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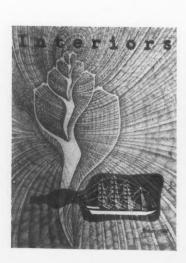


Jacques Lipchitz, no stranger to the magazine-reading, museumgoing public, is unquestionably one of the great figures in contemporary art. The rugged geometry of his early sculpture helped hatch cubism in the first days of the modern movement. He came to this country in 1941, commutes daily between his home on the Hudson and his studio-loft on 23rd Street. Obligingly, he helped us select a drawing for our May cover from dozens of fascinating pen, pencil, brush, and crayon studies filed in portfolios. Some of these eventually find their third dimension, become great bronze or plaster monuments, especially popular among architects such as Le Corbusier and Oscar Niemeyer, who have given him many of his commissions.

The designer of our June cover, Arno Enrico Schuele, has nothing new to report except the fact that since he was last written up in Interiors (for our January cover), he has broken two ribs, spent six weeks in a tight blue corset, and apparently had time to saw the shell of the large sea snail known as Pyrula Perversa (pyrula means a pear, and perversa means just what you think) in half. The four-masted barque in the cockeyed bottle has no possible connection with artist Schuele's predicament. Having had to sleep upright for several weeks, he is at present designing comfortable chairs. Note: down in Greenwich Village, Pyrula Perversa is known as scungili, and is considered very tasty boiled and served with tomato sauce.

The composer of the polygonal design below, Hubert W. Leckie, is a trained architect (Beaux Arts and New Bauhaus), a creator of advertising presentations, and a Navy veteran (seaman, 2C). In Washington D. C. he lives within two miles of the Army's vast Pentagon, and it may be through subconscious loyalty to the Navy that all those lines make quadrangles, slightly askew. His hobby, beyond his 21/2-year-old daughter, Christy, is mastering his mother's Ukrainian cooking recipes. With borcht, kapusta, and holopchi behind him, he is now advancing, chop sticks in hand, upon the Chinese, to "raucous and mean blues" -a musical mania of his. When not earning a living or standing over a hot stove, he can make a fourth in a string quartet.









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The editorial page

Sirs:

My hat off to you, Sir, in appreciation for your excellent resume of our present situation as reported on the editorial page of *Interiors'* August issue.

Although one expects a summary such as yours in *The New York Times*, it is inspiring to see the leading magazine in our trade devote space to the external affairs of our country. My heartiest congratulations.

James J. May, Director Inspiré Industrial Design Workshop New York

Why bedrooms?

Sirs:

Is there something about the bedroom that causes the designer to avert his eyes? Plenty of effort goes into designing kitchens, bathrooms, and living rooms. How about some thinking on bedrooms?

Small house design forces concern for space utilization. I find no evidence of a design-wise re-examination of the bedroom. To my way of thinking, space is wasted in the bedrooms of the small house—of any house, for that matter. Why not design sleeping rooms for the large percentage of humans who are neither bed-ridden nor addicted to breakfast in bed?

The only requirements are ventilation, privacy, quiet, and room enough to get in and out of bed. A well planned dressing room, or rooms, will use space more economically and efficiently than the popular random clutter of dressing tables, chests, and closets, with maybe a chair thrown in. Personally I resent every cubic foot in the bedroom that could be used elsewhere for activity space.

Sherman E. Nelson Rochester, New York

Intelligent criticism

Sirs

You can imagine how pleased I was to see the generous spread and intelligent comments which *Interiors* saw fit to give the June edition of the Merchandise Mart Good Design exhibition. Yours is the very best kind of encouragement because it is intelligently critical as well as ample.

Edgar Kaufmann, Jr., Consultant, Department of Architecture and Design, Museum of Modern Art New York

Art in the ocean

Sirs:

My younger children may think so, but I can assure you that I am not an old-fashioned man. I attempt to follow the developments in art

and sculpture and in fine architecture as carefully as my eyes will permit.

I have received a great deal of enjoyment from the copies of *Interiors* that have been brought me. I cannot say much about what the younger architects are attempting to do, although I read their explanations as carefully as possible, but I do have a few ideas of my own on the subject of sculpture, which is the most difficult of all fine arts because it is tridimensional and changes in appearance every hour in the day. I remain reserved on the subject of modern sculptors who painstakingly hack rocks into strange oblate shapes, or other sculptors who consider that some twisted wire and a little dingle-dangle is sufficient.

I note with some amusement that there are designers today who have thrown both of these to the winds, (although, of course, the first school would be harder), and let God and the ocean make their sculpture for them! All they do is walk along the beach, pick up a twisted branch or a strange shaped log, and then, with pride, mount it on plate glass and put it on the shelf that used to be a mantel. This, I think, is a very sound criticism of modern sculpture.

Pietro Campo

Staten Island, N. Y.
"Everyone to his taste," as the old lady said
when she kissed the cow.—Ed.

Pat for body beautiful

Sirs

We have read with a great deal of enjoyment your excellently presented article on car design, "Body Beautiful," in the June issue. We think it is a most refreshing and instructive discussion and hope that reprints are available—Interiors itself is hard to come by.

Lore Landis

Fred Langhorst, Architect, and staff San Francisco

Wear and tear

Sirs

One subscription to *Interiors* is just not enough for our staff. While other magazines stay fresh, *Interiors* is read and re-read by each member of the organization and seemingly it is impossible for us to keep any copy intact to relay to our branch office in Reno. Will you please enter an additional subscription for us? Enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of \$10.00 to cover a three-year subscription.

Frank W. Green, Architect Glendale, California

Credentials

Sirs:

It was rather odd, receiving a form letter from a magazine telling me they didn't want a subscription!

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Will Turner, manufacturers' representative,

P. S.: Thanks for accepting my renewal.

Sirs

I have been informed that in order to obtain a subscription to *Interiors* a sort of "who-andwhat-are-you" summary is required.

In view of this, here are the facts:

I am a free-lance commercial artist and do illustrations for about twelve magazines, including "House Beautiful," "Good Housekeeping," "Living," "Seventeen," and "Woman's Day."

For the most part, they are the magazines which concern the home—inside as well as outside.

Interiors seems to be the only publication featuring pieces and settings of proper taste which someone like myself can refer to for certain assignments. I do not have to elaborate on how imperative it is for me to "know" the latest modes and designs.

Also from a more practical standpoint, we are often asked for ideas and suggestions, on a non-professional basis, by people who are furnishing and decorating.

I sincerely hope I may be counted as one of your subscribers. If so, I would appreciate your crediting me with a three-year subscription and billing me for same.

Walter A. Lauf New York

Wallpaper review

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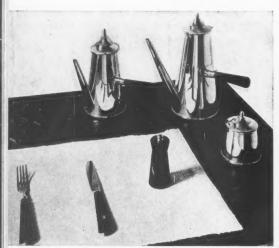
We wish to compliment you on the very fine introduction to the wallpaper review in your August issue, which I believe is one of the most outstanding pieces that has been written in your magazine.

Paul Quinby Asam Wallpapers Philadelphia

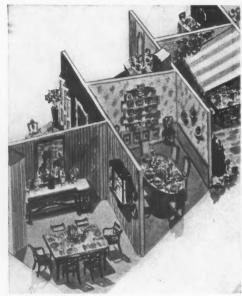


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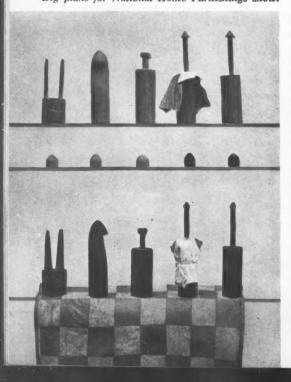
September a Home Furnishings Month . . . Museums and Galleries . . . Competitions . . . Exhibitions . . . Building . . . Schools and Scholarships . . . Retail story . . .



Crafts at Currier; chessmen (bottom) at the Met.



Big plans for National Home Furnishings show.



September H. F. Month

Home Furnishings Show

If the consumer does not, sometime during September, feel impelled to take a long look at her home surroundings and consider improving them, it will not be because she has not been barraged by the industry's promotional efforts. From September 7th through 17th, New Yorkers and metropolitan visitors will have the National Home Furnishings Show at Grand Central Palace to dazzle them with three floors of exhibits by some two hundred manufacturers, retailers, designers, magazines, museums. Tom Lee's skilled hand will set the background for the A.I.D.'s best-footforward efforts on the third floor. In one of the two theaters, a live show-models, music, script-will be staged several times daily by the Carpet Institute and the Decorative Fabrics Institute. In the other theater, a lively procession of home furnishings notables will meet the public with lectures, demonstrations, illustrated talks. An impressive advertising campaign, via newspapers, railroad station posters, bus cards, and daytime radio programs is expected to ballyhoo an attendance of over two hundred thousand. The Show will be opened formally each day by a different well-known radio personality, and the opening day ribbon will be cut by a nationallyknown figure. It looks as though the anguished cry for the application of glamour techniques to the presentation of home furnishings is about to be answered. If the Show fulfills its promise, it can bring to the American scene the great prestige that the Paris galerie exhibitions once provided in Europe.

Home Fashion Time

On a national scale, September 25th to 30th promises to leave no consumer eye unassailed by Home Fashion Time. This industry promotion, launched in a pioneering local way by The Home Fashions League in 1948, with 58 New York stores participating, has now grown to national stature, supported by forty-one trade associations, with over 2000 furniture and department stores participating in the 1949 program, and an even larger number planning to join the ranks this year. Stores will advertise, publicize and dramatize during this week, and as the program snowballs, so must there inevitably result some new appreciation by the consumer of the importance of fashion in the home.

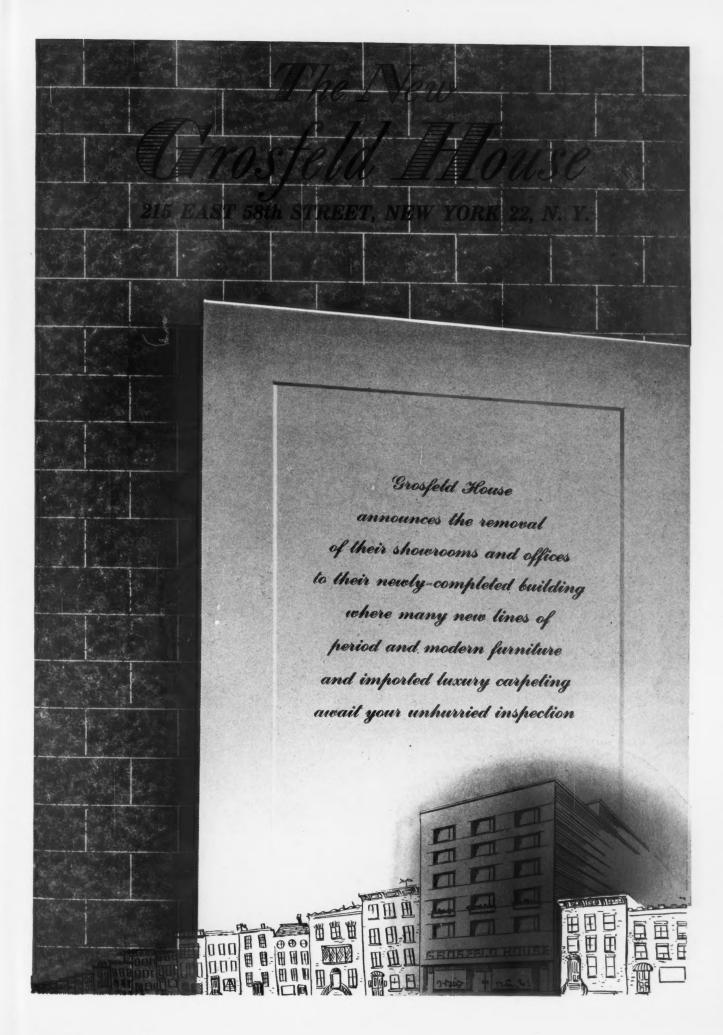
Museums and Galleries

Crafts at Currier

New venture for The Currier Gallery of Art, Manchester, N. H., is its current show (through September 24) New Hampshire Crafts, 1950. Its purpose "to encourage the craftsmen of the state to put forth their best efforts toward objects of high quality and good design, and also to call to the attention of the public the fine craftswork that is being done in New Hampshire" seems to have been accomplished. Since this was the first time New Hampshire craftsmen as a group have had the opportunity to submit their work to a qualified out-of-state jury, best efforts came through. The jury: William M. Friedman, Assistant Director Walker Art Center, Minneapolis; Humphrey J. Emery, Director Boston Society of Arts and Crafts; James Hosken, Boston designer. Crafts include pottery, enamels, metalwork and jewelry, weaving, woodcarving, woodworking. From a total of 461 objects submitted, 150 were chosen to show, representing the work of 55 craftsmen. In making their selections, the jury stressed skilled craftsmanship; good design and proportion; use and handling of material; function; creative effort. No period reproduction or work done from commercial patterns was accepted. Not too surprisingly, one of the largest categories in the exhibition is pottery. Edwin and Mary Scheier show decorative pieces with incised abstract designs. as well as utilitarian coffee cups and beverage sets. Vivika Heino's large salad bowl has a rough, earthy feeling. In Charles E. Abbott's stoneware, glaze effects range from brilliant copper red to dull muted browns. Brilliant color and skillful use of design mark the enamel work of Karl Drerup. George Salo handles pewter in striking simple free forms, for vases. Fresh in feeling and happy in design are the silver tea and coffee service by George Howland, the knife and fork and pepper mill of Cameroon ebony by John G. May, (in photograph, top) shown with woven white linen and gray rayon place mat by Dorothy Young.

Chessmen and War

The Metropolitan Museum of Art chooses the summer of 1950 to exhibit chessmen gathered from a score of nations, with this statement from Charles K. Wilkinson, Associate Curator of Near Eastern Archaeology, who assembled the exhibition: "Selection of the chessmen has been made to show that not only was the inception of the game closely related to war, but that this relationship has continued through the centuries." Drawn from a collection given the Museum in 1948 by Gustavus A. Pfeiffer, most of the chessmen date from the 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries, are made of silver, ivory, amber, porcelain, wood. Martial chess sets serve as reminders of past wars-the American Revolution, the Crimean War, the Civil War, World War I. Indicative, too, of the manners, customs and fashions of their countries of origin, the chessmen reflect religious, social, and economic influences. Good battles evil as frequently as one army opposes



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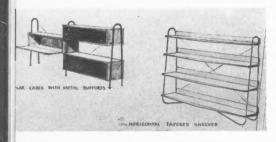
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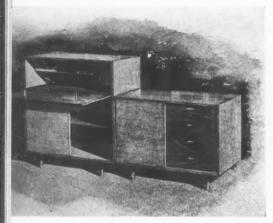
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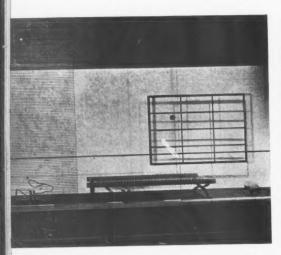


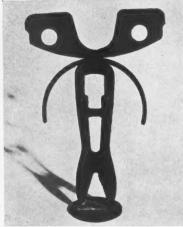




Top: Swedish Modern Competition jury at work: Bach, Kostellow, Kaufmann, Pepis, Pringle. Second cut shows Honorable Mention shelf and case unit by Irving Sabo. Third cut, Honorable Mention storagebar-desk by Burton Tysinger.

Monroe's "Origins of "Shape" at the San Francisco Museum of Art relates furniture to abstract sculpture. Right: One of his "Found Objects" at the same exhibition.





another. The game which originated in India, before the 7th century A.D., had spread over most of the world by the 12th century. Each country has devised its own designs, utilized its own media for making the chessmen (see the Nigerian set, 20th century, photo page 12, of natural and dark stained wood, the "board" of stitched goatskin squares).

Competitions

No Prize Awards

More than two hundred contestants from U.S. colleges and schools took the time and the trouble to enter designs in the Swedish Modern Design Competition. Yet judges found more misses than hits in the results. Jury: Richard F. Bach, Consultant on Industrial Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art; Alexander J. Kostellow, Chairman, Department of Industrial Design, Pratt Institute; Edgar Kaufmann Jr., Consultant to the Department of Architectuure and Design, Museum of Modern Art; Petty Pepis, Home Editor, New York Times; Ann Pringle, Associate Home Living Editor, Flair. Comments: Not enough thought given to such current needs as dual-function pieces. knockdown furniture, problem-solving furniture for the small home dweller; not enough originality in seating units; lack of understanding of production requirements, inhibiting manufacture. Two honorable mentions were made, one to Irving Sabo, free-lance designer, for his interchangeable shelf and case unit; one to Burton G. Tysinger, Pratt student, for his storage-bar-desk (see illustrations left). For mechanical ingenuity, Otto Kolb, designer and architect, was awarded a special commendation for his dual-use upholstered unit. Purpose of the competition, to bring together the best of new design in America and the best of Swedish craftsmanship, is commendable. Surely our own designers should be able to fulfill the competition's requirement "for new furniture designed especially for the informal, everyday American way of living." Undaunted by this year's result, Swedish Modern will conduct the competition annually. The officials of the company hope that at a not too distant date the competition will result in American-designed products for the firm.

Exhibitions

Summer Three in San Francisco

"Decorative arts and applied and industrial design have become increasingly important in the programs of nearly all contemporary minded museums in this country," says Robert M. Church, Curator, San Francisco Museum of Art, and his Museum's three summer shows implement his statement. First was "Origins of Shape in Contemporary Art" which examined, through the sculpture and furniture of Keith Monroe, three separate tendencies influencing the selection of shape in modern art. These three directions, thinness and transparency, partitioning of space, and calligraphic forms, were explained in the exhibition through labels, photographic material, and principally through the direct statement made by Monroe's works. Delicacy of space balance characterizes Monroe's approach, both in his sculpture and in his furniture. He believes that furniture should not interrupt the floor plane of a room, hence should have minimum contact with the floor, this to be achieved with metal legs which give adequate support with little volume and space obstruction. Also in the Monroe exhibit are "Found Objects," such things as hose strainers, cable clips, heater grids, manipulated by the artist to assume new sculptural forms. "Form and Design in the Bay Region," second of the Museum's shows, was a sampling of the variety of fine articles made by some of the five hundred artists-craftsmen in the San Francisco Bay Region. Transparent casement lengths by Menlo Textiles, a cast stone coffee table by Margaret Bruton, a new redwood and iron chair by Conover Company, flat silver by Caroline Gleick Rosene, ceramics by Ball, Wildenhain, Prieto, Reynolds are examples. In presentation, photographic illustrations of one earlier school of thought were used in each category, and descriptive notes related each object to its contemporary usage. Significant is the fact that objects displayed were chosen from regular stock of such local retailers as Gump's, Cargoes, Pacific Shop. Part of the museum's community service program is to supply the consumer with names of retailers who incorporate good design as one of their principles.

The architectural office of Fred and Lois Langhorst and Olaf Dahlstrand provided the third show, "Architecture — Variation Within a Theme." The exhibition used drawings, photographs, and plans to display fifteen of the domestic houses currently under construction by this architectural firm. Focal point was a redwood wall with cantilevered sections, constructed by the architects, and furnished as a room with furniture designed by Walter Olds. As a backstage look for the public at the processes involved in the creation of an architectural work of art, an architect's drafting table and a blueprint study table were incorporated in the creation.

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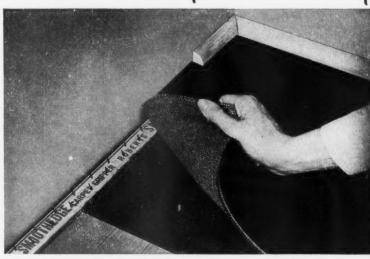
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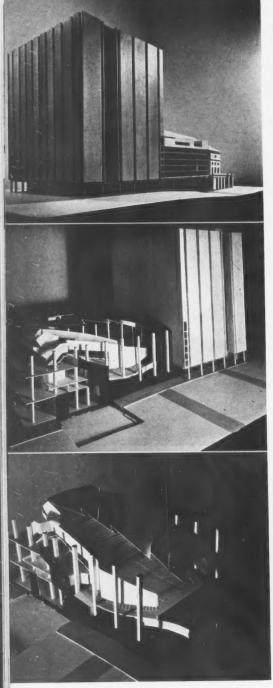
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Chessa's model for an Italian opera house.

Dailey's drawing for a hotel in Honolulu.



of structure using natural and synthetic materials to make useful spaces for the activities of living, it is also an environment—emotional, aesthetic, and spiritual. It is everything static, but to live, it must be psychologically moving. It is an environment always in evolution; no matter how temporary or permanent each part may be, the whole is in constant change. The Variations: We wish to illustrate, in contrast to recent emphasis given to the family characteristics of a regional architecture, the diversity of expression of a single architectural office."

Building

Genoa Opera House

Architect Paolo Antonio Chessa adds new laurels to his crown with the winnings of the recent competition held by the City Council of Genoa to rebuild the theater Carlo Felice. Destroyed during the war, this was one of the most famous Italian opera houses of the XIX Century, and is the only great traditional opera house anywhere in the world yet to be rebuilt to a modern design.

Chessa (examples of whose furniture and interiors were shown in the June issue) won the prize despite the fact that he is a native of the rival city of Milan. His proposals are based not only on the technical requirements of opera design, but on the tradition of the Carlo Felice, and he has been unusually successful in planning a modern theater with minimal disruption of the traffic and historic buildings of the great Piazza of San Domenico. The new opera will consist of a high, boxlike structure housing auxiliary facilities and rental space, and of a lower pitched-roof structure containing the opera proper and an underground movie theater directly below it. (See photos, left.) By insetting the outer wall at street level and placing a line of thin pillars at the rim, he has made a covered walk that surrounds both buildings. Though the taller building is as straitly cubic as Le Corbusier's Marseilles apartment house, the shorter building on the Piazza has, despite its cleanscraped detailing, a gable reminiscent of a pediment and somewhat Palladian proportions, to harmonize with the older buildings of the

Gardner Dailey on Waikiki

A million-dollar hotel, the SurfRider, will be completed early in 1951 for the Matson Lines on Waikiki Beach, Hawaii, bringing a new luxury haven to the heavenly islands. The structure will be reinforced concrete, will be seven stories high, will have 144 rooms. Most of the rooms, with their own open lanais, will face the surf of Waikiki. Architect Wimberly and Cook of Honolulu, and Gardner A. Dailey. San Francisco, toured top hotels in the Western hemisphere in preparation for the job. built mockups on the SurfRider site to test for convenience, atmosphere, and durability of room furnishings. Taking full advantage of Hawaii's famed scenic beauty, picture-window rooms on one side will look out toward the

mountains, on the opposite side, toward the ocean and Diamond Head, Shops will occupy the main floor, facing Kola Kana Avenue.

Schools and Scholarships

Rome Prize Fellowships 1951-52

The American Academy in Rome is again offering a limited number of fellowships for mature students and artists capable of doing independent work in architecture, landscape architecture, musical composition, painting, sculpture, history of art and classical studies. Fellowships will be awarded on evidence of ability and achievement, and are open to citizens of the U.S. for one year beginning October 1, 1951, with a possibility of renewal. Research fellowships, offered in classical studies and art history, carry a stipend of \$2,500 a year and free residence at the Academy. All other fellowships carry a stipend of \$1,250 a year, transportation from New York to Rome and return, studio space, free residence at the Academy, and an additional allowance for European travel. Applications and submissions of work in the form prescribed must be received at the Academy's New York office by February 1, 1951. Address requests for details to Executive Secretary, American Academy in Rome, 101 Park Avenue, New York 17.

Scholarships by Franklin School

Thirteen scholarships were awarded to young men and women on their way to futures in interior architecture and design and advertising design, by the Jamesine Franklin School of Professional Arts, 460 Park Avenue, New York. The school, which trains its students toward adequate preparation for engaging in the professional field of art, announces, too, a special lecture series and course to be conducted by the Museum of Modern Art for its students. The series of six lectures, Toward Understanding Modern Art, and the course, Survey of Modern Art, will supplement the scheduled curriculum.

East-West Arts Foundation

Early this year, Rudolph Schaeffer opened the East-West Arts Gallery, San Francisco, its purpose to show that "the understanding and appreciation of oriental art may be aesthetically integrated with contemporary creative design." Exhibitions have been Chinese Ceramic Sculpture of the Fatshan Region, Ten Contemporary Houses, Inside and Out, Nature and the Chinese Eye. At least six exhibitions a year are planned. To support the continuation of this program, an East-West Arts Foundation has just been incorporated, with annual and life memberships now invited. Announcement has just been made, also, of an expansion of courses in design and color at the Rudolph Schaeffer School of Design, in colloboration with Sibyl Moholy-Nagy and Martin Metal as guest instructors. The four-year course, featuring integrated visual, aesthetic, and intellectural training in all professional fields of design, will lead to a bachelor's degree.



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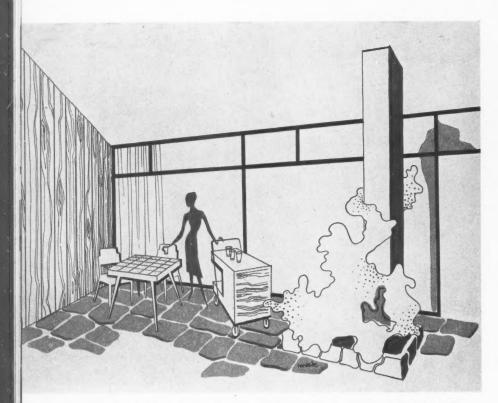
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Patio and plan (right) of one of three modern "houses" at the new Grosfeld House.

Grosfeld's 63

Ever since Albert Grosfeld announced that he had commissioned Eugene Schoen Associates to design a six-story building for Grosfeld House at 215 East 58th Street, New York, (the 47th Street premises having been doomed by the UN as well as by the inadequacy of their size for the company's expanding operations), observers have been aware that something BIG was afoot. But it is doubtful that any outsider guessed how much design and merchandise news was wrapped up in the new building being put up to serve as headquarters of this firm of furniture designers and manufacturers, decorators, and suppliers of English broadloom to the trade.

The new stand is open for business, though the interiors are not yet ready for an official unveiling. (The trumpets will be blown sometime in November.) Even at this stage, however, anyone undertaking a tour through the

"Artist's studio" at Abraham & Straus (page 20).

hazards of carpenters' ladders, saws in motion, and paint buckets, can readily see that the enterprise—in which the company has invested two years of planning and almost half a million dollars—is on an unprecedented scale both as to size and conception.

What the company has up its all-air-conditioned, 33,000 square-foot sleeves are sixty-three (63) richly appointed rooms, each the work of a well-known interior designer, decorator, or furniture designer, and presenting hundreds of new pieces of furniture in several complete new lines, many of them designed by the same people who have done the room settings.

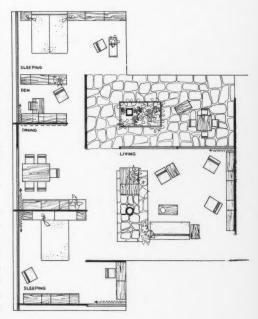
Virtually every period, traditional and modern, is represented in the comprehensive collection. Joseph Mullen, Lorian Jackson, Edith Gecker, Estelle Behr, Florence Ferguson, Otto Hula, Melanie Kahane, Gertrude Jarvis, and Evan Tudor are among the contributors of both rooms and newly designed furniture. As artist-consultant, William Gardner Meek (who rendered the drawing and plan of one of the modern house settings reproduced on this page) worked out the lush and varied color schemes of the rooms in collaboration with the different designers.

