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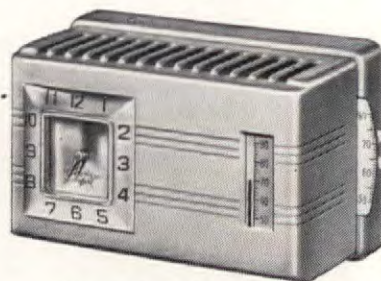
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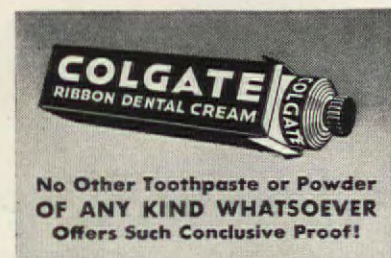
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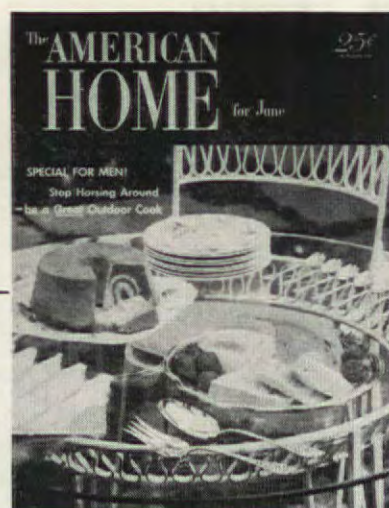
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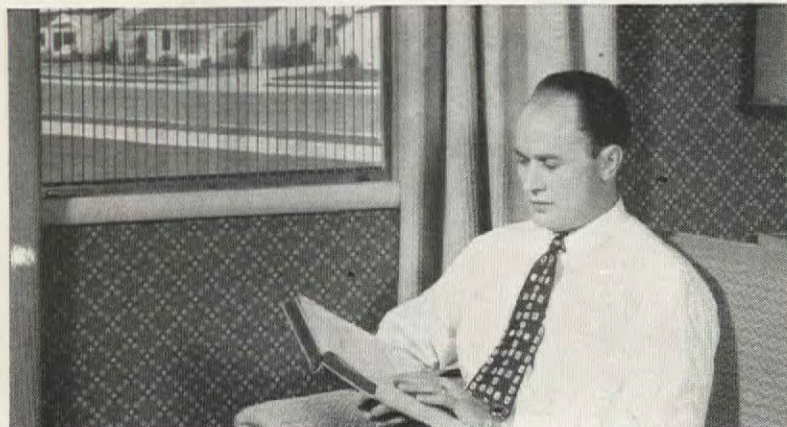
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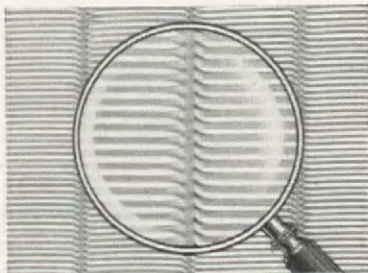
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. . . PEARL BANK STEWARD is one half of the resourceful team of young interior design and color consultants who completely transformed the living room of the R. S. Johnsons' house without tearing down a single wall (see page 40). Originally Mrs. Steward was a writer, and her fine flair for color was not used professionally until she called in specialist **KLAUS PFEFFER** to remodel one of the rooms in her own home. Working together on that project, they discovered that their combined talents had the makings of a winning team, and since that time they have collaborated in the design of many interiors in the San Francisco region. Pfeffer's study of architecture at the University of California was interrupted by an automobile accident which confined him to his home for some years. During that period, however, he redesigned several rooms in his parents' home, and the publication of one of them in a national magazine was the beginning of his successful career.



. . . RUTH DOUGLAS ROPKA, whose special talent and hobby is rug designing, believes that rug-making not only satisfies the urge to create, but has a definite therapeutic value. Her use of color in braided rugs is new, with shadings that give a "decorator" effect instead of the hit-and-miss coloring of old-time rugs. Born in Virginia, she attended college in Washington, D.C., and taught school for three years. Mother of three children, she is twice a grandmother.



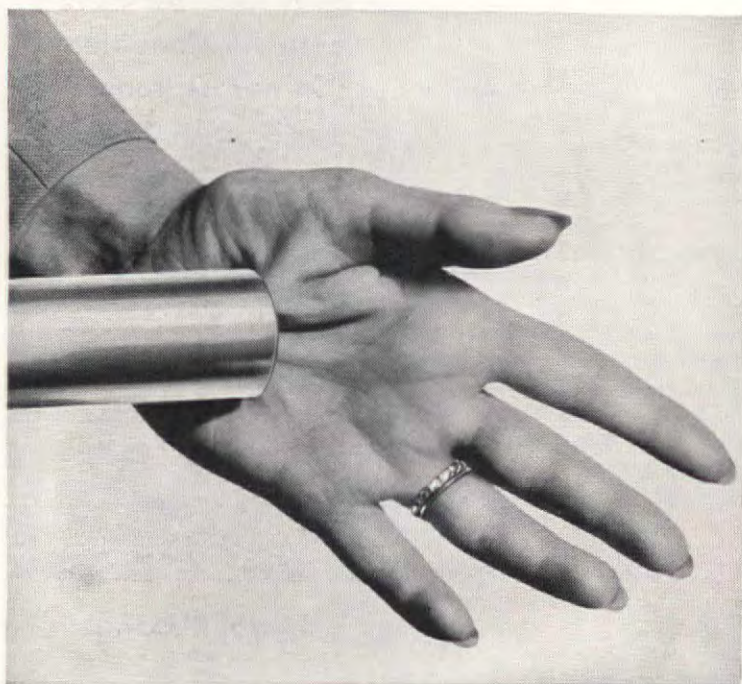
. . . ANNE LEE, feature writer and former newspaper reporter, has a well-trained "nose for news," a professional and personal interest in architecture. Together, they lead her to such worth-while discoveries as the "Good Little House" we publish on page 34. She was born in Chicago and educated in New York City where she now lives—weekdays, that is. But whenever their work permits, she and her husband are to be found in the home they own in Connecticut.



. . . HELEN E. HEMBERGER says she's an "ordinary American housewife" with a husband and 17-year-old daughter. Her secondary interests include free-lance writing, growing flowers, evergreens, and house plants ("African Violets," page 49), traveling to distant places with strange-sounding names, and comparing homes under construction with her own, seeking adaptable ideas. She was educated at Ursuline Academy, and is a life-long resident of Springfield, Ill.



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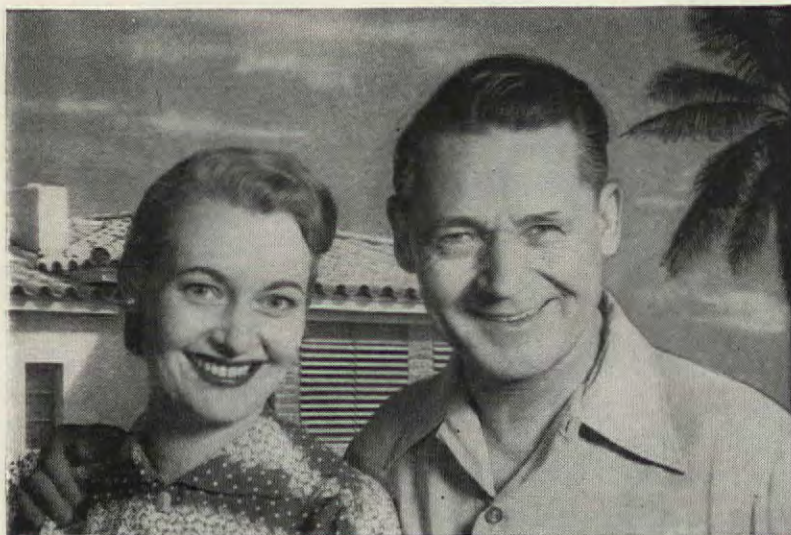


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Back in '35, things weren't going so well at the office. Like most everyone else, we had salary cuts. But one friend of mine—Jim Morse—was hardly bothered at all. "I'm going to retire anyway," he said. "I'll be selling the house and packing up for Florida." How he could afford it I couldn't figure, because he never made more than a comfortable living.

"The answer is simple," said Jim, "a fellow's got to look ahead. He's got to realize he won't always be forty. He won't always be able to keep plugging at the same old job. He shouldn't have to, either. With his family grown, he can live well on a lot less."

"Yes, but how can you plan today?" I asked.

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income you can retire on no matter what happens. It's called the Phoenix Mutual Retirement Income Plan. I started mine fifteen years ago and never felt happier! Now, pretty soon, I'll be getting my first check and retiring."

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Off Your Chest



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Dear Anonymous:

Why not read our column, "Off Your Chest?"—ED.

DO-IT-YOURSELF!

Dear Editor:

After reading many articles about the splendid results obtained through ideas, paint, and elbow grease, I attempted to follow suit. I had the requirements, but you neglected to say what should be done when two children (boy 4½, girl 22 mos.) and a 10-weeks-old puppy are included.

My paint did not dry overnight . . . it rained . . . days of Terror began. The baby thought "Don't touch paint" was a fine new game. . . . Know any good way to remove dog hairs from painted surfaces? . . . One of my assistants blew contents of an ash tray onto wet paint—gave it that "did-it-all-myself" look . . . The place is a wreck and ditto for me! Darn your tempting articles!

—FRANKIE DAHL

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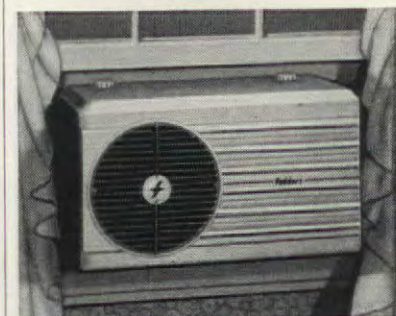
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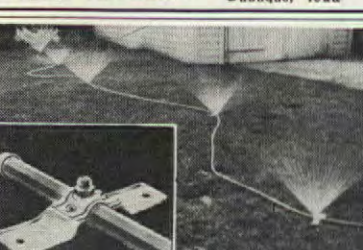
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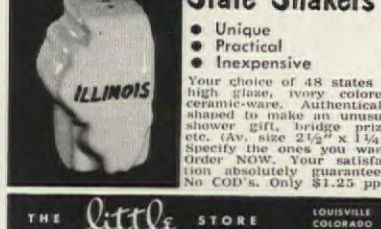
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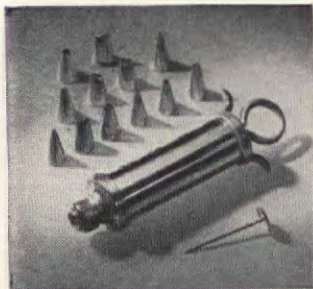
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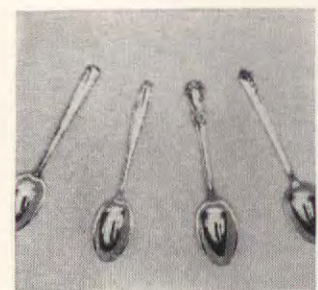
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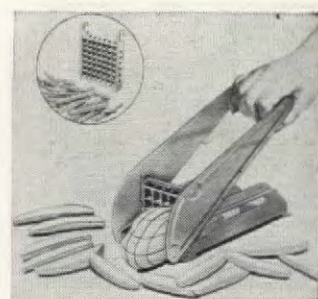
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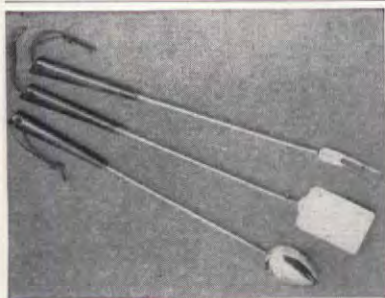
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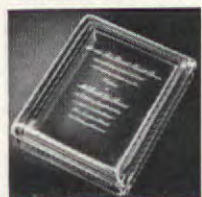
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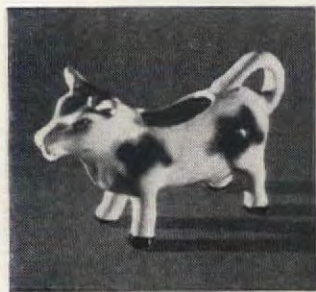
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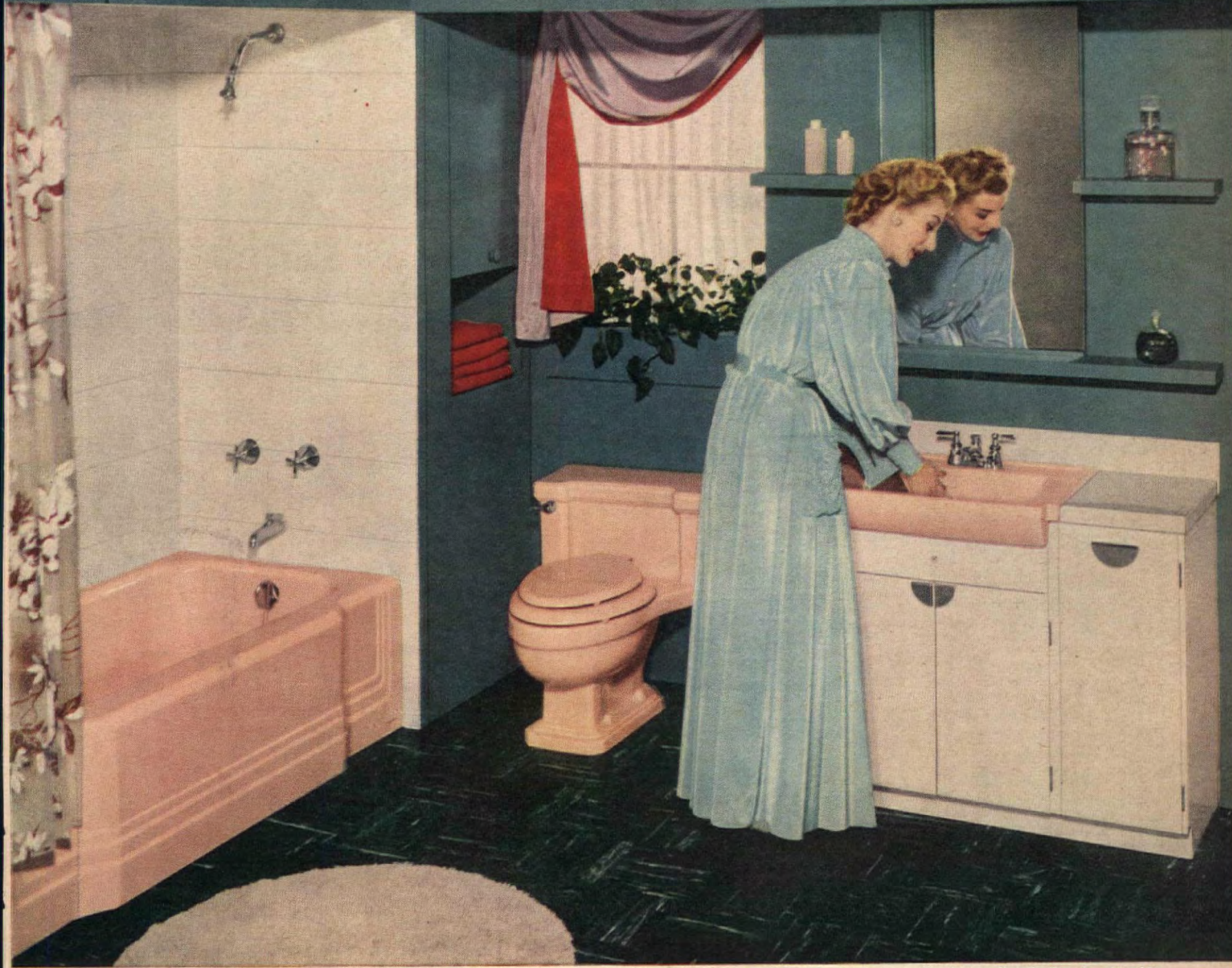
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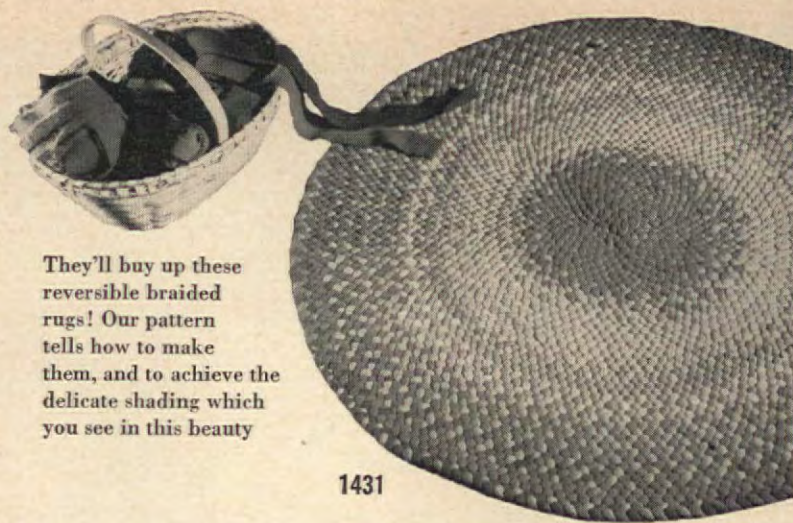
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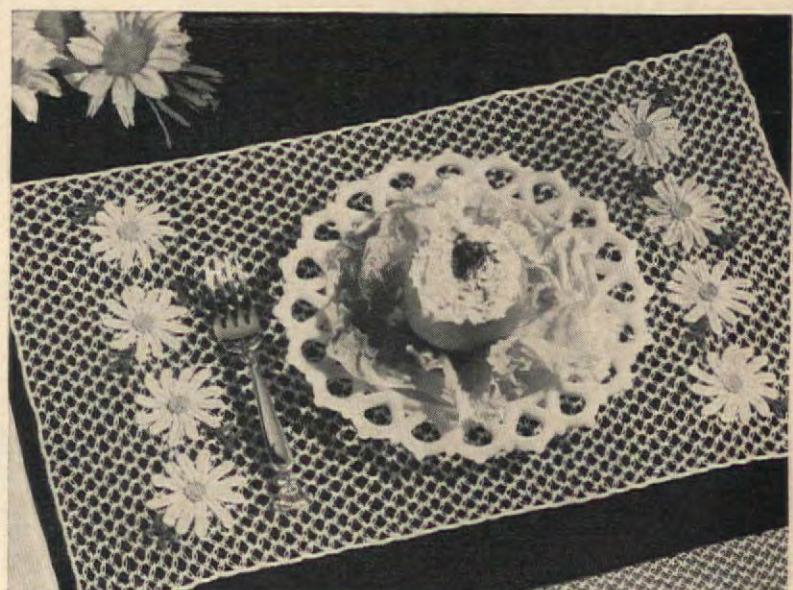
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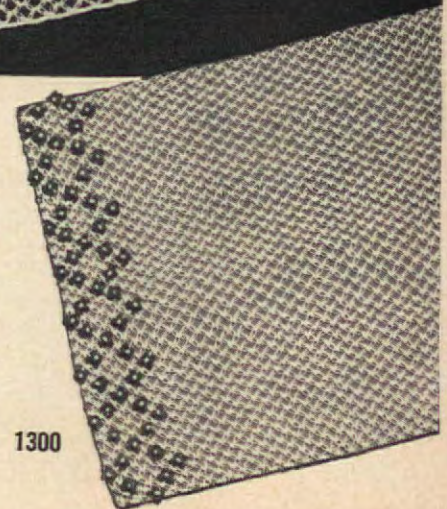


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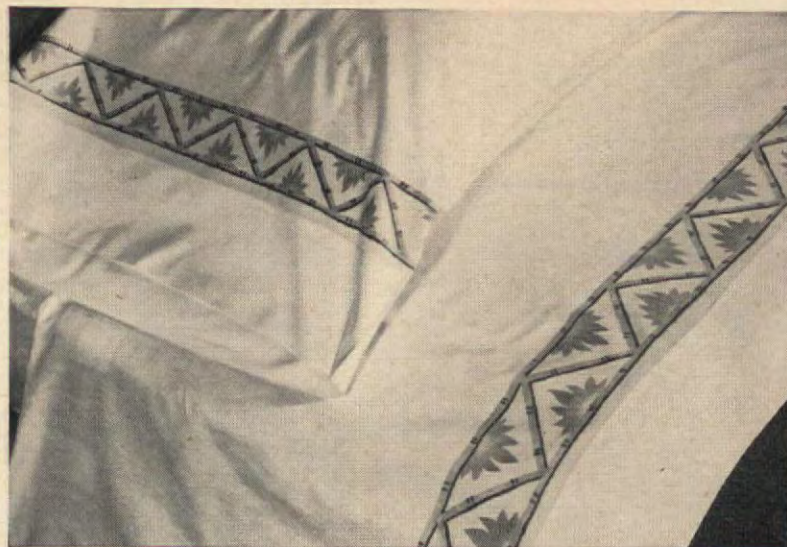
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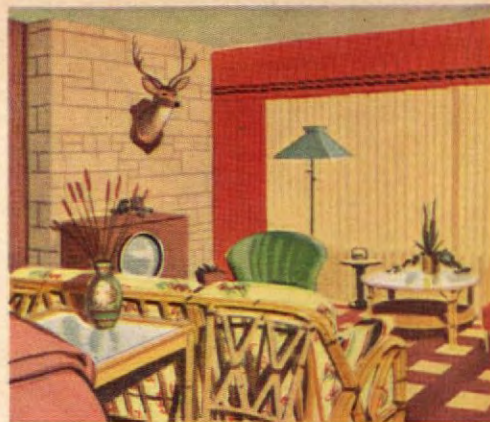
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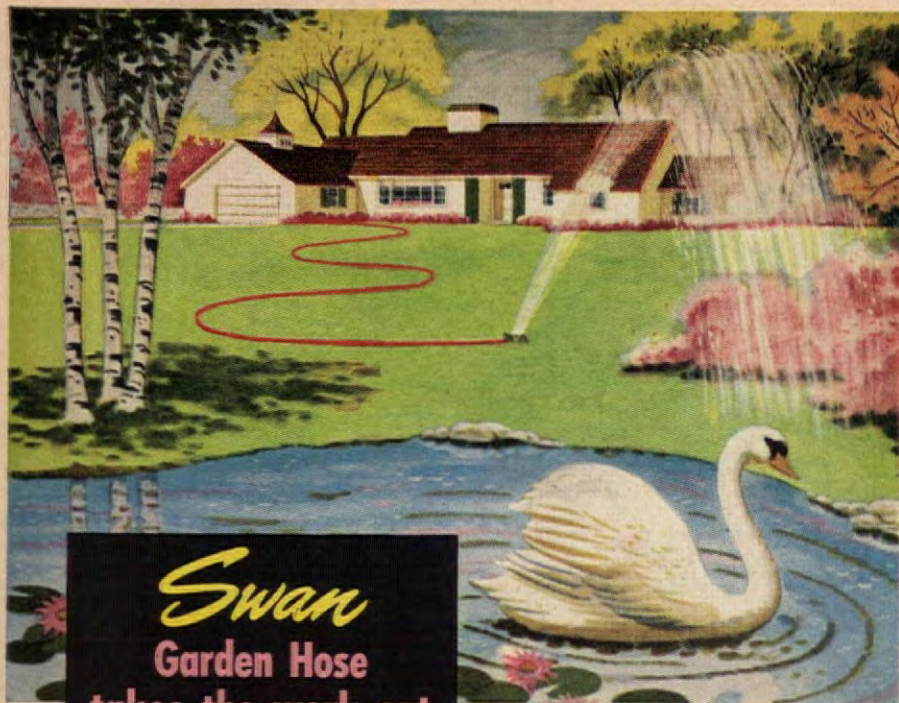
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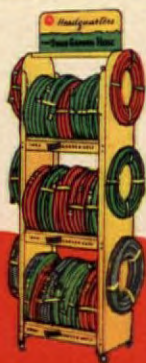
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How We Work



That broom is a sort of undercover "cover girl" this month, for it played a part in the still-life which leads off this issue to symbolize a good moment on a fine summer's day. For your pleasure at just such a moment, we wanted our cover to show you how some of our comeliest comestibles could look, served

out of doors. Of course, we might have photographed them in our studio—but that wasn't good enough, not even with all of the tricks that we know. Nothing but the real thing can get the "feel" of a late afternoon in the open, a suggestion of a cool breeze and the smell of the greenery. So we set a real table with real goodies on Editor Jean Austin's terrace. Because the sun was wayward the first day we tried it, we repeated the performance twice, and took many pictures each time to be sure we'd get the color effect we were after. The second time was last October. As we waited for just the right instant (when the sun was strong and the wind not too frisky) we shot the picture above: while Editor Austin wields the broom to keep stray leaves away from the glass-topped table, Art Director Bartel and the Food Department's Vera Bjorck fuss over details which show up so prettily on the cover. Below, you see pleasant AMERICAN HOMEWORK at the taste-testing bar in our office. A dessert for "Take a Package of Ice Cream" (page 62) is served by the Food Department's Catherine Duffy to staff members—who all approved the recipe! Left to right, they're Bob Mahn (Production), Ruthellen Ilshoefer (Food), Allan Slattery (Art), Barrie Bassett (Production) and Art Editor Ed Fortuna.

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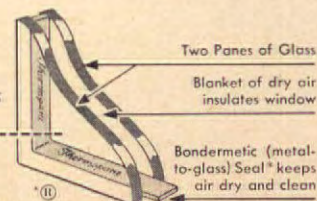


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Glamour first came into the room with the beautifully designed floor of Armstrong's Linoleum, and with it came the color that ties the whole decorative scheme together so nicely. The graceful leaf design, used wall to wall, gives the room much of the warmth, the richness that's so important to successful decorating. Sweeping val-

ances were added as a foil for the soft flowing draperies and their colorful fringe.

Extra-wide pale-blue draw curtains made the small window seem larger and provided a dramatic background for the expansive dressing table. Full-length mirrors at either end of the closet give the room an illusion of spaciousness.

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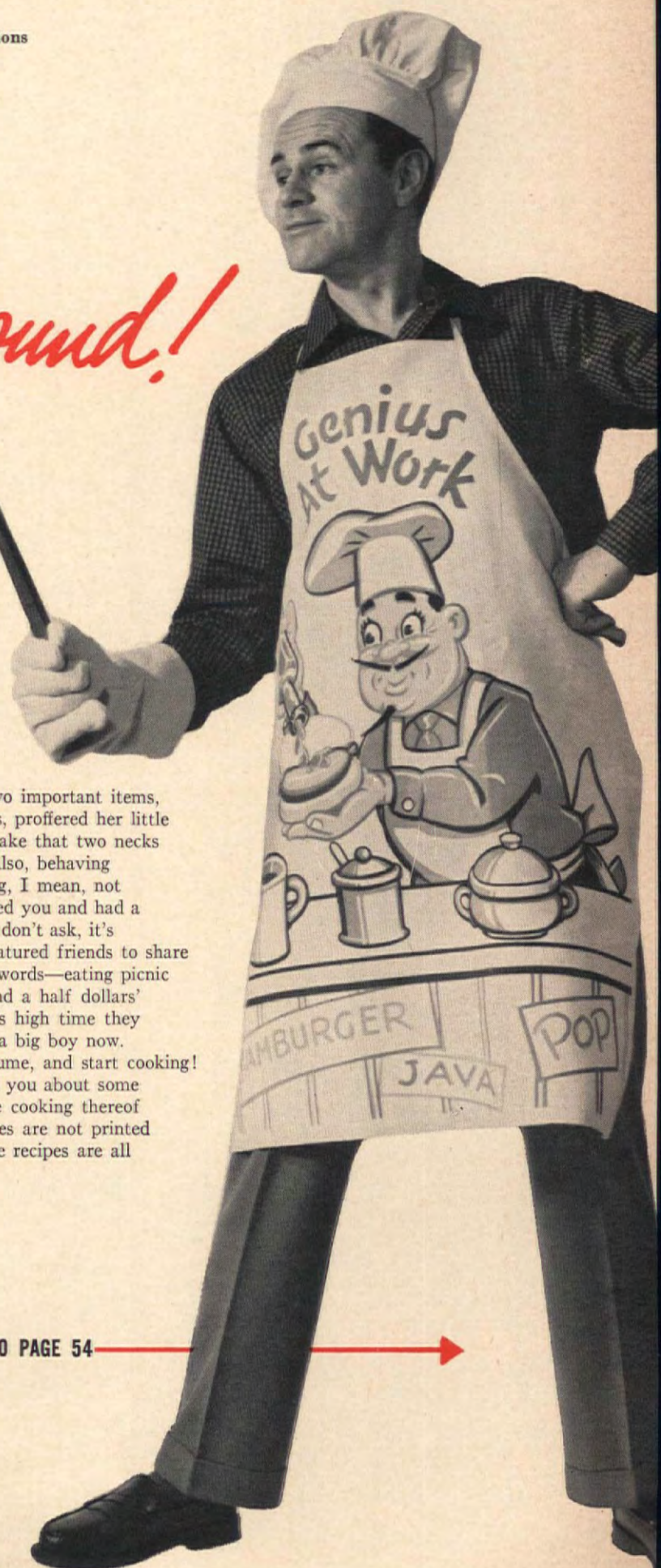
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Stop Horsing Around!

JEAN AUSTIN

This country of ours spends more than a billion and a half per year for outdoor living. A great part of this is naturally for outdoor cooking and eating facilities. The figure does not include the cost of the food cooked thereon, therein, or thereout, nor does it include the cost of the liquid accompaniments preceding, during, or following same. Considering the omission of those two important items, it's a right tidy sum, eh? . . . Now when Mary, Queen of Scots, proffered her little white neck, albeit unwillingly, she behaved like a lady. Well, make that two necks and two ladies, for Brother, am I ever sticking my neck out! Also, behaving like a lady because I propose to tell you how to do it—cooking, I mean, not beheading! I jolly well believe it's high time someone buttonholed you and had a little serious talk with you, Sir. If you ask me, and even if you don't ask, it's high time you stopped expecting your loving family and good-natured friends to share the best days of their lives—their summer week ends, in other words—eating picnic foods while you put on an Eagle Scout act against a billion and a half dollars' worth of backdrop. If you want to get belligerent about it, it's high time they stopped asking you to do it, too. Fun is fun, but Papa, you're a big boy now. It's time you stopped horsing around—take off the comic costume, and start cooking! And, just to prove there're no hard feelings between us, I'll tell you about some genuinely top-flight eating, not omitting first-class drama in the cooking thereof (see page 54). Strictly against our usual procedure, these recipes are not printed in the issue itself for Mama's prying eyes to ferret out, but the recipes are all yours for the asking (see page 56). Now for some chef talk.

