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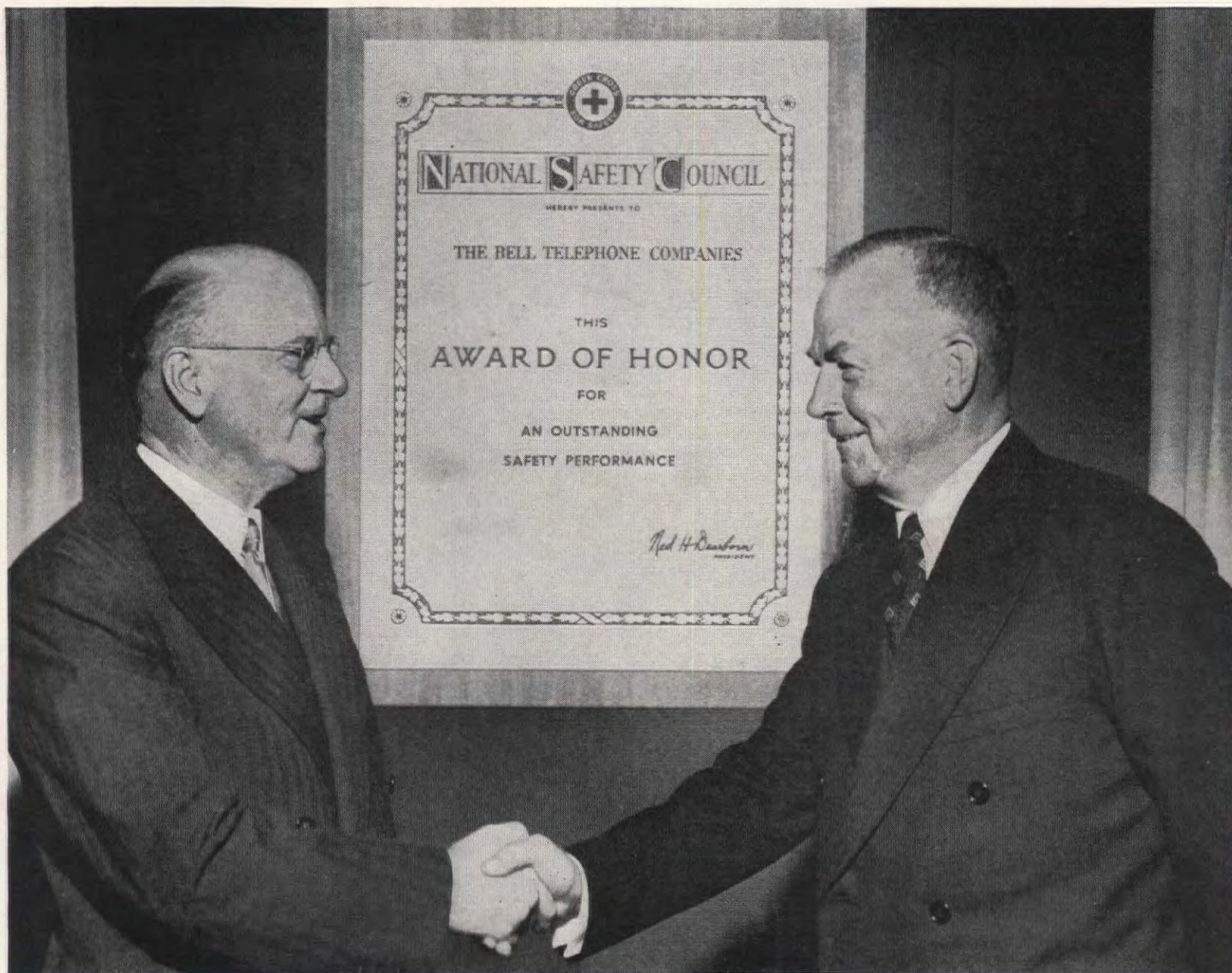


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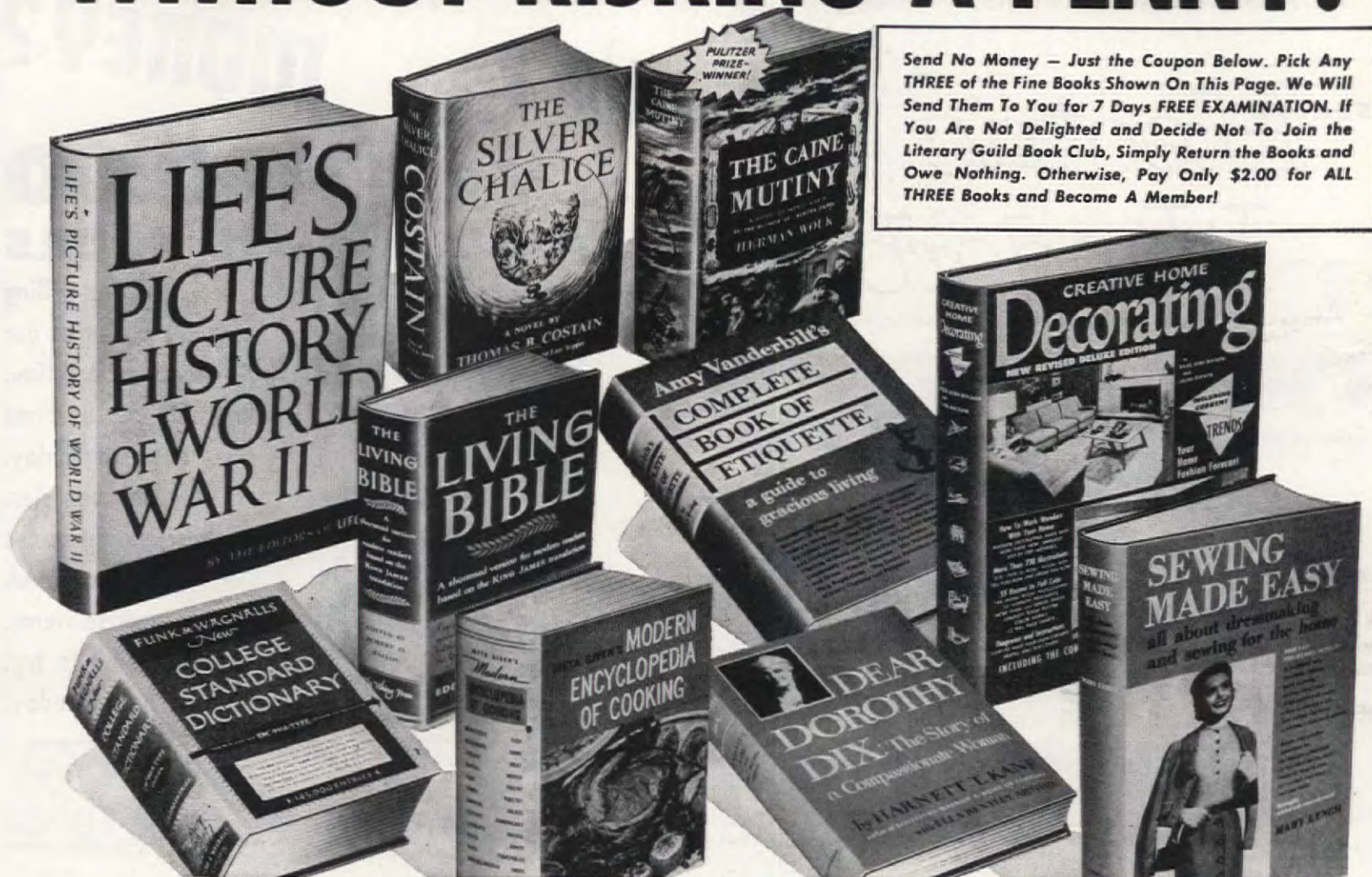
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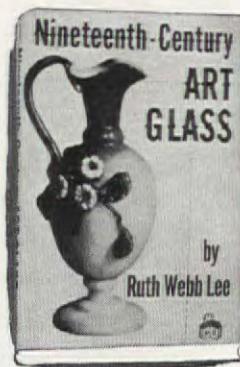
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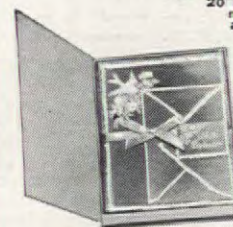
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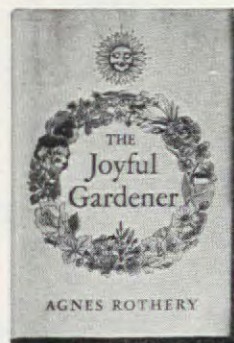
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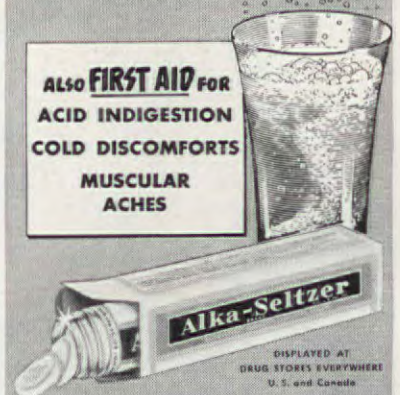
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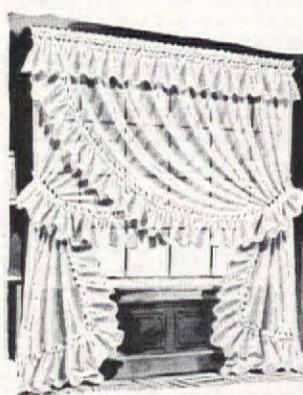
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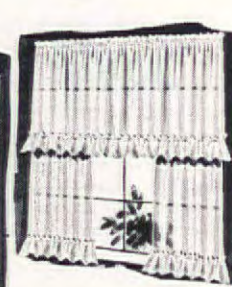
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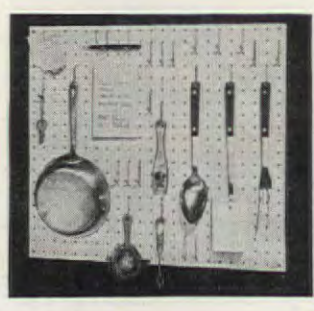
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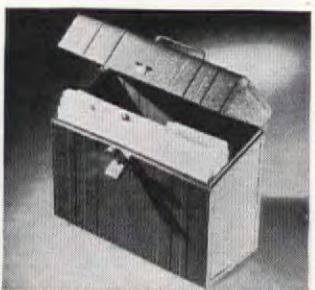




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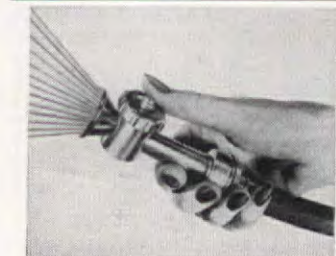
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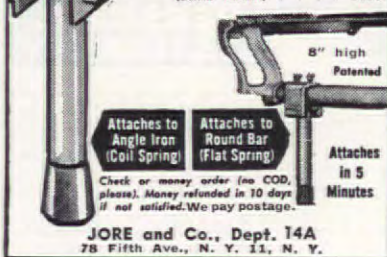
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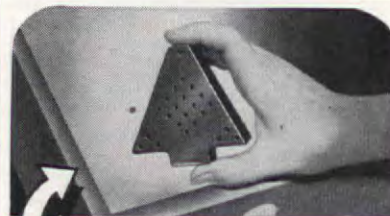
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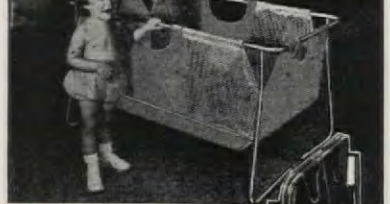
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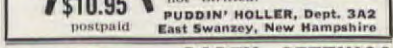
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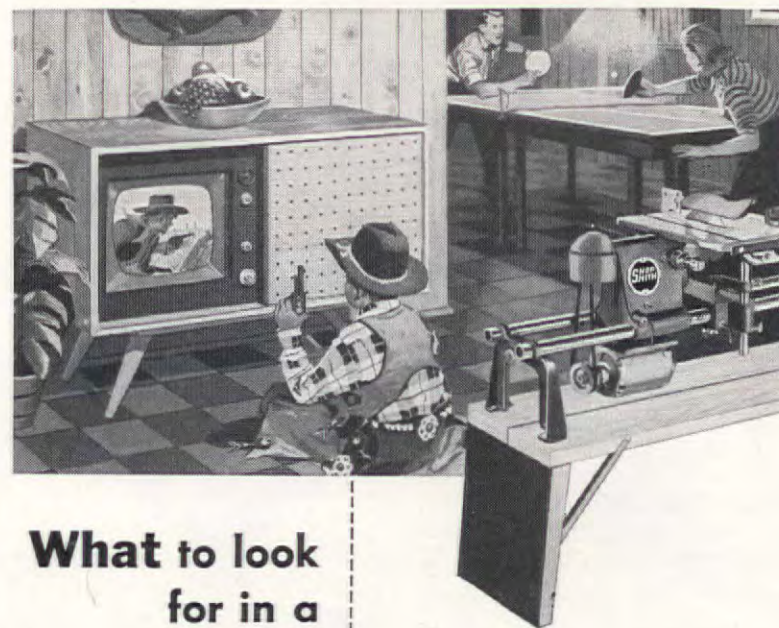
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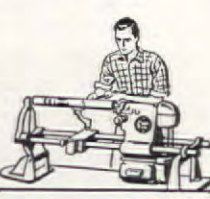
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... **HELEN BOILEAU**, whose tips for glamorizing everyday menus we present on page 68, is a native Californian. A graduate of Pomona College, she started writing as a hobby. She and her husband are the proud owners of a new ranch home which is situated on a citrus-covered hillside in the Sierra Nevada Mts. Although a builder did the main part of the house, the plans were their own, and husband Burdette did much of the detail and cabinet work himself.



... **DONALD SCHOLZ**, designer and builder of our "pink and pretty" ranch house (page 32), directs a family construction venture, founded in Toledo, Ohio, after the war. A graduate of the Univ. of Toledo, he worked previously as an engineer in Detroit and Hartford Conn., where, with three partners, he organized a company of consulting engineers. The Scholz firm has completed three large-scale building projects, as well as many custom-built homes.



... **TINA SATTERTHWAITE**, who contributed our cover story (page 34) and data for other features in this issue, proudly associates herself with a thoughtful husband, two lovely children, and a dog, Mugwump. Educated at Toledo Univ., Northwestern, and the Univ. of Chicago, she wrote the women's page and features for the Toledo Times. Currently she writes an interior-decoration column for the Toledo Sunday Blade, an interest fostered by remodeling two homes.



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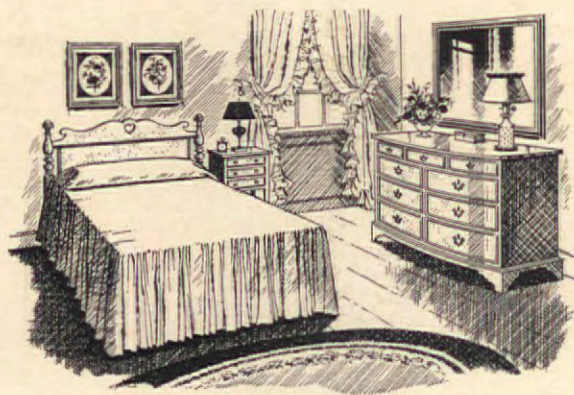
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The Executive Committee of the Fairway Park Association meets at the home of Mrs. H. B. Grow. Committees for the year were: Beautification, Street Repair and Maintenance, Tree Improvement, and Entertainment

## Floridans Find Their Neighbors



This marks the entrance to a success story of community spirit and cooperation. Fairway Drive, a short, winding street bordering the Pensacola Country Club, was run-down and shabby, its three small parks overgrown and debris-ridden. Today it is a lovely, well-kept residential district, proud result of the combined efforts of twenty-seven families and forty-three children.

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Bricks and labor were volunteered for the repair of the entrance gates. A contractor-neighbor helped with stump-removal and the clearance of years' accumulation of debris

Data from Mrs. H. B. Grow



Fairway Drive mothers get to the root of things in grass-sprigging of East and West Parks. Bushes and flowering shrubs were donated, hauled, and planted by volunteers. Through the efforts of a committee, the Parks were piped for water

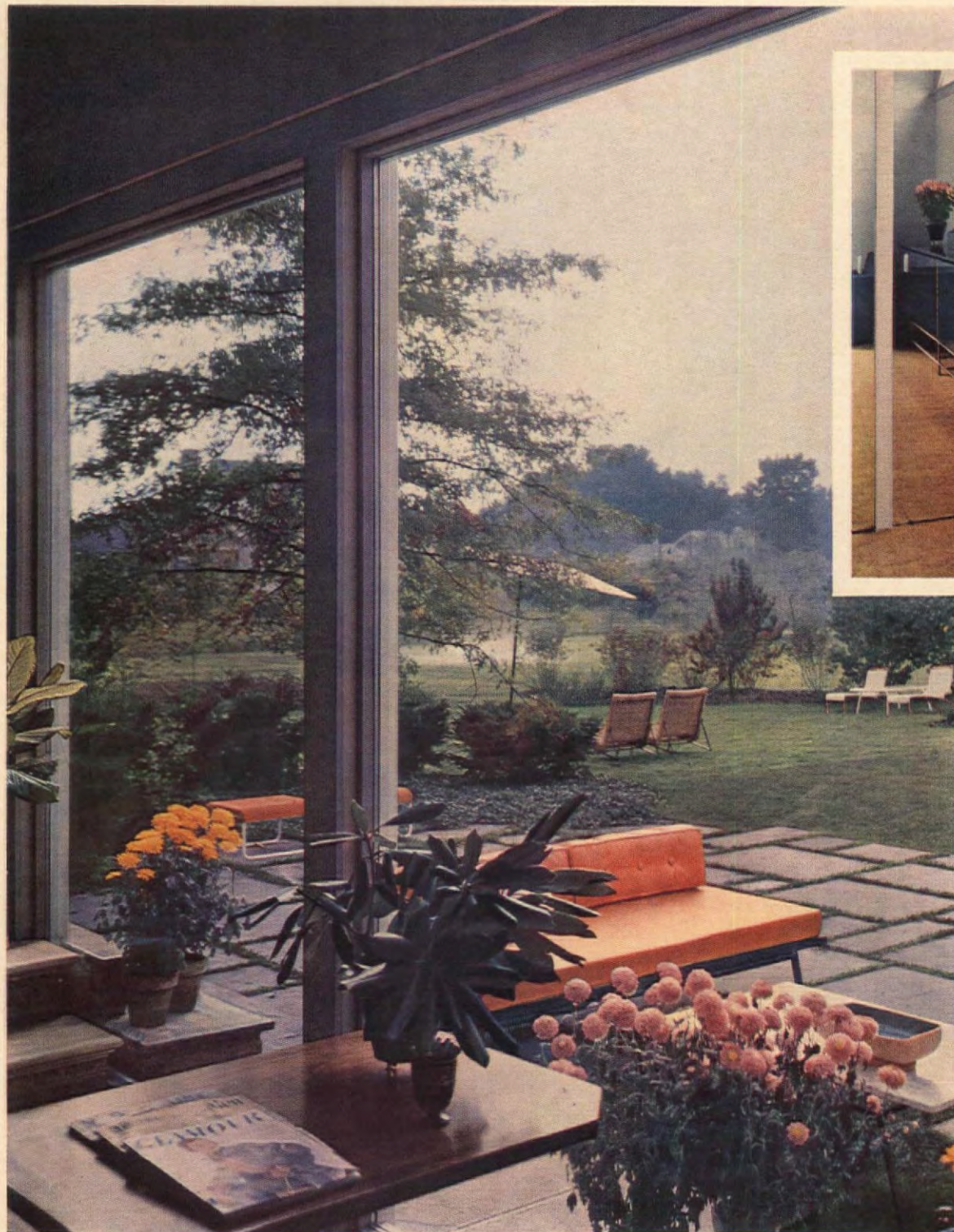


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From the first meeting of eight women, to the present, Fairway Park Association has traveled a long road—but every family on Fairway Drive will tell you what a lesson in neighborliness it has been. Volunteering—of labor, time, and materials—has been the keynote from the start. A new gateway has been erected (bricks and labor volunteered); the small parks have been cleared and seeded to grass; house-to-house mail delivery has become a reality. The Association publishes a small news-sheet which gives notice of meetings, suppers, and local news. Dues of 50¢ a month, collected by the children, have proved enough to employ a man for the upkeep of the parks and entrances. Through the unifying work of making a better place in which to live, every family on Fairway Drive knows every other family, now.

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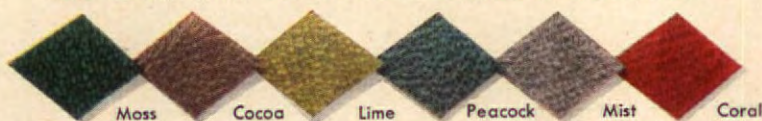
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## Theater for Pint-Sized Hamlets

**POLLY KEUSINK**

**T**he Community Center in Palo Alto, Calif., is a city-planner's dream, for it includes an adult theater, children's library and museum, swimming pool, and all kinds of equipment for general recreation. A model civic organization, this one, and one of its most unusual features is the unique Children's Theater—a modern, complete theater building given to the city by the late Mrs. Louis Stern, one of Palo Alto's leading citizens. Budding Bernhards and Barrymores learn the elements of theatrical technique here, from rhythm and timing at aged three, all the way to finished radio and TV shows for teen-agers.

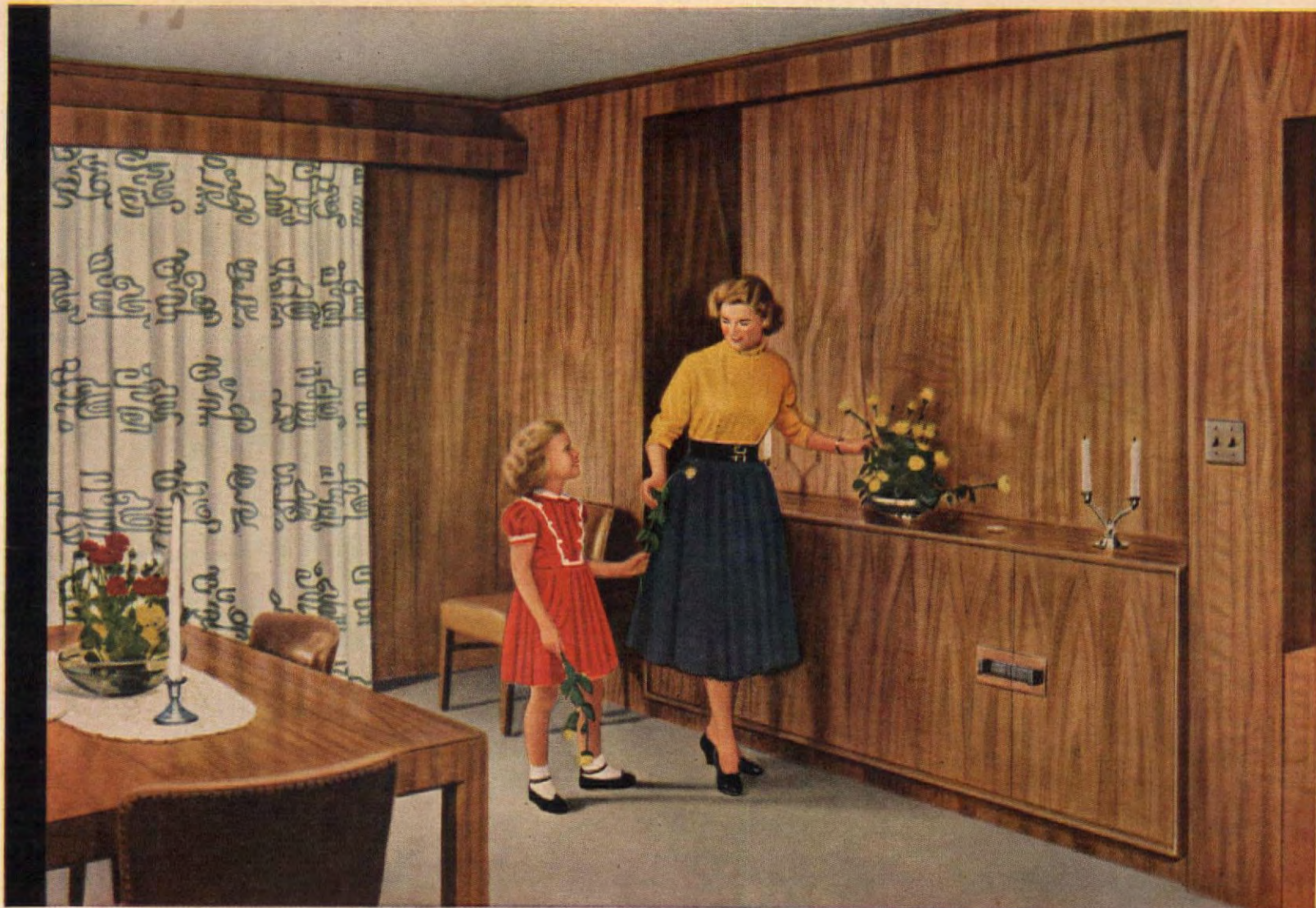
The theater wasn't always modern and completely equipped, for when it was organized in 1932 with an original enrollment of 33, its headquarters were in an old World War I soldiers' canteen. Costumes and backstage chores were done by mothers, and enthusiasm, not money or equipment, was responsible for the theater's success. Even today, much of the work is done by volunteer parents. At very little expense, any community with a co-operative

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## Pint-Sized Hamlets (Begins on page 24)

spirit could initiate a similar program for its youngsters.

Hazel Robertson, founder of the theater, received \$10 to direct the first production. Today she is Director of the Children's Theater, which now includes both weekly stage productions and classes in all branches of dramatics. In the winter, proceedings are on an after-school-hours basis, but they are day-long in summer, and the children love it! Mothers of the younger children realize, too, that the Theater helps the young ones in adjusting more easily to the group activities they will meet in school—and later on in life.

Children may join the Theater when they reach their third birthday and continue as long as they like. Parents pay only a small registration fee and the Theater is supported almost entirely by local taxes. About 25 per cent of the children in Palo Alto elementary schools are active in the Theater at some time during the year.

The youngest children begin by learning to develop a sense of rhythm and timing in a toy symphony. Other classes for the same general age groups include story-acting, story-listening, and pre-school instruction. Children from seven to ten may take creative dramatics to develop individual acting talents, or learn puppetry in every phase from sewing the costumes to actual manipulation onstage. The oldest children attend more adult classes. Two courses in radio are offered, and members of these put on a regular weekly show on a local Palo Alto radio station. Television and movie shows have also been staged by these groups with great success.

The goal of Children's Theater is preparation for acting and appreciation of the theater, and its complete weekly stage productions, with different casts and backstage staffs each week, are open to the public. Since it is the only theater of its kind in the country, and since its directors feel that other communities may be interested in starting similar programs, Children's Theater has prepared a documentary film explaining its operation. For information, address the Palo Alto Children's Theater, Community Center, Palo Alto, California.