A whole floor is devoted to modern—four lines of furniture displayed in three complete house settings by Breger-Salzman, Hans Luttgen, and Virginia Conner Dick. The house and furniture by Mrs. Dick, who is a favorite Grosfeld designer as well as an extremely active New York decorator, combines sophisticated urbanity with clean lines. The ranch house by Breger-Salzman contains moderate-priced furniture featuring interchangeable modular units, but it also has many unusual decorative touches, such as gaily colored ceramic pulls. The plan of this house and a rendering of its entrance patio, with the glass

walls of the living room behind it, are reproduced on this page. Breger-Salzman are a team of young architects, have won an award in a *House and Garden* small homes competition, among other distinctions.

The designer of the third modern house and its furniture, Hans Luttgen, although a comparative newcomer to this country, has been preceded by an international reputation in interior and furniture design, architecture, and city planning achieved in Germany, Italy, and most recently, Brazil. His designs are the most strictly simple and unadorned of the new Grosfeld modern, but give a luxurious impression through fine workmanship and woods. The fourth line of modern furniture, in casual California style, is by Ralph Van Hoorebeke.

Deep-pile wool carpeting from the looms of T. F. Firth & Sons of Yorkshire, England, is an important feature of all the settings. Grosfeld is Firth's exclusive United States representative, and has given over the handsome, air-conditioned basement salesrooms of the building to the display of Firth velvets, Axminsters, and plain and carved chenilles. Carpet installations in the new Grosfeld House are by the Roberts Smoothedge Tackless method.



Retail story

CFR Expands

Contemporary Furniture Retailers, organized in January of this year as a national association of independent retail stores devoted primarily to the effective retailing of products of good contemporary design, is flourishing at a great pace, according to Sam Bordelon, of Bordelon Designs, Chicago, President of CFR. Twenty-six stores from coast to coast are now members, many more have their applications for membership before the Membership Committee, headed by John Miller of Modern Center, Kansas City. Member stores enjoy these privileges: group buying, by a committee with Dorothy Noyes of New Design as Chair-

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man, this committee to undertake market research, manufacturer contact, and assembly of pooled orders for mill placement; joint publicity and advertising programs, to include a flexible mailing piece adjustable to individual store stocks; monthly exchange of information by means of bulletins; an educational and exhibition program now in the planning stages. CFR national headquarters are at 817 East 55th Street, Chicago.

Today's House Re-Opens

month with a new and broader merchandising policy. Formerly an outlet exclusively for Allan Gould's Functional Furniture collection, the store, now under new management, has become a general retail outlet for leading lines of advance modern furniture and furnishings. Included in the new presentations by Today's House is merchandise from: Herman Miller Furniture Co., Pascoe, Jens Risom, JG, William Armbruster, Glenn of California, Lightfoot, Design Exclusives, Lightolier, Raymor, Arzberg, Kurt Versen, Lam Studios, Van Keppel-Green.

Today's House, New York retail furniture

store, 53 East 34th Street, reopened this

No structural changes were made in the shop's interior, but a new look of increased size has been given by painting the narrow length of the store completely white. Furniture is grouped in room-like arrangements. A compact, but complete collection of fabrics (Blazey, Testa, Moss Rose) is displayed in a newly-designed wall-rack. Accessories (Arzberg, Tiffin, Blenko, Milano) stand out in a gun-metal gray wall-inset shelf area.

Consumer response to the new variety of advance modern merchandise in this already-popular store would indicate that another success story has been added to the contemporary specialty store picture. In the group comprising the new owners of Today's House are: Sol Henkind, Clifford Pascoe, Irene von Horvath, David Berg,

N. Y. Department Store Rooms

Late summer found the Eastern department stores shooting the works in their model rooms. At Abraham & Straus, Brooklyn, the summer furniture event featured not only some twenty-one room settings, but a Home Fashion Show, with speakers Helen Murphy, Alice Rydell, Adlyn Moeller of *Bride's* Magazine, Dorothy Liebes, William Pahlmann, and Paul McCobb; settings by Tom Lee. Theme of the model rooms was "Decorator Settings for Everyday Living," dramatizing the role of the professional decorator in practical homeplanning. The rooms, designed by the store's own decorating staff, were manned all week by the decorators themselves, on hand to answer customers questions. Two rooms designed by T. H. Robsjohn-Gibbings showed his Widdicomb furniture, one a bedroom with gray the dominating color, the other a dining-living area in white with red and green accents. "Tinsel & Tweed," a living room, introduced new modern upholstered pieces designed by Edmond J. Spence for Warren Lloyd. "Summer in Town," a cool living room setting, showed new Founders' occasional tables with tops of Madagaska, the straw-effect plastic. A & S decorator Richard Lee accessorized his setting "Artist's Studio" (see photograph, page 18) with his own Abstracts, furnished the room with Paul McCobb's Planner Group. White wall and ceiling, one yellow wall, were foils for beige, brown and burnt orange upholstery colors.

Bloomingdale's, with a show "Mid-Century Tempo" put its (Continued on Page 182)

For Your Calendar

- Through September 15. French Nineteenth-Century Textile Designs (Jacob Ziskind collection). Rhode Island School of Design, Providence.
- Through September 17. Twentieth-Century Glass.

 Metropolitan Museum, New York.
- Through September 18. Art Treasures from the Vienna Collections. M. H. de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco.
- Through September 24. 14th Ceramic National Exhibition. Museum of Art, San Francisco.
- Through September. The Story of American Glass.

 Minnesota Historical Society Museum, St. Paul.

 Through September. Chessmen. Metropolitan Museum,

 New York.
- Through September 30. Pendleton House Furnishings.

 Rhode Island School of Design, Providence.
- Through October 22. The Tradition in Good Design: 1940-1950. Walker Art Center, Minneapolis.
- Through October 29. House in the Garden by Gregory Ain. Museum of Modern Art, New York.
- September 1-30. Ceramics by Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Aucello. Chicago Public Library.
- September 2-17. Strasbourg Trade Fair. France. September 3-7. Detroit Gift Show. Hotels Statler, Book-Cadillac, Detroit.
- September 3-8. Southwestern Gift Show. Baker Hotel, Dallas.
- September 3-8. Allied Gift and Jewelry Show. Hotel
 Adolphus, Dallas.
 September 3-8. Parker House Gift Show. Parker
- House, Boston.
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- September 4-8. Boston Gift Show. Hotel Statler. September 4-9. Boston Fall Furniture Show. Mechan-
- ics Building, Boston.

 September 5-7. 17th Merchandise Mart, Pittsburgh
 Wholesale Merchants Association. William Penn
- Hotel, Pittsburgh.
 September 5-14. International Trade Fair. Utrecht,
 Netherlands.
- .September 7-17. National Homefurnishings Show. Grand Central Palace, New York.
- September 9-24. Ghent International Fair. September 10-12. Cologne Trade Fair.

- September 10-14. Cleveland Gift and Art Show. Statler Hotel, Cleveland.
- September 10-17. National Home Week.
- September 16-October 2. Marseilles International Fair.
- September 17-20. Western Jewelry and Silverware Show. Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles.
- September 17-20. Denver Gift and Jewelry Show.
 Albany Hotel, Denver.
- September 17-22. Frankfort-am-Main Trade Fair.
 September 17-23. Exhibit and Sale of Best in Handicrafts. Town House, West Springfield, Massachusetts.
- September 17-October 8. Chicagoland Home and Home Furnishings Festival,
- September 18-20. Norristown Fair. City Hall Auditorium, Norristown, Pennsylvania.
- September 21-30. California Home Fashions Show.

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- Exposition. 69th Regiment Armory, New York. September 24-26. Florida China, Glass and Gift Show. San Juan Hotel, Orlando, Florida.
- September 24-28. Northwest Gift, Art and Housewares Show. Hotels Radisson and Dyckman, Minneapolis.
- September 24-October 8. Metz International Fair. September 26. BRAB Conference on Fire Resistance
- September 26. BRAB Conference on Fire Resistance of Curtain Walls. National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D. C.
- September 27-October 1. 12th Annual Antiques Show.

 Arena, New Haven.
- September 27-November 5. Work by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill. Museum of Modern Art, New York.
- October 1-31. Silver by Herman Garfield. Chicago Public Library.
- October 1-November 1. First Annual Exhibition, Society of Contemporary Designers. Los Angeles. October 5-November 5. Contemporary, Historic and Renaissance Textiles (Scalamandré). Ohio. State
- Museum, Columbus.

 October 7-29. 14th Ceramic National Exhibition.

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- October 7-December 2. Designed Interiors. Memorial

- Gallery, Rochester, New York
- October 9-13. Philadelphia Gift Show. Hotel Benjamin Franklin.
- October 15-21. Fall Market. Jamestown, New York. October 16-19. 17th Annual Meeting, National Association of Housing Officials. Detroit.
- October 16-21. New York Antiques Fair. 71st Regiment Armory, New York.
- October 18-20. Annual Conference, Society of the Plastics Industry. New Ocean House, Swampscott, Massachusetts.
- October 20. World of Silk. Metropolitan Museum, New York.
- November 1-30. Weaving by Majel Chance. Chicago Public Library.
- November 1-30. International Textile Exhibition.
 University of North Carolina, Greensboro, North
 Carolina.
- November 6-10. National Hotel Exposition. Grand Central Palace, New York.
- November 10-26. 14th Ceramic National Exhibition.
 Institute of Arts, Minneapolis.
- November 15-January 28. Good Design. Museum of Modern Art, New York.
- November 15-January 28. Good Design. Merchandise Mart, Chicago.
- November 17-January 2. Contemporary Lighting.
 (Yasha Heifetz). Ohio State Museum, Columbus.
 December 1-31. Ceramics by Peggy Beck. Chicago
 Public Library.
- December 8-January 31. 14th Ceramic National Exhibition. Art Institute, Akron.
- January 8-19. Winter Markets. Merchandise Mart, American Furniture Mart, Chicago.
- January 8-19. Winter Market. Waters and Exposition Buildings, Grand Rapids.
- January 15-18. Second Plant Maintenance Show and Conference. Auditorium, Cleveland.
- February 28-March 2. Technical Session, Society of the Plastics Industry. Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago.
- May 6-9, 1952. 4th International Lighting Exposition and Conference. Cleveland.
- May 24-25, 1952. Annual Meeting, Society of the Plastics Industry. Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs.



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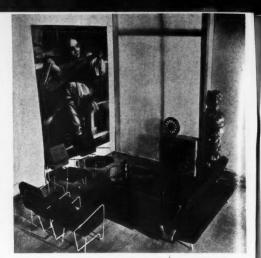
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Left: Domus, No. 245, Milan. Architect Vittorio Gandolfi, depressed by the state of the world, has thought of taking to the trees. This circular retreat of tubes and corrugated aluminum chases itself around a tree trunk, is reached by a rope ladder. Tarzan never had it so good.

Right: Domus, No. 246, Milan. Model of one of eight furniture combinations made with five elements plus some mural-size paintings. Two-way couch, chairs, and case units are grouped by architect Mario Tedeschi for different moods and purposes.



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Above: Le Decor d'Aujourd'hui, No. 55, Paris. Gilbert Coutant's furniture in Palisander wood and blue lacquered metal. Table in two sections can also be used as sideboard or desk. Chairs fold up, including the arms.



Above: Bauen und Wohnen, No. 5, Ravensburg. The Cafe Kropcke, Hannover, remodeled by architect Dieter Oesterlen. Inside dining room photographed without furniture has curtains tied to columns, enabling areas to be closed off for private parties.



Above: Art Présent, No. 12, Paris. This issue is devoted to tourism and surveys some of the things a tourist (or a Frenchman) might want to see in France today, including the luxurious generator room of the new Genissiat dam.

Left: Werk, No. 6, Zurich. Sotreq, Brazilian sales agents for American agricultural machines, had the Roberto brothers put their new workshops, showrooms, and offices outdoors, protected by a huge vaulted shed.

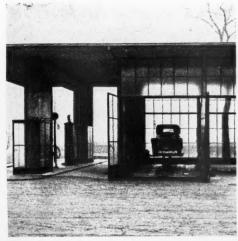
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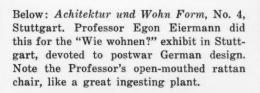
Right: Domus, No. 246, Milan. A carved crystal vase by Finland's Tapio Wirkala reflects light in prismatic splinters. This issue contains several photographs of decorative objects, both new and old.



from abroad



Above: Bauen and Wohnen, No. 4, Ravensburg. A glass and reinforced concrete service station in Nuremburg by Professor Otto Ernst Schweizer, characteristically precise, dry, and clear. (Note the unusually thin roof slab.) Two articles about his work, well illustrated.



Above: Art & Décoration, No. 17, Paris. A bathroom designed by Maurice Pré and R. Nolot, featuring a circular shower. The Plexiglas cylinder enclosing it has sliding doors. Floor and various parts of the walls are of colored tiles.





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Left and right: Werk, No. 5, Zurich. Two doves in multicolored ceramics by Mascarin, and tea caddies of tin, both items illustrated in an article on the personal note in interior decoration. Among the other accessories regarded as adding personality (or as being "useless") are a delicate Japanese basket of bamboo and a tooled green leather guestbook.



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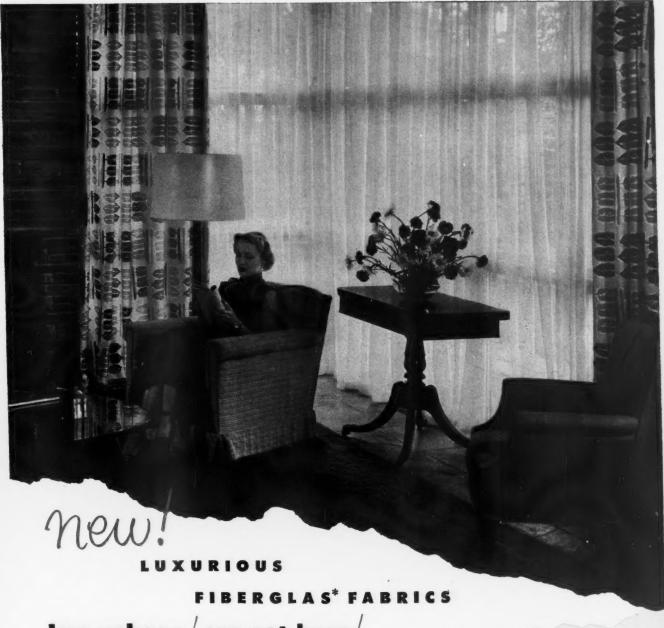
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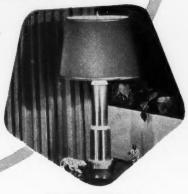
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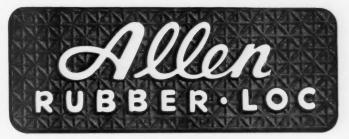
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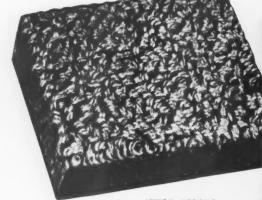




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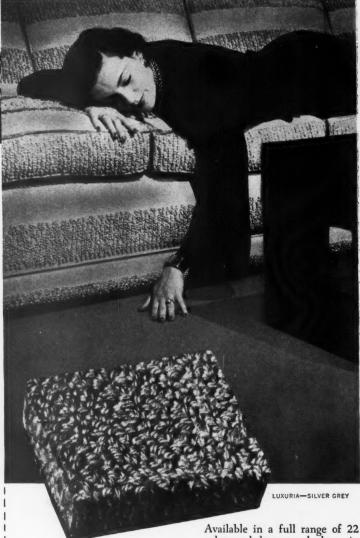
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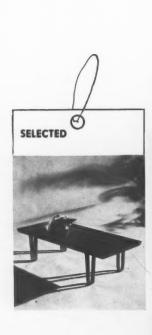
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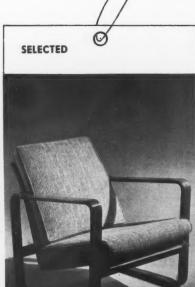
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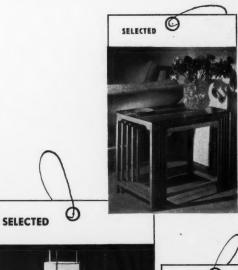
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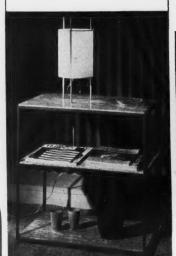
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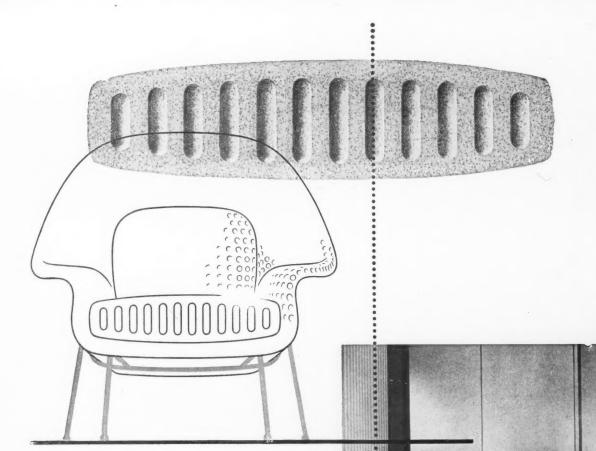
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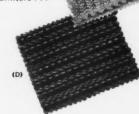
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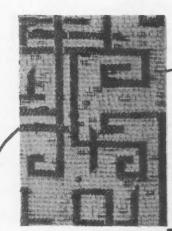




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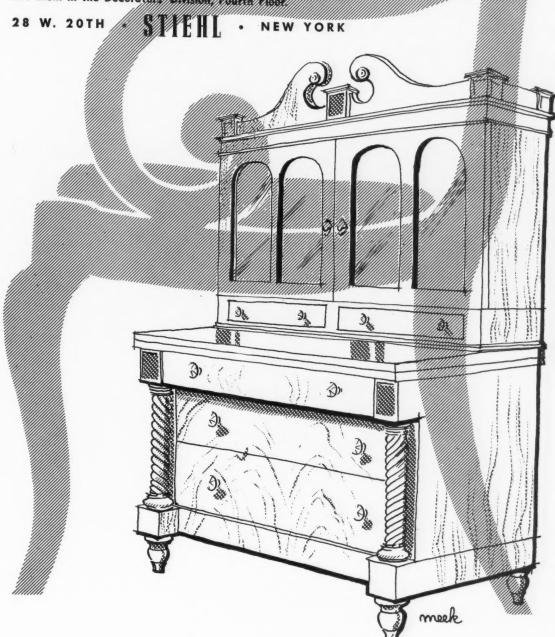
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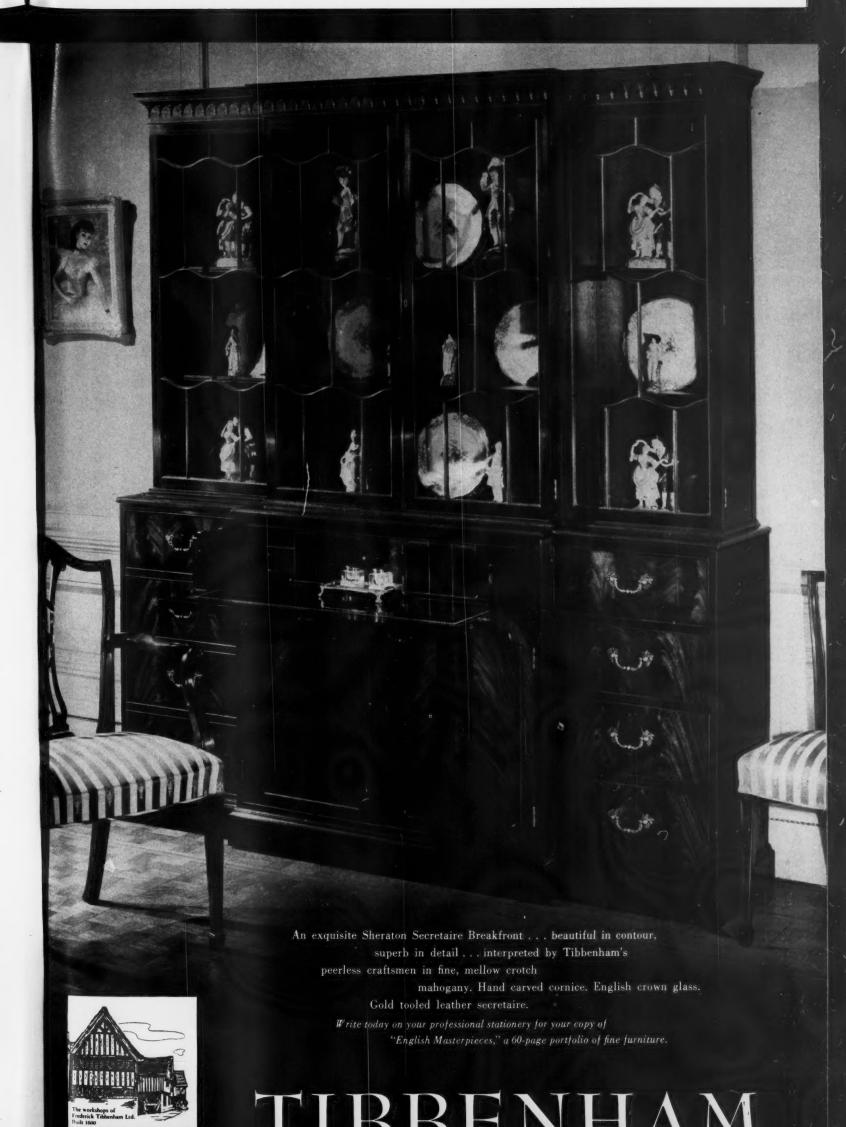
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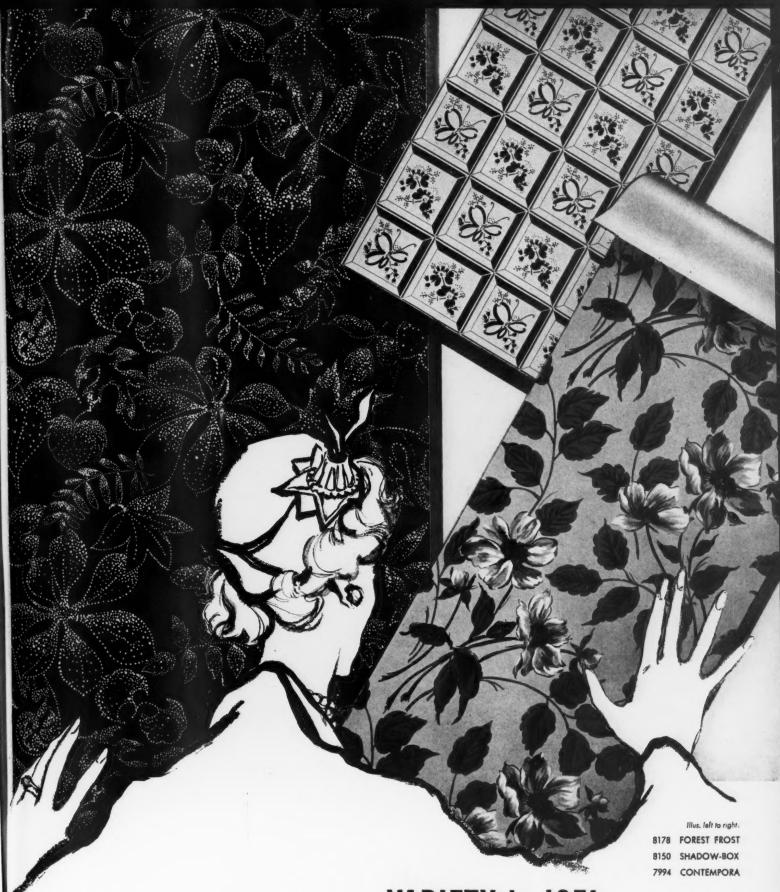


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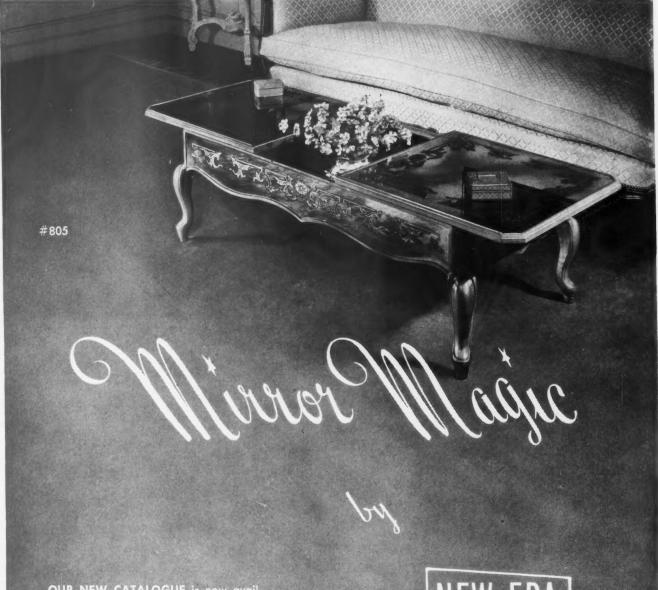
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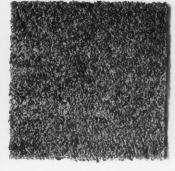
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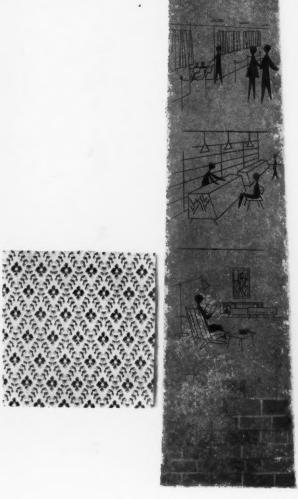
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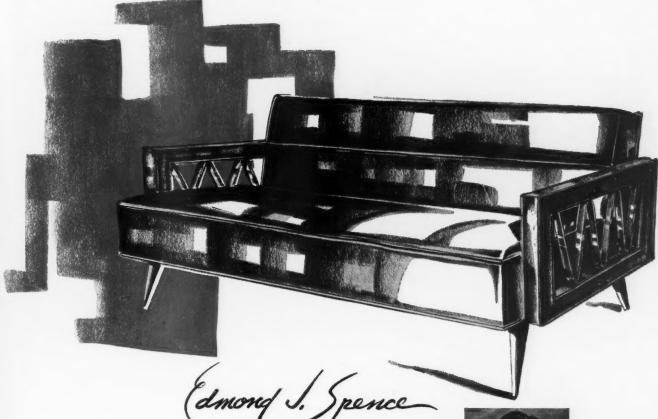
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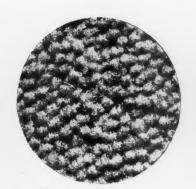
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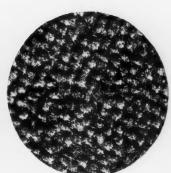
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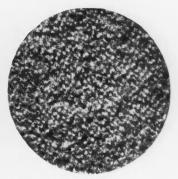
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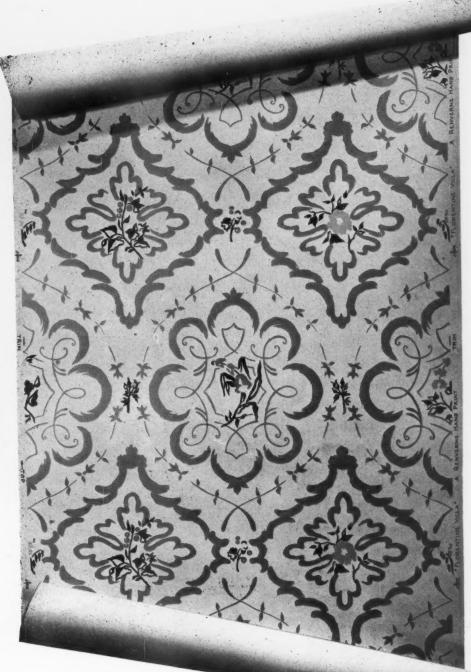
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Another September morn

Of old unhappy far-off things and battles long ago

-The Solitary Reaper, William Wordsworth

With American boys fighting and dying in a war that is not yet a war, it is very difficult for this department to concentrate on fabrics, swags and swatches, which is a principal subject of this issue. We ought to devote this space to reminding designing people of the many clever substitutions developed by necessity during World War II which have now become a part of our economy.

