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Here's proof that the new G-E Filter-Flo Washer washes clothes without lint fuzz! After 11 washings in a washer with no filter, the sock at left was flecked with unsightly lint. After 11 washings the Filter-Flo way, a similar sock (right) -washed in an identical washload-showed practically no lint!


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## to give you cleaner clothes

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## "Good to hear your voice"

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"Happy Birthday


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HIGHCHAIR HI－JINKS

Now that the roaring，guffaws，and paroxysms are under control，we want to thank you for excellent apprecia－ tion of the plight of all parents who have＂little ones＂in the process of learning to eat by themselves．Your cartoon has had us going for the past three days．－SHIRLEY E．Pfetrfer

An irresistible urge prompts me to tell how delighted I was with the car－ toon on p． 88 of the Feb．issue．As mother of an 8 －month－old－daughter，I can assure you the kitchen floor takes a real beating．Mr．Harrison＇s solu－ tion is next best to feedings in a bathtub with attached garbage dis－ posal in the drain．
－Evelyn m．Melcher

## DREAMS DO COME TRUE！

Since buying your January edition I＇ve thought of nothing but the vaca－ tion house on your cover．Seems like a dream come true．I have enjoyed your magazine for quite some time but this edition is＂It．＂
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After reading the＂Million Dollar Dream＂article and looking at the cover，I am convinced it is the dream cabin we have been looking for．
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－allan t．pttcock
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－IRA gelfman
Thank you sincerely for putting this kind of house in your magazine． It＇s the first I＇ve found to suit me． Only I don＇t just want it for a summer cabin，but a home．
－MRS．J．R．LE MISTE

They found their dream vacation house ．．．maybe you＇ll find yours．See page 54 ！－ED．

ROTO－GLO glows softly in the dark，pin pointing the lo－ cation of light switches．

ROTO－GLO is new and smart appearing with modern func－ tional design．A gentle quarter－turn of the knob turr．s lights off or on．

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Low unit cost only part of the story! Now you can save hundreds of dollars on complete home air conditioning. This new waterless unit costs less than most other models.
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We are ready $\square$ now.
$\square$ In 3 months. $\square$ This year.
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See "Where Credit is Due," page 163

## Gold Bond "Improve Your Home"' Contest

 for finishing this sentence ...


5 Prizes $\qquad$ CBS 21-Inch Color TV Sets 10 Prizes . . . CBS High-Fidelity Phonographs 100 Prizes General Electric Toasters 300 Prizes General Electric Irons 1,000 Prizes . . Black Wrought-Iron Hot-Dish Holders

## THIS IS THE CONTEST YOU CAN WIN!

Follow these simple rules


#### Abstract

1 In 25 additional words or less, complete the statement, "I would like to improve my home with Gold Bond Asbestos Siding because ..." Use entry blank in this ad or write on plain paper. Print name and address plainly. 2 Mail entries to: Gold Bond Contest P. O. Box 50 B

Mount Vernon 10, N. Y. 3 All entries must be postmarked not later than May 31, 1956, and received not later than June 11, 1956. Send as many entries as you wish, but only one prize to a family. Each entry must be the original work of entrant submitted in own name. Use adequate postage. 4 Prizes as listed will be awarded in accord with judging by the independent and impartial staff of The Reuben H. Donnelley Corpo- ration, and on the basis of originality, interest and aptness. 5 In the case of ties, duplicate prizes will be awarded. Judges' decisions are final. All entries become the property of National Gypsum Company to use as they see fit, and none will be returned. 6 Contest is open ONLY TO HOMEOWNERS who are residents of the continental U. S., except these states: California, Utah, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Nevada. Employees of National Gypsum Company, its advertising agency, the judging organization and their immediate families are excluded. Subject to all federal, state and local regulations. 7 Winners will be notified by mail. Prize winners' list available approximately six weeks after close of contest to those sending stamped, self-addressed envelope.




## It's easy! It's fun! Nothing to buy!

Here's your golden opportunity to win a big cash prize. This contest is fun . it's easy to enter . . . and, best of all, there are 1,419 prizes!

Simply complete the sentence in the entry blank using 25 additional words or less. Here's a sample to show you just how easy it is: "I would like to improve my home with Gold Bond

Asbestos Siding because these fireproof shingles come in 7 lovely colors, will make my home permanently beautiful, and will never need painting for preservation."
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- Eosy terms. You can make your home beautiful at a price you can afford!
- Backed by the most dependable name in building products-Gold Bond, by National Gypsum Company.

Gold Bond Siding goes on right over your old side walls! Transforms even an old house into a beautiful modern-looking home.


National Gypsum Company, Buffalo 2, N. Y.


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|t was clear and sunny that day in early spring. Driving conditions along Connecticut's Merritt Parkway were ideal. Traffic was light, and no one seemed to be in a hurry. Yet, on one of the straightest stretches of road, three persons were seriously injured when two cars collided and were crumpled almost beyond repair.

Mechanical failure? Freak? It was neither.
The accident was caused because one of the drivers neglected to adjust his car's speed to the number and kind of passengers. He had maintained the same speed as other cars on the parkway, even though he had five explosive, unattended kids with him.

Now five energetic and highly unpredictable youngsters jumbled precariously around a driver can be more distracting than heavy traffic, an " S "-curve road, and poor weather combined. There's no limit to the bizarre hazards kids can create, from pulling your hat down over your eyes to unintentionally clouting you on the back of the neck. Or they can slip suddenly onto the accelerator pedal or grab the wheel for support.

You won't see regulations in any driver's manual about decreasing speed when you have youngsters aboard. And you're not likely to see road signs saying "Slow down-children at play inside car." Only you can estimate how much extra caution you need to use when carting youthful passengers. But a good rule of thumb is to knock off about 10 miles an hour from the normal speed limit if you have a couple of kids with you, and to cut down still further if the car is jammed with potential door openers, noise makers, or blindfolders.

The octopus grip of young arms around your eyes, an unexpected prod on the elbow, a startling yell in your right earall these can have dire consequences. And even an 18 -month-old baby, supposedly buckled out of harm's way in his safety seat beside you, can nudge the gearshift into neutral. Which may not be so funny if you're dodging out of reach of an oncoming truck.

The best preventive action, of course, is to train children in their own rules of the road. But even the best behaved can't always refrain from sudden bursts of enthusiasm or careless movements that may distract your attention at the wrong moment. Make a few simple rules and be strict about enforcing them. These could include: No standing up; no touching radio, instruments, or door handles; no rough-housing. Such rules might seem im-

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## "Window Test" proves blue Cheer washes so white you can see the difference!

because only Cheer has the Blue-Magic whitener!

Cheer's Blue-Magic whitener is not just a bluing . . . it's more than a bluing . . . it's a new, better whitener for all your wash.
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## Electric or Spring


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Dangerer, Explosive Carǵo!

(Begins on page 10)

possible to enforce, especially if your children are boisterous to begin with. But your task will be easier if you plan frequent stops during long trips. Give the kids a chance to work off their excess energy that would otherwise take the form of bouncing on the upholstery, making catcalls out the window, and climbing over each other.

While en route, the parent (or any adult) not at the wheel should be responsible for activities. After all, a drive is a special form of family fun for children, even short hauls while doing errands. And you can't completely suppress their exuberance any more than you could at a birthday party. Observance games like these make absorbing en-route activities: Seeing who can count the most animals on either side of the road; trying to reach 50 first by using number sequence on passing license plates; making up rhymes using the names of towns that appear on signs.

As children reach the age where they assume minor responsibilities, use long drives as painless "classes" and point out natural formations, types of plants and animals, historical scenes, types of architecture.

BDetter yet, use motor trips to point out examples of safety -both good and bad practices. You'll find plenty of examples: Children riding bicycles along the highway, jaywalking pedestrians, and the types of drivers children should be warned about, even when crossing on a green light or alighting from a school bus. Nowhere can you demonstrate more graphically than on the open road how difficult it is for cars to swerve, stop quickly, or for drivers to spot children at play behind shrubbery or near parked cars. Older children will be quick to recognize these examples, and will take pride in being the first to point them out. Turn it into a game.

The younger a child is when he starts to absorb the whole idea of courtesy on the highway, the greater peace of mind you'll have when he grows old enough to take the family car out on his own. Emphasize a driver's authority behind the wheel, as well as his responsibility. Impress on young charges that you are like the driver of a bus, the engineer of a train, or the captain of a ship. You have a schedule to make, and you have special rules for all passengers to follow. A slight atmosphere of make-believe often helps keep youthful spirits under control. And when you show youngsters some of the whys and wherefores of driving, you become more alert to safety yourself.

Driving with kids can be fun-or it can be a nightmare. It all depends on how you size up conditions inside the car. And how well you make allowances for one factor you can surely expect when driving with children-the unexpected. THE END


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## Handiest Buick Yet <br> -and at a honey of a new low price


mall wonder that more and more people have been eyeing the Buick Estate Wagon.

It measures up to any chore you have n mind-any trip you want to make-with in ease that's downright heartwarming.

So we're happy to give you some news hbout this handiest of Buicks - its price is ubstantially reduced for 1956-not only in he spirited Century, but also in the already ow-priced Special pictured here.
That means this all-purpose beauty, with ts stunning new styling and really spacious oominess, can be in the hands of more and more folks who need such a work-and-play raveler.

And that means they can have a "wagon" with Buick power, Buick ride, Buick steadiness and solidity-and with the spectacular switch-pitch performance and gas savings of an advanced new Variable Pitch Dynaflow.*
Maybe you have a strong yen for all this Buick thrill and fashion and comfort and handiness.

Maybe you would like room aplenty for six adults and all their luggage or golf gear or fishing tackle or whatever.

Maybe you can really use a solid and level load platform 99.6 inches long with the rear seat folded and the tail gate open.

And maybe you would like the option of a folding rear seat that comes in a
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If such is the case, see your Buick dealer this week, if you can.

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## Original American classics in carpeting ...

For today's most exciting carpet designs, look to one of the oldest and most respected names in floor coverings-


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In '56 carpeting the big news all year is going to be the '49er! Don't miss seeing it.

295 Fifth Ave., New York City


# SUPERSTITIOUS ABOUT DOGS? 

DAVID BLAKE

IIhat on earth are you doing?" my wife demanded, far more excited than my peeling-and-dicing technique would seem to call for. It was my turn to prepare Saturday lunch, and liver and onions was on the menu.
"How can you expect me to do a good job while you're carrying on an endless chatter?" I retorted. "'Does milk give puppies worms?' you want to know. Of course it doesn't! Milk is a good diet for some kinds of worms and they thrive on it in a puppy's stomach but, unless milk is contaminated, it doesn't put the worms there in the first place."
"If you'll just be quiet a minute and listen," persisted the good wife, "you'll realize that I'm not criticizing your skill with a skillet, it's just that you're cutting up my best gladiolus bulbs."
While I was separating what would have been next year's centerpieces from the liver, and pondering the ways of a woman that would cause her to put the glad bulbs where the onions are kept-but knowing better than to ask-it occurred to me that there are a lot of things about dogs that folks would like to be set straight about. Some are little-understood facts, and others are oft-repeated fallacies.
I don't think I have to plead much against the theory that "a barking dog never bites." Many a walking witness has found out the hard way that this isn't true.
"A howling dog is a sign of death"-this is utter superstition. Dogs may feel the primal urge to howl at almost any time. If there's no event to associate it with, the howling is forgotten. But if there should happen to be a death, the howling is remembered.
Lots of people wonder about the curiously alert attitudes that dogs sometimes assume for no apparent reason. Some even believe that dogs can see spirits invisible to human eyes. The truth is that most people can see more than most dogs. It's usually some sound, perhaps of higher frequency than the limit of human hearing, that has aroused the dog's curiosity. Sometimes it's as simple as a particle of dust rising in a ray of sunlight.
"Why do dogs eat grass?" That's one you hear often. To get vitamins? To add minerals to their diet? While a dog may get some small quantity of vitamins and minerals by grass eating, the reason for this purely instinctive behavior is quite different. Actually, in nature, dogs, wolves, foxes, and cats are usually infested with one or another kind of stomach worms. The animals that thrive do so in spite of the worms. When dogs eat grass the worms are caught up in a ball that is then regurgitated, thus getting rid of some excess worms.

IIoes this mean that a dog that eats grass has worms? Not at all! The complete pattern of eating and regurgitating is instinctive.

What to do about grass eating? You can best meet the situation by giving the dog its freedom to eat the grass and allowing enough time for it to regurgitate before taking the dog indoors. Puppies sometimes go a bit to extremes. Regurgitation is so easy and normal with them that they're likely to lose their dinner if they've been allowed to eat grass too soon after their regular meal. Denying dogs the opportunity entirely will often result in their eating straw, cedar bedding, or bits of fabric or horsehair.
All dogs, at one time or another, will circle 'round and 'round before lying down. Some will accompany the circling with scratching. This is a nest-making routine. It's purely instinctive,

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## Superstitious About Doǵs?

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and more likely to show up in females than males. And the female will do this more frequently if she has been bred, or when the time for whelping approaches if she had been bred. If, when the dog is circling on your living-room floor, you imagine grass, fallen leaves, pine needles, or whatever else might be found under a windfall or in a burrow-mixed, of course, with the shed hair of the dog itself-you can picture the way the nest is hollowed into a cozy resting place.

This urge to nest gets very strong at times and might result in a hole in your best chair, bedspread, or rug. Keep the calendar of whelping times in mind so that reasonable restraint can be used to protect furniture. This is when a nest box in a cozy, dark corner will satisfy a natural urge.