Rumpelstiltskin takes the solemn approach to his part in a special TV show. The older members of the Children's Theater learn radio and TV techniques



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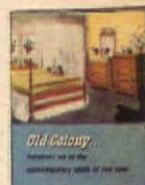
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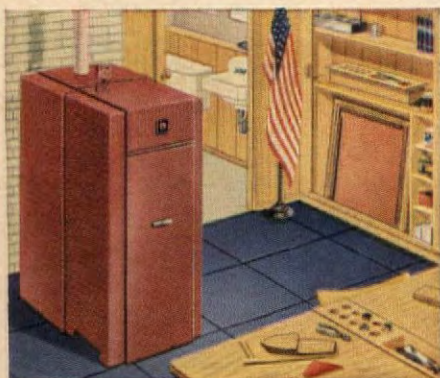
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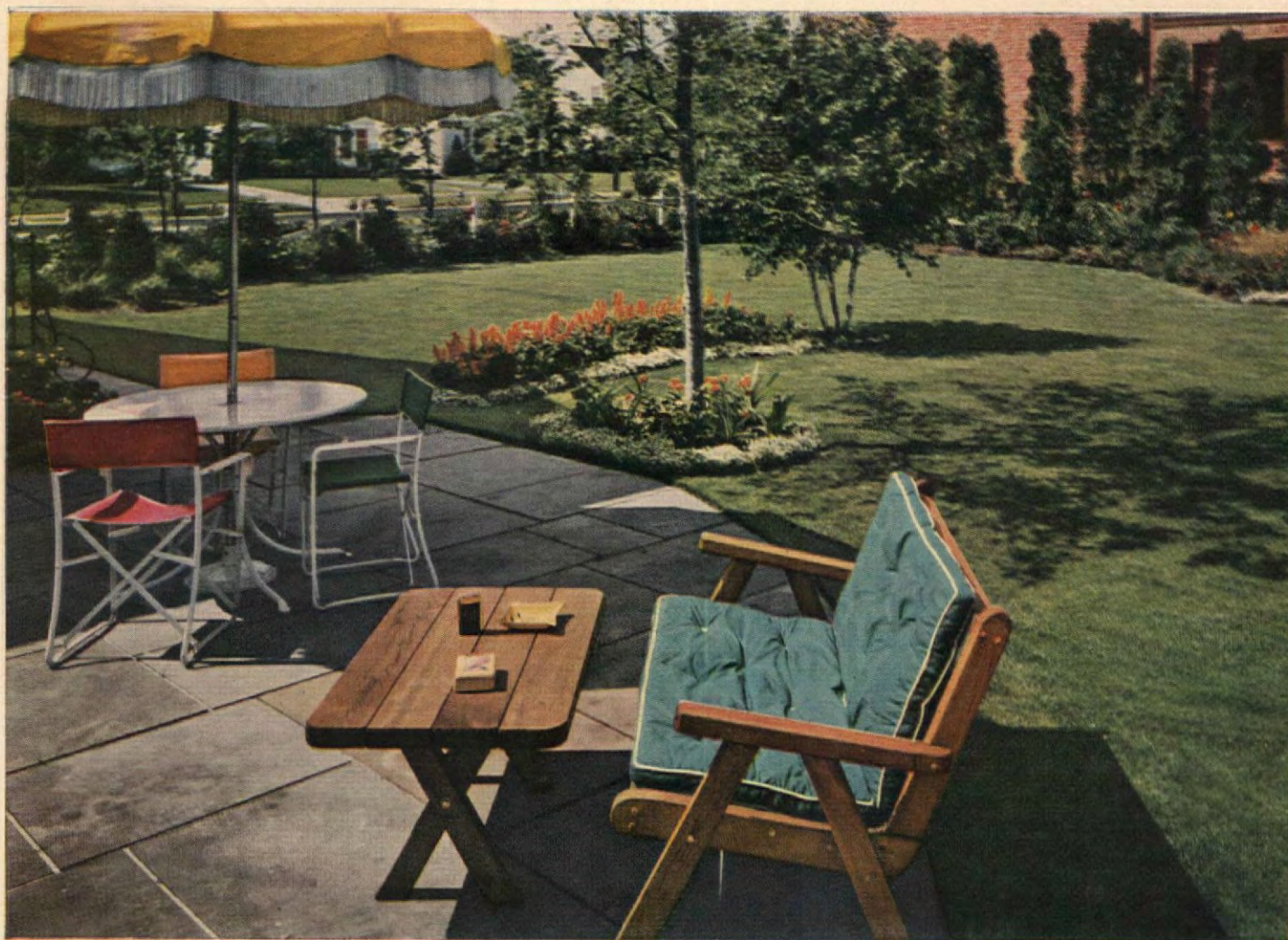
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## Wish You Were Here?

This is the home of the Smiths, home lovers, not just home owners—and two editors of *AMERICAN HOME* found it by chance one fine August afternoon in the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio. It would have stopped us even if our eyes hadn't been open for discovery, for the front lawn, just two small city lots wide, was extraordinary: freshly green as the Emerald Isle, thick as a \$30-a-yard carpet, soft as foam, and sweet-smelling as springtime. It was just a sampling of lawn which led the eye to a proud white fence, a flower border gay with colors seldom found in midsummer, and a screen of shrubs and trees which shielded the garden proper from the street, but it spoke volumes about the people who lived here. It told us of their enterprise as gardeners, of their neighborliness in presenting such a fine outlook to the street, and of their love of blessed privacy in their own out-of-doors. It promised things still better beyond, a promise kept in full when we were invited into the lovely little domain shown on these pages—one of the most intelligently planned small properties we've seen.

There was nothing remarkable about the house the Smiths bought, a 30-ft. house on a 40-ft. frontage. But the adjoining lot was available, and they had vision enough to see what buying it could do to enlarge the scope of their living here, and their pleasure therein. While the garden plans were growing, the Smiths had their second Big Idea: building that additional large room so many home owners are stretching their walls to acquire these days.

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Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Smith  
 Architect: Irving D. Robinson  
 Landscape Architect: Eugene Palermo

## *Wish You Were Here?*

Having a teen-age son and daughter, the Smiths wanted a play-room; having tried to cope cheerfully with a makeshift dining area (and having found that it didn't work), they dreamed of a real dining room; and having a wonderful garden in the making, they were inspired to have a room which would bring outdoors and indoors together. So they put up a 25' x 17'6"

one-room wing where their original back yard had been, and you can see the splendid results at your right. For the greatest convenience, you can enter it from the kitchen, from the den—or from the garden. "Believe me," says Mrs. Smith, "it's the best thing we ever did!"

When you enter the light-flooded, walnut-paneled room and sit on a comfortable chair from which every view pleases, you agree that living and dining and playing here must be good. But when your eyes drink in the garden through that wall of glass, you know that the "best thing the Smiths ever did" was to pair their new room and their garden so perfectly. The garden's tenderly tended greensward (page 106) and its rich progression of blossoms (page 107) are very much a part of the room's decoration, while the room makes it possible for its owners to enjoy their well planned landscape 12 months a year. The garden itself is a spacious outdoor room, designed for privacy. The large terrace is well furnished for comfort, and a good dining area, complete with barbecue and table, is set against a backdrop of cutting beds which provide a profusion of flowers for the house.



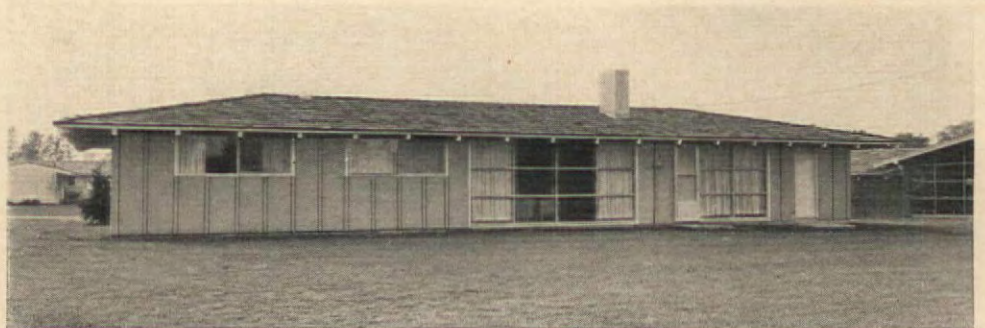
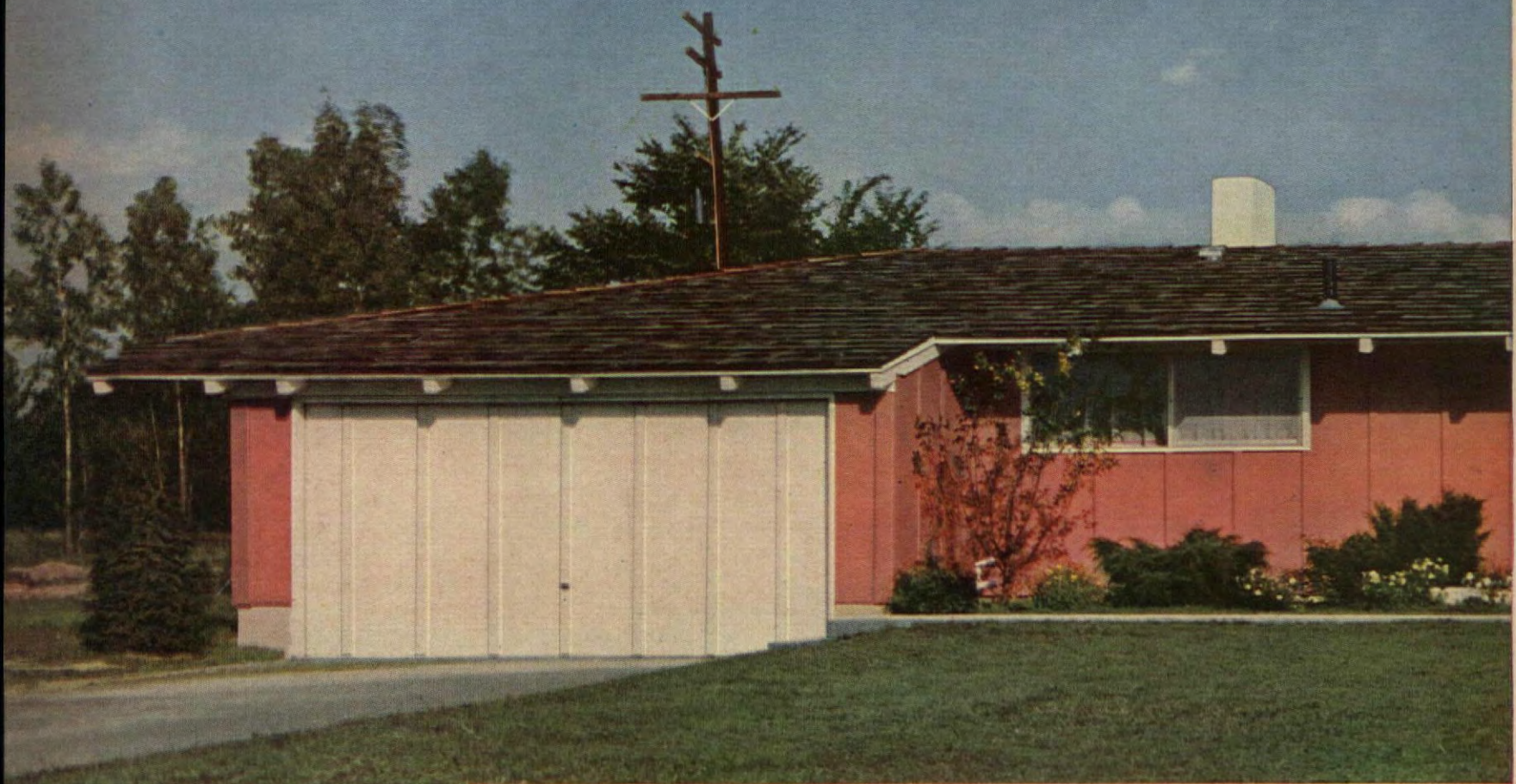
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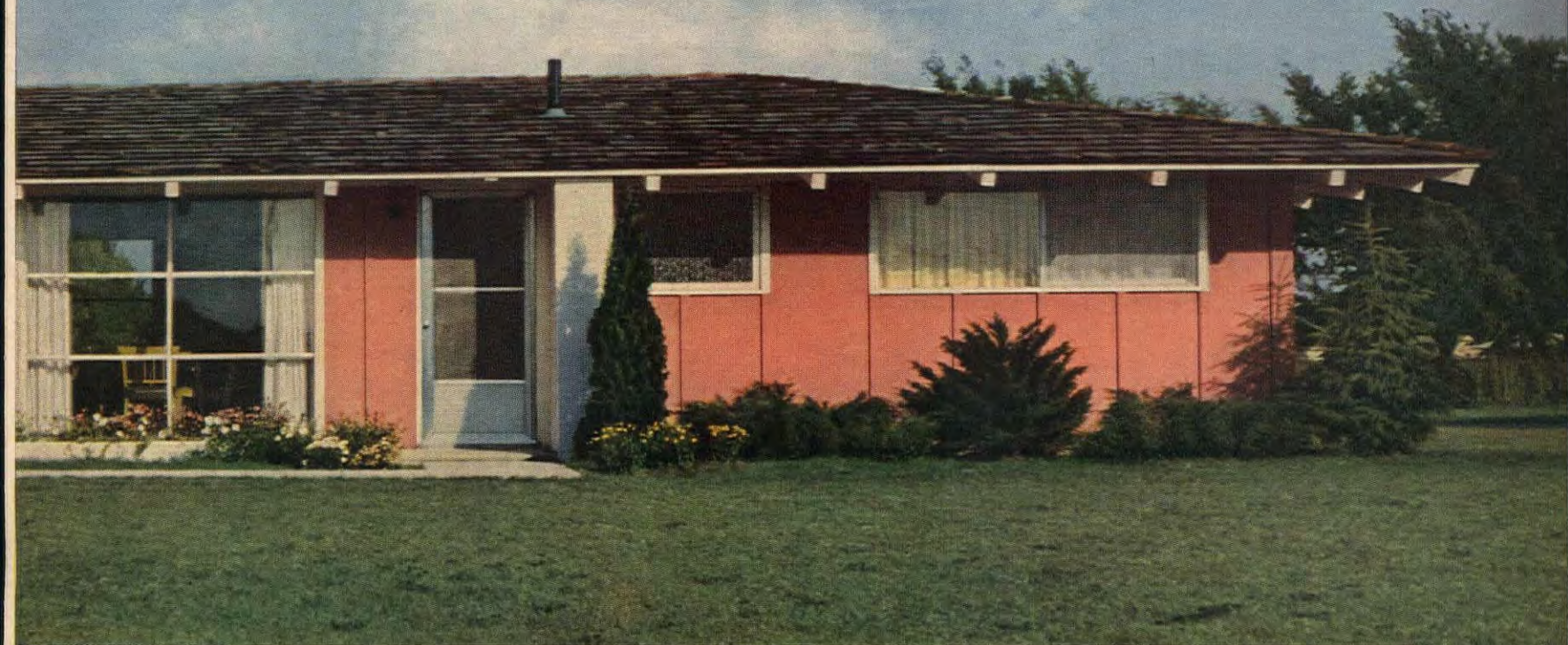
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**BUILD THIS HOUSE • SEE ORDER FORM, PAGE 84**





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# Our Cover Room WORKS!

TINA SATTERTHWAITE



Sometimes handsome homes belong to people who don't quite deserve them because—well, life is like that! But when a house behaves as well as it looks, when it meets the specific requirements of its owners in every respect—that's another matter entirely. And you can usually bet that such owners richly merit their blessings, for perfection in a house, or in a single room, doesn't just happen. It must be thoughtfully conceived, painstakingly brought forth, affectionately nurtured, and wholeheartedly enjoyed—as it certainly was in this case. In a later issue we plan to show you more of this house, for all of it is as good as this many-purpose playroom, hobby room, and guest suite in the home of an owner who knew just what she wanted—and took the trouble to get it. We feel that this room is a complete story in itself because it tells you all about one woman's well made plans for relishing her own way of working, and relaxing, and entertaining in her custom-built home.

See it on the cover and at your left as it looks dressed



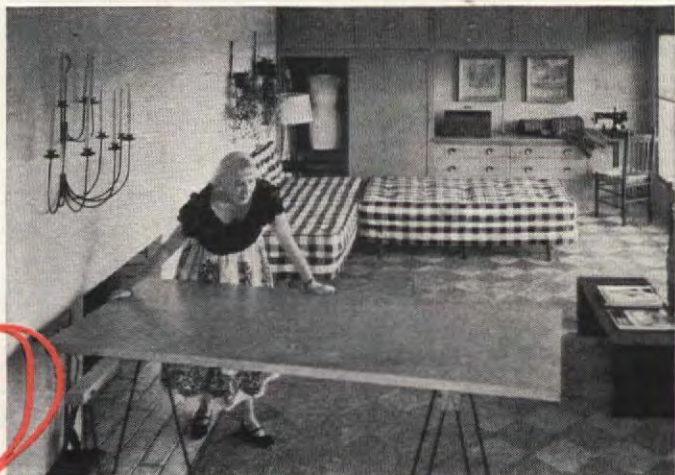
for evening and set up for a buffet supper at which 40 people can be welcomed. See it on the opposite page as it looks when a neighbor comes in for mid-morning coffee. Then watch it as it goes to work as a hobby room. The colors, and the whole atmosphere seem to change subtly as it shifts over from one role to another, but at all times it says, in no uncertain terms: "Come on in, sit down, and be at peace with the world."

This room was Mrs. Proctor's own idea, and neither she, nor we, had ever seen anything quite like it. In a conventional house, it would be in a basement, but since this house is built on a

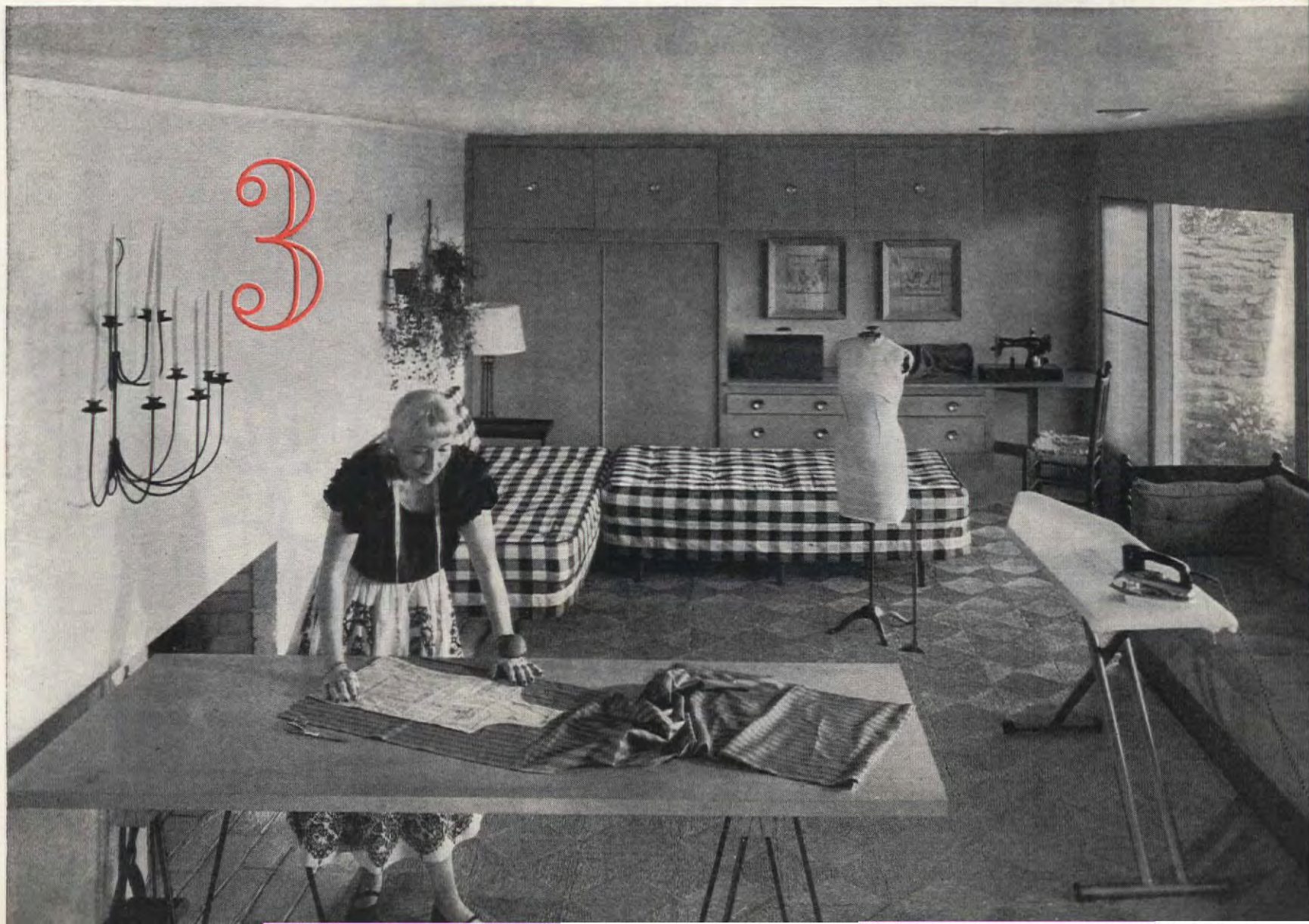
hillside, the room is at ground level in the rear, with a terrace of its own, and blissfully remote from the main part of the house upstairs. It has its own bath, its own small kitchen, and its own telephone extension, so you can spend whole days here undisturbed.

Mrs. Proctor does just that. Since she makes a hobby and a fine art of sewing (and has mastered it so skillfully that her well-tailored husband proudly wears the overcoats she makes for him here) this was designed to be an ideal sewing room. The light is excellent, there's plenty of elbow room, a drop-leaf hinged to a built-in chest holds the sewing machine when it's in use, and everything an expert needlewoman requires, from dress forms to thread, is housed in the built-ins.

There's a strange and lovely aura about this room, one which seems to blend elegance with sturdiness, dignity with friendliness, and a warm glow with a feeling of cool spaciousness. Nothing but taste put it there—it wasn't built in with extras. In furnishing the room, its jobs were given first consideration, and much of the furniture was improvised. That big table, so good for cutting, and so good for serving, is a solid birch door mounted on wrought-iron horses. The sofa which looks so right here was an old one, painted black and cushioned in just the right color to bring out the soft tones of the woods. Four stools are old dining room chairs with their backs cut off. The divans seat six guests in comfort or sleep two in this perfect guest apartment, and their very practical checked covers add just the measure of strong pattern the room needs. The rush squares on the floor are inexpensive, easy to keep clean in a room adjoining a garden, and have the proud air of parquetry when they're used in such good company.



OWNERS: MR. & MRS. R. K. PROCTOR





# Two Stories for Bedtime

● Few junior cowhands would fail to demand the "upper" in this arrangement—and a mighty fortunate thing this aspect of junior behavior is, too, in these days of the 8' x 11' bedroom! Often the double decker is the only answer if two boys are to share their sleeping quarters and still have room for study and play. This version in maple is a very good deal, with more advantages than meet the eye: it comes apart to make a pair of twin beds at some future date. The desk-shelf attached to the bed is accommodating, attractive, and a great saver of square feet of floor space. What's more, you can buy a second one when the upper bunk comes down to earth. With boys in mind, we chose a marbledized flooring and a "mannish" plaid paper, dark enough not to show smudges. We covered the bed in a fabric heavy enough to be used unlined and still not to wrinkle, and then we added more cheer in the textured linen at the windows and on the chair.



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## A SLIGHT CASE OF REMODELING

Around the office, we've been calling this the "20th Century Farmhouse"—not because its present owners till the soil, but because of the canny way they remodeled the building to look as it might have if its original owners had made the changes. The new wing, the shutters, and the whitewash improve it, but there are no gimmicks, no frills. Utilitarian is what this remodeling is, and though we think of that word in a modern connotation, those rural pioneer ancestors of ours were practical and utilitarian as all get-out. Transplanted to our era, don't you think they would have done just this?

When fashion photographers Joe Leombruno and Jack Bodi acquired them, these thick stone walls enclosed plenty of possibilities—but not enough room. Because stone walls never were easy to tamper with, and because it is now especially costly to put them up or to tear them down, an excellent solution was found: without disturbing the stone at all, a frame wing was added to make a big living-kitchen. On the outside, its lines fit those of the original building with such becoming exactness that it's hard to believe it wasn't always

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there. To see how well it works inside, come along with us into one of the most logical and comfortable of sitting-room kitchens, with no self-conscious frippery about it. The impressive stone wall pictured on the opposite page was an exterior wall of the original house—they built right around it to make the addition. An interior wall now, it gives the whole room a country-kitchen air, but nothing here is forced to be "cute" just because it's in a farmhouse. The equipment is modern, and most of the furniture is old, but notice how the fireside grouping, very sleek and sophisticated when you think about it, blends with the rest quite naturally.

There's plenty of space in this kitchen for helpers when informal

entertainment is under way, and there's an enormous old pine table for eating, or working, or gathering 'round for games. Other antiques contribute to the old-time keeping-room spirit, but each pays its way as storage space or for the seating capacity it offers. Nothing is here for atmosphere only: the ironstone and milk glass serve food, the ancient hanging oil lamp, now electrified, works on a pulley so light may be properly adjusted over the table. The decorative scheme is as carefully simple as the furnishings—white walls sparkle against dark-green woodwork, the checkerboard floors provide good built-in decoration, the curtains are gay, but not a bit giddy.

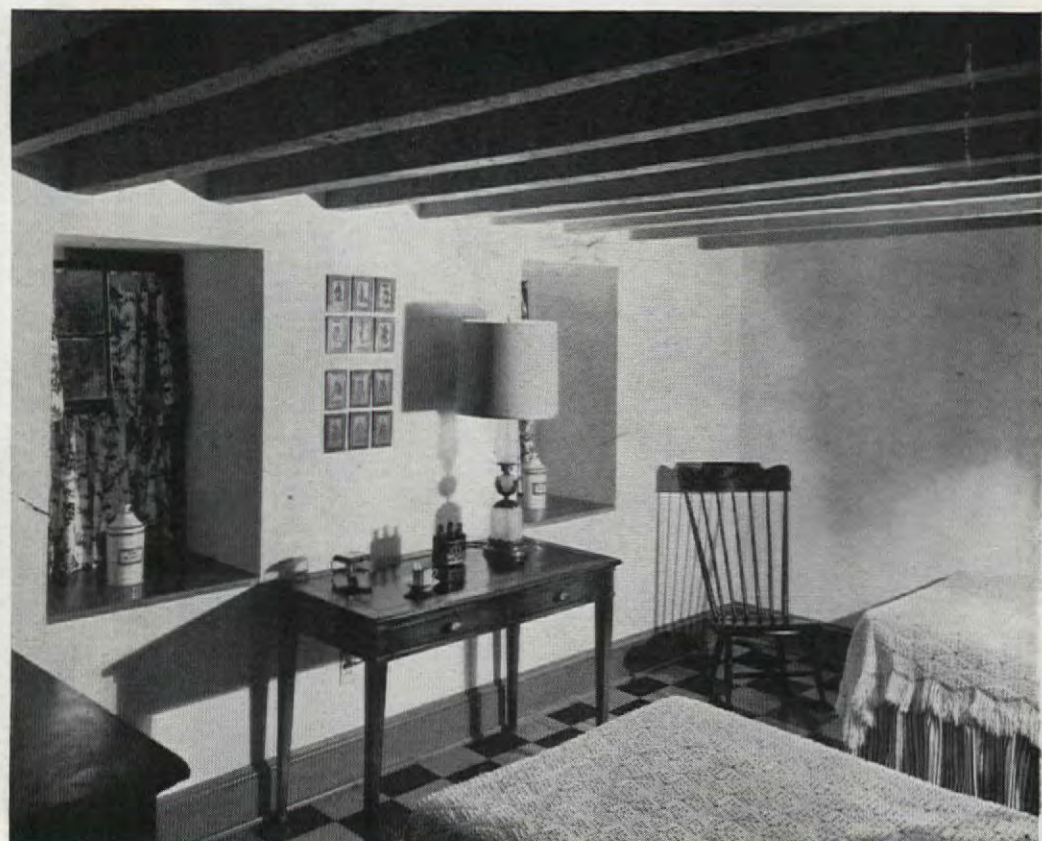
Throughout the whole house, the decorating follow-through sus-  
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## A Slight Case of Remodeling

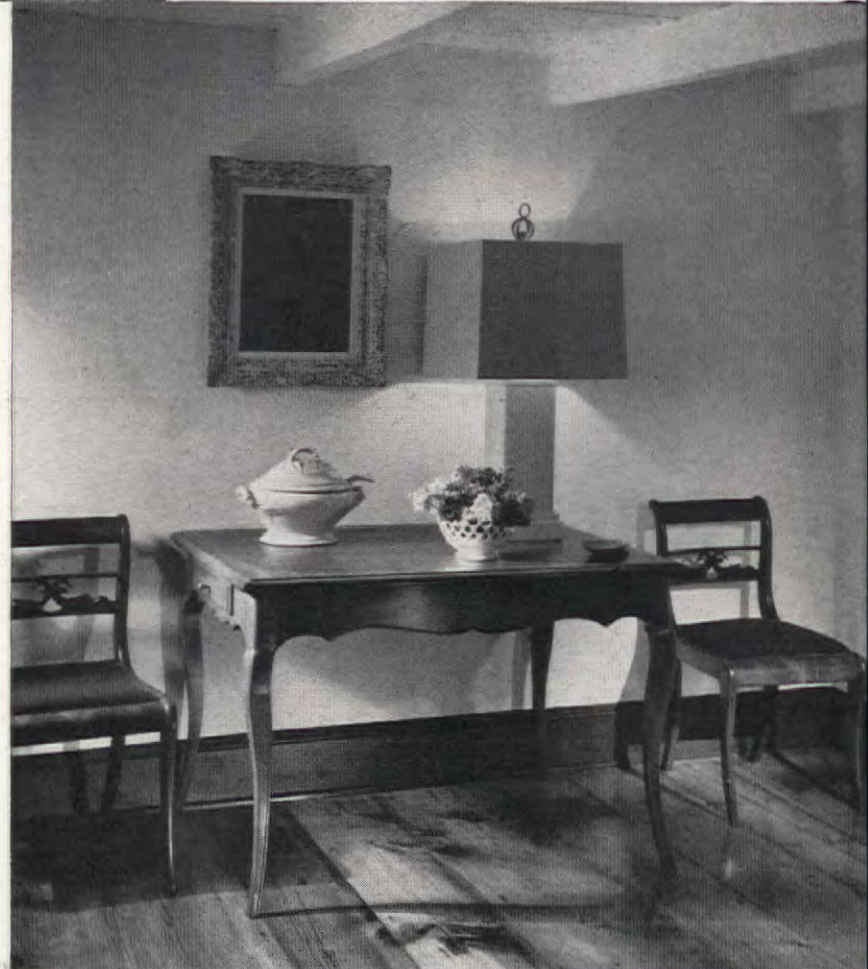
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tains the good exterior atmosphere. It's all serenely simple, isn't it? Yet not so elusive that we can't put our fingers on the "how" and the "why." What's more, these excellent effects were achieved with the kind of old furniture most of us have—a little of this, a bit of that; some French, some Colonial; maple and pine, mahogany and walnut. A conglomeration, not a collection.