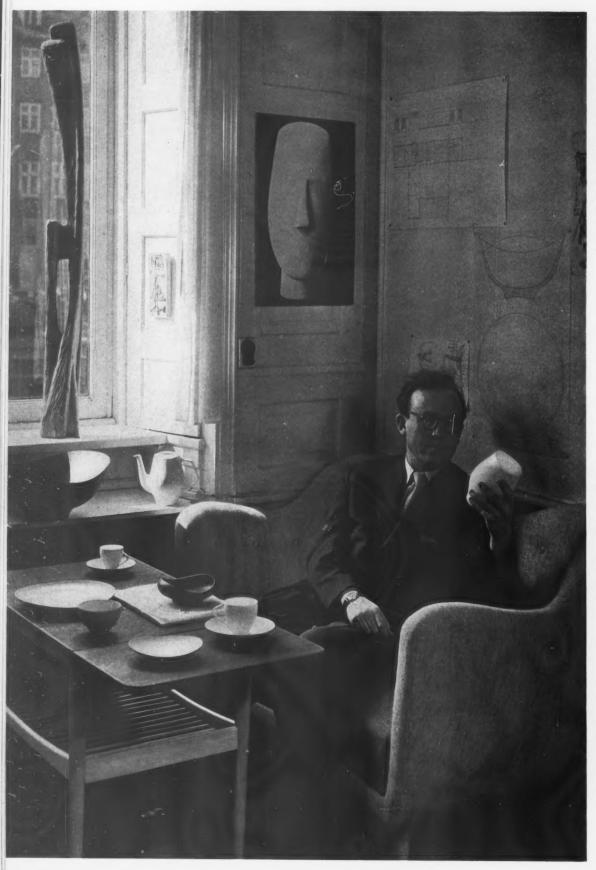
We would rather turn the clock back about 79 years to remind you that this is not the first but the second time that U. S. Marines are fighting in Korea.

It all happened in the summer of 1871. Korea was an independent kingdom which refused to trade with the United States. The Republican administration, still cocky years after Appomattox, decided to open up Korea as Commodore Perry had opened up Japan a number of years before.

So they sent a naval expedition—it was a small one and it had an alibi. Two steam frigates, the U.S.S. Monocacy and U.S.S. Palos, were sent to Korea, officially to make accurate charts of the coastal waters, but actually to persuade Korea to trade with the United States.

During the exploration of a river, the American ships were fired on from the same steep cliffs that young American boys are now getting to know too well. Two steam launches filled with Marines and a gatling gun apiece in the bow, were sent ashore to quiet this disturbance. The Marines clambered ashore under musket fire, climbed the cliff, and threw two ancient brass cannon over the edge—thus ending the war. The reason that this department happens to know of this little battle long ago is that the young ensign in charge of the Monocacy's launch was named Seton Schroeder, and even when he was a Rear Admiral retired, he loves to tell long stories of what he considered his private war with Korea. To our sorrow, the current one is not.—F. de N.S.

FINN JUHL



Opposite page: Finn Juhl built his home in a clearing at the deer park of Ordrup, just north of Copenhagen. A typically unpretentious example of the new Scandinavian eclecticism, it has been given-through careful planning and the use of fresh colors and natural woods in the interior-a lighthearted air that belies the fact that Denmark's laws strictly regulate the number of rooms and even the amount of cubic space each family may have to live in. (Plan on page 84.)

The architect in his studio. He has been designing furniture for fifteen years, but the porcelain is a new exercise. He finds the switch to a different problem exciting, though difficult. (The dinner service is being put out by Bing & Grondahl, Denmark's National Porcelain Factory, in celebration of its Hundredth Anniversary.) He has also begun to design lighting fixtures, some of which appear on subsequent pages, and most of the rugs were designed by him too. The characteristics of Juhl's work are particularly clear when seen simultaneously in different media-the perfect balance and suavity, the thoughtfulness and ingenuity of detailing, the extreme yet unforced finesse, and the stubborn refusal to put up with a right angle or a straight line if they can be avoided.



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Unlike butter, bacon, porcelain, and silverware, Denmark's furniture has been produced for home consumption rather than export, which is why the rumors of its fabulous design and workmanship started by inquisitive postwar American travelers came as a complete revelation to us in the United States. During the Fall of 1948, Edgar Kaufmann returned from abroad with photographs of bone-thin, yet softly sculpturesque and superbly constructed chairs by a certain Finn Juhl, and presented us with an analytical article (November 1948 Interiors). This past February more complete information about Danish furniture was printed in a report on the annual exhibition of the Copenhagen Cabinet Makers Society. Shortly thereafter Finn Juhl chairs imported by Frederic Lunning Inc. materialized in Georg Jensen's window and also turned up at the Merchandise Mart's Good Design exhibition — — and then, suddenly, it seemed as though all the more discriminating interior designers, manufacturers, distributors, furniture buyers,

retailers, and lovers of fine furniture in the country were peering with craned necks towards the same watery juncture of the Cattegat, the Baltic, and the misty North Sea, crooning in unison, "Baby, where have you been all my life?"

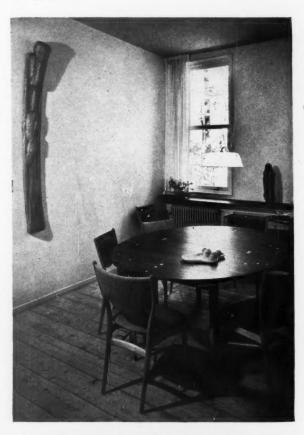
Finn Juhl was born in Copenhagen in 1912. His father wanted him to go into his cloth business, but he wanted to study the history of art, so they compromised on architecture—a never-to-be regretted decision. He passed the stiff entrance examen artium of the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in 1930, and upon graduation entered the drafting studio of architect Vilhelm Lauritzens, working mostly on the Copenhagen airport and radio station.

Juhl was never trained to design anything except houses, but during the war it was impossible to build them, so—repelled by the prospect of wasting time on paper projects—he occupied himself with furniture competitions, which are annual events followed by the Cabinet Makers Society exhibitions. He entered fourteen competitions altogether, won prizes in



Swimming against the prevailing current of modern architecture, Juhl divides his home into many smallish rooms rather than a few large ones, uses comparatively few glass wall areas. This is more a matter of climate and economy, however, than of esthetic theory. Photo below shows part of his living room. The ceiling is pale yellow, one wall is blue-green, the others white, and a thin orange stripe

runs along the top edge of the bookcases. The drop-leaf table is diagonally hinged. The excuse for the pieces of silver embedded in Finn Juhl's teak-topped dining table is to show where to put plates when seating 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, or 14. Two leaves can be added.





Many American designers are certain to exclaim, at the sight of this furniture, that ninety percent of its beauty should be laid at the craftsman's—not the designer's-door. Indeed the question is inevitable: Could Finn Juhl do as well as he does (though not necessarily exactly the same as he does) if he had to rely on the same workmen as American designers? These sensitively molded limbs; these thin backs and seats, curving plumply in just the right places and covered with leather sewn fine as a glove; this untrammeled contrasting and blending of woods, these sliding shelves and perfectly fitting covers that slip under to hide untidied papers at a moment's notice surely anyone could do as bravely if he had an extraordinary craftsman like Niels Vodder at his disposal? Vodder is indeed wonderful, but after looking over Juhl's mass produced furniture, and his lighting fixtures, we have come to our own answer to that question: No.





FINN JUHL, continued

all, including four first prizes. Since the first competition, he has not only continuously designed hand-made furniture, which is as much a product of the extraordinary Danish craftsmen—the best in Europe—as of the designer, but also mass produced furniture.

Juhl has designed innumerable residential and commercial interiors, including the Amagertory showrooms (pages 88-91) of the National Porcelain Factory, Bing & Grondahl. He is at the moment building some small homes, including a country bouse on a Fjord with a long, strung-out plan. Its interiors will contain only sixteen pieces of free-standing furniture; the rest will be built in. He is also designing lighting fixtures, and a new porcelain

dinner service for Bing & Grondahl.

Among other occupations are the directorship of a School of Interior Design, partly Government supported; membership on many committees and juries, including the Applied Arts Association of Denmark; considerable writing for architectural journals; organization of exhibitions in Copenhagen and London.

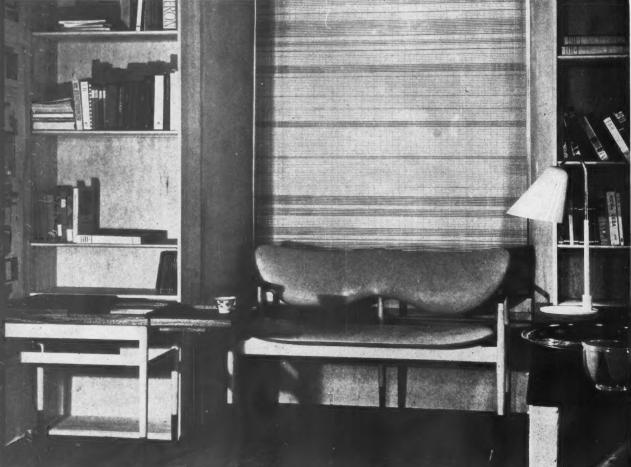
He is also an inveterate traveler, particularly fond of Italy. He has not yet visited the United States, but will soon, because he has been chosen by the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen to design the interiors of the big Trusteeship Council Hall at the U. N.—perhaps also to design furniture for one of the American firms angling for his services.—O. G.



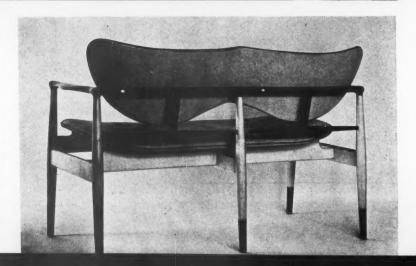
FINN JUHL, exhibition pieces

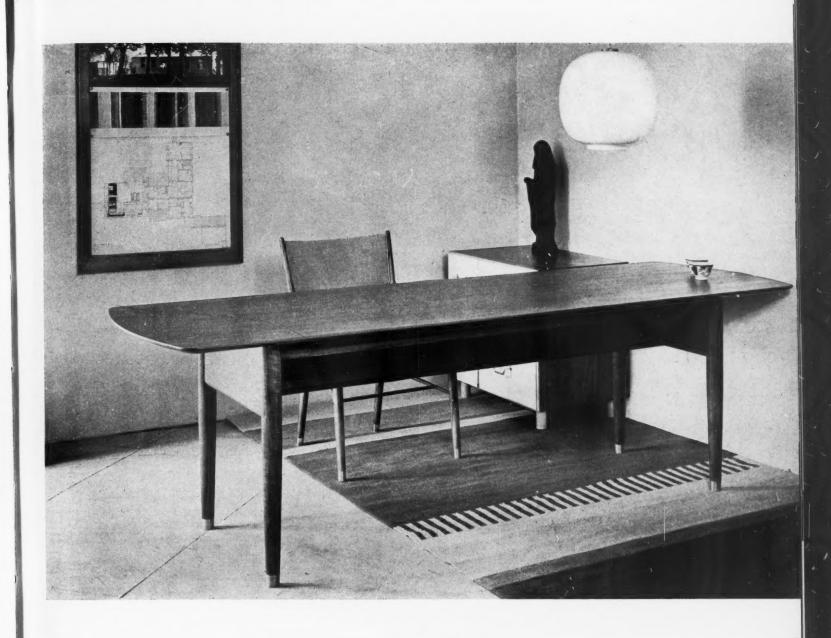
Seen through half-closed eyes, the little sideboard of Cuban mahogany and Oregon pine looks quite modest. One has to look closely to appreciate the fantastic luxuriousness of its construction, the pin-supported rail, the below-board spigot, the fitted cover, the cutting in of the drawer frame.





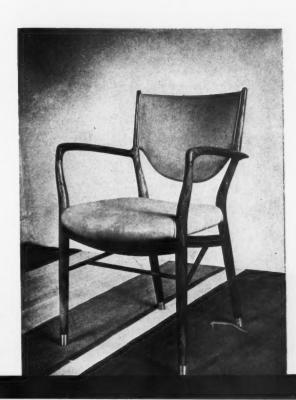
Observers have said that Finn Juhl's furniture shows the mark of the master cabinet-maker, especially in the joints. Juhl's own statement on the subject is pertinent: "I was never trained to design anything but houses, which seems to have influenced me, so that I look at any piece of furniture as a construction based on the natural character of the material, more than as a collection of cabinet makers' joints, as many furniture designers are apt to do."

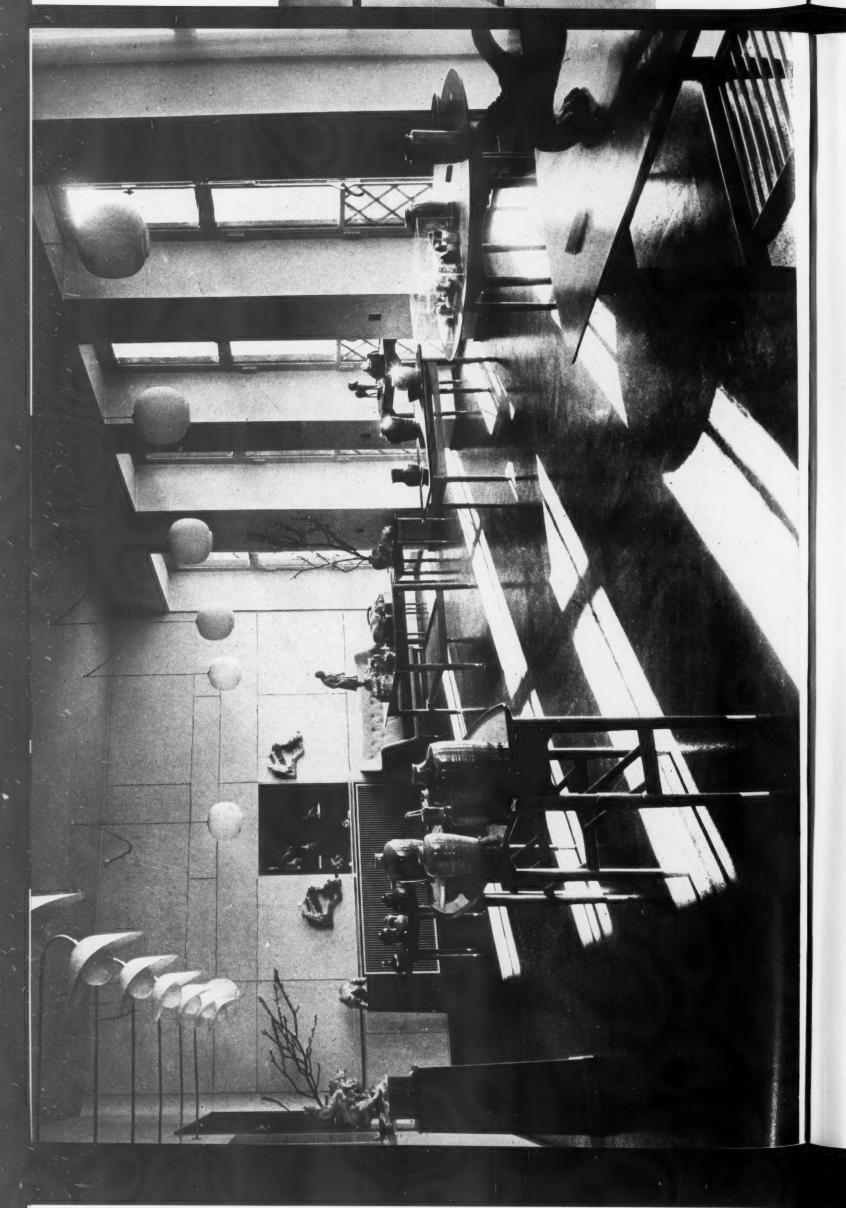




Despite numerous sliding shelves and drawers, the teak desk is as staid, as massive, and as imperturbably decorative as a Maillol Venus. Juhl's ability to incorporate finicky functional features in his furniture, without making it look the least bit gadgety, was never better exemplified.

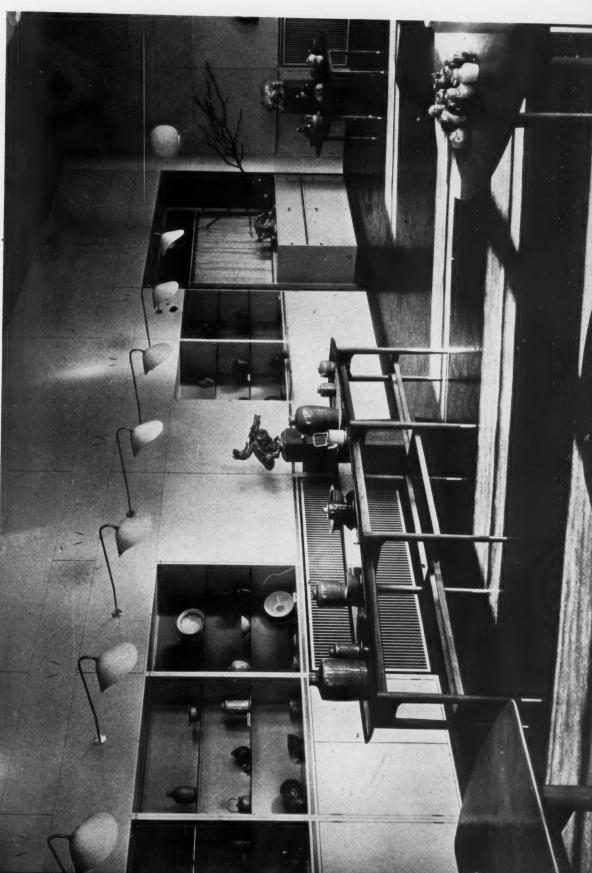
The independence of the seat and back from the exquisite skeleton of the armchair at right is insisted upon by the welting inserted at the points where the two elements cannot be prevented from meeting.





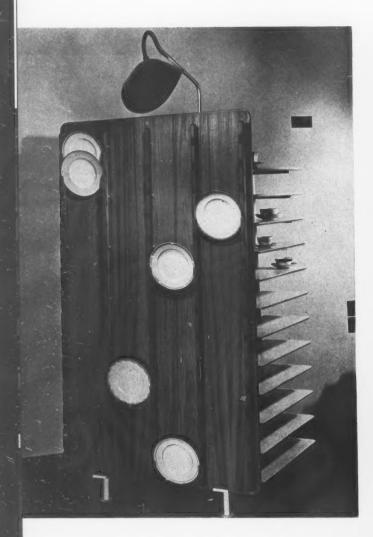
It is in a lightly furnished interior, such as this, that the true caliber of Finn Juhl's furniture can be appreciated. Here, where their exquisite workmanship cannot distract us, the ability of his sculpturesque pieces to "make" a room—to transform a space into a human and quite delightful environment, becomes clear.

The showrooms of Bing & Grondahl occupy the prem-Practically no architectural for display and storage The main area was left open ises of a former tearoom. changes were made, except space built into the walls. so that furniture and fixfreely for various exhibitions and displays. The walls are covered with Mastures could be moved about onite sheeting painted graywhite, fixed with broken recessed joints and slightly rounded corners. The ceiling is terra cotta, the window reveals, light yellow. shaped lighting fixtures and Juhl designed the shellalso the globular ones, which hang from curved slack, looking as weightless pipes with electric cords as balloons or snow-white Japanese lanterns, though they are of glass and therefore fair'y heavy.



The receptionist has an elegant desk-table and upholstered stool at the margin of a drop-ceilinged portal lined with smooth Oregon pine, into which are built storage cabinets and pull-out display shelves. The fragile curve of the electric cord and the almost invisible guy-wires which really support the brass lamp, creates an eerie effect of levitation.

FINN JUHL, a showroom, continued



Above: display fixture for plates, cups, and saucers. It is of teak and Oregon pine on a metal-tube frame, and the shelves are removable. Right, above: display shelves and storage cupboards. The Oregon pine sliding doors have slotted plywood fronts, and the wall behind them is covered with hemp and rye-straw matting. The radiator grill slats are also of Oregon pine. Below right: White glass lamps hang from a U-shaped brass arm strung by wires from the ceiling.









Fireplace framed in Roman travertine makes a bright contrast to the blank wood wall, which has many doors of Honduras mahogany concealing a desk, a bar, and storage cabinets. Closeup on the facing page shows the desk opened; at the left is the bar counter, which is hinged like a door and allows the bartender access to a small stockroom. The mahogany framed coffee table has a glass mosaic top; chairs are covered in yellow wool. Carpet is gray green.



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The client who lives in these comfortably panelled and padded rooms acquired them as an afterthought. Unable to wait for a new house to be built, he moved into an old one, if Los Angeles can be said to have old houses, and promptly engaged architects Gruen and Krummeck and associate R. M. Baumfeld, our present heroes, to readjust the walls. The separate living and dining areas were too small and there were not enough bedrooms, so a room originally intended to be a den was converted into a downstairs master's bedroom, and the living and dining areas were united by removing a wall, hanging a new wood ceiling, and literally glossing over a number of existing imperfections. The new ceiling is perhaps the most striking device used. It is veneered in a shining, light colored ash, and extends through what are now two parts of the same room. A vestibule was made by cutting out a section of the ceiling and installing a bookshelf whose blank side faces the hall. This unit is partly cantilevered from a platform, which also supports the couch, and it contains (besides books) the mass of equipment one needs today for recorded music. The couch is placed so that the full length of the combined living and dining areas may be seen from it; empha-

sized by the low ceiling this vista suggests a spaciousness beyond what is actually there, and without benefit of mirrors or glass walls.

Opposite the entrance side of the room is a smooth wood panelled wall which is a particularly neat job of organization. The existing fireplace was framed in travertine, and at its right are two recessed bookshelves. Various parts of the panelling drop, slide, and fold to reveal a desk and much additional storage space, but entirely concealed in the other end of the wall is an elaborate bar closet. Its counter swings open like the gate to a fence, and the space behind it is large enough to stand in while dispensing drinks. Storage space was one of the major items on the program. An entire wall length of the dining room contains shelves for china, silver, glass, and accessories. A serving counter is recessed between the upper and lower sections of this cabinet wall, and is equipped with a marble work surface and indirect lighting. The amount of wood wall and ceiling, with relatively little window space, gives to these rooms a closed, intimate atmosphere. It may suggest a well upholstered cigar box, but nobody can deny that it is a change from the goldfish bowl.—A. D.

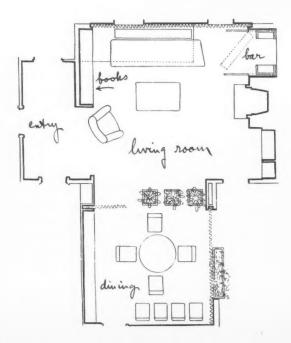




A bookshelf hung from the ceiling and partly cantilevered from a platform separates living room from the hall. Lights are concealed in platform behind the couch, hit beige curtains and reflect onto ceiling. The mosaic coffee table, executed by the Judson Studio, has red, green, and gold stones imported from Italy, set in cement on a plywood board.

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Gruen and Krummeck designed both of these light, easily moved, mahogany end tables.





Dining room, photographed from an adjoining porch, is senced in by a jungle. Curtain conceals it during undramatic breakfast hours; curtain at right is Ben Rose's Chinese Clouds, separates dining from living room when required. Startling chandelier has 16 low wattage bulbs on trumpet-like arms surrounding a controlled downlight, provides sparkle and interest proper to a visible light source. More lights are concealed behind doors (right) above the dining room's marble serving counter.



Covington enmeshed

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Hundreds of birch slats, yards of aluminum mesh, and one big cage of painted pipes stuffed with plastic string and fabric samples lure Covington's customers through the glass door. Plan below shows free arrangement of major display elements.



Fabrics among the slats and mazes

Architects Katz, Waisman, Blumenkranz, and Weber, known corporately and to their friends as Architects Associated, produced this showroom for Covington Fabrics. They have sprinkled a light architecture of display props around an unusually large space, but each unit is made substantial by a process of repetition; hundreds of birch slats are used in a background for fabrics, the entire ceiling is hidden behind expanded aluminum mesh, and vertical Thru-Vu blinds stripe the perimeter of the area, concealing windows.

Even the partitions set up to provide semi-private sales areas seem to be part of a display. They stop at shoulder height and are arranged in a doorless maze pattern, somewhat like the devices used to test the intelligence of rabbits. A wall separating the office from the reception area is divided into horizontal panels by birch molding, the sections being filled with gray Carrara glass, transparent glass, and at the top with mirrors. The latter convincingly suggest a continuation of the reception area, partially because they are above eye level and reflect only parts of the molding and the adjoining wall, but not the people who are supposed to be deceived by the reflection itself—and who unfailingly are. Carrara glass, as used here in sufficient quantities, produces a placid wall surface with a depth like that of lacquer.

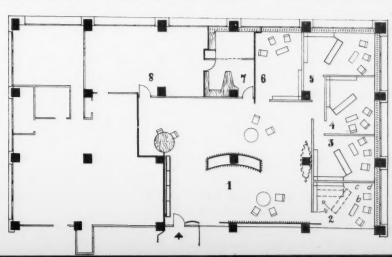
Seven shades of gray color the backgrounds, which turn out to be unobtrusive though hardly monotonous, particularly when the natural color of the birch screens and furniture is added to them. Lighting sparkles from a gridiron of down-lights hung above the mesh ceiling (the panels of aluminum mesh are set in 4' x 4' frames and can be easily removed). A few spotlights hung below the ceiling make exclamation marks of special displays.

Each of the sales areas has a combination storage bin and easel. This is a real gimmick, guaranteed to make an enduring impression on customers, besides doing its job very well. The thing consists of two shelf units hinged together at one end; to one of these units is attached a sloping easel for fabric display. It all folds up into a bulky package, and when opened it encloses the salesman in an impregnable triangle of storage and display units. A desk behind the easel allows him to make notes on audience reactions.—A. D.



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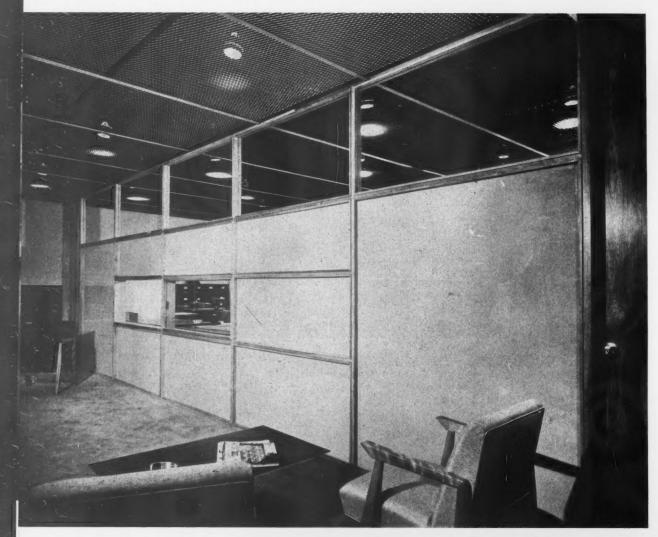
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walnut rests on an extension of the wall, clusters salesmen and buyers in a safe corner from which they can observe the curved screen of birch slats in the background. The photo at the left shows that the slats conceal one of the building columns, and that with the light coming through from the back the hundreds of vertical lines make an unusual setting

Slats horizontally and vertically, this time against a wall, provide still more exhibition space. All displays were designed by Nardin, Radoczy, and Mayen, conform to the architects' emphasis on unusual detail against simple backgrounds. The walls are painted several shades of gray, the aluminum mesh ceiling is unpainted, and the Bigelow Sanford velvet carpet is light gray. Lights above and below the ceiling pick out spots of color in a silvery atmosphere.



