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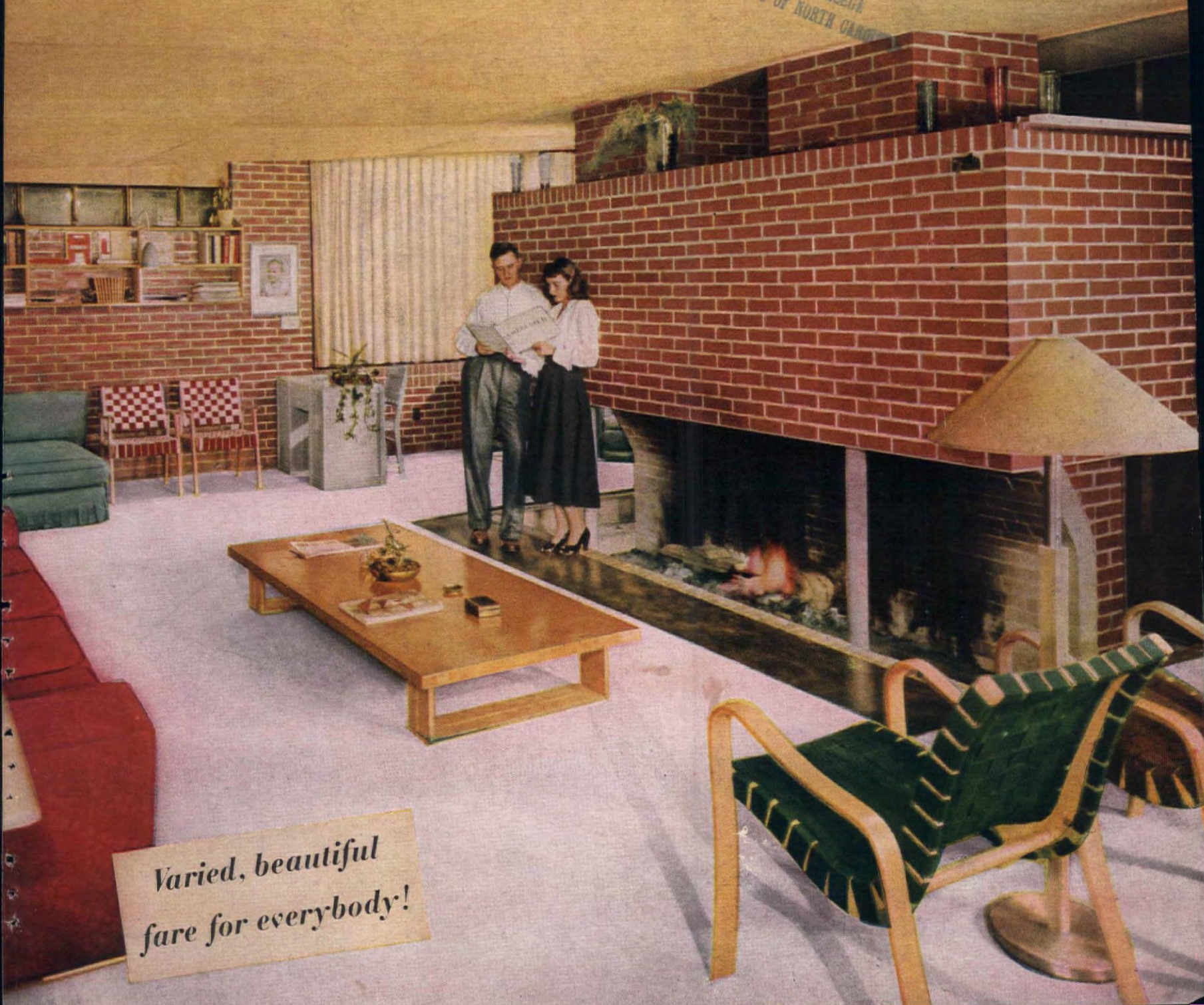
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Jane only consulted her compact... But Lucy consulted her dentist!



### case #1

Jane, nervous about meeting new people, wished her mirror revealed brighter teeth, a prettier smile.

Jane should have stopped wishing and started for her dentist's the first time she saw "pink" on her tooth brush—instead of letting it go until it became serious!

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Silly of Jane—not to ask her dentist!



### case #2

Lucy, when she met new people, was poised—confident of her smile.

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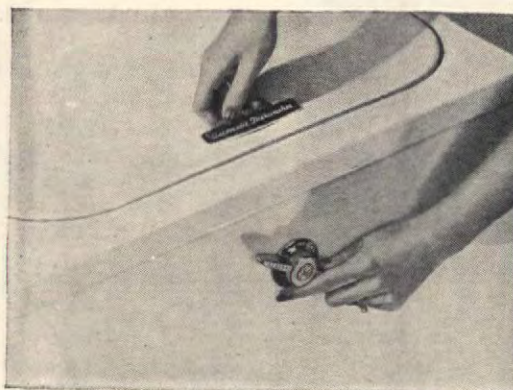
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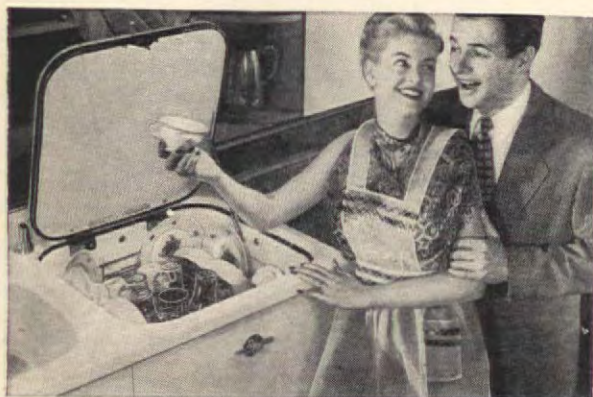
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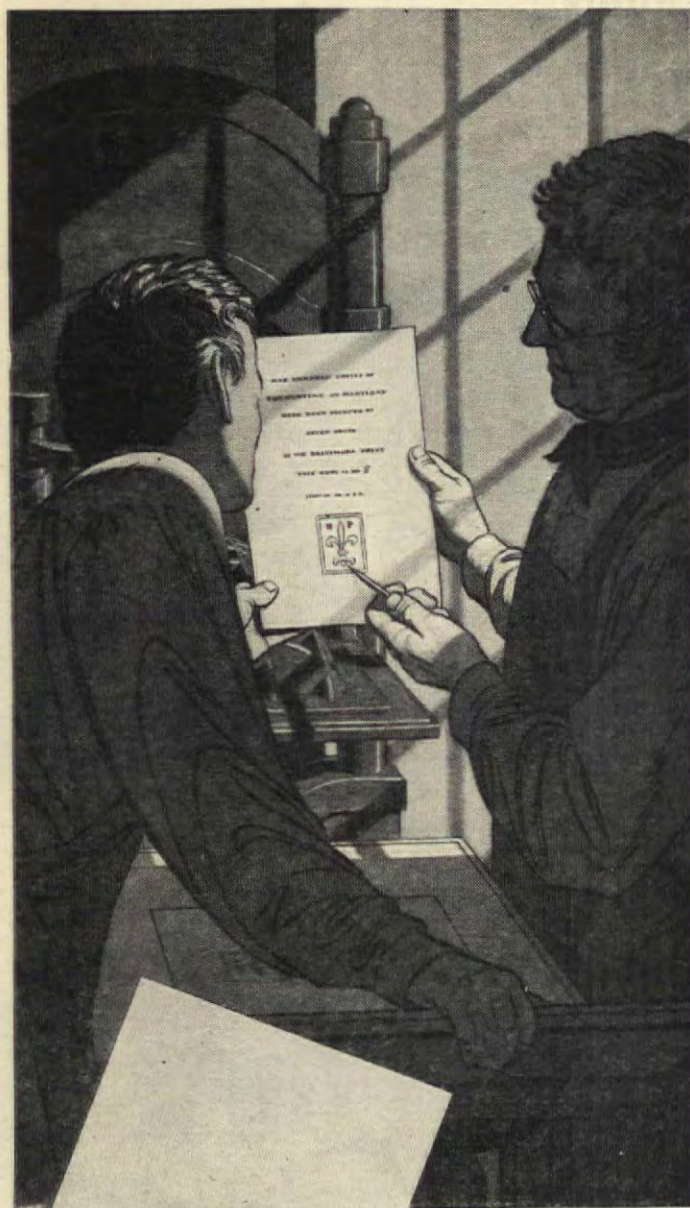


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● ● ● **ROBERT W. VAHLBERG**, an architect, is a native of Oklahoma City, was graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1935, did graduate study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology between 1935 and 1937. He served in the Field Artillery for four and a half years, completing his Army duty in command of an artillery battalion of the occupation troops in Japan. As an architect, he believes that "all architecture should be as creative as possible"—not imitative, and that a "sense of space" is the most important factor in any house—ideas thoroughly worked out in his own home which appears in this month's portfolio of "American Homes".



● ● ● **MARJORIE DORRANCE** is a free-lance radio-commercial writer and a "full-time mother," but she manages to devote her spare time to planning and giving parties for young people. "Stars in Their Eyes" the colorful party on page 128, celebrates the June graduation of her favorite social set, the "tween-teens."

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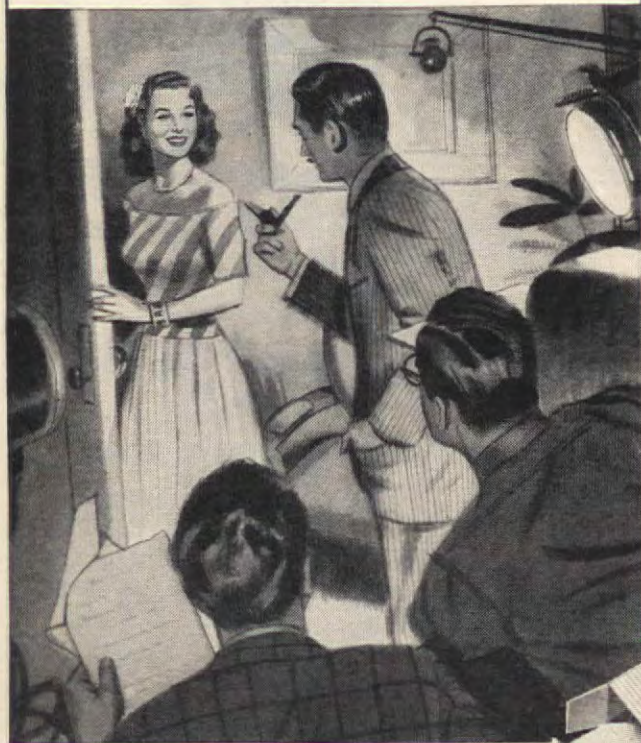
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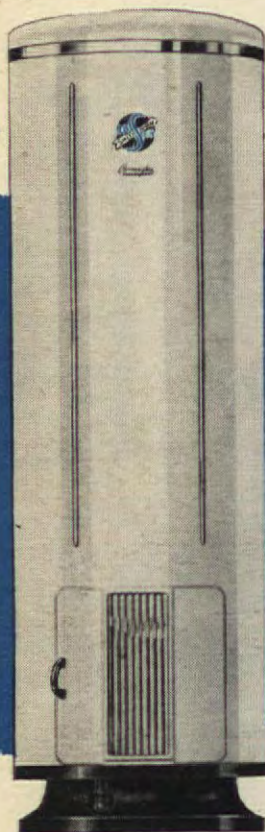
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... MAUD PASTOR describes herself as being the "collector-type," having successively—and successfully—hunted down old, decorated tinware, Pennsylvania-Dutch designed boxes, beaded bags, books and, finally, Victorian card cases. Once, in an old book store, she discovered a dusty volume on Victorian etiquette and thereby began her fascination with the social aspects of Victorianism. She is married, has three children, a setter, a fox terrier, and a "just-cat"—a family group that *never* is dull. The story of her "side-line" case collection is charmingly told in, "In Grandmamma's Case."



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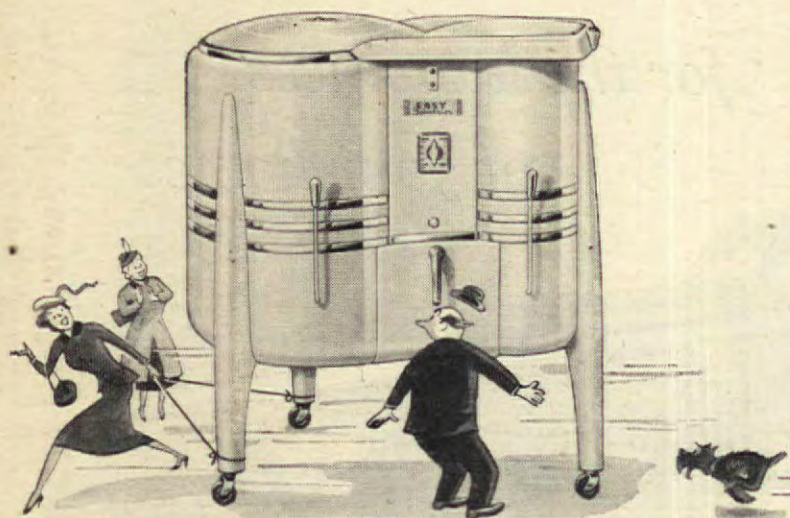


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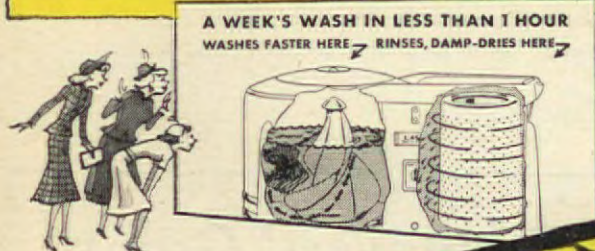
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• • • ROBERTA FLEMING ROESCH combines free-lance writing with a New York editorial job, and she's married to an ex-Navy man who does research in biochemistry. Her list of "likes" begins with coffee, ends with swimming, and in between are such disparate items as "outdoors air," cooking, and entertaining. She says that "Groom Your Daughter To Be a Good Wife," page 27, was inspired by learning the home backgrounds of some of her young-wife acquaintances who seem to have had a good deal of trouble "getting into the groove" of married life.

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*R.E. James*  
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Hot For The Washer

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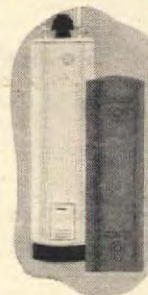
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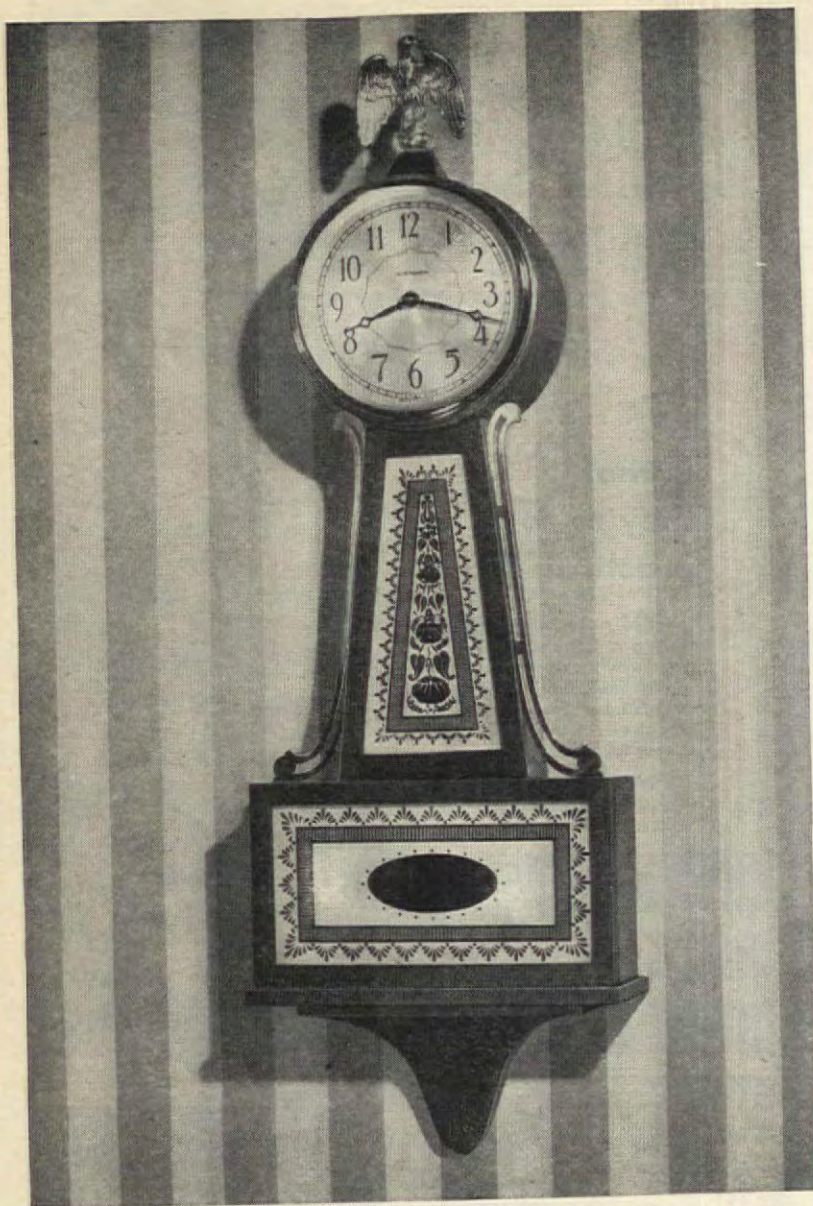


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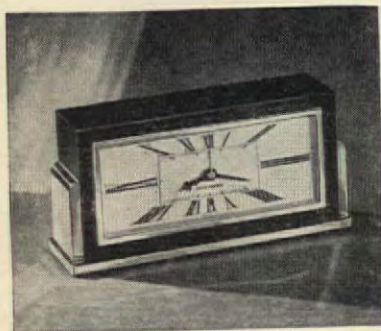
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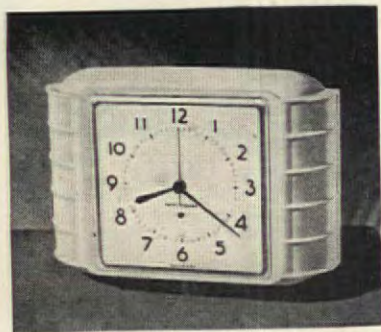


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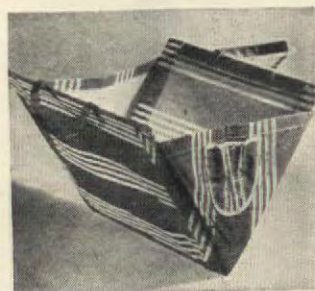
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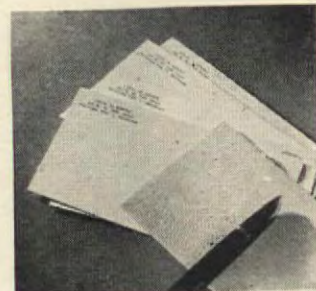
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After reading this article, I feel like saying, "What is the use?" The statement, "despite all that educators have done to reform us" states so definitely the attitude of the majority of the people. Even though a large number of people have spent a lifetime of study to prove a fact, the majority of people merely shrug their shoulders and say "So what?" and keep on doing it the easy way.

It has been proved that our bodies need seven basic foods and the Government is spending millions of dollars to pass this information on to the general public; but, the majority of people are still eating what they want, instead of what they need. It has been proved what is best for the growing child's mind and the effects of physical punishment in later life; but, the majority of people are still taking the easiest way out.

Mrs. Bramer states that she has studied child psychology and done some teaching; I'm inclined to ask how much. Nine times she used the expression "easiest and quickest;" but, not once did she use the word "patience," the key to training children. I don't question that spanking is easier and quicker; nor, do I question that it is the natural and human method; but, aren't we supposed to be trying to train the world as a whole that the natural and human methods of achieving what we want are not always the best?

I am not a mother or a teacher who has never spanked, I'm sorry to say. I am human as well as other people, and sometimes give in to my basic inclinations, even though I know that they are wrong. For each spanking I have given my daughter, I realize that there might have been a better method of punishment, even though it would not have been as quick nor as easy, nor would it have given me the opportunity to let off steam. . . . I want my children and my pupils to respect me; and I have learned that respect must be earned not forced.—CONNIE MAE HUNTER

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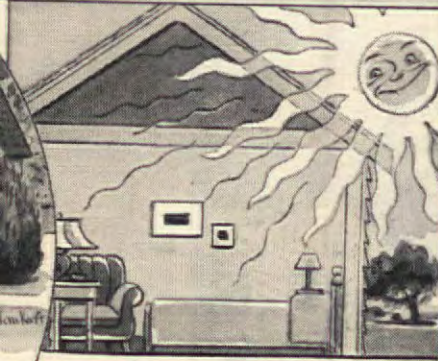
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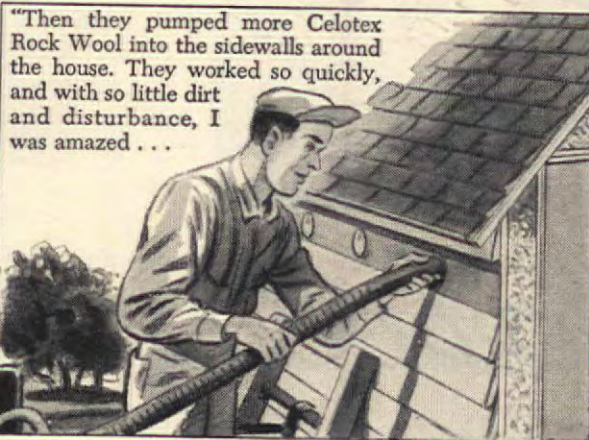


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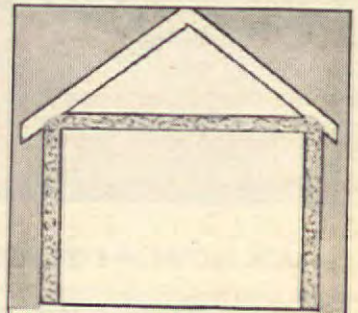
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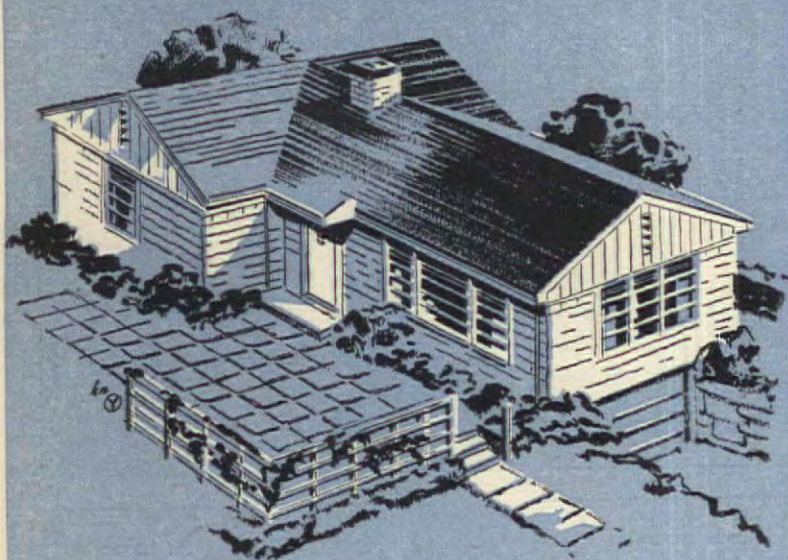
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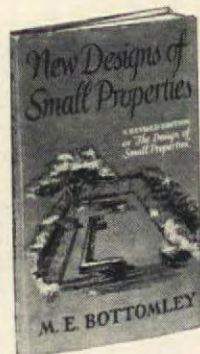
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*A Treasury of Old Silver* edited by Kurt M. Semon. (Robert M. McBride & Co.) Price, \$5.00 . . . This is a collection of a series of articles, on early silver, drawn from numerous past issues of the *American Collector*. According to Mr. Semon, publisher of the magazine, the book "attempts to give a broad panorama of the subject, under the authorship of many authorities." Profusely illustrated and informative, it should prove a help to collectors and to everyone interested in old silver.

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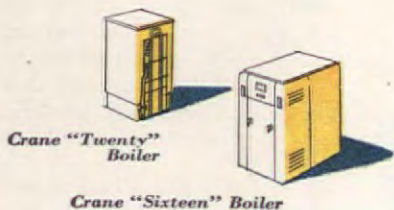
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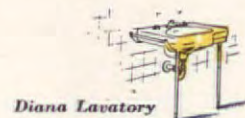


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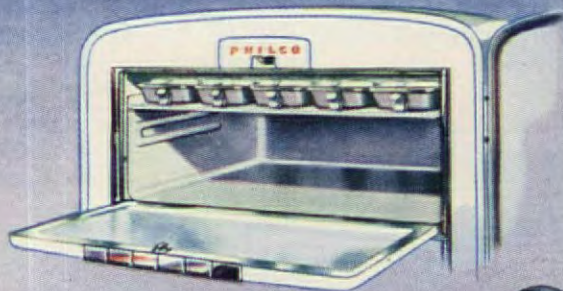
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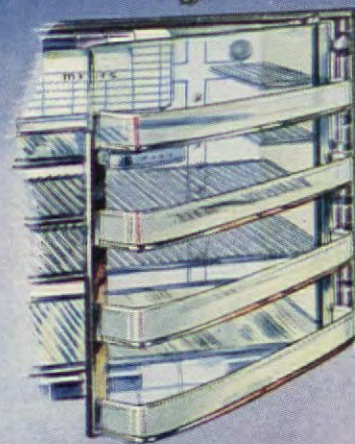
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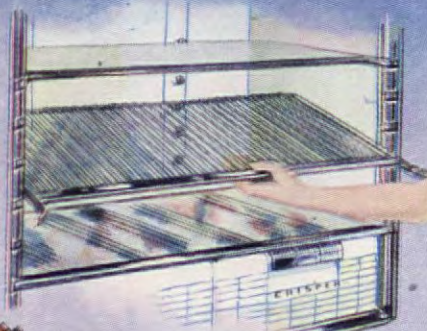
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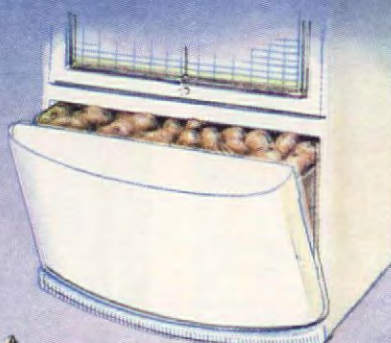
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*Ruth W. Lee*

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● Game room of clubhouse has same woodwork, marble floor, stone fireplace that graced farmhouse; pictures of owners' horses, medals, decorate walls

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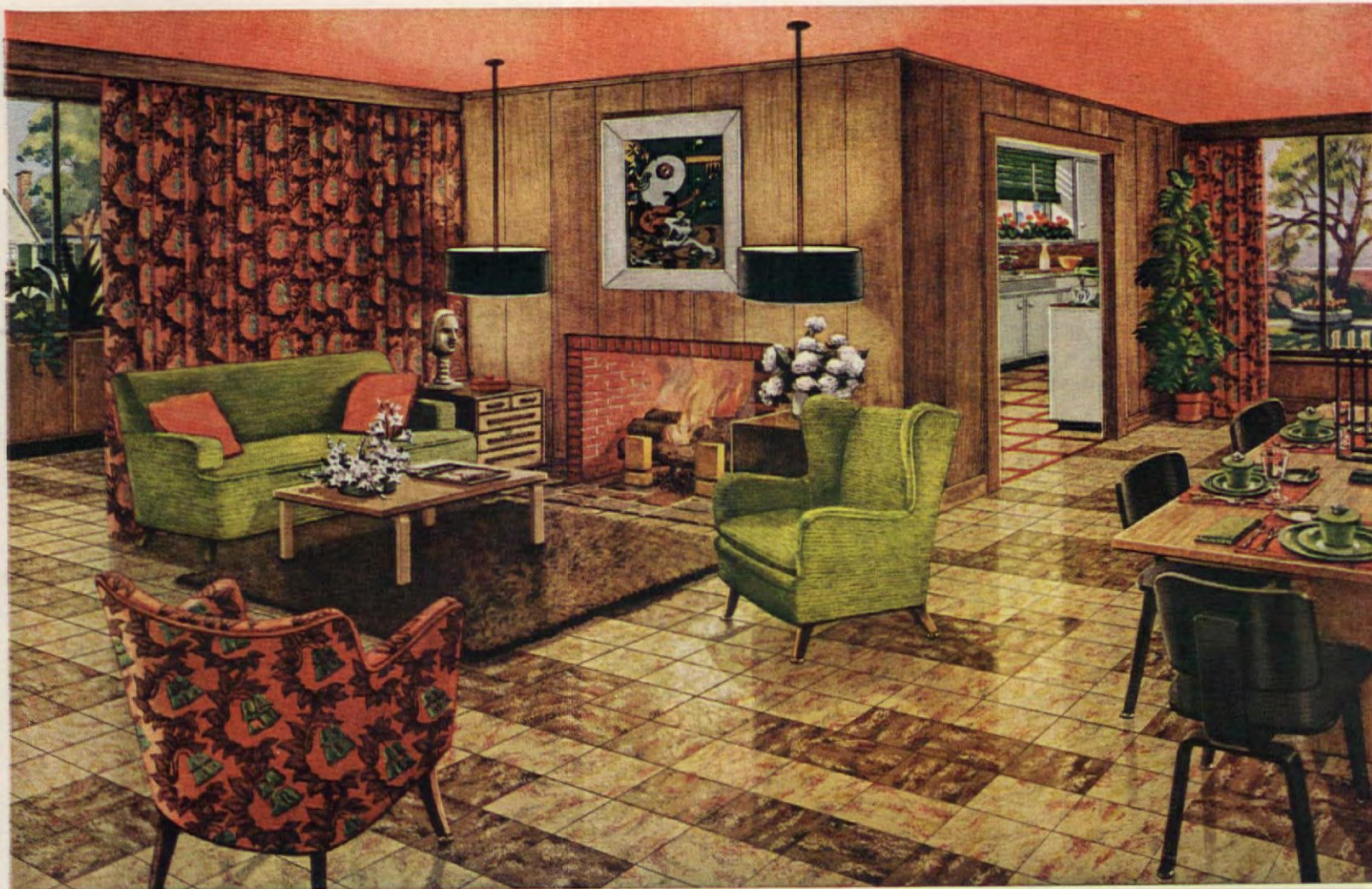


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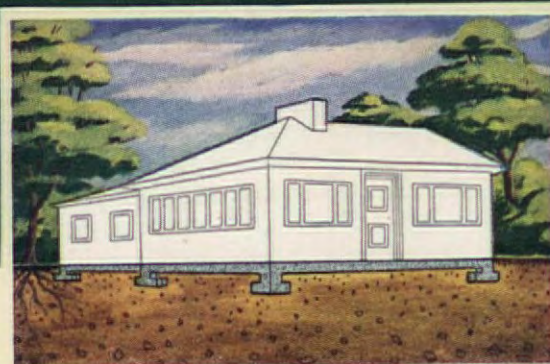
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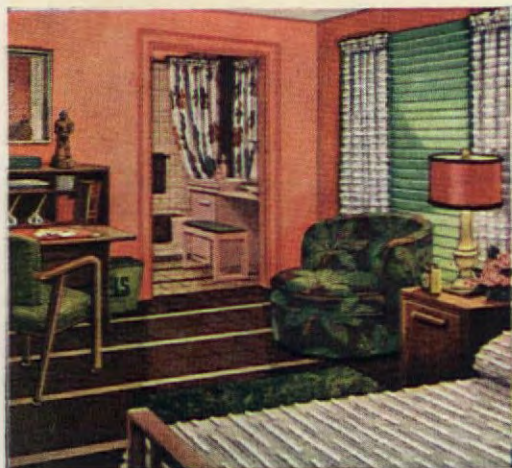


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# Groom Your Daughter



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## TO BE A GOOD WIFE!

*Roberta Fleming Roesch*

**M**y neighbor's daughter was married at four o'clock one afternoon, and that evening, when all the guests had departed, I dropped over to the house for a visit. Mrs. Daniels, the bride's mother, proudly showed me the display of wedding gifts, and after that we sat down and talked for a while.

"Well, it's all over, and Isabel's gone," Mrs. Daniels said. "I do hope that she'll be a good wife to her husband."

"That's an unusual point of view," I commented. "Most mothers would be wondering how the husband would turn out."

"I did something of the sort with my older girl," Mrs. Daniels admitted ruefully. "From the time she was engaged, I couldn't help letting her know that I expected her husband to treat her like a queen. Naturally, she came to expect the same thing, and so was completely unprepared for the actualities of married life. She and her husband had many unhappy hours before she changed her ideas and straightened out. Later, I realized that I was to blame for a good deal of the trouble, and I learned my lesson. I've tried to implant different values in Isabel's mind, and I know she's much better prepared for marriage than her sister was."

When it came to educating her younger girl for marriage, Mrs. Daniels decided that, first of all, she herself must set a good example of what a wife should be. Daughters are quick to imitate a mother's behavior and attitudes, and they make many mental notes which are only too apt to influence their future rôles.

If, like Mrs. Daniels, you have a young girl in your home, you'll do well to establish a few rules for your own conduct that will help in providing a good background for her marriage. If, for instance, your daughter is near by when some act of your husband displeases you, hide the angry words that come to mind—at least until she's out of hearing. From your example, she'll learn to control the thorny phrases that crop up when

human beings are becoming adjusted to living together. Instill in her mind the fact that in marriage a sparkling face means more than the finest meal she'll ever prepare. Help her to acquire a sense of humor and warn her that, whether it's fair or not, she'll be wise to keep smiling even when her husband comes home from the office with a scowl on his face. Two scowls can make trouble, whereas one scowl seldom does.