The art was in putting it together. Perhaps the owners picked some pointers here from women's fashions. One thing—and this is important—though the furniture is assorted, every piece is of good origin, not mongrel in design. So it's like that basic black dress—it just goes on being good. With such a black, you wear one or two fine accessories, not all the jewelry you own. Also think, in terms of fashion, of the differences between slender and thin—and liken them to sparse (which this is) versus skimpy (which this isn't). Great sophistication comes of such wise restraint.

Café curtains are right in tune here—no ruffles, no tedious upkeep. They assure light and privacy, and their simplicity fits the set-apart feeling of the deep window reveals. Accessories, mostly old, are worn by these rooms in a modern manner. And modern lamps, which provide lots of light, not only look well, but probably would win full approval of our commonsensical ancestors were they given today's exciting choices.

Yes, this 20th-century farmhouse, remodeled and furnished with taste, retains the spirit of the old—in terms of today. Once he got the hang of it, the man who first lived here would be as happily at home as the present owners.





# "You in here, Dear?"



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OTTO TRAVERS

There's a wonderful game for two to play, a fascinating game that involves the factor of personality, of individuality. It's called, "Building Our New Home." The requirements, you think, are few and simple; some understanding between you and your partner; a pad and some pencils; some money.

We have a warning, however, in the words of a great architect, Donn Barber, delivered in one of his last speeches at Hartford in 1923:

"It has been my experience . . . that the most ideal marriage, never seriously disturbed before, may go to pieces just as the long-nourished dream of building a home nears its fulfillment. In the heart of each of the two partners beats the same impulse—to create a home in which to establish and maintain a family unit. They have saved for that home. But as soon as they started to plan it in detail, they became enemies; abysses never before suspected opened up between them, abysses of which they were to remain conscious forever after."

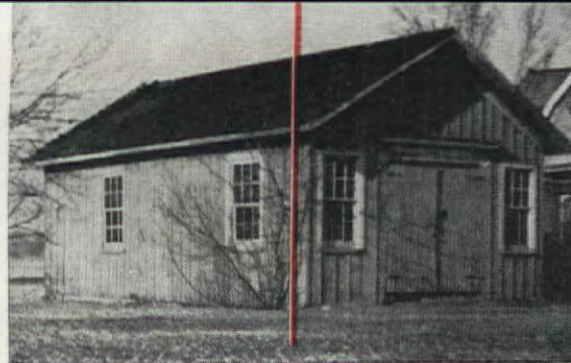
The problem is complex. Each sex presents a constellation of characteristics, and the difficulty is the greater because we do not know positively what is "masculine" and what is "feminine."

**MEN SEE THE HOUSE; WOMEN THE HOME**

"Women are more intelligent about closets," is a New England saying. A rough generalization, but it has helped solve many a dispute. Architects often declare that the masculine mind keeps a firm hold on basic principles, whereas the feminine intelligence is better fitted for solving the thousand little riddles of daily life. I should say, therefore, that the man sees the house, the woman the home.

Women have to live in their houses all day. Men are there hardly four or five of their waking hours. The woman knows what he wants when he

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When the James De Trays fell in love with that tiny carriage shop on a hillside overlooking the Maumee River in Perrysburg, Ohio, all they planned was the remodeling of the original building. But Mr. De Tray, who drew up all the plans for the house and the landscaping, really put his heart into his work. "The spot was ideal," he said, "and I kept making it bigger and bigger." The only way to go was down and out toward the river—hence the three-level beauty at your right which spills down the hill and looks perfect there.

Under the original shop, they built a fine, large living, dining, and recreation area, complete with powder room and kitchen. A new addition to one side of the shop became a studio upstairs and a utility room downstairs. While the interior and lower levels of the house are contemporary, the street side presents a traditional front to help preserve the colonial style of historic Perrysburg. Below the living-room deck, another excavation, the size of a two-car garage, houses the radiant-heating plant and a workshop where Mr. De Tray made most of the wood furniture.

On the outside, at the rear, there's a barbecue terrace, a utility space off the workshop, and, above the workshop, a large deck which opens from the living room and from which only the river is visible.

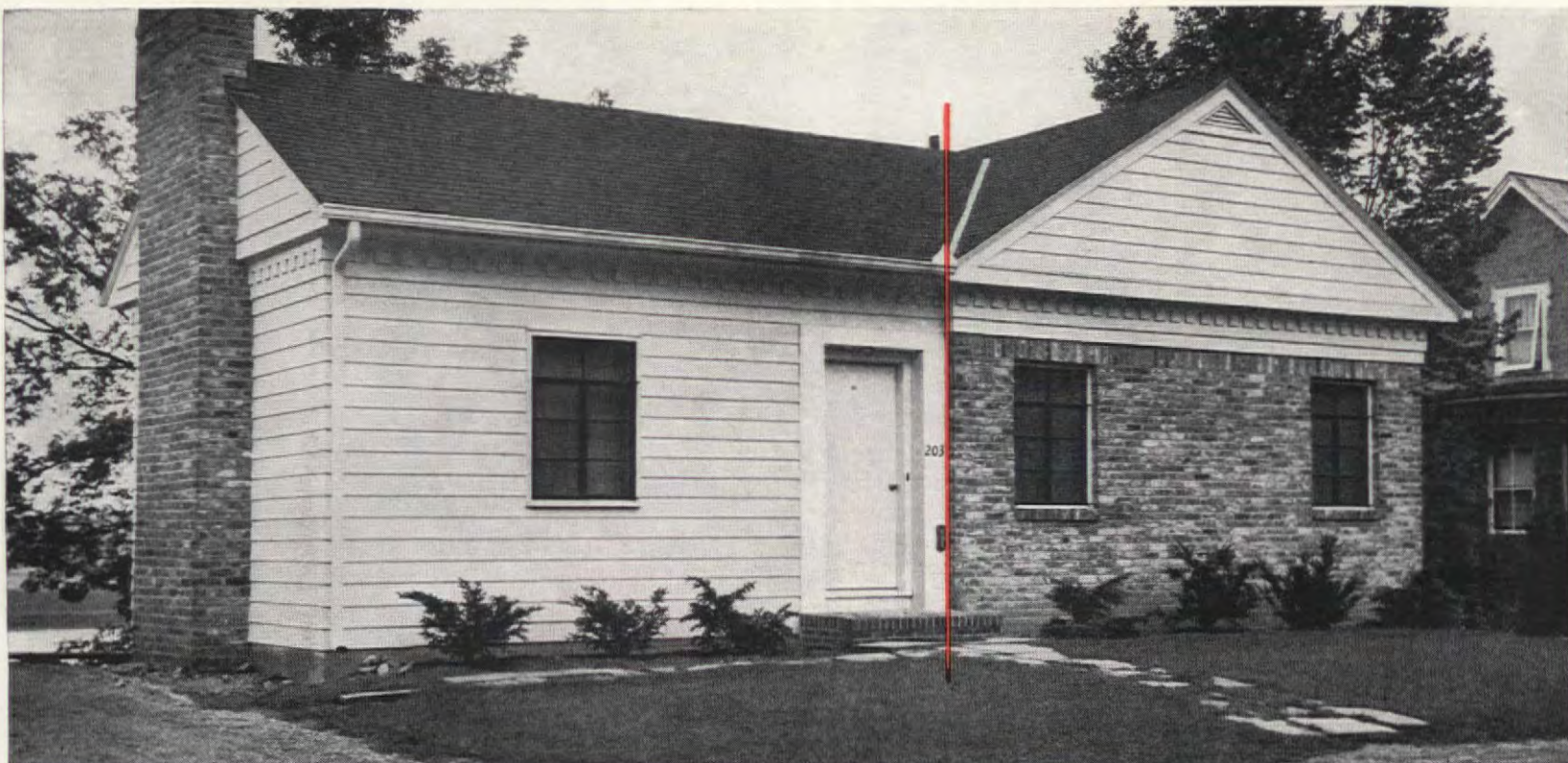
The front entrance is topside on the street level, but for privacy, the living area was planned on a lower level, at the rear. From the entrance you can go to the studio, with its fireplace and private bath, or you can turn the other way to the original carriage-shop space, now a bedroom wing with two rooms and a bath.

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## A DOWN





Data: Tina Satterthwaite

## AND OUT CASE OF REMODELING





## Case of Remodeling (Begins page 42)

A magnificent free-standing stairway, driftwood-stained, takes you down to the main living area. Here curving white walls, beige carpet, and black accents play up the slipcovers which are Mrs. De Tray's proud handiwork. They are bright terra cotta in color, a tone used as a keynote throughout the house. Here, too, is one of Mr. De Tray's contributions—the handsome blond cabinet which holds television, phonograph, records, and books. Old pedestal dining tables were re-finished and fashioned into a new dining table and a coffee table. The other end of the living room, only 50

feet from a busy street, is a wall of glass with a door to that river-view deck.

Carefully concealed from the living room, but opening conveniently into the dining space is the kitchen, a gleaming white with terra-cotta curtains and counter tops, beige and terra-cotta rubber-tile floor. Bucket chairs around the pedestal table are, of course, driftwood-stained, and the extra chairs double as pull-ups in the living room.

Looks perfect, doesn't it? But a two-car garage, a flagstone patio, a more elaborate barbecue, and a boat-house are all in the planning. When they will be finished, the De Trays aren't sure, but they figure that "in another 20 years we'll have it licked."





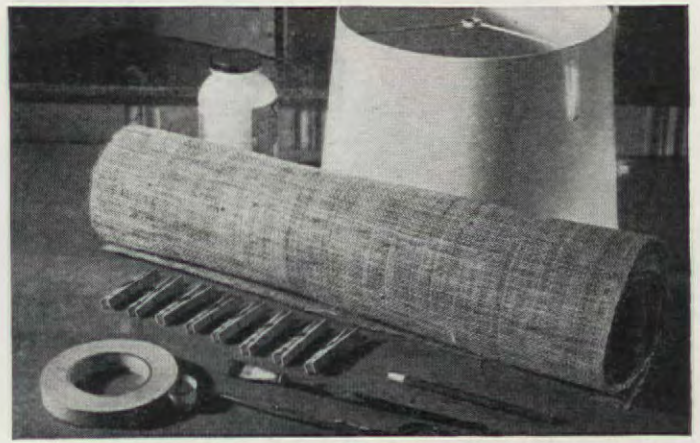




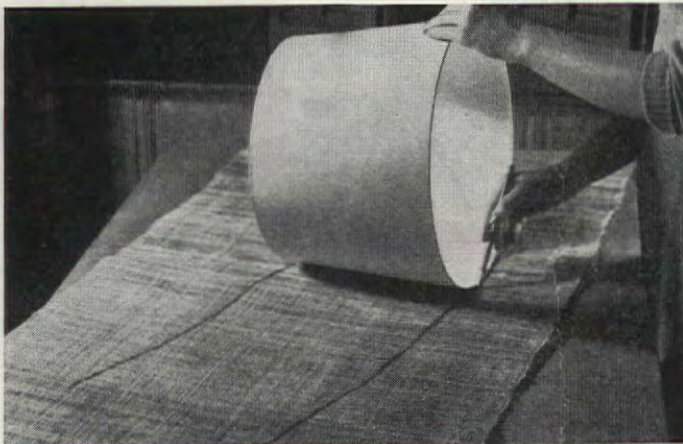
# How to Make a Lamp



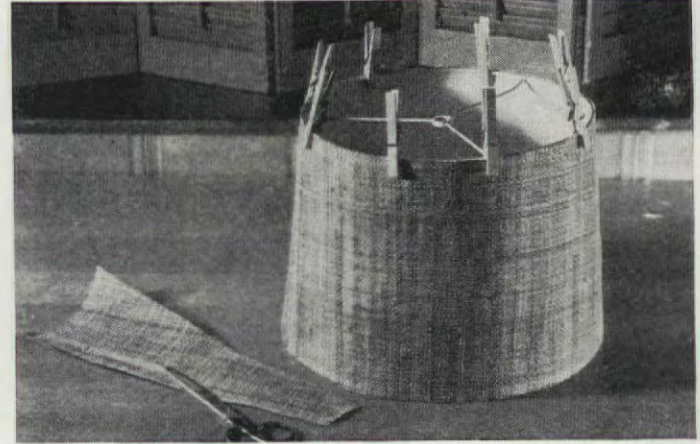
To make jaunty lamp from small strawberry jar, you need threaded pipe, brass fitting for top, harp fixture, wire, and plug. Jar's drainage hole takes pipe. Drill hole in matching saucer for pipe



To top it off, use a ready-made cream or white paper shade—new, or an old one thoroughly gone over with cleaning fluid. For shade cover, you need strawcloth, adhesive, brush, clamp clothespins, tape



Lay strawcloth on flat surface. Place shade on strawcloth several inches in from upper right hand corner, shade seam on bottom. Roll shade along cloth. As you roll, mark strawcloth with pencil, following top and bottom of shade until you reach shade seam again



Cut along penciled lines. Join top and bottom with straight line. Allow  $\frac{1}{2}$ " overlap. Brush adhesive on shade, starting at seam and covering 6" width from top to bottom. Smooth on strawcloth, clamp. Repeat. Press firmly to shade. Dry, trim edges. Apply gummed tape

# How to Trim a Rug

Trim means "neat," "compact," "smooth"—and "to adorn." That's it exactly, and you can trim a plain linen or fiber rug to make it rate all the above, plus such adjectives as "smart," "decorative," "useful." The secret is wonderful fast stitchery with a large-eyed darning needle and heavy rug and crewel yarns which make a so-called "summer" rug one you can enjoy proudly all year. What you add is a 3" band of "Cretan" cross-hatch stitch, then, toward the inside, three rows of Couching with crewel yarn, about 1" wide for the three rows. Finally, climax it with a 1" border of black Outline stitch (or any color which points up your room). For each stitch, use the weave of the rug as an easy-to-follow measuring guide. This is no place for daintiness and delicate stitching. Go the whole hog and make those stitches colossal—they give accent and emphasis, and the effect must carry.



DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

**W**ant a new kind of lamp? This good-looking, inexpensive base is a terra-cotta strawberry jar which would make a wonderful planter lamp—for who's to stop you from putting small plants in the pockets? If you do use plants, cover threaded pipe (for electric cord) with a length of lead pipe or substitute a fixture with the cord at top of lamp base. This prevents short circuits. The shade on our lamp is just an ordinary paper one, but we made it very special with a strawcloth covering (see how-to's at left)



1. For Cretan stitch, make three guide lines: one 1" in from rug's edge; the second 4" in; the third 5" in. Start by pulling heavy rug yarn through rug, from back to front—at center between the first two guide lines. Carry yarn to right, pass needle (on a horizontal line) under section of rug weave, about 1/2" below starting point. Turn needle back toward center, carry across slack yarn. 2. Make same kind of stitch on left side. Point needle back to right side. 3. Third stitch is on right of center. Draw needle across slack yarn each time for twisted look. 4. When working from top to bottom, each stitch should be taken a little below the one just made. 5. Work Outline stitch from left to right. Each overlaps previous one slightly. 6. For Couching stitch, make running stitches about 1" long, down side of rug. Anchor in center with diagonal stitch. Needle comes up from back of rug to front. Slant from left to right, then carry yarn under rug to next running stitch. Repeat the procedure.



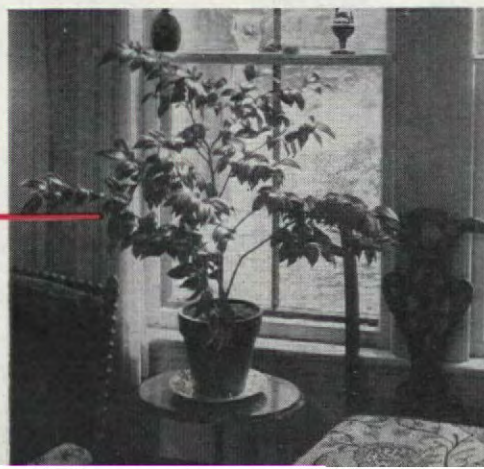




You can start small. One good plant will generously reward a little care. From fall to spring, keep it in a temperature around 60° in a reasonably sunny window; during summer, in a partly shaded spot in the garden

A small field-grown plant will come to you balled and burlapped. Plant it in acid, rather heavy soil made lighter with humus and sand in a pot slightly larger than root-ball. Cover vent hole with stones or potsherds for drainage. Leave one inch above soil for watering

*Here's how  
to do it—*





Of the Camellia species, the tenderest is *reticulata*; the hardiest, *sasanqua*. In between is the familiar *C. japonica*, to which these flowers belong. Colors range through white, pinks, reds, variegated. Flower forms vary from very double to semi-double (peony-type) like *Herme*, shown in upper row, center

# Grow your own Camellias

BERTO ROGERS

It is a relatively easy and increasingly pleasant experience to grow camellias in your home. I started seven years ago with two 12-in. "whips" (single stem plants) shipped up from Georgia, and now have five sizable plants that blossom generously in midwinter on a bench in front of a southwest window in our cool upstairs hall. There they stay from Thanksgiving until spring—unless, when in full bloom, they are moved to a more prominent place so we can enjoy them. Summers they spend in a half-shady spot by a grape trellis in the yard, their pots sunk rim-deep in the soil. Their basic requirements are proper (that is, acid) soil, good drainage, adequate light, and sufficient growing space. Indoors a temperature ranging between 50 and 60 degrees F. seems to give the best results.

Of course, it would be gratifying to have a small greenhouse full of plants; even a glass-roofed porch or a southern bay window would be an advantage. But actually you don't need more than one plant and a stool or other stand in a cool window where both plant and pot will get a reasonable amount of sun. Too much heat in a room can be reduced by using a portable screen. The cautious beginner would do well to start with a small pot-grown plant, but if

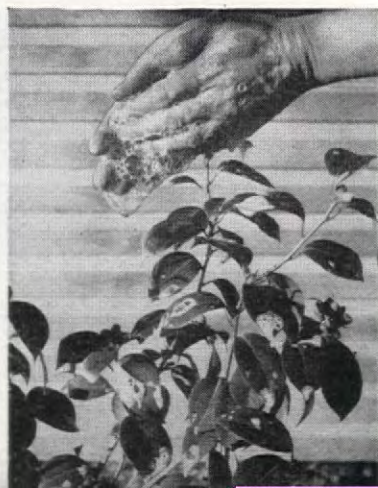
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In potting, firm soil around root-ball, but don't bury its crown. To avoid injuring it, remove cord but leave burlap on to rot away; trim off any that extends above soil line

Spray plant when potted and stand pot in water until ball is soaked. Repeat every week or so and, once a month, wash leaves with mild suds, rinse, and dry before putting in sun

When a plant outgrows its pot, get pot a size larger, provide drainage material and fresh soil, and repot carefully. Crack and remove old pot to prevent root-ball from breaking

When frosts are past, move plant to its summer site, plunging pot in ground. Feed lightly, water well, and fill space in pot above soil with sphagnum or peat moss or leaf mold





OWNERS: MR. & MRS. ROY C. DAVIS



# Man-planned Step Saver

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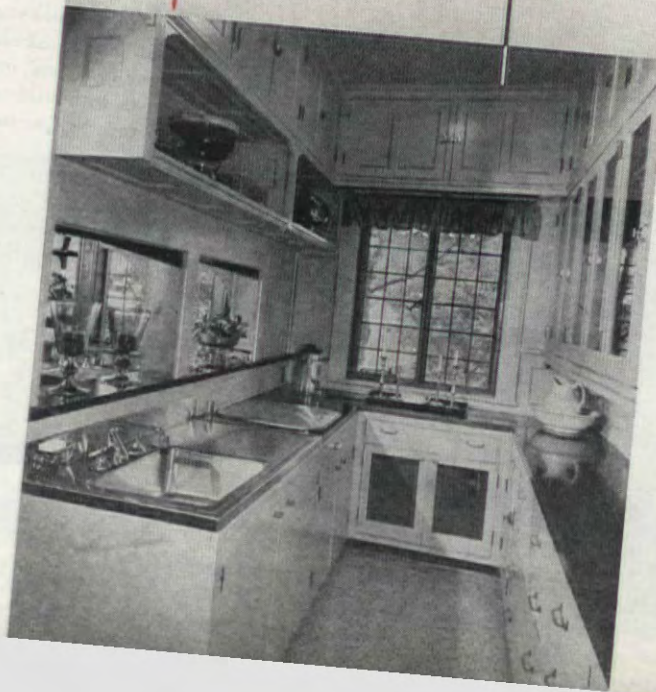
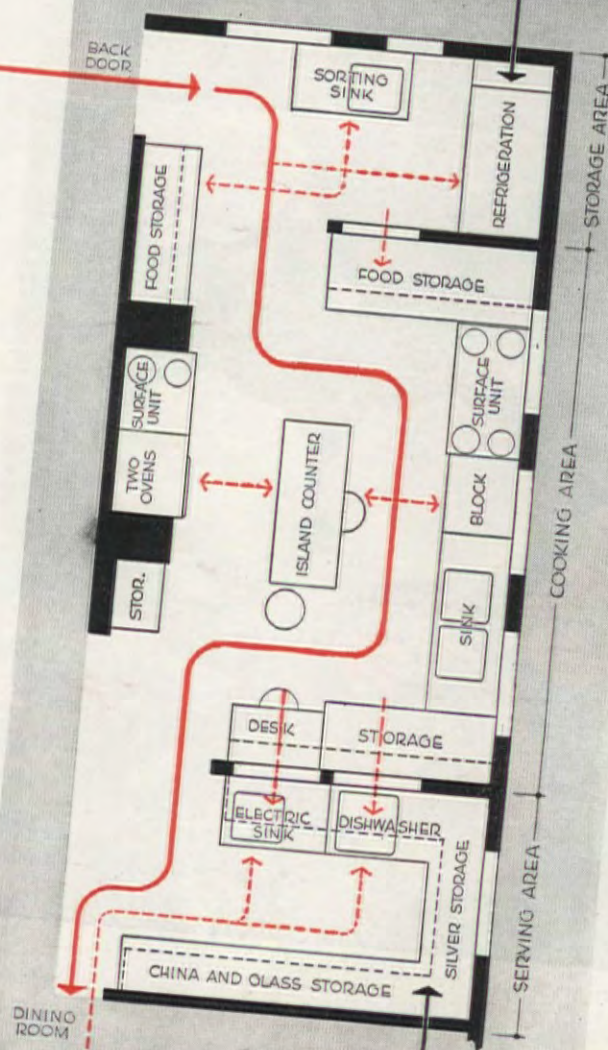
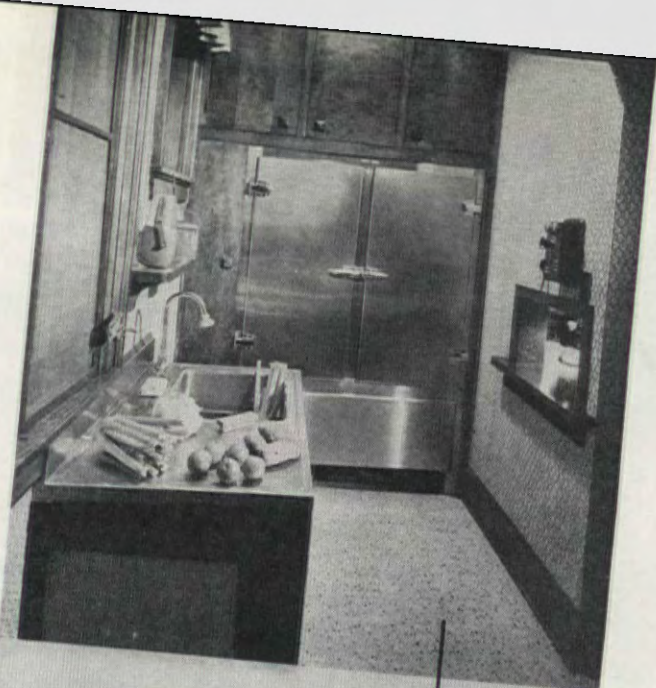
These days when good planning has improved pint-sized kitchens so much, we're apt to overlook the fact that big kitchens have plenty of plusses a small kitchen can't have. But the Davises, who own this gallon-measure kitchen, did get their wonderful space's worth. When they bought a roomy 35-year-old Tudor house complete with vintage kitchen, their excellent idea was to replan it for modern efficiency, and to decorate it for that seasoned look. As the results show, they've incorporated the best of two eras. Since there was no need for a laundry or dining area here, every kitchen activity was given its own ample space, and storage facilities are superb.

For the modern convenience, the remodeled kitchen was designed for good circulation—by the simple device of having Mrs. Davis go through all the steps one would take to prepare and serve a meal. Her practical husband did the actual planning. Let's begin with a bundle of groceries. They're brought through the back door and deposited on the sorting sink—one step from the refrigerator, one step from a food-storage cupboard, and just across from a pass-through to the cooking area. Food storage is well engineered, down to metal bins for potatoes, ventilated by panels of copper wire.

The cooking area's arranged to make the most of the view, for double sink, chopping block, and surface cooking units are under the windows. The wood-topped island counter puts additional work surface within arm's reach and is perfect for sit-down jobs. From here, just a few feet to other cooking units and twin ovens, one waist-high for roasting, one at eye-level for baking. Pots and pans are kept below and in a nearby cupboard. Of course, there's a planning desk, with telephone and cook-book shelves in this section of the kitchen.

With or without a butler, a butler's pantry (too often torn out!) is a godsend. Here, high, wide, and handsome pass-throughs connect the cooking department with the area where china, glassware, silver, and linens are stored—and cleaned up. There's an electric sink and dishwasher, so that table-setting materials need never enter other parts of this kitchen.