1nother bit of dog lore that bothers some owners concerns dewclaws. Many people believe that dewclaws on the hind legs are a sign that a dog is not purebred. This is far from true. Not only do dewclaws appear now and then on purebred dogs of closely guarded ancestry, but a double dewclaw is a requirement without which some breeds can't qualify for the show ring. In breeds where they are not required, dewclaws on the hind legs-and often on the front as well-are snipped off the puppy while still in the rudimentary stage, thus preventing pain and nuisance from catching and tearing which is otherwise inevitable.

Telegony is another fallacy that should be clarified. There are still people who believe that if a purebred female is once bred to a mongrel or a dog of another breed, she can never produce another purebred puppy. Somehow, for the rest of her life, they think her progeny will be influenced by the original mismating. It is strange, but the same people would never question the parentage of the child of a widow by her second husband. Biologically, the influence of the father of the previous mating would be as impossible in one case as the other.
Getting back to the "Does milk gives worms?" question by which the better half inspired all this, it is best to give dogs pasteurized milk. Milk, meat, or other foods can be contaminated and thus become carriers. Meat exposed to flies may carry tapeworms. Pork, or the flesh of any meat-eating animal can contain encysted trichina and cause trichinosis. So such meat should be thoroughly cooked for canine just as for human use.
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"Fred? Holy smoke, I thought it was Tom Bennett. No wonder Tom looked sort of funny when I went over and asked if he was through with $m y$ rake."
"So, one plus one plus one makes three. Right?"
"Yeah, but this is crazy. Out on the job we've got a contractor and half a dozen subcontractors and there are hundreds of tools around and they never get mixed up or lost."
"How come?"
"Why we just slap a little paint on all our tools. Each contractor uses a different color. Simple as that."
"Well?"
So I'd opened my big mouth again and talked myself into another nonpaying job. And as it turned out I'd given all the other guys in the neighborhood a job too. That was two years ago, and now if you're out our way of a sunny Saturday afternoon you'll see a lot of color in the gardens, and it's not all on the flowers, either.
Soon after Edie's "Well?" I started rounding up our garden tools, lawn mower, snow shovel, and what not. I was just going to dab a little green paint on the handles, but when I saw the collection and realized how much a homeowner invests in tools and other equipment I decided I'd do a more thorough job of protecting mine. I bought a package of assorted sandpaper, a box of steel wool, and got set to completely paint all my tools.
First I scrubbed all the tools with soap and water and rinsed them till all the dirt and grease were removed. Then, starting with coarse sandpaper and finishing with steel wool, I did a real job of getting the rust off the metal. And I used fine sandpaper on the wooden handles. Believe me, I love Edie and I wouldn't want her to get a splinter in her hands when I put her to work with a pick and shovel.

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ainting was simple, now. I had plenty of green paint and I painted every tool all over, except for the cutting edge which I figured I'd sharpen with a file.
Then when I came out in the spring with all my tools painted and sharp, Fred and Tom got the idea and some of the other guys did too. Tom painted his black, which his wife Judy said was to match his mood when he had to use them. Fred used fire-engine red, which may have had psychological implications too. He's a banker, drives a dark blue car and wears the most conservative clothes in town. But who cares?
Anyway, this past spring we really hit the jackpot. Everyone
for blocks around came out with newly-painted tools, each fellow's differently colored. A few even went in for two-tone effects. Pete Snow used orange with a three-inch black band around the middle of each handle. He showed me how to do it with masking tapereally quite simple if you want to be fancy. Old Mrs. Burns down the street painted hers lavender-pink, and that seems to be the last place anyone goes to borrow tools. So if you don't want tools borrowed, maybe you can learn to live with lavender-pink.

Most of us, though, still go on lending and borrowing each other's tools. But nowadays everything finds its way back to its owner-usually within a few days or by the next week end, always by the end of fall.

1ow maybe you're thinking that, in a good-size neighborhood where everyone gardens, there aren't enough distinguishable colors for the numbers of gardeners. Well, if it ever gets to be that much of a problem you can always do as Pete Snow did and go in for two-tone effects. And you can combine the two colors any way you like-wide bands, narrow bands, or a combination of both. There's no limit to the
 ways you can use color and no neighborhood's too big for the variety of colors available.
Which leads me to imagine the extreme situation of this kind: every basement or tool shed has a chart that provides a key to the tool colors of the whole neigh-borhood-Jones, dark blue with wide orange band; Smith, white with narrow black band; Williams, red with two narrow yellow bands, and so on to the end of the roll call! Frankly, I sort of like it.

Of course if you're the ultra careful type you'll be glad to know you can buy special branding irons for burning your initials (or your ranch symbol!) into the wooden handles of your garden tools. But burnt-in initials aren't like paint that lets you spot your shovel or lawn rake a hundred feet away.

If you do take to painting your garden tools, you'll probably have to put up with a little kidding at the start, but you'll find it's worth it. And before long the idea will catch on throughout the neighborhood.
Only one warning: If you don't have an Irish name, don't start the ball rolling with bright green. I did, and I haven't heard the end of it from Dave Hogan. Imagine a guy with a name like Olsen using bright green!

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First prize goes to elaborate centerpiece concocted from silvered weeds, thistles, and cockleburs. "Flowers?" Smashed mirror and net.

## 21 TABLES

## IN A PANHANDLE

## BASKETBALL COURT

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The state basketball champions of Texas scamper over the Pampa High School gymnasium most of the year, but the gym isn't theirs when Beta Sigma Phi sorority takes over for its annual all-day table-setting contest. This event attracts people from all over the Panhandle. The contest features tables entered, without a fee, by local women's clubs. They compete for prizes of $\$ 25, \$ 15$, and $\$$ ro. Visitors, who vote for their favorite tables, pay $\$ \mathrm{r}$ admission. Proceeds have aided Girlstown, U.S.A., at White Face, Texas, and Pampa's Community Youth Center as well as the March of Dimes.
On the morning of the contest, trucks arrive at the gymnasium with bozes of dishes, silver, tablecloths, and decorations. Each club provides its own table and has until 1 p.m. to decorate it.
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## 21 Tables

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Cornmeal box forms body of jolly reindeer centerpiece. Antlers are small twigs, head is a small box. Whole thing's painted white.
reflect good taste, imagination, and ingenuity. The contestants bring their best and most treasured table accessories, so tables are kept behind ropes. While in the exhibit area, they're protected by a special insurance policy. In the history of the contest, only one water goblet has been broken.
Prominent in the shows are informal ranch-style tables, but there are also tables with fine antiques and elegant accessories. Last year one club spent only $\$ 1.50$ on its table, while another used over $\$ 1,000$ in brass for its scheme. There may be a table decorated for a wedding reception, patriotic holiday, birthday, bon voyage party, Mother's Day, or any other special occasion. Most of them can be duplicated with little time and expense. Ideas for accessories are endless. Visitors see harness rings used as napkin rings, water goblets cut from brown milk bottles, "second best" silver wrapped in raffia, and tin cans used as candle holders.
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- On the Radio City Music Hall stage, you can see the spectacular Easter Pageant.
- Don't miss the "Signs on Broadway" exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art, and "Japanese Costumes and Accessories" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
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As a parent and leader of children's groups, I believe that some of the most important attitudes we want our children to learn can be acquired by them more quickly and easily through nature and garden activities than through any other media. Not that such experiences are all that children need to develop personality, but they're a necessary part of the whole. This is widely recognized by groups formed to build character. And experience shows that good results follow if nature projects can be given religious significance.

A good place to start is at home or with a group of which your child is already a member. Our enthusiasm for something we are interested in radiates and is caught by children. And we don't have to know all the answers. Nurserymen have always given me more help than I asked for; a florist helped me carry a bulbforcing project through to a successful conclusion; a neighbor taught me how to grow tuberous begonias and I in turn taught my children, my Scout troop, my church school class. Gardeners who don't like to work with children often help if asked to work through adult leaders of groups. There are many sources of ideas for projects: Garden club lectures and handbooks; state conservation department publications and films; the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

Children should be helped to complete projects with a sense of achievement and satisfaction; a plant brought home and left to die can lead to frustration and destroy the very attributes we are trying to develop. And there must be careful beforehand planting; it may well represent three-quarters of a project. The object is not to train gardeners, but to build up the confidence of children in themselves and their world. That way we start them toward becoming well-adjusted members of society. THE END


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2. Push a button, out comes the freezer drawer. Push another button, chopping block, with built-in scale, moves along counter with you. More buttons for pop-up knife rack and paper dispenser, a vegetable sink near supply.

3. This, Frances, is your recipe. Like American Home recipes, picture and ingredients are on the card-but this is an IBM card, punched for action. From built-in file choose your dish, put card in slot, and presto, the picture's on the screen above you in full color. Calls for sugar, flour, salt? . . push the buttons, "brain" does measuring, and down they come.

5. Water boiling, marble cold-I don't believe it! The proof is in the touching, and Frances does. No grates, just tiny target lights, flush with marble top, indicate cooking areas. Boiling water a matter of seconds, not minutes.
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To!
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4. Touch a lever, water is measured, comes out at correct temperature. Built-in hand dryer, powerdriven pot scrubber-but look at this little ultrasonic dishwasher. High-frequency sound waves wash the dishes. Baskets revolve like a Ferris wheel. Total time, three minutes per basket.
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9. Bob makes a beeline for beverage dispenser. Press a button, get hot coffee, ice water, soft drinks, ice cubes or crushed ice. Beside it, storage cabinet for glass, china, and linen rises at touch of a hand, two of same for pots and pans rise up beside marble-topped cooking unit we inspected.
10. For Bob as well as Frances, the ultimate surprise as George pushes button. Counter where Frances set down her purse suddenly rises and reveals to their delighted astonishment crisp salads and chilled desserts in their own special refrigerator in the dining area.
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I immediately called several long-distance movers. The lowest van rate would be $\$ 230$-too steep for us. So I began figuring how I could oust my husband's possessions from the car and substitute my own.
Finally, we compromised on a rental utility trailer that I tracked down through the classified section of the phone book. For $\$ 42$ we could rent a two-wheeled trailer and haul all our possessions to New Orleans. After arriving and moving into an apartment, we'd turn the trailer over to a trailer agent there. It sounded very simple.
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Iach year about this time, along with scent of early flowers and glimpses of new bonnets, there's music in the air. Almost any place you turn, you're very likely to find yourself confronted by song.
In the churches and concert halls, it's sacred and moving music in keeping with the religious side of Easter. But elsewhere there's lots of singing that takes its cue from the gay holiday part of the season. You hear it on radio and TV, in your town hall or school auditorium, at a neighbor's home, or in any of a thousand other places as glee clubs, singing societies, and many other vocal groups get together for Easter singing.

Just how many of us actually join in this delightful pastime defies a count. It's safe to say, though, that the total runs easily into the millions. From one ocean to the other hardly a hamlet exists that doesn't have at least one group of singers. It may be a well-trained choir. It might be a barber-shop quartet, or a group of men determined to develop a first-class male chorus. Or maybe it's simply the members of a family harmonizing in the living room. Whatever form this local group singing takes, it's part of a national hobby, perhaps as deeply-rooted in American life as the Sunday picnic and going to the ball game.

Yet many of us still haven't tasted the pleasures of organized singing. If you do your singing in the shower or bathtub, you're missing out on most of the fun you can get from singing. But this is not a hopeless situation; anyone can join or organize a singing group. Consider these two examples at opposite ends of the country. In Burbank, California, it was a handful of mothers, some of them grandmothers, in fact. They wanted to sing as a chorus. So these women sent out the word that they wanted volunteers, and then formed an organization of 85 members which they call the Mother Singers. They acquired a piano accompanist in their midst and a local music teacher to serve as their director. Their singing leans toward popular songs. The group meets regularly and performs for the community when thoroughly rehearsed.
Across the continent, there's the Handel and Haydn Society of Boston. This group clings to the great vocal works of the classic masters. Auditions are held regularly for new members. To qualify, if you live near enough, you have to be able to read music and hold a part. Of course, the competition for vacancies is stiff because the group occasionally sings with The Boston Symphony Orchestra. So you have to sing and read rather well, perhaps much better than average. But suppose continued on page 50


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## Let There Be Song

(Begins on page 48)

you don't feel up to high standards like those of this widelyknown singing group. You can easily find plenty of other groups with welcome signs out. Take these as typical of any American community.

Just as there are countless numbers of singing groups across the country, so are there different kinds of groups. Somewhere within easy reach of your home, you're fairly certain to find one that suits your need. Your church, your local clubs and service organizations will probably turn up some useful leads.

You can't find such a singing group? Then why not try organizing a singing group of your own? Consult the church organist or the music teacher of the local school for information on how to go about it. For voices, draw on the family. Almost everybody loves to sing. And those who protest vigorously that they "can't carry a tune in a bucket" are most likely underestimating themselves. Most of us can be taught to carry a part, at least well enough to join in the family fun.

One of the nicest things about group singing is that it costs so little. No instrument to purchase, no expensive training required. All it takes is equipment that most healthy people already owna good set of vocal chords. And a little guidance in how to use them correctly.

IIhat sort of numbers should you sing? Anything you please! Libraries contain large and varied collections of vocal music for loan. These range from early medieval madrigals to arrangements of the latest hit tunes. Some families that have tapped these rich sources have developed broad programs covering both the classics and the popular songs of the day. Others prefer the campfire type of songs, or folk songs, or the wonderful chorales of Bach.

If you'd like to try singing that requires more voices, add the neighbors to your pool of talent. And if you want to go in for works that take more voices than you can muster nearby, pass the word along to the next town, to your factory or office. Put up a sign or run a want ad. You're likely to discover a rich vein of willing voices.