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The Milliers went modern inside and out

Identical floor plans in both, except one is reversed left-to-right. Changes in placement of garage, two opposite theories of decorating, give each house a vastly different personality

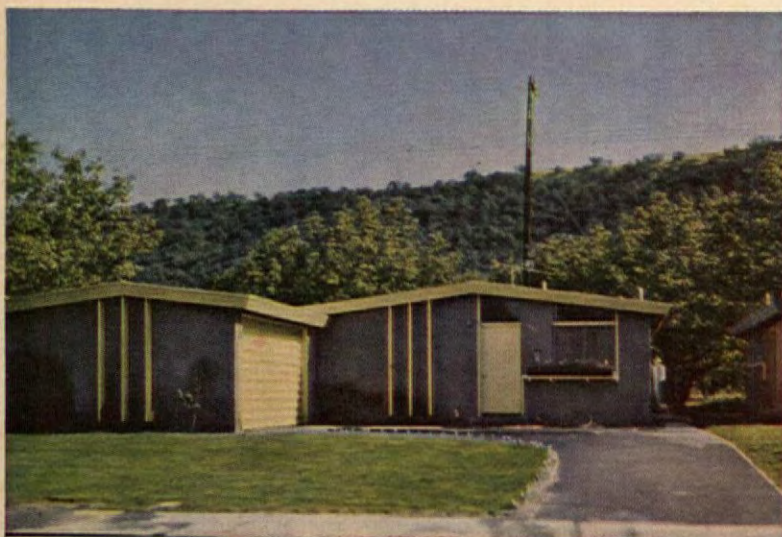
The Arthur Milliers chose clean-lined furnishings from the best modern designers (Eames, McCobb, Van Keppel-Green) and arranged them against subtle gray-tan walls. They like pale woods and modern off-tone colors, an absence of clutter. Aside from furnishings and decorations, their theories are further different from the Andersons. Mrs. Millier likes to keep the accordion door folded back all the time, chats with her guests while she is cooking, likes the feeling of space you sense when the two rooms seem part of each other. Their way of living seems more casual than the Anderson's schedule.

The Millier living room has a high strip of window over the sofa—which the Andersons do not have—to provide a glimpse of sky and mountain tops in the distance. This wall is on the street side—only the kitchen windows look into the street, so the living room has complete privacy. Both houses have 3 bedrooms. The Milliers use one for a guest room, one for a study.

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2 Families Buy 2 Modern Houses

ETHEL Mc CALL HEAD



That's the Arthur L. Millier's house at top. Entrance is near the middle; as you walk in the kitchen is to your left, living room to right. The O. P. Anderson's house, just down the street, is the same plan "flipped" or reversed. Their kitchen is to right as you enter, living room to left. Yet both garages are at left. Different exterior color schemes set them apart.

The Andersons had quite a different idea

The O. P. Andersons chose comfortable Colonial furnishings for their house. They love the familiar traditional forms, the mellow glow of pine and maple woods, the inward coziness that these furnishings suggest. The theory here is more one of shutting out the outside world to emphasize the inner joys of home and family. Their walls are an uncomplicated sunny yellow which harmonizes nicely with the brown sofa and document print on the chairs.

Mrs. Anderson does not like kitchen activities on view when she is preparing a meal, keeps the accordion door almost closed most of the time. She keeps copper pots and pottery bowls filled with growing things perched atop the cross-beam, away from the curious fingers of the two children. She likes the friendly touches of puffy plaid pillows in the sofa corners, a gay touch of color in the ruching on the lamp shades.

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The Milliers

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Both master bedrooms are at the rear of the house. The Millier bedroom is utterly simple, looks almost underfurnished, expresses *their* theory of what decoration (or lack of it) should be. The monochromatic color scheme in shades of off-green makes the room seem more spacious than it really is, and the restraint in accessories furthers this illusion. Too, the color palette is like that of the outdoors; there is no sharp division of color to stop the eye as it travels out to the leafy view beyond the floor-length window. The Milliers placed their headboard-less bed against the back wall; in the Anderson room, below, a chest of drawers occupies this comparative position. These bedrooms have 10½-foot-long wardrobe closets opposite the window walls, and there is a 9½-foot wardrobe in each of the second bedrooms. Beautiful planning in a house comprising only 960 square feet, selling in the neighborhood of \$8700.

At left, a view from the Millier's kitchen through the length of the living room out to the enclosed patio at the side of the house. Typical of the Millier's way of life is the fact that these curtains are nearly always open—since the patio is completely protected, privacy is no problem.

The board fence sheltering the patio is of redwood planks, finished like the rest of the house in a weathered silver color. From the street it looks like a continuation of the house itself. Outside trim is painted yellow. Cork is used for flooring in the living room and kitchen; asphalt tile is the flooring in all other areas.



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The Anderson bedroom is homey and cheerful, a modern setting with fondness for good things of the past. Walls are painted a lovely shade of blue and Mrs. Anderson chose a deeper blue and white print for draperies and matching gathered dust-ruffle on the bed. The chenille spread looks crisp and white; touches of red accent the room with color.

Floor-length windows here, too, open on the side of the house. The Andersons have not developed their yard and terrace to the same degree as the Milliers, and there's a reason: the two Anderson youngsters whiz about on tricycles with complete unconcern for tender flowers and plants. The yard is theirs, say the Andersons—flowers can come later.

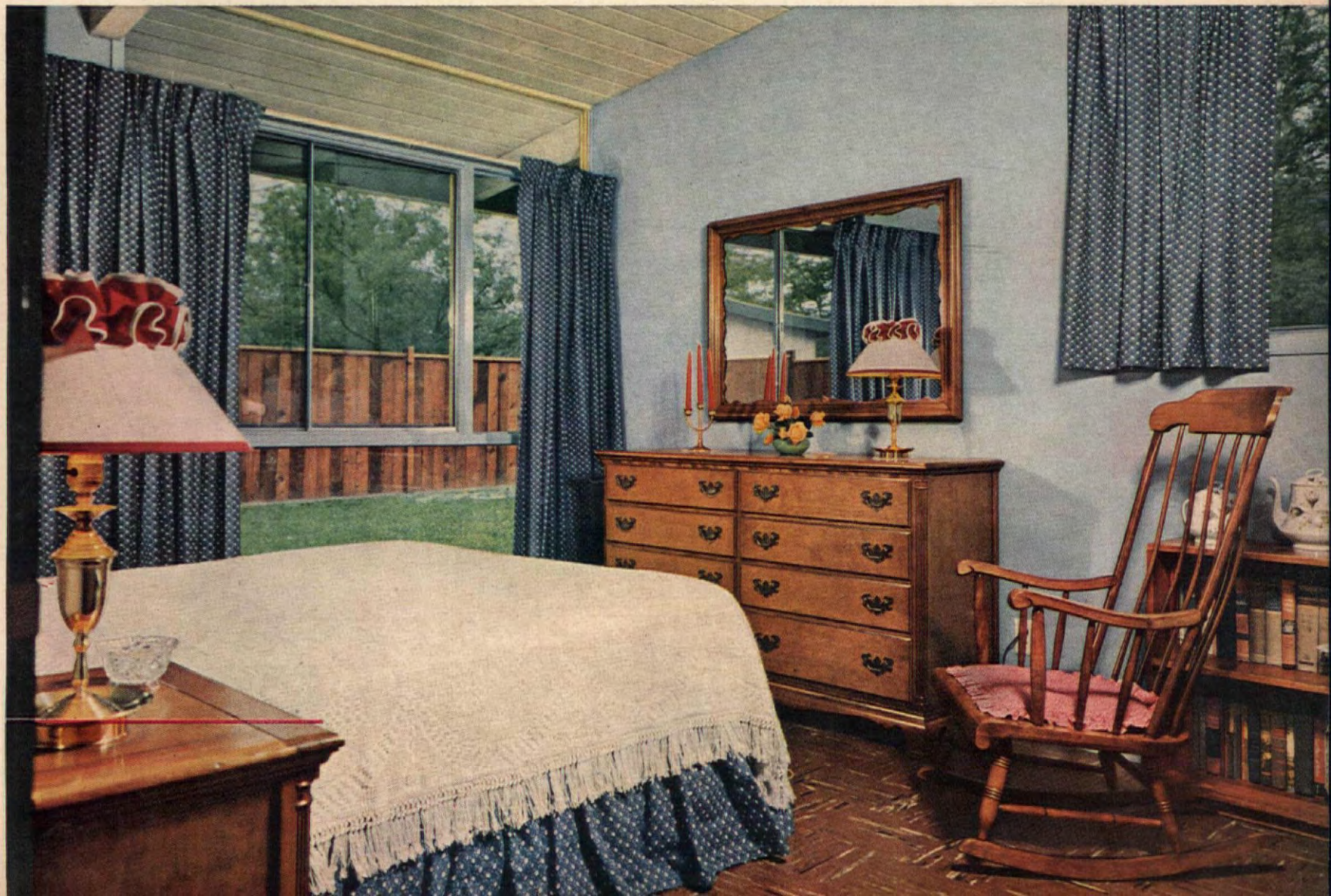
Left, another view of the Anderson's living room. Partly because the terrace is delayed, but partly because they like the warm feeling of intimacy it brings, the wall-to-wall draw curtains are usually snugly closed in the evening.

Ceilings in both the houses are 2" x 6" tongue and groove. V-jointed Douglas Fir with 4" x 10" rafters, 7 feet on center. These shallow gables make a simple rectangle easily divided into room areas. Ceilings give a pleasant woody character to the houses and a sense of spaciousness, since ceiling is higher than in a conventional house.

Dwellers in tract houses or builders' developments can learn a few lessons from these rooms. Any house, no matter how similar to how many neighbors, inside and out, can take on the personality and way of life of its owners. If you're suffering that "peas in a pod" feeling—could it be your own fault?

The Andersons

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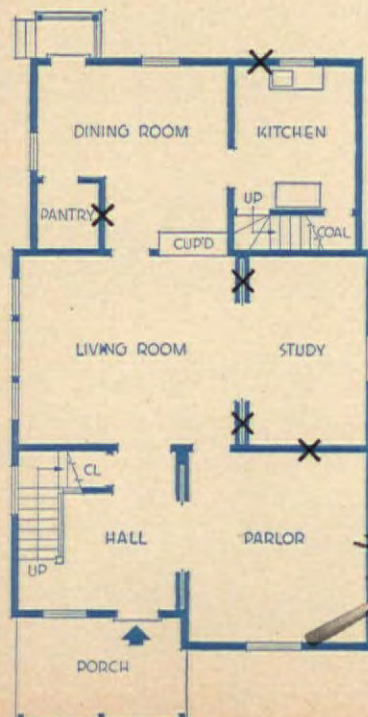
A SUCCESS STORY

This House

MASSIVE CORNICE WAS RIPPED FROM HOUSE, gable on front was removed to simplify roof line. New cedar shingles were nailed over old clap-board siding, stained gray; trim is white

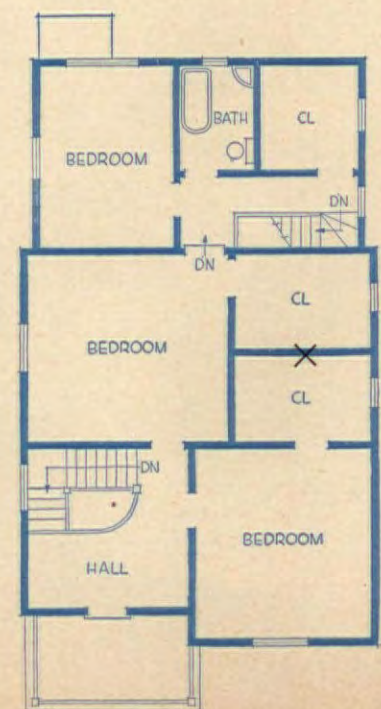


NEW PORCH WAS BUILT onto south side of house. Louvered panels at corners give feeling of substance to porch, make it seem more a part of main structure



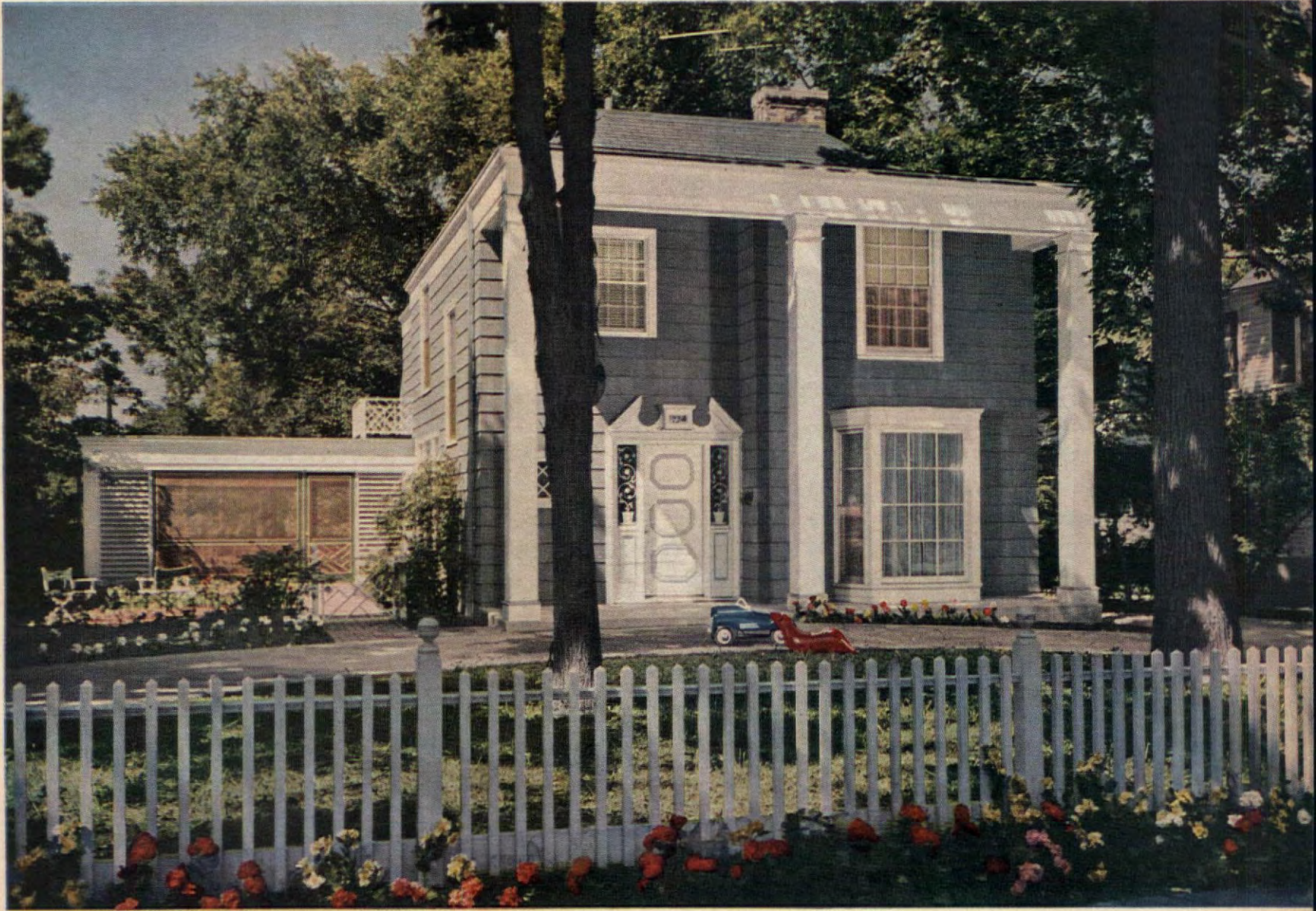
GAY 90'S POSTS CAME OFF tacky front porch. Roof was extended, stately pillars erected to form portico. Good-looking door, a big bay window, further improved front façade

"BEFORE" PLANS SHOW CRAMPED ROOMS, bad traffic lanes. Downstairs, walls were knocked out to enlarge living room and kitchen. Upstairs, walls came down to make extra bedroom from two closets. Another bedroom lost a few feet to make a hallway. Contrast with "after" plans, opposite

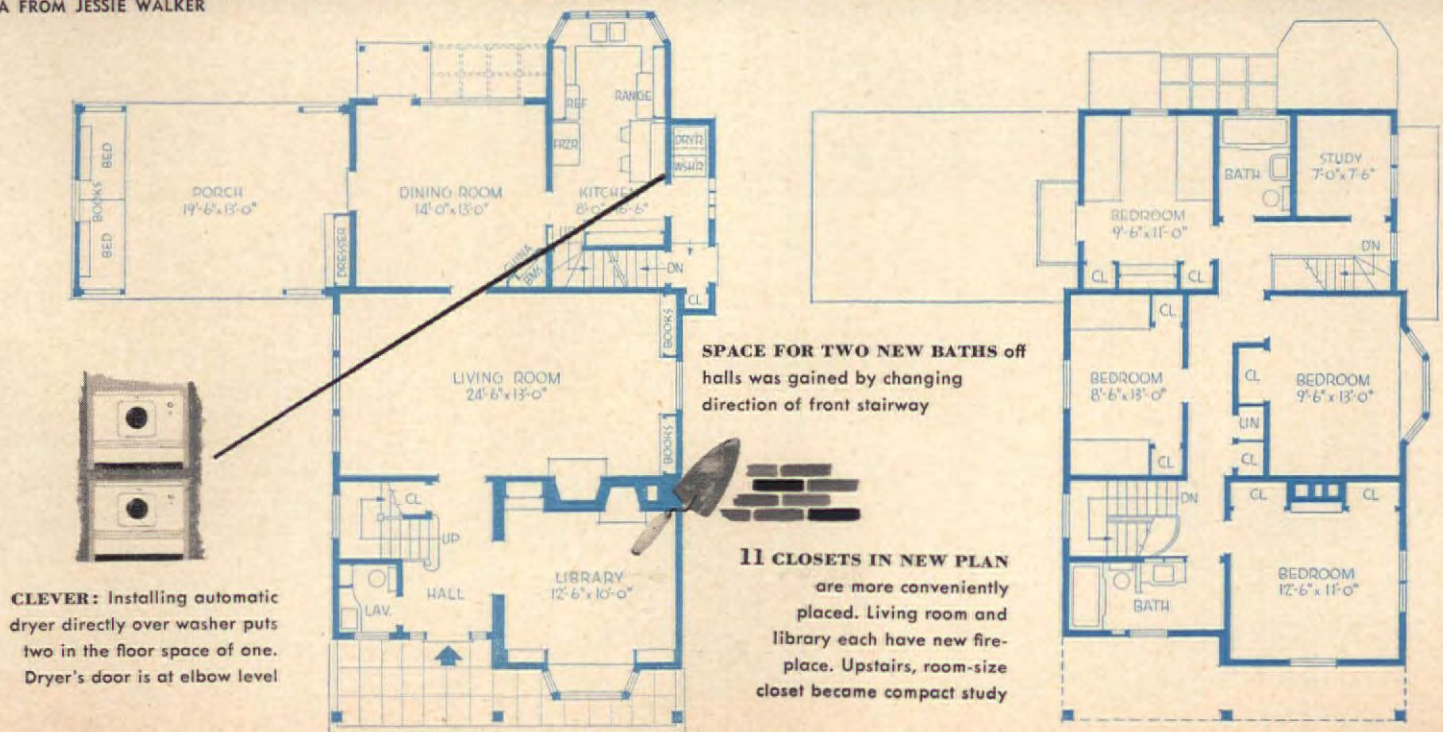


Is 80 Years Old!

OWNER-ARCHITECT: F. CLARE HINKLEY
GLENCOE, ILLINOIS



DATA FROM JESSIE WALKER



OWNERS: MR. & MRS. JOSEPH STARKE, POUND RIDGE, N.Y.
ARCHITECTS: SHERWOOD, MILLS & SMITH



Vanishing dining area is a cinch to use. Between meals, table on tracks stays in the kitchen. It's set there,

then slid out into living room for use. After dessert, it returns to the kitchen for clearing. Panels close off opening when table is in kitchen

ANNE LEE

From its sunlit, multi-purpose basement to its sun-deflecting roof, this small home deep in Westchester County is jam-packed with good modern ideas, most of them not a bit "standard." They're good ideas for you if you'd like to enjoy country surroundings from inside your house; if you want space, but no complicated upkeep; flowers, but no slavery to an ambitious garden. The young Joseph Starkes who live here demanded that everything in the house work for *them*. They got just what they wanted in this house.

That sunken garden at your left enabled their architect to pull off a hatful of tricks. It was a happy accident here, for it was built in the foundations of an older house. But if you'd like a bright basement, plus a place in which to concentrate your gardening, it would pay you to excavate for one just like it. As you can see, the sunken area enabled the Starkes to have a large triple window in the basement, a window which faces south and brings in so much sun that it's a source of light for an excellent playroom as well as for a basement "greenhouse" which flourishes right behind the window. Outside, this is their only flower garden, and a fine succession of blooms grow in stoop-free raised beds.

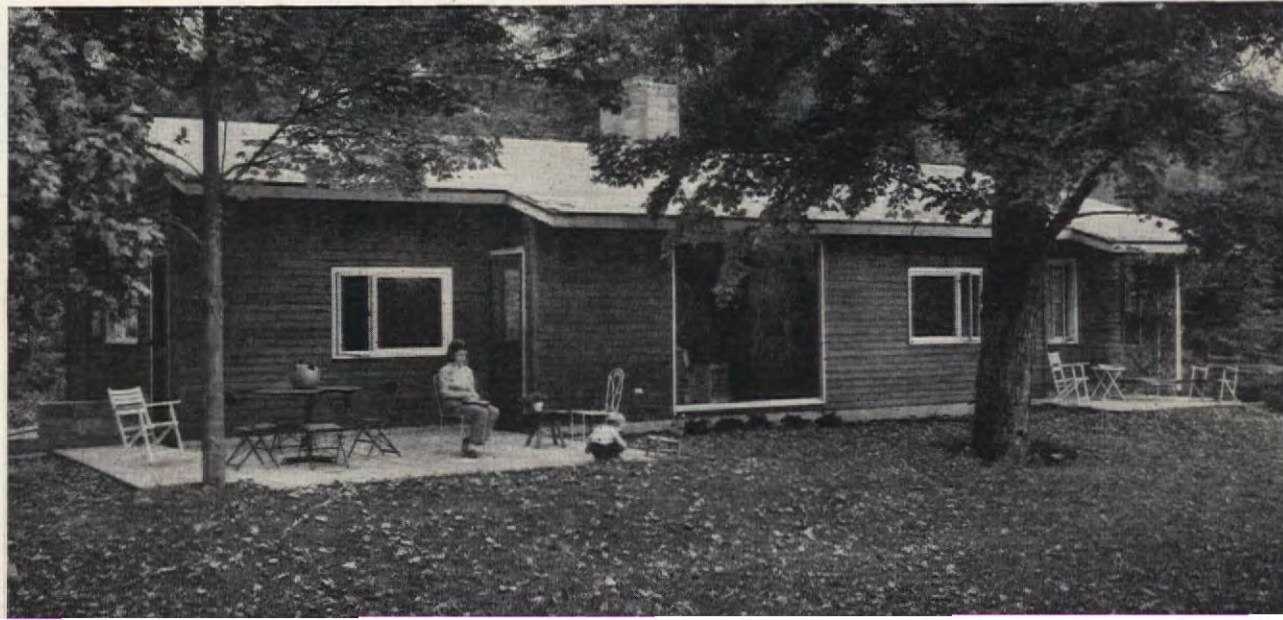
The exterior, handsomely punctuated by that sweep of triple window,

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Pass-through for telephone keeps it where it's wanted. By day, it stays on the living-room desk. At night, it slides through to the master bedroom



Good Little House—*Good Ideas!*



JACK ZEHRT

1. Threaded pipe carries wire through bottle. To drill hole in bottle bottom for pipe, sharpen point on 3-cornered file, insert in drill chuck, moisten with turpentine, and drill $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. hole in bottle



2. To keep lamp from scratching, pad bottom with $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. foam rubber, cut to fit. To hold wire, cut a $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. slit in rubber, from center to one side. Glue pad on after wiring and decorations are complete



PROP THIS UP OVER YOUR WORK BENCH—IT'S ALL HERE



4. If you use a wooden plug, taper it to make it fit the bottle neck firmly. Do this with a rasp file after you have inserted pipe in the plug

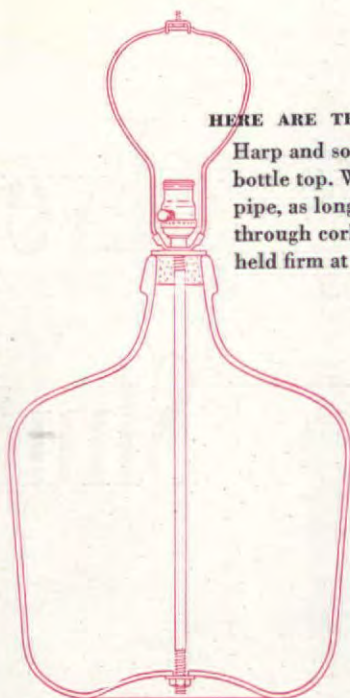
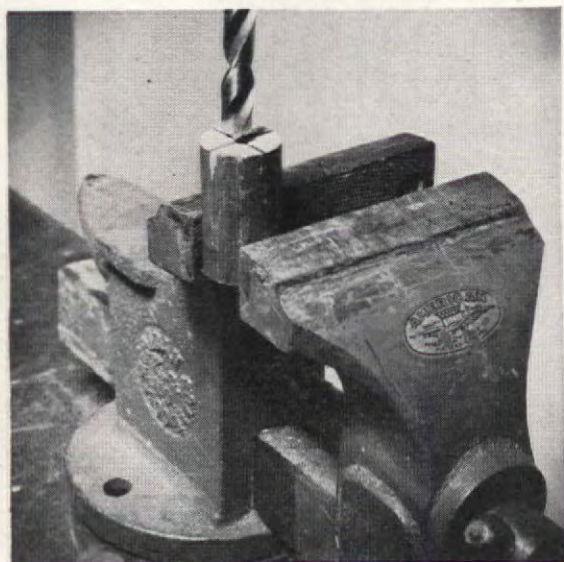


5. Attach socket, wire, and harp for shade. Secure pipe at bottom with washer and nut. Then start decorating by coating bottle with flat enamel

How to Make Old Bottles into

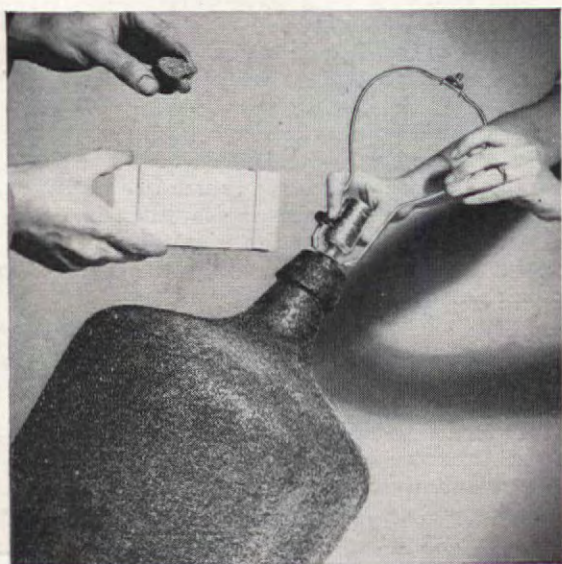
Whether they're commercial demijohns or handsome antique carboys, big bottles make attractive and efficient lamps, wired our way. Decorate their surfaces; or take advantage of the lovely, misty tones of the glass itself

3. To hold the pipe firmly in the neck of the bottle, use a plug made either from snug-fitting cork or a 3-in.-long piece of broomstick. Drill a $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. hole for pipe through the plug.



HERE ARE THE "WORKS"

Harp and socket rest on washer which fits bottle top. Wire is carried by threaded, $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. pipe, as long as the bottle. Pipe passes through cork or wood plug in neck, and is held firm at bottom by washer and nut



6. For a sparkle, use "gold dust" (available at art stores). While paint is wet, sprinkle dust through two pieces of window screening fastened to a box



They needn't all look alike! For lamp above, coat demijohn with flat yellow enamel, stretch fishnet over bottle, top with bamboo shade.

Fat carboy at far left was sprinkled with "gold dust" (see illustration No. 6). In lamp at bottom, handsome antique carboy was left undecorated, and the tall shade is the smoky color of the bottle. For pattern, you can stencil a dark shade with white carnations



Lamps



Owner: Mrs. Ralph Dietrich

BETWEEN TWO ROOMS, folding shutters not only give a nice accent to a wide doorway—they also close a room off when you please. Here they're used between a living room and an entry hall



Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Sumner Blake, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

ON YOUR WINDOWS, adjust them to let in as much—or as little—light as you want, and angle them to trap a breeze. Panels may be window-high, or you can use rows of short panels for great flexibility

OUTSIDE, louvered doors are decorative architecturally when you paint them to contrast with your walls. In warm weather they may be closed to keep the indoors pleasantly cool and airy

Everybody's Shutter Happy!

Poets and painters love shutters because they make such fine symbols of changing moods and times of day—sunlight drips through them at dawn, you can close them to welcome the evening; on fair days they cast dancing shadows, and on dark days they shut out the storms. Modern designers and homeowners love them too, and no wonder—they're handsome and practical, they adjust to control light and air, and they last as long as your house.

What's more, you can now get indoor shutters ready-made, in an enormous variety of sizes, in many wood tones, and in a rainbow of dozens of colors—and that's the real reason why everybody is shutter happy these days! Shutters have been popular in America since early Colonial times, and the Victorians liked them as much as we do. But due to the high cost of custom labor, indoor shutters dropped out of use. Now we have the ready-mades which look as lavish, fit nearly every window, and are priced down to earth.

Another stock item in many local woodworking mills is the movable shutter's close relative, the louver or jalousie, a slatted panel or door whose slats are stationary—they ventilate, but you can't adjust them. They have fancy French names because the style-wise French, who love privacy, sunlight, and good looks, have been using them since way back in the Middle Ages.

Here are some talents of shutters and louvers used inside your house: As doors or on windows, they give you ventilation plus privacy; as closet doors, they prevent mustiness—a warm-climate trick people in cool climates have learned. They make excellent screens and room dividers. They dress your windows whether they're really in use, or just folded back to act as accenting frames. You can play up their woodiness—or paint them any color. A whole decorative scheme can be built around their own fine pattern, yet they're so neutral you can use them with any other patterns.

Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Matson, Dallas, Texas.

Architect: John Astin Perkins



IN BATHS AND BEDROOMS they give privacy plus ventilation. They're good on hard-to-drape narrow windows, and you can buy them in dozens of colors

Owner: Bruce Tebbe, Pacific Palisades, Calif.



