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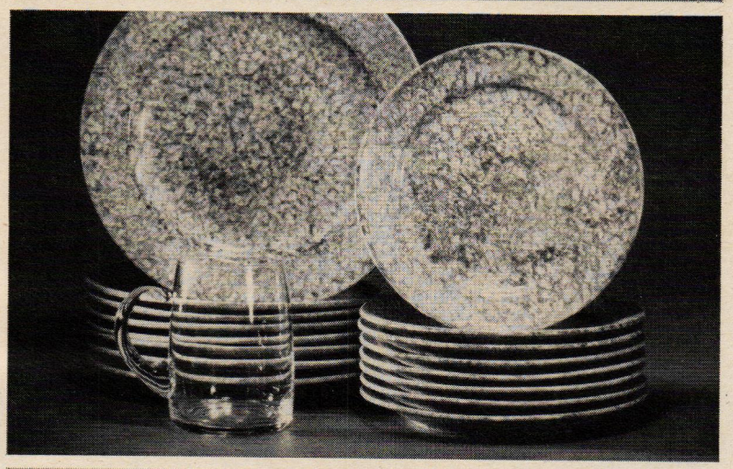

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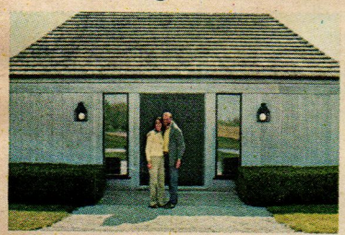

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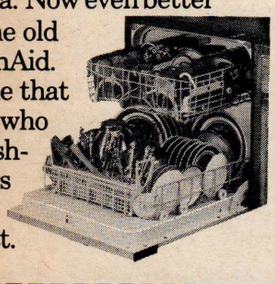

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ON THE COVER: Christmas magic for a cozy red library—a jewel of a Christmas tree heaped with golden tinsel ropes and beaded chains. Tucked into all the tinseled niches are treasures the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kennedy, Jr., have collected from travels and boutique browsing—Peruvian knitted dolls, tiny rush baskets, embroidered horses from India, Mexican straw dolls, Irish rush figures, Scandinavian wooden stars, plus an intricate American Indian fabric doll who inspired the merry company of gingham ornaments Mrs. Kennedy sewed herself: calico cats, gingham doves and angels copied from 19th-century weather vanes, pink-checked elephants and piglets shaped after antique cookie cutters.

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Under the tree, a host of presents wrapped in bright papers and wallpaper remnants, plus baskets of Mrs. Kennedy's homemade jams and jellies. In foreground, an edible centerpiece present: oranges and kumquats in a handpainted basket. And, unfazed by it all, Jefferson the cat.

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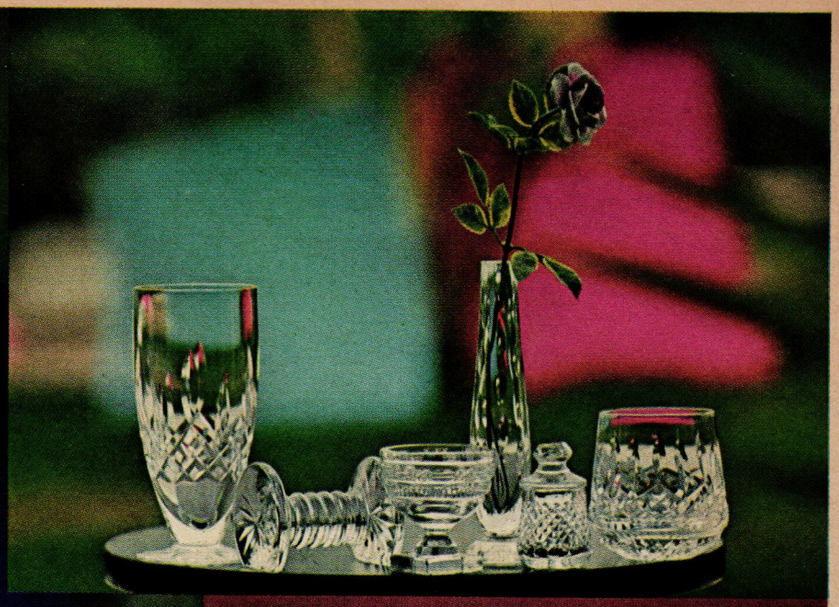

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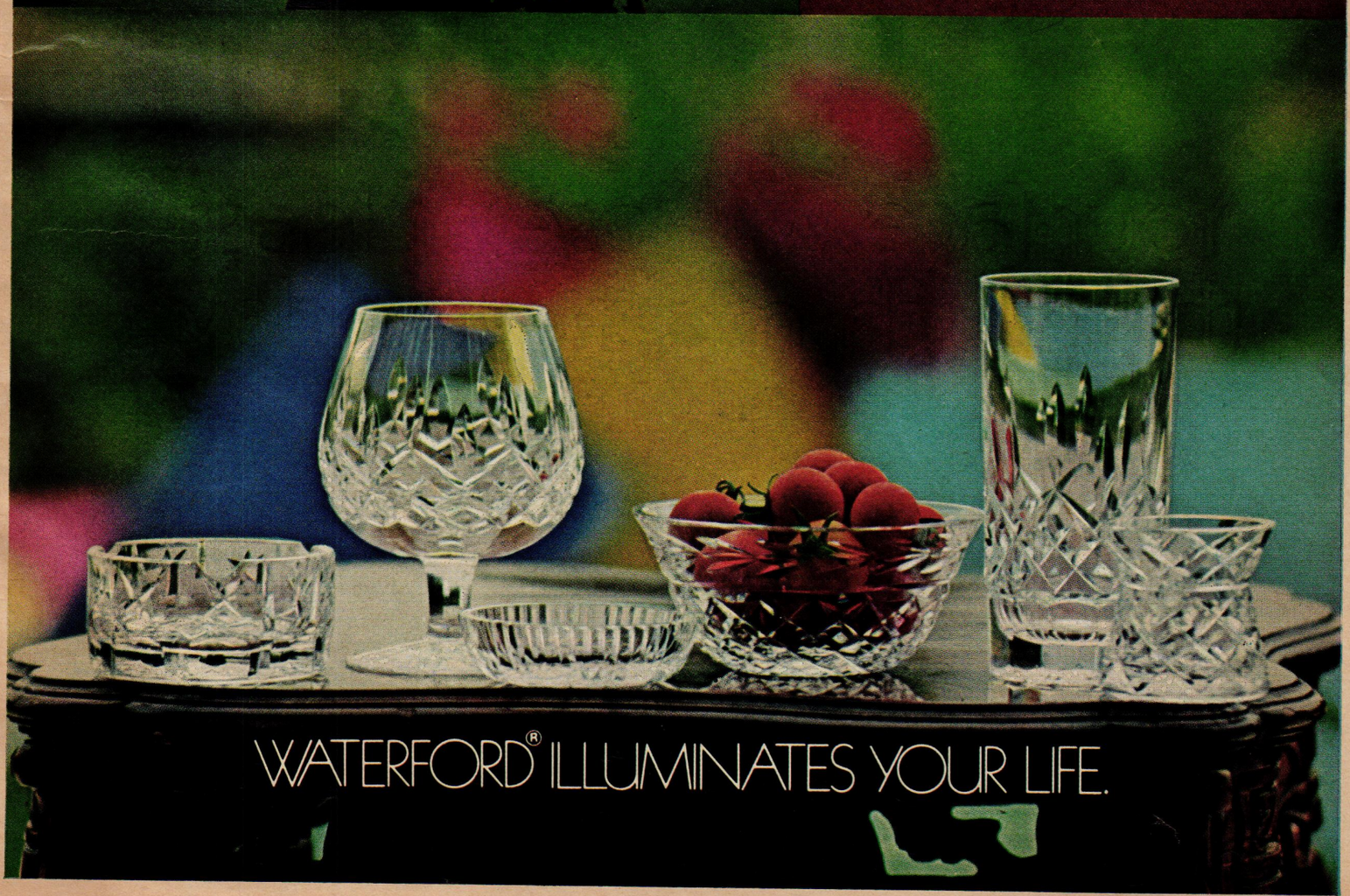

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CHRISTMAS HOW-TO

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Branching out

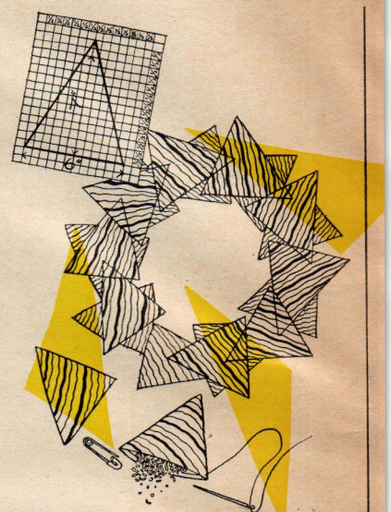
Your Christmas tree doesn't have to be evergreen. But it needn't be plastic either. Take a leafless tree branch and spray it with flat white paint. String tiny Christmas tree lights around the branch to give it sparkle. Then add star decorations, cut from sheets of transparent acetate or matte silver paper (from the art supply store.) Thread on stars with Christmas ornament hooks. Stand the tree in a flowerpot filled with earth, sand, or gravel. The idea comes from graphic designer Gill Redfern.

A Christmas sachet wreath

A fragrant idea: A wreath of sachets you can sew from sheeting. Each fabric triangle is filled with your favorite potpourri. Why not keep the bottom layer of sachets for yourself, make the top layer as giveaways for friends? For a 15-inch wreath you need:

- 1 twin-size flat sheet, Martex Streamers
- Paper ruled into ½-inch squares
- Potpourri or pine-needle filling

To make: Enlarge and transfer the triangle shown here onto paper ruled into ½-inch squares. Use the enlarged triangle as your pattern, and place it on top of the sheet folded with right sides together. Pin pattern in place. Cut 20 double triangles. Stitch triangles together, allowing ¼-inch seam, and leaving a small opening in one side for turning and stuffing. Trim all seam allowances at corner. Turn triangles right side out and steam-press. Stuff triangles, close openings. Form a circle of 10 triangles, tacking them together with top point under each base. Pin remaining 10 triangles to top circle, making stars. Idea by Janet Roda.



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Setting the holiday table

We have initialed stationery, monogrammed slippers, name-printed T-shirts. It's the table's turn; here is a personalized centerpiece to delight your holiday guests. Each glass containing a candle has a guest's name on it. When the party's over, everyone takes his or her own glass home. *To letter glasses:* Get instant type sheets (about $4 a sheet) from your local art-supply store. Cut out each letter of a guest's name, transferring type with a pencil onto the glass. The table photographed here shows Ecology 14 glasses by Toscany. It was photographed at Burdine's, Miami, Homeworks Department.

Picture me upon your tree

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Instant snapshots framed with ribbon make Christmas tree ornaments

Tired of the usual Christmas tree ornaments? This year, make a people tree. Use an instant camera to snap family and friends as they come to your house during the holiday season. Then frame the snapshots with ribbon and hang them on the tree. Along with a Polaroid SX-70 you need:

- Plenty of SX-70 film, which develops color prints in 8 minutes.
- Flash-bulb cartridges
- Rubber cement
- Strips of 1-inch-wide ribbon in 4½- and 3½-inch lengths
- Strips of ¾-inch-wide ribbon in 15-inch lengths (for bows)
- Wire Christmas ornament hooks
- Scotch tape
- Gift wrapping cord

To frame photos: Paste ribbon strips along each edge, leaving half the width of ribbon hanging over. Fold around picture and glue similarly to picture back. Make bows from 15-inch-length ribbon. Attach bow with loop of Christmas cord, Scotch-taped to back of print. Hang on tree with Christmas ornament hook. *Picture-taking tip:* Avoid shooting toward mirrors or shiny surface, or you will get flash glare in the photo.

Holiday loop-the-loop

An evening's project, this ribbon tree. Make it as a gift, or to decorate your dinner table. Fill loops with candy surprises. You need:

- 9-inch Styrofoam cone
- florist's wire picks (available at florist shops)
- 5½ yards green velvet or gingham ribbon, 2 inches wide
- 4½ yards same ribbon 1 inch wide
- 4 yards Christmas gift yarn

To make: Break florist's picks in half and rewind wire around short pointed half. Measure and cut green ribbons into 4-inch lengths. Fold each length in half and make loop. Attach to pick, twisting wire around securely. Tie on yarn bows for a trim finish. Working around base of cone, push in a row of wide ribbon loops, side by side. Repeat procedure above, with narrow ribbon loops. Continue in this way, alternating rows of wide and narrow ribbon loops up the cone.

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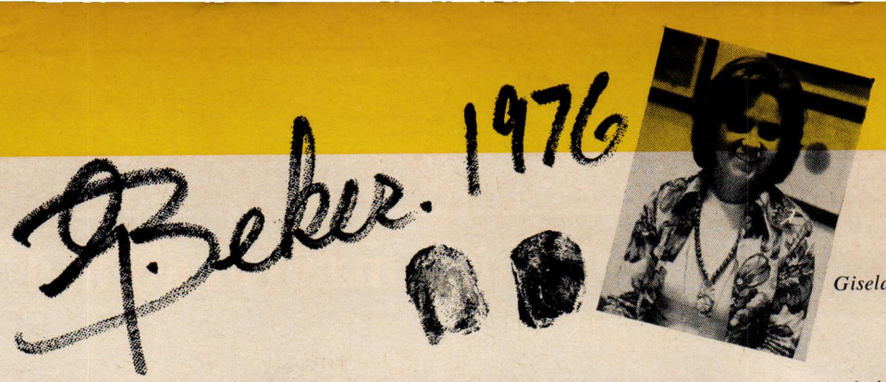
To catch a thief: art forgeries

How do you know the Monet you peer at on the museum wall is really a Monet? Is *The Night Watch* certifiably by Rembrandt? Art forgeries have provided frustration for collectors and fun for almost everyone else for hundreds of years, with names like Hans van Meegeren and Elmyr de Hory becoming nearly as famous as the artists they so brilliantly copied. England is currently agog with the revelations of Tom Keating, a colorful character who has been palming off watercolors as authentic Samuel Palmers (the 19th-century British artist) to gullible art dealers and auction houses. But now it looks as though the art forger's days are numbered. German-born American painter Gisela Beker has come up with a seemingly foolproof method of authenticating a work of art. "I was sick in bed a few years ago," explains Miss Beker, "and amused myself reading Clifford Irving's book on forgeries. When I went back to work, I lifted up one of my paintings and my fingerprints appeared on the canvas—and it suddenly came to me that this was the answer to authenticating art." Fingerprinting is, of course, a familiar source of identification for the police. But it is also an obvious way for an artist to put his inimitable stamp on his work. "An artists' registry of fingerprints could be set up so all their prints would be on record and could never be forged." So far, however, Miss Beker reports that artists have not taken up her idea with enthusiasm. "It will take time," says artist Lowell Nesbitt. As for Miss Beker, whose delicately colored symmetrical paintings are shown around the U.S.A., she places her fingerprints on the back of every completed canvas. At least when you buy a Beker, you know it's the real McCoy.



Gisela Beker and fingerprints

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Top of the Deco

Art Deco is gathering enthusiasts. Some think the revival of the style is a reaction to blue-jeans casualness. People want to get dressed up and go to a place that's dressed up for them. New York's new restaurant, The Grand Café, is an opulent salute to Deco style. Joe Villano designed the ombered apricot walls, pale-gray monogrammed linens, blue-glass mirrored panels, and a carpet inspired by a period mosaic. Chandeliers come from 1930s movie houses. Walls are decorated with Erté-style etchings on glass, painted murals.

Bolero, a tiny antiques shop owned by Colombian-born Mario Saboya, is another Deco treasure trove. It overflows with glass-topped tables, mirrors, tall lamps, and lacquered furniture. Saboya confesses that his mania for Art Deco began only five years ago. "It's a consuming passion." He offers first quality copies of almost all the original furniture in the shop. You can have a copy of a marvelous Art Deco Paul Frankl chair in any shade of lacquer with your choice of colors for velvet cushions at a third the original price or $450. Grand Café, 28 East 63rd St. Bolero Antiques, 204 East 31st St., New York City.

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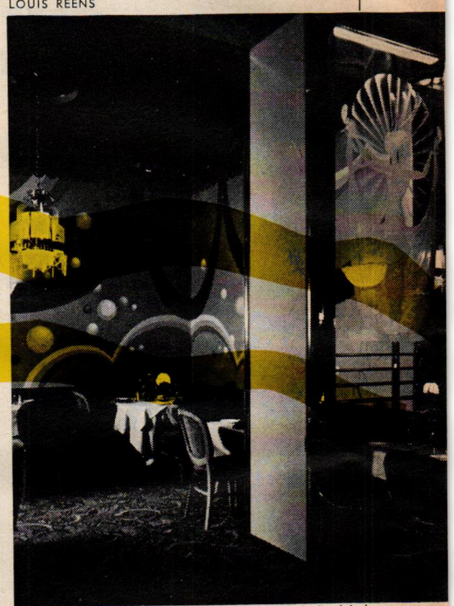
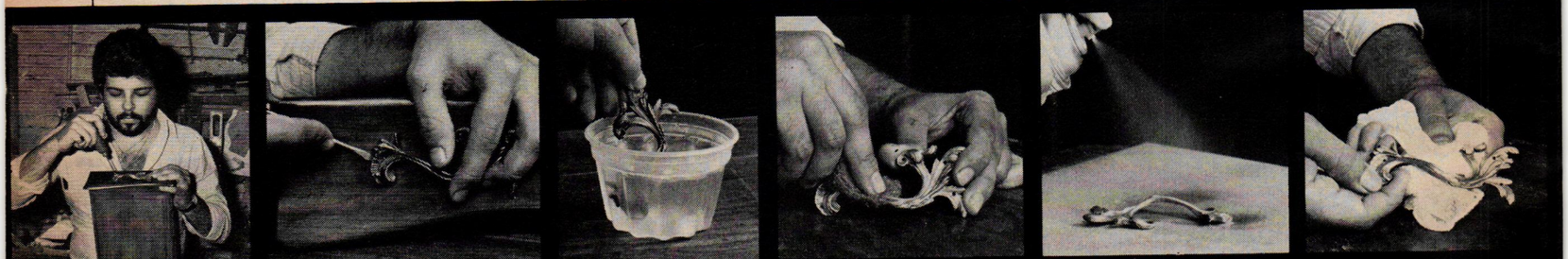


Apricot and blue room at Grand Café



Cleaning furniture hardware

Remove metal handles and escutcheons carefully with a screwdriver or pliers. *If the hardware is gold-plated* (likely on fine French or Italian antiques), gently clean the piece with a fine, soft toothbrush dipped in a solution of ammonia and water in equal parts. Do not soak. Rinse immediately with fresh water and dry with cheesecloth. *If the hardware is brass* (likely on American, English, and French antiques), submerge it in a solution of ammonia and water in equal parts and soak for half an hour. Use only a plastic or glass container. If the brass doesn't come clean, resoak for 24 hours. Take it out one piece at a time and rub lightly with #0000 steel wool dipped in the same solution. When the piece gleams, rinse immediately in clear water. Dry with clean cheesecloth, and be sure to brush away any remaining steel wool or dust. Place the cleaned pieces on a protected surface in a well-ventilated area, and apply a thin coat of lacquer spray such as clear gloss. Spray the finish with a fanning motion. Respray in about 10 minutes, again a light coat, to be sure each piece has been entirely covered with lacquer. Let dry one hour. The result is protection from oxidation that will last for years and can always be removed by soaking for 24 hours in ammonia and water. *Note:* Don't apply lacquer on a damp day—it may turn whitish. *If hardware is brass-plated cast iron* (likely on reproductions), restoration of gleam is impossible. Costly replating or buying new hardware are options, or you might soak the hardware first in ammonia and water to see if you get a smooth, pewter-like look. This low-luster finish can be quite handsome.—MICHAEL PRINCIPE

Note: Michael Principe has been associated with a leading furniture restoration workshop in New York for 15 years. He repairs and restores pieces for private collectors, galleries, and museums.

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A major breakthrough in surgery has already saved lives, according to Dr. Walter A. Wichern, Jr., chairman of the department of surgery at Roosevelt Hospital in New York. Application to the skin's surface of a new hemostatic agent made of microscopic strands of collagen halts bleeding during operations, or leaks around sutures, with amazing efficacy. It allows doctors more time to work during major surgery, and helps limit blood loss. Called Avitene, the agent is manufactured by Avicon, of Fort Worth, Tex. "I think the usefulness of Avitene will be appreciated by all surgeons," says Dr. Wichern, "and I expect it will improve our safety record."

DEPARTURE POINTS

Morocco bound

Reaching Taroudant, a fascinating town tucked into the high Atlas mountains in southern Morocco, is not easy . . . but your reward is pure enchantment. Drive from Marrakesh, the red city, south past Asni, Ouirgane, and the Goundafa valley with its 12th-century Timmel mosque, now a haunting ruin. The rough 6-hour drive through the Tizi N'Test pass (6,725 feet) offers glorious views. Picnic for lunch beside a mountain stream where the air is fragrant with mint, rosemary, and lavender. Taroudant's pinkish ramparts in the late afternoon sun, on a plain of palm and olive groves, take your breath away. The visual treats are unending, from Moslem women swathed in cobalt blue shawls, to the colorful spice market snuggled into the *medina*. The bustle of Marrakesh gives way to a slower tempo and friendly curiosity toward visitors. You'll need a day or two to wander the twisting lanes, looking at stone carvings, copper pots, embroidered tunics and caftans. The Hotel Salam, an ancient palace modernized, is built against the old town walls, its gardens full of bougainvillaea, hibiscus, poinsettia, and orange trees. There's a swimming pool; guest suites are handsomely decorated with the best of local handcrafts. About $32 a day for two, meals included. The best time of year to visit is around Easter. Best value is TWA's Fly-Drive Economy air-car-rental-accommodation package, from $427, for one week per person, between September and April. Details from TWA or Moroccan Nat. Tourist Off., 597 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

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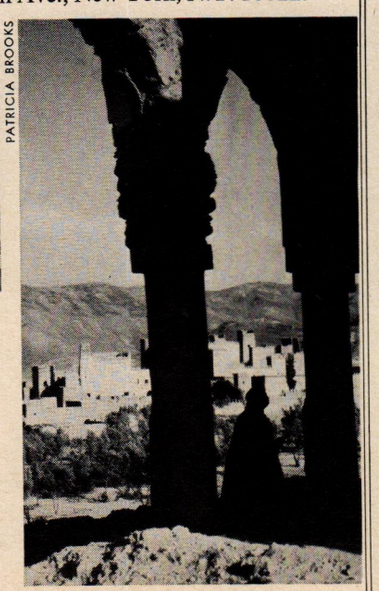
In Taroudant's spice market.



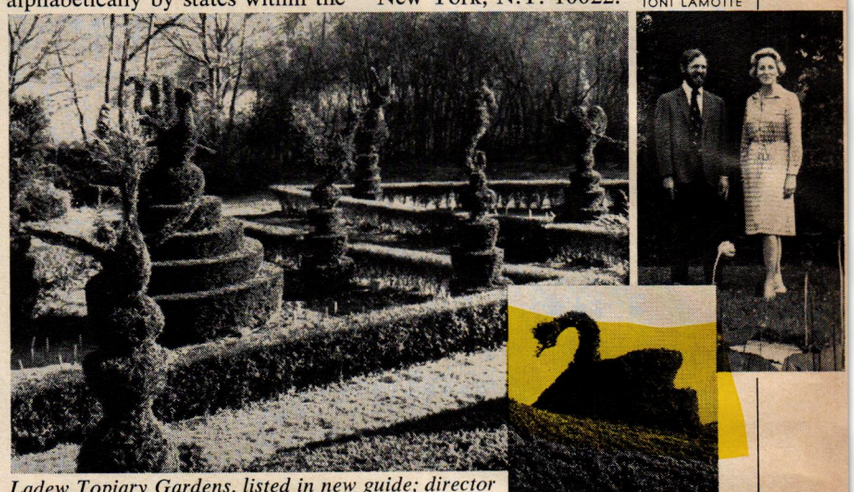
Moorish arches of the old city.

Taroudant tip-offs

Best buys: vibrant rugs and carpets, woven by the Berbers; heavy silver and amber jewelry, in the Casbah **** Delicious eating, bstilla, the local squab pie, baked with raisins, citron, spices **** Luxurious guest pavilions at the Gazelle d'Or hotel, good food and secluded, wooded grounds **** Afternoon mint tea, hot and sweet. PATRICIA BROOKS

A guide to green America

In a recently published paperback, small in size but vast in research, there are acres of information. *Guide to Public Gardens,* published by The Garden Club of America, tells the readers everything they've always wanted to know about public gardens in this country. Keep it in the glove compartment of your car for reference on trips. Outstanding arboretums, botanic gardens, parks, and gardens of historic houses are listed alphabetically by states within the 12 zones of The Garden Club of America, with location, hours, and admission fee. This is not a gardening book but a book of gardens, and the *only* small guide of its kind in the U.S. Mrs. William H. McLean of New Jersey and Mrs. E. Phillips Hathaway of Maryland spent three years compiling the information, with the help of other Garden Club members. The Guide is $3.50, from The Garden Club of America, 598 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. TONI LAMOTTE



Ladew Topiary Gardens, listed in new guide; director James Baden, right, *with author Mrs. Hathaway.*

Make wall graphics yourself

Quick graphics are decorating surprises that you can make with fabric, a staple gun, and stretcher bars. Switch them around to make different patterns on your wall when you feel like a change. You need:

- 2 half-round stretchers, 48 inches across ($18 each)
- 1 rectangle stretcher 12 inches wide, 48 inches long ($5)
- ½ yard "Multispace," by Tampella, for the rectangle shape
- 1½ yards "Wiggle," by International Printworks, for the half-rounds.

Fabrics and stretchers from Fabrications, New York.

To make the rectangle: Lay fabric face down on clean working surface. Place stretcher where you wish design to fall. Cut fabric around frame, allowing 2-inch turnings on all sides. Fold edge over 48-inch long side, staple in center. Pull fabric taut to center of opposite side, staple. Pull fabric of 12-inch edge at center, staple and do the same to opposite side. Then staple from centers to corners, placing staples 2 to 3 inches apart, keeping fabric taut. Leave 1 inch open at corners, then fold over, like "hospital bed" corners, and staple.

For the half-round graphic: Cut fabric to stretcher shape, allowing 3-inch turnings all around. Staple at the center of straight edge and the center of curved side, then to each end on the straight side. Next staple halfway points between curved edge center and ends. Ease fabric between these staple points, so it is evenly distributed, then secure, stretching tautly. Furniture shown, by Walters Wicker.

KEITH TRUMBO, SHEILA CAMERA

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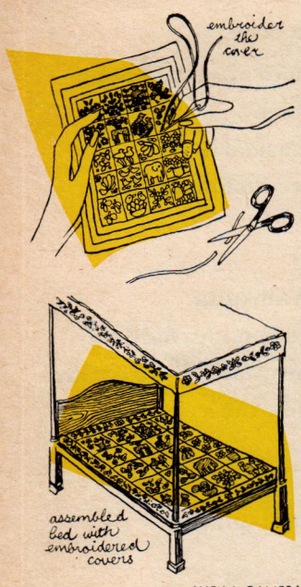
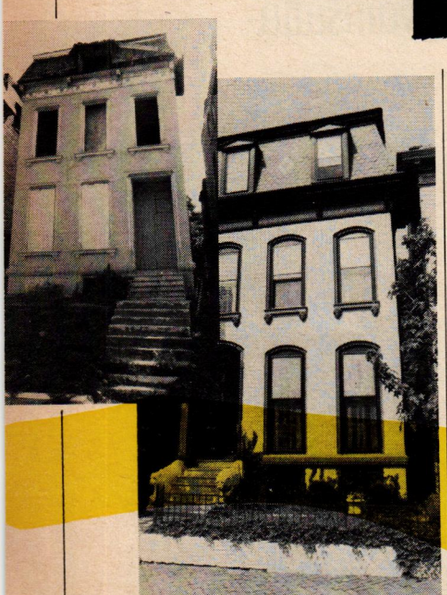


SHEILA CAMERA

Miniatures: a Lilliputian quilt

Deanna Mayor Vondrak, architect-weaver, has recently turned to making quilts. Her copy of the original 1854 "Bird of Paradise" quilt was shown in House & Garden, November, 1975. She has now designed a miniature of that valuable antique quilt, complete with a Chippendale-inspired canopy bed—a marvelous project to make and sew. "By the time you get through," she says, "it's quite valuable." The finished embroidered quilt, with 16 different birds and a wealth of fruits and flowers, pulls neatly over a 6¼-by-4¼-inch foam mattress. Quilt kit, canopy, $15.75. Bed with mattress, $9.75. Write to Cantitoe Corners, 36 West 20th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.



A Lafayette Square house as it was, left, *and restored.*

St. Louis saves a square

Lafayette Square, an area of Victorian opulence in St. Louis during the 19th century, reached its nadir by the middle of the 20th. Some date the beginnings of this sociological and economic decline to the devastating St. Louis tornado of 1896, after which affluent residents of the badly damaged area began their trek to western parts of the city. In any case, the once-handsome neighborhood declined to a state of decay complete with all the classic qualities of urban disrepute—multiple dwellings of the seamiest character, high crime, and pollution. But in 1969, a valiant group of pioneers began a struggle to reverse the trend. The Lafayette Square Restoration Committee, Inc., was founded to promote the purchase of houses in the area and their subsequent rehabilitation, with restrictive guidelines to protect the architectural integrity of the community. In 1972, the committee was successful in getting Lafayette Square listed on the National Register of Historic Places—an achievement that substantiated confidence in the area and circumvented the building of an interstate highway through the district.

The quiet streets have as their focal point historic Lafayette Park, an enclave delineated by a decorative wrought-iron fence. The predominant style is the narrow, detached Second Empire town house built in the 1860s and 1870s with its cutstone front, slate mansard, and tall windows with inside shutters. By the 1890s, some of the houses were characterized by a heavier style described as Art Nouveau-Romanesque, strongly influenced by German baroque.

Today people of diverse cultural backgrounds and demographic origin are bound together in a common desire to restore the neighborhood to its former beauty. As an affirmation of this urban renaissance, the French Ambassador, M. Kosciusko-Morizet, visited Lafayette Square and dedicated a replica of a Houdon bust of Lafayette. The area's annual house tour, a gala two-day festival, brings out more than 8,000 visitors to see houses in various stages of renovation. Approximately 200 houses are now a part of the restoration effort. These houses proudly display a handsome brass plaque which bears a variant of the fleur-de-lis. In current terminology, it is described as a "logo," but as a symbol of this courageous crusade, "escutcheon" seems a better word.

DOLLY SHERWOOD

GARDEN ART

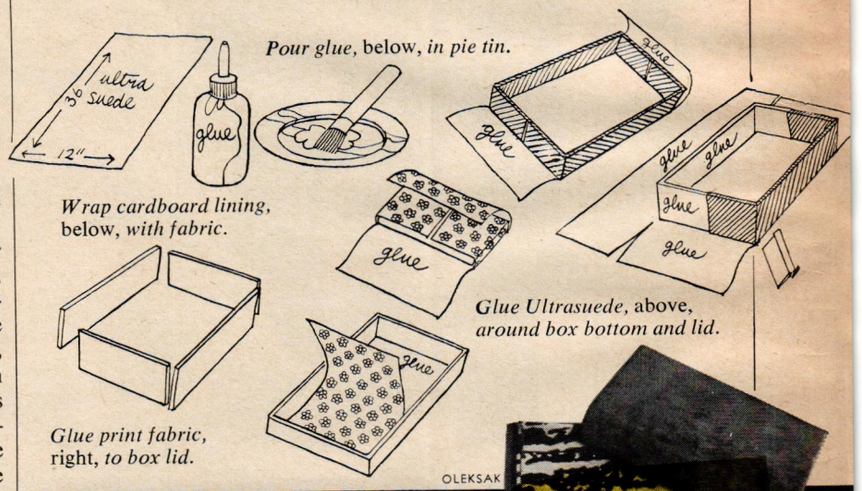
Aloe: the first-aid plant

If you had room in the kitchen for only one plant, I'd make it *Aloe vera,* the "Unguentine" plant. Easy to grow and attractive, the aloe's outstanding addition to the kitchen lies not in contributing exotic flavoring, but in its ability to soothe the chef's occasional inevitable burns. Snap off a leaf and a gelatinous pulp oozes out. Rubbed on a fresh burn, this pulp has analgesic properties. Centuries of use indicate it does promote healing. When I burned my finger trying to scoop a slice of hot pecan pie out of its dish, the aloe's juice worked so well that the pie was still too hot to eat by the time I'd forgotten about the burn. (Serious burns should be checked by a doctor.)

Aloes grow well in almost any exposure, although, being desert plants, the more sun they get indoors, the better. If you put your plant outside in summertime, however, even the aloe can become burned by a full day of direct sun; half a day will do.

For potting soil, use a cactus mix, available at most plant stores, or make your own by thoroughly blending one part potting soil, one part peat moss, and two parts sharp sand. The sand is necessary for good drainage. Water the aloe as you would other succulents—that is, only when the soil feels quite dry just below the surface. Then give it a real bath, pouring off the excess collected in the pot's saucer after an hour. Fertilize once a month from the end of spring throughout the summer. One more thing. Although the spines are relatively soft, when you do break a leaf off for first aid, don't rub your plant the wrong way . . . you'll feel it.

RICHARD LANGER



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Boxing lessons

The box you give your Christmas present in can be something to keep, too. Buy plain wooden boxes from the handcraft store, cover with Ultrasuede and line with print. To cover a box about 5 by 6 inches and 1½ inches deep you need

- ⅓ yard Ultrasuede fabric
- white household glue
- 1-inch-wide paintbrush
- small tin pie plate
- fabric scraps for lining

To make: Measure, mark, and cut out two sections of fabric large enough to cover box and lid completely. Pour glue into tin pie plate. Brush glue onto top of box. Put box top, glue side down, on wrong side of fabric, centering carefully. Use ruler and pencil to mark cutting lines on fabric. Cut along ruled lines to edge of fabric. Fit fabric over edges of box, cutting away excess on long side. Use razor blade to trim each corner on the diagonal. Brush glue onto all sides of box and smooth fabric into place. Fold fabric around short sides. Brush glue onto fabric and inside surface. Fold remaining piece of fabric up, over, and down into box. Trim corners as before. Repeat procedure to cover box bottom.

To line box: Measure, mark, and cut out cardboard sections to fit all inside surfaces of box. Measure, mark, and cut out fabric to totally cover each piece of cardboard. Glue in place. Glue fabric lining sections into position inside box. Idea from Janet Roda, author of *Fabric Decorating for the Home,* (Oxmoor House, $16.95).

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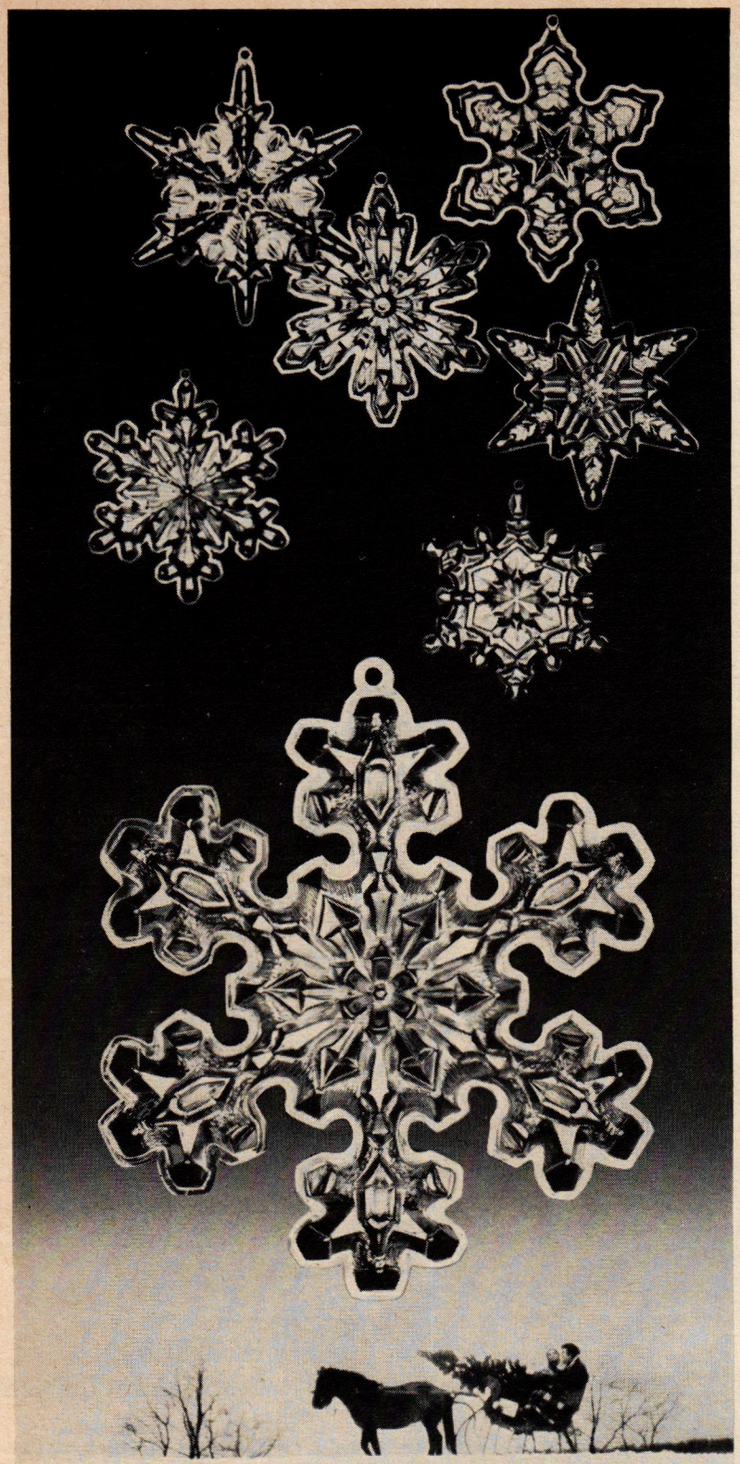

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Antiques

By Louise Ade Boger

Medallion chair-back settee

Is my love seat very old? What style does it represent?
W.L.B.—Culpeper, Va.

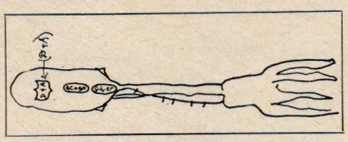
Your medallion chair-back settee reflects the influence of the 18th century French Louis XV style. The medallion-back is particularly identified with Louis XVI style, but was already in existence at the end of the Louis XV epoch. Your settee, however, is modern, probably 20th-century American, if only because in the 18th century they made chairs but never settees with medallion-shaped backs.

Staffordshire plate

From the mark and my photograph can you identify my plate?
C.R.N.—Arlington Heights, Ill.

According to the diamond-shaped registration device, the Staffordshire potters W.H. Grindley and Co. registered your pattern, "Daffodil," at the London Patent Office, January 7, 1882.

Victorian fork



Who made my silver fork? What does "Bengal silver" mean?
C.S.B.—New Castle, N.H.

Your fork was made by the English Victorian silverplaters, Daniel and Arter, who operated the Globe Nevada Silver Works at Birmingham. Bengal Silver was one of their trademarks. Others include Nevada Silver, Indian Silver, Brazilian Silver, and Japanese Silver.

Louis XVI style desk

Can you tell me something about the style of my desk. Is it an antique?
C.W. Dunsmoor—Moraga, Cal.

Your Louis XVI style desk derives from the *bureau à cylindre*, a distinctive form of roll-top desk introduced in France about the mid-18th century. It is generally believed that the *bureau du roi* Louis XV, a roll-top desk created by the French ébéniste Oeben in 1760 and finished by Riesener in 1769, is the most beautiful piece of furniture in the world. So your roll-top desk, of 20th-century, probably American, manufacture has a distinguished ancestor in the Musée des Arts Décoratifs in Paris.

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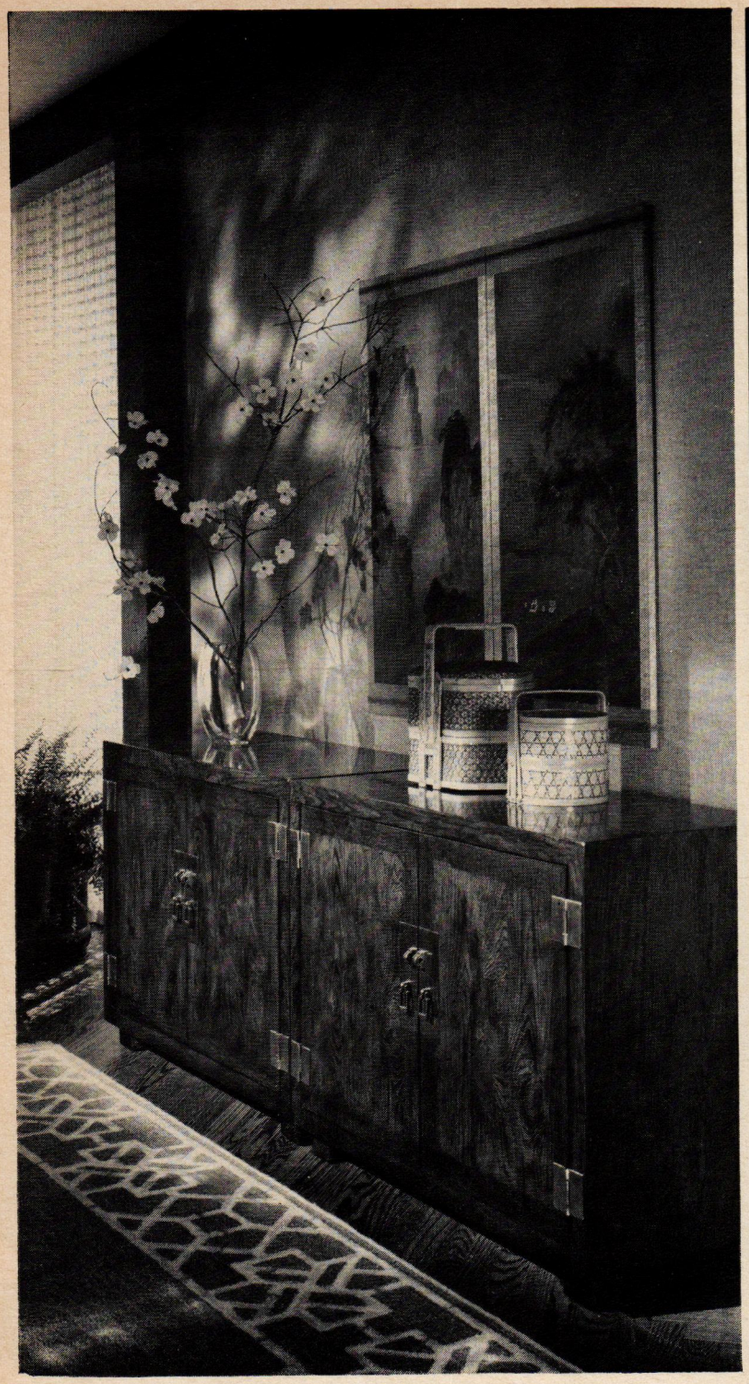

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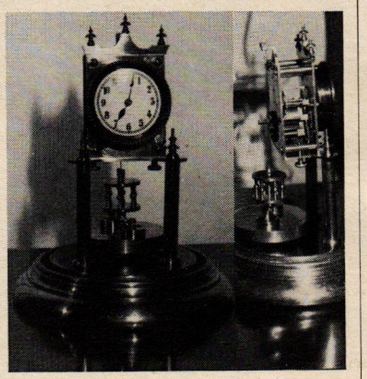
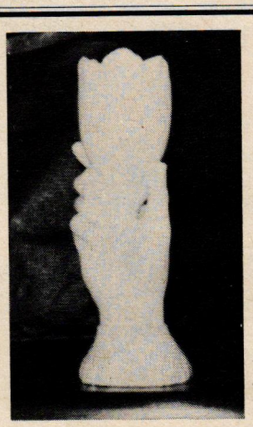
400-day clock



Can you tell me something of the origin and working of my old clock? It seems very unusual.
A.P.—Bloomfield, N.J.

Your Black Forest German clock, dating about the 1880s, is an early example of the 400-day clock which is wound once a year. The pendulum on these early clocks was a flat disk which makes one revolution to the right and another to the left. It repeats this cycle and thus keeps time. In the later clocks, dating from the early 1900s, the disk is replaced by four balls.

Victorian hand vase



Are you able to trace this hand vase, which belonged to my great grandmother?
A.M.—Portland, Ore.

Your unglazed or Parian porcelain hand vase, modeled in the form of an upright hand with a ruffled cuff holding a flower-shaped vase, is possibly of American manufacture, probably dating from about the third quarter of the 19th century. The hand vase is a characteristic Victorian product and is popular with collectors today.

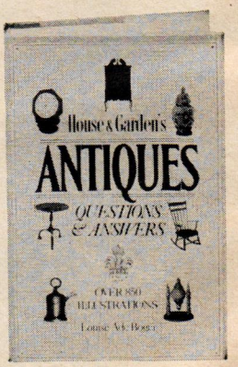
Limoges vegetable dish

I bought this vegetable dish in a flea market. I include the marks on the bottom, not a picture. Is it very old? E.A.J.—Charlotte, N.C.

Your covered vegetable dish was made by the Limoges porcelain manufacturers, Tressemanes & Vogt, probably about the first quarter of the 20th century.

Antiqueries

Copies of Louise Ade Boger's book, *House & Garden's Antiques: Questions & Answers,* containing more than 900 items from past columns, arranged by category for easy reference, can be purchased for $10.95 a copy, plus 45¢ to cover postage and handling. To order a copy, please write to: Condé Nast Books, Post Office Box 3308, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017.



Antique News

A loan exhibit, "Woods and Tools: The Fabrication of American Furniture, 1790-1825," will be part of the annual Delaware Antiques Show sponsored by the Junior Board of the Delaware Division, Wilmington Medical Center, December 3 to 5, Wilcastle Center, Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington, Del.

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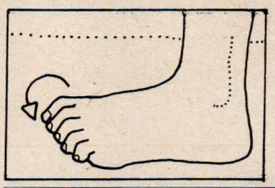

Foot massage can do wonders to help you relax and unwind. Try this do-it-yourself ten-step massage

By Elin Schoen

When Deborah Mazzanti was growing up in Tahiti, she had to wear shoes to church. That was about the only time she had to wear them. "The first thing we did after leaving church," she recalls, "was take off our shoes." Now, as president of the California and Mexico health spas, the Golden Door and Rancho La Puerta, and as a member of the President's Council on Physical Fitness, Deborah Mazzanti still goes barefoot as much as possible and recommends that other people do the same—while gardening, while walking in the park, at home, even in the office. "We weren't born with shoes on," she says. "If we needed them, nature would have given them to us."

The point is, contact with wet grass, with hardwood floors, with carpets, makes your feet feel good. And, according to Deborah, "if your feet feel good, your whole body feels good." Deborah is not the first person, of course, to notice this. She told me about Father Sebastian Knipe (the German who is considered the founder of hydrotherapy, widely used at European spas such as Baden-Baden) who recommended two kinds of therapeutic walking: (1) Walk in damp sand, curling your feet, and (2) walk on a lawn in the early morning, enjoying the feeling of fresh dew. And she told me about spas in Europe which have a foot-pampering setup involving two troughs of water, set side by side, one hot and one cold. First, you walk through the hot water and then return through the cold. If it weren't for the tremendous expense of all the filters American law requires for such equipment, Deborah would install these "parallel creeks" at the Golden Door.

And then I heard about zone therapy, otherwise known as reflexology. This art—because it is not recognized by the medical profession as a science—is similar to acupuncture in that it is Asian in origin and nerve-oriented. The basic principle is that each part of the foot is related to some organ, muscle, or entity elsewhere in the body, and that by manipulating various sections of the foot in various ways you can treat ailments in the organs to which they are connected. Some people on whom reflexology has been practiced claim that it will miraculously clear up everything from hay fever to cataracts. But realistic practitioners, such as Yolanda Brown in New York, recommend it more for relaxation than for cures.

Mrs. Brown, who said that she entered her profession because she had an arthritic spine which disappeared after zone therapy, gave me a massage recently. Foot massage, she told me, strengthens metatarsals which have fallen because of overly tight shoes. When I yelped with pain at one point during the massage, she explained that foot massage may hurt a little at first, but when the blood starts circulating better, you feel no pain. "You'll be so relaxed," she said, "that when you get home, you'll want to go to sleep." When I left her apartment I felt as if I were walking on air, although I was unable to go home and see if I also felt like taking a nap.

Mrs. Brown is considered the Pavlova of reflexologists, but if you don't live in or around New York City, or can't afford the $20 required for 40 minutes in her hands, you *can* rub down your feet yourself. Relaxation is the whole point of the do-it-yourself foot massage which has been taught for the past 25 years at the health spa Rancho La Puerta in Mexico, and, from time to time, at the Golden Door in California. The "Happy Feet" class is, according to Deborah Mazzanti, based on "a combination of a lot of pseudo-scientific theories—zone therapy, compression massage—that have recently been somewhat confirmed with the vogue of acupuncture. I always say that there may not be sense to these things, but they do work. They're very relaxing after a day of tension. It's hard to give yourself a full body massage or to massage your mind, certainly. But your feet constitute one area on which you can work effectively yourself."

There is also the time-invested-relative-to-gains factor. Foot massage takes a mere 10 to 15 minutes. And you definitely feel the results.

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Very few other pursuits in life are so quick and profitable. Or so uncomplicated. One of the reasons "Happy Feet" has been such a success at Ms. Mazzanti's spas is that many guests can relate to it better than to yoga. Yoga is a good way to relax after your average spa day of calisthenics, swimming, and otherwise laboring to "shape up and slim down." "But some people just don't like yoga," says Deborah. "It's too way-out. But I can get them into 'Happy Feet' and that's just as relaxing."

Deborah recommends do-it-yourself foot massage as an excellent alternative to the five-minute nap of which most people are not capable. It is also ideal for that transitional period between The Job and The Date. Instead of just freshening makeup or taking a shower, Deborah suggests doing five minutes of jump rope ("I'm really high on that—but you have to use a good jump rope from a sporting-goods store, not the five-and-dime kind") and then the "Happy Feet" routine. It goes as follows:

1. If you're at home, wear a robe or wear nothing. In the office, loosen your clothes. If possible, open your window wide. Sit on the floor with your back against a wall or a firm couch. Fix in your mind the idea that a feeling of relaxation is going to spread from your feet through your legs and all over your body. You are stimulating circulation, and the blood is going to flow more smoothly throughout your entire body. As Deborah says, "This operates on psychological as well as physical principles."

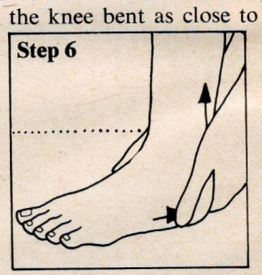
2. Rub the palms of your hands together until friction warms them thoroughly. Then bring your right leg onto your lap. Take your right foot between your hands and rub the entire foot with a circular motion. Imagine you have something in your hands, like a pencil, and you're rolling it back and forth. Rub your hands together again before repeating this procedure with the left foot.

3. Stretch your left leg out in front of you and bring your right foot up where you can work on it comfortably. Grasp your big toe firmly on either side between the thumb and forefinger of your left hand and roll it back and forth several times. Do each toe in turn the same way. (If this hurts, don't worry about it. When you have tense neck and shoulder muscles massaged, it's painful, too. But it feels great afterwards. The same goes for the feet.)

4. Now hold your foot toenail-side-up and, supporting your big toe with your forefinger, massage the toe with your thumb, applying pressure as you massage. Do this to all your toes. Then reverse your foot (heel-side-up) and repeat the procedure on the bottoms of the toes.

5. Supporting the foot with the fingers of both hands, massage the upper side of the foot with both thumbs, covering the whole foot. Repeat this on the bottom of the foot, applying pressure first to the padded area under the base of the toes, then to the middle area, pressing very firmly, then gradually working down to the heel. Always massage in a rotating, clockwise motion.

6. Place the foot in front of you with the knee bent as close to the chest as possible. The foot should be positioned on the floor as if you were going to walk on it. Massage each side of the heel with both thumbs, going up the back of the leg, about halfway up the calf. Return to the bottom of the heel and massage up the leg again, being particularly attentive to the Achilles tendon area.



7. Stretch out both legs with heels on the ground and flop both feet from side to side. Now stretch

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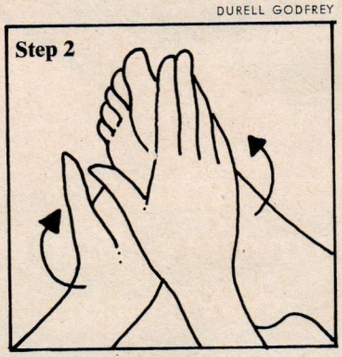

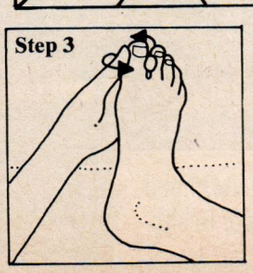

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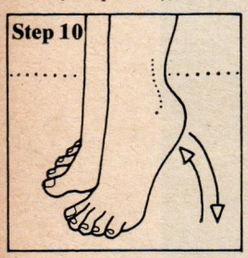
your toes apart as wide as possible, and relax. Repeat this 3 or 4 times.

8. Repeat steps 3 through 6 with the left foot.

9. Kneel "tailor-style," sitting on your heels, with weight resting equally on the knees and the balls of the feet. Lightly bounce up and down (the bouncing stretches your

feet and ankles). Sit down on your feet and lightly bounce up and down (stretch your toes while you're in this position).