The seasoned look is achieved by dark stained cabinets, attractive wallpaper, and the beautiful contrast of the textures of wood, brick, and stainless steel. Antique lighting fixtures lend an air, but are supplemented by good modern cove lighting.









GERTRUDE BRASSARD

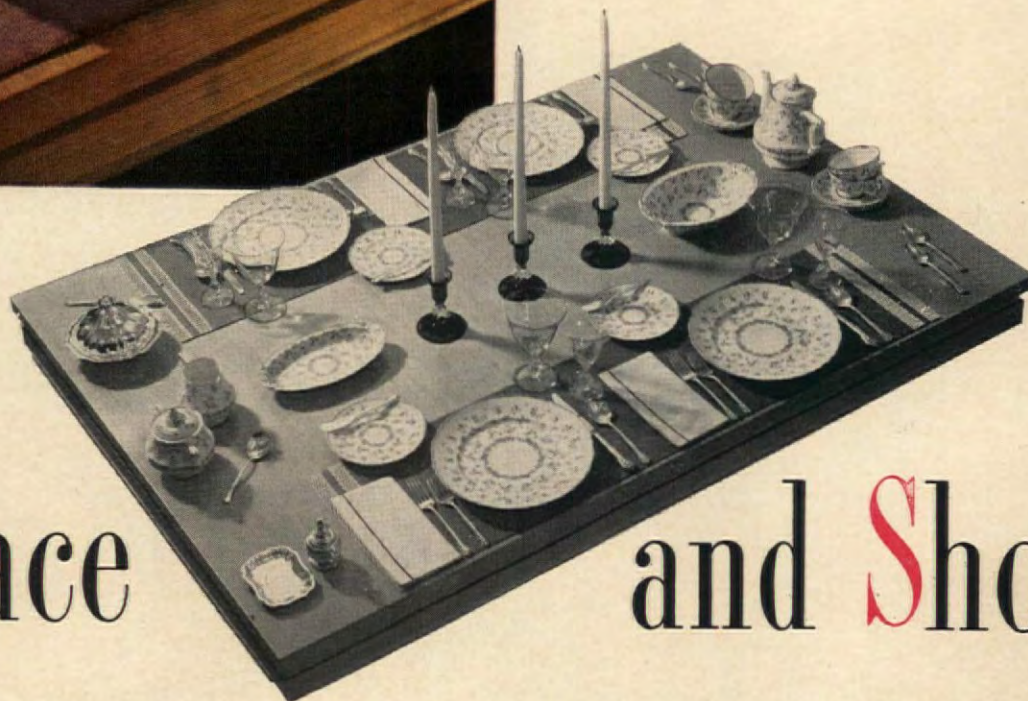
If you think a picture-pretty table can't be practical, Lady, take a good look at this one, and then ride along with us while we tell you how an investment in such really good silver, china, and glass can stand by you no matter how often you change your color scheme—or the whole character of your dining room, for that matter. Your sterling flatware, the most durable and most basic thing on your table, can't possibly wear out—but be sure that it will wear with you visually, that you won't tire of it. Oneida Community's "Engagement" will fill that bill with most people—its outline is simple enough to enhance either modern or traditional china, and its floral motif, which carries out the feeling of decorated china so well, provides some good three-dimensional interest when used with perfectly plain dinnerware.

With the fine china we show, Haviland's "Blue Bell," we did some interesting experimenting with happy results. We never saw china more versatile—you can hardly name the color against which it doesn't "go." It's exciting against deep blue, serene against yellow. Put it on a white damask cloth, and it can be formal, yet lively. Pick out its deepest green or wine tone for a cloth, and the effect is very modern.

Since table coverings come in an amazing variety of colors—and prices—you can change your table's mood for every meal in the week. Here we used a plastic, one of the new woven types which have gone so elegant with their silvery glow mixed with color, and with their braided borders to which napkins are matched. As a change from mats, runners are an excellent idea—use them the length, or the width, of your table; or mix them, if you like, with matching place mats.

Never underestimate the power of crystal to give your setting the sparkling accent it needs. Select it for shape, and have some clear, and some, for variety, in color. Here the clear crystal of Bryce's "Autumn," made even more interesting by its cut leaf decoration, shines like the star that it is—and would shine for many another setting as well.

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Place

and Show



# MUSHROOMS

## are food magic



*... matchless in cream soup... perfect in a pour-on sauce and as a cooking ingredient*

BY *Anne Marshall*

ANNE MARSHALL  
Director Home Economics  
Campbell Soup Company

It's a delight, this soup made with extra-heavy cream and fine cultivated mushrooms... and the family adore it! Once famed as a party soup, cream of mushroom has become an everyday favorite. Countless easy meals in countless homes are planned around it. It's a handy dish for lunches. It dresses up dinners.

This soup is loaded with that fine mushroom taste that brings out the best in foods. When used with meat, eggs, fish, or to give leftovers a big lift, cream of mushroom is so much better than old-fashioned white sauce. It's easier to fix. It doesn't lump. It tastes richer... better try it!

### **Cream of Mushroom Soup:**

Make it the appealing center of family meals... with sandwiches, salad or dessert.

### **Ham Croquettes with Mushroom Sauce:**

As a pour-on sauce... use cream of mushroom soup ( $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk mixed with 1 can soup). Heat and pour over croquettes.

### **Mushroom Omelet:**

Heat 1 can cream of mushroom soup (mixed with  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup milk). Pour half in center of cooked omelet (4-egg size); fold omelet and pour on rest of sauce.

### **Mushroom-Tuna Casserole:**

Mix 1 can cream of mushroom soup with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk. Add 1 cup each of drained tuna, crushed potato chips and cooked green peas. Bake at 375°F. for 25 minutes. 4 servings.

*A good cook keeps plenty of Cream of Mushroom Soup on her soup shelf.*





ELEANOR LEE JONES

## FOOD AMERICA LOVES BEST

STEAMED CHOCOLATE PUDDING  
HARD SAUCE

BANANA CREAM PIE

APPLE BETTY

WALDORF SALAD

ROAST BEEF HASH

FRIED SCALLOPS

MOCK TARTARE SAUCE

**W**ant a sure-fire hit for dinner tonight, one slated for second runs and repeat performances from now on in? Then try any of these American favorites, for they're in the same class as our other old-faithfuls-done-the-best-way you've been approving in a gratifying lot of mail. Those letters have proved our hunch that the best of cooks often skips popular dishes for the lack of an ideal—not just a good—way to do them. We're happy to have obliged, and we hope we'll oblige again with these.

To raise the curtain, we planned the perfect roast-beef hash, browned to a heavenly turn, blended with great chunks of onions and potatoes, and heartily seasoned—but it wasn't our idea to give it the center of the stage. That was the Art Director's doing, for he had been in on the tasting, and insisted, despite the attractions, visual and gastronomical, of our other elegant fare, that the hash be the star. We think your men will rate it high, too, though it can easily share the spotlight with the crisp, crusty-coated scallops served with piping-hot mock tartare sauce. In deep-fat frying, we know full well that perfect crispness is an elusive thing. Unless the temperature of the fat is just right, that is. To keep it at an ideal 370° F., invest in a deep-fat thermometer—you'll bless it!

The salad bowl heaped with the heartiness of egg slices, celery, and bits of Roquefort is fine at luncheon or a buffet supper, and the Waldorf, always refreshing, adds just the suggestion of sweet so good when poultry or pork is served.

As a climax, here are three sweet and good performers. Steam the chocolate batter to a moist, dark, and rewarding richness, and set the timer so the pudding may be served right from the mold, then topped with its melt-on-the-tongue hard sauce. For something sweet yet tart, an apple betty blended with spices and the freshness of lemon juice. And if you want the betty to be perfect every time, and rich in syrup, cover during baking until the apples are tender, then brown uncovered for 10-15 minutes. (Covered baking time depends upon the apples, but 1¼-1½ hours usually does it.) For a real sweetie-pie most men will love, slice brown-flecked bananas into a flaky pastry shell, cover with a cream-smooth filling you've cooked over low heat and stirred constantly, then swirl with a perfect meringue. Baking the meringue at 325° F. is the low-temperature way to make it the best ever.

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## CHEDDAR LAYER-LOAF



### • pieburger • beefburger drumsticks

#### YOU'LL NEED:

Shortening  
1 lb. hamburger  
Onions Celery  
Green pepper  
1 can condensed tomato soup  
Prepared mustard  
Ketchup 1 pkg. pastry mix  
Process sharp cheese

#### YOU'LL NEED:

Cornflakes  
1 lb. hamburger  
6-oz. can evaporated milk  
Onion  
¼ lb. process American cheese

Serves 6

Melt ¼ cup shortening. Cook hamburger, 1½ cups chopped onions, 1½ cups chopped celery, ½ cup chopped green pepper in shortening until onion and celery are soft. Add soup, 2 tbs. prepared mustard, ¼ cup ketchup, 1½ tsp. salt to hamburger mixture. Mix ½ cup grated cheese with pastry mix; prepare mix, roll out according to directions on package. Fit pastry into 9" pie pan. Pour hamburger mixture into pastry. Top with remaining pastry cut into 6 wedge-shaped pieces. Bake at 425° F. 35-40 minutes.

Recipe idea from MRS. LYLE CARY

Serves 6

### BEEFBURGER DRUMSTICKS

Crush enough cornflakes to make 1 cup fine crumbs. Mix together hamburger, ½ cup evaporated milk, ¼ cup crumbs, 1 tbs. grated onion, 1 tsp. salt; divide into 6 portions. Cut cheese into ½" cubes; place cubes on 6 wooden skewers; shape hamburger mixture around cheese in shape of drumsticks. Roll drumsticks, one at a time, first in ¼ cup evaporated milk, then in ½ cup cornflake crumbs. Fry over low heat in shallow fat about 15 minutes.

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

### • cheddar layer-loaf • Stroganoff quickie

#### YOU'LL NEED:

1 lb. hamburger  
Egg  
½ lb. process sharp cheese  
slices  
Bacon

Serves 6

#### YOU'LL NEED:

1 lb. hamburger  
Tabasco sauce  
Chili sauce  
Saltines  
4-oz. can sliced mushrooms  
1 pint sour cream  
8 oz. egg noodles  
Parsley

Serves 6

Mix together hamburger, 1 egg, slightly beaten, 1 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper. Cut 4 cheese slices into ¼" pieces; add to hamburger mixture. Shape hamburger mixture into 2 patties. Place on broiler pan and broil 3 inches from source of heat for 3 minutes. Turn meat and broil on second side for 3 minutes. Lay remaining cheese slices on one patty, place second patty on top. Place bacon slices around patty and fasten with toothpicks. Return to broiler and broil 4 minutes.

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

### STROGANOFF QUICKIE

In a bowl combine hamburger, ½ tsp. Tabasco sauce, ½ cup chili sauce, 1 tsp. salt. Crush enough saltines to make ½ cup fine crumbs. Add cracker crumbs to hamburger mixture. Shape hamburger into 18 balls. Drain mushrooms. Melt 2 tbs. shortening; add meat balls and mushrooms. Cook until lightly browned. Add sour cream and cook over low heat to serving temperature. Cook noodles according to directions on package. Drain. Mix 2 tbs. chopped parsley with noodles. Serve meat-ball mixture over noodles.

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

### • burger-in-a-blanket • burgerettes

#### YOU'LL NEED:

Round butter crackers  
1 lb. hamburger  
Egg  
Bottled horseradish  
Ketchup  
½ 2 can white potatoes  
Milk  
Onion

Serves 6

#### YOU'LL NEED:

1 tsp. hamburger  
Onion juice  
Egg yolks  
Bread  
Ketchup

Makes 30 appetizers

Crush enough crackers to make ½ cup crumbs. Mix together hamburger, 1 egg, slightly beaten, ½ cup cracker crumbs, ½ cup drained horseradish, ½ cup ketchup, 1 tsp. celery salt, ½ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper. Shape into 6 squares. Place on greased baking sheet; bake at 375° F. 20 minutes. Heat potatoes to serving temperature; drain and mash. Gradually add ½ cup hot milk, 2 tbs. grated onion, 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. pepper. Beat until fluffy. Spread mashed potatoes over tops and sides of squares. Place under broiler 3 inches from source of heat for 3 minutes.

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

### BURGERETTES

Mix together hamburger, 2 tsp. onion juice, 2 egg yolks, 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. pepper. Shape into 30 balls. Cut 6-8 slices bread into 1½" rounds; toast. Place a hamburger ball on each toast round. Make a hole in the middle of each ball by pressing down through the meat to the toast. Fill with ketchup. Broil 3 inches from source of heat about 4 minutes.

Recipe from MARGARET DONLON

## BURGUNDY BURGER



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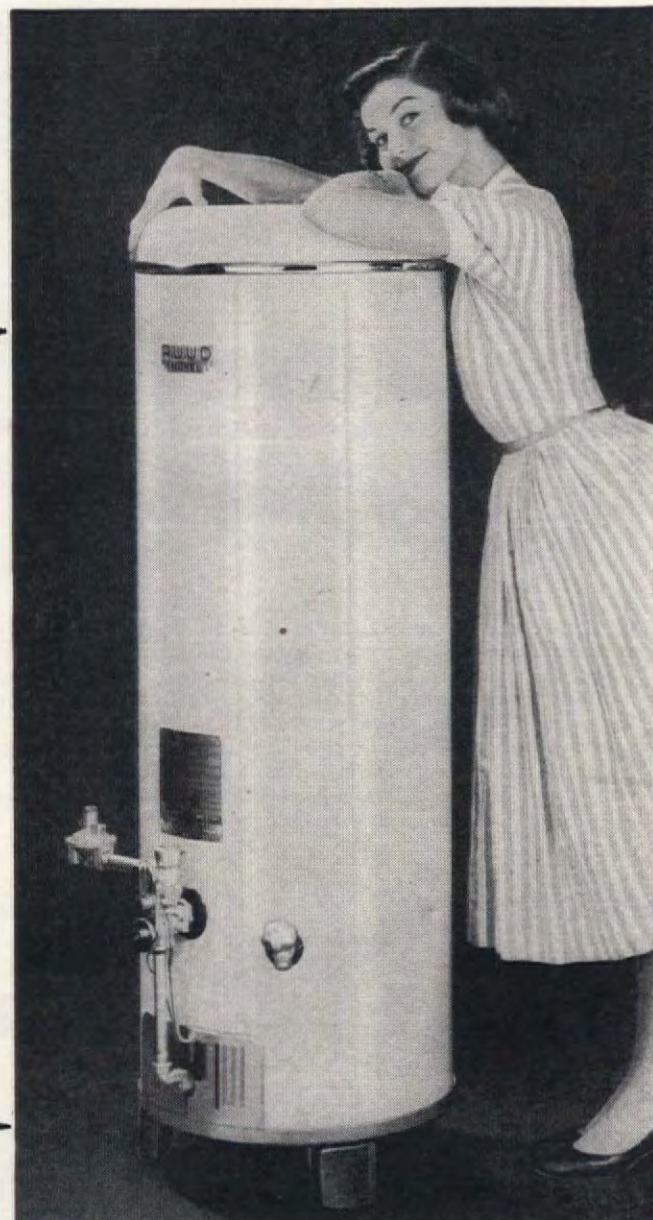
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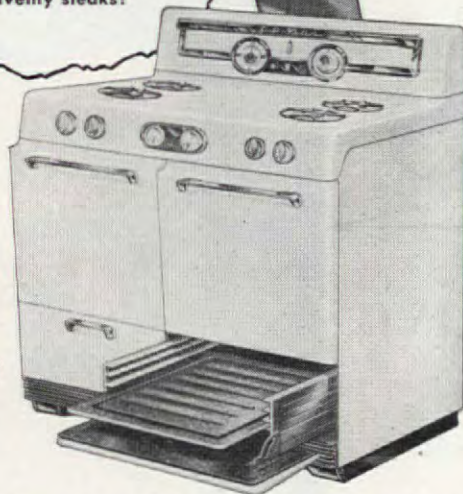
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## Mistakes in my Kitchen

JEAN TIGAR

Now that my husband, our handyman, and I joined forces to modernize our 40-year-old kitchen, I am discovering things I wish we had done differently. Next time I'd remember that, garbage disposer or no, a kitchen still must have a garbage can. I wish I had room for a full-size, step-on can as near the sink as possible—so I could eliminate the unsanitary, unsightly and unfortunate brown paper bag now tucked in our refrigerator corner to hold the cans and things you can't grind!

I forgot about my wall can opener too. Now that our kitchen is tiled 'way up to here, there's absolutely no place in the right area to anchor a can opener. I should have taken a firm stand about this one. And with windows as near the area of preparation as mine are now, I should've skipped curtains entirely and settled for Venetian blinds and perhaps a fancy cornice. The curtains get soiled almost quicker than I can keep two sets washed—they act as irritating reminders of my carelessness and speed.

The words "carelessness" and "speed" remind me that I should never have consented to a cabinet above a sink. I am forever dropping or carelessly pushing things off the shelves onto the beautiful porcelain surface beneath. I could also have easily incorporated at least one pull-out-drawer type of base cupboard—I discovered too late that this would have eliminated getting down on all fours when I want things from 'way back in a bin.

But despite the mistakes, my advice is to get at the kitchen remodeling—no matter what you have to do without in order to pay for it! Had we known how many miles of walking a modern kitchen saves a year, how really wonderful life can be when meal preparation and cleanup are easier, we'd have done it years ago.

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1½ teaspoons finely chopped parsley  
Juice of 1 lemon  
Pimiento strips  
Parsley  
2 lemons, quartered  
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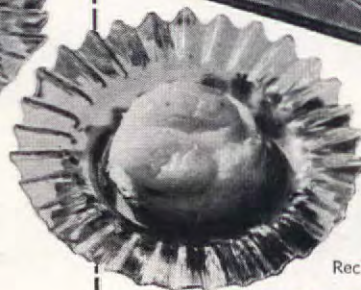
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### • upside-down puddings (a cheapie)



¼ cup butter  
½ cup sugar  
1 egg  
¾ cup flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. salt  
4 tbs. milk  
1 tbs. oleomargarine  
1 tbs. dark syrup  
Apricots, peaches,  
or cherries

Melt margarine and syrup, cook 2 min. Pour in greased muffin tins or custard cups. Arrange fruit, which has been well drained, in the syrup. Cream the butter and sugar. Beat in egg. Gradually add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk. Bake 35 min. at 350° F. Serve hot.

Recipe submitted by Mrs. E. de Sincay Makes 6 large puddings Family-tested

# Cheapies

JEANNIE WILLIS

Or The Case of the Unsung Tongue, written by a newly converted fan, for until quite recently, tongue was not among the foods eaten or liked by my family. But now it is on the preferred list! Did you ever sit down and make a list of the foods your family will eat (without subjecting you, the cook, to an act of martyrdom, I mean)? You will find if you do so that it is shockingly short and appallingly dull.

It should prod you into increasing the variety of your fare—and tongue is a right good addition. It's sound economy, for its year-round average chain-store price is 69¢ a pound, almost all of it solid, usable meat. You may find it for less, but don't wait for the specials, for it's a colossal buy at regular price.

That leaves us with only its taste and appearance as reasons for its being so unsung, so unpopular. And those are problems Cheapies cooks can lick with one hand behind their backs. Go

looking for tongue recipes, and you will soon see that they all fall in the gourmet category. Who are we Cheapies members to spurn its possibilities? Deeming it inadvisable to confront the family with it undisguised at our first trial test-flight,

I julienned it, after cooking, and concocted the sweet-and-sour casserole you'll find on the next page. The empty plates were mute but conclusive evidence that here was a successful newcomer to our

menus. Later, when it had been gently broken to them that they had unknowingly enjoyed tongue, it was possible to serve the whole tongue, simply and easily boiled, with a cranberry sauce. This makes a beautiful company platter which I now serve with unabashed pride. Guests may politely take the smallest piece they can find, they, too,

of the belief that they don't care for it. Yet they go back for more after tasting it. We strongly feel that tongue must cease being so regrettably ignored. This applies

to that whole large category now known as variety meats, for here are unlimited possibilities for experimentation and economy.

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### • cherry parfait pie (a cheapie)



2 can red cherries, drained  
1 cup cherry juice  
¼ cup water  
1 pkg. cherry gelatin  
½ cup evaporated milk  
½ cup sugar  
Graham-cracker pie shell

Heat juice and water. Dissolve gelatin in it. Cool slightly. Whip chilled evaporated milk with sugar. Stir into gelatin. Let set for ½ hour. Add cherries and stir well. Pour into graham-cracker crust and chill 2-3 hours.

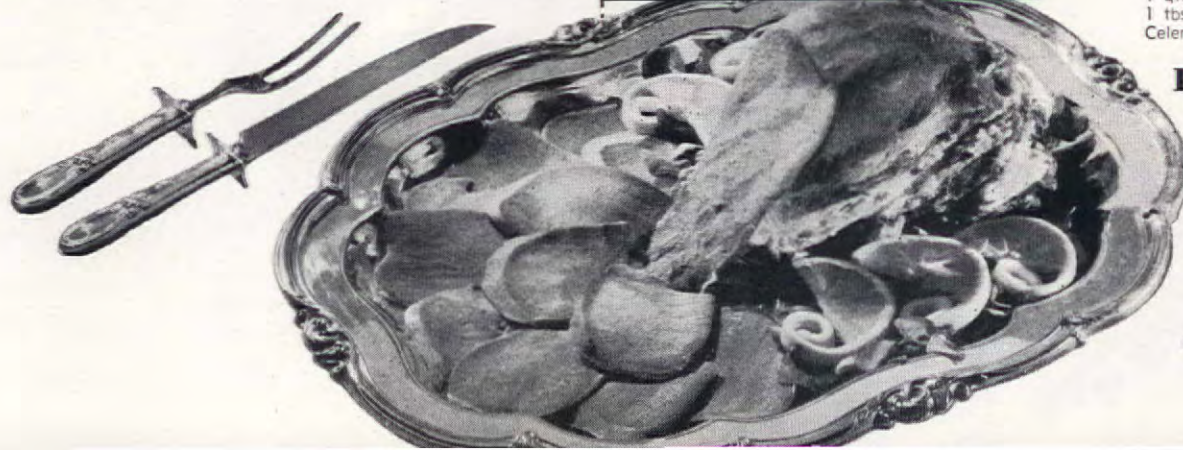
Recipe submitted by Mrs. Lenore Rammer  
Serves 6-8 Family-tested



### • tongue with cranberry sauce (a cheapie)

4-5 lb. smoked tongue  
1 qt. water  
1 tbs. vinegar  
Celery leaves and tops  
Small onion  
6 whole cloves  
1 tbs. sugar  
Bay leaf

Put all ingredients in your Dutch oven, and simmer about 2 hours. Peel skin while tongue is warm, then trim root end. To make sauce, cook a cup of cranberries, a cup of stock and a cup of brown sugar, with a dash of ground clove, for 10 min. Garnish with half-lemon slices. Or make regular gravy, if you prefer, with the tongue stock, then combine the cooked cranberry mixture with it.



Serves 10

Family-tested



## • lemon bread pudding (a cheapie)

2½ cups bread cubes    2 tsp. grated lemon rind  
1 cup water    ⅓ cup shortening  
¼ cup lemon juice    ¾ cup sugar  
2 eggs, separated

Soak bread in water, lemon juice, and rind. Cream shortening, sugar and egg yolks. Fold in bread. Pour into greased casserole. Set in pan of hot water. Bake 35 min. at 350° F. Remove from oven, cover with meringue. (Make with the 2 egg whites, ¼ cup sugar, ¼ tsp. salt.) Bake 18 min. at 300° F.

Recipe submitted by Mrs. O. E. Mick  
Serves 6    Family-tested



## Cheapies

(Begins on page 61)

While Webster doesn't list cake as a synonym for woman, or pie as one for man, he might just as well. Goodness only knows why this should be true, yet it is undoubtedly the rule, not the exception. Perhaps the ladies can be tempted by these two rather new pies. The Cherry Parfait Pie is a Cheapie version of this currently popular type. The use of whipped evaporated milk instead of ice cream is a clever substitution, and it certainly makes up into a glamorous pie. Try this one the next time your bridge club meets—but be sure you save a piece for the man of the house! This and the other three recipes this month are from our Cheapies Club members. We sure are proud of you all; give yourself a firm and friendly pat on the back for us, will you? The Pineapple Pie has quietly and slowly climbed right up near the top of the list of American favorites. It is inexpensive to make, and can be turned into a very pretty pie for partying purposes. Be sure to add this to your pie list if you haven't already done so. A can of crushed pineapple and a package of pie-crust mix are standard pantry-shelf items, so it can often be made as an emergency dessert.

Not to run this unsung thing into the ground, but because the poor pudding rates so confoundingly low with most people, let's take a look at puddings. Paltry they may be—but pampered they *can* be. From Switzerland comes the recipe for Upside-Down Puddings. For a lovely delicate flavor, make them with apricots, as shown. Or try them with cherries or peaches. The latter is a good way to use part of a large can of peaches; then reserve the balance for the next day's

## • pineapple pie (a cheapie)



¾ 2 can crushed pineapple  
1 egg  
3 tbs. sugar  
2 tbs. flour  
1 tbs. butter  
Pastry for 2-crust 8" pie

Mix flour and sugar, add egg and pineapple. Stir well. Pour mixture into bottom crust, dot with butter. Do plain or fancy top crust, and brush it with top-milk. Bake 40 min. at 425° F.

Recipe submitted by Helen Parker  
Serves 6    Family-tested

## • sweet & sour tongue casserole (a cheapie)

3 slices bacon    2 tbs. honey  
1 sliced onion    ½ cup raisins  
2 tbs. flour    2 tbs. vinegar  
2 cups beef stock    2 cups tongue, julienned  
Salt and pepper

Cook bacon and reserve. Sauté onion in bacon drippings. Blend in flour, then slowly add stock. Let thicken. Add rest of ingredients. Simmer for 15 min. Garnish with bacon slices.

Serves 4-6

Family-tested





# Take a Pound of Hamburger

(Begins on page 56)

## • loafkins

Mix together hamburger, 1 egg, slightly beaten,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup bread crumbs,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup grated onions, 1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce, 1 tsp. salt,  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. pepper, 1 tsp. poultry seasoning. Dissolve bouillon cube in  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup boiling water and add to hamburger mixture. Shape into 2 loafkins. Brown loafkins in 2 tbs. melted shortening in pressure saucepan. Cover, bring to 15 lbs. pressure, and cook 5 minutes. Reduce pressure quickly according to manufacturer's directions. Arrange 6 pared potatoes, 6 scraped carrots, and 6 peeled onions around meat. Cover and bring to 15 lbs. pressure. Cook 5 minutes. Reduce pressure quickly according to manufacturer's directions. If desired, thicken drippings for gravy.

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

## YOU'LL NEED:

1 lb. hamburger  
Egg  
Dry bread crumbs  
Onions  
Bouillon cube  
Potatoes  
Carrots

Serves 6

## • 15-minute grill

Mix together hamburger, 1 tbs. prepared mustard, 1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. onion salt,  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. pepper. Cut 4 rings  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick from pepper. Shape hamburger mixture inside pepper rings. Place on broiler pan 3 inches from source of heat and broil 5 minutes. Cut tomatoes in halves. Scoop 1 tbs. pulp out of each half. Grate cheese and mix with pulp. Sprinkle each tomato half with salt and pepper. Fill halves lightly with cheese mixture. Drain mushrooms and brush lightly with melted butter or margarine. Turn meat and place tomatoes and mushrooms on rack. Continue broiling 5 minutes (depending on desired degree of doneness).

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

## YOU'LL NEED:

1 lb. hamburger  
Prepared mustard  
Green pepper  
2 tomatoes  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. process American cheese  
4-oz. can mushroom buttons  
Butter or margarine

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## Take a Pound of Hamburger

(Begins on page 56)

### • burgundy burger

Mix together hamburger,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup chopped onion,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup chopped green pepper, 1 tbs. drained horseradish,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mashed garlic clove, 2 tsp. salt. Crush enough saltines to make  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup fine crumbs. Add cracker crumbs to hamburger mixture. Add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup Burgundy to hamburger mixture. Shape into 6 patties. Place on broiler pan 3 inches from source of heat; broil 4 minutes, turn patties, and broil 4 minutes (depending upon desired degree of doneness). Serve on toasted split rolls.