So the Easter music you're hearing all around you should serve as an inspiration to sing yourself. You don't have to match the professional performance of the annual Bach Festival at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, or the massive turnouts for the folk-singing festivals in the Smokies of Tennessee. You needn't aspire to compete with the Harvard Glee Club or the A Capella Singers of St. Louis. Just gather 'round with those who like to sing, and have a happy go at it.
Whether you're harmonizing "Home On The Range," singing the "Amen" from Handel's "Messiah," or toying with one of the many lovely choruses from the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, the pleasure is equally great, and it's great because you're singing your own favorite music with your favorite fellow-singers in arrangements that give these compositions their full splendor and give all of you, as performers, that wonderful feeling of being the central instrument in all of it.

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## Dahlia

## 5-Time Winner!

## E. L. D. SEYMOUR

Star performer in the latest round of dahlia shows was the huge flower named for famous TV personality Groucho Marx. The "Groucho Marx," an A-size, pure white, semi-cactus dahlia, gained its stardom by capturing the much-coveted American Home Achievement Medal in five shows across the nation.

The medal, sponsored by the American Home, is awarded by flower societies to the outstanding new exhibited varieties that have been named but are not yet advertised and put on the market.
Winning five medals, as "Groucho Marx" did, was an especially noteworthy achievement on two counts. First, the 1955 growing season, with its alternating periods of drought and excess rainfall, and severe windstorms in many parts of the country, hampered the production of exhibition flowers. And secondly, "Groucho Marx" won its victories at widely separated points-Santa Ana and San Diego in California, Chicago, Milwaukee, and New York City. In the last three cases, the winning blooms were, for the first time, sent to the shows by air. Also, they were given added interest by the presence of charming Rose Marie Comstock, shown here with Groucho Marx the comedian and "Groucho Marx" the dahlia. Her firm, the Comstock Dahlia Gardens of San Diego, California, originated and exhibited the variety.
In all, 83 societies asked for this much desired trophy. Four societies later called off their shows; one unaccountably failed to report; and of the 78 reports that were received, 45 ( 24 of dahlia shows and 21 of gladiolus shows) said "No award made." Of the 33 Medals that were awarded, two went to daylilies, two to peonies, nine to gladiolus, and 21 to 11 new dahlias. For the first time in its continued on page i82



AMERICAN HOME BLUEPRINT HOUSE NO. 51
To Get the Blueprints, See Order Form, Page 134

IIhen you and your family get the urge for a summer vacation house, you want it right away-now-for this summer and for this year's vacation . . . not just for some vague time in the future. With this idea in mind, we asked the firm of Campbell \& Wong to design for American Home readers a vacation house that can be put up ready for "camping" in just six working week ends after the footings are in the ground. And here it is-American Home Blueprint House No. 51. In designing a vacation house that could be roughed in by two people in six working week ends, we believed that most families would prefer to "camp" for a few months, and use their house while they completed the job rather than go without their house all summer waiting until the last details were completed. So this, in short, is a house that you can live in while you build it.
The first job was to work out a floor plan, and this was no small undertaking. The big problems in design were that the house had to be easy to build, take only six week ends to rough in, and be capable of accommodating at least four people-the size of the average family-and have provisions for at least two extra beds for week-end guests. And the plan had to include all the essentials that a family would want in the completed vacation house, but also had to be practical for camping out even though the work was by no means completed.

The plan on page 132 shows how well John Campbell and Worely Wong


## House YOU Can

 Put Up in 6 Week Ends
solved these design problems. The house was made almost square for ease and economy of construction. Living-dining room is large, running the entire length of the house. And to give an even greater feeling of spaciousness, wood decks are built at each end. On the front deck are two raised platforms wide enough to accommodate a single mattress for sun bathing, sitting, or even extra sleeping space, weather permitting. Three sliding-door units-one of wood for closing the house in winter, one of glass for cold and wet weather, and one of screening to keep out the in-sects-are used to close off the open ends of the living room from the two sun decks. Within living area there are two separate sleeping areas each containing two studio beds. These, along with the single bedroom, provide comfortable sleeping for six persons. The living room sleeping areas can be partitioned off from the rest of the space CONTINUED ON PAGE 132



Dr. Phillip A. Loomis of Colorado Springs is a physician who retired to become a specialist in homemade iris. He makes 'em by the thousands!

## Want to be a plant breeder? Then start

with iris. They're easy to work with and the results are likely to give you quite a lift. Some day they may even equal the fine creations of Colorado's Dr. Loomis!

## LOIRIRANE BUUEGESS

|Iow would you like to make brand-new kinds of plants right in your own garden? You can, because plant breeding is as easy as it is fascinating.

In fact, thousands of gardeners become plant breeders every year. What's more, some of the finest flowers that are put on the market every season were originated in home gardens-the creations of specialists in homemade plants.

Home plant breeding is gaining popularity all the time. And since it's such a fascinating hobby, it satisfies both the artistically and the scientifically

Most famous of the Loomis creations is Elmohr, here bearing the tag of a "cross" with another variety.

minded. With many people, indeed, it seems to be an inevitable development of their growing interest in gardening.

Best of all, plant breeding is a simple procedure. What it boils down to is just a matter of placing the pollen of one variety of iris (or gladiolus or dahlia or what have you) on the stigma of another variety of iris (or gladiolus or dahlia or what have you), and then raising plants from the seeds that develop from this "cross." And the only equipment you need for making such a cross is a pair of tweezers. What could be simpler than that?


This new variety is notable for its good color, wellshaped and well-spaced blooms, many-branched stems.


To make a cross, rub the anther of one bloom on the stigma of another.


## ...Homemade IRIS




Dissect a flower-and read the story to know just what's what.

Subtle refinements of color, like the yellow-brown tones of Melodist, are one of the aims of skilled iris breeders. And who knows which swelling seedpod will produce the finest iris ever?

Of course, if you want to become a really successful plant breeder you've got to use choice parent plants when you make a cross, you've got to have the courage to discard all but the finest of the offspring, and you've got to have the patience to stay in the game long enough to know what you're doing and to know when you've got something that's really worth "introducing."

But even if you don't aspire to the fame of Luther Burbank you'll get a lot of enjoyment out of cross-pollinating the best plant varieties in your garden. And the odds are that if you stay with it a few seasons you'll come up with some new CONTINUED ON PAGE 124


2Plan color scheme for designs you have drawn on eggs with wax, and decide background color (see step 4). Fill small containers (tiny glasses are used here) with regular dissolved Easter egg dye. Put dyes on design areas with wood applicators.

1Use religious symbols, geometrics, florals. They are best for egg dyeing. Apply designs with a wax applicator: soft shim stock is rolled around small needle to form tiny tube. Attach tube at right angles to small stick of wood (handle). Dip tube in melted beeswax. Press open end of tube against egg to outline design (appears white).

3 Let designs dry thoroughly, then cover colored areas - carefully with melted beeswax. Use the foil tube applicator for this. The beeswax will protect the colored areas from receiving background color you'll apply next.
 Make a small opening at each end of egg with a sharp needle or hat pin. A quick jab will do

Mrs. Anastazie Dejnozka, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., shows prize Easter eggs. She learned the art in her native Moravia Six of the eggs brought $\$ 18,000$ at a war bond rally.


# Alntiques <br> <br> USE YOUR 

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MAIET E. MONZE!

Iovely antiques are treasures that deserve to be focal points in your decorating scheme. Arrange your antiques with thought and discrimination, and they will add definite charm to almost any room.

Below, the small entrance hallway in the home of Mrs. Marie Lewis of Stamford, Connecticut, impresses you immediately and pleasantly with its unique furnishings. And takes so little space to do it! Marbleized paper is a rich background for the handsome old carriage lamp and gilt-framed mirrors. The old apothecary chest and rushbottomed chair are the major showpieces. Scales fitted with little dishes that hold low bouquets of colorful flowers complete this picture in a most artistic fashion.

IIntrance (right) in the Chicago home of the Howard A. Levys also gives antiques deserved display. Mellow colors of small-patterned document print wallpaper are perfect with the antique furniture. Antique pine chairs flank a small pine chest. Hooked cotton rug is just right for this furniture. The impressive brass wall fount brimming with pretty flowers adds a very happy note.

IIere's a dramatic way to display many treasured small pieces and assorted pictures. In his own home, Karl Humphrey, architect, has hung them above a rare and lovely antique cabinet. They complement the piece gracefully. And notice how beautifully the simple, sculptured Madonna fits into the decorative scheme, while the attractive hurricane lamps give contrast and bring much more importance to the entire grouping.





For living room, the Curtises made clever hurricane lamps of bell jars.

This awkwardly-placed window looks attractive now. Curtises hid the radiator beneath it with dressing table. Window overlooks nearby bay.


IIhen the Harry Curtises went house hunting two years ago, they were looking for a house they could have fun with. Bea and Harry Curtis are both professional decorators, and they felt that owning and furnishing a home would be the most challenging decorating job they had ever taken on.
Suburban developments were tempting. They offered large open-plan homes, play space for children, and convenience to New York City. But somehow, to the Curtises, the houses seemed too new, too perfectly complete. There was scarcely anything they could add to one of these homes, they felt, that would express their own personalities.

Then one day Bea and Harry were driving through Sea Cliff, New York. There they spotted a house they could have fun with. Sure, it was an old house and incredibly run-down. But the Curtises nodded in agreement over its potentialities. Large rooms, a garden, and the substantial construction of the $50-$ year-old house provided just the right background for their unusual decorating ideas.

The exterior needed little more than a fresh, vibrant coat of paint and a few minor repairs to the porch and roof. But inside the house an almost nightmarish do-it-yourself job confronted the Curtises. Rewiring, additional plumbing, and replastering left them shy of money, but certainly not shy of their original enthusiasm for the project. They salvaged a few pieces of furniture from their tiny New York City apartment and relied mostly on antiqueshop "finds" to comfortably furnish their seven rooms. Now the Curtises are happy indeed. From the purple-gray exterior to the extensively remodeled interior, their house is "individualized." the end

## JOSEIPII BREOWN

Associate Professor of Sculpture
Princeton University, School of Architecture

The quick way to dispose of a social problem without solving it is to blame it on the Industrial Revolution Responsibility is then so watered-down that personal responsibility fades to the point of invisibility, and we can contentedly suffer without blaming ourselves. Naturally, we want material and spiritual security; unnaturally, we want it nicely wrapped and delivered direct from a factory, and guaranteed forever.
We're all involved; sculptors and architects, shoemakers and bakers; but don't go away mad-we're not choosing sides in preparation for a fight; we're trying to understand a common problem which will not solve itself

The sculptor-the case of the architect is
basically the same-has tried to escape his responsibilities by juggling forms, in one way or another. On one hand there is the "self-expressionist" who cannot see that self-consciousness and self-expression are not the same-that, actually, one stifles the other.

On the other hand we have the worshiper of the familiar, and each hand is so preoccupied with its own brand of sterility that we "drop the baby," the deep human need for constructive exchange that is the vitalizing spark of every work of art whether it is a building. a statue, or a loaf of bread.

A few years ago one of the classes at the University was given a grade-school as a design problem. In criti-

The Jiggle-Ring, made of rope with a steel core, can be used simultaneously by adults and children without condescension on the part of either. Height, weight, and age are not advantages when "the joint starts jumping."

cizing the playgrounds that were submitted, I pointed out that they erred in two directions. One group took the traditional playground and painted candy-stripes on every pipe above ground, as if perfume could be used as a substitute for soap and water. The other extreme offered "free forms" imitating Swedish and other European developments that had recently been publicized, developments that had contributed, but in an extremely limited way, thanks to the self-conscious approach that perceives each little step as the entire journey.

I asked if anyone had given any thought to the meaning of the word "play." No one had. Generally, it was felt to be a good way of getting rid of the children for a while-safely.
The implications of dilettantism are as deadly serious in architecture and sculpture, or teaching generally, as they are in medicine, and in this case they aroused me to an active personal interest in tackling a problem that was being tickled by almost anybody with an idle finger
Play is nature's way of preparing the child-or any


The Jiggle-Rail is made of spring-steel. Pressure on any part is transmitted in such a way as to demand adjustments that are simultaneously mental and physical. The leader in a game of Follow-the-Leader can feel responsibilities of leadership even if he can't see them.

# Margin for Inspiration 

young animal-for the responsibilities of maturity, allowing him to discover his natural rights and his natural limitations, giving him the chance to find that these rights and limitations vary with the frame of reference, and inducing him to recognize that he is the same as other children as well as different from them, that individual interests and group interests are not necessarily antagonistic but that they are basically interdependent. If a supervisor is used as a substitute for good


The Swing-Ring is made of rubber, rope, and steel. It can rotate and swing, depending on the efforts of the individuals involved. With the proper respect for gravity, inertia, and his fellow man, a child can learn to keep the ring swinging and going around without aid of a pusher.
design he becomes to the child what the lawyer and the policeman become, too often, to his father-a substitute for judgment and conscience. A good play design gives the child the chance to recognize the vitality of his surroundings, through experience learning to respect the complexity of each situation even though his personal aims may be simple; and this respect is neither unreasonable fear nor a thoughtless sense of security, but an acceptance of the fact that personal designs and social designs constantly shape and reshape each other. The margin for error is the margin for inspiration; there can be no real guarantee of success. It is a dynamic process that is directed by the individual, but collaborating with his environment. And that's not grim. CONTINUED ON PAGE 175


## All-Purpose HOBBY TABLE

Start with hollow-core birch door that's $13 / 8{ }^{\prime \prime}$ by $28^{\prime \prime}$ by $80^{\prime \prime}$. Saw it lengthwise into two sections, one $12^{\prime \prime}$ wide, the other $16^{\prime \prime}$ wide. To repair cut edges on both panels, pry top plywood facing off both sections, and cut $2^{\prime \prime}$ off coring-strip ends. Fill this space on edge of each panel
(view, far right) with wood strip. Reglue plywood facing.


Loads of Concealed Strage...

...For a Sewing Center

Next, cut two end panels of the unit out of $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ birch plywood. Make all cleats from $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ thick pine and glue and screw them into place. To fit flush against wall, notch backs of end panels to accommodate the baseboard.