THEY DECORATE A HALLWAY when you use them as doors. They have pattern of their own, but they blend with any other pattern, any period of decoration

Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Nye, Wayne, Ill. Architect: Herbert Banse



Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Heinley, Los Angeles

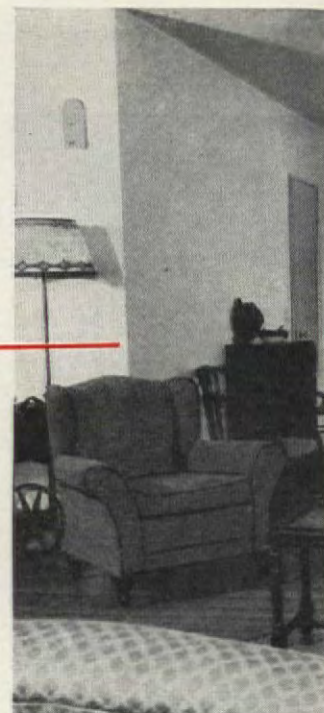
AS CLOSET DOORS, narrow-panel shutters need little swing-out space, open a section at a time, and insure against mustiness



Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hess, Wayne, Ill. Architect: Ames W. Ross

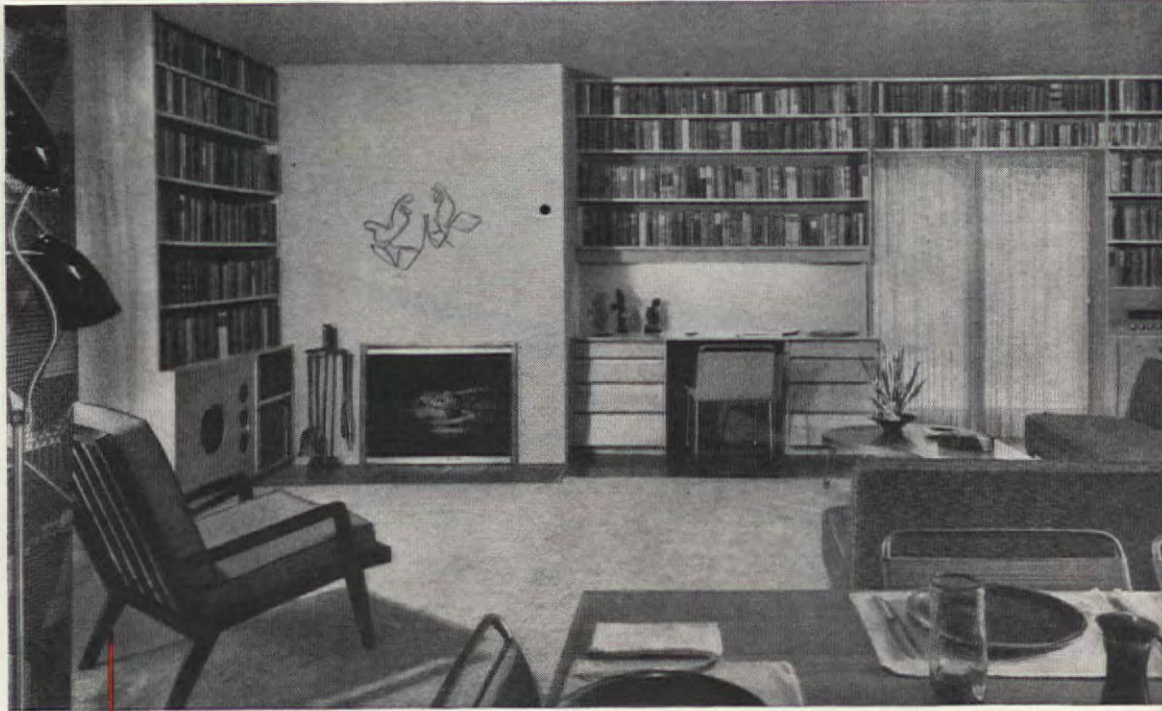
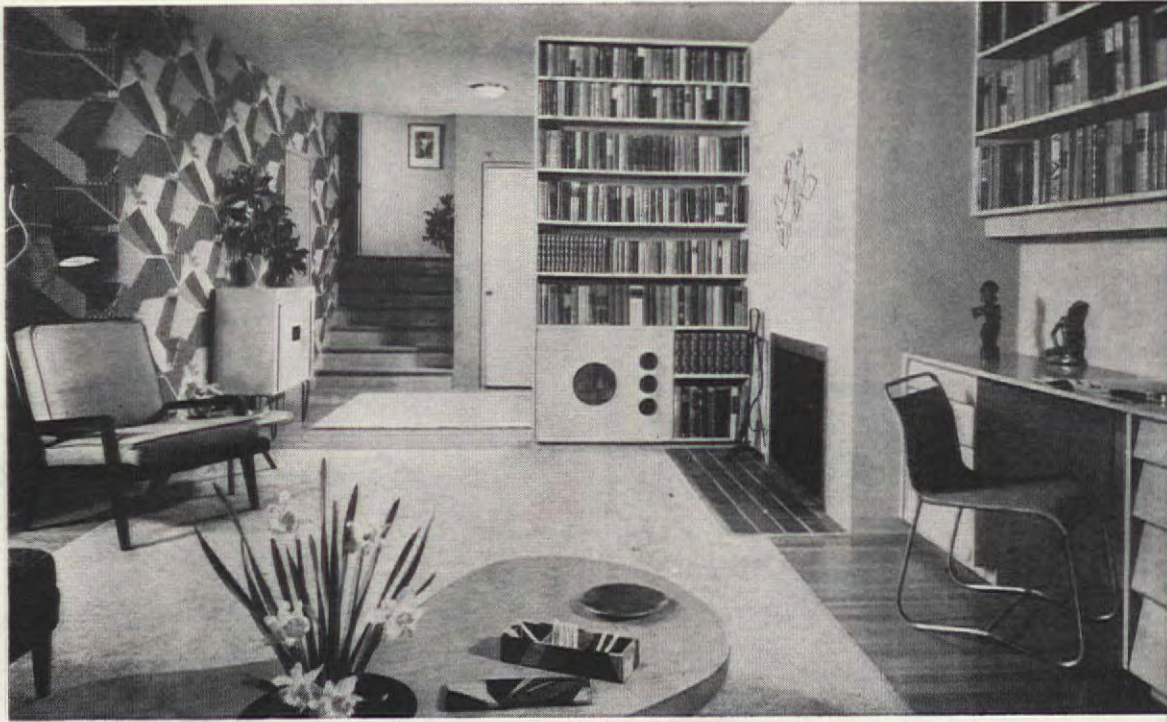
AS PART OF THE ARCHITECTURE, they can "furnish" a whole wall. With closets like these, and shutters at your windows, your room would almost decorate itself

Before remodeling, this space was small and irregular, it suffered from jogs, too many doors, too little wall space—and that yawning vista through foyer and hallway added to the confusion. Now, filled with books and with music, it's warm, yet serene—handsome from any angle you see it. But look close, and you'll notice that color, pattern, and good furniture arrangement turned the trick—no walls were knocked down nor built up. When cut-up space is a problem, a single strong color or pattern often creates an illusion which solves it. That's what the wallpaper did in this case: it unifies the foyer and hallway, and makes them seem to be part of the living room. That uncomfortable gape has disappeared. But the paper was kept away from the windows, for it couldn't be allowed to compete with a fine view of a eucalyptus grove just outside. At right angles to the fireplace, the unit for books and phonograph now makes a good thing of an awkward little wall.



*You don't have to
Tear Down Walls
to Remodel!*

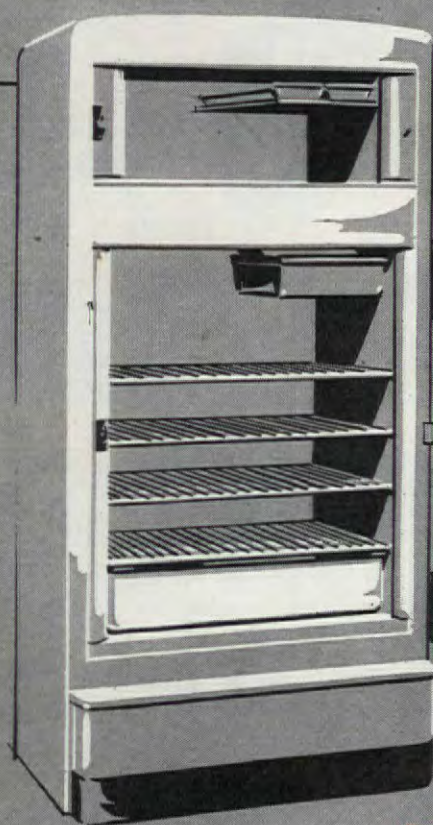




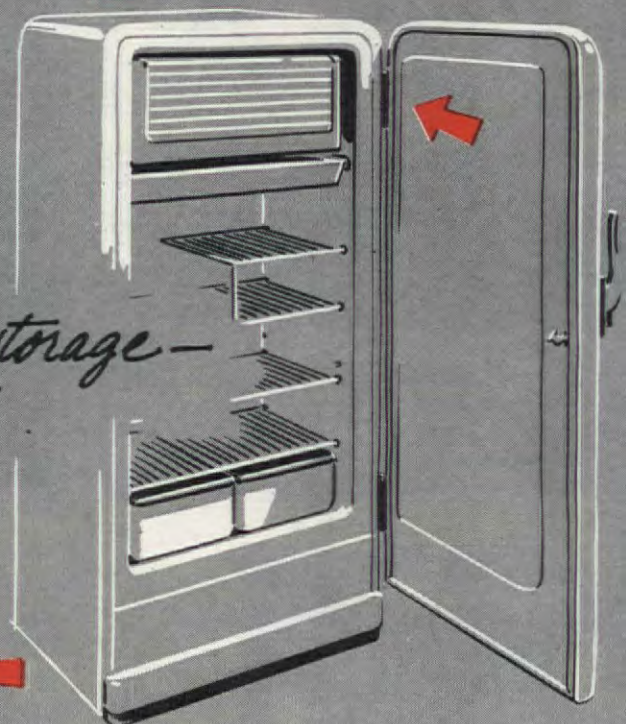
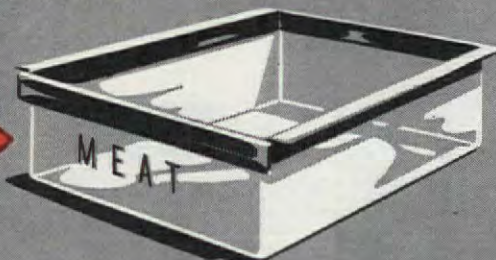
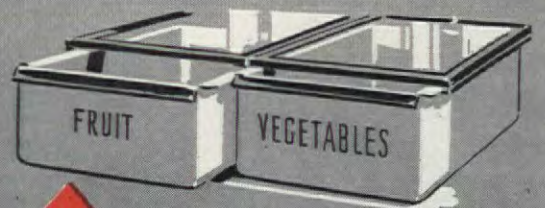
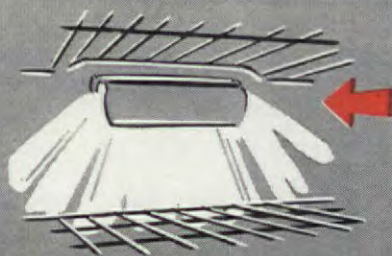
The fireplace used to sit, like a dunce, in a corner. Now, surrounded by books, and pointed up by a jaunty wire sculpture, it's a center of interest. Notice, by the way, that you don't need a wall to back up a sofa. Here twin sofas are "cornered" right out in the room so that, when you sit there, you can look at the fire—and you can hear the phonograph from the best possible angle. Bookshelves climb right over the French doors for two very good reasons: this treatment unifies the wall, and it makes extra room for a space-hungry library. And since owner Robert S. Johnson also uses this room as a study, he has a man-sized desk here—one which is a decorative asset designed for the space.

The dining area is now right "in" the eucalyptus grove, and all diners face the view through large panes of glass. The grove gave the whole room its background, for carpets, solid-color draperies, the dining area's chairs, and most of the walls are the soft green of the trees, while sunlight seems to be captured in the pale yellow of the ceilings. Looking out of the windows, you're not sure where the view ends and the room begins. Accent colors all come from the wallpaper, the chief pattern interest; its background is black, and so is the tweed which upholsters the sofas; it contains notes of coral, and coral is used on some chairs. And of course, the paper has splashes of green. Between the sofas, a table (not shown) is lacquered black and spattered with all the paper's colors—and, as an extra refinement, a cigarette box on the coffee table echoes the wallpaper pattern. Custom-made furniture, chimney decoration, and cigarette box are the work of Bon and Vaza Martin. Fabrics were co-ordinated by Emily Thompson.

Which REFRIGERATOR



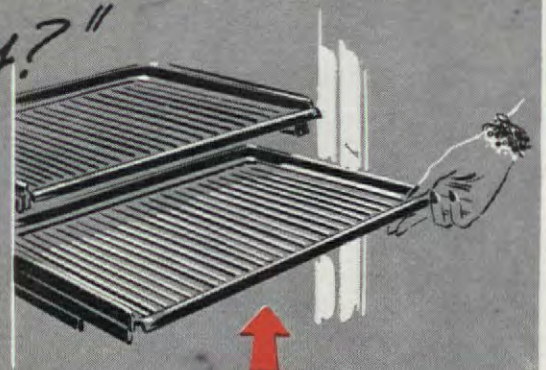
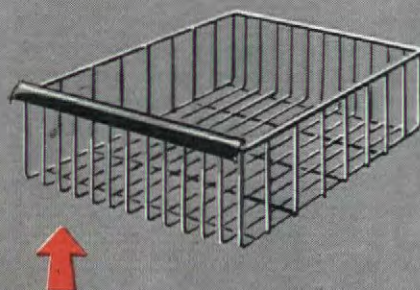
*"Every woman's dream —
it's super — it's handsome,
but worth the difference?"*



*"Most deluxe features — handy freezer storage —
is this it?"*



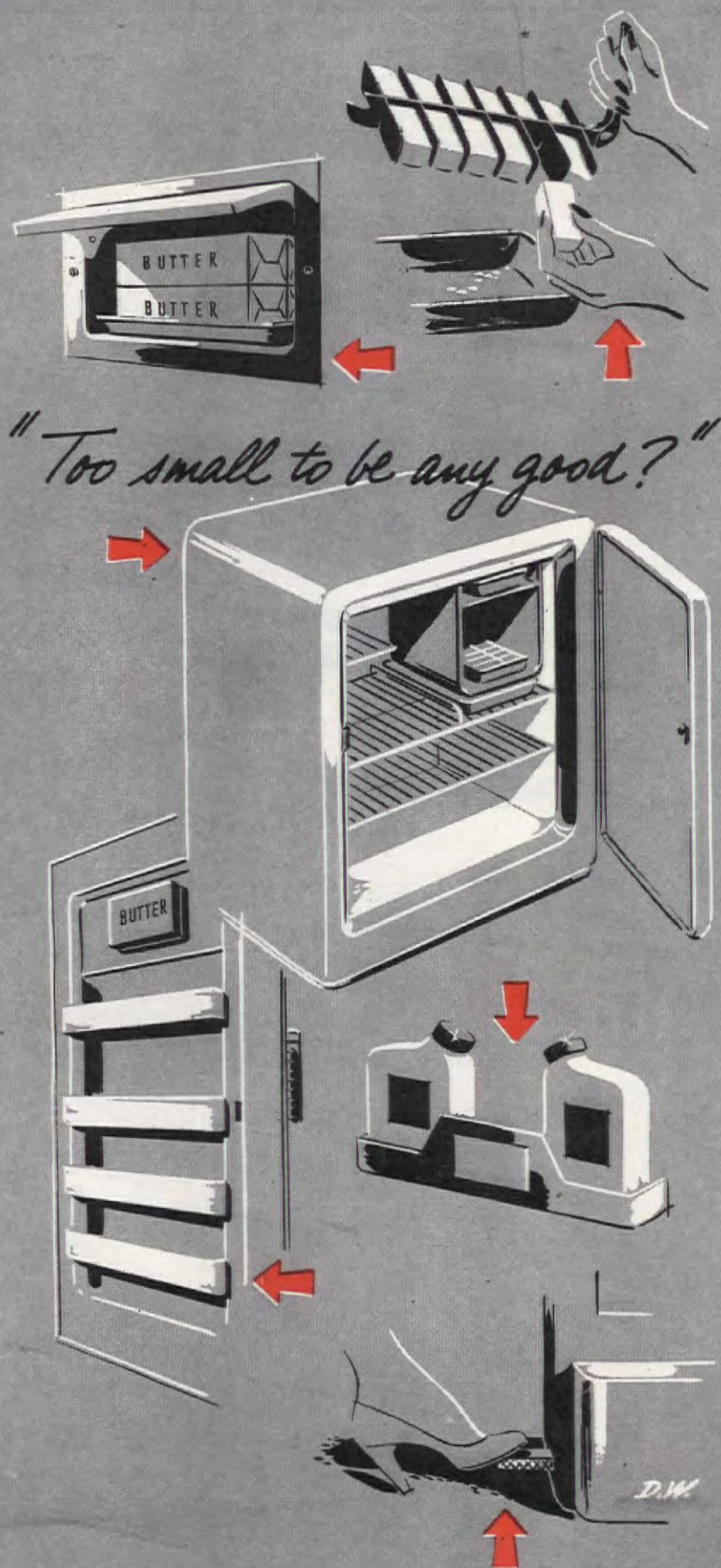
*"Standard models the cheapest —
but is it the best buy?"*



for you—and Why?



EDITH RAMSAY



Can that refrigerator of yours keep pace with your improved marketing methods, now that you buy food once a week instead of daily? Those weekly jaunts won't save your money if you can't store purchases properly—and they won't save your time if you keep running out for items you didn't have room for. The 7 cubic foot boxes, which used to do well by families of four, are just too tiny for most modern homemakers. If your refrigerator is too small, if it's dated, if it lacks those good new features you want, you'll find a variety of models to choose from. The great improvements in design, construction, finishes, and conveniences will impress you. But each family's requirements are different. Review your own, and use the questions and answers in this AMERICAN HOME Buying Guide to make sure that you choose the type which does most for you.

WHAT IS THE BEST SIZE?

A good rule of thumb in buying refrigerators: 7 cubic feet for two persons; add about one cubic foot for each additional person.

Home refrigerators have from 2 to 12 cubic feet of space for food storage. The correct size for you can depend upon the following: how much you entertain and how; the kinds of fresh foods you store; how much you buy at a time, and how far in advance of its use. If you buy large quantities of eggs or fruits at a clip, your refrigerator must provide for them. Also, be sure you have room to store prepared foods if you'd like to take advantage of the economies of cooking for several days at a time. And remember that your refrigerator requirements are apt to be different if you own a home freezer. Don't forget that families grow, and that it's more economical to buy a large enough refrigerator now than to trade in a small for a larger one later.

WILL TODAY'S LARGER REFRIGERATOR FIT INTO AN OLD REFRIGERATOR'S SPACE?

Greater cubic-foot capacity is possible due to improvements in design, so today's refrigerators are roomier on the inside—they hold a lot more—but they are no bigger on the outside than the old ones. In many models, food compartments now extend from the top of the refrigerator almost to the floor. More efficient, smaller motors and condensers, and more compact insulation, make this possible.

WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPAL TYPES AND HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

Table-top models (the kind you find in "kitchenettes," not kitchens) have a capacity of 2 to 4 cubic feet and are priced from \$130 to \$220.

Striped models, 6 to 11 cubic feet in size, are priced from \$210 to \$340.

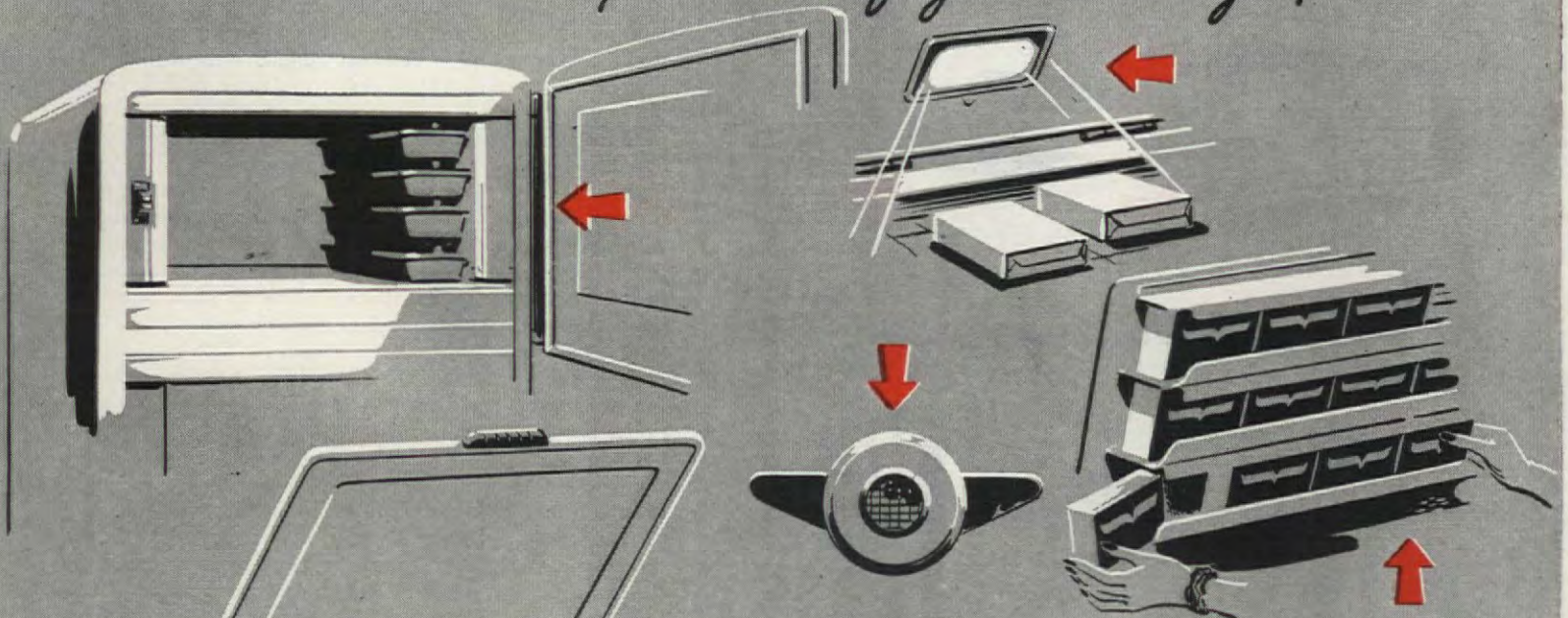
Horizontal evaporator models come in 6 to 12 cubic feet sizes. They are one-door models with compartments straight across the top for ice cubes and the short-range storage of frozen foods. You'll find them tagged at \$213 to \$480.

Two-temperature models are freezer-refrigerator combinations. The freezer section, located on top of the refrigerator,

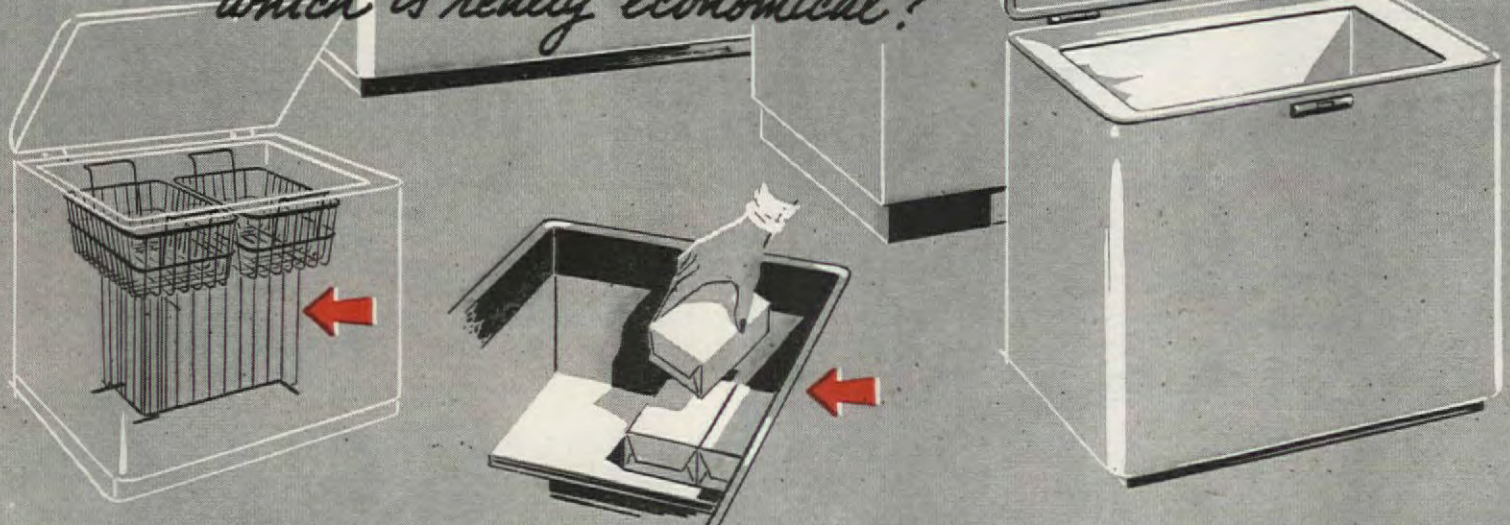
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Which FREEZER for

*"I shop frequently—is 2 cubic feet
in a two-temperature refrigerator enough?"*



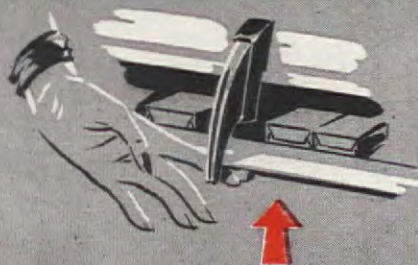
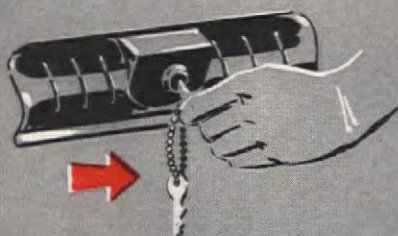
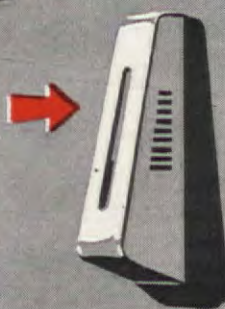
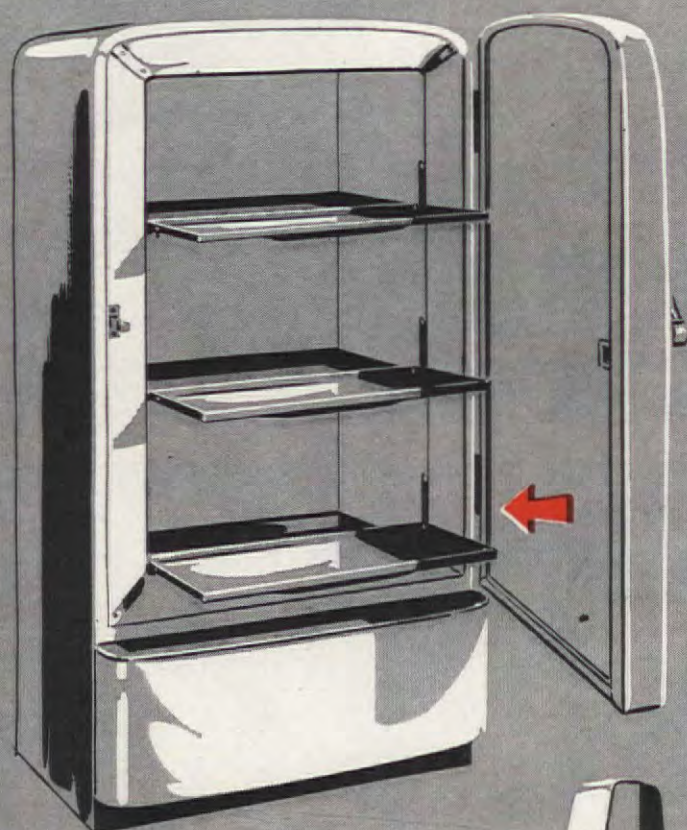
*"7 cubic feet to 30 cubic feet freezers—
prices from \$220 to \$700—
which is really economical?"*



you—and Why?



*"I haven't much space—
are upright freezers as good?"*



A home freezer is no longer a luxury, or a necessity only for those who live deep in the rural regions. When they first came out, home freezers were used for long-range food storage only—quarters of lamb, six months' supply of beans, and the like. But we've learned how much a freezer can do when we really harness its good power by keeping its turnover constant, drawing upon it daily, and replenishing it constantly with good buys of the season. We've also learned what a marvel it is for storing cooked foods and baked goods which we prepare in quantity and use at our convenience.

A busy city woman with a tiny family can use a home freezer as profitably as her homebody cousin who lives on a farm. Think about the horizons it can open for you, and don't make the usual mistake of settling for too small a size. This AMERICAN HOME Buying Guide was carefully planned to help you to identify the basic freezer types and their special features, and to answer the questions you should ask before making your purchase.

WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPAL TYPES?

The two-temperature refrigerator with separate freezing compartment which the manufacturer guarantees will maintain a temperature of about 0° F. and can be used either for freezing your own, or for storage of packaged frozen foods. This type will be adequate for the storage of about a week's supply of frozen foods for a small family.

The upright freezer has the distinct advantage of enabling user to see contents easily and requires minimum floor space. It has been proven that "spillage" of cold air when the door is opened is negligible. This is a good choice if your floor space is limited.

The chest-type freezers come in several sizes—from 6 to 24 cubic feet. The top is a convenient height for a work surface. This freezer has no "spillage" of cold air when the box is opened. Bulkier packages usually stack better in this type because of the arrangement of space. This is a good choice if you have floor space in kitchen, garage, or basement to accommodate it.

The walk-in—a refrigerated room. Good for rural living where crops, meat, and game can be stored in large quantities.

WHAT'S THE BEST SIZE TO BUY?

It depends upon where you live, how often you shop in quantity, and whether you want to use your freezer as a food warehouse or as a frozen-food pantry. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, "Six cubic feet per person over a year's time will meet the needs of most families. If the freezer is supplemented with other methods of food preservation—say canning—three cubic feet per person may suffice, eight cubic feet per person if you plan to freeze half your baked goods." Plan on about three pounds of frozen meat per person per week.

HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

The chest-type freezers range in price from about \$220 to over \$700. The upright freezers range from \$240 to over \$1,000 for the very large walk-in models.

It's more economical to buy a large freezer than to risk purchasing one which is too small to fit the needs of your

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"Follow Through"—*As Important in Decorating as in Golf*

MARY E. MONZE



Narrow desk with upper cabinet is of pine, maple, and cherry. Atop it, an old steeple clock with original painting on glass is flanked by iron candlesticks

Mantle shelf in living room, upper left, holds Eli Terry clock of very delicate design, old Belgian plates. Tremendous copper bucket on hearth is used to hold wood

Satiny pewter against old pine in the dining room. On the table is an unusual Louis XV pewter tureen, quite dark in color, complete with ladle and tray. Old Waterbury clock rests on shelf

Picture grouping in living room, right, is built around "Young Mr. 1776," framed in pine and cherry. On either side are Presidential prints (Polk and Pierce), and drawings for ship models

In golfers' language, the phrase "follow through" is a simple way of saying, "Carry through to the end; complete your swing." It's an extra lift, a finesse, so important above and beyond the main business of making contact with the ball—and it's all part of one single, beautifully executed movement. The same basic principle applies in decorating: a perfect follow-through can give a room that "whole in one" character that a professional decorator calls "of a piece." In both games, a champion counts his strokes—a very few well-placed shots add up to a winner's score.

We think the little house shown on these pages breaks par for the course. It has follow-through, that beautiful harmony of the little things which go beyond the usual assortment of chairs, sofas, and tables—telling strokes that compliment and complete the objective the owner had in mind. A decorator would say it has "mood." What she would mean is that the rooms have atmosphere and individuality, there is a unity about them that makes everything seem to belong.

