Method:** In a large bowl mix yeast and warm water until yeast is dissolved. Stir in coffee, molasses, bread crumbs, butter, and salt. Stir in rye flour and caraway seeds beating until smooth. Beat in enough all-purpose flour to make a stiff dough. Turn out onto a heavily floured board and knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes. Place dough into a greased bowl and grease top of dough. Cover and let rise in a

warm place until dough is double, about 1½ hours. Punch down, let rise again until double, 40 minutes. Knead on a floured surface and shape as directed below.

### RYE BREAD

**Ingredients:** 2 envelopes active dry yeast, ¼ cup lukewarm water, 1½ cups lukewarm milk, 1 tablespoon butter, 1½ tablespoons sugar, 1½ teaspoons salt, 3 cups unsifted rye flour, 3-3½ cups unsifted all-purpose flour.

**Method:** In a large bowl mix yeast and warm water until yeast is dissolved. Stir in milk, butter, sugar, and salt. Stir in rye flour and beat until smooth. Stir in enough all-purpose flour to make a stiff dough. Turn out onto a heavily floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes. Place dough into a greased bowl and grease top of dough. Cover and let rise in a warm place until dough is double, about 1½ hours. Punch down and let rise again until double, about 40 minutes. Knead on a floured surface, shape as directed below.

### CHECKERBOARD BREAD

Roll out rye and pumpernickel doughs into 2 8½-inch squares on a floured surface. Cut each square of dough into 9 strips. Grease 2 8½-by-4½-by-2½-inch loaf pans. Into one pan place 1 dark strip, 1 light strip, and 1 dark strip. Press strips into pan so they fill the bottom of the pan. Brush top of strips with water. Alternate for second layer and again for third.

Into second pan place 1 light strip, 1 dark strip, and 1 light strip. Prepare loaf reversing the pattern and layering as above. Let loaves rise until double in a warm place, about 40 minutes. Bake in a pre-heated oven, 350°, for 45 minutes or until loaf when thumped sounds hollow. Makes 2 loaves.

### BRAIDED BREAD

Cut each dough into halves. Roll each piece with the hands into long ropes 24-inches in length. Place 1 rye rope and 1 pumpernickel bread rope together and twist them together. Place on a greased cookie sheet and bring ends together pinching ends to seal. Repeat using other two ropes. Let rise in a warm place until double in bulk, about 45 minutes. Bake in a pre-heated moderate oven, 350°, for 45-50 minutes.

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sweet baking chocolate; 3 ounces unsweetened baking chocolate; ½ cup dark rum; 2 cups heavy cream; Italian meringue.

**Method:** Break up chocolate, place in a large bowl and melt in a slow oven, 250°. Add rum and beat chocolate until soft and smooth. Remove 2 tablespoons and set aside. Whip in meringue, reserving 2 tablespoons. Cool. In a separate bowl, beat heavy cream over ice until it holds soft peaks. Fold into chocolate mixture. Swirl the 2 tablespoons of chocolate and meringue around inside 1½-quart mold to make marbled effect. Spoon in remaining mixture and freeze. Unmold and freeze until serving time.

### ITALIAN MERINGUE

**Ingredients:** 1 cup sugar, ½ cup water, 3 egg whites, pinch salt, pinch cream of tartar, ¼ teaspoon vanilla.

**Method:** Combine sugar and water in saucepan and set over fairly high heat. Swirl pan slowly but do not stir sugar with a spoon while liquid is coming to a boil. Continue swirling until mixture turns from cloudy to clear. Cover pan, reduce heat, and simmer.

In large bowl of electric mixer, beat egg whites, slowly at first. Add salt and cream of tartar, increase speed to fast, and beat until egg whites form stiff peaks.

Beat in vanilla.

Increase heat under sugar syrup to boiling and when bubbles begin to thicken, check temperature on candy thermometer or drop dribbles into ice water. Boil to 238°, or softball stage.

Resume beating egg whites at moderate speed and dribble boiling syrup into them. Continue beating until cool, and stiff peaks form, about 8-10 minutes.

### CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR 8-10

*Double Tomato Consommé\**

*Capon Partly Boned\**

*Purée of Broccoli\**

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### DOUBLE TOMATO

### CONSOMMÉ

**Ingredients:** 2 quarts stock; 1 large can Italian tomatoes with basil; ½ cup dry white vermouth; salt and pepper; ½ cup parsley sprigs; rind of 1 lemon.

**Method:** In a large pot, 4 quarts, bring the stock and tomatoes to a boil. Strain through a medium strainer without crushing the tomato pulp too much. Add dry vermouth and correct the seasoning.

Chop the parsley and lemon rind together. Heat the consommé thoroughly before serving. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and lemon rind.

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**Ingredients:** 6 13 or 14 ounce cans clear chicken broth; 1 fowl, boiling hen or, if your butcher can provide you with the carcass of 2 chickens, giblets included (but not livers), use this mixture instead of whole birds; 2 ribs celery, washed and chopped; 2 carrots, washed and chopped; 1 medium onion, peeled and chopped; 6 peppercorns; 1 bay leaf; 2 tablespoons coarse salt.

**Method:** In a 6-8 quart pot put chicken broth, fowl, celery, carrots, onion, peppercorns, bay leaf, salt. Cover with cold water and bring to a boil. Lower the heat immediately and simmer very gently for 3 hours, adding water as necessary to keep level just above the solids. If a gentle simmer is maintained it will not be necessary to clarify the stock. Strain into a clean pot or bowl and cool. When cold remove all the fat from surface.

### CAPON PARTLY BONED

**Ingredients:** 1 6-pound capon, half-boned; 2 whole chicken breasts, boned, ground together with 1 pound lean veal; 6 ounces salt pork, diced small; ¼ cup good brandy; ½ cup dry white wine; 1 tablespoon salt; 1 teaspoon dry tarragon; ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper; 1 liver

from capon, finely chopped; 1 bottle dry white wine for poaching.

**Method for boning:** Dry the outside of the capon and remove the giblets, which are usually tucked inside. Turn it on its back and with a sharp knife, preferably one made for boning, make a cut through the skin from tail to neck following the line of the breast bone. Carefully ease the skin away from the breast, cutting the thin membrane attaching it when necessary. Continue until all the skin has been freed and there are 2 flaps, one on each side.

Holding the knife at an angle with the sharp edge toward the bone, ease the breast on either side away from the bone, using your fingers when necessary. When the breast meat from tail to back has been released you will find a V-shaped bone connected to the wing joint by a ball and socket joint. With the blade of the knife ease the ball from the socket. Repeat on the other side and remove each half of the breast intact. Cut out the wish bone. The rib cage is now visible and if you examine it carefully you will see that it is made up of 2 sets of ribs, one pointing upward and the other down. They don't quite meet. Cut the mem-

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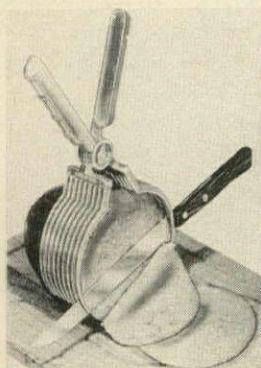
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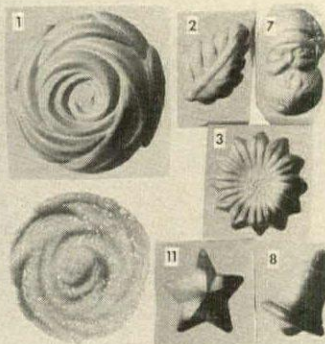
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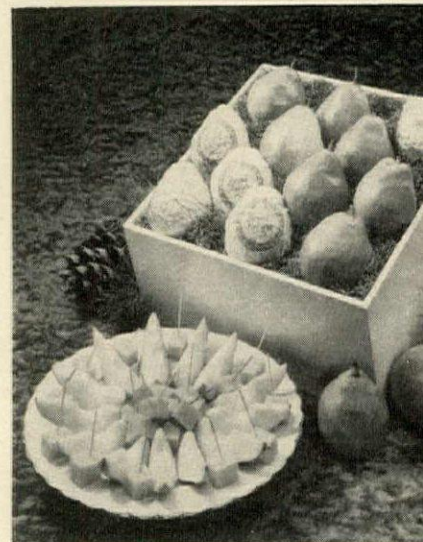
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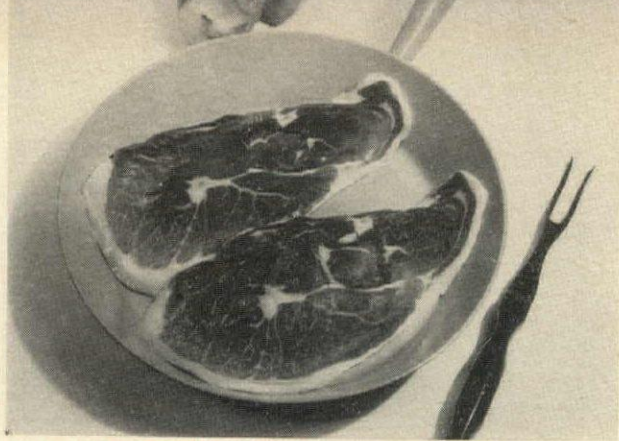
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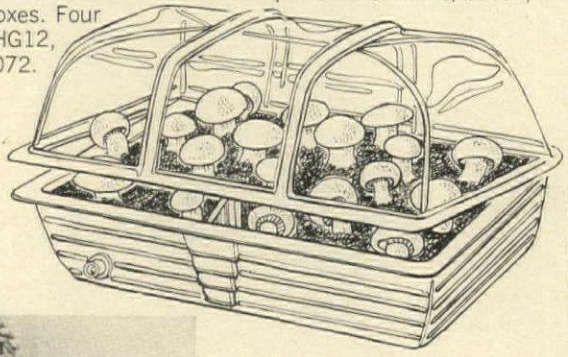
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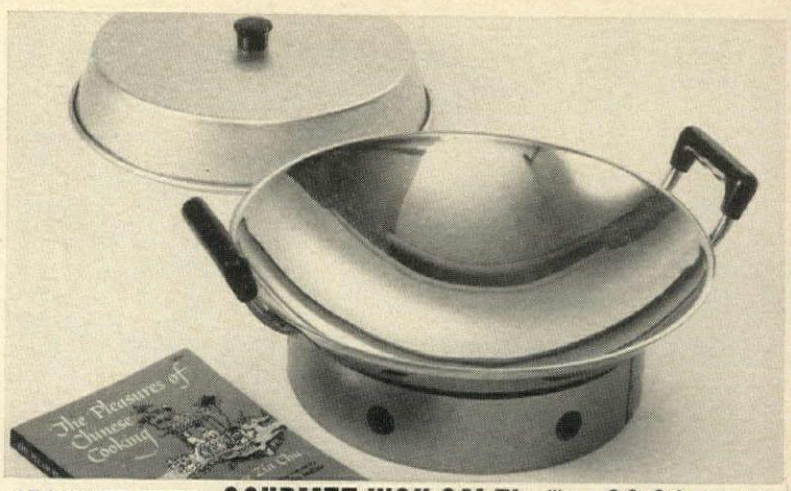
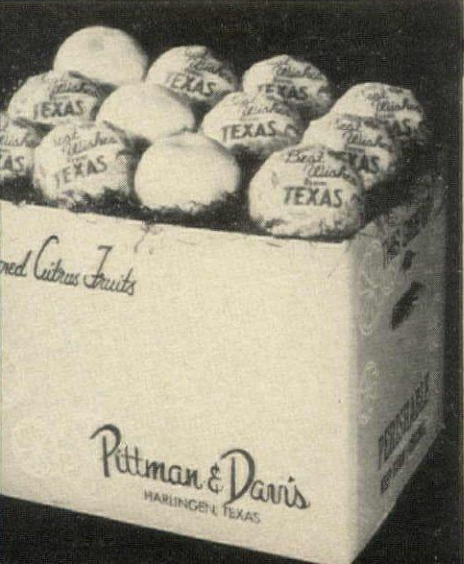
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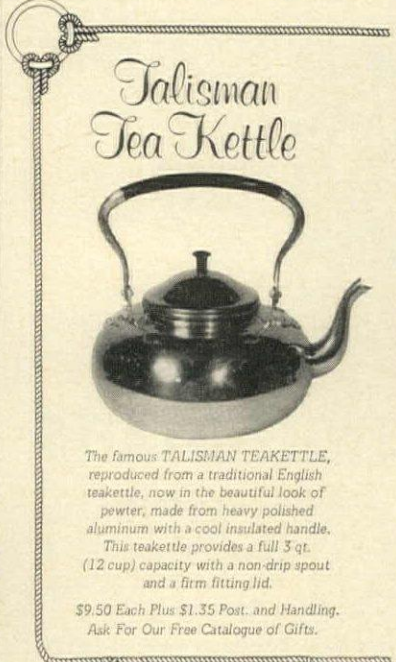
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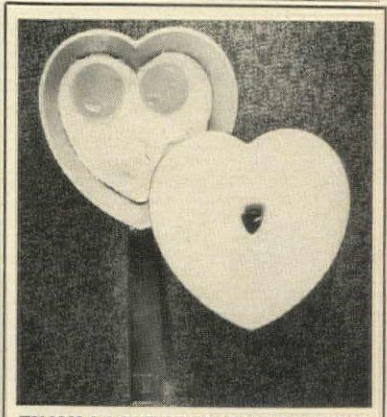


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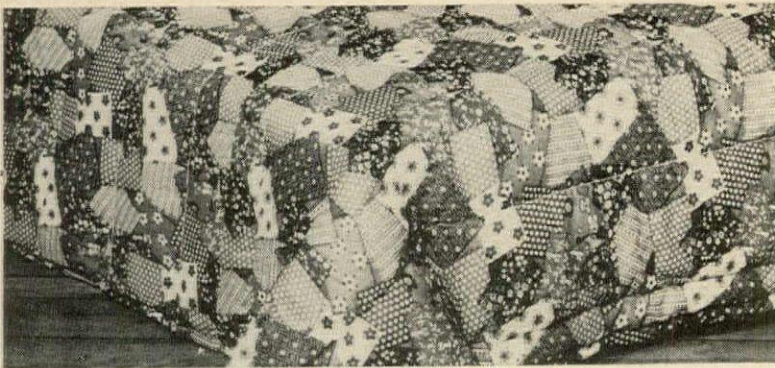
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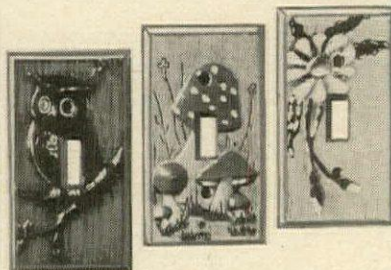
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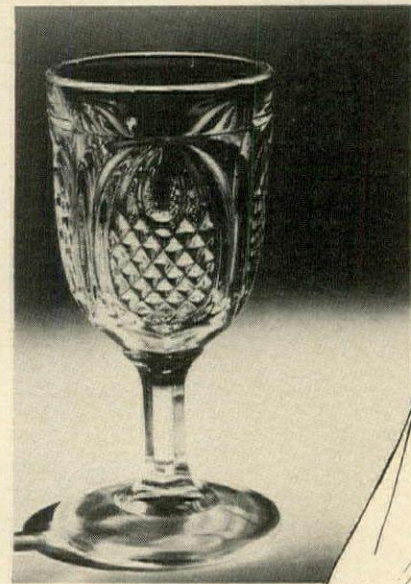


