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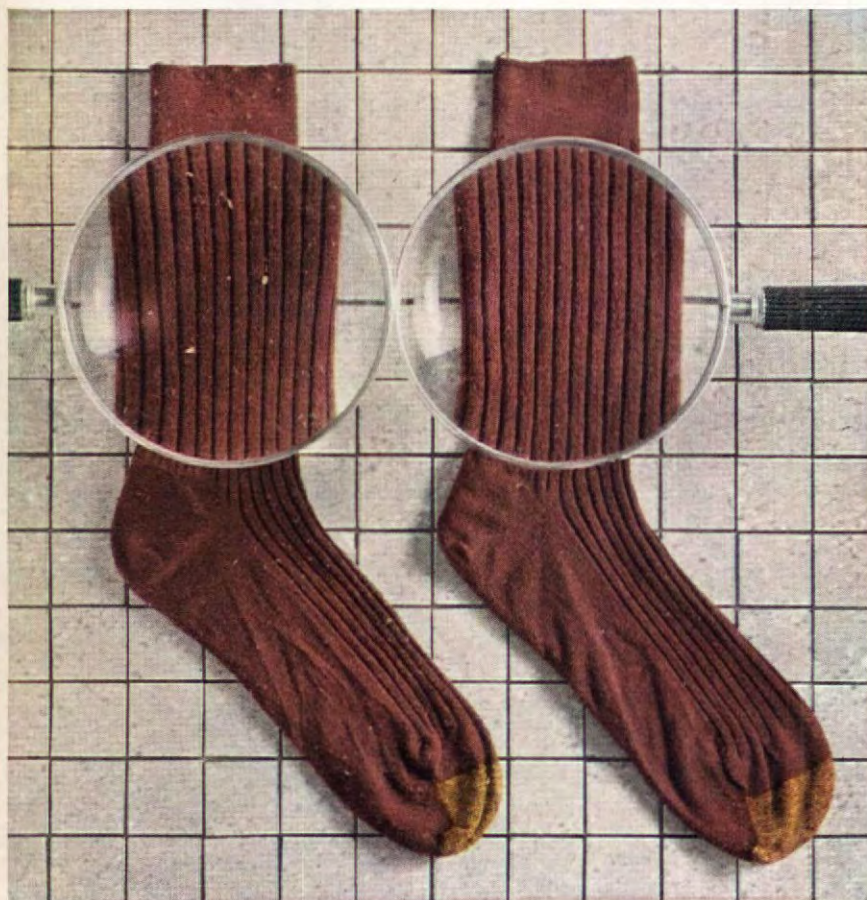
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Here's proof that the new G-E Filter-Flo Washer washes clothes without lint fuzz! After 11 washings in a washer with *no filter*, the sock at left was flecked with unsightly lint. After 11 washings the Filter-Flo way, a similar sock (right)—washed in an identical washload—showed practically no lint!



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Look for the G-E Filter-Flo Washing System—today's most talked-about improvement. The full tub of water is filtered five times during one wash cycle without wasting water or detergent. Above, see the lint and loose threads being caught as circulating water flows through the filter. Easy to clean, the filter slides in and out. Also dispenses detergent evenly through your wash.

Big capacity, too. You get over 50% more clothes capacity than many other automatics. Water Saver Control lets you save water on small loads. 5-year written warranty on transmission. General Electric Company, Appliance Park, Louisville 1, Kentucky.

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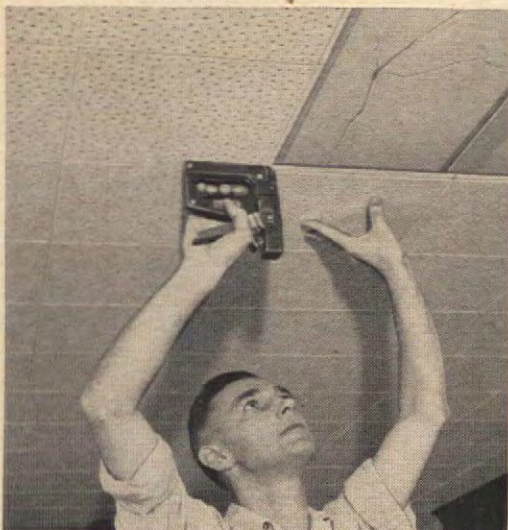
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Life is more enjoyable for the whole family when you have an attractive, noise-quieting ceiling of Armstrong Cushiontone. Cushiontone takes the edge off irritating noise, makes children's games easier on the nerves. This modern ceiling is economical, too. You can cover a 120-square-foot room with Cushiontone for about \$25.