Yet no decorator ever had a hand in this house. Its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Lawton, knew the kind of informal Colonial house they wanted to live in. This one happens to be a development house they were lucky enough to buy some time before it was finished. They were able to dictate the choice of many background details to keep them in character with the pegged oak beams, pine-paneled walls, fireplaces. Over a period of years they have collected the

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Ten-drawer secretary is pine, has hinged writing shelf. Fiddleback rocker contains three woods: ash, pine, cherry. Finely turned spool bed, below, took nearly a year to scrape, sand, and refinish



Follow Through

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furnishings, each thing beautiful and interesting in itself, yet all assembled with an eye for the harmony of the whole effect.

The pine and maple pieces came from little antique shops and country auctions all over New England. Most were battered and bargain-priced; the Lawtons together spent many hours of their own labor restoring and refinishing them.

But it is their follow-through in accent pieces and accessories that really gives the house its character. The backgrounds, too, are right: small-scaled Colonial wallpapers and scenic designs, the beamed ceilings and faded fireplace brick, the braided and hooked rugs.

There are ideas aplenty here for lovers of Colonial. Note the choice of pictures and the way they are arranged—the grouping over the sofa with its central dome-topped frame—the shelf in the dining room with its quaint arrangement of clock, plates, and silhouettes. Mantle shelves in both living room and master bedroom hold simple, effective arrangements. Note, too, the feeling of spaciousness between living room and dining room, both of which are on the small side. Instead of the typical arrangement—a minuscule entry hall with stair rising straight ahead, living room to left and dining room to right—this staircase curves around the brick chimney and is completely open in feeling, with handrail and balusters on one side only.

Clock in master bedroom is an 8-day Terry, circa 1835. Ladder-back chair is a rush-bottomed "prie-dieu." Pictures at right of fireplace are antique maps of Holland and Belgium, birthplace of Mrs. Lawton's parents





HELEN E. HEMBERGER

African Violets

How do your African-violets grow? Or don't they? Mine didn't for three long years—and it wasn't because I didn't love them. I'd buy healthy plants, carefully take them home, and give them a choice location (recalling the advice of friends that "they thrive best in a north window"). For a while I would think that at last I, too, had acquired a thumb to match the shamrocks. But no. Before long each gay little plant would look less chipper, pass through stage after stage of droopiness and sadness, and finally succumb, despite all my efforts—and those of well-meaning visitors whose comments were sympathetic but whose recommendations were often conflicting.

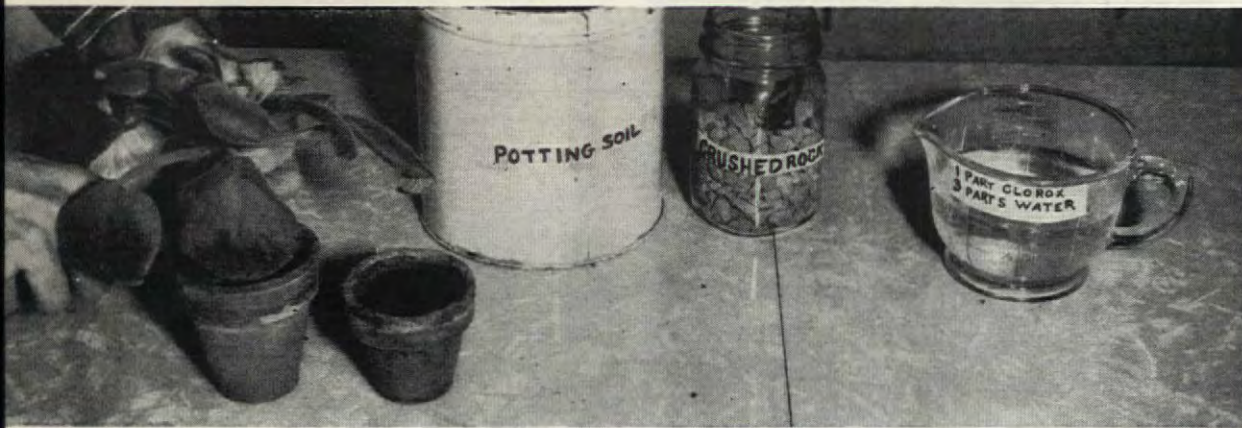
After the third year of frustration, the determination of my Dutch ancestors took charge. "I *will* raise an African-violet," I told myself, "come heat, hail, or high water." And I did,

following a course of reasoning, experimentation, or whatever you want to call it, as outlined farther on. Of course, what spells success for me may not work for you, because of environmental differences. But eventually, by following the trial and error method, you will discover just what *your* plants like best. After that, your problem—like mine—will be finding a place for all the plants you raise. In seven years of successful experimenting, I have bought only four plants: a pink variety, a white one, and two purples, one single and one double. The rest I grew from leaves traded with friends, or taken from my own best plants, using the technique illustrated on the next page. I'm not sure that it's exactly the approved method, but it works. I take care to select a healthy leaf (it may be one that I have accidentally broken off, or one that I have deliber-

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STARTING NEW PLANTS. 1. Nip off good-sized, healthy leaf with an inch of petiole (stem). Insert up to leaf blade in pot of soil made light with sand and peat moss. 2. Cover with tumbler; place in light, but not full sun. 3. When new growth from leaf base develops, remove glass and treat as a new plant, giving water, plant food, light, and air as needed



REPOTTING. When plant gets too big for its container, or develops multiple crowns, divide and repot it. Put an inch of crushed stone or gravel in new pot; half fill with soil (equal parts good loam, sand, and leaf mold); cut plant apart carefully; wash roots in 1 to 3 solution of Clorox; spread them evenly, add soil, firm gently until plant sets at same level as before



WATERING, FEEDING. Some disagree, but most growers advise watering from below. Set pots in shallow pan of water till soil is saturated; drain and withhold water till soil dries on top. In watering from above, keep it off crowns and leaves. Always use water at room temperature. To feed, add any recommended food (dry or liquid) to water; follow directions on packages to the letter

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ately cut off with a sharp fingernail), then handle it as shown in the top picture.

Here are a few suggestions you may find helpful:

1. In watering, use lukewarm (room temperature) water.
2. Spray with such water whenever necessary to remove dust. Keep plant out of the sun until foliage dries.
3. Do not water too often; never until the surface soil feels dry. For a plant in a 3-in. pot, I find that every four days in winter and every seven days in summer is about right. This is explained by the fact that artificial indoor winter heat is drier and takes more moisture from the plants than the more humid natural summer warmth. I prefer to set the pots in a shallow pan of water until the soil is saturated, than place them back in their containers. If you want to water from above, use a long-spouted can to avoid injuring the leaves or getting the water into the crowns. In hot weather, don't let full sunlight shine on the plants through glass.
4. Repot about once a year. At that time I like to wash the roots with a solution of 1 part Clorox in 3 parts water to remove any lurking parasites.
5. Use a good plant food recommended for African-violets, following the manufacturer's directions *exactly*.
6. Feed only after flower buds appear, not during a resting period between blooming seasons.
7. Pinch off promptly all dry stems and wilted leaves.
8. If you keep clay pot inside a decorative container,

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SPRINKLING. An occasional gentle shower in sink or tub (always with tepid water) removes dust and refreshes plant. If kept out of sunlight till foliage dries, there will be no harmful leaf burning



AERATION. Clay pots in decorative containers should be kept off bottom to insure drainage and circulation of air. One good way is to place metal ring of a Mason-jar top under the pot

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Soup's ideal as that One Hot Dish with summer meals.

BY *Anne Marshall*



ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

UP GOES the temperature. Soon summer will be in full swing. And when it's so wonderful outdoors, who wants to be tied to the kitchen?

So, let's start thinking of quick-to-fix meals . . . meals centered around one hot dish, Soup. And as good companions for it, let's dream up crispy salads, new sandwiches and refreshing desserts.

Soup is the perfect mainstay of delight-

ful summer meals. Hot soup sets off cool dishes . . . makes them even cooler by contrast . . . taste even better. Why, even wilting appetites perk up at its savory bouquet. Since soup takes only 4 minutes to prepare, you're in and out of the kitchen in practically no time. You can keep cool and cook well.

Besides, it's easy to vary summer menus with so many kinds of soup to spark your thinking. To help you plan . . . here are a few summer menus grownups and children will enjoy.

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Who are we to go carrying coals to Newcastle—or to go telling you good American cooks about the food America loves best—the kind of food you've always served? Well, we've learned one thing for sure about a good cook: there's always a missing link, always at least one popular favorite, old or new, which isn't in your repertoire because you've never found the one way of making it which really strikes home. So you write to us and say: "I'm *still* looking for a good lemon meringue pie—mine never turns out quite right," or "Will you please help me to find a good recipe for real old-time pork sausage, hot and peppery—the kind that's Heaven at breakfast out in the country?"

What we aim to serve up right here every month is just that sort of recipe, tasted and tested and carefully picked from hundreds we've collected all over the country. Not necessarily "the latest" nor "different," each one will be an *extremely* good way of cooking a popular dish—whether that dish is baked beans as Great-grandma loved them, or a toothsome dessert the old girl never knew because you need an electric mixer and a modern refrigerator to make it. There will be no tampering with good old flavors, but there will be plenty of new know-how in the preparation. After all, with our better equipment and methods, and with ingredients which Grandma never saw, some old-time pets are now easier on the cook—and can taste better than ever!

The food we've cooked for you this month shows what we mean. There's a buoyant yeast cake, streaming with honey and tasting as if it came from an old-time kitchen. But it's so much simpler to make with a foolproof hot-roll mix, that you'll serve it often, and around the clock—hot. And there's strawberry pie, nostalgic as a sunbonnet, and good as a bright summer day. Cool it thoroughly before serving, and make the top pretty by twirling the lattice strips as you weave them.

To stick to the ribs: spareribs, which men love so much you might almost call them "Adam's ribs." To bring out their meatiness, a spiced sauce—not barbecue, but one sweet 'n sour. For another main course, good for a family meal or a buffet supper, there's a meat loaf: Stuffed Veal Rounds, which could also be made with beef.

Tomatoes and cottage cheese are an American natural which taste still better if you point them up with our dressing—it competes with any French one for flavor, but it's minus the calories which add the pounds. The dressing keeps, so stash away a jarful to use on any salad.

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Put on a Good Act—

Startle with a Stunt • Tantalize with exotic, soul-destroying aromas

- *Impress with dramatics—It can all add up to Good Victuals, and you in the spotlight, too. What I mean . . .*


Dropping potatoes into a cauldron of boiling hot rosin—opening their evil-looking pitch-black skins to find a pure white softness comparable to newly fallen snow . . . Extolling the luck of a steak so fortunate as to have lolled around for several hours in bourbon and other delightful things before being offered up as a sacrifice to humans over red-hot coals and hickory smoke . . .

*Crusty brown, double-dip hamburgers, their tender pink insides oozing Roquefort cheese—the know-how and the hot Gherkin Sauce *your* secret. Stunts? Sure are!*

Quote. Stunt: A performance serving as a display of . . . skill, etc. A feat. 2. Any notable performance. Unquote—and thank you, Mr. Webster. That's exactly what I mean, too. Stunts they are, but why not, when they're also good cooking?

The 19th hole far behind and you driving them crazy every time you lift the cover on those shrimp. Can't be garlic, yes it must be. No. Too elusive for garlic. Looks like wild rice, you say it's fried rice. The beauteous odors are again wafted their way—and you fiend, you'll hold the spotlight long as ever you can. Just so with that Spanish Beanpot—ostentatiously

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STEAK THAT HAS LOLLED AROUND
IN BOURBON AND OTHER DELIGHTFULS

JEAN AUSTIN



Cook Good Victuals too!

pouring in black coffee over the slabs of onion, bacon, and rich red beans, the guests screaming it *must* be ready now. Heavens above, how almighty good that concoction does smell—but no. Needs a bit of brandy at the last minute—the exact minute, as a matter of fact, when the gals are about to faint from hunger, *they* say—it's the aroma, really. And of course there's Chicken Cacciatore—sheer heaven every time you lift the lid—purportedly to peek at progress, actually to whet appetites into a frenzy. But after all, to tantalize is to whet and a whetted appetite is O.K. Right?

Another thing. Any good reason why you, on your own attractive terrace or in your own back yard, shouldn't make as dramatic an act of mixing a salad as Bruno, the captain in your favorite little bistro? Or toss in the air with the greatest of ease and conscious aplomb a great bowl of steaming spaghetti? Or is there any reason why, even without the Pump Room's satin knee-breeches and plumed turbans, you shouldn't have all eyes upon you as you stride across the terrace holding aloft flaming Shish Kebabs or a sizzling hot, outsize popburger? What's a popburger? Named after you, of course, and when you roll them in brown sugar, it's your turn to watch PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 56

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3. Be sure you include your own name and address, and the label from your can of Baker's Coconut Southern Style, or a Baker's Coconut Premium Shred box top or cellophane bag—whichever you used. If your can has no label, copy the number embossed on the lid of the can.

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Good Victuals (Begins on page 54)

the guests! According to their natures, they'll vote you plumb crazy and upbraid you for spoiling perfectly good meat, or re-size you up as the sheer genius you really are.

Lights—Camera—Papa's cooking—and if Papa's cooking Good Victuals, there's plenty drama, that's for sure. But for the record let's get it straight. Horsing around in *opéra bouffe* attire with a hot dog pinioned on the end of a yard-long implement is one thing, but in anybody's vocabulary it isn't cooking—and you know what? It isn't even good adult fun, considering how many summers you've been putting on that selfsame act. You don't golf, fish, or hunt (I'll stop there) year in and year out, and not improve your technique—how come you do us like you do with cooking? You know the best chefs in the world are men, you know how people love to eat good food. You know how the family's loved the outdoor life, been worth every cent you put in it, et cetera. Good. I'm glad to hear it. But you still haven't answered my question. Why not stop horsing around and start cooking?

There's a businesslike recipe, printed 3 x 5 size, for everything shown here, and a few more besides. Three kinds of burgers—hamburgers, popburgers, and double-dips. Secret flavors none can detect, all will clamor for. Maitland Smith's but wonderful shrimp recipe he got in Italy; Shish Kebabs—and a very good recipe if I do say so; steak in bourbon and Spice Marinade; Hashed Browns, Weston Style, out of this world, good and easy to do outdoors as well as in; how to make a production out of a frankfurter; Spanish Beanpot; Pea Soup Habitat—pried it out of a great French chef in Quebec City; Spaghetti Al Dente—and a variety of sauces, including my favorite, a clam sauce. Two salads that *are* salads, guaranteed to please he-man and the Colonel's lady alike as well as those who *hate* salads. And what more can a salad do, I am asking? If you don't, for any strange reason, want these recipes, you can always try French Onions (recipe coming up next month) or steamed clams, make a rabbit stew, grill or bake the fish you catch with an elegant herb dressing to keep it moist and good. I have published, in Good Victuals, a very excellent curry. It's a curry—anything recipe, good hot or cold. And duck and chicken cooked in coconut milk—there're ever so many beautiful things to cook outdoors, Sir, really there are.

Can't we get beyond the hot-dog-hamburger stage this summer? Can't I sell you a bill of goods—a week-end career as a great outdoor cook? When you're nationally famous I shall hope for an invite to come eat your world-rocking, figure-busting *specialité*—that's all I ask. The coupon that may be the turning point in your career, Sir, is here ↓ right here ↓ ↓

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1/4 cup powdered sugar	1/4 tsp. salt	1 tbsp. grated lemon peel
1/4 tsp. nutmeg	1/2 cup evaporated milk	4 tbsps. lemon juice
5 tbsps. melted butter or margarine	1 tbsp. unflavored gelatin	1 tsp. vanilla
3 eggs, separated	1 No. 2 1/2 can DEL MONTE Sliced Peaches	

Blend first 4 ingredients well. Press on bottom and sides of 8x8x2 cake pan. In double boiler top, beat egg yolks slightly; stir in 1/4 cup of the sugar, the salt and milk. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly till mixture thickens. Stir in gelatin, softened in 1/4 cup syrup from peaches. Remove from heat; add cottage cheese, lemon peel and juice, vanilla. Cool. Make meringue of egg whites and remaining 1/4 cup sugar. Fold into custard mixture; pour into crumb shell. Chill till set. Top with slightly drained, chilled DEL MONTE Sliced Peaches. 8 or 9 servings.

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What's Wrong with This Table?



GERTRUDE BRASSARD, Table Setting

PATRICIA EASTERBROOK ROBERTS, Flower Arrangement

The subject of this final lesson, Suitability to the Occasion, accounts for only 10 of the 100 points we accord a perfect table setting. But don't underestimate those 10, for they measure your general abilities as a hostess. No matter how much care you lavish upon it, a table setting is poor if it isn't right for the party you plan.

Very much to the point is the "theme" table here, set for a get-together of a few not-so-old grads of a women's college. The hostess, a bride of a year or so, hoped for a gathering where there would be plenty of laughter and lots of good girl-talk about new husbands, babies, and homes. She also hoped to do herself proud! She decided upon a dinner party—on an evening when her own lord and master would be out of town. She invited five of her former classmates, planned for six courses, two wines—and prayed that her once-a-week Suzy, who cleans so well, could be taught to serve.

The table was properly set with her well-chosen best, and the flowers were handsomely arranged. In honor of the occasion, she even decked the napkins with garlands just like the one on the old college seal. Our young hostess was delighted with herself.

Well, we don't think that she should have been so pleased! Oh, even a judge would find little fault with her setting—just as a setting. But the occasion called for informal fun and lighthearted chatter. How much of either would you have here, as the ambitious meal was stiffly served by an inexperienced maid? Look on page 86 at our standards for judging suitability, then rate this setting in the box below. To see how we score it, and why, turn the page.

When it comes to suitability, the crux of the matter is that, if you're *really* hospitable, you'll want to give your guests a good time—not just a display of your possessions and cooking ability. First decide upon the *kind* of party at which the particular group you're inviting is apt to have the most fun—in *your* house, with the facilities you have at your command. Then bring the table setting into the act.

Fanciful centerpieces and other gay notes can break the ice and make conversation flow—and special occasions give your inventiveness great scope. Don't get coy with a formal setting—when there's good reason for being formal. But when it's a relaxed good time

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YOUR BOX SCORE

Suitability to Occasion. (Highest Possible Score 10 Points)

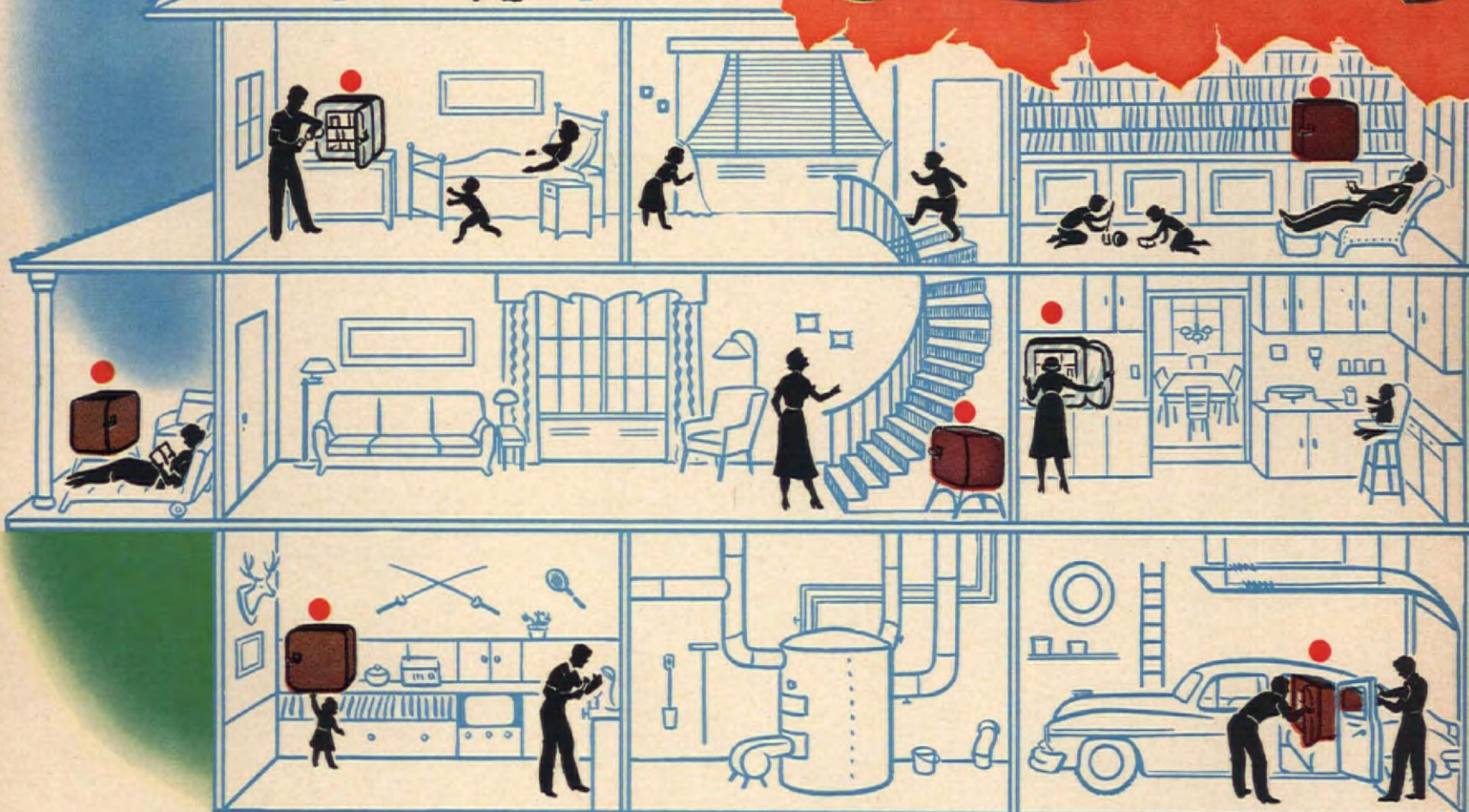
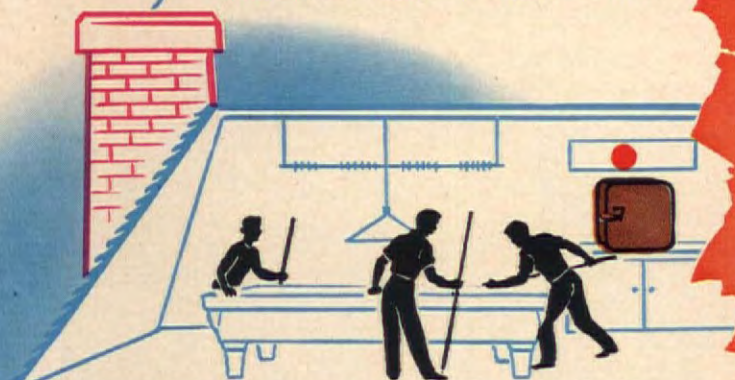
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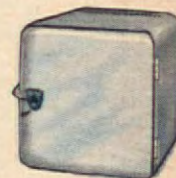
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THIS IS CORRECT — *And Why*

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What's really wrong with the pretty setting on page 58 is that—the hostess shouldn't have given a *dinner* party in the first place! She put her best foot so far forward she tripped—and flatly flunked our test despite the fact that her setting, just as a setting, is excellent. A formal dinner hen party is entirely unsuitable to the occasion we stipulated—a get-together of a few young women who, not so long ago, were chums at college. The sentimentalists accepted, but it was inconsiderate to invite them to dinner *sans* husbands and beaux. In addition, what good spirits remained would be inhibited by the stiffness of a formal dinner—and entirely crushed by the strain of one which was just *trying* to be formal! That's why we suggest a different *kind* of party—a buffet luncheon, gracious and easygoing, served at the table at your left without fuss or hired help.

For *appropriateness*, the formal setting of course rates a round zero. It's weak on *identification of theme*, too: the occasion is suggested only obscurely by the garlands around the napkins. We grant them a grudging $\frac{1}{4}$ point. But see how effectively the same theme was carried out at your left with conversation bait which adds to the fun, looks mighty well, and tells the party's story at a glance. That bulletin board gives welcome news of absent friends, and the "diplomas" (there's a personal jingle on each) are spirited additions to the floral piece—and to the party. For *execution of theme*, we give no credit to the setting on page 58 because those garlands, the only "theme" items, really don't add to the appearances of the table—besides, where would you put them once the napkin was unfolded? In contrast, the gay decorations on this page create an attractive focus and are so placed that they inconvenience the guests not a whit.

For *feasibility*, the formal setting gets a full two points. The hostess was able to carry out the plan she envisioned, though it was a far less appropriate one than the equally feasible setting at your left. For *ease in use*, our too-ambitious heroine did bite off more than she could chew when she planned her formal table. A zero for that! Instead of being "one of the girls" when the occasion called for informality, she tried to be a great lady—and didn't succeed!

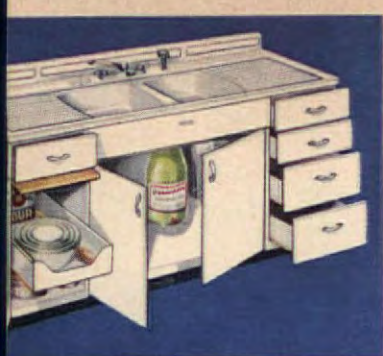
OUR BOX SCORE

(For Setting on Page 58)

1. CONTINUITY OF THEME	2. FEASIBILITY AND EASE IN USE
a. APPROPRIATENESS.....0	a. FEASIBILITY.....2
b. IDENTIFICATION..... $\frac{1}{4}$	b. EASE IN USE.....0
c. EXECUTION OF THEME.....0	TOTAL..... $2\frac{1}{4}$

(For the subjects covered by the four lessons previously published, the setting on page 58 rates the full 90 points.)

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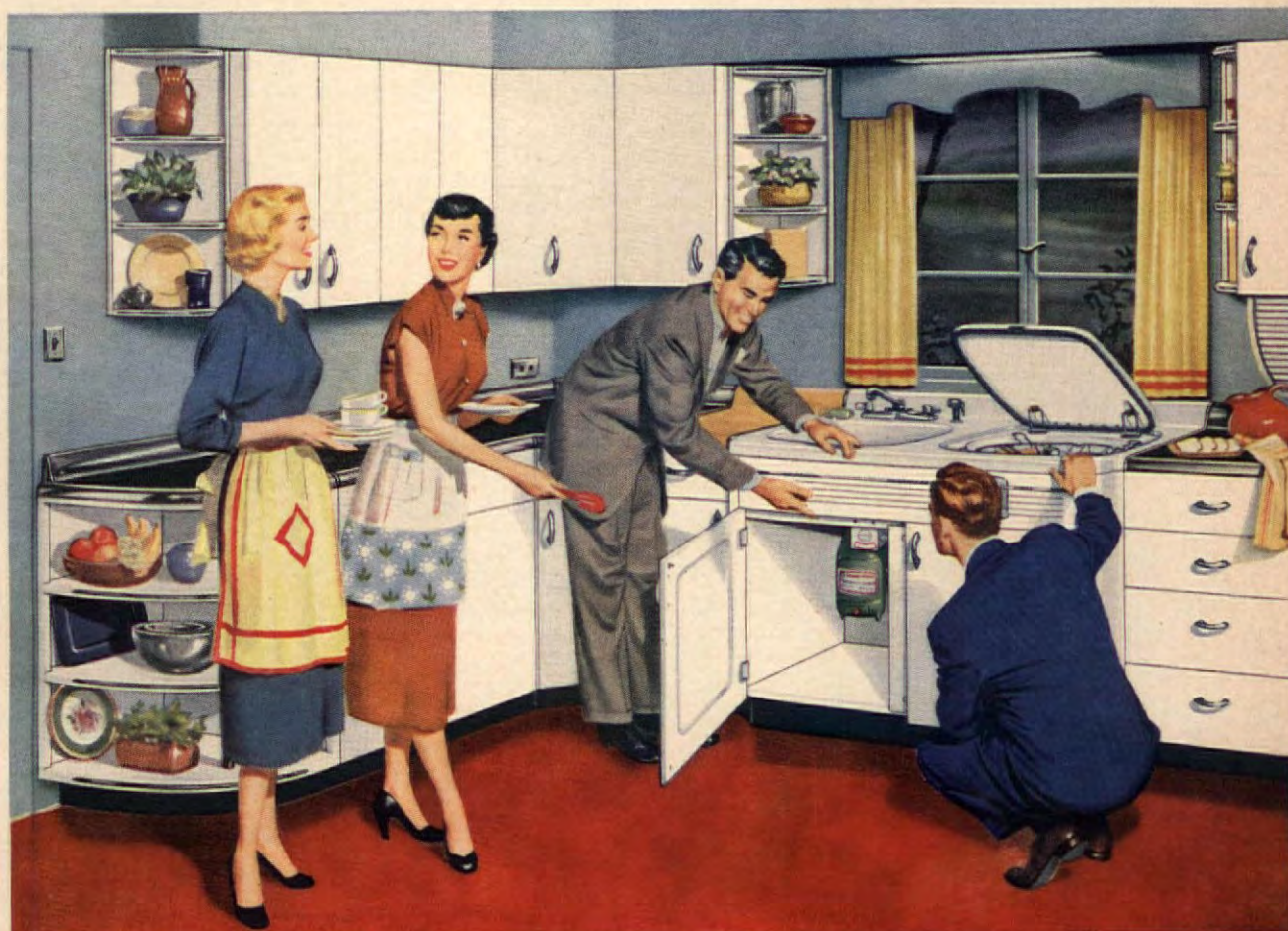
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CHOCOLATE LAYER CRUNCH—Combine $\frac{1}{2}$ cup peanut butter, 1 can coconut, 1 can condensed milk, and 2 tbs. lemon juice. Alternate layers of peanut mixture with 1 quart chocolate ice cream in a loaf pan.

PEANUT FUDGE BAR—Combine 1 cup chopped peanuts, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cinnamon and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. nutmeg. Roll 1 pint vanilla ice cream in nut mixture until coated on all sides. Serve with Fudge Sauce. Sauce: add 2 squares melted baking chocolate to 1 cup corn syrup. Beat until blended.

RAINBOW LOAF—Cut 1 pint peppermint ice cream, 1 pint pistachio ice cream and 1 pint vanilla ice cream into vertical slices about $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch thick. Stand slices in a loaf pan, alternating flavors. Press together lightly. Freeze. Unmold and cover with toasted coconut. Slice diagonally.

• ice cream quickies

VANILLA LAYER CAKE—Pack 2 quarts vanilla ice cream into two 9-inch layer cake pans. Freeze. Unmold one layer on serving plate. Cover with 1 pint strawberries. Top with remaining ice cream layer.

PINK FANCY—Cover vanilla ice cream with crushed berries and coconut.

COCONUT SNOWBALLS—Roll scoops of ice cream in shredded coconut.

IGLOO SANDWICHES—Make cookie sandwiches using small scoop of ice cream.

BANANA SPLIT—Place ice cream on bananas. Top with fruits and syrup.

CHOCOLATE PISTACHIO ROLL—Shape 1 quart chocolate ice cream into a rectangle about $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch thick on waxed paper. Shape 1 pint pistachio ice cream into a roll. Place on chocolate. Roll up and freeze.

• ice cream quickies

STRAWBERRY BOMBE—Line a chilled and lightly oiled 2-quart mold with 1 quart strawberry ice cream. Freeze. Pack center with 1 quart rum-raisin ice cream. Freeze.