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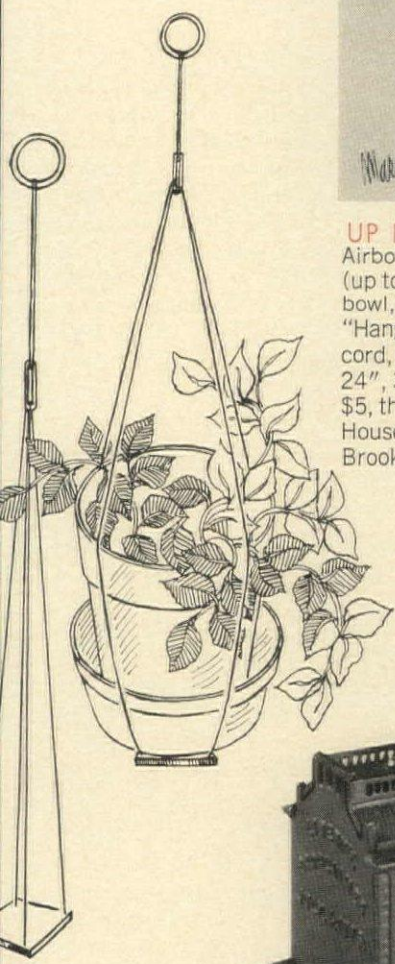
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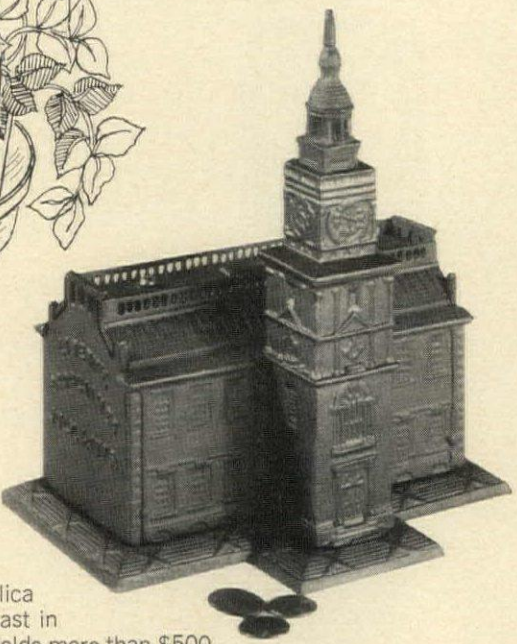
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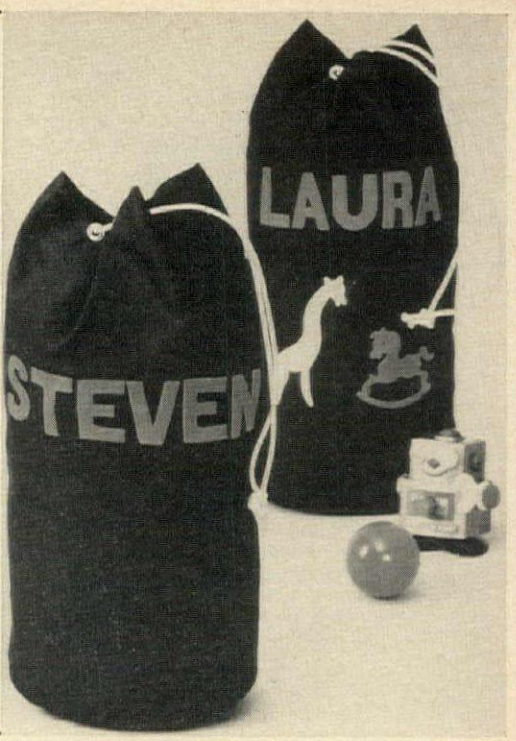


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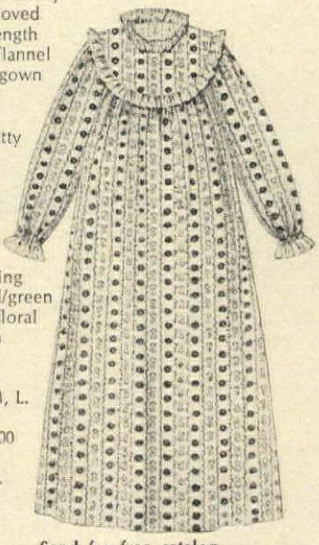
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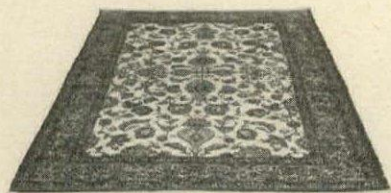
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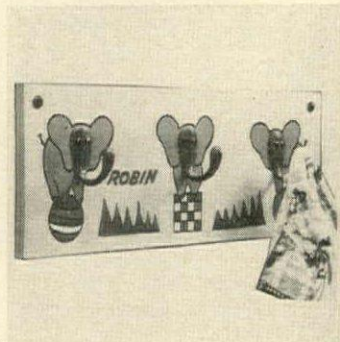
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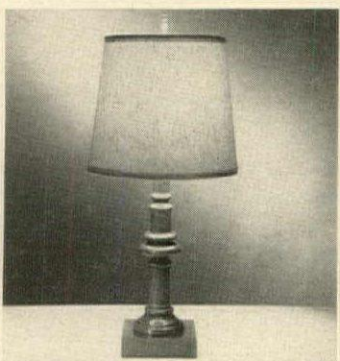
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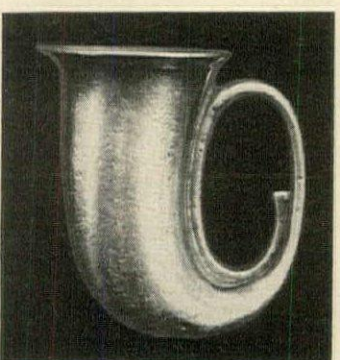
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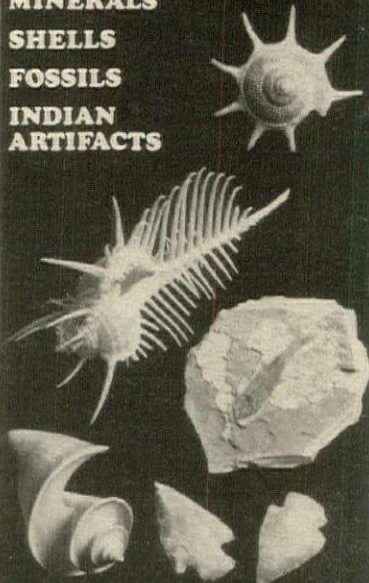


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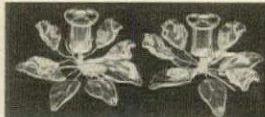
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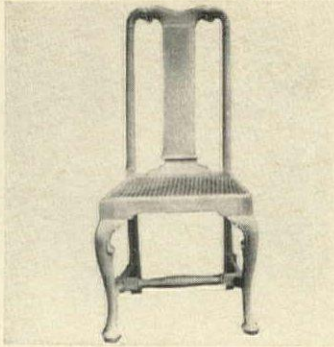
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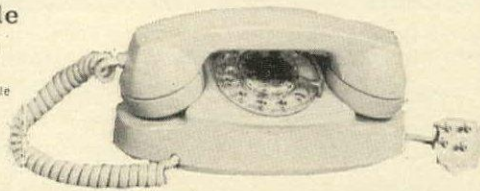
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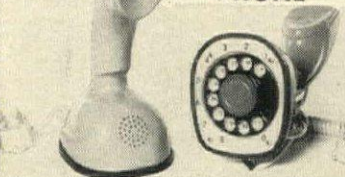
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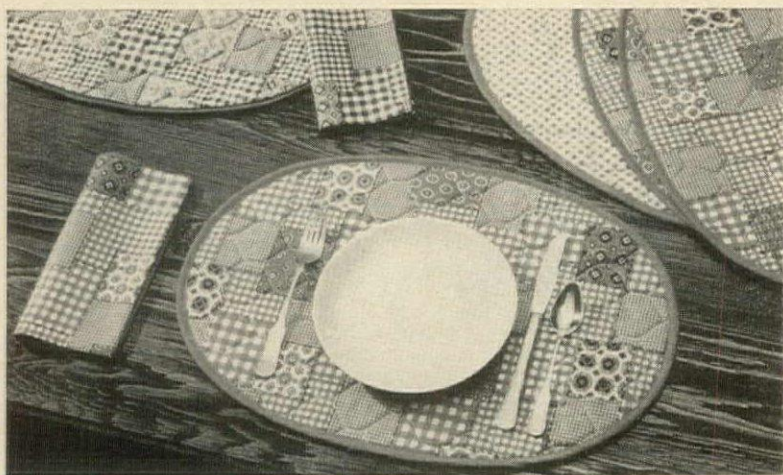
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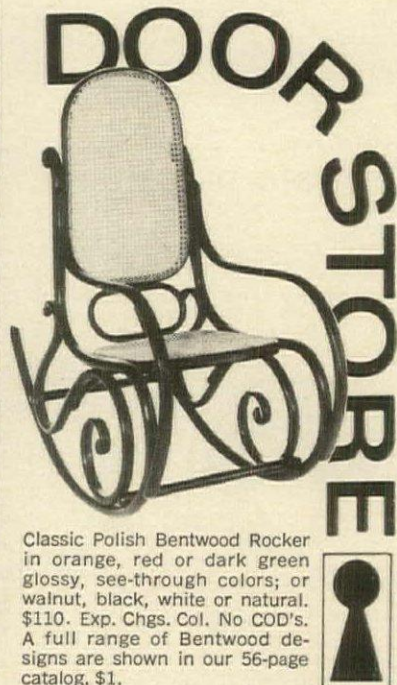
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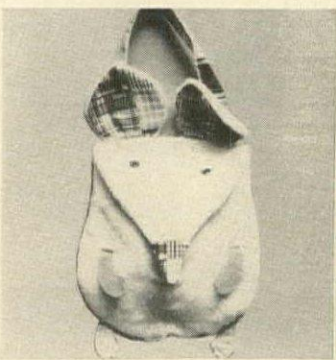
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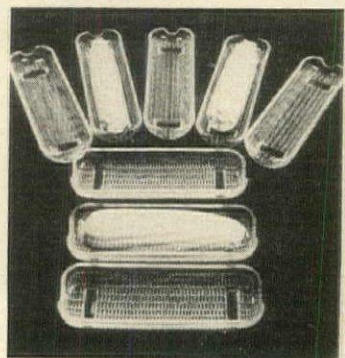
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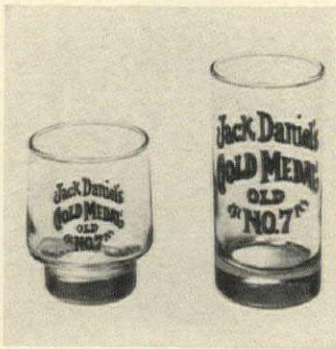
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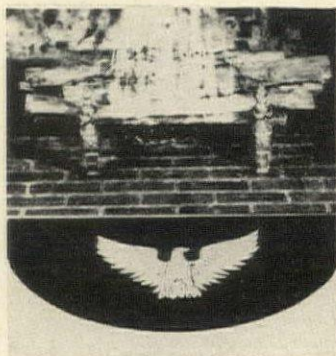
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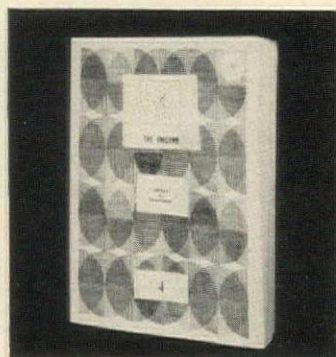
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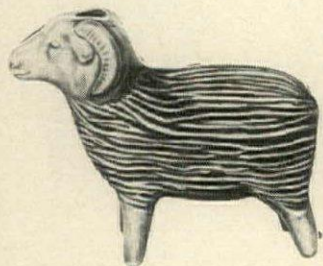
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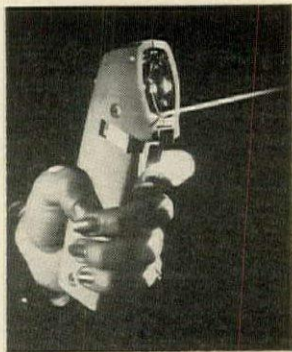
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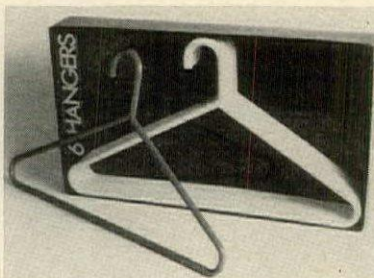
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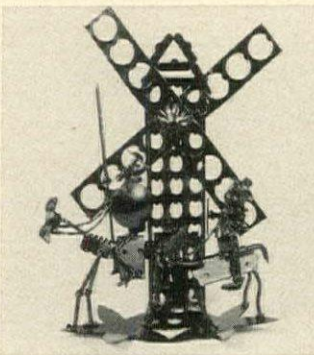
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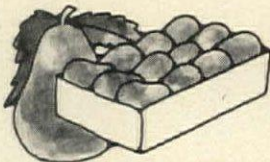
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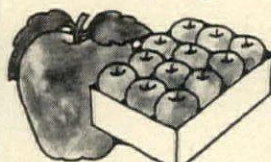
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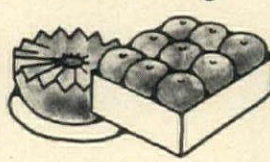
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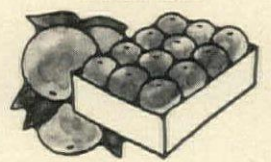
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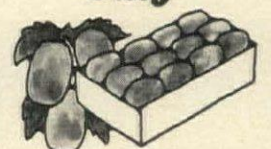
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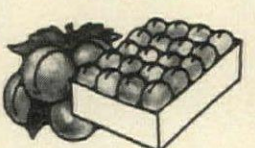
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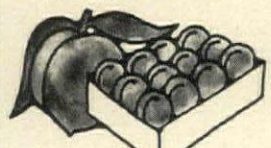
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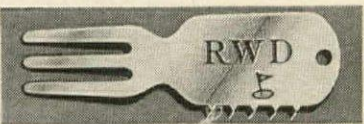
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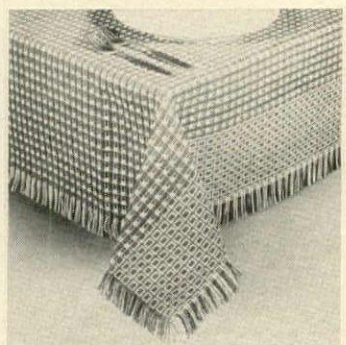
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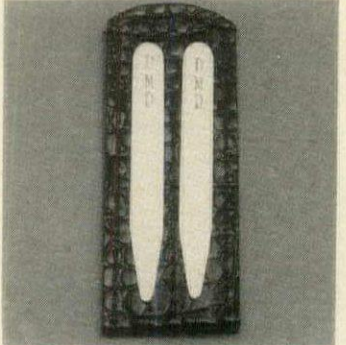
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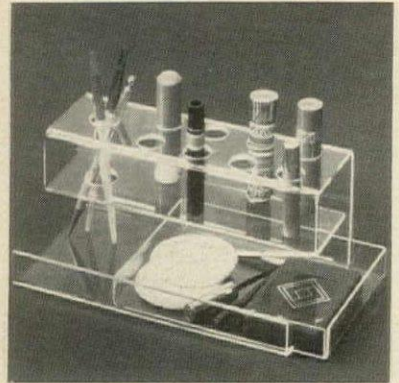
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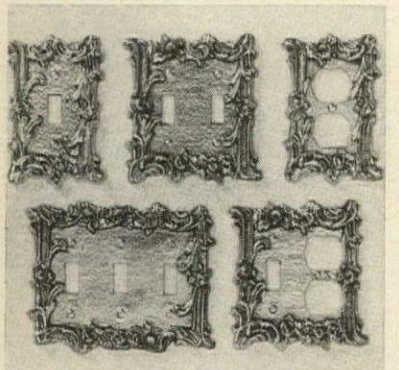