RECIPE FROM MRS. J. PLEDGER, JR.

#### YOU'LL NEED:

1 lb. hamburger  
Onion  
Green pepper  
Bottled horseradish  
Garlic  
Saltines  
Burgundy  
Hamburger rolls

Serves 6

### • yam 'n egg burger

Drain sweet potatoes and mash. Mix together hamburger,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup mashed sweet potatoes, 2 tsp. grated onion, 1 tsp. salt,  $\frac{1}{8}$  tsp. pepper. Press hamburger mixture into a greased 9-inch pie pan. With the back of a spoon shape 6 wells in hamburger mixture. Break an egg into each well. Pile remaining mashed sweet potatoes around edge of pie pan. Bake at 350° F. 35 minutes.

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

#### YOU'LL NEED:

$\frac{3}{4}$  flat can sweet potatoes  
1 lb. hamburger  
Onion  
6 eggs

Serves 6



# Food America Loves Best

(Begins on page 54)

• roast beef hash



• Waldorf salad  
• egg salad



• steamed chocolate  
pudding & hard sauce



• apple betty



• fried scallops  
& mock tartare sauce



• banana cream pie





# Food America Loves Best

(Begins on page 54)

## ● steamed chocolate pudding & hard sauce

- 1 cup sifted cake flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup milk

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together. Cream shortening and sugar until fluffy. Add egg and beat well. Stir in chocolate and vanilla. Add milk and dry ingredients alternately. Turn into a greased 1-quart mold and place on wire rack in a deep covered kettle. Pour enough boiling water into kettle to come halfway up on side of mold. Cover kettle and bring water to boiling point; reduce heat and simmer 50 minutes. Serve warm with Hard Sauce.

### HARD SAUCE:

1/3 cup soft butter or margarine 2 tbs. brandy 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar  
Cream butter or margarine, add sugar gradually, beating after each addition until mixture is smooth and fluffy. Add brandy gradually. For a richer sauce, beat in 1/4 cup heavy cream.

**Serves 6-8** 486-364 cal. per serving (with Hard Sauce)  
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

## ● Waldorf salad ● egg salad

- 2 cups diced apples
- 2 tbs. fresh, frozen, or canned lemon juice
- 1 tbs. mayonnaise
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 tbs. sugar
- Lettuce

Sprinkle apples with lemon juice; toss apples with 1 tbs. mayonnaise. Combine 1/2 cup mayonnaise and sugar. Just before serving, add celery, walnuts, and mayonnaise-sugar mixture. Toss lightly. Serve in lettuce cups.

**Serves 6** 205 cal. per serving Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

### EGG SALAD:

- 2 tbs. tarragon vinegar
- 1/3 cup sweet pickle relish
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 6 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
- 1 cup crumbled Roquefort cheese
- 1 cup cucumber slices
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 tsp. salt
- Salad greens

Add vinegar and pickle relish to mayonnaise and beat well. Toss remaining ingredients together lightly. Add dressing to salad ingredients and toss lightly. Serve on salad greens.

**Serves 6** 425 cal. per serving Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

## ● roast beef hash

- 3 cups coarsely chopped, cooked roast beef
- 1/3 cup beef stock, cream, or top milk
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 cups coarsely chopped, cooked potatoes
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup coarsely chopped onion
- 1/4 cup butter, margarine, or beef drippings

Lightly mix together beef, potatoes, onion, stock or cream, salt, and pepper. Melt butter, margarine, or beef drippings in heavy skillet. Spread meat mixture evenly over melted fat. Cook over low heat, without stirring, until lightly browned on bottom. With pancake turner turn hash mixture in one piece and brown remaining side. Serve with brown gravy if desired.

Note: Cooked chopped corned beef may be substituted for roast beef. If desired, top with poached eggs before serving.

**6 servings** 229 cal. per serving  
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

## ● banana cream pie

- 1 baked 9-inch pastry shell
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 cups milk, scalded
- 3 eggs, separated
- 2 tbs. butter or margarine
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 3 ripe bananas
- 6 tbs. sugar
- 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Combine flour, 2/3 cup sugar, and 1/2 tsp. salt in a saucepan. Add milk slowly, stirring constantly. Continue stirring and cook over low heat until thickened. Beat egg yolks. Add a little of the hot mixture to the egg yolks and mix well. Blend yolk mixture gradually into hot mixture and cook 2 minutes. Add butter or margarine and 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Cool thoroughly. Peel bananas and slice evenly over bottom of cooled pastry shell. Cover with cooled filling. Add 1/4 tsp. salt and cream of tartar to egg whites and beat until frothy. Add sugar gradually, beating constantly; continue beating until stiff. Fold in vanilla. Pile meringue over filling so it touches pastry edging on all sides. Bake at 325° F. 15-20 minutes, or until meringue is delicately browned.

**Serves 6-8** 419-314 cal. per serving  
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

## ● fried scallops & mock tartare sauce

- 1 quart scallops
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 2 tbs. water
- 2 cups fine cracker or bread crumbs

If scallops are large, cut into 3/4" cubes. Place scallops for 3 minutes in salted water, using 1 tbs. salt to 1 cup cold water. Drain well between paper towels. Beat eggs; mix with water; stir in salt and pepper. Divide crumbs into 2 separate dishes. Dip scallops, one by one, in crumbs, in egg mixture, then in crumbs again. Fry in deep, hot fat (370° F.) until deep brown. Serve with Mock Tartare Sauce.

### MOCK TARTARE SAUCE:

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tbs. tarragon vinegar
- 2 tbs. chopped onion
- 1/4 cup sliced olives
- 1/4 cup chopped sweet pickles
- 1 tbs. chopped parsley

Melt butter or margarine. Blend in flour, salt, and pepper. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly. Continue stirring and cook over low heat until thickened. Add mayonnaise and vinegar and beat until smooth. Fold in remaining ingredients. Heat to serving temperature.

**Serves 8** 446 cal. per serving (with sauce)  
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

## ● apple betty

- 1 1/2 cups dry bread crumbs
- 1/3 cup melted butter or margarine
- 4 cups peeled and sliced apples
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tbs. grated lemon rind
- 1/4 cup fresh, canned, or frozen lemon juice
- 1/3 cup water

Mix together crumbs and butter or margarine. Cover bottom of greased 8" x 8" baking dish with half of buttered crumbs. Arrange half the apple slices over crumbs. Mix together sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and lemon rind. Sprinkle apple slices with half of sugar mixture. Combine lemon juice and water; sprinkle half of the lemon-water mixture over sugar mixture. Use remaining apple slices to make second layer. Sprinkle with remaining sugar mixture, then with remaining lemon-juice mixture. Cover top with remaining crumbs. Cover baking dish with aluminum foil and bake at 375° F. 1 hour and 30 minutes. Remove aluminum foil and bake 10 minutes. Remove from oven and serve warm.

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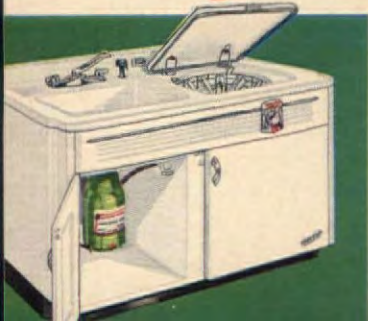
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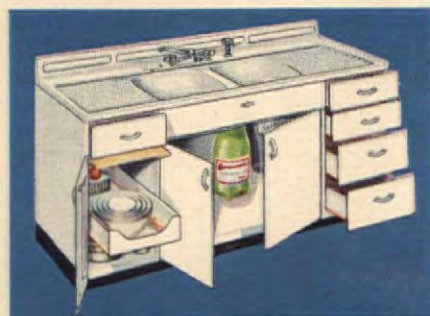
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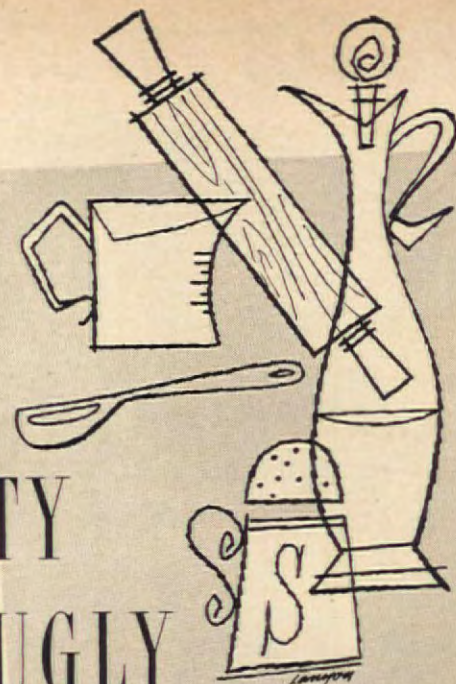
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| 2 tps. gelatin                       | 1 can DEL MONTE Tomato Sauce        |
| 2 tps. sugar                         | 2 cups cottage cheese               |
| 1 tsp. lemon juice                   | Salt                                |
| 1 tsp. grated onion                  |                                     |

Soften gelatin in ¼ cup syrup from the pineapple. Dissolve over hot water. Cool. Combine sugar, lemon juice, grated onion, green pepper, DEL MONTE Tomato Sauce and ½ cup of cottage cheese. Add salt to taste. Stir in the gelatin mixture and pour into 4 individual molds. Chill till firm. Unmold on greens; surround with remaining cottage cheese and the DEL MONTE Pineapple, as shown. Serves 4.

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Breakfast needn't be a dull meal. Perk up glasses of fruit juice with a small floating ball of sherbet. Dry cereal and fruit are old standbys, but try a mound of fruited gelatin in the center of the cereal for a change. You can fancy-up scrambled eggs by serving them in a nest of dry cereal which has been lightly sautéed in bacon drippings. Even dried fruits can be given a new lease on your breakfast life. A few slivered almonds add interest to any cooked fruit. Those "poor prunes" pep up with the addition of a handful of spicy candies when half cooked. Serve several varieties of fruit together, compote style.

You can really let your imagination go with salads. It costs no more to serve fruit cocktail in half a fluted orange shell, or any salad on a shiny crisp leaf. Top fruit salad with fluffy popcorn or oven-crisped cereal, or serve a salad of left-over cooked vegetables with a dressing of frozen tomato juice and mayonnaise. Even plain old potato salad can have a new flavor treat with some chopped peanuts added.

A soup-and-sandwich supper can be something special if you take the trouble to prepare it that way. Make sandwiches of minced left-over meat, covered with hot cream of tomato soup, spices added. Try topping a homespun soup entrée with floating cheese-dipped popcorn or a small island of salted whipped cream.

Left-overs offer endless variety. Try adding a small cut-out of buttered bread to the top of each casserole. Reheated vegetables will make the family ask for more if you serve them in other vegetables, such as creamed corn in green-pepper cases, creamed carrots in summer-squash shells, or peas in beet boats.

Gelatin becomes really jewel-like if you serve shimmering, many-colored cubes in huge crystal brandy tumblers. Use half of each package for this, and with the other halves, make a gelatin cake by layering gelatin in a loaf pan, allowing each layer to set a bit. Frost with thinned cream cheese, sweetened to taste, and sprinkle lightly with coconut.

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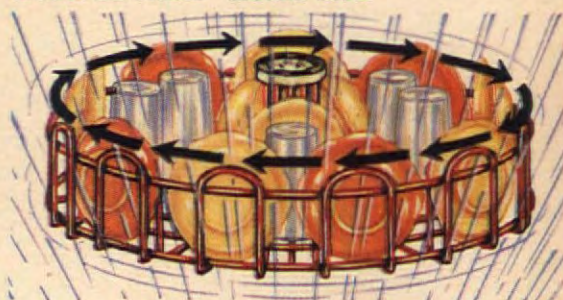
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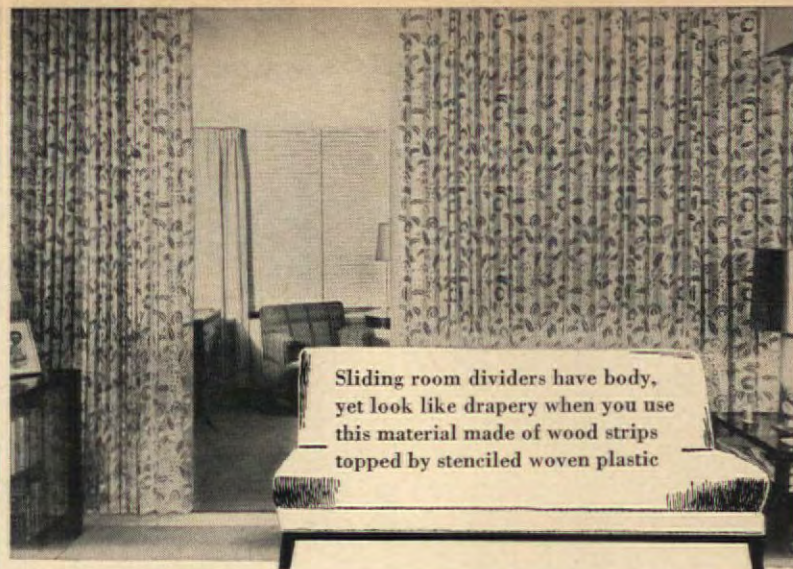


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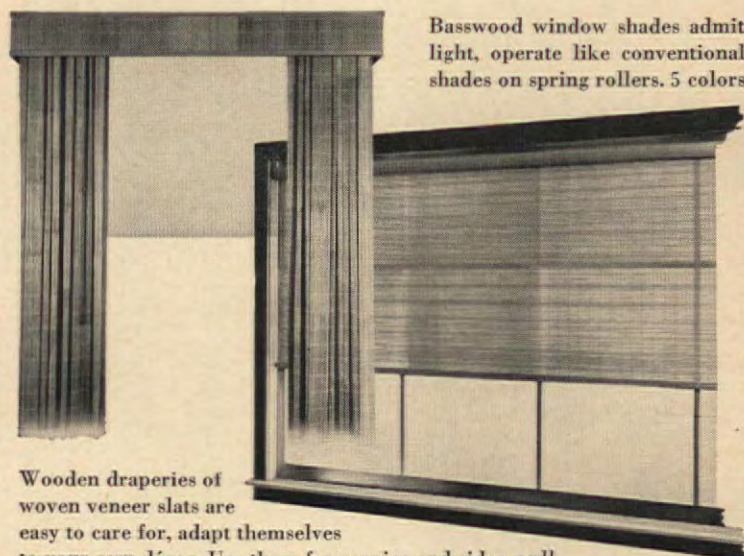
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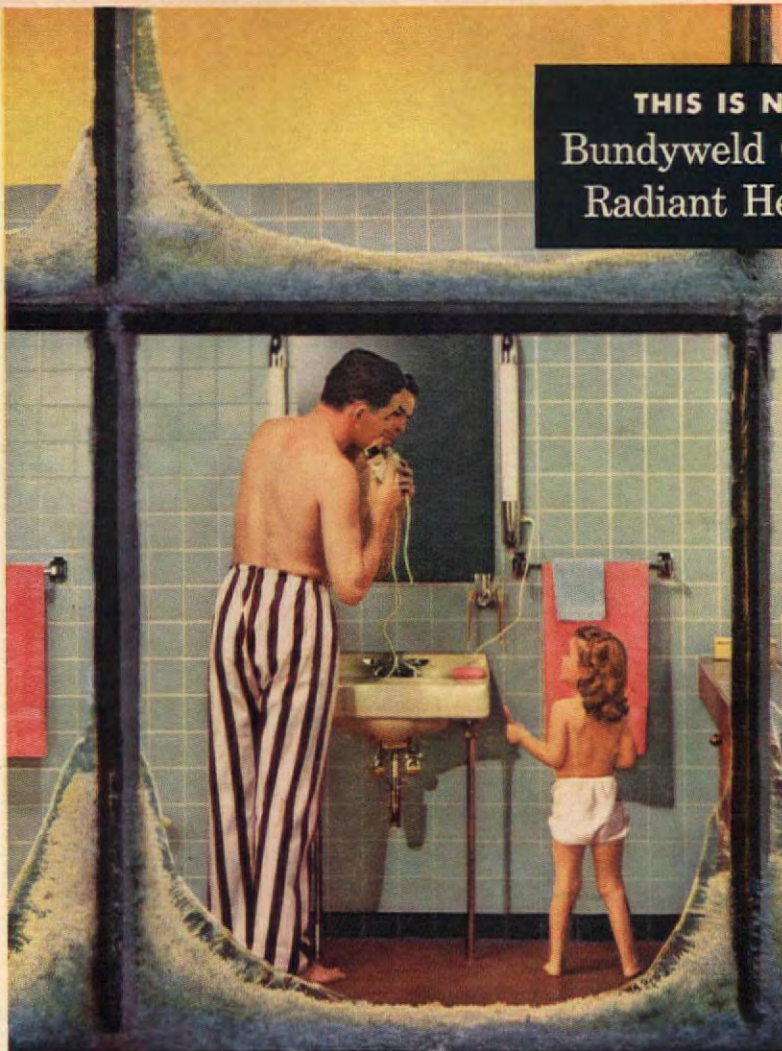
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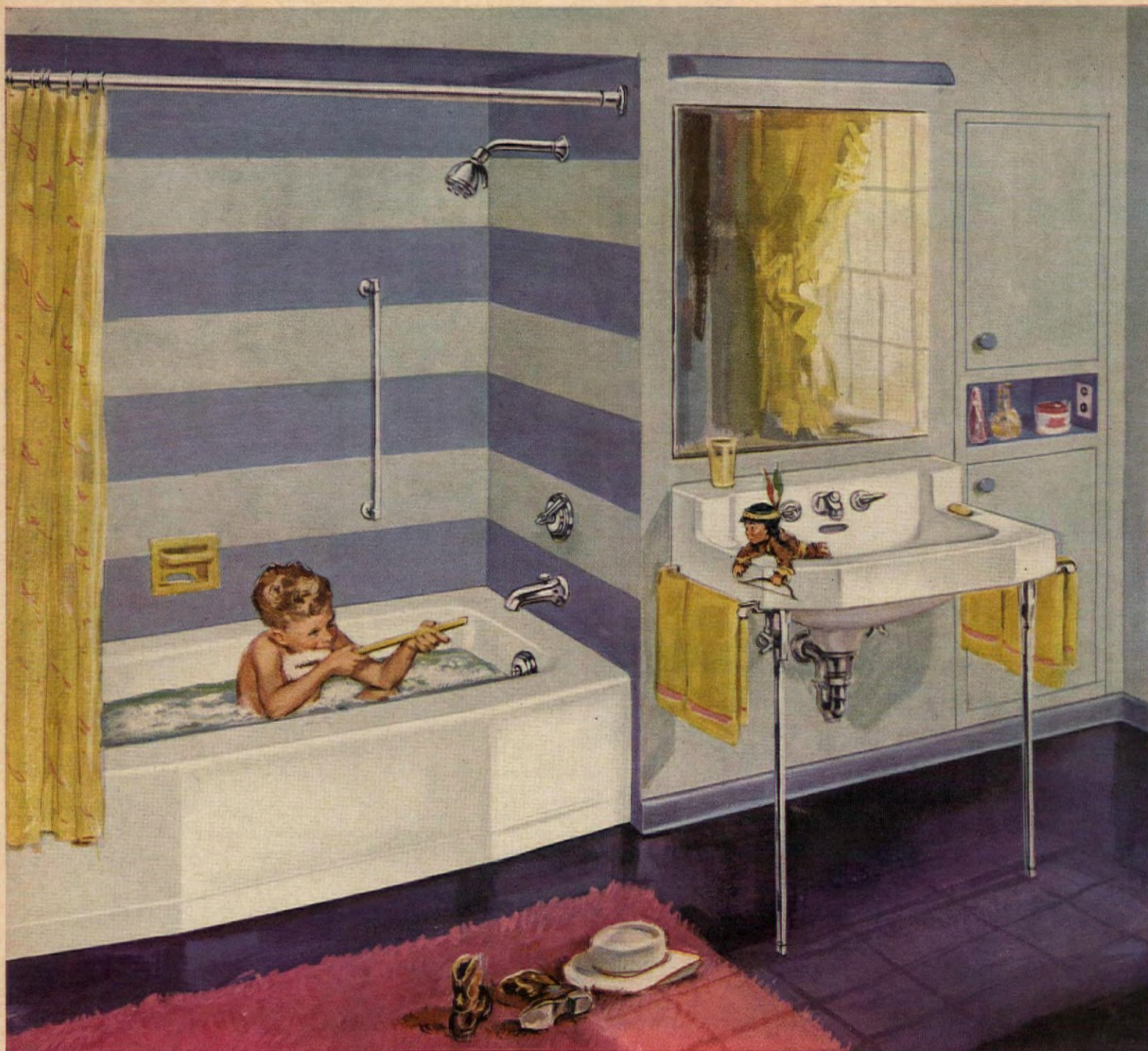
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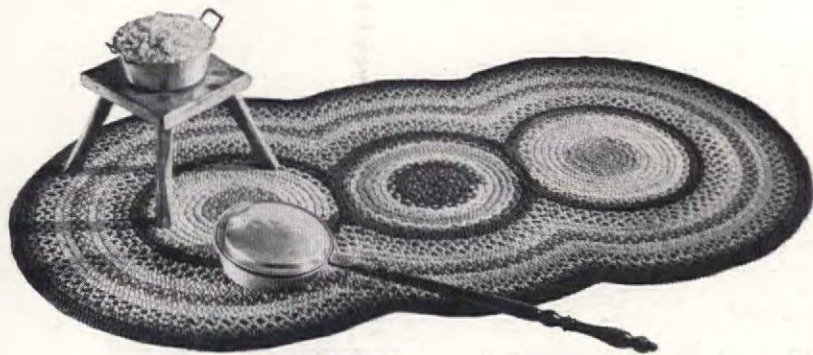
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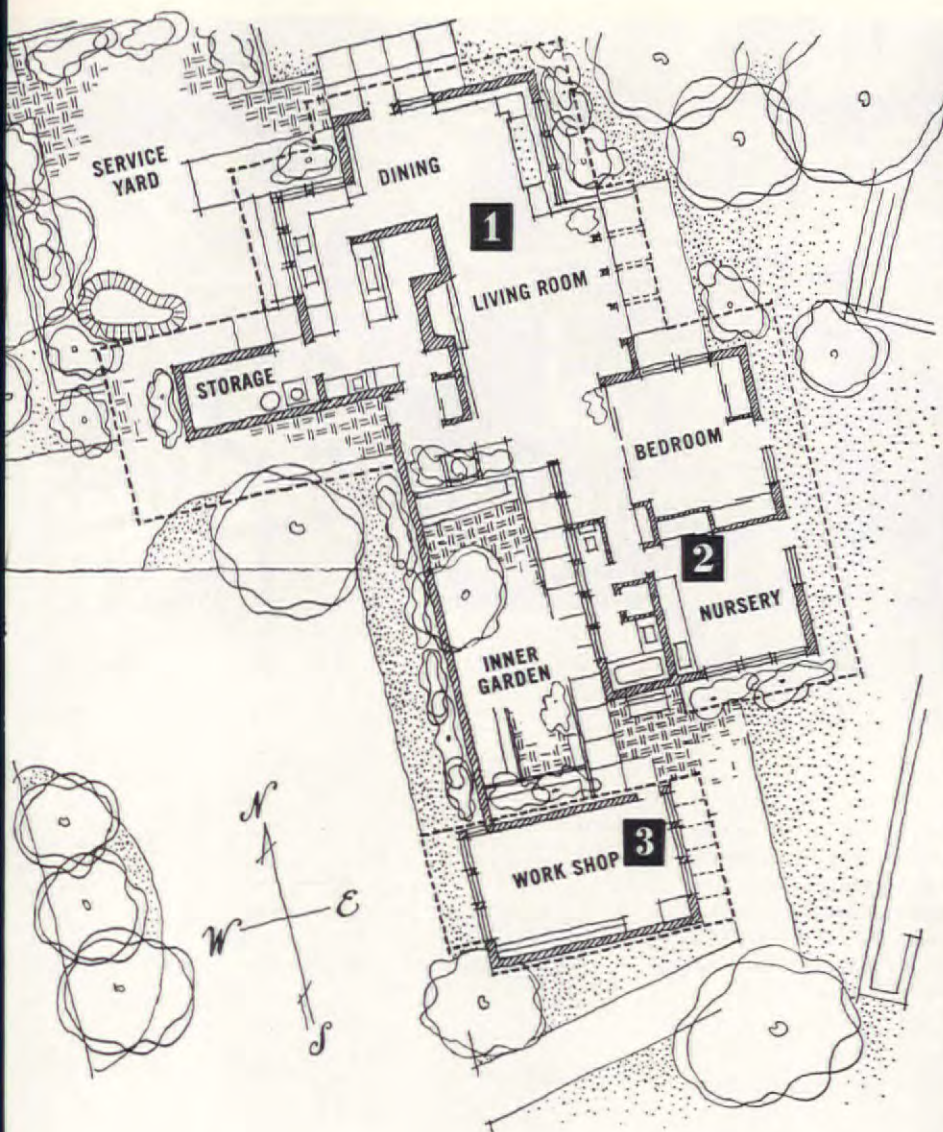
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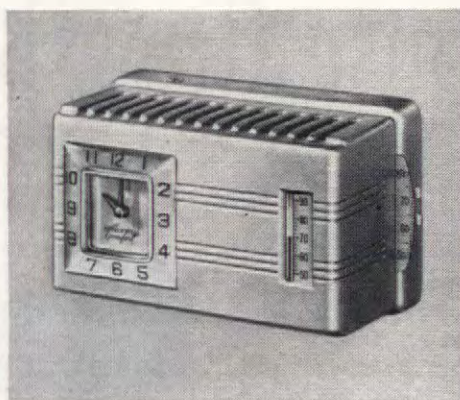


The modern look of the Hornbein home is dramatically evident in this view of the exterior. Note the generous overhang of the flat roof that shelters the small terrace. Note, too, the modernized version of French doors that open into the living room. A separate Honeywell thermostat assures wintertime comfort in the area behind these doors by compensating for heat lost through the large glass area.



The bedroom of the Hornbein's four-year-old daughter is located in heating zone 2. The varying amounts of solar heat admitted by the room's southern windows, on a day when it's alternately cloudy and bright, are easily compensated for by an individual thermostat. Thus, the room is always comfortable—even for a child playing on the floor.