10. Stand up. Rise on your toes like a ballet dancer (not, however, *en pointe),* then low-

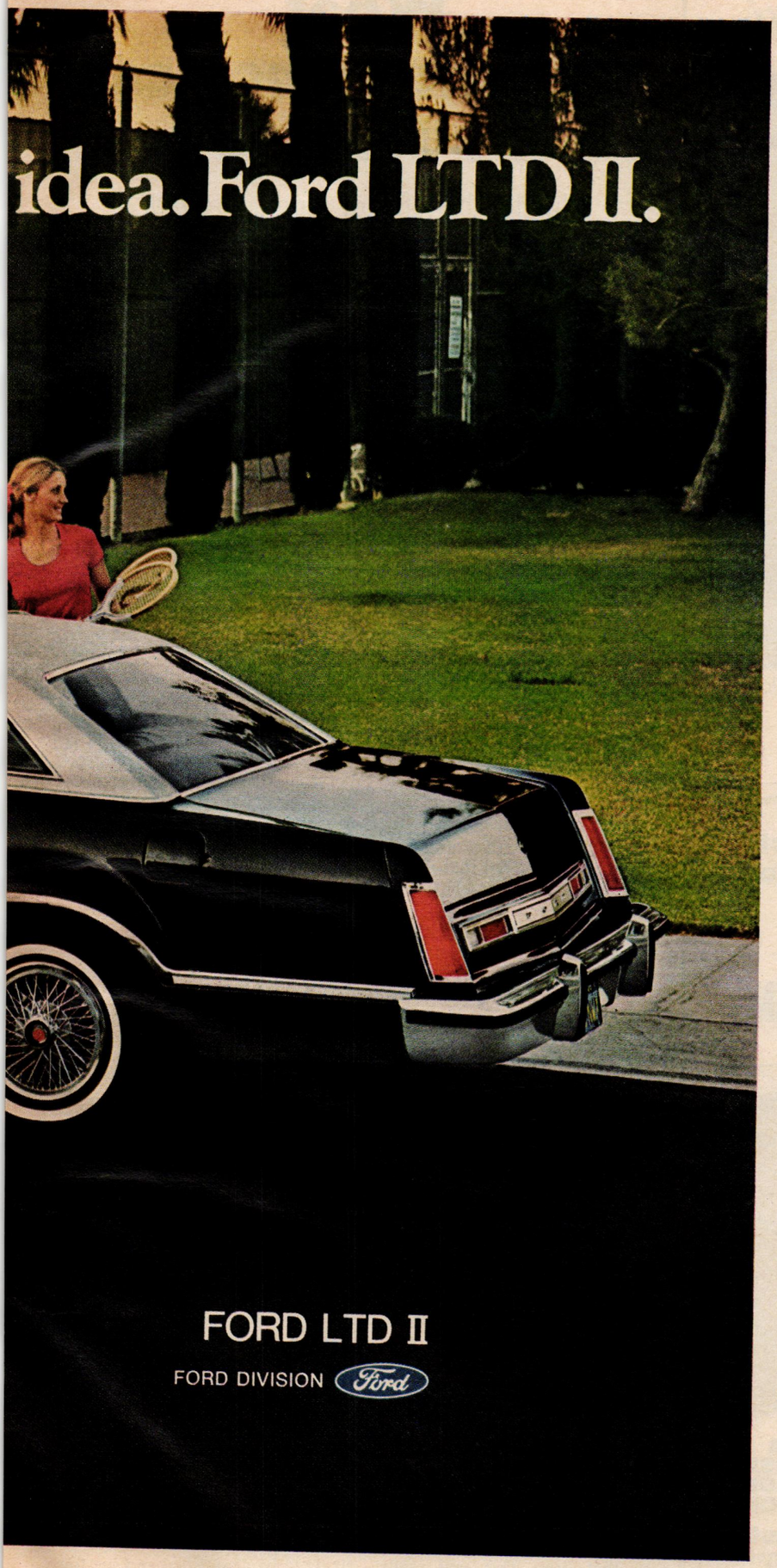


er your feet. Repeat 10 times.

11. Walk around in a circle with your toes curled tightly.

12. Sit down and slap your feet all over. If you're at home (or if you have a well-appointed office), wet a lightweight washcloth with cold water and slap your feet with it. Then, finish up by immersing your feet alternately in dishpans of hot and cold water (20 seconds per dip) for 2 or 3 minutes.

As Deborah Mazzanti was outlining this routine to me, I was absent-mindedly going through the various motions, although my note-taking kept getting in the way. I decided to abstain from *All in the Family* (one of my own favorite forms of relaxation) and kick up my heels, so to speak. And I, who have always found all forms of meditation useless because meditating is boring, who loathed yoga for the same reason, who cannot catnap or lie still with a rejuvenating mask on my face, returned to the TV set as relaxed as I've ever been. And fell asleep.



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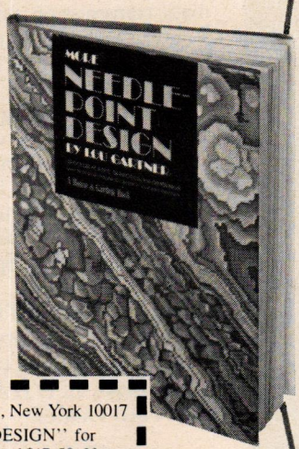

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Too many people deny themselves needlessly because of habit and training. Upbringing stresses duty, dignity, and common sense—undoubtedly necessary, but often they leave little room for the lighter side of life. More everyday pleasure is needed. People who frequently complain "I don't seem able to enjoy myself enough," may be unaware of how many pleasures they could savor easily. Time out is no luxury. Research shows it bolsters efficiency in routine activities. Watch for times when you bind yourself needlessly, merely to be sensible, dignified, and dutiful—and then try to consciously let go, just because you feel like it. An executive convinced by the idea that his door should always be open suddenly changed the habit and shut his door for 15 minutes twice a day to soothe jangled nerves. During these periods, he relaxed in a most unbusinesslike way, stared into space, and recovered from stress. It is not what you do that matters, it is that exciting feeling of release that counts. Donate that dress that you really can't stand even if it has "a lot of wear in it." Eat early even if it isn't "time for lunch." Show your feelings more, try out an idea from an article on love. Well, why not? You can get more out of living simply by recognizing habit barriers—and giving in to what you really want.

Q. Is scientific analysis by computer going to replace conventional diagnosis in the doctor's office?

A. Computerized diagnosis, radioactive isotopes, and scanning are among the marvels of today's medical profession, but the most refined diagnostic instrument remains the doctor's ear. Given a choice of physical examination, a complex laboratory work-up, or a personal history, most internists agree that the personally taken history is the best single method of producing accurate diagnosis. An expensive, elaborate lab work-up may actually miss a significant clue to understanding an illness. Example: A woman with convulsions was hospitalized as an emergency at midnight. Neither an angiogram nor the range of neurological x-rays revealed the cause. Her family physician, contacted later, listened. After talking to the patient and hearing that she had a strenuous day at work, skipped lunch, ate a skimpy dinner to get to the theatre on time, then rushed home to avoid a snowstorm, the doctor ordered a simple sugar tolerance test. The result showed a case of hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), easily treated by diet. A week in the hospital might easily have been avoided.

It is in the patient's best interest to have a doctor who both listens and explains. For the listening doctor, one patient's migraine is a treatable allergy, while another's is an emotional reaction to persistent marital disagreement. If a question of surgery arises, it is important that the doctor explains the exact need for it in as much detail as possible. Lack of explanation leaves an uninformed patient more likely to be dissatisfied and sue for malpractice. (The rare haughty, aloof doctor can create such situ-

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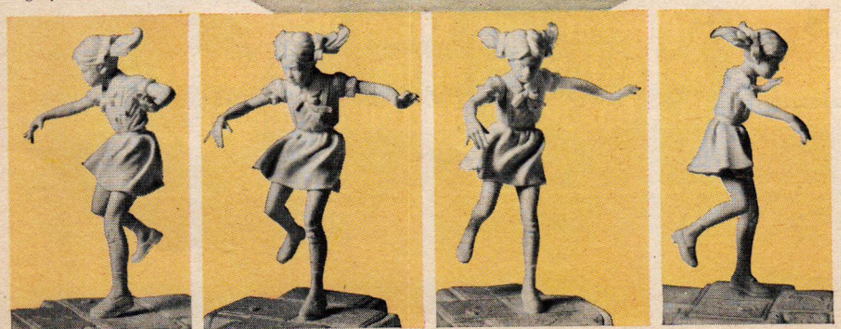

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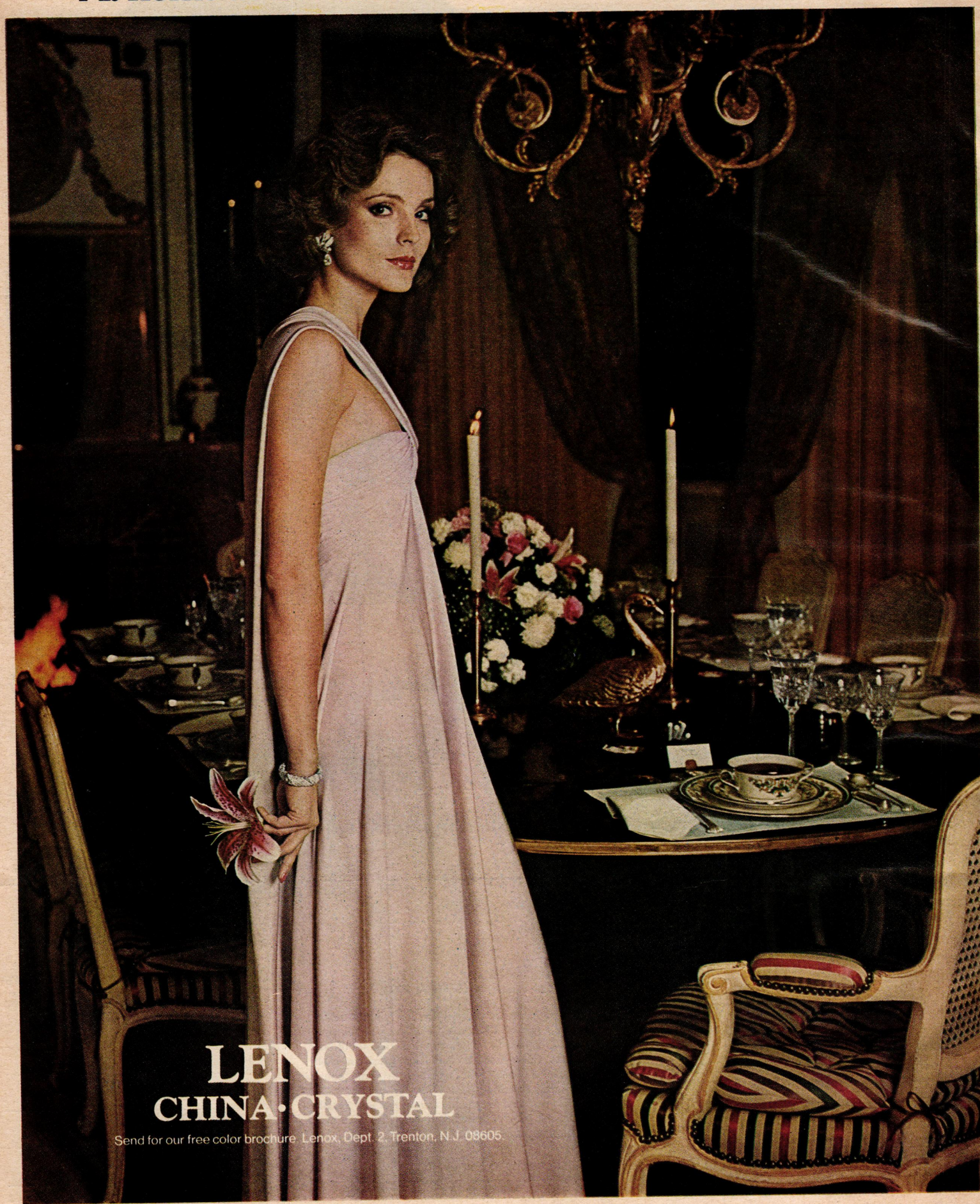

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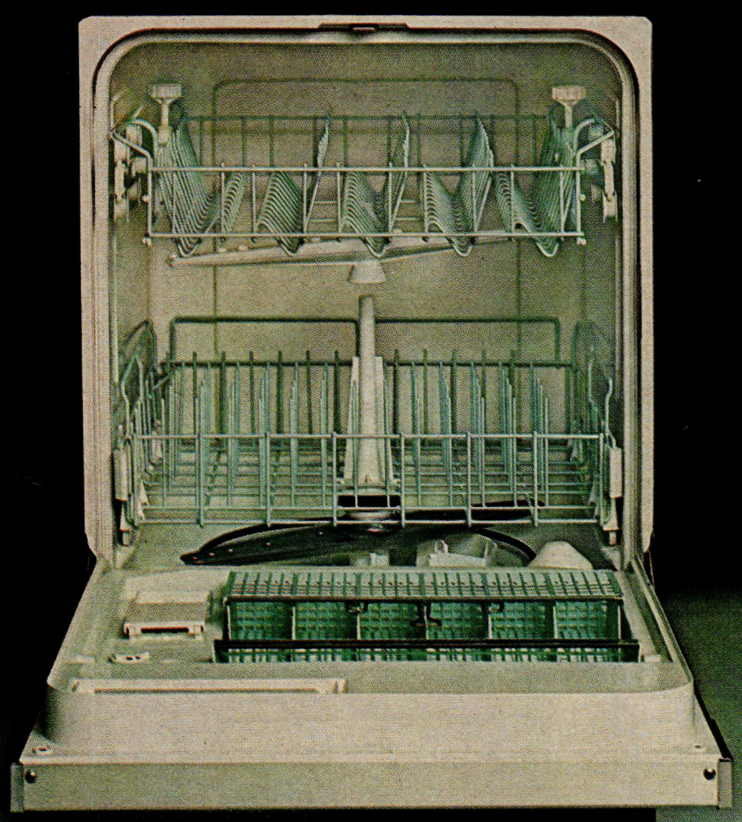

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ations.) Personal communication in medicine is vital. A patient must understand his or her physical condition to take care of it and do well. The diabetic, for instance, should know almost as much about diabetes as the doctor does, something that can come about only through patient explanation in the doctor's office. Scientific aids are fine, but not as a substitute for sympathetic one-to-one contact. If you find it difficult to get attentive listening and suitable explanations from your doctor, it would be wise to find another.

Q. What is the role of conscience in love today?

A. In the last ten years, the sexual revolution has taken us further than the preceding half-century toward full acceptance of reality. The human sex drive has come into the open, to be dealt with sensibly and enjoyably, rather than uncomfortably repressed, or expressed with guilt. Varied techniques enrich the love experience. Women participate actively for pleasure, enhancing male satisfaction. There is a more liberal attitude toward all kinds of love, a loosening up of rigid ideas about "proper" sexual relationships. Nonetheless, the feeling of distress which accompanies violations of established behavior still governs sexual activity.

Conscience in love persists because people feel more comfortable acting within a socially acceptable boundary. Even very "liberal" sexual arrangements involve a code of behavior. Open marriage, when it exists, is generally by agreement, often by contract.

Mate-sharing is organized on the basis of a pact: Group sexual encounters involve consent by a restricted membership. No matter how, where, or when they occur, sexual relationships imply mutual acceptance. Unlimited freedom, utterly impulsive behavior (rape, for example) is regarded as pathological.

What for you is right or wrong, desirable or undesirable, is a matter of personal principles. Each person must be at ease with him or herself, guided by an individual code.

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The point to remember is that love is most fulfilling expressed within the bounds of conscience.

Q. What causes food poisoning?

A. Food poisoning is commonly caused by three bacterial organisms, staphylococcus, salmonella, and clostridium perfringens. The subsequent diarrhea, nausea, pain, cramps, and fever occur in two hours with staphylococcus and between eight to ten hours later in salmonella and clostridium perfringens infections.

All such poisoning results from improper food preparation or storage, or both. Be alert for off-color, unusual odor or appearance, bent or swollen cans, too-long home or market storage, obviously melted and refrozen items, dates on packages. Boil reheated gravies and heat leftovers at high temperatures, since refrigeration stops bacterial growth but doesn't destroy it. Never allow food to cool outside the refrigerator, put it in at once.

Food poisoning may also be caused by natural mold growth, which develops in food kept too long or stored in damp locations and dirty refrigerators. Even a tiny surface spot means roots throughout and is a signal to discard. Industrially polluted waters may produce mercury or lead poisoning in fish, which causes upset stomachs. Today sewage is another menace and increases the risk of hepatitis from shellfish. Carcinogenic PCB has reached even Arctic lakes. Watch for published warnings of high contamination. The key rule to prevent food poisoning: If in doubt, throw the food out. ■

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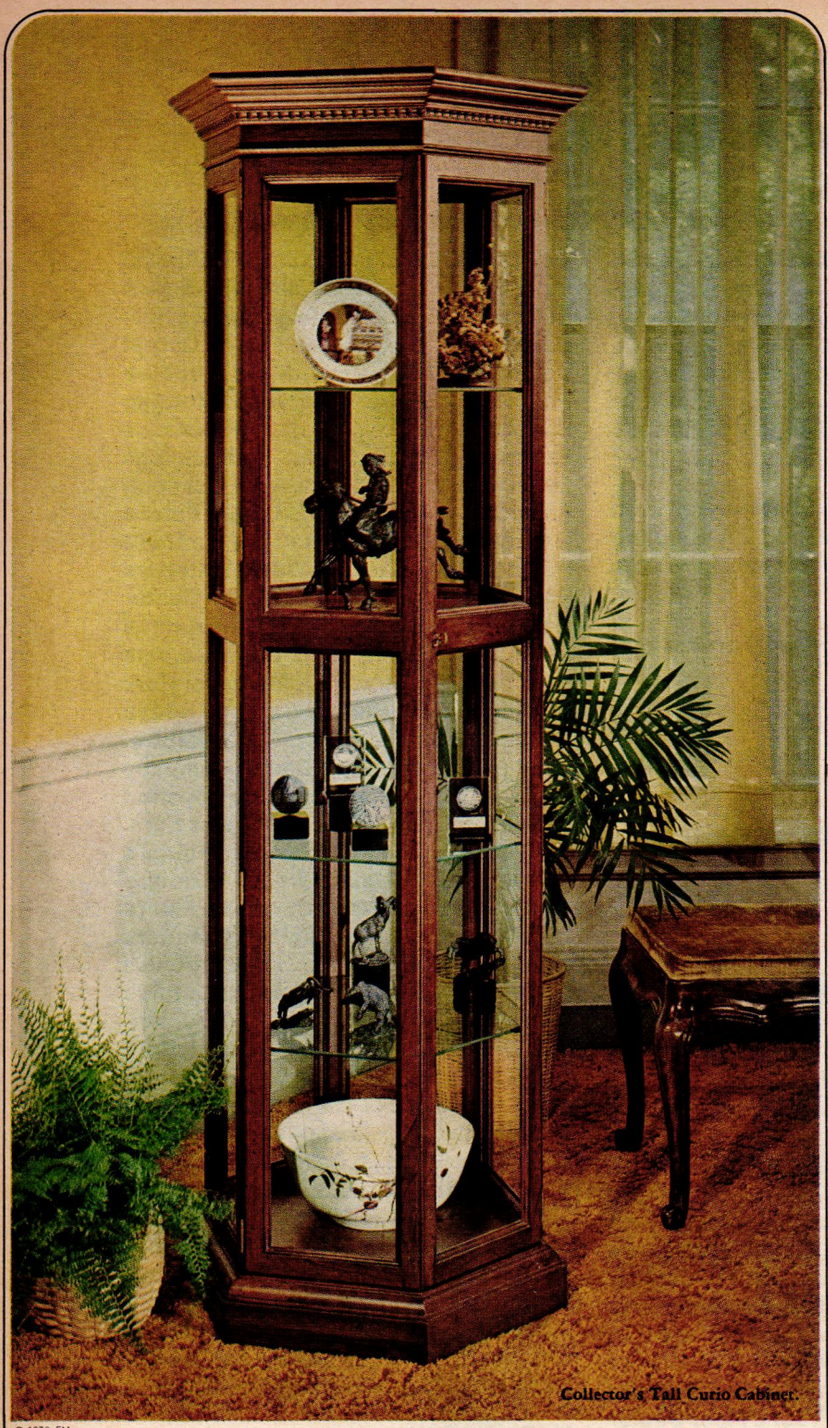
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AUTO SUGGESTIONS

Buying a secondhand car

Plus antitheft identification for your car, tips about CB radio, and handy automatic garage-door openers

By Mary Elizabeth Falter

The second time around

Buying a secondhand automobile can make you nervous. However, having decided that it's the route you want to pursue for a first or second car, or a car for a son or daughter, proceed with some caution and an expertise that can be acquired or "borrowed."

Begin by shopping for a dependable dealership, one that's been in business a substantial length of time. Then do your homework in the newspaper classified pages. You'll get an idea of price, turnover, and even quality by what's advertised, just as you may have when buying a new car. When you find a make or makes you're interested in, try to find someone who owns the same car and ask him how satisfied he is. As to price, the bank will check it for you in a resale book. Always shop for a car armed with as much specific information as possible and by all means, avoid the lone-wolf secondhand car lot *not* associated with a dealership. They usually fly lots of bright little flags and are called something like "Harry's Rite-Buy Used Car Lot."

When you've made a tentative selection, get in the car and drive it with the windows up and the windows down, checking for odd noises and any kind of fumes, and make sure that all the important instruments (odometer, windshield wipers, indicator lights, and oil-gauge signal) are in good working order. Try the door handles and window mechanisms. Check the braking and accelerating time, reverse gear, and make a series of tight turns right and left. Finally, try to find a pretty rough stretch of road and check out the shock absorbers and wheel suspension. A quick way to check shock absorbers is to put one foot on the bumper and lean hard. If the bumper gives 3 inches or more with little resistance, the shock absorbers are weak. Shift often and watch to see if second gear (the one used most often) is loose or if the clutch slips. In an automatic-drive car, watch for irregularities in sound and feel.

Back at the lot, check for rust on the body around the door bottoms, fender panels, and at the bottom edges of the frame. Shiny new paint may mean the car has been in an accident. Look to see if there are any faint mars or uneven spots on the body that would indicate other accident damage.

Anyone looking for a secondhand car who is not well-informed about automobiles should certainly take along a friend who *is*. Another solution is to hire a good mechanic on his off-time to examine the car you're considering and give it a compression check to determine the health of the valves.

Finally, ask the used-car dealer for a certification of milage and a guarantee of at least 30 days. The guarantee should include the transmission, the engine, and the "drive-train system" (i.e. any part that is powered by the engine, including the air-conditioning and the steering mechanism). Tires usually have a separate warranty; get one if you can, but often used-car dealers cannot provide them (they were issued to the owner when the car was new). Use the 30 days wisely, checking out any faults you possibly can. Remember that the good buy is probably a car that has been *kept* in good condition—clean, waxed, and in good order, all indications that the owner cared.

Antitheft I.D.

The police recover stolen automobiles every day, but restoring them to their rightful owners is often a problem. Most stolen cars are quickly stripped of all identification and proof of ownership such as registration, license, and serial numbers. With the need for positive permanent identification in mind, the Credit Card Service Bureau in Alexandria, Va., has developed a new service called the Nationwide Registry Service. For an annual fee of $12, or $27 for 3 years, this service will enroll you in a program called Identi-Fax. When you join, Identi-Fax sends every member a kit which contains a unique identification number, a special marking tool, a registry

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sheet (no limit on items to be registered) for automobiles, boats, trailers, motorcycles, TVs, binoculars, or anything else of substantial value which can be marked in a special hidden place. The identification mark can't be removed without leaving an obvious indentation. Should your car be stolen, first call the police and then call Identi-Fax. The Bureau will give the police your special trace number and notify your insurance company. The membership kit also includes warning decals for all registered items. They have been proven to be highly successful theft-deterrents. According to a study covering 150,000 families carried out by the Minnesota Governor's Commission Survey on Crime Prevention and Control, registered or marked items were 11 times less likely to be stolen than unregistered items.

Shrinking spare tire

As automotive designers reduce the size of automobiles in the interest of fuel economy and efficiency, cars have grown shorter, lower, and even narrower. This space loss has to be reflected somewhere, and it's often the storage compartment or trunk that suffers. As a result, the spare tire has become highly expendable, and alternative solutions are being developed by the tire industry. One is the small inflatable *temporary* tire that takes up very little space and is inflated with an aerosol air pump when needed. Called the Space Saver Spare, by Goodrich, it comes in both a small size, filled with an aerosol canister air pump that sells for $5, and a larger size, with a $9 canister. These must be replaced each time the spare is inflated, and it can only be inflated by these pumps. The spare will get you safely about 50 miles—to a garage or gas station—but is certainly not meant for long-term use.

The rubber companies are said to be hard at work developing new types of tires that will eventually eliminate the need for a spare. Radials are a great improvement, as most are blowout-resistant and give a smooth, steady ride.

Hazards of CB radio

The CB radio is so popular now that many motor hotel garages have special parking areas, brightly lit and under special surveillance because the theft rate is so high. In fact, some insurance companies are now refusing to cover CB and 8-track units because of the theft rate. To help solve the problem, one CB model is conveniently installed in a bracket so it can be very easily removed and carried to safety into the house or hotel room. As the antennae quickly identify a CB car, a valuable antitheft accessory is the Flip Flop Disappearing Antennae Mount ($11.95 from the Shur-Lok Manufacturing Co., 413 Main Street, Hutchins, Tex. 75141). It allows the antennae to fold neatly into the rear luggage compartment where they can be locked while unattended.

Open-and-shut case

Drivers who come home alone late at night will feel more secure if they can open the garage doors with a special transmitter inside the car. They'll also stay much drier if it's pouring rain or snowing.

There are several good makes of automatic door-operators on the market that are nationally distributed. Genie, one of the better ones, works on a worm-screw principle. Others operate on a chain-lift mechanism. They all range in price from about $200 to $350, depending on options. Options include such things as a manual key to unlock the doors if you are not carrying the transmitter (putting garden tools away, etc.) and an emergency disconnect attachment to be used in case of a power failure. Note, however, that all automatic door-operators are made for light, strong, smoothly operating, overhead garage doors. Installation of the mechanism does not include adjustments or replacement of doors.

Available at door suppliers (see the Yellow Pages), principal makes are Genie, Venco, Automatic Doorman, and Allimatic. ■

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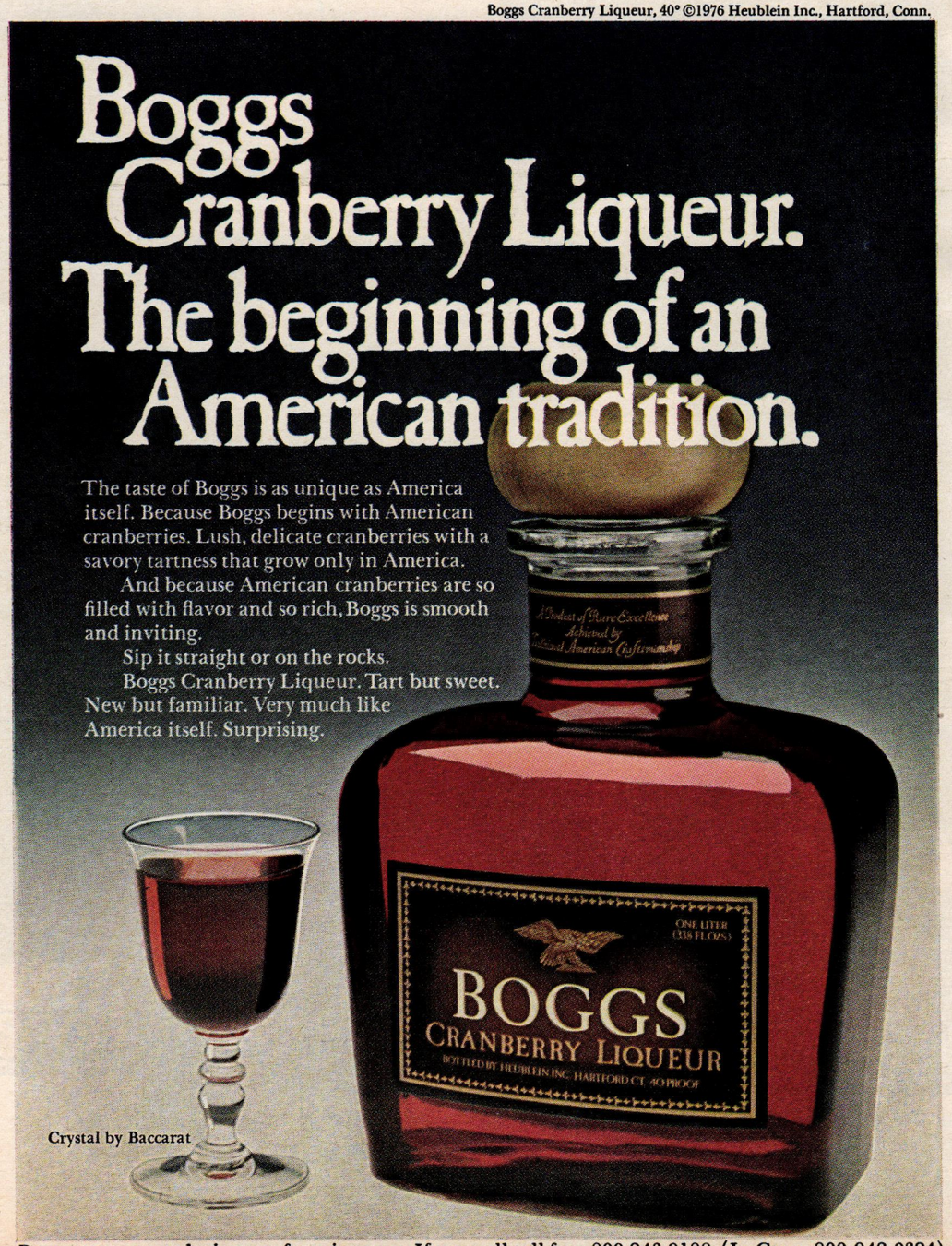

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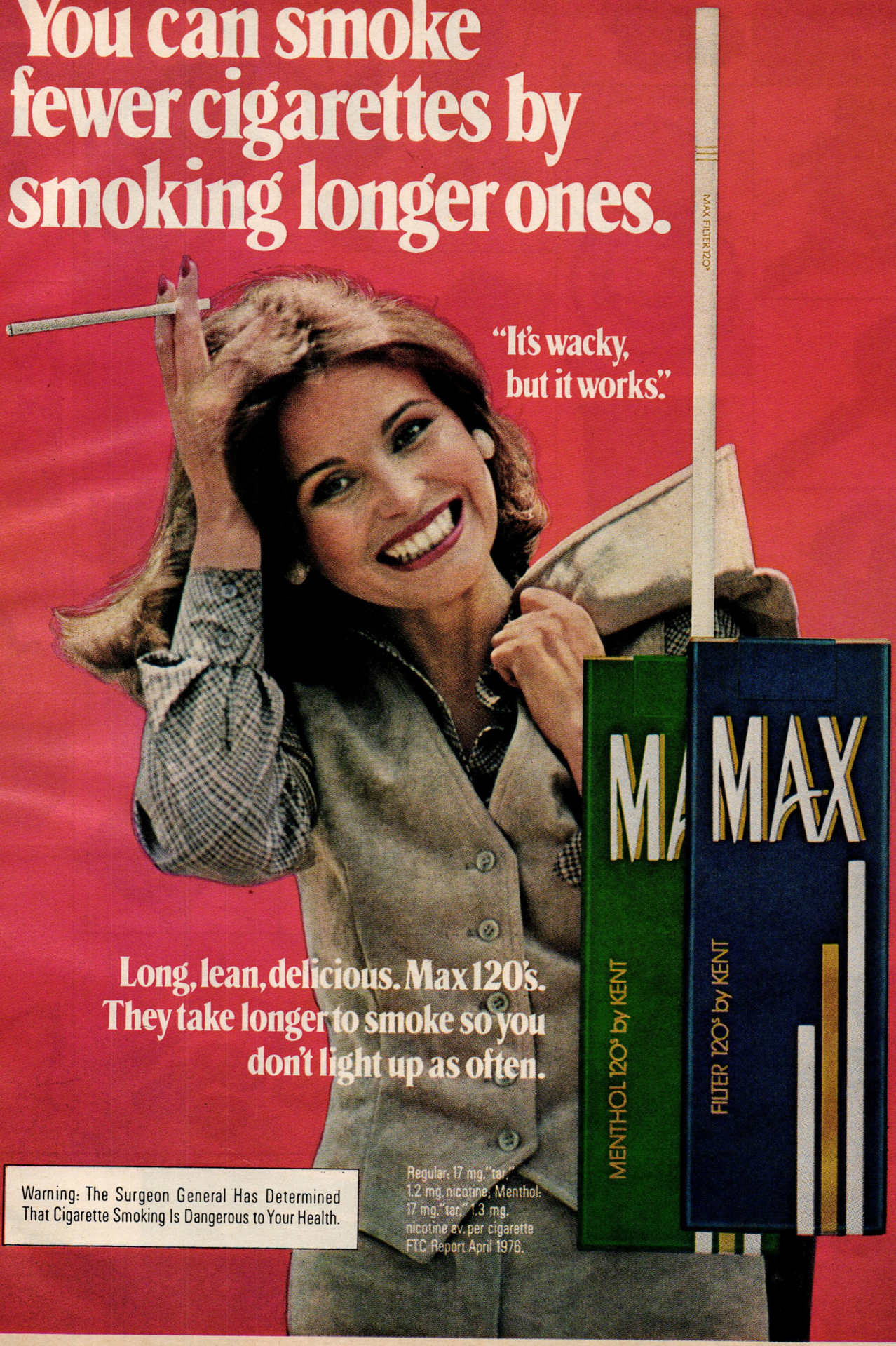

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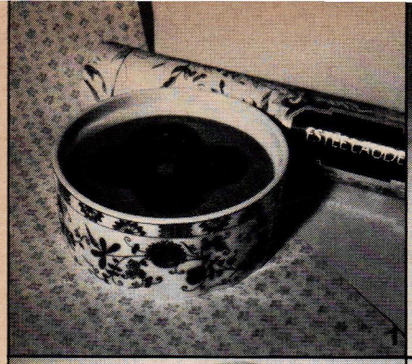
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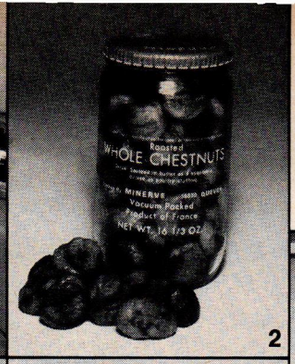

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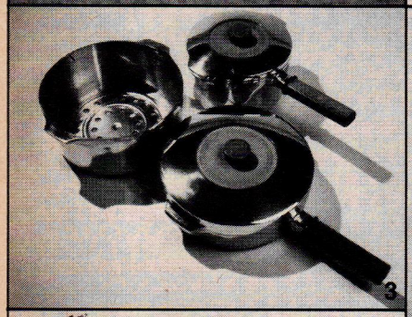
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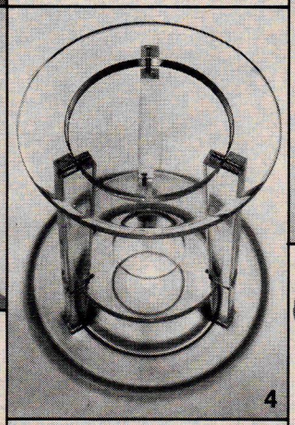
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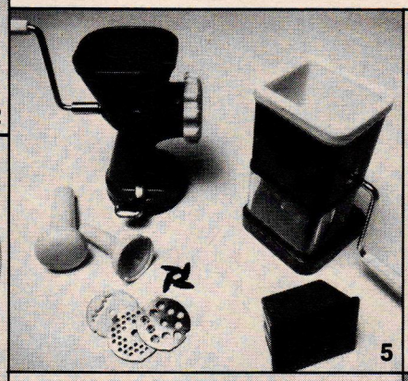
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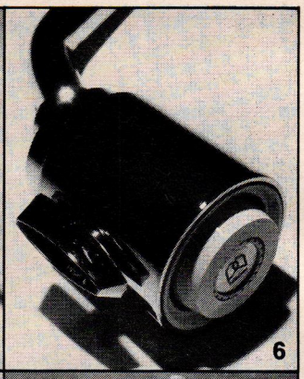
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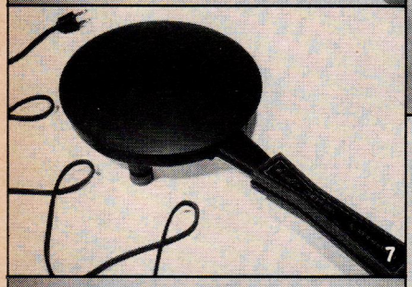
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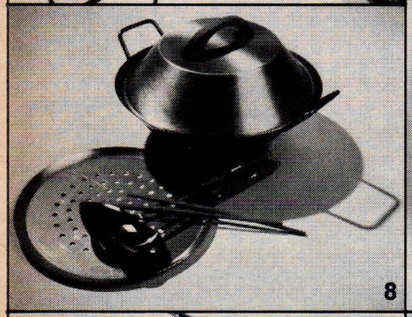
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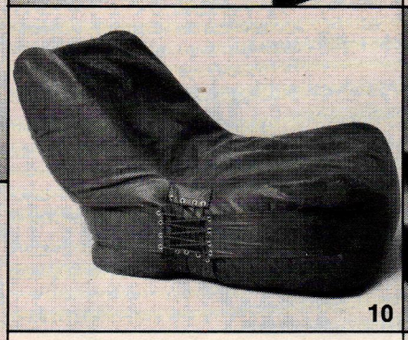
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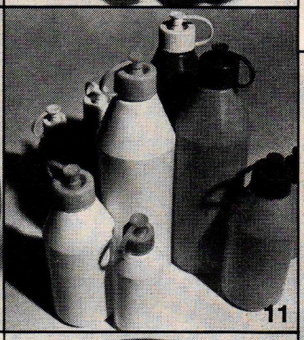
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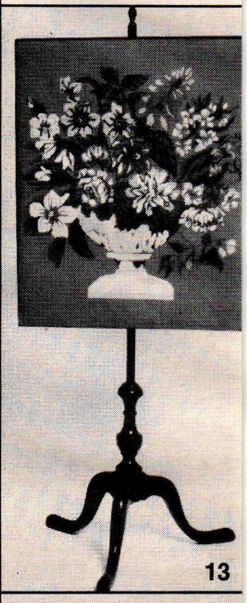
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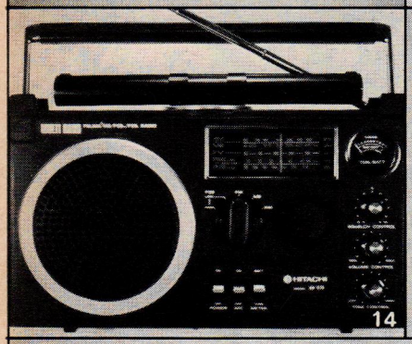
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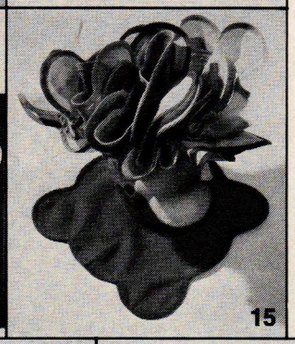
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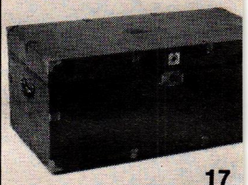
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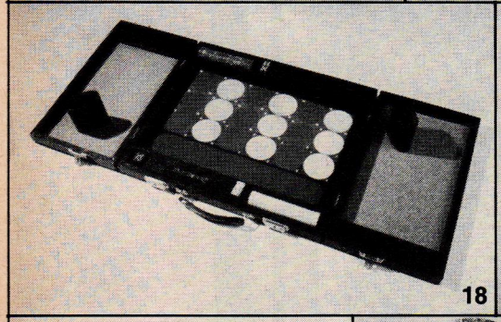
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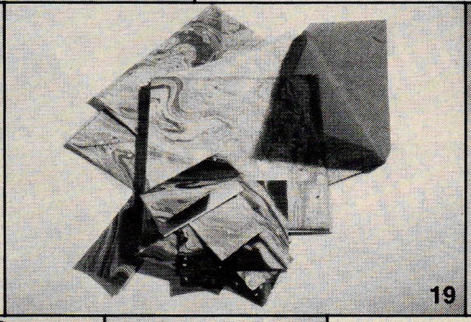
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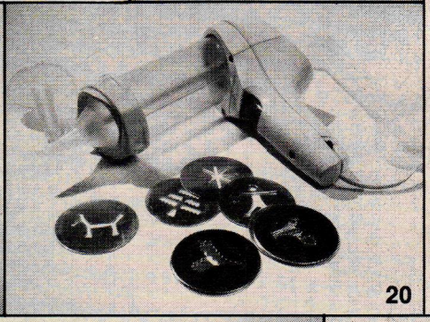
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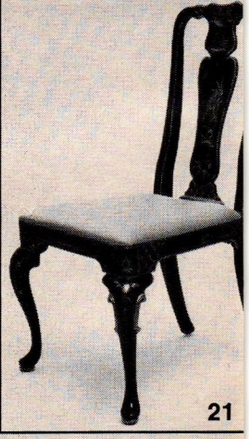
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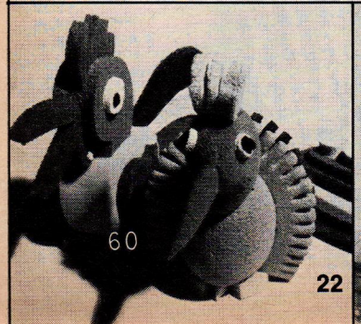
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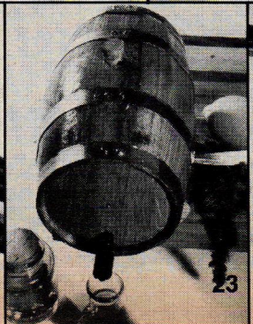
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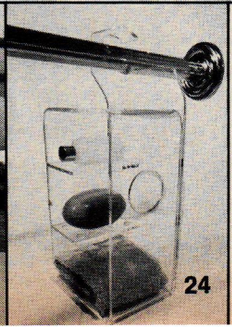
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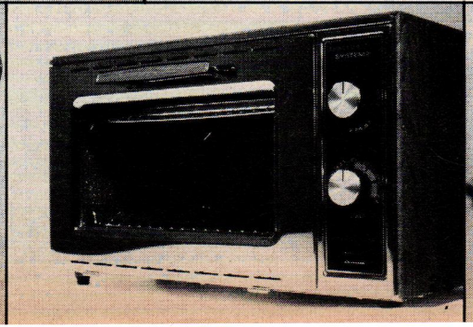
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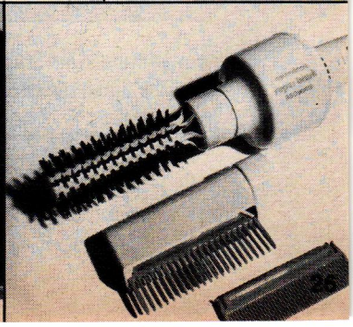
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chair looks and feels as comfortable as its name. Pumpkin-colored vinyl with laced-up sides. 27 inches wide, 40 inches deep, 28 high. $50. Matching ottoman-table available, $35. By Decorian. At Bamberger's. **11. Plastic dispenser bottles** —so useful they'll find their way into every room of the house. Dripless nozzles, snap caps. Yellow, red, or white bottles, with red or yellow caps. 4 ounces, 4½ inches high, $1. 10 ounces, 6 inches high, $1.25. 20 ounces, 9 inches high, $1.50. By Alan Spigelman, at Bloomingdale's. **12. Hand-cranked ice-cream freezer** makes the best old-fashioned ice cream you've ever tasted. Pine tub has a maple finish and beechwood scrapers. All metal parts that touch the mixture are coated with pure tin. White Mountain's model 643, 6-quart capacity, $49.50 at selected hardware stores. **13.** Years ago decorative fire screens protected a woman's face from a hearthside flush. **The Nellie Custis Fire Screen** is reproduced from an original that belonged to George Washington's foster daughter. Fashioned of mahogany, the Chippendale screen is covered with floral needlework, 54¼ by 22½ inches, to stitch yourself. Needlepoint design on canvas, and wool, $175. Fire screen and matting of completed needlework, $275 additional. From the National Trust for Historic Preservation collection by Hickory Chair. At Woolworks. **14. Portable radio** keeps you in touch with the latest police, fire, weather, and navigation information, as well as FM/AM broadcasts. Illuminated dial and tuning meter. 12¼ inches wide, 7¼ inches high, 3⅛ inches deep, in a strong black case. KH/1170 by Hitachi, $79.95. **15. Scalloped napkins** with contrasting borders are a large, lap-covering 18 inches square, in almost any color imaginable. Matching oval place mats available. Both $5 each. At Cache-Cache. **16. Electric shaver** with an ultra-thin foil shaving head, geometrically patterned to catch every hair, platinum-coated for smoothness. Handsome black case is virtually unbreakable. Dual voltage. The Eltron 660 by Braun. $51.75 ppd., Hammacher Schlemmer. **17. Cedar-lined yew wood chest** is trimmed with brass hardware. Natural finish. 39¼ inches long, 19¼ inches deep, 17¼ inches high. $399 at Lane dealers. **18. "Counterstrike,"** a strategy game in the classic tradition of backgammon, chess, and checkers, in a leather-like, double fold-out carrying case of brown or black. By Essex Game Company. $50. The travel model with backgammon set (not shown) $36. Both, Brentano's. **19. Marbleized notes and place cards** in assorted swirling colors.

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pictured on page 60

1. Giant candle in a 10-inch blue-and-white china bowl to fill a room with Youth-Dew perfume. $20. **"Country Sachet Paper"** scents drawers, shelves, boxes with a bouquet of Aliage ($10) or Youth-Dew ($8.50). Six patterned sheets, 24 by 18½ inches each, in a printed tube. Both, Estée Lauder. **2. Whole roasted chestnuts** without juice, to sauté as a vegetable or use in stuffings. Imported from France by Liberty Import. 16⅓-ounce jar, $3.50 at Bloomingdale's. **3. Heavy, cast aluminum cookware** cooks quickly, evenly, even at low, energy-saving settings. Easy-to-clean interiors. Hand-rubbed, mirrorlike finish outside. Treated replaceable hardwood handles. 5-quart covered Dutch oven with meat rack, $29.99. 3-quart covered saucepan, $27.99. 10-inch covered skillet, $28.99. From the Country Collection by Magnalite from General Housewares. **4.** Sit on it, stand on it, put a plant on it—this all-purpose **Lucite stool** fits in anywhere. 18 inches high, 12 inches in diameter. $172.75 ppd., from Hammacher Schlemmer. **5. Meat grinder and cheese grater** of dishwasher-safe plastic, each with suction base and stainless steel cutting blades. Grinder includes disk attachments, meat press, sausage funnel. Grater's transparent container stores or serves. Top can be used as a food press. Made in Italy by Barry-Ware. In Sun Yellow, Tangerine, Velvet Brown, and white. Each 7½ inches high. Grinder, $13, grater, $12, at Bloomingdale's. **6. "Pulsation" shower head** of chrome-plated brass also adjusts for a steady spray shower. Ball-swivel mount fits any standard shower arm. $21.95 from Moen plumbers. For dealers, see your Yellow Pages. **7. Electric crêpe machine** with batter pan and spatula, for thin, tasty crêpes. Nonstick surface needs no oil. Cast-aluminum construction ensures even heat distribution. Model 303 by Grandinetti. About $20, at Bloomingdale's, selected hardware stores. **8. 14-inch steel wok** with aluminum cover and perforated steam plate, flared ring stand for gas or electric stove tops, flat-stemmed spatula and ladle of polished stainless steel, and bamboo chopsticks. By Atlas. Gift set, $22.50, Liberty House. **9. Silver chest** in the Queen Anne style, of hardwood with mahogany veneers, has six drawers, brass hardware, and cabriole legs. 18 inches wide, 13 deep, 38¼ high. Carolina Tables. $219.95 at Miller & Rhoads. **10. "Old Shoe" beanbag**

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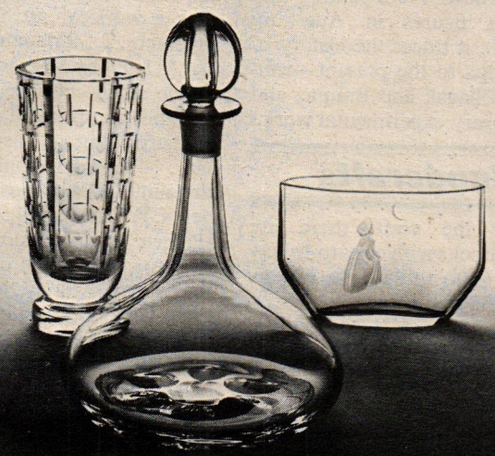

Bowls, vases and decanters all combine the touch of the artist with the requirements of everyday living. Sculptured, cut and engraved pieces, all reflect this long-standing Orrefors tradition. Left to right: "Thousand Windows" vase, 7½", $125. Captain's decanter, 40 oz., $95. "Wish to the Moon" vase, 6¼", $95.

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Presents of mind

Books—for craftsmen, lovers of the arts, master cooks or amateurs, animal and nature fanciers, or anyone for whom a book makes the perfect Christmas present

By Jerome H. Denner

Best-sellers come, they're read, and generally, that's that. But a remarkable book dealing with one's personal or particular interests (or capable of sparking a new one) will give lasting pleasure. Here are some books worth looking into as you choose Christmas presents.

The fine arts

For anyone seriously interested in the arts and their development through the ages—**Art: A History of Painting, Sculpture, Architecture** (Abrams, $50) by Frederick Hartt. An encyclopedic work in two bountifully illustrated volumes, the first working its way from prehistory to the Middle Ages, the second continuing through a comprehensive discussion of 20th-century works. An especially appropriate gift for college students . . . **Birds, Beasts, Blossoms, and Bugs** (Abrams, $25), text by Harold P. Stern. The fundamental themes in Japanese art, with hundreds of illustrations showing how they appear on screens, scrolls, porcelains, wood, papier-mâché, stone.

For the esthete-in-bud: **The Pantheon Story of American Art for Young People** (Pantheon, $14.95) by Ariane Ruskin Batterberry and Michael Batterberry, provides a thorough survey of American art from Indian basketweaving through pre-Revolutionary art all the way to Op and Pop. The simple but never condescending text makes this book appropriate—and

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3-by-4-inch folded notes with matching envelopes, 25 for $7.50. Place cards, 2 by 3½ inches, 20 for $3.50 at Ffolio. **20. Trigger-operated electric food press** decorates, garnishes, stuffs. Pipes mashed potatoes or shapes dozens of cookies. Operates at two speeds. Clear plastic barrel holds 12 fluid ounces, can be safely reloaded while plugged in. It has a 6-foot cord and weighs less than 2 pounds. Complete with barrel loader, decorator and filler tips, nine design disks, and recipe booklet. "Super Shooter" by Wear-Ever. $25. **21. Queen Anne side chair** with black lacquer finish, hand-painted chinoiserie detail, has a damask seat cushion in gold. 20½ inches wide, 18½ inches deep, 38½ inches high. Seat is 18 inches high. From the American Masterpiece collection by Hickory. $299 at Gimbels. **22.** Roosters, turkeys, alligators, and boats make bath time a lot more fun. **6-inch rubber sponges** are imported from Germany by Alan Spigelman. These and others, $5 each at Bloomingdale's. **23.** A never-ending supply of natural vinegar is yours by simply adding wine to the **Working Vinegar Barrel.** Comes filled with ½ gallon of zesty red wine vinegar and the "mother" enzyme that stimulates fermentation. Hand-crafted oak cask with brass hoops on a wooden stand. Instructions and recipes included. $39.95 ppd. from Franjoh Cellars. **24. Caddy of clear acrylic** keeps bath supplies at hand in the shower. Hangs from rod or wall. 14 inches high by 6½ inches wide. By Vincent Lippe. $20.35 ppd., at The Difference Is. **25. Freestanding oven-broiler** not only bakes, broils, roasts, and defrosts, but also automatically cooks and browns a complete meal in separate dishes in 6 to 10 hours. Constant low heat gradually increases until your meal is done. Low wattage saves energy. Interior cleans itself at normal cooking temperatures. Double walls keep kitchen cool. Interior 7¼ inches high, 14¾ inches wide, 11 inches deep. For families of 4 to 6. "System III" by Toastmaster. About $85. **26. 85-watt blow-dryer and styling brush** combine in one powerful, lightweight wand so you can style and dry your hair with one hand. Heated air flows through the round-brush attachment for curling, or use the air concentrator for spot drying. Two comb attachments for straighter styles. Sunny yellow "Super Brush" by Remington. $33. ■

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Buffums

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Stained Glass (Crown, $35 until Dec. 31; then $39.95), with hundreds of photographs by Sonia Halliday and Laura Lushington and text by Lawrence Lee, George Seddon, Francis Stephens, is a must for everyone who loves this ancient art. And the volume may well convert the so-far-unimpressed. Beginning with the world's oldest windows (11th-century Old Testament figures in Augsburg Cathedral), it traces the history of stained glass to the present—windows by Chagall and Braque, and contemporary experimental work.

Handcrafts

Whatever the craft, there are plenty of books with easy-to-follow instructions to titillate the experienced craftsperson, the tyro, or anyone seeking new crafts to conquer. A sampling: **The Art of Decorative Stenciling** (Viking, $15.95) by Adele Bishop and Cile Lord. 8 projects, among them a stenciled windowshade, an Early American chest of drawers, a door, a floor design, with full-scale traceable patterns . . . **Creating Small Wood Objects as Functional Sculpture** (Crown, $10.95; $5.95 paperback) by Dona Z. Meilach. Bowls, boxes, trays, toys, jewelry, decorative whatchamacallits . . . **Everybody's Weaving Book** (Macmillan, $14.95) by Alfred Allan Lewis. How to set up a loom, start weaving, six sampler-like strips to begin with, dozens of projects . . . **Hooked Rugs** (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, $14.95) by William C. Ketchum, Jr. A history, a gallery of existing rugs, instructions and patterns to make your own . . . **Rugs and Wall Hangings** (Scribners, $14.95) by Maggie Lane. Exquisite needlepoint works, 12 in all, many with Oriental motifs, each a work of art. Not for the beginner . . . **Trianglepoint** (Viking, $12.95) by Sherlee Lantz. One simple stitch—no need for counting and complicated diagrams—geometric designs easy for everyone . . . **Carolyn Ambuter's Needlepoint Celebrations** (Quadrangle/N.Y. Times, $14.95 until Dec. 31; then $17.50). More than 60 designs to celebrate an occasion: anniversary, birthday (each zodiac sign), wedding, whatever, plus 10 alphabets for inscriptions . . . **Margaret Boyles Bargello Workbook** (Macmillan, $16.95). Original designs, some for beginners, some for veterans, to use on pillows, hangings, eyeglass cases . . . For the personal touch, **Greetings** (Bobbs-Merrill, $10) by Peter and Maria Snow—how to make your own cards for every occasion, with many sample designs plus instructions on how to fold, trace, letter.