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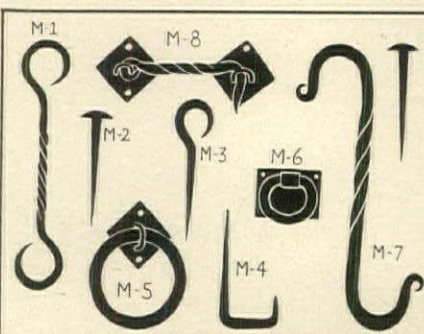
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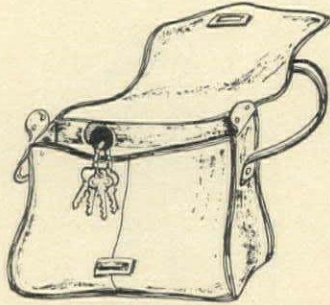
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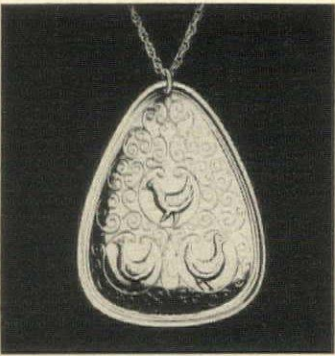
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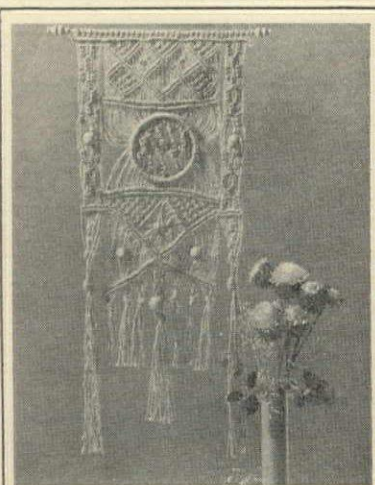
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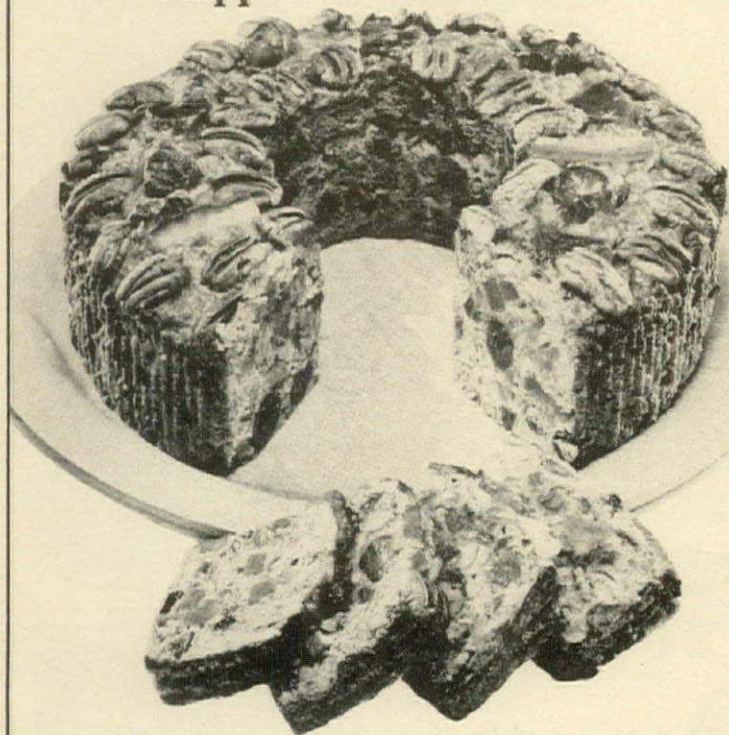


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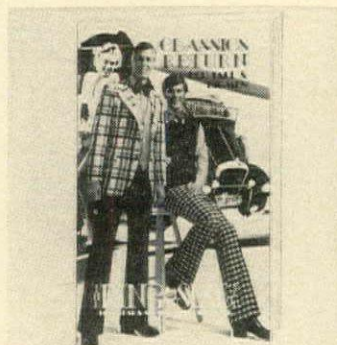
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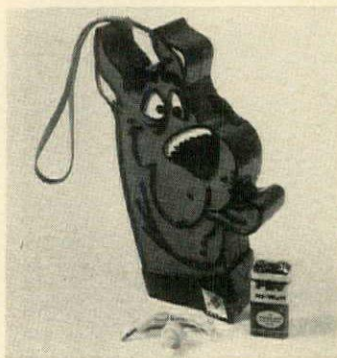
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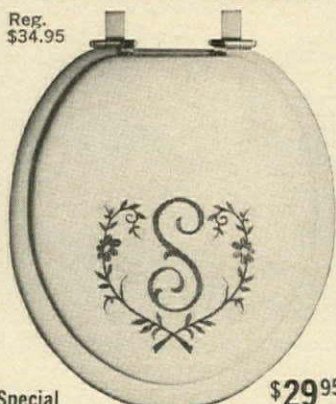
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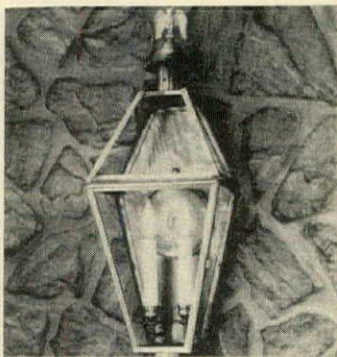
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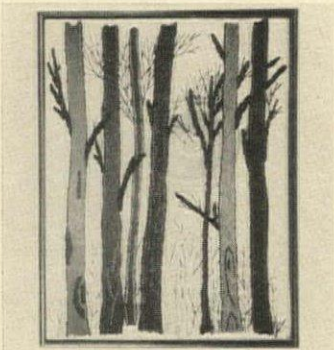
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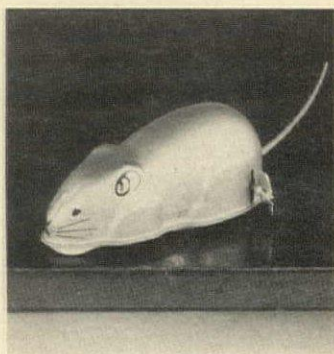
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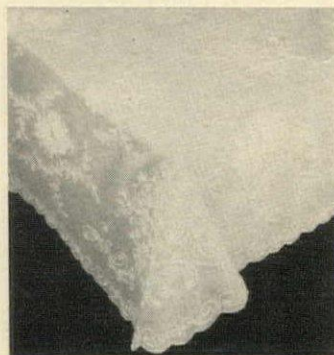
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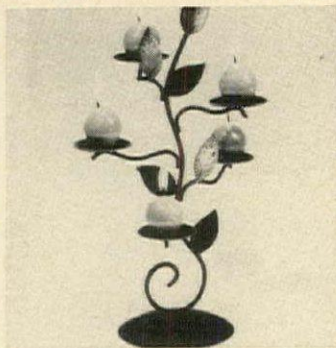
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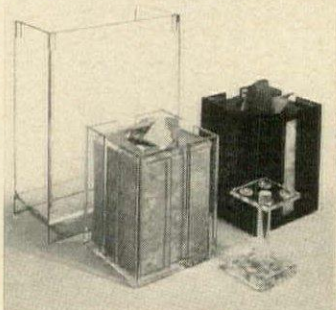
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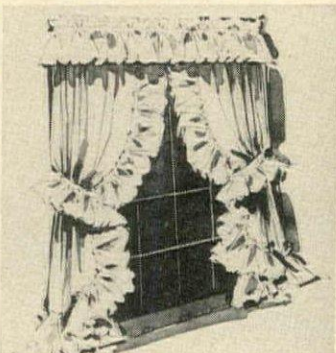
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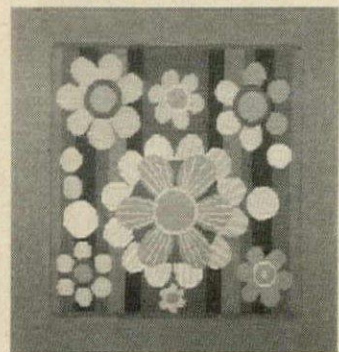
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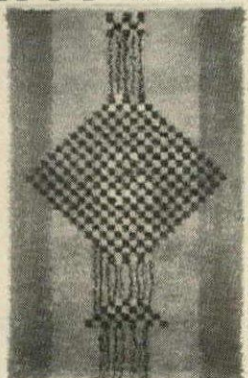
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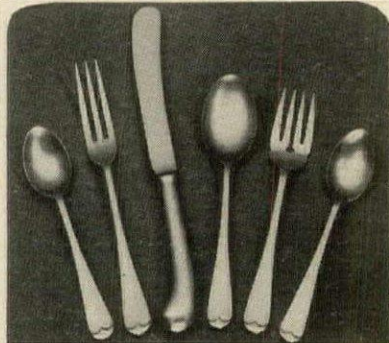
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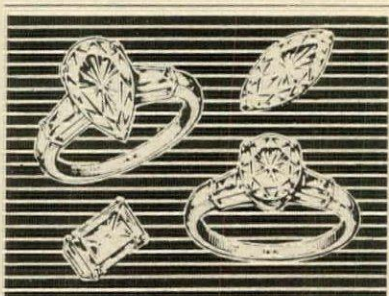
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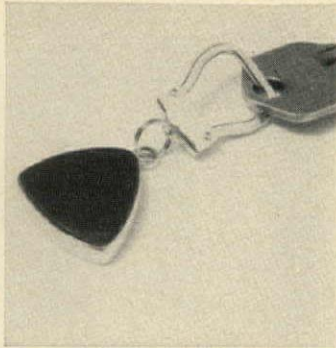
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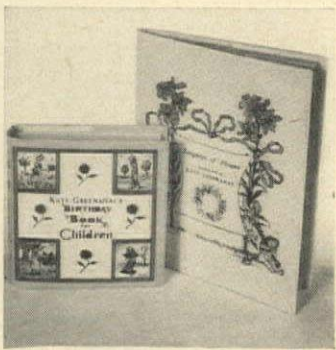
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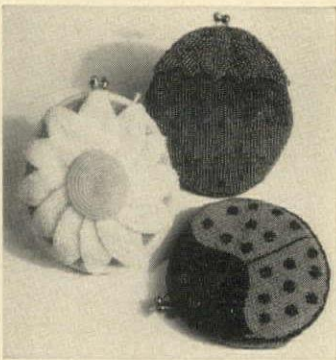
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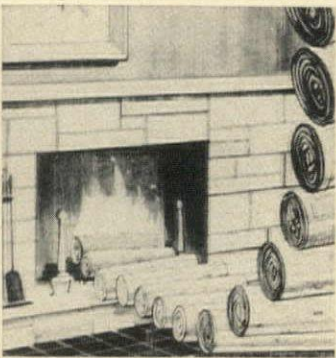
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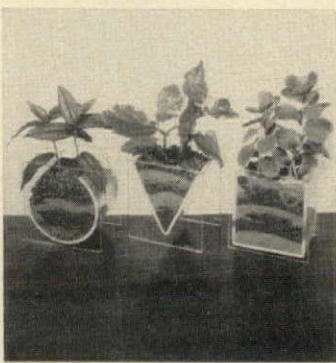
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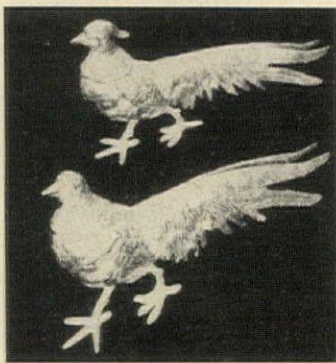
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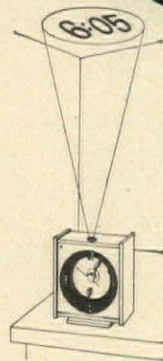
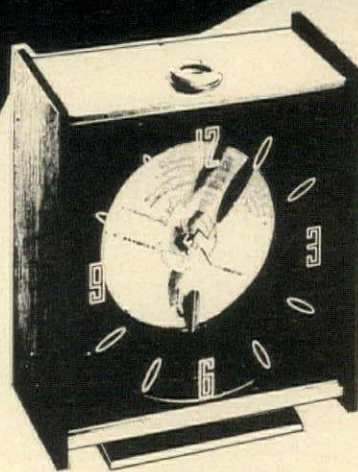


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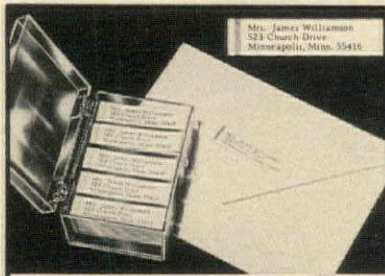
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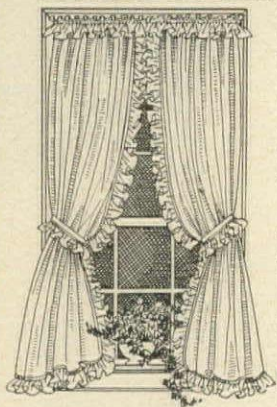
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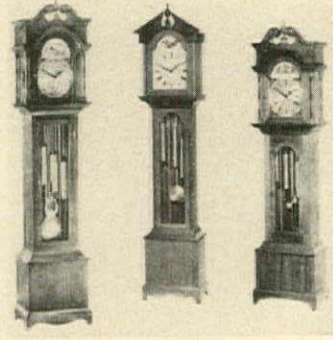


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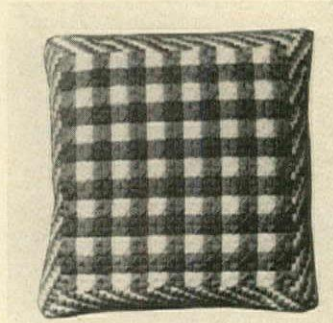
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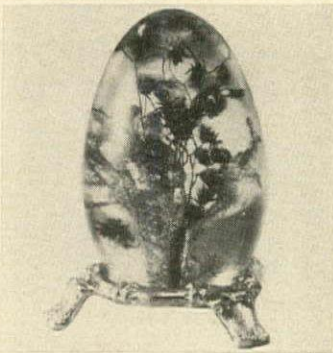
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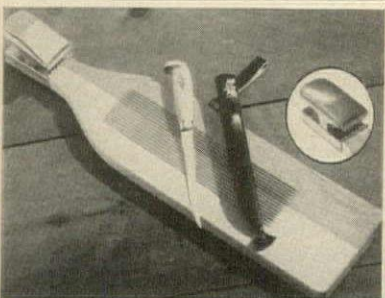
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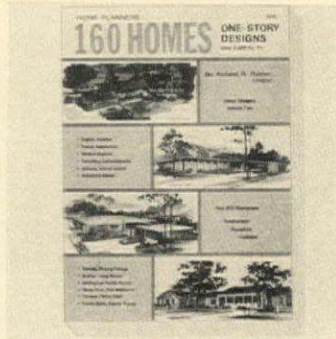
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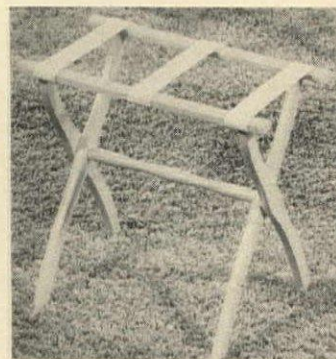
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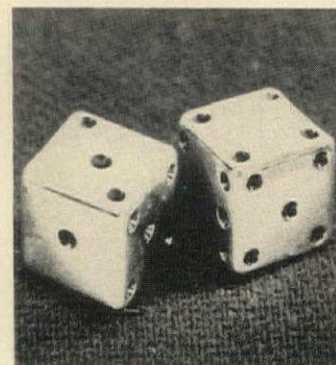
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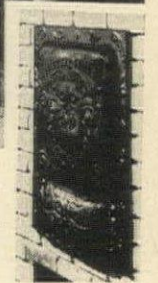


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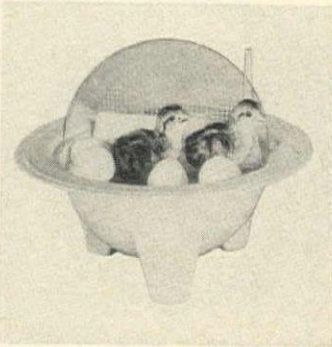
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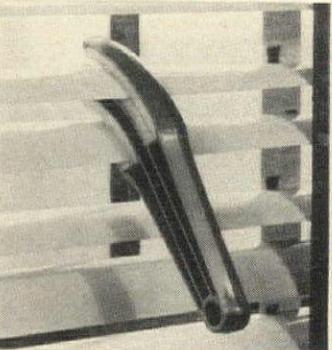
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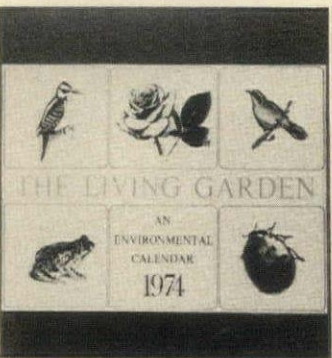
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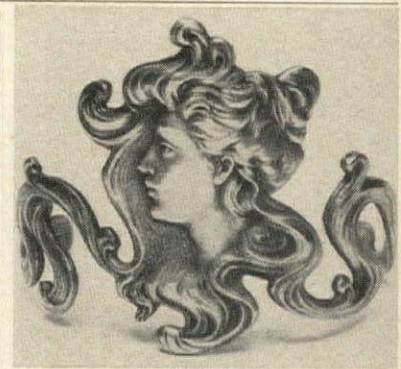