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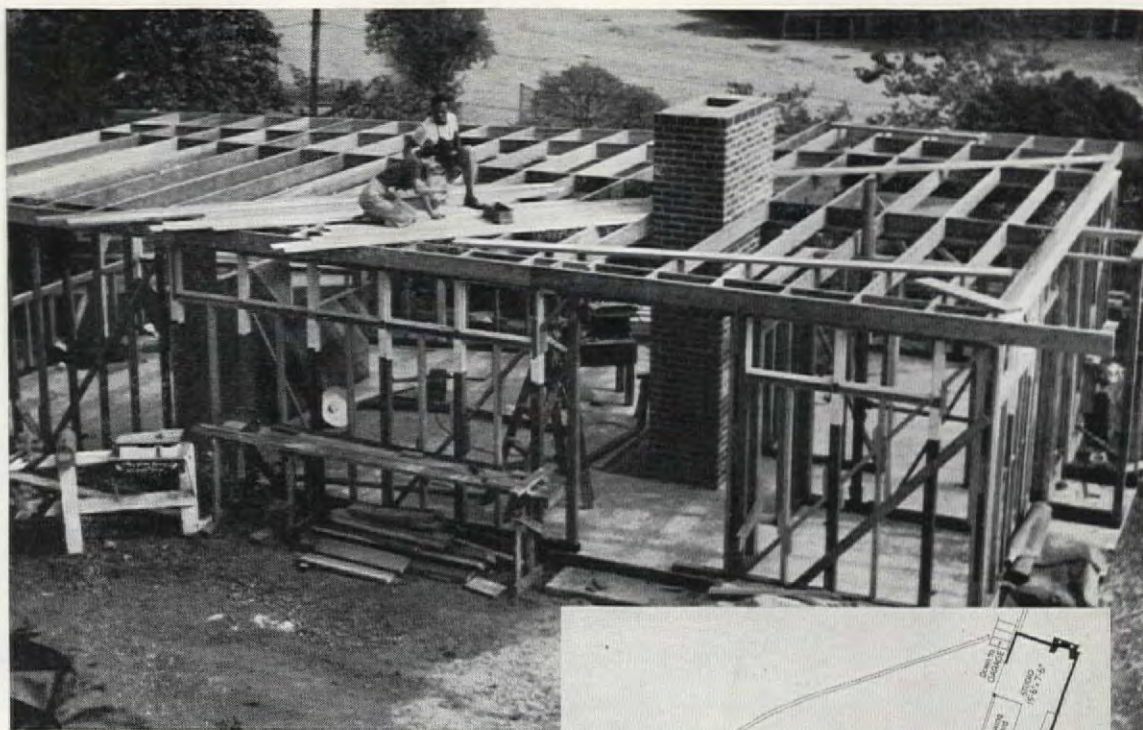


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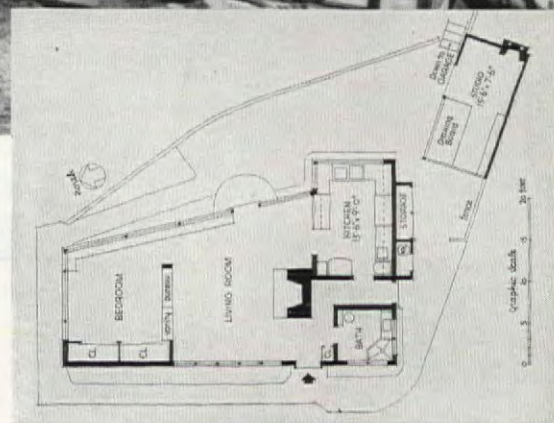


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After work and on week ends, Bill and Paula Reid hammered, sawed, nailed, painted, plastered, plumbed, and wired—a lot of work by anybody's measure. But working together made it fun, and the satisfaction of seeing their plans come to life was worth the toil it took. Since they designed it, Bill and Paula made the house fit the sloping lot. Windows on one side take in the view, others are clerestory for privacy



## This House Grew By Night

ALICE GOWLAND

When a couple build their house themselves, doing almost all of the work, even to making the furniture—that's news. When they build the garage first, make it habitable, and live in it for 18 months while building their house in the spare time eight-hour-a-day jobs allow—that's news too. But when they do it so well, and enjoy it so much that they are inspired to become professional designers and builders—that's really news!

The William Wallace Reid, Jr.'s (he's the son of the silent-film star) did just that. They were their own architects, builders, plumbers, electricians, and cabinet makers. Their only professional help was with pouring the cement slab and making the fireplace. "And that, only because so much cement bores me," states Bill.

On their hillside lot in Santa Monica, Calif., they built a custom-designed house with 775 sq. ft. of floor space, including living room, bedroom, kitchen, and bath. Between the rooms, low partitions with built-in storage preserve the spacious feeling they wanted. One side is all windows, and there's a deck to take in their hilltop view.

Except for the chairs, they designed and built their own furniture and storage cabinets. All surfaces are natural birch and fir plywood finished in clear lacquer.



Entertaining friends at Sunday breakfast is one of the Reid's favorite sports. What could be nicer than coffee on the deck, handy to the kitchen for serving?

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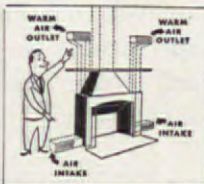
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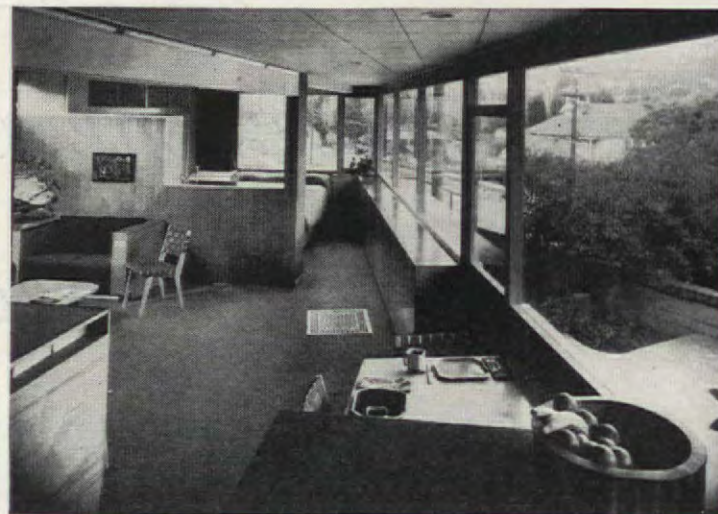
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## This House Grew By Night

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Built-in couches of foam rubber make a comfortable grouping in the living area. Fluorescent lighting is above, switches handy in each end table. Bill and Paula made their own furniture, gave it a clear, lacquered finish like all the woodwork in the house. Partition to bedroom at right has built-in storage space. Bedroom side of partition is Paula's dressing table



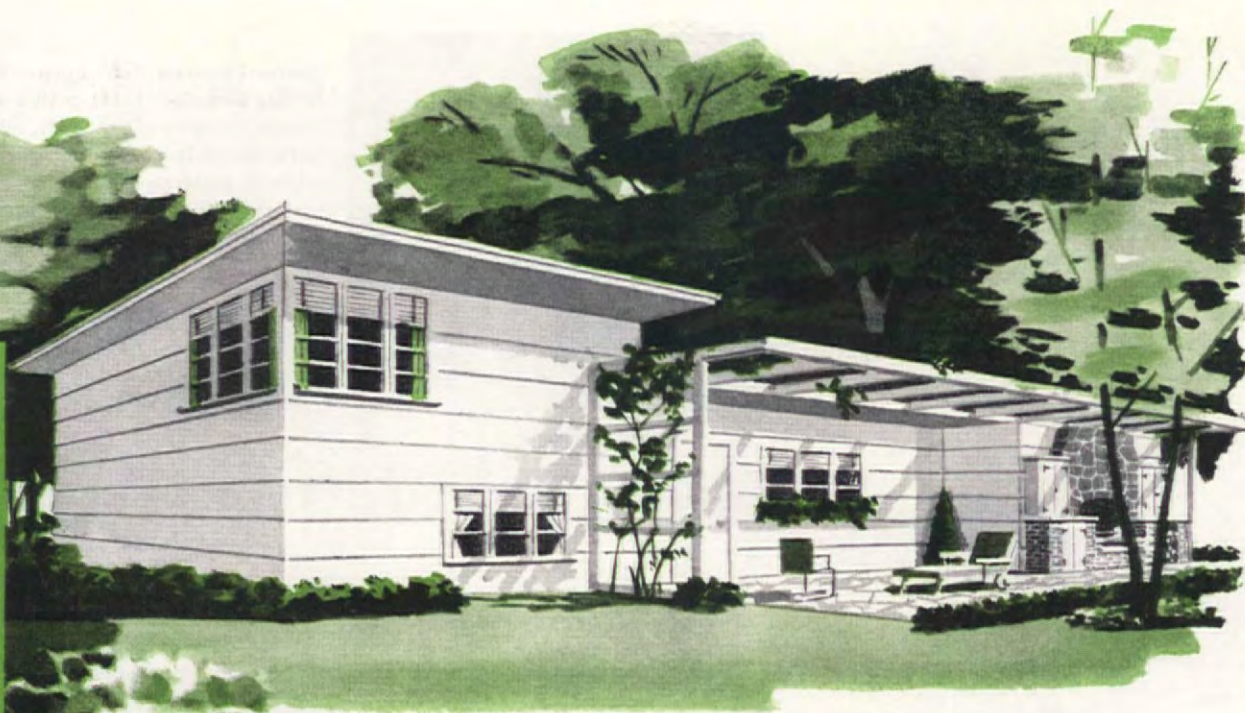
Window wall on canyon side of house is uncurtained; height gives privacy. Built-in cabinets made by Reids afford storage in bedroom, oversize bed is raised for easier bed-making, storage built in at foot. Patio in foreground is handy to kitchen and dining area



Low partition separates dining area from kitchen, holds dishes on kitchen side. To blend with rest of the house, kitchen, too, is finished in natural wood, provides interesting textural contrast with brick and stone fireplace. Door to patio brings outside in



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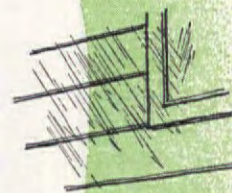
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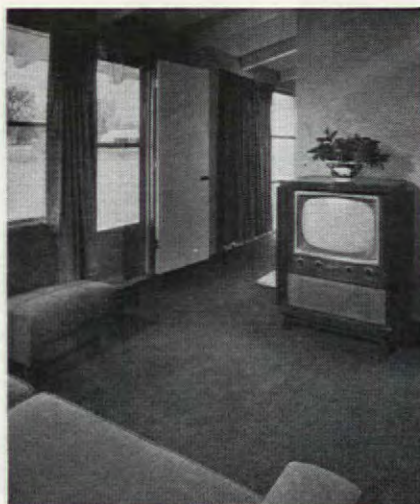
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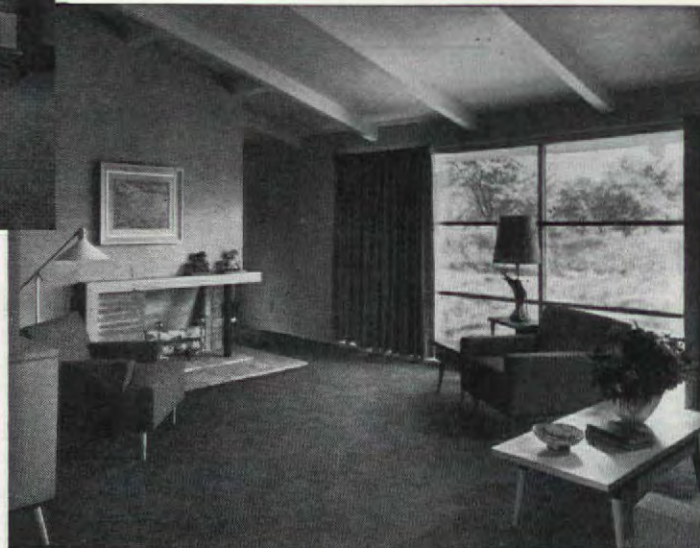


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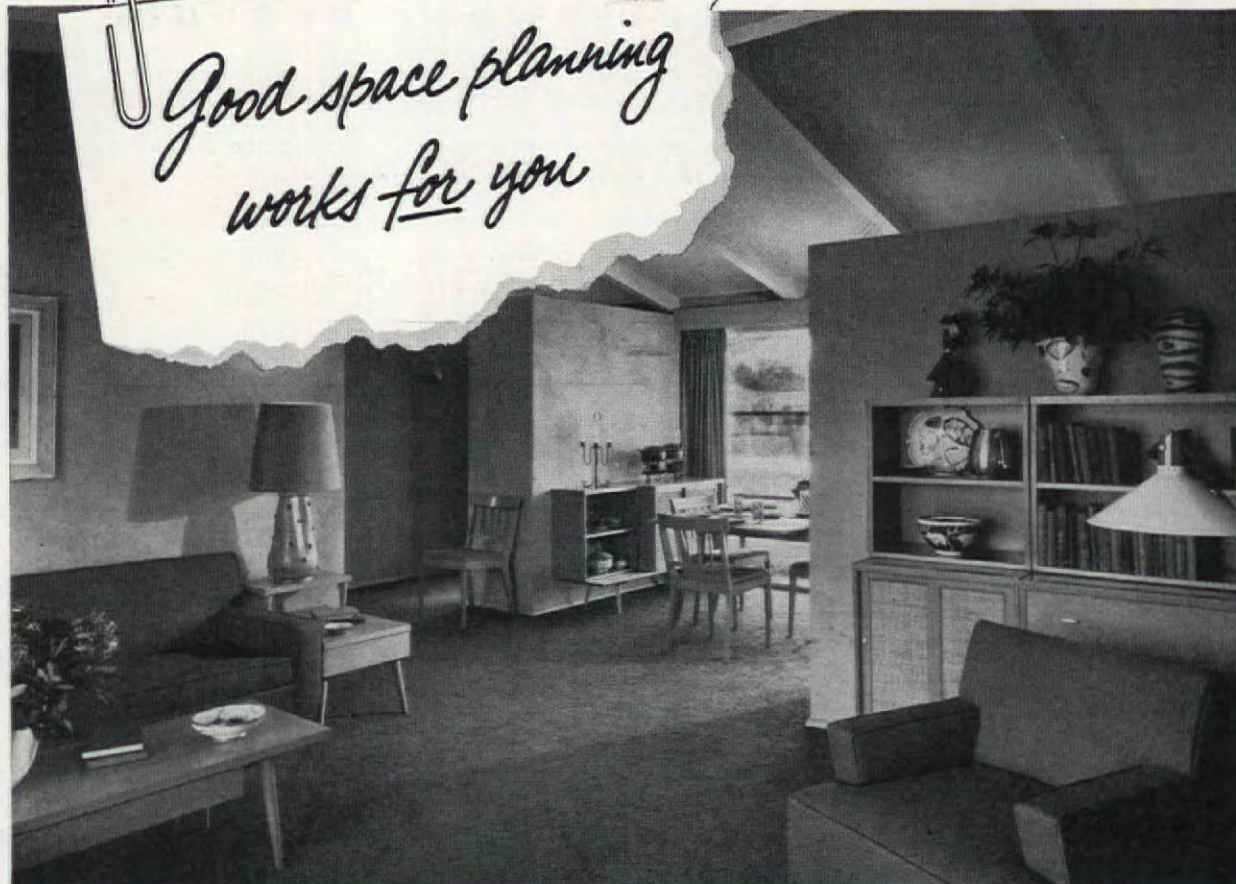


Recreation room (left) opens on garden, is a major reason for big behavior of this small house. Isolated from other rooms, it's an excellent study, television, or guest room—but it is also just a step from the kitchen (mighty handy if it's to be a playroom for really small fry), and it can become part of the living-room area for expansive entertaining. A connecting bath could be added in the garage-storage area

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Open planning, which means that one space flows into the next, can be a very good thing—or a very awkward one. In this case, it's excellent because the areas are distinctly separated from each other, though you get a feeling of over-all spaciousness. Notice in the picture above that entry, dining room, living room, and kitchen are all under the same sloping ceiling, but divided by high partitions. There's no feeling of eating in the living room, yet living room and dining room become one large area when a buffet party is in progress. Entry hall, at the left of the dining room, is separated from it not by a simple wall, but by a king-size coat closet. Bath and bedroom wing are on the other side of the entry so the living-dining area gets no cross-house traffic. The recreation room, behind the fireplace wall, is part of this area if you want it to be, but it can be closed off completely.

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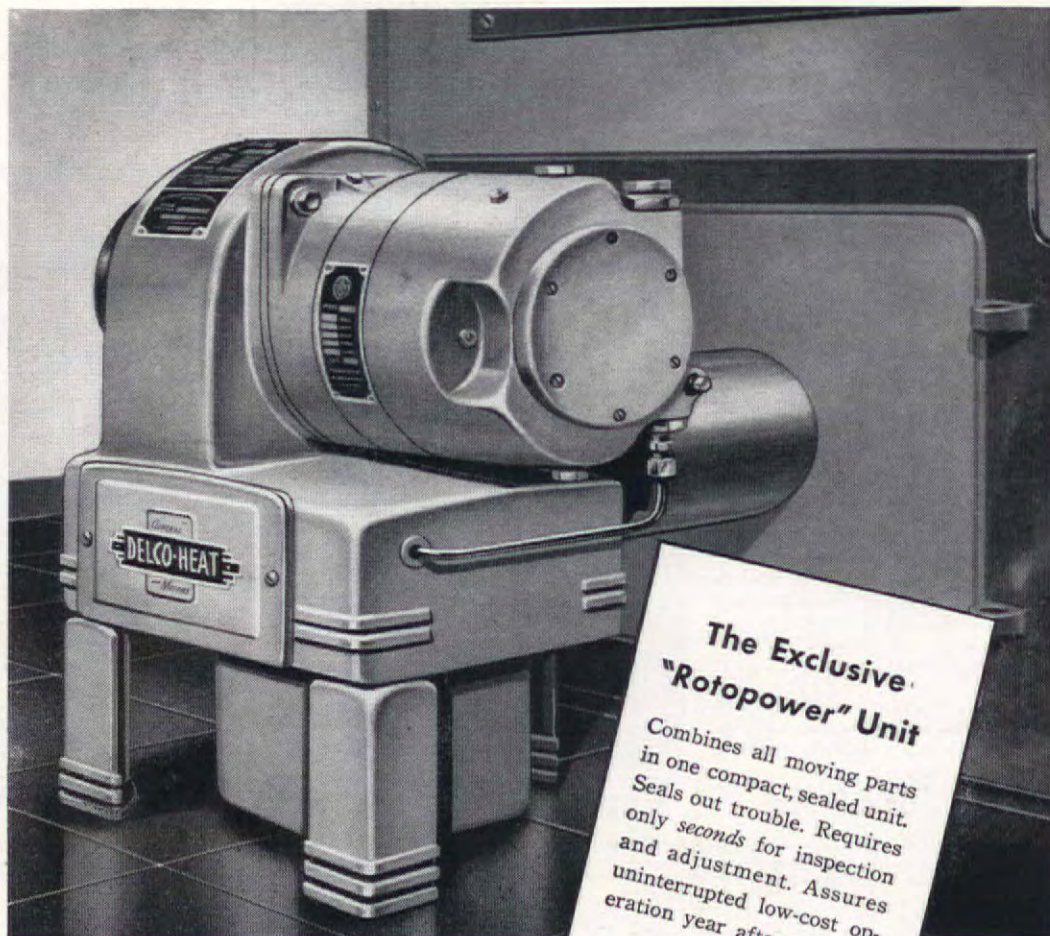




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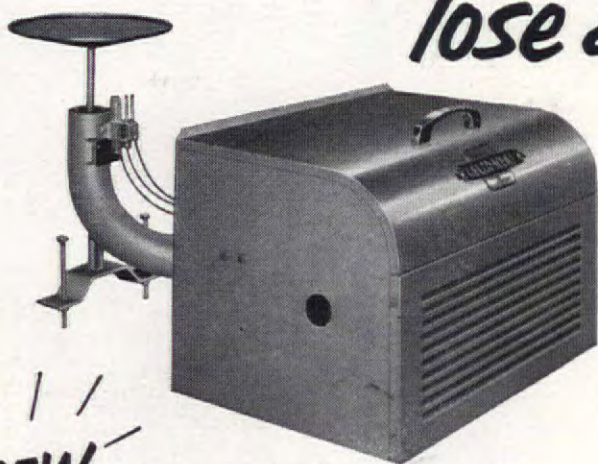


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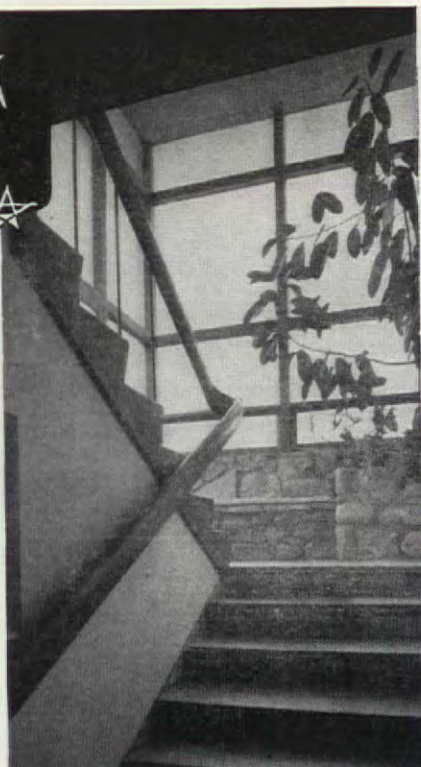


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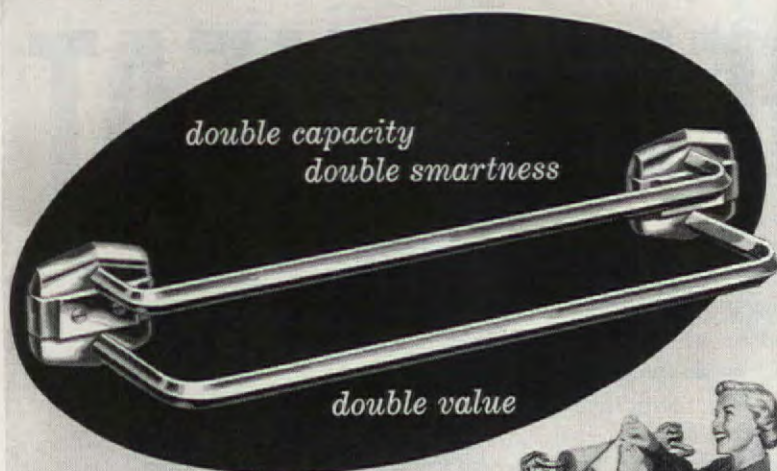


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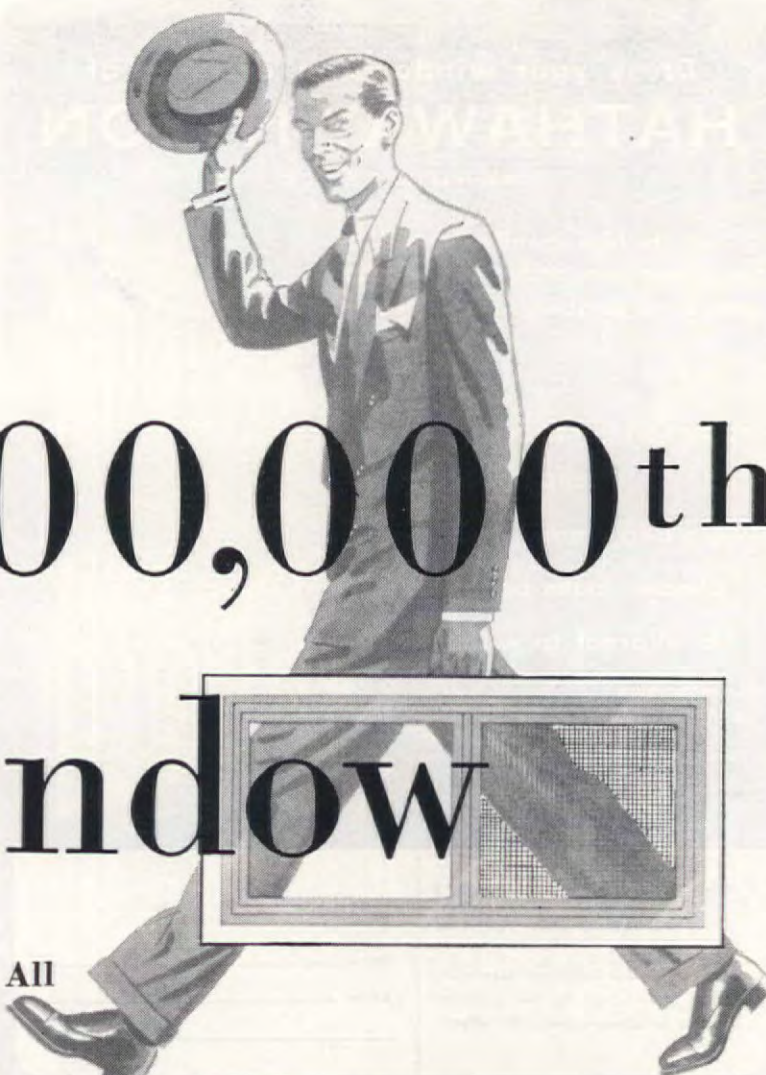
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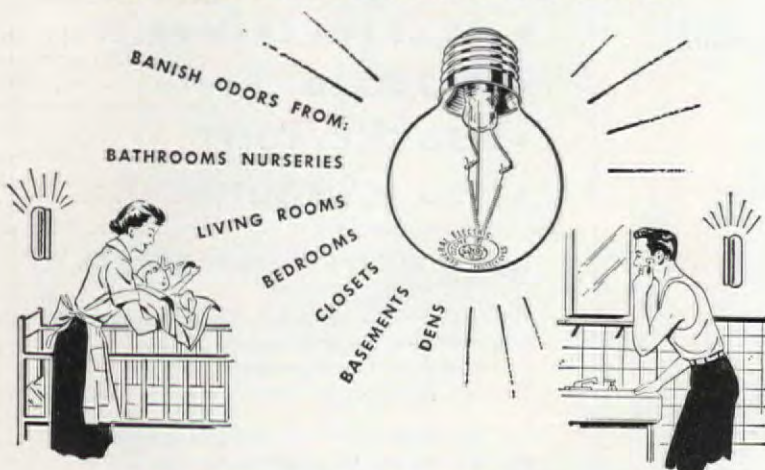
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If he loves everyone (without showing it too vociferously), your hosts will probably like him, too. But if he's at all anti-social, he won't be happy with folks who try to give him a lot of attention—nor will they.

Like any guest, he should be well groomed. You love every hair on his back—and that's where they should stay, not on clothes, rugs, and furniture. Also he shouldn't have D. O. (dog odor). So take along his brush and use it to keep his coat clean. And if it's necessary, there are dog deodorant tablets for his breath.

To make a visiting dog less trouble to his hosts (and yourself), take along these items: The dish or dishes he uses at home for food and water. His favorite brand of dog biscuit and canned meat (they are not to be found in all pantries). Your (or his) can opener; your hostess may not relish having hers used on horse meat, however select. His blanket and pillow (washed or cleaned in advance). A favorite rubber bone or other toy, if he has one.

While you are guests, best keep him on a leash when you take him outdoors, depending, of course, on how obedient he is, what kind of grounds there are, whether your hosts have dogs of their own, etc. He might get to feel so much at home as to lie down in a flower bed or try to see how fast a neighbor's cat can run. Establish a routine as to where and when you will feed him, and where his water bowl and basket can be put, convenient for him and not inconvenient for the household. If he is used to sleeping in your room, that's fine. If he is to sleep elsewhere—perhaps in your car, be sure he has water and fresh air, and is not likely to get lonesome in the night.