Attractive new ceiling quiets noise

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Send for free booklet, "How to Make Things Quieter at Your House." It's full of helpful information and photographs. Write direct to Armstrong Cork Company, 5604 Clark Street, Lancaster, Pa.

You can buy Cushiontone from your Building Materials Dealer and install it yourself. For professional help, see your Armstrong Acoustical Contractor. Both are listed in your phone directory.

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"Good to hear your voice"

"Welcome Home"

"Happy Birthday"

"See you this evening"



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HIGHCHAIR HI-JINKS

Now that the roaring, guffaws, and paroxysms are under control, we want to thank you for excellent appreciation of the plight of all parents who have "little ones" in the process of learning to eat by themselves. Your cartoon has had us going for the past three days. —SHIRLEY E. PFEIFFER

An irresistible urge prompts me to tell how delighted I was with the cartoon on p. 88 of the Feb. issue. As mother of an 8-month-old-daughter, I can assure you the kitchen floor takes a real beating. Mr. Harrison's solution is next best to feedings in a bathtub with attached garbage disposal in the drain.

—EVELYN M. MELCHER

DREAMS DO COME TRUE!

Since buying your January edition I've thought of nothing but the vacation house on your cover. Seems like a dream come true. I have enjoyed your magazine for quite some time but this edition is "It."

—MRS. JOE MARSON

After reading the "Million Dollar Dream" article and looking at the cover, I am convinced it is the dream cabin we have been looking for.

—MRS. C. H. WILSON

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—ALLAN T. PITCOCK

... I'm not a homemaker, but a skier. Your front cover caught my eye.

—IRA GELFMAN

Thank you sincerely for putting this kind of house in your magazine. It's the first I've found to suit me. Only I don't just want it for a summer cabin, but a home.

—MRS. J. R. LE MISTE

They found their dream vacation house . . . maybe you'll find yours. See page 54!—ED.

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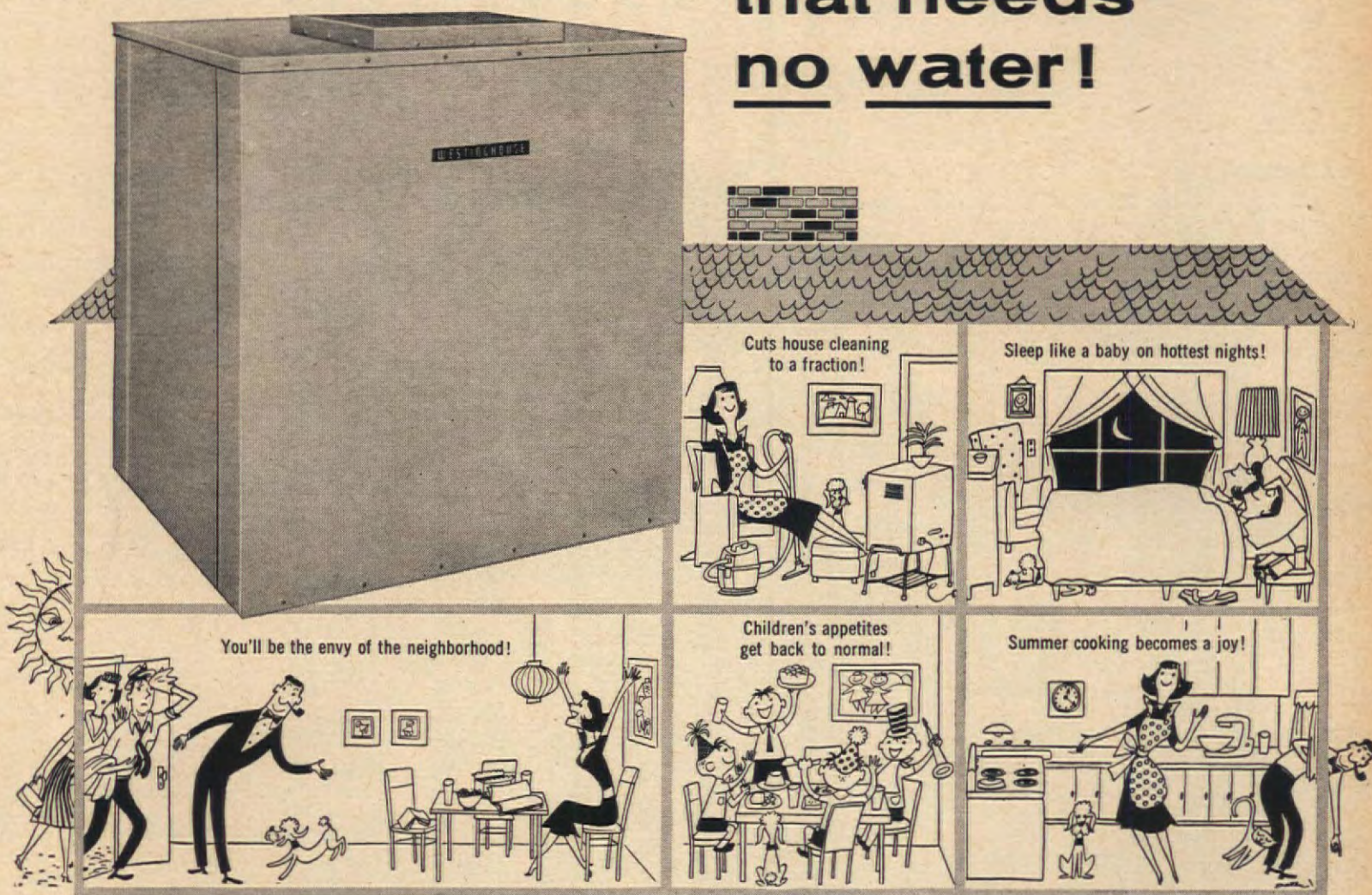
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Converts your present forced warm air heating system to year-round air conditioning... and at a cost never before possible. Uses existing duct-work—saving additional expense. This unit can more than pay for itself when you sell your home.