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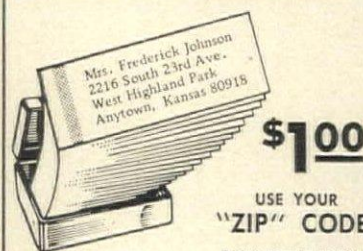
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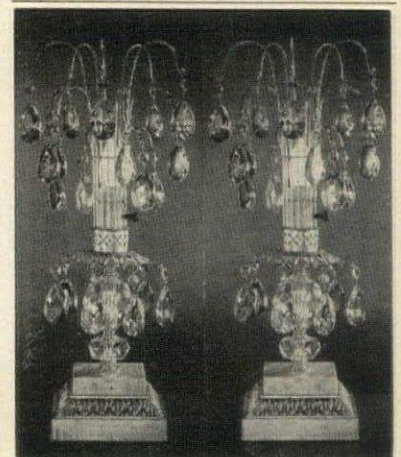
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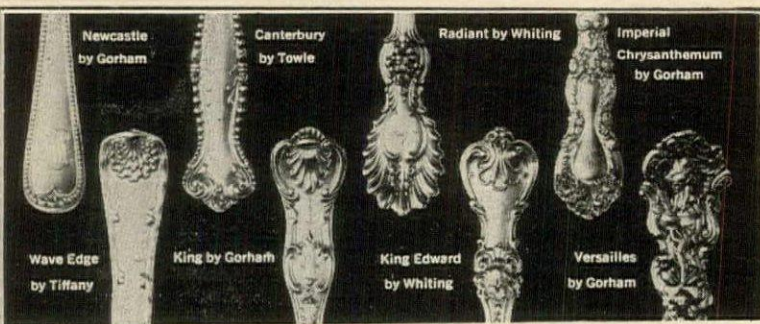
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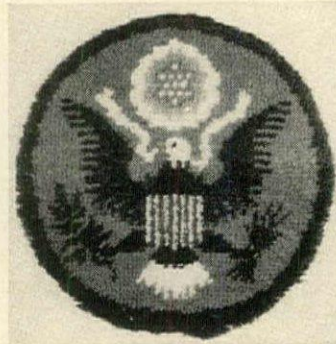
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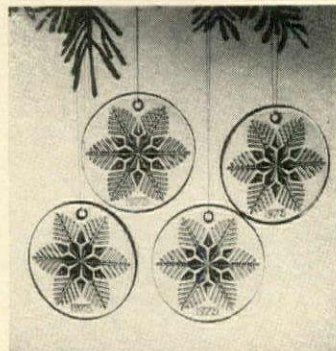
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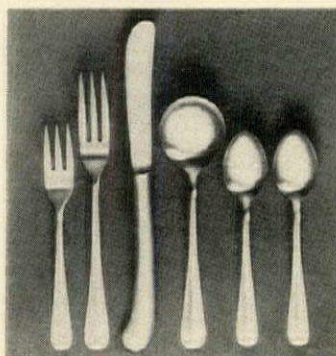
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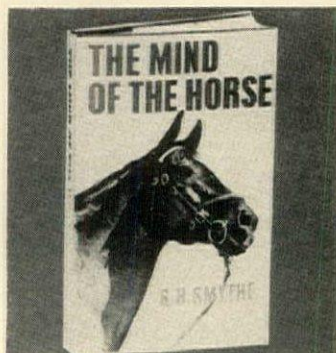
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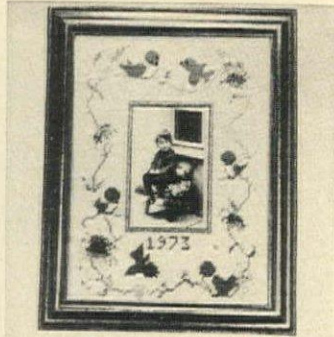
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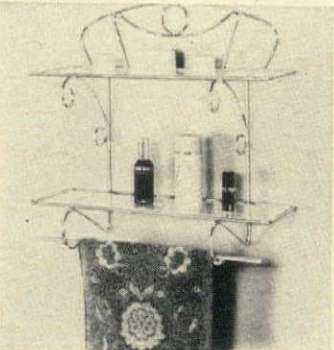
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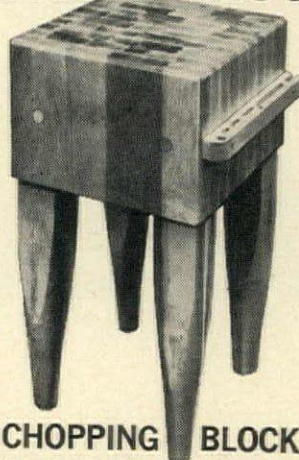
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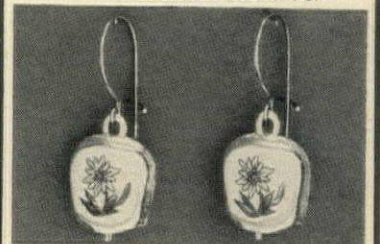
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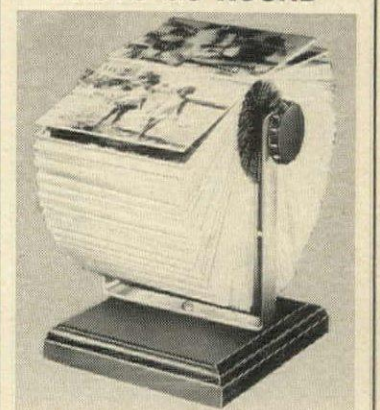
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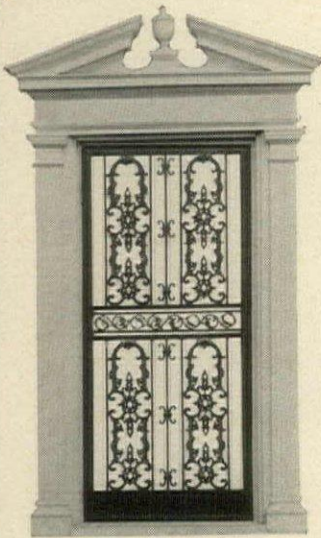
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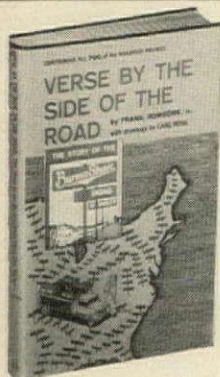
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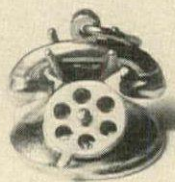
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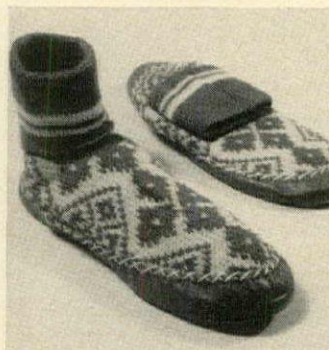
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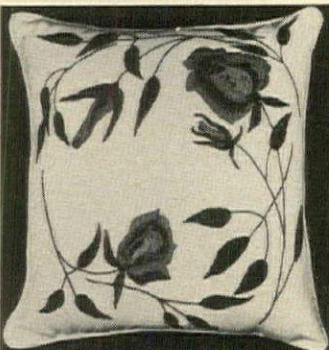
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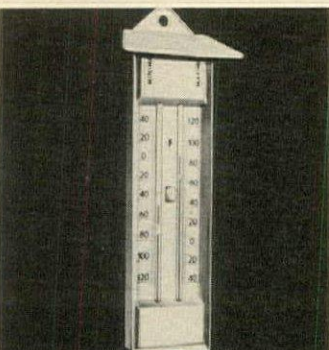
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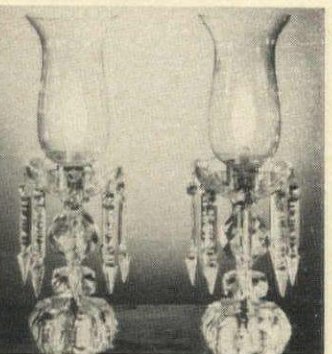
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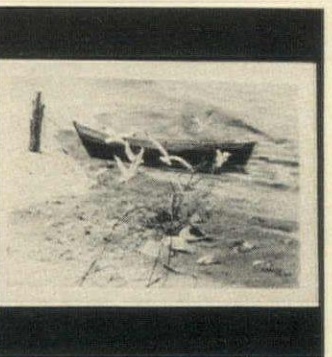
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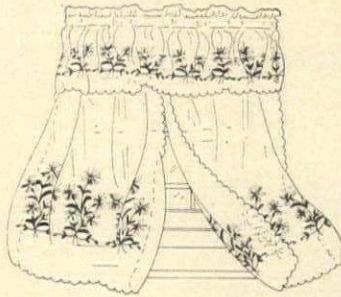


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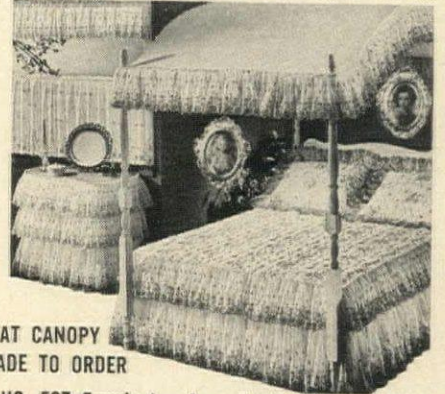
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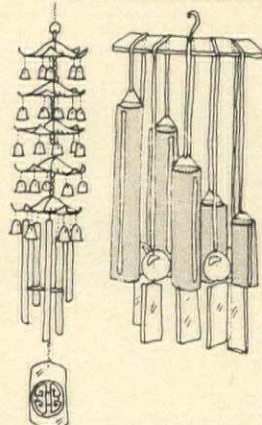
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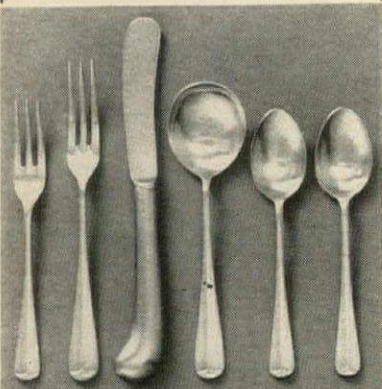
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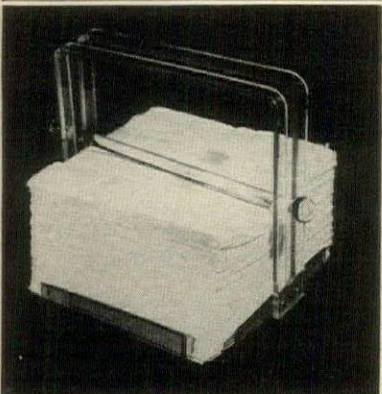


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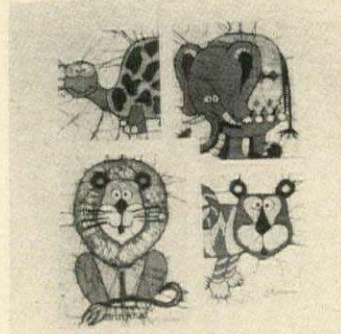


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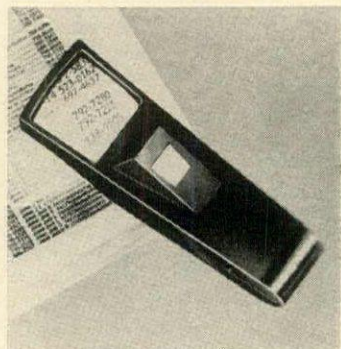
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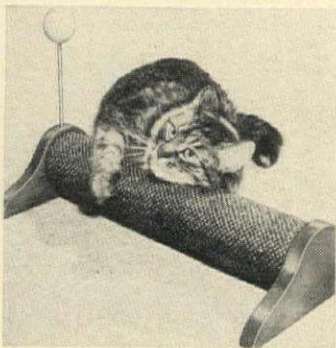
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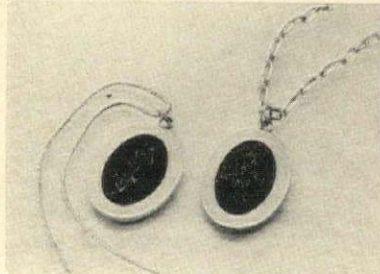
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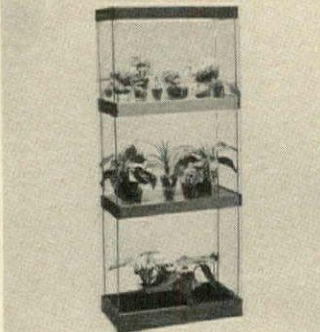
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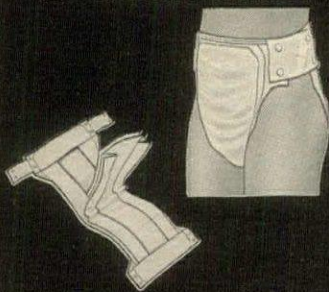
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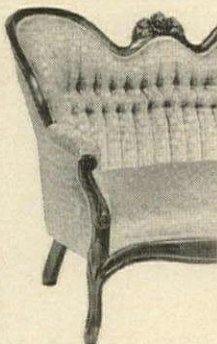
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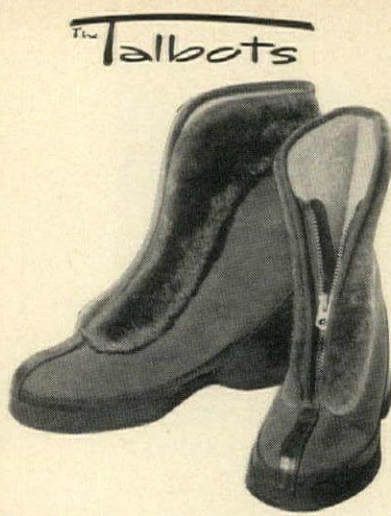
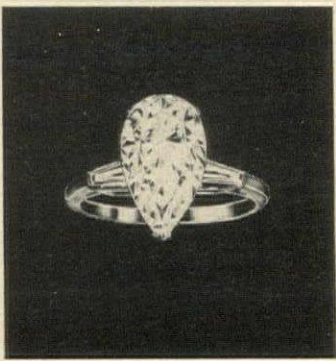
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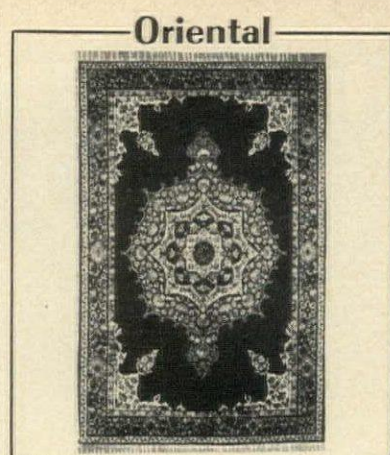
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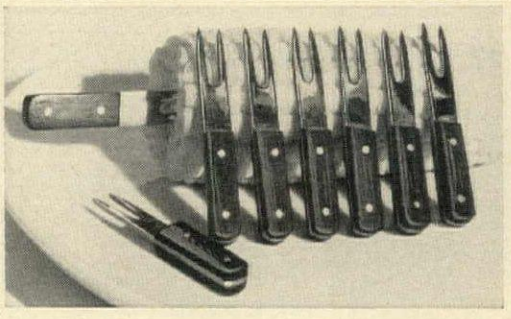
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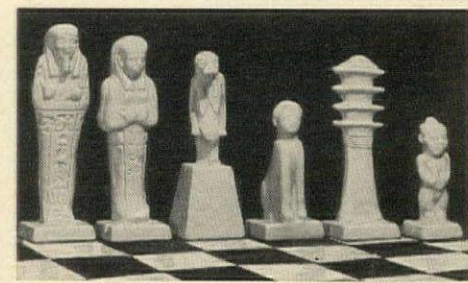
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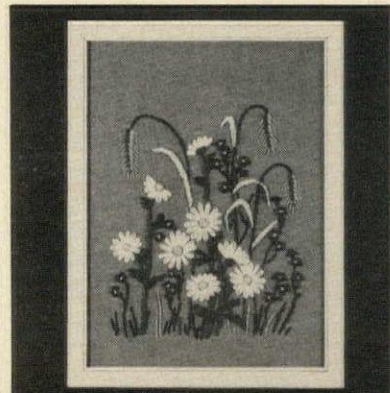
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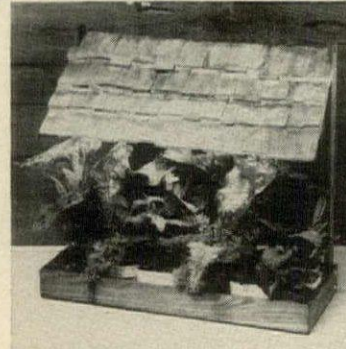