Note plan for sizes of shelves, divider supports, kickboard, the hardboard doors, and so on. Assembly: screw the bottom shelf in place, matching shelf dadoes to dadoed upright strips on end panels. Fasten top on next.

After shelves, doors, and shelf divider-supports go in place, hinge the $16^{\prime \prime}$ drop leaf to $12^{\prime \prime}$ section of table top. Work with table inverted on a flat surface, and protect the top from marring with several layers of paper.


## Provides Storage, Too

## Build this king-sized table . . 80 inches long, 28 inches

## wide in action . . . folds to 12 inches wide at rest . . . and provides OVER 16 CUBIC FEET OF STORAGE SPACE!

0dinary tables for family room or rumpus room have two drawbacks: they take up too much floor space when they're not in use, and they provide no storage space for the things used on the table. The answer? This king-sized table that's a mere 12 inches wide at rest, and then zooms out to 28 inches wide for action. Lots of storage space, too . more than 16 cubic feet of it.
When table's closed, it looks like a sleek, modern cabinet. But open it up and you've got work surface aplenty. Here's room for the kids to really spread out, whether they're playing games, coloring, or building models. Or for the family's seamstress, there's space enough to lay out a pattern, plus storage space for even the sewing machine. As a camera fan's headquarters, table allows lots of room to work on prints and negatives, and has ample safe storage space for equipment.
Best of all, the table's a simple do-it-yourself project. THE END

...For a Wouk and Play Table

...For the Camera Enthusiast

## The idea that a family prefers to do

## everything together should be exploded...

## What's Wrong with Walls?

1ow that architects and home planners have been fostering the idea that comfortable and welladjusted lives can be enjoyed most in the homes where there's a minimum number of walls-"open planning" they call it-I would like to make a rebuttal.

The idea that a family prefers to do everything together should be exploded. Interests, hobbies, and social life of parents and children are often quite different, as is natural with a generation of difference in ages. And it's practically impossible to maintain family harmony when most of the varying activities of each member must take place in the same open area. Whether the area is large or small makes little difference.

Last year we (my husband, two sons, and I) moved into an architect's dream. We have two bedrooms, a bath, and "living area."

The living area is one large room, divided into smaller areas by a sliding panel, a match-stick curtain,


Household noises reverberate to a crushing proportion.


Any untidiness, of course, is risible from afar.
and a fireplace-bookshelf arrangement that semi-partitions the living-room area from the kitchen-utility area.

The first indication that it wasn't as livable as I thought came when I started unpacking the pictures, paintings, and wall decorations. There were only two walls to hang all the pictures that normally hung in the living room, dining room, den, and kitchen. Sadly I packed away my plate collection, several paintings, and wall pieces.

Placing the furniture seemed simple at first. I naively had the movers place the pieces in the logical area. Since then I have constantly moved the furniture in an effort to make our living flow more freely from one area to another. Because of insufficient walls, many of the largest pieces of furniture stick out into the room.

Decorating was practically impossible. I have tried to ease the decor gradually from living room to kitchen, hoping that the dining area isn't completely lost in the transition.


We can't conceal hasty breakfast from early morning week-end caller.

On those rare occasions when my husband and the boys go out at the same time long enough for me to clean and restore order, the living area takes on an illusion of well-organized, planned living. But this is only temporary if we are going to live here. In between thorough cleanings, I have to content myself with hurried spot cleanings and a constant pick-up procedure in order to maintain passable tidiness. And, of course, the first little untidiness shows from afar.

On a recent and typical week end, unexpected callers found us in complete disorder. While dinner was simmering on the stove and the day's accumulation of laundry whirring in the automatic washer, I was knitting and watching television with my younger son. My older son was working on a model airplane on the dining table. My husband had books and papers continued on the next page


Most family activities must take place in the same open area.
scattered about from a research problem he was working on. Even though we were happy to see our friends, it was practically impossible to convince them that they hadn't picked an inopportune time for their visit.

Now I enjoy friends and neighbors who drop in for a chat and cup of coffee, and I prefer to politely fib about their not interfering with my housework. But with the iron plugged in and the basket heaped high with laundry beside the ironing board, my attempts at polite hospitality are lost.

Small household noises reverberate to a crushing pro-


Friends think they've picked inopportune time to call.
portion. More and more frequently I send the boys to play in their room. I limit their television viewing, for most of their favorite programs come just before the evening meal when my husband and I would like to chat together.

When dinner guests arrive, they get a full view of how things are progressing in the kitchen. Cooking odors drift through the entire living area and that spicy little treat is never a secret-neither is the burnt roast.

Women guests always feel compelled to help with the dishes. Otherwise the evening is spent in sight of the cluttered dining area.

And since our entry opens into the dining area, we can't conceal a hasty late breakfast from week-end callers.

I hesitate to make an appeal for the return of the oldfashioned parlor, but to my mind it certainly would be pleasant to have a retreat with full walls and a door to close for privacy once again. THE END


[^3]ON THIS AND FOLLOWING PAGES


## Is this another of

 the type Evelyn Bowen considers impractical?1Ces, this is another example of open-area planning. Evelyn Bowen has just told you what she considers its disadvantages. Now let's take a look at its advantages. See how open planning allows a continuous sweep and restful spaciousness not possible with walled-in rooms. This is the first floor of a Country Estate house in Roslyn, N. Y. Included in the open span of more than 60 feet are den-recreation area, center living area, dining space.

The den (above), separated from the central area by a raised fireplace and brick planter, extends around and behind the foyer wall. The kitchen and breakfast room leave the living and entertaining areas free from all kitchen activities. View from den to central area is at top right, and view through central area to dining space is at right.

The house was decorated by Ellen Lehman McCluskey, A.I.D., and furnished by Gimbel Bros. of New York. Mrs. McCluskey has added to the feeling of spaciousness by painting all the walls a blue white-except for the walnut plywood paneled walls in the den area. Inexpensive cotton carpeting, dyed to order, gives luxurious flavor to the decorating scheme. Costly flowered print was used sparingly, but where it would show up best-on one chair, ottoman, and sofa pillows. At windows, where yardage was a large item, inexpensive fishnet hangs gracefully inside white draperies.

Comfortable seats face large window overlooking terrace and garden. Window slides open-another modern feature. Sturdy fabrics in various blues cover sofas and chairs. In the den, terra cotta adds an interesting third color and ties in with copper color of fireplace hood: Well-proportioned and useful tables complement chairs and sofas.

The dining table, with its glazed ceramic top, and wrought iron obelisks with shelves for art objects are unusual, pleasing additions to this livable area. THE END




IIprivacy, good deoking for in your ideal home: space, why not step inside this hous money's worth? If so, This medium-sized ( $\mathrm{t}, 675$ squse for a closer look. offers privacy for each membere feet) one-story home kids, and "feels" much bigger of a family with three architects at Techbuilt, Inc., Cambrid actually is. The as it achieved all this in a house that's, Massachusetts, The is practical. The secret ingredient? as good looking he liouse was thought of first as two Open planning! linking the and the sleeping area two distinct areaslinking the two. Then rooms area, with the entry hall to fit the family's needs as closely as pized and arranged But instead of splitting up the closely as possible. walls and doors that would give a closed areas with fixed ing, space was divided (and most a closed-in, cubicle feelstorage units, book shelves, fireplace, thed) by making sliding doors work as room divide, planting area, and maintains a great degree of dividers. This arrangement feeling that you're in a privacy, and still creates the isn't blocked by solid walls house because your eye This open planning, in addition small door openings. flay big, also makes it act big. In the making the house play area, for instance, doors slide the children's bed and doors she large playroom for the kids during the day to Even the tonst, each child gets his own privating these to the open-planstruction method of this house bedroom. and strong roonning idea. Heavy posts in the extentributes sary for interior beams support the roof, making itior walls So the floor space partitions to bear the weight of the rooflike. And movabe can be as open or partitioned the roof. change room sizes as yourtitions enable you to rearrange and 72

We present this outstanding home as an example of open planning that gives you...

## Good Privacy with Minimum Walls

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## MONOGRAM SHOWER OR WEDDING GIFTS




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## Eream of Mushroom Soup:



PRIZE-WINNING SOUFFLÉ!

Melt 1 cup shredded process cheese in 1 can Mushroom Soup; add 6 beaten egg yolks. Fold in stiffly beaten whites. Bake in ungreased 2 -qt. casserole, $300^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. for 1 hour. Serve quickly.


2 luscious CREAMED EGGS!

Combine 1 can Mushroom Soup with $1 / 4$ cup milk and heat. Add 4 sliced, hard-cooked eggs and $1 / 4$ cup chopped pimento, if desired. Stir gently. Serve hot and creamy on toast.


3 MUSHROOM GRAVY
MADE IN A MINUTE!

Try this with ham! Remove ham from pan; pour off extra drippings. Add 1 can Mushroom Soup to roasting pan ... and a little milk or water. Hear, stirring frequently. Makes $11 / 2$ cups.

4
HERE IS SPINACH YOU'LL LOVE!

Heat 1 can Mushroom Soup. Add 1 package frozen spinach Cover; simmer about 15 minutes. Stir occasionally during cooking. It's a brand-new vegetablel 4 servings.


- AMERICA'S FAVORITE In a 1 -qt. casserole stir together 1 can Mushroom Soup, $1 / 2$ cup TUNA CASSEROLE! milk, a 7 -oz, can drained flaked tuna, 1 cup drained cooked


6 SCOTCH CHOWDER-A
HEARTY SOUP MATE!

Blend 1 can Mushroom Soup with $11 / 2$ cans milk or water. Stir in 1 can Scotch Broth. Heat and ladle 4 generous servings. It's supper in a bowl ... hot, nourishing, and, oh, so good I

## Try 'em Georgia or Maine style...



Crusty-thin, golden-rich Southern biscuits are as traditional as "Dixie" itself. This recipe from Georgia calls for buttermilk for added flavor.

New England biscuits are the tall and
handsome kind with fluffy-light insides. They love to drink up butter and maple syrup.


## Gold Medal makes a

(BECAUSE GOLD MEDAL ITSELF IS THE FLOWER OF
THE WHEAT.)

- Let's exchange recipes! It's fun when they're as easy and tempting as these all-American biscuit ideas! And, for a flower of a biscuit with any recipe, depend on all-purpose Gold Medal Flour, for Gold Medal itself is the flower of the wheat. (That's where the word "flour" first came from.) Yes, the very finest part of the finest wheats only go into Gold Medal "Kitchen-tested" Flour to help you bake everything better. Why not choose a biscuit that's new to you and bake a flower of a treat for supper?
 like dainty, golden-light Parkerhouse Rolls! With
Gold Medal, these are easy...the dough shapes so well!
Anywhere the tall corn grows, sunny corn meal biscuits satisfy man-sized appetites! Try them with creamed ham or chicken for an easy, festive main dish.


## II <br> Flower of a Biscuit

## Biscuits <br> BASIC RECIPE

## 2 cups sifted GOLD MEDAL FLOUR * 3 tsp. baking powder <br> ${ }^{*} 1$ tsp. salt <br> 1/4 cup shortening <br> 3/4 cup milk

- Heat oven to $450^{\circ}$. Sift dry ingredients together. Cut in shortening finely. Stir in milk. Round up on lightly
floured board. Knead lightly. Roll or fioured board. Knead lightly. Roll or pat out about $1 / 2$ thick. Cut. Place on ungreased baking sheet and bake
10 to 12 min ., until golden. Makes 20 .

Southern Biscuits: Substitute buttermilk for regular
milk in basic recipe. Use only milk in basic recipe. Use only 2 tsp. baking powder; ( $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ ), cut with small cutter.
New England Biscuits: Roll out $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ thick. Place biscuits close together on baking sheet for tender sides.
Corn Meal Biscuits: Substitute $1 / 2$ cup corn meal for $1 / 2$ cup flour in basic recipe. Roll out $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ thick. Cut diamonds with sharp knife.
"Pocketbook" Biscuits: Roll out $1 / 4$ " thick. Cut rounds, spread with butter, fold in half, press edges together.
*If you use GOLD MEDAL Self-rising Flour, omit baking powder and salt.

## the "Kitchen-tested" Flour





For details about table appointments, see "Where Credit Is Due," page 163
ceremonies, and revered it as the grain of the gods. Those Indians knew a good thing when they tasted it. Some people swear by creamed corn. Others insist on the kernel variety. I try to stay out of the fight, but find myself sliding off the fence every once in awhile to remark that all packs find favor in my kitchen. All the recipes given here also have franchise in my recipe file. I consider them all-year-'round privileges for the most finicky of appetites. Corn does deserve its good reputation.

THE END


EVER-PUFFED<br>CORN SOUFFLE

## APRIL

When they learn you've fooled 'em, they'll be

## FOOL

surprised . . . but pleasantly!

IT'S NOT WHAT THEY THINK because these are not hamburgers. But it is at least even money that after your family takes one look at these cakes in the frying pan on the range they'll ease themselves into their chairs and say "Mmmm! Hamburgers tonight." This recipe's a good April Fooler to remember as a year-'round main course, too. When you don't have ground beef and want burgers, you start with a cup of cooked lentils and a cup of grapenuts, and end up with a HAMBURGER PARAPHRASE. And we can guarantee that nobody-but-nobody will be able to pass this dinner up.


IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK
but it is one of those wonderful tricks that farmwives-who didn't have fancy grocery stores around the corner to supply out-of-season foods-discovered years ago. When the sweet potatoes were "all," as they say in Pennsylvania Dutch country, the farmwife substituted. She reached down for the canned carrots, or she broke out another pumpkin from down in the cellar to replace the sweet potatoes. Nor was this switch unknown to the wife who had specific directions to supply the old man with pie for breakfast, dinner, and supper 365 days a year. Squash, pumpkin, or carrots could well save the day and become her SWEET POTATO TRAVESTY. Now I have a confession to make. If I were blindfolded and asked to make a decision on which was which, I would only be guessing. But I am not guessing when I say this is a mighty good casserole-one that I'd welcome being fooled by any time of year. I rate it tops.


IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK
That is, it's not what you think if you are expecting apple pie. But it is a MOCKERY PIE that will fool you even if you're one of those who swear their nostrils can detect any substitute for apple pie the minute it is brought to the table. We offer you a piece of pie-the Great American dessertjuicy, flakey, cut about $60^{\circ}$ on the circle, and just drippy enough to look most hospitable. This pie is a "believe-it-or-not" in the recipe file, because the filling is made from a staple-salted crackers.

## IT'S NOT WHAT THEY THINK

and I am surprised to find no end of good cooks who have never heard of substituting nuts for meat. This strikes me as a mighty good reason for mounting the house tops and shouting the recipe for PSEUDO MEAT LOAF. This nut and rice combination doesn't deserve April-Fool mockery.

And as long as it is April-Fool time, let me tell you about another fooler that our Edie Ramsay stumbled onto during a recent trip to Texas. It's a BLACK BEAN PATÉ that tastes for all the world like goose liver (but at black-bean prices). We don't show a picture of this one, but take it



JEAN AUSTIN
When not only the makings but even the pan to bake it in comes off the grocer's shelf in one neat package, my asking you to make a cake "from scratch" might well be construed as asking superfluous effort. Unless, of course, the result be something very special indeed! Madam, I submit that my Torte Senegalese is something special. It can't be bought in a package and you won't find it in a bake shop. I give you my word, Madam, that here is a cake well worth the doing. Not only will you have something that is very special eating, but you will have served forth a definitely elegant conversation piece as well. Now there's a gratifying way to end a meal, mais oui? I should like to suggest that you build this basic recipe into a spécialité de la maison. Vary it to suit your whim, to suit the season. Use a chocolate creme for the filling, spread the top thick with apricot jam; substitute curaçao for the rum and arrange fresh orange slices before you spread on the egg whites; add ground almonds; use freshly grated coconut-there are infinite combinations to titillate the palate and keep this basic recipe a constant, ever-changing delight and surprise. And, as you become more and more adept at improvisation, the greater will be the fame of your spécialité de la maison.

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# Itss real chocolate 



## made with real

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1beggar, according to the old story, asked a housewife for food. When told she had none, he asked if she could make a "stone stew." Her curiosity aroused, she asked for the recipe, whereupon the beggar produced a smooth stone, washed it, and put it in a pot of water to boil. From time to time, he lifted the lid to peek in. Then he told the housewife that, if available, he always added a few carrots. She obliged. "I usually put in a hunk of meat," he furthered. "But of course, you don't have to." She brought the meat. The addition of potatoes was then suggested-and supplied. "Cabbage gives 'stone stew' a delicious flavor, but, of course, you don't have to add it," said the beggar. On and on went the requests, until the aromatic concoction was bubbling. When the beggar and the housewife sat down to partake of the food, she thanked him for teaching her how to make it. "All you need is a stone," she marveled, "and you can add vegetables and meat if you wish-but you don't have to!"
You need go to no such extremes as the beggar with his stone stew, but you can, with a bit of experimentation, come up with a stew that will win over the most difficult appetite. Every country has its own national stew, and the secret of success with them all is the blending of many flavors-and improvisation. And the reward they all bring is the economical use of tough cuts of meat and ordinary vegetables in a delicious dish.
The first secret of a good stew is to brown the meat before stewing. Following the proportions given in a good cook book or reliable recipe, sauté your stew meat in fat, turning each piece often. Browning fast, remember, prevents shrinkage and toughening of the meat. When the meat is golden brown, add a large onion, finely diced, and brown slightly. Then toss in a few tablespoons of sifted flour, and mix well. Next come the liquids -water, meat or vegetable stock, broth, tomato juice or tomato paste, or what have you! Then your seasonings and flavoringssalt, pepper, garlic, and whatever herbs you like best-at our house, chili powder sometimes makes a nice addition.

Experiment, too, with the vegetables you add to your stews. Diced carrots and potatoes, the standbys, can be varied or augmented by diced turnips, celery, or even a small can of peas.

But the experimentation doesn't stop with the cooking-no, ma'am! Serve the stew with biscuits, or fresh bread (the crusty kind), and sometimes even with crackers. An excellent variation is stew topped with dumplings: toward the end of the stewing period, mix the dough according to your favorite recipe, and drop it by the spoonful into stew, to boil (always keep the kettle tightly covered so dumplings don't fall).

THE END


## Simple Salmon Supper with STARLAC-the heart of milk

STARLAC SALMON LOAF
(Makes 4 to 6 servings)

| 1-1 lb. can salmon <br> (2 cups) or | $1 / 2$ cup salmon <br> liquid |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2 cups cooked flaked | 3 tbs. Starlac powder |
| salmon | 2 tbs. minced parsley |
| 2 cups soft bread | 2 tbs. minced onion |
| crumbs | 2 tbs. melted butter |
| 1 egg, well beaten | 2 tbs. lemon juice |
| $1 / 2$ teaspoon salt |  |
| Few grains cayenne pepper |  |

Drain salmon, reserving liquid. Remove skin from salmon, flake, add crumbs and egg. Measure salmon liquid; add water to make $1 / 2$ cup. Add Starlac to liquid and mix; add to salmon mixture with remaining ingredients. Shape into loaf; place on buttered shallow baking pan. Bake in moderate oven 40 min . Let stand 5 minutes. If desired, serve with Mustard White Sauce.

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(Take a Can of Corn, pictured in color on page 78)


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- Come on, let's be honest! How many times have you said "I tried your recipe, but it didn't work"? Believe us, it isn't Lady Luck playing tricks. The culprits may be the small equipment in your kitchen. Teacups and dented measuring cups can cause errors bad enough to make a failure of almost any recipe. Table silver and bent measuring spoons are all right when you are measuring salt for the stew, but they aren't calibrated to give you a perfect cake or a perfect muffin time after time.

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it Cocktail's five ready-fixed fruits-in tangy, apple-flavored Jell-0*
t it gay! And yes, it has that brilliant, refreshflavor you want in salads! Fruit cocktail's cious fruits are in it-cling peaches, pears, pes, cherries, pineapple. Sparkling and tasty himmering apple Jell-O. Use them together $\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{Jell}-\mathrm{O}$ and fruit cocktail!

Easy Recipe. Simply follow package directions for making Jell-O, add a dash of salt, a tablespoon of lemon juice or vinegar. Chill until slightly thickened. Fold in well-drained fruit cocktail. Chill until firm. To serve, unmold and garnish with colorful fruit cocktail.
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## FISH ALMONDINE

Sprinkle salt and pepper on 4
fresh or frozen fish or fillets. Coat fresh or frozen fish or fillets. Coat
lightly with flour. Pan fry in $1 / 3$ cup hot Wesson Oil about 6 min utes, until browned on both sides. utes, until browned on both sides.
Remove fish to warm platter. Add

3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice to oil in pan. Heat and pour over fish. Brown $1 / 4$ cup slivered almonds lightly in pan. Sprinkle over fish; garnish with parsley and lemon wedges.

## FRENCH FRIED SHRIMP WITH DEEP SEA DIP

2 lbs. cleaned fresh shrimp, raw or cooked, or 3 cans (5-ounce size) large Blue Plate or Gulf Kist Shrimp 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour $1 / 2$ teaspoon salt
Rinse canned shrimp; dry. Sift flour and salt. Add egg white, milk, and fresh lemon juice; beat until smooth. Beat in Wesson Oil. Dip shrimp into batter, drain. Fry 2 to 3 minutes in Wesson

## 1 egg white

$1 / 2$ cup milk
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons Wesson Oil Wesson Oil for frying absorbent paper. 6 servings. DEEP SEA DIP: Mix $1 / 2$ cup ketchup, 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, 2 tablespoons Wesson Oil, 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind, $1 / 2$ teaspoon horseradish, dash Tabasco. Stir well
before serving.

## American Home Recipes

(Family Food, pictured in color on page 80)
(Good Victuals, pictured in color on page 82)

American Home Magazine offers cellophane envelopes for protecting recipes in your card file. They come in a standard $3 \times 5$ inch size and are open at both ends so that recipes may be easily inserted, You can order them in lots of 100 for $\$ 1$ from

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## American Home Recipes

(Family Food, pictured in color on page 80) (Good Victuals, pictured in color on page 82)


## NEW CAKE MIX FROM Pillsbury!

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## Fresh idea for breakfast !

## ...this fresh cream cheese on toas



In contrast to the all-too-familiar parades of protestation on the first of May, Rhode Island greets this joyous day
 with its traditional, state-wide ...

## MAY-DAY BREAKFAST

Rev. Charles R. Andrews, Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church pastor, talks with a four-generation family at the breakfast.


IIho ever called it "poor little" Rhode Island? No one who ever attended one of their May-Day breakfasts! Number 89 is coming up, with a feast of ham 'n eggs, johnnycakes, sausages, jams, rolls, fruit juices, milk, coffee, and their traditional breakfast fa-vorite-homemade pie. Our Edie Ramsay attended last year and reports the breakfasts are tops for food and fun.

The May-Day breakfast started at Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church in Cranston in 1867 and was so popular it's been repeated every year. Now it has become a state-wide tradition, helping charities, too.
You too can take a leaf from this successful festival. Start a big May-Day fund-raiser breakfast in your town, or try making May-Day breakfast in your home really special-complete with pie, and May baskets. THe end


Sandra Nickerson, serving food since 5:30 a.m., stops to enjoy homemade pie.


Pitching in to wash Oak Lawn May-Day breakfast dishes are (left to right) Wesley H. Bates, Arthur F. Bowen, Russell Henry, and Roger Leathers.
 tried the new BettyCrocker Brownie Mix, I hope!"
"And so do I . . . because everybody loves brownies! From Grandpa right on down to the littlest toddler. Now, with my new Brownie Mix, they can have all the brownies they want - all the time. And it's the easiest treat you ever popped into an oven! You can make them fudgy - or you can make them soft and tender like cake. But make sure you make plenty! Seems everybody can be persuaded to eat just one more. Do bake up a quick-and-easy batch of Betty Crocker Brownies soon!"
"Better hurry to get yours'cause they're selling like brownies!'


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LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT!

It still runs true in cooking as well as romance that the little things mean a lot. Even a simple cake or crumb-crust pie can be something extra special with just such a little addition as Brazil nuts. We decorated a plain cake with nuts, for example, and now it's picture-pretty proof that the little things do mean a lot.


Crumb and Brazil nut pie crust, with custard filling, is too luscious to miss. Use finely chopped nuts.


Nuts are easier to slice or sliver when they are moist. Use our suggested pressure cooker method (January issue) to remove shells easily. Slice immediately before kernels become crisp.


## All you need are oven-ready biscuits and

## Dinty Moore Beef Stew

Slide this hearty homey meal into the oven . . . in can opener time!" Biscuits are the oven-ready kind, and the stew is Dinty Moore, America's favorite because it's double-rich in beef. To a lusty beef gravy is added still more beef, in savory chunks. With firm
white potatoes, tender carrots, it adds up to a magnificent $11 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$. !
*For best results, bake biscuits on preheated stew . . . 15 min ., at $450^{\circ}$.

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## Candle Bloom?

(Begins on page 100)

2. Place coffee tin on newspaper; have cake rack at hand. Hold flowers by stem and dip quickly in and out of wax for thin, even coating. Hold flowers over paper until they stop dripping. Set on rack to cool. Repeat the process two times.

3. After third dipping, while flowers are still warm and soft, fasten them to the candle with straight pins. Put the flowers high enough on the candle to allow room at bottom. Remember, you will have to insert the candle in a candle holder.

4. Reheat the wax so you can use it to cover the head of each pin you used to secure flowers in place. Pins will be hiddenwill, in fact, be invisible-if they are waxed like the flowers were. Use a piece of wire to drip wax onto pin heads. THE END

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# 50 YEARS OLD 



## AND STILL MODERN

## ETHEL MCCALI. HEAD

Back at the turn of the century, this startling house was built in Eagle Rock, California. And through the years, its features remained just as they'd been built originally. Yet when Mr . and Mrs. E. J. Schmitz ran across it recently while house hunting, they discovered that it's a first cousin of many homes being built today that are considered modern. Why? Because this house was decades ahead of its time, proving that certain builders and architects of 50 years ago already had many ideas for comfortable living that some "Moderns" smugly claim as their own.
Exactly what's so modern about this old house? Well, it has a simple roof with wide overhangs that shade windows in summer, but let in low-angle winter sun. Long glass areas give house a horizontal look and bring outdoors in. Second floor guest-sewing room has a 14 foot bank of windows . . . the master bedroom has a 10 -foot bank. A continuous strip 12 feet long graces the dining room, and there's a $9-$ foot strip behind the living room couch. Builtins? Nearly every room in the house has spacious ones.

And the rooms themselves are so large that the Schmitzes in their new-old house have more floor space than they could possibly have gotten for anywhere near the same price in a new house. Downstairs are the living room, dining room, bedroom, and bath-plus the handsome new kitchen that replaces the original kitchen setup which was the only major
flaw the house had. Upstairs: three bedrooms, bath, and the guest-sewing room. The entire house was built of redwood.
View directly below shows living-room bank of windows, and glass wall in entry way. Below left, the large dining-room windows give sun, air, and view. Below right, wide redwood boards and battens of living room and hall are in contemporary mode.



## A Kitchen Gets In Tune

(For rest of Schmitz house, see preceding page)
EDDITH RAMSAY


Clever panel of ash hides fuse box, forms background for displaying trivets.