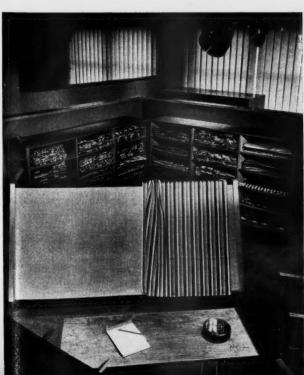


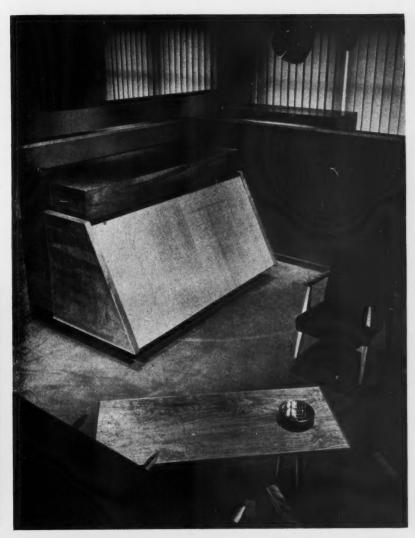
What look like panels of white paster arbitrarily divided by wood trim are really sheets of gray Carrara glass. The top row of panels is mirrored, reflects the ceiling and lights, looks more convincing in the showroom than in the photograph. President's private office (right) has a custom-built desk and sliding doors to close off an alcove fitted with a bar and a television set. One wall of this office is lined with sma'l, rectangular panels of Kencork.

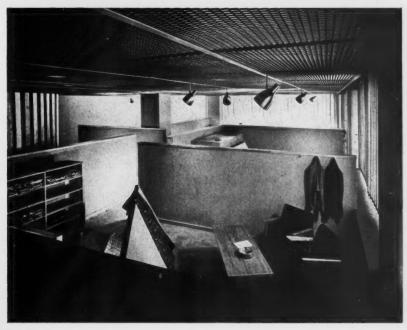


Storage bin and easel, looking like an upright piano styled in Detroit, is shown in the large photograph as the customer first sees it. Photographs at the left show what happens when the two sections of the box are swung open. The pandanus cloth bumper, used as an easel, completes a triangle which encloses the salesman. Note the small desk attached to the inside of the easel. Photograph at lower right shows the maze pattern of the 5' high partitions. Henry Wright's Thru-Vu blinds cover all windows, repeat slat design of displays.



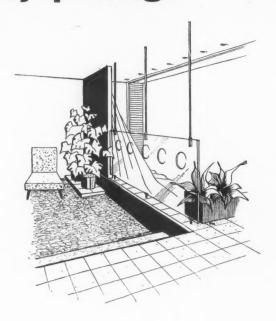








Hambro's handy package



From carpets to cutlery in one building

The Hambro House of Design is a division of the Hambro Trading Company of America, which is an off-shoot of Hambro's, a London Merchant Bank. Their new Manhattan showcase presents European home furnishings drawn from England, Ireland, Scotland, Denmark, and Sweden, and the name Hambro House of Design is the general label (in white porcelain letters on a red brick facade) for a package consisting of three basic parts: Hambro House (decorative fabrics), Gray's Carpets and Textiles, Inc. (who also make glassware and cutlery) and Ridgway and Adderley, Inc., who make earthenware and china. The organization of their respective display quarters was the work of architect Robert Heller. whose inventions to enhance Hambro's wares are shown on these pages.

The ground floor had to meet the require-

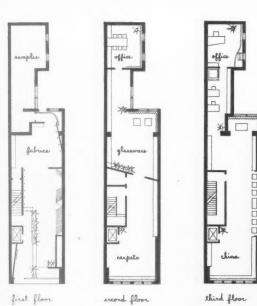
ments not only of a showroom but of an unobtrusive elevator lobby, so that visitors bound for the floors above would not disturb the proceedings around them. This was accomplished by a two-step change in level, the higher entrance and elevator landing being paved with a plastic floor tile and partially fenced off from the adjoining sales area. Hambro House products are used throughout the building; the first of these to greet the customer is an impressively lush gray carpet, nicely blended with walls of yellow, blue, and white. Fabric display racks are hung in a recess in the wall, and at the rear a trellis of polished brass and black lacquered pipes supports lengths of particularly striking fabrics.

The high ceiling on the second floor, which is given over to Gray's Carpets and Textiles, contributes to the sudden impression of lofty, untroubled, and padded luxury, protected from the noise of traffic. The ceiling is painted black so that it disappears behind the lines of white saucers reflecting light onto carpet racks and storage bins. The window wall is completely covered with a splashy Swedish print, and a gray-walled glassware department allows heavy crystal to be seen against an undistracting background. On the third floor Ridgway and Adderley have the most complex display requirements, due to the variety of merchandise to be stored and the generally small size of items to be displayed. Innumerable earthenware and china objects are shown on tables and cabinets; seven black shelves, hung from the wall, dramatize an assortment of very special chinaware. Bright red upholstery fabrics and a green carpet provide color accents.—A. D.

A sheet of plate glass in the window of Hambro House is hung from the ceiling by brass rods, has five holes for fabric to be pulled through, twisted, and draped for displays. Window is sheltered from direct sun by roof overhang, affords passersby view of main floor.

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Plans of all three floors (left) show simple, open layouts with departments separated from each other by square-arched openings. Display rack on the ground floor (below) reproduces a blue and red tree trunk from U. S. Trees, a Swedish fabric draped over it.

Ben Schnall



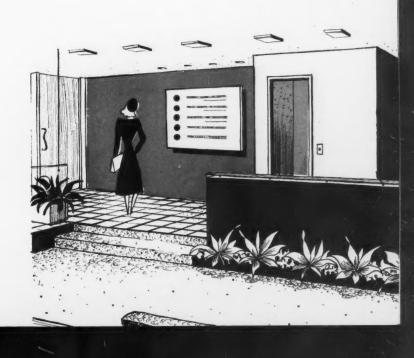
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Screen printed and hand loomed fabrics, looking like king-size bath towels are draped over a rack of polished brass and black lacquer rods. The chairs are covered in red Bawneen, which is a hand-spun fabric woven by the cottagers in the west of Ireland, during those long winter evenings.



The display window and the entrance area are at sidewalk level. Both are covered with Sloane-Blabon's Crystaltone floor tile, in mottled black. The showroom, at a slightly lower level, is entirely carpeted. Fabric sample racks built into a recess in the wall are painted dark gray; wall colors are blue, yellow, gunmetal gray, and white. The hip-height partition prevents crowds waiting for the elevator from trampling the plant bed on the other side.





Gray's Carpets and Textiles, on the second floor, dazzles customers with an emerald green ankle deep carpet and many saucer-like lights floating below a black ceiling. The glassware and cutlery departments (right and below) have Formica topped cabinets against dark green walls.



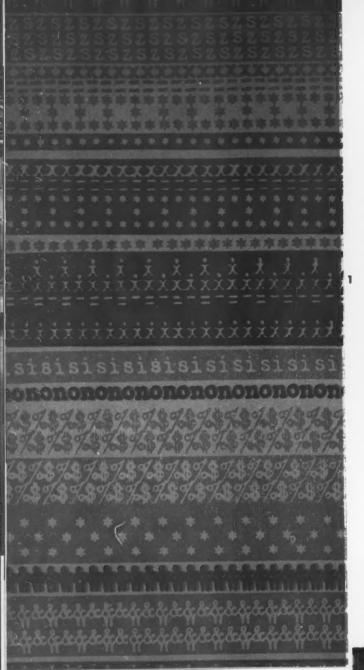


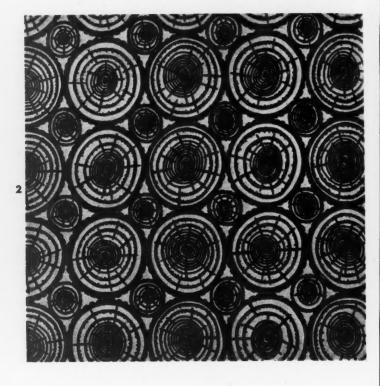




Executive office has light green burlap-covered walls, a custom designed desk in walnut, and a bar (which contains teathings, this being an English establishment). Ridgway and Adderley's china and earthenware is displayed on tables (left) and on a row of black shelves hung from the wall.







NEW CUTTINGS

1 Schiffer Prints of Mil-Art boasts a new Stimulus Collection numero by Bernard Rudofsky, who can design at a type-writer as well as at a drawing board. "Si & No" is handscreened on heavy, soft 50" cotton twill. (Richards - Morgenthau, sales agent, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York 16).

2 Jud Williams' "Timber" is hand painted on tough cotton sailcloth, 54" wide, black with orange, brown, blue, gold. or green. (55 East 55th Street, New York 22).

3 Morton Sundour's "Silsden," handscreened on lightweight, sturdy cotton homespun guaranteed fade-proof, is from the Edinburgh Weavers. 50", moderately priced. (40 East 53rd, New York 22).

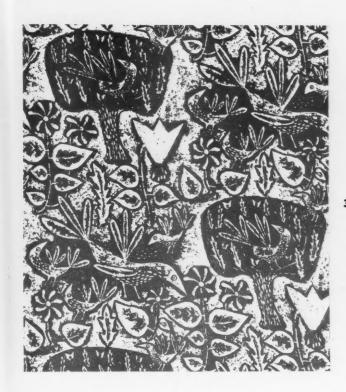
4 Morley - Fletcher's "Rambutan" was handscreened in Denmark on bleached or natural Scottish linen in blue, elephant gray, sharp green, or celadon.

A Bent Karlby design. About \$9.40. (315 East 53rd, N. Y. 22). 5 Oken Fabrics' "Persian Pat-tern," after a brocade in the Metropolitan, is a woven cotton tapestry. Beige with brown, electric blue, amethyst, tangerine, or green. 50" (677 Fifth Avenue,

New York 21).



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Interiors' semi-annual fabrics review

The buyer who doesn't know his own taste is due for a rough time in the current market because the choice is enormous in every category and the number of categories is also multiplying rapidly. Luxury fabrics which were scarce a few years ago-brocades and velvets, for example-are now everywhere. To own either these or fabrics whose special value lies in distinguished design, one no longer needs endless patience, curiosity, and luck, but only a reasonably plump wallet. The pleasant embarrassment of riches to be encountered in the showrooms on Madison and Michigan Avenues is partly a result of the fact that the American dollar is so highly prized abroad.

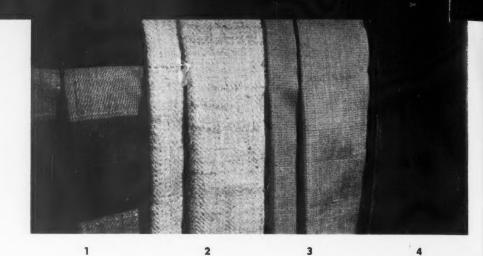
Riches of another kind have been contributed by what were, a few years ago, considered avant-garde designers. Some of them, bravely manning the loom or the squeegee with their own hands, started in their own hole-in-the-wall establishments, have made good and now are sizable factors on the market. Printers Adler and Tushingham of Detroit, printer

Angelo Testa of Chicago, weaver Robert Sailors of Chicago, weavers Maria Kipp in Los Angeles and Isabel Scott in New York are typical members of this enterprising brotherhood. With them can be classified several small firms who have made their reputation as talent scouts and backers for young designers of the same caliber-Arundell Clarke, Konwiser Fabrics, Arteraft Weaving Corporation, L. Anton Maix, and Marie Nichols are among these. Their example has inspired big firms to do the same thing, for example Schiffer Prints, who have successfully launched a collection of fabrics designed by artists and architects such as Dali, Rudofsky, Nelson, etc., and Schumacher, who under design director Rene Carrillo's guidance are building a prestige collection by such art personalities as Vertes and Chen Chi.

The abstract prints and nubby, textured weaves considered new and experimental five years ago and all to be found in those of the big houses which are alert to the trends of the times. In fact, one senses

an increasing effort on their part to supply every possible need, persuade the customer that the right fabric for any job can be found under one roof. The shopper who jostles the 18th Century toiles too vigorously is likely to set up vibrations among the horsehair and orlon casements on the racks not three feet away—which suggests interesting possibilities.

The firms who have always been strong on silks-Scalamandré, Schumacher, Stroheim & Romann, Thorp, Jofa, Greeff, etc. -are making capital of the International Silk Congress which will take place in October. The International Silk Association of the U.S.A. has planned a vigorous promotion, and the Home Furnishings and Decoration Committee has been placed in the hands of Franco Scalamandré of Scalamandré Silks, chairman; and members Beatrice Price, Greeff Fabrics; Albert Kornfeld, House and Garden's editor; Mrs. Archibald Brown of McMillen, Inc.; and Dorothy Liebes, weaver and design consultant to Goodall Fabrics and the Dobeckmun (on p. 144)



Sixteen silks: versatility in luxury



1 From Knoll Associates, 601 Madison, N. Y., a 30" silk striped in yellow, bright pink, deep blue, woven by hand in Italy.

2 Another Knoll silk, this time a thick, rough homespun woven from India silk in natural honey color. 50"

wide, \$12.

3 J. H. Thorp, 250 Park, N. Y., imports Capri, 50" antique taffeta woven of thick silk yarns, in honey, pink, lemon, blue, soft green.

4 Scalamandre, 598 Madison, N. Y., brings its most precious velvet, a 23" silk, from Italy in 21 colors from pastels to deep rich tones.

5 Among several Jofa silk textures, "Perugia," 50" fabric imported in pink, turquoise, amber, bronze. \$18.75. (45 E. 53, N. Y.) 6 Updecor Fabrics #24080, all-silk

pink, mauve. 50" wide, \$14.25.

8 Thorp imports this Venetian silk damask in vivid cerise, china blue, almond green, gold, and gray. 50", 534" repeat, about \$16.50.
9 In F. Schumacher's collection of

over 300 silks, #52480, a 51" satin brocade with pastel flowers on various grounds. (535 Madison, N.Y.) 10 Stroheim & Romann's 73746, fine silk damask, very soft, with unusually airy pattern of flowering branches. 50". (40 E. 53, N. Y.)

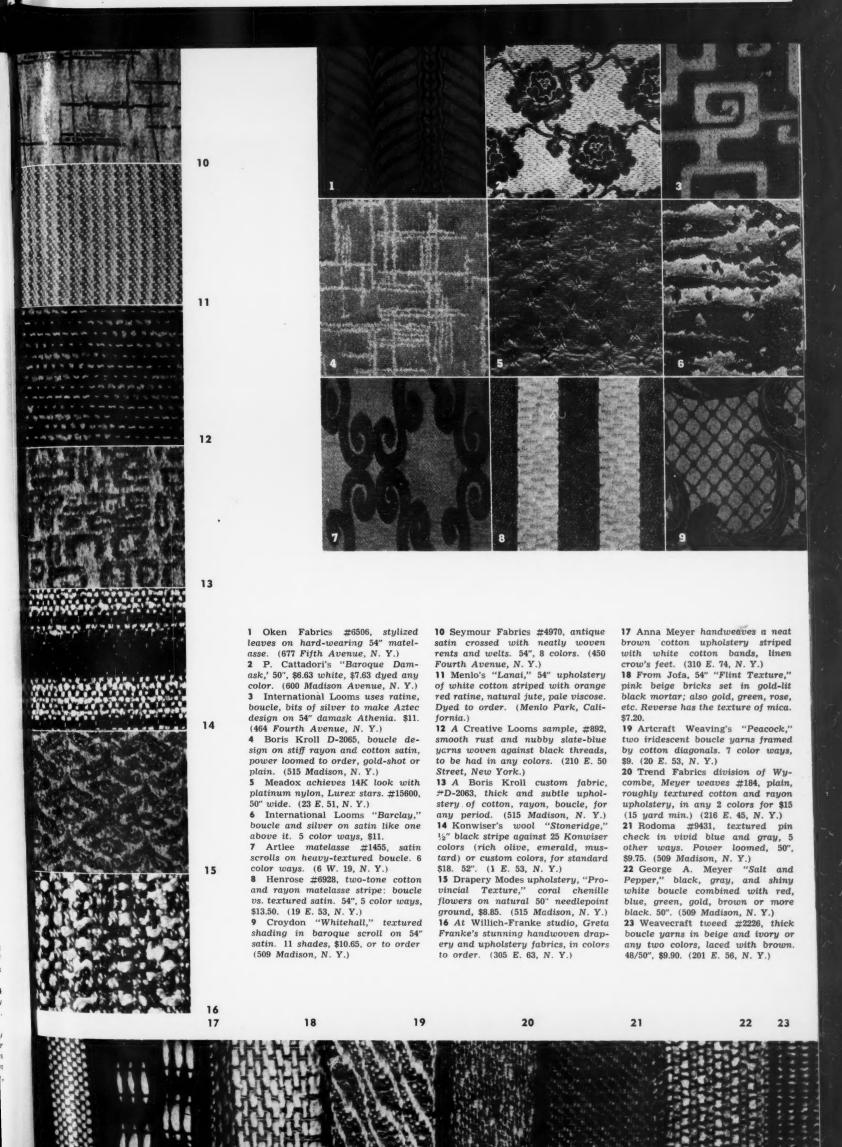
11 Morton Sundour's "Teynham," 50" silk damcsk in several soft colors presents sedate diamonds of flowers. \$16.15. (40 E. 53, N. Y.)

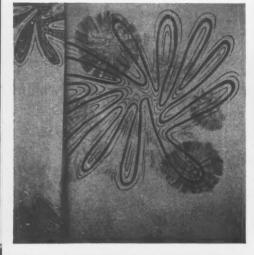
12 Cheney's rough and glossy 50" silk damask burgeons with little leaves. Oyster, banana, lime, other colors, \$16.50. (509 Madison, N. Y.)

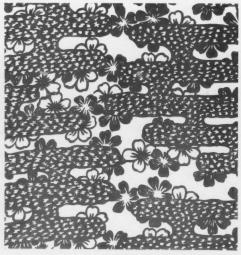
13 Another Stroheim & Romann pure silk damask, #73803, has stylized acorns etched against a dia-mond fretwork. Off colors, 50" wide. 14 Greeff's fine, heavy, silk lampas with velvety boucle pattern, one of several imported from Italy, comes in 4 pastels. (4 E. 53, N. Y.)

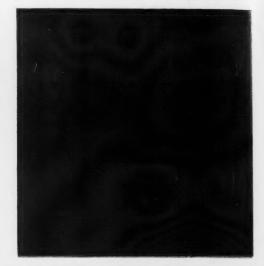
15 Cheney's elegant damask #6294 is unusual for rich texture and tiny gold-yellow stripe in ivory ground. Also in 4 plain colors.

16 Brunschwig & Fils' extraordinary French silk brocade: multicolor flowers sprinkled on tightly woven satin, moire, or striped ground in charcoal, pastels. (509 Madison, New York.)









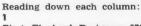












First: Elenhank Designers, 5715 South Ada Street, Chicago 36, hand print to order their distinctive "Tropicale" on nubby casement, as shown, or other fabrics. Motifs may be juggled, superimposed

Second: Eric Ewers hand printed linens from Sweden, such as the illustrated "Papaya," will be presented to the American market on Friday, September 29th, at the Barclay, New York.

September 29th, at the Barclay, New York. Third: Silkar Studios, 38 East 57th Street, New York 22, presents "Drifting" silk gauze print 50" wide, in combinations of 4 colors, 7 ways. Wonderful is red, pink, sharp green on champagne pink. \$6.60.

Fourth: Goodall, 525 Madison Avenue, New York 22, prints "Tracery" on rayon, cotton, and mohair casement of fine weave and wonderful body in clear, monochromatic color schemes. 50"

York 22. "Oriental Clouds," adapted from an old Chinese stencil, is hand screened on bleached or natural Belgian linen. 50", 12" repeat.

Second: Harry F. Slater of Los Angeles hand screens tropical foliage on a soft, medium-coarse rayon and cotton casement, 50", 22" repeat. Tropical colors on natural ground. \$6.90-\$6.21.

Third: Schumacher's casement-weight panel carries a floral by the Sino-American artist Chen-Chi. Border has Greek-keys formalized leaves. Metallic gold, silver, or copper on natural. (535 Madison and 60 West 40th, New York.)

First: Henry Cassen, 509 Madison Avenue, New York 22, has an unusual, irregular-nubbed stripe casement, of cotton, which transmits light despite its weighty look. 50", #1915.

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Second: Artcraft Weaving Corporation, 20 East 53rd Street, New York 22, prints Donelda Fazakas' "Pinebrook" on strong, tightly-woven cotton in deep colors. 50", \$6.60.

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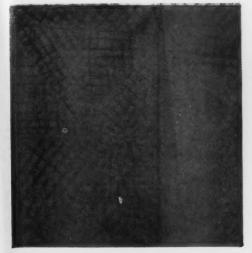
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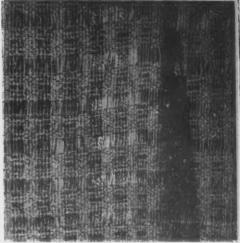
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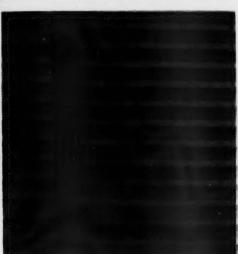
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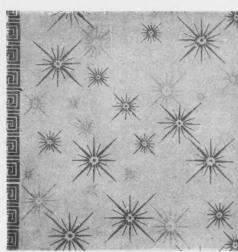
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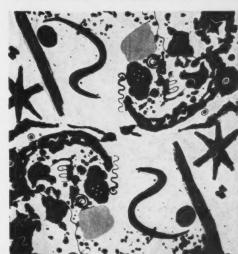


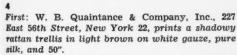












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Second: Greeff Fabrics' "Girard" textured cotton tafetta stripe, 49-50" wide, is extremely firm and light. In several excellent monochromatic color combinations. (4 East 53rd Street, New York 22)

First: McKay Davis & McLane of Los Angeles present "Malibu," by Albert Richard Stockdale, on cotton and spun rayon casement cloth, 46". At Pritchard & Roberts, Chicago, John C. Milne, New York.

Second: Elbert Jackson's "Classic Star," is hand screened not only on linen, as shown, but also chints. The smaller stars are metallic gold or silver 49.50" (211 Fast 49th Street N V)

silver. 48-50". (211 East 49th Street, N. Y.)
Third: Stroheim & Romann's 50" x 114" "Tropical
Panel" takes you right to the brilliant foliage,
makes you see the bird hovering in the balmy
sky. Heavy rayon and cotton antique satin. (515
Madison Avenue, New York)

First: Robert Sailors of Contemporary Textiles, Bitely, Michigan, uses both hand and power looms to weave his rough-textured fabrics. This wool and shiny rayon casement cloth is about \$18.40, is hand woven.

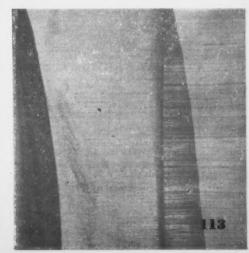
Second: Laverne Originals, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, presents a design by Alexander Calder aptly named "Splotchy." Like all Contempora series designs, it can be had on cotton, linen, or wallpaper.

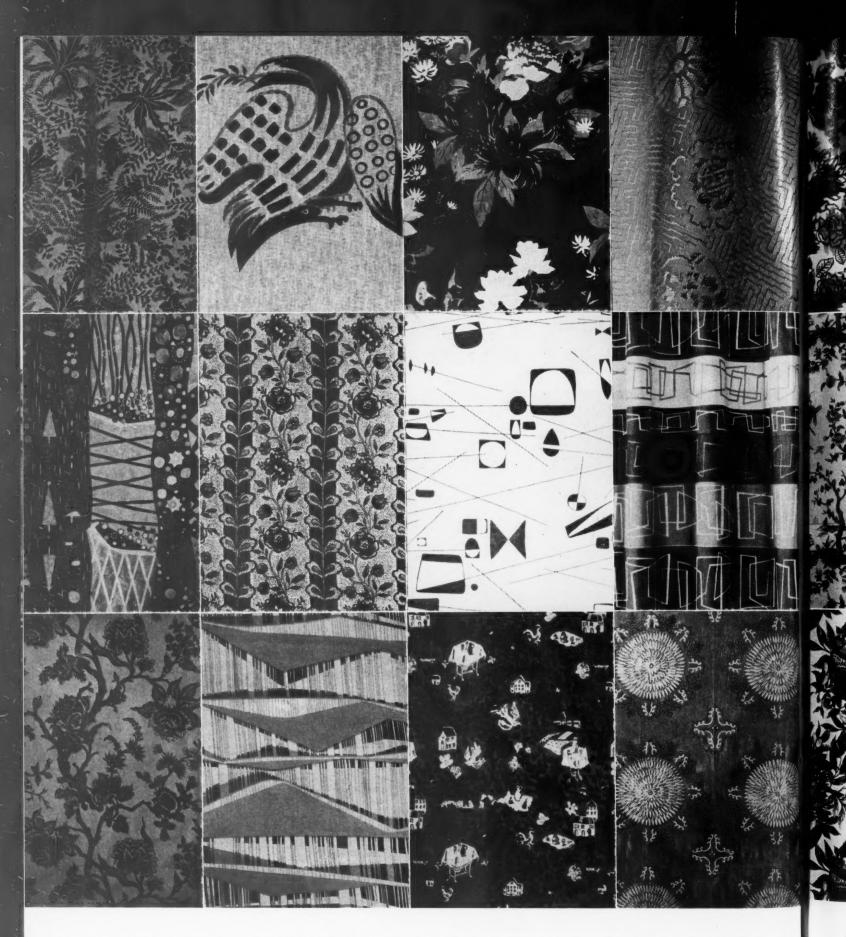
linen, or wallpaper.
Third: E. C. Carter & Sons' "Fawn" is outlined with string-like white embroidery on fine ecru cotton casement cloth. \$7.15. (15 East 53rd Street, New York 22)

Fourth: Thaibok Fabrics, Ltd., 37 East 61st Street, New York 21, presents a shantung-like pure silk, handwoven in two different colors, such as rose and blue—the blue shimmering through the rose.









Top: Celanese Corporation of America, 180 Madison Avenue, New York. Fern pattern on Celafaille, 4 colorways; about \$2.25.

Middle: Eric Ewers AB, Stockholm 7, Sweden. "Fantasie," 4 colorings, 50-52" linen. Other designs at J. H. Thorp, Schumacher.

Bottom: Scalamandre Silks, 598 Madison Avenue, New York. Pure linen, 49" wide, \$7.50 a yard retail. Made in U. S. A. Top: Decorative Fabrics, Inc., 13 East 53 Street, New York. On vatdyed Bali cloth, "Birds" in 6 colorways has matching solids.

Middle: George A. Meyer, 509 Madison Avenue, New York. Blue and brown flowers printed on natural heavy linen, 50", \$9.10.