Cookbooks

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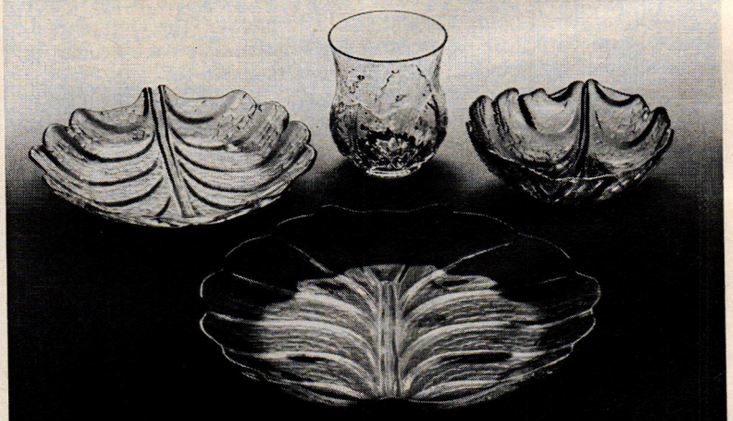

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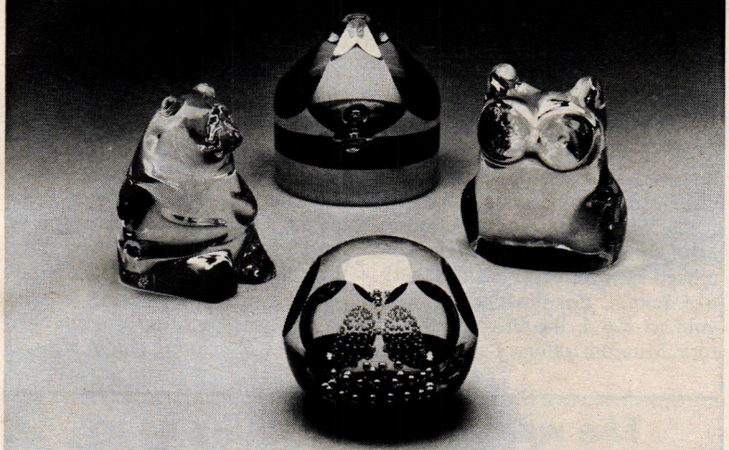

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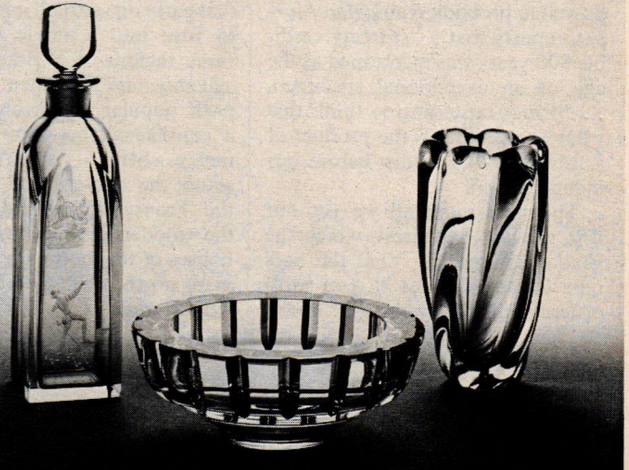

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Romania: In search of the real Dracula

The road to the lair of the man behind the myths leads through fields of flowers and romantic mountain passes to the discovery of a fascinating and little-known culture

By William P. Rayner

America was not the world's first "melting pot"; Romania was. For this ancient land bordering on the Black Sea and surrounded by Russia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and Bulgaria has for 2,000 years been Europe's flash point where the Romans, Goths, Saxons, Seklers, Magyars, Greeks, Turks, Armenians, Gypsies, and Jews came to conquer or consort with the native Dacian breed. Their fearful history has produced such a diverse mixture of bloods, religions, and cultures that today the Romanian is a concept rather than a race. They are perhaps the first people to achieve this distinction.

We arrive one stormy August evening in the concept's capital, Bucharest, where the representative of the Ministry of Tourism awaits. He has in mind that we must dine and with a single-minded hospitality that characterizes the Romanian people we are conducted to the Caspa, one of the oldest restaurants of Europe, for a marvelous dinner: caviar, sorrel soup, cold duck with olives, salad and ewe's-milk cheese pie, all washed down with a local Riesling. Our host explains that the sturgeon from which the caviar comes is old, often 200 to 300 years of age. (As if that weren't enough, Sacheverell Sitwell in his book *Romanian Journey* reports that a "scarcely credible 800 years was mentioned as the age of an exceptional specimen. . . .") It is unsettling to think that what I am eating is the product of a fish most likely born before our independence.

The next morning we get our first view of Bucharest, which the Wallachian prince, Vlad the Second (Dracula's dad if you will) ordered built 500 years ago. Today it is a city of wide boulevards and great parks, set in a plain 40 miles north of the Danube River and 90 miles south of the Carpathian

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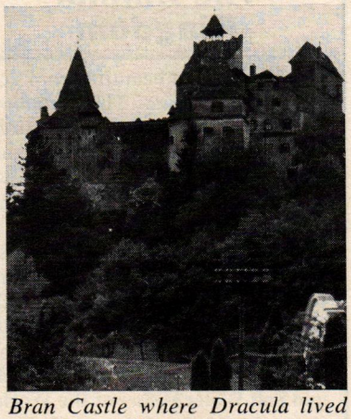

Bran Castle where Dracula lived and Queen Marie grew dahlias.

Mountains. The architecture reflects the "melting pot" insistence with Neo-Gothic, Renaissance, baroque, orthodox, and contemporary all intermixed, yet somehow harmonious. But by far the most interesting architecture we will see is in the Village museum, a 25-acre park near the edge of the city. The park explains a great deal about why there existed among the rural population a sympathy that early on sparked an imperative to fuse into a single nation the three regions of Wallachia, Transylvania, and Moldavia. For in this park popular architecture echoes a consistency between the fishermen's shed of the Wallachian south, the vine-covered cottages of the Transylvanian midlands, and the wooden churches and painted houses of the mountainous Moldavian north. All are set as they would appear in the region to which they are native. The Danubian fishermen's huts are hard by a canal, the Transylvanian farmhouses, summer kitchens, and stalls are surrounded by wheat fields, while the wooden houses and churches of Moldavia are fenced in with flowers. The park is a delight. For those who prefer gold to wood, the Bucharest History Museum offers a fascinating collection of Scythian, Greek, and Roman rings, scabbards, necklaces, combs, breastplates, and other treasures.

The road from Bucharest north to Brasov runs through Europe's oldest oil fields, the Ploesti, and then on into Romania's heartland, where the soil is so rich as to appear like river-bottom muck. Acacia trees line the road, while great fields of corn and wheat, along with orchards of pears, peaches, and apples flourish just beyond. Then the road leads up into the Carpathian Mountains where giant 200-foot fir trees, straight as a tall ship's mast, bank it with their dark green limbs. Streams cascade and waterfalls splash down the mountain slopes where deer, chamois, and bear still roam the rocks. It is here in the small village of Sinaia that the royal family once made their summer residence. We stop by what was the officers' quarters, now an inn, to sample a wood raspberry brandy. (The Romanians love their brandy and they drink it before, after, and during meals. Their brandy comes from not only

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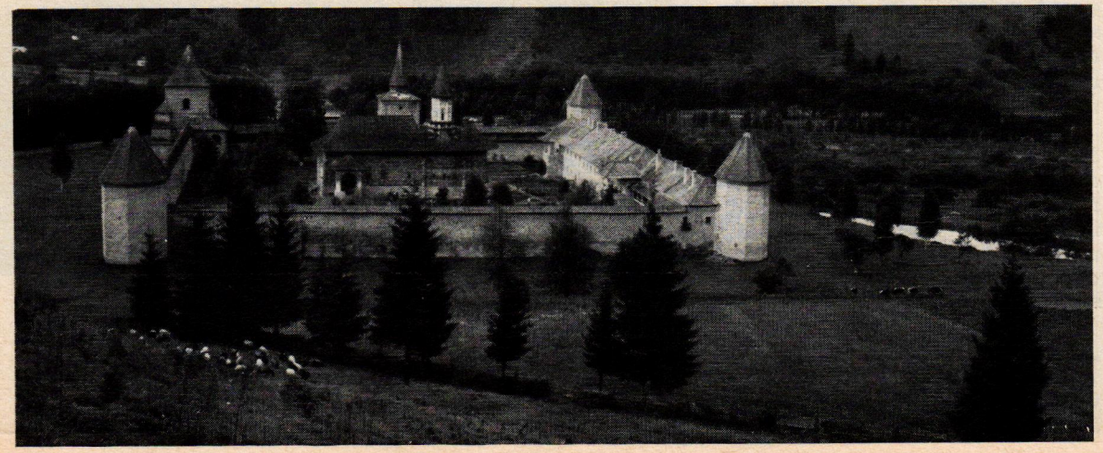

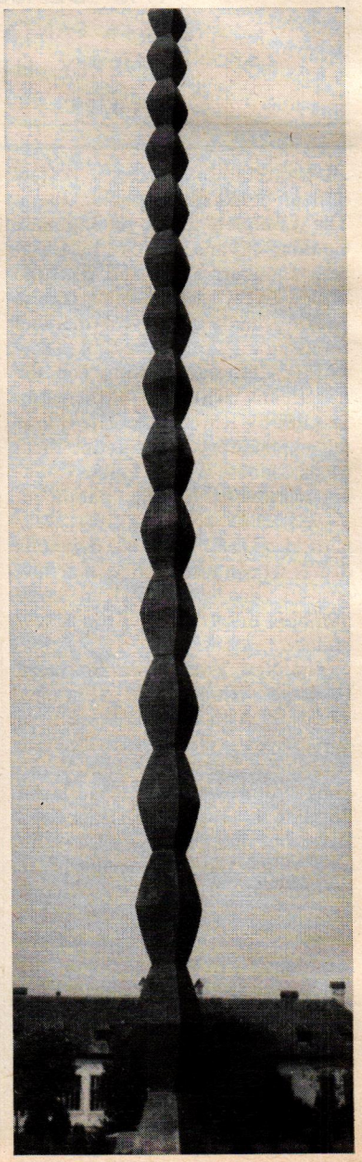

The 15th-century Moldavian Painted Church of Sucevita amid monastery walls. Right: *Brancusi's endless column in memory of Romanians who fell in World War I.*

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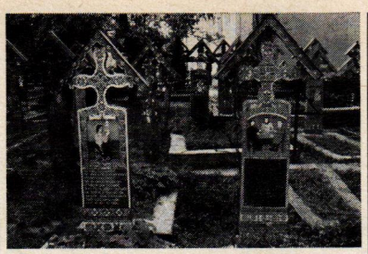
raspberries, but plums, cherries, apples, apricots, pears, and even fir trees.) The village houses are of Austrian chalet design with wood-trimmed façades, peaked roofs, wide eaves, and recessed windows all built on narrow, steeply inclined streets. Outside of town the first gypsy caravans appear which we suspect are of the Laetzi tribe, thought to have been brought from India in the 13th century as coppersmiths by the Tartar hordes of Batu Khan. They are horse-copers by trade, nomads by choice, and rumored to be sun worshippers by heritage. If so, they are the last of the pagans left in Europe. They trust no one, least of all themselves.



Painted Cemetery near Tirgujiu

From time to time a troupe comes to the village and when their singing ends the leader passes among the audience for "help." Now in order to ensure no sleight of hand the entertainers immobilize the collector's left arm by placing a live fly in his closed fist. When he returns he must first open his hand to release the fly alive. Woe be to the Laetzi collector who can't.

An old man spent his life carving epitaphs on wood crosses in what must be the only merry graveyard

Later that afternoon the rain begins to fall and the weather grows chilly as we climb higher into the Carpathian Mountains on our way to Bran Castle where Dracula, or Vlad the Impaler, once lived. The heavy, low-hanging, Payne's-gray-colored clouds whipped by mountain wind and rent by thunder and lightning make a fitting introduction to this monster's land. Because of the unusually bad weather we have fallen behind schedule and at eight in the evening have still some two hours' drive to Bran Castle. We decide to stop at a small inn, perched on the side of a ravine, for dinner. The inn, built from Douglas fir, shaped like an A-frame, warmed by a central hearth, insulated with heavy sheepskins on the wall, furnished with long communal tables and chairs carved from wooden stumps, and lit by tapers, is indeed a welcome sight. We warm ourselves by the fire (externally) and with fir brandy (internally) while our guide goes to the kitchen to see what he can find. And what he found—I have never had such a meal before. First there is hare borscht with cabbage and minced onion, served with hot, rough peasant bread. This is followed by roasted bear and wild boar, cabbage stewed with smoked sausage and fried potatoes with dill, parsley, and tomatoes. For dessert these simple folk serve up a tart called hemp seed pie that tastes of vanilla. Being so fortified, our guide begins explaining that all the myths about Dracula were quite exaggerated—he really wasn't such a bad sort. It is true that once when the sultan sent his emissaries to see their Wallachian ruler they so infuriated Dracula by not removing their turbans that he had the turbans nailed to the emissaries' heads. But after all Vlad hated the Turks, for he and his brother had been their hostages during childhood. It is also true that he had once invited the poor, the old, the ill, and the lame to dine in his palace in Tirgovist after which he locked the door and burned the palace down, but sympathetic historians explain this as a type of "mercy killing—getting rid of the handicapped, the undesirable, and the sick who were a burden to the state." It is also accurate that he well deserved the title Impaler. Even such an evil old disciplinarian as Mohammed the Conqueror was revolted when he came upon some 20,000 Wallachian traitors and their accomplices impaled as punishment on Dracula's order. They had been placed directly in Mohammed's conquering path throughout a narrow valley leading to the Impaler's capital. In horror the caliph retreated back to the Danubian delta making the oft-quoted statement that "he could never win the land from a man who does such great things . . ." DOES SUCH GREAT THINGS . . . Well it is true that this maneuver had saved his kingdom from the Turk. Mohammed's reaction is instructive, too, in that it helps one to understand that in the medieval ages cruelty was respected on much the same grounds as later

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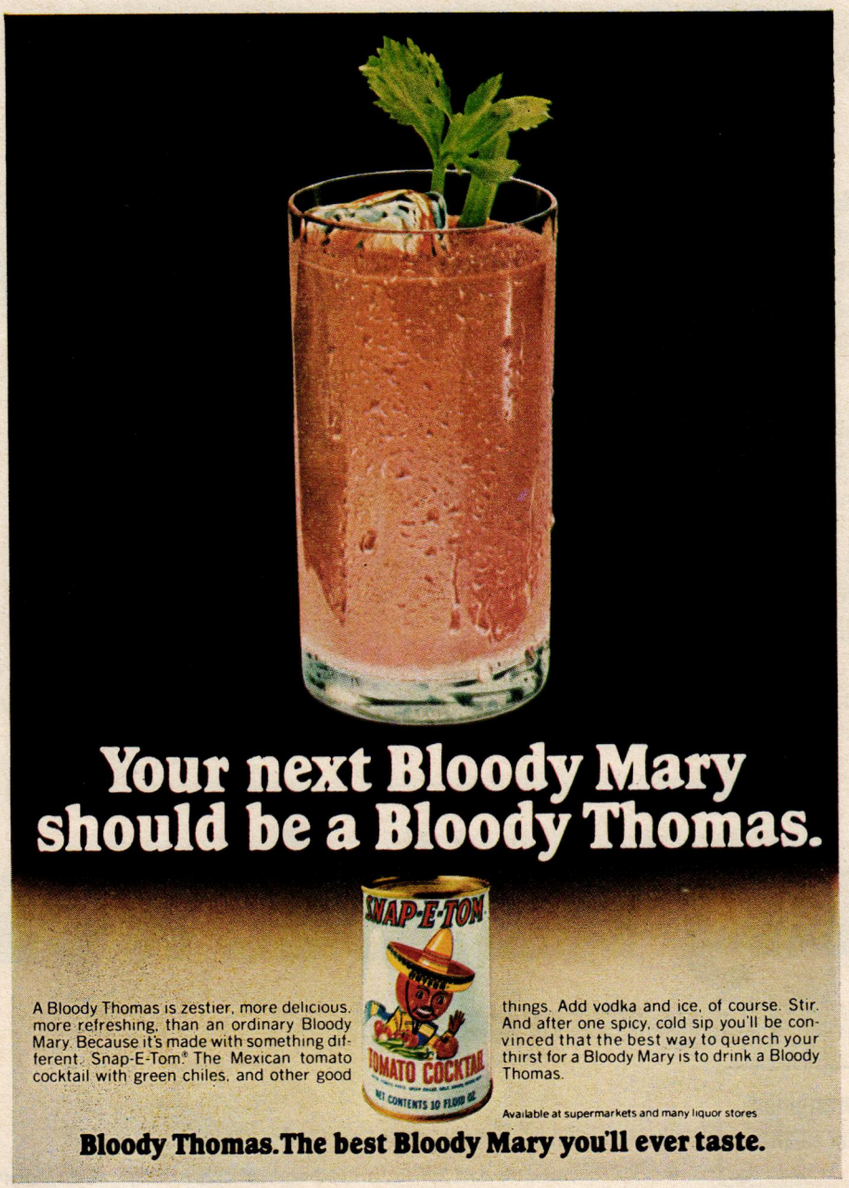

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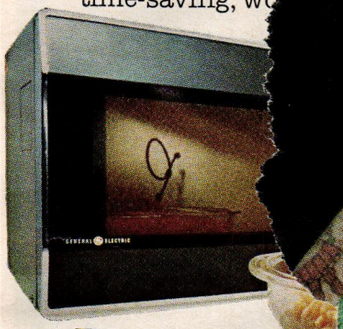

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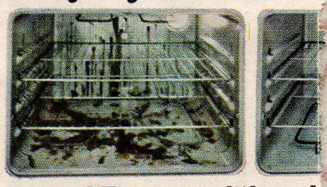

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cunning, then reason were and now salesmanship is. It was employed as a tool to rule, conquer, or convince. It got the job done. As I am reflecting on these deep thoughts the inn's door suddenly blows ajar and the tapers snuff out. I know that Bran Castle is for me that night out, too. We retrace our steps to the large well-lighted city of Brasov to rest in a tourist hotel.

Early the following morning we drive on to Bran Castle and are fascinated to find not a chamber of horrors with creaking doors and trap floors but a beautiful small castle built on the spur of a heavily wooded hill. Towers and parapets enclose a tiny center courtyard surrounded by balconies and

Plots round each peasant's hut are awash with lady's-slippers, gladiola, roses, and more—a flowering earthwork

covered in ivy. The rooms are small and cozy, looking as they do, down 1,000 feet to the broad Transylvanian plains below. It seems that the late Queen Marie was responsible for this restoration. The queen was a great lover of flowers and her garden is said to have contained the most remarkable collection of dahlias ever assembled. There were over 200 varieties. Today the garden is unkept, the streams are choked, the trees unpruned, and the dahlias gone. This is odd for the Romanians have a deep love of flowers.

The love of flowers in this country is perhaps second only to that in Britain. On the way to the ancient town of Sighisoara—a town planted dead center in the middle of this square-shaped country—we begin to see the Romanian heartlands or, more accurately, flowerlands. The road which passes through the splendid central plain of Transylvania is shaded for 100 kilometers by poplar trees under which bloom violets, chickory, and Queen Anne's lace. The fields are filled with poppies, and the plots round each small peasant's hut are awash with roses, crocus, lady's-slippers, gladiola, sunflowers, and much more. It is a flowering earthwork. Afar, from time to time, appears a peasant citadel to which the local Christians fled when Turks and Tartars came to call. These are fortress structures defending interior churches in which worshippers still pray.

The ancient Saxon town of Sighisoara is approached by this unique drive. Here the predominant language is German, the principal church is Lutheran, and the primary architecture medieval. It is thought to be where Dracula buried his kid brother—alive. Sighisoara is surrounded by high wall fortifications in which nine towers were built to house, among others, the early skinners', tanners', and locksmiths' guilds. Narrow winding cobblestone streets, thick undecorated walls of masonry, arched wooden portals, and tiny barred windows place this town in a medieval time look of its own.

But Romania is filled with corners that seem to have been left behind, rather frozen to the past. We find that for the next few days we will to some small degree become part of one of these corners, for the Sisters of Sucevita have permitted us to stay in their mountain monastery. We arrived at the wall, which surrounds this painted church of the orthodox order, close to nine in the evening, for to reach northern Moldavia we have had to motor some 400 miles over winding mountain roads. I remember thinking that we were rude entering so late. The sisters must dine early as their next day starts at 5 A.M. They will be upset. When the oaken portals swing open to permit entrance of our automobile, we see approaching the large black form of a mother superior striding across the lawn carrying her 6-foot walking stick. We are mute from apprehension. She stops, looks at us, and breaks into a smile which lights up the night. We are assigned to our rooms and given a simple dinner of polenka (corn meal mush), lamb, yogurt, cheese, a delicious white wine they make right there, and strong camomile tea. Later that evening, I witness something that will for me not happen again. We had finished dinner, stepped outside and heard the vespers being chanted in the church across the lawn. As we went to eavesdrop, one of the sisters spying our approach beckoned us into the entrance or antenave and for our comfort turned on a light whose shaft suddenly illuminated a 500-year-old mural of the Last Judgment that covered the entire west wall. It was all so unexpected, like being jolted from a deep sleep, that for moments we just stood there dumbly dislocated while searching out the symbols on the wall. Symbols depicting sinners struggling from the fires of

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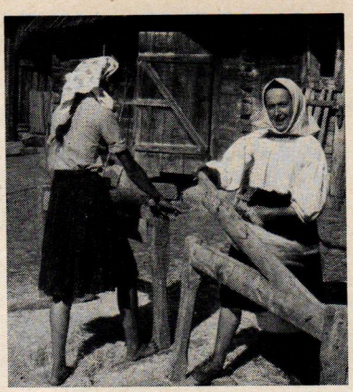
hell, Christ on the seat of judgment, a disembodied hand holding the scale of justice, Christian martyrs, and infamous Turks.

The next day we have an opportunity to more coolly inspect these fantastic frescoes which cover the entire outside of the still-remaining five Moldavian churches that Stephen the Great first caused to be built in 1488. Depicted on them are not only biblical scenes but, for that time, current events such as the fall of Constantinople, together with the signs of the zodiac, portraits of popes and kings, scholars, philosophers (Pythagoras, Plato, Sophocles, etc.) and the genealogy of Jesus. The entire outside four walls of these churches were painted with thousands of images, both biblical and temporal, by unknown artists who fled Constantinople when Byzantium fell. They served for an illiterate 15th-century peasant as his instruction in religion, history, and philosophy. Because these artists could not obtain, in sufficient quantity, the colored glass and stone in which they were trained to create mosaics, they ground up what was available and mixed it into paint. The blue they secured from the lapis, and the reds and yellows taken from other gems, created not only unique hues but also extraordinarily durable pigments which have withstood the elements for 500 years. These churches with their wide overhanging arched roofs shaped like a Chinese coolie's hat are still active religious centers.



Women in local costume card flax by road to Brancusi's birthplace.

The next day was Sunday and a multitude of young and old came to worship at this holy place. The few days we spent in this monastery deep in the lush Carpathians are not something we are likely to forget soon.

Not far from here up on the Russian border in an area called Maramures is where in the 18th century the peasants built wooden churches of a different charm. Set in plum and apricot orchards that are just then coming into bloom, the churches possess slender cone-shaped towers arising to a needle point 60 meters above peaked shingled roofs whose eaves hide half the underlying frame. On the side, from where visitors enter, are verandas about which finely fashioned columns wrought in pine support the overhang. These orthodox churches, which can only accommodate some 50 souls, mix sentimental religious art with wood-carved beams of elaborate sophistication. As in the churches, the local peasants' houses, barns, and porticoes bear witness to generations of carvers who spend their long winter evenings whittling out designs of wild intricacy. One afternoon we drive south to visit the house in which great Brancusi lived. The passage to his birthplace is in itself compelling. This famous sculptor's cabin comes at the end of a long rutted dirt roadway alive with goats, cows, geese, puppies, children, and women carding the flax weed into linen threads and dressed in costumes which predate the Age of Darkness. The women wear almost crenelated skirts decorated with red flowers against a black background together with a white, soft, big-sleeved blouse, while the men sport sheepskin vests, short pleated skirts, and white stockings that look like leotards. Brancusi's house is like the other peasant lodgings with small windows, a veranda, and outer rough timber walls whose neatly fitted corner joints are snugly beveled together. It is the same except for one small detail. The father, who like his neighbors was skilled at carving, hewed what appears to be a continuing series of hexagonal forms up each side of the front door. This was to be the inspiration for one of his son's most famous works—the endless column which can be seen only in Tirgujiu near his forebearer's land.

Carving is still an art much practiced in this part of Romania. Just a few kilometers away an old man has spent his life carving epitaphs on painted wooden crosses in what must be the only merry graveyard in the world. When we entered there were people standing in front of the graves roaring with laughter. I found this rather off-putting and asked our guide what was going on; so he translated:

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For small Seuss fans, what could be more fun than having their very own Cat in the Hat? Just the thing to stroke for inspiration while puzzling through *The Cat's Quizzer*, Dr. Seuss's latest book (Random House, $3.95), in which the world-famous cat plays quizmaster. A small toy company in New Hampshire makes three delightful versions of the Cat in the Hat—25- and 30-inch stuffed ones and, just introduced, a hand puppet. All have hand-embroidered features and safety-lock eyes. A hand-puppet version of Sam I Am, the well-known character from *Green Eggs and Ham*, is also new this year. In future years, other Seuss characters will be added to the line. The little Cat in the Hat is $9; the larger one, $12; puppets are $7.50 each. Add 75 cents handling per toy. At toy stores, or write to: The Douglas Company, Drawer D, Keene, N.H. 03431. ELIN WALKER

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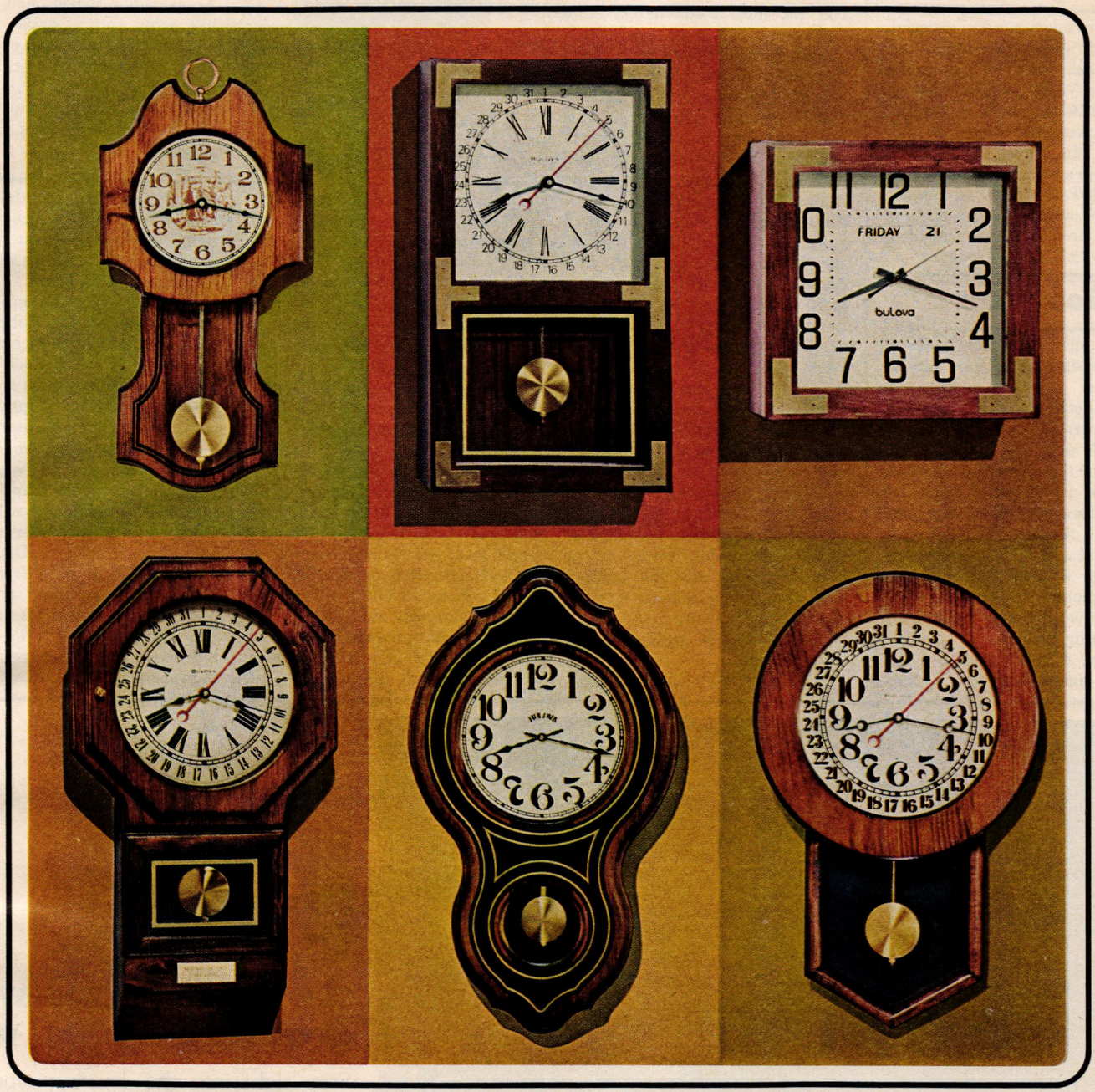

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To light up dark nights

A heartwarming present, especially for kids who resist going to bed at night: calendars that glow in the dark. *The Night-Lite Calendar,* by Windmill Books and E.P. Dutton, has 12 charming scenes of animals: at the circus, ice-skating, going up in space; $3.95. *Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse Calendar,* also by Windmill Books, starring the one and only in endearing scenes, is $3.95. At bookstores.

Book fare

Here is a selection of new books to please children of various ages at Christmas.

The Amazing Bone by William Steig (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, $7.95). A dear pig named Pearl and a bone that can speak any language foil a band of robbers and the quintessential villainous fox. As in all classic fairy tales, our heroes find eventual happiness because that is what they deserve. Steig's picture books have a straightforward charm that warms hearts young and old.

I Know! A Riddle Book by Jane Sarnoff and Reynold Ruffins (Charles Scribner's Sons, $6.95). This small, handsomely designed collection contains enough ridiculous questions and answers to satisfy the most riddle-happy child you know.

The Porcelain Man by Richard Kennedy, illustrated by Marcia Sewall (Atlantic, Little, Brown, $5.95). Written with the lilt of a love story and the style of a folk tale, this book is about a "timid girl" with a talent for mending things. From a broken set of dishes, she constructs a porcelain man. Out of his shattered remains she builds a horse and when that horse breaks, she pieces him into a happy ending for herself and this imaginative fable. The pictures are as distinctive and charming as the story.

A Farm by Lennart Rudstrom, illustrated by Carl Larsson (G. P. Putnam's Sons, $6.95). The farm was bought by Swedish illustrator Carl Larsson in the 1880's. His wonderful watercolors detail the place (rural Sweden), the life, and the period with graceful skill. The text describes it all. Written a little like a travelog through another time, this is not a book for a young child to read alone. It is a joint project that child and adult will enjoy sharing.

Fly By Night by Randall Jarrell, illustrated by Maurice Sendak (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, $5.95). Jarrel completed this dream-like story shortly before he died. Woven of prose and poetry, it is about David who can fly at night. Floating over the countryside, he meets animals and the great white owl. They all speak a language he can understand. The book itself seems to be made of this night language: strange, lovely, and gently surreal.

Mooch The Messy by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat, illustrated by Ben Shecter (an I Can Read Book, Harper & Row, $3.95) and *Frog and Toad All Year* by Arnold Lobel (Harper & Row, $3.95). Two books in an excellent series especially designed for 4-to-8-year-olds to read to themselves. Mooch is a messy young rat who lives alone. Mooch's dad is very neat. Mooch and Dad are devoted to each other. Will Mooch take his socks off the bedpost and his underwear off the lamps when Dad comes to visit? Read on.

For the dwindling group who don't know Arnold Lobel's winning, odd couple, suffice it to say that Frog is green and Toad is brown and both of them are funny. They strike again (happily) in this collection of their adventures.

A book that is unavailable for review at this time but worth pursuing as the holidays approach is Dulac's *The Snow Queen* by Hans Christian Andersen, illustrated by Edmund Dulac (Doubleday, $7.95). Dulac, born in France, created some of the most sumptuous book illustrations of his time. The five Andersen tales in this volume have been chosen from an edition published in 1911. KARLA KUSKIN■

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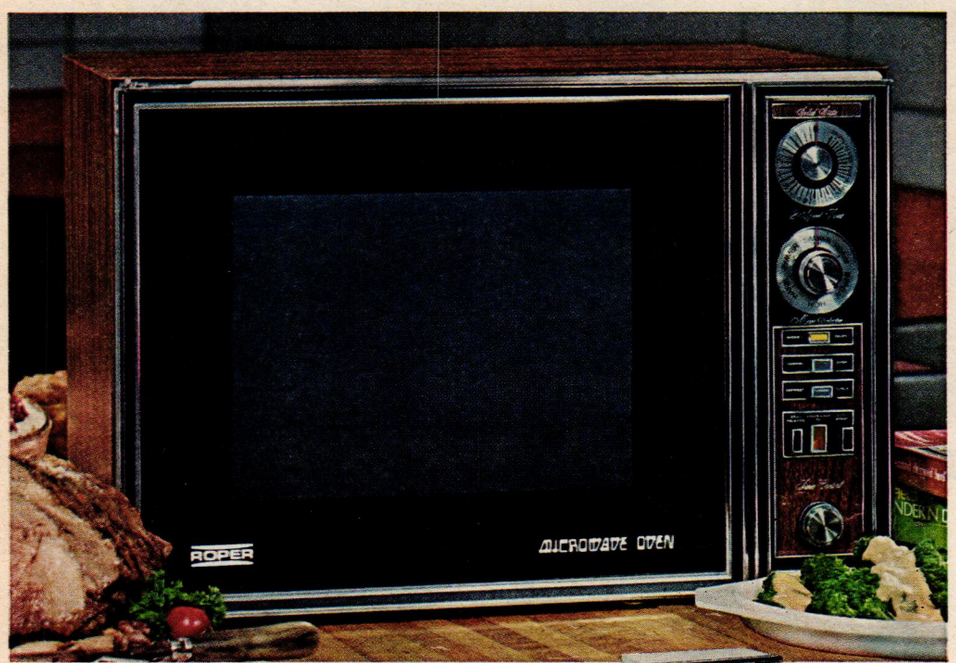

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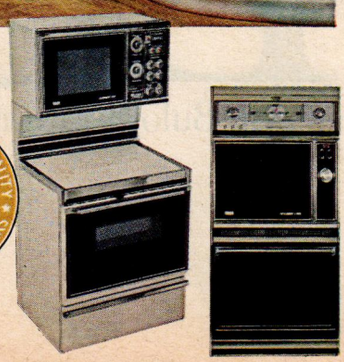

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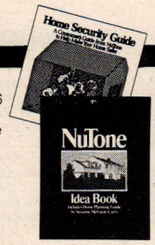

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ROOM AT THE TOP: HOW TO HANG A PLANT

By Deanne Raffel

Greenery, both as a hobby and as decoration, is here to stay. Homes and apartments all over the country are bursting at the seams with plants. Since many plants require window exposure, your job is to situate each one so that it gets the necessary light. Of course, suspending a pot from the ceiling or wall is the best way to display greenery when little floor or shelf space is available. Here are the steps to follow:

Purchase a plant hook at a hardware store. It is a metal casting that is attached to the ceiling with one or two other fasteners packaged along with the hook. The one with the toggle bolt—the threaded rod with spring-loaded wings—is used for attaching the fastener to any point in a plasterboard (hollow) ceiling. The other one, the hanger bolt—the rod with a flat end and a pointed end—is to thread the hook into a joist (the wood frame above a plaster or plasterboard ceiling).

Remember that foliage takes up space, and the pot will be centered beneath the fastener. Do not plan to locate the hook too close to a wall or, in the case of more than one hook, too close to the adjacent one. A good way to judge the required space is to set the pots on the floor to see how much room is needed. Never guess at dimensions, measure them for accuracy. Decide from what approximate point you want the planter to suspend. Below this specified area place a ladder—one that is tall enough so that you can comfortably *and safely* touch the ceiling without overreaching or having to stand on the highest step.

Now, with an icepick or an awl, puncture the ceiling at the chosen site. Push on the tool (a hammer may be needed to coax the point inward). If it hits something solid, you have "found" a ceiling joist. Hammer the tool point in at least ⅜-inch deeper, then pull it out with a back-and-forth twisting motion. Insert and screw the flat end of the hanger bolt into the hook. Place the pointed end into the ceiling hole and keep turning until the hook is brought tightly up against the ceiling. The last few turns may take a little more effort.

If the piercing implement just keeps going into nowhere, it is time to use the toggle wings. Remove the tool. Screw the hook onto the threaded rod (when the wings are squeezed closed they should point *toward* the hook). Use a screwdriver to ream open the hole in the ceiling until it is large enough to accommodate the wings in a folded position. Hold the wings closed and work them through the plasterboard. Once the tips clear the board they will automatically spring open. Wind the hook clockwise while exerting slight downward pressure. Turn until the hook sits snugly against the ceiling.

Finally it's time to show off your burgeoning plants. Gingerly set a pot or basket into the lovely macramé plant holder you just bought and again climb the ladder. Slip the hanger onto the hook. Descend, back off, and wonder at the fruits of your labor.

For a fire-safe Christmas

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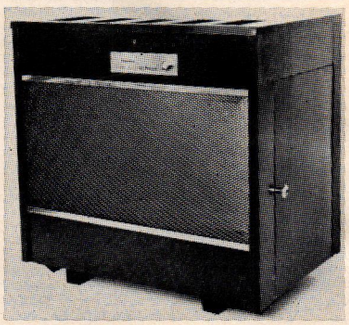
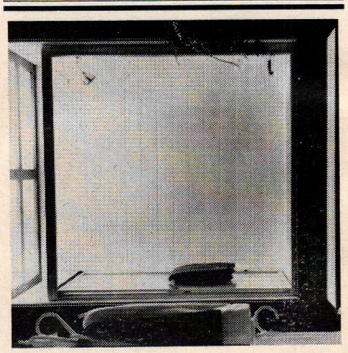
Heating with wood



If winter fuel supplies become scarce, or oil prices go sky-high, this wood-burning heater will provide warmth. A thermostat at the front lets you regulate the amount of heat. Turn it down for less heat when you retire at night, turn it up for more in the morning. Of double metal construction, lined with firebrick, it holds and distributes heat more effectively than a fireplace. The opening for the flue connection is at the back. Suggested retail price, $311.11; a round, less costly, model is also available. Shenandoah Mfg. Co., Inc., P.O. Box 839, Harrisonburg, Va. 22801.

Wide open space for bathers



This tub-shower enclosure gives you ample elbowroom for a lie-down bath. The outer and inner door panels glide back against an end wall opposite the faucets and allow full access for bathing or cleaning the tub. Doors, jamb, built-in towel bar, and other parts of the "Glide-A-Matic" are anodized aluminum in silver or gold finish. Door panels are 3/16-inch-thick tempered glass. Enclosure fits standard 60-inch-long tub, comes in a kit, is easily installed. Average retail price, $99.50. Columbia Mfg. Corp., 14400 South San Pedro St., Gardena, Cal. 90248.

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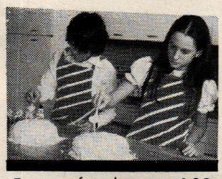

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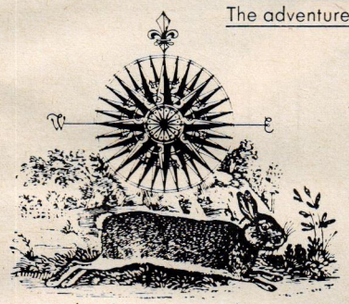
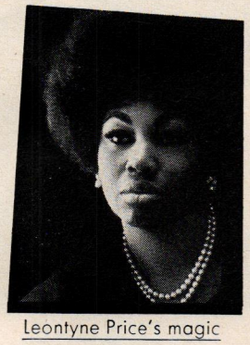
The adventures of *The Last Unicorn*

The fact that Christmas comes once a year tends to stretch the imagination a little. What can we do this year that is new and original, what extra-special bundle of offerings can we come up with to tie up this Christmas?

The following pages are full of ideas you may want to incorporate into your own family Christmas. Here are some others, not mentioned inside. Music, for instance, is one element that is sure to enhance the festivities. Of course there are carols to enjoy as the big day approaches, but listening to a record of Leontyne Price's sublime singing on *A Christmas Offering*, or the arching sounds of Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, with everyone at home in front of the fire, is a unique pleasure. Another family-sharing experience that seems especially appropriate at Christmas is reading aloud. Think about setting aside an hour in the evening to take turns reading such all-time favorites as Peter S. Beagle's *The Last Unicorn* or a modern classic, *Watership Down*, by Richard Adams. And if you want to get the little ones outdoors while you concentrate on last-minute details, send them on a footprint hunt—snow or sand is like a blank canvas, showing up all sorts of bird and animal prints if you look hard enough. Thoreau drew pictures of them in his journals.

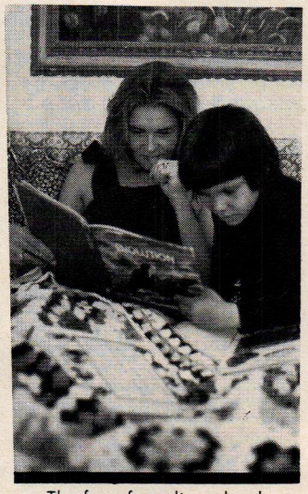


Watership Down, a story for everyone



Leontyne Price's magic

Familiarity is an essential part of Christmas. Trimming the tree, making cranberry chains, baking Christmas cookies, hanging stockings are rituals that create a tradition of memories, which are then handed down from generation to generation. Bringing new ideas to the existing tradition simply adds your own personal contribution to your family's memories of Christmas.



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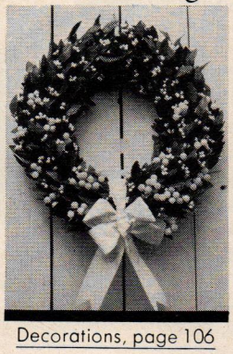

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The evergreen—symbol of Christmas

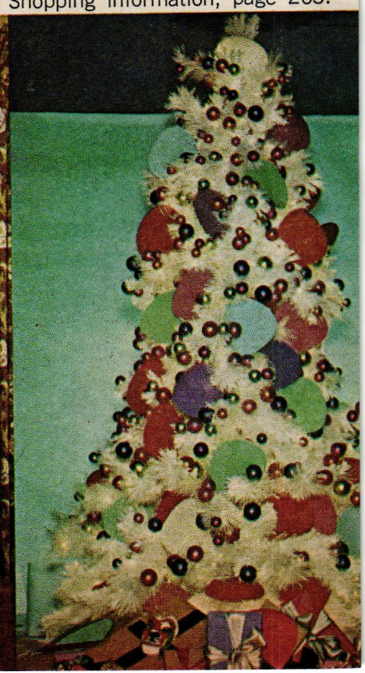
This needled twig—photographed 8 times life-size by Penn—came from a Colorado spruce, *Picea pungens.* The needles, actually leaves, have a square cross-section. The rows of tiny dots, called stomata, breathe in air, exhale oxygen and water vapor as part of the tree's life process. Native to the Rocky Mountains, Colorado spruce is popular for landscaping, particularly its blue-needled form. Whether growing in a tub, balled and burlapped, or cut, it makes a fine Christmas tree. The cone, enlarged four times, is that of a Norway spruce, *Picea abies.* On the tree, the cone grows with scales angled downward, shedding rain like shingles on a roof. Seeds nestle between the scales, each with a filmy wing to carry it away on autumn winds as the cone ripens. Norway spruce should be enjoyed in the garden, not as a Christmas tree, since the needles tend to drop quickly. An important timber tree, it is widely grown in Europe and the United States, particularly for reforestation and erosion control.

A tree that's a family scrapbook, *above left,* with a silver shoe from a wedding anniversary, a wicker cage from a trip to the Far East, valentines from children and grandchildren. By Earl and Eloise Dibble. *Above right:* Hand-embroidered Chinese satin animals and swags of fat satin cord in all colors on Robert Perkins's tree.

A miniature berry tree (only 2 feet tall), *above left,* fashioned from Idesia and Ilex and lit by birthday candles. Barry Ferguson. *Above right:* An incredible edible (or almost) tree with ornaments of painted pastry dough, candied orange slices, candy canes, and ribbon bows on silvery globes. By Alyce Leonard.

Cotton ornaments to make, *above left.* At Fabrications. *Above right:* White papier-mâché doves on Mr. and Mrs. David Huxley's red and gold tree. *Below left:* Poinsettia atop a golden pear tree dotted with fresh white roses. Alfred Siciliano. *Below right:* Pastry tree garnished with tiny croissants and brioches. At Bonté Pâtisserie.

A hanging tree, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lautman's, *above left. Above right:* Tree with antique ornaments. Calvin Jenkins. *Below left:* Gingham, bread-dough figures on Martin and Toby Landey's tree; antique toys. *Below right:* Tree with Japanese fans at Bendel's. Robert Rufino. Shopping information, page 203.



Come trim the tree! A dozen and one glorious ideas to inspire you

Trees of joy

Wood and terra-cotta 18th-century angels soar majestically among the branches of the 20-foot blue spruce tree at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. They, like the other Neapolitan crèche figures that grace the tree, are annual gifts of Loretta Hines Howard. You can find the whole story of the Metropolitan tree in House & Garden, December, 1974.

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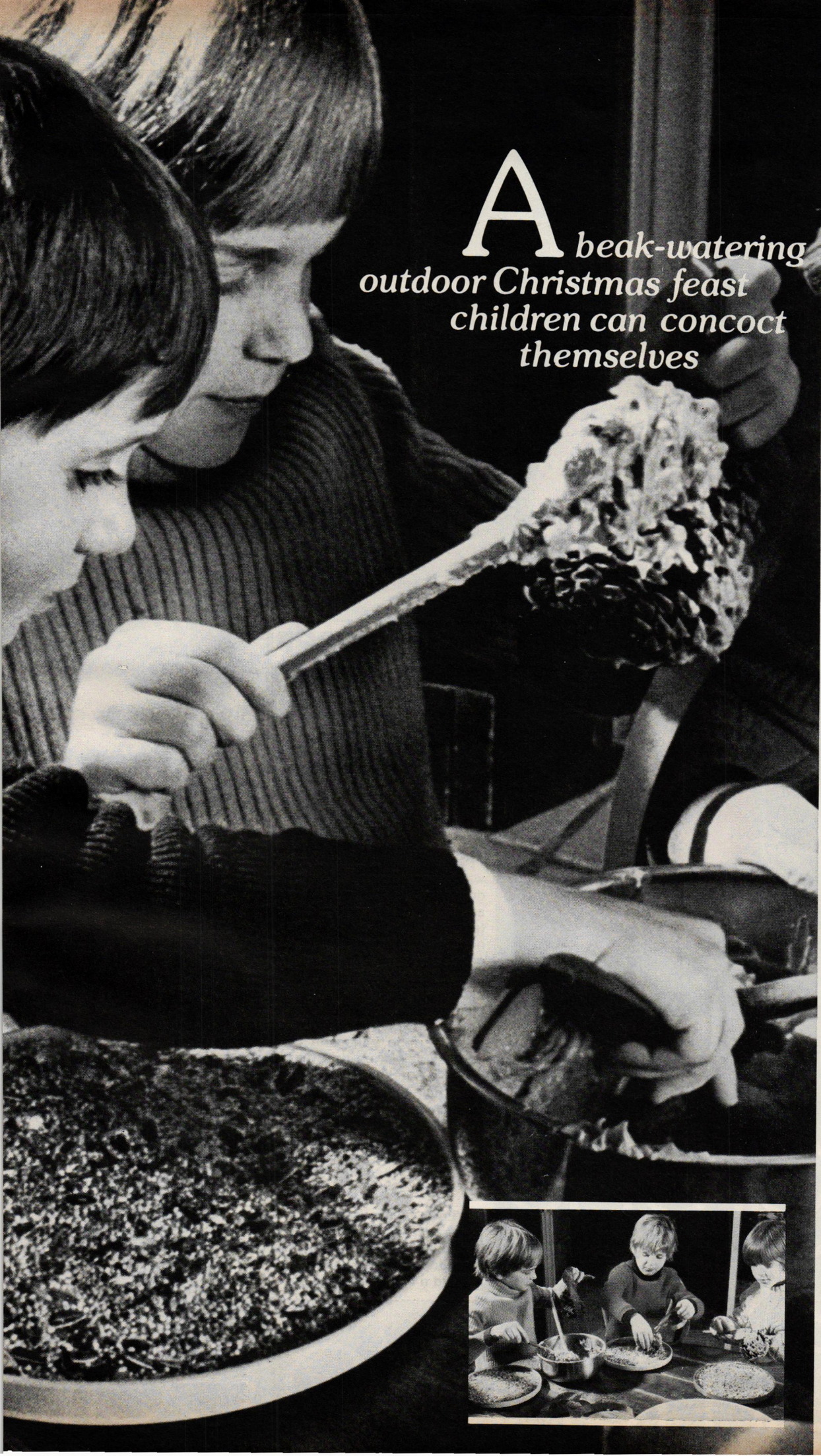
And one for the birds

A beak-watering outdoor Christmas feast children can concoct themselves



It's a happy thought to include *all* living things at Christmas, as Peter, age 10, Thomas, 8, James, 6, and their friend, Eva do. They feed the birds all year round, but at Christmas they give them something special—a tree decorated with good things to eat that the children make themselves. "We mix peanut butter with hot bacon fat," explains Peter, "then dip pine cones in it, and then dip the whole sticky mess in a plate of bird seed." When

"What could be nicer than a peanut-butter-covered pine cone for Christmas?"

they're cool, they're tied to an outdoor tree along with strings of cranberries and popcorn. "The birds have no other food because there are no seeds in the ground," Peter says, "so we give them Christmas dinner." All their animals get special food that day—"the dogs get steak, the cats get their favorite cat food, even the goats have some special food," says Thomas. In case the pine-cone appetizers vanish too fast, baskets of seed—a hearty main course—are also tied on the tree with red ribbon. Red cardinals are the most enthusiastic gourmets, but Thomas says he has seen bluebirds fly in for a quick bite. The children also keep busy decorating their indoor tree, with some competition for who climbs up the ladder to put the star on top. Snowball fights, too, seem an essential part of the Christmas preparations. The high point for James this year came when he reported, with breathless excitement, "The school-bus driver said we could have snowball fights *on the bus!*"

A tree that's good enough to eat, *opposite page,* if your taste runs to peanut-butter-and-bacon-fat-covered pine cones. Cardinals, *opposite page, top,* find the menu irresistible. Strictly for the birds, also, are the birdseed baskets, *opposite page, bottom,* tied on with ribbon. The children *left,* enjoy most the deliciously sticky experience of wrapping the mixture around the cones—and, maybe, around themselves.

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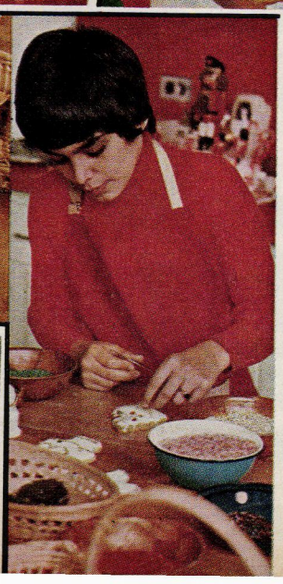
Children's cookies: ornaments to eat

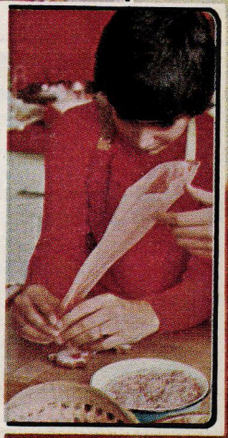
An easy recipe for tasty cookies the kids can make themselves

Cookie baking is a special part of Christmas—for children of all ages. Crisp, sweet stars, bells, snowmen, tangy with cinnamon and ginger, can be decorated as the fancy takes you, and used as hanging ornaments (pierce a hole with a barbecue needle and hang with ribbon or colored string). Cookies can be decorations for the table, even place cards, and as gifts, they show you care in the nicest way: You made them yourself. Children here learn to bake and decorate cookies at Marina de Brantes and Ludovic Autet's Christmas cooking class in Manhattan. Beautiful models are old decorated cookies that Mrs. Gerald Warburg and her family have made over the past 25 years. Inspired by these classics, the children had fun. For recipes, see page 139.

"Look, all my own work!" Emmanuel de Brantes (Guy and Marina de Brantes's youngest child) and Christian Gudefin hold a basket of cookies.

CHRISTIAN REINHARDT





Christmas cookies spread out to be admired by the artists who decorated them, *above.* From left, Christian Gudefin, Emmanuel de Brantes, Alison Mazzola, Pia de Brantes, Alix Goldschmidt, Fawzi Gherab, Amy Mazzola, and Francois de Brantes. *Far left,* baskets of cookies ready to be iced. Color and sparkle come from dragées (silver balls), multicolored sprinkles, candied fruits, angelica, and green and red sugar—all available from Lekvar-By-The-Barrel, 1577 First Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10028. Tools for applying them vary from fingers and tweezers (Adam Mallin's method, *left)* to a paper bag with a pin-prick in the bottom.

White onions glazed in butter and sugar.

Give the old bird a juicy new lease on Christmas —with a recipe so good you'll be tempted to try it right now

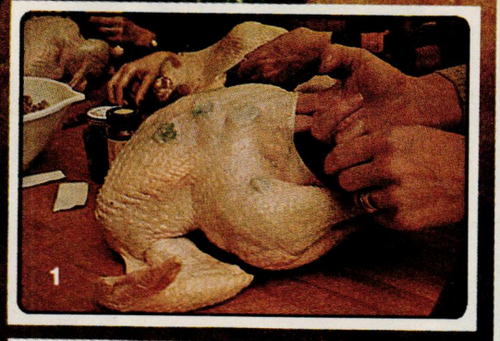
A delectable two-stuffing turkey

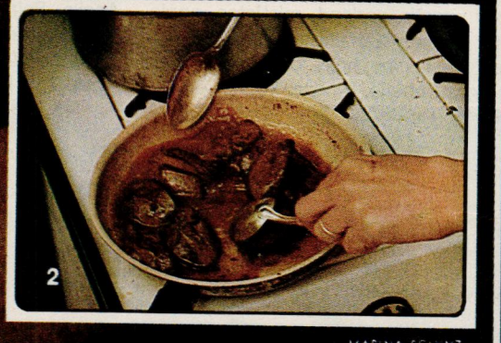
Nothing spells Christmas as succulently as a beautiful roast turkey—the much loved highlight of the family feast. Here's a spectacular way to roast America's great bird, from Marina de Brantes, who teaches a Christmas cooking class in New York. The secrets of her famous Christmas turkey are two different stuffings plus truffles—sliced thin and pushed just under the skin so the flavor can permeate the entire bird. The stuffing for the main cavity is a mélange of meats and nuts that makes a wonderful flavor without drying out the turkey. In the front cavity is the secondary stuffing: boiled chestnuts. And the whole bird is garnished with glazed onions, crisp roasted potatoes, and more chestnuts, braised in the turkey's roasting juices. Marina de Brantes, together with Ludovic Autet, teaches at Brantes-Autet Cuisine Inc., a cooking school and catering service atop their new restaurant Coup de Fusil in Manhattan. Each student in the Christmas class brings a fresh turkey, and takes it home truffled and stuffed, ready to roast on Christmas day. At a children's class, small fry learn Christmas cookie baking and decorating (see page 102).