A must in every home, the fuse box is often eyesore. But this one isn't.


IIThen the E. J. Schmitzes bought their 50 -year-old house, it looked quite modern -all but the kitchen area. Three cramped, tired rooms (pantry, laundry, and kitchen) were flunking the job that one good kitchen could do. The solution? Throw these three rooms into one, making a charming modern kitchen with break-fast-playroom adjoining. Could have been budget-bustingly expensive, of course, except that Mr. and Mrs. Schmitz decided they'd do most of the work themselves.

Making a big room out of little ones was mostly a question of removing old partitions and lining the remaining walls with handsome ash. Mr. Schmitz, with a little help now and then from a carpenter, handled this phase of the remodeling. And who do you suppose carried off the painting and wood-finishing honors? Mrs. Schmitz!

Center of activities is the sink in U-shaped work area. Just a step or two to oven and surface-cooking units, and plenty of work surface between. Close by are mixing and clean-up centers. Groceries carried through back room are dropped off at refrigerator. Breakfast-playroom, set apart only by dining bar, blends into over-all scheme. And what a spot for a piano, and all the playing and singing that goes with it!

Custom-built cabinets of wide ash boards with black hinges add not only to efficiency but fun of living here. Neat and functional pull-out cutting board helps provide lower work surface for sit-down work. The wine-red of linoleum counter top is repeated in paper on walls and ceiling. All in all, a melody in remodeling. THE END




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Beware of both dust and heavy grime that works down into rug pile. Follow a good rug-cleaning routine: DAILY-Use your carpet sweeper for those light pick-ups that are a must. Light vacuuming is equally recommended to keep surface soil to minimum. WEEKLY-Vacuum thoroughly, moving furniture, using attachments, and getting into the corners. PERIODIC OR SPECIAL CLEANING-Once or twice a year, send your rugs
continued on page ilo


Tea party muss is no fuss if carpet sweeper comes to rescue. Use for daily clean-ups.


To keep your carpet pile fresh and springy feeling, always vacuum it in same direction.

## Exciting Ways To Decorate Your Windows

by ANNE DAVIS

Judd's consultant on interior decorating

There are many "right" ways to decorate any window. The best are those which express the mood of the room - and your own personality. Before you shop for fabrics, though, it will pay you to see
 what's new in Judd Drapery Fixtures. For remember, the success of any window treatment both literally and figuratively hangs on a fixture. Shown here are just a few of the sturdy fixtures Judd has designed to help you create smart window effects. See them at your favorite store - and for hundreds of other ideas get Judd's authoritative color book on window decoration.

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## Make Ruǵs New

(Begins on page 108)
to a plant to have experts clean them thoroughly, or have experts bring their supplies to your home to clean your rugs. Or you can buy dry or foam rug cleaners and do a satisfactory job yourself. (There are liquid carpet cleaners that remove soil from all kinds of carpets and at same time give a silicone coating to keep dirt from adhering to the surface.) Just be sure to investigate what you buy. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.
ere are some "do's and don'ts" to help you: (r) Run vacuum cleaner diagonally across small throw rug and off edge so suction doesn't lift or roll rug. Don't shake or snap rug-it breaks yarns in backing. (2) Face rugs in different directions once or twice a year to distribute wear more evenly. (3) Clip protruding tufts from rugs with shears. Don't pull them out. (4) Clean shoe soles before you go indoors . . . don't track salt, ashes, soil onto rugs. (5) Don't ever beat your rugs. (6) Lift, don't drag, furniture to move it, or you may damage rug fibers. (7) Have worn rug edges rebound-attempts to trim them mean more unraveling. (8) Always use a carpet cushion to smooth out floor irregularities and absorb shock and wear. (9) Move heavy furniture occasionally to prevent permanent indentations in rugs. (IO) Don't hang rugs over a line. It strains fibers and may break them. (II) Air conditioners and humidifying devices help overcome dry air that is hard on rugs! (12) Use non-skid paint or pads under scatter rugs so they won't slide and make people fall. (13) If you vacuum part of a rug and find that area darker or lighter than rest of rug, it is shadowed because you have pushed natural slant of rug pile in opposite direction. Shadow's less apparent on plain rug if slant is pointed away from light. Colors and patterns look stronger and darker if slant points toward light.

## FIRST AID FOR

## RUGS AND CARPETS

The following emergency methods use common household products to make periodic big rug-cleaning jobs easier.

Always protect your hands with rubber gloves. Then use clean, white, unstarched cloth, white absorbent tissue, or white paper towels to absorb as much of the spill as you can. If possible, put an old towel or white cloth under the stained area.
Next, always start at outer edge of stain and gradually work toward center with a rotary motion. Don't brush. Stain will respond, if at all, to gentle rubbing. When you can, apply recommended spot remover to stain with a medicine dropper.


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## FORMULA TWO

Mix I tsp. of white vinegar and 3 tsp. of lukewarm water in a glass. Apply as directed above, but let solution remain on stain for about ${ }_{15}$ minutes. Blot up, sponge, and blot again as in Formula One.

CAUTION: Several of treatments below call for sponging or spraying application of non-flammable, home dry-cleaning solvents. Many tufted rugs have rubber backing, so apply solvent lightly or rubber may be damaged. Be sure to open windows. Animal urine. Sponge stained area several times with clean, lukewarm water. Use clean, damp, unstarched cloth to absorb moisture. Apply Formula Two as directed. Let dry, then apply Formula One. Let dry and apply Formula Two again. If color of rug changes in spite of your efforts, you may have to have it dyed. Alcohol, coffee, tea, soft drinks. Sponge area with lukewarm water. Absorb and repeat several times. Apply Formula One, then, if necessary, Formula Two.
Blood, Sponge with cool water, apply Formula One. If yellowish stain appears apply a few drops of peroxide. Leave two or three minutes, then sponge with cool water.
Butter and fats. Apply non-flammable household dry-cleaning fluid to stain with medicine dropper. Sponge. Observe CAUTION above.
Chewing gum. Apply non-flammable household dry-cleaning fluid liberally on and around outside of gum. Leave three or four minutes. Lift off gum with spatula. Repeat, if necessary. Observe CAUTION above.
Egg, gelatin, mucilage. Apply Formula One as directed, then Formula Two, if necessary.
Fruits and fruit juices. Sponge with clean, white cloth dampened with lukewarm water. Apply Formula One. Ice cream, milk, desserts. Sponge with lukewarm water. Apply Formula One. Oil. Apply non-flammable household dry-cleaning fluid with medicine dropper. Sponge with clean, white, unstarched cloth. Observe CAUTION above.

If stain covers large area, send rug to professional cleaner.
Candy, chocolate, sugar. Scrape off crusty area with spatula. Sponge with lukewarm water. Apply Formula One. Wax. Scrape off as much as possible with spatula. Apply non-flammable dry-cleaning fluid. Sponge with clean cloth. See CAUTION above. THE END


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TROMPE-L'OEIL-Give shell base coat of flat white spray paint. Cover with letters, photographs. Shellac and let dry. Glue bias tape on in pattern.


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## LOOK WHAT'S ? HIDING!

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The Louis de Haven Shaws, Manhattan Beach, California, made problem corner, with four doors, into an asset. Narrow bedroom wardrobe, formerly curtained, now has its sliding doors papered like walls. Door from hall to bedroom opens back against smaller closet hidden by curtain. Hall to bath now is dressing room. The Alfred Fromms of San Francisco wanted to put storage space in their den, but had not enough wall space, with doors to a bath and closet. Solution? The handsome storage wall planned by designer Gus Friedman. It has bookshelves, and
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Two pools decorate the garden of the Harold Worthington home in Northport, N.Y. This, the lower one, is plastic. Water flows into it from the higher pool through a shallow little "run" of rocks, wire netting, and concrete. Work was done by owner.


## GARDEN POOL

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

Clay Bailey of Centerport, N.Y., made a plastic pool part of terrace, supported by a stone-topped concrete wall edging a path. Mrs. Bailey helped with the planting after her husband did the masonry work. Water gushes out fountain-like from between some rocks to give this pool a very special appeal hard to resist.

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|saw it first at a spring flower and garden show of Long Island Nurserymen's Association. It looked like an oddly-shaped bathtub, but it's a plastic pool roughly kidney form, $5^{\prime}$ by $3^{\prime}$ and $18^{\prime \prime}$ deep, with a flange around the top ranging from $2^{\prime \prime}$ to $6^{\prime \prime}$ wide. It's light (under 30 pounds) and easy to handle, yet sturdy and strong . . . molded of brown or green plastic. What's more, it costs only about $\$ 39.50$.

I was so intrigued that I tracked down the distributor of the pool and visited homes where the pools had been installed in real gardens. The homeowners had installed the pools without hired help. They simply painted the flanges, dug holes to fit the plastic "tubs," then, when these had been settled in place, filled in around them and graded and planted as they liked.

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Only tools required are coping saw, drill, and pocket knife. First saw bottom to shape-each square on the pattern equals 1". Soak veneer for sides in boiling water until it's soft and pliable for bending around bottom. Tack bent wood around edge of bottom piece and wrap with strong twine to hold in shape until dry. When it is dry, fasten permanently by gluing to bottom. Glue lapped ends, too. When glue sets, drill holes for lacing lapped ends with raffia. Cut lid, latches, and handle. Glue and screw to box. Bend ends of slots in top to match bevel of latches. Trim bevel until latches hold lid, yet release smoothly when pulled back, Sand, then brush on penetrating resin. the end


Materials: Hardwood, $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ by $7^{\prime \prime}$ by $14^{\prime \prime}$ (bottom) ; $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ by $7^{\prime \prime}$ by $14^{\prime \prime}$ (top) ; $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ by $4^{\prime \prime}$ by $5^{\prime \prime}$ (latches and handle). Hardwood veneer, $1 / 3^{\prime \prime}$ by $4^{\prime \prime}$ by $32^{\prime \prime}$ (sides). Screws, brads, glue, lacing, resin sealer.


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## HOW TO INSTALL PARQUET FLOORING



JoNATHAN ALEY

IIandsome parquet flooring is no longer a parlor luxury that must be installed by a professional. Unfinished and prefinished blocks come in various styles, are competitive in price with high-grade resilient floorings, and you can install them yourself using the adhesive method shown here.

First, give your dealer an accurate floor plan and he will supply you with the necessary blocks, adhesive, and notched spreader. You will also need a chalk line, rule, hammer, broom, and saw. Since concrete floors require special damp-proofing or priming before the floor can be laid, discuss this process with your dealer to see if you feel capable of tackling the job. If your old floor or exposed subfloor has tightly fitted boards less than 6 inches wide, omit plywood layer in method described here. In any case, nail down all loose boards and level unevenness with heavy floor sander.

Remove baseshoe and baseboards from walls. Cover subfloors in poor condition with $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ plywood sheets spaced $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ apart for expansion. Drive large headed screw-type nails $4^{\prime \prime}$ apart along sheet edges, through subfloor into all joists; drive nails $8^{\prime \prime}$ to $10^{\prime \prime}$ apart in both directions over the entire surface.


Sweep floor clean and then spread adhesive on half the floor just up to guide line. Lay blocks in pyramid fashion starting in center of room. Seat tongues into grooves, lower block to position. Tap exposed edges to fit blocks tightly together. Don't slide blocks, or adhesive will pile up, impeding fit.

Snap chalk line across center of floor parallel to most visible wall. Set row of blocks along line and another row through the center of the room at right angles to line. Allowing an inch for expansion at walls, shift the rows to leave between a half and a full block at end. Mark new guide lines along relocated rows.


Lay all possible whole blocks on adhesive-covered half of floor. Then shift materials onto completed section, apply adhesive to other half of floor, and proceed as you did on first half. Where blocks fit around pipes, cut hole one inch oversize toward center of room for expansion. Use same clearance at fireplace hearth.

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cast: Mrs. John Parker, smart young housewife; Nancy, her 7-year-old daughter, and Mr. Kemp, appliance dealer.
place: Mr. Kemp's appliance store.
time: The present.

Mrs. parker: (Squinting both eyes and advancing a firm step toward Mr. Kemp.) I've been doing just fine without it. Anyway, we're just looking around.
Mr. KEMP: (With tremendous patience.) Ah, but you do use a vacuum cleaner . . .
mRs. PaRKER: (Interrupting.) Don't change the subject.
Mr. KEMP: Please, Madam. I'm merely trying to make a point . . .
mps. parker: Come, Nancy, we really must go.
Mr. KEMP: But, Madam, you have a vacuum cleaner, dishwasher, washing machine
mas. parker: Yes, I know . . .
me. Kemp: But, Madam, what you don't know is that the average housewife spends over 100 hours a year mopping, polishing, scrubbing and waxing floors by hand, something the Johnson can do in one-tenth the time!
mps. parker: (Suspicious.) Well . . .
Mr. KEMP: (Encouraged.) It's true. This machine is a necessity . . .
mas. parker: Please restrain yourself, Mr. Kemp.
MR. KEMP: But think of the drudgery you will be spared. No more down-on-knees scrubbing
mrs. parker: (Baiting him a little.) You think of it!

## Johnson's Wax Polisher-Scrubber

Mr. Kemp: (Ignoring interruption.) With the Johnson, you can quickly buff up spots where the wear is extra heavy -without doing the entire floor every time! Think of the time you'll save!
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mRS. PARKER: (Weakening.) I never realized the Johnson could do so much for me. By golly, I think I'll get one.
little nancy: (Silent, up to now.) Don't buy it, Mommy!
mas. parker: (Astounded.) What did you say?
little nancy: I said, don't buy it! Daddy's giving you a Johnson for your birthday. I saw it in his closet.
mas. parker: (Much embarrassed.) You did? Well, I'm sorry, Mr. Kemp, but . . . I guess I won't need two Johnsons.
Mr. KEMP: (Resigned.) Quite all right, Madam. All in a day's work. But you'll love the Johnson you're getting.