VARIATION: If desired, use chocolate chip and coffee ice cream.

RUM-RAISIN ICE CREAM: Add 1 cup muscat raisins and 2 tbs. light rum to 1 quart vanilla ice cream. Freeze.

STRAWBERRY BOMBE



BANANA SPLIT




RAINBOW LOAF


Cream

A rectangular cake with alternating layers of chocolate and vanilla cake, separated by white cream. The top is decorated with white cream swirls and chocolate shavings.


CHOCOLATE LAYER CRUNCH

A long, cylindrical cake roll covered in chocolate shavings. A slice is cut out, revealing a filling of white cream and green pistachio pieces.


CHOCOLATE
PISTACHIO ROLL

A glass dish containing a red gelatin dessert topped with a generous amount of shredded white coconut.


PINK FANCY

A round cake on a white pedestal stand, covered in white cream. The top is decorated with white cream swirls and fresh strawberries. The sides of the cake are also decorated with strawberries.

VANILLA LAYER CAKE

A white, scalloped-edge dish containing several round cookies coated in white cream and topped with shredded coconut.

COCONUT SNOWBALLS

A rectangular bar cake on a white plate, covered in a thick layer of white cream and topped with a drizzle of dark chocolate sauce.

PEANUT FUDGE BAR

Good and gay treats with luscious Canned Fruit Cocktail from California



Easy Recipe

Five Fruit Cream Loaf

- 1 No. 2½ can fruit cocktail
- ⅓ cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 envelope (1 tablespoon) plain gelatin
- ⅓ cup orange juice
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ cup whipping cream
- 20 vanilla wafers (or ladyfingers)

Drain syrup from fruit cocktail and heat ⅔ cup with sugar. Separate eggs and beat yolks lightly. Stir some of hot syrup

into yolks, then combine with remaining syrup. Cook and stir over hot water until slightly thickened. Soften gelatin in orange juice and dissolve in hot mixture. Blend in orange rind and lemon juice. Cool until slightly thickened. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites, whipped cream and 2 cups drained fruit cocktail. Line loaf pan (8½x4½x2½ inches) with waxed paper. Cover bottom and sides with vanilla wafers (or split ladyfingers). Fill with fruit-cream mixture. Chill overnight. Unmold and garnish with remaining fruit cocktail. Serves 8 to 10.

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Fruitmallow Supreme

Drain 2 cups fruit cocktail. Combine with 1 sliced banana, 6 quartered marshmallows. Whip ½ cup cream, blend in 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 tablespoon sugar. Toss cream mixture lightly with the fruit. Serve as a dessert or salad. Serves 4-5.

Sparkling fruitcup of canned fruit cocktail! Perfect introduction to dinner. Luscious dessert without work or waste. In it you get cling peaches, pears, grapes, pineapple, cherries—neatly diced, ready simply to chill and serve. A big favorite! Keep it handy!



Which Freezer?

(Begins on page 44)

family. A larger freezer permits real savings in food costs since it gives you more room to freeze and store in-season foods when they're at peak in quality and price. You can take advantage of buying fresh fruits and vegetables by the bushel. You can buy meat and fowl when the price is right—buy a whole lamb, a half of beef, a number of chickens or turkeys when their price is lowest. The packer or your butcher will cut them into usable portions which you can freeze. Your money goes further when you buy this way, and you'll always have a good supply on hand when these foods are out of season and costlier.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO OPERATE A FREEZER?

Just about as much as, or less than, a refrigerator of the same size.

DOES A FREEZER NEED SPECIAL WIRING?

You will need only a 110-V. circuit—but it is advisable to have every appliance on its own circuit. This is especially true if you are contemplating a large freezer.

CAN A FREEZER BE KEPT IN A WARM KITCHEN?

Yes, insulation keeps the cold air in, the warm air out—as it does with your refrigerator.

CAN THE FREEZER BE KEPT IN THE GARAGE?

Yes. Better have a lock, though. You can put a piece of linoleum or laminated plastic on top of it for use as a work surface.

CAN A FREEZER BE KEPT IN THE BASEMENT?

Yes, if the basement is dry.

WHAT INSULATION IS USED IN FREEZERS?

Most of the insulation today is glass fiber, either packed into the walls or wrapped around the interior shell in a blanket form. Both forms provide efficient insulation.

IS A SPECIAL COMPARTMENT NECESSARY FOR FAST FREEZING?

It is advisable, but if you put the foods to be frozen so that they are in contact with sides and bottom of freezer itself you will obtain a fast freeze.

WHAT IS A GOOD FINISH?

Exterior finishes are usually porcelain enamel, baked-on enamel, or stainless steel—all are good. Interior finishes are usually baked enamel, aluminum, or stainless steel. A one-piece (no seams) interior construction is highly desirable.

IS A THERMOSTAT IMPORTANT?

Yes, every box has to have an automatic thermostat to control the temperature properly.

IS THE GASKET IMPORTANT?

Yes, just as in your refrigerator, the sealer and the gasket keep the warm air out and the cold in.

IS AN ALARM NECESSARY?

Some sort of alarm, whether light, or bell (on battery), is advisable to let you know when the temperature is too high or when the power fails.

IS A LOCK IMPORTANT?

Yes, to prevent "pilfering" and to ensure tight closure.

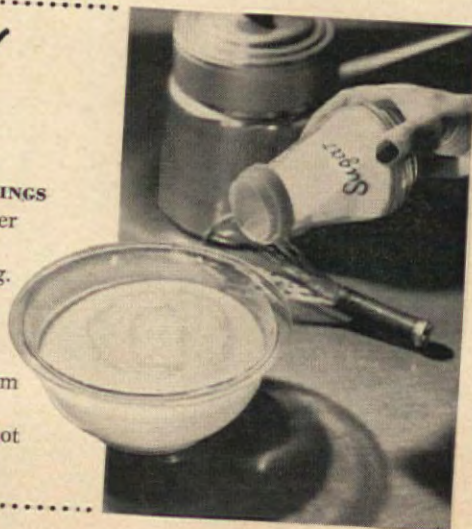
ANY DANGER OF THE LID FALLING?

No, not if properly counterbalanced, with a stop on it to keep it from falling. Most good freezers are equipped with this.

Idea!

SKINLESS PUDDINGS

- look so much nicer
- than those with
- a rubbery topping.
- To prevent that
- unattractive
- skin on boiled
- puddings and cream
- fillings, sprinkle
- with sugar while hot



HOW MUCH OF WHICH FOODS WILL A FREEZER HOLD?

Each cubic foot will hold: About 40 pounds of fruit in syrup *or* about 25-30 pounds of fresh vegetables *or* about 35-40 pounds of meat (not including whole poultry) *or* about 40 cartons (standard) in one-pint size (pint carton holds 3-4 servings). Just multiply these figures by the size you're buying.

WHAT IS A SAFE TEMPERATURE FOR FREEZING?

Minus 20° F. for fast freezing; 0° F. for keeping frozen foods—*never* above.

HOW MUCH FOOD CAN BE FROZEN AT ONE TIME?

As many packages as can be placed in direct contact with the refrigerated wall or bottom. You can stack already frozen foods on top of it, or next to the new additions.

DOES THE MOTOR NEED CARE?

No, there is a sealed-in motor in all modern freezers.

WHAT HAPPENS IN CASE OF POWER FAILURE?

Power is seldom off long enough to cause damage. With adequate insulation, food will keep two days if you don't open freezer.

IS THERE AN INSURANCE PLAN FOR FREEZER OWNERS?

Some manufacturers insure against a specified amount of frozen food loss due to mechanical failure of the box within five years. This is included in the purchase price. Others sell a plan covering loss due to power or mechanical failure. Ask your dealer.

ARE FREEZERS GUARANTEED?

Yes, all reputable manufacturers give a guarantee. Better read it to be sure you understand what it covers.

IS SERVICE READILY AVAILABLE?

Your local dealer will most likely provide service, but you should inquire about this before making your purchase.

FREEZER CHECK LIST

You will probably not be able to find all of the features listed here on any one freezer. Check those which interest you most, and ask your dealer which one has the most.

1. **Interior light.** Light goes on as freezer door is opened, allows you to see your supply, a great advantage in selecting items.
2. **Signal light or alarm device.** A signal light goes out when temperature in freezer goes above *safe*. If safety device is an alarm (battery powered) it rings when freezer temperature is too high.
3. **Counterbalanced lid** remains open by itself. Also, when you bring it down, it won't slam shut, but stays open a few inches until you close it. This protects against crushing fingers.
4. **Toe space** allows you to stand close to the freezer.
5. **Quick-freeze shelf** means less rearranging. Without it, foods for fast freezing are placed against side walls or bottom of box.
6. **Shelves on freezer door.** Shelves on inside of lid or door for storing small frozen-food packages or sandwiches.
7. **Cake and pie rack.** Special shelf insures non-crushing.
8. **Lock on door** guards against "food raiders."
9. **Divided lids.** Very large freezers usually have two lids. One section is for fast freezing or storage; the other for storage.
10. **Basket and wire dividers.** Baskets hold smaller items, can be lifted easily to reach food below. Wire dividers section off freezer, depending on size and classification of packages.
11. **Freezer control** set to fast-freeze or storage. Some freezers are pre-set and cannot be adjusted without a service call.
12. **Thermometer** either on freezer wall or on basket. It acts as a double check on safe temperature.
13. **Tray.** A plastic tray for transporting frozen foods.
14. **Ice-cube trays** to supplement refrigerator ice-cube supply.



Idea!

BLANCHED ALMONDS add so much to a recipe, are so simple to prepare. Cover almonds with boiling water, and let stand for 2-3 minutes. Drain, put in cold water. Rub off skins, dry on towel

Banana Milk Shake

Invitingly Yours

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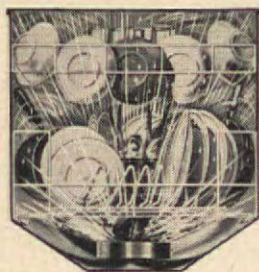
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Cheapies

• asparagus aspic (a cheapie)



• Bahamian ham (a cheapie)



2 slices cooked ham, $\frac{1}{4}$ in. thick
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar
 1 tbs. prepared mustard
 1 tbs. horseradish
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup corn meal
 4 tbs. margarine

Grease casserole; put in one slice ham. Mix sugar, mustard, and horseradish and spread over ham. Cover with second ham slice. Melt margarine and lightly brown the corn meal. Spread thin over ham. Bake in medium-hot oven (400° F.) until heated through. If uncooked ham is used, bake before spreading corn-meal mixture and then brown under broiler. For another topping, mix brown sugar with crushed pineapple using just enough juice to moisten it.

JEANNIE WILLIS

There are more ways to cook cheaply than meet the eye. The ones you've heard most about involve using the cheaper cuts of meat and in-season items. Well, I think this is a sound principle to work from—not *on*! So let's work from there. Let's not be like the lady I know who refused to pay more than a certain price per pound for meat. Let's weigh that—and I do mean weigh the bones and waste. We do not say that thick filet mignons are inexpensive, but what a dreadful shock the lady would get if she figured out how much her chickens, seemingly so much less expensive, cost per serving. For no matter how bare the drumstick is when you are through with it, it still has to be thrown out. But you can eat every mouthful of some other meats which carry higher prices per pound in the meatcase. A store in my neighborhood really glories in running steak sales. A mere 89 cents per pound, they shout. But me, now, I don't appreciate the opportunity they offer me to purchase bone and unusable fat for 89 cents a pound, and bone and fat make up 50 per cent of each and every one of the steaks on sale! Thus we Cheapie cooks cannot be fooled by mere price. We *do* look gift cows in the mouth—we want to put our meat money on the table, not in the garbage! So we buy not the least expensive raw material but the least wasteful, which in the long run is truly the least expensive finished product.

When your favorite foods are in season is certainly the time to feast on them. Yet that does not necessitate complete famine out of season. This feast or famine business can be overdone! We Cheapie cooks, well, let's face it—we cheat. No member of this club can look me in the eye and claim she didn't—just a little! Not that we admit it to our public. No need to, really, for our sleight of hand is quite professional. Never did any member of our club have to admit that a recipe was too rich for her purse, for as soon as she read about the

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Serves 4-5

• chicken à la queen (a cheapie)



• strawberry rice pudding (a cheapie)



$\frac{1}{2}$ cup rice
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
 1 qt. milk
 1 tbs. lemon rind
 2 tbs. lemon juice
 1 pint strawberries
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup honey
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. ground cloves

Simmer rice, sugar, and milk until the rice is tender and milk almost absorbed. Add rind and juice. Chill in ring mold, or individuals. Mix brown sugar, honey, and cloves. Pour this over cleaned and hulled berries (if juice is scant, add orange juice), and let stand. Top rice with berries. Serve very cold.

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Serves 6

Cheapies (Begins on page 67)

pounds of butter, the quarts of cream, the pounds of mushrooms, cups of nuts, and the like, she mentally *instantly* translated that into economical substitutes, into sparing handfuls instead of cups. And when she cooked it, she achieved the effect—and she was able to add a new dish to her family's menus. No, not dish. Serving. One lone serving, for to serve your food to the family right on the plate from which it is eaten is a first rule of economy. And isn't it wonderful with a little experience how easy it is to get people to take "seconds" of the good cheap "fill-em-up" dishes instead of the roast? So long as they have one substantial serving

● beef loaf (a cheapie)

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| 4 tbs. margarine | 1 bay leaf, crushed |
| 1 tbs. chopped onion | ¾ lb. hamburger, crumbled |
| 2 tbs. chopped celery | 1/3 cup water |
| 1 lg. mushroom, chopped fine | 1 beaten egg |
| ¼ tsp. nutmeg | ½ cup fine breadcrumbs |
| ¼ tsp. allspice | ¼ cup pickle relish |
| | 2 eggs, hardboiled |

Sauté onion, celery, and mushroom in melted margarine. Add spices, meat, and water. Season to taste. Cook 10 minutes until meat is done. Cool slightly. Add beaten egg, breadcrumbs, and relish. Mix well. Into bottom of greased loaf pan pack ½ of mixture. Shell and arrange whole eggs in pan. Pack in rest of mixture. Chill thoroughly. Turn out onto plate. Garnish with tomato or egg slices or more pickle relish.

Serves 6



● asparagus aspic (a cheapie)

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| ½ lb. asparagus | 1 cup tomato juice |
| 1 small onion | ½ cup water that asparagus was cooked in |
| 1 pkg. gelatin | ¼ tsp. rosemary |
| ½ cup boiling water | ¼ tsp. tarragon |
| 2 tbs. vinegar | ¼ tsp. salt |

Cook asparagus with onion. Drain off water and save. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water, and add remaining ingredients. Grease or oil container. Arrange 6 or 8 asparagus spears in bottom, using top half. Pour in about a quarter of a cup of the gelatin mixture. Chill till firm. Meanwhile chop rest of asparagus and add to gelatin mixture. When base is firm, add this to it and chill thoroughly. **SAUCE FOR SALADS:** To ½ cup of thinned mayonnaise, add 2 tbs. chili sauce, and ¼ tsp. mace. Can be made up in large quantities. Store covered in icebox.

Serves 6

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● chicken à la queen (a cheapie)

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| Left-over chicken | 2 tbs. flour |
| 2 tbs. chopped onion | 2 cups milk |
| 3 tbs. margarine | ¼ tsp. salt |
| 4 tbs. chopped celery | ⅛ tsp. pepper |
| 1 tbs. chopped green pepper | Almonds |

Melt margarine and sauté onion, but do not brown. Add celery and the green pepper. Turn to low heat and cook 30 minutes. Dice chicken. When celery is soft, stir in the flour, and slowly add milk. Add chicken, salt and pepper. Simmer until chicken is thoroughly heated. Serve with biscuits, shortcake style, or on toast. Top with split or slivered almonds lightly toasted. This can also be made with a can of celery soup, thinned with milk, instead of making your own cream sauce with the flour and milk. In this case do not add the salt.

Serves 5-6

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● strawberry whirl (a cheapie)

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| 1 8-oz. can crushed pineapple |
| 1½ cups biscuit mix |
| ½ cup milk |
| ½ cup sugared strawberries |

Mix biscuit mix, milk, and pineapple for the dough. Place in well-greased and floured round pan. With back of spoon or fingers hollow out groove, filling with strawberries as you go. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) for 30 minutes. You can drain off the pineapple juice, mix it with a little sugar and use it to glaze for real glamour.

Recipe by Jean Austin

Serves 6



of each part of our well-balanced meal, we have done our job—their waistlines are their concern! This method of serving leads to its own art. We learn to think in terms of more attractive plates of food, placing less emphasis on how it looks in the whole piece, more on the individual portion. Since that is the last resting place of any good food, never underestimate that!

Now to tell you a little of the thinking behind our recipes this time. Meat loaf and creamed chicken are two old stand-bys, tried, but also tired. Here we have them in a new summer wardrobe. The Beef Loaf in a cool party or picnic dress, really tastes like a good country pâté instead of the usually crumbly, fortified meat loaf. This calls for only three-quarters of a pound of the regular hamburger, you'll notice. You can also make it without the hard-boiled eggs we have packed into it—instead use just one for top-side garnish. It still serves four amply. Make it up way in advance (keeps for days) and it's fit for a king. For the queen, we have chicken: her new dress shows the Chinese Influence, Cheapie-style. If you raise your eyebrows at us about those almonds or clutch your purse protectively—just hold your horses! Whoa up while we roll up our sleeves to wage editorial war. This is what we meant when we talked of sleight of hand, and it is a pun we like, too. For it is the slight flavor of the almonds that makes everyone rave about it. It is a slight cost, too, those one or two split or slivered almonds on each portion, less than a penny per serving. And it's a very slight bit of time that it takes to blanch these few almonds. These are the tricks whereby we prove our professional standing. Again it is the cost of a finished product we must consider. Next,

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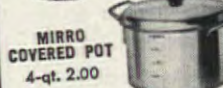
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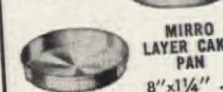
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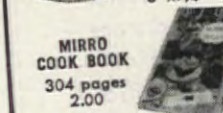
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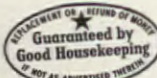
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an asparagus aspic, a glamorous mold that does not even need a mold. Do it in a casserole or baking dish, and arrange the spears with a little care, making your own design. Serve it with my pet sauce for all such things. You'll use this one often, it is so simple—and also just a shade different. Strawberries are next on our agenda, for these two strawberry desserts and the asparagus mold belong to what we call the feast or famine group. It would be hard to beat just plain old strawberries and cream—the first or second dozen times. But after that, a bit of variety sure hits the spot. We worked out these recipes with a great deal more than variety in mind, however. For example, let's take the rice with strawberries. Make it in a ring mold and heap the center high with loads of strawberries—when they are cheap. But in the winter, use individual molds or custard cups—then, with your most sparing hand, top each with just a few frozen or canned berries. When using the frozen or canned, vary the proportions for the marinade so as to adjust for the extra juice. If you have never tried a finger-in-the-pie, start right in on the Strawberry Whirl. And once you do this one, we know you'll do lots, for they are fun, easy, and most effective, with umpteen variations, a veritable godsend for icebox odds and ends. So these feast or famine recipes are useful all year.

You remember, we mentioned serving everything up right on the plate. Well, never was it more applicable than when serving a roast. Put it on the table, and watch it go. Good, oh yes, but so extravagant it hurts! There's another good reason for in-the-kitchen carving—you can stash away some of the nice whole slices for future reference. It will make a great difference in your left-over planning! Instead of always having snippets and tag ends good only to dice or grind, see what you can dream up for whole slices! We have one to start you—our Bahamian Ham. The mustardy sauce is wonderful on plain cold cuts—it is hot and sweet. It is topped with corn meal, buttered just the way you do bread crumbs.

Membership in this club? Nothing to it! There are thousands of us, and from now on we can continue meeting on these pages, exchanging ideas and favorite Cheapie recipes. Membership is by self-appointment, and works on the honor system. We are members not just because we cook over a thousand meals a year, three times a day seven days a week—but rather because we cook good food—good tasting, good food-value, good looking, and, not to be omitted, good and cheap—in other words, *good cheapies!*

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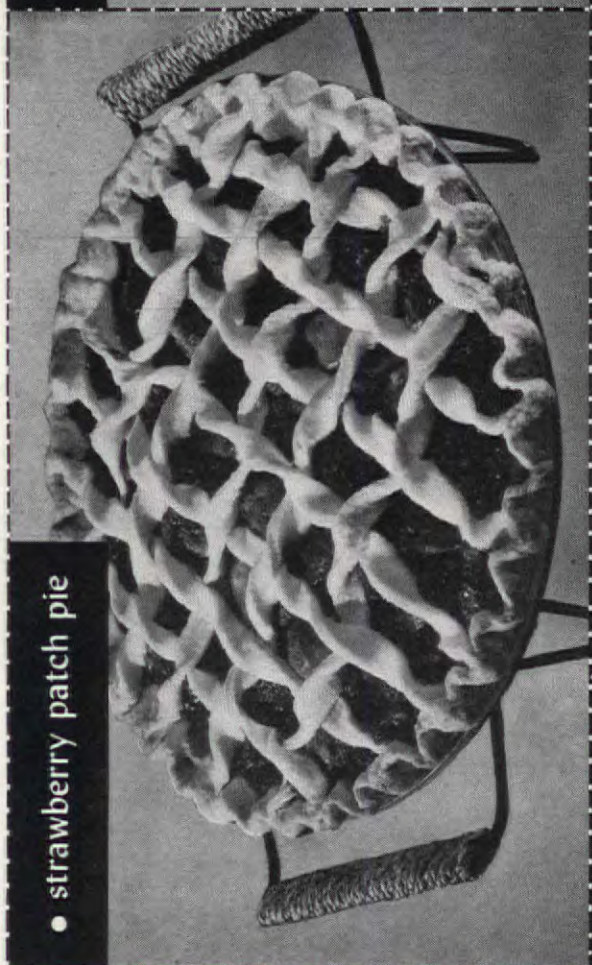
Food America Loves (Begins on page 52)



• spicy spareribs



• honey-glazed coffee cake



• strawberry patch pie



• stuffed veal rounds

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Food America Loves (Begins on page 52)

• honey-glazed coffee cake

- 1 package hot roll mix
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. allspice
- 1/4 tsp. cloves
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 cup pecans

Prepare roll mix according to directions on the package. Let stand until double in bulk. Combine sugar and spices. Add honey to orange juice and mix well; pour evenly over the bottom of a greased, 9-inch tube pan. Punch dough down. Shape dough into small balls. Dip each ball into butter, then roll in spice mixture. Arrange balls in layers over orange-honey mixture. Sprinkle each layer with raisins and pecans. Let stand until double in bulk. Bake at 400° F. for 35-45 minutes. Remove from oven and place on cooling rack for 10 minutes. Invert on serving plate and remove from pan.

8-10 servings

441-551 cal. per serving

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• spicy spareribs

- 3 pounds spareribs
- 2 tbs. melted fat
- 1 cup vinegar
- 2 tbs. soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp. ginger
- 1 tbs. sugar
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 large lemon, thinly sliced

Brown spareribs in melted fat. Combine vinegar, soy sauce, ginger, sugar, salt, and pepper in a saucepan. Heat to the boiling point, then pour over spareribs. Place lemon slices over spareribs. Cover and simmer for 1 1/2-2 hours or until tender. Baste frequently with sauce. To pressure cook: Brown spareribs and cover with sauce and lemon slices. Cover and bring to pressure according to pressure cooker directions. Cook at 15 pounds pressure for about 15 minutes. Reduce pressure according to directions. Uncover and serve.

Serves 6

130 cal. per serving

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• stuffed veal rounds

- 2 1/2 cups small bread cubes
- 2 cups grated Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onions
- 1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 1 egg
- 2 lbs. ground veal

Combine bread cubes, cheese, green pepper, onions, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper, and 1/2 of the soup. Mix lightly but thoroughly. Add remaining soup and egg to veal. Mix thoroughly. Pat meat mixture out evenly into a rectangle on waxed paper to 1/4-inch thickness. Spread stuffing evenly over meat. Roll up as for a jelly roll. Cut into 1 1/2-inch slices. Place cut side down in a shallow baking pan. Bake at 325° F. for 40-45 minutes.

6 servings

523 cal. per serving

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• strawberry patch pie

- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup shortening
- 1/3 cup ice water (approximately)
- 1 tbs. butter
- 4 cups strawberries, washed and hulled
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 tbs. quick-cooking tapioca
- 2 tbs. lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Sift flour with salt. Cut shortening into flour until particles are size of small peas. Sprinkle water over mixture gradually, adding only enough so that mixture can be shaped into a ball. Roll 1/2 of the pastry out on a lightly floured board to 1/8-inch thickness. Line a 9-inch pie pan with rolled pastry and flute edges. Combine sugar, tapioca, lemon juice, and salt; mix thoroughly. Add to strawberries and mix lightly but thoroughly. Place strawberry mixture in pie pan. Dot with butter. Roll remaining pastry out and cut into strips 1/2-inch wide. Place strips over filling, weaving to make a lattice. Moisten edging lightly and press ends of strips firmly to edging. Bake at 400° F. for 45-50 minutes. Cool thoroughly before serving.

6 to 8 servings

288-384 cal. per serving

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Our Cover Cake



• Maria's favorite cake

Food America Loves (Begins on page 52)



• tomato-cheese salads
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Our Cover Cake

• Maria's favorite cake

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| 6 egg whites | 5 tsp. baking powder |
| 1 cup butter | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 1½ cups sugar | 1½ tsp. cinnamon |
| 3 cups flour | 1 tsp. cloves |
| 1 cup milk | 1 tsp. allspice |

Cream sugar and butter thoroughly. Sift and measure flour, add baking powder. Add this to the first mixture alternately with the milk. Divide the batter in two parts; to one part add vanilla and fold in half of the stiffly beaten egg whites. To the other part add cinnamon, cloves, and allspice, and fold in balance of egg whites. Place alternate spoonfuls of vanilla batter and spiced batter into a 9-in., buttered and floured tube pan. Bake in 350° F. oven 45-50 minutes.

Food America Loves (Begins on page 52)

• tomato-cheese salads

low calorie dressing

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| 4 medium-sized, ripe tomatoes | ¼ cup finely chopped onions |
| 2 cups cottage cheese | ½ tsp. dry mustard |
| 1 cup tomato juice | 2 tbs. well-drained horseradish |
| 2 tbs. salad oil | 1 tsp. salt |
| | ⅛ tsp. pepper |

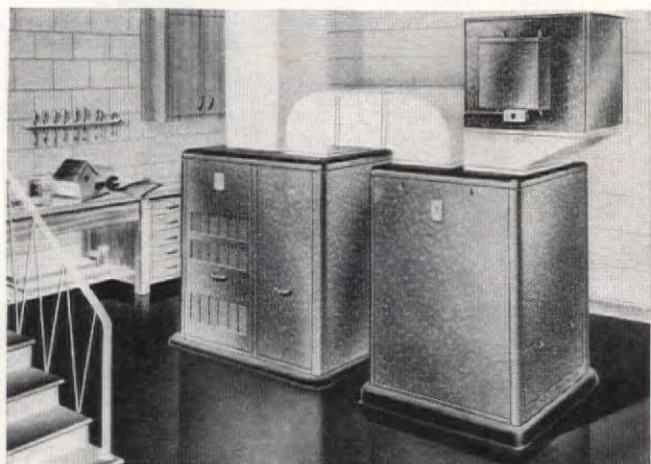
Remove stem ends from tomatoes. Cut each tomato into three crosswise slices. Spread each slice generously with cottage cheese. Fit slices together sandwich style. Combine remaining ingredients and beat or shake until thoroughly blended. Serve with salads.