Marina de Brantes, *above center*, shows her Christmas cooking class how to stuff and sew up their turkeys. With her, teaching colleague Ludovic Autet.

Turkeys at Marina de Brantes's Christmas cooking class in New York, prepared with thin slices of truffle slipped beneath the skin, and ready to be stuffed.

5 tips for a better Christmas turkey





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1 Gently separate turkey skin from flesh with fingers; slide slices of truffle under the skin, arranging over breast and legs.

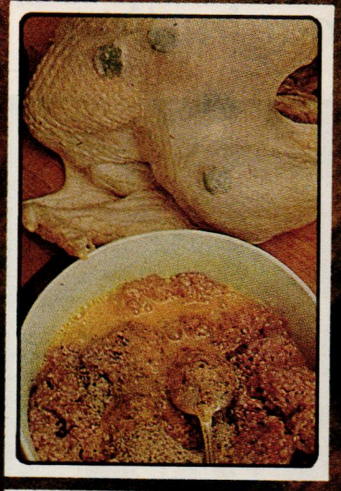
2 Sauté livers briefly in butter before chopping to add to the stuffing.

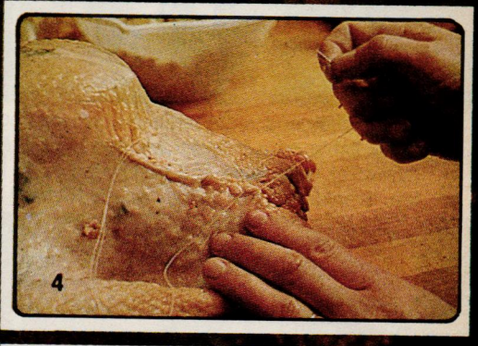
3 For stuffing, mix a mélange of chopped hazelnuts, livers, ground veal and pork, and breadcrumbs. Bind with eggs.

4 Sew up turkey cavities, using a large needle and cotton thread that will not tear the skin.

5 Baste turkey frequently with butter during first 2 hours of roasting.

For complete recipe, please see page 137.





Deck the halls

with wreaths of popcorn, swags of tinsel, sprays of greens. Here's a pageful of merry ideas to spark your decorating imagination

A bird's-nest wreath of apples cradled in sticks woven together and tied with gingham bows. Ronaldo Maia.

Cedar roping garlands and wreath, with velvet ribbons, feathery doves, German statice. David Jones.
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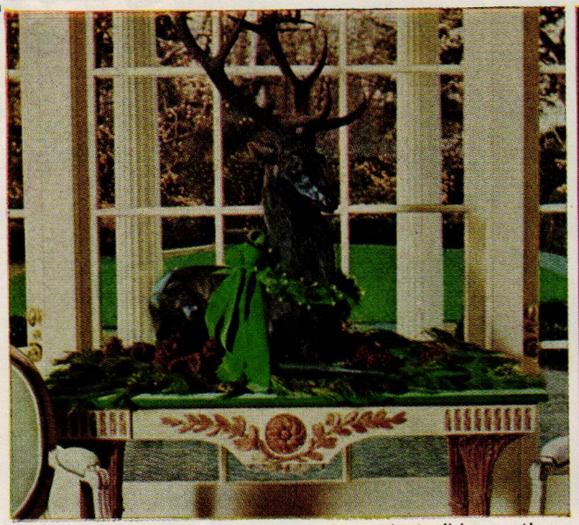

Bronze stag dressed in evergreens, velvet ribbons, tiny white lights, resting on a forest floor of pine. Richard Neas.

Popcorn balls with nuts, peppermints, frosted berries, laced with velvet ribbon. Joseph Villano.
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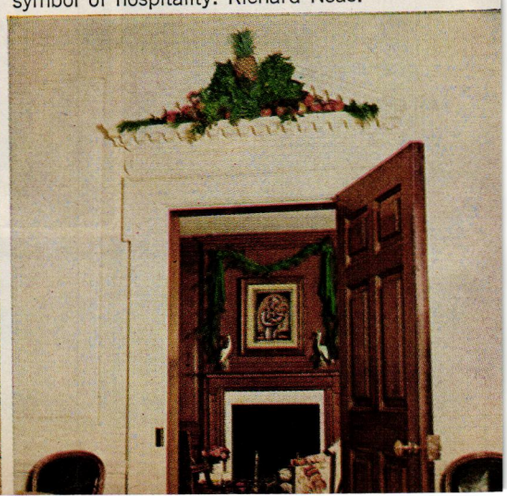
Above: Blue and white lights on boxwood bushes, white lights on a holiday awning of pine. *Below:* Sprays of fresh pine and variegated holly to put Ben Franklin in the holiday spirit. Richard Neas.

Above: Pine and holly wreath, garland, mistletoe, apple-green velvet ribbons. *Below:* 18th-century English cupboard with Chinese spice jar, pine, holly. On table: pierced silver basket brimming with balls. Richard Neas.

Above: Poinsettias, pine wreath, mistletoe, and a 19th-century carved wood pig wearing a holly wreath. *Below:* The pineapple—traditional English symbol of hospitality. Richard Neas.



Wreath of antlers, pine cones, dried flowers, artichokes, lotus pods, and ribbon. Anne Winston.

Gilded metal reindeer on Mr. and Mrs. David Huxley's Christmas table. Garland and red bejeweled wreath.

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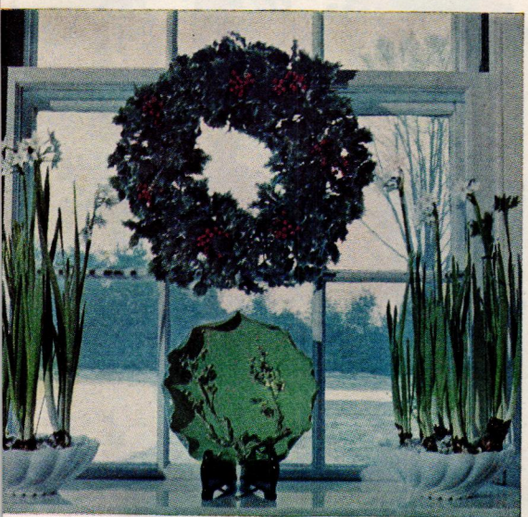
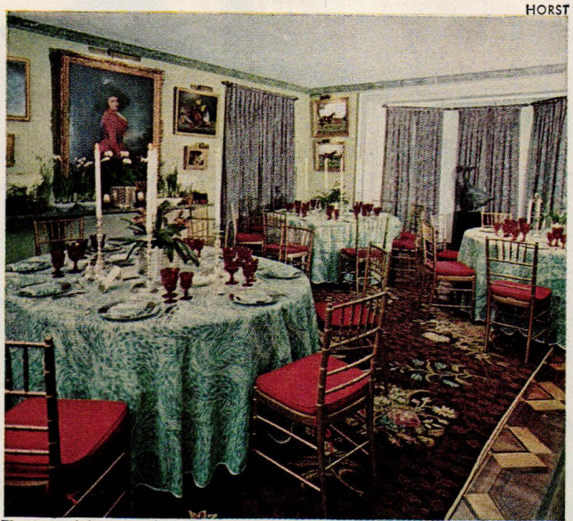
Aluminum-foil flowers on wreath; golden bells on tinsel garlands on the Huxleys' balcony.



Holly wreath and paper-white narcissus with Chinese porcelain plate. Mr. and Mrs. Winston Guest.



Party tables at the Guests', sprays of orchids, and, on side table, paper-whites and chrysanthemums.

Lord Montague, sporting holly collar, awaiting Santa on Christmas mat. Cornelia Guest with him.

MARINA SCHINZ

Above: Spruce wreath sprayed with snow and tied with snow-white ribbons. Ray Kohn. *Below:* Wreath of nuts tied to mirror with green velvet ribbon. On candelabras: paper doves and holly. John Rieck.

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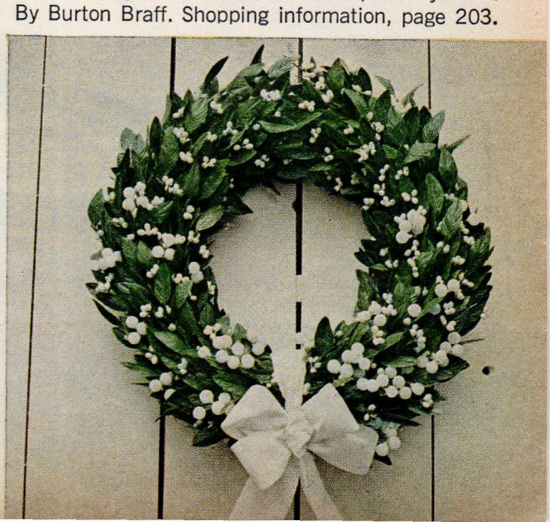
Above: Gingerbread-heart place cards, Swedish hand-painted wood figures. *Below:* Homemade gingerbread house with white-snow frosting; centerpiece—carnations, chrysanthemums, greens. Dr. and Mrs. Mato Marinovich.

Above: Tubes of Finnish cotton, stuffed, interlaced, and crowned with bow. Fabrications. *Below:* French cotton foliage with mistletoe berries, velvety balls. By Burton Braff. Shopping information, page 203.



Warm-hearted American decorating

Christmas with quilts in an antique house

Originally a wash house built by a sea captain in 1827, this tiny three-room house and its contents prove what its owners admit—"We love anything old." Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haders prefer to stay in the small house on weekends and holidays and rent out the bigger main house. (When children Stephen and Jill visit, they sleep on sofas.) They scraped off layers of paint, hung wallpaper, and painted floors themselves to create a wonderful setting where the only real decorating is collections of old things: furniture picked up at auction, the nautical paraphernalia Richard Haders loves, and the antique American and Amish quilts Phyllis Haders has made a business—called "Phyllis Haders, Inc." in Manhattan—of collecting and selling. The living room provides a white backdrop for the color and graphics of the quilts, which sometime take over the whole house for a show, *opposite page left:* On the wall hangs "Feathered Star." Draped as a table skirt, a turkey-red and white quilt made by great-grandmother Harmon. Red and white pillow on the left-hand sofa was made from the only piece that could be saved of a "Valentine Heart" quilt. It and the quilted animals under the tree are from "Hands All Around," a shop in Mystic, Conn., started by Mrs. Haders and a friend. "My mother has always been very creative," says Jill. "She has grown with her quilt business and taught us a lot about beauty and the Amish." Mrs. Haders is now an author, too; her book about the Amish and their quilts *Sunshine and Shadow* was published this fall.

The living room at Christmas, far left: The coffee table—heavy glass resting on an antique, child's trundle bed—still has its traditional rope webbing. Schoenhut donkey and cart rest on top. Kilim rugs on the floor are trophies of the auctions Mrs. Haders loves. Top left: Three Haders bearing gifts, and Lucky Pierre, Jill's shadow, fondly known as Gupple. Mrs. Haders believes presents should be handmade if possible. The antique grocery basket Mr. Haders carries, holds a baby present wrapped in a cradle quilt, "Sunburst."

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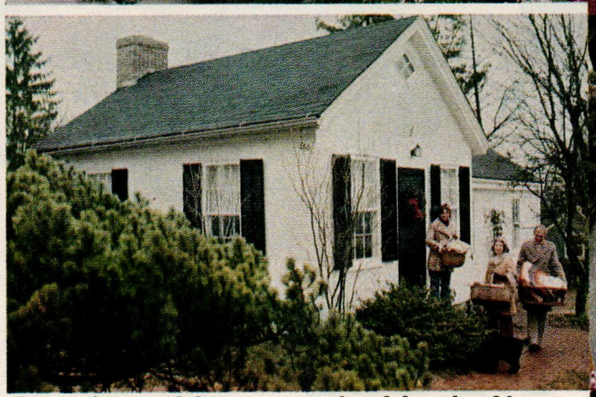
Want to decorate a wall, make a stuffed animal, or wrap a present? Use quilts

At Christmas the Haders' family traditions abound. "We are very sentimental about it and there is always lots of trimming, decorating, and eating." Every year, Jill makes her delicious cranberry bread and plum pudding for Christmas dinner; Mr. Haders strings lights inside and out. The tree holds a family history: Many of its ornaments were made by Mrs. Hadars thirty years ago and lovingly collected since then. "My mother's trees have always been special," says Jill. "She collected dolls from all over the world for me and at Christmas they sit among the branches." She might make ten sequined Santa Clauses, gilded cricket cages, or doves of peace with holly wreaths sewn into their beaks ("I believe in them.")—and give some as gifts and keep a few for the tree. White candle-lights and colored lights strung on separate strands permit the family to light either one for an all-white or multicolored tree. Plain green wreaths with red bows decorate doors and windows. Special quilts that mean Christmas to the Haders are brought out of trunks and used from Thanksgiving to New Year's. The bedroom with its white-painted floor has a holiday wardrobe of three New England quilts: The Connecticut appliquéd quilt on the bed, a variation of the "Whig Rose" pattern, alternates with a "Snowflake" gray and white patterned quilt Mr. Haders's mother designed and quilted for her. "We couldn't have Christmas without an Amish quilt," says Mrs. Haders, who has been enchanted with the Amish since she was 15; "Diamonds in a Square," a handsome example, hangs above a living-room table. She haunts antiques shops and flea markets for unassembled quilt pieces to be used for repairing old quilts, for making pillows, for appliqué work, or for sewing onto clothes (like Jill's turtleneck, *opposite page bottom*). At Christmas the versatile quilt pieces star as Christmas present wrappings. The packages don't need any other decoration—and the colorful pieces are an extra gift.

Amish quilt in a living room corner.



The antique wash house, now a cheerful weekend house.

The Christmas tree, right, with tiny white candle-lights, handmade ornaments. Quilted animals gather underneath. Opposite page, top: The bedroom dressed in Christmas quilts—Connecticut appliquéd quilt on bed, New York cradle quilt on wall, and Pennsylvania "Streak of Lightning" over foot rail. Opposite page, bottom left: Friendly Hawaiian whale guards the kitchen door. Opposite page, bottom right: Mrs. Haders and Jill in the living room creating Christmas wrappings with the unassembled quilt pieces.

Warm-hearted American decorating

Country comforts in a made-over barn

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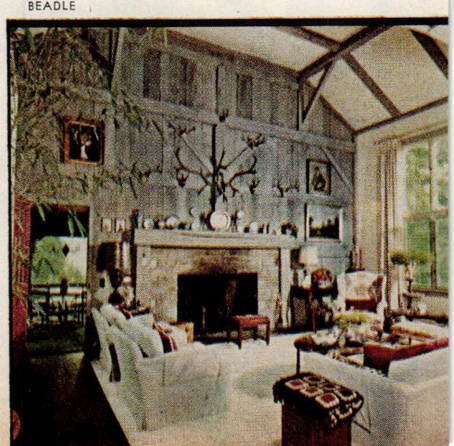
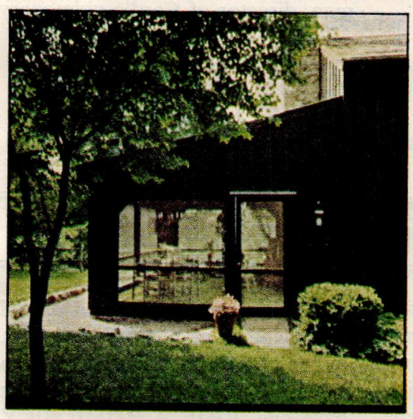
Above: Stone wall encloses back terrace. Grape trellis shades guest rooms on lower level.

There's something about a barn that seems right for today's living. The old wood, the earthiness, and the space—all have appeal in our mechanized age. This 1835 barn, once a makeshift summer place with an outside shower and no heating, was transformed by Franc Vitale into a comfortable country house filled with Americana and warmth. With gleaming antique wood furniture, he used neutral white cut-velvet sofas and chairs, livened with clusters of needlepoint pillows handworked by Vitale himself. "Soft, rustic colors seem right for decorating here," he says. Nothing too strident to detract from his collections of old crocks, Staffordshire, Spode, Coalport, and lustrous pewter.



Main living space, top and right, where hayloft stairway now leads to master bedroom.

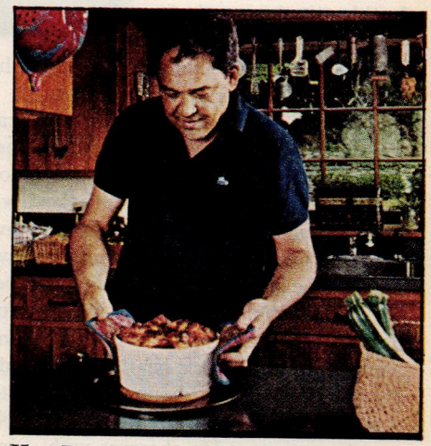
Dining-kitchen under the hayloft. Below: Latest addition, a screened porch off living room.



Once a collector always a collector. Franc Vitale admits things he buys today often wind up in the garage because he has nowhere else to put them. Shelves built to show off his collection of blue and white china, above, were copied from an 18th-century design at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The layout of the barn fell into place quite naturally: The main space, rising to a 20-foot beamed ceiling, became the living room. Original window openings were enlarged for huge new 12-foot paned windows that now flood the room with light. Wood from an old chicken house on the property came indoors to cover the fireplace wall. Mr. Vitale took the room's colors—terra cotta, white, beige, and blue—from the Oriental rug by the front door. "I wanted to create the feeling of an English country house," he explains (he has collected 18th-century furniture and objects since he was 16). The hayloft became the master bedroom, bath, and dressing room. The space underneath, with its low, raftered ceiling, made the kitchen-dining room "a cozy and informal contrast to the big living room." It is furnished with American country antiques, the ceiling hung with pewter mugs and copper pots. For a man who loves to cook and entertain, guest space is important. Two bedrooms and bathroom on the lower level, where once there were milking stalls, allow him to invite friends for weekends and holidays.

Guest-room bed covers, below, were made from a giant piece of antique patchwork found in a flea market, divided in half. Each piece was sewn to sheeting, then stuffed and quilted. Above the beds, 18th-century portraits on glass in their original gilt frames hang beneath little canopies whose fabric, white slubbed polyester and cotton, is also used for fringed bed ruffles and curtains. Blue and white gingham shades windows and bedside lamp. Outside a leafy awning of vines keeps the room cool in summer.



Host Franc Vitale in the kitchen, above, with a baked cheese fondue. "A great brunch dish. So easy to do—and it puffs up all golden brown. I make it the night before, put it in the oven when guests arrive. Then I can spend an hour with them in the living room over drinks while it cooks." (For the recipe, see page 148). He serves it with Brussels sprouts vinaigrette, a salad. For dessert, chocolate fudge cake layered with apple butter, frosted with almond-flavored butter cream, and spiked all over with toasted slivered almonds. White wine, to drink.

Start now to keep in shape this winter

PLUS a report on how America is exercising

By Caroline Seebohm

"Whenever I feel the urge to exercise, I lie down until it passes." Robert Hutchins, president of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions is credited with that remark. *Newsweek* columnist George F. Will broadly defined exercise to include "vigorously pushing away from the table and strenuously snuffing out cigarettes."

The wretched fact is that even though we know we should exercise (and nearly one half of the Americans who do exercise do it for reasons of health), the idea somehow doesn't fill us with wild enthusiasm. We can understand the concept of exercise meaning *play*—for instance, tennis, swimming, or any activity we define as "sport"—but when health gets into it, the fun seems to go out of it.

"The way we live is our number one health problem," declares V. L. Nicholson, the spokesman for the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. "This is the first major change in our health attitude since the forties. In earlier days, infections such as TB and diphtheria were still major killers—now it is our own bad habits. People simply must begin to see how important exercise is in keeping them in shape."

The President's Council is deeply involved in trying to get the youth of America to start the exercise habit. "The growing years are vital," says Mr. Nicholson. "What children do between the ages of 10 and 15 affects the size of their heart, lungs, the quality of their bones, everything. So youngsters should get systematic activity." He observes with regret that this is more difficult to achieve with girls than with boys. The National Youth Fitness Test turns up the unfortunate truth that whereas before puberty boys and girls usually develop their strength, speed, stamina, and agility at the same rate, at puberty girls level off or stop completely. They've reached their peak. "Maybe it has a little to do with physiology, but not all. I'm afraid it's also sociological," admits Mr. Nicholson. "For some reason, girls feel that physical activity is no longer worth doing—a mistake that they may pay for dearly in later life."

Well, we're *trying*. More Americans are exercising now than ever before and, probably owing partly to the Women's Movement, more women are involved in sports than ever before. The tennis boom has swept the country. More and more people are building swimming pools for exercise—and more of them are indoors so the exercise can go on all year. You see joggers on every street in every town—there is even a National Jogging Association based in Washington, D.C. (In 1972, a National Adult Physical Fitness Survey found that of the 60 million adult Americans who engage in various forms of exercise, nearly 44 million walk for exercise; more than 18 million ride bicycles; 14 million swim; 14 million do calisthenics; and 6.5 million jog. The survey did not even bother to include tennis as a category that year.)

The latest excitement in exercise, and one that is sweeping California, is the fitness *parcours*. The word *parcours* is French for "course," and the idea originates from Switzerland, where the fitness *parcours* is very popular. The *parcours* is a walking/jogging course with 20 exercise stations along the way, where you rest from jogging, and do various stretching, bending, and other fitness exercises before moving on to the next one. Deborah Mazzanti has a fitness *parcours* at her health spa, Rancho La Puerta, and believes it is the exercise trend of the future. "Anyone can do it," she says, "and it's fun. The *parcours* is portable: It would be perfect in parks, for the whole community to enjoy, or even in your backyard if it's big enough."

It is not just health nuts who are becoming exercise-minded. There is a whole new class of American exercisers—older people with cardiovascular disease. "Heart attack patients used to have to stay in bed," Mr. Nicholson says. "But now there are highly sophisticated exercise techniques for such patients, based on heart rate and oxygen delivery systems, which help them lead normal active lives again. This is another major change in our attitude to health in the past 30 years."

There is still enormous resistance to exercise. People say it's boring, they haven't time, they don't need it. In 1972, 49 million Americans never exercised at all (that's nearly half the adult population). But let's face it, we do need it. So why not begin now to get in shape for winter, and stay in shape for good? Here are some ways of working out that doctors recommend and that may surprise you because you'll feel so terrific afterwards. So terrific that if you keep it up for three months, you'll be hooked. As Deborah Mazzanti put it, "A daily exercise routine makes the difference between *existing* and *living*."

Indoor exercises

"If the weather is so bad that you can't venture outdoors, JUMP ROPE," says Dr. Lenore R. Zohman, director of Cardio-pulmonary Rehabilitation, Montefiore Hospital, and member of the Exercise Committee of the American Heart Association. "JOG IN PLACE or, if you have one, RIDE A HOME BICYCLE. You should also choose activities that put all your joints through their entire range of motion. For instance, bicycle riding does not exercise your arms, so you should do some arm exercises in addition. Ideally, you should do some form of calisthenics to use all the joints and stretch the muscles, plus some form of endurance exercise to raise the heart rate—but to a target level, 220 minus your age for most healthy people. Puffing and panting like a sprinter is not necessarily helping your heart and maybe just tires you out."

Bicycling

"The muscles that suffer most in winter are the leg and abdominal muscles," says Dr. Willibald Nagler, Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, New York Hospital, "so I recommend bicycle riding, which is very good for the legs. You should really ride for about an hour to get any benefit, and since you do not use your arms, do some arm exercises as well." As for the abdominal muscles, here is a very good exercise from Dr. Nagler: Lie on your back, bend your knees. Do a half sit-up, hold it for 5 seconds,

then let down. "This is also very good for people with back problems, incidentally," he says. "If you have access to an indoor pool, SWIMMING in my view is still the best overall exercise there is."

Skating

People tend to think of skating as something beautiful to watch, but it's also wonderful exercise, according to Dr. Tenley E. Albright, of Sports Medicine Resource in Woburn, Mass. (Dr. Albright won the Olympic Gold Medal for Figure Skating in 1956, so she should know!) "Any kind of movement, anything which increases agility, including climbing on the rocks by the beach in summer, prepares you for winter skating. Before you start, take a good look at your skating boots and make sure they fit snugly around the ankle, loosely at the toe and the top of the boot. I'm sure you'll find,

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BASIC PROGRAM FOR ALL SHAPERS-UP

The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports recommends the following routine, whatever form of exercise you decide to practice:

1. **7-8 minutes of warm-up: Stretch, bend, twist, turn, generally loosen up, and breathe a little harder.**
2. **8-10 minutes of strength work on arms, shoulders, thighs, etc. with push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups.**
3. **20 minutes of circulatory exercise at a pace that elevates breathing and heart rate. *Not* all-out effort, just a regular pace. Jogging, fast walking, bicycling, running, skipping rope—any brisk activity will do for this period.**
4. **5-7 minutes of cool-down. Don't sit down abruptly after finishing your exercise, but move around slowly staying loose for a while before resting.**

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End of the year tax strategies

By Paul Gross

You may be overlooking deductions that you can and should take this year—your last chance before the new tax reform law takes effect

If ever there was a time to take advantage of every tax deduction you can, this is it. For one thing, 1976 has been as good to most of us as 1975 was bad. Salaries have gone up, the stock market rose, bond prices rallied, and companies should be giving bonuses around Christmas time, because corporations have had a very good year. For another, many tax deductions won't be around next year because the long-awaited tax reform bill has finally been passed into law. The new tax law has a number of *new* loopholes, of course. Tax reform measures always do. However, the Internal Revenue Service will start plugging up these loopholes as soon as it gets wind of them.

As any good tax expert will tell you, the best way to reduce taxes is by following a yearlong strategy. Even so, there are a number of things that you can do at the end of the year to whittle down your potential tax bill this year.

Medical deductions

You can boost your medical deductions by having any foreseeable medical or dental work done and paid for this year. (You can deduct medical expenses that exceed 3 percent of your adjusted gross income.) And don't overlook anything. You'd be surprised what you can deduct. For example, the IRS has just ruled that any surgery which affects the human "structure" is tax-deductible—even plastic surgery. That makes the cost of a face-lift, even if done for purely cosmetic reasons, fully tax-deductible.

If you install central air conditioning for someone in your family who suffers from asthma or bronchitis (on a doctor's written recommendation), you can put the unit in now, pay for it, and boost your medical deduction for the year. Finally, consider buying or increasing your medical insurance. You are allowed to deduct one-half of your medical insurance premiums, up to a maximum of $150.

Happier holidays

A year-end party for your business associates and clients can be deducted as a business entertainment expense. However, make sure that you follow the IRS rules for such deductions—generally, the entertainment must be related to the conduct of your business.

If you play Santa Claus to your clients and associates, remember that for individual gifts, say a pen and pencil set, you can deduct no more than $25 for each gift—regardless of how expensive it might have been. However, you can deduct the full cost of the gift if it has a business use—say, a pocket calculator or a small cassette tape recorder. There's also no limit on the percentage of the gift you can deduct if you give clients something like season tickets to basketball games and don't specify the recipient. For example, you could give subscription tickets to the opera to a client's firm and deduct the full amount. Whether your client uses all the tickets himself or passes some of them out to others in his firm doesn't matter.

The office load

If you have an office at home, think ahead and buy the supplies now you think you'll need in 1977. By the same token, buy all those investment or business books you're interested in reading, subscribe to some financial publications, and renew any subscriptions that are about to expire. One friend has this down to an art. He subscribes to all his magazines in January. At the end of the year, he has the option of renewing the subscriptions early or waiting until the next year. If he's had a banner year, he renews early and, in effect, gets to deduct two years' worth of subscriptions in one year. If the year wasn't all that good, he'll wait until January to renew his subscriptions.

You might even consider redecorating your office at home or hiring someone to clean it thoroughly for you in December. For example, I redecorated my office at home earlier this year, and now plan to hire a firm to do a thorough cleaning—all of this is deductible.

Now for a word of caution: The new tax reform bill bars an office at home deduction unless you meet some fairly strict criteria. For one thing, the office must be

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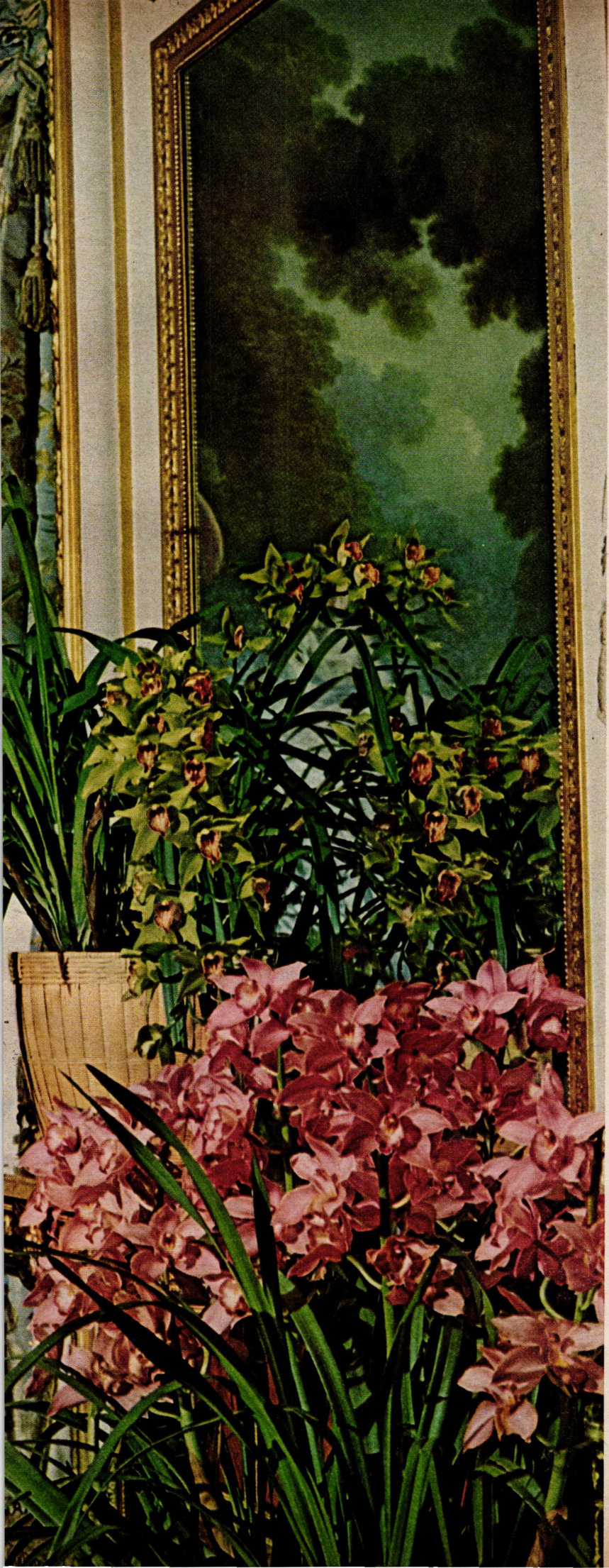
Medical deductions, a vacation home, stocks, business trips abroad, an office at home—do you know what you can and should deduct?

Jean-Honoré Fragonard, *Love Letters.* Cymbidiums, *from left:* Edna Cobb "Spring Aria," Jungfrau "Crystal Craigs," Seafoam "Green Fire," and Bengal Bay "Benares"



The gift of flowers and art

The Frick Collection and The New York Botanical Garden bring together a spectacular display of paintings and orchids—the works of man and nature

By John Russell

The Frick Collection in New York City is most people's idea of a stationary feast. It's a feast all right: paintings, sculptures, drawings, fine furniture, and first-rate porcelain in the atmosphere of a great private house. It's stationary too, though not quite so much as the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston where the first nasturtium has to turn up on the same date every year and the world would come to an end if a bowl of violets were moved one inch to the right or left, but stationary all the same. Same address, same building, same installation, same labels. Same French Gothic angel (cast on March 28, 1475) supervising the same splash of water in the central court. It's been there as a public art gallery since 1935, and people love it.

They don't look to it for change, however. Just occasionally there's a flurry of scholarship, a whirring of wise wings, and one of the labels vanishes, as if a highly educated eagle had swooped down and carried it off. A revised label will then be put up, causing intense excitement among the ten or twelve people in the city who are qualified to dispute it. Beyond that, it's a quiet world at the Frick. "What does the director do?" some visitors ask. "Dust the pictures?"

And it's true that the Frick doesn't get itself into the papers. There are no debatable acquisitions, no staff member ever stalks out in a huff, all is as calm as the thickest of thick carpets can make it. But the concerts (free) are very good, as are the public lectures (also free). And just once in a while the Frick entertains in a style of seemly extravagance. One such occasion occurred earlier this year when the house was filled with cymbidiums and other orchids from The New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx.

Orchids have a place all their own in the mythology of debauch. Women will do things in the company of orchids—so it is said—that they would never do anywhere else. Just over a hundred years ago, in his novel *La Curée,* Emile Zola put the classic case for the big-city orchid-house as the place where all seductions were conclusive; and his pre-Freudian approach has been confirmed over and over again by analysts who have looked the orchid up and down and agreed that nature could go no further in the field of erotic suggestion.

The orchids at the Frick had competition, of course, in many of the paintings on the wall. The white almond blossom in Whistler's *Mrs. Leyland* stood for an altogether purer notion of the indoor garden. Gainsborough in his portrait of Lady Innes has his sitter hold in her hand that symbol of first youth, an unopened rosebud, the better to contrast with the full-blown rose on her right. The series of decorations which Madame du Barry commissioned from Fragonard culminates in *The Lover Crowned,* where the crown is made of flowers with the dew still fresh upon them. Even Ingres, in his portrait of Madame d'Haussonville, has used flowers to set off the mirror image of the young woman's back.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: *In addition to writing regularly about art for* The New York Times, *John Russell contributes articles to several magazines, among them House & Garden. His "Art Is There to Tell Us Who We Are" in this July's issue discussed the American character in American painting. Mr. Russell's* The Meaning of Modern Art, *in twelve volumes, was recently published by the Museum of Modern Art.*

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Pierre-Auguste Renoir, *Mother and Children.*
Cymbidiums, *from left:* Darjeeling x Adelma "Springtime," Bengal Bay "Benares," Valencia "Fern Dell"

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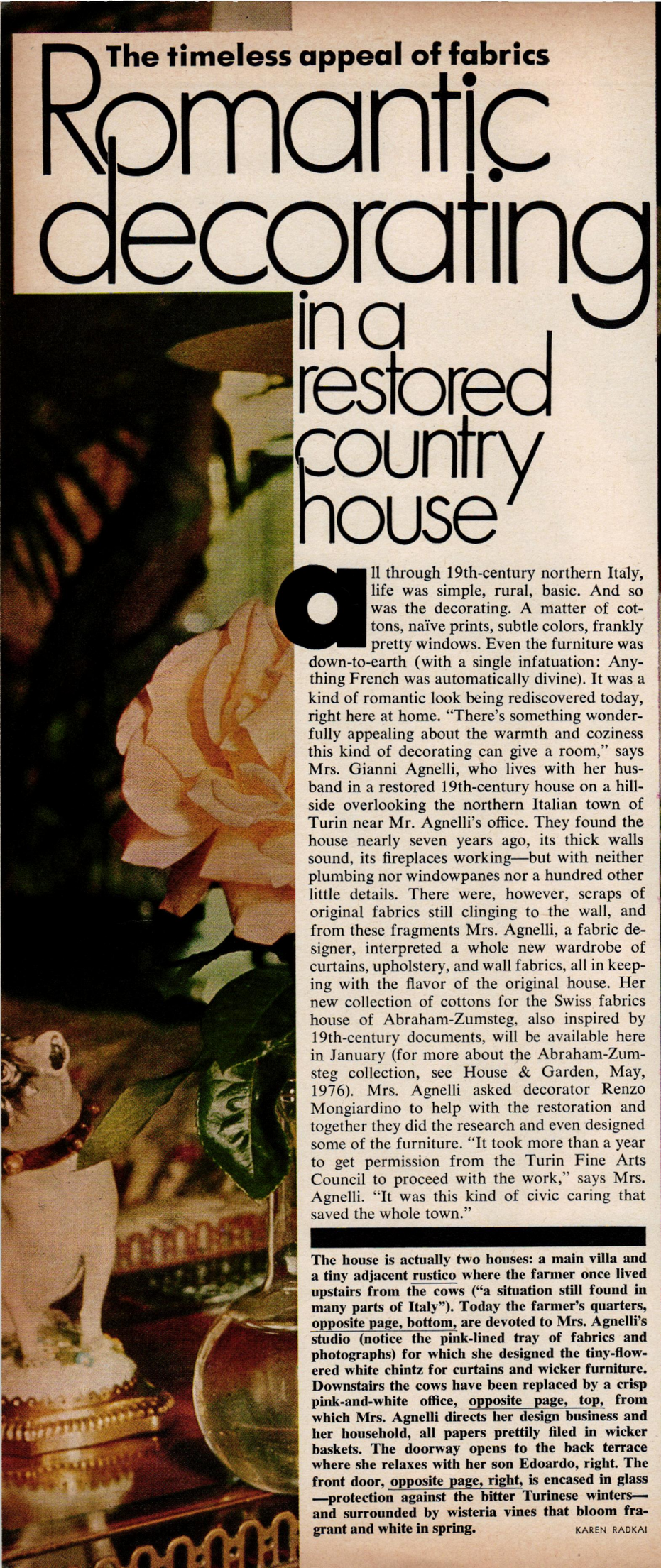
Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, *Comtesse d'Haussonville*. Cymbidium Kyber Pass "Red Bronze"

The timeless appeal of fabrics

Romantic decorating in a restored country house

All through 19th-century northern Italy, life was simple, rural, basic. And so was the decorating. A matter of cottons, naïve prints, subtle colors, frankly pretty windows. Even the furniture was down-to-earth (with a single infatuation: Anything French was automatically divine). It was a kind of romantic look being rediscovered today, right here at home. "There's something wonderfully appealing about the warmth and coziness this kind of decorating can give a room," says Mrs. Gianni Agnelli, who lives with her husband in a restored 19th-century house on a hillside overlooking the northern Italian town of Turin near Mr. Agnelli's office. They found the house nearly seven years ago, its thick walls sound, its fireplaces working—but with neither plumbing nor windowpanes nor a hundred other little details. There were, however, scraps of original fabrics still clinging to the wall, and from these fragments Mrs. Agnelli, a fabric designer, interpreted a whole new wardrobe of curtains, upholstery, and wall fabrics, all in keeping with the flavor of the original house. Her new collection of cottons for the Swiss fabrics house of Abraham-Zumsteg, also inspired by 19th-century documents, will be available here in January (for more about the Abraham-Zumsteg collection, see House & Garden, May, 1976). Mrs. Agnelli asked decorator Renzo Mongiardino to help with the restoration and together they did the research and even designed some of the furniture. "It took more than a year to get permission from the Turin Fine Arts Council to proceed with the work," says Mrs. Agnelli. "It was this kind of civic caring that saved the whole town."



The house is actually two houses: a main villa and a tiny adjacent rustico where the farmer once lived upstairs from the cows ("a situation still found in many parts of Italy"). Today the farmer's quarters, opposite page, bottom, are devoted to Mrs. Agnelli's studio (notice the pink-lined tray of fabrics and photographs) for which she designed the tiny-flowered white chintz for curtains and wicker furniture. Downstairs the cows have been replaced by a crisp pink-and-white office, opposite page, top, from which Mrs. Agnelli directs her design business and her household, all papers prettily filed in wicker baskets. The doorway opens to the back terrace where she relaxes with her son Edoardo, right. The front door, opposite page, right, is encased in glass —protection against the bitter Turinese winters— and surrounded by wisteria vines that bloom fragrant and white in spring.

KAREN RADKAI

Fabric borders form vertical stripes for sitting-room walls.

The same border makes a fabric cornice for living room.

Romantic decorating

The collaborators researched the restoration with a camera, photographing curtains, wall treatments, doorknobs, details in other houses on the hill. From these they created not an exact period replica, but "a mirror of the surroundings." The house reflects a delight in small prints—a contrast with the 19th-century flamboyance of the rest of Europe—and, because decorating romantics are irrepressible mixers, a happy mélange of styles, texture, vintages, patterns. Even the floor is a mosaic of walnut and cherry. "Mixture was very much the mood of Turin," says Mrs. Agnelli. "The climate is cold, and the overstuffed, cozy atmosphere was—and still is—wonderfully warming." In the living room alone, two of her bordered, flowered, yellow cottons and a separate cornice border of flower garlands (see detail, *right*), are stretched over the walls, shirred softly, simply, for curtains. Sofas and chairs are casually slipcovered in still another cotton print. Most of the furniture, brought from another house, is French ("we love it as much as the old Turinese did"). With it, modern wood tables Mr. Mongiardino designed to resemble narwhal horn, lots of natural wicker for country freshness.

"When the weather is cold, a cozy overstuffed atmosphere is wonderfully warming"

The living room, left and above, with its multiplicity of printed cottons (three for the walls alone) encourages comfortable, informal living. "We read the paper here," says Mrs. Agnelli, "or have lunch by the fire." The cornice-border fabric reappears in the adjoining multi-patterned sitting room, above right, as vertical stripes for the walls.

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The living-room cottons, applied to the walls with their borders placed like petaled moldings, create a beguiling architecture responsible for the character of the entire room (and let anyone who doubts the power of fabric imagine the room without it). The use of natural materials only adds to the warm-hearted look: wood tables, a raffia rug, wicker furniture patterned after a 19th-century model from Mr. Mongiardino's own house. Other wicker chairs, this time laced with lacquered red, group around blue-clothed tables in the dining room, *opposite page, bottom.* Here walls are covered with Mrs. Agnelli's fabrics—a geometric of peaches on cream—and windows dressed in unabashedly pretty curtains of white cotton voile drawn back from double-ruffled valances to let in a lovely light. When the Agnellis entertain—"rarely more than 10 for dinner, because at small parties people can really get to know each other"—the room is lit by candles, in wall appliqués and on tables, for one good reason: "Candlelight is the most becoming." Centerpieces are bowls of fruit; flowers are to be found everywhere else, however, all gathered from cutting gardens from which Mrs. Agnelli arranges bouquets of "whatever the garden offers." At the far end of the dining room, an archway leads to an iron-and-glass room, a thoughtful gift from 19th-century builders, which the Agnellis call the "winter garden" or "veranda." Its roof, *right,* is an arched dome of copper, weathered by Turinese winters. A bed of marguerites carpets the space between the path and the iron fence that overlooks the town 10 kilometers away.

"Decorating is also a matter of flowers and candlelight. You must remember all the senses."

In the living room, above right, the cornice-border fabric combines with another of Mrs. Agnelli's borders to create a textile of stripes for an 18th-century French chair. Lampshades are also borrowed from wall fabrics, bordered and shirred to cast light that approaches candleglow. Most of the upholstered furniture is slipcovered for summer with pale prints, but the sofa here lives year round in its plum-colored cotton. Just off the dining room, opposite page, bottom, which is entirely lit by candles, a plant-filled veranda with a weathered copper roof, right. Opposite page, top: The old rustico, now studio and office, completely covered with ancient vines.

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Outdoors, the gardens are a 19th-century patchwork of lawns rimmed with box hedges, all designed by Mrs. Agnelli and her friend Russell Page. "I adore gardening, and in fact almost all the flowers and vegetables we use come from our own gardens." She fixes bouquets of fruits and vegetables as if they were flowers (like the luscious nosegay across the page), and uses them as centerpieces. "We prefer fruit to rich cakes, so at the end of the meal we simply eat the centerpiece for dessert." Just off the dining room are two others—one inside, one out. The indoor winter garden, always full of plants and flowers, can be converted for large dinner parties winter or summer so guests can dine surrounded by flowers even in the snow. In fine weather, Mrs. Agnelli often sets a round table for lunch on the awning-shaded terrace, *below and opposite page, right*. The chairs of iron and slatted wood are 19th-century northern Italian. On the pink-clothed table, a centerpiece of herbs, mushrooms, and sprays of the elusive wild white strawberry.

"For dining, have a choice of settings: a fireside, or gardens indoors and out"

Whatever pattern can't be had in fabrics, Mrs. Agnelli supplies in plants and flowers. In the winter garden, below and opposite page, left, baskets of Barbier roses that climb the villa walls; hanging cissus; sparmannia and ficus pandurata trees; and, on the raffia rug that covers the green stone floor, luxuriant clumps of ferns. Left: Fuchsias bloom along the garden fence.

A centerpiece for dessert: a feast of fruits and berries with a pineapple crown.
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Grow Moss!

and don't fret about grass

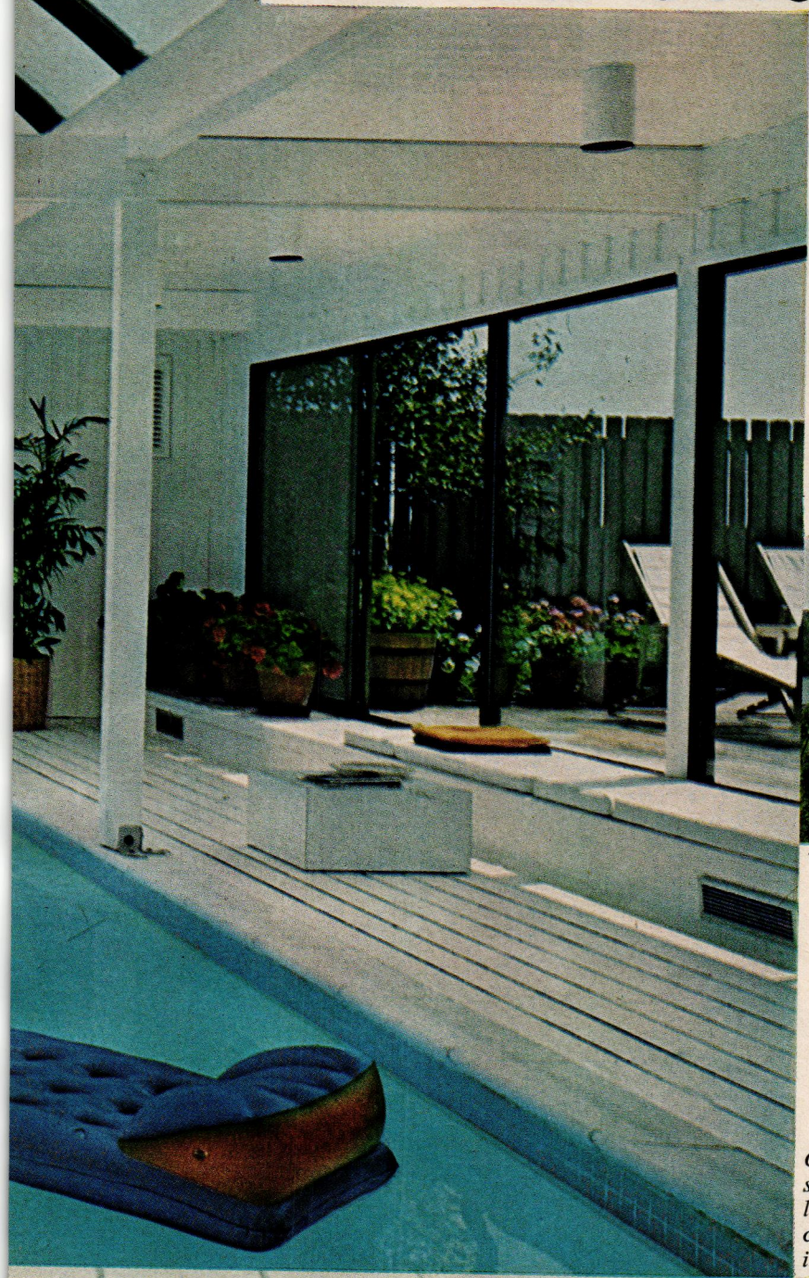
My idea of gardening is to have no grass to mow, no weeds to pull, and plants to enjoy that self-seed and propagate naturally." A moss garden gives a bonus besides: a garden that stays green in all seasons. David E. Benner and his family didn't plant any moss, but "in less than five years it took over and became such a thick carpet we rarely ever weed." The Benners encouraged moss by scattering the paths the first fall with acid sulphur dust and watered-in aluminum sulfate and Miracid. "We have about eight species of mosses, but mostly broom moss (Dicranum scoparium), silky fork (Dicranella heteromalla), and fern moss (Thuidium delicatulum). The trick to growing good moss is to keep it free of debris so the moss won't decay. I often sweep it after a rain, but it is best to wait until the ground freezes before raking off all the leaves. Then the bamboo rake can't tear the moss." To nourish the ground covers and evergreen shrubs, the Benners compost the leaves, and the paths stay green all year. The family lives near Doylestown, Pa., where Mr. Benner teaches ornamental horticulture at Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture. He often brings groups of students home and uses this shady hillside as a classroom. The house is painted green, almost hidden in a patch of woods; the driveway climbs in an arc through rhododendrons, azaleas, and choice dwarf evergreens. At the sides of the house and behind it, mossy clearings and paths are edged with evergreen ground covers: ivy (Hedera), myrtle (Vinca minor), Pachysandra, Ajuga, and Phlox divaricata. Spring brings a profusion of Quaker Ladies or bluets, forget-me-nots, Virginia bluebells, and rivulets of violets. Mr. Benner prefers pastel colors in his garden: White flowers are blood root, foam flower, lily of the valley, and the rare Shortia galacifolia. Native phloxes plus wild and cultivated columbines and bleeding hearts are among the pink flowers. As a collector of native American plants, Mr. Benner particularly prizes his Jeffersonia diphylla, Viola appalachiensis, and glacier-age box huckleberry. Mr. Benner grows plants from seeds he collects or is given, and sometimes orders from Gardens of the Blue Ridge in Ashford, N.C. The Benners manage land by letting it have its way, with no strict marching orders. When plants take off, spreading on their own, a gardener can, too—on holidays or in more imaginative gardening.

David E. Benner, far left, never drowns out bird song with a noisy lawn mower —he sweeps his moss paths in a garden of ground covers, evergreen shrub, native flowers. "Moss is easy to grow in shade, and rugged—our boys, 10 and 13, play on it. A December rake-up of autumn leaves is the only essential chore." Top left: a peace march of little Quaker Ladies in a moss clearing. Above: a moss path through ferns and ground covers to a bird feeder and birdhouse. Left: the family's side lawn and moss-green house. Opposite page: steep hillside backyard with a picnic table, huge beech, steps.

The indoor pool—an idea that's catching on

How a pool pavilion became a house's new living center—and changed the owner's life

Houses, like children, can grow, develop, and come to full bloom. This weekend house, near the sea and bordered by a green sweep of Long Island potato fields, was designed and built in four stages over a twelve-year period by its owner, Richard Huebner, and his brother, architect Louis H. Huebner. First a garage-studio was added to the original two-story house and a pool installed outdoors, then a dining-garden room wing was added. For the final flourish, the swimming pool was enclosed. The spa-like area, 32 by 40 feet, enlarged the house by half again its size, vastly increasing the enjoyment it gives and the possibilities for entertaining summer and winter. Brilliant with daylight from its transparent vaulted roof and glass walls ringed with palms, ficus, schefflera, and flowering plants, it is an exhilarating place to be. "I wanted a room where outdoors could be enjoyed all year round," says Dick Huebner. "I first thought of tucking on a greenhouse and adding a sunken bath somewhere. Then we thought of glazing in the pool area. It combined both features in one." Wood posts and beams went up to support the acrylic plastic roof vaults above walls of pine board-and-batten siding with sliding glass doors.



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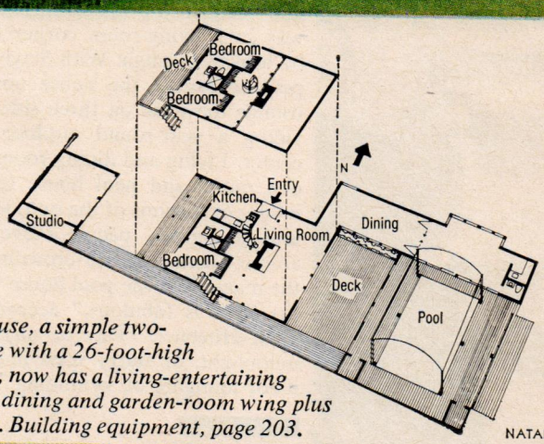


Original house, a simple two-story square with a 26-foot-high living room, now has a living-entertaining center: new dining and garden-room wing plus indoor pool. Building equipment, page 203.

NATALIE SIEGEL

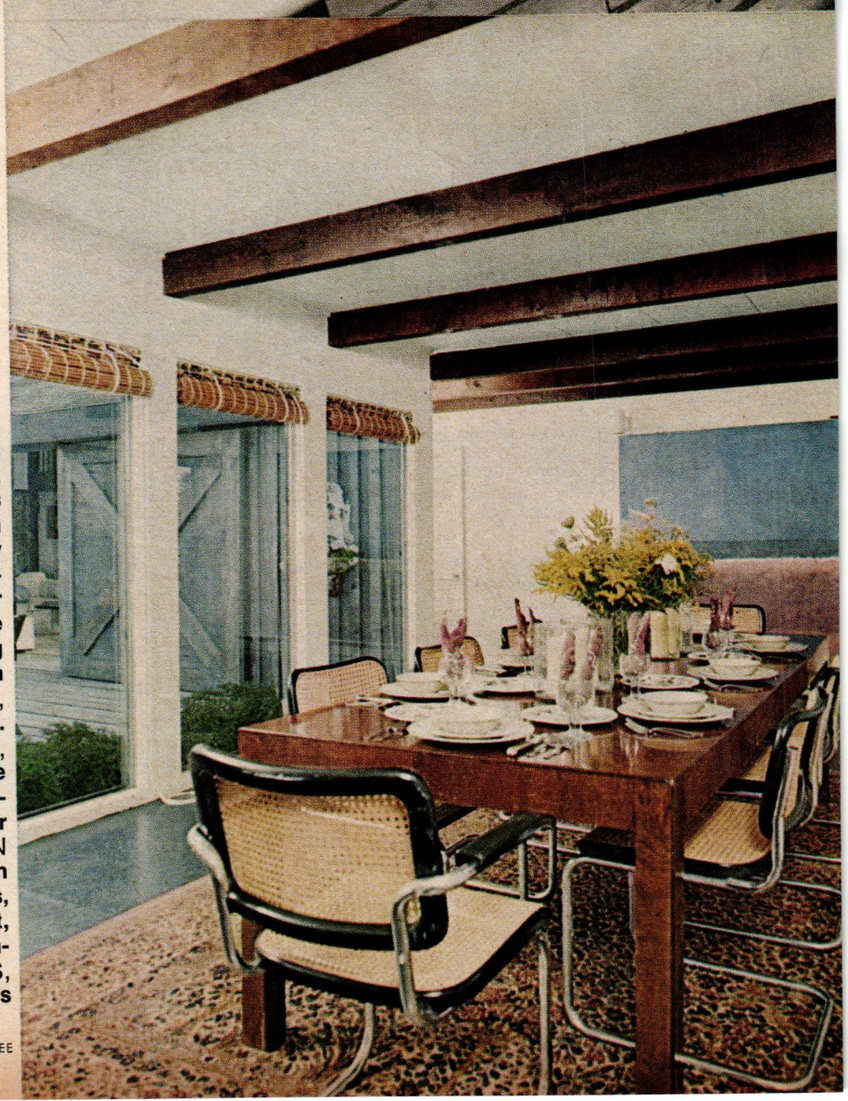
NEW POOL ENCLOSURE, *left,* like a small crystal palace, has transparent roof and walls. Eight arches of acrylic plastic form the roof, sliding glass doors are the side walls. Both are framed in bronzed aluminum and are double glazed for insulation. Pool can be heated; water is filtered and circulated. A ventilating fan and louver at the top of the end wall arches activate automatically when temperature reaches 90 degrees indoors. Wood walls and deck floors are painted marine-finish white. Outside, barn doors slide across the glass ones for security. RUSTIC HOUSE, *above,* with silvery weathered walls that give it the appealing look of an old barn.