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## Homemade Iris

(Begins on page 56)
plants that you'll have every right to be proud of.

Perhaps the best plants for the beginning plant breeder, or hybridist, to start working on are the colorful garden iris. They used to be called German iris, but nowadays they're known in the trade as tall bearded iris. They come in almost every color of the rainbow, they produce a wide variety of differently colored offspring, they're easy to cross-pollinate, the bees aren't likely to interfere with your work by their own pollinating activities, iris are easy to grow in almost any part of the country, and they generally flower the second spring after the autumn in which the seed is sown.
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D efore actually cross-pollinating any iris, it's a good idea to sacrifice one flower by taking it completely apart to familiarize yourself with its different parts. The petals at the top of the flower are the standards. Those at the bottom, which hang downward or stand outward, are the falls. The beard, by reason of which this class of iris is called bearded, is on the inner surface of each fall. None of these flower parts, however, has anything to do with cross-pollination.
The parts that matter are the pistil (the female element) and the stamen (the male element). The pistil consists of the ovary (which on fertilization becomes the seed pod), the style and (at the tip of the style) the stigma. The stamen consists of the filament, which is stemlike in most flowers, and the anther, which is at the tip of the filament and which bears the pollen.
Fertilization occurs when pollen is placed on the stigma and sends its pollen-tube down through the style and into the ovary.
In the iris the style is three-branched and there are three stamens; hence there are three stigmas and three anthers. The style branches are bladelike and are located between the standards or upper petals of the flower. The stigma is a narrow flat surface near the tip of the blade. The stamens are underneath the stylebranches, the anther just below the stigma. The pollen (on the anther) is mature as soon as it becomes powdery. The stigma is ready for fertilization when it becomes sticky.

To make a cross, use a pair of tweezers to remove a mature anther from a flower and to rub it against the mature stigmas of a flower on another plant as shown on page 56 . That's all there is to it.

After making the cross-and assuming you've kept your iris varieties labeled-tie a small tag to the base of the flower to indicate the names of the varieties which have been cross-pol-
linated, and the date of the cross.
Iris breeding has long occupied the attention of Dr. Phillip A. Loomis, retired Colorado Springs physician in whose garden all the photographs on pages 56 and 57 were taken. Some of the iris pictured are his own homemade creations; others are the products of hybridists all over the country. The doctor is best known among iris fanciers, incidentally, for creation of famous Dykes Medal winning variety Elmohr.
Every spring Dr. Loomis makes many crosses between his own best originations and those of his hybridist friends. By the fall the seed pods are ripened and dry and each contains from 10 to 50 seeds. The seeds are then sown in well-cultivated soil an inch or so apart in rows $3 / 4$ inch deep and 3 inches apart. In the spring at least 50 per cent of the seeds send up sprouts. As the seedlings become crowded they are transplanted, spaced farther apart, and grown on until they bloom, which is usually in the second growing season.

All the plants whose flowers are muddy-colored, or are otherwise inferior to those of existing varieties, are immediately discarded. This invariably means most of the new plants. The relatively few that show superior qualities are kept for further testing and, if they survive the tests, Dr. Loomis propagates them for introduction or uses them for subsequent breeding.
Dr. Loomis, being a highly advanced iris breeder, knows all about the varieties he is working with and usually has a definite goal in mind when he makes a cross. At the present time he works mostly for deeper pink colors, squarish flower shapes or ruffled petal edges.
beginner, of course, would not have Dr. Loomis's advantages and could not expect to produce an Elmohr iris from his first crosses But if you use only the best varieties in your breeding work-whether you decide to start with iris or with any other flowers-you can expect to eventually develop some new things that will give your ego a pretty substantial lift.

And how do you know what are the best varieties of, say, tall bearded iris? The best answer is: Ask all the experts and then combine all of their replies!

As a matter of fact, that's exactly what the American Iris Society does every year. It asks its entire membership to vote for their favorite varie ties in all the different color classes and then from all their answers it compiles its Annual Symposium of the 100 Favorite Varieties.

The latest Symposium, compiled CONTINUED ON PAGE 127

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# Homemade Iris 

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last fall, is presented below. If you'd like to start working with the varieties that the A.I.S. members consider the best, choose those at the beginning of the list under each color classification. With these varieties you can't go far wrong!

THE 100 FAVORITE IRIS
Number in parentheses, from I to roo, indicate variety rank in the Symposium. Appearance of a number more than once indicates a tie. WHITE-New Snow (5), Snow Flurry (17), Spanish Peaks (28), Lady Boscowen (46), Cliffs of Dover (96).
CREAM AND PALE YELLOWTruly Yours (1), Pinnacle (io), Desert Song (19), Amandine (20), Limelight (26), Char-Maize (33), Star Shine (34), Tranquility (67), Leading Lady (84).
DEEP YELLOW-Ola Kala (2), Solid Gold (38), Rocket (41), Zantha (43), Top Flight (5I), Cloth of Gold (6I), Temple Bells (62), Gold Sovereign (69).

LIGHT BLUE-Great Lakes (21) Helen McGregor (25), Cahokia (35), Jane Phillips (39), Blue Sapphire (71), Lady Ilse (86), Cloud Castle (90), Distance (90), Lylvia Murray (96)
MEDIUM BLUE AND VIOLETBlue Rhythm (6), Chivalry (8), Blue Valley (41), First Violet (49) Violet Harmony (54), Blumohr (83), Sierra Skies (94).

DARK BLUE AND PURPLEElmohr (7), Pierre Menard (9) Sable Night (16), Sable (18), Black Hills (28), Master Charles (70), Vatican Purple (74), Indiana Night (79), Black Forest (86), Danube Wave (86)
BICOLOR-Wabash, cream and purple (22), Extravaganza, violet and purple (52), Mystic Melody, cream and yellow (63), Amigo, lavender and purple (68), Staten Island, bronze and red (79), Pretender, yellow and purple (94) RED AND BROWN-RED-Solid Mahogany (30), Sunset Blaze (40), Ranger (43), Port Wine (59), The Red Douglas (92), Ebony Echo (96).

PINK-Mary Randall (3), Happy Birthday (10), Palomino (14), Chantilly (23), Cherie (24), Pink Formal (32), Pink Cameo (36), Dreamcastle (37), Pink Sensation (58), Ballerina (65), Paradise Pink (72), Cloud Cap (74), Party Dress (74), Lynn Langford (78), Frances Kent (8r), Maytime (96).
PLICATA (light ground, edged deep-er)-Blue Shimmer ( 13 ), Minnie Colquitt, purple (15). Firecracker, red (55), Raspberry Ribbon, purple (60), Caroline Jane, white and violet (93).

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Roll Your 0wn<br>(Begins on page 46)

Then we went out, took everything off the trailer, and repacked it to put the heaviest weight over the axle. As we spread out our furniture the owner of the diner watched apprehensively. He thought we planned to set up housekeeping in his driveway
We didn't, though. With the load properly balanced the trailer rode smoothly, and we zipped along at 45 miles an hour. And with hardly any excitement. One night (after reading the trailer manual that warned against tossing lighted cigarettes out the car window) I glanced back and shouted "Fire!" We stopped with a terrific lurch and my husband leaped out of the car. He returned a moment later and reported (bitterly) that the "fire" I'd seen was the reflection from the trailer's taillights.

Whenever we started looking for a motel or restaurant, we paid particular attention to the extent of the parking area, because trying to back the trailer was almost impossible. And when we went through cities, practically everyone under 12 years old waved to us.
But finally we did make it! The I, 400 -mile trip took four days. And along about the third day, when we'd finally got used to it, we were touring along as though the trailer wasn't even there.

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Somewhere in the Near East, a little before the time of Christ, the glass-blowing iron was invented. And even today much glass is still made by the same hand techniques in blowing rooms throughout the world. A great deal of today's glass, however, is the result of mechanical production. It was around 1825 that American glassmakers (who probably had seen pieces from a European glass press) began to press glass. The European press was a primitive device unsuitable for pressing large pieces, but Americans invented a press without these limitations. Even so, glassmakers had their problems. There were defects inherent in pressed glass, and nobody was highly trained in the new process. Wood, the common fuel, allowed at most a temperature of $2100^{\circ}$ to $2200^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. This was uncomfortably close to temperatures at which glass would set and become unworkable.


Now glass blowing is a many-step operation. So the "gather" (melted glass collected on end of tube for blowing) can be reheated often. But glass pressing is a one-step process. In a single operation, pattern and shape must be applied to an article. Reheating the gather would cause loss of pattern or shape, or both. You may have seen antique pieces that were worked at too-low temperatures. Their scalloped rims are imperfectly outlined because the glass was too cold and stiff to flow to the edges. Or you may have seen an old glass piece with a series of rotary waves called "chilled wrinkles." When glass was too cold, it gave way to plunger pressure (similar to action of garlic press) in a series of surges that caused these wrinkles.
And the problems didn't end there. Low temperature plus the need for speed caused trouble when the pressman sheared off the gather
so it would drop into the mold. The glass often hardened quickly at the place where the shears cut it, and left an unsightly line. Glass was made thick, but a constant thickness was impossible. This didn't matter in single pieces, but in sets of dishes the variety of thicknesses was considered regrettable. (Today we treasure such antiques!)
Even more fault was found with the pressed glass because it was dull or foggy where hot metal contacted the mold. (In blowing, any lost luster was restored by successive reheating.) The glassmaker would cut an all-over pattern into the mold to mask dullness and partially conceal other blemishes. This gave pressed glass a textured look.
When the pressman gained skill, he started to produce thinner pieces. These still had defects, but there was an unlimited choice of decora-tion-and pressed glass was cheaper than continued on page 130

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## History of Glass

(Begins on page 128)
blown glass. Pieces formerly considered luxuries appeared in almost every home. Many were broken, so the glass is rare today.

After American glassworkers worked out processes and designs, these were picked up by the French, Belgians, and English. By 1840, the copying came full circle. New England designers were influenced by patterns of earlier French and Belgian pressings.
T. table glass-goblets, tumblers, and wines. But American lacy wasn't made as table glass. It's what we called "sideboard glass"-salts, sugar bowls, creamers, vases, lamps, and such. The only glass pieces made for individual use were cup or "toddy" plates, and honey and sauce dishes. Why? Either because people didn't like thick drinking glasses or because glassmakers found the cast iron forms or molds too difficult to make. Brass molds wouldn't hold up under commercial pressing, so they were only used for special order work and pieces of limited commercial appeal. If you hunt for lacy glass antiques, you'll find that colored glass pieces are very rare.

Toward the middle of the 19th century, pattern glass began to take the place of lacy glass. Glass tableware without the stippled background of lacy glass was produced in hundreds of different patterns.

Today, glass is pressed with a machine that is a refinement of one invented in about 1828 by Deming Jarvis of the Sandwich, Massachusetts factory. A power machine that makes glassware automatically, it allows large-volume production and drastically reduced prices. In the 1880's, only rich families could afford Sandwich glass. Today, all you need is an average income to set a sparkling table with excellent reproductions of glassware from this Early American period, or clear, contem-porary-styled pieces.

## II

I ow is glassware designed today? Artists go through old glass books. They select designs from various sources, choosing those they feel will be most pleasing to people today. Before a new "old" design is chosen, many ideas may be submitted. Perhaps a composite of several designs will be made. Or a classic pattern may be copied. Many patterns are passed from one company to the next. Others are found in old warehouses. Early machine-made patterns sell best. Who creates the demand for antique glassware and its reproductions? Collectors. And antique dealers. And you. Popular-priced glassware is easy to find. It's available in variety stores, hardware stores, gift shops, and


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2-NEW-Glass goblet with pattern from "lacy" period, now massproduced. 2a-OLD-Handled basket with leaf design and rosette; inkwell with reeded and beaded design top, base ribbed inside.
3-OLD-Small plate pressed with geometric cavetto design with hairpin pattern on shoulder; plate with cavetto in sunburst design, shields and anchors on shoulder; rectangular dish with cut corners. $3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{NEW}$ Plate design a composite of several old patterns.
4-OLD-Candlestick with peacock eye socket, square pressed base with lotus sprays; candlestick with pillarmolded shaft on pressed toddy plate foot. 4a-NEW-Tall candlestick, copy Early American.
5-NEW-Sugar and creamer set tray resembles century-old one. 5a-OLD-Extremely rare open-handled tray with chain border.
6-NEW-Copy of original Sandwich glass piece, pattern modified for machine process, lacy feather salad plate is part of complete set of popu-lar-priced glass tableware. $6 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{OLD}$ - Clear, colorless tray; colorless center dish, rim with amber flashing.
7-NEW-Machine-made plate copies original hand-pressed Daisy and Button pattern, made from same mold. 7a-OLD-Covered sweetmeat version of hairpin design; oval dish with thistles and fleur-de-lis in spandrels between pressed arches.

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## Six Week-End House <br> (Begins on page 54)

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One cushion replaces three. Make paper pattern of cushion area, allowing $1^{\prime \prime}$ for seam and $1^{\prime \prime}$ for rounded top of cushion. Sew $6^{\prime \prime}$ pocket clear across front, vertical pockets every $10^{\prime \prime}$. Make cushion of heavy muslin, and then stuff it with the old batting plus what new batting is needed.

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(Begins on page 136)

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space. The upper or main floor is cantilevered out beyond the basement. This feature adds to the living space of the main floor and gives it a look of even more space. The overhang formed by the cantilevering helps in another way-it protects basement openings from the weather.

The main-floor plan is open, adding to the feeling of maximum space in a limited area. But by intelligent planning, the bedrooms and baths are isolated from the living-dining area. An additional feeling of great expanse on this floor is accomplished by using large glass areas, and by adding a terrace that is adjacent to the living room.