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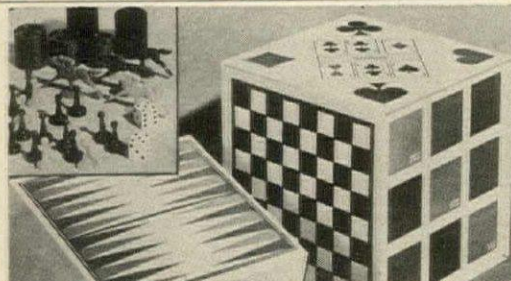
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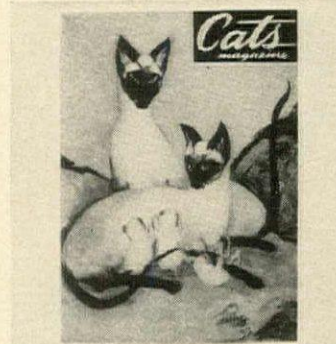
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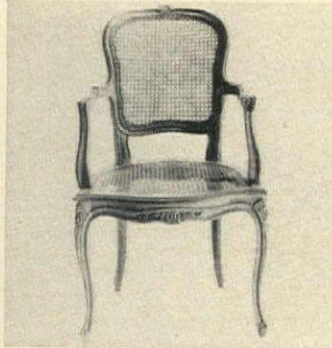
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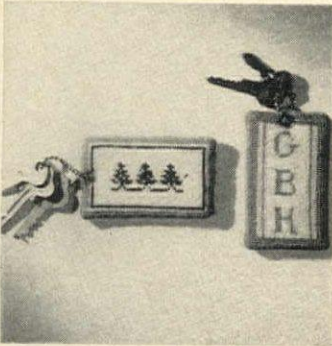
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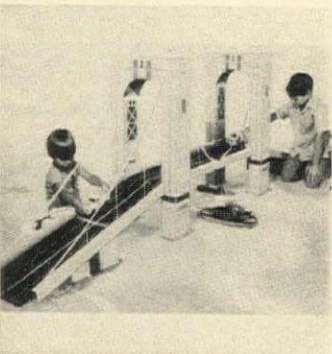
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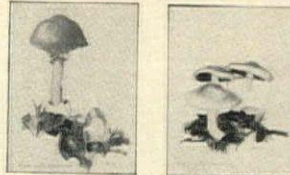


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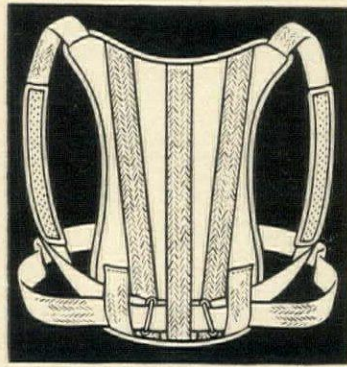


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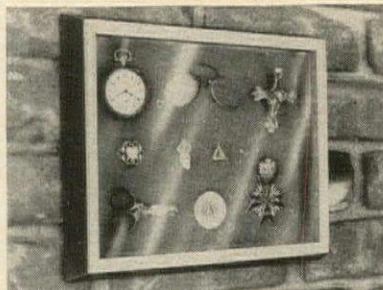
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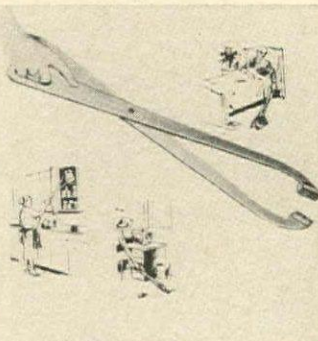
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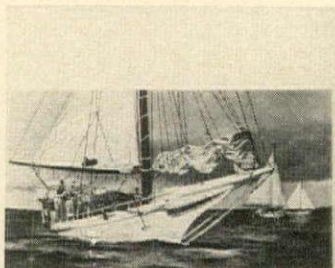
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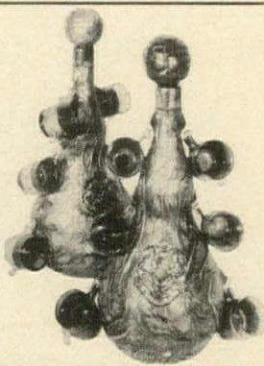


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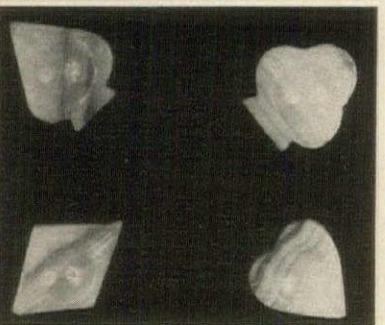
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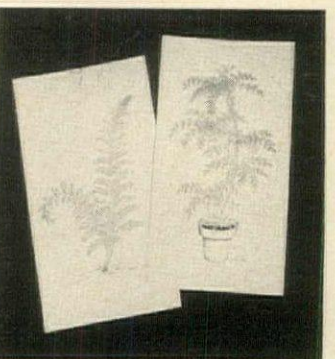
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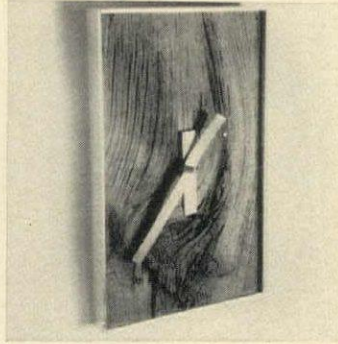
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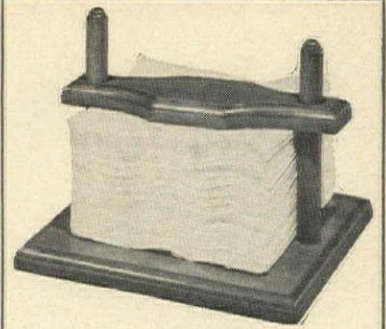
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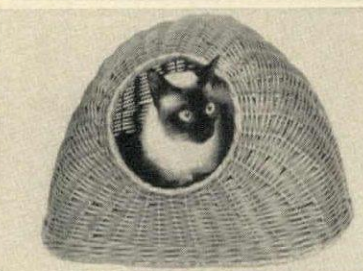
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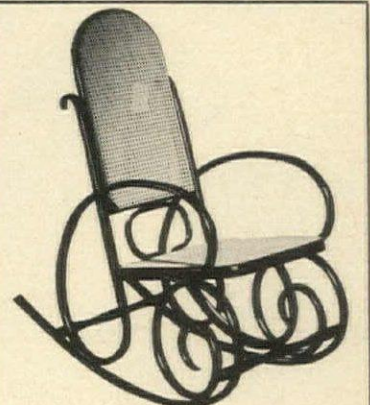
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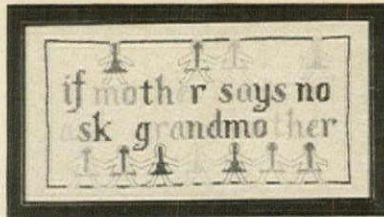
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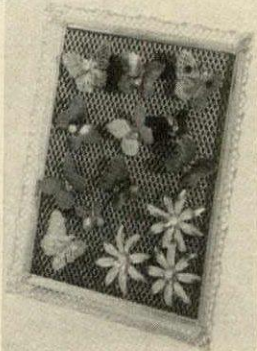
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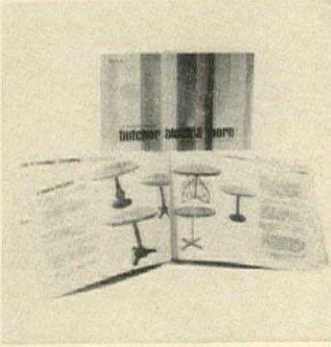
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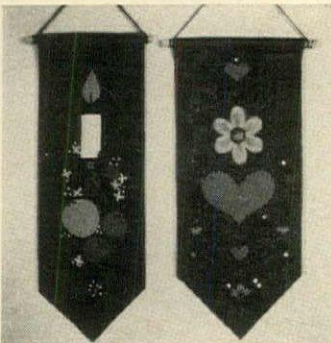
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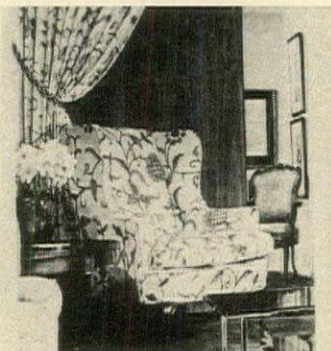
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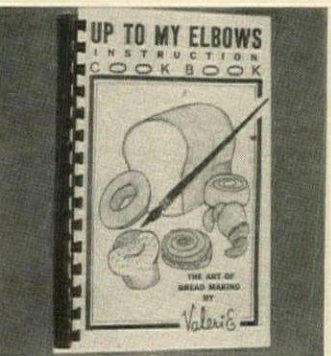
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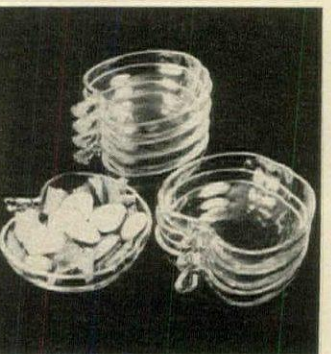
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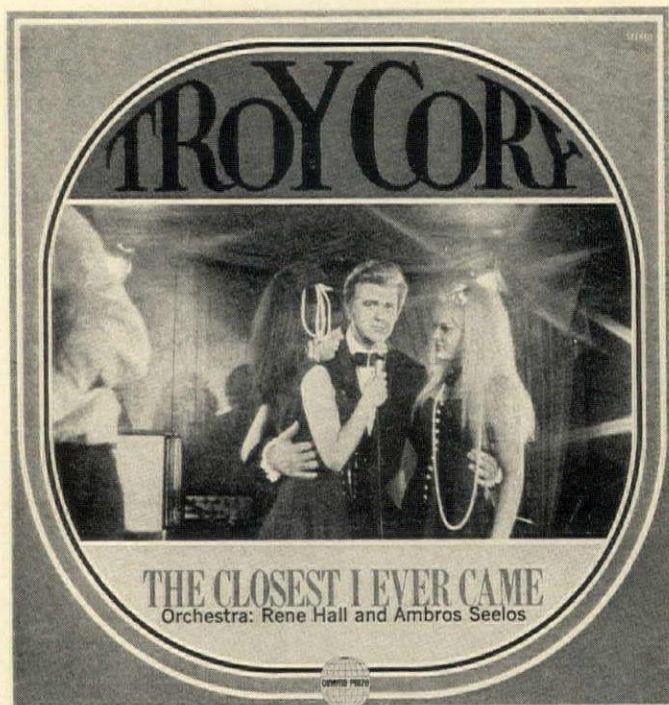
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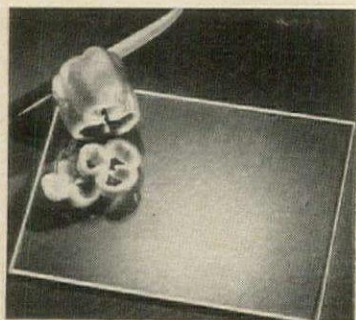
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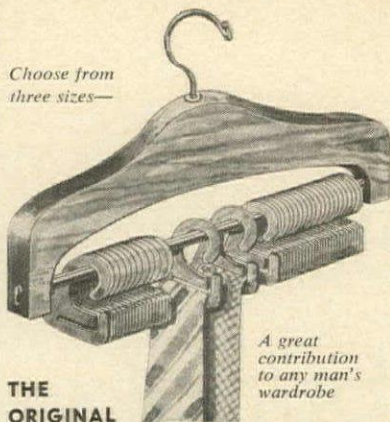
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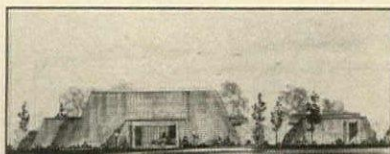
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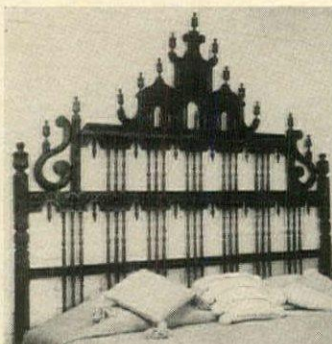
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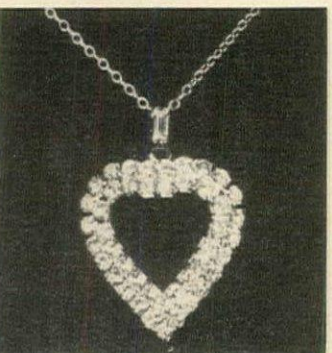
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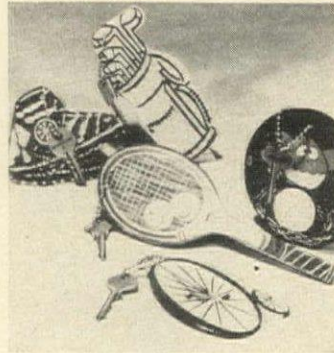
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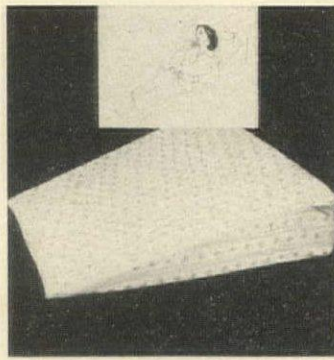
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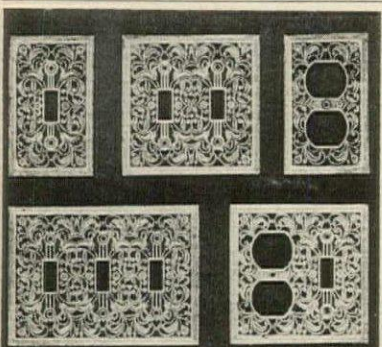
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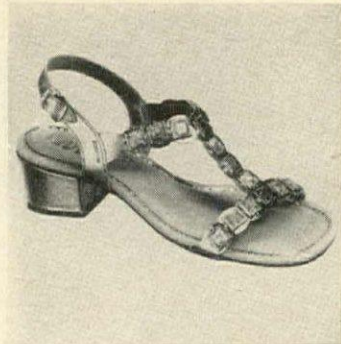
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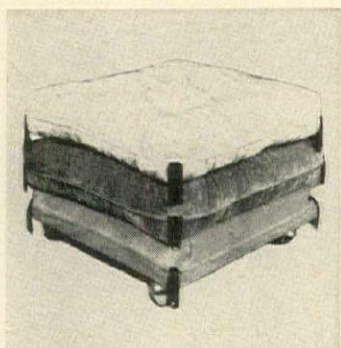
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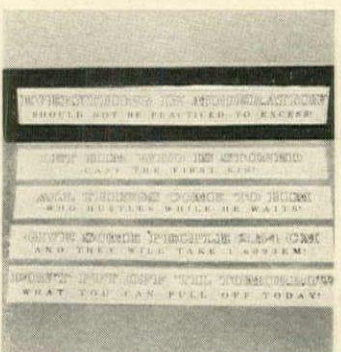
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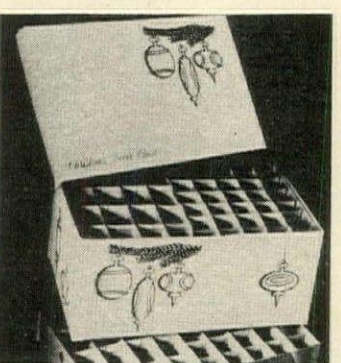
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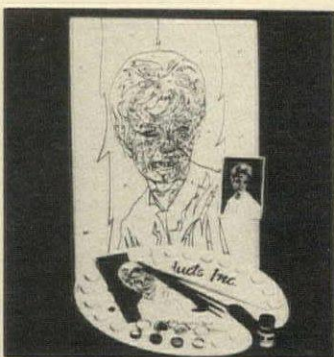
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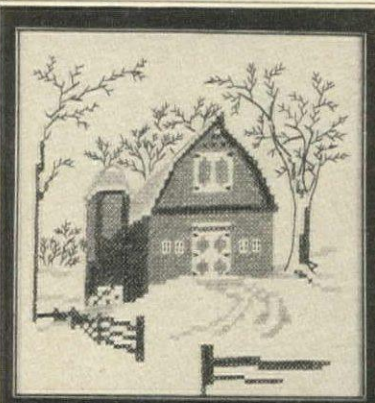
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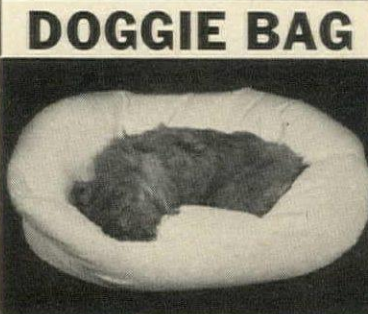