SUSAN WOOD

Indoor pool

continued

The barn character was further established when the garage-studio-workshop went up as Stage 2 of the construction. It faces and screens the house protectively, its matching batten-board walls and a contrasting roof angle are complementary. The center courtyard parking area, high wooden fences, and a deck walkway tie the buildings together like a farmhouse cluster. Stage 3 was a new wing added in 1969: A wide deck including a 16-by-32-foot pool had already been installed outside the glass-doored living room; the new wing enclosed the deck on one side, shielding it from hot west sun and north winds. (Well insulated, the wing can also be closed up tight in winter.) So a new capacious dining room was gained where Mr. Huebner could have eight to ten guests for sit-down dinners he couldn't handle in the living room. And a garden room, with two glass walls, that also includes a kitchenette and a bathroom for swimmers. To connect this new wing to the house only a doorway in a living-room corner had to be broken through. With Stage 4, the pool enclosure, the house now surrounds the deck on three sides, providing a year-round outdoor living center. Living and dining rooms, garden room, and pool house feel like indoor extensions of the outdoor deck and, at parties, people move easily among them with no crowding. But the magic is in the pool house "where the light is fabulous," according to Dick Huebner. "Day or night, sun, moonlight, or starry skies illuminate it for lounging or swimming."



FOR LARGE SUMMER PARTIES, **Dick Huebner sets buffets like the paella buffet, *left,* on deck outdoors, *above right,* or arranges them on the long dining room table. "People can move easily from the living room to either buffet, then eat in the garden room or outdoors." Sheltered on three sides by pool house and dining and living rooms, the deck is a sun pocket all year round.** DECK, ***above,*** **before pool was enclosed.** DINING TABLE AND CHAIRS, ***right,*** **are the only furniture in the vinyl-floored, open-beamed, chalk-white dining room. A Huebner painting at far end.** GARDEN ROOM, ***opposite page, above,*** **with sailcloth slipcovers, floor pillows, rattan chairs, quarry tile underfoot, takes hard wear even from swimmers in adjoining pool.** GUESTS, ***opposite page, below,*** **at games under host Huebner's eye.**

TOM YEE

Now the pool is the entertaining center too. Living, dining, and garden rooms open directly on the indoor deck

SUSAN WOOD

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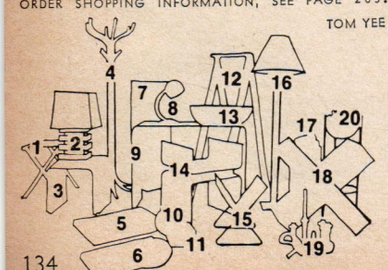

Almadén Vineyards, Los Gatos and Paicines, California

The rebirth of leaves is in itself a small miracle . . . their emergence as remarkable as the unfurling of a butterfly's wings

There was a tree

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pink and purple—Shelley's "ghosts from an enchanter fleeing"—which give the fall its special bittersweet spectacle before the branches stand bare. The final trigger for leaf dropping is diminishing hormone content in the leaf (most plants processes depend on hormone concentration): Eventually this causes ethylene to form at the junction of leaf and branch, where a layer of special cells, designed to weaken at the right time, lets the used-up leaves glide to the ground.

What has happened is in fact the remarkably rapid transformation of a complex organism turning within a few days from full activity to a virtual shutdown situation, in which the trees wait, embryo buds already preformed, for the spring triggers of higher temperature and longer day length, to burst once more into full production. Then the roots again start pumping mineral-rich water into the tree's conduits. Many trees store organic materials in the trunk to help them at this time of rebirth—the sugar maple is a prime example where food channels fill with stored sugary sap, a stimulant for the signal "all systems go." The rebirth of leaves is in itself a small miracle, the soft, compressed tissues often being intricately folded, their emergence as remarkable as the unfurling of a butterfly's wings.

By contrast, evergreens either have the needle-like leaves of conifers and heaths or the tough, usually very thick-skinned ones of holly, ivy, laurel, and the like. The needle-leaves especially are designed to stand the dessicating conditions of harsh winters, with very dry air and dry frozen ground. They have many fewer breathing pores (stomata) than deciduous leaves, and these pores are additionally protected against water loss by structural devices. Most important of all, evergreens can slow down in severe conditions so that their internal life is barely ticking over, but ready to speed up whenever conditions improve.

The evergreen tree is known for longevity, the great examples being giant redwood, bristlecone pine, and Japanese cedar, with the differently leaved olive from the Holy Land not far behind: No deciduous trees can match them for years. And this has probably much to do with their unhurried growth, slow but continuous, in contrast to the stop-go of the leaf losers.

Lesser plants faced with the inclemencies of winter duck into underground inactivity. The top growth of herbaceous perennials withers and the roots become almost inactive. It is now that gardeners can dig them up, divide them if required, move them elsewhere in the garden, because there are no leaves to wilt if the roots get dry or damaged. If you examine the root-clump or "stool" of the average herbaceous plant, you will find shoot-buds already formed, ready to expand in the spring just like the leaf-buds on the trees.

The bulb is a neater example of plant rest. We are most accustomed, perhaps, to the spring-flowering bulbs which are already planted in our borders and bowls. Technically there are three distinct types of structure—true bulbs of overlapping leaf scales such as the onion-like hyacinth, brown-skinned daffodil, and tulip with dark, papery husk; corms like crocus in its fibrous sheath resembling miniature sacking, which replace themselves each year; and tubers, often so shapeless one does not know which way to plant them, including anemone and cyclamen. All are such wonderful examples of packaging that man takes advantage of this to dry them and sell them loose or through the post. It always surprises me that these unpromising objects can produce such beautiful blooms.

These bulbs, to use the general term, are not strictly passive at Christmas time. Underground they will already have put out extensive roots and be slowly gathering strength to swell and push up the flower bud and leaves when the soil warms up. But one certainly can consider them part of the Christmas death and rebirth situation, for so many come from the Holy Land and similar countries with hot parched summers. They flower and set seed, while the leaves distill the growing strength of the sun into foodstuffs passed down to the storage organs below; then the leaves wither and these knobs of vegetable flesh remain quiescent until autumn rain sets their growth cycle going once again, their fragile-seeming flowers bursting out of the ground throughout the winter in a spring-peaking crescendo. In fact activity continues within the bulb, just as it does within the pupa of a butterfly in that stage between the caterpillar

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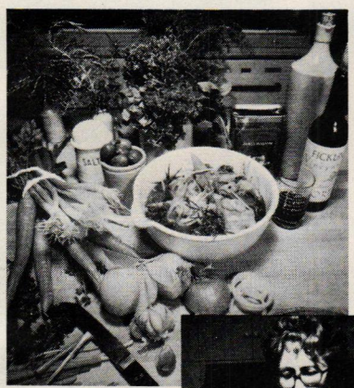
WINE & FOOD



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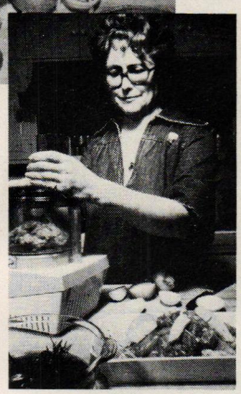
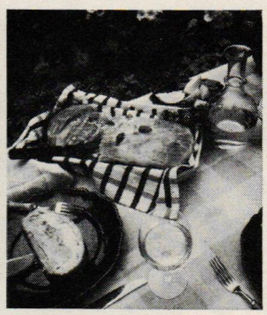
Country pâtés made easy

A perfect food present—quick pâtés from *Pâtés for Kings and Commoners* by Maybelle Iribe and Barbara Wilder. ▽





Ingredients for rabbit and green olive pâté, above; *Maybelle Iribe grinding base meat in the Cuisinart food processor,* right.

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Old-fashioned Christmas food at Hammond-Harwood House

Festive recipes with a culinary heritage from *Maryland's Way* cookbook. ▽

The table set in the dining room, above; *Honga River Wild Goose and Maryland oysters on the half shell.*

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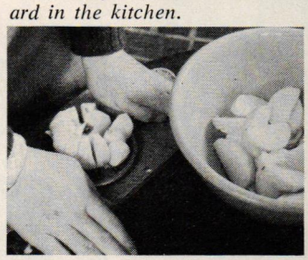
A family Christmas breakfast

Menu and recipes from Marjorie Blanchard for a make-ahead breakfast. ▷

Ann, Marjorie, Donald Blanchard in the kitchen.



Ann slices; Donald braids, right, *with Mrs. Blanchard.*

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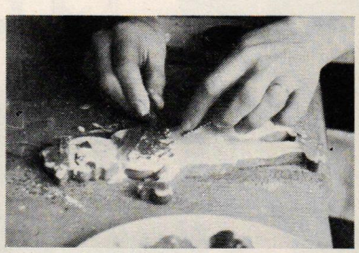
Christmas Cheer

Party drinks, from festive punches to heartwarming grogs, plus edible gifts made with wine or spirits.

Ludovic Autet, Marina de Brantes and turkey.



Salmon koulebiaka for a first course.

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The Christmas kitchen

A tantalizing truffled turkey with stuffings of meats and nuts, and cookies carefully decorated to hang on the tree.

Mrs. Gerald Warburg admires the cookies adapted from her originals.

Of all the gifts you can give in good taste, few taste this good.

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WINE & FOOD

The Christmas kitchen

Holiday delights from fondue to truffled turkey, from cookies to kedgeree.

Recipes for holiday treats from first course to last—a superb turkey with two stuffings, perfumed with truffles; cookies for children to decorate (packed in cotton and covered boxes, they can be stored for next year), see pages 102-105. A baked fondue to make ahead for a party. A breakfast that can be made ahead, too, that you can serve to holiday guests if they—and you—are early risers. And four pâtés to give as gifts (especially welcome in an attractive terrine or a rabbit mold) or keep in the refrigerator for drop-in guests.

CHILDREN'S COOKIES

FROM PAGE 103

Christmas cookies

Ingredients

⅓ cup butter, softened
½ cup dark brown sugar
⅔ cup light molasses
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon ginger
1 teaspoon cinnamon
4 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder

Method

☐ In a bowl cream the butter and brown sugar together, add molasses, egg, vanilla, ginger, and cinnamon and beat until fluffy. Mix together flour and baking powder and sift them into butter mixture gradually. Roll into a ball, wrap in wax paper and chill.

☐ Cut dough in four parts and on a floured board roll out each piece to a ⅛-inch thickness. Cut into different shapes with cookie cutters. A hole can be made at the top of the cookies with a barbecue needle if you want to hang them on the tree with a ribbon. Space apart on cookie sheet and bake in 350° preheated oven for 8-10 minutes until firm and golden. Let cool before decorating. Can be made ahead and stored in a covered tin.

Cookie icing

Ingredients

1 pound confectioners' sugar
2 egg whites
1 tablespoon lemon juice
decorative toppings: dragées (tiny silver balls) in 2-3 sizes; chocolate and multicolored sprinkles; candied fruits: cherries, angelica, pineapple; green, red granulated sugar

Method

☐ In a bowl mix the sugar, egg whites, and lemon juice and beat for a few minutes.

☐ Spread the icing on the cookies with a spatula or knife. Make patterns with the toppings using a spoon, tweezers, and your fingers. Let them dry on a flat surface. Cookies can be stored during the year in a covered box, bedded in cotton.

TWO-STUFFING TURKEY

FROM PAGE 105

Christmas turkey

Ingredients

1 turkey, 12-15 pounds (be sure butcher leaves skin intact)
2 whole truffles, sliced (see note)
stuffing
salt, pepper
8 ounces butter, melted

Ingredients for stuffings

1 pound pork, ground
1 pound veal, ground
1 turkey liver or 2 chicken livers, chopped, sautéed in butter, and flambéed in cognac
2 ounces hazelnuts, grated
2 eggs, beaten
½ cup bread crumbs
1 cup heavy cream
salt, pepper
1 tablespoon paprika
1 tablespoon mixed herbs
about 1 pound broken chestnuts reserved from roasted chestnuts (see recipe below)

Method

☐ Pat turkey dry. Carefully loosen skin from breast and legs by sliding fingers underneath, and push truffle slices between flesh and skin, distributing them over the breast and legs. Separating the skin from the flesh helps to prevent the skin from breaking during roasting.

☐ In a large bowl mix together the pork, veal, liver, hazelnuts, eggs, bread crumbs, cream, salt and pepper to taste, paprika, herbs, and half of the broken chestnuts. Mix until smooth. Fill the large cavity with the stuffing and sew it closed with a large needle and white cotton thread. Fill the small front cavity with the remaining chestnuts and sew closed. Be careful that the skin does not tear.

☐ Place the turkey in a deep roasting pan and rub with salt, pepper, and melted butter. Put in a preheated 300-350° oven and leave for 2 hours, basting frequently with the butter.

☐ Cover the bird with foil when it has taken on a good color, and bake another 2 hours at 250°. Serve with roasted chestnuts, potatoes, and glazed onions. Serve deglazed pan juices from the turkey in a sauceboat. Serves 10-12.

Note: Truffles are available in gourmet food shops in jars or cans. They can be ordered by mail from Maison Glass, 52 East 58th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022. A ⅞-ounce jar of 2-3 truffles is $10.95; a 1¾ ounce jar of 4-5 truffles is $21.95. Both prices do not include shipping ($15 minimum purchase for mail order). Macy's New York gourmet food shop also stocks truffles. A ⅞-ounce jar of French brushed truffles is $9 at Macy's New York, Herald Square, New York, N.Y. 10001. Add 50 cents plus applicable sales tax within Macy's New York delivery area for shipping; outside that area, add $2 plus tax, if any.

Truffles, once open, will keep very well if refrigerated and covered with a little brandy.

Turkey garniture

Roast chestnuts, roast potatoes, glazed onions

Ingredients

2 pounds whole chestnuts
2 pounds small potatoes, peeled
4 ounces butter
2 pounds small white onions, peeled
2 tablespoons sugar

Method

☐ Boil chestnuts in water in a large saucepan, having cut a cross on top of each one to ease the peeling. After 10 minutes, peel them of both skins. Keep half the nuts for the garniture—choose only whole ones—and set aside the other half for the stuffings. If they are not broken, break them up now.

☐ One hour before serving the turkey, take ½ cup of the bird's juices. In a Pyrex dish, put the whole chestnuts in the juice and covered with foil into a 250° oven.

☐ Boil the potatoes for 10 minutes in a large pan and then proceed as with the chestnuts.

☐ Melt the butter in a frying pan, add the onions and the sugar. Turn them many times over low heat until they are golden. Cover and continue to simmer 30 minutes.

☐ Serve the onions in the same dish as the chestnuts.

Cranberry sauce

FROM MARGARET DELLA CIOPPA

Ingredients

1 package (15 ounces) fresh cranberries
1½ cups sugar
1½ cups water
1-3 tablespoons orange zest, grated
walnuts, chopped (optional)

Method

☐ Rinse and drain the cranberries and pick off any stems or leaves. Combine sugar and water in a large saucepan and heat over medium heat until the sugar dissolves, strirring contantly.

☐ Add the cranberries and continue cooking until they have all popped open, about 10-15 minutes. Stir in the orange zest

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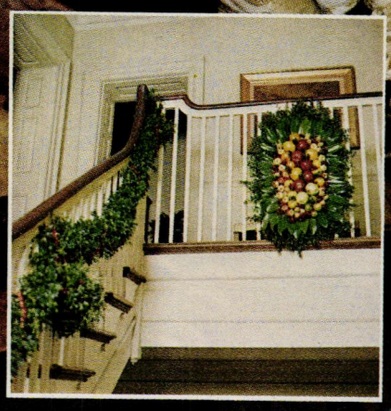
OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS FOOD

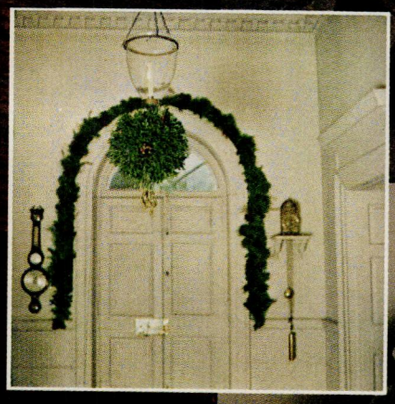
CHRISTMAS AT HAMMOND HARWOOD HOUSE

Maryland oysters on the half shell
Honga River wild goose
Parsnip cakes Baked acorn squash
Sweet potatoes aflame
Bellhaven baked tomatoes

Miss Julia's beaten biscuit
Eleanor Calvert's Sally Lunn
Mr. Paca's rusk

Christmas night fruitcake
Trifle with syllabub
Cedar Park ginger cakes
Kisses
Preserved figs
Claret, Madeira, port, sherry





Sample a Parsnip Cake, or one of Miss Julia's Beaten Biscuits, or Sweet Potatoes Aflame—part of a Colonial feast from 18th-century Hammond-Harwood House

Hammond-Harwood House in Annapolis, a Georgian house designed in 1774 and finished two springs later, has survived with style through years of love and neglect, age and auctions. It is now a National Historic Landmark, as well as the home of *Maryland's Way*, the house cookbook. In this cookbook of Maryland "receipts" are gathered three generations of handwritten notebooks recording family culinary secrets and menus exchanged between friends. In it you'll find Miss Fannie's Picked Crab, Liza's Waffles, Auntie's Spoon Bread. Some remain in the original terminology, others have been brought up-to-date for clarity; all have been tested by time. *Maryland's Way* is a chronicle of food and history as well as a cookbook. The food shown here from the cookbook was prepared by the members of the Board of Directors of The Hammond-Harwood House Association. Every Christmas, the Garden Clubs of Southern Maryland decorate the house in the manner of the 18th century, using materials available at that time. The Hammond-Harwood House is open throughout the year except Mondays and Christmas, $1.50 admission. You can order *Maryland's Way*, by sending $8.95 ppd. to The Hammond-Harwood House Cookbook, 19 Maryland Avenue, Annapolis, Md. 21401.

Maryland breads, opposite page, top left, warm before the kitchen fire in a fireplace hung with shiny brass and copper. Rounded, sweet Mr. Paca's Rusk, a favorite of an early governor, sits next to Eleanor Calvert's Sally Lunn, in an antique mold, and Miss Julia's Beaten Biscuits. Opposite page: For a surprise sparkle, Sweet Potatoes Aflame, layered with apple rings and chestnuts, accompanied by Baked Acorn Squash. This page, top insert: The 1776 Hammond-Harwood House, with its superb pedimented doorway. Top right: Honga River Wild Goose, feather-decorated as in Colonial times, with Oysters on the Half Shell fresh from the Chesapeake Bay, and Bellhaven Baked Tomatoes. Center insert: Adorning the stair rail, holly swags and a cartouche of apples, oranges, cranberries, magnolia, and boxwood. Center right: Tasty Parsnip Cakes, which the recipe claims "even nonparsnip eaters will eat!" Lower insert: In the hall, a lavish kissing ball of holly and garlands of yew and boxwood. Right: From a bride's book of 1858, meringue Kisses and Ginger Cakes for a party, and A Trifle with Syllabub and Christmas Night Fruit Cake trimmed with cranberries. Recipes, page 153.

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A FAMILY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Warm breads, Creamed Beef, and Kedgeree for a hearty holiday breakfast that can be made ahead

The family Christmas breakfast is a much-loved tradition at the Blanchards. Marjorie Blanchard, cooking school teacher and cookbook author, makes it all ahead of time with her two children's help. Even the creamy kedgeree takes just five minutes to assemble before serving. Relatives arrive about ten. Everyone opens stockings and breakfasts around the cozy Franklin stove. "We entertain often at breakfast," says Mrs. Blanchard, "but of course, we only invite friends who enjoy breakfast." Christmas breakfast is accompanied by a simple and delicious punch.

Artillery Punch: In a large bowl stir together ½ cup sugar and the juice of 3 lemons. Add 1 tablespoon bitters, 1 pint each claret, sherry, Bourbon, and brandy. Let stand 1 hour. Pour over ice in a punch bowl and add 1 pint club soda. Serves 10. For more recipes, see page 148.

Breakfast buffet, above: two warm breads, Sally Lunn, and a brioche; kedgeree in a chafing dish; creamed beef in back; apples poached in wine, grenadine. Top right, Ann arranges apples; Donald covers his brioche. Right, into the oven.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Artillery punch

Creamed dried beef
Kedgeree
Poached sliced apples

Sally Lunn
Sculptured brioche
Homemade currant jelly

Coffee

COUNTRY PÂTÉS MADE EASY

One woman's quick ideas for Christmas giving or instant meals

"A pâté is the greatest friend you can have in the refrigerator," says Maybelle Iribe, *top right,* a Frenchwoman now living in San Francisco who, with Barbara Wilder, has written a cookbook, *Pâtés for Kings and Commoners* (Hawthorn), to be published this February. Pâtés are good for picnics or parties, and make tasty presents, especially when given in their molds. For a last-minute meal, serve pâté with a salad, cheese, wine, and fruit. Maybelle Iribe began making pâtés when her husband, an avid hunter, brought home all sorts of wild game. She concocted pâtés of thrush, crow, dove, pheasant. One day about a year ago she borrowed a friend's food processor to make two of her favorites. She chopped, ground, assembled, put the pâtés in the oven, and cleaned up, all in just two hours. A revolution! With a Cuisinart food processor, pâtés practically put themselves together—it grinds meat in seconds, chops parsley fine, minces shallots and garlic, makes delicious pastry. Homemade sausage is a snap, too. In the following recipe for pork, ham, and pistachio pâté, the pork can be ground in a food processor. Three more pâtés partly prepared in a food processor are given on page 150. **Pork, ham, and pistachio pâté**—*Ingredients:* fatback to line terrine; ¼ pound pistachios, shelled and blanched; ¾ pound pork sausage meat; 1½ teaspoon thyme; 2 teaspoons salt; 1 teaspoon pepper; 2 slices cooked ham, about ½ pound; ¾ pound lean pork, chopped or coarsely ground; 1 bay leaf. *Method:* Line a 3-4-cup terrine with the fatback. Blanch the pistachios by pouring boiling salted water over them; allow to sit in the water briefly. Remove the skins. Add ½ the sausage to the terrine and press down. Sprinkle over ½ the pistachios and ⅓ of the thyme, salt, and pepper. Add next a layer of ½ the ham, then a layer of all the lean pork. Sprinkle with more thyme, salt, and pepper. Then a layer of ham, the rest of the pistachios, and finish with a layer of sausage. Sprinkle remaining thyme, salt, and pepper on top. Decorate with bay leaf, cover with strips of fatback. Cover and place in a 400° oven 1½ hours. Remove from oven, uncover. Weigh down with a plate and a heavy weight, so pâté will settle into fat in terrine. Cool. Place in refrigerator, allow flavors to "marry" 24-48 hours.

Maybelle Iribe, top right, shows how to chop parsley in a food processor. For lunch, the rabbit and green olive pâté, center right, is garnished with cubed aspic, cornichons (small, tart French pickles), and radishes stuffed with butter. Cornichons are traditionally served with pâté—their sharp vinegar taste contrasts well with the richness of pâté. Bottom right: crusty salmon koulebiaka, left; rabbit and green olive pâté, center rear; two chicken-liver-with-truffle pâtés, at right, garnished differently with aspic—perfect party; front center, pork, ham, and pistachio pâté.

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WINE & FOOD

Christmas cheer—

toasting and tasting in the Christmas spirit

Heartwarming holiday drinks, plus tasty gifts you can make with spirits—mustard, wine jelly, marinated fruits

Hippocratic wine

FROM GIUSEPPE BELLINI

"The Greek physician Hippocrates (460-360 B.C.) is regarded as the father of medicine. If Hippocrates recommended it, it was good for you. Since he lived to be 100 years old, have no fears when you quaff a glass of hot Hippocratic wine. In the 14th century, you were advised to start with the finest red wine obtainable and the best of honey, and I suggest you follow the same principles today."

Ingredients

4 cups red Chianti
½ cup honey
1 stick cinnamon
zest of 1 lemon
12 cloves

Method

☐ Combine all the ingredients in a heavy saucepan. Boil slowly until the mixture is reduced by 1/5. Serve hot.

James punch

FROM BRUCE BOLTON

Pour over ice in a punch bowl 2 bottles champagne, 1 bottle sauterne, 2 ounces each brandy and curaçao. Stir. Serves about 10.

Galliano kir

Ingredients

6 ounces chilled dry white wine
¼ ounce Liquore Galliano (or to taste)

Method

☐ Serve in a wineglass or in a tumbler with ice cubes.

Windex

FROM JACK LENOR LARSEN

"Pronounced with a 'v' because it was originated by Austrian Ingeborg Wiener. The blue color is beautiful, and the drink is always an ice-breaker at parties."

Ingredients

1 teaspoon blue curaçao
2 jiggers Polish vodka
ice
soda

Method

☐ Combine in a stemmed glass the curaçao and vodka. Add ice and fill with soda. Stir and serve.

Apple-ginger chestwarmer

FROM ELLIE HUNT

Heat fresh apple cider until hot. Pour into a mug and add a generous jigger of ginger brandy. Dust with cinnamon.

Plum wine sour

FROM MICHAEL TONG, SHUN LEE DYNASTY RESTAURANT, NEW YORK

Ingredients

2 parts plum wine
1 part lemon juice
2 teaspoons sugar or to taste
maraschino cherry
orange slice

Method

☐ Shake the wine, lemon juice, and sugar together well with ice. Serve up or over ice. Garnish with cherry and orange slice.

Vin d'orange

FROM BRUCE BOLTON

A tangy apéritif to bottle and give as a present.

Ingredients

zest of 12 large navel oranges, grated
1 quart dark rum
1 quart gin
1 gallon dry white wine
simple syrup (2 cups sugar and 2 cups water boiled in a heavy saucepan until thick)

Method

☐ In a bowl combine the grated zest and the dark rum. Cover and let marinate for a week. Strain zest and discard.

☐ Filter the rum into a bowl through chemist's filter paper, drop by drop, to obtain a clear amber liquid. Add gin, wine, and syrup. Pour into bottles, cork, and store in a cool place. Serve chilled or over ice as an apéritif. Makes about 1¾ gallons. Will keep indefinitely when corked.

Heavenlies

FROM MRS. WILLIAM T. YOUNG, JR., IN PALM BEACH ENTERTAINS THEN AND NOW BY THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE PALM BEACHES (COWARD, MCCANN & GEOGHEGAN)

Vary the recipe with different flavors of ice cream, sherbet, and liqueurs. A dessert to drink with a straw.

Ingredients

2 quarts coffee or vanilla ice cream, softened
½ cup rum or brandy

Method

☐ Place ice cream in a blender container. Add rum or brandy and blend to the consistency of a thick milk shake. Pour into stemmed glasses and serve with a straw. Serves 6-8.

☐ Can be made in advance and frozen in the blender container. Before serving, blend about 30 seconds at high speed.

Sangria freezer jam

Ingredients

½ pound fully ripe Concord grapes
1 medium orange
1 medium lemon
about ½ cup red Burgundy wine
4½ cups sugar
½ cup light corn syrup
¾ cup water
1 package (1¾ ounces) powdered fruit pectin

Method

☐ Rinse and stem grapes. Pop grapes with fingers to separate pulp from skins. Place pulp in small saucepan, skins in bowl. Cook pulp, covered, over medium-low heat about 3 minutes, or until pulp is very soft. To remove seeds, run pulp through a food mill, turning handle with care, and frequently reversing the blade to avoid crushing seeds.

☐ Quarter and seed orange and lemon. Finely grind grape skins, orange and lemon quarters in food chopper or blender. Mix with grape pulp. There should be about 1½ cups. Add wine to make 2 cups. Turn into large bowl. Mix well. Add sugar and corn syrup, stirring thoroughly to dissolve sugar. Let stand 10 minutes.

☐ In small saucepan mix water and fruit pectin. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly, and boil 1 minute. Turn into fruit-wine mixture. Stir vigorously 3 minutes. Ladle into ½- or 1-pint freezer containers, leaving ½-inch head space (no paraffin needed). Cover with tight lids. Let stand at room temperature until set. It may take up to 24 hours. Store in freezer for at least 24 hours. Remove from freezer as needed and store in refrigerator between uses. Makes about 5½ cups.

Marinated dessert fruit

FROM BRUCE BOLTON

Packed in attractive crocks and storage jars, this marinated fruit makes a delicious present.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER

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Wine jelly

FROM THE COMPLETE BOOK OF PRESERVING BY MARYE CAMERON-SMITH (BOBBS-MERRILL)

A delicious accompaniment to cold roast veal or pork.

Ingredients

3 pounds ripe green grapes, crushed
1¼ cups dry white wine
1½ pounds cooking apples, sliced
1 lemon, thinly sliced
6 cardamom seeds
sugar
¾ cup brandy

Method

☐ Place the grapes and wine in a preserving pan or large saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce the heat to low and simmer the fruit for 20-30 minutes, or until it is soft and pulpy. Add the apples, lemon, and cardamom and continue to simmer for 20-30 minutes more, or until the apples are pulpy.

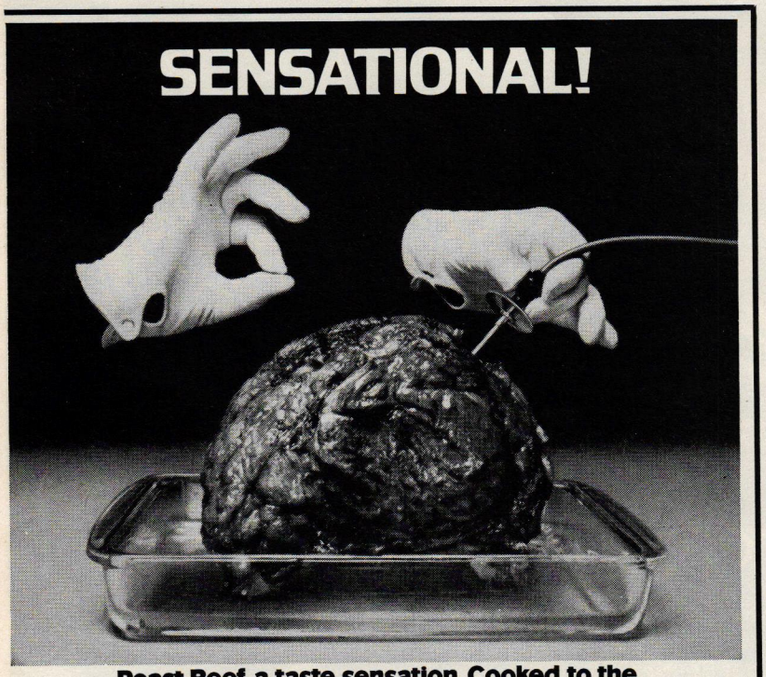
☐ Pour the contents of the pan into a jelly bag or cheesecloth suspended over a bowl and allow the juice to drip through for at least 12 hours, or overnight. When the juice has completely drained through, discard the pulp. Rinse out the preserving pan or saucepan.

☐ Measure the juice and pour it into the preserving pan or saucepan. Add 1¾ pounds of sugar to every 2 cups of juice. Add the brandy to the liquid, then place the pan over low heat and stir until the sugar has dissolved. Increase the heat to high and bring the mixture to a boil. Boil briskly, without stirring, for about 10 minutes, or until the jelly has reached setting point.

☐ Ladle the jelly into hot, clean, dry jam jars, leaving 1-inch head space. Cover, label, and store in a cool, dark dry place. Yield will be approximately 7-9 cups.

Rum and apple

Add a jigger of rum to fresh apple cider in a cocktail glass.



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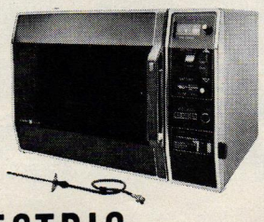

GENERAL ELECTRIC

Hot toddy

FROM WILLIAM P. RAYNER

Ingredients

1 cup sugar
3 ounces Canadian whiskey or blended whiskey
slice of lemon
nutmeg

Method

☐ Place sugar in a mug, add enough cold water to dissolve it. Add whiskey, and fill with boiling water. Garnish with lemon and sprinkle with nutmeg.

Prune sauce

FROM TO THE QUEEN'S TASTE, A COOKBOOK OF ELIZABETHAN RECIPES BY LORNA J. SASS (THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART)

"This sweet, fruity sauce is particularly delicious with roast chicken or leg of lamb."

Ingredients

1 cup dry wine, red or white
1 cup prunes, pitted
¼ cup almonds, blanched and coarsely ground
1 tablespoon bread crumbs
dash cider vinegar
¼ teaspoon sugar
⅛ teaspoon cinnamon

Method

☐ Combine all ingredients in an enameled pan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Check seasoning. Makes 1½ cups.

Rum-tea punch

FROM THE THIRTEEN COLONIES COOKBOOK, BY MARY DONOVAN, AMY HATRAK, FRANCES MILLS, ELIZABETH SHULL (PRAEGER)

Ingredients

2 cups lemon juice
1 cup strong tea
2 cups superfine sugar
8 cups cold water
1½ cups dark rum
½ cup brandy
2 lemons, thinly sliced and seeded

Method

☐ In a large bowl combine lemon juice, tea, sugar, and cold water. Stir until well blended. Add rum, brandy, and lemon slices. More rum, brandy, or lemon juice may be added according to taste. Pour over an ice ring in a punch bowl. (To make an ice ring, freeze lemon and orange slices interspersed with mint sprigs in a water-filled ring mold.) Makes 2 dozen 4-ounce punch cups.

Spirit-preserved fruit

FROM SARINA MASCHERONI

☐ Pack sterilized preserving jars, half-pint or pint-sized, with white raisins. Fill up with Bacardi light rum. Seal.

☐ Pick white seedless grape bunches; place in preserving jars. Fill with Smirnoff vodka. Seal.

☐ In cherry season, pack a jar with beautiful stemmed cherries and fill up with brandy.

☐ Allow to steep for about 10 days before giving as a present; keeps indefinitely. Serve over ice cream or yogurt.

Plum nutty cake

FROM STEVE BIERMAN, WHO RUNS A CATERING SERVICE AND COOKING SCHOOL IN MANHATTAN

Wrap the cakes in foil and colored tissue to give away.

Ingredients

2 pounds small purple plums
4 thin lemon slices
3 whole cloves
½ stick cinnamon or 1 teaspoon powdered cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
½ inch vanilla bean (optional)
1½ cups ruby port wine, or just enough to cover plums
fresh white bread crumbs (from 2 slices white bread)
3 cups flour, sifted
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon mace
2 sticks (½ pound) sweet butter
2½ cups superfine sugar
4 eggs
½ cup milk
zest of 2 lemons, grated
3 tablespoons lemon juice
2 cups walnuts, broken into quarters

Method

☐ Wash plums and place in a heavy 2-quart casserole. Add lemon slices, cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla bean, and enough port to cover. Bring liquid just to the boil, reduce heat, cover and poach over very low heat for 15-20 minutes, or until skins of plums begin to split. Do not overcook. Drain plums, reserving liquid, and dis-

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card lemon slices, cloves, cinnamon, and vanilla bean. Spread plums out on a plate to cool.

☐ Grease two 9¼-by-5¼-by-3-inch loaf pans and sprinkle bottom and sides with fresh bread crumbs. Sift flour with soda, salt, and mace into a bowl.

☐ Cream butter with an electric mixer in a large bowl. Add sugar gradually, then eggs, one at a time.

☐ Using a large rubber spatula, fold half of flour mixture into the creamed mixture. Add milk, remaining flour, and ½ cup of reserved poaching liquid. Save the rest to use on ice cream or plain cake. Add lemon zest and juice.

☐ Remove pits from plums and cut into quarters. Fold plums into batter, then walnuts. Pour batter into the pans and bake in a preheated 375° oven for 1 hour. Cool on racks.

Apple zapple cake

FROM STEVE BIERMAN

Ingredients

2-3 medium-sized Winesap, Delicious, Granny Smith, or Cortlandt apples (do not use McIntosh)
white bread crumbs (about 2 slices of bread)
2½ cups flour, sifted
2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1½ teaspoons cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup pecans, broken into quarters
1 cup light brown sugar
2 eggs
⅔ cup milk
⅓ cup Bourbon
¼ cup sweet butter, melted

Method

☐ Peel apples, core, and grate coarsely, using grater attachment of Cuisinart food processor or hand grater. You should have 1 heaping cup of grated apples. Reserve any apple juice that may accumulate from grating.

☐ Grease an 11-by-4½-by-2¾-inch loaf pan and sprinkle bottom and sides with bread crumbs. Sift flour, baking powder, soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg together into a bowl.

☐ In a large bowl mix together apples, apple juice, pecans, and brown sugar.

☐ In another bowl beat eggs with a whisk and add milk, Bourbon, and butter. Stir into apple-nut mixture. Fold in dry ingredients and stir until mixed.

☐ Pour batter into pan and bake in a preheated 350° oven for 1 hour. Cool on cake rack.

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while the berries are still hot. If the mixture gets too thick, add more water. Add chopped walnuts, if desired. Makes about 4 cups sauce.

Plum pudding and brandy butter sauce

Ingredients

1 plum pudding (Fortnum & Mason, available at Altman's Fortnum & Mason shop in New York. 1-pound pudding, $8.60; 2-pound, $13.15; 4-pound, $24)
thimble
penny
button
ring
baby doll
¼ cup brandy
sprig of holly

Method

☐ Put the pudding in a pan with water, leaving it in the ceramic container. Cover and let it simmer for 2 hours.

☐ Just before serving, push into the plum pudding: a thimble (for the housewife), a penny (for money), a button (for the bachelor), a ring (for a wedding), a baby doll (for a child).

☐ Heat the brandy in a small saucepan. Turn the pudding out on a platter, garnish with a branch of holly. Pour the hot brandy over and flambé it. Serve with brandy butter sauce.

Brandy butter sauce

Ingredients

8 ounces confectioners' sugar
4 ounces sweet butter
2 tablespoons brandy

Method

☐ Put the sugar and butter in a bowl, beat with a fork until creamy. Add the brandy, beat again, and let it rest in a cool place before serving (2 hours).

FROM FRANC VITALE

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Baked cheese fondue

Ingredients

11 ½-inch-thick slices French bread cut from a long, narrow loaf
butter, softened
1 medium size onion, coarsely grated
1 large carrot, coarsely grated
6 ribs fresh chives, chopped
2 branches fresh thyme, chopped
¼ cup fresh parsley, chopped
6 basil leaves, chopped
½ pound sharp Cheddar cheese, coarsely grated
4 eggs
2½ cups milk
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon paprika

Method

☐ Spread 10 slices of the bread with the butter. Cut into 1-inch cubes. Place ½ the cubes in a 2-quart soufflé dish and sprinkle with ½ of each of the onion, carrot, herbs, and cheese. Repeat with another layer of remaining bread cubes, onion, carrot, herbs, and cheese.

☐ Butter and cube the remaining slice of bread and mound it in the center of the dish.

Beat the eggs with the milk, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, salt, and paprika in a large bowl. Pour it over the bread-cheese mixture. Cover with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator overnight.

☐ Next day, remove from the refrigerator and let stand at room temperature for 45 minutes. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 1 hour or until puffed and golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Serves 4-6.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

FROM PAGE 142

Creamed dried beef

Ingredients

1 pound old-fashioned smoked, dried beef (comes in sheets: Order from your butcher or a mail-order smokehouse)
10 tablespoons butter
8 tablespoons flour
½ cup sour cream
2 cups milk
1½ cups cream

Method

☐ Separate slices of beef and tear into small pieces. Heat butter in a large skillet and add beef. Sauté for 2-3 minutes. Sprinkle flour over beef. Stir it in and cook for 4-5 minutes. Add sour cream, milk, and cream and cook, stirring, for 10 minutes. To serve, place in baking dish and reheat gently. 8 servings.

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Kedgeree

Ingredients

6 eggs, hard-cooked
4 cups fish, flaked and cooked (haddock, finnan haddie, salmon)
4 cups rice, cooked and hot
1 cup medium or heavy cream
salt to taste
freshly ground pepper
2 teaspoons curry powder or to taste
3 tablespoons parsley, chopped

Method

☐ Separate yolks from whites of eggs. Chop whites and sieve yolks. Mix together gently the fish, rice, egg whites, and cream. Season to taste with the salt, pepper, and curry powder. Place in a chafing dish and heat over hot water. Before serving, sprinkle with parsley and sieved egg yolk. Serves 8.

Sculptured brioche wreath

Ingredients

2 packages dry yeast
⅓ cup warm water
¾ cup butter or margarine
⅓ cup milk
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
grated zest of ½ lemon
5 large eggs
about 5 cups flour
1 egg white, beaten lightly
1 egg yolk beaten with 1 tablespoon water

Method

☐ in a large bowl blend yeast with water and let stand 5 minutes. Heat butter and milk to lukewarm and add to bowl. Add sugar, salt, nutmeg, lemon zest, and eggs. Mix well. Beat in 4 cups flour. If dough is sticky, beat in remaining flour. Dough should be soft but not sticky and the amount of flour used depends on the weather. Cover bowl and let dough rise in a warm place until double in bulk. Punch down.

☐ To make a wreath, grease a large baking sheet and place a small greased bowl in the center. Break off pieces of dough and roll them into long strands. Braid three strands together, gluing the ends with egg white. Fit around the bowl. Make a bow from remaining dough and fasten it to wreath with egg white. Cover wreath and let rise just until puffy, about 30 minutes. Brush with egg yolk and water.

☐ Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 30 mintues. Let cool on pan. Remove to rack. Serve warm with a bowl of jelly in the center. This wreath can also be served for a dessert with fruit and a Brie cheese in the center. Or try it with pâté in the center for a first course.

Sally Lunn

Ingredients

1 cup milk
½ cup shortening
¼ cup water
4 cups all-purpose flour
⅓ cup sugar
3 teaspoons salt
2 packages dry yeast
3 eggs

Method

☐ Put milk, shortening, and water in a saucepan and heat until very warm, 120°.

☐ In a mixing bowl, put 1⅓ cups flour, sugar, salt, and yeast. Beat warm liquids into dry ingredients. Gradually beat in remaining flour and the eggs. Blend well, beating at high speed for 3-4 minutes. Batter should be thick, but not too stiff.

☐ Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk, about 1½ hours. Punch dough down and turn into well-greased 10-inch tube pan or bundt pan.

☐ Cover and let rise until increased in bulk by ½. Bake in a preheated 350° oven 45-50 minutes. Run knife around edge and turn out onto a rack. Cool before cutting with a serrated knife.

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EASY COUNTRY PATES

FROM PAGE 143

Aspic jelly

Ingredients

1 package unflavored gelatin
1½ cups beef broth
½ cup dry sherry or Madeira

Method

☐ Soak gelatin in ¼ cup cold beef broth.

☐ Heat the remaining broth with the sherry or Madeira and bring to a boil. Add the gelatin and stir until dissolved. Remove from heat.

☐ Allow to chill in the refrigerator until it becomes a thick syrup. Clean the top of the pâté of

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of the rabbit meat along with its liver, 5 ounces of the lean pork, 5 ounces of the veal, and all the pork fat through a food grinder or Cuisinart food processor, medium grind.

☐ Cut the remaining pork and veal into finger-length pieces and add to a bowl with the filets of rabbit. Pour over them the brandy and white wine to marinate for several hours or overnight.

☐ In another bowl put the ground meats and add the salt, pepper, thyme, and allspice, and mix well. Remove the pimientos from the stuffed green olives and set aside. Chop the olives. Pour off the brandy-wine marinade and add it to the ground meat mixture reserving the rabbit filets and meat strips.

☐ Line a 2-quart terrine with the lace fat, draping it over the sides. As always, start with a layer of the base ground meat, using ½ the total amount. Then sprinkle a layer of ½ the green olives. Layer in all the large pieces of rabbit, veal, and pork. Sprinkle with the pimientos. Add the last layer of olives and finish with the rest of the base meat. Pepper the top well, as rabbit is a bit bland, and sprinkle some salt over all. Put the bay leaf in the center for decoration. Pull up the sides of the lace fat overhanging the terrine and cover the top of the pâté. Place the lid on the terrine or aluminum foil to cover completely. Set the terrine in a hot-water bath that comes halfway up the mold. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 1¾ hours.

☐ Put a plate with a heavy weight on it on top of the pâté and cool. Refrigerate for 24 hours before serving. Garnish with more sliced stuffed green olives.

Fish koulebiaka

Ingredients for pastry crust

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
½ pound butter
½ cup cold water, more if needed

Method for crust

☐ Mix flour, salt, and butter together in a bowl until crumbly—we use our fingers—or make dough in a Cuisinart food processor. Add nearly all the water and mix. Add more water if needed. Do not overwork the dough. As soon as it forms a ball, even if it is not a smooth ball, stop and let it rest for ½ hour on a lightly floured breadboard.

☐ Roll dough out to make a 12-inch square. Fold into thirds, sides toward the center over-

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its fat and pour the aspic over. Return to the refrigerator until cold. To coat the sides as well, unmold the pâté, clean top and sides of fat. Return to mold and pour aspic over to fill in the spaces around the pâté.

Rabbit and green olive pâté

Ingredients

3½ pound rabbit with its liver
10 ounces lean pork
1 pound lean veal
10 ounces pork fat
⅓ cup brandy
⅔ cup dry white wine
1 tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon thyme
¼ teaspoon allspice
½ pound pitted green olives stuffed with pimientos
lace fat to line the terrine
1 bay leaf
stuffed green olives, sliced for garnish

Method

☐ Have your butcher cut the rabbit in the following way—cut off the hindquarters and front quarters and leave the middle of the rabbit whole.

☐ Using your sharpest small kitchen knife, pare the meat off each piece of the rabbit. The filet comes from the middle piece. Cut and carefully reserve these choice filets. Put the rest

Note about fat to line terrines for patés:

Lace fat (caulfat) is the thin membrane with web-like tracings of the purest white fat that surrounds the pig's stomach. You should be able to order lace fat from your local butcher. Take fresh or defrosted lace fat and plunge it into a bowl of tepid water containing 1 teaspoon vinegar. Keep changing the water by letting cold water run into the bowl. Do this until the lace fat is quite white. Dry it thoroughly, and it is now ready to use.

Fatback is the pure, white fat cut from the loin of pork. Have your butcher cut this into very fine, thin strips.

Bacon can be used as a substitute if you are unable to obtain either lace fat or fatback.

Drape the fat over the sides of the terrines so that it covers the tops of the pâtés and lards them while cooking.

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WINE & FOOD

Old-fashioned Christmas food—

for contemporary feasting

Here are the delicious traditional recipes for Christmas dishes shown on page 140 that have been collected by the Hammond-Harwood House Association for their cookbook *Maryland's Way.*

Honga River wild goose

MRS. WILLIAM DOELLER
CHURCH CREEK, DORCHESTER

Ingredients

A wild goose, about 4-5 pounds
salt, freshly ground black pepper
seedless white grapes
tangerine or orange sections
bread crumbs
melted butter
1 pint dry white wine

Method

☐ Rub goose cavity with a little salt and lots of black pepper. Stuff with white seedless grapes, tangerine or orange sections held together with bread crumbs which have been tossed in melted butter.

☐ Cook for 10 minutes in hot oven, preheated to 550°, then reduce heat to 450° and continue cooking for 25 or 30 minutes, basting frequently with dry white wine. Use fresh wine for each basting. Never cook a goose over 35 minutes unless very large, then 40 minutes at most, as it toughens and dries out. Serves 4-6.

Parsnip cakes

MISS NELLIE SHACKELFORD
THE ANCHORAGE, MILES RIVER, TALBOT

Ingredients

4 medium parsnips (1 pound)
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon salt
dash pepper
2 tablespoons milk
3 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons drippings

Method

☐ Wash parsnips and cook in a little water until tender (about 30 minutes). Cool and peel, removing center core if tough and woody. Mash thoroughly or force through chopper or ricer into a bowl. Add butter, salt, pepper, and milk.

☐ Shape into 8 cakes, dip in flour, brown slowly in hot drippings in a heavy skillet. Nonparsnip eaters eat these. Serves 4.

Baked acorn squash

MRS. J. REANEY KELLY
CONDUIT STREET, ANNAPOLIS

Ingredients

3 acorn squash, halved
6 teaspoons butter
6 teaspoons brown sugar
6 teaspoons Bourbon
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon nutmeg

Method

☐ Remove seeds from squash. Place in lightly greased baking dish, cut side up, and in each half put 1 teaspoon each of butter, sugar, and Bourbon. Sprinkle with salt and nutmeg. Cover and bake at 400° for about 30 minutes or until tender. Serves 6.

Sweet potatoes aflame

MRS. GEORGE MAURICE MORRIS
THE LINDENS, WASHINGTON

Ingredients

6 long sweet potatoes of uniform size
4 cooking apples
1 jar preserved chestnuts
¼ cup butter
sugar to taste
½ cup rum

Method

☐ Parboil potatoes, peel, and cut across into circles about ⅜-inch thick. Peel, core, and cut the apples across in rings.

☐ Fill a deep baking dish with a layer of sweet potatoes, then a layer of apple rings, then a layer of preserved chestnuts with some of their syrup. Repeat until dish is filled, with a layer of potatoes on top, the circles fitted as closely as possible together.

☐ Melt butter and sugar in a small saucepan, pour over dish and bake until brown, about 30 minutes at 350°. Heat rum, pour over dish just before serving and light. Serves 6-8.

Bellhaven baked tomatoes

MISS HANNAH W. BELL
CHESTERTOWN, KENT

Ingredients

12 tomatoes, peeled
salt, pepper
sugar
bread crumbs
butter

Method

☐ Fit tomatoes tightly in a heavy 9-by-12-inch baking pan. Sprinkle a little salt in each tomato. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Drain. Add a dash of pepper and one large tablespoon sugar to each tomato. Put a small quantity of dry bread crumbs and a generous piece of butter on each. Bake 2 hours in a moderate oven (350°). Serves 6-8.

Miss Julia's beaten biscuit

MISS JULIA LOKER
ST. MARY'S, MD.

Ingredients

4 cups flour
1 tablespoon lard
½ tablespoon salt
water

Method

☐ Mix flour, lard, and salt in a bowl; add enough water to make a very stiff dough. Knead it with hands until pliable and smooth. Knead until it pops with every pressure of the hand. It takes 20-30 minutes. When it pops, this is the test of its lightness.

☐ Make balls of the dough about the size of a small egg. Flatten them on the board with a rolling pin, prick them in the center with a fork, and bake in a hot oven, 400°, for 20-30 minutes. When the edges are hard, they are done; otherwise do not take from the oven or they will be uncooked and unwholesome. Makes about 4 dozen biscuits.

Eleanor Calvert's Sally Lunn

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Ingredients

1¼ cups butter (or ½ butter and ½ lard)
1½ cups sugar
4 eggs
4 cups flour, sifted
2 heaping teaspoons baking powder
pinch salt
1½ cups milk

Method

☐ In a bowl, cream butter and half of sugar until very light. In another bowl beat eggs and remaining sugar, also very light. Combine with creamed butter and sugar.

☐ Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together in a bowl and add to butter and egg mixture, alternately with milk, as you would in mixing a cake. Bake in a greased tube cake pan for 1 hour in 375° oven. Eat hot for lunch or supper with butter. Half this amount may be baked in a 10-by-10-inch oven dish for 35 minutes, or until brown, and cut into squares, making 9 large servings.

Mr. Paca's rusk

MR. PACA'S RECIPE, REVISED MISS ANN CHASE'S BOOK, 1811 ANNAPOLIS

Ingredients

3 eggs
1 cup milk, scalded and cooled a little
2 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons sugar plus 1 teaspoon
1 good teaspoon salt
¼ cup lukewarm water
1 tablespoon dry yeast
about 6 cups flour
milk or cream
sprinkling of sugar

Method

☐ In a bowl, beat eggs until light, add scalded milk, butter, 3 tablespoons sugar, and salt. Cool. Dissolve yeast in water, add remaining sugar. Add to egg mixture. Beat gradually into this 2 cups flour. Beat until all lumps are out and batter is smooth. Let rise until bubbly, then add remaining flour, about 4 cups. Work well; rusks must be well-kneaded and very light before being baked.

☐ Put dough in lightly greased bowl, turn to grease top, set in a warm place, and let rise until double in bulk. Make into cakes about 5-6 inches in diameter, and 1 inch thick. Put on greased cookie sheet or in pie pans; let rise until double in size. Gently brush with milk or cream and sprinkle with sugar. Bake in a 325° oven for about 25 minutes or until nicely browned on top. Makes 5 rusks. When fresh they are delicious cut in slices ½

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inch thick, buttered and toasted a light golden brown. Stale rusks may be sliced and dried in a slow oven until a golden color.

Christmas night fruit cake

MISS NELLIE SHACKELFORD
THE ANCHORAGE, MILES RIVER

Ingredients

½ cup butter
1 cup sugar
3 egg yolks, well-beaten
1½ cups flour, sifted
½ cup milk or water
1 cup coconut, freshly grated
½ pound almonds, blanched and slivered
½ pound citron, cut into small strips
¼ pound candied pineapple, cut into small pieces
1 teaspoon almond extract
3 egg whites, beaten stiff
white boiled icing

Method

☐ In a bowl cream butter and add sugar slowly. When thoroughly creamed together, beat in egg yolks, then add the sifted flour and milk or water alternately until well mixed.

☐ Stir into the batter the coconut, almonds, citron, and pineapple. Add almond extract, then carefully fold in egg whites. Bake in three 9-inch round layer-cake pans, greased and floured, in a 350° preheated oven for 30-40 minutes, or until cake tester comes out clean. Cool, and ice with white boiled icing.

A trifle with syllabub

RECIPES FROM WAVERLY, QUEEN ANNE'S

Ingredients

macaroons
sherry
custard (recipe below)
raspberry jam, melted
syllabub (recipe below)

Method

☐ Lay macaroons over the bottom of a deep dish or glass bowl and pour over them as much sherry as they will absorb, then pour on them a rich, cold custard —it should stand 2-3 inches thick. On that put a layer of raspberry jam, cover the whole with whipped syllabub heaped high.

Boiled custard

MISS ANN CHASE'S WAY, 1811, ANNAPOLIS

Boiled custard is the basis of many desserts. It requires care as too little cooking leaves it thin and too long is apt to curdle and spoil it. It should have the consistency of thick cream and be perfectly smooth. Boiled or soft custard is used as a sauce for fruits and puddings; also, in trifles and frozen desserts.