Construction costs were held down by using exposed studs that serve as a screen partition, by dividing the big glass areas into easily framed units, and by using a single plumbing core to serve the two baths and kitchen. Ceiling of main level, and basement floor have radiant-heating coils.

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Open partitions at sides of fireplace make living room ssem spacious. View here toward driveway one level below. Since living room is raised, it gains some privacy this way.

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And when you rake up leaves, don't set a match to them! They're a natural soil conditioner and fertilizer. Stack them on a compost heap or dig them into the garden soil.
 it on other things for the garden! Sketched here are some of the ways I save money. I'll bet you can think of lots more. THE END

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What gardener hasn't heard that kind of talk? And how often have you been able to convince anyone that "weeding and hoeing and everything" aren't really time-consuming or that they're jolly good fun anyway?

A couple of western Wisconsin gardeners couldn't even convince themselves, and so decided to do something.

They fashioned what they call concrete gardens and, having planted them, gave them no more attention until the crops matured. Herst Kane, general manager of the Dairyland Press, New Richmond, Wisconsin, spent his summer with the family at a lake. William J. Ryan, executive vice president of the New Richmond Bank, was very busy with banking affairs. Yet both their gardens were the talk of the town.
Concrete gardening, as practiced by Ryan and Kane, goes like this: You make concrete slabs, $18^{\prime \prime}$ square, $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ thick, with a $3^{\prime \prime}$ hole in the center, half a $3^{\prime \prime}$ hole in the center of each side, and a quarter of a $3^{\prime \prime}$ hole at each corner. Then you fit the slabs together, alongside each other, on the surface of the ground. Two half-ho'es become a hole (all right, a whole hole!) and four quarter-holes become a hole, so that with all the slabs in place you have a continuous concrete surface with holes spaced 9 " apart, sort of like a terrace with holes in it. Finally, you sow your seeds or plant your plants in the holes. And that's just about all there is to it. No weeding, no hoeing, and no watering unless you run into an unusually long drought. Easiest gardening ever! "Actually," Kane says, "the idea


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What's more, the slabs raised the soil temperature. Using a soil thermometer, Kane found the soil under the slabs to be $8^{\circ}$ warmer than it was just outside the concrete area. He assumes this accounted for the

fact that his plants developed faster than his neighbor's. Both planted green beans the same day, but Kane was eating from his plants when his neighbor's were only $6^{\prime \prime}$ high. Flowers were two weeks to a month ahead.
The tendency of the slabs to absorb and retain heat also worked to Kane's advantage toward the end of the season. The first frost finished his neighbor's garden, but his own plants went on growing for some time afterward.
"The only trouble," Kane says, "was that we planted too heavily and too close. Corn was 9 feet high by continued on page 174

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## Concrete Garden

(Begins on page 172)
mid-August, although planted late, and it was the same with everything else. We just didn't expect them to do that well!" Then he adds, "But of course we decided we didn't have to use every hole!"

Feeding plants in a concrete garden is no more difficult than in any other sort of garden. You simply sprinkle the fertilizer around and let the rain wash it into the holes and cracks, or you pour liquid fertilizer right into the planting holes.

The concrete slabs were made at a local cement works from forms built by Kane. They cost $30 \phi$ apiece. They would naturally have cost less, Kane points out, if he and Ryan had had time to make them themselves.

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ane's concrete garden was $22^{\prime}$ by $28^{\prime}$ and had $\mathrm{I}, 073$ holes. In it he grew corn, popcorn, wax and green beans, peas, cucumbers, lettuce, peppers, eggplant, cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, and some 30 different kinds of flowers. "The only kind of plants you wouldn't grow in a concrete garden," Kane says, "are the root crops like carrots, onions, radishes, beets, and bulbous flowers like dahlias and gladiolus."

The concrete garden idea, Kane feels, should work successfully just about anywhere in the country. In the north it gives you an edge on the seasons. In dry areas it conserves moisture. Where rainfall is abundant it should reduce disease troubles from contact of plants or fruit with wet ground. And you don't get your shoes muddy. Or dusty, if it's dry.
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obility alone does not insure security, but stability doesn't either. The person who always stands firmly like a tree by the water is bound sooner or later to be hit by a truck. There is a time to move and a time to stand still or sit down, and judgment is the big factor; but judgment must be nurtured by experience above and below-as well as on-the verbal level. These designs, are, in effect, non-verbal-even self-inflicted sermons.
As sculptors or architects, we tend to think of Art in terms of studios and drafting rooms, exhibitions and museums-we even try to define this word-but basically we know that we can never define or adequately explain the ever-changing and inescapable means by which we shape, and are shaped by, the world in which we live-for better or for worse. The important question is not who does what, to whom and how, but how well are we doing it. the end

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## CORNER SOME HERBS

DORIS E. STEBBBINS

If you long for a garden, but have almost no outdoor space . . . or if you want something green to snip right at your kitchen door, herbs can be the answer. Even a tiny corner has room for a few intriguing sprigs such as made Grandma's yard so memorable, and her cooking so out-of-thisworld.

Take that dry wall supporting the terrace. If it's in the sun, herbs that will do well and be especially flavorful include hyssop, with bluish flowers and bitter leaves that perk up salads; the common thyme (Thymus vulgaris) and mother-of-thyme ( $T$. serpyllum) ; chamomile (Anthemis nobilis), winter savory (Satureia mon$\operatorname{tana}$ ), and old-fashioned clove pinks.

Informal stone steps chinked with earth are perfect for those herbs or, if in shade, for sweet violets, for fragrance and candying; woodruff (Asperula odorata), and wintergreen, if the soil is acid and somewhat moist.

What could be prettier between stepping stones in a path than the green froth of thyme? You'll be especially glad of it when you walk up the path on a dewy morning. And that corner by the kitchen door where flowers never grow well, or that you neglected as too small to plant, might be perfect for mint grown in bottomless tubs sunk rim deep to prevent the roots spreading too far and becoming unruly. With it might go tarragon (Artemisia dracunculus), chives, basil (Ocimum basilicum), parsley, and summer savory (Satureia hortensis).

If you have a perennial border, include the ornamental balm (Melissa officinalis) with variegated leaves; clary (Salvia sclaria) with woolly leaves and showy flowers; purpleflowered chives, and gray-green rue (Ruta graveolens). And for a bank of dry, poor soil use shrubby herbs like sage, lavender, and rosemary.

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Probably the most popular mums are the decorative spray types, represented by Desert Quail, right. It's soft lavender pink, with blooms up to $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ or $5^{\prime \prime}$ across, and grows $20^{\prime \prime}$ to $24^{\prime \prime}$ high.
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Propagation by division is the easiest way to increase your favorite varieties of mums. In the spring, when the new growth of an established plant is $4^{\prime \prime}$ to $6^{\prime \prime}$ high, lift the entire clump with a shovel, spade, or digging fork. Mums are tough plants and not very deeply rooted, so you can't injure them if you're just sure to dig the whole root ball.
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With the clump lifted, divide it by simply pulling it apart with the hands. Each new, growing stem with roots on it will make a new plant, but you can leave several stems together if you'd like large clumps. Keep the divisions covered with wet cloth and out of the sun until you plant them. Discard all the old, woody parts of the clump.



## more MUMS

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Plant the divisions witheut deay, a foot apart and with the ay, a foot surf roots just below thoroughly. To get best color effects, plant mums in groups of six or more. Their main cultural needs are a sunny location, good soil enriched occasionally with complete plant food, enough water to keep them growing in summer.
4.

When you divide mums, it's a good idea to pot up a few to bring indoors at flowering time. Four-inch pots will do, but it's easier to keep plants watered indoors in $5^{\prime \prime}$ or $6^{\prime \prime}$ pots. Sink indoors in pots to their rims in a suny sorden and bring ny spot in the buds start opening. inside when buds start open July Pinch out tip growth until July



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## "Groucho Marx"

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history, a majority of shows requesting the Achievement Medal failed to award it. The reason: last year's poor growing conditions over such wide area
The runner-up originator was the genial "hardy perennial" exhibitor Stanley Johnson of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, who won three Medals with his large Formal Decorative, tyrian-rose dahlia, "High Brow," and one with his large Informal Decorative variety, "Lavender Joe."

Third place winner was the A-size Formal Decorative dahlia of tyrianand cameo-pink color, named "Otto's Thrill" in honor of its originator, Otto Aumuller, widely-known Long Island grower, who died before he

C. G. Phillips, show chairman; Em. Delbrugge; "Ned" Seymour and medal-winning Carletta Rosa.
could witness its triumph. The exhibitor was George Brunjes of Elmira, N. Y., to whom Mr. Aumuller had left his stock for propagation, and who selected the name. By general agreement, the Medals-which are given only to originators-were presented to Mr. Aumuller's widow.

Recapitulating, ten dahlia breeders won 20 Medals with II varieties, while nine growers of gladiolus, two of daylilies, and two of peonies won one Medal each. All of them deserve, and are hereby tendered, hearty congratulations by the American Home and by the writer, who now writes finis to his stewardship of the Achievement Medals which, for the past 20 years, has been so interesting, enjoyable, and gratifying-especially in the many warm friendships, cordial relations, and happy experiences it has engendered.

The administration of the Medal will now be in the hands of Garden Editor Theodore A. Weston, to whom you should send any questions about it or applications for authority to offer it.

And now for a brief listing of all the 1955 Achievement Medal winners, the data being given in this order: Variety name; description, originator (recipient of Medal) ; exhibitor, if someone else (in parentheses); show or shows at which

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11 winning dahlias
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Carletta Rosa-Cactus, $6^{\prime \prime}$ by $3^{1 / 2 \prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$; light blend lavender, white center. Rosemary Dahlia Gardens (Em. Delbrugge), Martins Ferry, Ohio. National Capital Dahlia Society.

Eula MacRoberts-B-size Semicactus; orange-red. Edward Ritter, Verona, Pennsylvania. Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society.

Folderol-A-size Cactus; dark purple. Alonzo J. Frazier, Huntington Beach, California. Inglewood (Calif.) Dahlia Society.

Groucho Marx - A-size (II") Semi-cactus; white. Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego, California. American Dahlia, Central States Dahlia, Orange County (Calif.), San Diego Dahlia Societies, and Midwest Dahlia Conference Show.

High Brow-A-size ( $10^{\prime \prime}$ ) Formal Decorative; tyrian-rose. Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. Burholme Horticultural and Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Societies and Dahlia Society of New Jersey.


Otto's Thrill
Lavender Joe - A-size Informal Decorative; lavender. Stanley Johnson. Camden Dahlia and Horticultural Society.
Pat-A-size Semi-cactus; pink or "Persian rose." W. C. Anderson, Cincinnati. Indianapolis Dahlia Society.

Peach Blend-Rosy peach blending into yellow. William Haugh, Wellsville, Ohio. (Exhibitor, E. J. Wind, Rocky River, O.) East Liverpool (O.) Dahlia \& Floral Society.

Otto's Thrill-A-size ( $12^{\prime \prime}$ by $6^{\prime \prime}$ ) Formal Decorative; tyrian- and cameo-pink. The late Otto Aumuller, Merrick, New York. (Exhibitor, George Brunjes). Irvington (N. J.) Garden Club, Rochester and Southern Tier (N. Y.) Dahlia Societies.
Perry Como-A-size ( $\mathrm{II}^{\prime \prime}$ ) Informal Decorative; yellow, petal ends overlaid with pink. Ben Lizza, Glen Head, New York. Long Island Dahlia Society.

9 gladiolus winners
Alida G.-Size 500 ; light lavenderblue; ruffled; 20 buds, 10 open. H. G. Herr, Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania. National Gladiolus Society.

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## "Groucho Marx"

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Marion C. Rich, Marion, New York. Empire State Gladiolus Society.
Gondolier-Bright medium yellow; ruffled; $28^{\prime \prime}$ head, $5^{1 / 2^{\prime \prime}}$ florets, 8 open, 18 total. Edward A. Howell, Hanover, New Jersey. Keystone State Gladiolus Society.

Grand Slam-Large, formal; white with rose picotee edging, cream flash on lower two petals. Henry Fritcher, Sebastopol, California. Oregon State Gladiolus Society.

Larchmont - Needle-pointed, fluted; pure white, light green calyx. Ted Woods, Madison, Wisconsin. Indiana Gladiolus Society.

Lavender King - Clear lavender, light throat; $28^{\prime \prime}$ head, 6 to 8 florets open. Dr. Louis O. Hansen, Lynwood, California. (Exhibitor, Fred C. King, Gardenia, Calif.). Southern California Gladiolus Society.

Little Butch-Miniature; scarlet; 16 buds, 8 open. Andrew C. Maier, Pontiac, Michigan. Southeastern Michigan Gladiolus Society.

Palomino-Lightly ruffled; apricotbuff, orange throat spot; $28^{\prime \prime}$ head, 23 buds, 8 open. Alexander Summerville, Caldwell, New Jersey. New Jersey Gladiolus Society.

Polar Bear-Pure white; needlepoint, smooth recurved; $30^{\prime \prime}$ head, 26 buds, 8 to II open, $6^{\prime \prime}$ diameter. H. O. Evans, Solon, Ohio. Ohio State Gladiolus Society.

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fled spider, green in center; scape to $40^{\prime \prime}$; well branched; 2 to 5 blooms open wide per day. Mrs. Aldina Scaife Gates, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Hemerocallis Society.
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Plant them after the soil has warmed up in the spring-three to four inches deep and about four inches apart. They're most effective in groups of six or more, and I'd certainly advise against planting them in rows! Unless, of course, you're thinking of them only for cutting. And they are worth growing for that purpose alone. They combine with almost anything and their continuously opening buds make them long lasting. But it's as garden plants that I'd give them top billing, especially if planted with pink or blue petunias or with violet-blue Salvia farinacea.

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