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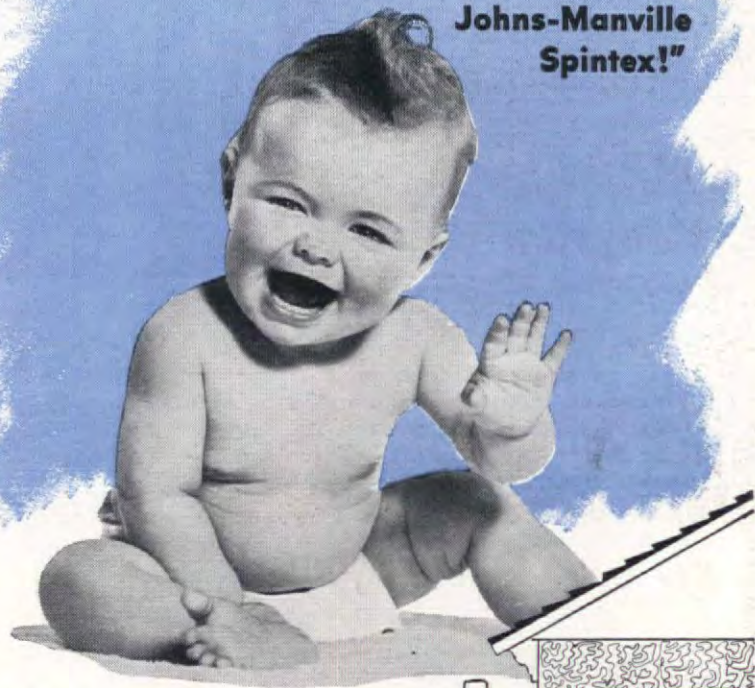
Make it from ordinary structural lumber. Use 2 x 6 planks for top, 2 x 4's for legs. Cut tops to proper length, and chamfer edges by cutting on table saw or by using hand plane. Cut dadoes on bottom of top pieces for  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " strips which hold top pieces together and reinforce at same time. Cut strips for dadoes to proper length, and chamfer ends as shown in construction drawings (page 88). Using glue and screws, assemble top pieces to strips. Cut legs proper length, and bevel top and bottom ends as shown. Assemble legs to top (see detail drawing). First draw a line bisecting angle formed by each corner. Then measure in  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " from corner along this line. This is for center of top of leg. Drill holes for  $\frac{1}{2}$ " dowels, apply glue, and set legs in place. Drill a small hole diagonally for screw (see drawing). This is very important reinforcement. Sand entire piece smooth. A good, hard-wearing finish is the old-fashioned linseed oil treatment. Mix equal parts boiled linseed oil, turpentine. Brush on sanded wood. Allow to dry overnight, apply another coat. Wipe off surplus with cloth. Dry, and repeat. After several weeks, apply coat of paste wax, polish. **SEE PAGE 88**



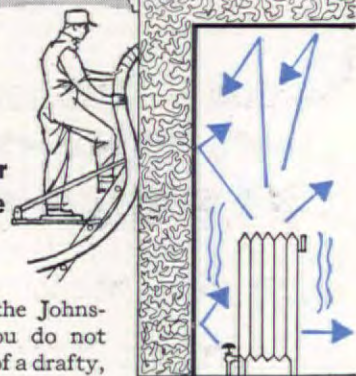
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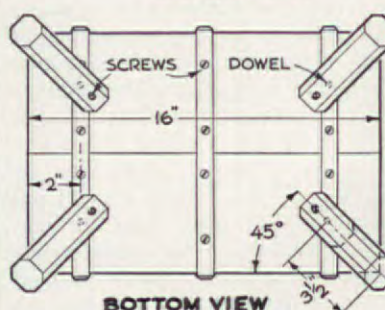
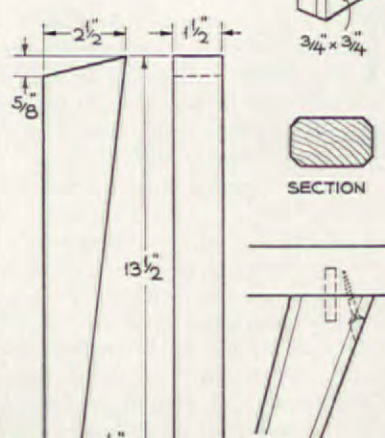
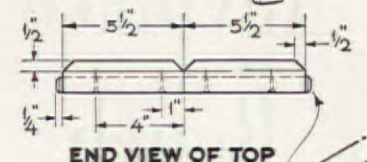


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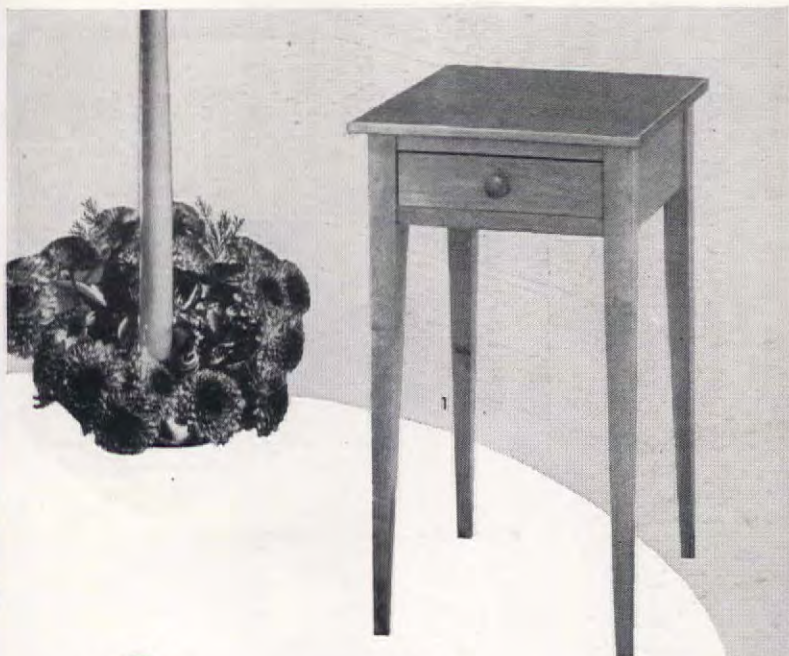
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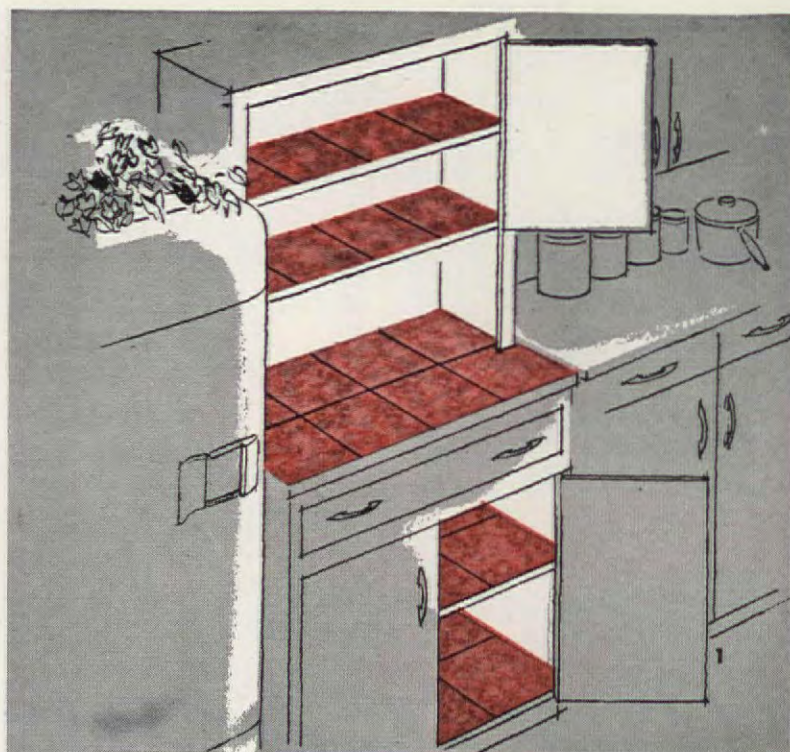
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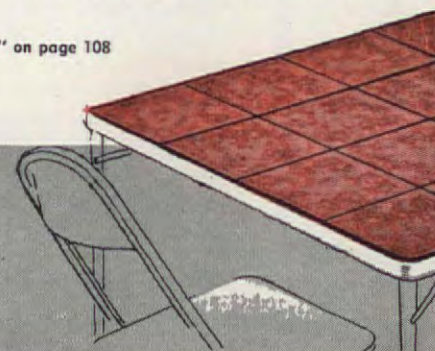


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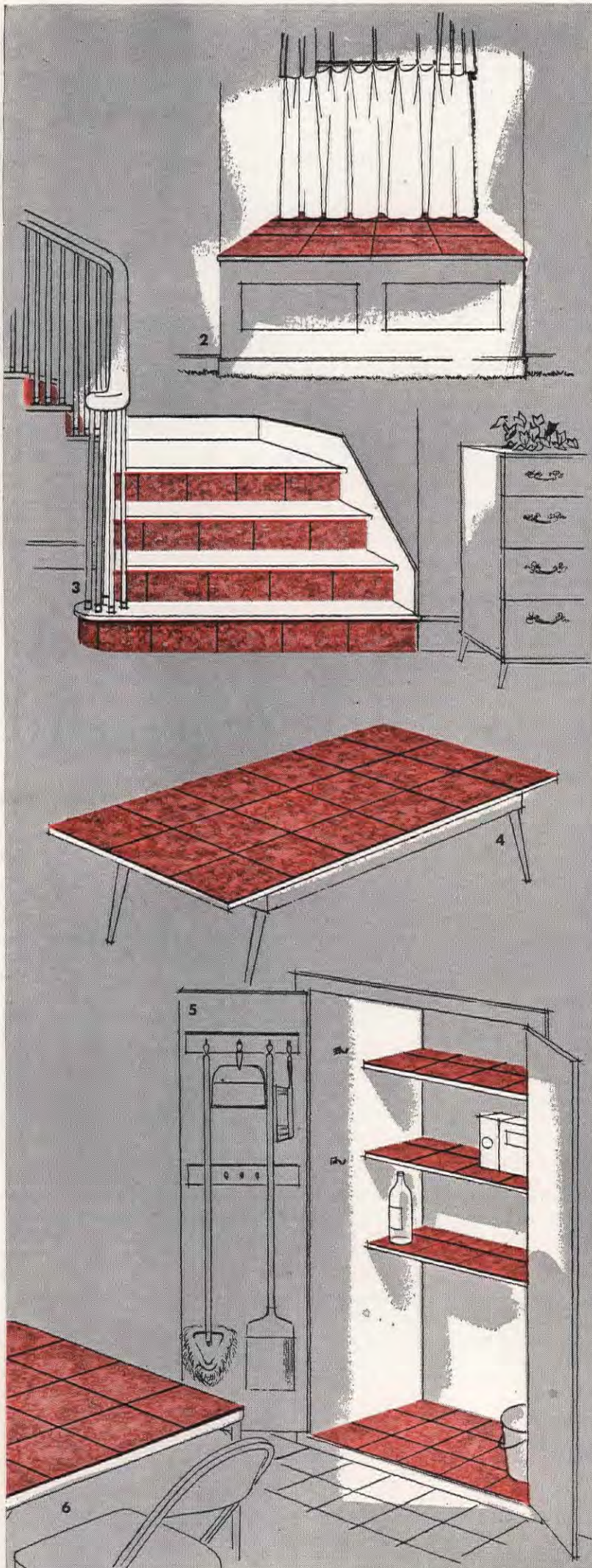
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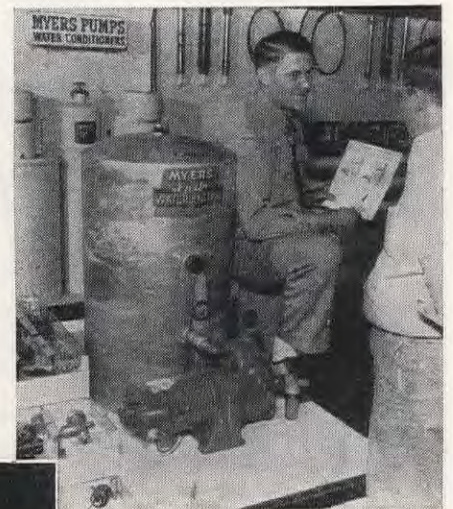


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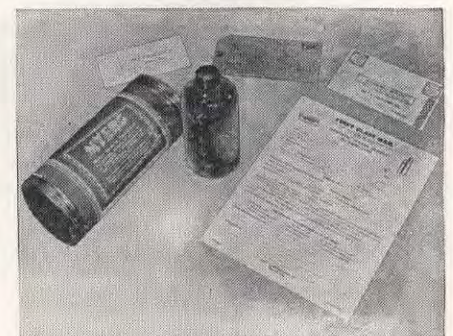
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## "You in here, Dear?"

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comes home, she knows what the children want, and she knows what she wants all the time—what comforts, what conveniences, what cosy sheltered corners. Your man may throw his heart and soul into designing a kitchen sink long and wide enough to do a week's wash in—but not deep enough to prevent splashing when a few dishes are rinsed. It is necessary, therefore, that the woman should have the say about the number of shelves, the size of the cupboards, and the like, since she is the homemaker—the one who will use them.

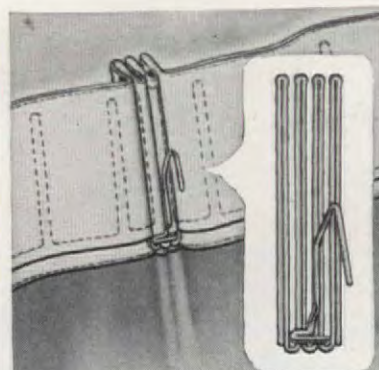
There are of course bigger things to be considered in the construction of a house. Much of the comfort of a house depends upon the location of the doors, windows and fireplaces. If the rooms are too high they will be difficult to heat and ventilate. If there is too much gingerbread, too many niches, dust will collect. The solution of such problems can be left to the woman. What she wants from her architect is common sense. The reverse of the medal is, of course, that the woman frequently loses herself in details at the expense of the whole. There are women—it cannot be denied—who think of the house as a sort of shelter built around a dressing table.

The man, delegating the details to his better half, is likely to devote his attention to the house as a whole. It must reflect his personality, his traditions. Thus the front of the house is of great significance for him. Its style and ornamentation—the impression it creates on the outside world—all these engross his attention.

And almost every man wants to show himself an expert in mechanics and plumbing. He will concern himself with proper heating, he will look into the size of the pipes, see that the roof displays no proneness to leak. He is something of an architect and construction engineer. He tends to indulge in elegant home-designing, and often enough does not realize that a thing is not necessarily good because it is new and expensive—and not necessarily economical just because it appears to be cheap.

### WOMEN LIKE CHANGE; MEN DON'T

There are other striking divergences in taste between the sexes. Here we can offer only generalizations and we must be careful with them. Fashion, for instance, plays a big part in determining the taste of a woman—and fashion changes. Not radical change, but enough to give variety, to make things look "new" and well dressed. A woman who is not simply extravagant and pretentious will not buy for effect, and alter her decor so frequently that her home takes on the character of a chameleon. She will add a little something here, change a combination there, so that the home never becomes monotonous. If she has

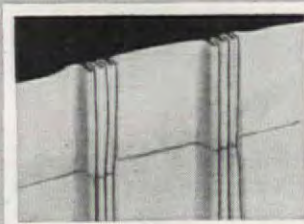


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real feminine imagination, she will be able to give variety to her home with accessories alone.

Men dread change. Once a man gets his room furnished to his taste, he'll keep it exactly that way for the rest of his life. For him the home is a refuge from an active outside world, a place of rest or display. A man has a weakness for his own past, his college and business associations mean much to him, he wants to be surrounded by keepsakes and mementoes.

### MEN LIKE IT IMPRESSIVE, WOMEN INTIMATE

Finally, there is a third kind of taste divergence between the sexes, one less obvious than the others but no less considerable. Men and women react differently to colors. Tests reveal that the responses to the same colors are not only different, but in fact directly opposite. Most men like strong colors and their effective contrasts. The man chooses colors from the esthetic viewpoint: Are they beautiful? Do they go together? He likes to make his decisions as impersonal as possible—and so he asks other people for advice. He takes into consideration the light from the street, the shade from the garden, the climate.

Woman, on the other hand, is inclined to put her colors together with a cheerful optimism that they will express her personality. Most women prefer engravings to large canvasses, the ponderous paintings, the stormy seas or fox-hunting scenes, have always met with her firm opposition. Her room is neither a *mise-en-scene* nor an art gallery nor an illustrated autobiography but simply the private room of a wife and mother. She looks for the color shades with a peculiar intimate charm.

### HOW TO RECONCILE THE DIFFERENCES

These are a few hints about recognizing the differences between the sexes when it comes to home-building. For two opinions can be made to complement each other.

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## HOW TO

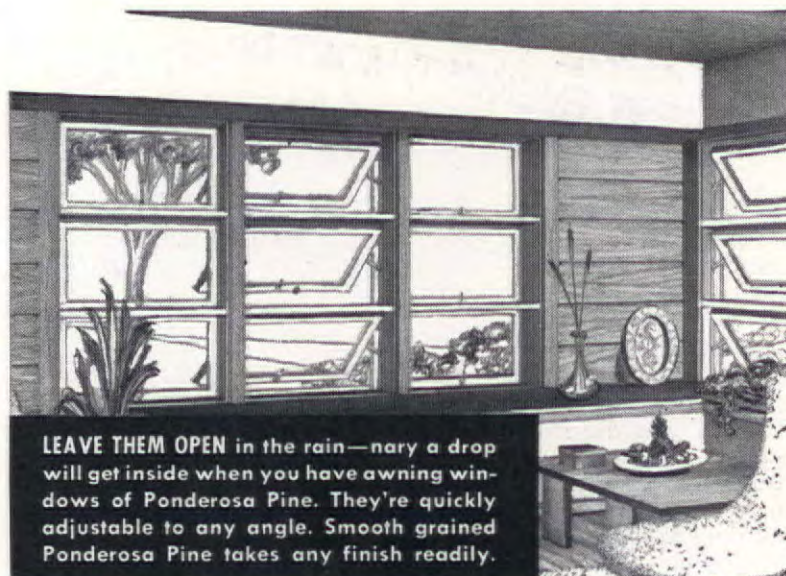
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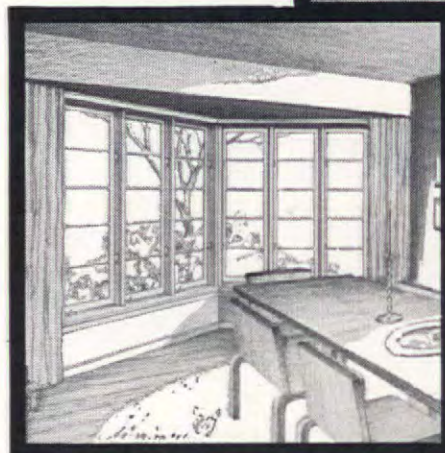
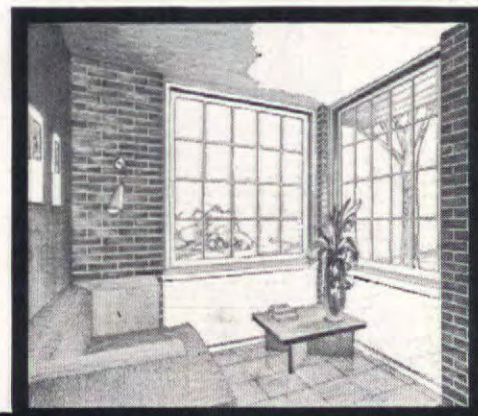


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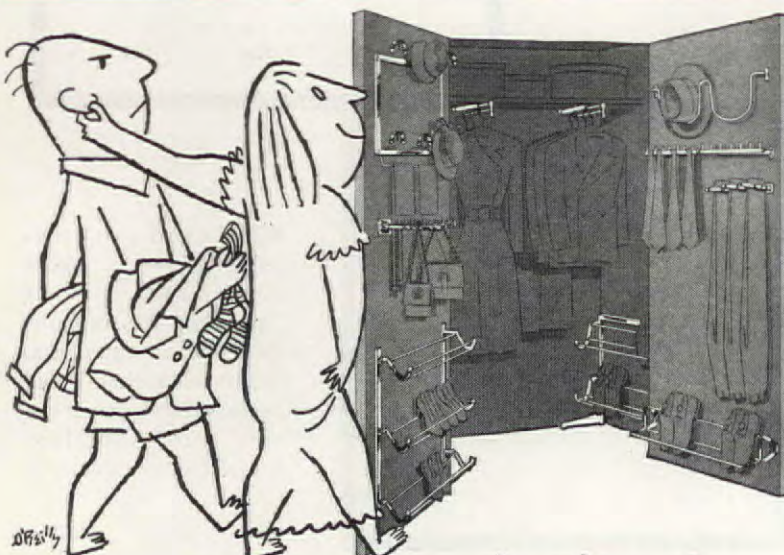
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### THERE ARE SOME GENERAL RULES:

First: List the features of your house on which you have always agreed. There you have your common foundation. If some genuine and important points of common taste do not exist, then no advice will help you. In most cases, however, two people agree on style, cost, number and size of rooms, and perhaps even on the most convenient layout. Houses are built to use and you cannot argue about necessities.

Second: Decide what your sex differences regarding the house are. In all sincerity say, "Look, here is a fine opportunity to divide responsibilities!" Make a fair division of "spheres of influence" and do so without grudge. Put faith in your partner's ability to carry out his part of the job. Be as ready to delegate powers and responsibilities as you are to assume them. Play fair, and trade one compromise for another.

And take your time—all the time you need for understanding your partner's desires, for helping him to understand yours, for bargaining wisely.

Finally: Agree in advance that all the insoluble problems are to be submitted to arbitration, your sole arbitrator to be your architect. This doesn't mean at all that you are to build your lives according to another man's taste. But it does mean that you submit your personal desires to the judgment of greater experience whenever a conflict really threatens the common cause. It remains a mystery why people hesitate to approach an architect as an arbitrator, why they fail to take advantage of his expertness. We run to the dentist, the tailor, the doctor, and to the clergyman with our problems large and small. So why not to the architect? After all, a good architect ought to be able to fit an attractive outside to a house properly planned inside, and—if he knows how to handle women—to deal with the inside first.

House-planning is a romance, if you like, and a romance takes two. But these two must keep in mind that it is not we who will judge the finished structure; rather it is the structure that will judge us. For we should always remember that the house we build will be the mirror of ourselves.



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## Painting How-to's



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A piece of cloth over the top of the container will prevent paint from splattering if you have to hammer the lid down into place



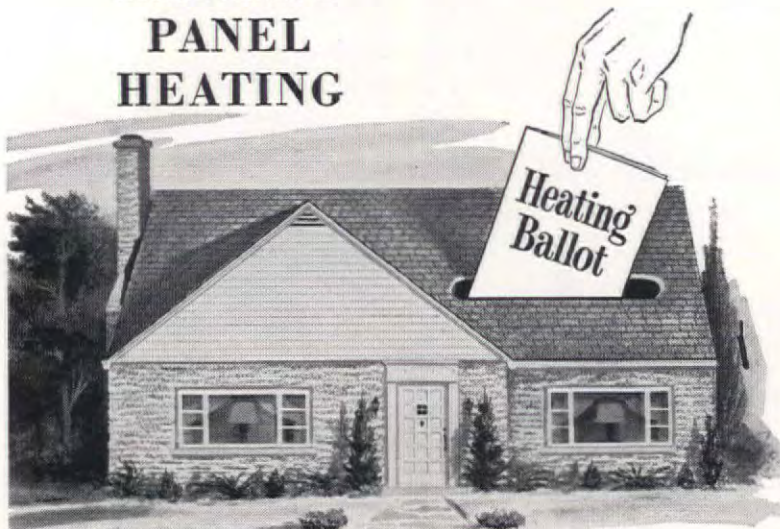
Left-over putty can be kept soft if stored in a jar of water with a tight-fitting cover. Cover putty completely with water



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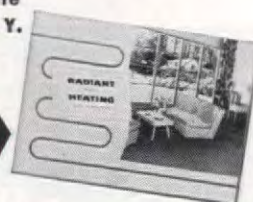
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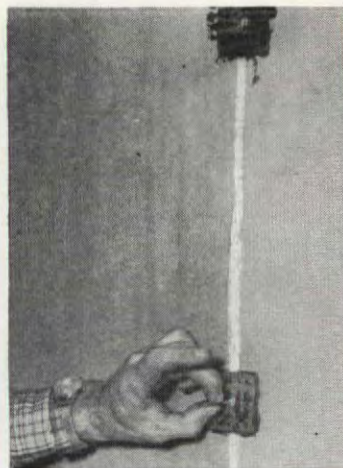


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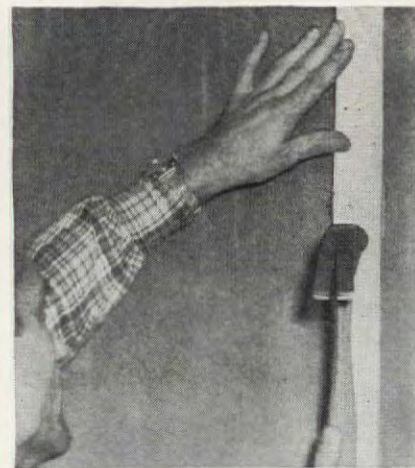
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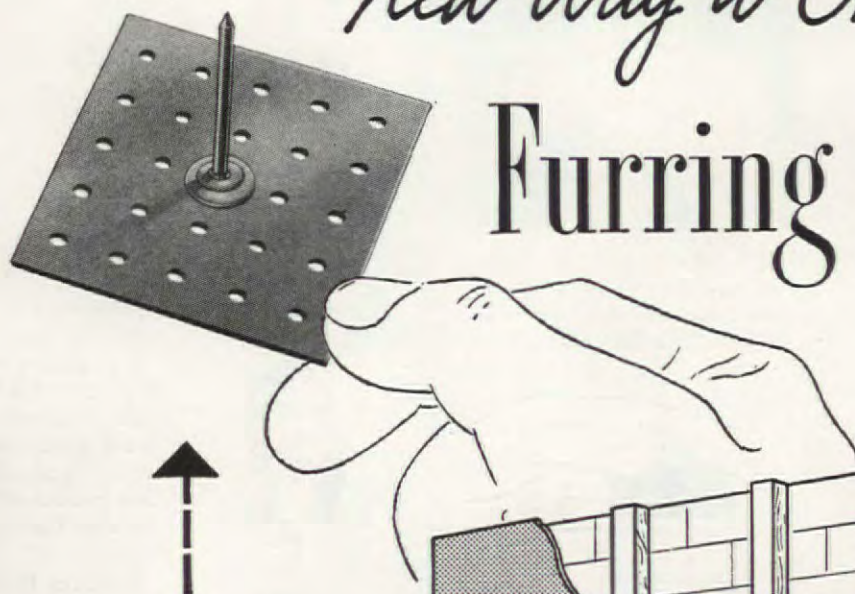


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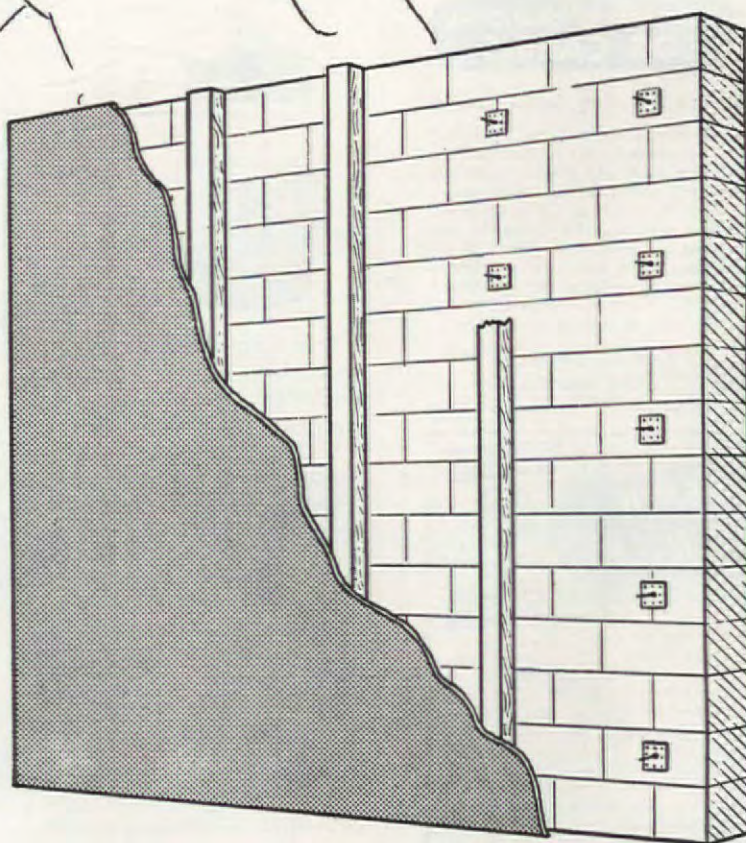
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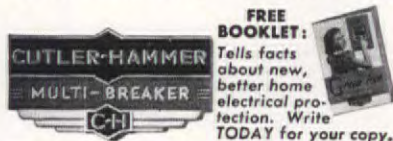


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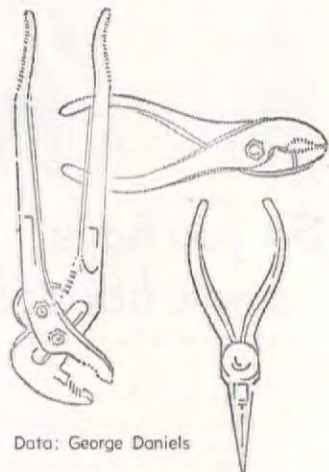


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## What To Do In A Pinch



Data: George Daniels

Give a woman a repair job, and the chances are that she'll reach for a hairpin or bobby pin. But many people—mostly men—agree that pliers are far superior to hairpins, even bent ones, except for picking locks and holding the hair in place.