Early in life you can start to build a sense of values in your child. Let love express itself freely in your home from the time she is small, and the ability to feel and show love will be with her always. This is the finest gift a bride can bring to marriage.

It will help your daughter to know that finances may be strained at first, when her husband is just getting a start in business. Explain to her that it's a matter of course that her wardrobe will be scanty when her trousseau is gone, and that she must learn to be happy with fewer luxuries than she had when she lived in Daddy's house and was earning a weekly salary besides.

While your child is still very young, you can teach her the art of gracious living. Knowing how to entertain in an easy, friendly way will help her to create a hospitable atmosphere in her new home and give pleasure to her husband and her friends.

If it's at all possible, encourage that daughter of yours to fulfill her small ambitions so that she won't become frustrated later on. Perhaps she has a talent for acting and would like to try a season in summer stock, or she may wish to take special courses in home economics, music, or languages. Get behind your child and help her to carry out her dreams.

When the great day comes and she finally says "Yes" to some fine, upstanding young man, you can face the future calmly and happily if you, like Mrs. Daniels, have done your best, by example and attitude, to groom your daughter for marriage and wifehood.

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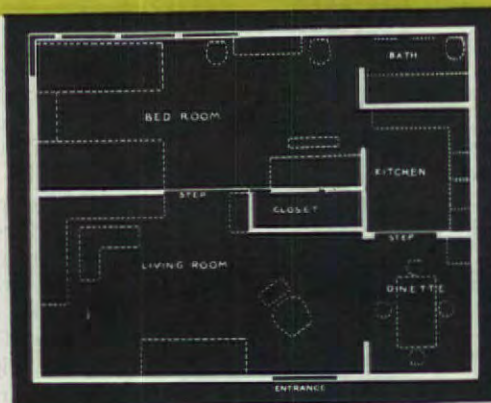


Hence Griffith

There was a housing shortage in Dallas—just no place for a business girl to live—especially the little brown hen type ambitious for something more than a room in a boarding house. I had been cooped up in one room so long that I looked at the whole world with a jaundiced eye—then my college roommate, Nadine Heiden, came to Dallas to publish her book of poems. Together, we thought we could solve the problem. So we decided to go house hunting.

We worked ourselves into many a headache, wore out our tires and shoes with exactly no results. Then my aunt asked us over for Sunday dinner, and we spied an abandoned chicken house perched high on a bluff in the neighborhood. We stood under the big trees, gazed out over the bluff, and started chattering like a pair of magpies over what could be done—IF. Before another week had passed, our \$200 nest egg had made us the proud owners of the 10 by 20 building and the 25 by 30 plot of ground that it occupied, with the view thrown in.

The world looked very rosy and we were so excited over being property owners—well, just anything could happen now. All the hens had



been shooed out of our little house long ago, for a transient artist, wanting a sanctum and an inspirational view, had once used it for a studio. Now it would be a wonderful home roost for us. Of course, there were sceptics who frankly told us we were crazy—they even went further and made all kinds of dire predictions. But undaunted, we set to work. After enlisting the aid of a carpenter to add a bath and kitchenette at one end, and a plumber to install all the necessary fixtures, Nadine and I took over.

The going was rough during the conversion period. We sort of camped out in our unfinished house, but always managed to laugh off the inconveniences. In the interim before the plumber had finished, we waited for inky blackness of

night—then crept out surreptitiously to a lawn fountain at my aunt's to do our washing. Our carpenter worked sporadically—before the window frames were all in, a Texas norther struck. That night we found the door of our little house sealed with ice. Well, that was something! We dug in our purses with icy fingers, found a nail file and our keys for scrapers, broke the ice.

By spring, our hen house with the sloping roof was a home, nest in fact, with two little brown hens clucking contentedly over their accomplishments. We felt terribly important as homeowners: Part of every pay check was set aside for improvements. Soon there was enough to build the living room on the front of the house. Our carpenter was called in to do the building. As soon as the walls were up, again we donned blue jeans, turned paper hangers and painters.

Nadine and I were a smug pair. We had business careers we loved—we were having a wonderful time putting down roots and establishing our own home. After perching in offices all day, it was wonderful to go home to the serenity of our little white house. On long summer evenings, we turned stone masons. Each pay day, we

# "Hep Chicks" Now

As told by CARROL WHITE

to DOROTHY MONROE

*Two ambitious little brown hens,*

*Nadine Heiden and Carrol White,*

*buy an ex-hen house with their*

*\$200 nest egg. "Aspirin Acre"*

*it's called now—and still a-growin'*

*down there in Dallas*



bought another load of fieldstone, and our terrace grew to the full length of our house. Now we could reap the full benefit of our view.

Then the blow fell. The property in front was going to be sold. Not only that, the heartless ogre buying let it be known he was going to put a high board fence around the home nest. This was the kind of thing no true Southwesterner accepts. Besides, too many manicures had been sacrificed. Our budget was feverishly refigured. House improvements came to an immediate standstill. The only solution was to buy the property ourselves—rather than be fenced in. Now we are landed gentry, owning a whole acre of property. After all the headaches we'd had, there seemed only one appropriate name for the wooded bluff, so it was promptly dubbed "Aspirin Acre."

With tenants eager to rent apartments in the big house, we had no time to lose our touch—in fact by now we were getting rather expert at hanging paper. This was a labor of love, but big business, too. We selected our materials by brand name to be sure we didn't waste our precious, extra working hours. It takes a lot of paper hanging for twenty-six rooms—but the



house was finally ready for five eager tenants. And all the rent from the big house makes Aspirin Acre a two for one investment.

Acquisition of land made an outdoor budget a necessity. We could no longer ignore the garage so close to our house. We painted it white, put plant shelves the length of the side adjoining our terrace. Now we've started landscaping. Office colleagues envy Nadine and me our home-grown gardenias. And some day, I'm going to have apples for my very special brand of pie, right out of our own back yard. Cooking is another hobby, and I'm always dreaming up new dishes.

Our friends invite themselves over for tamale pie. It's a quickie and only takes 12 minutes to prepare. Just line a baking dish with a layer of crushed Fritos, pour in a can of chili con carne (without the beans). Chop in an onion, add another layer of Fritos, another can of chili. Top off with more crushed Fritos and lots of grated cheese. While the tamale pie is baking in a hot oven, there is time to toss an endive salad and fix a bowl of fresh fruit for dessert.

Nadine's hobby of collecting uncut gems, inspired by being in a jewelry store, is very interesting to me. And I have taught her how to play chess, one of my favorite games. It is about the only remaining evidence that I was once a math major. I have collected several sets of chessmen, but my favorite is one of hand-carved ivory that was made in China.

We both love music and often give the house a present of a new album or two. Nadine used to play the violin—now she does her fiddling trying to hit just the right note in advertising.

There's never a dull moment in our little house—especially when Blackie and Deacon come in for a romp. Deacon, a thoroughbred cocker, has learned all kinds of tricks to wangle a bit of the closely guarded bacon. Blackie, a Boston bull, is a war orphan, was taken into the family when Nadine's brother, a B-29 pilot, failed to return from a Tokyo flight.

Not all our hobbies are centered at home, for both of us love to sail. Our pride and summer joy is a sea gull for eighteen. Moored at White Rock Lake, we ceremoniously christened her "Baby Sloop." The water-color picture at home is a pleasant reminder of summer Sunday afternoons when lunches are packed and the gang gathers for a sail. Not that we tell just everybody, but we can handle the boat alone—we sound helpless because it's much more fun with some males along who can handle a line.

Our home nest is by no means finished—we dream big when it comes to planning for future improvements to Aspirin Acre. We do all kinds of budgeting—and then periodically go overboard for flowers. A flower shop is on our way home and sometimes we can't resist going festive. We're both studying flower arrangement and, after all, must practice. Life is spicier, too, if we go formal for dinner and only one of us takes kitchen duty. In fact, kitchen duty has had a considerable boom in popularity at the home nest since our new dish-washer came to the house.

Next summer Baby Sloop will have a rival at Aspirin Acre, for we're going to put in a swimming pool just below the bluff. Right now it is in the headache state, but some day we can sit out on our front terrace, look down into our oval pool below, mirroring the tall trees that dwarf our little house. Some sceptics will say—"No, you just can't pour concrete," but we know we can. After papering and painting, putting down the asphalt tile in our tiny dining room, and making the stone terrace, we'll have the swimming pool all right. Pessimists can't ruffle us, for we are going to keep our house growing and growing.

# MOTHER and DAUGHTER



• A trousseau of flower containers and ideas for every room in her new home! Accents for living-room mantel—twin-pewter Chinese boats on teakwood stands. Flower note—begonias



• End table feature: Chinese pillow vase. Hallway reflection: bowls in bleached wood

RUTH W. LEE

Of all the planning that precedes the wedding, probably the bride's trousseau receives the most meticulous, the happiest consideration, and its final perfection proves the rightness of the method. The most successful showers, too, usually are planned around familiar themes but how often, in desperation, one gives a flower container without the vaguest idea of its need! No reason, then, for not following through on the theme plan and providing the bride with a trousseau of this kind for the whole house, as did one ingenious hostess.

The guests at this shower were mothers and daughters. To each pair was assigned one room in the bride's new home. They were told her decorating and furnishing plans, and they chose pairs of vases that would add essential notes of charm to her schemes. Interest for the guests, practicality, and

# SHOWER ... PLANNED WITH INTELLIGENCE



● Bedroom accessories must be versatile: small and dainty for guest room; new and dramatic for Modern; large, graceful for Traditional master bedroom. Chalice Studio



● Nor is the bathroom forgotten in this unusual trousseau: large bath mug more charming with daisies than toothbrushes. Flanked by pair of milk-glass horses.

pleasure for the bride are inherent in this shower idea. But there's another angle to add to the fun—the containers are distributed throughout the home in which the party is given.

The containers are filled with flowers by the donors to add to their decorativeness and quietly educate the bride in the art of flower arranging. It is essential that the vases suit the rooms for which they are intended, but there's lots of opportunity for originality in the choosing. The containers shown in the bedroom photograph indicate the variety that's possible. Each is best suited to display a special *form* of flower, all have small "necks," large bases for water.

All good parties are planned. This one is planned for the moment—and with a long-term view that will put an end to gift vases that must inevitably end up on some dark top shelf.



● Dining room gets special attention: to suit its modern decor, a flat, sleek, oblong plastic tray guarded by a pair of tall, white, long-burning candles

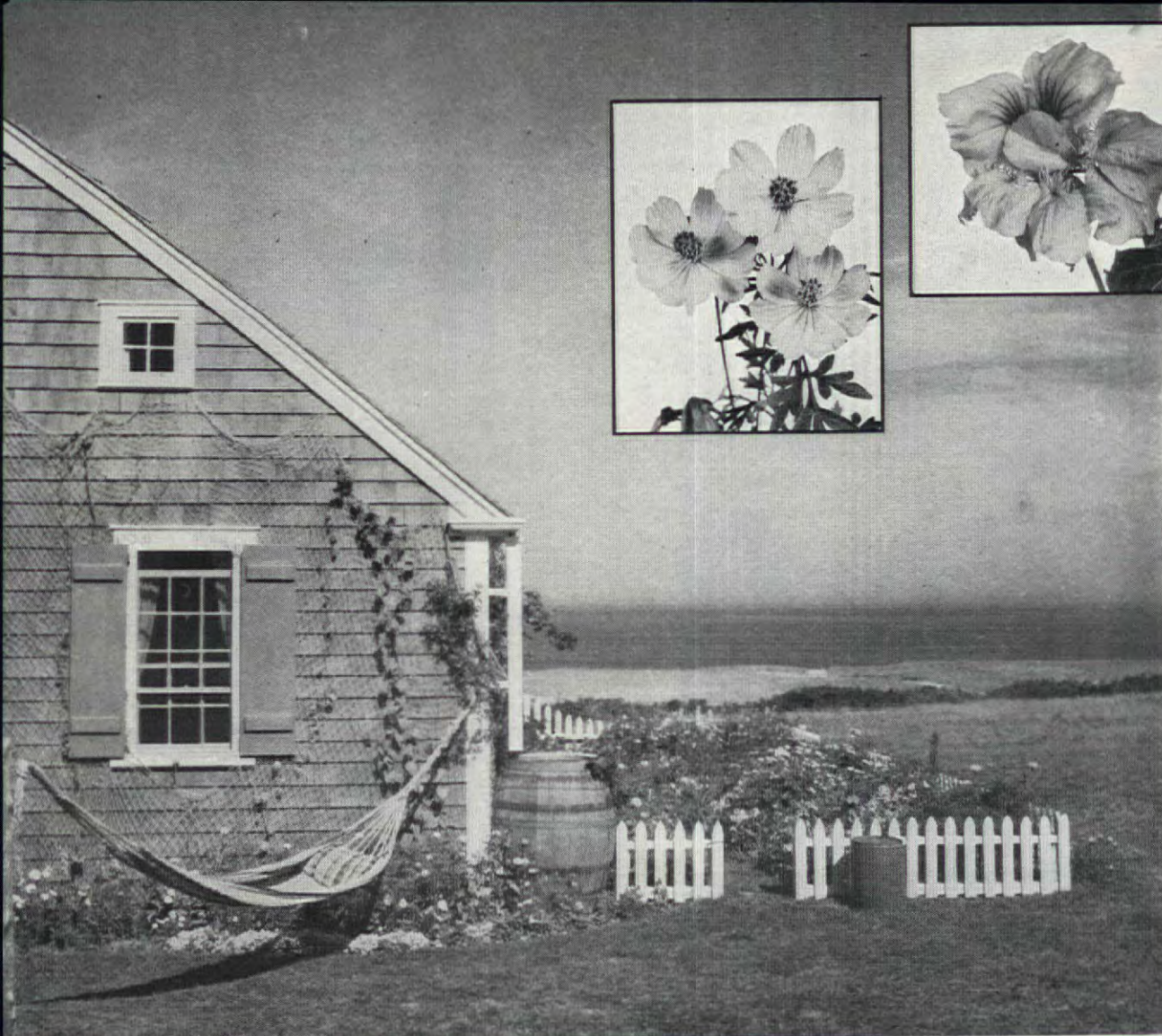


● Perfect harmony for the breakfast room with a milk-glass creamer and sugar bowl filled with white begonias in tune with gay provincial colors of room. Nothing fancy for kitchen—just practical, amusing; red dustpan filled with spirea

Photographs by Nowell Ward and F. M. Demarest



● The luxury of her breakfast tray is heightened by hen and chickens nesting cozily in a flowered pottery creamer. Lucite tray sets off cheerful morning ensemble and "trousseau" accessory



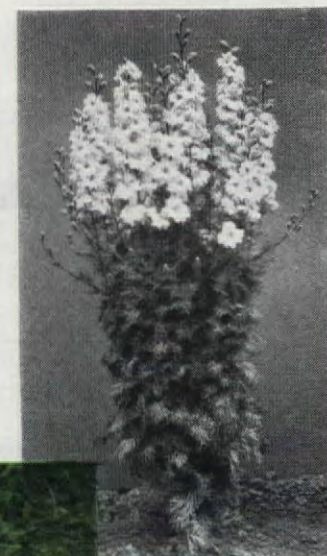
Jean Hersey



● Left, two friendly and easy to grow annuals—Cosmos Yellow Flare and Nasturtium Loveliness



● The new hardy Buddleia White Bouquet and, below, a branching annual larkspur—White Wonder



● A real vacation garden on Cape Cod. Below, examples of natural plant beauty that grows uncared for where conditions are congenial—mushrooms and cat-tails



# WHY VACATION *without* A GARDEN?

Perhaps your reaction to that title is, "What! Spend my vacation gardening? Not I!" But wait a minute. The kind of garden I mean contributes to your comfort, happiness, and peace of mind without demanding the attention that is a proper (and, I hope, enjoyable) phase of caring for an all-year home. It simply means adapting plan and materials to the situation, circumstances, and people concerned. With typical vacation sites in mind, here are some suggestions:

Provide a dry, easy-to-keep clean area around your cottage, cabin, shack, or what you live in. See that surface water drains away from, not toward, it. For a surface, use sand or pebbles, flagstones, tree trunk "rounds," pine needles, moss, or tough grass sod. That last doesn't mean a lawn; the repeated mowing of a stretch of wild grass, at first with a scythe and gradually with a lawn mower, will develop, in a relatively short

time, a "reasonable facsimile" of man-made turf. . . . Provide shelter from severe prevailing winds. . . . Leave, or open up, enough vistas to prevent an oppressed, hemmed-in feeling. . . . Get rid of weed plants that are "harmful or annoying to man," such as cat-brier, poison ivy, ragweed. *You* may be immune, but it's unfair to all who share the grounds to jeopardize their comfort; and foolish, with modern weed killers so efficient and easy to use. . . . After studying the native vegetation of similar locations, try to make your setting natural and appropriate by carefully thinning out existing plants and supplementing them with kinds that don't need coddling. Give them a good start and, if they "belong," they'll establish themselves and thrive along with other contented neighbors. These two pages suggest a few of many available materials, wild and cultivated, annual and perennial, old and new.



● Ranged about the dominant oriental poppy are: Cleome and plume celosia (left); Red Tetra phlox, Cherry Glow pentstemon, and Yellow Vixen viola (below), and (lower left) shasta daisy Snowbank, double petunia Glamour, and marigold Burpee Primrose



Flower photographs by W. A. Burpee Co.; Harry G. Healy; Peter Henderson Co.; Jackson & Perkins Co.; Lambert (from Frederic Lewis). Flower painting by V. Carleton



E. L. D. SEYMOUR





# Home IS WHERE YOU FIND IT

RUTH W. LEE



Photographs by Nowell Ward

*Bright-wheeled carriages once stabled*

*here . . . now it's home for two*

**M**ore than one hundred and fifty young couples in Evanston, Illinois, have solved their housing problem by renting and redecorating garage and coach-house apartments. Most of these were formerly living quarters for the chauffeurs or coachmen of the old estates.

The five-room apartment of the Chester Goltras is one of the most delightful of all these homes in Evanston. The white clapboard garage began its career more than fifty years ago as a carriage house and later on was converted into a garage. The young Goltras rented it five years ago as a temporary home, hoping that they could buy or build when conditions were better. Now they are very glad that they put so much time and effort into fixing it up and making it livable, because they still are not ready to buy a permanent home, thanks to the sky-high prices and the shortages of necessary materials.

Among the lovely antiques which the Goltras have collected are the English butler's tray which they use as a coffee table, the cherry drop-leaf book table in front of the book shelves, and the two-tier table beside the beige lounge chair.

The guest-room study is in a monochromatic scheme of beige to brown. This is Mr. Goltra's sanctum and the



● Omnipresent radiator pipes had to be ignored in bedroom. Painted white, they match ground of rose-sprigged paper. Dining room has two green walls, ivy-papered window wall



● Bookshelves were built across end of living room for books, china, also help conceal radiator and more pipes. Walls are blue, sofa striped ticking.



● Goltra's study can accommodate overnight guest on couch. Pipes again disregarded; shutters used in place of curtains. Walls are brown-and-white-checked paper. Rug is woven rush matting.

decorative plan has a masculine flavor.

A pair of white metal-grill doors leads off the tiny hallway into the dining room. By painting the inner walls a dark forest green and papering the window wall in an ivy pattern, they supplied a dramatic background for their bamboo chairs and tables, which were painted white. Yellow chair cushions supply the accent color.

Outside the small kitchen is an open sundeck which they have converted into an outdoor living-dining room. A saw-buck table painted white with white benches forms the dining group. Deck chairs and comfortable chaise longues make this sundeck an inviting spot for relaxing and for entertaining during the warm summer afternoons and evenings.

Each piece of furniture they have selected for their garage apartment is some day going to fit into a larger, permanent home. There is nothing makeshift about anything they own. Because they have bought with an eye to the future, and because they treated each room with a charming, individual decorative scheme, they have enjoyed their home so much that they are in no hurry to move. Certainly this young couple has found a happy solution to the perplexing problem of homemaking during the most difficult times of the housing shortage.

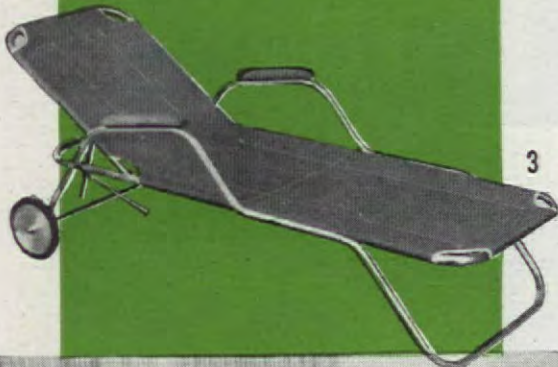
# SUMMER COMFORT...



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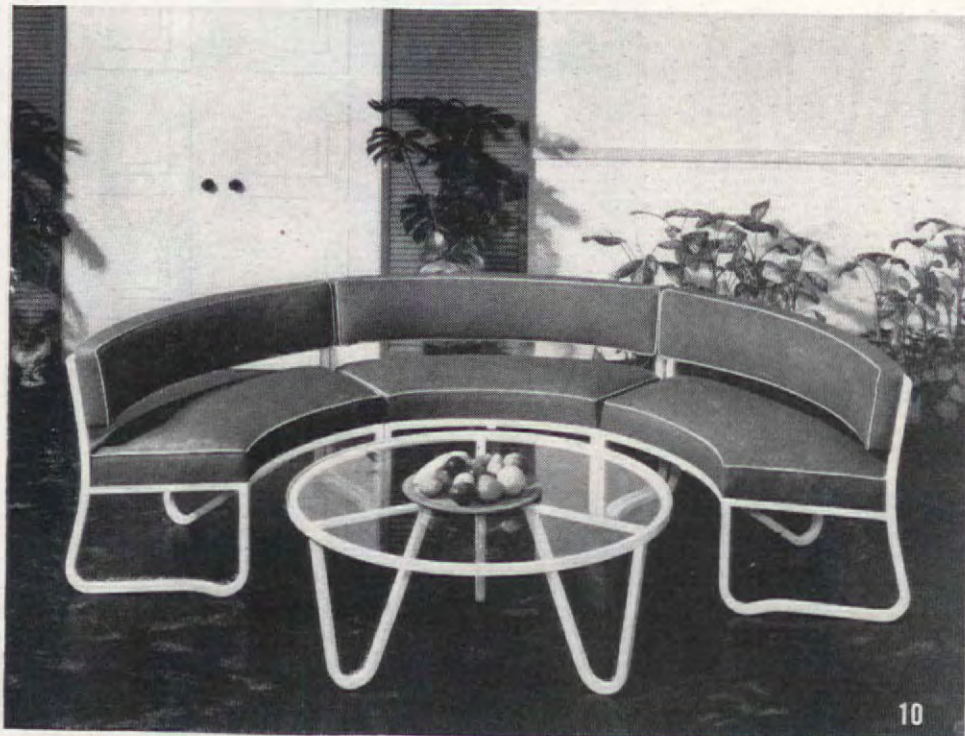


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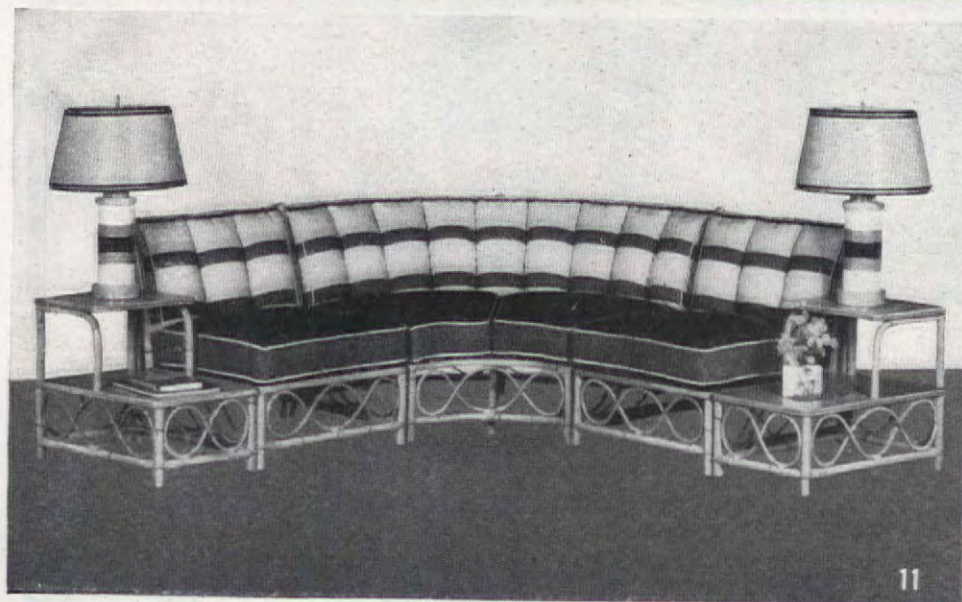


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# INDOORS ... OUTDOORS



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Americans have moved outdoors in the past two decades of summers. Patios, lanais, breezeways, terraces, once terms in the rich man's lexicon, now mean easy summer lounging in everyman's language. It is a far cry from the squeaking porch swings and hickory rockers to the versatile cushiony furniture evolved by modern designers. These pieces ramble with equal ease from living room to porch to pool side.

1. "The Hollywood Chaise," innerspring cushions, adjustable back, covered in leatherette, about \$49.50, Bunting Glider Co. 2. Two passenger double chaise, Ultrasol coated fabric, New England Bedding Co. 3. Canvas slung aluminum chaise, Auto-Bye Co. 4. Adjustable aluminum chaise on wheels, Reynolds Metals Co. 5. "California Convertible" of duraluminum, removable canopy, \$39.95, Deeco. 6, 7, 8. Handsome new sectional furniture in aluminum by Sandfort. Double chaise about \$275. in muslin. 9. Versatile sectional units by Heywood-Wakefield. 10. Metal curved pieces with the new look by The Simmons Company, fine for a porch or a breakfast room. 11. "Malay Modern" furniture of genuine rattan by the Ficks, Reed Company.

● 12. Chair, \$39.50, ottoman \$12.50, A. C. Mig. Co. product, Metal Service Co. 13. Plaid chair, glass-topped table, The Simmons Co. 14. Modern wrought-iron dining pieces, Lightfoot Studio. 15. Rippled wrought-iron pieces, Pacific Iron Products



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# HERE'S HOW!

Demonstration—Al Henderson  
Photographs by Al Monner

Captions—Dean Collins and E. L. D. Seymour

**W**hen soil is not dry enough to crumble, dig trench around plant, leaving a good ball intact

**S**lip shovel well under ball, lift and carry gently, slide smoothly onto a burlap "square" laid ready



**W**ithout breaking ball, fold burlap up around it snugly, corner by corner

**U**sing strong cord, tie burlap first around "neck" then around the ball, in various directions

**R**esulting "balled and burlapped" specimen can safely be moved or shipped without injury



**A**t new site, dig hole amply large, prepare soil as may be necessary, adding humus and/or plant food. Set ball in hole, after removing cord except at top, to stand at height it stood before. Untie and tuck burlap down into hole (right) where it will rot away in a few seasons

**T**his procedure, with a camellia in the Pacific Northwest, illustrates the general features of moving broad leaf evergreens or any growing plants that cannot be handled bare root. It is the story of the "B & B" stock sold by nurseries which prepare their plants for delivery in the manner shown here



# GUARANTEED

*to keep them  
in their own back yard*

JANET ENGELHARDT

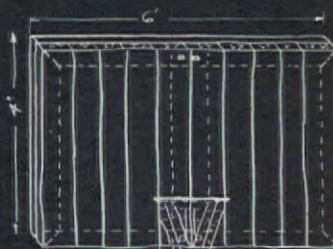
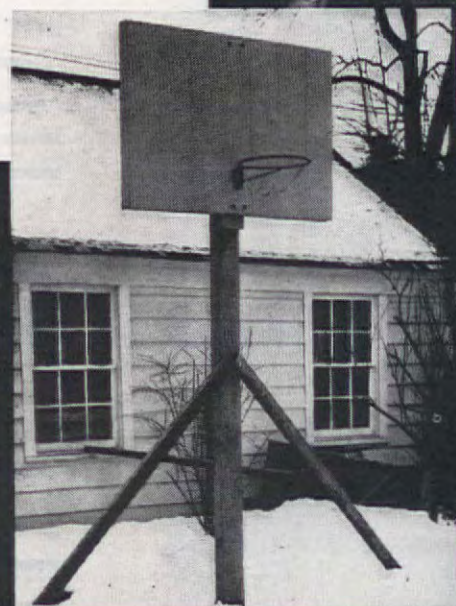


A basketball backboard in your back yard will keep your children at home enjoying good clean sport. Not only that, it will provide the children with many other advantages. Basketball, like most other sports, is beneficial to a child's health. The backboard will attract other children and thereby add to your children's list of friends. Foul shots, lay-up shots and set shots will improve your children's dexterity, co-ordination and physical grace.

If you have the space, you can go farther and erect two backboards so that the children can actually become adept at the whole game. The minimum court size is 50' by 25' but ideally the court for elementary school children should be 60' x 40'. The regulation height for the basket is 10 feet from the ground; the bottom of the board should be nine feet from the ground. The backboard shown here was designed by Ward Myers, Supervisor of Industrial Arts and basketball coach in the Muncy (Pennsylvania) Schools. Seven 2" x 10" fir planks were sawed in four-foot lengths and screwed to a framework made of 2" x 4's with mitred joints. The post is a 17' fir 4" x 8". It was set into the ground four feet, the underground portion first being treated with a wood preservative. The post was set in cement and it was propped in place with braces until the cement had set. The backboard and post were then painted. In case you decide to build a backboard, a list of all the necessary materials follows. Two boards will require twice as much wood and, of course, two hoops.