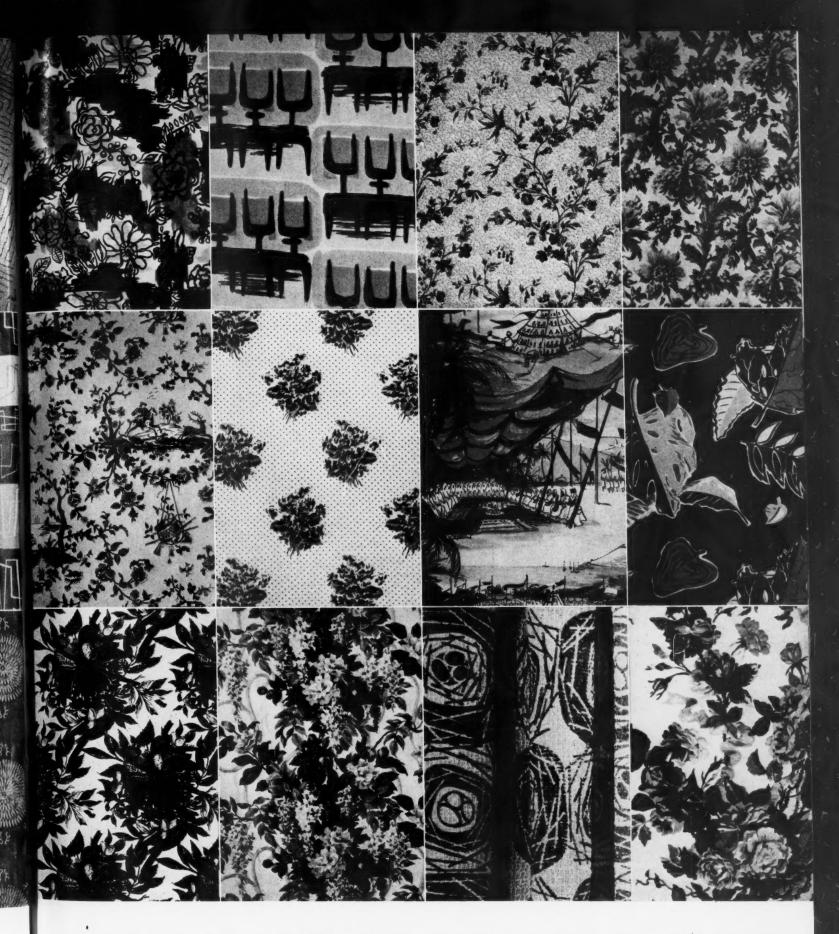
Bottom: Ruth Adler Designs, 9842 Twelfth Street, Detroit 6, Mich. "Suspension" in aqua and blue on blcached linen, 50" wide, \$5. Top: Margaret Owen, Inc., 515 Madison Avenue, New York. Imported 50" percale: "Countess Olga," gay on black; \$12.

Middle: Ruth Adler Designs, hand printed by Edward C. Schnee. On pure bleached linen, "Sticks and Stones" in brown and orange; \$5.

Bottom: Brunschwig et Fils, 509 Madison Avenue, New York. A 38" glazed chintz, "French Picnic" spotlights motifs on dark grounds. Top: Cheney Brothers, 509 Madison, New York. Orlon Jacquard design (1 of 3) in new 50" casement; damask too. Ivory, \$7.50.

Middle: Ben Rose, 314 North Michigan, Chicago; 15 East 53rd, N. Y. "Intersections," a 2-color print, third shade by overprint; \$6.75.

Bottom: Elbert Jackson Textiles. 211 East 49th, New York. "Platinum Harlequin" in gold or silver, any colors: heavy cotton, \$13.50.



Top: Seymour Fabrics, Inc., 450 Fourth Avenue, N. Y. Drapery and upholstery linen, 54", #7445 handprint in 3 color combinations.

Middle: Lussky, White & Coolidge, 216 W. Monroe Street, Chicago. Chartreuse and old rose 36" "Trophy Toile," about \$3.50 yd.

Bottom: Neil Scannell, Inc., 299 Madison, New York. Open line of 16 patterns has sunfast "Game Birds," warp sateen, antique satin. Top: Goodall Fabrics, 525 Madison Avenue, New York. "Apropos" for draperies, slipcovers, 8 colorations on linen-like Aristo cloth.

Middle: Ramsona Fabrics, Ltd.. 554 Madison Avenue, New York. "Violets," hand printed glazed English chintz, is 50" wide; \$3.40.

Bottom: J. H. Thorp & Company, 250 Park Avenue, New York. "Monticello" cotton and rayon antique satin, vat colors, 30" repeat.

Top: Jackson Ellis Company, 538 Madison Avenue, New York. Multicolor "Chintz" on lace-like small floral ground. Cut shows 30".

Middle: F. Schumacher & Co., 60 W. 40, N. Y. In Moroccan Group of Jay Gresham's 10 prints, 4 wovens, 3 papers: "Agadir Bazaar."

Bottom: Ben Rose "Bird's Nest" in robin's egg blue, coral, and nest gray, penetrates semi-transparent 48-50" fabric; about \$6.75. Top: S. M. Hexter, 2810 Superior E., Cleveland 1 and 509 Madison, N. Y. 22. Among hand printed antique satins, full color range.

Middle: Covington Fabrics Corp., 231 Fifth Ave., New York. "Madrigal," 48" sunfast, tubfast preshrunk Pebbl'Tone Print.

Bottom: Greeff Fabrics, Inc., 4 East 53rd, New York. Heavy antique satin Ardmore, 50" vat print #102140, multicolored.

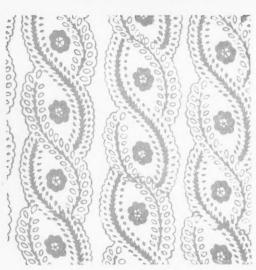
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Left: H. B. Lehman-Connor screen prints "Penthouse" on 50" antique satin in persimmon, slate, green, coffee. (509 Madison Avenue, New York 22)

Right: Rodoma, Inc. screen prints a formal, naive motif in choice of 50" imported, fade-resistant linen 49", \$6.00. (515 Madison, N. Y.)





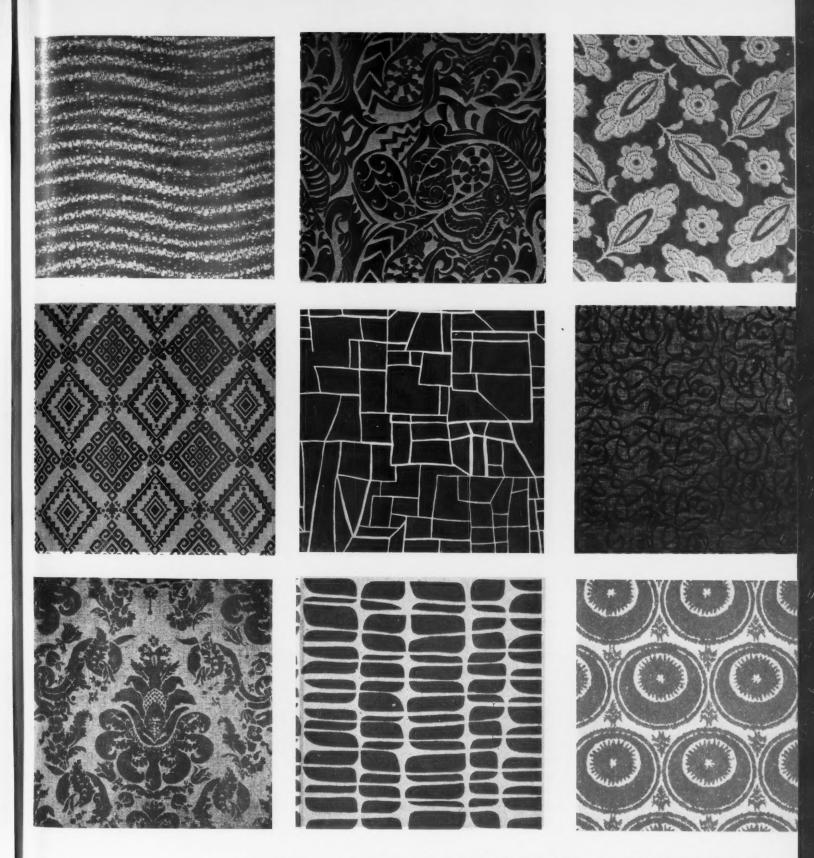
Left: Liebold-Wallach screen prints "Old Brabant" in faded colors on greige, lightweight linen. 45", \$9.30 (57 East 57th Street, New York 21)

Right: H. B. Lehman - Connor's "Trellis Lace" is hand screened on 50" imported, fade-resistant linen in green, slate, coral, blue, red.



Left: Angelo Testa prints "Textura Prima Solida" on plasticimpregnated cotton, other designs on plastic film. \$3.00. (49 E. Ontario Street, Chicago)

Right: Thortel Fabrics hand screens smart designs—big florals and geometrics as well as this—on fire-proof Fiberglas; also Fiberglas casements. (1 Park Ave., N. Y.)



Top: On the power loom Boris Kroll, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, weaves a thick, soft, tightly constructed fabric with a chenille finish.

Center: Silkar Studios, 38 East 57th Street, New York, hand screens "Chilean Poncho," by Juan Martin, on bleached or natural Peruvian linen. 50", \$8.50-\$8.95.

Bottom: Patterson Fabrics' "Venetian Damask" is printed in choice of pale pastels on thick, glossy white linen. 50", 24" repeat. (509 Madison Avenue, New York)

Top: Bretton Fabrics Corporation's "Dream of Samoa" is hand screened in choice of deep colors on medium weight natural linen. (404 Fourth Avenue, New York)

Center: Laverne Originals, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York. "Meditations" is one of the Contempora Series designs custom printed on linen, cotton, wallpaper.

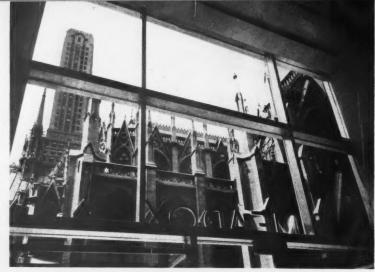
Bottom: Tushingham Studios, 23253 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, prints "Interchange" to order, choice of colors, fabrics; also has Overman hand weaves.

Top: Jofa's "Malvern Metelasse," satiny embroidered white leaves on firm, textured blue, yellow, beige, or pink ground. Cotton and rayon. 54", \$12. (45 East 53rd, N.Y.)

Center: Decorative Fabrics' "Filament" is printed on vat-dyed casement Bali cloth, also superimposed on Chinese "Circles" on heavier fabric. (13 E. 53rd, N. Y.)

Bottom: Stapler Fabrics, 38 East 57th, N. Y., and Philadelphia, presents figured boucle matelasse "Lisbon," one of Art Gallery Group 5 color ways. \$10.45.

Stately glass facade of Meadox opens on stately stone facade of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, across the street. At night light from the showroom's glass ceiling converts entire space into a display. The glass boxes on either side of the door are aluminum framed jeweler's cases, intended to convey by association the preciousness of Meadox fabrics.





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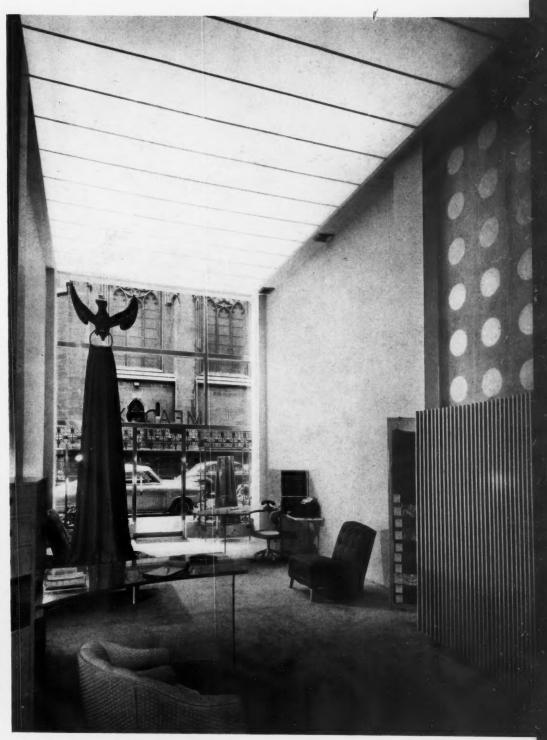
Meadox showroom

designer Bell bends aluminum, glass, and marble

We are assured by designer Lloyd Bell that his new fabric showroom for the Meadox Sales Company, Inc., has the first glass ceiling on the east coast. (There is one on the west coast and one in New England.) It is made of Corning's Albalite glass, in 24" square panels resting on aluminum ribs. Above it are 450' of cold cathode tubing, providing illumination that is, in a way, invisible. The ceiling registers as a luminous surface, filling the room with undirected, barely noticeable light.

The showroom occupies a street level space in a New York office building which is not yet quite completed. Midway down the length of the room one wall breaks into a slow bend, scooping into itself the display space at the back. The line of this wall was plotted directly from a French curve, and all other items of builtin furniture and display were similarly inspired by draftsman's tools. The desks are made of 1" thick slabs of beige marble, each one supported on a single sheet of curved plate glass. Both the receptionist's and the salesmen's desks have curved drawer units, the former containing additional space in which to store a typewriter. The curves here produce some odd effects; in one desk the drawers, apparently facing frontwards, pull out sideways.

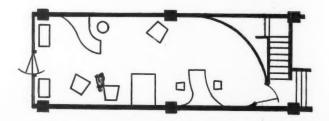
Sheets of aluminum with giant-size perforations cover the wall behind the fabric sample racks. All the walls are painted light blue, which color was selected on the entertaining theory that after middle age the cornea of one's eye reacts most favorably to blue. Buyers, presumably, have the age that comes with experience, and so naturally will feel rested and refreshed. The only strong color accents are those of the upholstery and of the fabrics on display. —A.D.

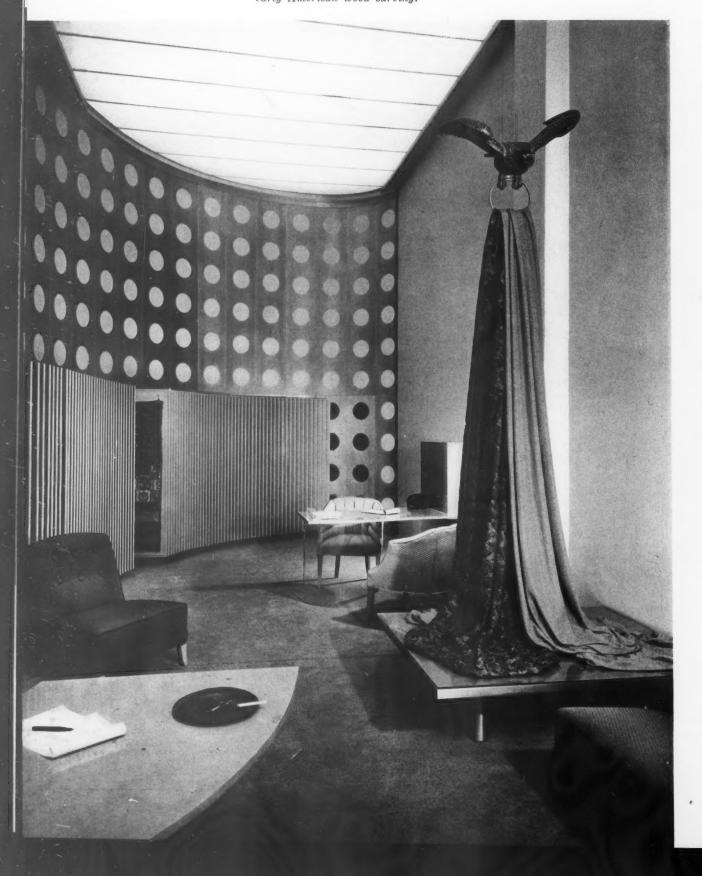


Marble, aluminum, and glass were used by designer Lloyd Bell to avoid the overworked wood-grain atmosphere. All walls and furniture are painted light blue, carpet is beige.

Meadox showroom

Plan (right) shows curved wall at the rear of the show-room. It conceals stair down to the stockrooms, serves as striking backdrop to a bank of fabric sample racks. Entire surface is covered with aluminum, perforated to let the wall show through. Eagle bearing gift of fine fabrics is an early American wood carving.









Two desks, for receptionist and salesmen, are made of beige marble on sheets of curved plate glass. Aluminum covered box at side conceals the switchboard.

A door at the rear of the showroom leads to additional sales areas on a lower level. Photo above shows one of these, partitioned by panels of corrugated Corrulux Fiberglas. Corridor leading to this room (below) is also used as display area. Light in ceiling turns corner to lead the way in.



Makers of Tradition: 11 by Francis de N. Schroeder



The drawing room of the old Swan House, Chelsea, shows the work of William Morris and Co. at its apogee. Sharp eyes will note William Morris wallpaper, a Gothic bench hand painted by William, one kerosene and one Turkish lamp, an Aubusson carpet, two prototypes of the Morris chair, a fine Queen Anne writing desk, a Georgian coal grate, a beer mug full of flowers, and a collection of Japanese porcelain very high up.

William Morris and the arts and crafts revival

No, the face in the lozenge is not that of Karl Marx but of another socialist, William Morris. The helmet or heaulme, as Morris would have spelled it, was designed by him after great research, and made by a Victorian blacksmith so that it could be clapped on the head of a burly model and then painted again for the Morris murals in the Oxford Union. The heaulme has stood the test of time better than the murals.

"Of heaven or hell I have no power to sign, I cannot ease the burden of your fears, Or make quick coming death a little thing, Or bring again the pleasure of past years, Nor for my words shall ye forget your tears, Or hope again for ought that I can say, The idle singer of an empty day."

Introduction to the Earthly Paradise.

—William Morris.

It sometimes seems that today's most fruithful architects and designers cannot see a typewriter or a microphone without leaping forward with an eager glinting eye. The masters that we have discussed in previous segments of this series were rather silent men, concerned only with their chosen profession. When they published books these were large folios of measured drawings, and their literary efforts were limited to brief captions and obsequious dunning letters to clients. The protagonist of this essay, is our first maker of tradition who had the attributes of a universal genius.

William Morris was a 9-bladed jack knife. He was a poet, a philosopher, an interior designer, a manufacturer of furniture, wallpaper and fabrics, an authority on Icelandic sagas, an orator, a very great printer and publisher, and a socialist. Ergo, as in the 9-bladed jack knife, none of these attributes operated with perfect success. Still we do not know any member of the American Institute of Decorators who could have written the poem which heads this article or one that has been offered the equivalent of the poet-laureate-ship of Great Britain and a full professor-ship in poetry at Oxford.

William Morris was born of well-to-do parents in 1834 at Elm House, Walthamstow. His father was a discount broker, wealthy enough to send him to Marlborough School. Marlborough today is one of the big five of the English prep schools, but it was quite newly established when pale, introspective Willie Morris went there in the 1840's, and it could not yet compete with the venerable traditions of Eton, Harrow, and Winchester. From Marlborough he went to Exeter College where he acquired two interests and a few friends that were to remain with him for the rest of his life. The interests were architecture and Anglo-Catholicism. The

Makers of Tradition

friends included Edward Burne-Jones and Dante Gabriel Rossetti. Together they formed an ascetic undergraduate group known as The Brotherhood (today better known as The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood).

William Morris couldn't decide whether to be a priest, an architect, or a painter. He settled on the last because at Oxford he met a very beautiful young woman named Jane Burden. Jane Burden was a lady, and her parents would never have allowed her to pose for ordinary artists, but posing for these Christ-like undergraduates whose interests were the Holy Grail and Queen Guenevere was a different matter.

Jane Burden was the true protagonist of Max Beerbohm's delicious satire on Victorian Oxford, *Zuleika Dobson*, though none of Jane's suitors committed suicide for love of her, like the young peer in that book found floating in the Isis with his royal blue robes spread about him like a lily pad.

At all events William Morris married her in 1859, when he was not long out of college, and as far as records show, they lived happily thereafter.

By 1856 he had stopped painting, and had become a draftsman in London for architect George Edmond Street, designer of the Strand Courts. Immediately after his marriage Mr. Morris built his dream house at Upton, right on the river bank. The house and all its furnishings and fittings were designed by Morris himself. Unfortunately, despite all his other talents, Mr. Morris was not a sanitary engineer. Everybody got dysentery and the house was abandoned. The house at Upton and a commission turned Morris' fertile brain to interior decoration. The commission was the ceiling for the newly erected Oxford Union, possibly the most famous university debating society in the world. The Gothic ceiling now is fading but if you look up you can still see the helmet or heaulme for which he had a blacksmith make a model, based, in turn, on painstaking research.

In 1862 William Morris established the interior decorating firm of Morris, Marshall and Faulkner Company. Certainly nowhere today in New York, Chicago, Grand Rapids, San Francisco, or London does a firm exist today with such famous active partners. They included poet Dante Gabriel Rossetti, painter Sir Edward Burne-Jones, Ford Madox Brown, and Faulkner and Marshall (who did most of the actual work). The Company was formed to execute church decorations, wood carving, stained glass windows, wall-papers, fabrics, furniture, and carpets. In

It is not possible to pin the design of the Morris chair firmly on William Morris, or even on George Warrington Taylor, manager of Morris & Co. from 1865 to 1870—but furniture manufacturers of the day seemed to have no doubt as to its origins, as the 1903 advertisement of William Ritter & Bro. indicates. Back in 1880 a Morris chair of similar quality but simpler Mission style could be had for \$1.50.

This Handsome Reclining Turkish Chair and 1000 Cigars for \$35.00.



"Home Comport G" with Foot Rest.—A full-sized Turkish Chair with our patent reclining adjustment. It is made with spring edge seat, spring back and arms. The reclining adjustment is entirely concealed and never fails. The foot-rest folds underneath the Chair and when not in use is entirely concealed. It is one of the nicest Chairs we make and we cannot say to much in its praise. The cut shows this Chair in reclining position.

This Chair and 1,000 5c. or 500 10c. Cigars for \$35.00

Respectfully,

S. A. COOK & CO., Medina, N. Y. The advertisement for the Morris chair plus 1,000 cigars for \$35 is self explanatory, except that it may be worth noting that S. A. Cook & Company were originally tobacco merchants who gave away chairs as premiums, then found it cheaper to make their own chairs, and are now quite happy with one division in the tobacco business, one in the furniture business, though today they have nothing upholstered for \$35.

Ritter's Morris Chairs

No. 362

\$6.50

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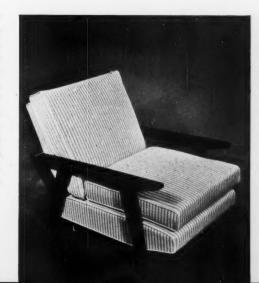


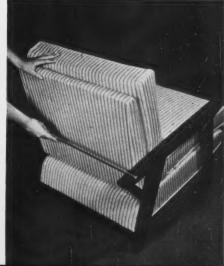
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Morris Chairs, Extension Tables and Dining Chairs

NEW CATALOGUE SENT UPON REQUEST

The modern version of the Morris chair designed by Charles Stoll for the Stand-Built Furniture Company has the important attributes of the original: the reversible cushions, the adjustable back (adjustable to four different positions), and back-tilted seat forgotten by many imitators. A Dunbar Furniture Company Morris chair designed by Edward Wormley was shown on page 92 of our March issue.











Makers of Tradition

1875 many of the partners, famous in their own right dropped out and the firm became known as Morris and Company. If you say "William Morris" to today's generation, an automatic reaction is of course, "The Morris Chair." It seems fairly obvious that at one time William Morris, our nine-bladed jack-knife, did use such a chair with a long seat and a slanting, adjustable back. On page 122 we show an interior completely furnished by William Morris and Company with two rather grim easy chairs that follow the general pattern of the famous chair.

We show on page 124 and page 125 advertisements of "Morris chairs," one selling for \$6.50 and one for \$35, but you will notice that the Morris chair selling for \$35 included 1000 five-cent cigars or 500 ten-cent cigars. Not only was Morris, the Socialist, aghast at the success of his adjustable chair, but he slightly delayed the success of the wallpapers and fabrics of his own design made by commercial establishments and tried ever so hard to whip up more enthusiasm for the hand woven tapestries which he had established in the barn of an ancient monastery in 1881.

All this time William Morris continued to write poetry. His poems were large and they were long. He was enormously interested in legends found in the Icelandic sagas and they acquired considerable public recognition, so much so that when Alfred Lord Tennyson died, William Morris was offered the poet laureateship of Great Britain, which as a Socialist he dared not accept.

In 1891 Morris and his good friend Rossetti bought a handsome Georgian brick house to be used as a weekend home or possibly a summer home. There Morris, never capable of remaining idle anywhere, suddenly switched his interest to typography. In the back rooms of that house he set up a press honored by printers and publishers throughout the English speaking world of today, the Kelmscott Press. With it he produced what is probably the greatest work of his life, the two-volume (Continued on page 184)

On the opposite page, reading from north to south: The remarkably modern shop front of Morris & Co. on Oxford Street, as it appeared in the late 1870's.

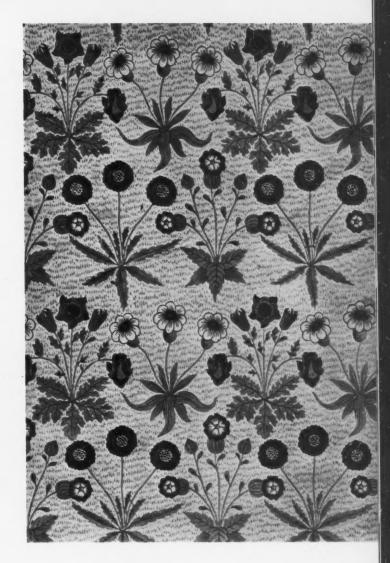
Below it is the medieval monastery barn which socialist William Morris believed to be an ideal factory in which young women would be taught to revive the ancient craft of tapestry weaving. Below that again is one of the most beautiful works to come from that barn, the tapestry "Angeli Laudantes," still hanging in Eton College chapel. Morris made the original sketch and supervised the work. The angels are by his good friend Burne-Jones, and the foliage and flowers by J. H. Dearle.

On this page we have the first fabric design William Morris ever made (it appeared as a wallpaper too), which lives on in perfectly saleable derivatives today.

Below is the greatest and last work of his artistic career, the two-volume folio Kelmscott Chaucer. It took five years to design, correct, and print, and William Morris died shortly after the very limited edition appeared. At auction today a copy in good condition is worth between one and two thousand

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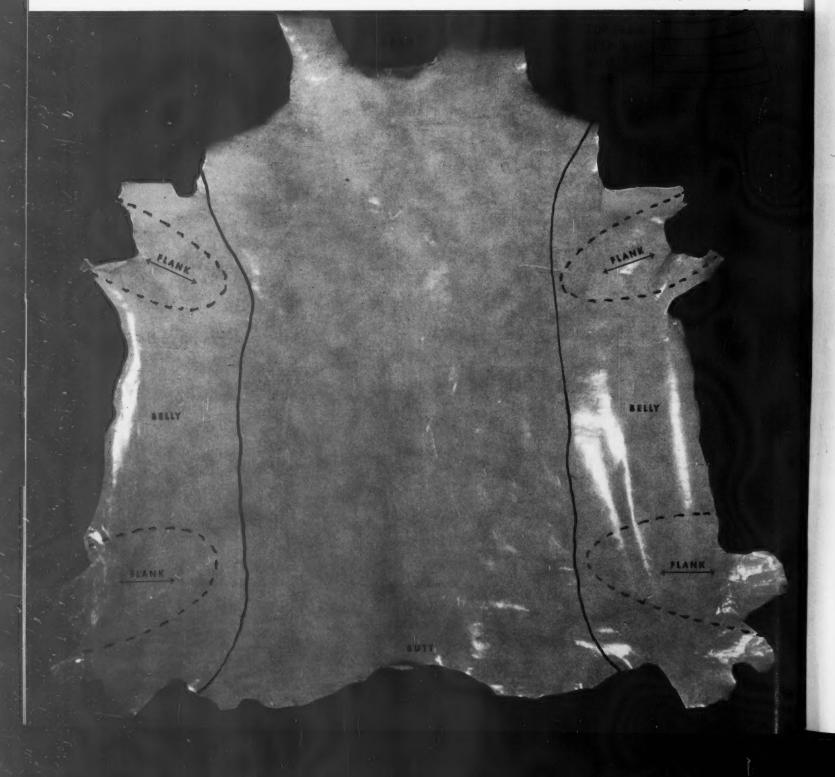


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What every interior designer should know

Hide courtesy Adams Leathers, Inc.



about UPHOLSTERY LEATHER

QUESTIONS
AND ANSWERS

ELIZABETH KAUFER



Brunovan's Regence armchair has satiny top grain calfskin upholstery, in colors to order.