Serves 4

216 cal. per serving

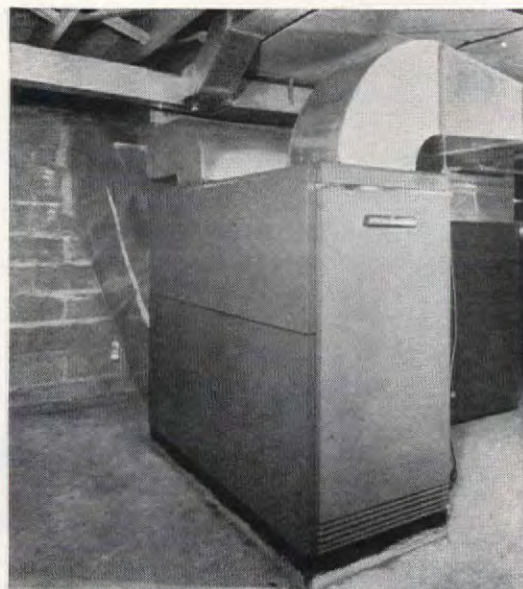
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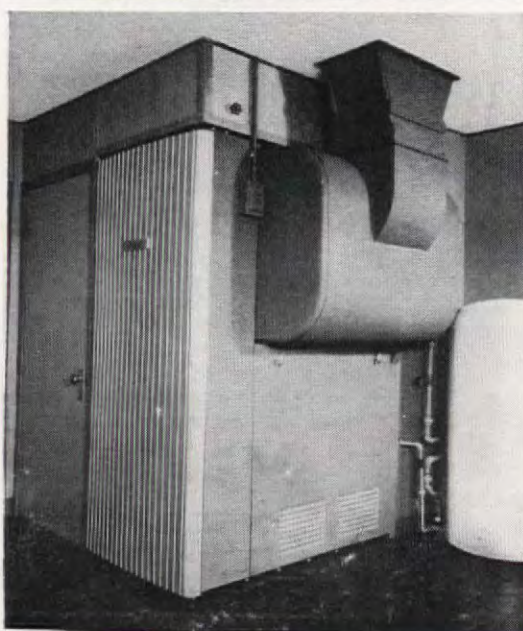
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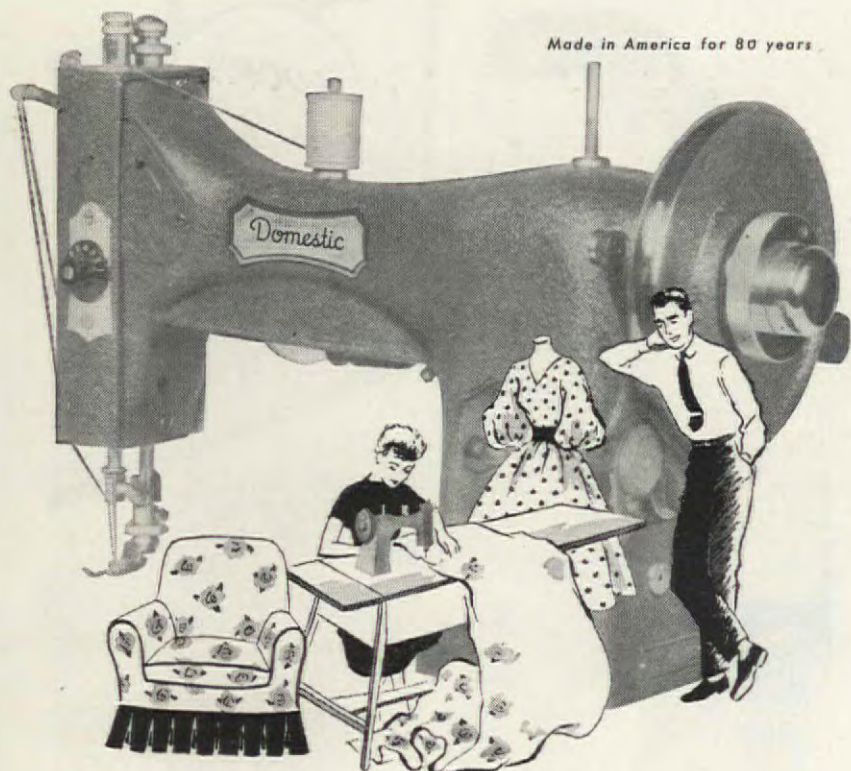


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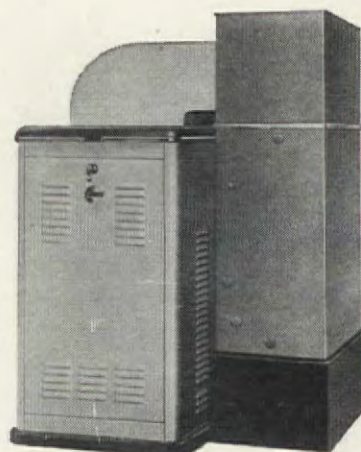
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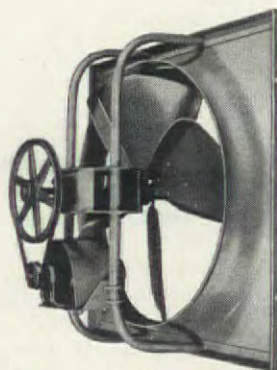
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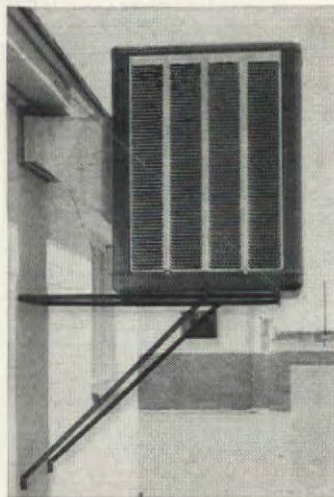
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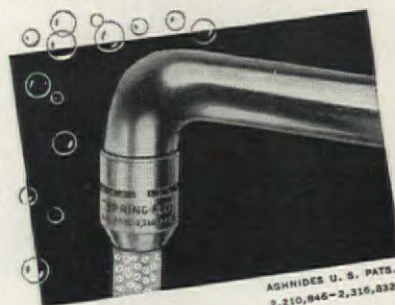


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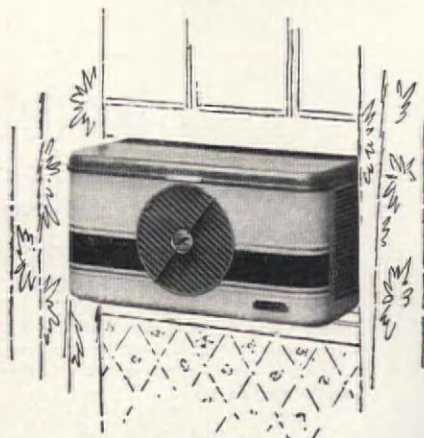


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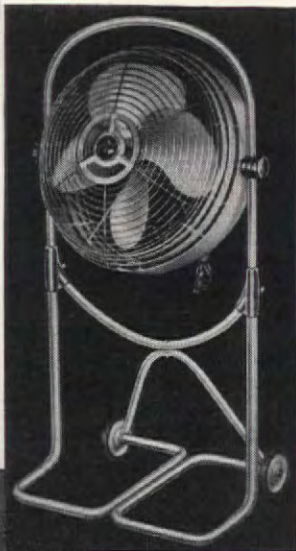


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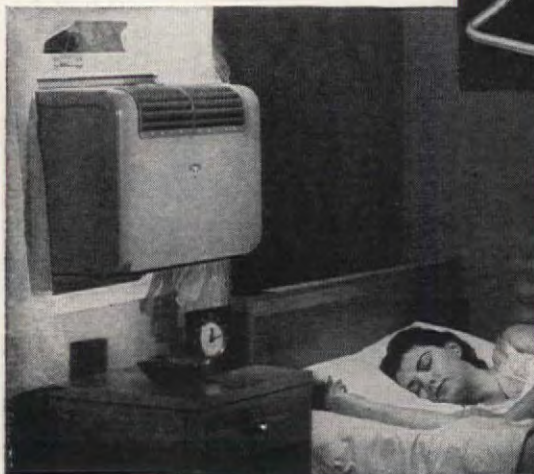
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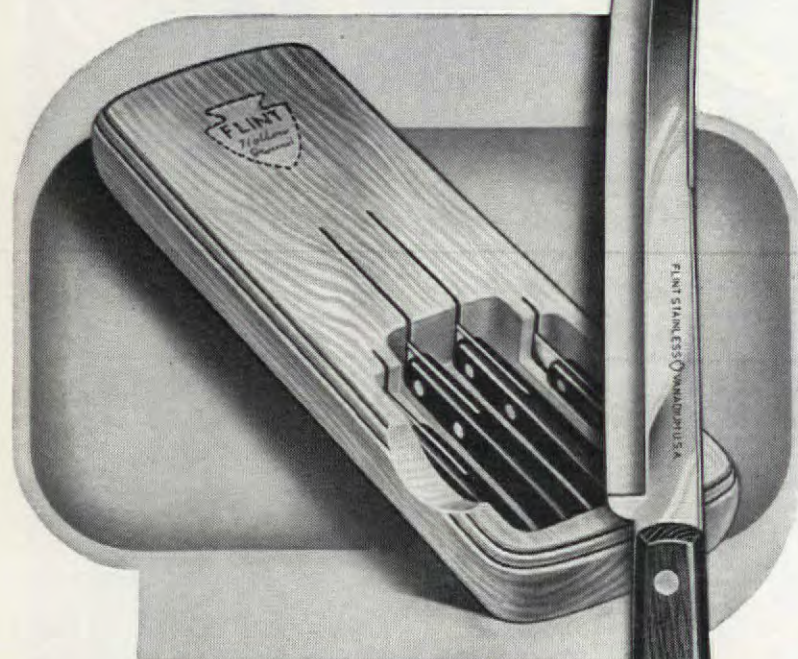
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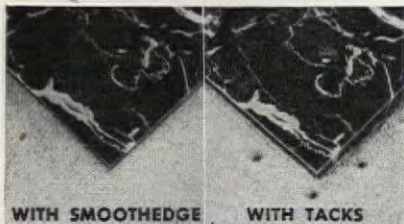


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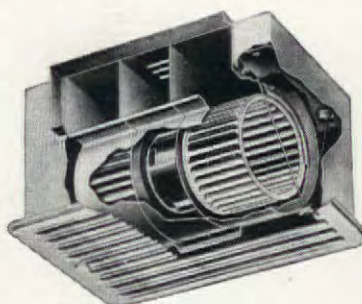


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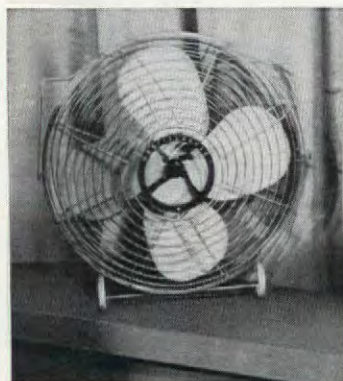
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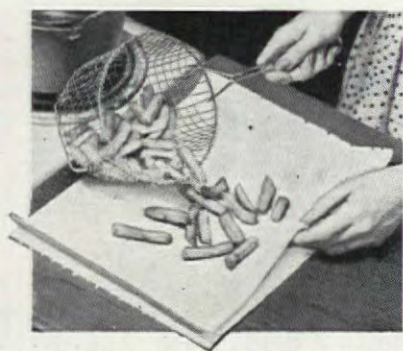
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Barbecue

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grade level. Don't put your fireplace too close to shade trees, for the heat from it will harm them. Do, however, try to arrange to have shade nearby, to make outdoor dining comfortable.



If you live in the warmer climates where frost is no problem, you can get by with a shallow base, but in the north, be sure that your foundation sits below the local frost line. If you can't find a solid piece of ground, "float" your fireplace on a wide concrete base, but don't make the fireplace too heavy.

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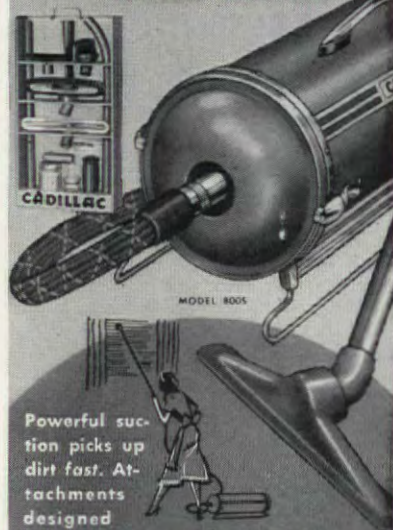


sandstone, limestone, or shale for the job, as these will absorb water and split when the heat in the firepit turns the moisture to steam. If you use bricks, soak them in water before you lay them up with mortar. If you're building your own, don't mix more mortar than you can use in 30 minutes. (One part Portland cement and three parts sand makes a good mortar for brick, stone, or masonry.)

Remember that looks count, too—a well-designed outdoor fireplace that harmonizes with your house and grounds can enhance your property.

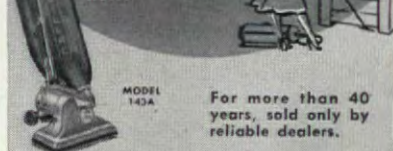


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artist's oil paint brush. For leaves, dip brush into tube of green oil paint, place paint-laden brush point on the glass, then bear down slightly—spreading of the bristles will form small leaf. For rosebuds, use a toothpick to place small balls of pink paint between leaves. (Make pink by mixing rose madder and white.) For two-toned effect, circle a bit of red paint (not rose madder) into the pink. For bud vase at top, coat the whole vase with pink paint (oils, enamel, or flat), and while paint is still wet, make all-over swirls with a toothpick. For bud and leaf medallions, follow method used for perfume bottle.

The pinch bottle has a modern look: squeeze big blobs of paint onto bottle, close together, and all about the same size. To create carved effect, use a pointed brush to circle through each blob several times.

For wavy lines on body of bowl at your right, squeeze paint through a cone.

Roll cone from 3-in. square of wax paper, fold over top, cut small piece from point. Fill cone with paint, and squeeze it through point to make wavy lines. When lines are dry, trim rim and foot with rosebuds. The small glass cups are fun to do, too. Here's how: cup at far left is decorated by cone method; next one is decked like the bowl; the one next to that, like the perfume bottle; and the last, by the cone method



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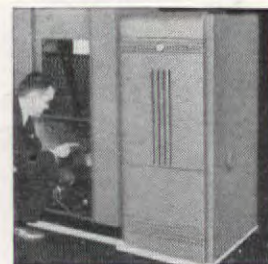
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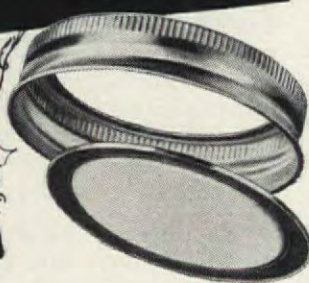
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"End table" is a packing case, masked by a fabric cover, but ready to move any time. Other good movers are the sectional sofa, a neutral green rug, and draperies with extra-deep hems



Data from Genevieve Stansfield Sherk

The owners of this happy home in temporary quarters are an Army couple, but even if you're not on the "go" as they are, the canny tricks they devised for improvising "furniture" and for adding color to rooms whose walls can't be touched, are ideas worth noting. Genevieve Sherk, wife of a captain in the Regular Army, insists that "you don't have to live in drab surroundings just because you move often, and you don't need thousands of dollars worth of furniture to make a home attractive."

These rooms prove her point. You could adapt her good ways with a dollar, a packing case, and a needle to fix up that family room you're planning in the attic, basement, or garage, or you could borrow her techniques when you furnish a summer cottage. If you're a bride on a budget, one of her basic principles may serve you well: put your money into top quality for permanent things like sofas and beds, and use cleverly masked makeshifts for the rest until you can afford good pieces.

The makeshifts are the result of Operation Footlocker which provides the Sherk with "end tables," "chests," and even wall-long "dressing table"—and, in addition, gives them a place in which to keep their extensive baggage. They simply put a footlocker (or trunk, or packing case) where a table or chest would ordinarily go, then skirt it smartly in fabric, and add a well-fitted top of contrasting material. There are no drawers, but this footlocker-furniture serves for storage as well, to hold extra linens or out-of-season clothing. You could devise your own by giving similar treatment to any sturdy carton—and insert a few shelves to put them to work as temporary substitutes for chests.

Color comes entirely from bright and inexpensive textiles which move along with them to cheer the uniform ivory walls of Army quarters. To the bedroom, a happy printed fabric brings notes of green, shocking pink, and chartreuse. Small cotton rugs (good travelers) are a strong hunter green. The same color appears in three chenille bedspreads (bought for about \$4 each)—

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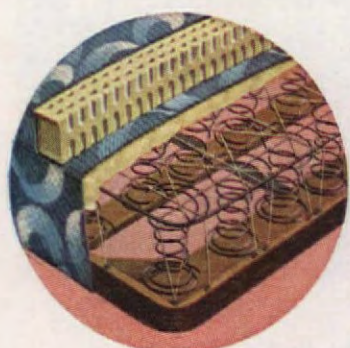
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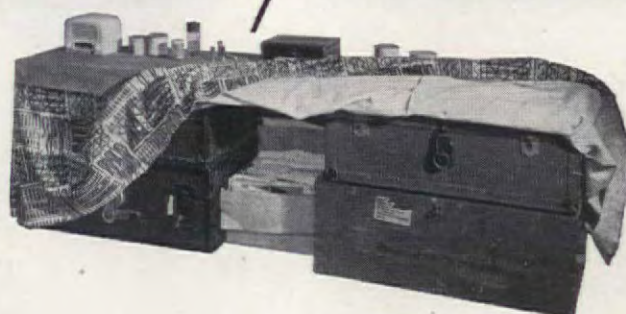
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one is used on the bed, two make luxuriously full draperies. The living room's color scheme is similar (raspberry sofa, draperies striped in raspberry, green, and white), a wise idea if their next home demands mixing things from both rooms. Accessories count for more than they cost: lamps are wood or brass with dark shades, and the pictures, painted by Genevieve, were matted in fabric and framed in plain oak which they rubbed down and varnished themselves.

To those on the move, the Shenks give these tips: Buy sectional sofas—they'll fit in any room. In wooden pieces, avoid veneers which may not do well moving from one type of climate to another, and avoid protrusions which make things hard to pack and ship. If possible, use second-hand or unpainted chests and tables, refinish them, and sell them before you move again. Keep your draperies full, and leave big hems top and bottom so they can be made to fit the windows in your next home.



Trunks "furnish" this bedroom by making "night tables" and a wall-long "dressing table." For smart fit and ease in lifting, skirts are pleated at corners, and for good accent, tops are neatly made of a solid-toned fabric. The draperies are a pair of inexpensive spreads which match the one on the bed. Only real furniture here is a good bed and a refinished secondhand chest



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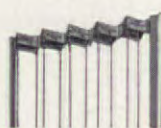
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What's Wrong with This Table?

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you're after, plan a table which is part and parcel of the party, not just the place where refreshments are served. For example, at the next wedding anniversary celebration, why not retire the standard miniature bride and groom and, instead of this well-worn cliché, build your decorations around a family "tree" decked with snapshots of all of those present? If it's a birthday, why not work symbols of the guest of honor's interests into the decorations in some way—instead of settling for just a cake with candles? If it's a high school graduation, use the school colors of course, but don't forget gay favors, each one picked especially for the graduate who'll receive it. When guests are so complimented, when your setting truly carries out your theme, no party can be stiff.

HERE'S HOW TO JUDGE A TABLE SETTING

Below is the yardstick we used in judging the tables on pages 58 and 60. The points given in parenthesis show the highest score any element can receive. In your own judging you will, of course, score down each element according to your judgment as to its degree of perfection.

LESSON V: Suitability to Occasion

(Highest Possible Score, 10 Points)

1. Continuity of Theme.....(6)
 - a. *Appropriateness:* Does the setting suggest the *kind* of party the occasion calls for? Is it formal enough, or informal enough?.....(2)
 - b. *Identification:* Do the decorations or the color scheme tell you at a glance what the theme is?.....(2)
 - c. *Execution of Theme:* Are decorations which carry out the theme well and tastefully done? Do they add to the good appearance of the table as a whole?.....(2)
2. Feasibility and Ease in Use.....(4)
 - a. *Feasibility:* Sometimes an idea for theme decoration seems clever when you think of it, but just can't be carried out in the space you have, with the materials available to you—so a compromise results. Was this a perfectly feasible idea?.....(2)
 - b. *Ease in Use:* For a party with this theme, will this setting be the most practical, do the best by the guests and their hostess?.....(2)

LESSON I: Appropriateness of Materials Used

(Lesson I—September 1951) (Highest possible score, 25 points)

LESSON II: Color Coordination of Materials Used

(Lesson II—November 1951) (Highest possible score, 20 points)

LESSON III: Execution

(Lesson III—February 1952) (Highest possible score, 25 points)

LESSON IV: Originality and Appeal

(Lesson IV—April 1952) (Highest possible score, 20 points)

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LESSON V: Suitability to Occasion

(Lesson V—June 1952) (Highest possible score, 10 points)

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dowels, and assemble top rail
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Good Little House (Begins on page 34)

is both attractive and easy to maintain. The cedar siding is stained, and a little white trim goes far. The concrete blocks which make the foundations, the chimney, and the retaining walls of the sunken garden, add an interesting contrast.

The roof contributes its own bright note, for it's coated with marble chips which deflect the heat of the sun. Low-pitched, it has a wide overhang, ending in a trellis for vines which climb out of the garden to shade the living-room window.

In the rear, two good terraces take in the view of twin ponds. One near the kitchen for outdoor dining, the other, partially roofed, is off the master bedroom.

A large living room invites you to come on in and take it easy, for its two walls of fixed windows let you enjoy the country from indoors. Its ceiling is acoustical tile, and its ventilation is provided by screened louvers over one of the windows.

Thanks to the "magic" table which slides on tracks between living room and kitchen (page 35), every inch of the living room is for living—the "dining area" at one end disappears, except when meals are served. When it's slid into the kitchen, the same table rests under a window in a fine spot for family meals.

Built-ins galore include a floor-to-ceiling living-room unit incorporating bookshelves, a desk, a log box, and a place for the television set. Another built-in is the telephone pass-through (page 35) which makes one phone act like two. There's a built-in bar in the entry, and built-in shelves in the youngsters' rooms.

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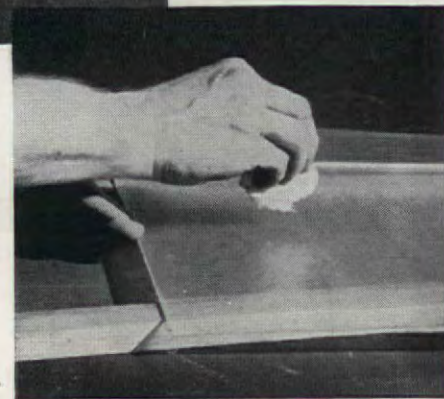
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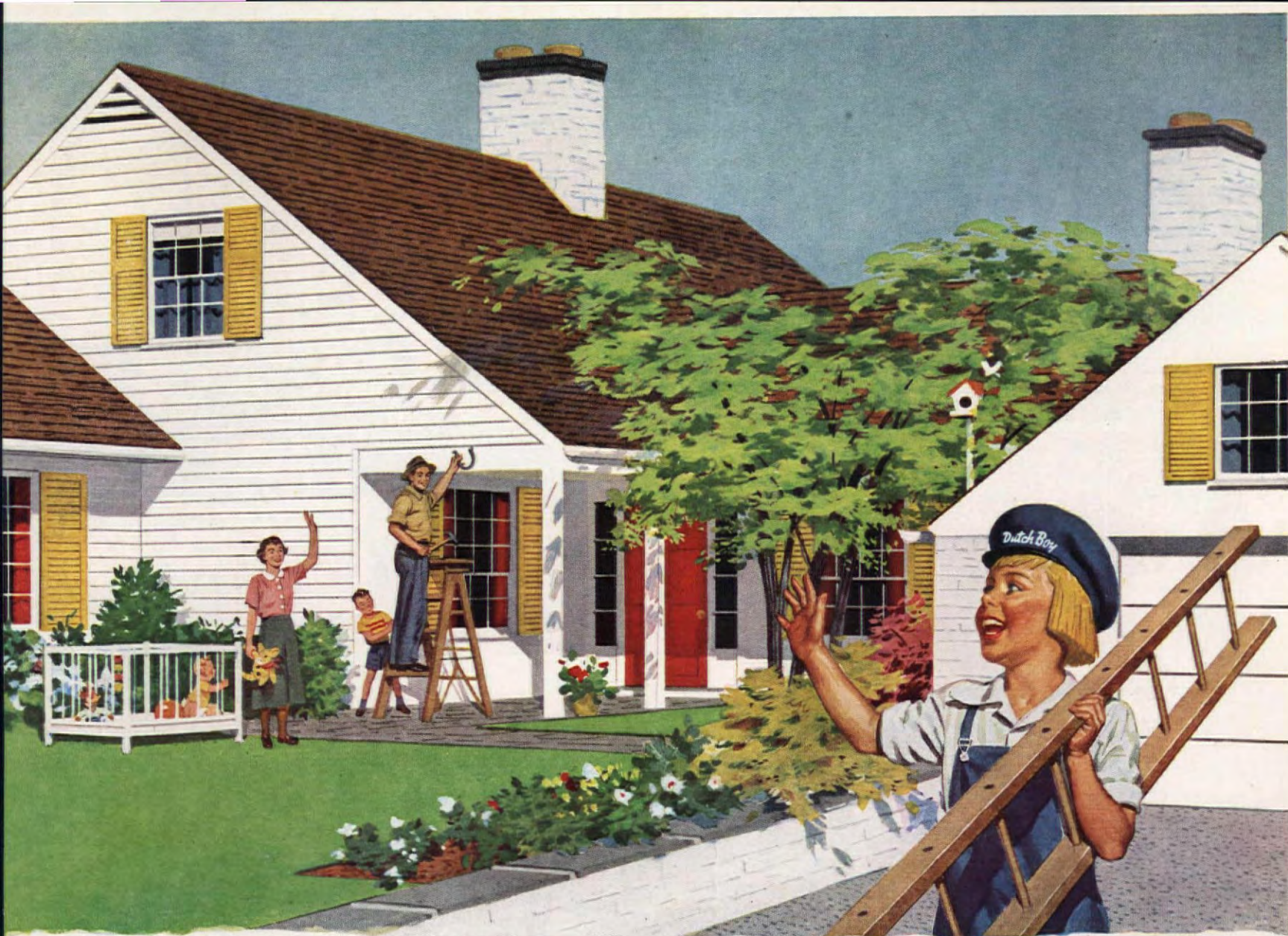


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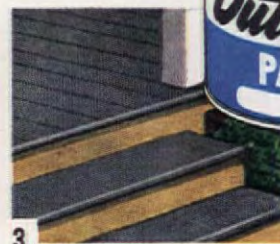
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Things are seldom what they seem. Viewed from the front this house gives the impression of being strictly traditional

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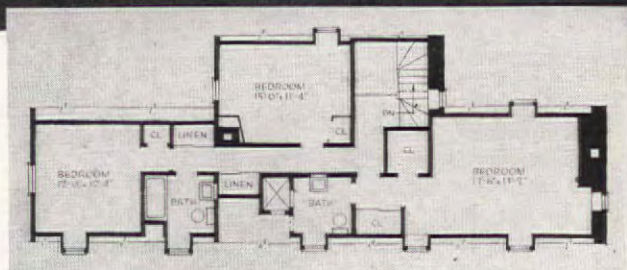
What happens when the owner wants traditional and the architect holds out for modern? Well, sometimes they go off and never speak to each other again—but often they sort of compromise, as did Mr. Johnson, owner, and Mr. Haag, architect of this house. And when the compromise comes off, you have a house that shouts, "take a second look." Take your second look here, and you'll notice right off that the front of the house is pretty conventional—stone set off to good advantage with white trim. This makes Mr. J. pretty happy. The rear of the house, on the other hand, is on the modern side, with large windows that look out over a big lawn and garden. This view of the house, with its white clapboard siding, makes Mr. H. as pleased as punch—and Mr. J. loves it, too. Because the large expanse of glass faces south, overhanging eaves are used so that the living room is flooded with warm sun during the winter months, but the hot summer sun is kept a safe distance away. This bit of solar orientation, a good feature of many modern houses, makes everyone happy.

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Inside, modern ideas of flexible space and whole walls of glass get along famously with traditional details

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What happened here? Rear of the house reflects modern ideas: big glass areas, unbroken horizontals, overhanging eaves

Modern-Traditional



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Kitchen is compact, bright, and well organized. Photo was taken from laundry area behind the snack bar

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Modern-Traditional

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The floor plan is on the modern side: kitchen at the front, a small entry hall, and a stepdown into a huge living and dining room that runs the entire length of the house at the rear and looks out on the garden. The fireplace, however, is conventional right down to the white wood paneling and the flanking cabinets with their wrought-iron hardware. The dining area can be cut off from the living room with draw curtains, giving the space modern flexibility.

The kitchen is another happy compromise, this time between too big and too small, and the arrangement of the various appliances makes for efficiency. The laundry is set out of the way in an area of its own to the rear of the kitchen, but it is still within easy reach. The first-floor lavatory is another good solid idea, and so is the fact that there are several closets on the first floor.

Things get off to a good start on the second floor with a large closet near the head of the stairs. There are three good-sized bedrooms along with two baths up here. With their own bath adjoining their bedroom, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have what amounts to a little private apartment at one end of the house. The other bath serves the child's room and the guest bedroom. Both baths are wisely situated to face the rear.

Most households really need two linen closets, and there they are—along with ample closet space for each of the three bedrooms. There's also a fine large cedar-lined closet built into the space under the eaves between the two bathrooms, and reached through the master bath. (The Johnsons put in the cedar lining themselves.) The eleven windows on the second floor provide ample natural light and ventilation—five of them face south, and only two face directly north.

The attached garage is big enough to hold a home workshop along with the family car, and Mr. Johnson makes good use of it. He built a fence in front of the garage, and ran it to the end of the house to make a fine screen for garbage pails and trash.

Besides seeing to it that he got his full share of "traditional" in the design and in addition to building fences and lining closets with cedar, Mr. Johnson found time for a good many other construction jobs about his new place. He cleared the land for the house, applied a good deal of weather stripping to doors, built the driveway, did the finish grading after the bulldozer had left, and dug a mighty long trench for the utilities. With the help of his neighbors, he put in the base for the flagstone terrace behind the house; and then, with the aid of his contractor, installed the stone.