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Hoop .....               | \$2.00 to \$5.00  |
| Basketball .....         | \$7.50 to \$15.00 |
| Cement, one bag .....    | \$ .95            |
| Plank or Post .....      | \$7.60            |
| 7 planks for board ..... | \$9.00            |
| 4-2" by 4's .....        | \$2.00            |
| Screws .....             | \$ .50            |
| Wood preservative .....  | \$1.00            |

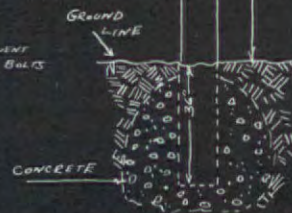
● Good health and happiness are two of the advantages basketball can bring to your children. Erection of one or two backboards like this in your backyard will cost little in time, effort and money



BLACK GLUED & BREWED TO PREVENT STRETCH AROUND BOLS

4" x 8" UPRIGHT

SPREAD WATERPROOF GLUE ON FACE OF 2" x 4" FRAME NAIL FACE BOARDS LIGHTLY AND SET IN SCREWS FROM BACK

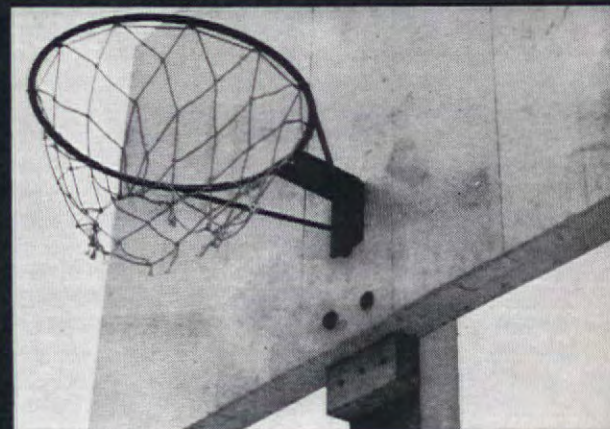
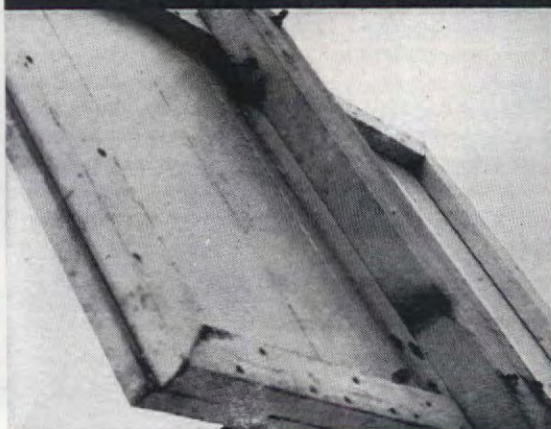
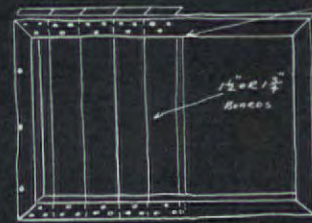
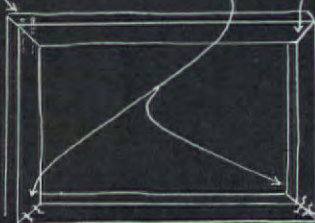


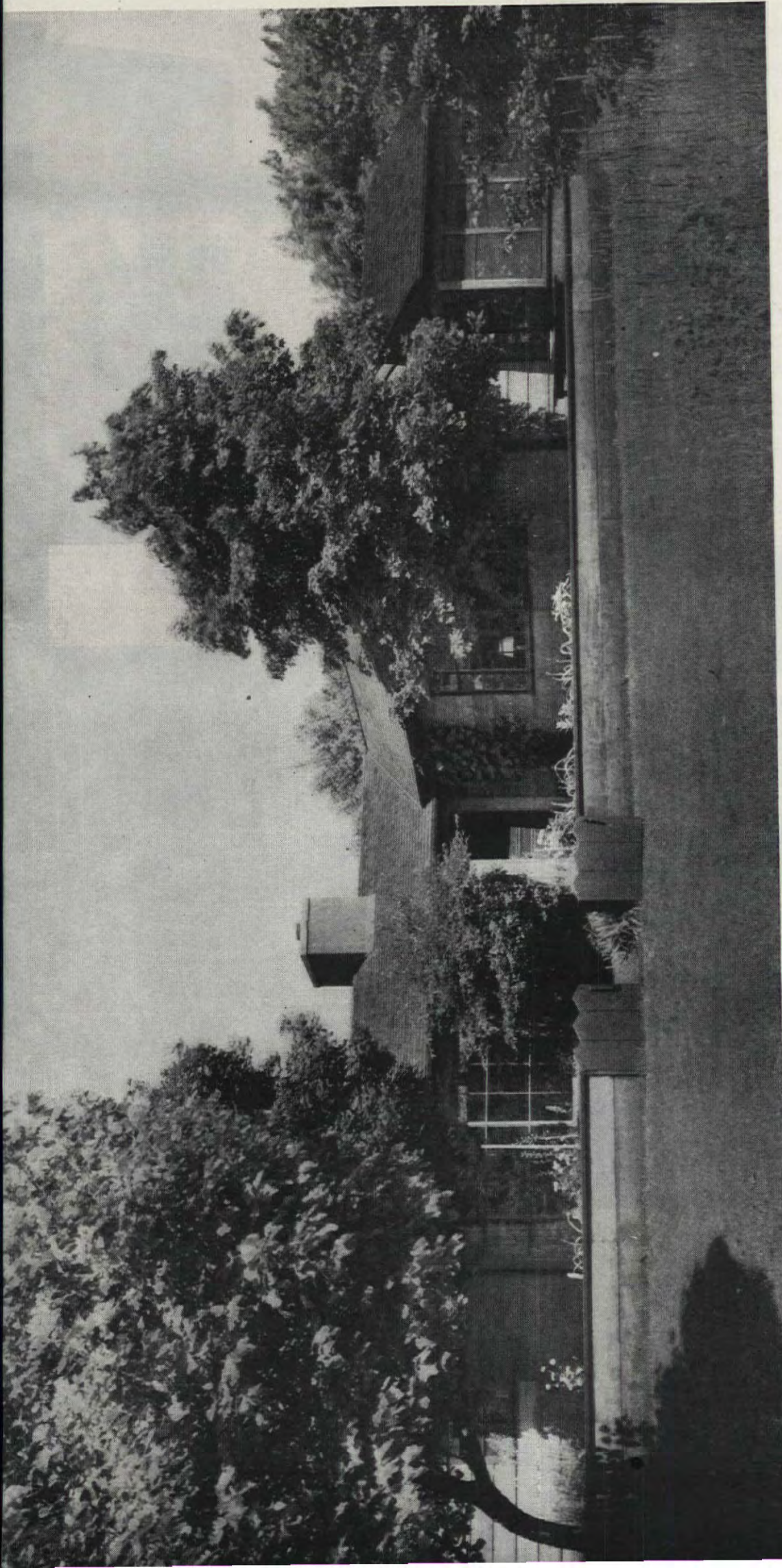
SIDE VIEW SHOWS BOARD AND FRAME BOLTED TO UPRIGHT



FRAME OF 2" x 4's MAY BE NAILED WITH CORRUGATED FASTENERS HERE

CUT TO 45° ANGLE



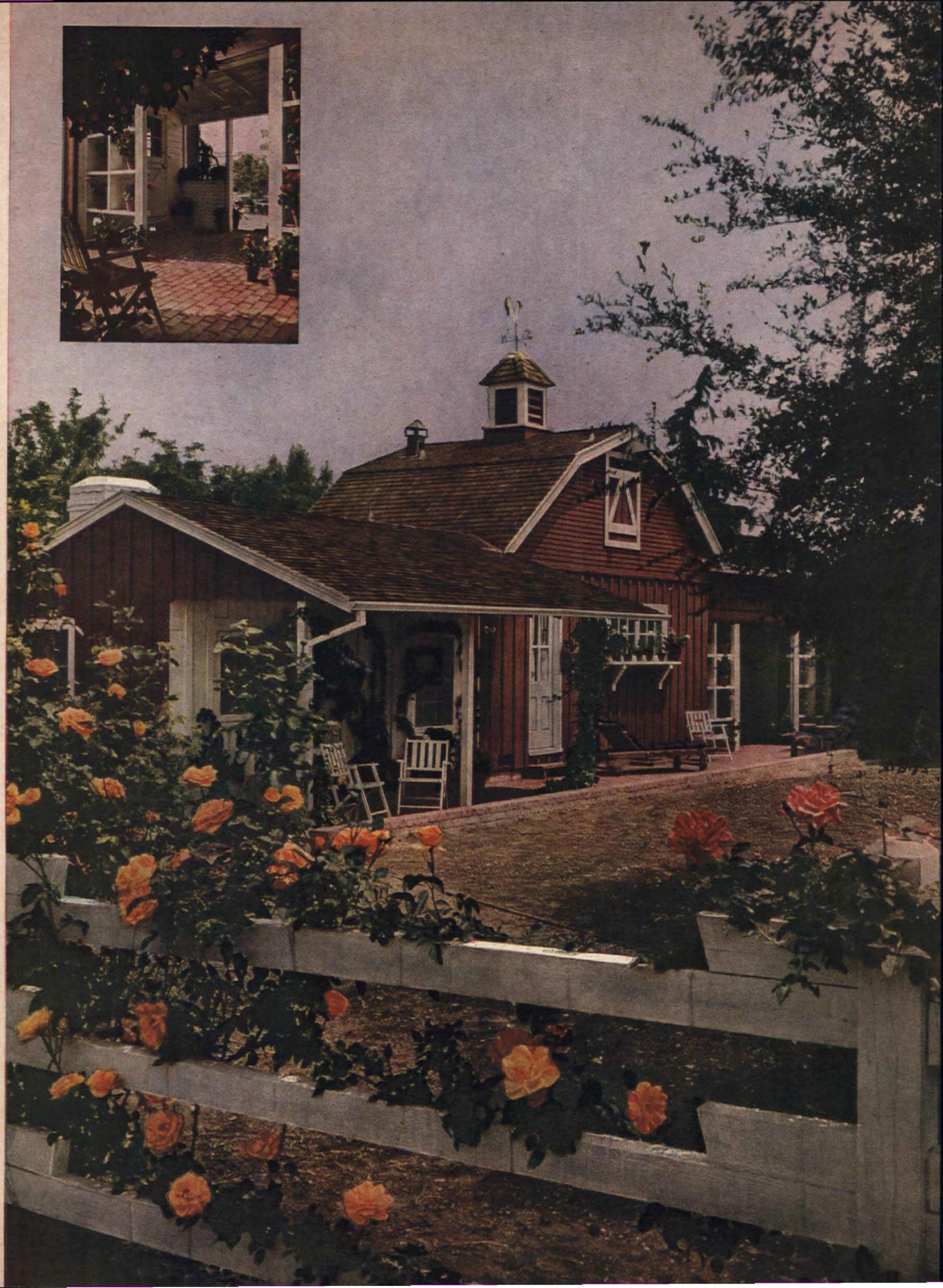


# AMERICAN HOMES

*Featuring two for country living,  
two fine moderns, and  
a good example of rustic redwood*

ALL PLANS ON PAGE 52

Casual and informal with the rambling effect of an old Western ranch house is the home built by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Millard in Deerfield, Illinois. Since they are both natives of California, redwood was a natural selection for both exterior and most of the interior finishes. The designer, James Crabb, stressed no particular style when evolving the ell-shaped plan, but two definite "mus's" were uppermost in the owners' minds during the early planning days. One room definitely had to be large enough to serve as book-room and playroom, in addition to being a combination living-dining area. This room, also, had to open into the garden so that outdoors and indoors could become one. A large steel picture win-



and simple as it seemed, the tool shed was the first building the Stamps had ever attempted. What had seemed easy in the planning stage took on major proportions under the hot summer sun. Besides, the orange grove needed attention, too! So the little shack proved a test case; experiments were attempted and a great deal of important information gained for the more ambitious later building program. A year after the tool shed was built, it became apparent to the Stamps family that the trip back and forth from town was an arduous one. The grove needed more and more attention, and these trips kept them constantly on the road. Therefore, it was decided to turn the tool shed into a living room with a couple of studio couches added to the collection of miscellaneous garden equipment. A tiny bath and kitchen were added, and the second year of the five-year plan was off to a good start.

Now in the third year, we find a garage and workshop added for good measure. At the moment, the ambitious project has come to a halt since building prices seem out of line for the restricted budget. Nevertheless, the Stamps already know where their large, new living room will go. There's to be another sleeping room and bath on the upper floor, too. But everyone is patient and considers the present tiny building, actually all of 480 square feet, so charming and homelike that the waiting years will be contented ones. The next steps forward will be logical ones since the owners sought professional advice soon after the tool shed was built. They know that each step in the five-year plan will add more beauty and comfort.

Architect Allen McGill shares credit for this ingenious program of expansion. Taken to the desolate piece of cleared land with its sad, small, lone structure, his imagination helped him to realize the possibilities of both property and the Stamps family's way of life. Mrs. Stamps admits quite frankly that she would have been the happiest person in the world had there been an old barn on the place. But pleasant old barns, painted red, are not easily found in California. As a compromise, she requested the architect to make her a little barn house with plenty of rural character. The tool shed was revamped with a sturdy white-washed chimney; the bath, closet, tiny hall, and kitchen were added on so that the house became a simple rectangle. The central portion became two story—the barn she so wanted—and the loft became a temporary bedroom reached, in true rustic fashion, by a ladder from the hall.

When the final step takes place, the loft will be made into a spacious bedroom for guests, and the master bedroom will be placed over the new living room. The present tool shed then will be converted into a den. As it is, the Stamps can sleep two persons in their loft and two on the studio couches in the living-room tool shed. This is some sort of a record for such a tiny floor plan. When the garage was added last year, the architect tied it to the house with an attractive roofed breezeway, which serves as both entrance and sheltered patio. The little red barn turns its back on the road and opens largely to the orange grove, garden, and terrace side. A white rail fence encloses the property, and the rose vines have grown rapidly to give shelter from the road.

Once inside the gate, there's a spacious motor court and the "front door" is nothing more than an attractive whitewashed brick wall with red brick steps leading directly into the breezeway. On

one side is a door to the garage, and on the other is the door to the kitchen. This door now serves as the main entrance to the house. Along the whole south side is a charming terrace for outdoor living, part of which is roofed over. This is an extension of the original tool-shed roof. The roses on the back fence, a garden full of cutting flowers, the rich green foliage of orange trees, and the lovely sweep of foothills make the terrace a spot which seems a million miles from the city.

Barn-red board-and-batten outside walls with fresh white trim make the little house distinctly rural. The architect added variety, however, by the introduction of handsome white egg-crate trellis work, separating breezeway from terrace. Here there are pots of geraniums, coral, pink and white, along with brilliant crimson and red blossoms. Comfortable furniture, a long table ample for big crowds on those Sunday picnics and sheltered lounges under the orange trees—all combine to give a leisurely mañana spirit.

The kitchen is furnished like a sitting room. It is a real old-fashioned kind of "cozy" kitchen where people live. This is described in greater detail under AMERICAN HOME kitchens on page 119

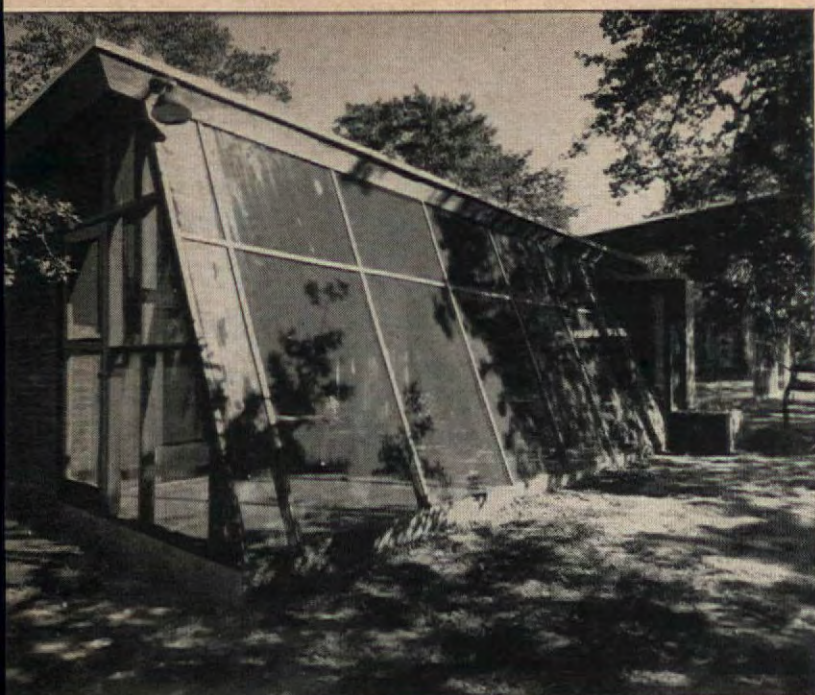
in this issue. A tiny hall off the kitchen has its own door opening onto the terrace. Access to the bath is also off this hall, and the ladder opening to the loft is in its ceiling. The tool shed, now the living room, is at the end of the tiny hall and has little trace of its humble beginnings. It's a colorful small room with braided rug running from wall to wall. The fireplace is painted a soft lemon-yellow, two walls are smoky blue, while the other two have blue-and-yellow wallpaper. The studio couches are a warm deep blue with red cushions, and, for further comfort, there's a large chintz wing chair. Pine rockers also help to carry out the "country" look. On the south wall between two windows is a handsome old pine chest which holds books and china behind many-paned glass doors. An old dough bench has been converted into an end table, while along the two interesting shelves, serving as mantel over the fireplace, are bits of warm blue china and a collection of pewter.

Since the house is secluded, draperies have been dispensed with, thus allowing a lovely vista to be seen from every room. Old wood slat blinds are used to give shelter from too much sun and add considerably to the charm of the living room.



● As "homey" as cranberry sauce and huckleberry pie is this country living room, once removed from a ramshackled tool shed. Vertical boards, painted smoky blue, together with the espalliered tree wallpaper of two walls and yellow brick chimney breast make room fairly sing with gay color. Rare old china, graceful pewter and painted plates show collector's fine touch





● Unusual screened porch with slanting side flanks bedrooms, adjoins dining area, makes roomy play-run for daughter Marcia



● Study, living, dining, kitchen activities are all encompassed in large rectangle with minimum divisions. Oversized fireplace in center of room has two flues, burns 10-foot logs or 2 twin fires

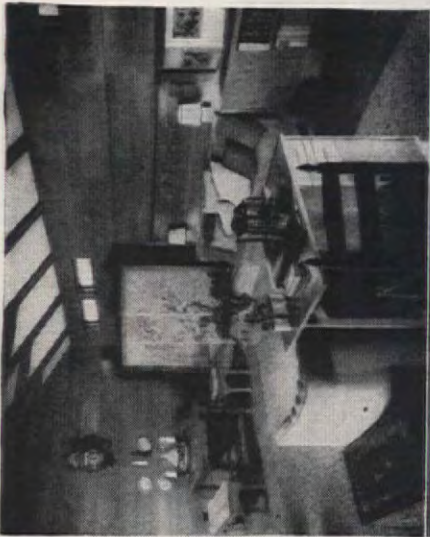
## The Robert Vahlbergs Oklahoma house...

It was hard, those first years of married life in a crowded apartment after the Vahlbergs came back to Oklahoma from the East. Bob had been studying architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, had attained his Master's Degree. It was hard for him to convince Jane that, because nothing the city offered in the way of a home would satisfy him, they should wait until they could build a home of their own. Jane wanted a home right away.

Bob had definite ideas about the house he wanted to build. Patiently he explained to Jane that contemporary thinking in architecture is still in a nebulous stage with the average man and woman, but that modern architecture has captured the imagination and creative drive of the young men in the profession—that what the public sometimes regards as merely “daring” is backed by what these architects term “organic certitude.”

The Vahlbergs feel that their home, at last a reality, offers proof of this. Because the house was designed to have the appearance of springing naturally from its setting, lines and compositions fall easily into place, and it looks valid, not artificial. Indoors, the unobtrusive colors of the decorative scheme, planned by Jane to accent natural textures, contribute to this effect.

The house is a logical expression of their own way of living. They like to



dow now does this trick most satisfactorily. The opposite wall, however, is solid in order to give proper space for built-in sofa bed. This wall also is protection against cold winter winds. Throughout this room, oriental accessories accent the modern and traditional furnishings.

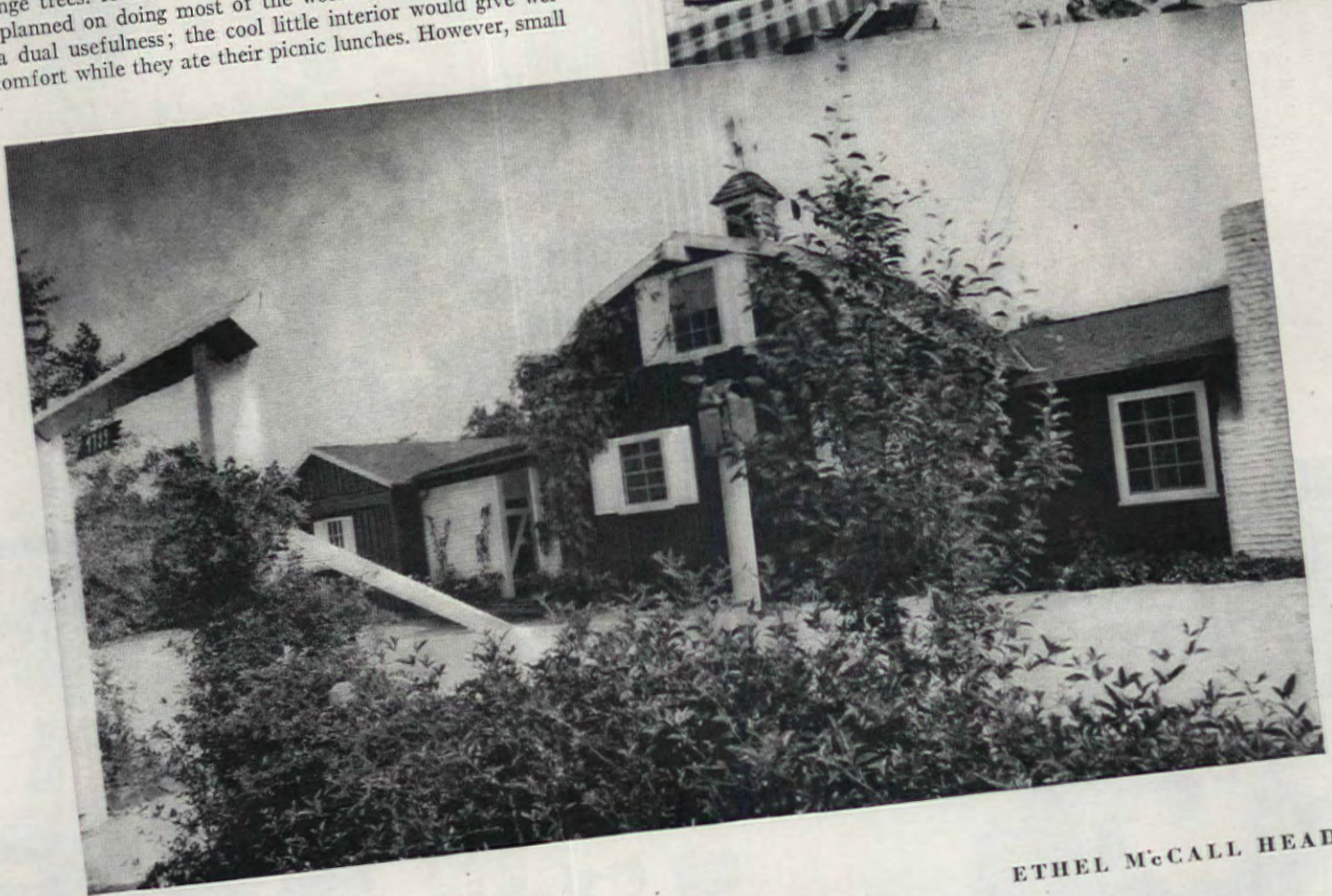
In the master bedroom, headboards are made of gold carvings, used at one time as Chinese store fronts. The wall behind the beds is covered in silver teabox paper, and an old Chinese portrait hangs over a single unpainted chest. The Chinese pieces were picked up by Mr. and Mrs. Millard in China and California. Color schemes everywhere are distinctive: in the living room recede green, Imperial yellows, gun-metal grays, combine with vivid reds to complement the redwood walls. In the bedroom, silver, chartreuse and stark white predominate. Outside the low fence provides an excellent background for border gardens, helps keep out inquisitive rabbits, and blends nicely with the horizontal lines of the house.



Date: Ruth W. Lee  
Photographs by Nowell Ward

We've heard of houses starting from all manner of odds and ends, from chicken coops to abandoned service stations, but, believe it or not, here's a house that started out as a tool shed! It was certainly a meager tool shed, indeed, that the Walter Stamps erected on their few acres of oranges in the San Fernando Valley some three years ago. It's size, 10' x 16', was hardly big enough to store the necessary tools preparatory to starting a five-year program of building. Yes, that was the time limit set by this intrepid family in its search for a home. Now in its third year, the plan has proceeded without a hitch, while the owners work busily on, hoping for their good luck to carry them through the next two important years to the final completion of the house.

When they took over the grove, there was nothing on it but the orange trees. A tool shed was a basic necessity because the family planned on doing most of the work themselves. It would afford a dual usefulness; the cool little interior would give welcome comfort while they ate their picnic lunches. However, small

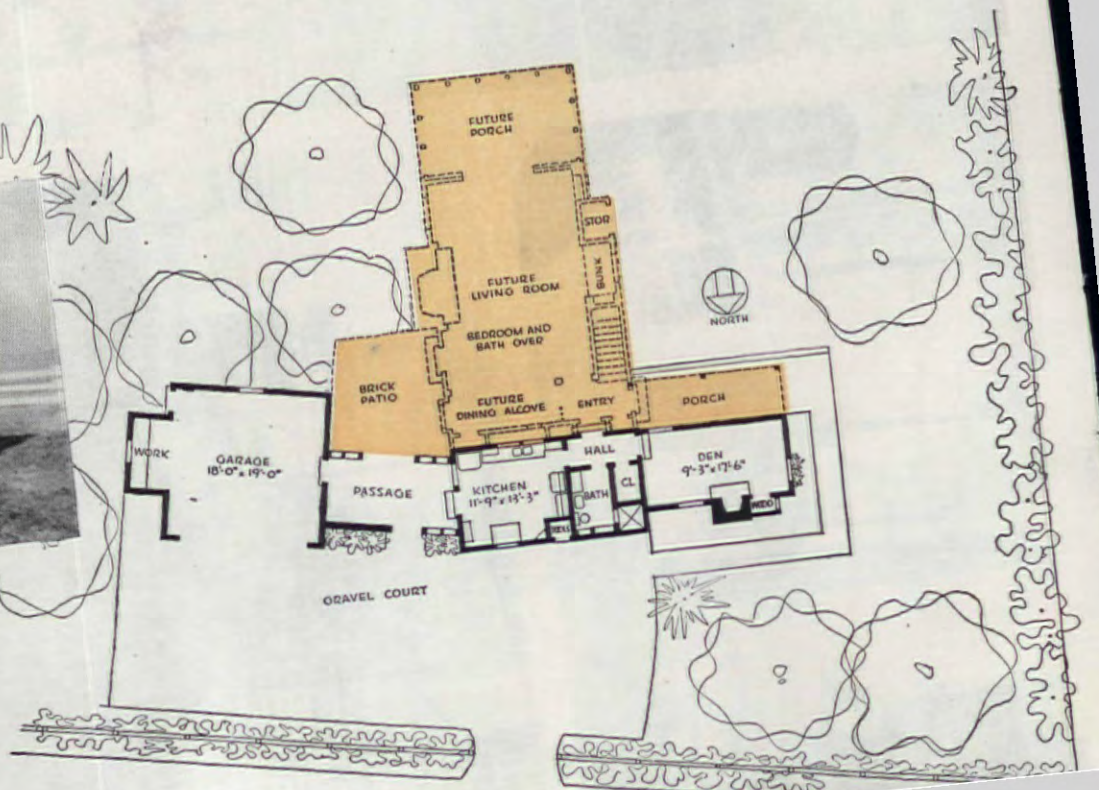


ETHEL McCALL HEAD

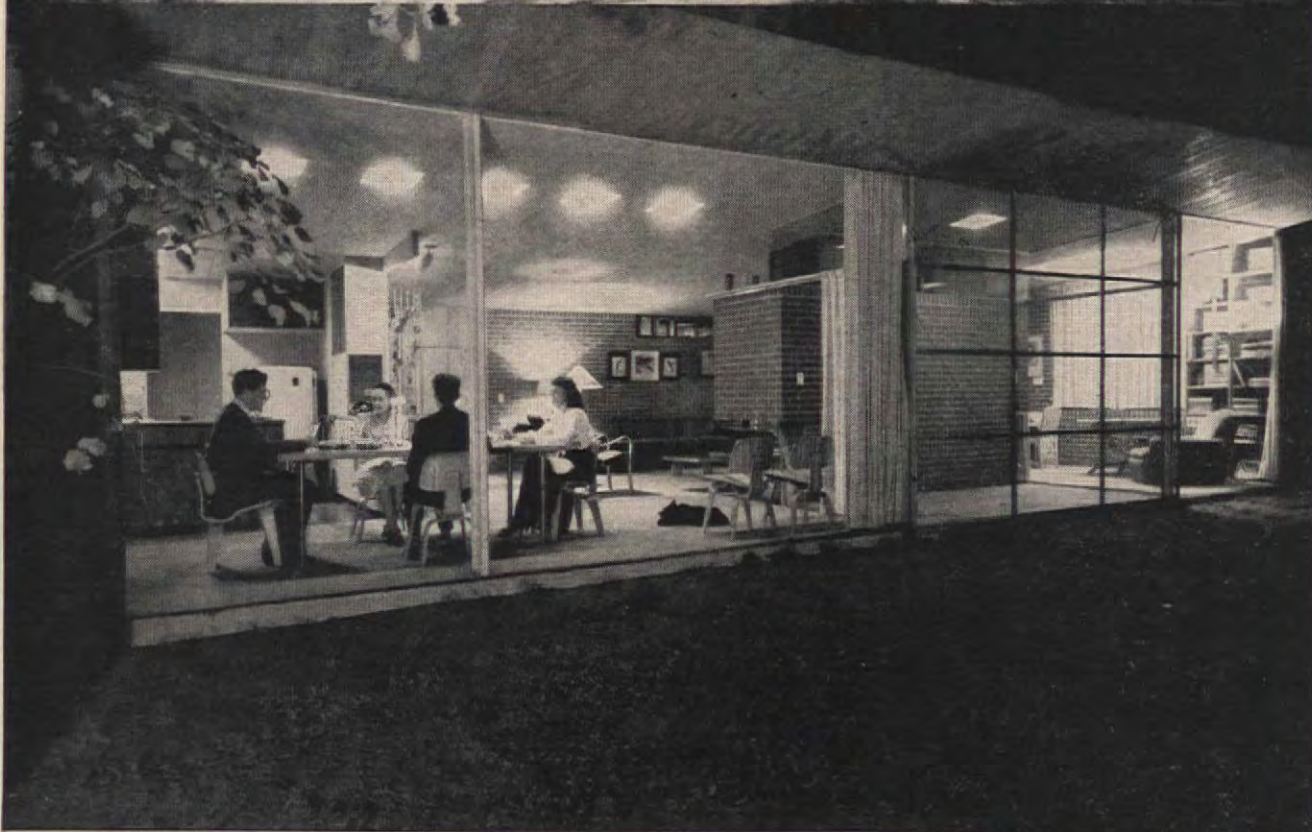
## 5 YEAR PLAN



Photographs: Robert C. Cleveland



*in California*



EUGENIA WHITE

## a logical expression of their own way of life

be informal, relaxed; they like being together. The open planning fosters this. Even Bob's workshop corner with its drafting board and desk gives him a degree of privacy without sacrificing family unity.

They love the outdoors, swimming, sailing, horseback riding. The house, in a country setting, overlooks a ravine. Its wide expanses of glass across the rear elevation capture sunlight by day, starlight in the evenings.

Maintenance has been made easy by the remarkable unity of the house. The plan is compact; all the space counts. Storage space was planned around the family possessions, carefully inventoried, even to the baby buggy. Small daughter Marcia was given special consideration. The natural wood finishes do not show finger marks, and small matter what she spills on the floors since they are of concrete. Kitchen and dining areas are particularly well integrated.

The conception of a house like the Vahlbergs' is quite new to Oklahoma. Robert Parks, the builder, says that it constituted an educational process for all workmen involved. Now he is so sold on it that his plans for the future include one similar to it for his own family. He and his wife like it from every standpoint. Vahlberg, with his vigorous, new departure from tradition in architecture, may be pioneering a new housing trend in his own home state.



Photographs by Johnny Melton

● House turns its back to road approaches, lies long and low. Roof slopes up toward rear facade which is all glass and screen. Wooded ravine insures privacy, overhang shields window from sun



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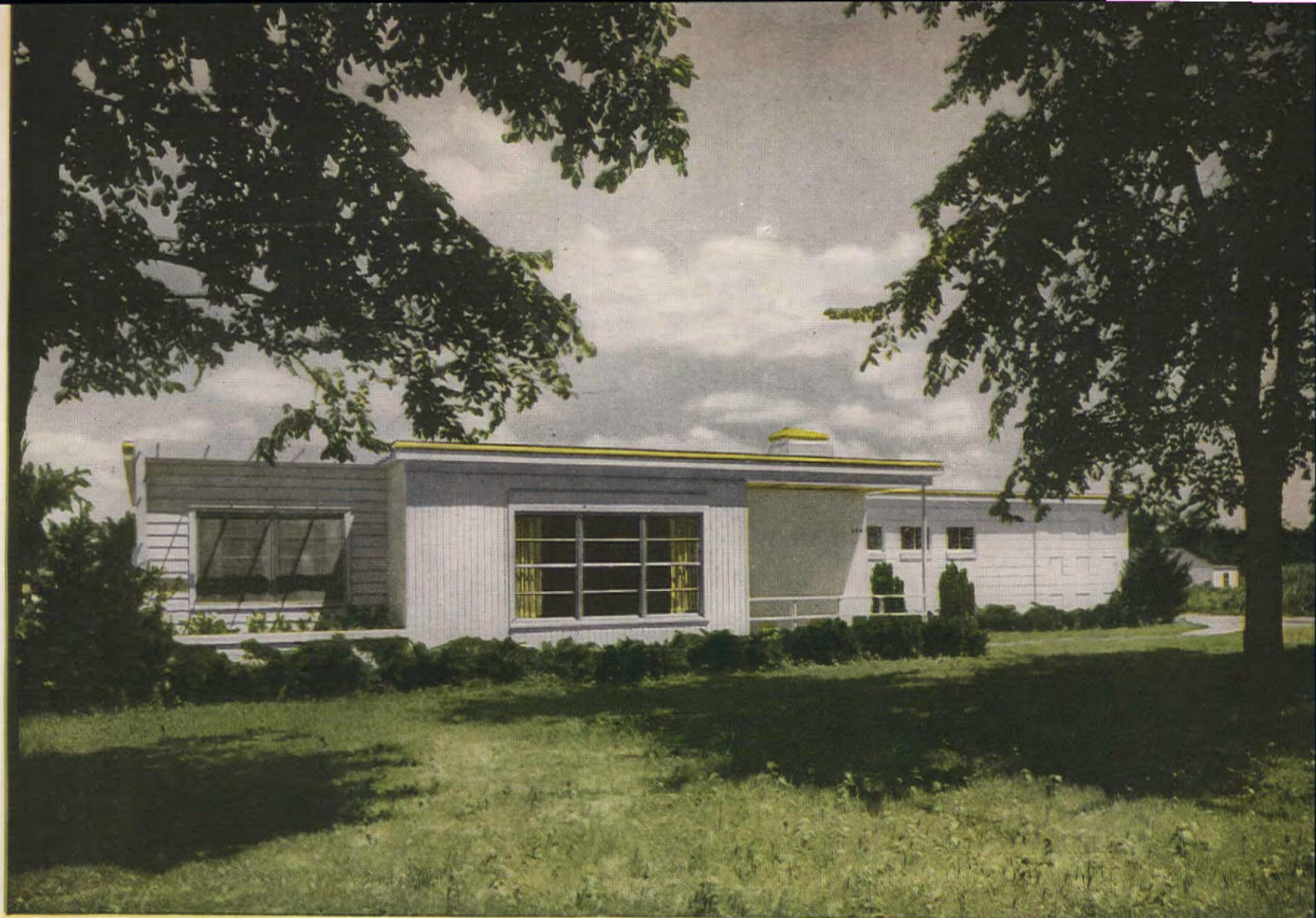
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This is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helser in Lima, Ohio



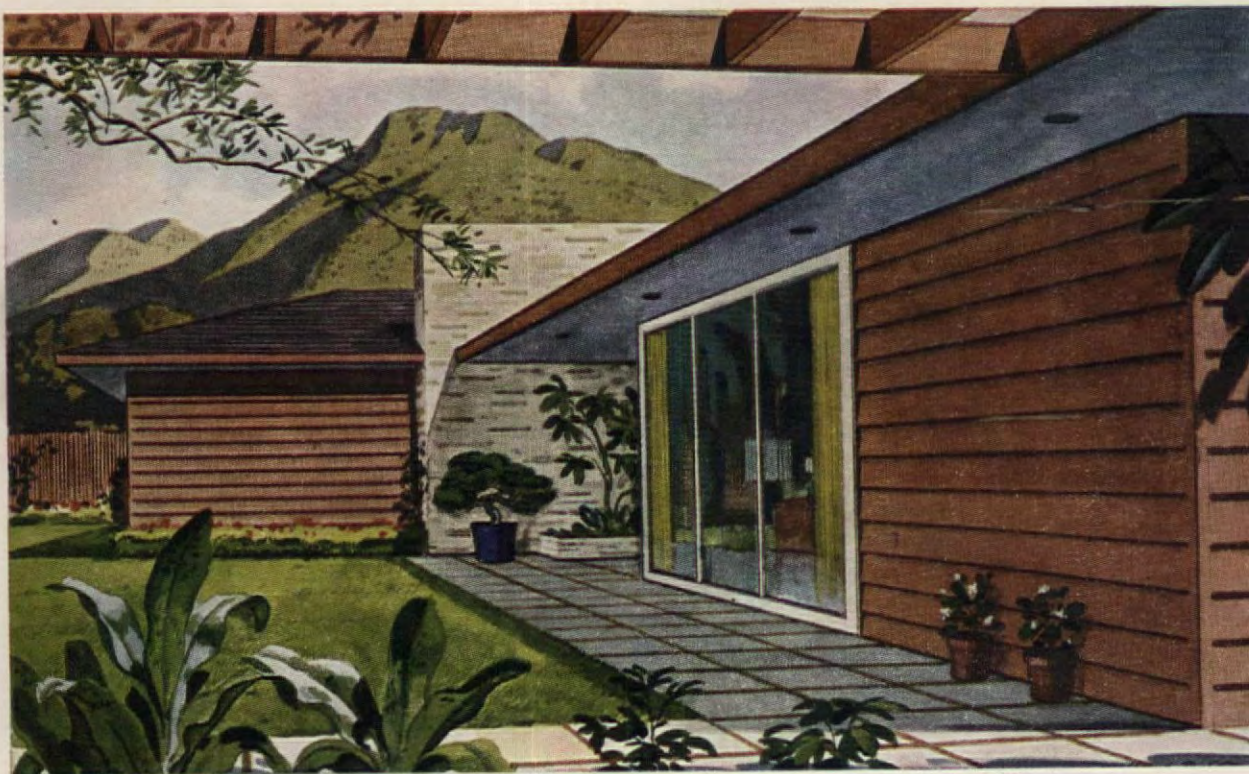
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Like Ado Annie in the play *Oklahoma*, most modern architects want all or nothin' when it comes to styling a house. That *all* means modern with a great big "M." Robert Helser, however, thinks otherwise, and his own house is a strong argument in favor of happily combining old and new. Its outside walls are of cement blocks; its extra-large horizontal windows with deep-shadowed overhanging eaves are in the best contemporary manner. Yet instead of flexible, double-purpose areas inside, this architect believes that there's lots to be said for the conventional room-size and shape. A study of the house plan on page 52 shows much justification for his thinking.