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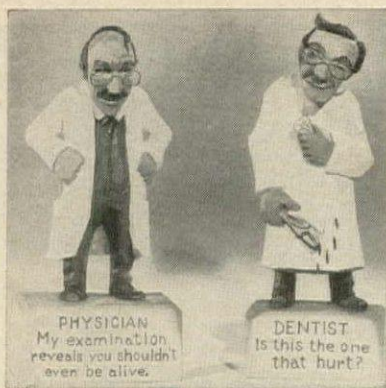


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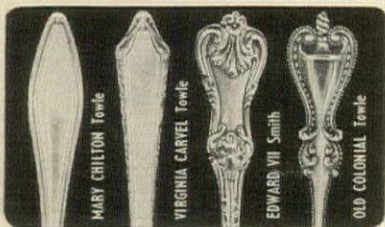
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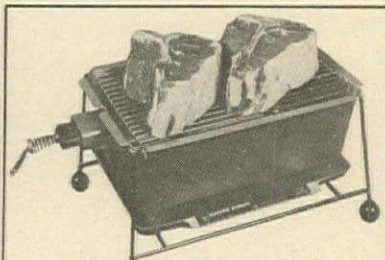
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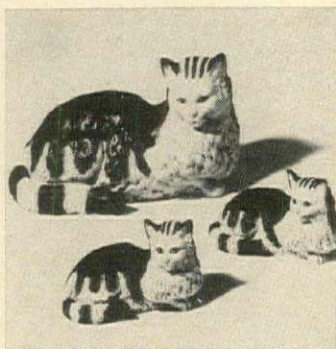
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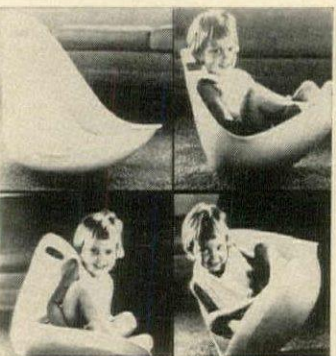
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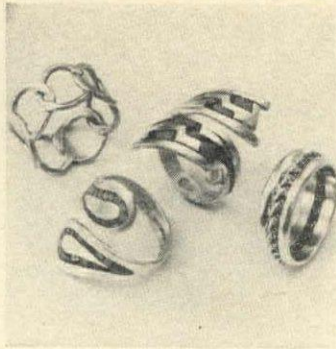
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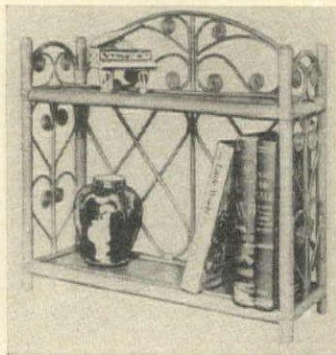
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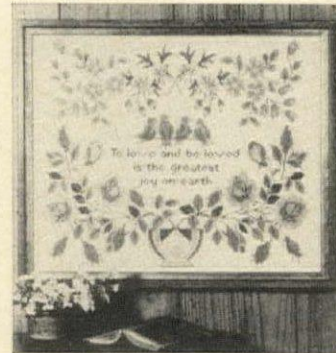
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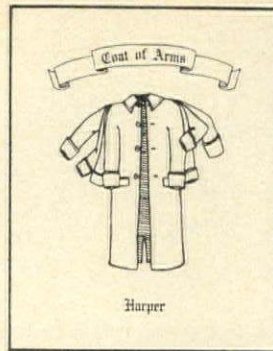
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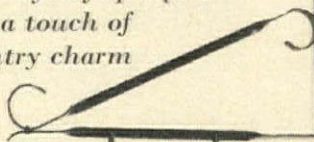
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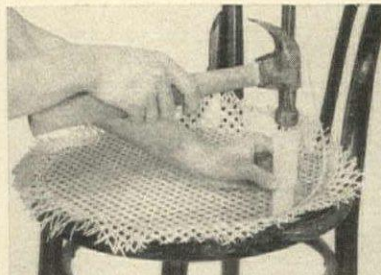
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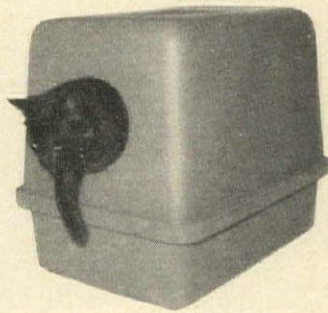
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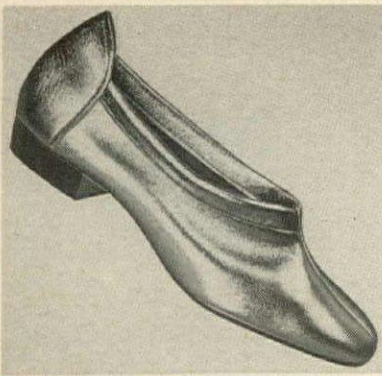
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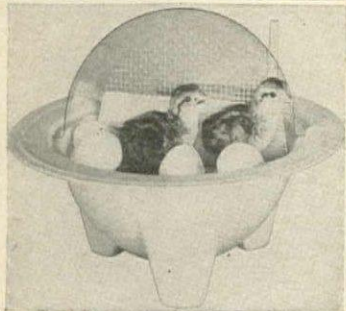
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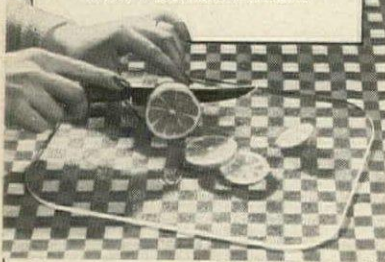


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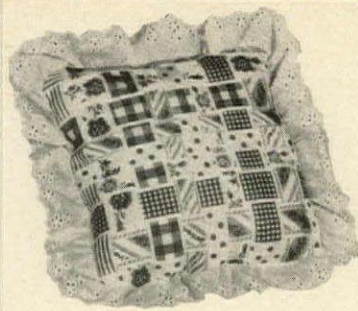


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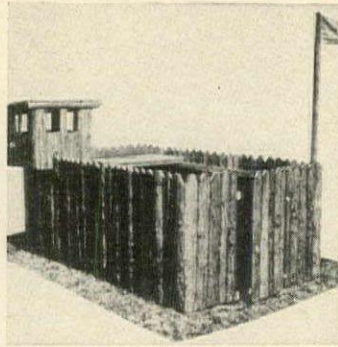
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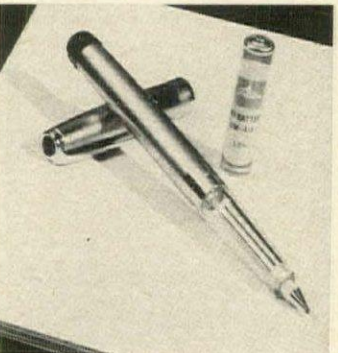
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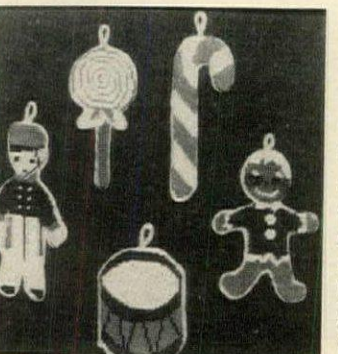
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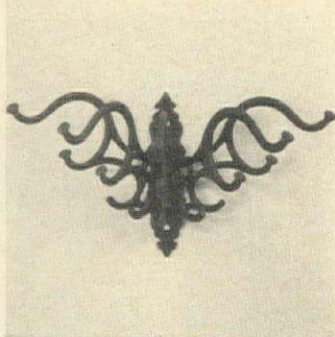
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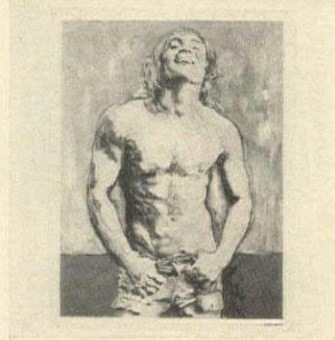
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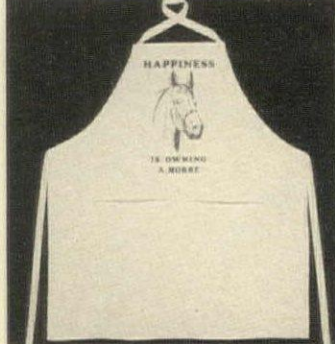
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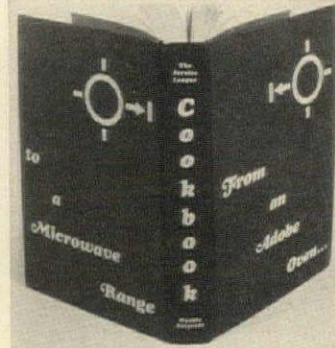
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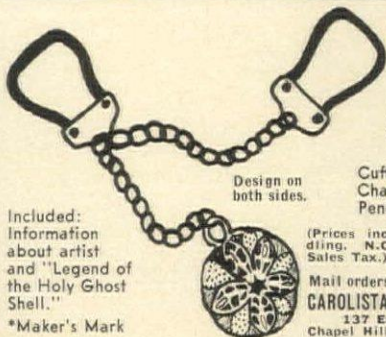
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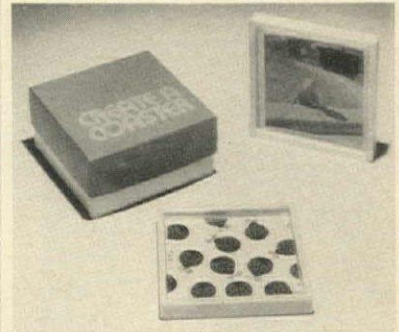
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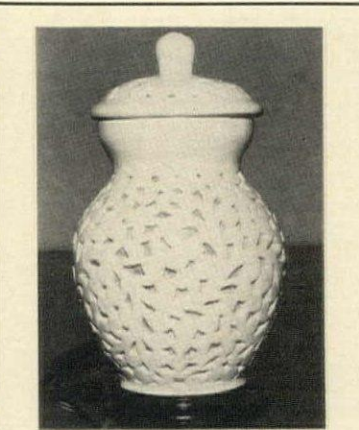
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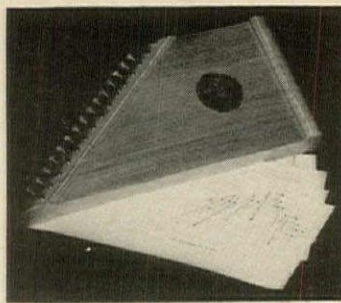
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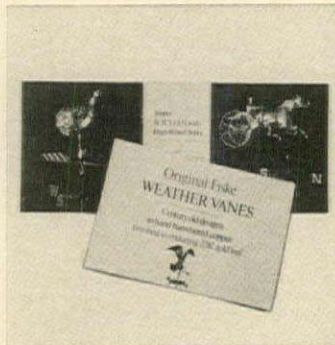
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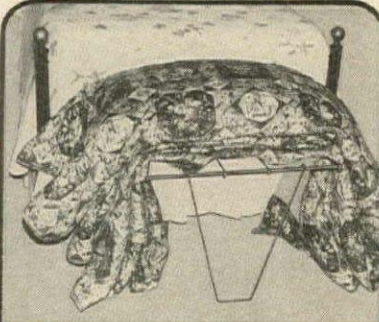
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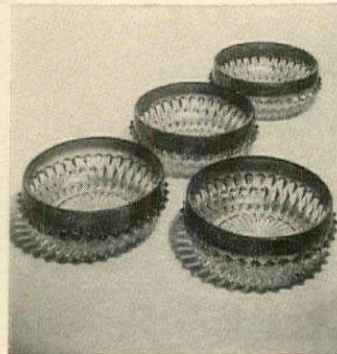
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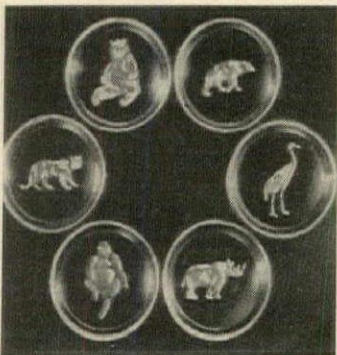
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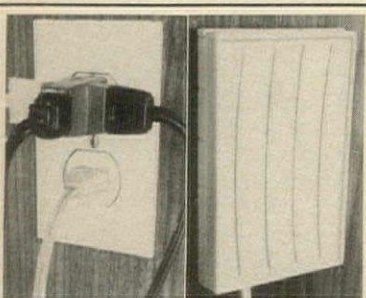
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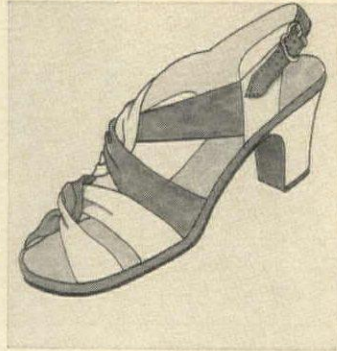
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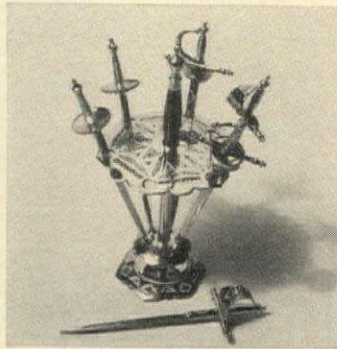
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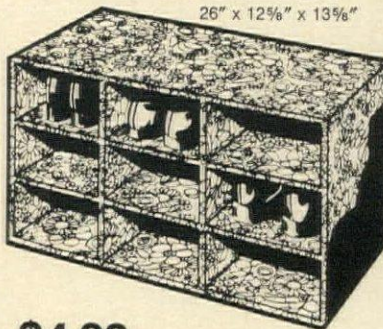
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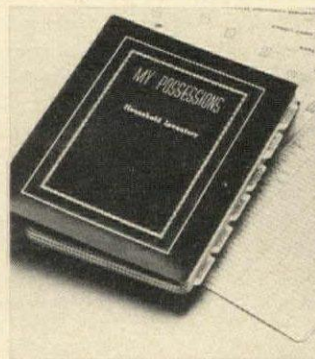
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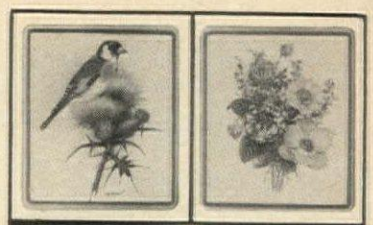
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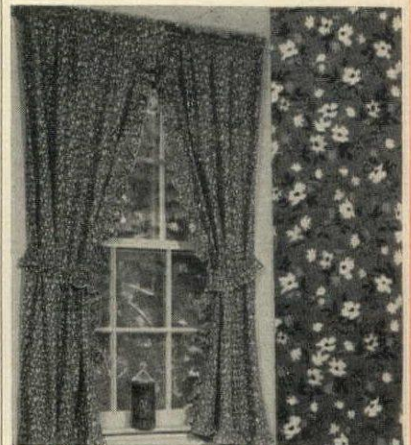
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by James Fanning

One in an ever-growing army of rose devotees, Mrs. Albert D. Lasker (page 76) is constantly on the lookout for new roses to grow and new ways of growing her old favorites to the peak of perfection. The best source of information about roses is the American Rose Society, whose monthly magazine is filled with news and all manner of information about everything connected with roses. American Rose Society membership, which includes a subscription to the magazine and a copy of the society annual, is \$10. The address is 4048 Roselea Place, Columbus, Ohio 43214. The American

from the hybridizers. Only a very limited number of roses are considered worthy of being AARS "selections" in any one year. For 1974 there are three: a bright pink hybrid tea named Perfume Delight; a floribunda with big clusters of pink and white flowers named Bon-Bon; and Bahia, another floribunda that is a fine combination of pink and orange. And it is interesting to note that the rose hybridizers are getting the message: A rose should smell like a rose. For many years this element was overlooked, but all three of this year's selections are scented—Perfume Delight, as the name indicates,

## "Rose hybridizers are getting the message: A rose should smell like a rose"

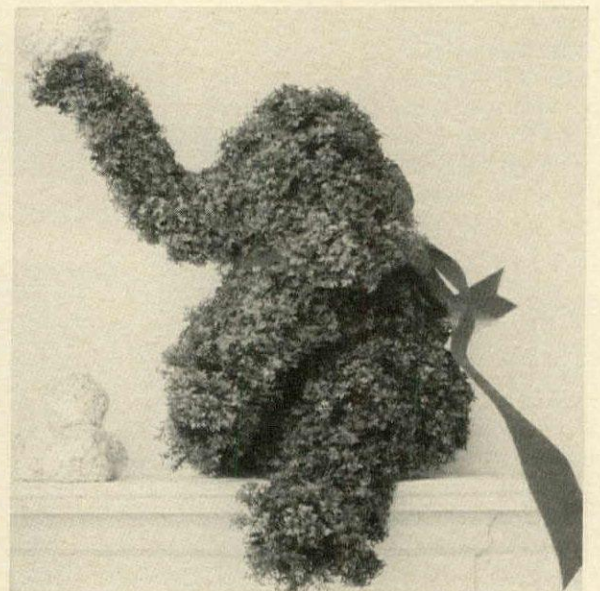
Rose Society also publishes a book *What Every Rose Grower Should Know*, priced at \$1.50 for members, \$1.75 for nonmembers. And the annual *Handbook for Selecting Roses* is only 10¢ if you also send a self-addressed stamped envelope. The Handbook consists of a list of practically every rose available from growers at the present time, with color and type descriptions of each, and numerical ratings based on members' experiences with the listed varieties.