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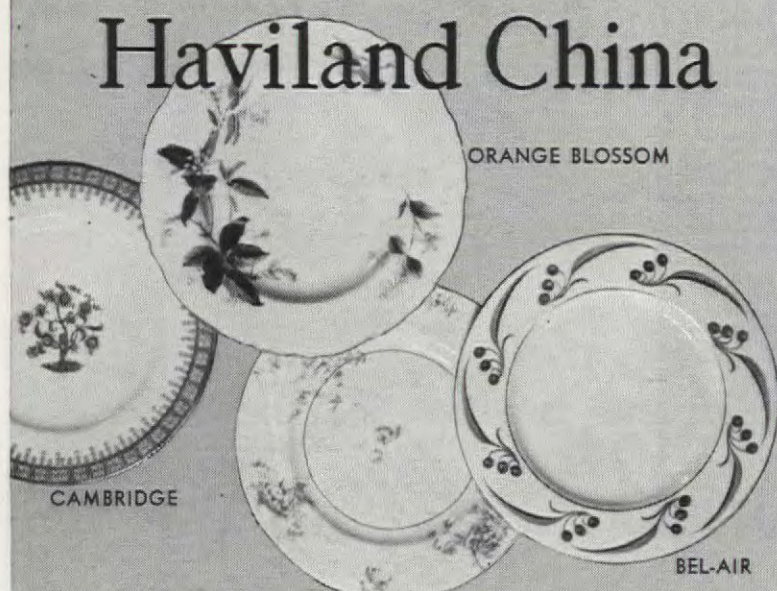
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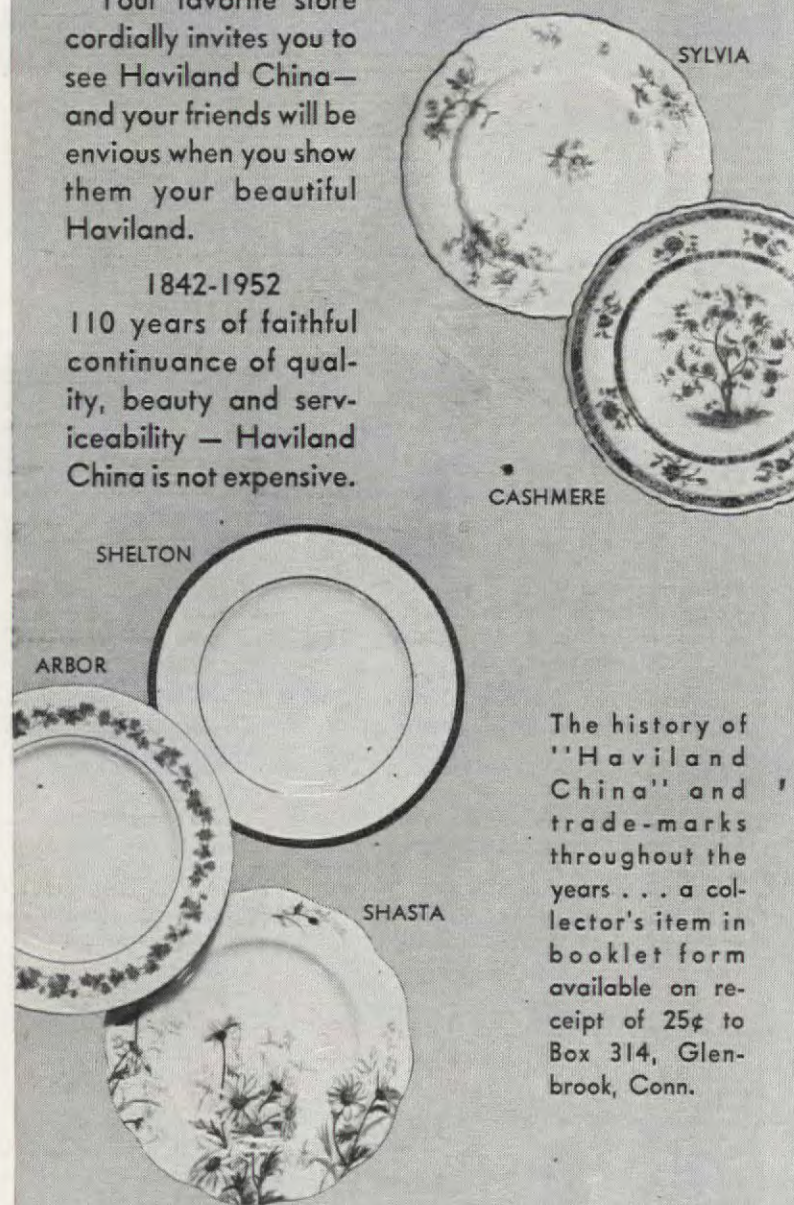
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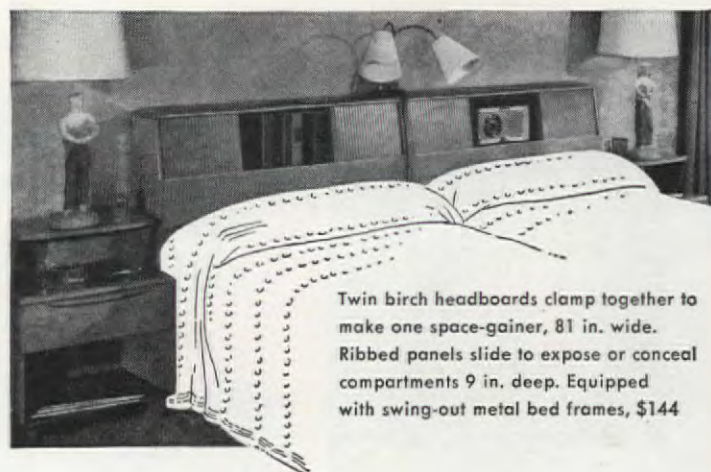
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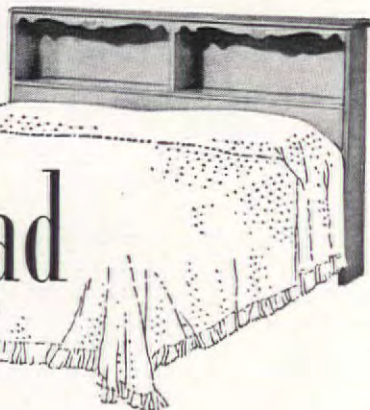
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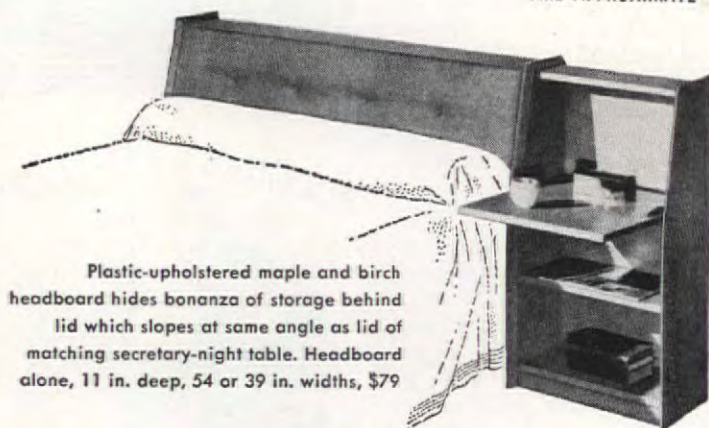
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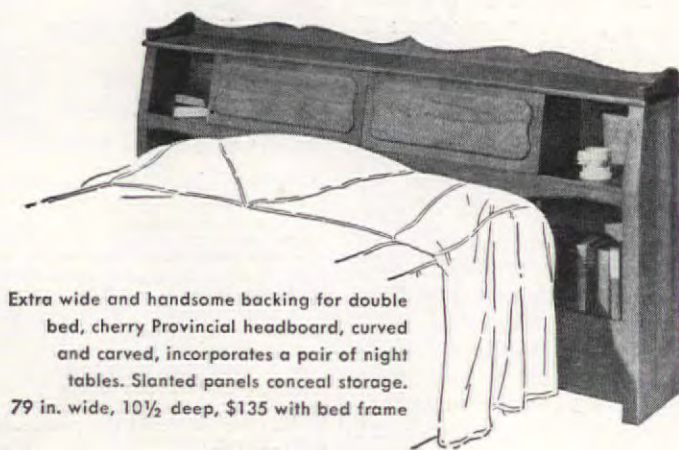


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2. Laundry: Damp surroundings can make your washing machine a dangerous piece of electrical equipment, for worn insulating on its wiring can cause the entire machine to become electrically charged. Then, if you stand on a wet floor or touch both the machine and a plumbing fixture at once, you can receive a severe shock. You'd have no warning, because the machine would still operate.

We're not sounding off a general alarm against washing machines: if yours is a new one, automatic or otherwise, and if it was installed by a reputable dealer, chances are it was properly grounded. If, however, you have an old model you can make sure it is grounded by running a No. 14 wire from the frame of the machine to the grounded portion of the house electrical system or to a water pipe. Defective insulation will then make itself known by blowing a fuse.

3. Appliances: Have you ever received a mild "tingling" shock from an appliance? Be glad you weren't contacting a ground connection at the same time. Check your appliances periodically for signs of worn insulation, especially on the cords or plugs, to prevent their becoming "live."

Don't use a lamp or drop light to supply the current for an appliance, and never use a cord on any other type of appliance than the one it was designed for. And never, never jerk a cord from an outlet! Pull the plug, not the wire, if you'd avoid shocks



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Play Safe

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and frayed or broken cords that can cause fires. And *beware of wet hands*—that includes perspiration.

4. Extension cords: Use them as little as possible! They cause one-half of all home electrical accidents. Cords hidden under rugs, run across doorways, or slung behind furniture are fire hazards. Add some outlets, running wiring behind the baseboards or in decorative metal moldings.

5. Overloading: Do your lights dim or fuses blow when you plug in an appliance or the refrigerator starts up? Then your wires are overloaded, and a fire or other tragedy may be in the offing. Most houses built 15 or more years ago have only 1650-watt lighting circuits. When adding "heavy-juice" equipment, like a 1250-watt electric heater or infra-red lamp, have your electrician or power company check to see if your present circuits can carry the additional load.

6. Fuses: Don't court disaster by replacing a blow-out with a higher amperage fuse or a penny—both allow the wires to be dangerously overloaded. Know where your master switch is located so you can cut off all the current in the house instantly in case of an emergency.

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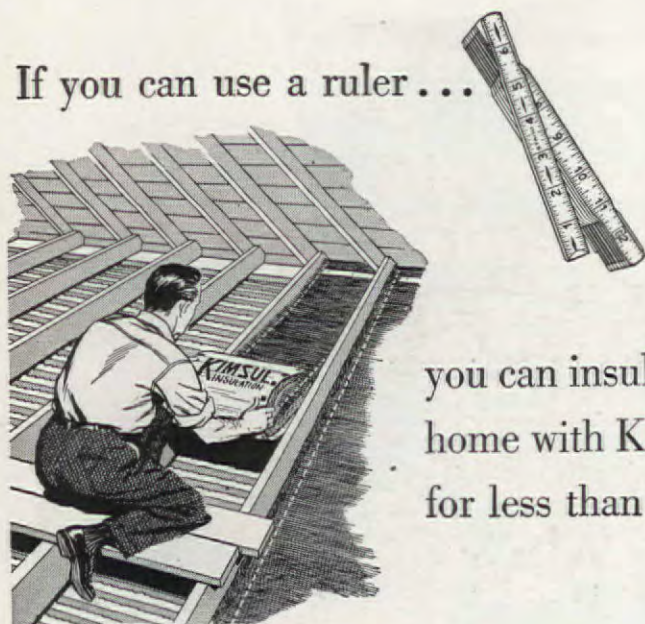
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The explanation of what makes a soil good—or poor—is, like any other basic truth in nature, perfectly simple and, at the same time, amazingly complex. Think of soil, please, as a three-legged stool. One leg consists of chemical constituents—elements derived from water, the air, the earth minerals. In various forms and combinations they make up, not only soil, but every other substance and form of life on earth. The second leg consists of organic matter, of both vegetable and animal origin, in various stages of decomposition (into other chemical combinations). Examples are manures, compost, humus, leaf mold, peat moss. The third leg is made up of living creatures, mostly microscopic, such as bacteria, fungi, etc., but including also earthworms, insects, and still larger forms. Working on the crude organic materials, they break them down into forms that plants can use as food; they also produce acids and other substances that have a similar breaking-down effect on the mineral constituents of the soil.

Like any stool, the soil is stable, usable, "good," only so long as its three legs are in proper relationship; when it is firm and in balance. Restore this balance in a poor soil that lacks it, and it becomes better; maintain it, and a good soil remains good. How can you do this? In two ways. First, *directly*, by providing the constituents of the three legs as needed—chemical elements in the form of plant foods, organic matter in many forms, microbial life as cultures or by adding soil or other substances already teeming with it. Second, *indirectly*, by providing the conditions under which, or the factors through which, nature does the providing, less rapidly, perhaps, but no less surely. Moisture, drainage, aeration, temperature, protection against the action of wind and water—

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To be fertile and productive, soil must be physically as well as chemically right; must have right texture and structure; must contain organic matter to make it porous and friable, and to sustain abundant microbial life (bacteria, fungi, etc.) which turns raw soil compounds into forms plants can make use of. Compost, as in this heap, is one of the best of organic materials

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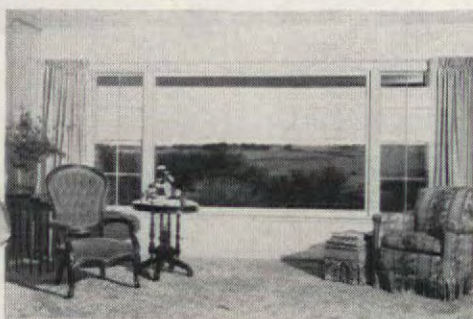
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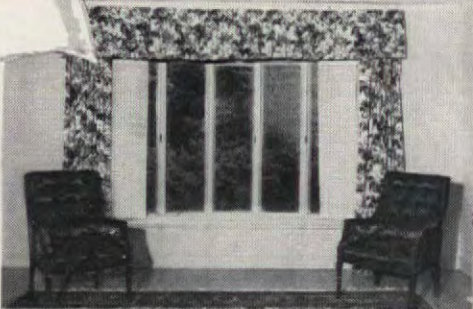
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Poor Soil (Begins on page 102)

these are some of the causes of good and bad soils. Probably there is no one best or "royal" road to success. It is the problem and the privilege of every gardener and farmer to discover the method that will serve him best in his situation. Some of the means at his disposal are as old as the relations between man and the soil. Others, as science reveals or perfects them, are (or seem) new. Recently there has been announced a synthetic chemical, Krilium, which, by causing fine soil particles to cling together and form

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Plants, animals, human beings—everything on earth is composed of chemical elements in many combinations. Fertilizers ("plant foods") are no exception. Hence they are a popular, convenient, and—
if properly used—efficient source of needed nutrients



Now comes the synthetic chemical, Krilium, which increases soil porosity; prevents crusting and erosion. It is claimed that on 100 sq. ft., a 1-lb. carton will accomplish as much as the heap of peat moss of which about half is shown above



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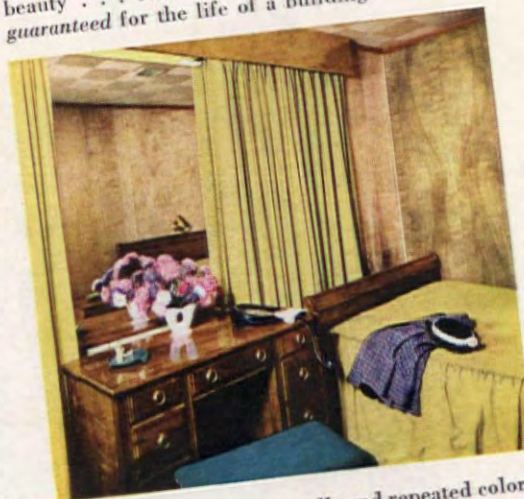
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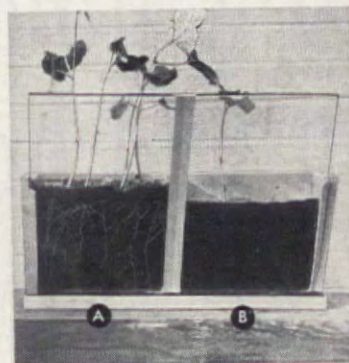
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larger ones, makes a tight, impermeable clay soil loose, open, and porous so that air, water, and the roots of plants can move through it more easily. That is also what organic matter does, and chemicals such as lime and gypsum. But the new material may show the way to quicker, more economical results under certain conditions. Not yet available generally, it is being widely tested. The results may well be of great importance in gardening.

But remember that soil, plants, animals, man—all are interrelated, inseparable parts of the vast phenomenon of Nature, that even the problems of keeping the soil in a back-yard garden in good condition are based on fundamental laws—like those of the three-legged stool—which cannot be ignored with impunity, whether by ignorance, accident, indifference, or deliberate intent.



Ten-day growth of beans in Krilium-treated soil (A), and in similar soil untreated (B)



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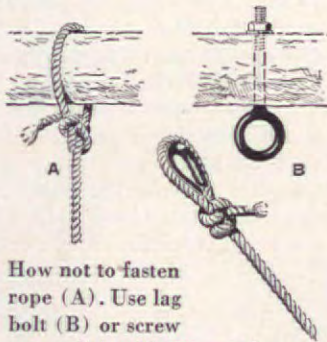
Safety in Swing Time

—Data from the Davey Tree Expert Co.

If you're looking for proof that human nature hasn't changed much over the years, consider the swing and its attraction for youngsters. (Or shouldn't we limit it to them?) Well, anyway, given a tree with a sturdy limb and some small fry of various ages, the logical thing is to get some rope and a board notched in the middle of each end, and see what splendid fun can result.

But, wait a minute! How about making sure that there won't be any regrets mixed in with the recreation and fun? There might be, unless you keep in mind a few simple safety fundamentals. And, believe it or not, the safety has to do with the tree as well as the swingers.

First of all, don't just throw the rope over an apparently suitable limb and tie it there with a slip noose or even a bowline. Tree bark is rough and can wear through rope in a surprisingly short time. And, reciprocally, a scraping rope can in time wear through bark, open a wound to moisture, insects, and decay spores

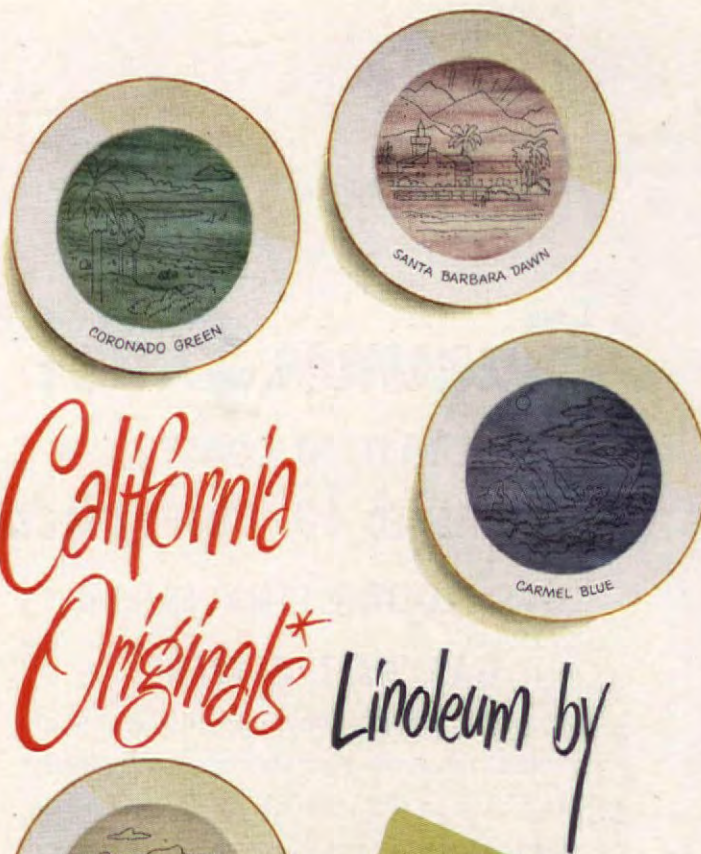


How not to fasten rope (A). Use lag bolt (B) or screw eye, and thimble in rope loop

and result in a diseased tree, a weakened branch, and, maybe, a nasty accident. Instead, tie the ropes to two good-sized screw eyes or lag hooks set deeply into the center of the bottom of the limb the proper distance apart. If the branch is big enough, and the swing is going to carry much weight, lag bolts run right through the limb with washers and nuts on top would be even better. And then, when you run the rope through the eyes, protect it with metal guards called thimbles, to be had at hardware or boat-supply stores, to take the wear and let the swing swing more freely.

Another good plan in the case of a valuable tree, and forecasting

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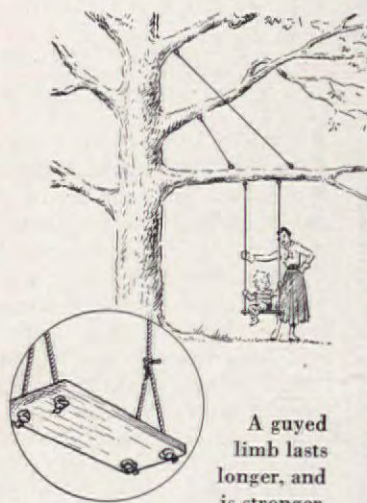
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possible overloads, is to guy the supporting branch with wire cable and eye bolts to a sturdy limb higher up; or possibly to the trunk itself.



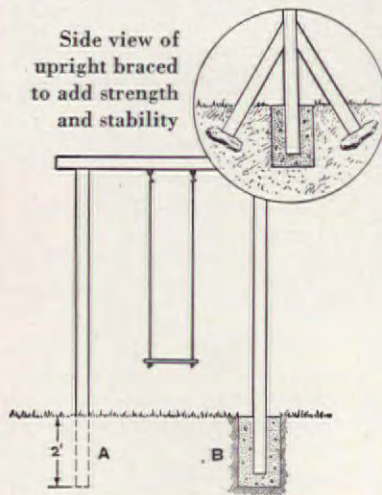
A guyed limb lasts longer, and is stronger. Separate knotted ropes make seat steadier, safer

Even if not essential, this will make for a more secure swing, and less swaying and bouncing, especially if the branch you are using for the swing is not truly horizontal.

One more thought (and don't sniff disdainfully): In installing a swing, use a strong ladder, set it firmly, and if necessary, get someone to steady it while you work. The branch *might* support your weight (if you can get to it), but then again . . .

What if you're faced with a tree-less yard? Well a simple cross-bar or gallows-type scaffold will serve, if the members are of 4 x 4 timbers or thereabouts, and if the uprights are set 2 ft. deep, preferably in concrete, and braced on both sides in the direction of the swing's course.

Side view of upright braced to add strength and stability



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The growth of public interest in nature, the outdoors, and wildlife, both animal and plant, is all to the good. But in connection with its opportunities and rewards, there are responsibilities and precautions that should not be overlooked. One is a knowledge of familiar plants which, though attractive, are potentially dangerous if wrongly treated. And one of these is mountain-laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*), also called calico-bush, whose rounded clusters of pale pink and white flowers—each like a tiny parachute or hoop-skirt—beautify wooded uplands of eastern United States and make the plant popular as an ornamental broadleaved evergreen over a much wider area. It is one of the plants that needs an acid soil.

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It's an old story at the beginning—boy meets girl, boy gets girl, and then boy gets out of the Army and goes to college to finish his education—mechanical engineering. Girl, meanwhile, is helping to keep the family going by working for, happily, an architect.

Every young couple wants a home of their own, and the Feltmans were no exception. They were also no exception in the financial department—they lacked the capital for the custom-built house they wanted. So they did what seemed to them to be the most practical thing under the circumstances: they went out and bought a piece of property—a lovely lot with a view of distant Los Angeles, the mountains, and the sea.

The next step was to bring architect Cody, Jean's boss, around to take a look at their lot. He looked, and went to his drafting board. When he got up, the Feltmans had a house—at least on paper. It was a special sort of house, designed just for them and their unusual lot, with plenty of glass to take in the excellent view. Once the house was designed, Chuck took over, and used his college education to do the actual drafting under Mr. Cody's supervision.

Then Chuck took off three semesters from school—and built his house himself. He knew no more about building a house than the next man, but he figured that if the plans were detailed enough (they were), that if he asked enough questions and watched enough skilled workmen doing



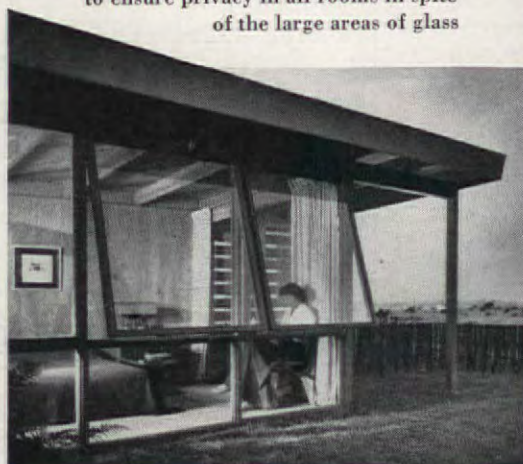
the same thing on other building jobs, he would make out. And he did make out—he even got helpful advice from a building inspector!

Chuck dug his foundations, rented a cement mixer, and called in ten dear old friends to help share the joy of pouring the concrete for the foundations and floor slab—along with a few bottles of beer. Once the slab was down, Chuck sort of dropped out of circulation, and even Jean didn't see much of him except when she spent her free time to help with the job.

The Feltmans dipped into their small savings to hire a plumber and a roofer. This was Mr. Cody's

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Corner of bedroom is glass, but wide roof overhang keeps out the morning sun. The house is high enough above street level to ensure privacy in all rooms in spite of the large areas of glass

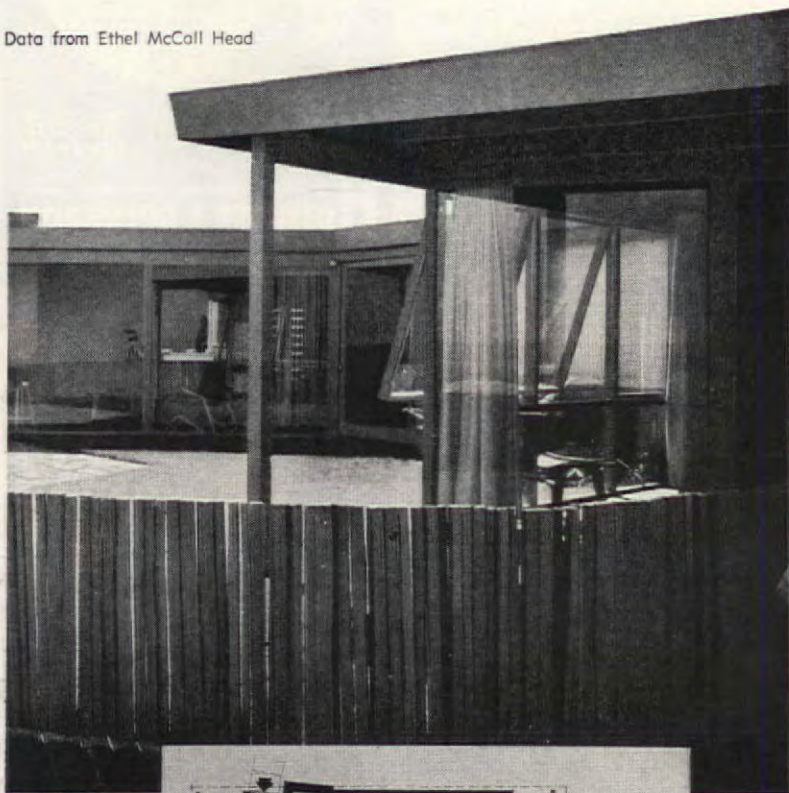


A dining-room table appears when a cleverly designed chest is unfolded. The Feltmans like informal simplicity so interior partitions are few

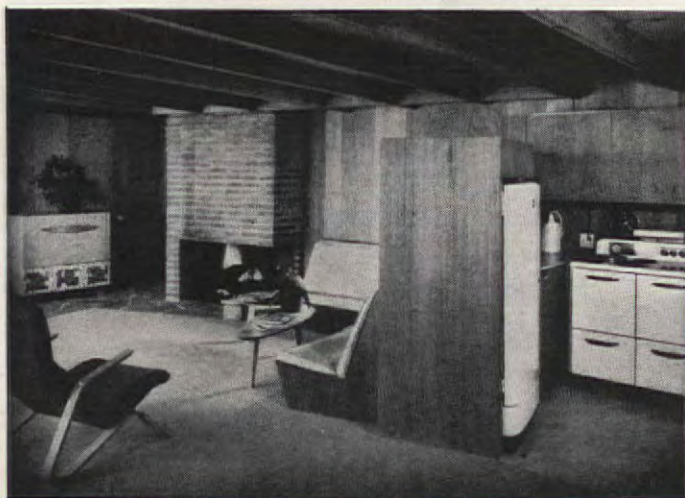
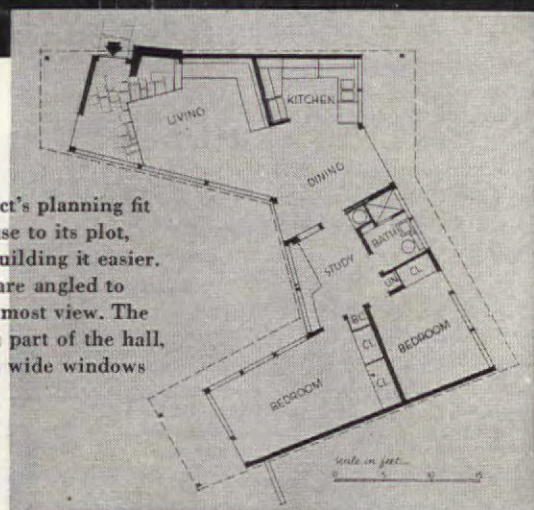
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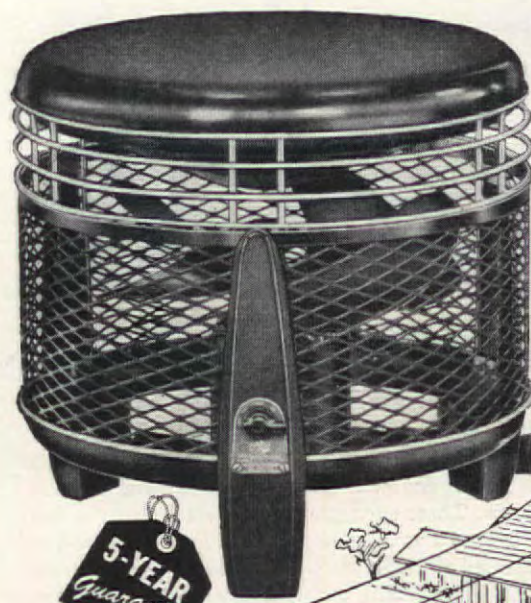
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Architect's planning fit the house to its plot, made building it easier. Wings are angled to take in most view. The study, a part of the hall, has two wide windows

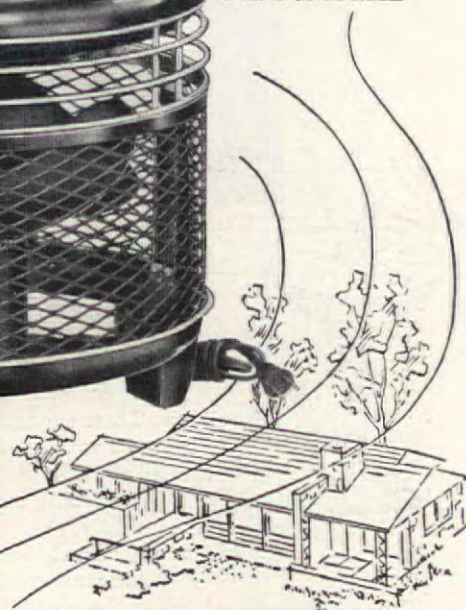


The compact and efficient kitchen is right off the dining area. The front door is next to the fireplace. Ceiling beams are exposed, walls are mahogany plywood



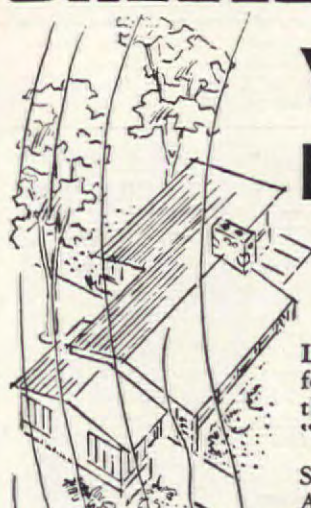
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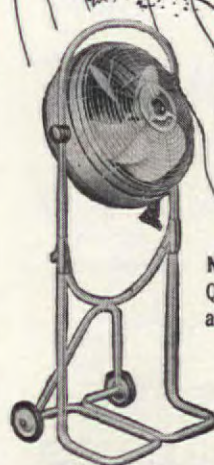
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suggestion and a darn good one, too, because these jobs can be tricky. They also got in a professional to install the large fixed glass panels, and a carpenter to do some of the cabinet work. The rest of the house owes its existence to Chuck Feltman. Ground was broken in February and Chuck and Jean moved in the following September. That was pretty fast work and good timing, too, because little Wendy arrived soon afterwards.

The outside walls of the house are made of redwood with Douglas fir used under the glass areas and for the fascia boards. The fir was painted cocoa to match the redwood, for the Feltmans wanted a "woody" look to the outside of their house. The original plans called for only two bedrooms—a master and a den now used as a nursery, but provisions were made to add on another bedroom when it's required. The hall between living room and bedrooms was planned so it's large enough to serve as a study for Chuck. The large expanse of glass gives him a nice view from his desk, and he made sure that there would be plenty of drawer space under the desk for his papers and drafting materials.

The kitchen has walls of mahogany plywood and tan-colored marbled rubber tile on the floor. A pair of doors open from the dining area to an enclosed back play yard for Wendy, and there is a garage with a workshop in the rear.

When it came to furnishing and decorating their new home, Jean and Chuck were right in there pitching. Jean rented a sewing machine and made up the nubby cotton draperies of soft green. Chuck made most of the furniture—a three-legged coffee table, a built-in lounge including the upholstery, and a console for the radio and record changer. At one point he took time off to whip up a bedspread for the master bedroom.