Ingredients

1 quart rich milk
1 vanilla bean or 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 eggs or 6 egg yolks
½ cup sugar
⅛ teaspoon salt

Method

☐ Scald milk with vanilla bean in a double boiler. In a bowl beat the eggs or egg yolks with the sugar and salt. Pour scalded milk over the eggs and return to the double boiler, stirring all the time. Remove vanilla bean. Cook over low heat until custard thickens and coats a silver spoon. Immediately remove from heat. Cool, chill to use with trifle.

Syllabub

MRS. SNOWDEN
MISS ANN CHASE'S BOOK, 1811

Ingredients

1 quart heavy cream
2 cups sweet wine (1 cup sherry and 1 cup Madeira is best)
1 cup sugar
nutmeg

Method

☐ Whip cream until it begins to hold its shape in a large bowl. Gradually add the wine and sugar, beating as fast as you can until thick. Pile high on top of trifle with custard.

Cedar Park ginger cakes

MRS. EVELETH W. BRIDGMAN, JR.
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Ingredients

½ cup butter
1 cup sugar
1 cup black molasses
about 2½ cups flour
½ teaspoon baking soda
2 tablespoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Method

☐ In a bowl cream butter and sugar together. Add molasses, beat, then sift in 2 cups flour, with soda, ginger, and cinnamon. Add enough more flour slowly to prevent stickiness.

☐ Wrap dough in wax paper and chill in refrigerator for easier handling. Roll thin, cut out cookies and bake on a greased cookie sheet in a preheated 400° oven about 8-10 minutes or until set and lightly browned. Makes 3½ dozen cookies.

Kisses

MRS. MURRAY'S BRIDE'S BOOK, 1858
IVY NECK, RHODE RIVER

Ingredients

3 egg whites
pinch salt
1 cup superfine sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla

Method

☐ In a large bowl beat egg whites with salt until stiff. Add sugar very gradually and continue beating until mixture stands in peaks and sugar is dissolved. Fold in vanilla.

☐ Grease a large baking sheet and drop small spoonfuls of the meringue, shaping in spiral cones, or put through a pastry bag. Bake in a slow preheated oven, 250°, for 30-40 minutes. The kisses should be dry but not browned. Do not overbake. This recipe will make approximately 3 dozen kisses, or 10 meringue shells.

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lapping each other. Let the dough rest 10 minutes more under a well-floured dishtowel. Roll the dough again to a 12-inch square, fold it in thirds, and then cover with floured towel until ready to use

Ingredients for filling

⅔ cup long-grain regular rice
pastry dough
1½ cups sour cream
1½ pounds fresh or frozen salmon, about 4 thick slices, skinned and boned
salt, pepper
2 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
½ cup parsley, chopped
½ cup dill, chopped, or 2 tablespoons dried
1 egg yolk mixed with a little water
4 tablespoons sweet butter, melted

Method for filling

☐ Cook the rice in a saucepan until very tender. Drain in a colander and run cold water over the rice. Allow to dry out a bit.

☐ Roll out the dough into a rectangular shape about ¼-inch thick. With a rolling pin, make the outside edge thinner than the center. Thin edges are important, as a too thick layer of crust underneath will not cook through.

☐ Down the center of the pastry make a bed, using ½ the rice. Cover with ½ the sour cream and place the salmon slices over the cream. Season with salt and pepper. (Add a bit more pepper than salt.) Cover with the rest of the sour cream and rice. Finally, sprinkle chopped egg over all, add salt and pepper, and top with half the parsley and dill. Wet edges of pastry with a brush or a finger dipped in water and fold into a rectangular package, with double layers of dough on top.

☐ Slide the package onto a piece of wax paper; then turn it over onto a foil-covered cookie sheet. The double layers of dough will now be on the bottom, and will seal together as the koulebiaka bakes. Brush with egg yolk.

☐ Cut a hole about the size of a quarter, in the center of the top of the pastry and prick the top 4-5 times with a fork. Place in a preheated 400° oven for 15 minutes. As soon as the top starts to brown, lower heat to 350° and cook for another 45 minutes. Remove from the oven when the koulebiaka is well browned.

☐ Place koulebiaka on a serving dish surrounded by lettuce or whatever decoration inspires you most. Just before serving, add remaining parsley and dill to the sweet butter and pour into the hole on the top of the koulebiaka. Serves 6-8.

Whole chicken liver pâté with truffle peelings

Ingredients

½ pound whole, firm chicken livers
1 1-ounce can truffle peelings
4 tablespoons port
2 tablespoons whiskey
½ pound chicken hearts (if unobtainable, use chicken livers)
¼ pound pork fat
½ pound lean pork
¼ pound bacon
salt, pepper
dash allspice
lace fat

Method

☐ Clean and trim the chicken livers. In a bowl marinate the livers and truffle peelings for 2 hours in the port, whiskey, and truffle juice.

☐ Grind the chicken hearts or livers, pork fat, pork, and bacon in a food grinder or Cuisinart food processor. Place in a bowl and add ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper, and the allspice. Mix thoroughly.

☐ Drain the livers and add the marinade to the base meats. Place the lace fat in a 1½-quart terrine, draping it over the sides. Put a layer of base meat in the bottom of the terrine; add a layer of chicken livers, a layer of base meat, then chicken livers, ending with base meat. Salt and pepper very lightly between the layers. Pull up the draped lace fat and cover the top.

☐ Place in a hot-water bath in a 350° preheated oven for 1 hour. Remove from oven and weigh down with a plate and heavy weight until cool. Refrigerate for 24 hours before serving. ■

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and the insect. New leaf "initials" are formed and then flower buds. Temperature controls this process: In a hyacinth, for instance, temperatures below 55°F or above 95°F inhibit bud creation. The Dutch bulb growers are even more exact: They keep bulbs at 77°F for five weeks and then store them at 64°F, which produces the most internal activity and the strongest flower heads.

It is surely the seed that is the most remarkable example of rebirth, and most of all that of annuals—for these plants avoid winter problems by the expedient of dying entirely after setting seed. Although seeds vary greatly in size very many are minute, even dustlike, and their regenerative powers are almost unbelievable. Think of the tiny seed lying in or on the soil, exposed to frost, wet, drought, wind, and withstanding all these within a protective coat—and when the time for germination comes, being able to thrust out root and shoot.

The mature seed is virtually inert, with no internal activity. This is by virtue of a very low water content, in most seeds between 5 and 20 percent. This is why up-to-date seedsmen market many seeds with a water content around 4 percent in sealed foil packets filled in conditions of very low air humidity after careful drying.

Within these tiny capsules are not only embryo plants but the minutest of natural computers, ensuring that germination will only take place at the right season. As the British seed expert P.A. Thompson (now in charge of the seed bank of the Royal Botanic Garden, Kew) has written, "many plants have developed mechanisms which enable them first of all to ignore the present and forecast the future, and then to measure the passing of time and to verify the advent and passing of winter." The typical dormancy period ensures that seeds will remain quiescent till winter has passed, rather than sprout in which may well be apparently ideal germination conditions in autumn. Even then, many seeds remain dormant for two seasons or more, and the gardener, wanting more reliable results, can use various techniques. The simplest of these is to keep the seeds between 35°F and 45°F over winter—a refrigerator provides more controlled conditions. Seeds so treated usually germinate at once on being placed in warmth and moisture. A great many temperate seeds react in this manner.

Other seeds are programmed to germinate in batches each year over long periods. The familiar weed Fat Hen or Lambs Quarters, for instance, has one large kind of seed which germinates immediately, and three different small kinds, each of which waits for varying periods. The controls and triggers on dormancy and germination are numerous and remarkable. They include soil temperature and gas content, and also light, which account for the ready germination of deep-buried weed seeds after cultivation; they accounted also, in the first World War, for the profusion of long-unseen scarlet poppies among the Flanders trenches. Some seeds need fire to release them, many must first be eaten by bird or animal, others have very hard coats which only weaken over decades. Certainly many have an amazing Sleeping Beauty technique, and there are many species, especially of the opportunist weeds, which have been proved to have still-viable seeds several hundred years old. While stories of viable "mummy wheat" from ancient Egyptian tombs are almost certainly mythical, the actual record is even more remarkable—that of Arctic lupin seed preserved, still capable of germination, in Alaskan permafrost soil for between 6,000 and 10,000 years.

Come the green light, with the controls removed, the triggers released, and the right amounts of water, oxygen, and warmth available, nothing stops the seed. The first emergence is that of the rootlet, conditioned to grow downwards by the force of gravity whatever position the seed may be in. Then the first shoot thrust up, initially conditioned to grow away from the gravitational pull, and later by light. Very often this first shoot is bent into a crook shape, and it is this relatively tough "elbow" which forces its way up through the soil till it is clear and the delicate tip can erect itself and deploy its first leaves.

It is usually at this moment of emergence into light that chlorophyll begins to form within the tissues, so that the seedling can manufacture its own food before it has used up the reserves inside the seed itself. These reserves may

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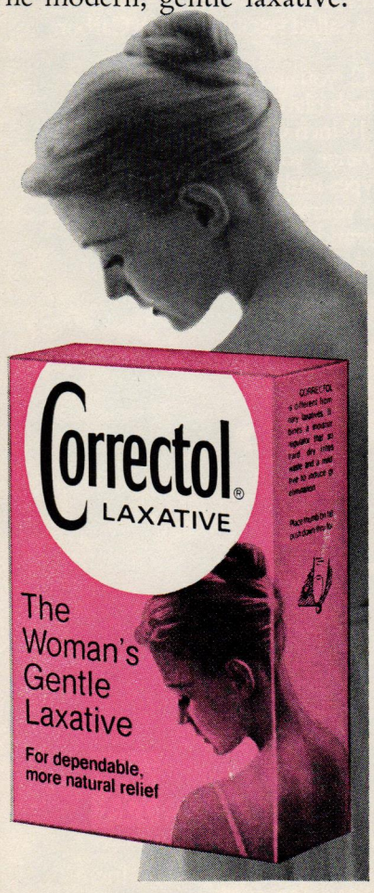

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vary from practically nothing in minute seeds (the least prepared are those of orchids, where in some species 3 million seeds weigh only a gram) to the three-year store in a coconut which gives the young palm a head start on unpromising sandy beaches. But whatever the seed, the miraculous regrowth then begins again, to produce an orchid or a palm, a bulb or a weed, or perhaps to start an evergreen on its long, slow life, so much longer than ours, signalling persistence over the winters, its boughs capable of decorating Christmases for centuries to come.

The gift of flowers and art

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Nature got the better of art, even so. Ingres's furtive blooms were blasted out of sight by the red bronze "Kyber Pass" cymbidiums. The cattleya, that favorite of Marcel Proust, made a great bank of magenta beneath Sir Thomas Lawrence's *Lady Peel*. Only in the all-over flicker of Renoir, and in the sight of the two children that he painted with all of life before them, did the sturdy high-colored cymbidiums meet with real competition. For these were no ordinary orchids. They were the result of a long period of selective hybridization and generations of cross-pollination. Bred to astonish, they succeeded. They came from a building which, unlike the Frick, is now closed to the public: the Conservatory in The New York Botanical Garden. Modeled initially on the Palm House in Kew Gardens, London, this huge glass structure had aged and deteriorated quite markedly since it was put up at the beginning of this century. Though designated as a New York City landmark, it has no grant from the city to help with its rehabilitation. But with the help of private and corporate enthusiasts, six of its twelve rooms are now being put back into pristine state. When the work is completed (toward the end of 1977) the first area of all will be inaugurated as a Green Room for children: a place where they can be among flowers, learn to identify and in some cases handle them, and in general get used to the idea of plants and flowers as something that they can nurture in their own homes. Eventually the whole Conservatory will become a living museum of plants: a green-fingered Frick, in fact, where instruction mates with delight.

Meanwhile the Frick itself is in a state of secretive ebullition. It did not escape the seasoned promenader some time ago that the three houses to the east of the existing side were suddenly pulled down. A high wall has ever since told the inquisitive passer-by to keep his distance, but it has gotten out that the two lots nearest to Madison Avenue will be turned into a formal garden by Russell Page, than whom no one has more experience with made-to-measure gardens. Iron grilles in the Louis XV style will separate it from the sidewalk on 70th Street, and it will be linked to the existing building by a pavilion that will do away with the faintly poky atmosphere of the main building.

But what matters most in the new project lies out of sight and below ground. Four stories deep, it will turn the Frick into a small but luxurious study center. Scholars will be able to learn from one another, teach, read, work from original works of art of the highest quality, and in general carry on as if the Frick were a small scale Institute of Advanced Studies in Art. (It also has, in the art library founded by Miss Helen Clay Frick, an institution for which everyone who needs to get his facts right about art is more than grateful.)

The Frick will still be the Frick as we know it: the stationary feast that never stales. But there will also be in existence Frick Number Two, an intellectual powerhouse humming away below ground. When Everett Fahy was appointed director of the Frick in 1973 he was generally regarded as one of the most gifted recruits that the art historical profession has numbered in the second half of this century. (Even ten years ago he was said to be in line for just about everything except the directorship of the FBI.) With his curator, Edgar Munhall, he was not the man to settle for "dusting the pictures." A great city is judged not so much by the size as by the number and quality of its institutions. The Frick, like the Wallace Collection in London, the Museo Poldi-Pezzoli in Milan, and the Museo Correr in Venice, has a timeless and changeless quality which is in the happiest possible contrast to what has been going on elsewhere. It never lends and rarely borrows (though a very fine *Halberdier* by Pontormo is on loan there at the moment). Works of art which are never moved take on a settled and inviolate quality for which there is no rational explanation. We feel that time is their friend, and that what they have to tell us comes from that still center of being which in more rackety institutions can quickly be disturbed. ■

Presents of mind

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Miscellania

Some thoughts for people whose present is stumping you: For those who like their music longhaired, **The Encyclopedia of Opera** (Scribners, $22.50 until Dec. 31; then $25) edited by Leslie Orrey. Over 3,000 entries, 700 operas, plus composers, librettists, conductors, festivals, opera on TV, even musical comedy . . . For those who like their *musicians* longhaired: **The Rolling Stone Calendar** (Rolling Stone/Random House, $4.95)—a great stocking-stuffer for teenagers, illustrated with action photographs of such "to-die-overs" as Elton John, Dylan, Alice Cooper, Patti Smith . . . For balletomanes: **Baryshnikov at Work** (Knopf, $17.50) with photographs by Martha Swope, in which the great dancer describes his work, techniques, how he prepares for a ballet . . . For the crossword-crazed: **The New York Times Crossword Puzzles** (Quadrangle/N.Y. Times, $3.50) edited by Will Weng. 50 *all new* Sunday-size stumpers . . . For the budding decorator: **Wallpaper** (Macmillan, $27.50) by Brenda Greysmith. The first historical survey of the design and production of wallpaper in the Western world from the 16th century until today, with nearly 200 reproductions . . . For the "deep" one: **And It Came to Pass—Not to Stay** (Macmillan, $6.95) by R. Buckminster Fuller. His social and political philosophy, analysis of our world crisis, predictions—7 typical essays written with wit, clarity, and plenty of fun. For the nostalgic, or devotees of Art Nouveau: **Vanity Fair** (Universe, $6.95). A 1977 calendar, each month illustrated with a 10-by-13-inch cover from the great fashion and literary magazine. ■

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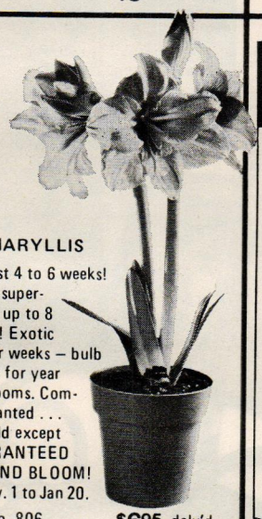

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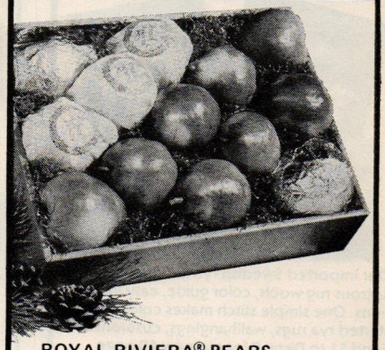

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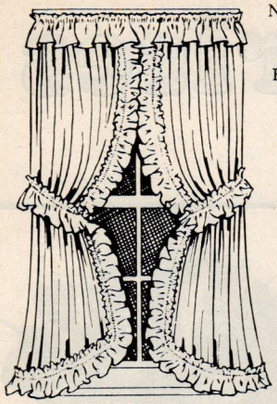

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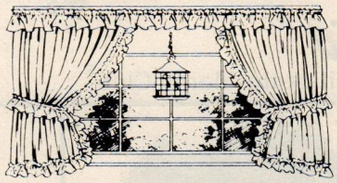

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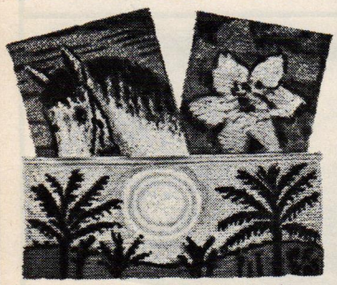

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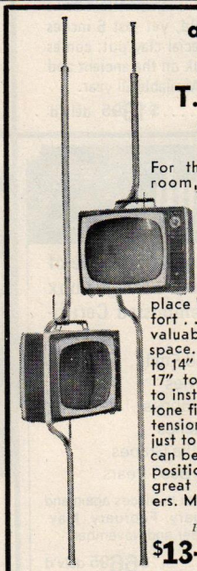

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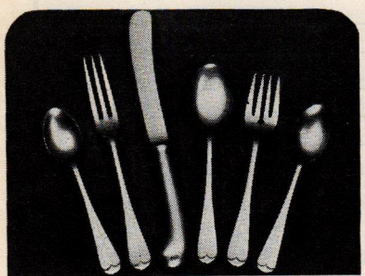

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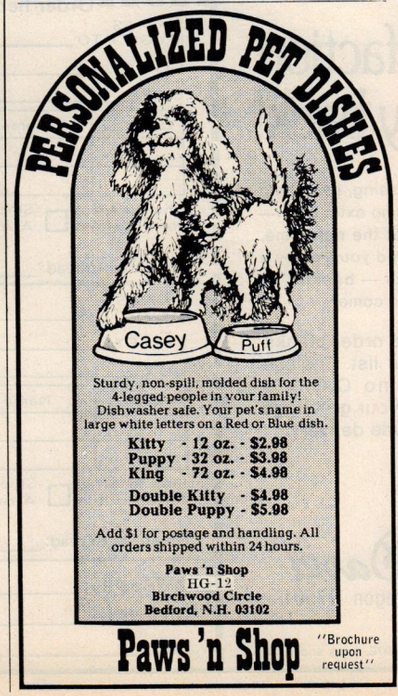

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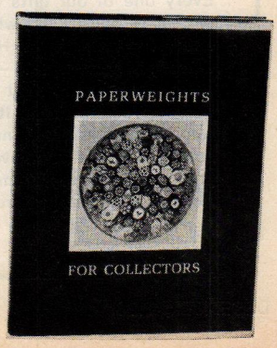

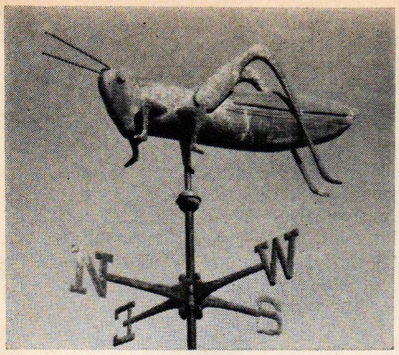

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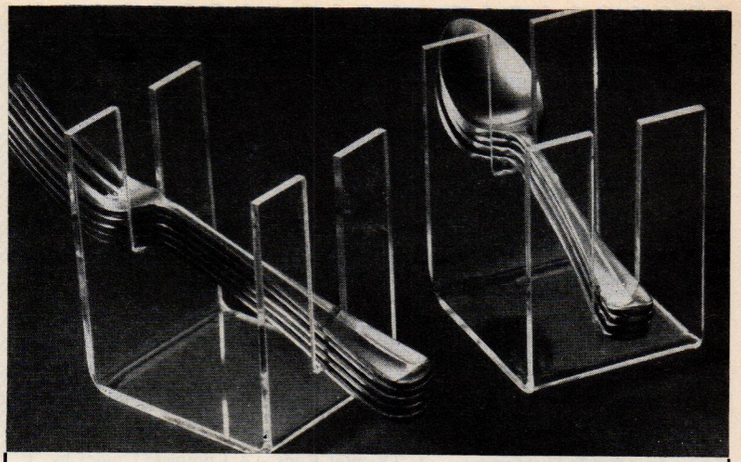

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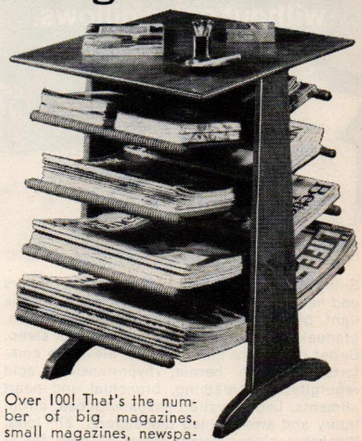

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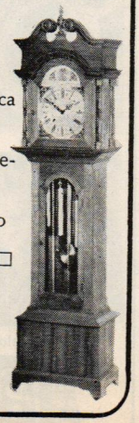

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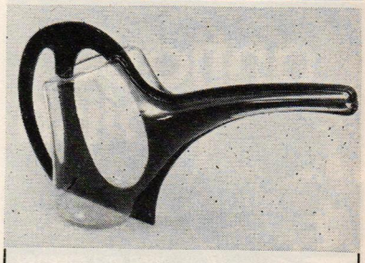

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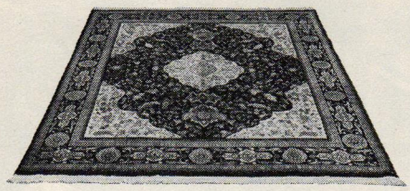

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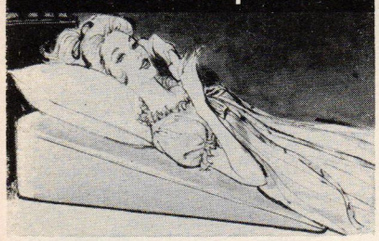

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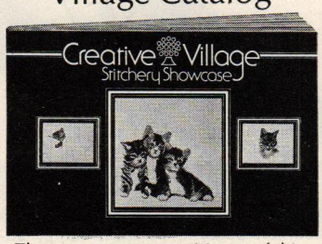

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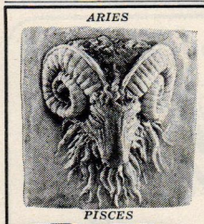

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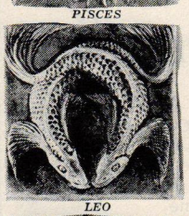

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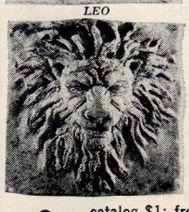

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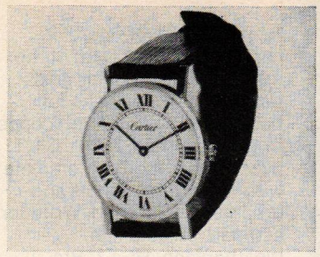

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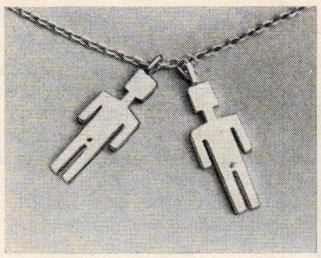

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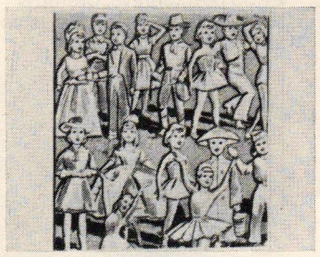

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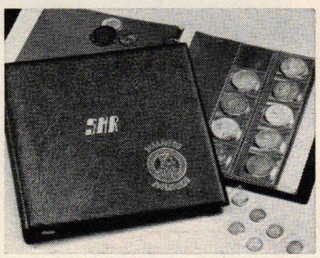

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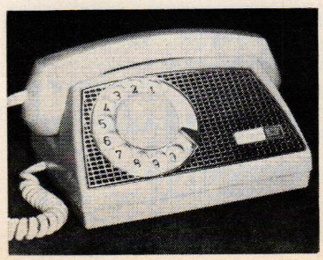

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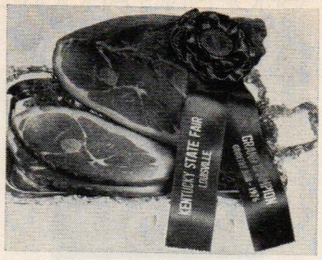

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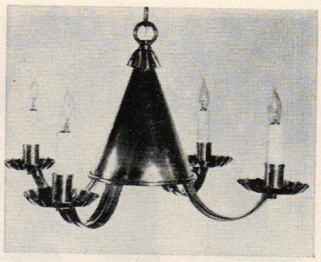

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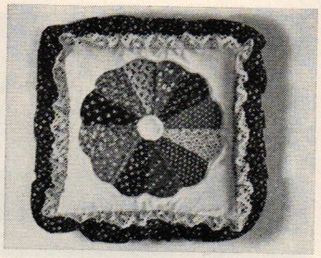

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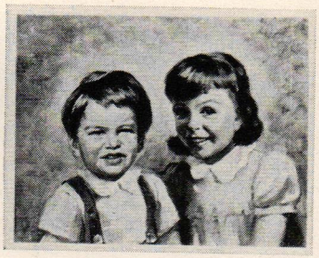

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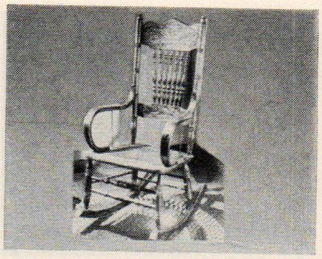

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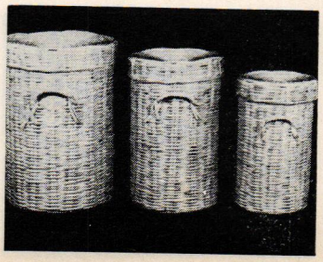

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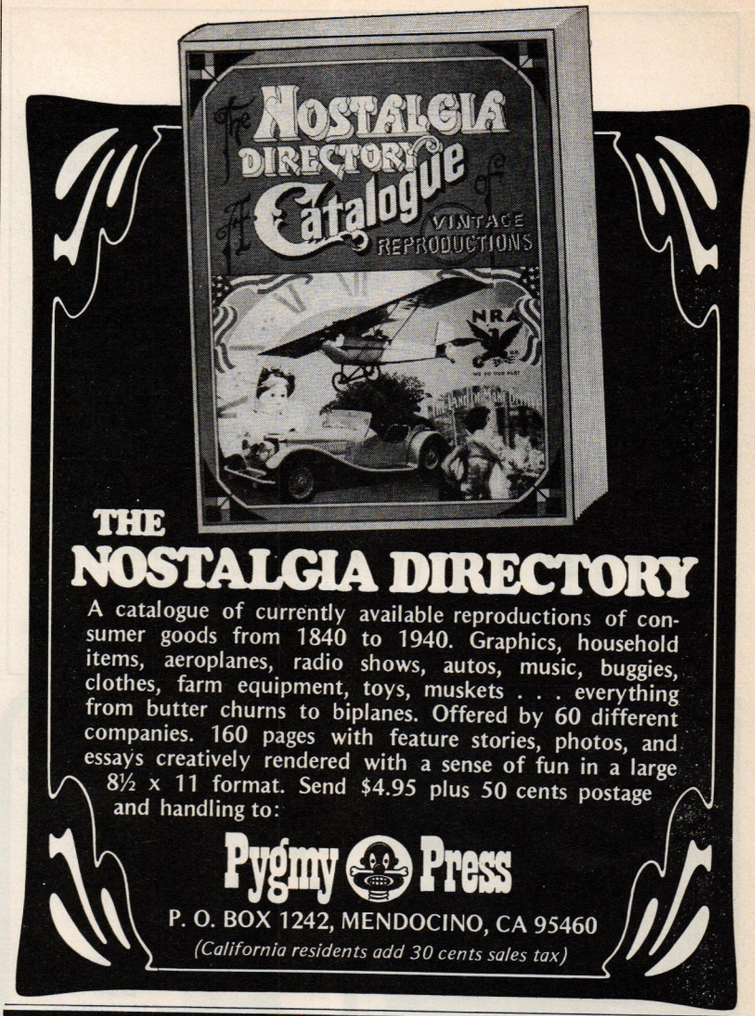

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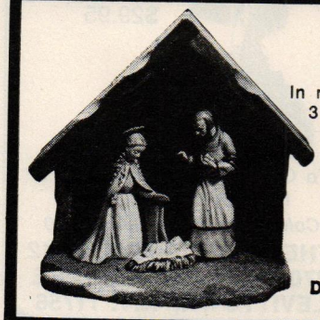

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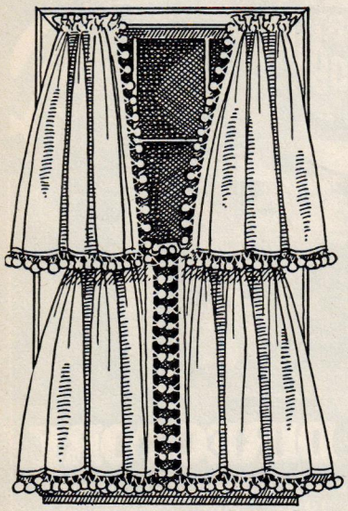

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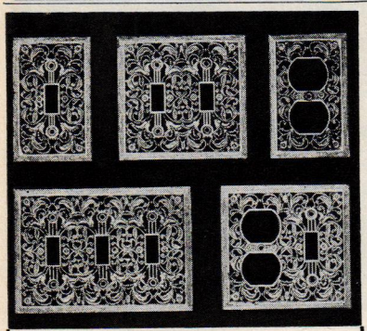

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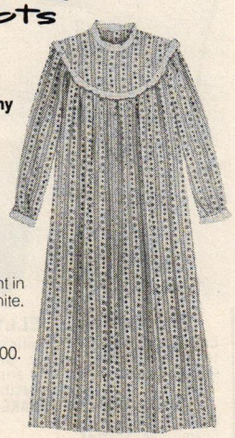

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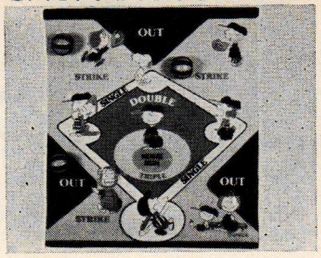

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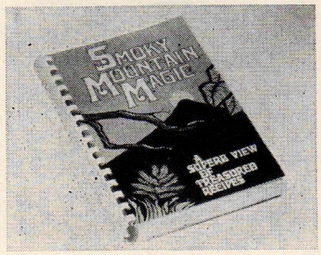

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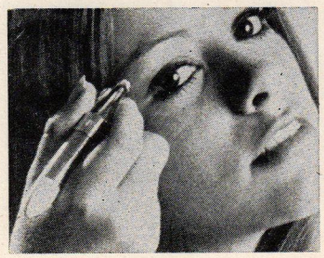

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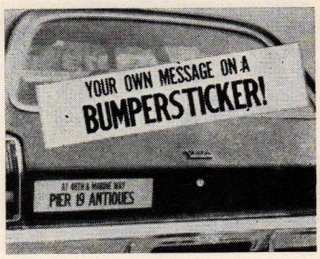

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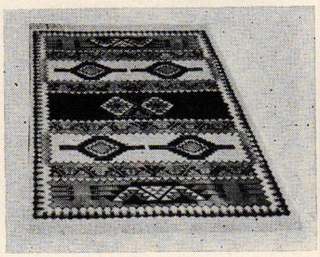

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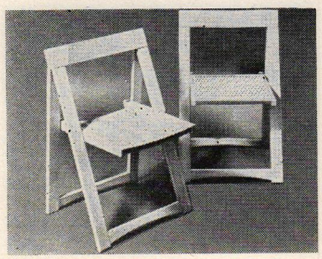

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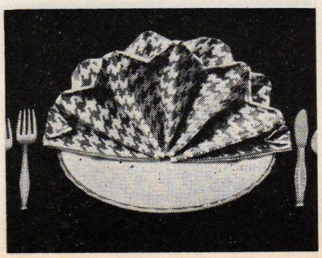

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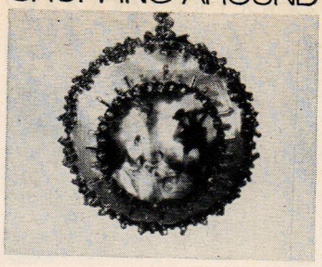

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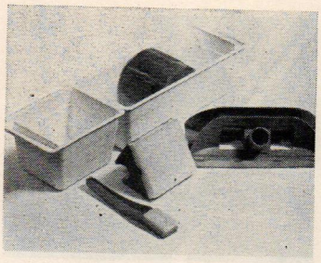

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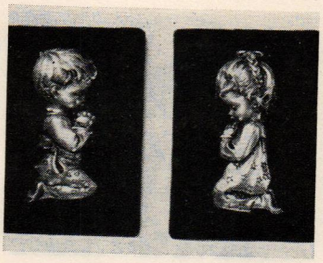

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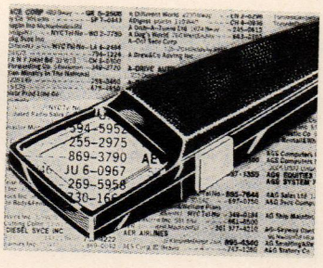

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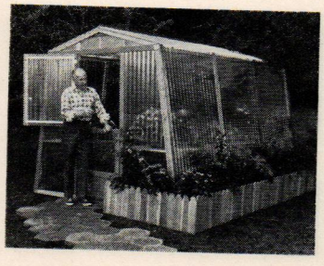

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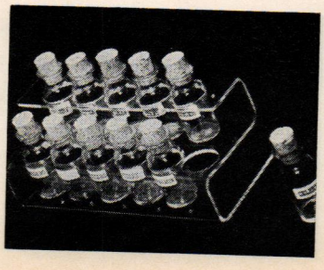

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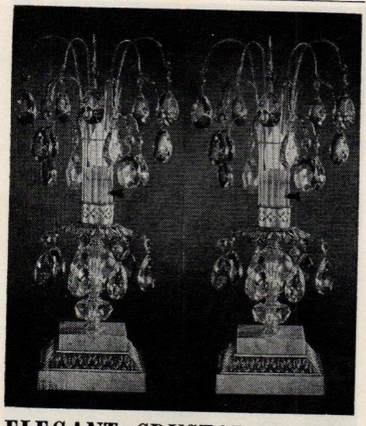

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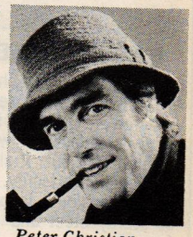

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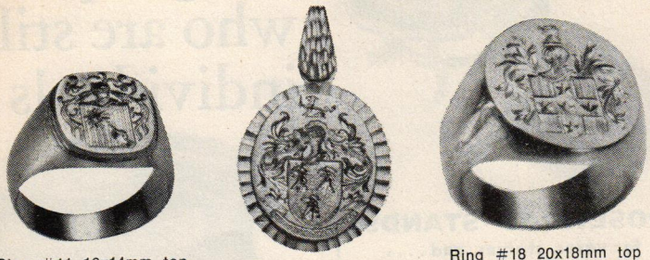

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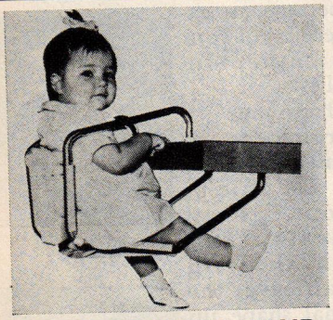

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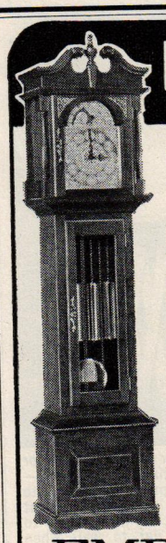

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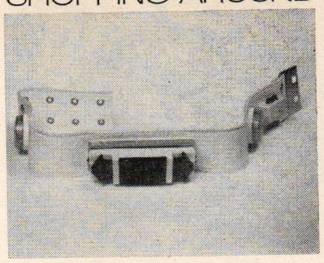

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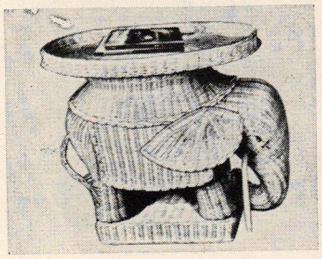

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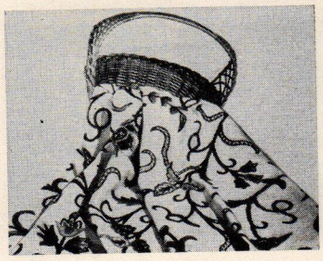

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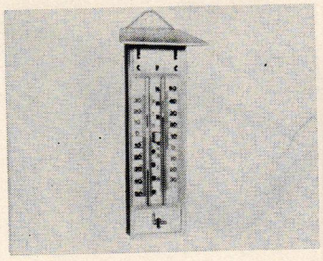

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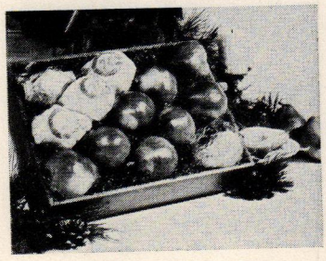

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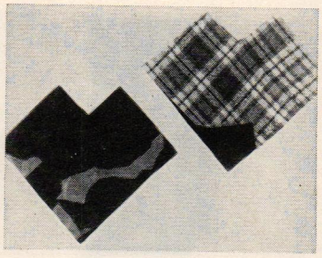

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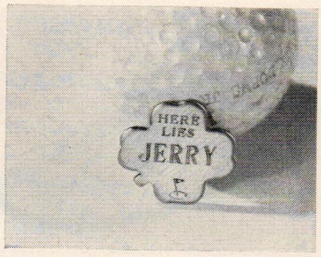

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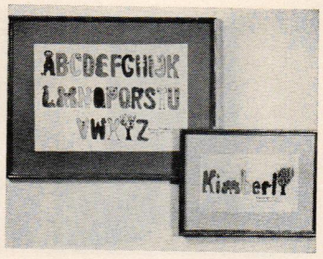

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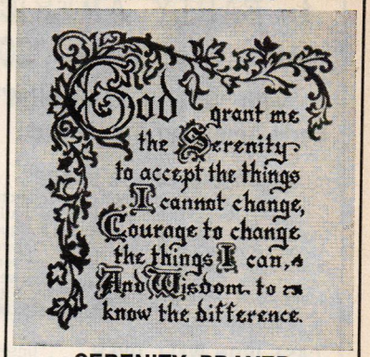

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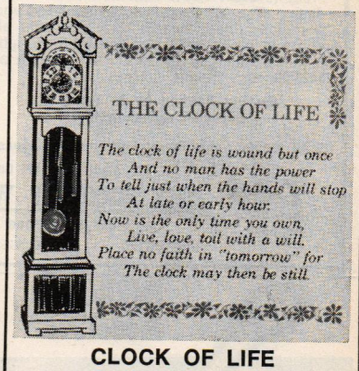

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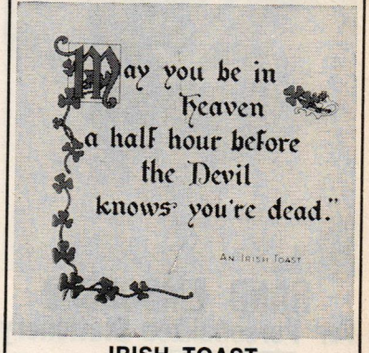

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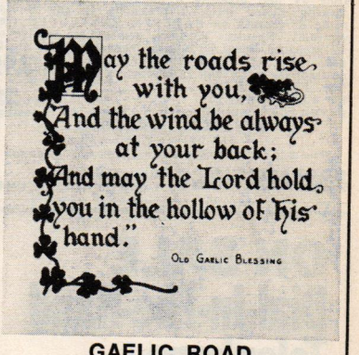

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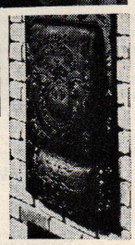

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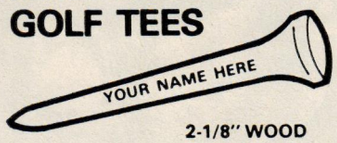

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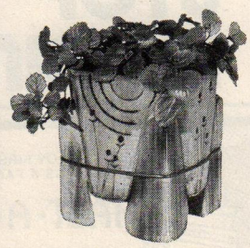

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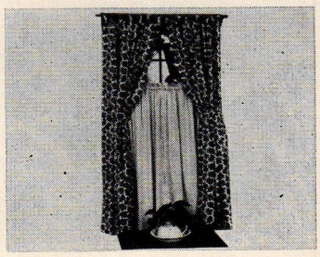

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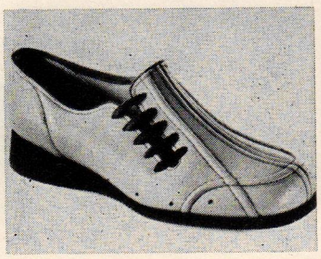

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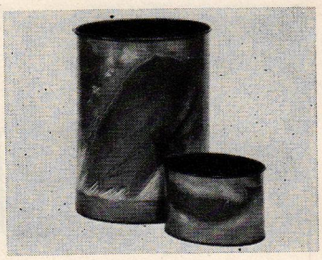

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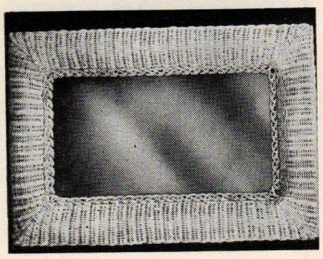

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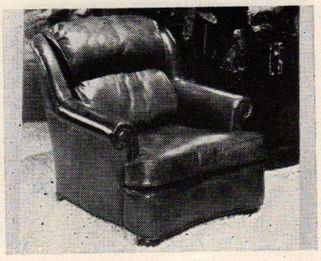

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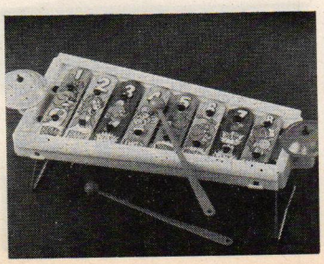

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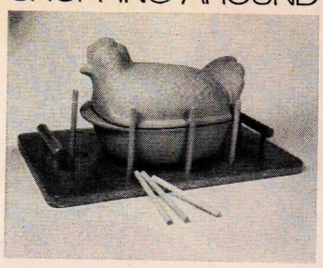

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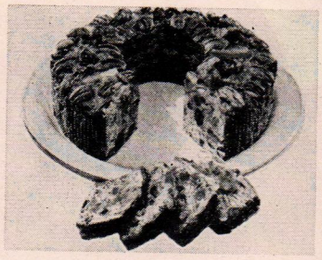

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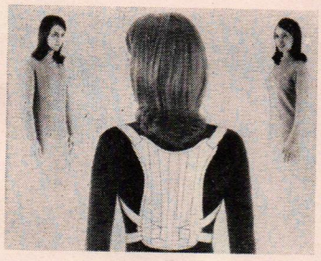

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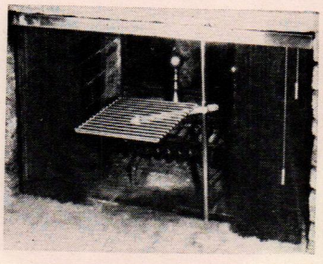

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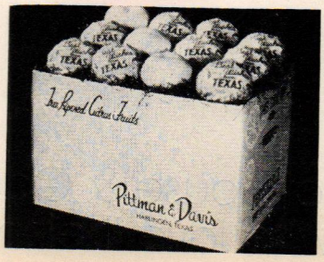

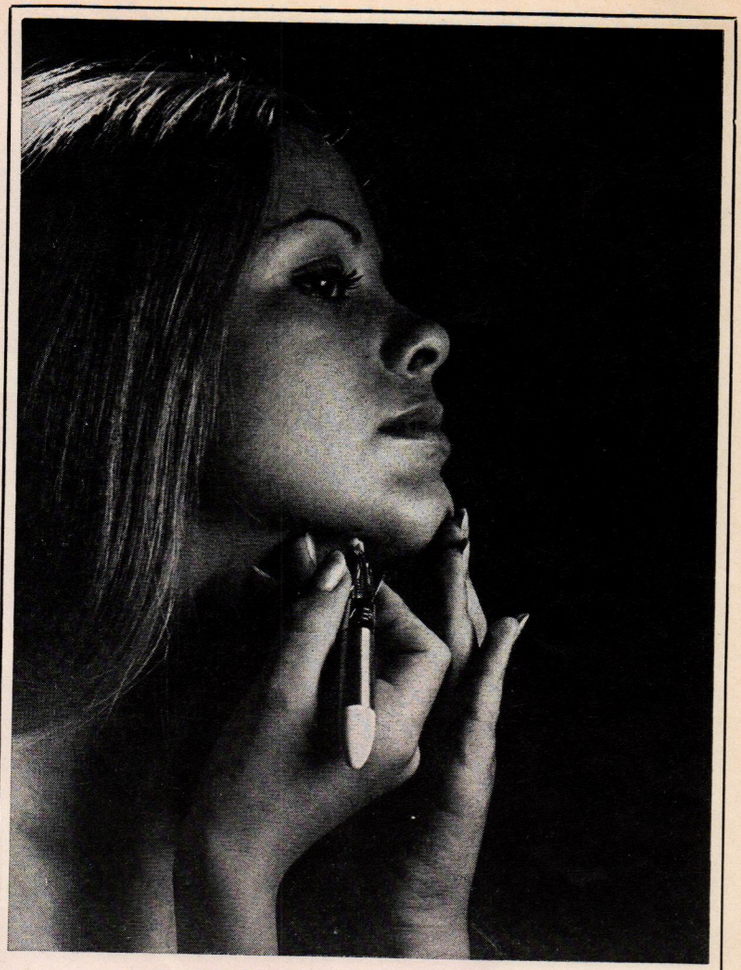

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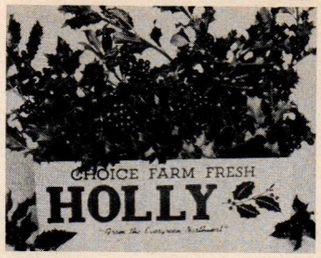

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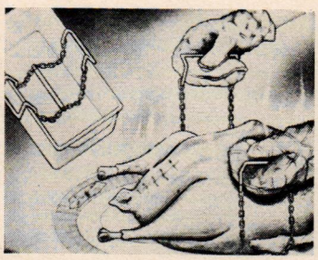

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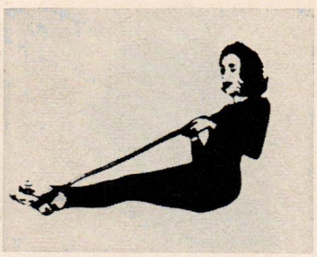

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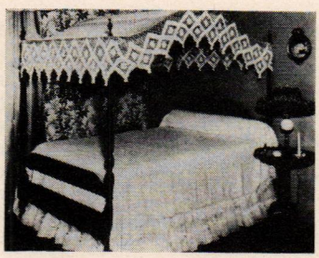

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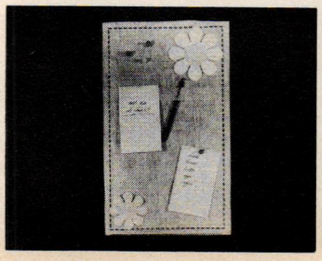

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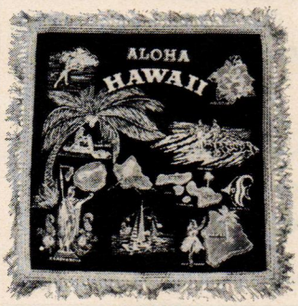

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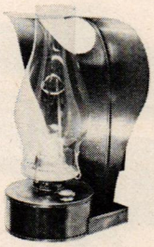

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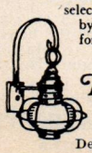

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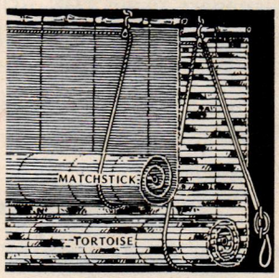

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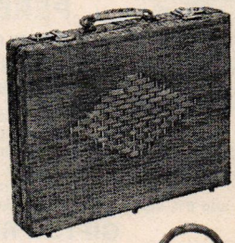

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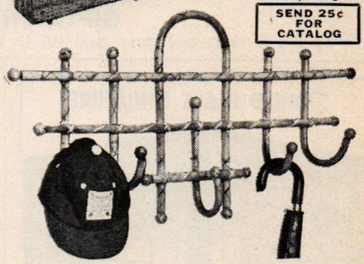

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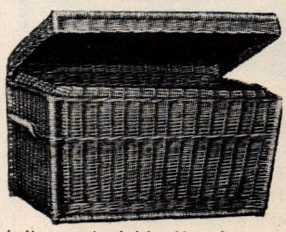

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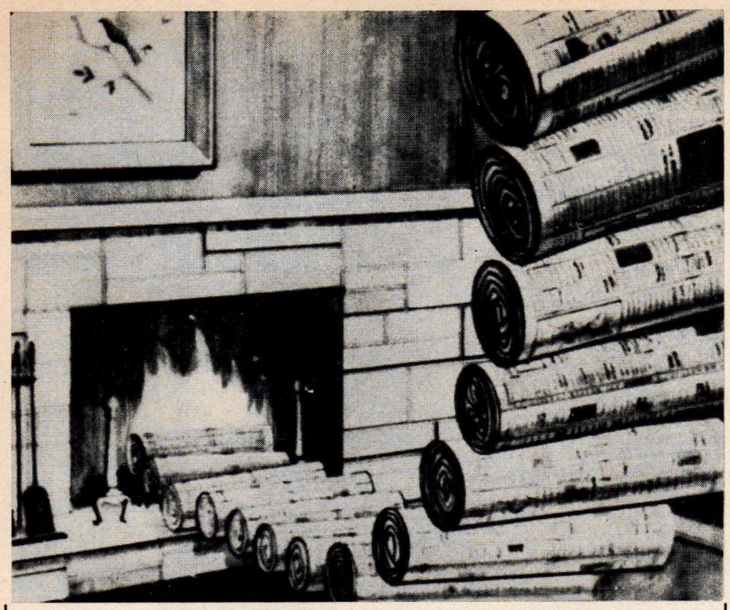

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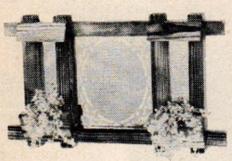

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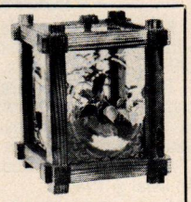

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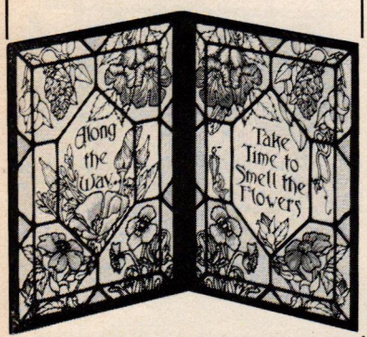

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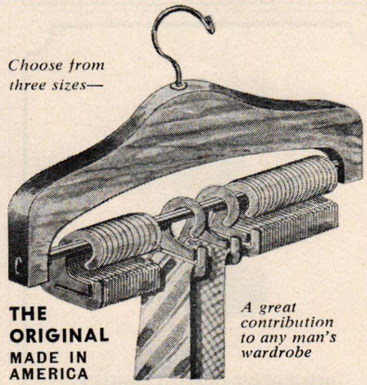

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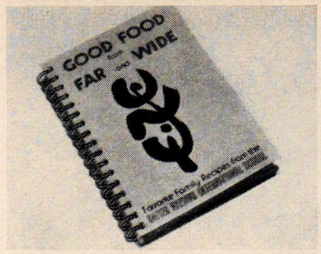

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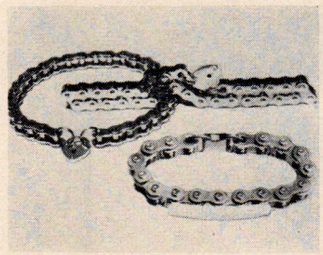

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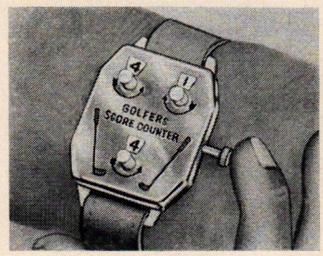

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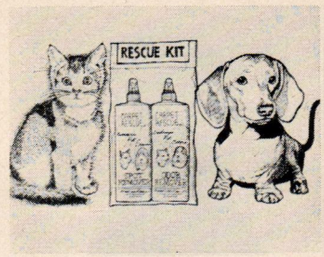

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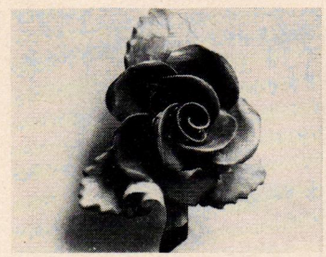

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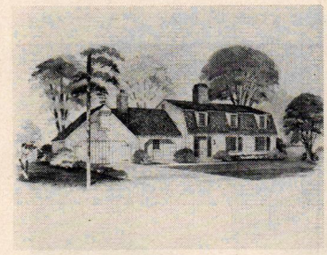

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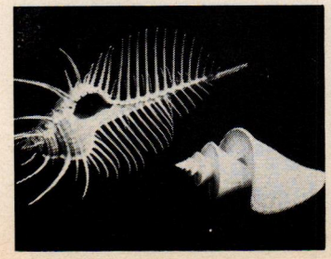

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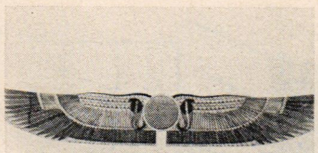

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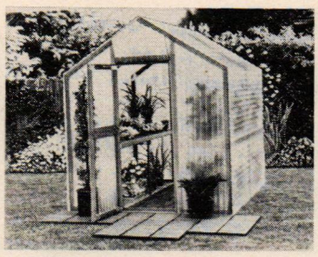

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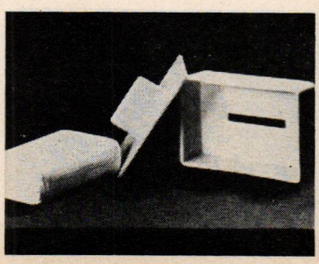