WHERE DOES LEATHER COME FROM?

Leather is the hide or skin of any animal tanned or otherwise dressed for use.

WHEN IS LEATHER CALLED A HIDE AND WHEN A SKIN?

Hide refers to the pelt of large animals, such as cattle or horses, etc.

Skins are from smaller animals—sheep, calves, goats, etc.

WHAT IS USED FOR UPHOLSTERY LEATHER?

The finest cattle hides. Their relatively large surfaces eliminate seaming problems inherent in small hides or skins.

IS ALL UPHOLSTERY LEATHER OF EQUAL QUALITY?

No. Variables that affect quality (in addition to how it is tanned or finished) are which layer of the hide the piece comes from, and what section (body or flank) of the hide it is.

IS THE FULL THICKNESS OF THE HIDE USED FOR UPHOLSTERY LEATHER?

No. Hides are so thick they can be split into several horizontal layers, each of which will have sufficient tensile strength for various purposes.

The two top layers of the hide are used for upholstery leather because these layers either retain the distinctive beauty of grain, or else can be given a pattern approximating it. The bottom layers of the hide are not used for upholstery because they lack desired appearance values, suppleness, and the required tensile strength.

WHAT ARE THE CUTS THAT ARE USED FOR UPHOLSTERY PURPOSES CALLED?

Full Top Grain, which is the first or top cut, from which nothing has been removed but the hair. This is the finest grade, and standards are so high that

fewer than 5% of all cattle hides tanned for upholstery leather are sufficiently free from surface blemishes to win this coveted grading.

Snuffed Top Grain, also called Corrected Grain, is likewise the first or top cut, the same as Full Top Grain, but its surface has had to be lightly sanded, removing the natural surface blemishes as well as the top of the hair follicles. Since hide selectivity does not have to be so high for this grade, the quantity available is greater and its price less than Full Top Grain.

Deep Buff, which is the cut of upholstery leather directly beneath Top Grain. None of the grain remains, but the surface can be given a finish of attractive appearance. While Deep Buff lacks the flexibility and heavy satin feel of Top Grain, it is durable and comparatively inexpensive, and entirely suitable for flat upholstery such as wall coverings, desk and table upholsteries, etc.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEATHER GRAIN AND GRAINED LEATHER?

Grain is the natural pattern formed by the cells that surround the hairs. When the hair is removed, this distinctive pattern is exposed. This natural pattern varies considerably from one part of the hide to another . . . but such variation is good proof that you are getting a true top cut.

Grained leather, in contrast, is one on which the original natural grain pattern has been changed or altered or added to in some way by various processes or manipulation. With grained leather there need be no variation from one part of the hide to another. Heavy grainings

tend to cover all imperfections—consequently they are less expensive than fine grainings, since they can be used on less desirable hides.

HOW IS UPHOLSTERY LEATHER FINISHED?

By tanning—a preservative treatment which keeps a hide or skin from disintegrating and rotting. It converts the live material into an inert material, and in so doing strengthens it by changing the texture and adding body.

For upholstery leathers, as for all heavy leathers, tanning is done by the most ancient tannic or vegetable process or by a vegetable process in combination with chrome. . . . These processes leave them pliable and supple.

The tannic "tea" is made from various barks, leaves, etc. containing tannin.

Sometimes you hear the word "tawing" substituted for "tanning," but it is only correctly used when the tanning has been specifically by the alum process.

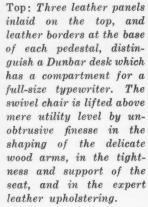
By coloring, in a combination of dyeing and painting after tanning. Hides are first dyed one of the basic colors, and then given one coat of finish. Then when a certain color is specified, a hide in the nearest base color is chosen, and then many coats of paint in the exact color desired are sprayed on it. After the painting a final coat of lacquer is sprayed on.

The preliminary coat of dye is a precaution against scuff marks. Since the under color is close in value to the top color, it keeps a raw scar from appearing, and so the scuff is not too noticeable. The lacquer coat protects the pigments in the paint (the most permanent ones known are used) (Continued on page 176)



Upholstery leather in use





Second: The famous Herman Miller desk designed by George Nelson is both efficient and modern like the Dunbar desk above but the two are as different as day and night, visually. Nevertheless, both have leather. Nelson curves the leather on the table surface of his desk over the edge. Other parts are a portable typewriter container which also holds a paper supply; a sliding perforated metal file container at working height at the right that holds a Pendaflex file; a storage unit on top with sliding Presdwood Masonite door; and a supporting cradle of tubular steel.

Third: Dunbar's "Public Room Lawson," a full 96" long, and completely lacking in gimmicks, is a memorable piece of furniture solely on the strength of its noble proportions and perfect leather.

Bottom: The kind of chair big men sink into with a contented sigh, that lasts practically forever with minimum care, and has that look of dignity eagerly sought by young men opening new law and investment firms, is shown here with a bookshelf table with gold-tooled top. Both pieces are made with Adams Leather.

















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cove whos Top: The Kittinger Company, painstaking makers of period reproductions, use leather often, handle it as lovingly as the fine mahogany, rosewood, and brass of which the illustrated pieces consist. The gold-tooled leather used on this Regency chair and

desk are soft and glossy.

Second: Loblein of Kent use leather on a large percentage of their furniture, are practiced in intricate applications. Button tufting and head-to-head brass studs adorn the chairs of this card group, and the gold-tooling on the leather top of the table is repeated on the covered edges. Made with Adams Leather.

Top: Brunovan, specialist in French Provincial, demonstrates the adaptability of leather in delicate, feminine furniture. The supple, glossy leather in the Ferranys chairs is finely welted in the loose top cushion, and bordered with head-to-head brass studs. The pattern for the tooling of the leather on the table

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Second: An unusual design at Weiman, who specialize in tables and desks, many of them with gold-tooled leather.

is as authentic as every

other detail.

Third: Antiqued white leather on table tops and edges is frequent in the new Italian Empire group designed by Moore and Pefferle for S. J. Campbell Company; John Stuart, Inc., selling agents.







Third: Ed Wormley, who hates to be forced into a rut, proves that (1) in spite of the trend for modern furniture to become lighter and lighter, it is possible to make an extremely modern chair extremely heavy, and (2) the seat and back aren't the only parts of a chair you can put leather on. At Dunbar.

Bottom: Architect Morris Lapidus, who designed this upper-bracket office, seats the boss in a leathercovered chair at a desk whose curved top is inlaid with contrasting leather. Above: Carlton Surrey Inc. of Grand Rapids make the most of leather in the No. 178 Surrey sofa. Note the continuous line of nailheads at the base, the fine welting, lightly-scaled arms, sleek cushions.

Right: This is another view of the same office designed by Morris Lapidus which is illustrated at bottom of opposite page.

Bottom: Imperial's nest of cocktail tables may be traditional with modern overtones or modern with traditional overtones, but anyway, well proportioned and detailed, functionally sound, made of fine mahogany, with antique-finish and gold-tooled leather.







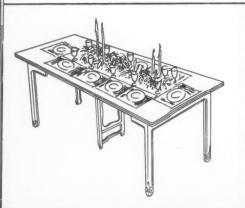
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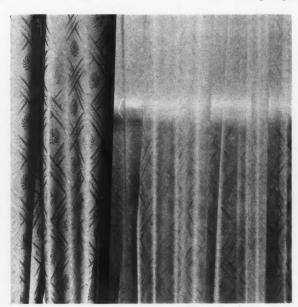
Plastic Madagascan straw and Java grass

"Madagaska" is the name of a vinyl upholstery fabric that simulates native woven straw of Madagascar, made by L. E. Carpenter & Company Inc., of Wharton, New Jersey. Fused to a fabric back, it is tough enough to top a table or cover furniture, without cracking or flaking, and is impervious to water, stains, and alcohol. It is also adaptable to lamps, screens, many other items.

F. Schumacher & Company, 60 West 40th Street, New York, has a plastic coated cloth simulating Javanese hand woven grass, especially good for use on a terrace or breezeway. Light enough for wall covering, heavy enough for slip covers or upholstery. In many colors, 50" wide, \$4.45 retail.

Vinyl plastic damasks and sheers

Semi-transparent casement curtains made of Ultron are faintly embossed with the same patterns as opaque damask-like drapery fabrics, created by Plastron, Inc., 419 Fourth Avenue, New York. (Monsanto Chemical Company, of St. Louis, produces the vinyl sheeting, Ultron, which is converted into patterned yard goods and draperies by Plastron.) The new correlated draperies and casements are in four patterns: a deeply etched stripe, a Provincial diamond (illustrated), a large floral, and a Chinese bamboo; in six colors: chartreuse, smoke gray, sunburst gold, starlight blue, hunter green, and dubonnet, plus frosty white for the translucent glass curtains. They were introduced at Monsanto's 445 Park Avenue, New York office, in room settings by William Anton Lang, who used wire in the sheers to give them controlled flare. One grouping



showed how they could admit sunlight while retaining privacy, and the heavier draperies could be drawn across on traverse rods for a complete night-time shield or daytime darkness. Rain-splashes wipe right off.

Mother Goose frieze

A running frieze of Mother Goose characters 26" high, in gay lacquer colors on canvas base is offered by Frederic Blank & Company, Inc., 230 Park Avenue, New York, maker of washable, sunfast Fabron and Detron wall coverings. It is cheerful, not coy, as good for a home bar as for a nursery, and may be used with other Fabron solid textures above or below. A running yard retails at \$4.

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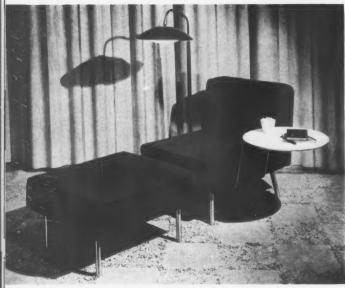
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Above: Modern Color Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.

Left: Herman Miller Furniture Company.

Left below: Hosken Inc., Boston, Mass.

Below: Hille of London, at John Stuart Inc.



Merchandise cues

Furniture . . . Lamps . . . Tableware, accessories . . . Plastic fabrics . . . New products . . .

Chair-tables

George Nelson has designed for the Herman Miller Furniture Company, Zeeland, Michigan, a series of foam rubber seating units in three widths, to which arms and cantilevered tables may be attached. Photo above shows narrowest 25" chair and ottoman on satin metal legs, with white Formica-topped elbow shelf. (Telescope-shaft Lightolier lamp in background.) All are in the Merchandise Mart Good Design show. Other table attachments are an oblong tray and a one-drawer end table, also topped with damage-proof Formica. The arm rest is foam rubber, tiltable. Included is a low storage box on metal legs, into which a radio and speaker may be installed. Formica lid lifts.

Nests at Raymor

Richards Morgenthau & Company, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York, has four new groups of small tables. The nest of four, shown, is by James and Franziska Hosken, whose tubularframed service cart we showed in April 1949. The stacking group, well under \$10 each retail, has bright liquor-proof tops of red, yellow, black, and natural, and a man can stand on them. The birch legs unscrew, are metalreinforced inside. Other Hosken stacking tables are more sober. A small birch traytable by Studio Modern retails for \$25; stacking stools may go with it. There are also tables by Ben Seibel and David Wurster. The Wurster nests are solid birch blocks on black metal legs, the medium one for \$16.

Foam and steel

Modern Color, Inc., 2664 Glendower Avenue, Los Angeles 27, California, maker of the cord and tube chairs by Greta Magnusson Grossman (July, page 108), brought out at the same time a chair by Dorothy Schindele that can be found in shops like Baldwin-Kingrey, Chicago; Carroll Sagar, Los Angeles; Pascoe-Houston, Houston; Contempora Interiors, Miami Beach; Modern Design, Washington, D. C.; and Woodhall Inc., Waterbury, Connecticut. Illustrated above it is made of ½" special steel rod in black or white enamel, 30" high, with 100% latex foam; \$29.50 basic retail.

Latimer-Day dining room

The century-old firm, Hille of London, exhibited at the British Industries International Trade Fair the sideboard above, with table and chairs by Clive Latimer and Robin Day, Museum of Modern Art Furniture Competition, winners. (They will design the interior of the new Concert Hall on the Thames for the 1951 Festival of Britain.) The buffet combines rosewood, fiddleback ash, cherry, and glass in handsome proportions, retails at about \$1,000. The table, with the same hand turned, oval legs, floats a long rectangular figured ash top; \$550. The dark wood chairs are exquisitely formed, with furry pony skin over foam seats and backs; about \$195. John Stuart, Inc., 32nd Street and Fourth Avenue, New York, is American distributor. Shown on the same floor, redone by Edward Wormley, is the dramatic Paul Frankl furniture for Johnson Furniture Company, of Grand Rapids (May Interiors, and page 120, July), as well as grass-topped maple tables designed by Moore & Pefferle for S. J. Campbell Company, of Chicago. (Remember Campbell's "Amazon" chairs?) - J. K.



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Charak Furniture Company, 33 Wareham Street, Boston; New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.



Above: Brown-Saltman, Southgate, California.

Below: Harvey Probber, Inc., New York.

Right: Glabman & Associates, Inc., Chicago.

Merchandise cues

From the 18th Century

Charak has an extensive collection of tables, buffets, and other pieces adapted from rare antiques, that have just appeared in its three showrooms (444 Madison Avenue, New York). They are trim and lightly scaled, flexible in use, and suited to a great many backgrounds. The junior dining table of Sheraton design, left, is 36" x 54", extending to 78". Of mahogany, the legs are simply carved, and the top is delicately crossbanded, with a finely beaded edge. The hand made silver accessories were designed for Charak by Tommi Parzinger.

"California Valley" group

Approximately 25 per cent less expensive than last year's "California Desert" group designed by Paul Laszlo, the "California Valley" furniture by Hendrik Van Keppel and Taylor Green, introduced by Brown-Saltman at Chicago and Los Angeles Summer Markets has great versatility. The china buffet, left, a Good Design selection, conveniently stores, as you can see, dishes, glassware, silver, table leaves, pads, trays, linens. The hutch has adjustable shelves, plate rails, may also carry books. Drawers on metal extension slides pull out to their full depth. The wide, vertically grooved doors have two piano hinges each, to take up a minimum of space when open. Closed, they present a cabinet facade that goes anywhere, are used as well to cover an 8-drawer chest. They open by invisible touch-latch (Tutch-Latch). Many smaller chests are versatile too. Tables are 281/2" high, comfortable for dining, games, work. Chairs and exposed wood sofas are upholstered in Hoffman Woolens loomed in California. A headboard fits full-size, twin, and Hollywood beds, has cantilevered nightstand, clip-on upholstered units. Wood is Tanguile mahogany, on tables contrasted with Hawaiian Koa wood.

Hidden swivel

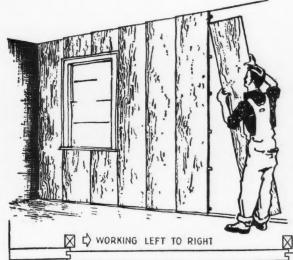
The cozy easy chair below is all foam rubber, and swivels in a full circle . . . for watching television or for conversing in a room that has more than one grouping. Curves of the chair are especially designed for body contours. The lamp is one of many Sue Aleshire ceramic designs on display, and for sale. This and other new upholstered and wood pieces (including the famous Nuclear series and the foam rubber suspension chair) may be sampled for comfort at the Harvey Probber showrooms, 136 Fifth Avenue, New York, and Exhibitor's Building, Grand Rapids.

Glabman of Wisconsin

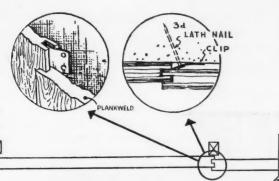
Jack L. Glabman, a man of enthusiasm and constructive ideas, whose upholstered furniture plant at Muscoda, Wisconsin, is now in full swing, has found that it paid to branch away from his father's old-school (albeit successful) furniture business. The Glabman chairs and sofas, packed with the utmost of comfort, durability, and good looks, and covered in a variety of textured fabrics, are shown at A. H. Stiehl Furniture Company, New York; and Flues and Orr, Chicago. The model below is a hotel bed in the Caribe Hilton, designed by Ben Bower. It can be made to order. The contract group offers an interesting choice of arms and backs, as well as a three-part curved sectional. Another sectional, by Albert C. Hagmayer, is in two straight parts with high, padded arms meeting the back. The pair retails for \$440, 108" long. A television chair, also by Hagmayer, has exposed blond mahogany legs, with brass casters in front, a loose pillow added to the upholstered back, and is very easy to maneuver. Tiring of the television program, Mr. Glabman assures us, you can do headstands on the arms.-J. K.







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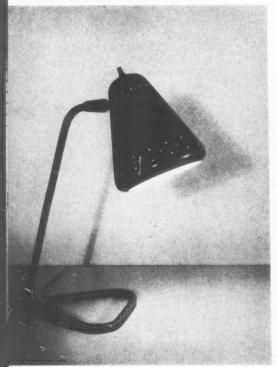
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Merchandise cues

The eternal tripod

Polished brass tubing and a black wood ring, shaded with a textured fabric, designed by Earline Brice of Alfred Auerbach Associates, make up the Lightolier lamp, left, chosen for the Summer 1950 Good Design Show. Approximate retail price is \$21.50. A brass tripod by Gerald Thurston, also in the show, has a bleached oak triangular base, and drum shade of Finnish Aspenslats; \$25. They each have the Lytemaster reflector. At the Lightolier Galleries in New York, Chicago, and San Francisco, re-designed by Edward Wormley (August Interiors, page 90) lights gleam and glow on all kinds of pedestals, and in new fixtures by Carl Moser, Parzinger, Wormley.

Flower stems

In warm gay colors, like desert gold and coral, the new Kurt Versen stem-and-bell designs twinkle and swivel (by the famous Uni-Versen spring tension) for \$12 single, retail, \$24 criss-cross double. Another type introduced by Gottschalk Sales Company, distributing factory sales agent, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York, is a trio of straight brass stems that spring out from a classroom bell-shape and grow daintily upward to three heights, capped by small silk shades under contrasting plastic mesh; 25" tall, \$24.

Brilliance

Paul Hanson has some shining new effects in glass and metal, like the column of dimly transparent glass bowls and brass rings below. Old brass paper shade is banded with green velvet. The tall version shown is \$87.50; a stubbier model, \$75. In clear colorless glass, there are several resplendent vase types—one etched with silver, one with brass trim and

base, one like an immense transparent candlestick, globe upon inverted globe.

Light for table games

Whether bridge, canasta, mah-jongg, or gin rummy, the good, direct, down light need no longer come from a green glass shade on a string. Mutual-Sunset offers an alternative almost equally simple, but better looking: the floor lamp below, with a horseshoe base to fit around the corner table leg, a goose neck for individual adjustments, and a swivel joint above the dome, which has white enamel inside finish, and a non-heating Bakelite switch. To retail at about \$20.

Three-way swing

A year ago, Harry Hosmer made experimental joints from a section of broomstick. He was a designer of tools and spectographic equipment. Now he is head of Hosmer Lamps, 1422 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, California, profiting by his invention of a double jointed lamp that throws a light anywhere-in your lap, on the ceiling, under the bed. Its behavior is a synthesis of the gooseneck and the swing arm. Two counter-sprung friction joints in the smooth metal shaft permit the sections to swing and rotate in any direction, where they stay until moved again. Shaft of the floor model telescopes from 5 to 7 feet, besides; \$39.50 retail. Shades may be textured cloth or aluminum spinning acorn, as in the table model for \$18.50, and the new pin-up. Finish may be brushed brass, copper, or cadmium. Design will be patented.

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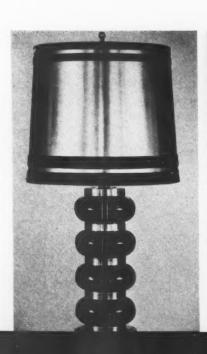
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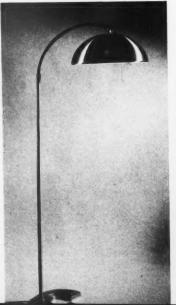
Brass used three ways-for splendor, for canasta, for television:

Right: Paul Hanson Company Inc. 15 East 26th Street, New York.

Center: Mutual-Sunset Manufacturing Company, 540 Empire State Building, New York.

Far right: Tower Craftsmen, Inc., Red Bank, New Jersey.









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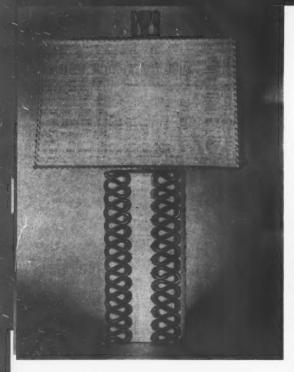
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Merchandise cues

of jeweler's rouge and elbow grease) adds, in the television lamp (p. 138), a finish called "gold chiffon." The vase, with 30, 60, 100 watt bulb, is 11½" high, retails at \$25. This, together with Tower's Colonial style lamps in brass, lively pewter, and bronze, as well as a new copper-on-brass group, "Livable Modern," are shown at 225 Fifth Avenue, New York; Merchandise Mart, Chicago; Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Nature, not too raw

To his collection of novel lamps made of mirror, ceramic, metal, batik, Irīlite, and wood, Lee Bernay of Lamp-Craft Studios has added a line of casual Americana, the "Grass Roots Group," using grasses, cork, rawhide, leathers, in earthtones of neutral amber and beige. Unconventional ornamentation and shapes give the natural materials a dressed up look, in some cases slightly zany.

Rusticana

Louis Kelem, co-starter three years ago of the Kelby Pottery in Brooklyn, creates ceramic designs of rustic forcefulness, treating clay as the moldable, incisable material it is. The unglazed (except for the bones) sgraffito column at left is only a mild example of what Mr. Kelem's invention leads to. His company, now known as Kelby Originals, exhibited a number of odd numbers at the New York Lamp Show: a divided tree stump, a corrugated ham bone, several good round jugs—with warmly glowing shades of allied texture and color. In Chicago, shown at 1213 Merchandise Mart.

Clear, satin, enameled

Material of a thousand appearances—glass—is turned to glamorous account by Beth Weiss-

man in a surprise Transitional line, seen in New York, Chicago, Dallas, and Los Angeles. One of the simpler designs is the sparkling crackle glass column below; another is semi-opaque with a faintly etched pattern; another is clear glass ridged and figured with raised enamel in crisp colors. Satiny Bristol glass, for which Beth Weissman is well known, is featured in dark colors like plum, green, black. All have 3-way indirect lighting.

Variety and vitality

The Charleton line of china and glass lamps and accessories, totalling 175 items, been re-styled in some new, vigorous techniques. While retaining traditional vase forms, and mountings of impressive dimensions, the applied ornamentation has a masculine strength characteristic of all Abels, Wasserberg & Company designs. The Ranch House lamps of this spring, for example, employ raised enamel on glass and richly textured shades in a way that is informal though far from rustic. Of the 75 new lamps, all different, we show a handsome creation in soft black glass and satin-finish silver. The silver criss-crossing is hand painted. Others are cased glass, etched glass, gold glass, painted porcelain. Showrooms in New York, Chicago, Grand Rapids, Los Angeles.

Squashable and washable

At the Lamp Show, Potters of Wall Street (led by Bob Krassner, once of Kelby, and represented by Batea Trading Company, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York) illuminated their ceramic primitives with many interesting shade materials, including a new plastic, Polithen, that scarcely shows a seam. Its pebbled, wax-like translucence or opaqueness comes in appealing tints and shades, costs little.—J. K.



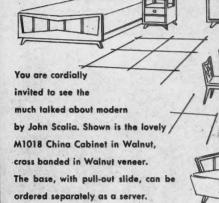


- Lamp-Craft Studios, 140 West 22nd Street, New York 11, loops rawhide on a laminated woven grass base, embeds sisal in a vinyl plastic shade.
- b Kelby Originals, 230 Fifth Avenue, New York, etches "Dry Bones" on brown bisque; brown-tint Polyplastex shade.
- c Beth Weissman, Inc., 49 West 23rd Street, New York 10, matches clear crystal crackle column with veined damask shade; 33" high, \$55 retail.
- d Abels, Wasserberg & Company, Inc., 23 East 26th Street, New York, combines oxidized silver and black matt glass, silver satin shade; \$59.50.

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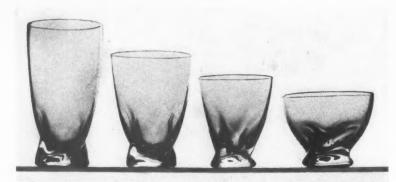
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Left: Paden City Pottery Company, Paden City, West Virginia; 10 West 23rd Street, New York. By Refregier. Right: Fee and Stemwedel, Inc., 2210 Wabansia Avenue, Chicago 47. Below: Imperial Glass Corporation, Bellaire, Ohio; 1107 Broadway, New York. Russel Wright crystal tumblers, forerunners of a large line.





Merchandise c u e s

Above: Inlaid Plastics, Inc., 2025 East 71st Street, Cleveland 3, Ohio. Metal bonded to plastic, any design. Below: Warner Prins, 36 East 22nd Street, New York. He names this tile "Hounfaloux," meaning Whatch callit.

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Many uses for each glass

Russell Wright, who always designs a product to suit its performance, and makes it look beautiful besides, has gone into the kilns again and come out with three versions of glass tableware for Imperial Glass Corporation. They will go well not only with his own dinnerware, but with almost any other of strong and honest character. The "Flame" pattern, above, is blown clear crystal, very pleasant to hold and to turn in the hand. At about \$9 a dozen, it comes in four sizes: zombie, or iced tea; water, milk, or highball; juice, seltzer, or sour; sherbet, shrimp, old fashioned, or double cocktail.

The "Flare" pattern, in seed or tiny bubble glass, is easy to sip from, retails at \$6-\$7.20 a dozen, sparkles in pale aqua Seaspray, dark Hemlock, green gold Verde, and Ripe Olive. The "Hand Pinched" is a massive pressed glass, dark colored or crystal.

The Prins of Tiles

Warner Prins, who was born in Holland, hegan making ceramic tiles as a hobby, then sold them as one-of-a-kind designs, and now turns them out in sufficient quantity to offer many items at much lower prices. His fluid, expressionistic concepts, on texturous looking backgrounds, may be scenes, caricatures, or nonsense; the colors muted or animated. Wall pieces called "Vistas" are 3" tile blocks surrounded by jet black tile; \$2 each. Walnut cigarette and canasta boxes are \$5, \$7. Lacquered brass, copper, and nickel framed ash trays are \$4, \$7. Coasters in color sets, \$1.

By Refregier and Cobelle

Top left photo shows four of the painted decorations by Anton Refregier for Paden City Pottery Company, expected to appear in stores this Fall. Designs are "Moby Dick," "Arabian Nights," "Sea Shells," and graceful, sensitive "Calligraphy" (favorite at the show), in charming colorings. Sets of 20 pieces retail from \$7 to \$10, in the flanged coupe shape. At the same showing, Universal Potteries, of Cambridge, Ohio, and 225 Fifth Avenue, New York, presented table settings of a pure coupe shape decorated with paintings by Charles Cobelle, in the same price range. Scenes saucily depict "Fountain," "Gloucester Fisherman," "Carousel," "Mermaid," and "Passy."