Imagine cutting down circulation space so that it's practically non-existent, and yet a single 9-foot hall serves not only living room, but three bedrooms and one bath. The house stands far back on its city lot, so that plenty of light comes through the large sash without loss of privacy. An ample utility-laundry room, placed between garage and kitchen, substitutes for basement. Radiant heating in floor slab is a modern touch.

An efficient ell-shaped kitchen not only serves the dining room but is conveniently near the back porch for those outdoor meals so welcome when the summer heat is on. One solid wall of the garage protects this graceful porch from the street.

Access to garage is possible without going out of doors, a boon during stormy weather. The utility-laundry space also comes in handy as a playroom for the Helsers' small child during the winter. Floors throughout the house are either cement or asphalt tile, and the owners find them easy to maintain as well as attractive. The flat roof has a rim around its entire perimeter, and during hot summer days, an inch of water over the entire top acts as extra insulation. This type of cooling system is used very often in our Southern states and has been found to be a most inexpensive way of gaining added comfort. Low ground planting follows the strong horizontal architectural lines.



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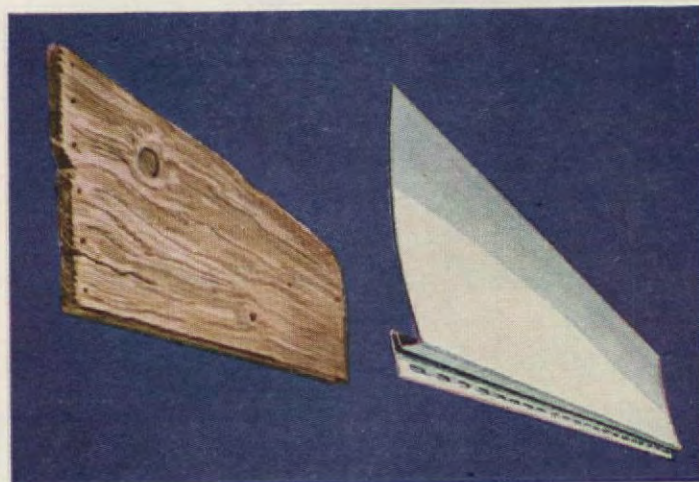
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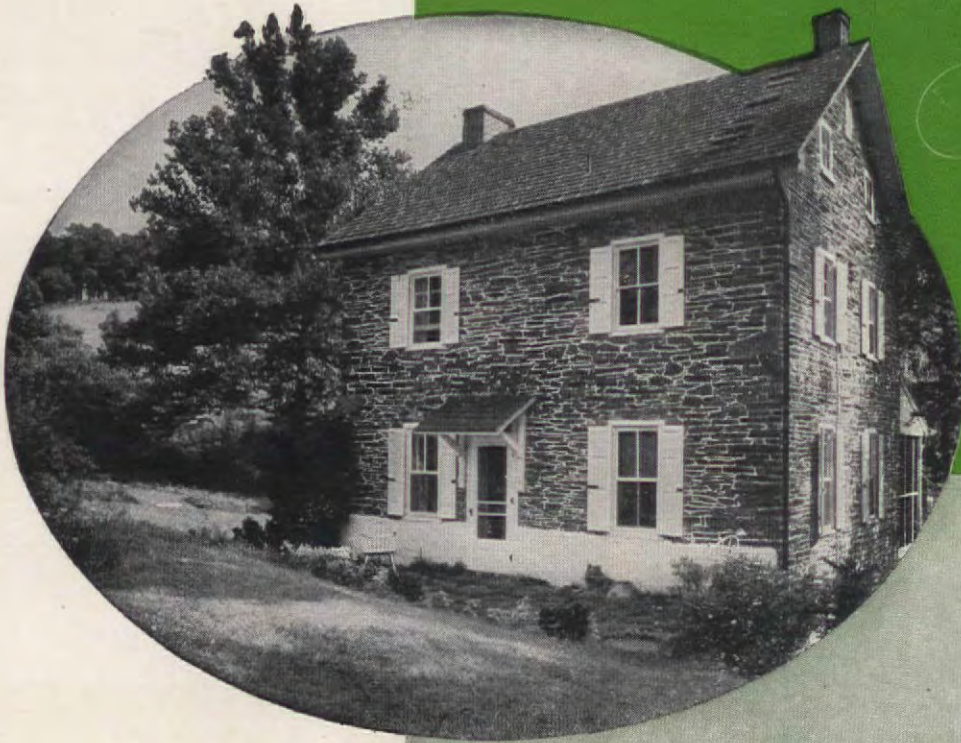
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...the remodeled home of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Fox II

Coatesville, Pennsylvania

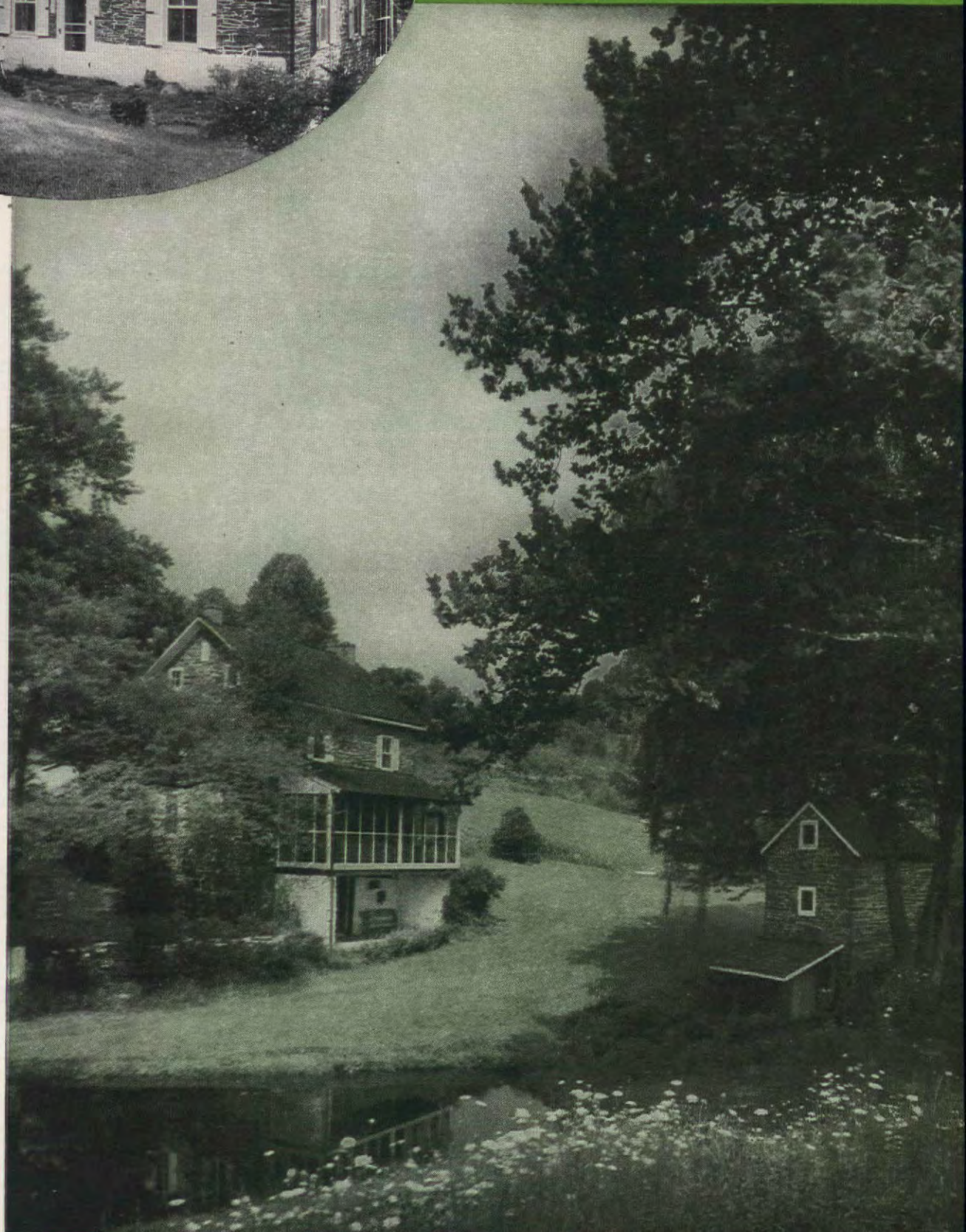


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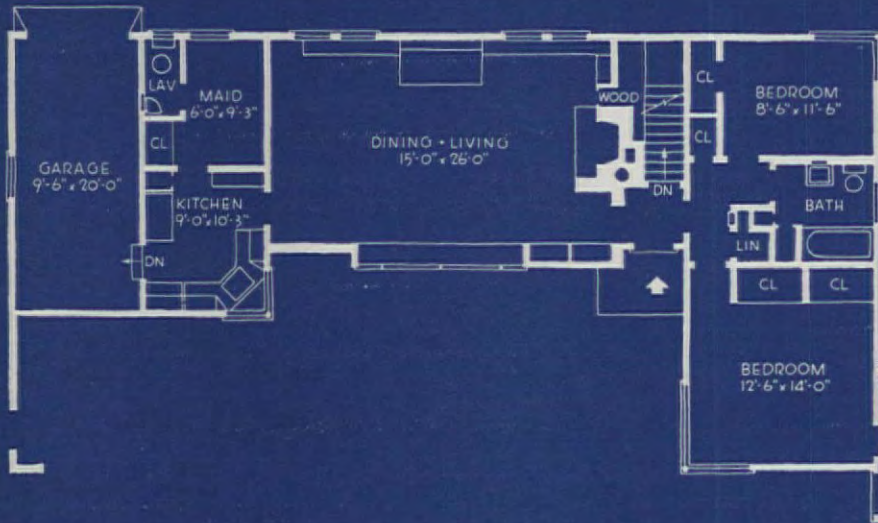
History abounds in the gently sloping Brandywine Valley region, and anyone who has ever spent any time there experiences a strong nostalgic tug whenever the name is mentioned. That's why the young Charles J. Foxes, after Mr. Fox's three year stint in the army, returned there to find their dream farm. Both were natives of the district and were overjoyed when they realized their ambition in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Forty acres there were in all, an old house, a barn, partly of stone and partly of heavy oak timbers, along with a fine old spring house complete with cold cellar below. House and spring house were of native stone laid in the unique and beautiful way for which the county is famous. Cut-in stone on one of the house's gables is the date of building, 1821, although the spring house, the original dwelling, is older.

A lot had to be accomplished before the new owners could relax and enjoy their home. Work continues even today; the barn is receiving a new roof and numerous repairs. Like many of its kind, the place had not been used as a working farm for fifteen years, and lots of work had to be done before the new owners could run their steer and raise sufficient grain to supply their stock.

Fortunately there was electricity in the house, and a pressure pump to supply water from the natural cold springs beneath the spring house. The



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Home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Millard

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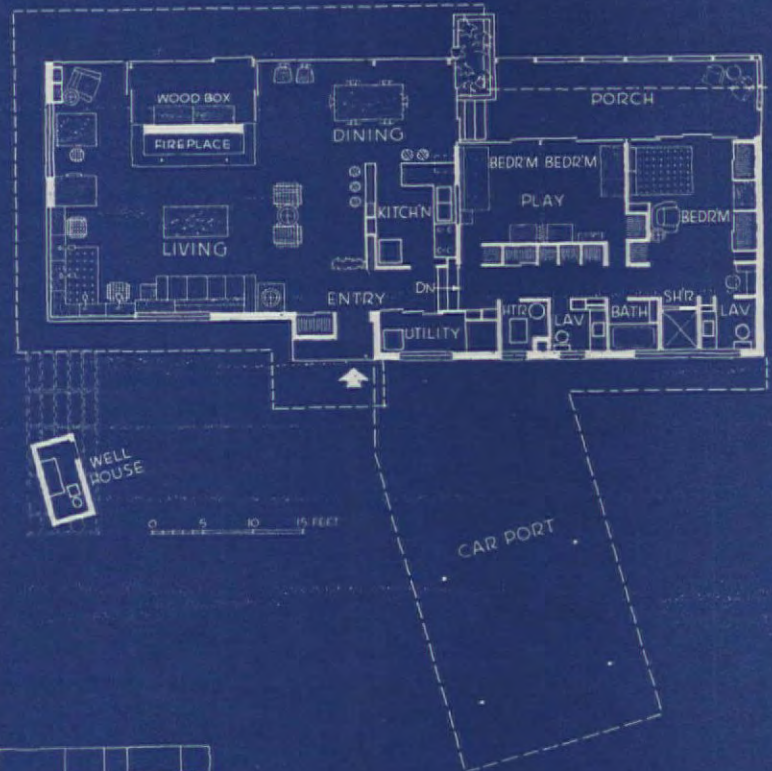
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Home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vahlberg

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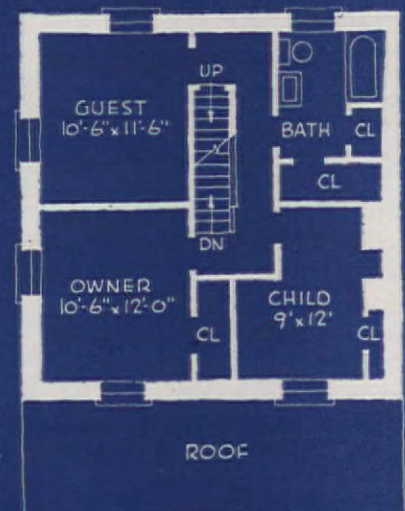
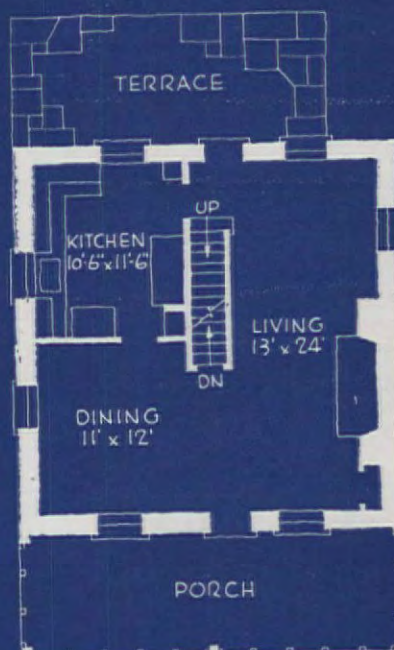
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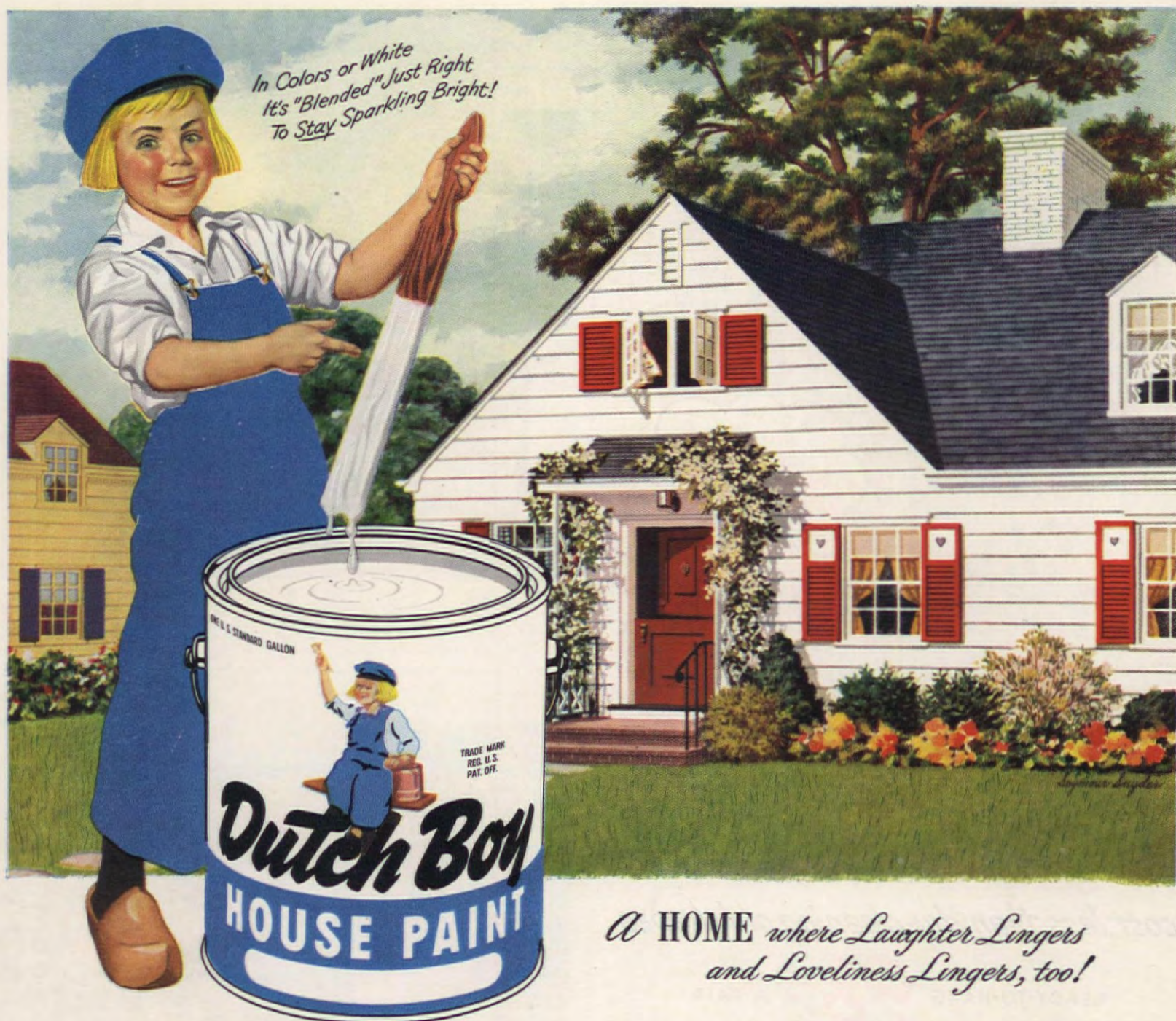
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## *Pennsylvania*

Remodeled farmhouse of  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Fox II  
Coatesville

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● Now used for books and magazines, the old cradle before living-room fireplace once rocked little daughter Lynne to sleep. Displayed against Fox Hollow blue walls over former kitchen mantel are old English hunting scenes embroidered in silk

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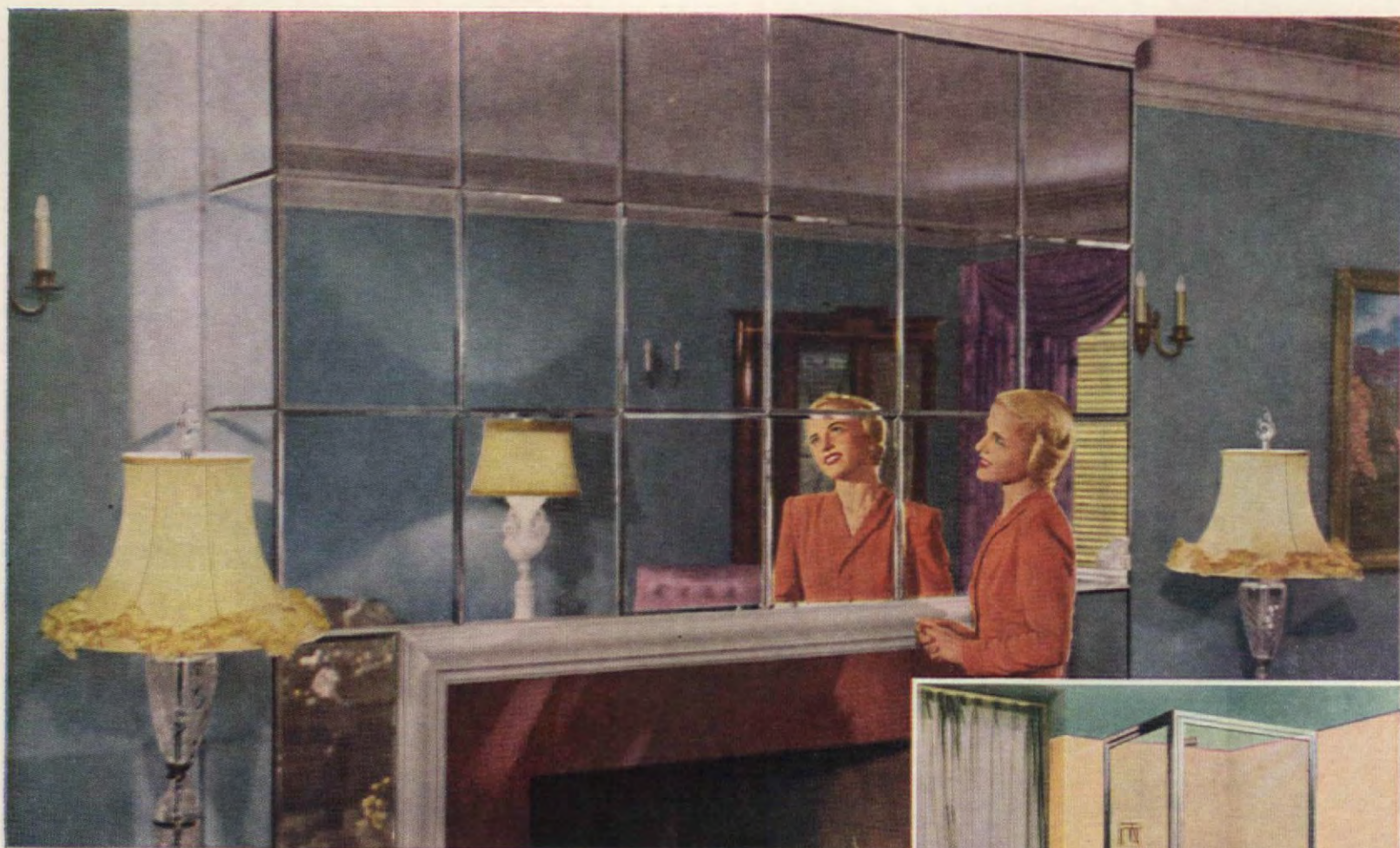


● Effectively displayed in blue-and-white living-dining room are pieces of rare old brass, the Chelsea candlesticks and important pieces of Staffordshire china collected in England. Lamp by sofa is made of old Sandwich glass. All rugs are new



Foxes put in a heating plant, moved but one partition on the first floor, then added a few new partitions upstairs. A new kitchen and bath, complete with a hot-water system, also were included in the revisions. Originally the basement with earth floor was used as storage room. Now it has a new concrete slab and takes care of the utilities. At some future date, a recreation room is planned, complete with its own outside door. The present living room has a large open fireplace where cooking was formerly done since this part of the house was actually the kitchen. Dining room was the old, formal parlor.

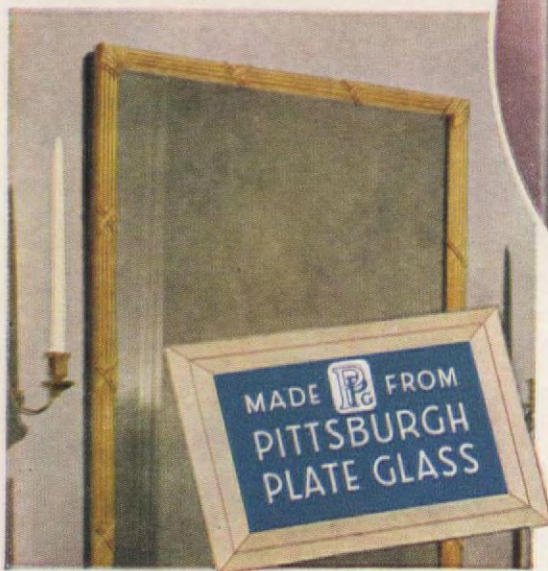
At present the house is furnished with old things, some bought by the Foxes at country auctions, but most of their possessions, inherited from great-grandmothers, are exactly right for the interiors. Floors throughout are of the original wide cherry planks; in fact, most of the interior woodwork is cherry. Outside a beautiful swimming pool with its natural appearance has concrete sides and bottom and was formed by constructing a small dam. Water for pool flows plentifully from the cool springs under the little spring house.



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"When we're married, it's going to be loads of fun fixing up our house. I've got some ideas about glass and mirrors that I've been simply dying to try for years!"

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Gardner, Massachusetts

● Child's toys are stored on hanging shelves above simple little fireplace in blue-green nursery. Owner decorated furniture with gay, authentic Pennsylvania Dutch designs indigenous to district



● Though most furniture in house is old, small new rugs silhouette wide natural cherry board floors which were found in every room



● Warmth is the keynote in guest room where light natural pine furniture is displayed against cocoa-brown walls. White ceiling and trim add fresh crispness. Lace bed cover on four-poster belonged to Mrs. Fox's great-grandmother



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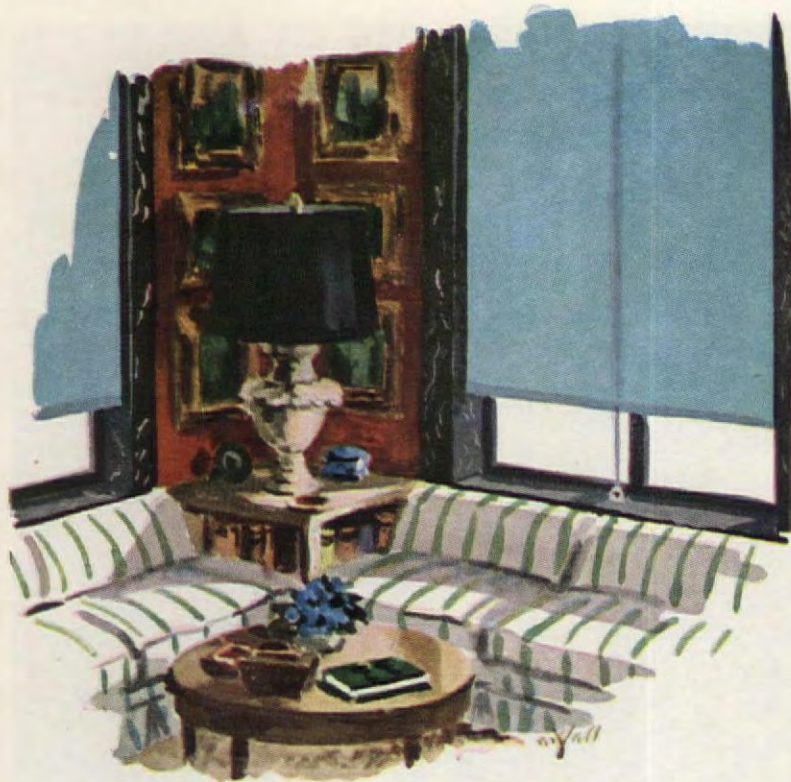
would *do* for that room of yours! Wall-to-wall, the single color will make the room appear more spacious. The play of light and shadow in the thick, sculptured weave will add rich and mellow texture interest. And Gulistan has other beautiful weaves, from \$6.75 per sq. yd., up. (Demand for Gulistan still outstrips supply. Delivery from your favorite store may be delayed.)

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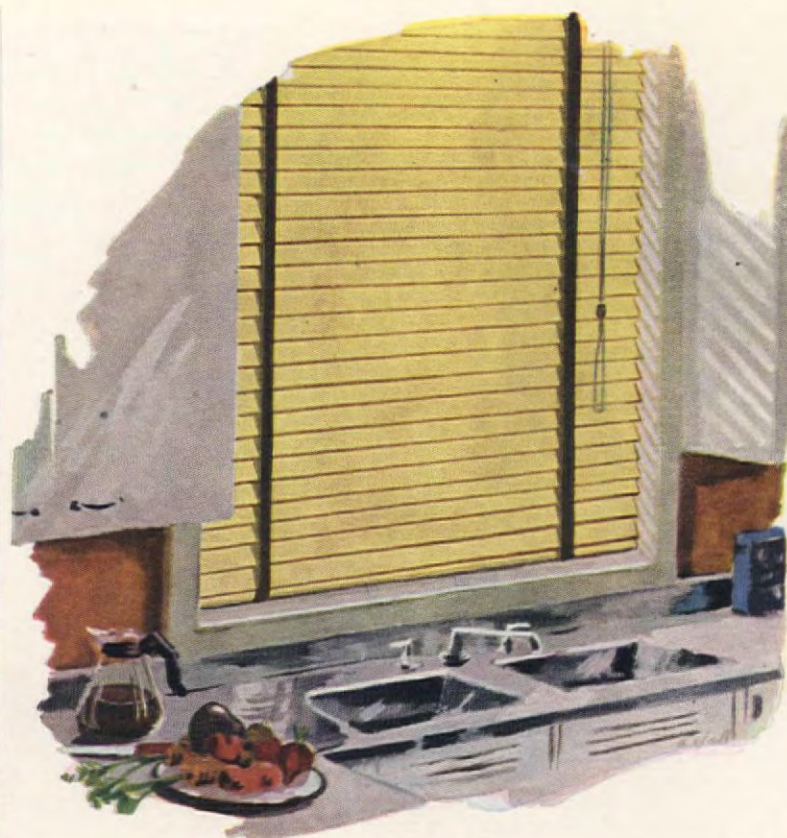
Many people profess to admire colorful rooms, but when it comes to living in them—well, no, they guess they'll just "stick to the more conservative." Then there are others—like Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rogers—who realize the importance of color and use it with skillful audacity. The Rogers family moved into their New York home because it was large enough and well located—not because it was attractive. But Mrs. Rogers knew she could make it so—with lots of color.