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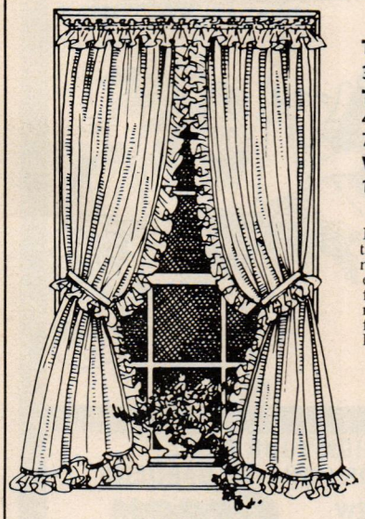

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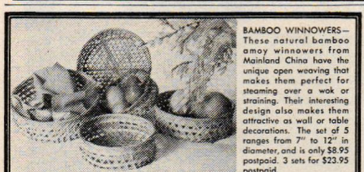

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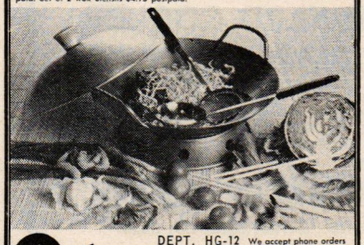

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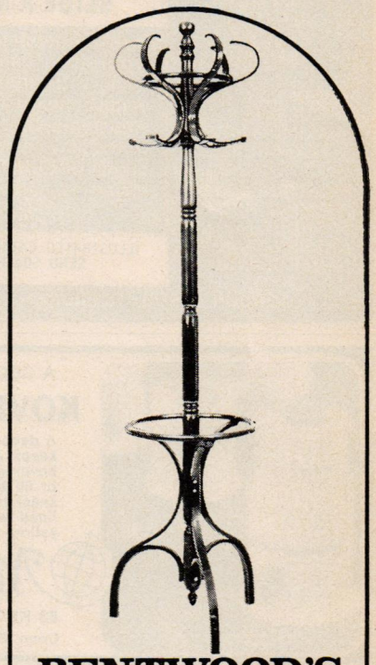

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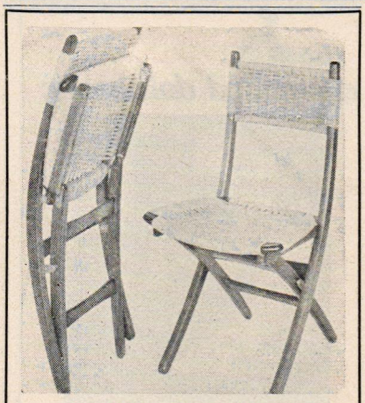

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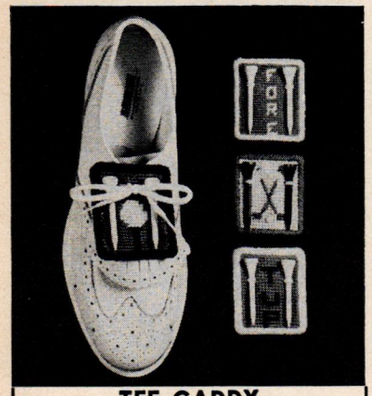

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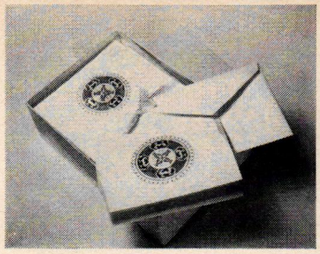

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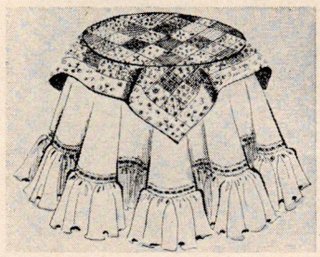

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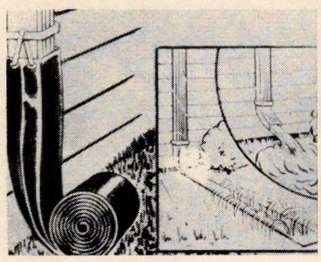

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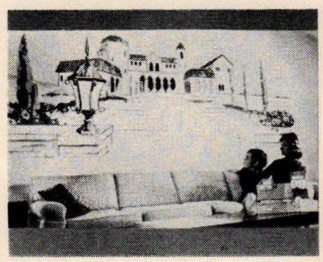

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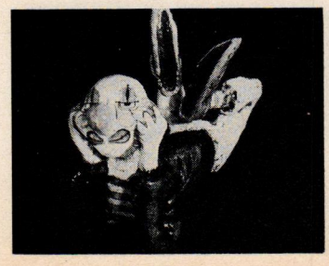

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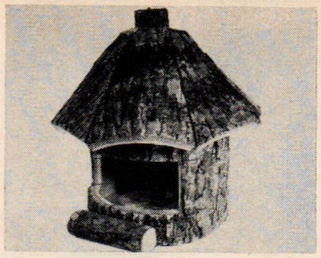

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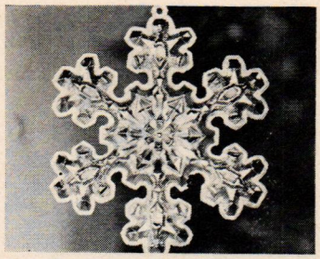

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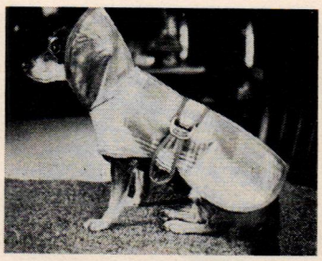

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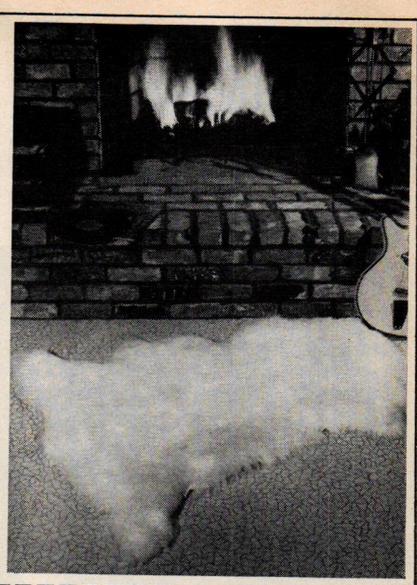

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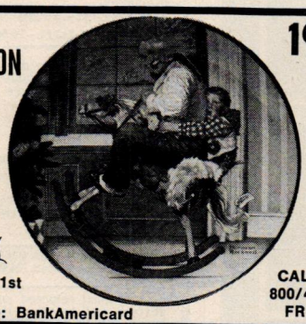

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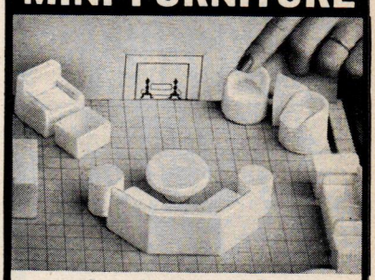

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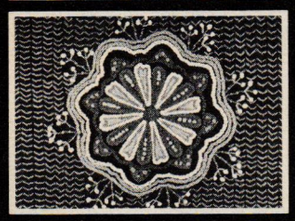

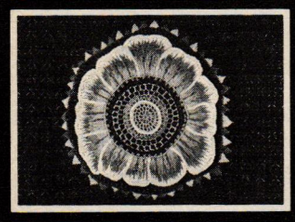

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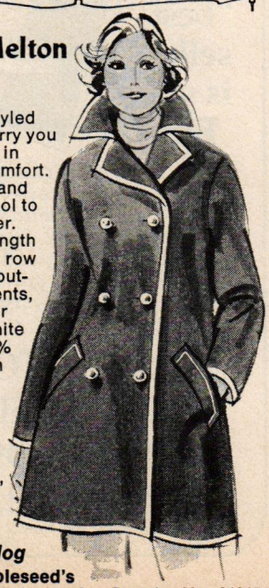

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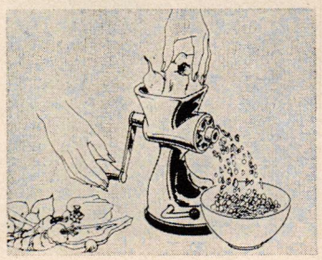

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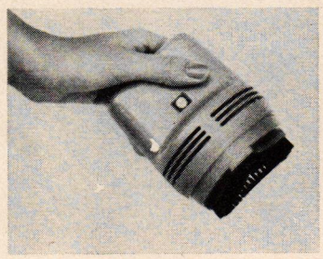
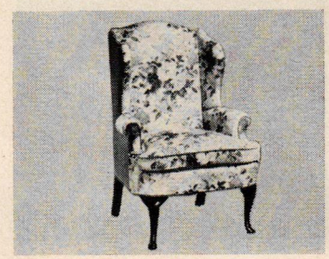


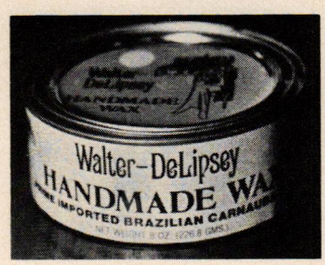
MIGHTY MIDGET

Battery operated mini-vac, a vacuum cleaner that goes anywhere and is operated with one hand. Uses two "C" batteries (incl.), has on/off switch. Great for cars, clothes, as a silent butler. $5.95 ppd. Kay-Cee Enterprises, Dept. A115, 1405 Sloane Blvd., Plainfield, NJ 07060.



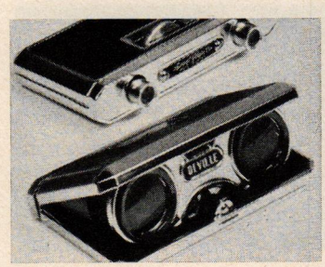
FROM FACTORY TO YOU

Handsome wing chair, solid mahogany, fruitwood finish. 31"w. by 32"d. by 45½"h. #160A. $299.95 ship. coll. Brochure, $1, fabric samples available. Catalogue, 178 pages, $5. National Furniture & Fabrics Sales, Inc., Box 2314, 1947 W. Green Dr., High Point, NC 27261.



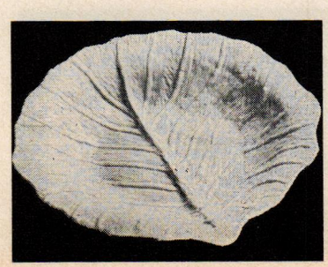
LONG-LASTING WAX

Handmade furniture wax from ingredients imported from Brazil produces an extremely long lasting hard finish to treasured wood pieces. Wax eliminates the need for repeated waxings. Eight oz. can, $4 plus 25c post. Walter DeLipsey, HG12, 2615 Routh St., Dallas, TX 75201.



OPTIC OPERA AIDS

Folding opera glasses. Slip into handbag or pocket. Sports fans, theater buffs, ballet bugs love them. Makes balcony seats seem like first-row center! Chrome plated, 2.5 by 25 m/m. $5.98 plus 60c post. Anthony Enterprises, HG12, 556 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105.



CRISP PLATES

Delicious looking white plate is a "leaf" design bound to dress up a salad, appetizer or fruit dessert. Dishwasher proof. Virtually indestructible. Set of four 6", $6.95; four 9", $9.95. Post., 85c a set. S.S. Kemp, Dept. B12, 4301 Perkins Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103.

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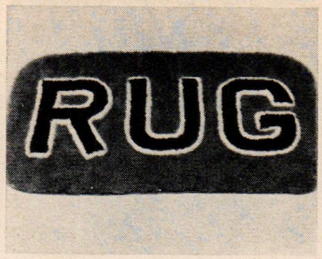
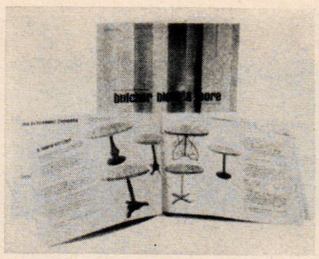
How about this? A deep nylon pile rug with bonded non-skid back is in tones of brown and 21″ by 34″. We think its a fun switch on the welcome mat. Machine washable and dryable. $9.98 plus 75c post. Lillian Vernon, GDE, 510 S. Fulton Ave., Mt. Vernon, NY 10550.



CREATIVELY YOURS

There's a variety of stimulating ideas featuring maple hardwoods as country-style dining tables, work tables, mobile carts, shelving, benches, counter tops—all shown in a 44-page catalogue 50c. From Butcher Block & More, HG12, 1600 So. Clinton, Chicago, IL 60616.



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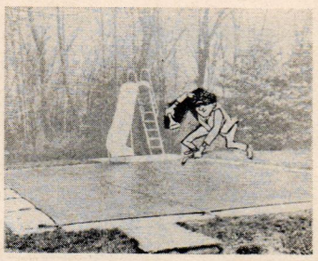

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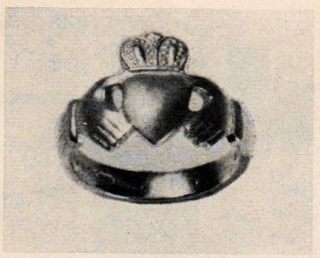
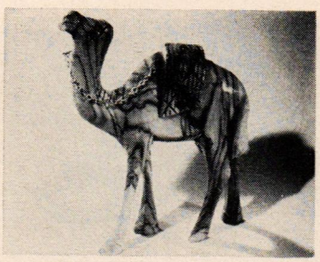


CHRISTMAS CAMEL

Traditional olivewood dromedary hand-carved in Bethlehem as its predecessors have been for many centuries. Miniature replica of reins completes an unusual gift for the holidays. About 6″ high. $6.95 ppd. Shopping International, 896 Shopping International Bldg., Norwich, VT 05055.



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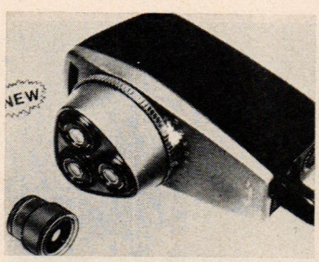

ROSY HOT POT

Ceramic electric hot pot holds up to four cups of liquid and is charmingly bedecked with wild roses. UL-approved heating coil, 46″ cord that is removable make it completely washable. $5.98 plus 75c post. American Consumer, Dept. CPO-12, Caroline Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19176.

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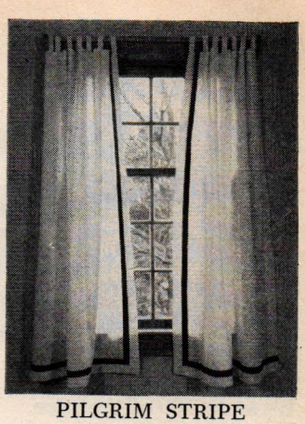
TAB CURTAINS

Many early American homes had no curtains at all. But those that did most likely had tab curtains. Tab curtains are found here in Plymouth at the windows of houses built as early as 1640. We love them and use them throughout our own weathered saltbox home.



PILGRIM STRIPE

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Gingham (Yellow, Green, Brown, Red Blue or Pink)	$14	$15	$15	$18	$18
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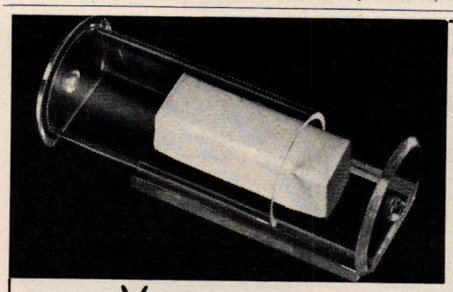

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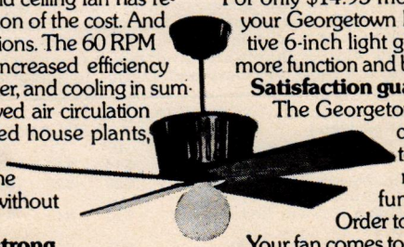

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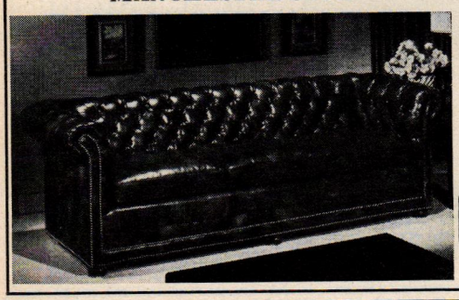

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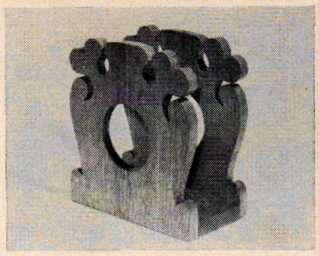

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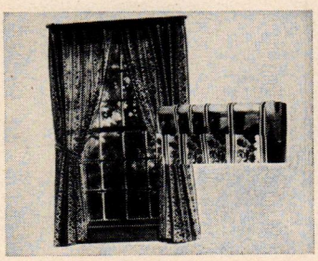

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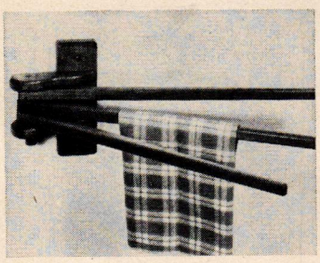

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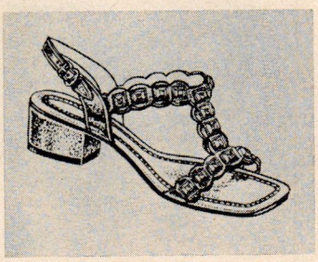

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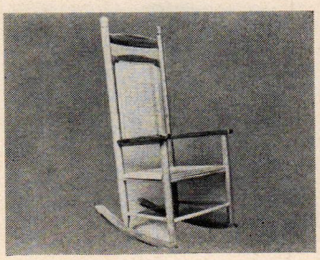

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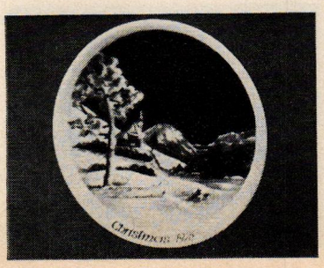

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Bavarian porcelain Christmas '76 plate is a limited edition in glorious cobalt blue. 7¾" dia. with holes for hanging. Typical Bavarian winter scene complete with snow and stars. Gift boxed. $9.98 plus 75c post. Lillian Vernon, GDE, 510 S. Fulton Ave., Mt. Vernon, NY 10550.

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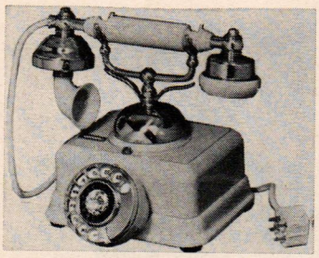

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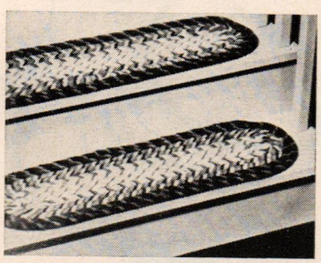

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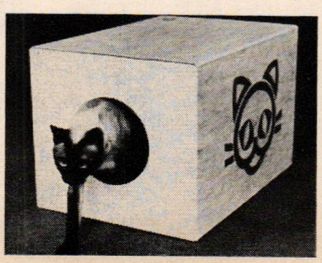

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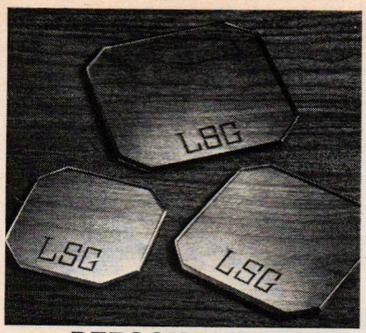

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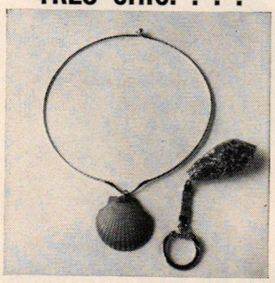

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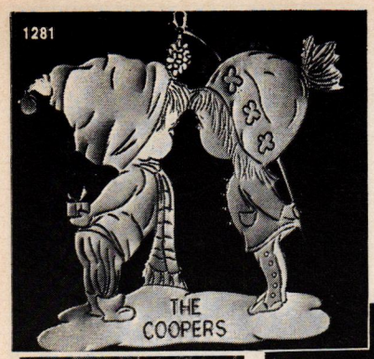

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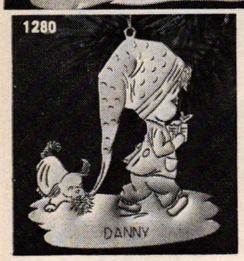

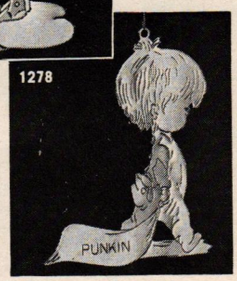

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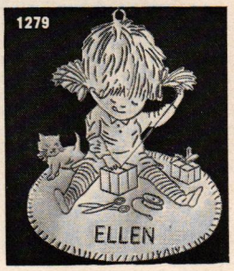

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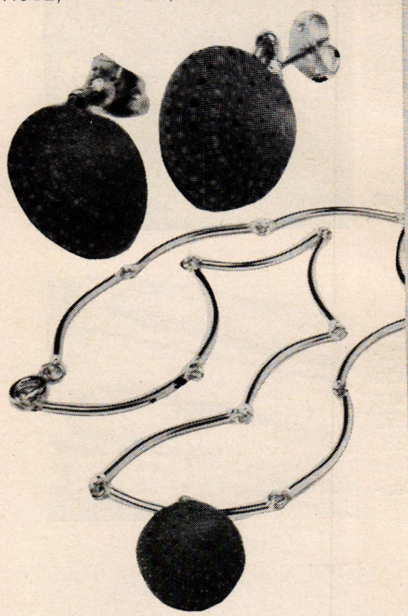

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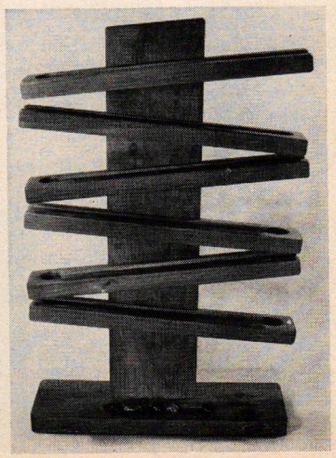

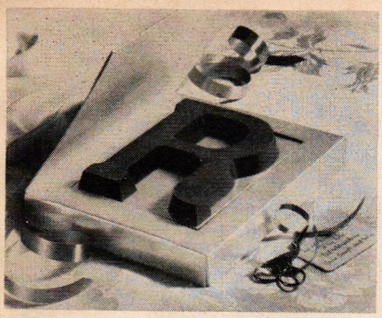

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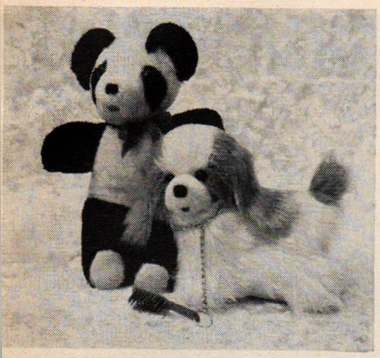

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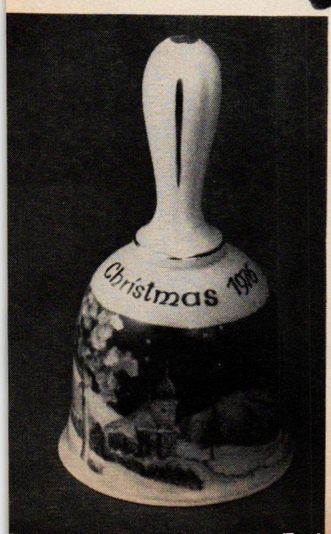

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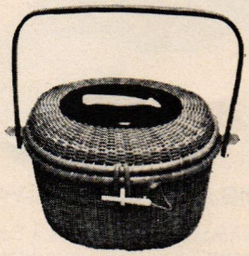

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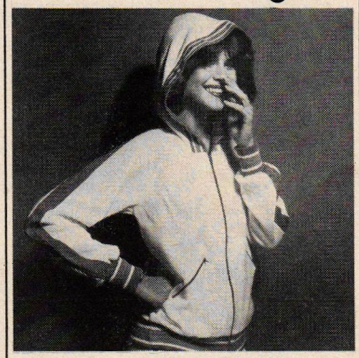

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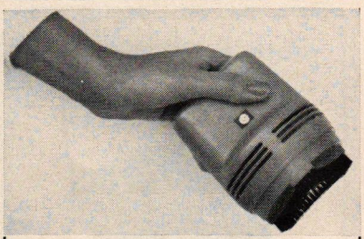

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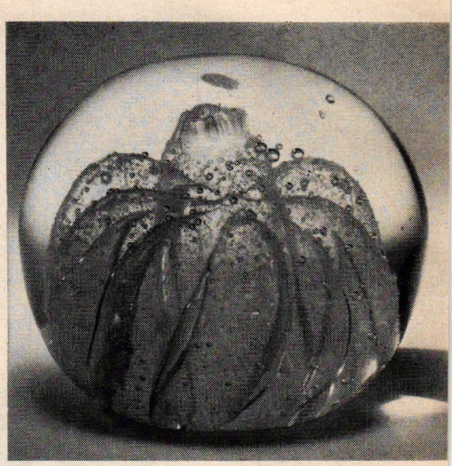

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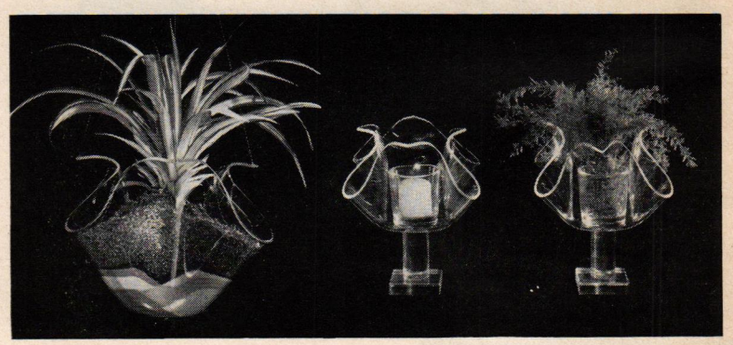

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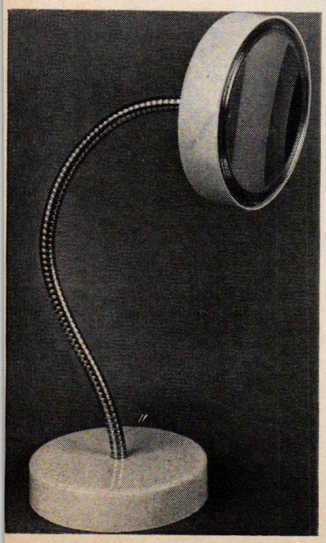

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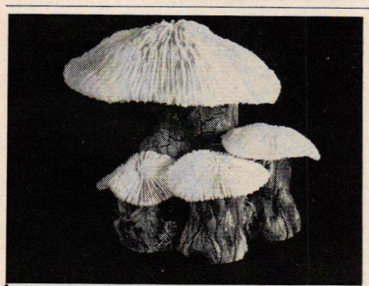

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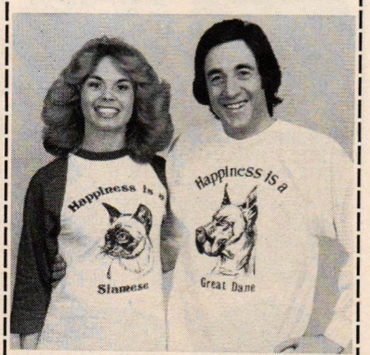

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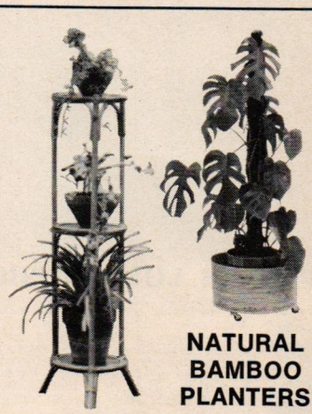

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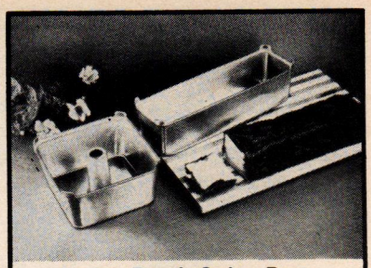

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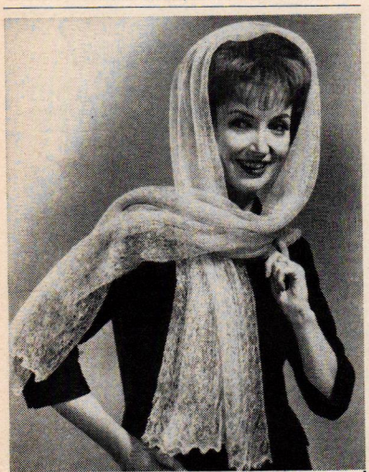

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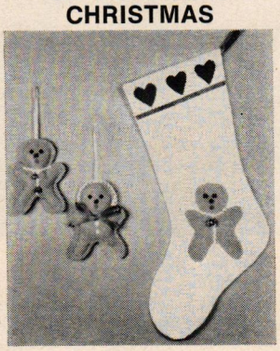

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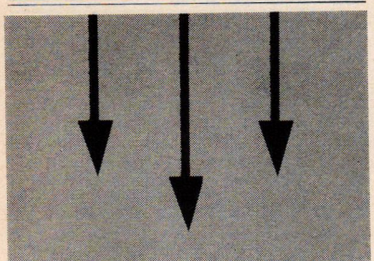

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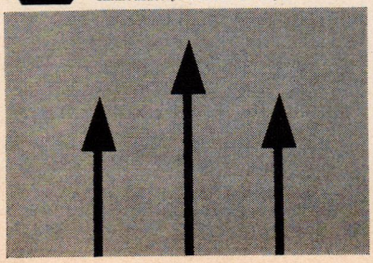

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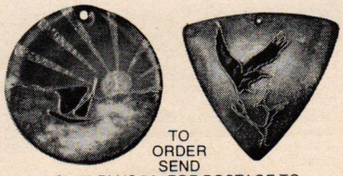

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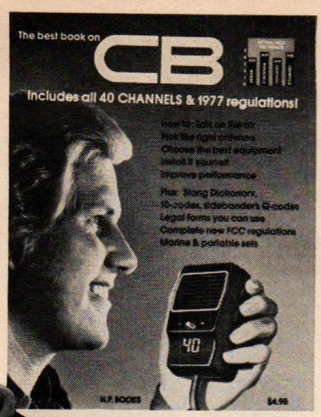

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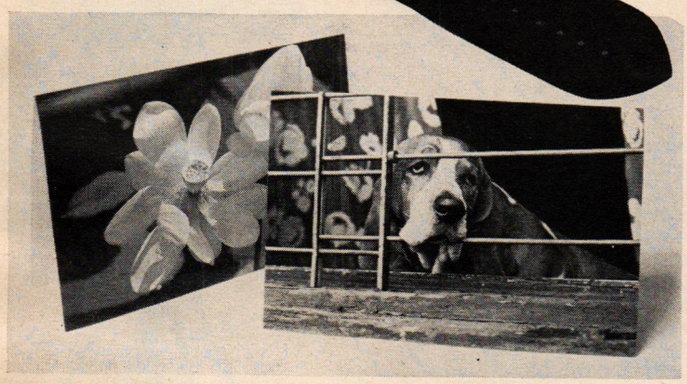

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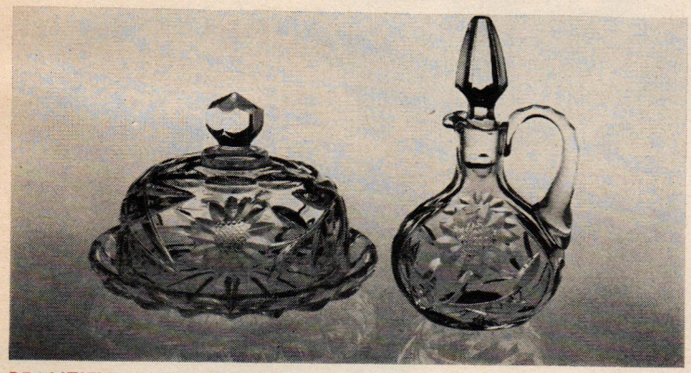

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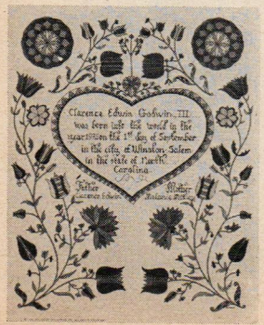

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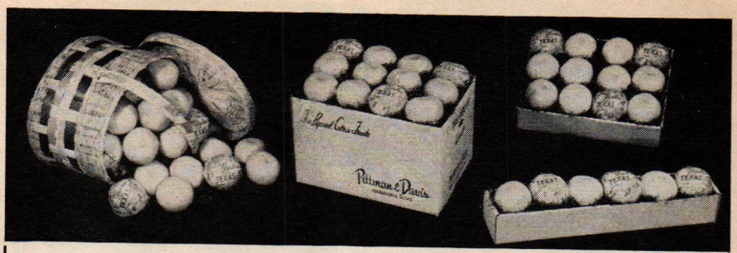

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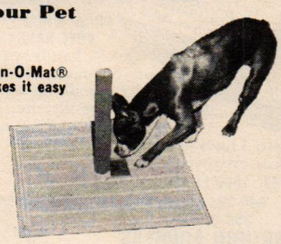

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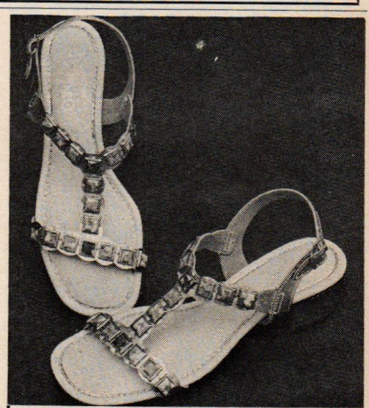

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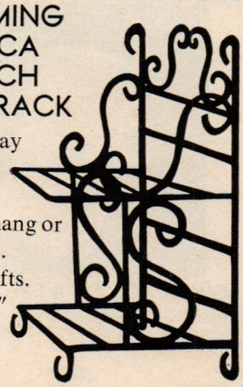

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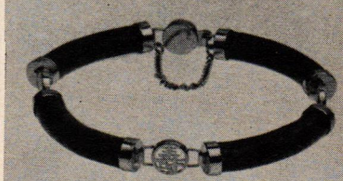

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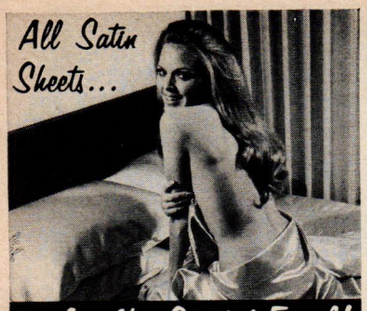

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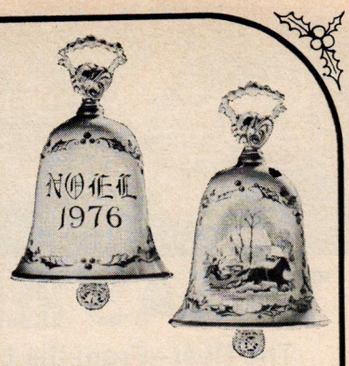

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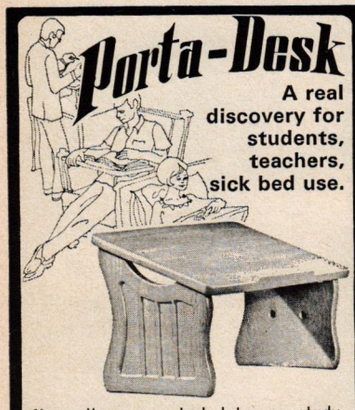

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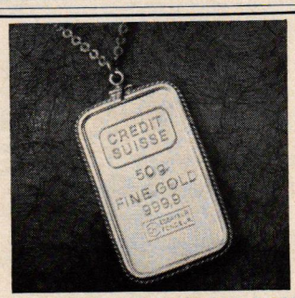

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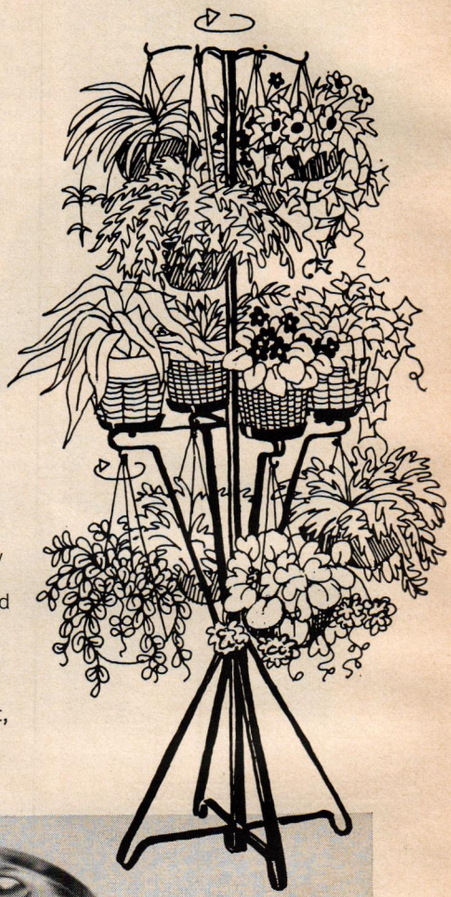

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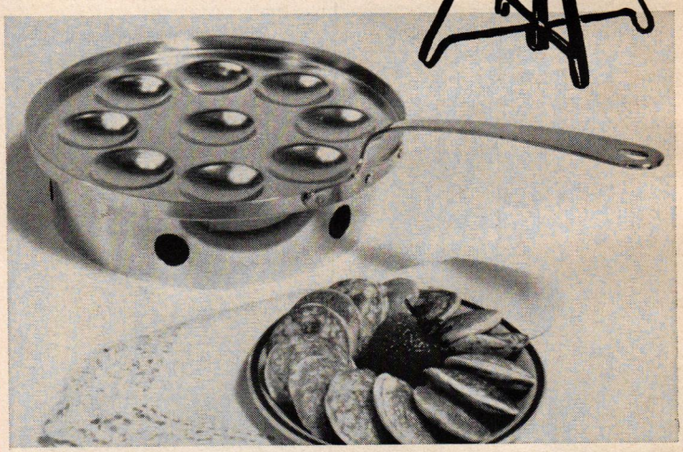

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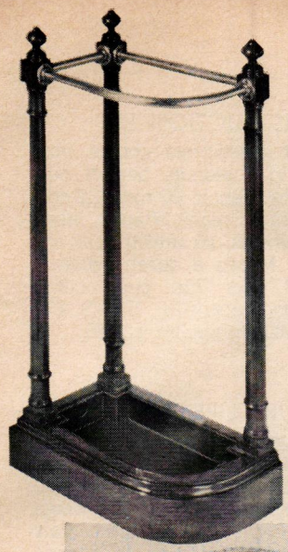

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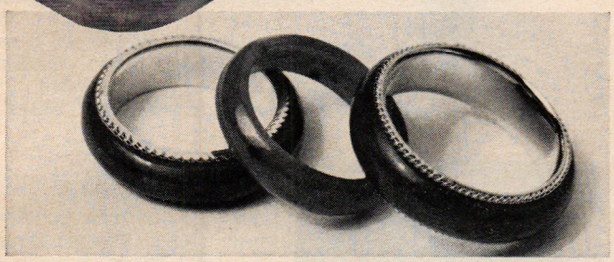

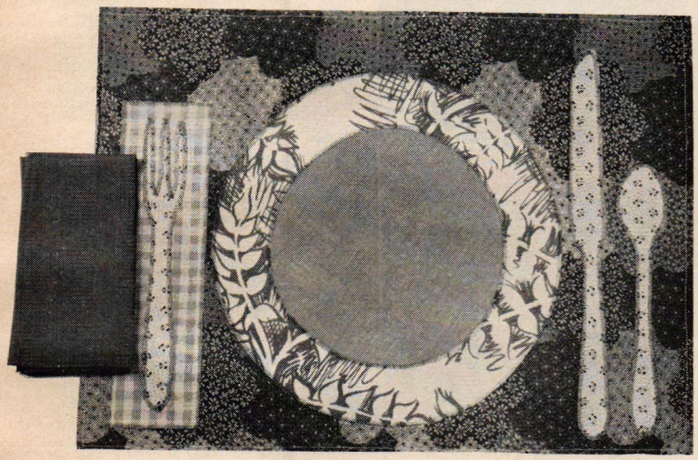

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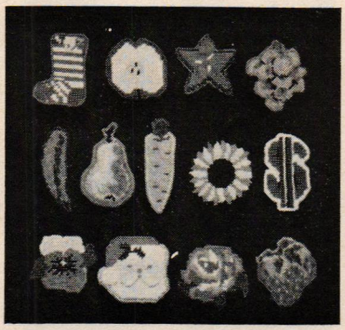

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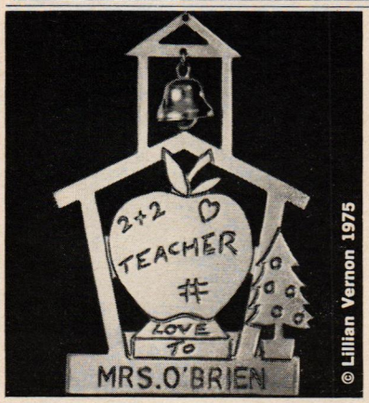

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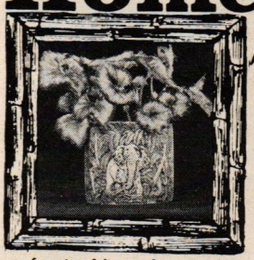

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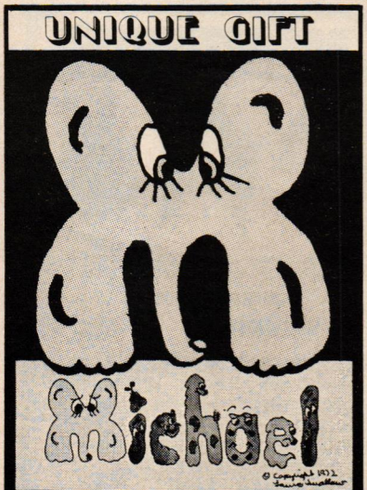

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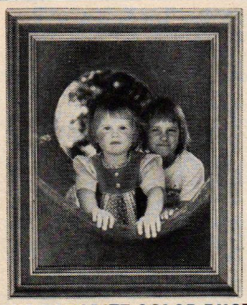

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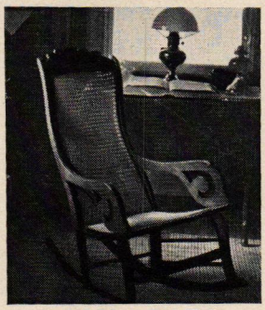

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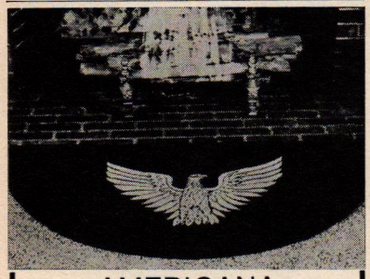

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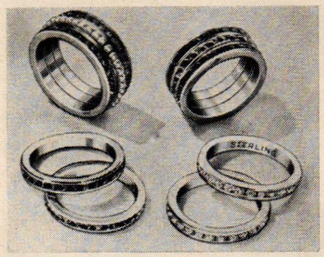

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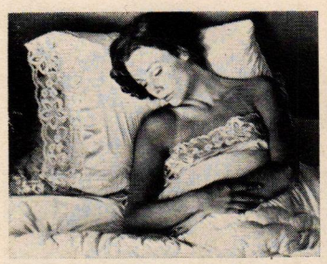

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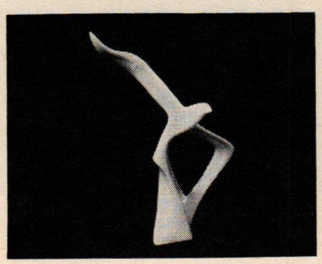

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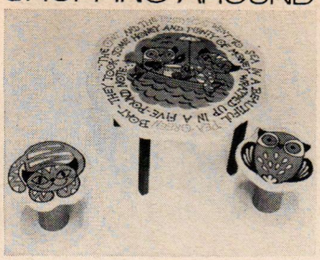

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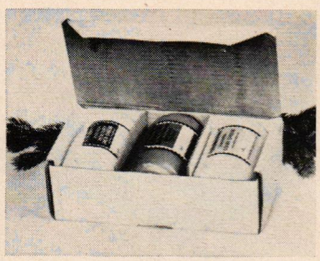

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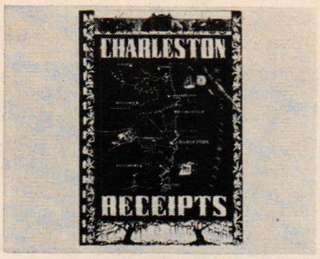

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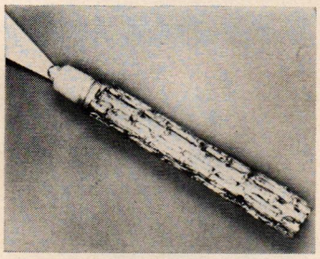

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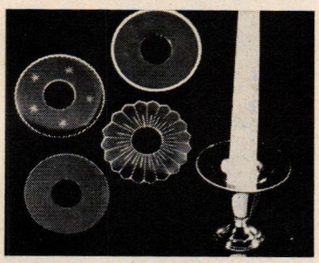

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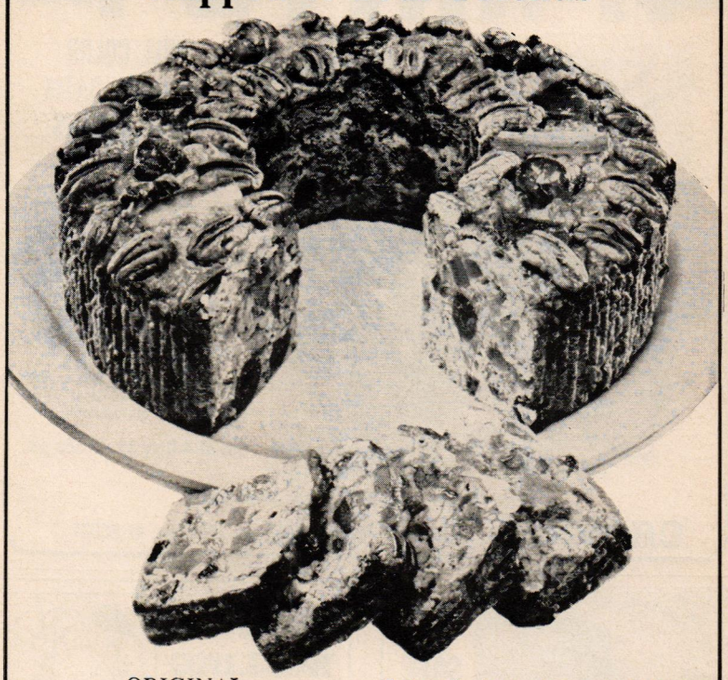

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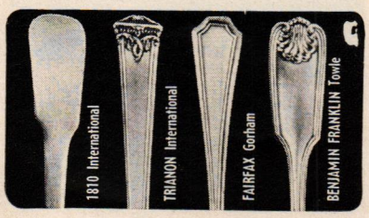

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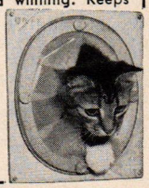

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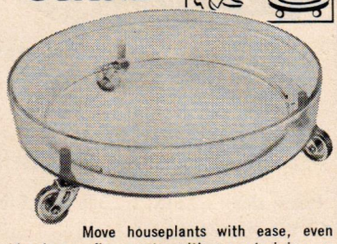

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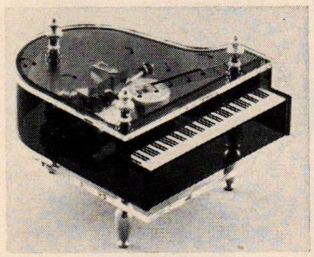

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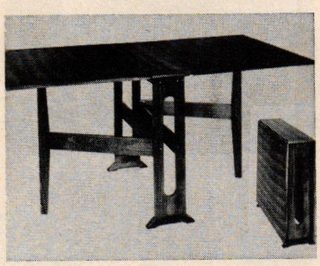

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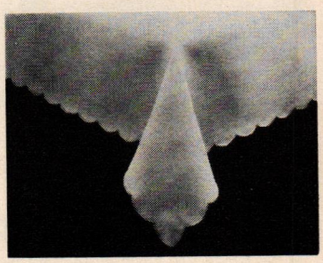

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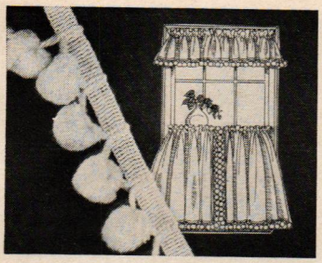

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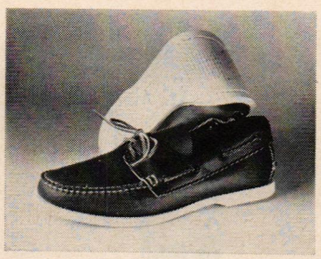

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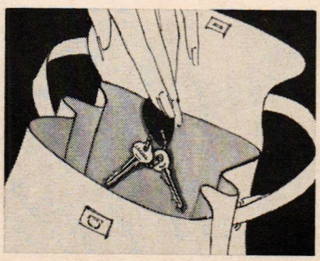

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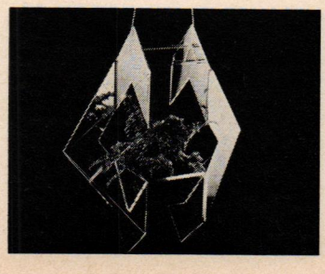

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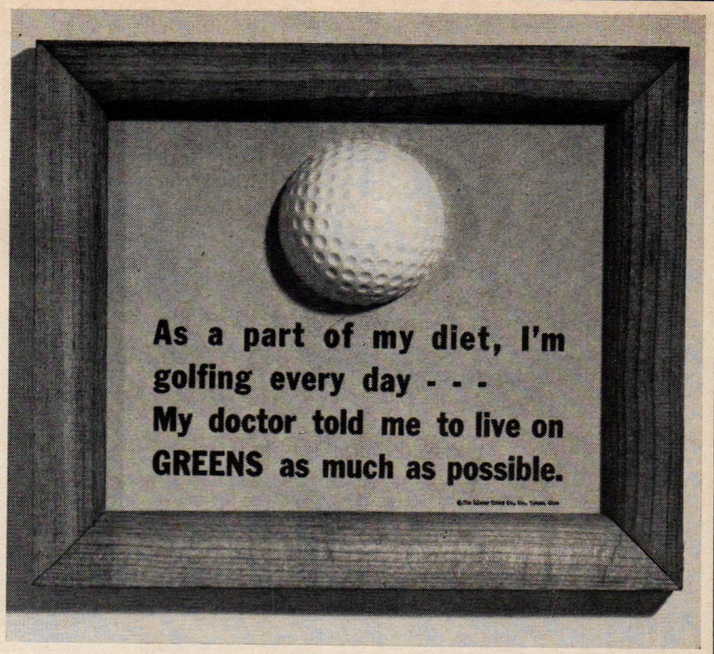

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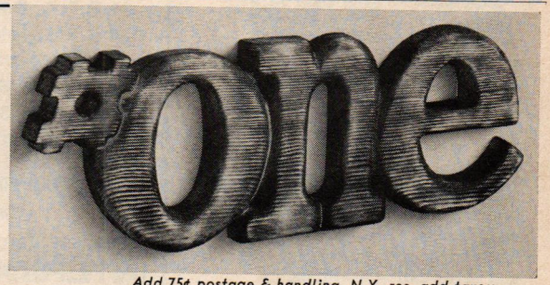

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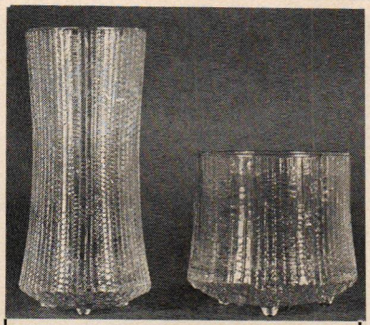

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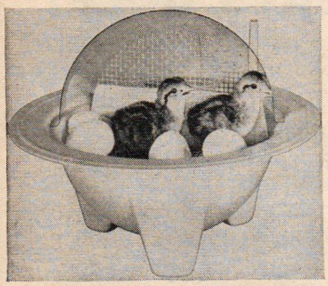

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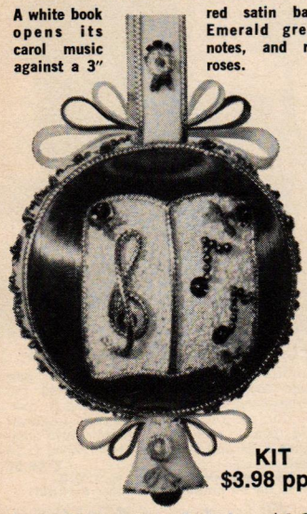

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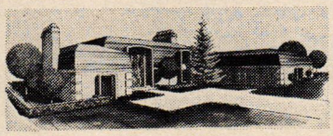

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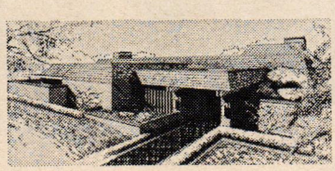

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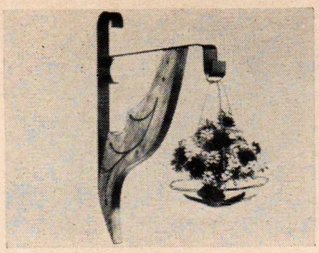

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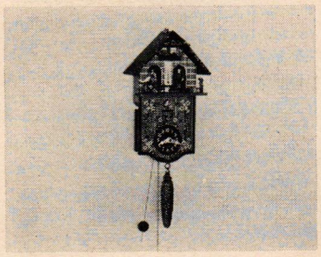

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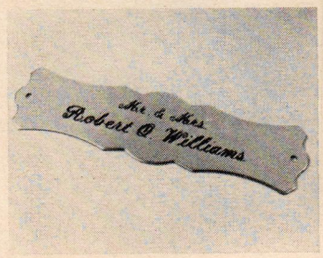