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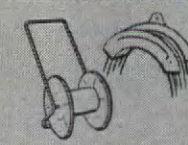
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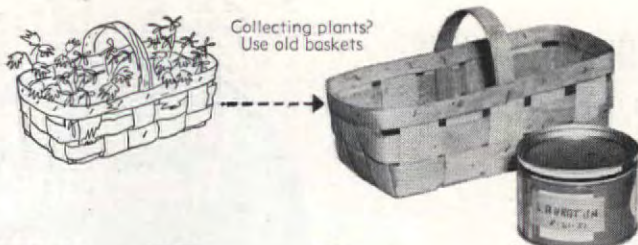


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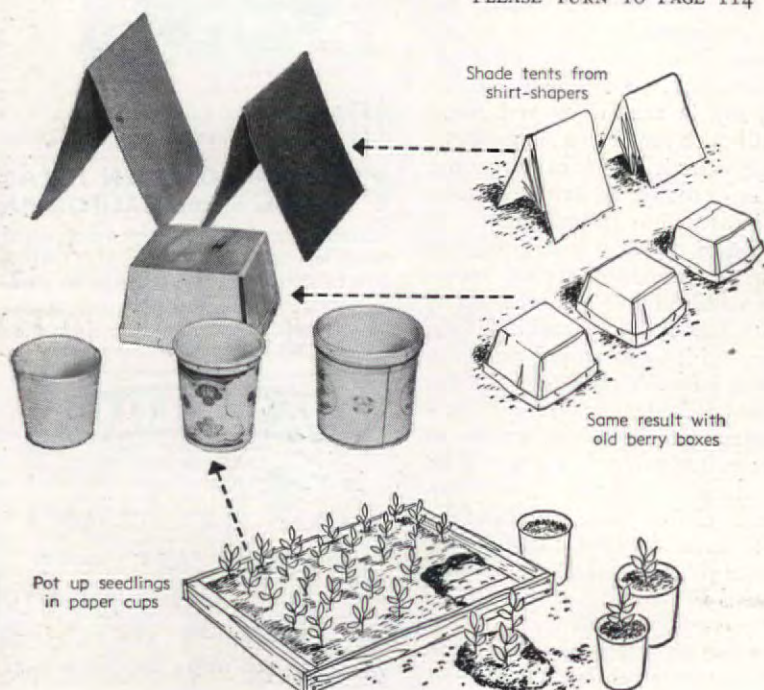


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Many people seem to feel that collecting gadgets is a more important objective in gardening than growing flowers. They acquire so many special-purpose things that they tend to forget what their special purposes are! Actually, garden gadgets, like most things, are largely what you make them. Go quietly about your place, collecting this and that from here and there, and you'll soon find yourself well equipped—and feel clever and ingenious, too. I know, because that's my method—finding a substitute for something I didn't buy, a makeshift that does almost as well as the "proper" tool. It's an old-fashioned idea, but I like it—and it works.

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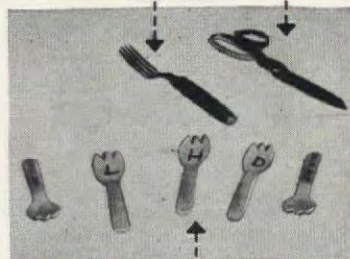
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a grain. Another can, with holes punched in the bottom, I use to water small seedlings gently. Others I punch full of holes and "plant" beside favorite roses or dahlias. After adding a tablespoon of plant food, or half filling the can with manure, I pour in some water whenever I work in the

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garden—and thus put both moisture and food down where they'll do the most good. Coffee cans have solved my problem of handling lily seed that sometimes takes two years to germinate. Punching drainage holes in the bottom, I fill a can with a sand-peat-loam soil, sow the seed thickly on it, cover with half an inch of sand or vermiculite, water with a damping-off preventive, put on the lid, set the can away in the cellar—and forget it until time for the seedlings to appear. I water it only once every three months or so; the lid keeps the moisture in as well as the mice out.

A roll of copper screen wire is my coldframe insurance against moles, when nailed carefully over the bottom of the frame. I also make circular "boxes" of it to go around clumps of favorite bulbs. A cigar box with the bottom knocked out and replaced with screening makes a light, small soil sieve; a larger one is a cheese box, its bottom of coarser mesh "carpenter's cloth." Wire raveled from waste scraps of screen is useful when I make corsages, and helps hold blossoms in place in my home flower arrangements, where wiring is allowed.

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nuals, I save all the berry baskets I can to make neat little ventilated shade houses for the plants. And I fashion tricky little tents for larger plants from the pasteboards the laundry sends home in my husband's shirts. If you coat them with paint, they'll be stiffer, and last for years. I treasure packages of wooden picnic spoons because they make dandy labels. With the bowls painted red, they mark the sites of daffodils and tulips after their foliage disappears, and of balloon-flowers, anemones, and other late spring risers, so that I will avoid them in my eager-beaver hoeing. An initial in weatherproof pencil tells what's there. With the bowls stuck in the ground they make good (and cheap) temporary markers for newly seeded rows.

Grocers who sell vegetable plants usually burn the wooden flats they come in from the grower—flats that you can put to many uses. Make friends with your dealer, and he'll probably give them to you to raise your seedlings in. The same with the boxes California grapes come in. A cheese box will make two flats, the top being deep enough for one.

Look at some of the oddities on my tool-house shelves: A discarded kitchen fork for transplanting small seedlings; metal fasteners from various bags—they make fine plant ties; an old pair of scissors that not only cuts off seed pods, but is a wonderful destroyer of tiny weeds; the cellophane envelopes Christmas seals come in—fine for keeping or sending seeds. All the fiber ribbon and soft cord that comes to the house around packages is used to take the place of the raffia I'm always forgetting to order. Good stout hairpins, when straightened out, can be jabbed into dahlia, delphinium, lily, and other stems to "get" invading borers. (Plug up the hole with chewing gum after the operation.) Hairpins also hold down side shoots of daphne while they root, or "little chickens" from the sempervivums. Small paper cups make fine pots for annuals and perennials during their root-developing days. Usually you can set them right in the ground without disturbing the plants. And paper bags—how does one keep a garden clean without them? Withered blossoms, black-spotted rose leaves, asters that have succumbed to yellows—in short, everything that looks as if it might do the garden harm can be popped into a bag for later burning.

Finally, my baskets. Whatever they may look like, they carry countless "starts" from my garden to help populate those of other gardeners—and vice versa. (But how few remember to return the baskets afterwards!) Yes, garden gadgets are what you make them.

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African Violets

(Begins on page 49)

raise it off bottom for ventilation. See page 50.

9. The ideal room temperature for plants is from 72° to 75° F.

10. Turn pots frequently so as to give plants even light and help them develop symmetrically. Shade them from hot sun in summer; or, they can go outdoors if a sheltered, partly shaded nook is available.

To go back to the beginning of my success with African-violets, I took from the north window the plant I was then struggling with and which already was beginning to assume that not-so-chipper mien. "Where," I asked myself, "if you were an African-violet, would you like to perch?"

"Up on that window sill above the sink," was my reply.

"But that is an *east* window!"

"So what?" . . . So what, indeed. And there I placed the pot.

"And now," I continued, "would you like to have your feet soaked in cold water in December?" "Certainly not!"—So thereafter I watered the plant from below, with lukewarm water, as I have already advised. In the warm, humid kitchen it was happy and thrived, soon becoming a double-crowned plant, too big for its pot. Friends agreed that it needed transplanting, but warned, "Don't try it yourself; take it to a florist or greenhouse man."

So I did it myself, handling it gently but firmly, as a mother would a new baby. Separating it into its natural divisions, I place each in a pot half filled with a prepared soil I had bought. Adding more, I firmed it gently. To my delight, both new plants thrived and bloomed. The soil contained supposedly 3 parts loam, 2 parts sand, 1 part each peat moss, compost, and rotted manure. A satisfactory simpler mixture is equal parts soil, sand, and leaf mold. But I often use with good results a little of the lightest, best soil in my garden with a little sand mixed in.

So good luck, and may your African-violet dreams come true!

By the way, they aren't *violets* at all, or even members of the violet family! They belong to the Gesneria Family (which makes them cousins of the gloxinia), and were discovered in Africa late in the last century by Baron Walter von Saint Paul, after whom they were given their botanical generic name, Saintpaulia. There are at least two species and a large and steadily growing number of varieties.

(Last word: Because the plant is not a true violet, it is *properly* called "African-violet"—with a hyphen and a small "v." However, the Society devoted to its promotion uses "African Violet"—as was done in the title of this article, with artistic license, for artistic effect.—Hort. Editor.)

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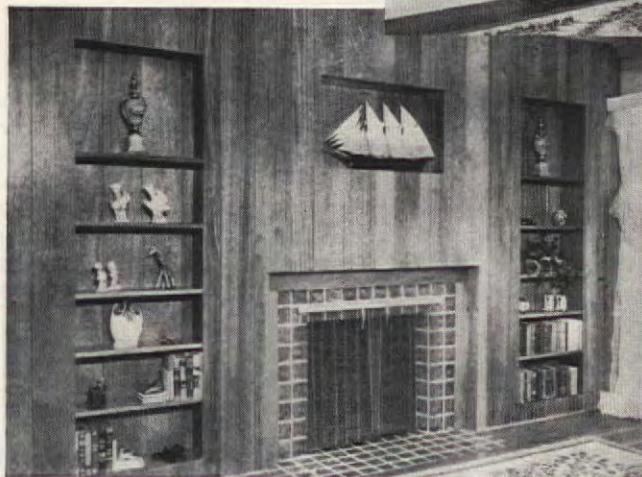
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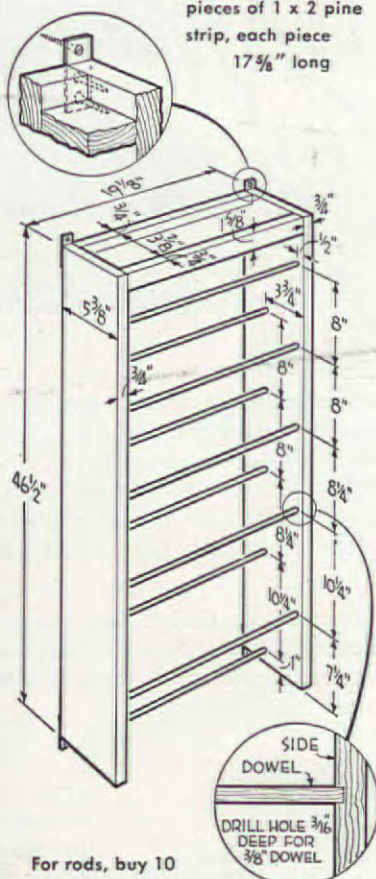
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Idea by L. Grimm



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Your kitchens are lovely . . . your food recipes, of course, quite beyond our means—still, one can have a jolly good feed just looking at them. A lot of your rooms to us are rather messy . . . you go in for plants trailing all over the place. . . . The small houses must be a joy to run. Ours were well built of stone in Victorian times, but the wretched men who designed them didn't know the first thing about it . . . —MRS. E. M. IVENS

POLIO PARENTS

Dear Editor:

We are indebted to you for the publication of Sarah and Keith Winston's article on the Polio Parents Club. (January 1952) Through Mr. Winston we have received some wonderfully inspiring letters from your readers whose lives have been touched by polio.

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—HUGO DEFFNER

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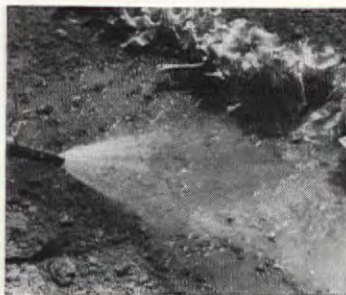
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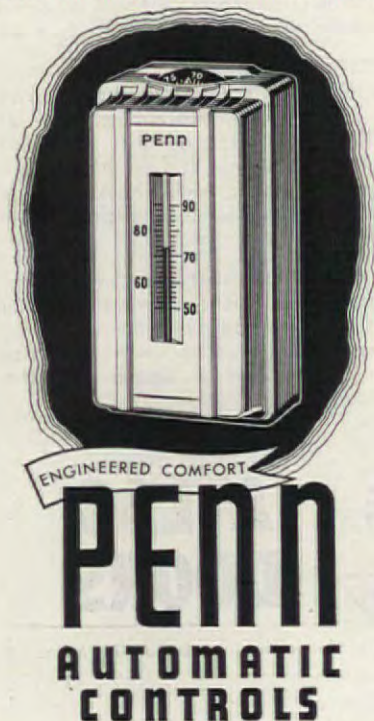


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For bolts, drill a 1/2" hole through the stringers, 1/4" below every second step. To be sure that the holes line up, drill one stringer, and use it as a pattern for drilling the other. Five holes will be needed if you have 9 steps

Sand the edges of the steps just enough so they can be tapped with a hammer into the grooves cut in the stringers. Fasten the assembly together with five 1/2" x 25" bolts. Use washers in back of nuts, and tighten the nuts snug with a wrench

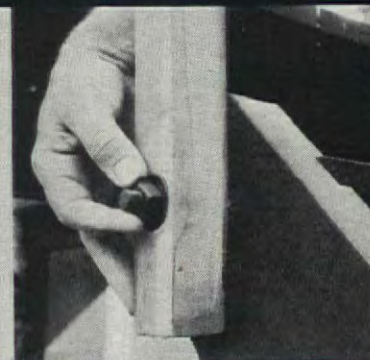
4" x 4" top support is 32" long. Cut 1" notch tapering to 0" to keep brace from slipping. Brace is 33" long and fits at 45°. Fasten support to post with U-shaped strap iron, or to wall studding with two metal straps



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A triangular landing platform is easy to build. Make the frame in the shape of a right angle by nailing a 4" x 4", 32" long, to the top support and another one the same length to the edge of the roof. Cover with 1" x 6" T&G boards



The three posts for the hand rope are 36" long and made from 2" x 2" redwood or pine. Place at bottom, top, and center of ladder. Posts can be fastened to the ladder with same bolts that are used to hold the stringers together



Make a 45° "V" cut at top of each post for rope. Rope can be held in place with strips of metal 3/4" wide or with regular pipe supports. Top end of rope may be attached to wood fence around roof or to top platform



to get this!

You could use a ladder-staircase like this to reach a flat roof or a balcony, or it could be an emergency second exit from your attic. It's firm enough to hold you, light enough to be stowed easily on its swing-back support when not in use

PETER GOWLAND

To enable the stairs to be raised or lowered, two 4" T-hinges are used to secure it to the top support. Stem of hinge is attached to stringer. Screws can be easily and quickly installed with a screwdriver bit

Fasten staircase to top support. Hold in correct position with wood brace or step ladder while hinges are attached to support with 1 1/2" galvanized iron screws. For 10' staircase, platform (see below) should be 7'5" above ground and 9" from top step



— IT'S ALL HERE



So the stairs may be stowed securely when not in use, install a second support, made of 4" x 4" stock, and fastened to the post or studding with hinges. Note that the lower hinge here has been trimmed

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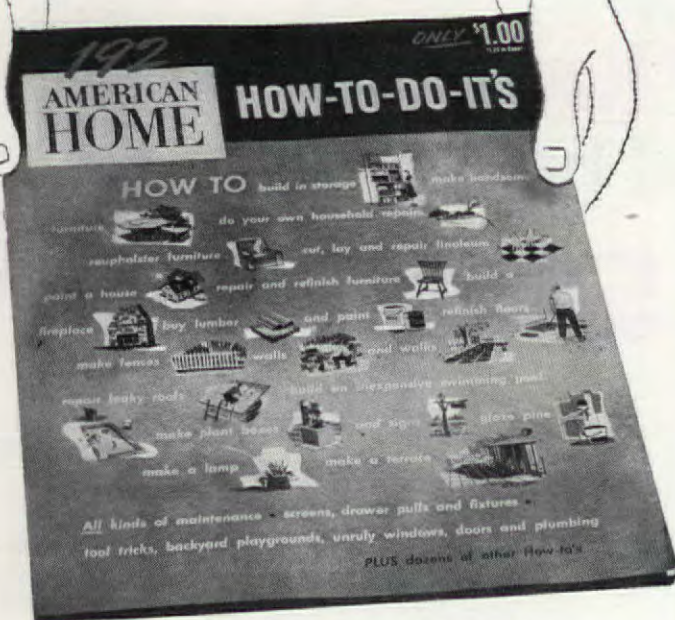
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Which Refrigerator?

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Some basic models with few gadgets are lower in price, but the convenient new features in most new models are enormously in demand. The prices quoted are approximate list prices. They're subject to change, and may vary in different parts of the country. **WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF A COMBINATION REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER?**

The combination refrigerator-freezer has a real freezer compartment with zero and sub-zero freezing temperatures. In most, the freezer section has about 2 cubic feet capacity, and you can use it just as you do a home freezer. For a large family, such a freezer will accommodate a few days' supply, so it can save trips to the larger freezer—which may be in basement or garage. If you have a small family and shop frequently, it may be adequate for your freezer needs.

WHAT IS MOIST-COLD?

Moist-cold creates humidity in the general food compartments so that foods may be kept uncovered without drying out or transmitting odors.

WHAT IS AUTOMATIC DEFROSTING?

Automatic defrosting is a new development now adopted by a number of manufacturers. Your refrigerator defrosts without any help from you. It defrosts in a matter of minutes, so quickly in most boxes that frozen foods remain frozen. Occasionally you can, and should, defrost manually to clean the freezer section.

WHAT IS AN EVAPORATOR? WILL IT KEEP FROZEN FOODS?

"Evaporator" is the technical name for what we usually call the "ice-cube compartment." It holds some frozen foods as well. Horizontal evaporators extend the full width of the top of one-door refrigerators. U-shaped evaporators are centered at the top of a refrigerator or placed on one side. Commercially frozen foods may be kept in both—for a limited time.

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Which Refrigerator?

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Interior finishes on some makes have acid-resistant enamel liner. Look for one-piece liner with smooth and rounded corners, which are easier to clean. Plastic or aluminum keepers for meat, fruit, and vegetables are now used by many manufacturers.

Look for rust-resistant shelves—aluminum, stainless steel, plastic, glass, or chrome.

CAN YOU GET LEFT-HINGED DOORS? Select the door opening, right or left, that is best for your kitchen arrangement. Left-hand hinged doors are available in many models at a nominal additional cost (about \$4.00 to \$10.00). In some cases the supply is limited, and in a few makes there are no left-hand hinged doors. If you need such a door, and if it is made in the model you want, insist upon it—your dealer can get it!

WHAT ABOUT COLOR?

You can get color notes. Color is incorporated in structural parts of some refrigerators. There are colored plastic breaker strips, door liners. Inside, there are touches of color on shelves, on the fronts of fruit and vegetable keepers or ice-cube compartments. The predominant colors are gold, blue, and green.

As of this writing, no major manufacturers furnish refrigerators with colored exteriors, though some few retailers may undertake to have a refrigerator colored for you, usually with sprayed-on (not baked) enamel. An auto refinishing shop will also color a refrigerator for you.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO BUY A REFRIGERATOR?

Any time of year is a good time to buy a refrigerator, but the best time is before the torrid months of summer. If you trade in your old model, remember that it's worth more if it's in operating condition.

HOW DO YOU USE AN AUXILIARY REFRIGERATOR?

Portable, 2 cubic feet auxiliary refrigerators have many uses as supplements to your kitchen refrigerator. They're a boon in children's rooms or in an upstairs den, and, if you have an electric outlet near your outdoor barbecue, it's mighty handy to plug one in there.

REFRIGERATOR CHECK LIST

You may not be able to find *all* of the features listed below in any single refrigerator. Check those which interest you, and then ask your dealer which one has the most. All mean extra convenience to you.

1. **Shelves on door** designed for tall bottles, eggs, and small packages.
2. **Water or fruit-juice bottles** designed to fit on shelf or door.
3. **Butter keeper** with adjustable temperature control located either in the door or in the cabinet. Keeps butter at any desired consistency.

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HELP YOUR BAZAAR PAY OFF

Page 18: Designs by: 1428, Hilary Knight; 1429, Lietta; 1430, Zeleme; 1431, Ruth Ropka.

FOOD AMERICA LOVES BEST

Page 52: Plates, "Green Geranium," Dick Knox, and salad-dressing container, Saks Fifth Avenue Guest and Gift Shop; pie holder, Richards Morgenthau; small platter, Myott and Son; large platter, "Lady Anne," Spode's Mansard; Lazy Susan cake plate, Marshall Field; cloth, Mignonne Chambray, Avondale.

GOOD VICTUALS

Pages 54, 55: Highly polished teak bowl by Espenet, comes in variety of sizes and prices. This one, 4" x 13 1/2" is \$12.50. "Olde Thompson" Stirrup Cloth comes in brightly colored denim with leatherette stirrups holding bandana napkins. Standard barbecue size (85" x 47") in blue cloth with red napkins, yellow with blue, red with blue. Also comes in round shape for umbrella tables, with center cut-out and zipper. Price \$13.95. Smokin' Hickory Wood Disks to give steaks and chops that smoky flavor. Enough disks for 10-15 barbecues, \$2.95; 3 bags, \$7.95; 6 bags, \$14.95. From Smokin' Hickory Hank. "I Bet You Can't" pitcher and glasses, with red lettering on hand-blown glass by West Virginia Glass Co. Glasses, 8" high, 69¢ each. Pitcher, 9" high, \$2.25. Giant Skillet, red or green enamel with wooden handle, 16" wide, 32" long over-all, 3" deep. Can be used in oven or top-of-stove cooking. Globe Brass & Copper Co. \$19.95. Stainless steel skewers, 26" long with 6" hardwood handles, from Schiller & Asmus, about \$12.00 for 8.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS TABLE

Page 58: Pottery dinnerware, "Fantasy," Red Wing Potteries, Inc. (designed by Belle Kogan); stemware, "Twist," Imperial Glass; sterling, "Craftsman" flatware, "Silver Flutes" salts and peppers, "Contour" nut dishes, Towle Mfg. Co.; place mats, Bouquet Linen; napkins, "Colorflax," John Matouk; planter bowl and candlesticks, Larry Padgett; candles, "Ivory," Emkay.

THIS IS CORRECT AND WHY

Page 60: Pottery dinnerware, "Fantasy" and "Quartette," Red Wing Potteries, Inc. (designed by Belle Kogan); stemware and glass plates, "Violet Svelt," Imperial Glass; sterling, "Craftsman" flatware, "Silver Flutes" cigarette urn and candy compote, "Contour" nest of ash trays, Towle Mfg. Co.; cloth and napkins, "Colorflax," John Matouk; centerpiece, "Crown" bowl, Decorative Kilns; bread basket and liner, Bouquet Linen; "Royal Crown," Olde Thompson Pepper Mills; lighter, "Mayfair," Ronson; Fanny Farmer candy.

TAKE A PACKAGE OF ICE CREAM

Page 62: Crescent-shaped plate, "Candlewick," Imperial; milk-glass double-hand bon-bon, Westmoreland; 11" footed salver, "Princess," Viking; round plate, "Southern Provincial," Southern Potteries; saucer champagne, "Provincial," Tiffin; jade plate, "Chatelaine," Vernon Kilns; blue oval platter, Edwin M. Knowles.

THESE WILL COOL YOUR HOUSE—A ROOM

Page 75: (Top to bottom) Mayfair summer air conditioner and Seneca winter air conditioner, American-Standard; packaged heat pump, General Electric; all-year air conditioner, Servel. Page 76: (Top to bottom) residential year 'round air conditioner, Chrysler Airtemp; attic ventilator, American Blower Corp.; Sno-Breeze air coolers, Palmer Manufacturing Corp. Page 77: (Top to bottom) 16-in. floor fan, Westinghouse; pedestal air circulator, Vornado (A. O. Suttin); room air conditioner, Fedders-Quigan Corp.; portable fan, Emerson Electric; room air conditioner, General Motors Corp., Frigidaire Division. Page 78: (Top to bottom) clipper blower, Trade Wind Motors, Inc.; all-purpose fan, General Electric; deluxe window fan, Westinghouse.

SPACE GOES TO YOUR HEAD

Page 98: (Top to bottom) Heywood-Wakefield

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4. **Interior light.** Light which goes on when door is opened.

5. **Meat keeper.** Special container for meats.

6. **Fruit and vegetable keeper.** Most refrigerators have this. If the basic models don't, you can order one.

7. **Sliding shelves** pull out to make small items in back more accessible.

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9. **Chilling tray** for storage of ice cubes, chilling of beverages and food.

10. **Cube release.** Some allow for removal of one or two cubes at a time or a whole trayful, as needed.

11. **Foot-pedal door.** Step-on pedal at bottom of refrigerator opens door, freeing both hands.

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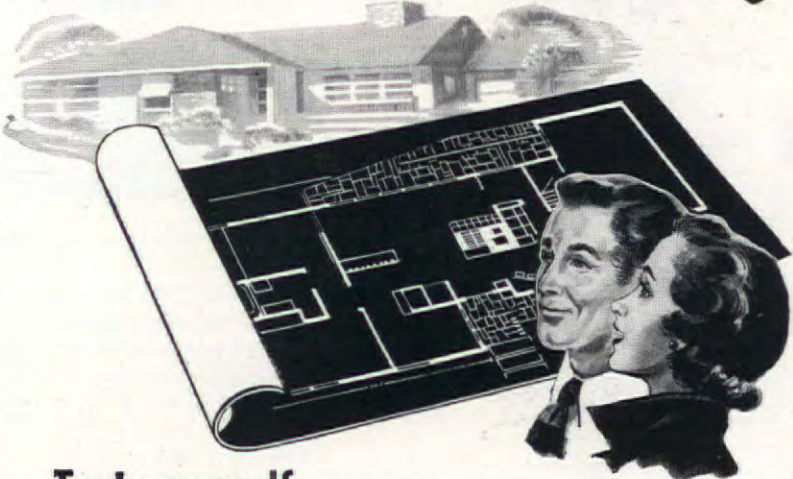
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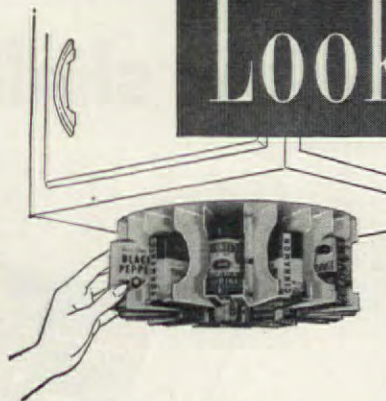
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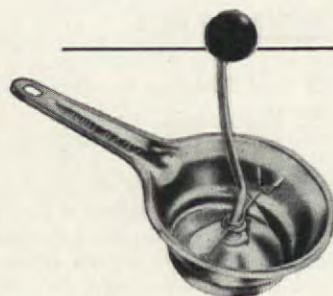


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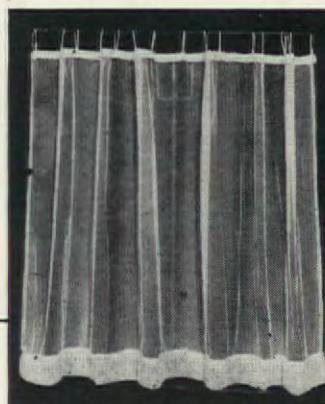


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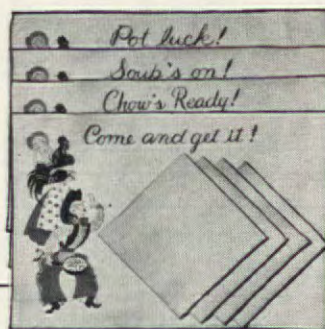


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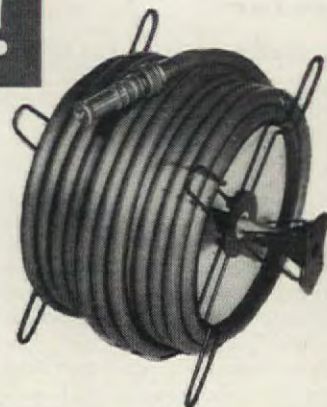
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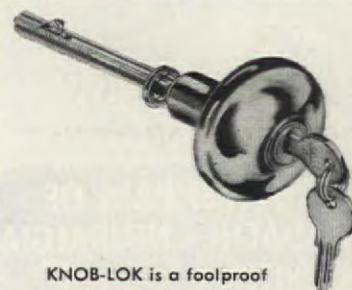
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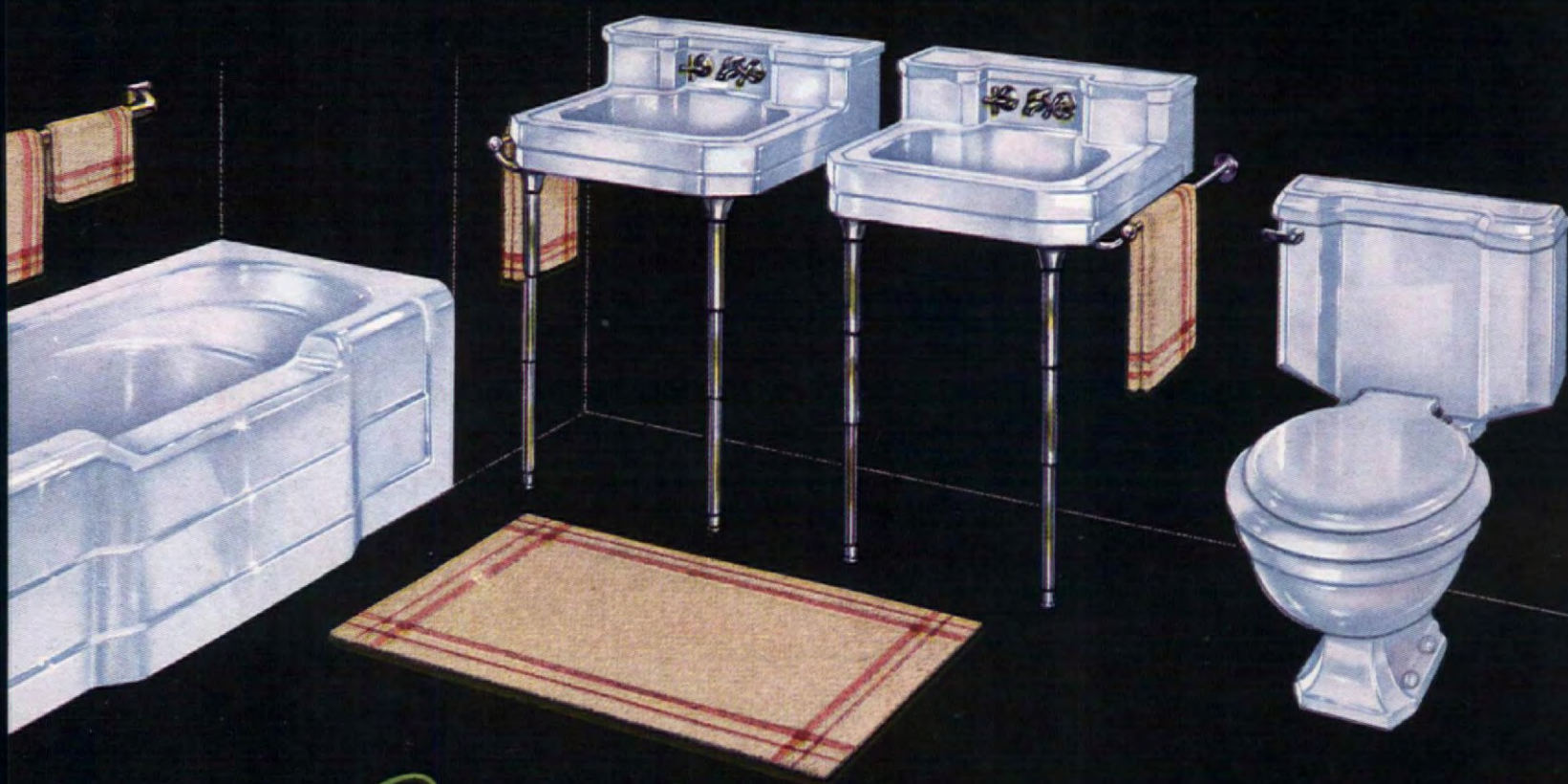


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