Man puts his faith in pliers, and could never be content with just one kind—so you'll find many different types. One company makes 30 types of pliers, presumably for 30 different jobs. You don't need that many pliers—it would be ostentatious and expensive to have them. The three pliers shown at the top of this page will take care of most home-repair and maintenance jobs along with many hobbies. The pliers at the left are called water-pump pliers. The jaws have grips, are adjustable, and are parallel to each other. This makes them good for turning nuts and bolts and pipes. They are also good for working on water pumps.

The pair in the center are ordinary, everyday slip-joint pliers. Like the water-pump set, the jaws have grips and are adjustable. They are not parallel, and therefore should not be used for turning nuts or bolts, for you'll have trouble if the nuts and bolts are made of softer metal than the pliers—or vice versa. On the other hand, they are fine for all sorts of bending, turning, and holding jobs, and lots of people use them for jobs they shouldn't—such as turning nuts and bolts.

At the right are a pair of long-nose, alias needle-nose, pliers. They are swell for electrical work, provided the current is off, and for small jobs. They can be used for bending, turning, and cutting wire.

We once knew an old Air Force Line Chief who claimed that the mechanic who needed more than a pair of water-pump pliers to service and repair flack and fighter damage on a B-17 wasn't no mechanic. He never said anything about bent hairpins!

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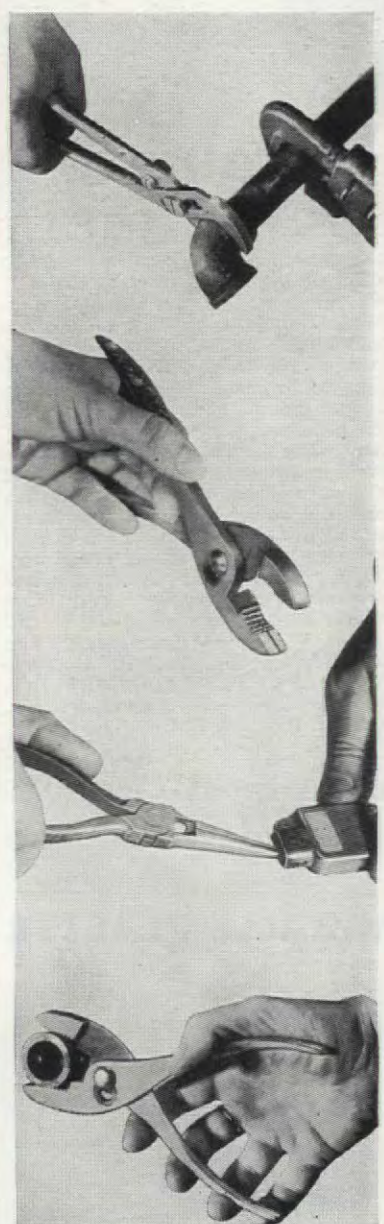
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## Have you heard of the Beetlebung Tree?

LOU TARR



It isn't listed in any tree handbook I know of; you'll search for it in vain through garden encyclopedias. Only on Martha's Vineyard, that island off the Massachusetts coast famous for its deep-water seamen, will you find it. There, in Chilmark Township, a marker that says "Beetlebung Corner" indicates the last stand of a famous tree, and has probably intrigued and puzzled many a visitor to the hospitable island.

The beetlebung tree got its name in the days when fish were rated more highly than summer boarders; when whaling vessels sailed into and out of Vineyard harbors. Fresh water for their crews and, later, their cargoes of whale oil, had to be securely casked to survive the long voyages. And, however well made the cask, it was the well driven bung that kept its contents secure within it. Because of its tough, non-splitting quality, the wood of the tupelo or sour gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*), then plentiful on the Vineyard, was found to be unsurpassed for making bungs. What better, then, for driving home a bung of tupelo than a heavy chunk of that same wood? So huge mallets or "beetles" were also made of the sour gum tree, both for driving and also for "starting" or loosening the bungs by tapping smartly on the staves of the cask at each side of the bung. And so, in time, a supply of both bungs and beetles came to be included as a part of every well equipped whaler's outfit. Naturally such "foreign" names as tupelo and sour gum—even if they were ever used on the island

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## Beetlebung Tree

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—went into the limbo of forgotten things in favor of "beetlebung." This is memorialized in the tribute paid the tree by salt-water poet Joe Allen of the *Vineyard Gazette* and reprinted here with the author's permission:

"'Umbrella trees,' the tourist says.  
'Twas 'hornbeam' in old English tongue.

But Vineyard craftsmen of the past  
Bestowed the name of 'beetlebung.'  
For mallet heads of this firm wood  
Stood best when put to task;  
No tree supplied so fine a bung  
To make secure the cask."

Meanwhile, as "Vineyard craftsmen" were fashioning bungs and beetles, logs of this same tree were being put to a different use up in Central New York on the shore of Onondaga Lake, where Syracuse was an infant city. Its first—and for years its greatest—industry was the manufacture of salt, brine being pumped from salt wells along the shore of the fresh-water lake and piped to evaporating trays. For pipes, tupelo logs were bored or hollowed out with the hole at one end larger than the taper at the other. So tough was the wood that when the logs were driven together the joints needed no iron bands to hold them—bands that would soon have been rusted away by wet soil and brine. A few of the old log pipes—of which in 1826 there were some 25 miles—are preserved in the Salt Museum at Liverpool, N.Y.

Today, salt is mined, not pumped; casks are no longer used to hold water and whale oil on ships; trawlers and sleek yachts have taken the place of square-rigged whalers; and *Nyssa sylvatica* is just a medium-sized weed tree in farm woodlots and uncultivated, swampy back country where its roots can find water, where it is somewhat sheltered from strong winds, and where the air is free from the gas and smoke of cities. It has thick, glossy, dark green leaves; the branches at first grow out straight from the trunk but in old trees droop, giving a distinctive appearance. Light green, inconspicuous flowers in spring are followed by bluish-purple drupes (one-seeded fruits) which are much appreciated by birds. Also, in the fall the tupelo really comes to life as its foliage turns a vivid, striking scarlet—as if it said, "See, once I was useful; now I am only handsome."

You may know the tree as black-gum or pepperidge (from which came the name of a New England farm and its popular baked products), for there are still tupelos in Central New York and elsewhere, and pepperidge trees in Connecticut and on Long Island. But there's only one place where you'll find beetlebung trees, and that's on Martha's Vineyard.

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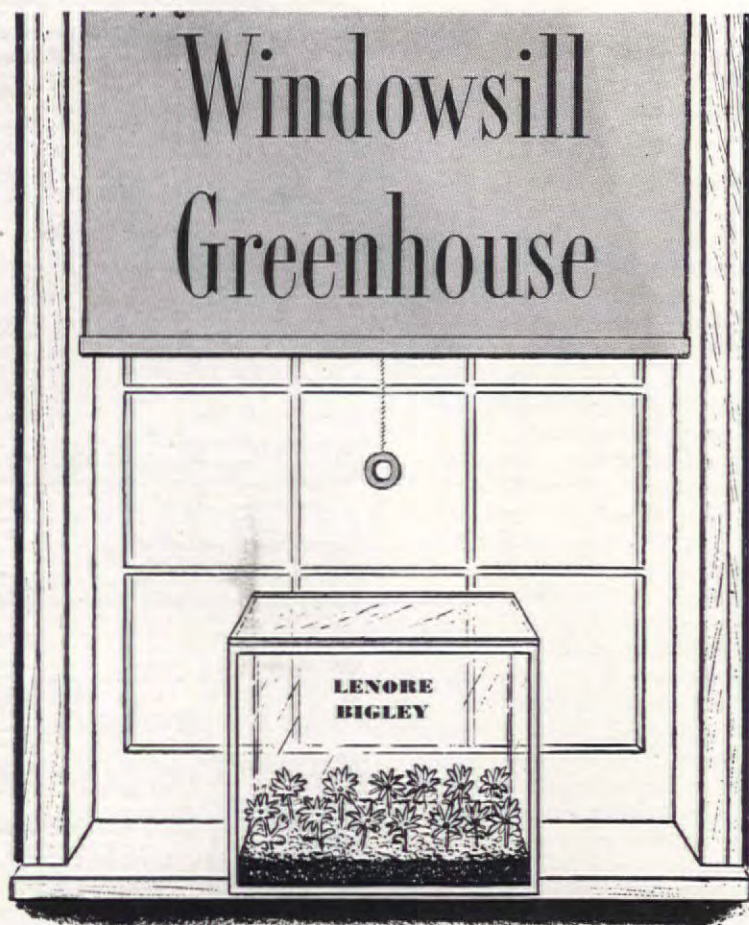
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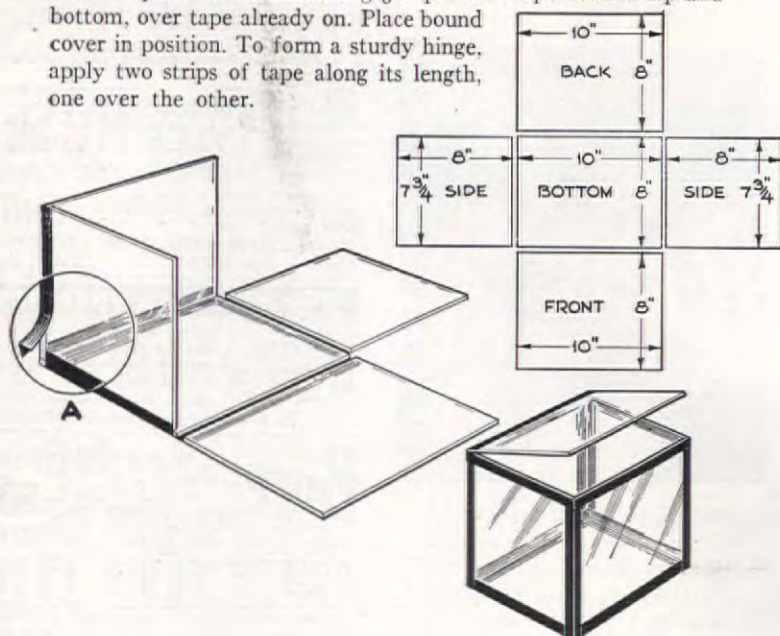
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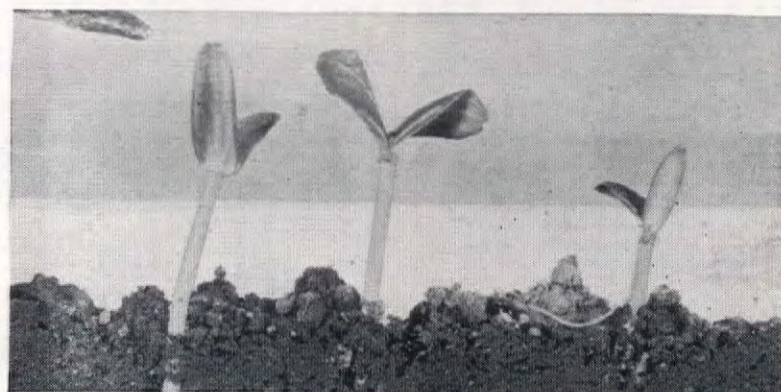
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Give the newly arrived (or potted) plant a cool shower in tub or sink, then let it stand almost pot-deep in water until the root-ball is wet through. After a week in a cool, shaded place, give it another shower before putting it in its place indoors (if it is fall), or in the yard (if it is spring). When it is well established and growing, you can give it a small amount of azalea (or other acid type) fertilizer, stirred lightly into the soil—but go easy; probably more camellias are harmed by overfeeding than by getting insufficient food.

Indoors, water it freely from the top every other day, and give the shower and soaking treatment once a week. Always let the leaves dry before putting the plant back in the



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## Camellias

(Begins on page 48)

sun. Every month or so, wash the leaves gently with a mild soap suds, then rinse well with a spray. The principal feeding (a teaspoonful of fertilizer to a small plant) should be done when, in early spring, flowering stops and a new growth of foliage is about to start. Another light feeding can be given when you move the plant outdoors, and a third just before you bring it in in the fall.

Pruning is rarely necessary, but if a plant tends to get too large, it can be reduced and shaped when you cut the flowers; or just after the flowering season, which is also the time to repot if necessary. Use a one-size-larger pot and follow the details of the potting operation, handling the root-ball very carefully. After placing ("plunging") the plant outdoors, soak the soil around it and fill the space in the pot with peat moss or leaf mold. Except in dry spells (when it should be well watered and sprayed with clear water occasionally) it needs no attention until fall. Then bring it in again—but gradually, by leaving it on a porch or terrace for a few days.

To get large, well-shaped flowers you can disbud; that is, remove some of the smaller side buds in each cluster when about pea size. Later, when cutting blooms, avoid injuring the stem wood or leaf buds, especially on small plants. If to be worn, the flowers, being stemless, should be wired and put in a refrigerator (above freezing) for a few hours. On the plant they will last for several days.

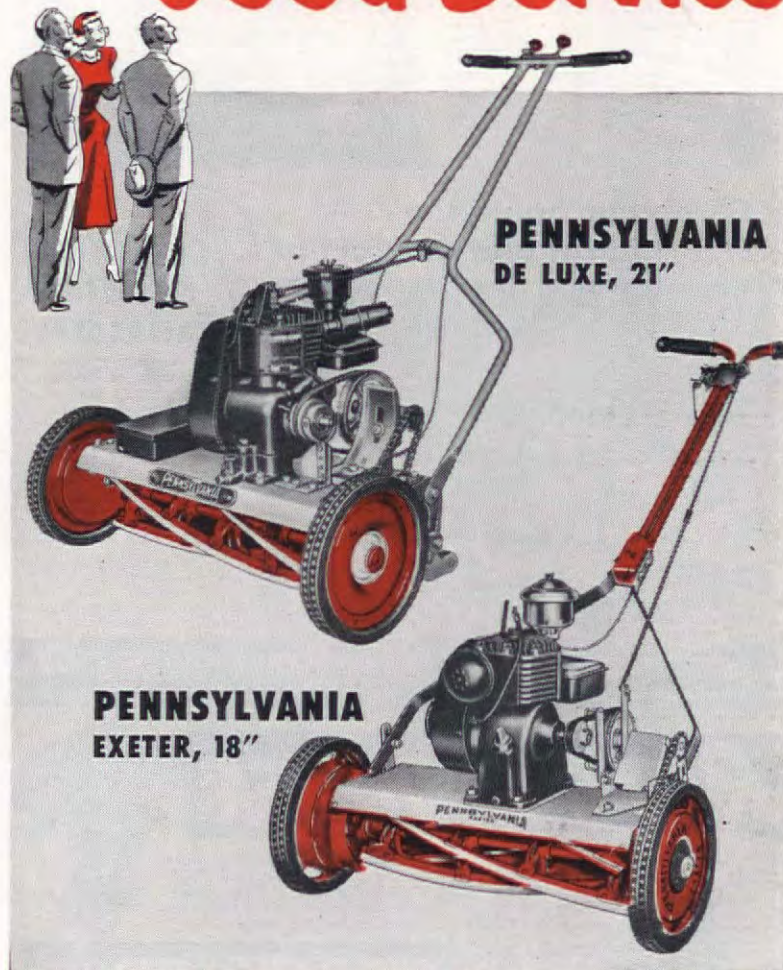
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## How the Smiths Made their Garden

(See page 29)

The interest, charm, and usability of the Samuel Smiths' garden are apparent on pages 29-31 and opposite. Less obvious, but no less significant, are the details of how the garden was made. Suppose we let Mrs. Smith tell about them:

"First, the lawn. Instead of just rototilling and adding topsoil, we had the lot rough-graded 9 in. deep, then covered with a 4-in. layer of rotted cow manure which acts as a reservoir of food and is, I think, one secret of our success. On top of it went 5" of river-bottom topsoil into which was raked 3 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. of a locally produced 10-6-4 chemical fertilizer. For seeding we used a mixture of 60 per cent heavy Blue Grass, 30 per cent Colonial Bent, and 10 per cent Redtop; after this was raked in, a thin layer of peat moss was spread and rolled lightly.

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"The landscaping was designed to blend into one pleasing unit three points of interest. One, nearest the street, is the planting along the white fence—alternating white dogwoods and hemlocks behind it, and rhododendrons and azaleas in front, with tulips between them. Later, deep pink Mme. Landry geraniums replace the tulips and blend well with the blue edging of dwarf ageratum, 'Improved New Riverside.'

"Next comes a sort of 'neutral' area where, because the arborvitae, firethorns, dogwoods, and Japanese yews dominate the borders, minimum flower color is needed—just a few Floribunda roses, geraniums, and clumps of bulbs for spring effect.

"Then into our 'outdoor living room,' with its flagstone patio leading to the new indoor room, whence we look out upon rhododendrons, azaleas, hollies, and mountain laurels backed by interplanted hemlocks, red-buds, mock oranges, crabs, lilacs, and an occasional forsythia, all so selected and placed that, as they grow, they will provide adequate screening and blend with one another; with a certain amount of pruning, no thinning out will be necessary. The design carries the eye from the rose bed by the patio, past the shrubs to the magnolia and back, via birch clump and maple, to the patio. All the beds of this area are edged with white alyssum and contain lots of annual color."

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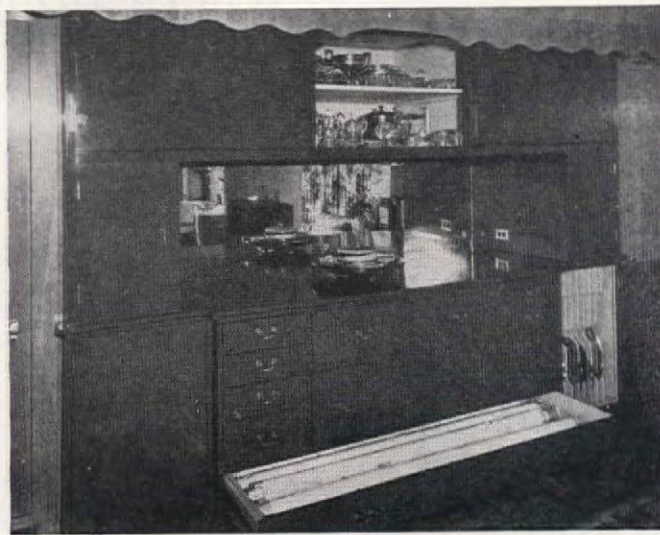
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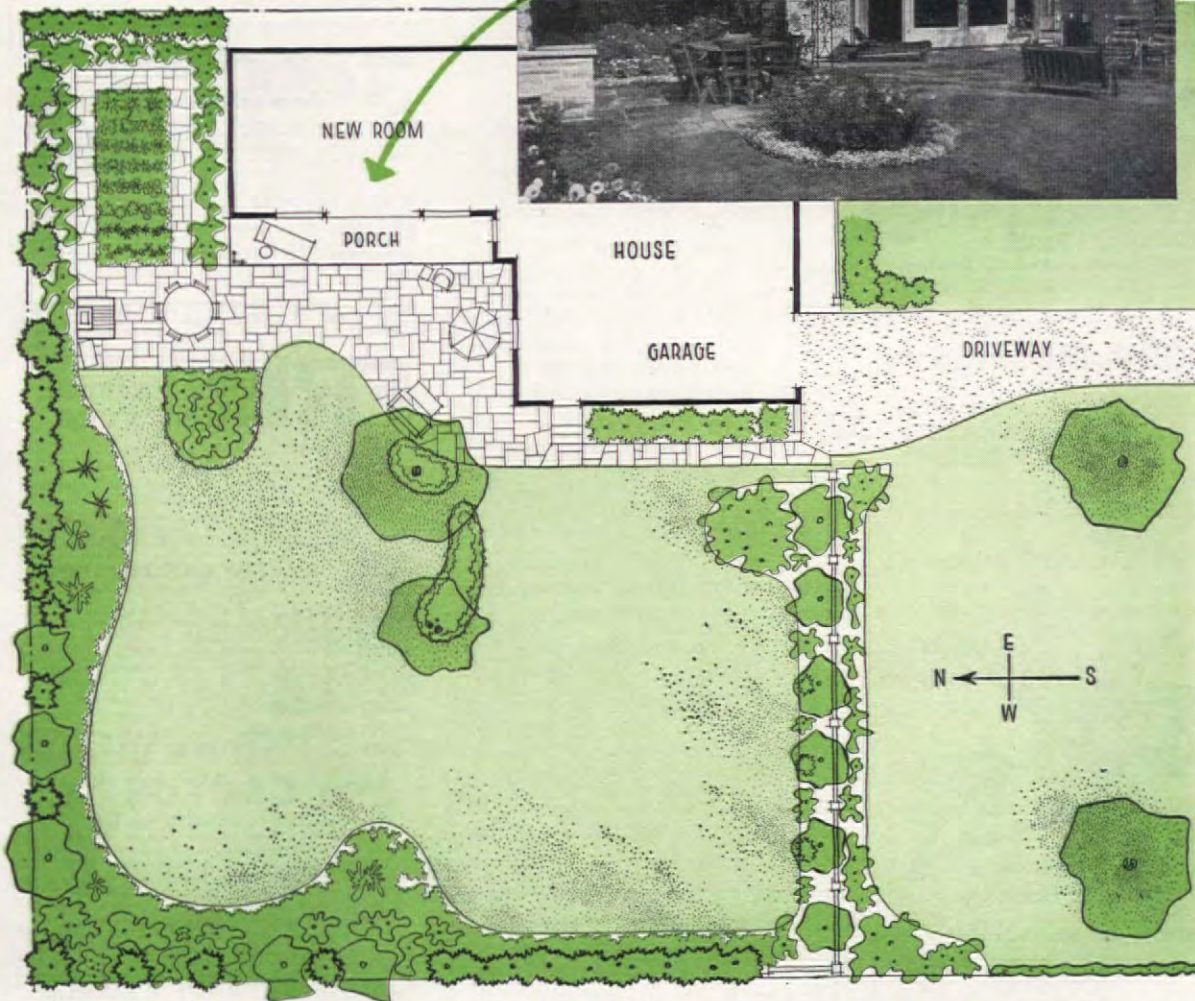
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## Wish You Were Here?

(Begins on page 29)

All the garden there was room for on the original lot was in the tiny backyard, and the planting at the entrance and across the front of the house, as shown at the foot of page 29. The lot added on the west side is all garden, well laid out, with nicely proportioned, curving flower borders backed by protective tree and shrub plantings to set off the three open-centered areas of lawn. These lawns are Mr. Smith's particular pride and joy. To make them called for planning, effort, good materials and, of course, money—as detailed on the opposite page. But he feels that the results are well worth everything he has put into them



To appreciate how well the Smiths and Eugene Palermo, their landscape architect, worked out the integration of house and garden, study this plan in relation to these pictures: On page 29, looking about southwest from picture window and terrace, past maple, birch clump, and alyssum-edged flower borders toward street—soon to be hidden by trees; on top of page 30, east across the terrace toward hedged-in cutting garden behind the new addition, and, page 30 below, a view nearly west to where hemlocks will hide the house next door and form a background of green for the brilliant display of bulbs, annuals, perennials, etc., in the borders—all of them neatly edged with alyssum. A fine example this, of good planting and efficient execution



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### HOW TO TRIM A RUG

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### TAKE A POUND OF HAMBURGER

Page 56, 57: Blue plate, "Holiday," Atlas China; yellow plate, "Ballerina," Universal China; "Longhorn" platter, Wallace China; Granny-ware pan, Wentz Co.

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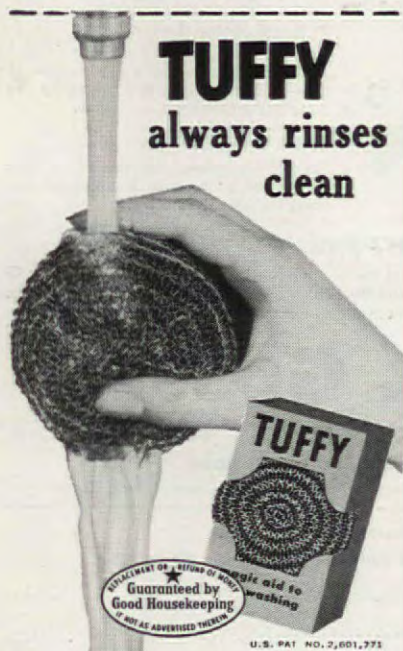
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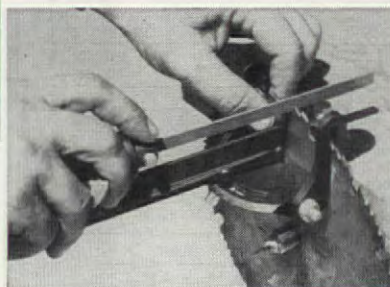
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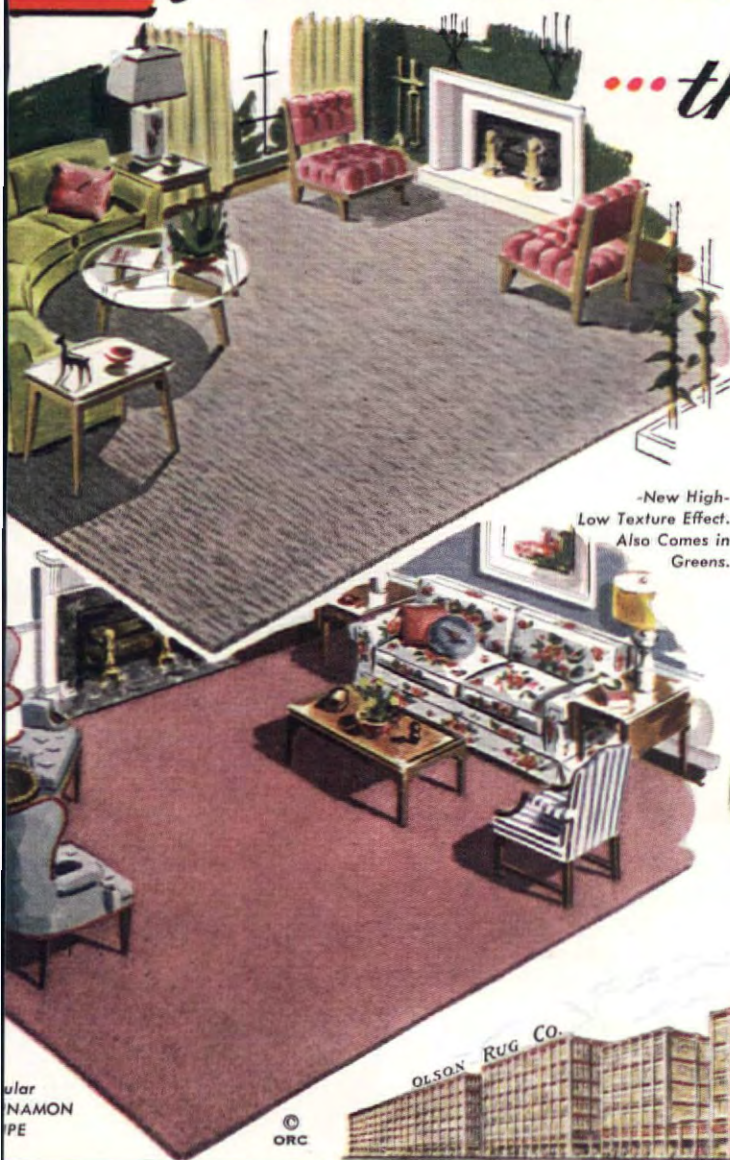


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