Every room in the house has a color theme and an atmospheric motif; the living room is modern. The stairway to the second floor rises from the living room. On the partial wall it makes is hung a dramatic, dark, bright-green wallpaper bearing a gold-and-white design. The dark green is repeated on the other painted walls. White is seen on mantel, cornices, and ceiling. Modern rugs in light turquoise borrow their color from the ceramic horse on the mantel. Chartreuse is



● Living room extends warmth, graciousness through lavish color, feeling of comfortable bigness. High, beamed ceiling, huge fireplace, spacious floor and surface areas combine with modern furnishings to bring a dignity that's approachable, easily enjoyed. Mrs. Rogers, son, and daughter on the scene

● The white cornice, Venetian blind, ceiling and fireplace contrast strikingly with dark green in walls, beams. The Rogers' skillfully fearless use of color makes room a happily lived-in, always welcoming one



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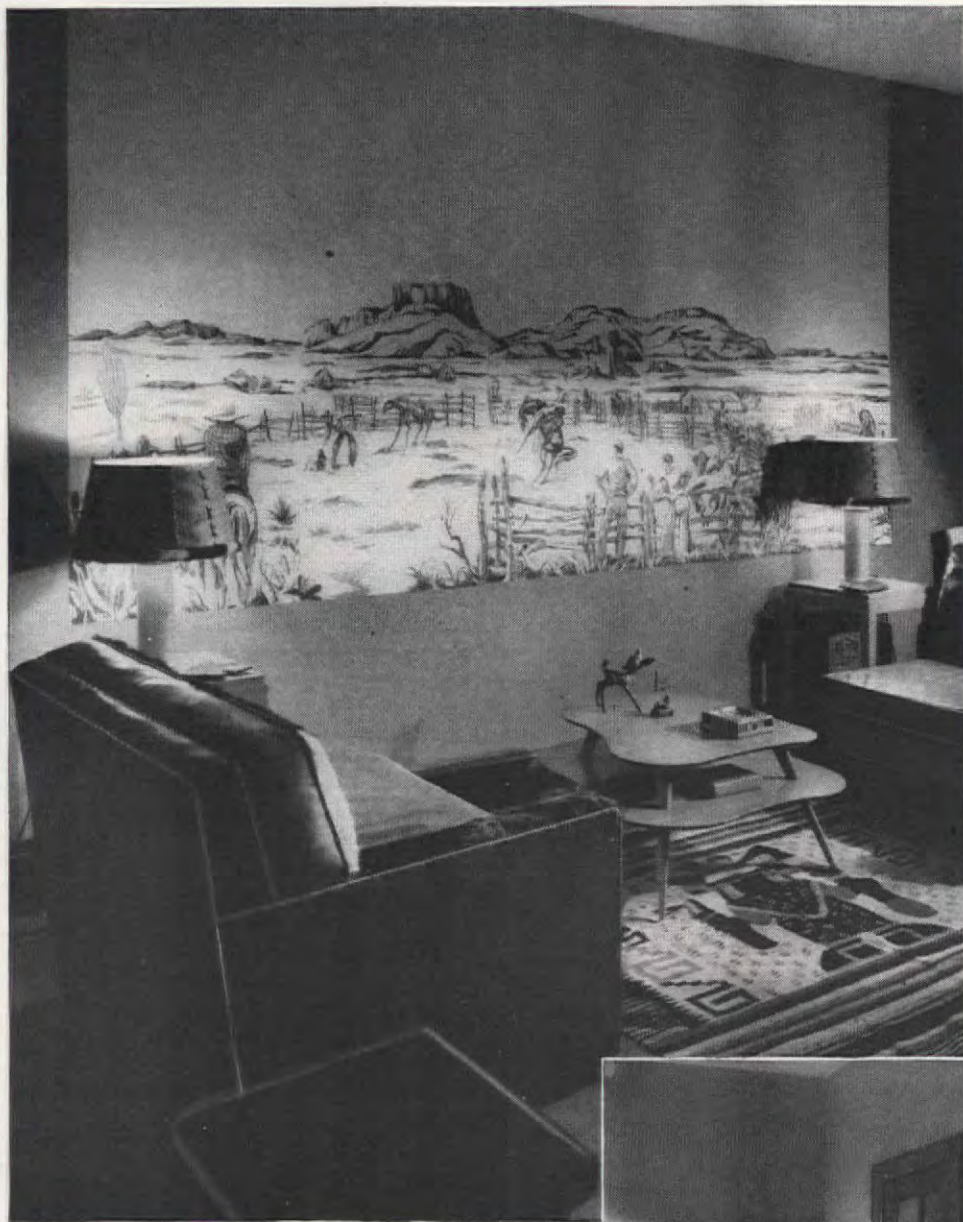
**H**ERE we did the same bathroom three different ways to show you how easy it is to make a room more attractive—more 'color-suited' to your home and personality.

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● Exotic living-room group: Chinese print in gold frame, decorative chartreuse horse's head, chair covered in unusual black-and-white zebra pattern



brought into the scene in the fabric covering the modern sofa. Another contrast—exquisite cherry-red draperies and matching chair. The chair, dressed in sturdy cotton, combines green, red, chartreuse. Blond furniture is complementary; a black-lacquered coffee table, bountifully large, is the final accent.

The theme of the game room is in the mural—the West. From its yellow, cocoa, and brown, the cocoa was chosen for the other walls. Indian rugs and modern, blond furniture, covered in cowhide and leather, are in character for the roles they play. Snack bar and stools are upholstered in leather; even the



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## How to buy wisely when you buy Venetian Blinds

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● Removing partition between master bedroom and smaller bedroom gave large dressing room, made bedroom larger, lighter. Hospitable guest room provides comfort, convenience in placement of furnishings



lamp shades share, in cowhide, the color and spirit of the theme.

The master bedroom boasts an individual air of drama. Walls, covered with a silver paper patterned in red and shades of blue, and a white, quilted-satin bedspread with a red-and-white striped satin ruffle establish the theme of elegance. The red-and-white motif is repeated, with variations, in the wallpaper of the dressing room, the draperies, the dressing-table skirt, and the rugs.

The guest room expresses its Chinese decor in delicate blue wallpaper carrying rose, red, green, and shades of blue in its pattern. The bed has a tufted-leather headboard and a spread of blue and red. Mrs. Rogers made the spread, the complementary lamp shade, and the ruffled, white-felt window valances edged with narrow

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white and red lace, a charming touch.

The children's room is definitely just that. The wallpaper is blue with little blue, green, and white animals. The furniture and ruffled organdy curtains are white. In this room, too, color came into its own!

Mrs. Rogers' use of color is a perfect example of what is meant by the expression, "She has a feeling for color." It may be either a natural or an acquired sense, but when one has it, the "rules may be broken" right and left.

The modern woman, usually, is color and style conscious in the clothes she wears. She knows instinctively what becomes her most, and she ensembles her clothes and accessories with a sure hand.

Now, the same kind of thinking and application can produce a colorful and distinctive home. Color in decoration is a most valuable asset. With it you can create an atmosphere of warmth, gaiety, repose, style, dignity or any desired mood. Dull, lifeless colors in a home can make one feel perpetually gloomy.

It is a psychological fact that color has a very great influence on our everyday living. For instance, we are made sad and melancholy by a dreary winter's day, while a bright sunny day in spring or summer has the opposite effect. Applied to decorating, a small, dark north room with dull tapestry wallpaper and dark woodwork can be changed to a cheerful, friendly place by covering the walls in a sunny yellow wallpaper and painting all the woodwork yellow. The room will appear larger, too.

Dark greens, grays and browns in wall colors have been the fashion for some time, and they are effective when artfully done. They make good backgrounds for modern blond furniture. However, very dark colors are apt to make a small, low-ceilinged room appear even smaller, so unless a room is fairly large, it is safer to forego this decorative urge.

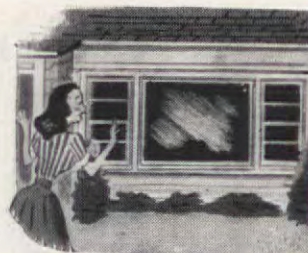
Old furniture, modernized and painted an antique white, beige, yellow or even pink, looks smart and new set against a dark wall. In a small room where old furniture must be used, it will seem more unified and up to date if the furniture is painted the same color as the walls. Often a colorful wallpaper or a glazed chintz, used to cover outmoded furniture, adds just the right flair to a room.

The necessity for color and fashion in the home is becoming more apparent. The wise woman who lacks a feeling for them may acquire it by observation and education.

APOLOGETIC CORRECTION: the lovely rose pictured in the January issue was incorrectly called Golden Jubilee instead of Diamond Jubilee, the name given it by its introducers, the Jackson and Perkins Company, in honor of their 75th anniversary. We're sorry, J. and P. As a fitting souvenir of a notable event, it deserved better treatment.

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JUST WHAT IS A GENERAL CONTRACTOR?

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HOW DOES A CONTRACTOR FINANCE THE BUILDING OF A HOUSE?

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**T**he contractor advances money for pay rolls and materials up to the point where your agreement calls for a payment by you or where your bank makes the first payment under the mortgage agreement. Usually during the course of erection, the owner is called upon to make three or four payments. The last payment is made at a specified interval after the architect has given his final approval of the completed work.

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Remember that a contractor has agreed to do a job for you, usually at a fixed price and in accordance with the plans and specifications of your architect. Of course, you can hold him to that agreement—by law if need be—but houses are not built by legal writ or court decisions. You, as owner, have certain responsibilities also. To avoid trouble, here are a few points to keep in mind. Let your architect be your contact man with the builder. Don't haggle with the builder and never argue with his crew. Don't raise objections about delayed deliveries. The dealers want to supply you; if you don't believe the contractor is doing his best about getting materials, remember that delays cost him money.

Don't worry the contractor or yourself about workmen or subcontractors; it costs him more than it costs you when they are not on the job. Rising costs when the job is under way, come out of the contractor's pocket not yours. If he's smart, he'll get the job done as quickly as possible. Your contractor wishes, even more than you do, that he could control the weather. Another thing to keep in mind: you are entitled to performance in accordance with drawings and specifications—nothing more—except as an extra. Insist, preferably through your architect as intermediary, on getting what your contract calls for at the specified price. This is your right; beyond that be reasonable. Treat your contractor fairly and remember the Golden Rule.

### WHAT ARE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE ARCHITECT DURING THE BUILDING OF THE HOUSE?

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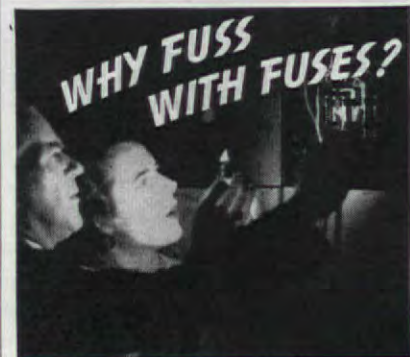
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### HOW IS A HOUSE CORRECTLY LOCATED ON ITS PLOT?

The conscientious builder will stake out the house with "batter boards" at every corner. These will be placed far enough from the future foundation walls so that they will not be disturbed during excavation. He will carefully true-up each corner. Then, in order to establish the proper elevation for the top of the foundation wall, he will place several grade stakes. At this time the architect should be on hand to check location and elevation. Often grades established on blueprints need adjustment when the building is first staked out.

### WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN TO TOPSOIL DURING EXCAVATION?

The topsoil should be carefully removed and placed where it will be available for the later laying out of a good lawn. Topsoil is valuable. The builder who carelessly mixes it up with the lower strata of hardpan, sand, and gravel, saves a few dollars, but thereby he indicates too great an inclination to skimp. He will probably bear watching later on.

### HOW CAN A GOOD EXCAVATION JOB BE IDENTIFIED?

A good excavation job should have clean, straight edges. These edges should be as close to the outside of the foundation as possible. Backfill is never as solid and as impervious to water as the original soil. An irreg-

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WHAT ARE FOOTINGS?

WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

**F**ootings constitute the base on which the house rests. Properly installed, they are assurance against settlement. Footings are placed under the foundation walls and may be of concrete, stone, or solid rock. In any case, they project beyond the width of the foundation walls on both sides. In ordinary soil they are at least twice the width of the walls and range from 6" to 1'0" thick. They are important to any kind of house since settlement causes cracks in plaster, sticking windows, sagging doors and floors, and countless other house ailments. If of concrete, the mix must be a good one. A standard mix is one part cement, 2½ parts of washed sand, and 3½ parts of gravel.

HOW IS A GOOD CELLAR FLOOR LAID?

**A**s a foundation for your cellar floor, a good builder will carefully level 6" of cinders or gravel. Then over this base, he will lay a waterproof layer of tar paper, being

careful to tar all joints. Then the concrete floor will be poured on top of this waterproof paper. In most cases this concrete slab is 3" or 4" thick and finished with a 1" finishing coat of waterproof cement. Joints will be tarred between floor slab and foundation walls because this is where water troubles develop in cellars.

IS A FOUNDATION DRAIN ESSENTIAL?

**O**nly in locations where sub-surface drainage is quite slow. If you are in any doubt, however, install foundation or footing drains. It is much more economical to install the drains when the foundation is being put in. After backfill is in place, re-excavating becomes a major endeavor. The purpose of foundation drains is to lead water below and away from the foundation walls and also from under the cellar floor.

CAN BACKFILLING GIVE ANY CLUES TO A BUILDER'S CHARACTER?

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WHAT IS A SILL? WHAT IS ITS PROPER FUNCTION?

The sill is the point where the house and foundation meet. It is a piece of timber securely anchored to the foundation by bolts that, sunk into the foundation wall, project far enough up to pass through the sill and be capped by washer and nut. The main reason why the foundation wall must be level is to enable the sill to rest evenly without the jerry-practice of shimming it into place with shingles. The tie-bolts, often left out in cheap work, should be set about 8'-0" apart. The underside of the wood sill should be given a good coat of waterproofing.

WHAT ARE STUDS AND HOW SHOULD THEY BE PROPERLY SET?

Studs, usually 2" by 4", are the vertical members that rise from the sill to form the framework for inside and outside walls. They should be set 16" apart from center of one stud to center of the next. They are usually doubled at door and window openings and tripled at corners.

Framing details are available for the three main types of residential construction: platform, balloon and braced. Whichever is called for in your specifications should be followed throughout the entire job.

SHOULD STUDS BE BRACED FOR EXTRA STRENGTH?

Regardless of the type of construction, a quantity of bracing and bridging is required. The absence of diagonal bracing in the frame and of crisscross bridging between floor joists, is something to query the architect about. Do so before the outside sheathing hides the fault.

WHAT ARE THE BEST FOUNDATION WALL MATERIALS?

To a great extent, this depends upon soil conditions. Cinder block is cheap, and, if sub-surface water is not a problem, it is safe to use this material. However, if there are indications of water in the soil, cinder block, because of its porosity, is not the satisfactory answer. Concrete block or poured concrete of good mix with waterproofing compound added are your best bet for wet locations. An outside coating of waterproof



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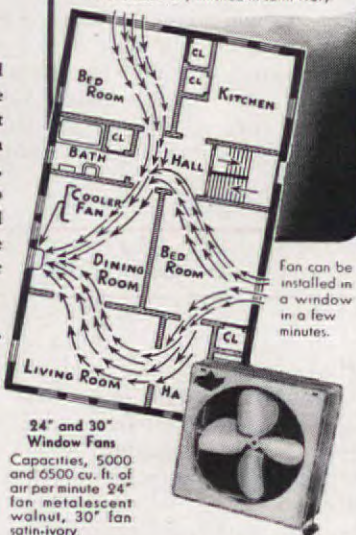
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**WHAT IS A PLATE AND ITS FUNCTION?**

The plate is a wood member resting on top of the outside studs. Roof rafters extend from this plate to the ridge board that forms the peak of the house. The plate end of each rafter is cut to sit firmly on the plate, angle of cuts depending on pitch of roof. At least 3" of rafter should rest on the plate. The peak end of each rafter is cut, fitting flush against the ridge board. Be certain that all timber is of thickness and width called for by drawings and specs.

**DOES A CONTRACTOR HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING GRADING?**

This depends on your contract. Most agreements provide that the contractor will "rough grade" after removing debris of building. Unless agreement specifically states that he shall do it, "finished grading" is not his job. Building debris should be removed from site or buried deep under surface. Remember a good lawn requires at least 6" of topsoil and improperly buried matter will often interfere with this growth.

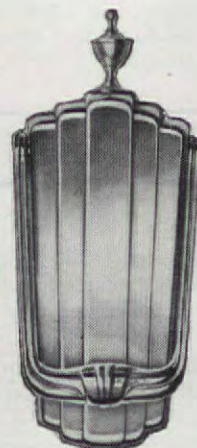
**HOW SHOULD OUTSIDE SHEATHING BE APPLIED TO STUDS?**

Shiplap or other sheathing should be applied diagonally for better bracing. Recently, various kinds of wallboard and plywood have come into common use as sheathing. These may be applied in large sheets and save a great deal of labor. Between sheathing and outside finish goes a layer of roll felt or heavy building paper to prevent entrance of moisture.

**WHAT STRUCTURAL DEFECTS CAUSE FLOOR TROUBLES LATER ON?**

Common floor troubles may develop from undersized joists, lack of cross bridging between them, and from inadequate nailing. Check all three during construction. The sub-floor should be laid diagonally, each board taking two nails into each joist. Every board of finished floor should be nailed to every joist. Skimping on this will cause buckling later on plus discomfort and expense.

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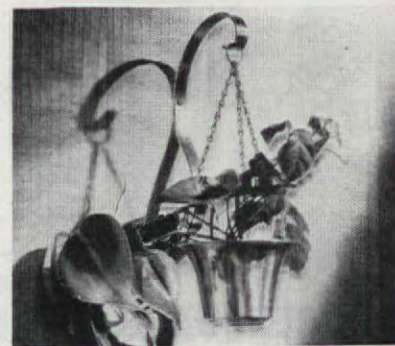
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First, I'll let you in on a secret. When cleaning day dulls my spirits, or when THE AMERICAN HOME arrives to make me discontented with my home as it is and my budget flatly says "no! no!" to any new redecorating, I look at the rooms of my home with an *I'm-going-to-change-the-furniture-around* gleam in my eye. Then, I proceed to "rearrange things"—that frequently maligned but highly satisfying occupation of homemakers. While I do the rearranging, I dust, mop, and clean, and my thoughts are happy, constructive ones: "this will look attractive here"; "this should go over by that."

Now, here is where the fun begins. Each room of your home has been labeled on the floor plans: "living room", "bedroom", "kitchen", "breakfast nook", "dining room." Some floor plans divide the living room into "areas" and label them. Of course, each room must contain the furniture indicated by its label!

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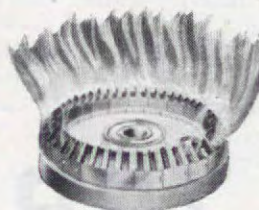
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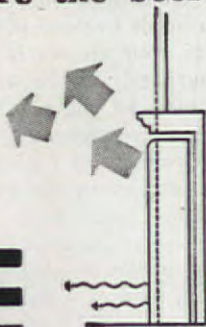
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stuck with them. But, without architectural changes and without buying too many yards of this and gallons of that, we can change our homes according to each new idea as often as we have the urge. Naturally, there's undoubtedly an ideal basic plan for such an enjoyable set up: we'll get to dreaming about that later. Right now, let's consider that downstairs bedroom—or library.

**I**f it is near the kitchen, has a pretty view, and a nice entryway, why not shove out the bed and use the room for dining? Or, because winter is with most of us now and then, make a children's indoor playroom out of it. And, no one said we couldn't have a study-library or a music room there. If your piano is so large that it takes up a good part of your living room, or if it's been sitting in one place because there isn't enough wall area to take it any place else, try putting it in your newly created music room. Move in the phonograph, any instrument you have, a bookcase or record cabinet and start enjoying your new room. The closet area will be convenient with extra shelves for records and sheet music.

**I**f at one end of your living room, there's a spot labeled "dining area," why don't you toss discretion to the winds and set up your dining area at the opposite end of the room—or in front of the fireplace?

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**I**f carpets cover rich living-room floors, to get a modern touch, take up the carpets, wax the floor thoroughly, and use your fluffy bedroom rugs instead. If your bedroom is large enough, lay your carpet there! You have no idea how luxurious that can be.

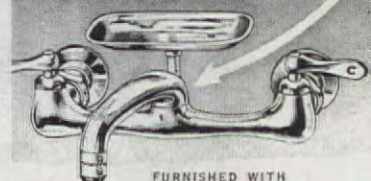
**I**f your draperies are beginning to haunt you, try one or more windows plain for a while, curtained or uncurtained, with or without blinds, depending on the outside planting or view. Place in front of the window a white-painted plant stand with flowing greenery growing in it for new and colorful interests. Or, frame the window with plant brackets, placed prettily and charmingly on either side.

**I**f you've been cleaning around and under the breakfast set in your "nook" month in and month out, try using its space for an easy chair or two, a reading lamp, and a table. If there's space enough, put in a couch with tailored cover and pillows. The ex-nook can be used as a sewing room, too.

**YES**, the situations are endless and, perhaps, downright confusing to the men. But it can do wonders for the homemakers spirit! If your eyes sparkle and your laugh is bubbling over after your day's occupation, the changes were worth it, weren't they?

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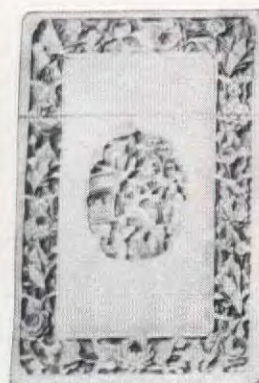
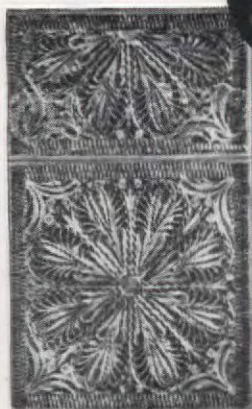
## In Grandmamma's Case...

Visits, visits, visits! What an important role they played in Victorian life! Visits of ceremony and those of a less formal variety; morning visits, which were paid in the afternoon and were under no circumstances to last longer than half an hour; evening calls, which could be extended to an hour. Etiquette books were very conscientious about the whole thing and supplied detailed rulings on every phase of this popular Victorian custom. No wonder going a-calling was an involved pastime.

Calling cards, too, were of great importance and their fashion a variable one. No sooner had etiquette decreed they be large and square, printed on rough surfaces, when small, long and highly glazed cards came into fashion. Highly ornamented and colored cards, once so popular, were deemed "simply detestable" by quickly changing tastes.

Emily Thornwell, the Emily Post of her day and author of *The Lady's Guide*, suggested that "Ladies may carry their cards in a small, elegant portfolio called a card case. This they can hold in their hands, and it will contribute essentially, with an elegant handkerchief of embroidered

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● Left to right: wood and ivory; Lord Byron portrait, silver; gilt filigree; case carved from piece of ivory



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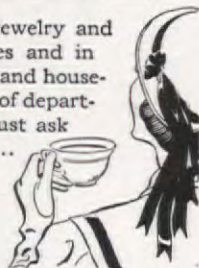
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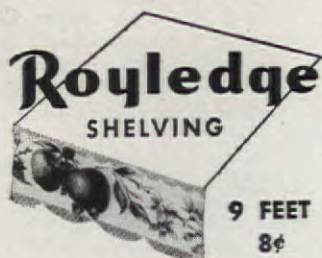
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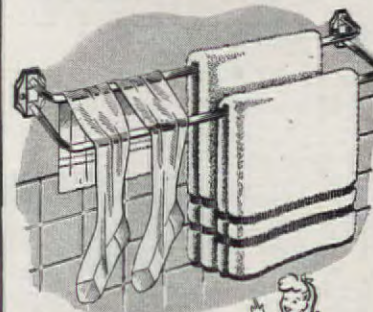
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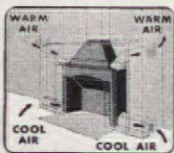
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How much beauty was displayed in one small case! Backgrounds were often of ivory, carved in intricate designs, with borders inlaid in mosaic fashion. No two cases seem to have been alike. Some of the loveliest were the cameo type, beauties of softly gleaming white pearl, with raised medallion centers exquisitely carved into classical heads, flower arrangements or birds and scrolls.

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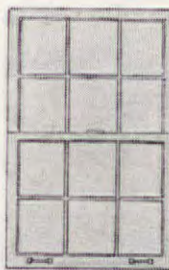


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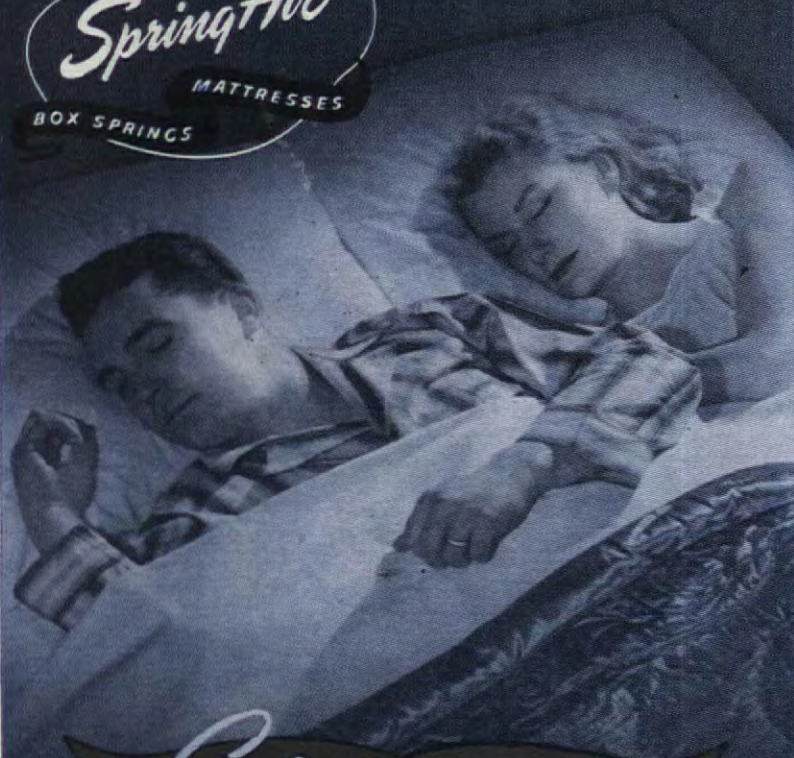
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They helped us to unload the station wagon and carry our loot into the woodshop-storeroom. There was an old blanket chest nicked and covered with dirty gray paint and spiderwebs; a cream-colored commode with bright-red trim; a drop-leaf pine desk minus a drawer and with two broken legs; and, finally, a grimy, old butter mold which we bought in a weak moment.

We agreed that they were not exactly museum pieces, but they did have good lines, possibilities, and a fair chance for a brighter future, once their original charms were restored.

We did not admit that we were not so sure just what we would do with our auction bargains. We had only a smattering of furniture-refinishing experience and feared that it required more skill than we would have. Paying an expert to refinish them for us was out as far as our budget was concerned. One thing we were sure of, we needed furniture, and we preferred simple old pieces for our 150-year-old farmhouse. We were willing to buckle down to work, and we welcomed the challenge to test our mettle.

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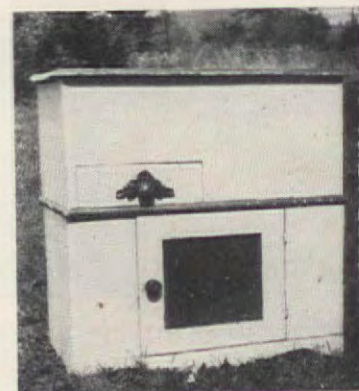
mold with us to town, to use as a test piece on which we could try out a refinishing process. It was not a thing of beauty. In its long lifetime it had been subjected to many other uses than that of butter-making. It was dirty, rough and marked with deep stains.

During winter evenings in our apartment, we sandpapered the derelict butter mold lovingly with rough, medium and fine sandpaper, removing nicks and stains; we even had an occasional visitor take a turn at the slow process, until we considered it ready to apply the finish.

We knew that the two popular finishing methods were the linseed-oil rub and the shellac treatment, aside from that of doing over with paint, which we had done and described in an article which appeared in *THE AMERICAN HOME* of January, 1947, under the title of "Dust Is Only Skin Deep." Both methods are slow and require patience.

Expert help may be dear, but it has always been our experience that expert advice is usually given cheerfully without obligation. Our consulting experts, those whose beautifully finished antiques we admired most, advocated the shellac treatment.

However, the linseed-oil rub has its advantages and is also worth considering. It is simpler and requires less work. It is done by mixing equal parts of boiled linseed oil and turpentine and rubbing the oily mixture with a rag into the clean smooth surface of the wood. After it has been allowed to dry for a week or more, the treatment should be repeated. If a stain is desired, that can be applied before, or mixed with the oil. We used this treatment on some ladder-back maple chairs made for us by a Kentucky mountaineer and also on a small commode. We were pleased with the results. Because of the protective quality of the linseed oil, it is quite resistant to stains left by alcohol or hot dishes. A repeated treatment at a later time will refresh the surface, clean it, and even remove marks of almost any kind. The surface is soft, however, for quite a while until it hardens, and it becomes more beautiful as time goes on. It reminds



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us of the patina you often find on a well-treated wooden salad bowl.

The shellac treatment was our choice. We prepared a mixture of one part clear shellac to five parts of denatured alcohol, and applied it with a brush to our clean, smooth butter mold. Immediately, the wood took on a warm, mellow glow. The fine grain, scarcely visible before, appeared. The mixture was quickly absorbed and seemed to dry after a few minutes. We had been warned, however, to let this dry at least twenty-four hours to permit the shellac to harden thoroughly. The following evening we industriously rubbed the bowl with fine steel wool which produced a silken, smooth, hard surface. Then we applied another shellac solution, and a day later rubbed it down again. After we had repeated this a third time, we waxed and polished the bowl. We were satisfied with our test piece.

When we returned to our farmhouse the following summer, we did not set to work immediately on our auction bargains. We confess the project seemed so huge that we allowed ourselves to be side-tracked by other odd jobs. Finally, we did summon the necessary "get up and go"!

We started on the largest piece, the pine desk, because that was most needed and, fortunately, was almost free of paint, which disappeared quickly after a sandpaper rub. But we faced a cabinetmaker's job, for the two broken legs had to be repaired. This we managed, without much difficulty, by setting in wedges of matching wood and reinforced by doweling.

Our desk revealed some interesting information about its past history. It had not always been a desk but had once been a chest of drawers and later, probably when someone got a notion for book learning, was converted into a desk. This alteration evidently had taken place a long time ago, for the drop-leaf hinges and screws were handmade, as were all the nails. The original top drawers had been removed to make room for the desk compartment, which contained somewhat crudely made pigeonhole compartments. The drop leaf is of butternut. The use of different kinds of wood in one piece of furniture is not uncommon and can often be found in fine antiques as well as in simple cottage pieces.

To obtain an allover even tone, we now had to match with stain the repair work on the legs of the desk. We used burnt umber, sienna, and very sparing amounts of lampblack from tubes of oil coloring, dissolved and blended with turpentine in a saucer. This had to be done very cautiously, first trying it out on other similar pieces of wood before applying it to the desk. However, in spite of all precaution, we did not achieve a satisfactory match at first. We removed the stain quickly with turpentine, blended another mixture, using less sienna this time, and found a better match. Finally, we were ready for the



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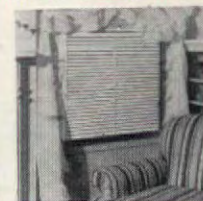


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same shellac-alcohol finish that we had used on our butter mold.

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There stood our destitute auction orphan, now a handsome, simple pine desk, with the patina only age can produce, and a finish that did full justice to the wood. This is now one of our best pieces.

Encouraged by this, we soon began work on the next piece, the commode. Repair work was negligible, except for tightening the hinges of the little door and replacing the ornate drawer knob with a plain one. However, our bargain was covered by several layers of paint which had to come off.

Stripped of its paint, the commode looked almost like a piece of new, unpainted furniture. We knew from its construction and workmanship (no dovetailing, no handmade nails or hardware) that it was of more recent vintage—probably about seventy years old. It needed a fairly deep stain to look its age. Again we experimented, blended and tested a stain mixture, before we applied it with a brush. Then we followed it up as described above with the triple shellac-steel-wool rub and waxing. And there it was—another finished piece which makes an attractive little server in our small dining room.

As soon as the commode was set in place inside the house, the dirty gray-green blanket chest was put out on the lawn to be revived by our now more experienced hands. This was really an old piece; it was dovetailed and had handmade hinges. A piece of the bottom molding was missing which we replaced with a piece of old molding salvaged from a door frame. The removal of the paint proceeded somewhat slowly, possibly because of the extreme age of the paint which left a grayish stain, a frequent characteristic of very old paints. We had had a similar encounter with sumac stains. It can be bleached with oxalic acid or other bleaches, but we simply applied a reddish brown stain which gave it the desired life. The shellac treatment and waxing again produced a professional-like finish which by now we began to take for granted.