Another organization devoted entirely to roses is All-America Rose Selections, better known by its initials, AARS. This is an association of commercial rose growers set up to evaluate new roses as they come

particularly so. AARS has a booklet titled *Roses are For You*. It's free for the asking from All-America Rose Selections, P.O. Box 218, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601.

Jackson & Perkins continues to be the nation's leading supplier of rose plants. This year J&P is offering a special selection of roses and other plants for Christmas giving. Its Christmas gift catalogue, as well as its regular catalogue of roses, may be had by writing to Jackson & Perkins, Medford, Ore. 97501. And the old-fashioned roses—less floriferous than modern kinds but with a full-blown charm of their own—are a specialty of Tillotson's Roses, 802 Brown's Valley Rd., Watsonville, Cal. 95076. The Tillotson catalogue is \$1.

**W**hether you prune evergreens in winter or summer, it seems a shame to waste the cut-off material. It's always useful for flower arrangements, of course, but a more interesting way of putting clipped evergreen twigs to work has been invented by Stephen Barany (page 68). Mr. Barany makes forms of wire mesh and pokes the twigs into these, creating instant topiary. His elephant—in the picture, right, it's holding a popcorn ball—is sprigged with boxwood but any other small-leaved evergreen would work as well. You could make your own forms by scrunching up chicken wire, but Mr. Barany will save you the trouble and give the piece his own touch of artistry as well. In addition to the elephant he has a gymnastic monkey and teddy bear, each priced at \$37.50 postpaid, from Stephen Barany, 149 East Seventy-second St., New York, N.Y. 10021.



BEADLE

Keeping a cut Christmas tree fresh and green throughout its tour of duty as the center of holiday festivities may sound impossible, but a formula developed by Harold Cook, a florist in Dixon, Ill., has been on trial for several years and really seems to work. The recipe calls for ¼ cup micronized iron, 1 gallon hot water, 2 cups light corn syrup, and 4 teaspoons household chloride bleach. The micronized iron (sold in garden supply shops as Green Garde) is stirred into the hot water, the corn syrup (Karo) and bleach added, and the bottom end of the tree dunked into the mixture immediately. The tree trunk should be freshly cut, preferably on a slant, to make certain it begins taking up the solution without delay. A tree stand with a generous reservoir to hold the liquid should be used, and fresh warm water added as the level goes down. This treatment not only keeps the needles on the tree, it also keeps them green and supple and, since the whole tree remains turgid with moisture, it is effective fire-proofing, too.

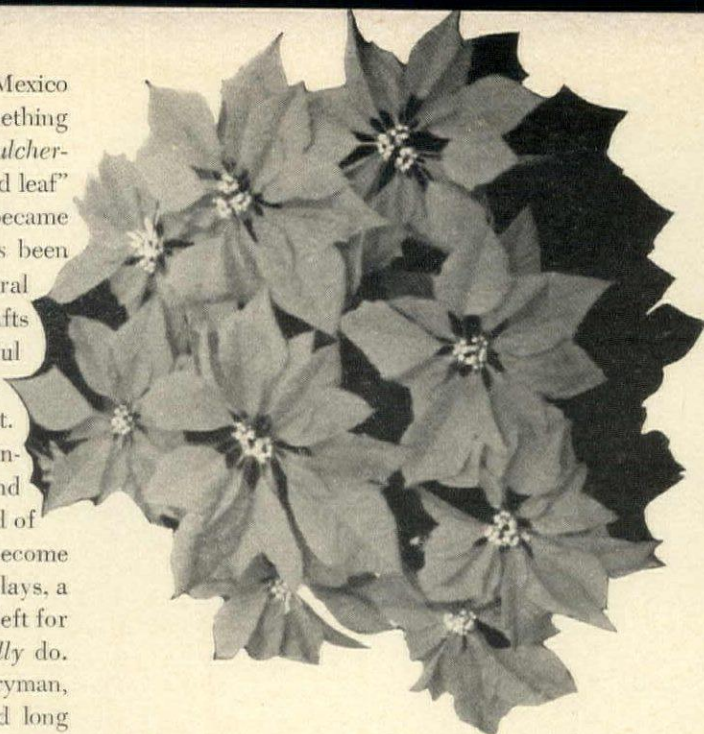
Joel Poinsett, United States Minister to Mexico from 1826 to 1829, really started something when he brought plants of *Euphorbia pulcherrima* home with him. He called it "painted leaf" but in popular use his own name quickly became attached to the plant and "poinsettia" it has been ever since. At home in Mexico and Central America poinsettia is a gawky shrub with tufts of red leaves at the branch tips. With careful cultivation, pruning, feeding, heat and light control it becomes a fine greenhouse plant. Best of all, normal flowering time is early winter and a plant is at its showy peak around Christmastime. Small wonder, that by the end of the 19th century Poinsett's introduction had become one of the most popular plants for winter displays, a regular item of Christmas decoration. It was left for our time, to see what the poinsettia can really do.

In the 1920s, Paul Ecke, a California nurseryman, decided to try improving the plant that had long been a specialty in the family business. His years of skillful breeding have brought us poinsettias that last for months on end, with huge flowers and a great variety of colors. (Everyone knows, of course, that the true flowers of the poinsettia are the little green and yellow knobs at the center of the colored leaf cluster, but we honor botanical correctness in the breach and call the leaf cluster the flower.) The Ecke varieties are white, cream, and rose as well as several shades of the familiar bright red. They are all beautiful but the "Christmas red" is, and will probably continue to be, the most popular.

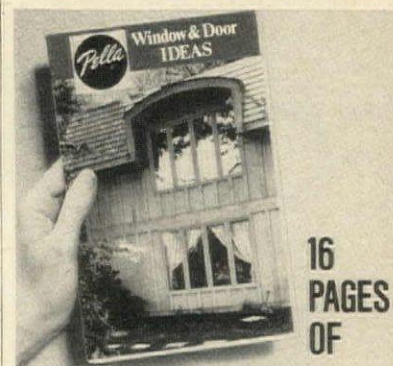
Understandably enough, people who grow the plants commercially try to discourage home gardeners who want to carry them over for more years of flowering. But a good many of us feel that our gardening skill is being challenged and try to keep our poinsettias growing and producing, with success that can only be called mixed. If you want to try it, begin by taking good care of your plant while it is in flower. This means keeping it well watered, in bright light but not hot sunlight, cool—60 degrees or lower at night—and out of drafts, either hot or cold. When the flowers fade, in January or February, cut off the stalks, leaving just three joints at the base of each stem. Keep the plant dry and cool for the next six weeks or so, then begin watering and, as soon as new shoots appear, fertilizing. Any all-purpose fertilizer will do, and, as with most plants, frequent weak applications are better than widely spaced stronger doses. As soon as the weather warms up, set the plant

outdoors in a sunny spot that is sheltered from the wind. The pot may be sunk in the ground up to its rim or the plant taken out and planted directly in the ground, although that may mean a problem when it comes time to repot and take the plant indoors again. Early in July, pinch back each of the new shoots to one or two joints and keep the plant well watered and fed for the rest of the summer, pruning only enough to keep it compact and shapely. Take the plant inside again in late September—then comes the tricky part. Poinsettias bloom when the nights are longer than the days and need at least fourteen hours of darkness each night to produce. This means real darkness. If, for instance, your plants are shut away in a dark room and someone turns on a light for no more than a minute or two the flower-producing process is upset. With no more than two or three plants it should be pretty simple to take them into a cool, dark cellar or closet every night, bring them out where they get bright light—no more than 10 hours—during the day. Then, when the flower color is well developed, they may be placed on display wherever you want to show them off. Poinsettias have few pests. Scale, when it appears, may be swabbed off with alcohol on a tuft of cotton. Aphids should be drowned by a thorough drenching with plain water. Joel Poinsett is said to have spent many happy hours puttering in his own greenhouse—he would certainly be pleased to see the interest and enthusiasm that his plant with the painted leaves arouses today.

**Living Christmas trees are an established holiday tradition in many families. The effect has been a remarkable build-up in the population of ever-green trees. All in all this is fine, but some dooryards quickly run out of space to accommodate an annually increasing population of such bulky and fast-growing denizens as fir and spruce trees. A simple and effective solution for the problem is to remove one old tree for each new one that is added. This works well on several counts. To begin with, cutting your Christmas tree in your own yard makes certain that it is absolutely fresh and healthy. Also, it is better for the newly bought living tree, which, instead of having to withstand the punishment of staying indoors for a week or more, may be planted outdoors at once. Then, too, it gives you a chance to revise and improve your landscaping year by year. Overgrown or badly located trees are removed and put to good use while new young trees fill gaps and become part of a lifelong plant-and-cut program. ■**



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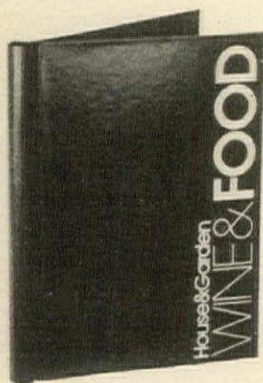
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brane between the upper and lower sets and the top half of the rib cage will come away in one piece. You are now left with a boat shape and 2 skin flaps. Simmer the bones you remove in enough water to cover them in a small saucepan—this stock will be added to the wine for poaching, if needed.

*Method for stuffing:* Mix together in a large bowl chicken and veal mixture, salt pork, brandy, white wine, salt, tarragon, pepper, and liver and pile it into the capon's cavity; mound to the shape of a whole bird. Take 6 pieces of the capon's breast you laid aside in the process of half-boning, lay them over the mounded stuffing and bring the skin of the capon up to cover the mounded stuffing and breast meat in a natural-looking way. With a needle and string sew the two halves of the skin together, starting from the tail of the bird. Tie the capon firmly in a piece of doubled cheese cloth. It is now ready for the pot.

Place the capon breast side up in the pot, pouring the bottle of white wine over it. If there is not enough to cover  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the bird, add sufficient stock to do so. Bring to a boil on top of the stove, then lower the heat and simmer gently, covered, for 1½ hours. Test after 1 hour by moving the leg; if it moves freely, it is most likely done. Apply a second test by sticking a sharp knife into the thigh or drumstick. If the juices run clear, the bird is cooked. Lift

in a warmed sauceboat. Sprinkle the parsley over the dish.

### PUREE OF BROCCOLI

*Ingredients:* 4 bundles of broccoli heads, 2 tablespoons salt, 1 cup sour cream, 4 tablespoons softened butter, salt and freshly ground black pepper.

*Method:* Trim stalks and with a vegetable peeler remove coarse outside bark. Stand the broccoli in a pot large enough to hold it, stalks down. If you don't have a pot large enough to hold all of the broccoli at one time cook in 2 pots. Bring 3-4 quarts of water to a boil in a separate kettle. Sprinkle the broccoli with 2 tablespoons salt. Pour the boiling water over the broccoli. Water should not come above the broccoli flowers. Cover with damp cheesecloth. Over high heat bring to a boil and cook for 6 minutes. Steam trapped by the cheesecloth will cook the broccoli tops. Drain and chop coarsely. Purée in the blender, add butter and sour cream to assist the blending. Season the purée with freshly ground black pepper and, if needed, salt. Serve hot.

### PLUM PUDDING

*Ingredients:* 1½ pounds beef suet membrane removed and grated coarsely, chilled thoroughly; 1 pound white bread crumbs prepared from day-old bread; 4 cups all-purpose flour and 1 teaspoon baking powder sifted together;  $\frac{3}{4}$  pound raisins, large,  $\frac{3}{4}$  pound sultanas,  $\frac{3}{4}$  pound currants, washed and dried; 8 large eggs lightly beaten with  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup brandy.

*Method:* In a large bowl mix beef suet, bread crumbs, flour and baking powder mixture, raisins, sultanas, currants. Stir in eggs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup brandy. Mix thoroughly.

Have ready 2 24-inch squares of clean cloth. Flour each generously and pile half of the pudding on each piece of cloth. Gather up the edges and tie securely with string. Bring to a boil a pot of water large enough to hold both, or a pot for each. Boil for 5 hours. The pudding may now be drained and hung up by its string. It keeps in this way for a year.

For serving: Boil for 1 hour and unwrap from its cloth on a

serving dish. It is usual to pour  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup warm brandy over it and bring it to the table in flames with a sprig of holly, complete with red berries stuck in the top. Serve with hard sauce.

### HARD SAUCE

*Ingredients:* 2 cups powdered sugar, 8 tablespoons sweet butter, 3 tablespoons brandy,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup heavy cream.

*Method:* In a large bowl add sugar gradually to softened butter. An electric beater is useful for this purpose, or the large electric mixer. Mix until well blended. Add brandy and mix again. Beat in heavy cream. Chill thoroughly.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE SUPPER FOR 6-8

*Blini with Caviar*° *Sour Cream Champagne* *Ice Cold Vodka Mushroom Soufflé*° *Salad Paulette*°

*Champagne Coffee Parfait*

### BLINI WITH CAVIAR

*Ingredients:* 2½ cups milk, 1 package dry yeast or 1 cake compressed yeast,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup warm water, 1 cup flour, 1½ cups buckwheat flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt, 3 eggs, separated, 3 tablespoons melted butter, 3 tablespoons sour cream. Garnishes: 1 pint sour cream, 8-ounces caviar.

*Method:* Allow 5-6 hours for blini to rise, much longer than most breads. In a large saucepan, bring milk to a boil and cool to lukewarm. Sprinkle the yeast over the lukewarm water and let stand for 5 minutes. Sift the flour with half the buckwheat ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) cup and the salt into a bowl. Make a well

"A supper of champagne and caviar and mushroom soufflé on New Year's Eve is a once-a-year extravagance appropriate to the occasion"

the capon from the pot very gently so as not to break it and keep it warm while you strain the stock from the pot and finish the sauce.

### SAUCE

*Ingredients:* 5 egg yolks; 1 cup heavy cream; 4 cups strained stock, reduced to 2; 4 tablespoons sweet butter; finely chopped parsley for garnish.

*Method:* In a large bowl beat the egg yolks lightly and mix with cream. Stir mixture into the warm stock and heat gently until it thickens. At the last minute stir in 4 tablespoons butter bit by bit and correct the seasoning. Spoon some of the sauce over the capon and serve the remainder

in the center and add the softened yeast mixture with 1 cup of the lukewarm milk. Stir gradually drawing in the flour to make a smooth batter and beat well for 2 minutes. This may be done with much less labor in the bowl of a mixer, using a dough hook or paddle. Cover the bowl with a damp cloth and let rise in a warm place for 2-3 hours or until the batter is light and full of bubbles. Beat mixture to knock out air and beat in remaining buckwheat flour. Cover, allow to rise again until batter is doubled in bulk, about 2 hours.

Beat in another cup of milk until the batter is smooth, then beat in the egg yolks, melted but-

ter, and sour cream, and add a little more milk, if necessary. The batter should be the consistency of heavy cream. In separate bowl, beat egg whites until they hold a stiff peak. Fold into batter and let stand for 30 minutes.

Heat in lightly buttered grid- dle or heavy skillet and pour in the batter with a small ladle to make 3-inch rounds. Cook for 2-3 minutes until the underside of the blini is slightly browned and the top bubbling. Turn and brown the other side. Keep the blini warm while cooking the rest of the batter and serve the blini hot. They do not reheat well. Brush the blini with butter, add a spoonful of sour cream and top with caviar, and eat with your fingers. Makes 30 blini.

### MUSHROOM SOUFFLÉ

**Ingredients:** ½ pound mushrooms; 5 tablespoons butter; 5 tablespoons flour; 1 teaspoon salt; ¼ teaspoon paprika; dash cayenne pepper; 1½ cups hot milk; ¾ cup Parmesan cheese, grated; 6 egg yolks; 8 egg whites; pinch cream of tartar.