Airguide barometer

A new Airguide barometer model, the Canterbury, illustrated above, does a lot of things for its moderate cost of \$60. It graces a traditional room with hand rubbed solid mahogany case, silvered, etched dials and scales, polished bezels, and ornamental spindle. It shows weather trends, temperature, and humidity, saves phone calls, is 28" high.-J. K.

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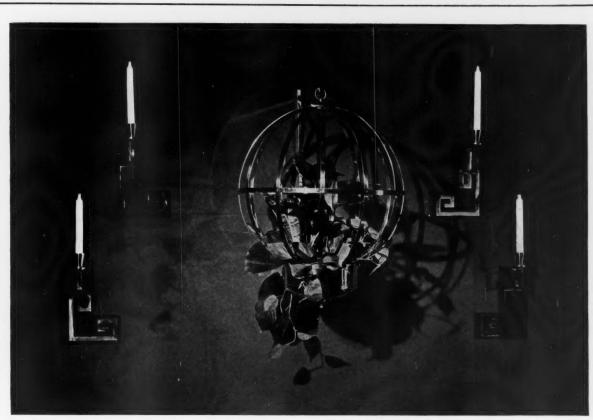




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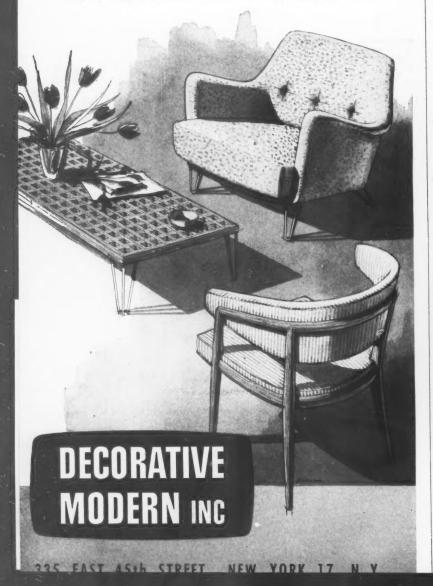
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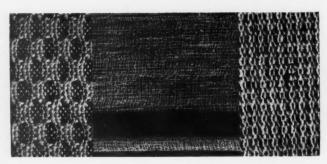
Company. Schumacher has staged an exhibition of silks at its main showrooms, 60 West 40th Street, New York 18. It will remain on view until September 18th. Scalamandré is showing ancient and modern silks, in the Scalamandré Museum of Textiles at 20 West 55th Street, New York 19. Last but not least, New York's Metropolitan Museum has scheduled an exhibition called "The World of Silk" to open on October 20th. We have produced a group of new silks on page 110.

The other fibers have by no means been eclipsed. Schumacher's sturdy nylon ratiné can be had both in plain colors and in a leaf print. Schumacher and Thorp both have marquisette woven of orlon, which seems to have all of nylon's practical advantages plus imperviousness to the sun. Fiberglas, valued because it is fireproof, is to be had in plain-colored twill weaves, interesting casements, small and large geometric prints, and bold modern florals, at Thortel Fabrics, 101 Park Avenue, New York 16. The coronizing process gives the new Fiberglas fabrics a soft hand. They wash easily, can be hung to dry without ironing in a few minutes.

The rayon, cotton, mercerized cotton, and mixed upholstery weaves were never so interesting, but note among the upholstery weaves on page 111 the first nylon satin damask, with tiny stars of golden Lurex, the entire reverse surface weighted down with the metallic thread. From Meadox.

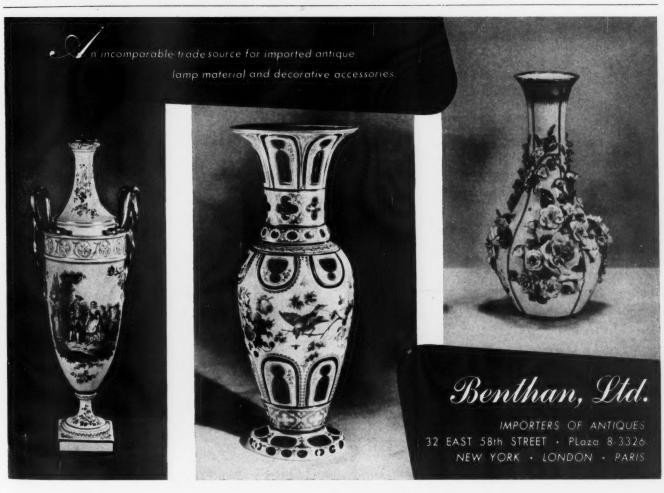
Boris Kroll, who entered the field as a hand weaver, has done suave, powerloomed upholstery fabrics as well as rich avant-garde textures. His designs, always neat, range from small geometric units of bouclé repeated on heavy, satin-surfaced damasks, to soft, chenille-surfaced bouclé fabrics covered with continuous Greek-key, wave, or other line motifs traced in contrasting colors.

Many tight, hard-surfaced textures are to be seen. Particularly beautiful is Jofa's power-loomed "Flint Texture" on page 111 (number 18). The metal-threaded, mica-like "wrong side" will tempt as many buyers as the right side. Another weaver who uses both the hand and power looms is the extremely original Isabel Scott (4 West 56th Street, New York 19). The tight, lozenge-figured fabric below left is one of her hand weaves. Below right is a hard-textured Mitchell-Davis power weave with a pleasant glint of golden Lurex. It exemplifies the trend to subtlety in the use of metallic thread, and also the trend to using metallic thread in unexpected company-in this case with ropy cotton. This fabric is in Everett Brown's coordinated "Interiors for Living" collection at the Merchandise Mart, Chicago. The handwoven Menlo casement (Menlo Park, California) shown in the center, below, indicates the oppo-



site direction textured fabrics have taken—toward softness. Printed silk gauge casements are as numerous as the woven casements. An Architectural League gold medal was awarded to fabric designer Donelda Fazakas for a







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silk gauze print, 50" wide, which is sold by the Artcraft Fabrics Corporation, 20 East 53rd Street, New York 22, for \$6.60 retail. It is called "Hit and Miss," consists of a tangled silver or gold thread printed on the silk. Silkar Studios, 38 East 57th Street, New York 22, also has excellent printed silk gauzes, a particularly good design by Marion Dorn called "Leaves of Grass." Casements of every kind—printed, embroidered, and textured—are of course in variety at the casement specialists, E. C. Carter & Son, Inc., 49 East 53rd Street, New York 22, Henry Cassen, 509 Madison Avenue, New York 22, and W. B. Quaintance and Company, Inc., 227 East 56th Street, New York 22.

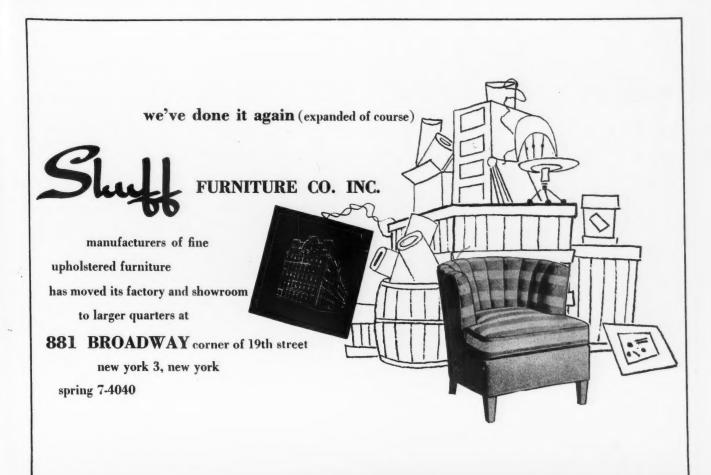
Bouclé matelassé, once an artistic stepchild tolerated only for its sturdiness in upholstery, has become chic. The Moroccan-inspired fabrics designed by Jay Gresham for Schumacher include a jagged, saw-tooth geometric in bright earth colors against a sand-colored background. Another good one is Stapler's "Lisbon" (page 117).

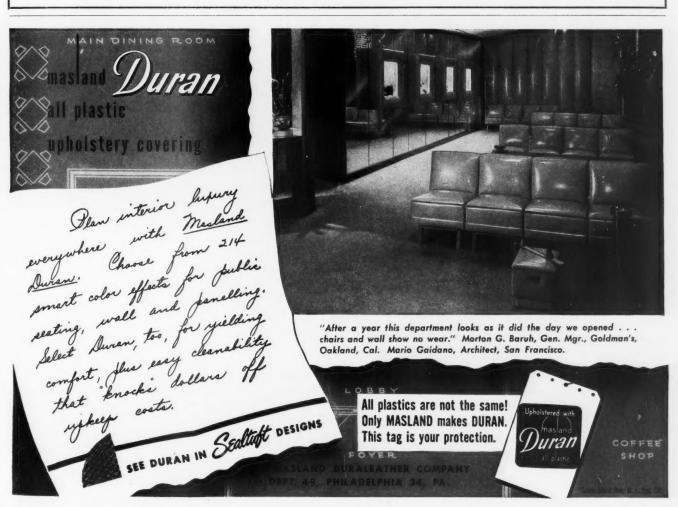
Our illustrated pages present many of the interesting prints of the new market, and show the predominance of linens. Toiles, chintzes, and other period cotton prints are plentiful at all the big houses, with some of the most charming at Brunschwig et Fils. Two other good ones, hand made in France, are illustrated here. They are both

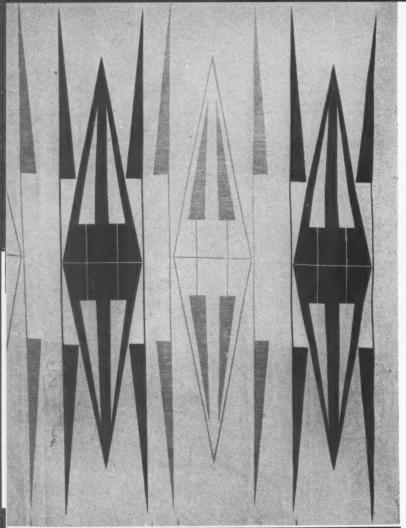


from Paul Dumas, and are accompanied by matching wall-papers. Above is "Avignon," and below, "Caromandel." Colors are soft Eighteenth Century tones. They are part of Diament's steadily growing Dumas and Zuber collections. (Philadelphia, and 34 East 53rd Street, New York 22). But these, like the 110 others we have illustrated, are only a sampling of what is to be found at the fabric houses.—O. G.



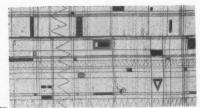


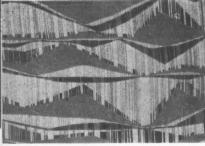




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More television cabinets

The first television-radio maker to receive the Fashion Academy Gold Medal Award is Motorola, which has introduced 29 television sets and 11 basic radio models in 31 variations. The TV receivers range from a colorful Bakelite table model with 14" screen for \$170 to a limed oak combination console with 20" screen for \$600. Among table radio sets is the Radio-Larm that switches on household appliances at pre-designated times, in Bakelite casing, under \$40.

Raytheon Manufacturing Company, celebrating its Silver Anniversary in the field of electronics, offers 14 television sets in both squared-off and traditional cabinet designs, with round and rectangular tubes up to 20". A modern Chinese limed oak cabinet, The Santung, has 17" screen, AM radio, and 3-speed phonograph, with cupboard space for albums. Particularly nice looking is The Mayfair, also in limed oak, with broad, unadorned grille cloth of pale woven plastic, and two tuning knobs. They are made by Raytheon's subsidiary, Belmont Radio Corporation, 5921 West Dickens Avenue, Chicago 39, Illinois.

Marble in layers like plywood

In the Carrara mountains of Italy, at Viareggio, there is a factory that cements two thin sheets of marble together in a total thickness of about 5%", giving the material extra strength with less weight. The top layer is figured, may be joined and matched, or inlaid; the bottom layer is plain white Carrara. They are imported by Marble House, Inc., 11 West 42nd Street, New York 18, directed by Carlo Benesperi, and sold to manufacturers at \$13 each for sheets 18" x 18"; \$30 for onyx. Called "compensated" marble (compensato), the cemented slabs can be made in any size, shape, or design to order. The artists in Viareggio also inlay minute pieces forming pictures of astonishing realism and delicacy, for \$30 up retail. Some are translucent.

African sculpture

Before the tribes of Africa began to feel the refinements of the outer world, their art had a vigor and originality that are missing from it today. Of the early primitive pieces, the International Allied Companies, 114 East 32nd Street, New York, has a very large collection. Ladislas Segy, African art authority, is director. Some of the rugged wood, ivory, and bronze figures and masks are illustrated and described in a brochure.

Sculpture paintings

As Interiors' F. de N. S. has often said with regard to a good story, "If it's old enough, it's new enough," and that is the case with the glaze treated fabric and fiber sculptures by Kathi Urbach. The ancient Egyptians and Chinese developed unusual effects in sculptured fabrics, she says, although her porcelain-like technique is hers, and of the 20th Century. The Urbach clay figurines and bas reliefs, draped in brilliant, be-jewelled fabrics, impregnated and stiffened into permanent swirls and folds, have been seen in the fancier stores from New York to Hawaii (looking more and more like exotic Kathi herself). Now they are being followed by framed pictures, wall hangings, screens, and murals of colored fibers against contrasting cloths, portraying oriental themes in high and low relief. Geisha girls, Japanese Kabuki dancers, Balinese puppets, are among the subjects, costing from \$50 to \$250 a pair retail. They are distributed in the East by Max Wille, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York; and by Dick Knox Displays, Los Angeles. Besides turning out all this at the new studio on Boston Post Road, Westport, Connecticut, Kathi





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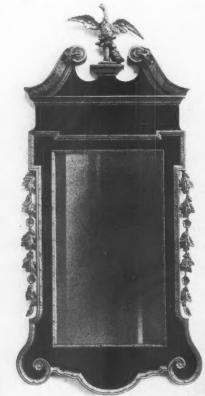
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also designs popular lines for manufacturers. She was going to be a musician but marriage to her physics teacher, Everett J. Urbach, brought out an unexpected phase of art to explore, and Kathi is still exploring, with Everett as business manager.

Cotton twist, 18 colors

At 68 cents a square foot wholesale, f.o.b. mill, Summerville, Georgia, "Mossweave" is an item that interior furnishers will probably want to look into, at Gotham Carpet Company, 515 Madison Avenue, New York 22. Its small, twisted loops are locked into a latex back; edges can be serged or fringed; any size can be made up.

"Vel-lure" at Julore

In 16 stock colors, any width, a velvety, fine-combed cotton shag at Julore, 13 East 53rd Street, New York, is one of the new offerings. Others are ideas by Zachary Norman, head of the floor coverings department—carved curves to fit the shape of a room and create illusion of space; and a pre-Aztec key design sculpted into the rug and spot-dyed in the carved outlines.

Paper table mats

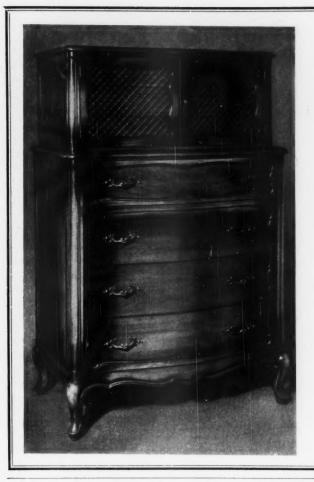
Lively, abstract designs on inexpensive, disposable paper mats can be especially attractive with the new plain dishes. Two kinds on the market are the Angelo Testa designs, made by Tempus Company, Chicago, Illinois (or from Angelo Testa, 49 East Ontario Street, Chicago 11), and Siok-Howell Designs, Danielson, Connecticut. The latter retail at \$1 for sets of 24 of one design, in simple color choices on white. They have been used in the Case Study House program of Arts and Architecture.

Looks like pearl, acts like rock

Korok, the destruction-defying table top material, can be attacked by knife, flame, hot iron, water, acids, alkalis, and even spelled backwards, without the least change in its structure or appearance. Your reporter has had time to thoroughly test a slick-surfaced sample since mentioning the new substance last February, and it does what the manufacturer says. The Enamel Products Company (Tepco), 300 Eddy Road, Cleveland 8, Ohio, produces Korok in cloudy pearl-patterned ovals or rounded rectangles for dinette tops, in gray, red, chartreuse, yellow, blue, and green. It is not a plastic, but a rock substance fused into steel, with colors and patterns added by screen print, and fused in. The original color is blue-black, slatelike, which might be a nice way to leave it-looking like the rock that it is-but as it is possible to put any design or color on Korok, the product should have a sensational future in homes as well as restaurants and institutions. It looks magnificent gold-veined. The fused layer is bonded to a Masonite back and rimmed so snugly with rubber and stainless steel that water can not permeate the edge. It can be dug with high tempered steel or a diamond, but not by ordinary assaults, such as children's games, vegetable-paring, or steel-wool-scouring.

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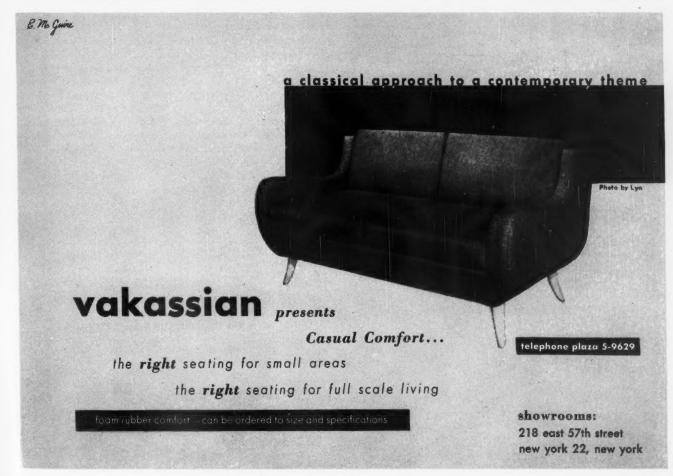
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The automatic dishwashing business, says A. D. LeMonte, director of Mullins Manufacturing Corporation, Warren, Ohio, maker of Youngstown Kitchens, is roughly in the same position that electric refrigeration was in 1925 when the idea gained a foothold and grew by leaps and bounds. The latest leap is his own company's, with an electric dishwasher that scours and double rinses the dishes, glassware, and silverware for six people in 10 minutes. Stacking time, in beautiful baskets that need not be removed, is a few minutes extra. The speed and thorough, sanitary cleansing are accomplished by means of a pressure-forced rotating square tube that shoots scalding water (booster heated) from strategic points over every soiled surface. When the cycle is completed, the lid pops up and the dishes airdry. Two good looking white enameled steel models-a separate dishwater, and one combined with an electric sink-have flush flat lids providing work space, and they match the many other cabinets and work surfaces for innumerable purposes devised by Youngstown Kitchens. Vinyl plastic counter tops (product of Interchemical Corporation) are soft, quiet, durable, especially attractive in red, or mottled stone color.

Paint geared to Color Harmony Manual

The Martin-Senour Company, 2520 Quarry Street, Chicago 8, whose Nu-Hue system of custom-mixing paints covers about 1,000 tints, tones, and shades, now offers 943 more tints, tones, and shades through use of the famous Color Harmony Manual. The Manual, based on the color organization of Wilhelm Ostwald, 1909 Nobel prizewinner in chemistry, contains 37 loose leaf charts of removable chips, each chart giving the variations of a separate hue. Quick and foolproof color harmonies may be obtained by crossmatching the chips. To date, there have been some 1,400 round the world purchasers of the Manual, including its sponsor, The Container Corporation of America, The United States Treasury Department, Rand McNally, a roster of well known artists, architects, designers, and color experts, and almost everybody in industry who makes an article or a package, besides merchandisers, educators, and publishers. Through collaboration of Container Corporation, Martin-Senour, and color physicist Carl Foss, these



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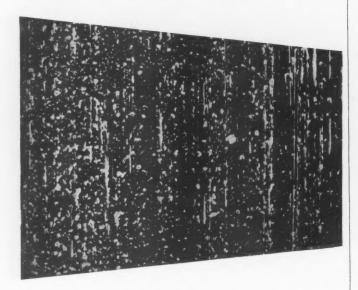
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In the showrooms of Hambro House of Design, 17 East 54th Street, New York 22, the lately arrived Ridgway earthenware and Adderley bone china evoke the gentle freshness of the English countryside, with their well loved flower motifs and cheerful colors. The glossy, homey white earthenware from the giant kilns of Stoke-on-Trent, though sometimes decorated stylishly, as with a wide green border and center flower, seems at its friendliest in patterns like "Blossom Time," a traditional hand-filled print in pastel shades delicately outlined. Five-piece place set-

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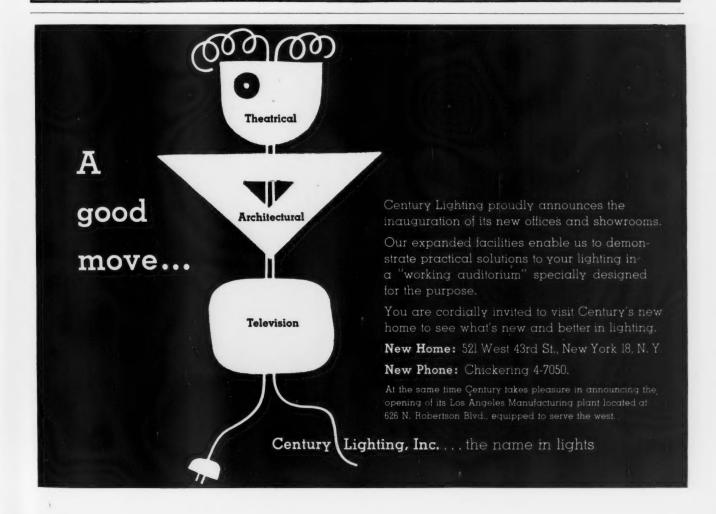
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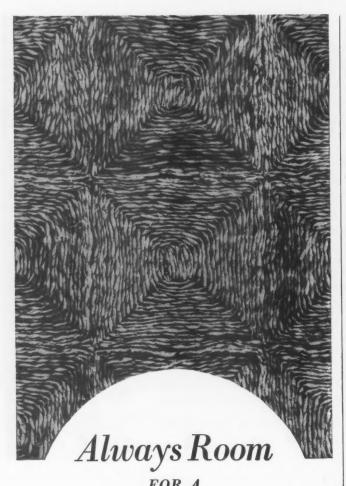
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Stoneware plus porcelain: "Stonelain"

High fired clayware combining stoneware's durability and porcelain's texture has been developed in the experimental laboratories of the Associated American Artists, 711 Fifth Avenue, New York, and is to be distributed nationally this Fall in signed items by well known painters, sculptors, and ceramists. Vases, bowls, ash trays, platters, cigarette boxes, pitchers, tiles, and American folklore figurines such as Johnny Appleseed, The Pacing Mustang, and Jesse James, are priced from \$5 to \$25 retail. The new ceramic process evolved under the guidance of American ceramist Frances Serber and Finnish technician William Soini.

Glass with porcelain look

In the fertile showrooms of Mary Ryan, Inc., 225 Fifth Avenue, New York, which yield continuous harvests of new creations, are some unusual mirrors made by William Lyons, New York manufacturer and designer. They are round, oval, square, rectangular, bordered with appliquéd irregular shapes of flowers, berries, leaves, painted on the back in soft colors giving them the appearance of painted underglaze porcelain. They retail roughly from \$150 to \$275 for the largest, most elaborate.

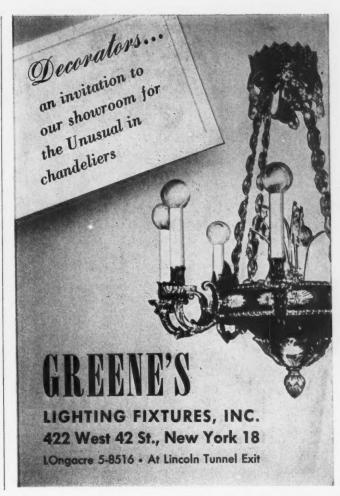


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JOSEF ALBERS, until recently head of the Department of Art at Black Mountain College, has been appointed chairman of a new Department of Design at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, by Professor Charles H. Sawyer, director of the Division of the Arts, and dean of the School of the Fine Arts. As professor of art, Mr. Albers will administer a revised professional curriculum in painting, sculpture, and the graphic arts. He has been in the United States since 1933, after teaching for ten years at the Bauhaus, and during the past year has been visiting critic and instructor at the Cincinnati Art Academy, Pratt Institute, Yale, and the Harvard Graduate School of Design. The new four-year course will prepare students for the expanding range of professional opportunities in graphic arts and product design, providing basic training in the structural as well as the expressive arts, in a variety of mediums and materials.

FRANK P. CONNOLLY, who has been associated with Valentine and Company, New York, for 25 years, has been elected president of John W. Masury & Son, Inc., manufacturer of paints and varnishes since 1835. Masury moved in 1942 from Brooklyn to Baltimore, where modern buildings cover six acres, and Mr. Connolly plans to further expand the growing company. He is chairman of the Executive Committee of the New York Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association, a guest lecturer on salesmanship at New York University and Seton Hall College.

HENRY DREYFUSS, invited by the Netherlands Ministry of Economics, is at the Utrecht Trade Fair (he flew September 4th via KLM Air Lines) discussing "American Design in Merchandising" with Dutch government officials, financiers, industrialists, and business men. L. Smilde,





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chief Netherlands Trade Commissioner in New York, stated that the subject of design, as it has influenced buying habits, is of paramount concern to the Netherlands in its effort to become self-sustaining on a dollar basis. He said that the Utrecht Fair, held twice annually in permanent buildings, is one of the largest international trade fairs on the continent.

FRANCIS KLEINE has been appointed assistant manager of the Chicago office of Stroheim & Romann, whose upholstery and decorative fabrics are also shown in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

CHARLES LUCKMAN, former president of Lever Brothers Company, has formed a partnership with the firm of WILLIAM L. PEREIRA, architects and engineers, which will continue to specialize in large commercial and institutional work at the Pereira address, 7421 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles 36, California. Mr. Luckman graduated with honors in architecture and engineering from the University of Illinois, where he and Mr. Pereira were classmates, has been a registered architect since 1931, and is a member of the American Institute of Architects.

NORMAN FOX MACGREGOR, architect and furniture designer, and two Danish designers, JENS THUESEN and JORGEN G. HANSEN, have created a collection of modern living room furniture for Decorative Modern, Inc., 335 East 45th Street, New York 17. Thuesen and Hansen, after coming to the United States in 1946 and 1947, were connected with Jens Risom Design, Inc. for about two years, won major prizes in The Chicago Tribune's Better Rooms Competition 1949 and 1950, and started their own furniture designing and interior decorating firm in June 1950. In Copenhagen, The Technical Society awarded Jens Thuesen the Bronze Medal and the Silver Medal for his cabinet designing. Jorgen G. Hansen, with architectural degree from The Royal Academy of Fine Arts, was a teacher there, and worked for leading Danish architects and furniture designers. He has been a free lance graphic artist.