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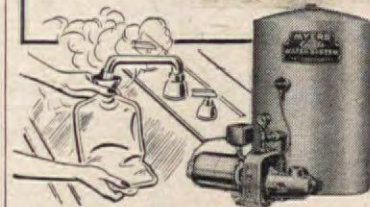
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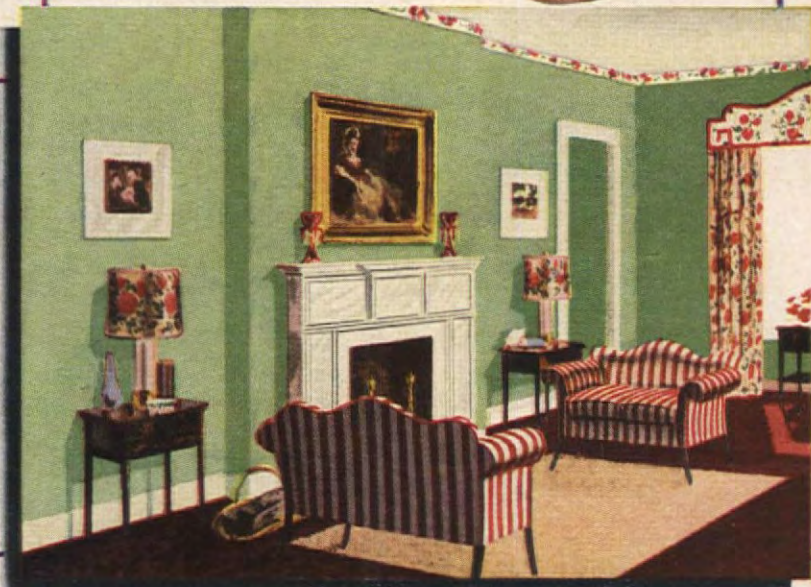


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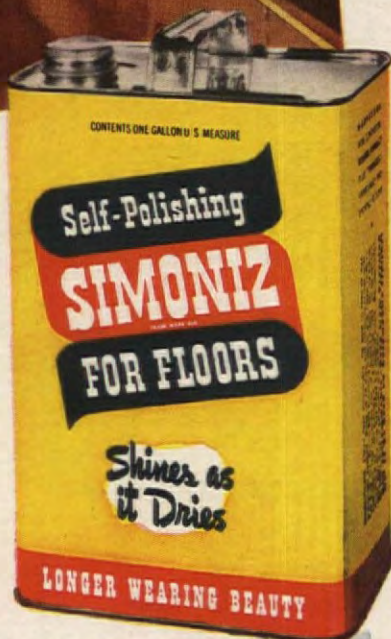
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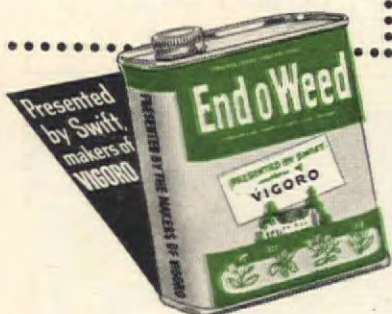
Has any plant in the garden a more universal appeal than the pansy? It can be grown year after year for summer-long bloom without becoming tiresome, as some do when their season lasts too long. Both gardeners and non-gardeners exclaim over it, perhaps because the piquant little faces are so childlike. Their expressions remind us of the laughing child, the pensive one, the sly, mischievous elf, and many others, all lovable.

The average gardener usually buys each spring a basket or two of pansies in full bloom. Crowded in their container, the plants joyously proclaim that spring has come, but cry to be released from their restricted quarters and given the freedom of a garden. Taken home, they are lovingly tucked into the soil to bloom—for a while—in happy exuberance. Because of a general belief that they will bloom only until hot weather, they are left to grow, like Topsy, with no special attention or discipline. Flowers are picked occasionally, but with no foliage, for that, it is thought, would check the blooming. The plants become leggy and sprawl over the ground; and the longer the growth, the smaller and fewer the flowers.

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For pansies are generous. They want to give of their beauty. Pick blossoms for the house or to give away, but be sure to pick them. Once a week at least, every open flower should be removed. And don't be afraid to cut them with foliage; when a branch is five or six inches long, cut it back anyway. More will come from the crown. But don't, of course, cut them all back at one time; leaves are needed to manufacture the plant's food. In picking, take, say, a third of the blooms with stems and leaves, and the rest without. Incidentally, for arrangements, pansies are much lovelier with their own leaves.

Because they produce so lavishly, pansies must be fed. I recommend top-dressing with well-rotted manure or compost about every six weeks. If neither is available, peat moss with a little bone meal mixed in will do. Work it in well up toward the crowns, but don't disturb the soil more than is necessary. This not only feeds the plants but also protects the surface roots from the sun's heat. Pansies are not, as many think, plants for shady places, even though they do not object to a little at midday. They like a light soil with plenty of humus, and a little bone meal mixed in before planting helps them along.

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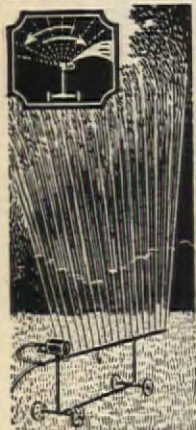
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When the seedlings have four or five true leaves, transplant them so they stand about 2" apart in rows 4" apart, into soil somewhat richer in organic matter than that in the seedbed. This is their last move before going to their permanent place in the garden, and the promotion of vigorous root growth is especially important. About this time, too, the gardener begins to wonder what in the world she will do with so many plants!

Over the winter, the young pansies should have a light covering (applied after the ground freezes) that will not mat down, exclude air, smother the foliage, and induce decay. Salt hay, excelsior, and old evergreen branches are all ideal; so is snow, if the garden is far enough north to be assured of a winter-long blanket. Alternating periods of snow and bare ground combined with alternating freezing and thawing temperatures may cause heaving of the soil and damage to the plants.

When spring comes and plants so treated are uncovered, they will be found full of energy, many with buds, and some, perhaps, even in bloom. Move them immediately to their garden home in a soil rich in humus. (I like to mix a teaspoonful of bone meal in the bottom of each hole.) Follow these hints and I am sure you will enjoy pansies as you have never enjoyed them before.



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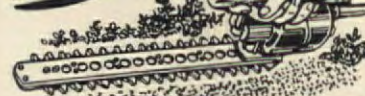
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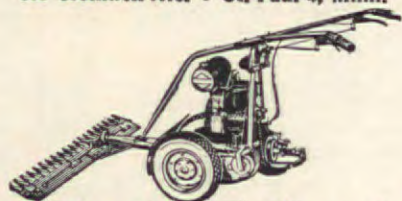


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Way up in the bleak Aleutians, Reuben dived into a corner of his foot locker after a seedy old catalogue and then planted his cold frame in a hotbed of army blankets. As he plowed through the worn pages he sadly sighed: "Why, hoe, why am I summer fallowing in this darn depot at only a private's pay! I'd mulch rather be eternally making hay in the U. S. A. on those acres so dear to Ma and me!" Maybe ancestors had something to do with it. The family archives told that every Gulch male eked out a livelihood O. K., rain or shine, in some garden patch ardently cultivated. Reuben Gulch was that type, a son of the soil. He had sent garden hints to Ma to get behind the plow. He told her, too, she ought to watch over his nest egg, plan thrifty meals with no fancy extra dishes cooked when company cropped up. She must take good care of the old car, rotate the crops and keep squashing those cutworms. "And," he concluded, "you better pump kinfolk of ours about sweet Violet. She ain't chic or young, but when I return, I plan to cultivator for my perennial companion. I only hope there's no rascal lionizing that daisy! You shall weed him out, Ma, or you shall otherwise, when the time is ripe, hit him over the head with your garden club!"

(ANSWER ON PAGE 94)

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Experience has taught me that the joy of gardening depends on at least two freedoms—freedom from bugs (the harmful kind), and freedom from blights. Both are well worth fighting for. Of course there are other pests that try my patience and wreak havoc among my plants, but none with such an appalling list of crimes to their discredit as those evil-doing bandits of the insect world—the slugs, cutworms, mites, thrips, leaf-hoppers, squash-bugs, and dozens of others with equally repulsive and forbidding names. Besides them, there are the formidable and even more cunning fungi, bacteria, and virus diseases; such things as blight, black spot, mildew, mosaic, leaf curl, and the like. With foes like that poised to spoil my gardening pleasure, I decided, last year, to fight back in earnest. That's why I planned the campaign which began early in the spring and ended—with the enemy in disorderly retreat—only when winter called a halt in my operations. And that is why I am following the same general program this season and will keep on doing so.



● Dusting advance is typified by these three methods: hand bellows (above), rotary (right), cheesecloth bag (opposite)

A most important bit of strategy that I employed at the beginning, was to enlist the help of the birds. Realizing that they, like the rest of us, need a balanced diet, I enticed them to my garden with a tempting supply of fruit- and berry-bearing shrubs that could be depended on to function as an abundant, year 'round cafeteria for them. To the established plantings of barberries, snowberries, bush honeysuckles and sumac, I added the lovely, early fruiting Nanking (or Manchur) Cherry (*Prunus tomentosa*) and a few varieties of the handsome, heavily berried viburnums and cotoneasters. These I topped off with a hawthorn and a mountain-ash for good measure. I set up a few irresistible nesting houses for those birds which refuse, or are unable, to pitch their own tents. A protected drinking basin with gently sloping, not too slippery, sides so little fledglings would not drown, was added, and an S O S—"calling all birds"—was sent out. The results were gratifying; a busy corps of feathered-and-far-from-plain-clothes men and women moved in almost at once. It was a good start, but the rest of the campaign was definitely a man-sized job.

Spraying and dusting are **MUSTS** in the garden care program of today. That means not the haphazard procedure I had theretofore followed (and quite unsuccessfully), but a thoughtful, intelligent, planned program carried out with equipment best suited to my strength and the dimensions of my garden. After considerable investigation of improved pest control devices, I scrapped most of my outmoded gadgets and substituted the newer, ready-filled, easily manipulated dusters for the "quickie" jobs, and a large-mouthed, three gallon pressure-tank sprayer for the rest of the work. With the strong arm of the family to pump the latter up in advance and carry it to the first spraying job, I found that type of sprayer an easily operated necessity, not the luxury, or the burden, I had always imagined it. The long metal spray rod enables me to reach *all* of the plant, including the underside of the leaves, the inner stems which are favorite hide-aways of the bug gang, and the soft, succulent tips of the topmost branches of my tall shrubs and small, ornamental trees.

Only those insecticides and fungicides of proven worth put out by reputable companies were—and are—used in my garden. These are usually accompanied by pamphlets which, I realized, are to be read, and whose directions are to be followed. Knowing that the recommendations were scientifically correct and had been carefully compiled for such as me, I faithfully, almost blindly, followed them, never once improvising or trying out my own ideas of dosage and application. At first, I scanned the detailed descriptions in the alarming rogues' galleries of chewing and sucking insects with the aim of indentifying each culprit I came upon. But this fascinating and highly important job was eventually turned over to my husband, who is un-

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Rounding up plant life that might provide, in my garden, sanctuary and congenial haunts for the enemy constitutes the final (and an absorbing) phase of the campaign. Guilty plants are either marked with a mental X, or a more concrete label if necessary, and kept under the strictest scrutiny; or are banished forthwith from my garden precincts. After establishing beyond all doubt that delphinium, for instance, was unfortunately subject to several serious diseases and pests, I limited this favorite of mine to one remote section of the garden where I could keep a sharp eye on it. To take the place of the blue thus lost to the borders, I substituted the practically bugless and blightless veronicas, blue sages or salvias (the annual *S. farinacea* and the perennial *S. sclerea* are tops with me), blue campanulas and platycodon, and aconite.

The rose bed, which suffered some winter losses among the Hybrid Teas, was bolstered with the highly disease-resistant, stronger-growing Floribundas. My favorite Rambler—the old but charming Dorothy Perkins—is so prone to mildew that it has been supplanted in my affections by the climbing form of the dainty Sweetheart Rose, Cecile Brinner. Though it needs winter protection in our North Country, it's worth it.

My tall bearded iris, which had been thoughtlessly planted in a damp part of the garden where it was especially vulnerable to crown rot and borer trouble, became its usual robust self when, in July, I moved it to a drier spot. I replaced it with some plants (then in bloom) of the handsome, strong-growing Japanese or Kaempferi species, which thrives in damp, rich soil. From early until late fall, chrysanthemums and perennial asters occupy the space formerly allotted to China asters which, despite recent improvements, still show, with me, a tendency to wilt.

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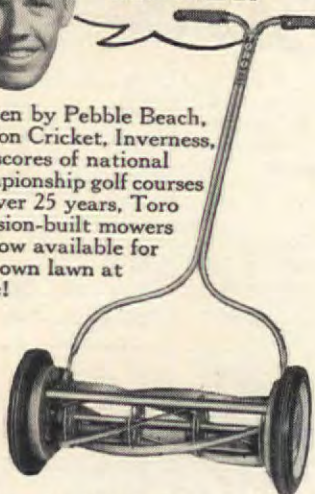
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A good garden nowadays needs more than the mythical green thumb of its owner. It needs the hard-headed, practical thinking of a five-star general. But I would be less than the gardener I hope I am if I were satisfied with a short truce. There shall be no equivocal appeasement in my approach. My goal is a healthy, peaceful, uninvaded garden, and my terms are "unconditional surrender."

Additional details of planned warfare on the home garden front are described by LAURA SNOW, reporting from the Massachusetts sector.

Has the cutworm left his calling card yet? she asks. Except for the damping-off of seedlings, that is the first real problem to confront the gardener each spring. Why wait until he hamstring those lusty cabbage and tomato plants? Our strategy is to greet him and his fellow saboteurs



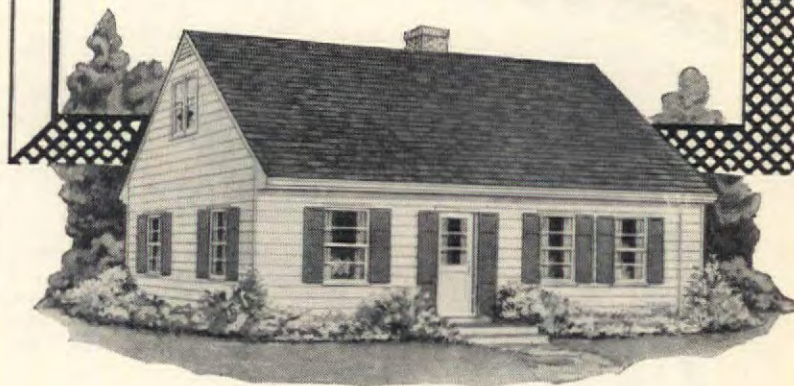
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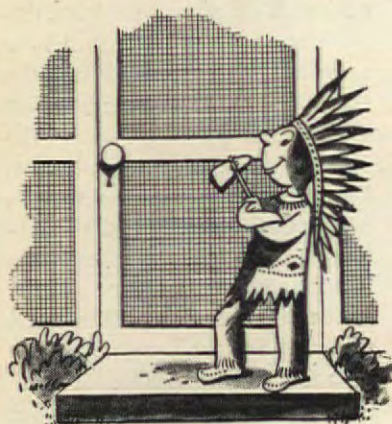


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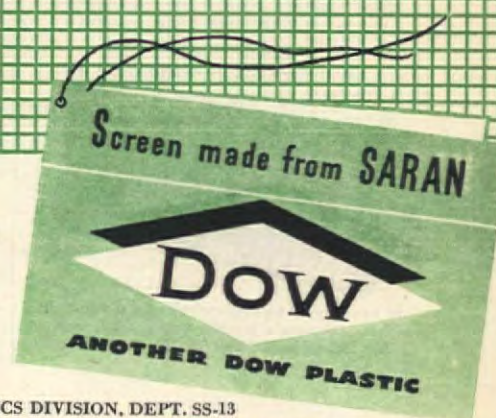
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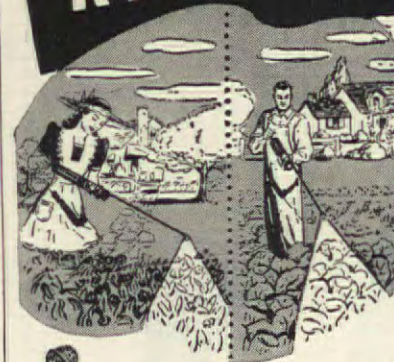
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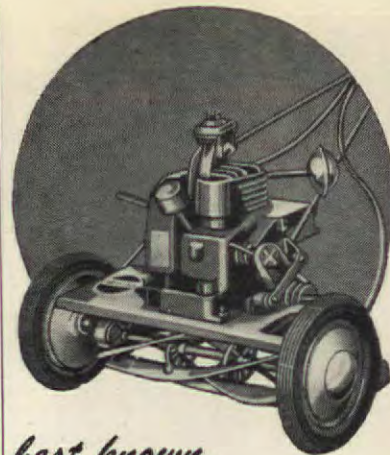
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Here is the Solution to  
the Vegetable Quiz on page 87

Way up in the bleak Aleutians, Reuben dived into a corner of his foot locker after a seedy old catalogue and then planted his cold frame in a hotbed of army blankets. As he plowed through the worn pages he sadly sighed: "Why, hoe, why am I summer fallowing in this darn depot at only a private's pay! I'd mulch rather be eternally making hay in the U. S. A. on those acres so dear to Ma and me!" Maybe ancestors had something to do with it. The family archives told that every Gulch male eked out a livelihood O. K., rain or shine, in some garden patch ardently cultivated. Reuben Gulch was that type, a son of the soil. He had sent garden hints to Ma to get behind the plow. He told her, too, she ought to watch over his nest egg, plan thrifty meals with no fancy extra dishes cooked when company cropped up. She must take good care of the old car, rotate the crops and keep squashing those cutworms. "And," he concluded, "you better pump kinfolk of ours about sweet Violet. She ain't so chic or young, but when I return, I plan to cultivator for my perennial companion. I only hope there's no rascal lionizing that daisy! You shall weed him out, Ma, or you shall otherwise, when the time is ripe, hit him over the head with your garden club!"

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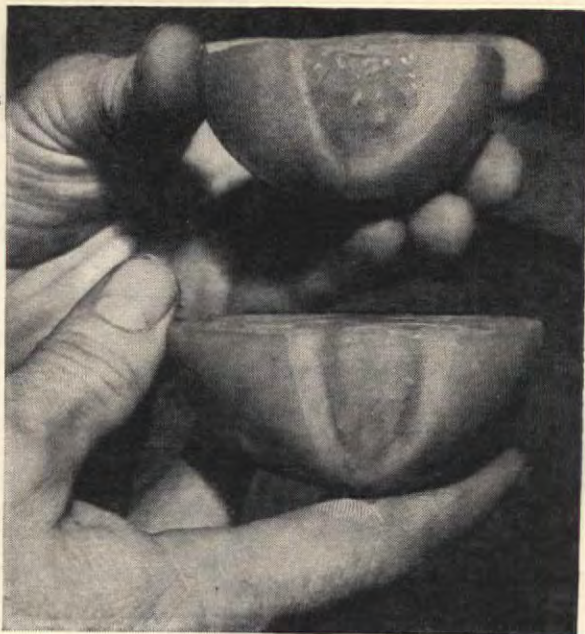
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in *this* success story

GURNEE WILLIAMS

By rights, a bibliography should accompany any explanation of how we grow tomatoes, for our success has been entirely dependent upon a combination of methods and ideas pioneered by others. If this "combination" did not consistently produce more and better tomatoes under unfavorable conditions, there would be no excuse for describing it. But it cannot be by accident that, year after year, we enjoy a longer tomato season, with no disease troubles, and are able to grow plants with greener foliage and heavier yields of fruit despite the fact that the garden is on a dry hillside in a summer-drought state. We have worked hard to build up our soil, but there is still lots of yellow clay and all too little topsoil and organic matter. That is why we feel that ideas picked up here and there deserve the credit. Now for the story of how I put those ideas to work.

Somewhere I read about "tomato holes," so, about a month before time to set out the plants, I dig holes, each the size of a round half-bushel, carefully separating the topsoil from



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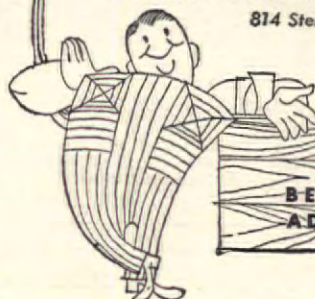
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the clay. Hard work for a woman, you say? No, not if you use a post hole digger. Next, each hole has a stake driven in it, and receives a bucketful of topsoil and compost. In the B.C. (before compost) days, I mixed, in the bottom of each hole, a trowelful of complete fertilizer and topsoil, added a handful of lime, and finished filling with topsoil. The earth gradually settles a couple of inches below the surface and, because I read that it is smart to set tomatoes deeply, I bury the plants to their lowest leaves. As they grow, topsoil is pulled in around them until, at mulching time (see below) the surrounding surface is only slightly concave—just enough to catch the rain.

Since authorities disagree as to staking and not staking, I gave both methods a trial and found that staked tomatoes perform best for me. In the matter of stake height, I differ with any text I've read; "six foot" stakes are quite inadequate. Each year taller ones are used, and each year the plants outgrow them. Much has been written about growing one's own plants. I can boast of tomatoes that are "all mine" from seed to table, or can. The plants are certainly better, tougher, and cheaper than any I could buy. Someone referred to mulching as "summer cultivation for the lazy," and, as I take the easy way whenever possible, I use, instead of a hoe, a cover of grass, leaves, weeds, straw, or anything handy. The tomatoes, too, seem to prefer it. The mulch keeps the roots cooler and conserves the moisture on our southern-exposure hillside.

Given fertile soil, enrichment of the holes may be unnecessary; some people feel that it doesn't pay to raise plants; and, where there is more humus in the soil and more rainfall, mulching may not be so desirable. So the above practices, though they have proved best for us, might be considered incidental. But even in our circumstances, they are subordinate to one more detail I shall mention—proper pruning. The past year was typical. A wet spring produced vigorous top growth which the roots could not sustain during the hot, dry summer; unpruned or slightly pruned plants wilted and died. The year before, tomato blight was blamed for similar failure. But both years our plants bore great quantities of large, beautiful fruit, to as high as I could reach, on their one, two, but never more than three, branches. Can one overdo this pruning? I don't think so. Occasionally I have pruned a plant so severely as to upset the balance between root and top, and a few leaves have curled. But invariably the plant became one of the heaviest producers. Our plants may look like "skeletons" compared to some, but we consider pruning the most important part of the system that gives us plants that thrive, and bear and bear and bear.

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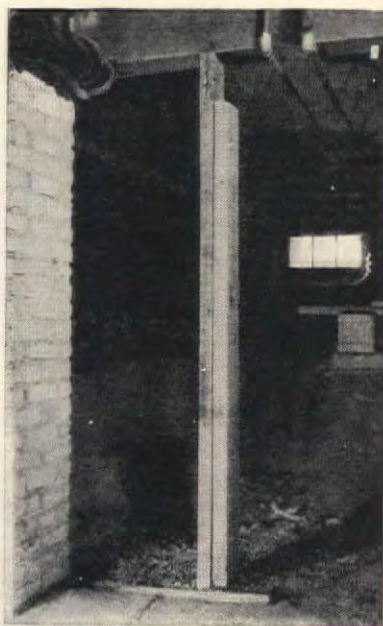
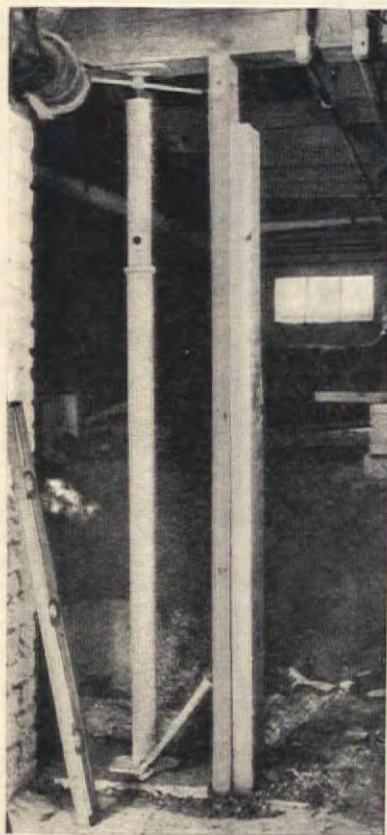
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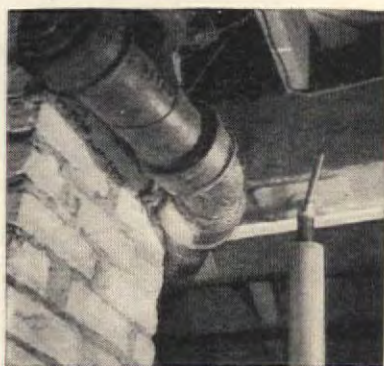
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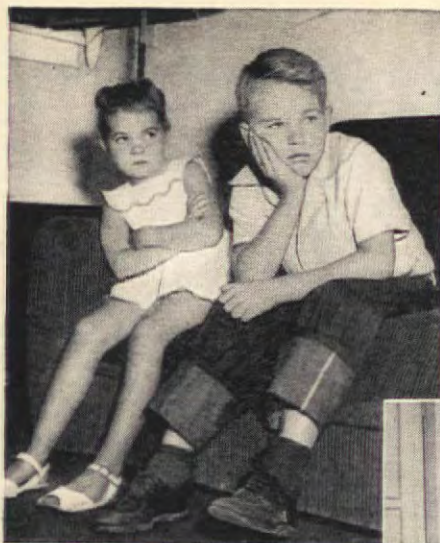
**KAY CAMPBELL**

**T**he child who's a show-off will have a hard time adjusting himself to adult life," says Dee Engelbach, who has been producer-director of several radio shows featuring children as performers. "The show-off is a snob in the making, and he's not likely to achieve success easily—in his school work, his personal contacts, or his chosen career. Even in show business, he'll have to acquire a new personality before he can make the grade."

Dee claims that it's easy to spot a show-off from the moment he walks onto the stage or into a casting office. "There's little use in his auditioning," he states, "for no producer or director will take a chance on him. There is too much at stake in a high-budget show to tolerate a child who hasn't learned good manners and how to be popular with others."

Popularity, this director believes, begins among youthful companions. The show-off can never be popular because his comrades will criticize and shun him for his smart-alecky behavior.

"Parents are to blame if a youngster turns out to be a show-off," he states. "By excessive praise, by encouraging exhibitionism, they lay the pattern in the home for the child's behavior outside of it. Even those with exceptional talent must learn how to get along with others and acquire humility, a willingness to work, ability to take direction. It's up to Mother and Dad to see that they don't ruin a child's character and his chances in life—whether he plans to become an actor, a professional man, a skilled artisan or a business executive."



Gene Lester

Never permit one child to show off while others are left out. They'll resent any thoughtless praise, and later will shun him in their games

Posed for The American Home by Johnny McGovern now in CBS "Doorway to Life," Merry McGovern, Michael Quint, Freddie Flory, Mrs. Sally McGovern, Mrs. Jeannette Barton

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**W**hat does good posture mean to you? The superb carriage of Ingrid Bergman, the fine bearing of General Eisenhower? Your child may not attain the renown of such celebrities, but his chances of acquiring notably good posture are excellent—if training begins in childhood.

Actually, posture is more than standing or sitting "tall." It is the alignment of the body at all times, awake and asleep, in motion and at rest. Good posture is vital to good health, both mental and physical. Yet it is dependent upon the other components of health, such as good nutrition, proper rest, emotional security, and the absence of disease or serious physical disability.

It is usual for well-nourished, strong children to acquire good posture habits almost automatically as they learn to walk and run. But many physical and mental factors can affect and weaken those first good habits as a child's range of activity changes and expands. Consequently, few children still retain their original good posture when they are ready to enter school. Once a child adopts a careless habit which throws his body out of line, he does not discard it spontaneously. Thus, parents have to guard against careless habits of sitting or moving incorrectly and attempt to help correct any that develop in spite of the most vigilant supervision.

Measures to insure the development of good posture should begin in infancy. The posture of a young baby's body depends upon the nature and structure of his bed. Mattress must afford firm support, and a pillow, if one is used, should be small and thin. Parents should alter the infant's position frequently. Sleeping garments and other clothes should be loose enough so the baby can stretch

● Play equipment in the back yard at home gives a pre-schooler a chance to use all her muscles. Games, in the spirit of fun, develop co-ordination



Frederic L. Hamilton, from Frederic Lewis



● Comfortable as she looks, her posture is poor. If it's habitual, it may result in permanent disfigurement, such as graceless, round shoulders, or displaced internal organs

and kick freely, and light enough so their bulk does not immobilize him. A diaper and shirt pinned too tightly together may be harmful shackles that oppress and distort the baby's spinal column and extremities.

As the baby begins to roll and stretch, it is helpful to let him spend some part of each day on a spacious, flat, stable surface—a blanket on the floor, for instance. Unrestricted, lively play exercises his muscles and prepares him to tackle projects like sitting up or standing. Parents need not, however, force a child to sit or stand, or later, coax him to try to walk until he attempts such feats by himself. For the baby always knows, much more certainly than his parents, when his muscles are ready to perform new actions.

Children's furniture must be changed to suit their changing growth. The bed that replaces the crib should be wide enough for free, rolling movements and long enough to accommodate the child as he grows taller. When he is ready for his own table and chair, either for eating or playing, both must be adapted to his requirements. Actually, such furnishings should be selected for fit just as much as garments. The child should be able to sit in his chair with his feet on the floor and his back against the back rest without discomfort. If he has to hunch his knees or twist his feet backward underneath, it does not fit his body. If he becomes accustomed to sitting at ease with his weight distributed upon his thighs, and with his spinal column and thighs meeting at a right angle at the base of the chair back, he is apt to retain such good sitting posture. Unless his table is also well-matched to his size, so that he can rest his forearms upon it without stretching and straining, he will have

# Watching

## YOUR CHILD'S POSTURE

Sixth in a series by Dr. Samuel R. Berenberg



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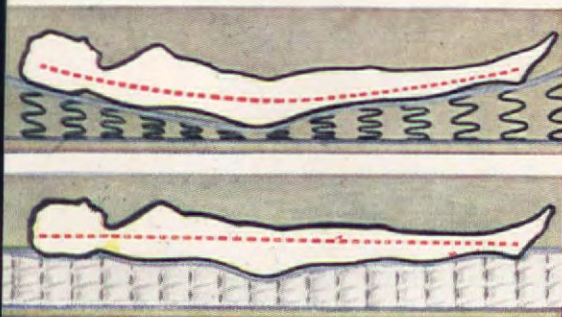
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to stoop forward, pulling his body out of natural alignment. Adequate lighting for his table or desk is also important. Unless he can see clearly what he is doing, he will lean too far in one direction, simultaneously straining his eyes, cramping his muscles, and destroying his natural balance. As soon as furniture and toys such as kiddie cars and rocking horses are "outgrown," they should be removed from a child's quarters.

The pre-school child needs to satisfy his natural inclinations to run, jump and skip, to climb, push and pull, to dig and build. These activities not only provide the exercise his muscles need to develop physical strength but also help to perfect his sense of co-ordination and balance. But too much of this vigorous play can cause overfatigue. If muscles are overfatigued frequently, and for long periods, they may be the source of a child's initial loss of good posture.

The pre-school child's clothing, like an infant's, must be loose, comfortable, and not too heavy. Well-fitted shoes and stockings are imperative needs for children. Keeping shoes repaired is as important as selecting proper new ones. Run-down heels throw the weight too much to one side and destroy the whole body's balance. Tight socks restrict natural movement and stunt growth; loose ones bunch up or wrinkle, and compel the child to walk clumsily.

Furniture to fit the child is still mandatory when he attends school. Old-fashioned desks and chairs which cannot be adjusted to fit are especially harmful because children spend so many hours a day in them.

Pathologic conditions that affect bone and muscle inevitably put serious strains upon body mechanics. Rickets, for instance, which will permanently deform some or all parts of the bony skeleton, is so easily prevented by the consumption of vitamin D that no child today should have to suffer from its ravages. Although there is not complete agreement as to how long fish-liver-oil products, containing vitamin D, should be prescribed, most pediatricians would agree that their use is necessary until about six years of age.

Deficiencies of sight and hearing are often responsible for bodily distortions. The nearsighted child, forced to bend over his books, is a good candidate for round shoulders. Properly fitted eyeglasses not only eliminate the necessity of bending over for long periods, but act as automatic deterrents to the continuation of such unhealthy habits. A child who is hard of hearing will cock his head to one side to hear with his better ear, causing an abnormal twist which can become fixed.

Emotional disturbances may be just as serious a threat to the maintenance of good body mechanics as many physical agents. The unhappy, apathetic child will droop and wilt. Instead of sitting erect, he will huddle.

Contrariwise, when his problems are straightened out and spirits lift, kinks in muscles are erased, and he lifts his chin more confidently.

Parents ought to be able to recognize the correct posture for the child's most ordinary activities, such as standing and sitting. Standing, it should be possible to drop a plumb line from the top of the head through the neck, shoulders, hips, knees, and insteps. The feet should be parallel. Weight should be distributed mainly to the heel, the outer edge of the foot, and near the base of the big toe. The head should be held easily with the chin up and slightly backward. The chest should be thrust out a little, the abdomen slightly withdrawn. If this position is natural, no part of the body will be stiff or strained. In sitting, the main weight should be borne by the thighs. The base of the spine should always touch the support against which it leans. Bending forward from a sitting position, the body should present a continuous straight line from the base of the spine to the head. The head should not be bowed. The shoulders should not be hunched. The normal spinal curves should not be exaggerated. Generally speaking, to "sit tall" is to sit correctly.

When a parent recognizes the inception of detrimental habits, it is usually futile, perhaps fatal, to call attention to them by constantly nagging a youngster to sit or stand more erectly. Certainly it will be useless to instruct a child to sit with his back against the back of the chair as long as father and mother slouch in theirs. Sometimes a tactful appeal to a child's pride, or a laudatory remark about his playmate's appearance, may help check a bad habit at the start. Providing pleasant activity is usually a more effective means of changing poor habits than is preachment.

Parents should not trust too far their own explanations of visible changes in their children's figures. Only a thorough pediatric examination will eliminate the possibility of an underlying physical or mental cause and ascertain when poor habits alone are responsible. In the latter case, the doctor may prescribe specific exercise. It is likely that he will in many cases suggest more recreational activities to correct the faults.

Whenever possible, new posture habits should be absorbed unconsciously through games, sports, and dancing. The school is a natural agency to help children obtain and maintain good posture through group activities. Unless his defects are very severe, however, no child should be assigned to a special posture class.

Parents and schools, working as partners, could raise an upright, sound generation today without belaboring youngsters for sloppy, sprawling attitudes or pinched-up, anxiously strained poses. Good posture is one of youth's valuable assets. It can be protected and maintained if parents are alert to its importance.