**Method:** Preheat oven to 400°. Wipe mushrooms with damp cloth and slice thin. Melt butter in heavy pan. Add flour, salt, paprika, and cayenne. Cook for 3 minutes stirring. Heat milk to just under a boil. Add gradually to roux, whisking vigorously. Add Parmesan. Add yolks and mushrooms to roux. In a bowl, beat whites and cream of tartar until stiff. Fold into roux and mushroom mixture. Pour gently into greased, 2-quart soufflé dish. Mark a smaller circle on top of the soufflé with a knife so it rises like a hat. Bake for 35 minutes.

Serve immediately.

### SALAD PAULETTE

**Ingredients:** 4 ribs celery; 2 pounds fresh green beans; 2 tablespoons salt; 6-8 small red potatoes; 1 small can truffles; 1 cup commercial mayonnaise, ½ cup vinaigrette dressing; ½ cup parsley sprigs, finely chopped; salt and pepper.

**Method:** Wash the ribs of celery and with a vegetable peeler remove, if any, the outer tough skin. Slice very thin on the bias.

Wash the beans and cut off the tops and tails. Bring 2 quarts water to a boil and add 2 tablespoons salt. Add the beans and when the water comes to the boil again set the timer for 4 minutes. Bite into 1 or 2, it should be firm. Drain, run cold water on beans. Allow to dry in a colander and complete drying by laying them on paper towels. Discard any too thick or too long.

Boil potatoes unpeeled in water used for beans until tender, then drain and dry them thoroughly and cut into small dice. Drain the truffles and slice very thin, then slice again in slivers as thin as matchsticks.

Thin the mayonnaise with the vinaigrette dressing to the consistency of heavy cream. In a mixing bowl add all the vegetables and most of the chopped parsley. Mix with the prepared dressing, taking great care not to add too much dressing. The julienne of vegetables should be well-coated and no more. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Spoon into a salad bowl — a glass one is ideal, and sprinkle the remaining parsley over the vegetables before serving. ■

## THERE IS CHRISTMAS *continued from page 62*

dressing some cards in the Yale Club and happened to run into a friend who was doing the same. We joined forces at the bar and had such a good time, and wrote such witty messages—many never deciphered by the recipient—that we decided then and there that we would always do our cards together.

“Later he moved to Albany, but that didn’t stop us. Every year, a couple of weekends before Christmas, I pack my bags and take the train to Albany. There, while the Christmas cheer flows and his children lick envelopes, we continue the custom. By now the affair has turned into a sort of two-day celebration, and the natives come from

miles around to watch the man who comes to Albany to do his Christmas cards.”

In Sarasota, Fla., Mrs. Terence Colly goes to her garden for Christmas. “I use our grapefruit for Colonial kissing balls, completely covering them with tiny sprigs of boxwood sent to me by my sister in Virginia. I first make holes with an ice pick, then stick in the boxwood, covering the grapefruit like a round green porcupine. Then I hang them around the archways. Our oranges I use to make clove balls, pomanders that I just scatter about—no hanging, no ribbon, just there to pick up and smell and feel. It reminds me of Christmas in Virginia. *Continued on page 162*

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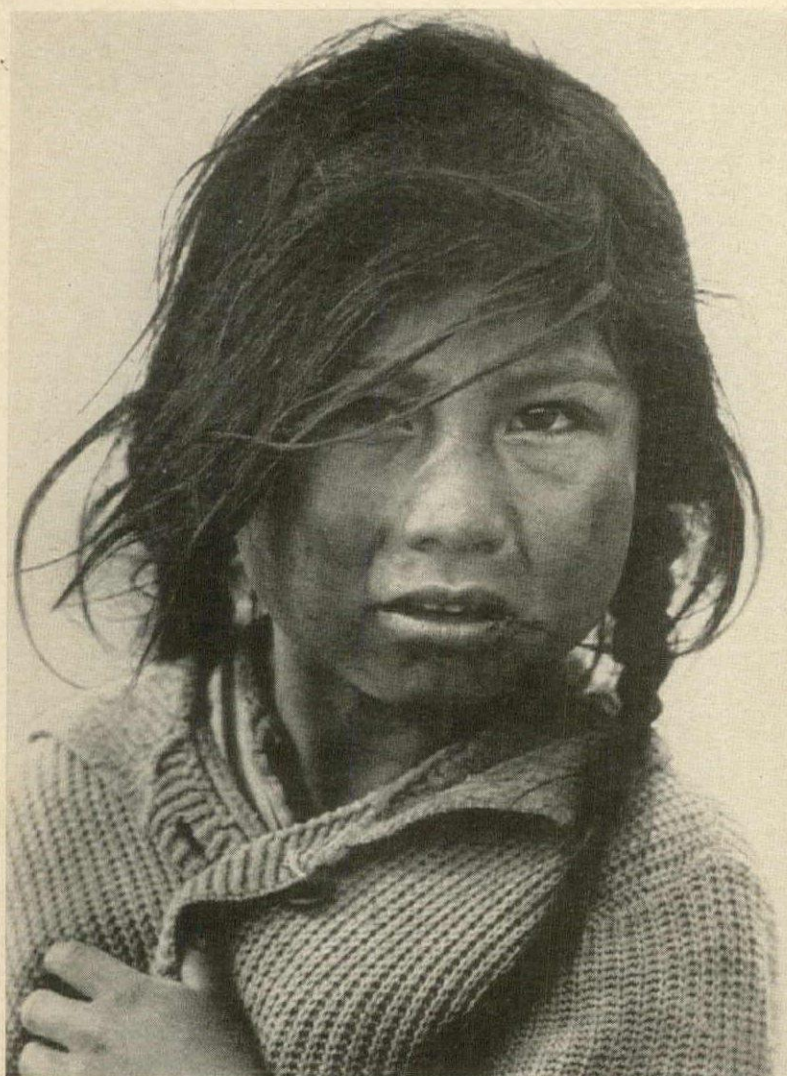
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*Materials and equipment used in the multilayered house that communicates with nature on pages 84 through 89*

ARCHITECT: William Morgan

CONTRACTOR: Ross Construction Co.

SIZE OF HOUSE: 2,000 square feet

SIZE OF LOT: 50 by 200 feet

### STRUCTURE

**Foundation:** Reinforced concrete tie beams on wood pilings.

**Framing:** Standard wood frame construction with laminated southern yellow pine beams.

### EXTERIOR OF HOUSE

**Exterior walls:** Tongue-and-groove rough-sawn Western cedar by Western Wood Products Association.

**Roof:** Machine cut cedar shingles by Western Wood Products Association.

**Insulation:** In roof, 1½-inch rigid board insulation; in walls 3½-inch thick glass fiber batts by Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp.

**Doors:** Aluminum frame sliding glass doors with ¼ inch tempered glass.

**Skylights:** Arm-R-Clad plastic skylights by Hordis Bros.

### INTERIOR OF HOUSE

**Interior walls:** In major rooms and kitchen, natural cedar unfinished; in bathrooms, wallboard by U.S. Gypsum Co. with Formica plastic laminate.

**Interior ceilings:** In major rooms, tongue-and-groove Idaho white pine facing on fir; in kitchen and baths, laminated "Lock-Deck" boarding by Potlatch Wood Products Group.

**Interior doors:** Solid core, flush wood doors by U.S. Plywood Div., Champion International.

**Interior finish:** On wallboard walls, white paint by Benjamin Moore & Co.

and white spray finish by U.S. Gypsum Co.

**Floors:** In major rooms and kitchen, wall-to-wall carpet by Patcraft; in bathrooms, vinyl-asbestos tile by Kentile Floors, Inc.

**Lighting fixtures:** "Lytespan" track lighting and recessed cylindrical ceiling fixtures by Lightolier, Inc.; dimmer controls and switch plates by Sierra.

**Fireplace:** Prefabricated steel fireplace unit by Majestic, Inc.

**Hardware:** Brushed chrome by Yale Division, Eaton, Yale & Towne.

**Kitchen and bathroom cabinets and countertops:** Cabinets by F. H. Lawson Co.; white plastic laminate countertops by Formica; natural wood butcher-block countertops by J. & D. Brauner, Inc.

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## MAGIC CHRISTMAS DINNER

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wines will do, without further fussing.

During dinner, I shall have Roumanian gypsy music, and with the sherbet, I shall follow the old Persian custom of handing round baskets full of kittens, to handle and fondle, a sort of furry bouquet, removed when the next course is served. Just before the ritual appearance of the flaming plum pudding, I have a surprise for everyone. Tolstoy will appear, dressed in red hood and cotton wool ermine—as Father Christmas, no less, and unloading his sack he will give

each of us a snippet of his great, universal wisdom. With the coffee, we shall have another treat: the Dancers of Shemakha will sidle in, straight from the Caucasus, all stiff brocaded finery and clinking ornaments, posturing their age-old pantomimes of desire. I shall wind up with the Russian gypsies, fetched from one of their old St. Petersburg haunts. And as we fall silent, overcome by the wild nostalgia they breed, the moon will be seen to sink behind the Valley of the Kings, and lo! the Magic Carpets unroll along the shore. ■

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"I do hang stockings," continues Mrs. Colly, "as our five children, twenty-one to fourteen, still look forward to morning chimney surprises. In the big, loosely-knit Christmas stockings they've had since they were born I put in everything that they've borrowed from me for the last year, that I never see again or at least not for months—scissors, good ones tied on bright long ribbons, Scotch tape, a pair of tights, pens, pencils already sharpened. I also add a favorite weakness for each, a jar of artichoke hearts for an older boy, down to a jar of caviar for the youngest—some delicacy they would never have all to themselves any other time of the year."

In upstate New York John Ruggie of Glens Falls calls on the wilderness and his imagination to fill his house with Christmas for his friends. "Having grown up in a wilderness area we always use the wild natural things in our environment for Christmas," says Mr. Ruggie. "We always go to the woods for a spruce or a balsam, decorating it with tasseled pine cones and grape clusters of nuts.

"I try to find the biggest pine cones and then tie the ends with tassels of colored yarn. I wire the nuts of various kinds into grape-like clusters, covering some with gold or silver paper, leaving some plain.

"Around the living room we fill blue and white Canton ginger jars with white pine clipped very round, sometimes adding red holly berries or dried pods sprayed white. In the dining room silver bowls are piled high with silver balls and greens. And always on a chest nearby we have a lot of different sized candlesticks with various heights of red candles. Candlelight makes the silver glow even more, our house even brighter."

Mr. and Mrs. Bjarni Björnsson of Reykjavik, Iceland, have to search much farther for their tree, for in Iceland all Christmas trees are imported from Denmark. "Cleared out hundreds of years ago by early Scandinavians who took our trees for granted, the Christmas tree in Iceland is now very precious," Mr. Björnsson points out. "Our Christmas tree," adds his wife, "is always in the dining room, which makes every meal an occasion. We decorate only with angels, angels we have collected from all over the world, and we begin with a silky, web-like garland that here we call 'angels'

wings. We probably keep our tree up much longer than others, but December is the darkest time of our year and any lights, especially those of Christmas, are a joy."

Mrs. Roger Carson of Monkton, Md., admits, "Vegetable soup, of all things, gives our Christmas a different flavor. It all started when our elder daughter, a vegetarian, wanted to make her-kind-of-soup for a small band of carolers who come by on horseback every Christmas Eve. She makes it once a year with her brother and sister. With all of them usually away at college it is marvelous to see them working together all day in the kitchen on the holiday. It stirs up a wonderful Christmas feeling for all of us.

"They use about fifteen different vegetables, fresh and frozen, from bean sprouts to okra. They chop and cut and concoct, insist that I stay out of the kitchen, and *always* make too much. But the next day they put it in Mason jars to give to the neighbors. The first year I surreptitiously slipped in some beef bouillon cubes for fear there wouldn't be any flavor.

"In the center of the table we put a big bread board of different shaped breads from Baltimore's Lexington Market. After a hearty bowl of delicious soup the carolers mount to go home, riding away with flickering, extra-tall Fourth of July sparklers we've given them at the front door. It's quite a sight."

In Paris, the city of light, some of Robert Viret's Christmas sparkle comes from long lines of small electric candles that he rescued from a forgotten church. Looping them around his dining room trellising he has a miniature Tivoli. "I also have a salad ready for anyone who stops by. Not just a salad but one of real meaning for me at Christmas," M. Viret explains. "During the war and occupation my mother, or perhaps it was Père Noël, and probably by clandestine methods, always had oranges for us Christmas morning. This salad, in a way, is my little celebration—an orange and onion salad.

"It's very simple and refreshing after so much rich Christmas food. Peel and slice evenly 2 oranges and 1 onion. Put a layer of oranges in the bottom of a serving bowl, sprinkle with very little sugar. Put on top a layer of onions, salt and pepper. Repeat, finish with a layer of oranges and a few decorative onion rings. Pour over a red wine vinegar and olive oil dressing. Let

stand a few hours in the refrigerator before serving. This portion is for four to six."

In Nantucket, Mass., where there are no traffic lights and the library cards are as blue as the sea, Cary Bolton starts Christmas in the summer. "Really in April," she admits. "I have a certain beach where, after the tide goes out, the spring sand is covered with a delicate blanket of scallop shells, my favorites. These tiny fans of color, the coral, beige, gray, and tortoise I use for Christmas gifts.

"For my young friends I put a hole in the top of a shell, then pull a thin velvet ribbon through for a necklace. One shell alone is the most elegant. For friends who entertain a lot I fill the hollow shells with rich butter to be used at a dinner party or with different cheeses—usually a set of twelve shells to a couple. At home I wire the most colorful shells, pinks and corals to our green wreath on the front door. I find it hard to stop. To me scallop shells are the most beautiful natural treasures of all."

In Baltimore, Md., Peggy Maher discovers new decorations, a new theme every year for the wreath she makes her children—doves, bells, and balls, whatever catches the fancy. The next year the decorations leave the wreath to go on to the Christmas tree for permanent residence.

For her friends' children Mrs. Maher makes festive felt Christmas calendars. "They're sort of make-do and make believe," she says. "I always used to pretend that the children made them as my stitches weren't much." The calendars are charming—a square of bright yellow felt, 20 by 30 inches, with a large green Christmas tree sewed in the center. Along three sides, the left, lower, and right, she sews a row of small yellow pockets each numbered in green felt, 1 through 23, up until a red pocket heralds the 24th of December.

In each pocket is a tiny token attached to a tiny safety pin—a star, a butterfly, a golden acorn, a bumble bee. Each day a pocket is opened, a present pinned onto the center Christmas tree. And each year Mrs. Maher replenishes the pockets with new surprises.

In Charleston, N.C., the Charles R. Andersons' annual wreath buying is an occasion. Dr. Anderson, a biographer of Sidney Lanier and Emily Dickinson, describes, "On the steps of the post office, and spread out over the wide sidewalks

of Meeting and Broad Streets, a dozen or more picturesque country women sell greenery of various local sorts—all wreaths are hand-made of swamp holly, pine cones; swatches of magnolia leaves with casino berries in sprays; white sweet-smelling narcissus—right out of the garden, wrapped in bunches with Spanish moss for twine. *Everybody* stops to buy and there is much laughter and Gullah talk. It's a scene we look forward to every year."

"Thanks to our children we learned more about Christmas," offers Mrs. Thomas Johns of Chicago, Ill. "When they were younger we thought Christmas was fun for them. Now that they're older they admit it was often confusion. We over gilded, over gave, over scheduled. It's all much simpler now.

"During the year our three children work with children from the inner city, and probably because of this, their world is so aware and so conscious of others. About three days before Christmas they drive about ten to fifteen children to our house. We don't do much, just sit before the fire and roast marshmallows and have cocoa. But it is often the first open fire these children have ever enjoyed.

"I have a lot of cotton around so that they can make snowballs if they want. We paste or staple a bright ribbon on them and they take them home to hang in a window or on a tree. Last year one very small six-year-old with very big eyes looked up at me and said, 'Don't it just feel good here!' That, I guess, was my best Christmas present of all."

Christmas for Mrs. Roy D. Pruden of Babylon, N.Y., is "one huge, enormous chute up there, descending slowly toward December to envelop all of us, some with happiness, some with endurance, some with greed. Christmas for me is people who respond to celebrations, the effects and efforts of being together. And it's simply not a 'my' celebration. We're all in it. And the greatest part is to be included and be part of as many other 'mys' as you can. Christmas is the presence of people, a time when none of us are very independent. We all have a memory that retains the 'best one,' and we all have to help each other make merry. I don't know any glitter that would outshine the presence of a person.

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