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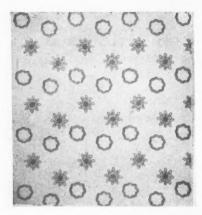
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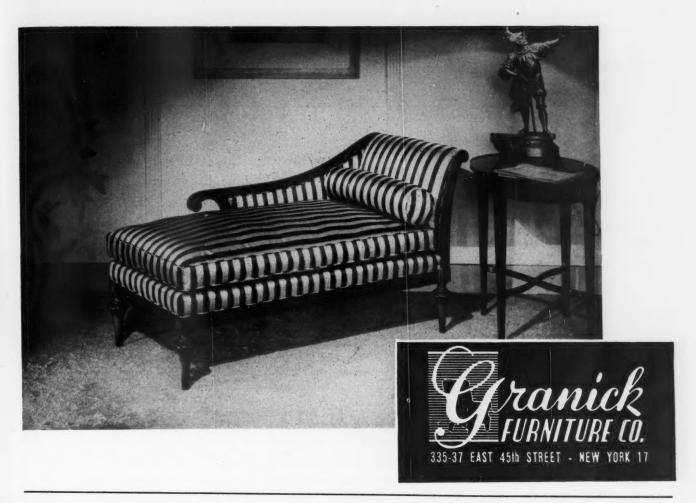
ALEXANDRA POTTS is merchandise counselor for *Modern Bride* magazine, of the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company, 366 Madison Avenue, New York. Mrs. Potts has been a research and promotion consultant to the bridal industry for 25 years. The service she will inaugurate includes estimates of the scope of the bridal market, the marriage age-range, trends in marriages, and types of weddings, as well as consumer reports and merchandising methods. She organized the first planned Bride Shop in the country for Lord & Taylor, practicing store-wide coordinated selling, and while there she designed and planned more than 10,000 weddings and trousseaux.

ROY REQUA DESIGN ASSOCIATES have been retained to create two new groupings for the New Era Glass Company, Inc., 315 East 47th Street, New York—a traditional line in the Biedermeier manner, and a contemporary line of multiple use tables, bedroom furniture, and chests. They will be sold to retail stores throughout the country, first seen at the National Home Furnishings Show at Grand Central Palace in September. Mr. Requa started his career as art director for the "47 Workshop" of the late Professor George P. Baker at Harvard. He designed many Broadway productions, was art director for Warner Brothers, has recently been connected with Lit Brothers, Philadelphia, as designer and coordinator of interiors and display.

WILLIAM D. TWISS, manager of the San Francisco office for Jofa, Inc., has retired after 55 years of service with the company. He started with Johnson & Faulkner in 1895 as office boy, traveled all over the United States, opened two California branches, and has been making semi-annual trips through the Northwest. His successor is ERIK O. STAHL, who has been with Jofa since 1938.

ROBERT G. SCOTT, associate professor of art at Tulane University, is also joining the School of the Fine Arts. He has previously taught at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and the University of Texas.







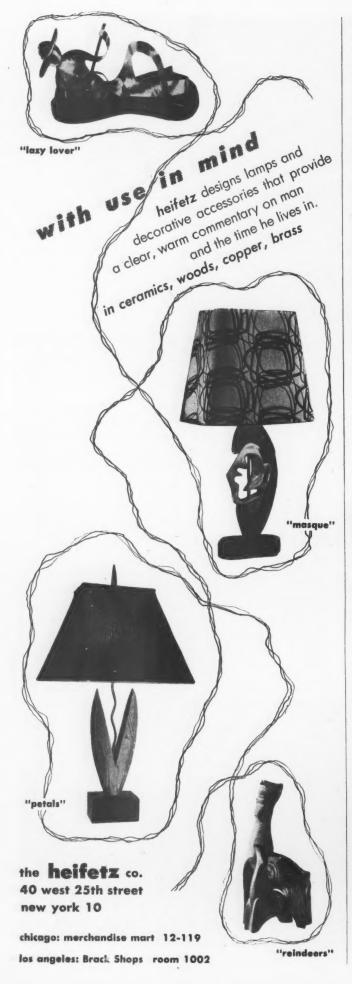
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ISABELLA BARCLAY, INC. has her collection of antique wallpapers and screens on display at Livio Smilari Interiors, 35 East 67th Street, New York 21 (REgent 7-6030).

EVERETT BROWN ASSOCIATES, INC., consultants on product development, color and design, and merchandise coordination, has headquarters at 1448 Astor Street, Chicago 10. BURGE-MAVRO, INC. is a retail store at 107 East 57th Street, New York (PLaza 8-2116), recently opened by Y. R. Burge and Mrs. S. E. Mavro, formerly with the decorating department of B. Altman & Company. In addition to their decorating business, they extend the usual trade discount on antiques and reproductions, as well as elegant upholstered pieces of their own design, shown in melon colored cotton taffeta. This lush color, against black plum walls and black and white floor tiles, makes a compelling interior, with the rich, dark woods and highlights of gold, glass, china, and marble. Tables of Italian marble, patterned or fantastically inlaid, can be put on any type of base. The diamond patterned flooring is Dodge vinyl cork







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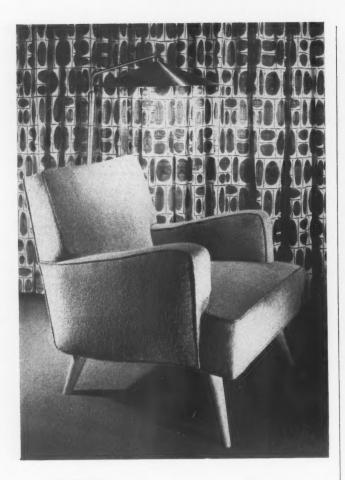
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KNEEDLER-FAUCHERE has moved to 1122 Sutter Street, San Francisco 9, with its collection of Campagna and Stimulus Fabrics, Philippine lupos, Japanese grass papers, the James Kemble Mills collection, Jackson Ellis papers and fabrics, Renverne and Seeman papers and scenics, Biriweave from Norway, bamboo veneers, James West woodcuts on silk wallpaper, and a new group of iron lamps and furniture by Harry Lawenda.

MODERN DESIGNS, INC., an affiliate of Harrison Furniture Industries, Inc., has its factory showroom at 137 East 25th Street, New York 10 (ORegon 9-4724), opened last March, under the management of Norbert Elroff, president of Modern Designs. Upholstered and cabinet pieces and lamps are in interesting variety, to be reported more fully in our next issue. The company furnishes draperies, cornices, slip covers.

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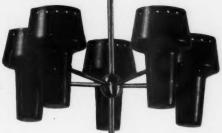


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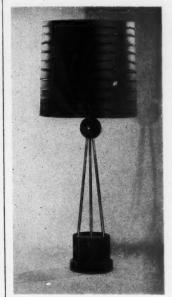
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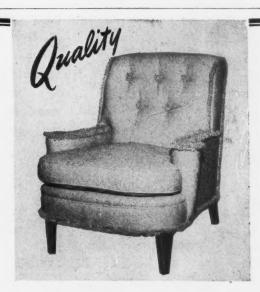
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THE RUSSELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Middletown, Connecticut, maker of precision industrial textiles, has opened a new Venetian blind tape manufacturing plant at Bennettsville, South Carolina, to be operated by a whollyowned subsidiary, The Russell Products Company. It is the largest in the world designed and equipped solely for the production of Venetian blind tapes.

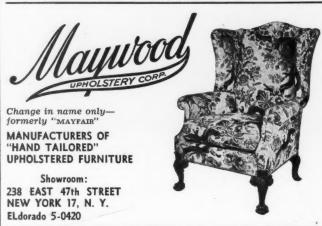
SIVAKOFF & MINER, store fixture manufacturers, have transplanted offices and showrooms to 920 Arch Street, Philadelphia, behind a Zourite aluminum front with a slanting show window. Jules Pogach, in charge of the Philadelphia branch (main office, New York), designed and directed the new installation.

WEAVECRAFT FABRICS, 201 East 56th Street, New York (STillwell 4-8630), manufacturers of textured fabrics with hand woven look, offers 10-day delivery on custom dyed orders. The company, whose mill is in Long Island City, has been operating for about seven years, selling to stores and furniture manufacturers; has catered to interior decorators for the past two years; now has a small, attractive showroom for them to visit. Many designs are reversible.

WYCOMBE, MEYER, COMPANY, upholstered furniture stronghold for interior decorators at 216 East 45th Street, New York, has just opened an extra showroom a few doors down at 238 East 45th Street, displaying a new aggregation called Trend Modern. Decorated in a striking array of colors by brothers and sister Ted, Le Roy, and Rita Meyer, the place is filled with unusual items.

LEE L. WOODARD SONS, whose elegant wrought iron furniture has been on display at 1 Park Avenue, New York, on the 6th floor for many years, is remaining at the same address, but has moved up one floor to Space 710, with three times as much room, in indoor and patio settings by Tom Lee, Ltd. Bernard Finkelstein is still the manager.

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GROW AND CUTTLE, INC., 6-100 Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois, offers a catalog on its line of barometers. Mr. Cuttle's spring trip to the buying centers of Europe gleaned a selection of Dresden figurines and semi-antique merchandise which was shown at the June Market. The firm also distributes pottery Gilbert and Sullivan characters made in Staffordshire, England, suitable for lamps.

Class

COMM. CELSO P. BACCOVICH, 728 Dorsoduro, Venice, Italy, glass and mosaic expert and designer, exporter of handicraft specialties, and member of the American Institute of Decorators, sends photographic sheets showing Venetian mirrors, stemware, and table decorations as samples of what can be executed to order. Mr. Baccovich offers exclusive designs, "plain, gold shot, engraved or painted, created on purpose to harmonize with any particular interior's scheme . . . modern architectural fixtures, electroliers . . . gold and glass mosaic for art linings and ornamentations . . . designs, projects and estimates free on request."

STEUBEN GLASS, 718 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, has a booklet of some of its new and established crystal designs, and will send photographs of table glass, vases, bowls, drinking glasses, smoking and drinking accessories, wedding gifts, ornamental objects, engraved trophies or presentation pieces, according to your specific interest. The architecturally trained design department, directed by John M. Gates, vice president of Steuben Glass, is responsible for the uniformly warm, full blown character of the crystal, as well as for all the graphic art used in its promotion, and for the design of Steuben "rooms" throughout the country. A full time librarian assists the design group with reference material on all aspects of glass.

ORREFORS REVIEW, printed in Sweden (in English) is sent by importers Fisher, Bruce & Company, 219 Market Street, Philadelpha 6, Pennsylvania, to Orrefors dealers and others who are interested in news and pictures of the company's doings. The latest issue carries a reprint of the chapter, "Orrefors, Industrial Idyl," from the book Sweden: Model for a World by Hudson Strode. Mr. Strode is professor of English literature at the University of Alabama, and has written books on Mexico, South America, Cuba, and Finland. His Orrefors chapter tells about the glassworks and its peaceful community that lie deep in the Smaland woods—not many miles from some thirty other glass bruk. His picture and history are as faithful as the harmonious teamwork that he describes.



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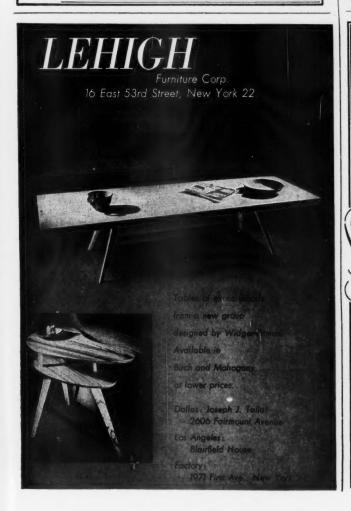
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HOW TO SEW BEUTAFILM (Firestone Velon in light, drapery gauge) is a 4-page instruction sheet from Hartford Textile Corporation, 444 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, telling how to make up the plastic yard goods into curtains, table cloths, bedspreads, nursery covers, slipcovers.

LUMITE WOVEN FABRICS, Lumite Division of Chicopee Manufacturing Corporation, 40 Worth Street, New York 13, supplies technical information to manufacturers about the saran plastic screening, decorative and upholstery fabrics, for use in products or production processes.

CINDERELLA STORY-EVERGLAZE, impressively reprinted from the Spring 1950 issue of American Fabrics, is obtainable from Joseph Bancroft & Sons Company, Wilmington 99, Delaware. Fabric swatches with Everglaze finishes illustrate how the plain cotton gray goods is transformed by magic (molecular re-arrangement through impregnation and heat) into permanently embossed or watered figures that will not wash out. The remarkable process is shown by diagram and photographs.

LAVERNE ORIGINALS, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, covers its annual catalog in Marbalia paper, illustrates more Marbalia patterns inside. Also correlated in wallpaper and fabrics are designs by Erwine and Estelle Laverne, Ray Komai, Alvin Lustig, Juliet and Gyorgy Kepes, Zahara Schatz, Alexander Calder. The Laverne exotics, dramatics, and sculptured weaves come in endless colors, stock and to order. The booklet, full of award-winning designs shows the chair, table, book stand, and magazine rack by Katavolos, Littell, and Kelley, admired by visitors to the A. I. D. Fair at the Waldorf.

SEALTUFT-THE STITCHLESS QUILTED PLASTIC is a folded brochure showing the five patterns-Diamond, Tyle, Channel, Scroll, and Trellis-in use on furniture, in automobiles, as bar facing, and wall paneling, hinting at "1001 uses." Sent on letterhead request to The Jason Corporation, Sales Promotion Department, 1033 Jefferson Street, Hoboken, New Jersey. Sealtuft comes in the colors and textures of Duran, Boltaflex, and Vinylite.

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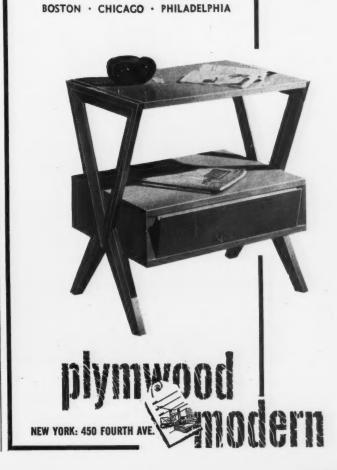
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KNAPP & TUBBS catalogs in a handsome coated paper brochure a portion of its 25 room settings in the air conditioned galleries on the 6th floor of the Merchandise Mart, Chicago. Georgian, French Provincial, Directoire, Modern, and Far East styles are represented, in the lines of Baker Furniture Company, Johnson-Handley-Johnson, Widdicomb, John Widdicomb and Meldan. Not shown, but available on request, are pictures of the finely decorated glass furniture of Caesar Art Shop, Knapp & Tubbs' newest representation.

FIGURES OF FASHION IN AMERICAN WALNUT, bi-monthly series of portfolios from the American Walnut Manufacturers Association, 666 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago 11, Illinois, are photographically illustrated with settings and closeups suggesting ideas for designers, architects, and woodworking craftsmen. The first issue (June) shows how some of the many walnut veneer figurations are used in paneling and furniture (Nahon, Baker, Robsjohn-Gibbings Widdicomb) and how solid Wattled Walnut appears in American Provincial bedroom pieces by Davis Cabinet Company.

PENGUIN REFRIGERATED FURNITURE . . . for the home, office, club, den, conference room, showroom, small apartment: leaflet showing refrigerated wooden console cabinets, in 18th Century and contemporary styles, and a small square cabinette, from Refrigerated Equipment Sales Corporation, 19 West 44th Street, New York 18.

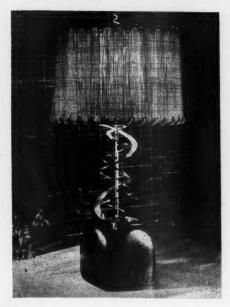
MASON-ART FURNITURE COMPANY, 49 West 21st Street, New York 10, has been sending eye-catching mailing pieces with photographs of the new modern upholstered group by Richard P. Lischer. More designs are forthcoming.

NEW DESIGNS IN ALUMINUM FURNITURE is the D. R. Bradley Company's glossy-covered catalog, showing the pieces as you see them at 22 East 49th Street, New York 17. The squared fretwork seating modules that can be assembled in so many useful ways, the various matching tables and chairs, and the simplified baroque line, appear in leafy settings that could be indoors or out. Flower pot brackets on a 3-panel fretwork screen make a portable garden, enhancing the scene without cutting off air.

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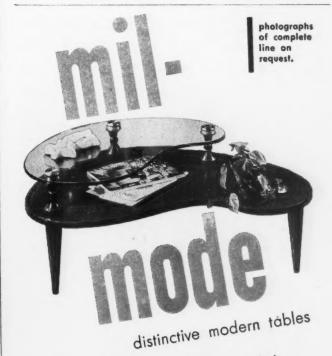




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Upholstery leather

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and also serves to make the leather water, alcohol and stain resistant.

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Any color you can name, including all the high-style darlings, such as persimmon, bamboo, granite pink, avocado, London fog. In addition to the long color ranges offered by the manufacturers, you can have any special order color for which you provide a color sample, if you will take whole hide quantities. Jewel shades, pastels, white, grayed tones—none of them present any problem to you. Leather has definitely left behind the era of its limitation to dark brown, tan, red and dark green.

HOW DO DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE HIDE COMPARE IN TENSILE AND FLEXING STRENGTH?

The body of the hide is strongest—because its fibers run in two directions and are tightly interwoven.

In the flanks fibers run in one direction only. When flanks are pulled backbone-to-belly direction there is little or no stretch—and in upholstering this should be done first, until there is little or no loose leather left. If pulled from head-to-butt ends first, flanks stretch excessively, and this will cause the finish to open or check, no matter what layer of the hide has been used. Because of this, flanks should be used only where they receive little wear and no flexing. They should not be used on seats, inside backs, inside arms, boxings, or bandings that receive much flexing.

WHAT IS ROLL LEATHER AND IS IT USABLE FOR CHAIR AND SOFA UPHOLSTERY?

Roll leather is a sheet or yard-goods form of leather, in which hides have been joined and intermingled. In it, however, the joining of the hides cannot be discerned, so nobody can say accurately what is body and what flanks. This makes roll leather dangerous for sofa and





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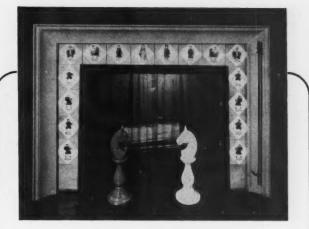
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chair upholstery. It is, however, completely satisfactory for covering flat hard surfaces, such as desks, cabinets or walls.

HOW IS LEATHER SOLD?

By the square foot, since hides vary in size. It can be had in any quantity, but the price per square foot decreases as the amount is increased up to full hide quantity, since then the manufacturer's cutting waste becomes less.

WHAT DOES "OUNCE WEIGHT" MEAN?

That one square foot of leather will weigh a certain number of ounces, and be of corresponding uniform thickness. A splitter's gauge controls the commercial thickness of leather sold by the square foot—in this an ounce equals 1/64'' thickness.

WHAT WEIGHTS OF LEATHER ARE USED FOR VARIOUS UPHOLSTERY PURPOSES?

For smooth, hard surfaces, three ounces (3/64" thickness). For down cushions, 2½ ounce is suggested.

For tufting, the thinnest weight that has the tensile strength needed for upholstery.

For flooring, a heavy weight, possibly six ounce.

WHY IS THERE AN EXTRA LABOR CHARGE (BEYOND THAT FOR APPLYING FABRIC UPHOLSTERY) WHEN LEATHER IS SPECIFIED AS THE UPHOLSTERY MATERIAL?

It takes an upholsterer longer to apply leather than fabric since leather is somewhat less pliable. And since labor is paid for at an hourly rate, this extra time involves an extra charge.

HOW IS UPHOLSTERY LEATHER MAINTAINED?

By washing lightly with a damp cloth and pure soap. Do not soak the leather—moisten it only slightly.

Sometimes saddle soap is used to restore natural oils to leather, but this is ineffective with upholstery leathers, for the saddle soap does not penetrate through the impervious coating built up with paint and lacquer in finishing upholstery leather. All that happens is that an oily surface scum from it eventually collects on top of the finish. This is disastrous to clothes, as well as to the appearance of the leather, so it means that saddle soap should not be used.

HOW MUCH OF THE LEATHER USED FOR HOME FURNISHINGS IS UPHOLSTERY LEATHER?

About 99% of the use of leather in this field is for regulation upholstery of chairs, sofas, etc. And since the other uses in the home furnishings field, with the exception of accessories, also require large areas, they also use "upholstery" leather. (Continued on Page 180)



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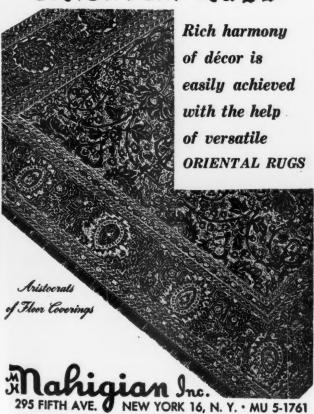
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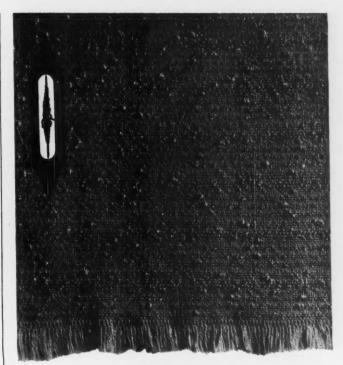


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WHAT LEATHERS BESIDE UPHOLSTERY LEATHER ARE SOME-TIMES USED IN THE DECORATIVE FIELDS?

Rawhide, which is suitable for accessories. This is cattle-hide that has been dehaired and delimed (preliminary steps to any tanning process) but not tanned. Rawhide is stiffer than upholstery leather, a little more difficult to manipulate. and so requires particularly good work-manship for satisfactory results.

Parchment and vellum, also used for accessories, and particularly for lampshades. Parchment is sheepskin which has been tawed (treated with alum) after preliminary dehairing and liming. Vellum is calfskin taken through the same process.

Shoe leather. The famous adaptation of an Italian campaign chair uses this for its all-in-one seat and back. This is thicker and tougher than upholstery leather, and also without its grain.

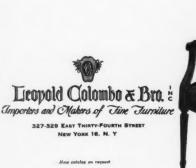
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Incorrect photographers credits

Two photographs in the August issue were incorrectly credited: Thomas Yee, and not Ben Schnall, took the photograph of the Idella La Vista shop by Norman Cherner shown on page 88; and Robert Meservey, not Ezra Stoller, took the photograph of the chaise lounge by Architects Associated shown on page 75.







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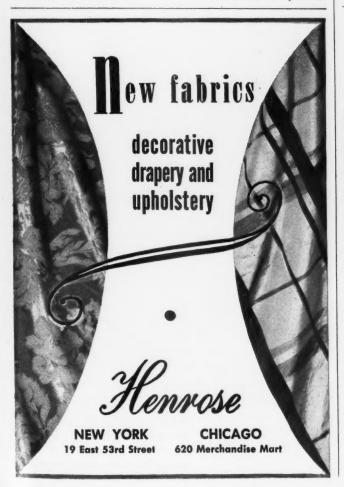


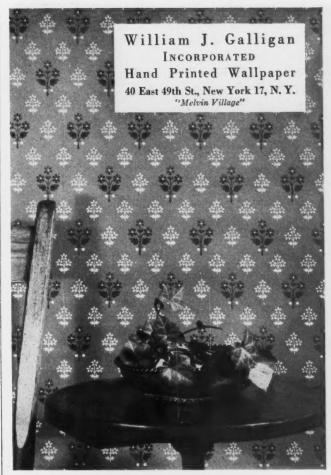
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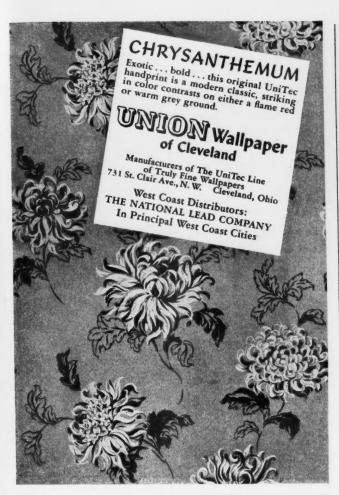
money on rooms for peaceful living in a disordered world. Seven settings stressed absence of clutter and adroit use of color, to achieve serenity. The ubiquitous Gibbings furniture appeared in a bedroom with rosy red walls, white brick fireplace, shaggy white wall-to-wall carpeting, and again in a beige, tete de negre and apricot room with silk-covered walls. A Knoll table and Saarinen chairs formed a dining group in a living-dining room, where Laverne's tortoise-shell paper and upholstery of camel's hair coating were highlights. Dual-purpose chests, designed by Don Beckwith, senior flight engineer of American Overseas Airlines, held the spotlight in another room. The chests, of solid oak construction with limed oak veneer, have door and drawer fronts of striated fir, range from a 68" cabinet to an end-table size commode.

L. Bamberger, Newark, recognized blue as a fashion color theme, presented three blue rooms designed by the store's decorators, using 18th and 19th Century furniture. James McCreery & Company pitched for "Modern American," with four room settings featuring Milo Baughman's furniture for Manuel Martin of California. Gimbels cast its spotlight on Paul Frankl's Johnson Furniture groups, Debonair and Station Wagon, presenting the former in a black, white and red living room, the latter in a bedroom with one nail-headed green felt wall, other walls of sand-paper squares.

B. Altman & Company combined the introduction of a new group of furniture designed by its own decorators, and executed by John Scalia, with the presentation of French Moroccan printed and woven fabrics and wallpapers created by Jay Gresham for F. Schumacher & Company.







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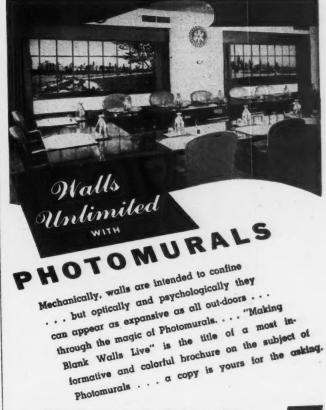
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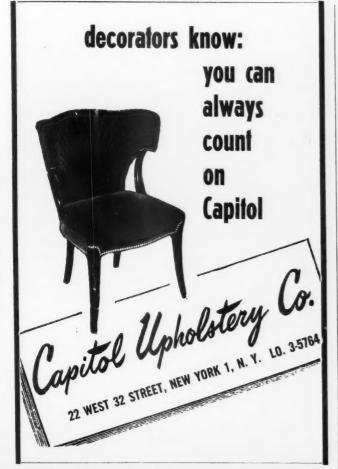
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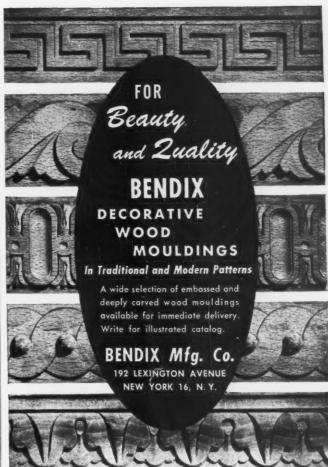
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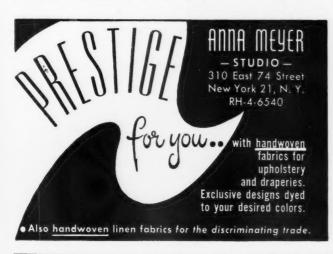
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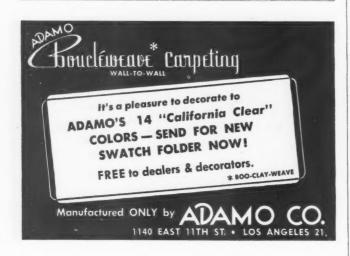
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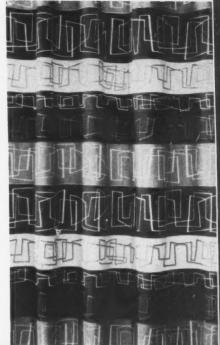
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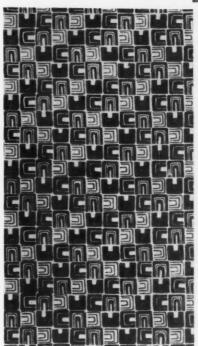
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