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# The Family Gathers

ESTHER FOLEY

**G**raduation dinner means nothing to the hero. In fact, it is useless to plan to have him. If he is not practicing walking up the school aisle, he is giving the valedictorian speech to his mirror. Let him be. The dinner is for his proud parents, for his sisters, his uncles, and his aunts. In our house it was an opportunity for family gossip, almost as good as a wedding.

Because of the mixed ages a family gathering brings together, dinner is best served buffet style. Offer a number of simple dishes. Tongue is an excellent meat to select as the main food because it can be cooked the day before. Then if the weather continues hot, slice it thin and serve cold. If the day turns rainy and chill, heat it slowly and serve very hot. In either case, grind up the coarser parts of the tongue and the lean portion of the roots, make tangy with pickle relish and moisten with mayonnaise. Serve heaped in a lettuce cup and let the young ones spread generous sandwiches for themselves.

Macaroni salad, a buffet favorite, will be welcomed, but offer a succulent contrast also. How about a dish of tomatoes, sliced quite thin, drenched in oil and freshly ground aromatic pepper? Be sure to let this stand at room temperature at least an hour. Or offer thin bread and butter and scallions . . . just to please grandpa. No graduation exercises ever kept him from enjoying a good supper! If the dessert is our three-ring shortcake, the young graduate will tear himself from his mirror and take time to enjoy it before dashing off. But the family will eat this dessert at leisure, as it deserves, and then walk slowly in a group, still talking, to the high-school exercises.

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| ¼ tsp. salt                             | 1½ cups macaroon crumbs |
| 1 egg                                   | ½ cup whipping cream    |

Cut 4 pineapple slices in ½-in. wedges, drain well. Soften gelatin in ¼ cup syrup from pineapple; dissolve over hot water; cool. Add salt to egg; beat slightly; add sugar gradually, continuing to beat. Add lemon juice, gelatin, crumbs, pineapple wedges. Chill while whipping cream; fold in whipped cream. Pour into loaf pan; chill till firm. Unmold; top with rest of pineapple. Garnish with extra whipped cream if desired. Serves 6-8.



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• boiled  
smoked tongue

• three ring  
shortcake

• macaroni salad

• creamy macaroni  
with meat

• fruit-flavored  
refreshers

• colonel's squash



Preparation time: 40 min.

### • colonel's squash

3 medium yellow squash  
4 medium white potatoes  
1 medium onion, chopped

5 tbs. bacon drippings  
1 tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. black pepper

**P**EEL squash and potatoes. Cook separately until each is tender. Mash potatoes and squash together; add onion and seasonings. Place in a greased shallow baking dish and bake in a moderately hot oven (375°F) for 20 minutes or until lightly browned.

**Serves 6** 200 cal. per serving

Source of vitamin A, C, B complex

Recipe submitted by A. B. Manning

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### • fruit-flavored refreshers

**Cherry drink:** Dissolve contents of a package of cherry-flavored beverage mix, mixed with 1½ cups sugar in 2 qts. water. Add ice cubes and garnish with lemon and orange slices.

**Orange cream sherbet:** Dissolve contents of 1 package of orange-flavored beverage mix with 1 cup sugar in 2 cups milk. Turn into freezing tray and freeze with dial set at coldest point ¾ to 1 hour (until slushy). Whip 1 cup heavy cream until stiff and add partly frozen orange mixture. Whip just enough to mix well. Quickly return to freezing tray and freeze until firm (about 3 hours.) This requires no more stirring. When firm, set control back to normal.

Makes 1 qt. sherbet

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### • creamy macaroni with meat

Preparation time: 1 hr.

8 oz. elbow macaroni  
1 tbs. salt  
3 qts. boiling water  
¼ cup fat  
½ cup chopped onion  
½ cup sliced mushrooms  
½ lb. ground beef

2½ tsp. salt  
2½ tsp. paprika  
2 tbs. flour  
1¾ cups milk  
1 cup sour cream  
¼ cup chopped parsley  
¼ cup buttered bread crumbs

**A**DD salt to boiling water and bring to a rapid boil. Gradually add macaroni and let boil until macaroni is tender, about 10 minutes. Drain and rinse macaroni with cold water. Melt fat in skillet. Add onion, mushrooms, and meat. Brown well and slowly. Add salt, paprika and flour and mix well. Add milk, cream, and parsley and fold in macaroni. Pour into greased 2 qt. baking dish and sprinkle the top with bread crumbs. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F) about 30 minutes.

**Serves 6** 533 cal. per serving

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Preparation time: 20 min.

### • macaroni salad

8 oz. elbow macaroni  
1½ cups diced celery  
2 pimientos, chopped  
1 green pepper, chopped

1 tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. paprika  
1 tbs. lemon juice  
Mayonnaise

**C**OOK macaroni in 2 qts. of rapidly boiling water to which 1½ tsp. salt has been added. Boil 9 minutes, stirring occasionally. For extra tenderness boil 1-3 minutes longer. Do not overcook. Drain and rinse under cold water. Drain again and chill in refrigerator. Combine macaroni with all the ingredients except the mayonnaise. Add enough mayonnaise to moisten. Serve on crisp lettuce. Double recipe to serve six generously.

**Serves 4** 310 cal. per serving

Source of vitamin B complex

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### • three ring shortcake

Preparation time: 30 min.

2 good pints fresh strawberries  
½ cup sugar  
2 cups sifted flour  
4 tsp. quick-acting baking powder

½ tsp. salt  
1 tbs. sugar  
¾ cup shortening  
¾ cup milk

**W**ASH berries well, but gently, in running water. Stem, and cut in two or three slices each. Add ½ cup sugar, mix gently and put in warm place until sugar draws juices. Then chill, if desired. Mix and sift flour, baking powder, salt and 1 tbs. of sugar together. Cut in shortening quite fine, using a pair of knives or a pastry blender. Make a well in the center, add the milk and stir quickly until all flour is wetted into a dough. Turn out onto a lightly floured board, press into a ball, then roll gently and quickly, without further handling, into a sheet about ¼ inch thick. Cut into ten or twelve 3-inch rounds. Place half the shapes on a baking sheet and brush with butter. Cut a round the size of a 50 cent piece from center of remaining shapes and place outer ring on top of buttered round. Bake 50-cent size center pieces separately. Bake in a hot oven (450°F) 12 minutes or until done. To serve, split ring of biscuit from base, cover with berries, replace ring, add more berries and top with the small center piece, garnish with whipped cream and additional berries. Serve while crust is still warm.

**Serves 5-6** 370 cal. per serving

Source of vitamins A, C, B complex

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### • boiled smoked tongue

**W**ASH tongue well. Place in large pot with water to cover and bring to simmering point. Cover and simmer until tender, allowing about 1 hour to the pound. Cool about 30 minutes, then remove from liquid and skin. If meat is to be served hot, cut off roots and rough, grainy section below tongue. Slice tongue and serve with horseradish and mustard. If the tongue is to be served cold, return to liquid after it is skinned, and cool, uncovered, at room temperature. Then drain, wrap in waxed paper and keep in refrigerator.

The roots should be trimmed of gristle and bone and put through the meat grinder, with the coarse-grained section cut from the under side of the tongue. Mix this with about half the quantity of pickle relish or chopped pickle, and mayonnaise to moisten. Serve in a lettuce cup for those who want to make sandwiches.

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With a loaf of bread...



• To make a neat bread-shell, use a thin sharp knife to mark center portion in inch-wide strips. Remove each strip with a fork



• Individual casings, of any desired thickness, can be neatly hollowed the same way. Brush with melted butter and brown

# Berry Time Again!

CLARA SINNETT

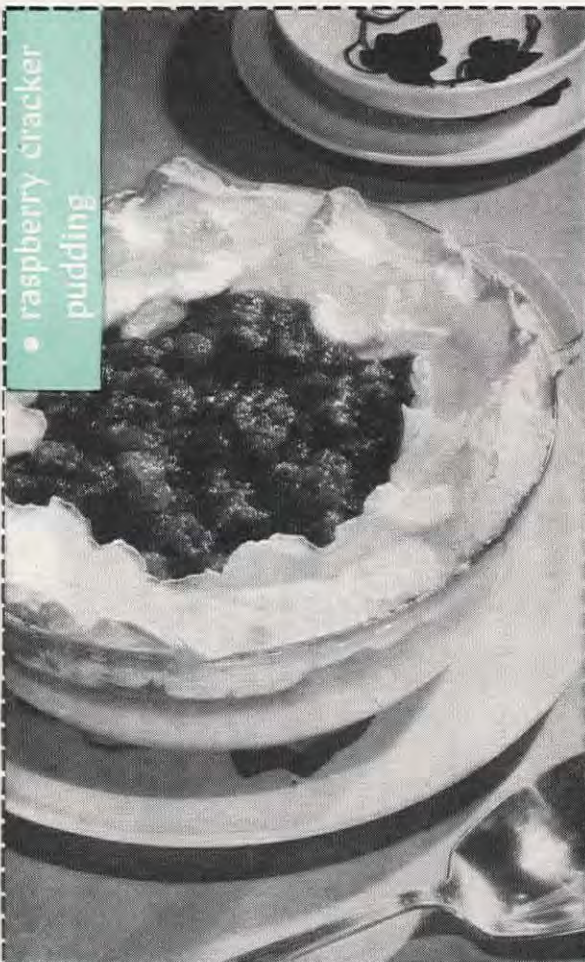
In great-grandmother's time, the sweet strawberry cake was the first berry-season treat. Later, blueberry roll, raspberry cracker pudding, blackberry flummery, gooseberry fool and berry ferenty gave summer flavor to our table.

Great-grandmother could never say why the latter had such fanciful names. Her flummery was a far cry from the original flummery, described in the dictionary as a dish of oatmeal steeped in water and turned sour. She prepared her idea of the dish early in the morning and hung it in the cooler in the well to chill. It came to the table as light and cool as a northern breeze.

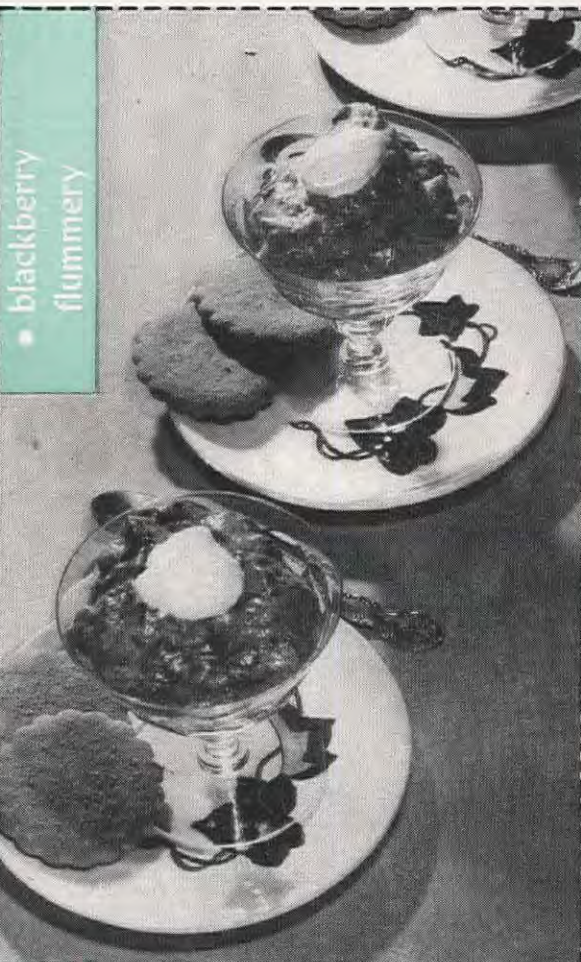
Berry ferenty was a breakfast treat. Knowing a little about food history, we would say that the name was derived from the word "fere" which means able and healthful. To make ferenty, great-grandmother boiled whole wheat until it was soft and cracked, served it piping hot with fresh berries, thick cream, and sugar. It was teeming with vitamins which great-grandmother, dear soul, knew by instinct, not by name.

But, in these modern days with fresh fruits marketed via plane and frozen fruits available every month of the year, berry time is all the time. Do try her old-fashioned recipes.

• raspberry cracker pudding



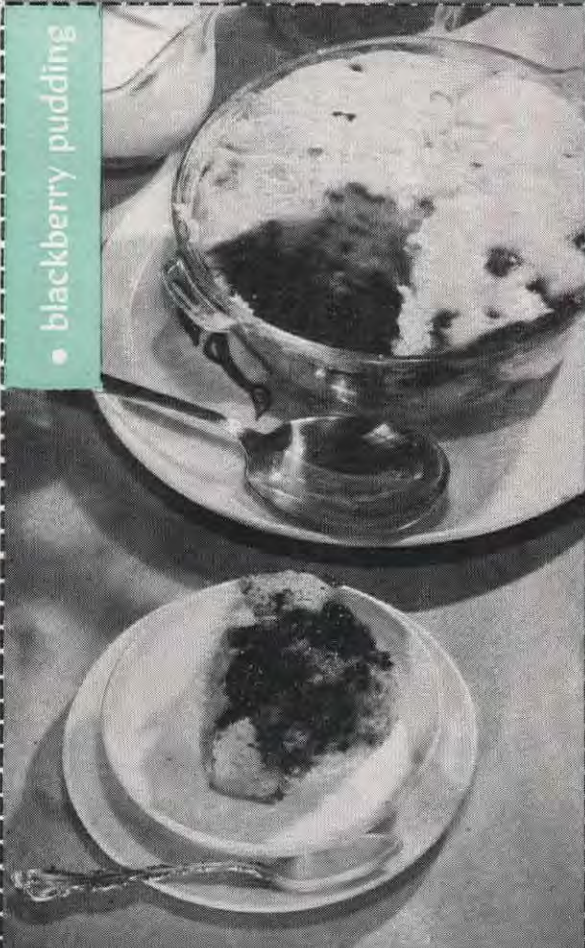
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• blueberry roll



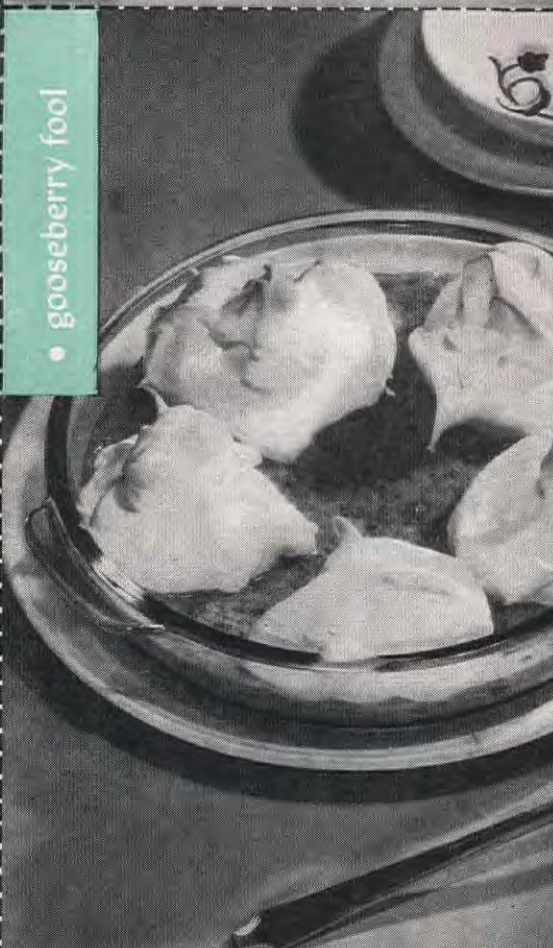
• blackberry pudding



• sweet strawberry cake



• gooseberry fool

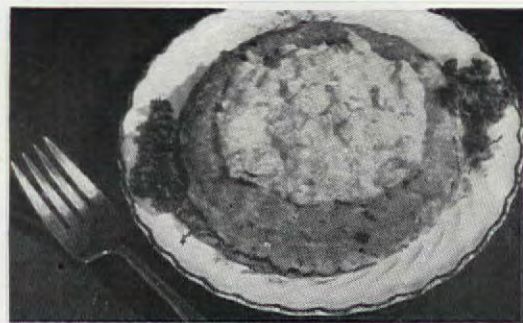




● Use doughnut cutter and biscuit cutter to cut rounds and rings of bread, which can be browned, then stacked to form patty cases



● Crumbs, white, not too dry, can help thicken a cream sauce, filling out a too scant portion of leftover fish, meat, egg



● Crumb a loaf, season, add a little parsley, onion, 2 tablespoons butter, three eggs. Bake in ring mold; serve with creamed meat

## ● blueberry roll

Preparation time: 45 min.

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tbs. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 tbs. shortening
- ¾ cup milk
- 2 cups blueberries
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 tbs. butter or margarine

**SIFT** together flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Work in shortening until mixture is flaky. Add milk and mix quickly. Roll dough out on a lightly floured board into an oblong shape about ¼ inch thick. Mix berries with ¼ cup sugar and spread over dough leaving a one-inch margin. Roll up like a jelly roll, place on baking pan, seam side down, and bake in a moderately hot oven (375°F) 35 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from oven and brush with 1 tbs. melted butter. Serve with creamy sauce made as follows: Mix together ½ cup sugar and ½ cup cold water, boil 3 minutes and chill. Cream 2 tbs. butter or margarine; add 1 cup powdered sugar. Beat 1 egg yolk and add with ¼ tsp. nutmeg. Then fold in 1 egg white beaten until stiff, and the chilled sugar syrup.

**Serves 6** 366 cal. per serving

Recipe submitted by Clara Sinnott  
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## ● blackberry flummery

Preparation time: 25 min.  
(chill 1 hr.)

- 1 cup blackberries
- 2 cups water
- 3 tbs. cornstarch
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 egg whites

**COOK** blackberries and water slowly for about ten minutes without stirring. Mix cornstarch in a little cold water, add to the blackberries and cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Remove from heat and add sugar and vanilla. Chill. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into the blackberry mixture. Chill and serve with whipped cream.

**Serves 6** 85 cal. per serving

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## ● raspberry cracker pudding

Preparation time: 1½ hrs.

- 1 egg and 2 egg yolks
- ¼ cup sugar
- 3 tbs. flour
- Dash of salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 cups milk
- 1½ cups vanilla or graham cracker crumbs
- 2 cups sweetened raspberries

**BEAT** egg with the yolks until light; mix sugar, flour and salt, and add to eggs. Add vanilla to milk and add alternately to the egg mixture with cracker crumbs. Pour into a deep baking dish and place in a pan of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F) 45-60 minutes. Remove from oven. Make a meringue by stiffly beating 2 egg whites with 2 tbs. of sugar and a dash of lemon extract. Spoon meringue around the edge of the dish and return to a moderate oven to brown. Cool slightly and place sweetened raspberries in the center of meringue ring.

**Serves 6** 312 cal. per serving

Recipe submitted by Clara Sinnott  
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## ● gooseberry fool

Preparation time: 30 min.

- 1 qt. gooseberries
- 1 cup sugar (or to taste)
- 3 eggs, separated
- 1 tbs. melted butter
- 3 tbs. powdered sugar

**WASH**, stem and tail berries. Cook with enough water to cover until soft. Put through colander or sieve to remove seeds and skins. Add sugar and cook until thickened, about 10 minutes. Add slowly to the well-beaten egg yolks. Add melted butter and beat mixture until well blended. Pour into a shallow casserole. Top with meringue made of the 3 egg whites, stiffly beaten and 3 tbs. powdered sugar. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F) until meringue is light brown. Cool, then chill, before serving. One and one-half cups of gooseberry jam may be substituted for sweetened berries; add 3 tbs. water and heat until liquid.

**Serves 4-6** 308 cal. per serving

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## ● sweet strawberry cake

Preparation time: 40 min.

- 1 tbs. butter or margarine
- ¾ cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1½ cups sifted cake flour
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- Dash of salt
- ¾ cup light cream
- 1 qt. strawberries
- ½ cup heavy cream, whipped

**CREAM** butter; add sugar and cream together. Beat eggs until light and add. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt and add alternately with the cream, beating well after each addition. Pour into two 8-inch greased cake tins. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F) 25 minutes or until done. Cool. Clean and wash berries, reserving 1 cup whole berries for the top. Mash the remaining berries, sweeten to taste with sugar. Spread mashed berries and whipped cream between layers. Top cake with a very thin layer of whipped cream and garnish with whole strawberries.

**Serves 6-8** 324 cal. per serving

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## ● blackberry pudding

Preparation time: 3½ hrs.

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 2 eggs
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1 qt. blackberries
- Butter or margarine

**SIFT** together flour, baking powder and salt. Beat eggs light and fluffy; add sugar and beat well. Add milk gradually, alternating with the sifted dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Place a thin layer of dough in a greased pudding mold. Add a layer of berries and dot with butter. Add another layer of dough and berries and repeat, ending with a layer of dough when mold is ¾ full. Cover and steam 3 hours. Serve hot with cream.

**Serves 6** 371 cal. per serving

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EDITH RAMSAY

# FREEZE

## ...and take it easy

**H**ave you ever visited a friend unexpectedly, had a delicious meal from her freezer, and left her home a bit envious? A freezer means many things are possible in the way of food preservation and convenience. Imagine strawberries or peaches in the dead of winter! No more shopping trips every week! Depending on the size, you can shop from every other week to once a month and still have room for seasonal freezing. No leftover blues, either. Just pop that hamburger into the freezer for Johnny's lunch. Save time by cooking a double quantity of food—half to be eaten at preparation time, the rest to go into the freezer. In the suburbs or city, you can enjoy the advantage of bargain prices when you own a freezer.

Do sit down and plan how you can best utilize the freezer space for your needs before freezing anything. Often a mistake is made of freezing a large quantity of one food, thus decreasing the usefulness of the freezer. Review grocery lists or weekly menus to determine how often certain foods are served. Freeze enough to carry you through the months that seasonal foods are unavailable in fresh form. If space is restricted, don't use much space for cooked foods. Freeze specialties as you use the more staple items. Studies of freezer costs prove it will pay for itself in time, labor, and food costs

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- It's wise to have an inventory system for your freezer. Keep it right at hand in your household account book. Refer to it when planning week's menus and enjoy all the advantages a freezer offers to the daily routine. It also saves rummaging through the freezer when unexpected guests arrive

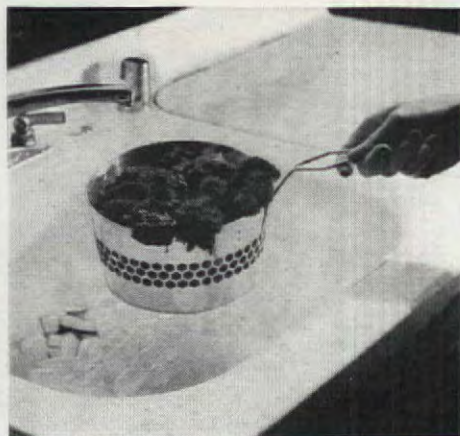


- Freeze whole meals for mother's holiday. Cooked meat loaf, rolls and peas make good combination. Can be reheated right in aluminum foil

- Home from business, the first thing to do is take dinner from the freezer. Shopping is especially time-consuming for the career woman. This 2½ cu. ft. freezer is right for tiny kitchen or auxiliary freezer

● Freezing vegetables means wonderful out-of-season eating. Scald broccoli after cleaning in boiling water to cover, four minutes after water returns to boiling

● Chill the same length of time as you scald in very cold running water or sink filled with ice cubes and water. A wide variety of packaging materials is available for each type of food being frozen. Choose type to suit each food



● Frozen fruits are the nearest thing to fresh we've tasted—strawberries in December. Corn syrup eliminates the need for making and chilling sugar syrup. Pour over hulled berries and freeze. New jars used for canning, too

● Heavy aluminum foil makes tight wrap, can be shaped to form of meat and can be re-used. Freezer paper laminated with Cellophane, Cellophane and stockinet, are also used for wrapping meat to be frozen. Use drugstore fold, turn ends under



saved in from one to two years. A freezer manufacturer made a study which gives visible proof of the point in question:

#### *Savings at the End of First Year*

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Time saved by less shopping, valued in money .....                  | \$ 52.00        |
| Transportation saved .....  | 15.60           |
| Buying in quantity when prices are lowest and of best quality ..... | 192.00          |
| Saving on leftovers .....   | 56.00           |
| <b>Total savings for one year .....</b>                             | <b>\$315.60</b> |

#### *Cost at the End of First Year*

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cost of freezer .....            | \$236.00        |
| Cost of operation .....          | 14.40           |
| Cost of packaging material ..... | 20.00           |
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Now to the actual freezing procedure. In freezing vegetables, select them with great care. Pick them at their peak of growing perfection, early in the day. If they are bought at a market, buy early in the season. Choose young, tender vegetables, freshly picked and in perfect condition. Freeze only those vegetables which cannot be stored satisfactorily in the cellar. Wash thoroughly in cold water, discarding the blemished and overripe ones. Sort according to size, making each package uniform. Scald with boiling water or steam, following a reliable freezing chart for specific time. Scald only one pound of vegetables at a time. This insures even scalding and prevents the boiling water from a drastic change in temperature, which would mean too long a time before it returned to boiling. Use at least one gallon of water to one pound of vegetables. Cool scalded vegetables immediately in cold running water or sink filled with ice and water. The best rule to follow is to chill the same length of time as the vegetable was scalded.

Fruit requires a slightly different procedure. Choose those varieties best suited for freezing. Choose tree-ripened, firm, freshly picked fruits in perfect condition. Do not use fruit that is overripe or underripe. Taste fruit before freezing to make certain it has good flavor even if it appears to be perfect. It is best to work with only a small quantity at a time. Sort and wash very quickly in cold running water. Berries require very gentle handling as they bruise easily. Fruits and berries may be frozen whole, sliced, mashed or puréed. However, do not freeze the larger fruits whole as they will then take up too much space in the freezer. The manner of preparation will depend upon whether the fruit discolors when peeled and exposed to air, the desired sweetness and the way in which you plan to use the frozen product. Boysenberries, loganberries, blackberries, cranberries, rhubarb, and gooseberries may be frozen without sugar. A dry sugar pack may be used on those fruits which do not discolor. In freezing berries, if they are left whole, use sugar syrup; if sliced or crushed, a dry sugar pack may be used. The amount of sugar depends upon the natural sweetness of the fruit and the desired sweetness. A very simple and satisfactory syrup is the bottled enzyme-converted corn syrup. If you make your own sugar syrup, it must be thoroughly chilled before pouring over fruit. Some

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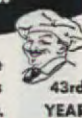


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fruits discolor when peeled and exposed to the air. Among these are peaches, apricots, and pears. To prevent discoloration, ascorbic acid may be purchased in special packs for freezing purposes. Follow directions on package. Citric acid can also be purchased for this treatment.

Meat is perhaps the simplest food to freeze as it requires very little beforehand preparation. Boning the meat before freezing conserves freezer space. All meat cuts must be wrapped very tightly in moisture, vaporproof paper. If Cellophane and stockinet are used, the Cellophane must be heat-sealed. Press paper firmly against meat to expel air before sealing. Poultry must be cleaned and drawn exactly as you would for immediate cooking.

Meals can be made interesting almost on a moment's notice with cooked foods from the freezer. In freezing cooked foods, the most important point to remember is to cool food quickly before packaging. Here are some of the specialty items you can have at your finger tips: Unbaked or baked pies, cookies, cakes, bread, rolls, baked beans, spaghetti sauce and meat balls, chicken à la king, ice cream, canapés, sandwiches, soups. Package all foods in sizes to be used at one meal and label with contents and date. Follow length of storage time for various products in your freezing book.

#### GARDEN VEGETABLES FOR FREEZING

About a year ago we predicted that, with the growing importance of food freezing, plant breeders would, before long, "develop and introduce new vegetable and fruit varieties with special freezing fitness."

Well, sir, in the 1948 All-America Selections of new vegetables, two of the five medal winners were the peas Victory Freezer and Freezonian! Both are officially described as of especially fine quality and "adapted to home and commercial quick freezing." For additional recommendations, see list below. This does not mean, however, that other kinds are ruled out. Housewives will probably freeze whatever sorts are at hand in the garden with passable results, because skill and promptness in processing them are likely to offset a minor varietal deficiency in quality.

An important advantage of the home freezing of garden products is the fact that it permits small surpluses to be gathered and put away quickly with little effort and fuss. Naturally, good judgment must be used in deciding just what to freeze. In short, select what is liked by the family; what is sure to be used; what is less likely to be available in good quality from other sources. Here, then, is a modernized list of varieties of vegetables for the home garden, chosen especially for quality and freezing fitness. State Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics can usually offer specific

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suggestions for special localities and conditions.

#### VEGETABLES

**Asparagus:** Martha Washington, Mary Washington, Palmetto.

**Beans, Green Shell:** French Horticultural, Lowe's Champion.

**Beans, Lima:** Burpee, Fordhook, and Henderson Bush, Baby Fordhook, King of the Garden, Challenger.

**Beans, Snap:** Blue Lake, Bountiful, Brittle Wax, Giant Stringless, Kentucky Wonder, Round Pod Kidney Wax, Stringless Green Pod, Tendergreen.

**Beans, Soy:** Bansei, Giant Green, Hokkaido, Willomi.

**Beets:** Crosby Egyptian, Detroit Dark Red.

**Broccoli:** Green Sprouting, Italian Calabrese.

**Brussels Sprouts:** Half Dwarf Improved, Long Island Improved.

**Cabbage:** Copenhagen Market, Danish Ballhead, Savoy.

**Carrot:** Amsterdam and Nantes Coreless, Danvers Half Long, Imperator, Red Cored Chantenay.

**Cauliflower:** Forbes, Perfection, Snowball, Sunrise, Snowdrift, White Mountain.

**Corn:** Golden Bantam; Golden Cross, Kingscrot, and Top Cross Bantam, Lincoln, Seneca Golden, Stowells Evergreen, Tendergold.

**Eggplant:** Black Beauty, New Hampshire Hybrid.

**Kale:** Dwarf Scotch Curled.

**Kohlrabi:** Early White Vienna.

**Mushroom:** Cultivated Agaricus campestris.

**Muskmelon:** Bender's Surprise, Beauty Osage, Hearts of Gold.

**Mustard:** Curled, Florida Broadleaf, Southern Giant.

**Okra:** Clemson Spineless, Green Velvet, Long Pod, Perkins.

**Parsnip:** Hollow Crown, Marrowfat, Smooth White.

**Peas:** Alderman, Asgrow 40, Glacier, Improved Gradus, Laxtonian, Laxtons Progress, Little Marvel, Strategem, Teton, Thomas Laxton, Worlds Record.