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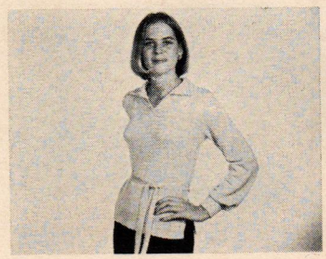

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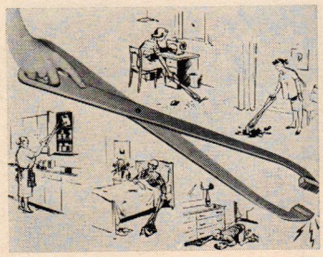

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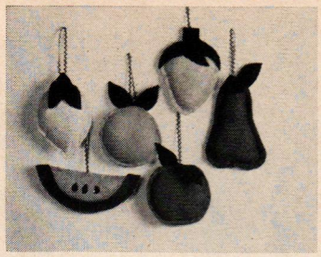

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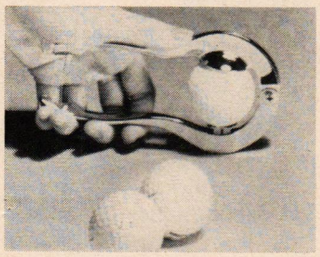

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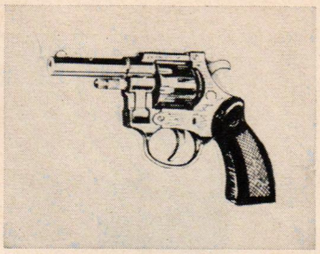

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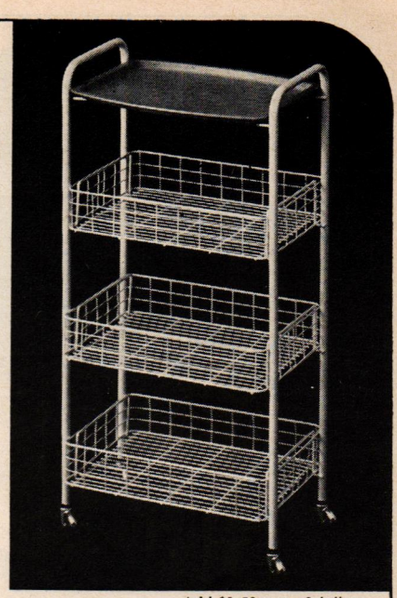

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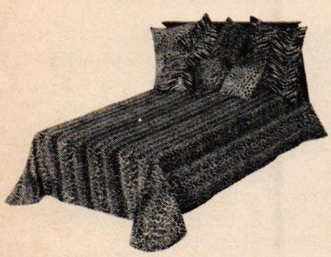

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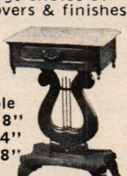

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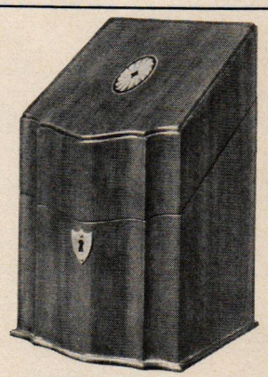

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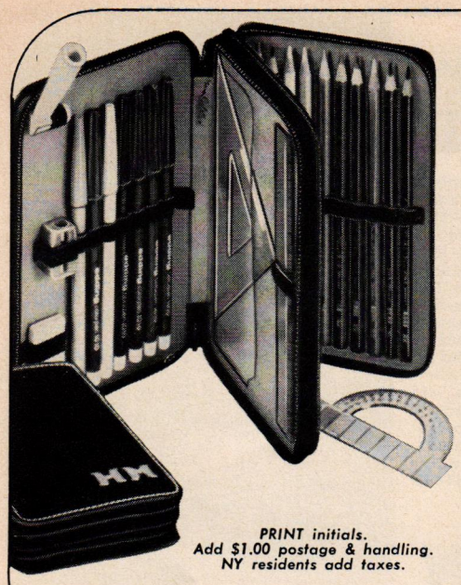

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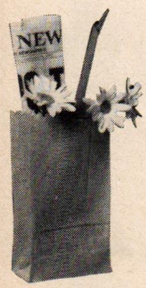

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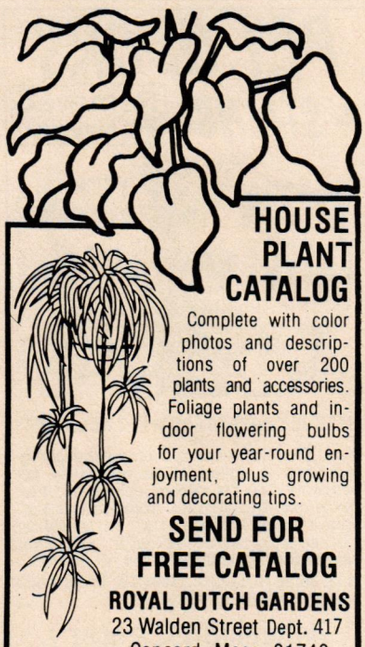

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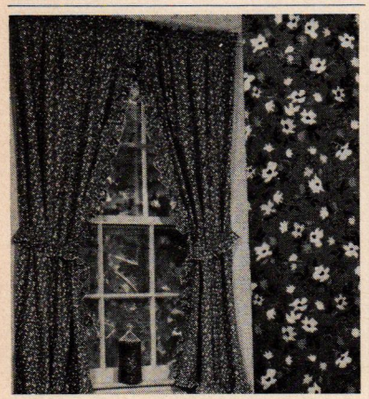

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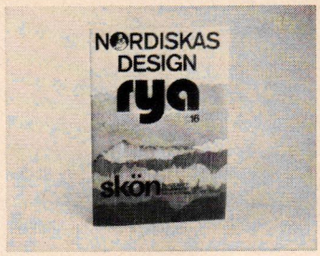

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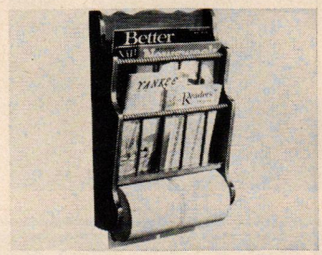

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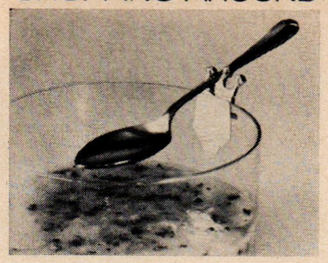

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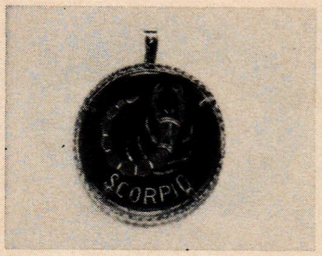

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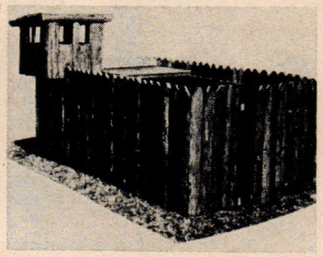

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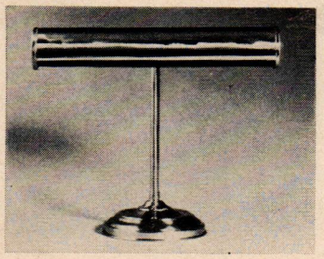

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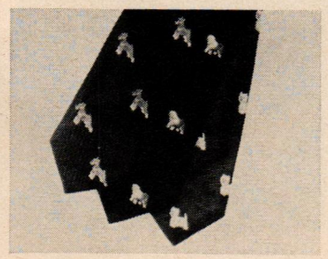

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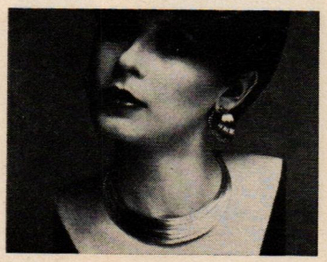

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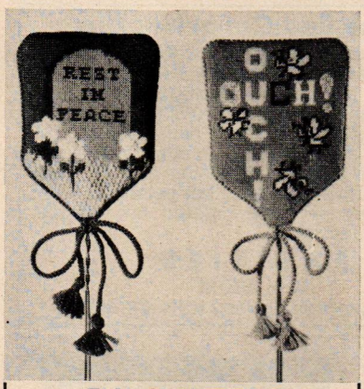

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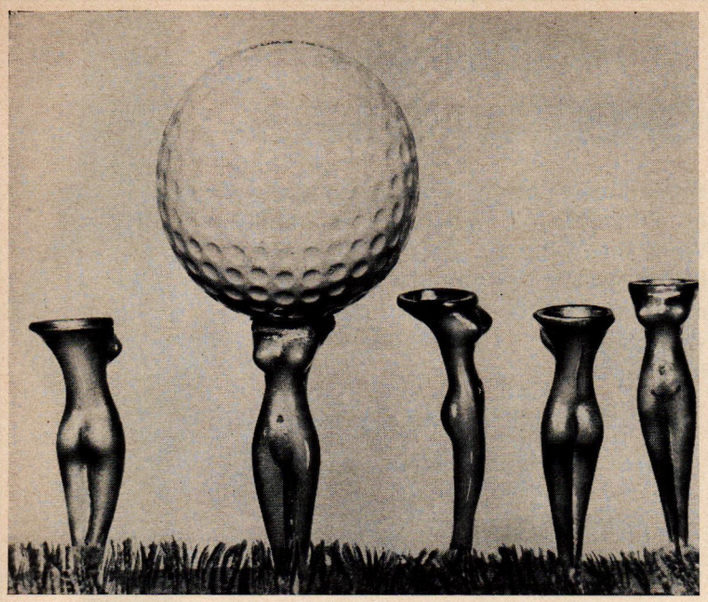

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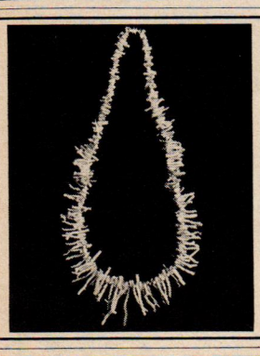

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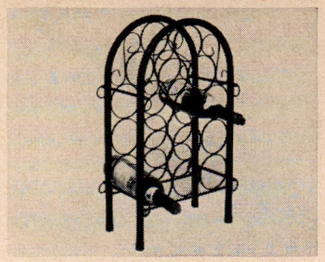

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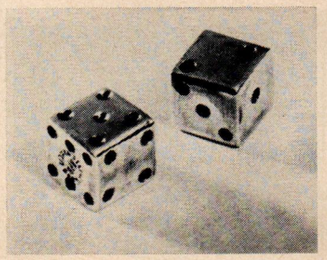

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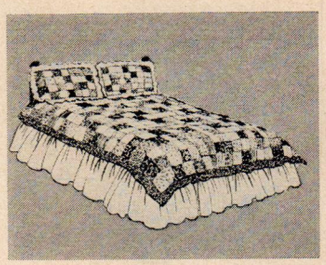

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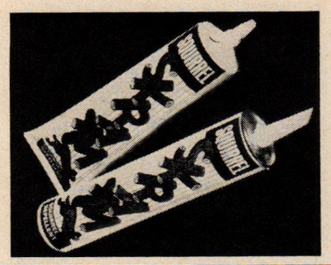

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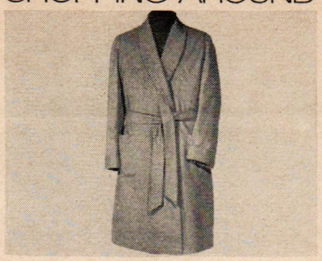

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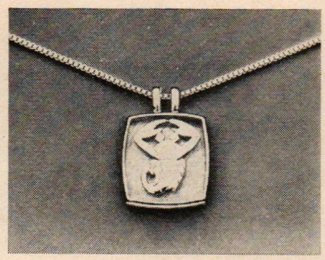

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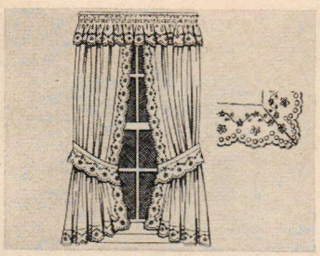

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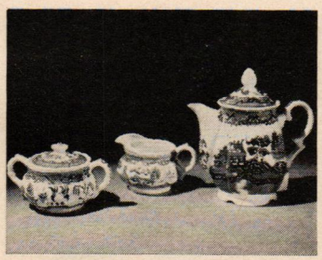

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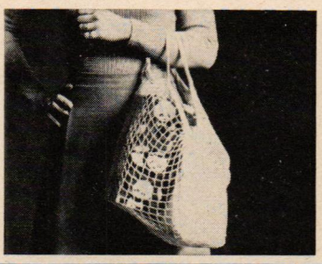

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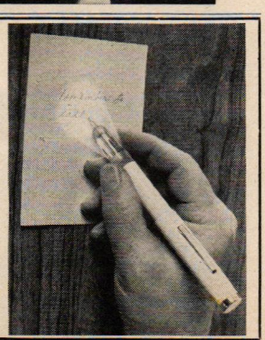

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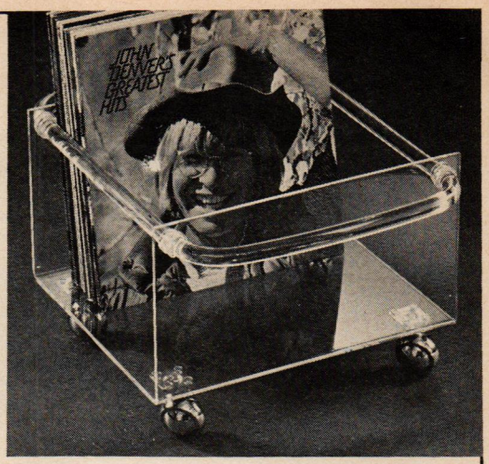

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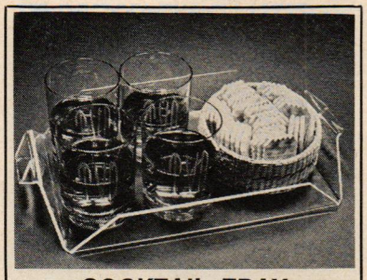

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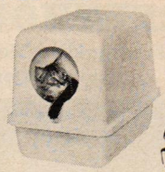

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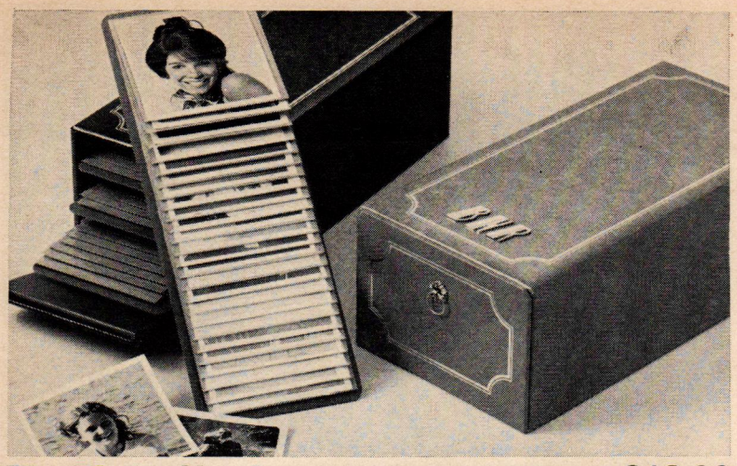

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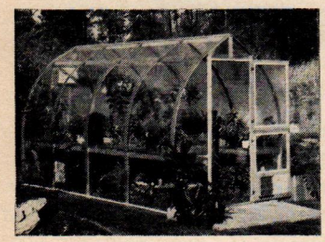

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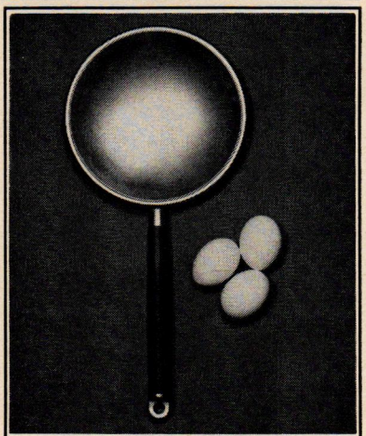

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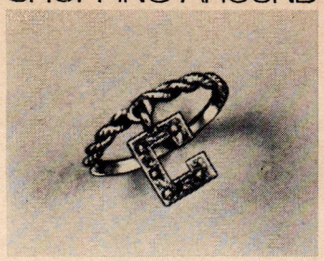

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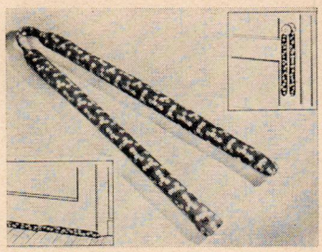

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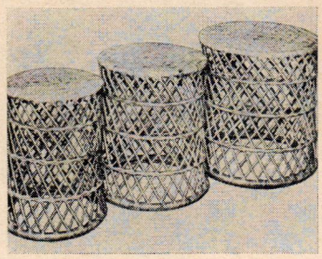

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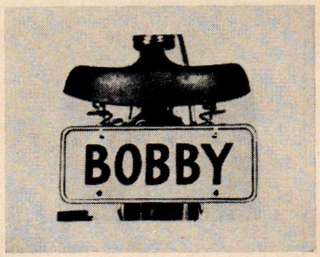

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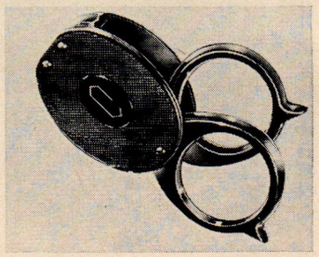

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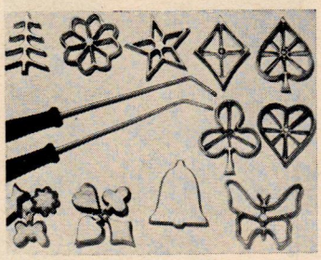

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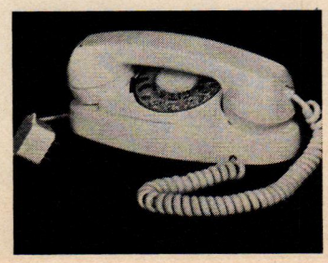

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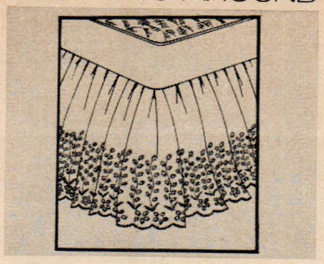

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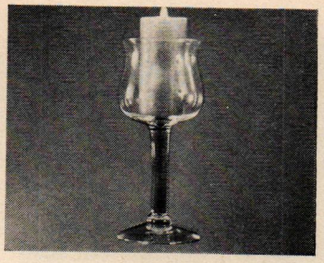

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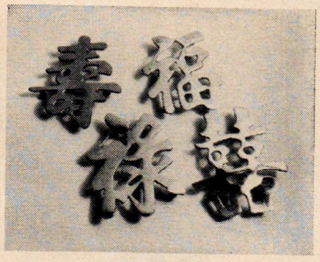

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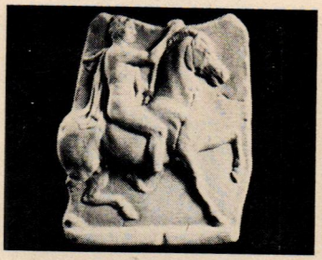

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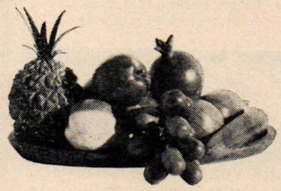

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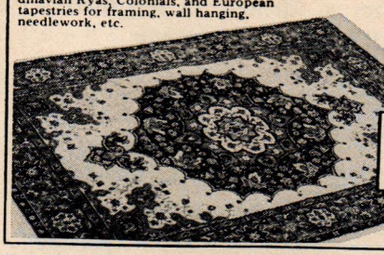

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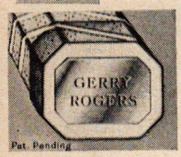

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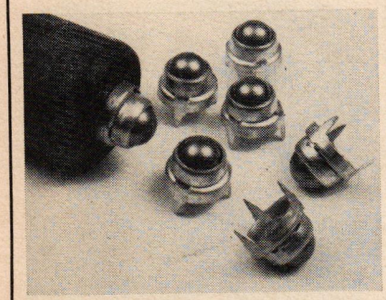

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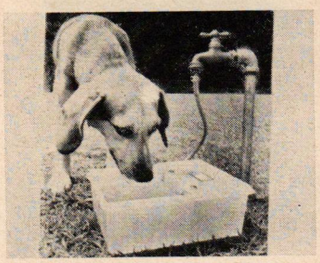

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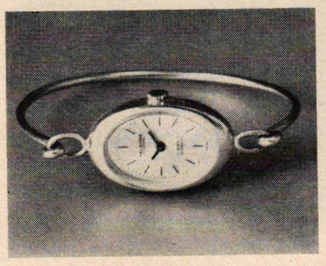

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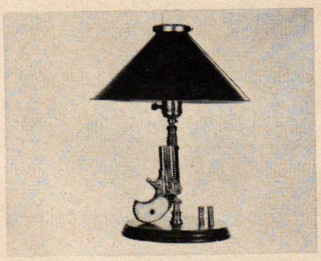

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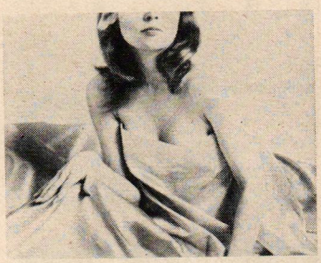

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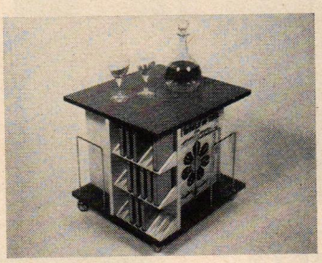

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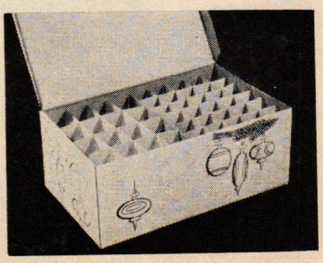

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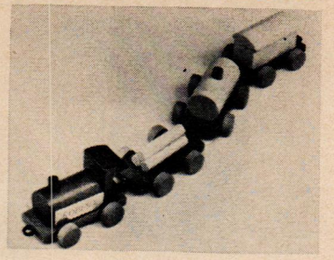

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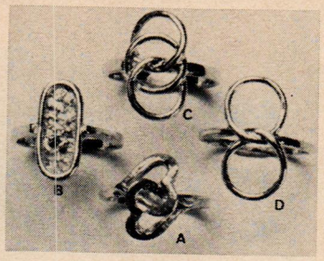

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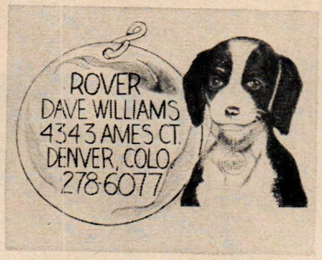

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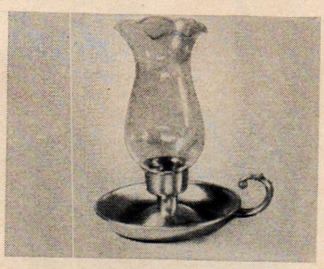

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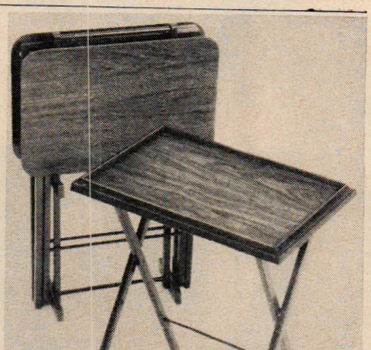

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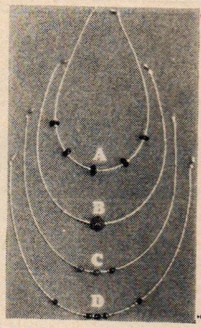

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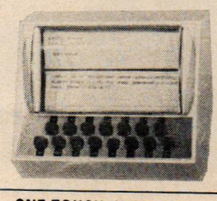

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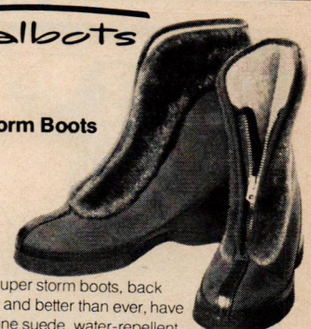

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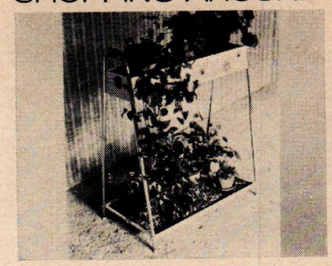

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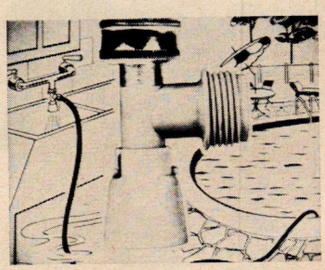

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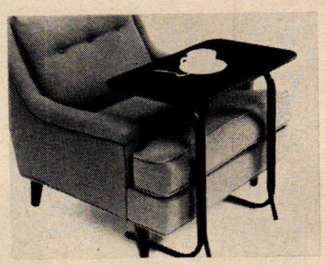

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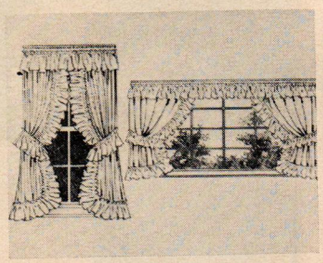

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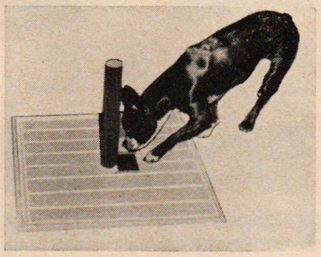

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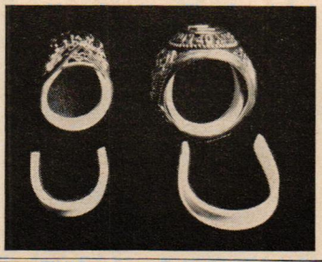

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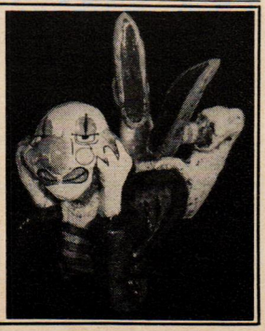

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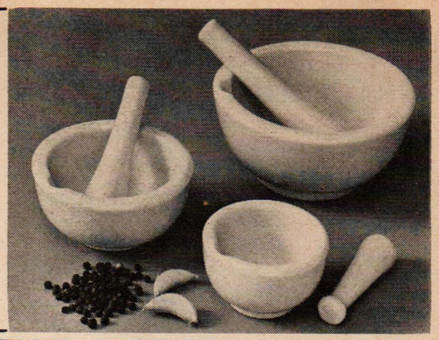

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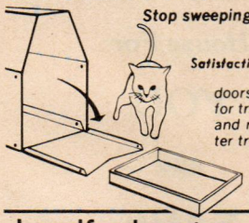

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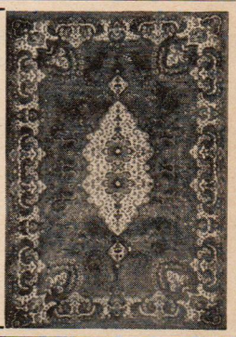

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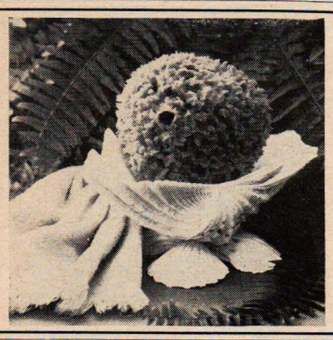

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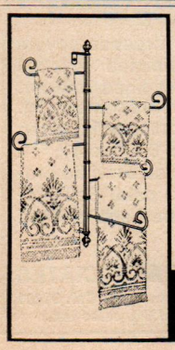

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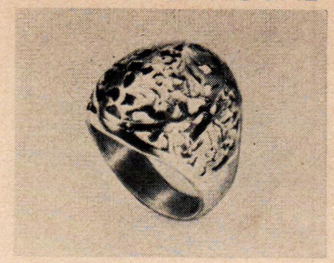

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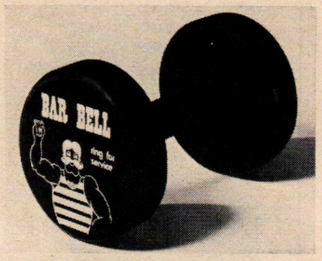

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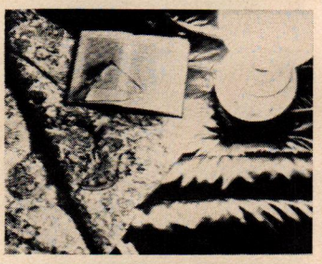

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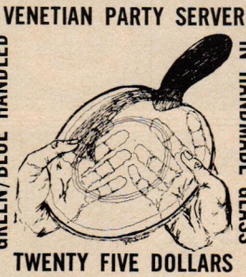

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TREES OF JOY
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On the tree designed by Robert Perkins: Hand-embroidered satin animals from China, including deer, horses, lions, sheep, fish, elephants, bears, ducks, chickens. In red, gold, white, black, pink, yellow, green, blue, brown—about 15 colors in all. From 1" to 7" long. $1.59 to $12.50 per animal depending on size and elaborateness of embroidery. $1.50 shipping for each order. From Chinese Emporium.
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Patterns for ornaments: Heart, stocking, wreath, candle, 2 others on a Fabrications pattern, 75c ppd. Candy cane and dove and 8 others on "Santa Pack I" pattern #1312 by Vogue-Butterick, $3 ppd. From Fabrications.
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DECK THE HALLS
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Bird's nest wreath: from 12" to 15" diam., $25 to $45 plus shipping. From Ronaldo Maia Flowers.
Cedar decorations by David Jones: Rope garland, $5, $7.50, or $10 per ft., depending on trimmings. Wreath prices on request. From David Jones Custom Florist.
Popcorn-ball wreath: With nuts, tiny pine cones, peppermints, frosted "berries," glazed with "diamond dust," tied with velvet ribbon. About 21" diam., $80 ($5). Designed by Joseph Villano. From L'Eglise.
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Blue spruce wreath sprayed with "snow": With velvet bows. 15" diam., $50; 36" diam, $150. Shipping additional. Designed by Ray Kohn. From George Cothran Flowers.
Stuffed wreath: Ready-made in red, green, and white stripes (shown) or in red with white "Hearts" print, 18" diam., $42 ppd. Or make it yourself with "Santa Pack III" pattern #1541 by Vogue-Butterick, which also includes patterns for a child's drum pillow, Christmas tree centerpiece, place mats, a log carrier, drawstring wrapping bags. $3 ppd. All three fabrics—red or green with white diagonal "Stripe" and red with white "Hearts"—are Finnish cottons, 54" wide, 1½" repeat, by the Cook Collection, $9.50 plus 75c shipping a yd. Wreath requires total of 1½ yds. All from Fabrications.
French cotton foliage wreath: With tiny mistletoe "berries," white velvet balls, and a bow. 15" diam., $75; 36" diam., $160. Shipping additional. Designed by Burton Braff. From George Cothran Flowers.
INVISIBLE PRESENTS
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Additional information on items also available by mail:
Nest of three acrylic end tables: Large, 18" x 15" x 18" high. Medium, 16" x 15" x 17" high. Small, 14" x 15" x 16" high. All three $119 (or $160 packed plus $9.08 shipping). Individually, $50, $45, $40, respectively (or each $57 packed plus $4.01 shipping).
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CORRECTION: The pewter reproductions created by Price Glover in the September issue, a spoon on page 115, and the English naval mess bowl on 117 should have been credited to their shop, Price Glover Inc., 57 East 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.

Building Facts

Materials and equipment in house on pages 130-133

ARCHITECT: Louis H. Huebner
INTERIOR DESIGNER: Richard Huebner
CONTRACTORS: Original house and remodeling: Von Frank & Gale, Inc. Pool enclosure: William Thompson.
SIZE OF HOUSE: 2,490 square feet plus 1,280 square feet in enclosed pool area.
SIZE OF LOT: 1 acre

STRUCTURE OF HOUSE
Foundation: Poured concrete footings supporting concrete block foundation walls.
Framing: Standard wood construction of walls, floors, ceilings, and roofs.

STRUCTURE OF POOL HOUSE
Framing: Wood post and beam framing of pool enclosure above 6-inch fir decking. Exterior walls of vertical board-and-batten pine boards.
Roof: Custom-made; over pool, 8 half-round plastic vaults of acrylic plastic by Naturalite, Inc. in aluminum frames. Other roofing of pool house, cedar shingles.

EXTERIOR OF HOUSE
Exterior walls: Vertical board-and-batten cedar boards.
Exterior finish: Bleaching oil, silver gray stain by Samuel Cabot, Inc.
Roofs: On pitched roofs, cedar shingles; on flat roofs, layers of bituminous coated building paper.
Insulation: In exterior walls, 4-inch batts of rock wool with vapor barrier; in roofs, 4-inch batts of rock wool by Johns-Manville Corp.
Windows: In dining room and garden room wing, fixed glass panels. In pool enclosure, wood frame awning type windows by Andersen Corp.
Skylights: In living room, second floor bathroom, pool house—plastic skylights.
Doors: In house, single glass panel swinging double doors and wood paneled double front door; in garden room, aluminum frame sliding glass doors; in pool house, Arcadia aluminum frame sliding glass doors by Northrup Architectural Systems. Exterior security doors: Wood frame doors slide on barn hardware.

INTERIOR OF HOUSE
Interior walls: Wallboard panels. In kitchen, backsplash behind countertops, ⅞-inch ceramic tile.
Ceilings: In living room, bedrooms, kitchen, and bathrooms, cedar boards. In dining and garden rooms, wallboard panels between exposed wood beams.
Interior finishes: On walls, white paint; on cedar board ceilings, natural finish.
Floors: In living room, oak strip floor, bleached; in garden room, 6-inch brown quarry tile; dining room vinyl tile in slate pattern and kitchen vinyl tile in brick by Armstrong Cork.
Lighting fixtures: In pool house and dining room, canister type downlights by Prescolite Mfg. Co.; in garden room and kitchen, white enameled hanging fixtures.
Fireplace: In garden room, prefabricated metal fireplace by Majestic.
Hardware: Chrome, by Schlage Lock.
Music system: Two speakers and turntable by Panasonic; Pilotuner, tuner by H.H. Scott.
Deck furnishings: Table and chairs, umbrella, steamer deck chairs by Bailey-Huebner, Inc.
Table accessories: China, glass, Oxford cloth napkins, silver, baskets by Bailey-Huebner, Inc.
Kitchen cabinets: Custom-made, walnut finish.
Kitchen countertops: White Formica.
Plumbing fixtures: In kitchen, stainless steel sink by American-Standard Co.; in bathroom, white fixtures by Kohler Co.

EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES
Appliances: White porcelain-finish range, with oven and four-burner electric top, and refrigerator by Westinghouse Electric Corp.; under-counter dishwasher by General Electric Co.; range, ventilating fan, "Kenmore" by Sears Roebuck & Co.; bathroom ventilating fan by NuTone Div., Scovill Mfg. Co. In laundry, "laundry center" by Frigidaire Div., General Motors.
Water heater: 40-gallon by Rheem Manufacturing Co.
Heating system: In original house, forced warm air heating; in dining and garden room wing, electric grid baseboard heating units; in pool house, forced warm air heating with furnace by The Singer Co. Thermostats by Honeywell. Pool heater by Bryan.
Swimming pool: "Enchanted Pools," by Suffolk.

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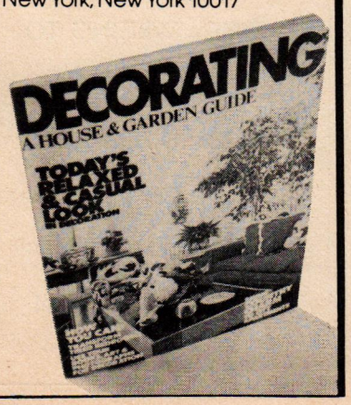


For the gardener in winter

1977 calendars for gardeners, carpet-saving plant saucers, and advice on violets and cymbidiums

By James Fanning

Violet fancy

The latest—and last—book by Doretta Klaber is titled simply *Violets of the United States* (A.S. Barnes and Co., $40). One of the great ladies of gardening, Mrs. Klaber devoted her life to the appreciation of small-scale plants. Violets—*Viola* to the botanist—have needed just this kind of affectionate appraisal. Finished at the time of her death in 1974, the book will undoubtedly join the list of Mrs. Klaber's already classic works on rock gardens, gentians, and primroses. Plant descriptions are clear and easy to understand and avoid arcane botanical terminology. Each species is shown in watercolor, with line drawings of botanical details wherever they may be helpful.

"Viola septemloba," from "Violets of the United States."
A.S. BARNES AND CO.

How dry am I

Be kind to your Christmas plants—the ones you give, that is. It's cruelty to plants to send azaleas, primroses, or gardenias to live in an overheated, desert-dry apartment. Cactus, euphorbia, and dracaena will take those conditions, but not much else will thrive. You're being unkind to the recipients as well, burdening them with something they are not prepared to cope with. So the wise rule is give Christmas plants only to people who can give them the right kind of care. When in doubt, consult your florist, who may recommend a gift of cut flowers instead. A pretty good idea, actually, since everyone knows a bouquet has a limited life expectancy. Even the incorrigible brown-thumber can handle cut flowers successfully.

Calendars for cultivated people

Thalassa Cruso never does things by halves. In putting together a calendar, for instance, she includes three entire years—1977 through 1979. *Thalassa Cruso's 3 Year Gardening Almanac and Calendar* (Knopf, $5.95) has an oversized page for each of the 36 months, all crammed with pictures and practical information about everything related to gardening. Also, every one of the 1,095 days has its own space for keeping track of appointments and events. Following its annual custom, The New York Botanical Garden has also published a handsome 1977 calendar, not surprisingly called *The New York Botanical Garden Calendar*. Each of the 12 pages has a full-color reproduction of one of the plates from *Hortus Eystettensis*, dating back to 1613. Every day has its space for notes, and there are brief descriptions of the flowers illustrated. Available from The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, N.Y. 10458 for $6.95, plus $1.25 postage.

Easy orchids

Cymbidiums, like those on page 116, are probably the easiest of all orchids to grow. They need space, to be sure, for their dense leaf clusters and arching stalks of bloom, and the roots require large pots or tubs. Otherwise, their only inexorable demand is for low temperatures at night. Cymbidiums simply refuse to flower unless they go through the night at a temperature no higher than 55 degrees. In the mountains of southeast Asia where they originated, temperatures often go down to freezing at night so, short of really hard frost, there is no lower limit for the temperature range. A room air-conditioned to 55 degrees at night is ideal, since it also has the air circulation that cymbidiums need. As for light, cymbidiums need a bit of protection from the hottest midday sun, but should have full sunlight in morning and afternoon. They need a constant supply of moisture; however, they must never become soggy at the roots, so a porous, quick-draining soil is called for. An ideal mix consists of one-half shredded fir bark with 30 percent peatmoss and 20 percent sand, plus a sprinkle each of crushed limestone and superphosphate. The porous soil mixture calls for frequent watering, plus misting or sprinkling of the leaves. Yellowing leaves usually mean too much water, brown tips too little. There is no special fertilizer requirement, except that it should be a balanced formula, applied in small amounts at intervals of about a week. Late in summer, when flower buds begin to form, the fertilizer balance should emphasize phosphorous and go easy on nitrogen.

One of the best books on orchid growing—with specific instructions for all the usual kinds—is *Orchids You Can Grow* (Hawthorn, $12.95) by Harry Britton Logan.

Breaking the ground rules

If an order of spring-flowering bulbs arrives late, don't worry, plant them anyway. Even if you have to break through a crust of frozen ground, as long as the soil

below is loose and workable, roots will grow and push up next spring's flowers right on schedule. Daffodils may be set back somewhat, but tulips and most other spring bulbs will turn in a first-rate performance even if planted weeks later than the books and catalogues specify. Settle the earth with a good watering after planting, then spread a light mulch to keep frost from going too deep too soon, and the bulbs will respond as though nothing had happened.

A hose to use indoors

Any indoor gardener is bound to be pleased by the gift of a gadget to simplify the task of watering. Taking a cue from the outdoor garden hose, Casa Planta, of Van Nuys, Cal., is manufacturing a hose designed specifically for use indoors. Called "Little Squirt," the 50-foot length of spaghetti-thin plastic hose attaches to any indoor faucet. There is a drip-proof shut-off at the delivery end, with an extension long enough to reach most hanging plants. Next-to-weightless, inconspicuous enough to be left around when not in use, Little Squirt is available in houseware and garden supply shops everywhere; about $12.95.

All spruced up

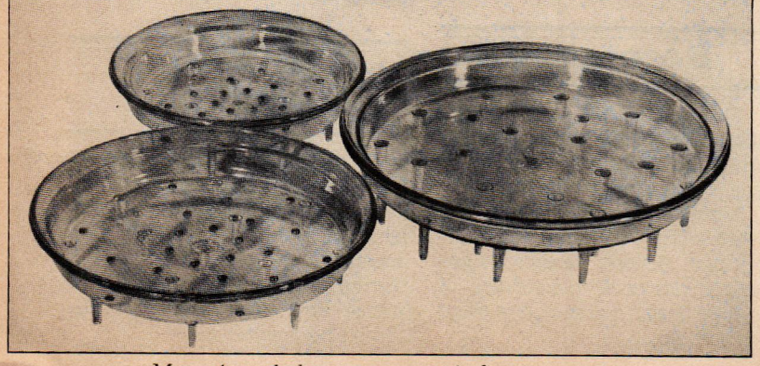
The Colorado and Norway spruces on page 94 are only two of the better known representatives of this popular group of evergreens. White spruce, *Picea glauca,* a North American native, has shorter needles and smaller cones than its Norwegian relative, and is generally more resistant to pests. Practically all the spruce species have dwarf weeping or contorted forms, useful in large rock gardens or as fantastic points of interest. Dwarf Alberta spruce, *P. albertiana conica,* resembles a pyramid of bright green moss and has no equal as a small tree for formal accents. Most aristocratic of the spruces, though, is the Serbian species, *P. omorika.* Fine-textured, with a silvery sheen, it is more pest-resistant than some of its relatives, hardy well into Canada, and develops eventually into a 100-foot Monarch. Colorado, Norway, and white spruces are common in nurseries everywhere outside the tropics. Ask about other species and varieties of spruce—nurserymen who don't keep them in stock generally know where to find them.

TLC for tools

Before hanging up garden tools for the winter, make sure they're clean. Scrape off soil, scrub away sticky plant juices, fertilizer residues, or what-have-you, and polish up the metal with steel wool. Touch up cutting edges with a file or sharpening stone, and sandpaper wooden handles that may have become rough from weather or hard use. If you paint your tool handles as a means of identifying them, now is the time to renew the coating. As a final touch, go over all bare metal with an oil-dampened cloth. All this will pay off, come spring, in tools that are ready to go to work at maximum efficiency as soon as they are needed.

New saucer saves carpets

Plants and carpets simply don't go together, or so, at least, indoor gardeners have always believed. The problem is that the saucer under the flowerpot dents the carpet or, even worse, collects moisture and encourages mold. A clever new flowerpot saucer seems to have solved the problem, though. Stires Carpet Care Plant Trays are raised on pointed feet. These go between the carpet tufts, so leave no trace when the tray is moved. There are enough feet to distribute weight evenly, while holding the tray well above the carpet. Carpet Care trays, in clear and terra cotta, are available by mail from Stires & Co., P.O. Box 81066, San Diego, Cal. 92138. An 11½-inch tray is $6.95, a 9-inch tray, $5.45, a 7-inch, $3.95. Prices include postage; all dimensions are inside bottom diameter.



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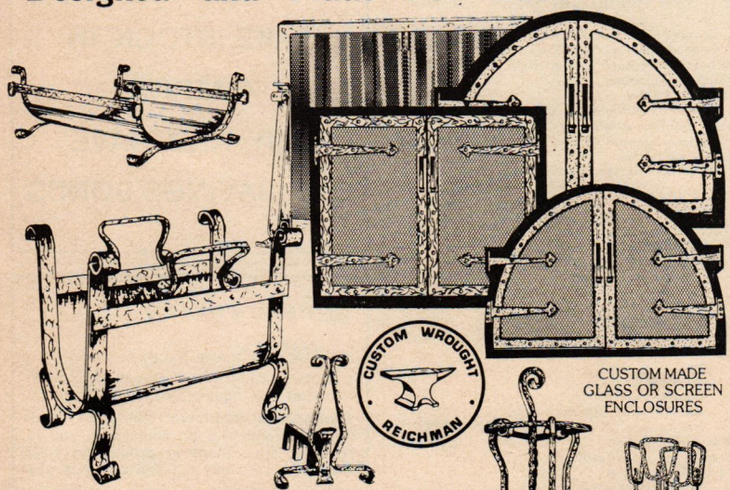

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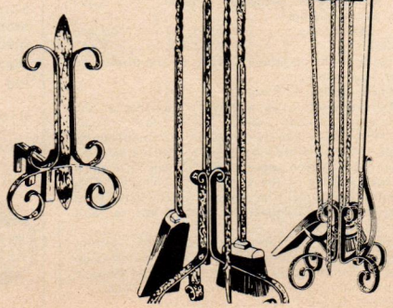

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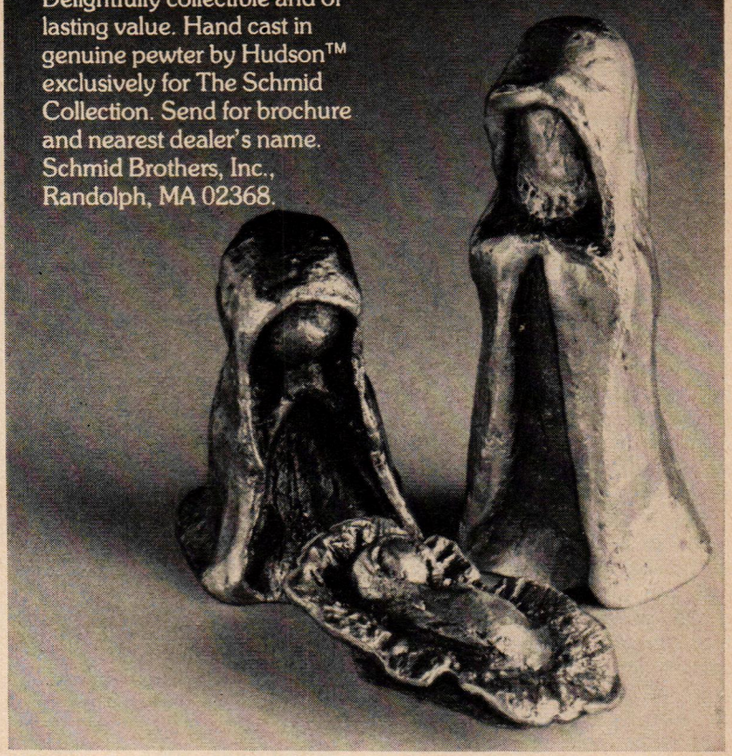

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your principal place of business, or the place where you normally meet or deal with clients, patients, or customers. For another, it must be used exclusively for that purpose. And finally, it must be used regularly as your place of business. If you meet those tests and work for yourself, you have nothing to worry about. If you work for someone else, the office at home must be maintained for the convenience of your employer. People who have a regular job and work part time at home as consultants or free-lancers may well be out of luck; the law is very ambiguous, and most tax accountants aren't really certain whether a free-lancer can take this deduction or not. While this new rule *applies to 1976,* some tax men feel that the chances of being audited for an office-at-home deduction this year are fairly slim, because the IRS is just as confused with the new law as everybody else is.

However, here are two broad exceptions to these rules that you may be able to take advantage of: First, you can deduct the cost of an office at home if you use a separate structure on your property regularly and exclusively as your "place of business." Second, you can take the deduction if your home is the "sole, fixed location" of a product-oriented retail or wholesale business and a room is used to store inventories. (According to one tax attorney, that's an Avon Lady clause.) Whatever you do, don't try to deduct more office at home expenses than you make from your business. It won't wash with the Internal Revenue Service.

While the new rules are strict, they do not wipe out the office at home deduction for the thousands of wives who have recently started up sideline businesses, such as needlepoint designs, mail-order firms, or whatever. In fact, many women will probably start setting up these kinds of businesses simply to preserve the office-at-home deduction their husbands have lost because of the tax reform bill.

Tips for investors

If you own a vacation home that you rent, or if you have some other kind of investments in real estate, step up planned maintenance and repairs so that they're done this year. Of course, you have to be able to prove that you're investing for a profit. And take special note of the recent tax reform bill. Under the new rules, which apply retroactively to 1976 in this instance, the amount you can deduct depends on how much you use your vacation home in relation to how often it's rented. For example, if your use of the vacation home amounts to more than 10 percent of the time it's rented, or to more than two weeks, your deductions for maintenance and depreciation can be no greater than what you get in rental income, minus what you deduct for mortgage interest payments and property taxes.

It's not really quite as complicated as it sounds. Put simply, if you receive $4,000 in rental income and deduct $1,000 in interest and $1,000 for property taxes, you could deduct $2,000 for depreciation and maintenance expenses. And here's a beautiful example of a loophole—simply stay at your vacation home for 13 days instead of two weeks, and you'll be able to deduct *all* depreciation and maintenance costs, even if they exceed the $4,000 rental income.

Taking stock

It's especially important for stock market investors to pay heed to the new tax bill. Starting next year, the holding period to determine capital gains and losses will lengthen. In 1977, any securities held for less than nine months will be treated as a short-term gain or loss. Anything held longer than that will be treated as a long-term transaction (right now, the demarcation point is six months). And in 1978, securities held for less than a year will be treated as short-term losses or gains.

What's more, you'll be able to use net capital losses to write off more of your regular income. Next year you'll be able to write off $2,000 of your income, compared to $1,000 now. For example, if you had a capital gain of $2,000 on one stock and a capital loss of $4,000 on another, you'd have a net loss of $2,000, which is deductible. And in 1978, you'll be able to write off $3,000 of ordinary income. Thus, it might be worth your while to hang on to a losing stock until the first business day of January, so that you can get the greater write-off next year.

If you want to qualify for a market loss this year, you have to sell the stock by December 31, which is the last business day of the year. (With short-term losses, you can take a dollar-for-dollar deduction. With long-term losses, you need $2 in losses to reduce your income by $1.) Any losses not used this year can be carried over into the future to apply against next year's income. Whatever you do, don't repurchase a stock you've sold for a loss until 31 days have passed—you will lose your deduction. If you think the stock is going to do well, either wait 31 days, or buy the stock of another company in that industry. (A broker can probably give you a long list of "tax swap" candidates.)

If you're worried that one of your stocks may not fare too well next year, you can sell the stock after December 27 and automatically defer the gain into 1977. Because gains on stocks aren't recognized until five business days after the sale date, the gain won't be recognized until next year. If you want to nail down the gain this year, make it a cash sale—where sale, payment, and delivery all take place on the same day.

Alternatively, you can sell a stock at its current price and defer the gain on it into next year by selling under seller's option rules. By doing that, you can delay delivery of the stock (as well as the payment and receipt of income) for up to 60 days.

Consider income-averaging

If your income jumped substantially this year, you may be able to save quite a lot on taxes by income-averaging your earnings over the past four years. (Anyone whose income has jumped can income-average.) The greater the difference in your income from year to year, the more you stand to save by doing this. If income-averaging looks like a real possibility, you may want to limit your capital losses for the year. Reason: You have to include one-half of your capital gains when you income-average, and capital losses, obviously, reduce the net gain. Note also that your capital gains, along with your other averaged income, will be taxed as ordinary income. Hence, you should work out your taxes both ways—with and without averaging—to see which one gives you a better tax break.

Foreign conventions

If you've been debating whether or not to go to a convention abroad this year, you should seriously consider doing it. It may well be the last time you'll be able to deduct the cost of going to a convention or seminar overseas. Starting next year, you will only be able to deduct the cost of an out-of-the-country convention if the organization holding it has a compelling reason why it must be held abroad.

Even if the convention abroad is valid, you will only be able to deduct the cost of coach or economy fare—even if you go first class. Moreover, you can only deduct the fare if you spend more than half of your time on the trip abroad on business-related activities. And, your deductions for living costs while abroad will be limited to the government's official per diem allowance for the location. As you might have guessed, Uncle Sam isn't too generous. For example, in Paris, your deduction would be limited to $90 a day—about what some restaurants charge for a meal for two. And in the Canary Islands, you could deduct no more than $34 a day.

A smart move

If you're thinking of moving, you'd be wise to postpone it until the first of the year. Starting in 1977, you'll be able to deduct up to $3,000 of your moving expenses. You can now deduct no more than $2,500. Furthermore, you can deduct moving costs as long as you move 35 miles or more away from your present home. If you moved this year, you'd have to relocate at least 50 miles away. ■

Keep in shape this winter

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as I do, that skating is not just great exercise, it's something you'll look forward to doing!"

Jogging

"Jogging is excellent exercise," says Dr. Nagler, "as long as you are in good physical condition. Jogging on snow is all right, but people who jog constantly on concrete can come up with joint problems, so watch where you do it. Also, in winter, you should start slowly, because your air tubes or lungs can contract in very cold weather when the cold air reaches them." The effect is rather the same as when you put your fingers in the freezer for any length of time. Cold air imposes an added load in the system, so if you have bronchial trouble, consult your doctor before setting off on a jogging program. "Otherwise, my advice is, build up slowly—a 30-minute jog is perfectly adequate for most people."

Cross-country skiing

"Cross-country skiing is phenomenal exercise," says Dr. John L. Marshall, Director of Sports Medicine at New York's Hospital for Special Surgery, and orthopedist for the U.S. Ski Team. "It is mainly an endurance sport and it has the same effect as jogging, playing tennis, or swimming—activities you can't do so easily in winter. But remember this vital rule: *You should get in shape to play rather than play to get in shape.* This means you should have some knowledge of the sport first before you try it, and also good strong legs and abdominal muscles—which means sit-ups." Dr. Marshall feels the key to winter sports is flexibility, so warm up to some degree before you start—especially important for people over 35. Cross-country skiing—and its companion, downhill skiing—are tremendous exercises but make great demands on the body. "One of the members of the New York Giants football team once came to see me complaining of stiffness after skiing—right at the end of the football season when he was in peak shape! So for those of us who aren't Giants, be even more prepared." ■

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