**Pepper:** California Wonder, Windsor.

**Potato, Irish:** Bliss Triumph, Chipewawa, Green Mountain, Hoama, Katahdin.

**Potato, Sweet:** Nancy Hall, Puerto Rico.

**Rhubarb:** Linnaeus, McDonald, Ruby, Victoria.

**Rutabaga:** American Purple Top, Long Island Improved.

**Spinach:** Giant Nobel, King of Denmark, Long Standing Bloomsdale, Savoy, Viking.

**Squash, Summer:** Golden Summer, Straightneck, Yellow Crookneck, Zucchini.

**Squash, Winter:** Blue Hubbard, Boston Marrow, Golden Delicious, Golden Hubbard, Green Hubbard.

**Swiss Chard:** Fordhook, Lucullus.

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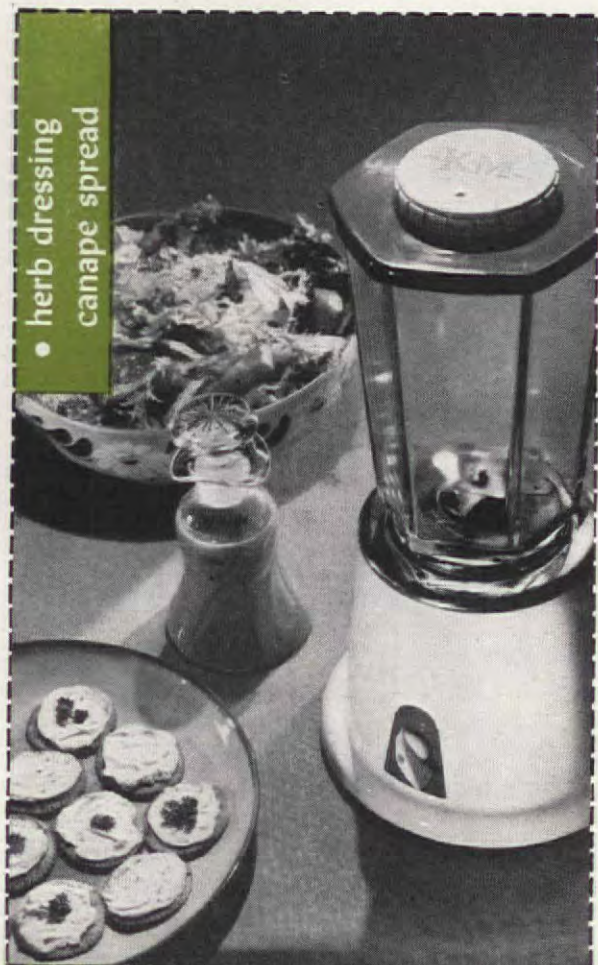
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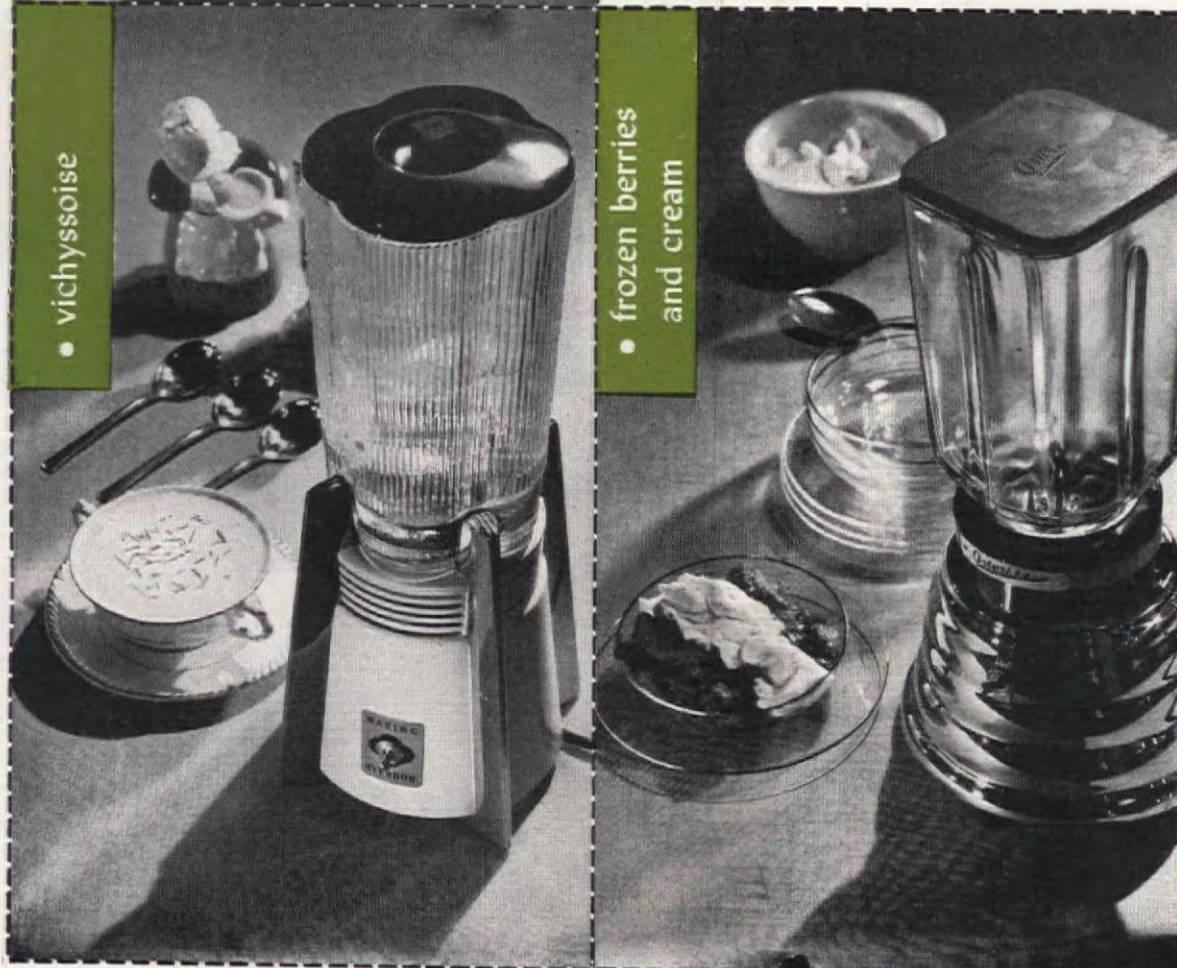
# Summer with a Blender

ELIZABETH FULLER

Relax with a blender at your elbow this summer. Make anything from Vichyssoise to popovers with mighty little effort. Now that warm summer days are upon us, what fun it is to be able to mix a frosty, thirst-quenching refresher right at home. Start out with the recipes in your blender book; then let your imagination take over. To give you a sample of some of the blender's achievements, here are a few things you can expect it to do. It will purée or liquify fruits and vegetables, grind cooked meats or poultry for salads or sandwiches, shave ice (wonderful feature this time of year), make salad dressings—such a simple way to make homemade mayonnaise. It will also shred fruits and vegetables to a perfection never achieved any other way for salads and desserts. You will cheer the ease with which the blender enables you to make jellies and conserves. Popovers used to leave you so weary from beating, you vowed never to make them again. But you will, in the blender. Eggs, milk, fat, flour and salt go into the glass container, the switch is turned on, and presto! the popover batter is ready for the oven. Cookies, cakes, sauces and desserts—and, of course, not to be overlooked, ice cream, fresh strawberry or peach, or smooth, rich chocolate. Chilled soups go hand in



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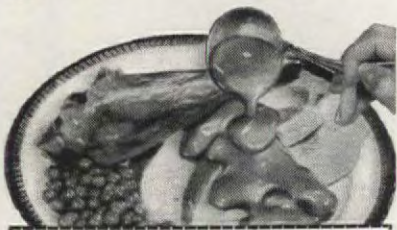


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Drinks require a paragraph in themselves. The kitchen or back porch takes the place of Junior's afterschool hangout when Mother offers milk shakes in flavors ranging from vanilla and chocolate to apricot and plum. For a real flavor surprise, blend honeydew or cantaloupe with ice cream and milk. Even Dad will relish his vitamins when they are served up in the form of a vegetable or fruit cocktail. Lettuce and tomato, cranberry, or cabbage and pineapple are delicious.

Follow directions for your own blender carefully. They vary with each one on the market. If you have one like we picture with the Vichyssoise, you place the ingredients to be blended in the glass container and put on the cover. Then the container is put on the motor base. Make certain the container is resting firmly on its base. Snap the switch to the "On" position. Run the blender only as long as each individual recipe indicates. This is important in the case of batters and doughs. To stop, snap switch to "Off" position. The blender shown with the strawberries and cream operates in the same way. The other one requires a little different technique. To blend liquids, to liquidize and purée, ingredients are placed in the container and switch turned to "On" position. Run blender for required time. To chop and shred, turn switch on high and add food in pieces. This one also has three speeds.

A word of caution on the care of blenders is in order now. It is most important NEVER to immerse the encased motor base in water. It is very easy to clean with a damp cloth and wipe with a dry cloth. The glass container can be washed just as you do your other dishes. One blender on the market has a glass container from which the blades can be removed for washing. This same blender has interchangeable blades. It comes equipped with

a liquifying agitator, whipping cream agitator, and one for malted drinks. Remember to leave the cover off the glass container after washing, otherwise odors may remain.

Keep the blender handy and use it to make a treat for your family and your guests. Another feature too valuable to overlook is the usefulness of the blender in preparing invalid or convalescent diets. Now is the time for all good blenders to come to the aid of the family!

### • herb dressing canape spread

Preparation time: 5 min.

HERB DRESSING:

¾ cup mineral or salad oil  
¼ cup wine vinegar  
½ cup tender celery leaves  
½ cup water-cress leaves

Place all ingredients in container of blender in order indicated. Put cover on container. Run until contents are thoroughly blended, about 1 minute.

Makes 1½ cups

58 cal. per tablespoon using salad oil

Preparation time: 10 min.

CANAPE SPREAD:

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Place ingredients in container of blender and blend 2 minutes.

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### • frozen berries and cream

Preparation time: 5 min.

1 package frozen strawberries  
½ pint whipping cream

½ tsp. vanilla  
1 tsp. sugar

WHIP cream in blender with sugar and vanilla. Remove to bowl. Cut frozen block of strawberries into several pieces. Start blender and drop in frozen strawberries. Blend until strawberries become mushy, about 2 minutes. Put alternating layers of strawberries and cream in parfait glasses.

Serves 6

175 cal. per serving

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### • vichyssoise

Preparation time: 30 min.

2 medium potatoes cooked  
2 tbs. fat  
2 whole leeks  
2 cups chicken broth  
½ tsp. salt

¼ tsp. pepper  
½ tsp. nutmeg  
¾ cup cream  
1 tbs. chopped chives

PEEL potatoes and cut in pieces. Sauté chopped leeks in fat. Add 1 cup broth. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Place all ingredients except cream and chives in container of blender. Blend about 1 minute. Chill thoroughly. Stir in cream before serving. Garnish with chives.

Serves 4

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## This month's AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS



...the Walter Stamps kitchen



Variety is the keynote of the AMERICAN HOME Kitchens of the Month. Here are three kitchens, different in plan and decoration, yet each attractive and convenient in its own way.

The Robert Vahlbergs' open planning has produced this wonderfully open, part-of-the-house kitchen that is the summation of many a housewife's dream of keeping herself in the family activities and still doing all the necessary household duties.

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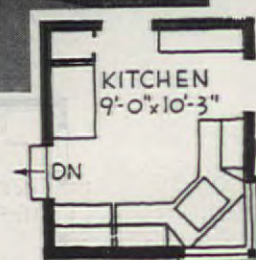
THE Automatic GAS RANGE

uses; those between the kitchen and the living area may be closed to divide the two rooms. A smaller edition of the sliding door, over the sink, cuts down on the number of steps to the baby's room to see that "all is well." The kitchen cabinets also have sliding doors.

Partial division of the kitchen and living room is accomplished by counters usable from both sides; on living room side these become a bar and a game cabinet. Bar is perfect for serving to dining area.

The kitchen color scheme is built around the red linoleum counter tops and the unfinished-fir plywood cabinets. Overhead light gives ample illumination for working at sink and range. Natural light is provided for the dining and living areas. This kitchen has the uncluttered feeling so important to the modern homemaker. Story of home on page 46.

Mrs. Walter Stamps, of Encino, California, has brought her sitting room into the kitchen without sacrificing work space or equipment. A double-bowl sink, with tile drainboards, and a new range keep this room modern. There is ample cupboard space over refrigerator and sink. The red linoleum floors are partially covered by braided rugs. The



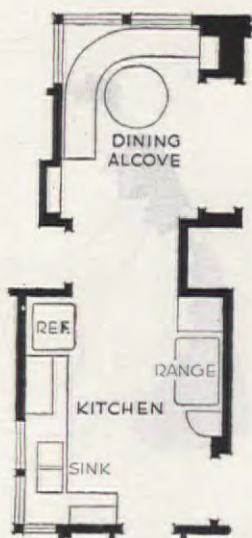
The Millard kitchen

colorful wallpaper makes us almost forget this room is a kitchen.

An old-fashioned pine rocker and a small footstool add further to the sitting room. The pine table may be pulled out from the wall when guests appear. The small pine dresser holds old china, copper, and linens. A high plate rack holds collections of old pewter, dishes, and copper ware. An entrance close by the kitchen opens onto a terrace, perfect for outdoor dining. Other views of this home on page 42.

A view of the garden while doing the dishes in the Millards' kitchen should make the children or Dad almost anxious to help with the clean-up. The single-bowl sink under the corner window is flanked by a beautiful natural birch cabinet. The wallpaper is red-and-beige medalion-figured, and the gray linoleum used on the floor is repeated on the counter tops. To complete the picture, white organdy ruffles frame the windows without obstructing the view. Story of home on page 40.

Labor-saving, different, each suited to the needs of the owners—variety is the spice of these AMERICAN HOME Kitchens of the Month!



The American Home brings you this month—as its Kitchen of The Month—Mr. Blandings' Dream House kitchen. You won't get more than a glimpse of it in the movie for, unfortunately, at the last minute it landed on the cutting-room floor. But we think it is newsworthy when a big manufacturer plans and provides equipment for a Hollywood set, thus producing a kitchen that actually "works;" and because you cannot see it, we want you to know more about it.

The dimensions are good, working spaces are well organized. Not shown in the pictures or plans here is a good-sized utility room and laundry which was fully equipped with the latest automatic washer, dryer, hot-water heater, as well as heating plant.

Cary Grant, as Mr. Blandings, even looks happy as Myrna Loy, as Mrs. Blandings, shows him the complete electric sink with the dishwasher and disposal. The automatic electric range seems to be her pride and joy, as well it might be. The two-temperature refrigerator has a separate frozen-food storage space—ice cream aplenty for those fast-growing Blandings children.

## Mr. Blandings' Kitchen



The crisp organdy curtains with tile-red rick-rack trim complement the raspberry shade of the Nairn linoleum counter tops and floor with inlaid border. This color note is reflected in the scalloped band above the General Electric steel cabinets on the wall. Window shades that complement the color scheme are of the new printed cloth with red-and-blue plaid overprint.

The breakfast room at the far end has plastic-coated seat covers in light green with red binding to match the rick-rack in the curtains here. The walls are dark green and the many windows behind the bench provide two exposures and make the room cheerful and sunny.

The Blandings' kitchen is a complete General Electric kitchen, installed for the screen version of "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House," an RKO production, released by the Selznick Releasing Organization.



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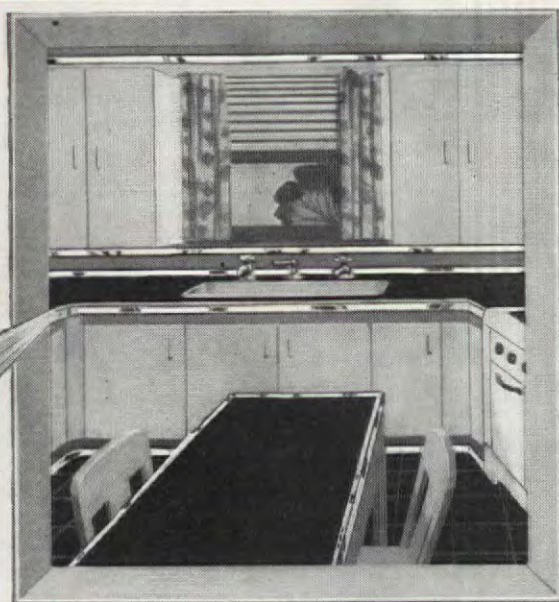


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If your drain is stopped up, remove standing water from sink, washbowl, or tub. If drain has a strainer, remove it if possible. Put the required quantity of drain cleaner into the drain opening. Then use a quarter or half cup of cold water to rinse cleaner into the pipe. Allow cleaner to remain in drain for half an hour. If drain is seriously clogged, water may boil up. This may be stopped by adding another half cup of cold water. If the first treatment does not work, repeat the entire operation. However, be careful in removing standing water from sink, washbowl or tub because it now has drain cleaner in it. Remove it with an enamel ware, crockery, glass or china container. Immediately pour it down another drain to avoid possibility of accident.

CAUTIONS: Do not get drain cleaner in the eyes or on the skin or clothing. Don't use drain cleaner on wood, painted surfaces, floor coverings, or aluminum. Use only cold water with drain cleaner and do not use plunger.

If your drains have been neglected or if drain cleaners in the past have been misused, there may be a heavy scale on the inside of the pipe which ordinary household drain cleaners will not remove. If this is the case, it is time to call your plumber. He will come equipped to remove any or all obstructions in your drains by mechanical means. Once this has been done, the simple use of a chemical drain cleaner once a week should keep your drains in first-class condition. While it is unsafe to use a rubber plunger after chemical drain cleaners are in the drain, these often will force up any obstruction in the drain so that it may be discarded. When the obstruction has been removed, the use of a drain cleaner is recommended.

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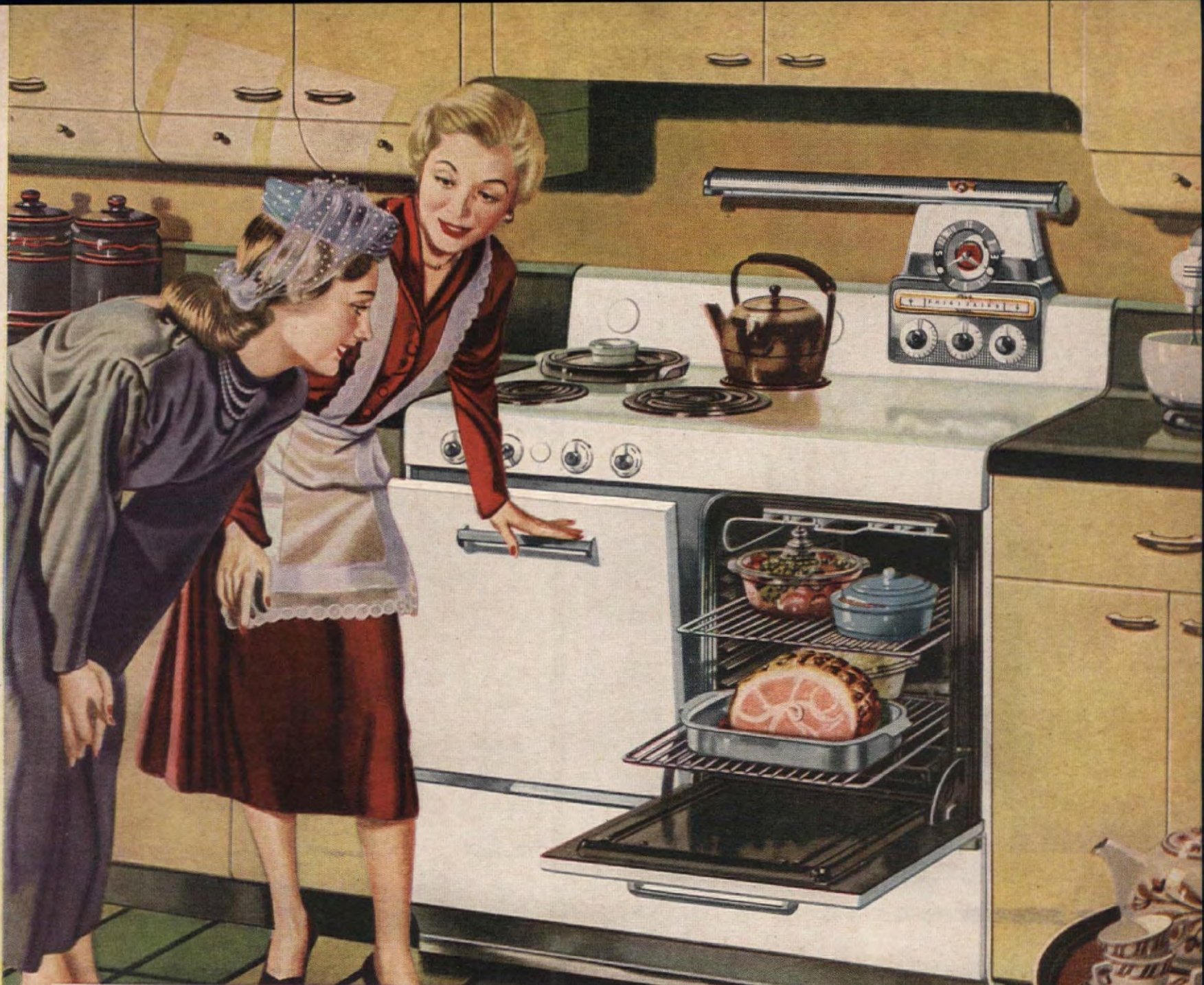
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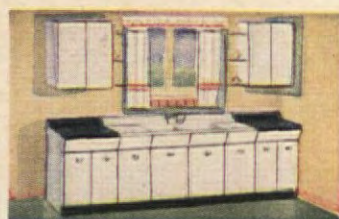
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A party in celebration of graduation from junior-high school can be a wonderful affair, but too often this group is neglected because of the entertainment problems it seems to present. A junior-high crowd may seem not quite old enough for "a dance," yet it's beyond the age of children's-games parties. Children do vary greatly at this age. Some are still children, rather shy; others feel quite grown up; they all may be a little self-conscious. We felt, however, that this wonderful time, when they are having their first peek at life and are filled with great expectations, was an occasion that should not be overlooked. So, we worked out this "record" party idea. It amused them, made them talk about it excitedly beforehand, and appealed to the tastes of all, even the more sophisticated. The main reason for the success of the party, however, was that it was planned, in advance, to the last detail. It's an easy and inexpensive party to give, too, and equally adaptable to large city-school groups and smaller country-school classes.

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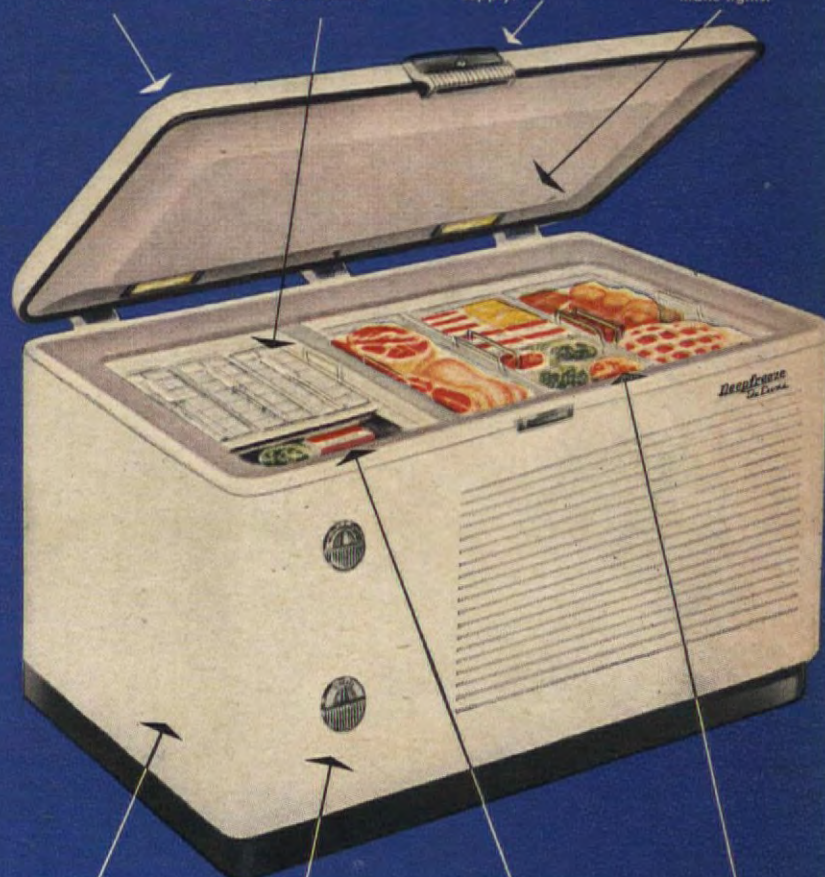
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in a music shop, but we were told that frequently one can find them in secondhand furniture stores. (The neighbors have told us they would have been glad to let us have some of theirs!) These old records were strung on varicolored ribbons passed through the center holes. Hanging here and there around the living room, they looked attractive and festive. Be sure to hang them securely, however, because the children found they made excellent "twirlers!" It is advisable, also, to make the ribbons different lengths—the longer ones at the sides of the room, the shorter ones in the center where the guests will be walking and dancing. From the local record shop, we were lucky to get display posters of well-known band leaders popular with the children, and these were placed around the room, too. About a month before the party, we wrote to some band leaders and vocalists, asking for their autographed pictures. These, as decorations, were a great attraction. As a final touch, we placed, over the entrance to the living room, a sign which read, "Through This Door Pass the Holders of Some of the World's Best Records."

We discovered that, for some of our guests, this was their first evening party—a big event. To make the most of this, we had an official greeter. A neighbor's older son volunteered his services for the evening. He stood at the door, well in advance of 8:30, ready to welcome and put at his ease anyone who arrived early. On a table near the door was a box of gummed labels and a fountain pen, so the guest's name could be put on the record he was asked to bring. The records were put into a box so none would be broken.

When all the guests arrived, we had a "party starter" to get the festivities under way. Most of the children had been to dancing school together, so we knew they could dance and would enjoy it. To make the choosing of their first partners a novel event, we gave each boy and girl a cardboard phonograph record slightly larger than the invitation records. These were labelled with the names of popular songs. Each song appeared on two records. The game was to match their titles and so discover their partners for the first dance. (We collected the records when the dancing began so we could use them again later in the evening in the event the activities seemed to be slowing down more than was wise.)

After a period of dancing, we announced the next feature—a record-guessing contest. We played a portion of three recordings for each guest. To the ones who identified their records correctly, we gave a pair of tickets for neighborhood theater.

The next item in the record theme was home recording. We have a recording set, so one of the highlights of the party became the playing back of the records we made of their

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voices. Our guest of honor was an accomplished pianist, so we recorded her playing. At one time during the evening, we hid the microphone behind the sofa and recorded some of the conversations without the children knowing it was being done. They got a tremendous thrill when they heard their chatter played back!

We found in a record shop some amusing old records—a laughing one, another of someone learning to play the trombone, old waltzes, and early jazz. We played short bits of these, and the guests enjoyed them.

Before serving the refreshments, we played the records the guests had brought with them. We ran each record about one-quarter of the way through and asked the children to clap after each portion. We timed the clapping by the clock. The owner of the record receiving the most applause was the winner of a popular and recent recording. It was interesting to see which record each child favored—his own or the others'.

While final preparations for the refreshments were being made, our young guests were entertained with the "Magic Square" game. (Reprinted by permission of J. B. Lippincott Co. from *Three Hundred and One Things a Bright Girl Can Do* by Jean Stewart.) They asked the Square questions like "Shall I be popular in my new school?"; "Shall I marry young?"; "Shall I have a chance to sing with a big orchestra?" This is how this "Magic Square" game is played:

The one asking the Square a question closes his eyes and points to a letter. The letter chosen is written down. Suppose that letter is "A"—the third row down, third letter in. Then, proceeding horizontally across the square, in that row, count off five letters. The fifth will be an "N"; this is written beside the "A". When that row has been counted off, continue from the left in the row immediately below. The next fifth letter is "D", and this is written beside the

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"N". When the last letter—on the right—of the bottom row is reached, begin, left to right, with the top row. Count off the letters until the letter with which the answer was started is reached. This completes the answer to the wish. In this case the answer would read: "AND ATTAIN THY WISH WAIT." The final word, "wait" must be placed at the beginning and the answer then reads correctly. Various answers

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are possible and always applicable. Refreshment time was the climax of the evening. Up to this point, the party had stressed past records—and phonograph records. The table decorations were planned to honor the "starry futures" of our guests. A tribute to the guest of honor, written on a mirror, sparkled at one end of the table. A wreath of daisies surrounded the mirror. If at your party there is no individual guest of honor, and this bit of decoration seems less applicable than you wish, a floral centerpiece of daisies, flanked by white candles in daisy-encircled holders, will be equally effective. At the other end of the table, a small toy piano rested on a silver-covered box. Ribbons dotted with daisies led from each guest's place into the box which held the "inspirations." These were small, handbag mirrors which bore individual predictions: "Jane, our Fiction Editor," etc.; they were concealed in pert daisy wrappings until dislodged by a pull on the ribbons. Place cards were daisy nose-gays.

The refreshments were small sandwiches, fruit punch, candies—and a cake. It was the *pièce de résistance*! Made and decorated to look like a book, the cake is most unusual and as wonderful to look at as it is to eat. Instructions: Double the recipe for a butter cake and bake in two 10" by 5" by 3" loaf pans. When the cakes are baked, place them together

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An important factor in a successful party for the junior-high age group is that the festivities are concluded at the time stated on the invitation. Ours said, "8:30 to 12:30," so we timed the serving of refreshments to be finished shortly after twelve. The food and the table decorations were received as enthusiastically as the rest of the party had been, and it was a great satisfaction to see how reluctant they all were to leave. Though punning is universally frowned upon, when one of the guests grinned and said, "This was a *record* party," we nodded enthusiastically; we agreed entirely.

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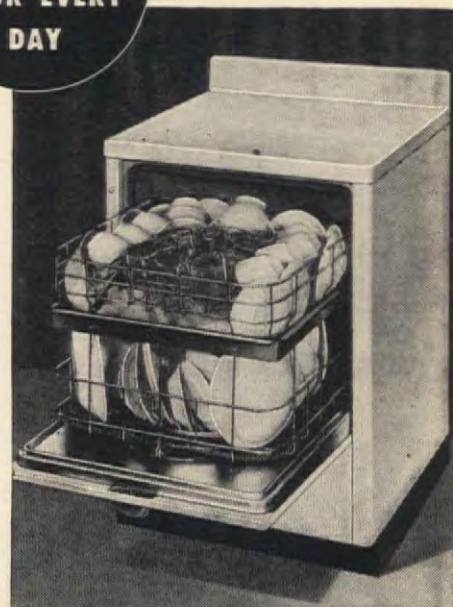
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Now, all players have five cards on table. Dealer takes second full deck of cards for following five steps:

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3. and 4. "Put and Take" . . . "Put": Dealer shuffles full deck. Holding cards face down, he places first card face up in front of him. If, for example, it were a three, he would say, "Three put 1." Anyone holding a three puts one chip in pool. (The dealer doesn't forfeit chips, because he wins what is left in pot—though he must make up any deficiency.) Next, he turns up a second card—a king—and calls, "Kings put 2." Any player having a king—or kings—"puts" two chips for each king. This continues, with one more chip each time, through drawing of five cards. "Take" means just that. It is a reversal of the "Put" routine.

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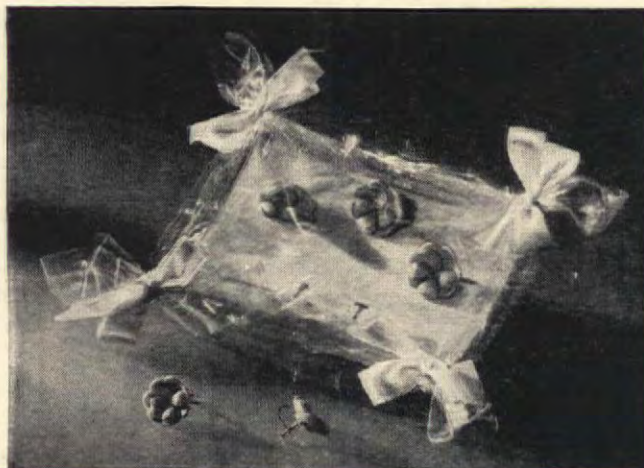
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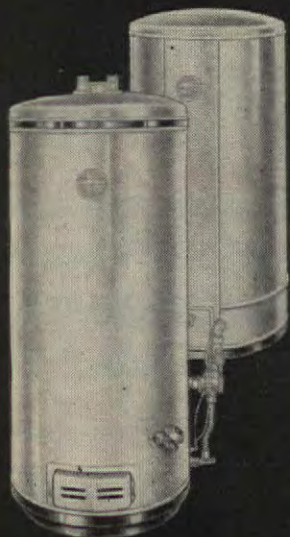
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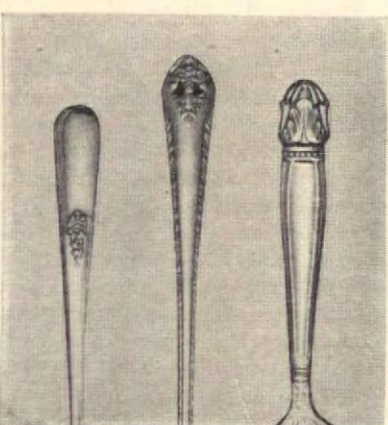
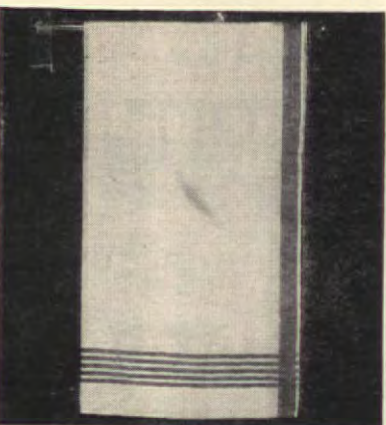
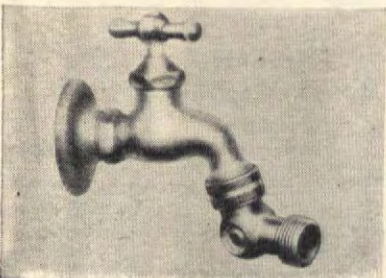
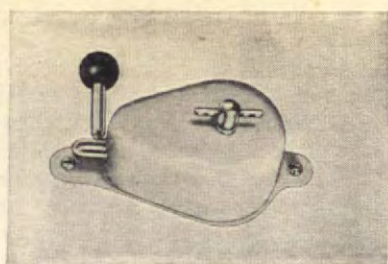
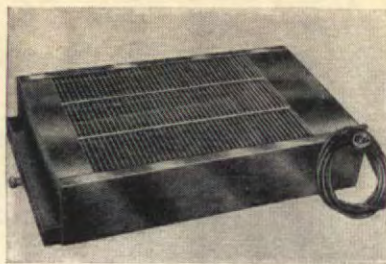
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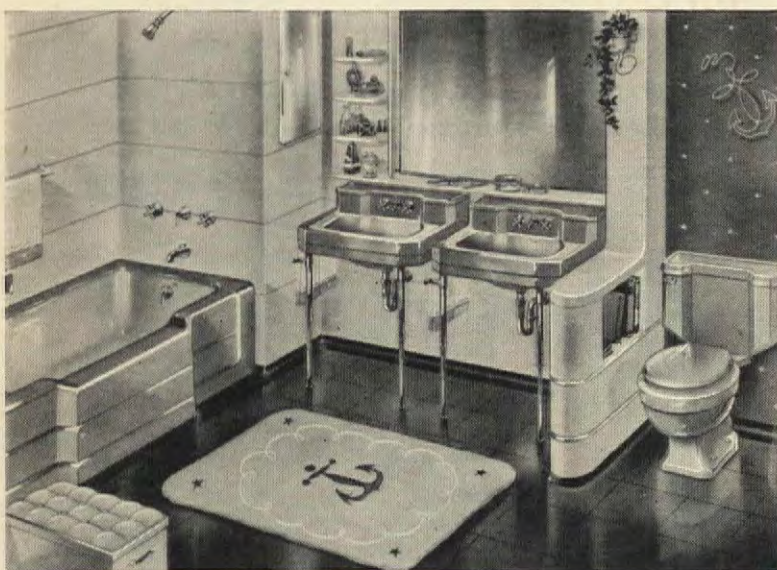
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**Correction:** We regret that incorrect prices were quoted for the Dirillite flatware shown in our April issue on page 154. A single place setting of six pieces should have been \$11.20; the fifty-piece set should have been \$99.50.

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