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ALL HAIL THE BRIDE!

MARY LOU WHITE

Before our Peggy Haber's wedding, several members of the AMERICAN HOME staff helped plan a shower for her. It was a lovely party, and we want to share the decoration idea with you. It may give you ideas for the next time you give a shower for a lucky gal.

The angel on the invitation card was the inspiration for the large angel painted on poster board. We hung the angel in front of a window, and used transparent tape to suspend long cellophane strips that represented rain.

Before we hung the strips, we wound them around stems of artificial red roses, with the buds hanging downward. We also fastened a few roses to the angel's umbrella. And red roses were tucked in some of the gift packages.

This lovely scene was the focal point of Peggy's shower. Why don't you use the same idea?

THE END

MEMO TO THE BRIDE-TO-BE

When friends give you a shower, take along as many paper plates as you are to have bridesmaids. As you open gifts, have a friend put bows from packages through slashes in plates. Your attendants can carry these "bouquets" at your wedding rehearsal to get the "feel" of carrying bouquets.

The bouquets will help keep the party conversation going, and if you save ribbons as souvenirs, this is a nice way to do it.

—EDWYNA PAYTON FENTON



Gold Bond "Improve Your Home" Contest

\$25,000⁰⁰ in prizes



Operation Home Improvement is a nation-wide campaign designed to help Americans improve their homes.

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2ND Prize \$ 1,000

3RD Prize \$ 1,000

4TH Prize \$ 1,000



5 Prizes CBS 21-Inch Color TV Sets

10 Prizes . . . CBS High-Fidelity Phonographs

100 Prizes General Electric Toasters

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THIS IS THE CONTEST YOU CAN WIN!

Follow these simple rules

1 In 25 additional words or less, complete the statement, "I would like to improve my home with Gold Bond Asbestos Siding because..." Use entry blank in this ad or write on plain paper. Print name and address plainly.

2 Mail entries to:
Gold Bond Contest
P. O. Box 50B
Mount Vernon 10, N. Y.

3 All entries must be postmarked not later than May 31, 1956, and received not later than June 11, 1956. Send as many entries as you wish, but only one prize to a family. Each entry must be the original work of entrant submitted in own name. Use adequate postage.

4 Prizes as listed will be awarded in accord with judging by the independent and impartial staff of The Reuben H. Donnelley Corpo-

ration, and on the basis of originality, interest and aptness.

5 In the case of ties, duplicate prizes will be awarded. Judges' decisions are final. All entries become the property of National Gypsum Company to use as they see fit, and none will be returned.

6 Contest is open ONLY TO HOMEOWNERS who are residents of the continental U. S., except these states: California, Utah, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Nevada. Employees of National Gypsum Company, its advertising agency, the judging organization and their immediate families are excluded. Subject to all federal, state and local regulations.

7 Winners will be notified by mail. Prize winners' list available approximately six weeks after close of contest to those sending stamped, self-addressed envelope.

"I would like to improve my home with Gold Bond Asbestos Siding because . . ."

(Complete in 25 additional words or less)

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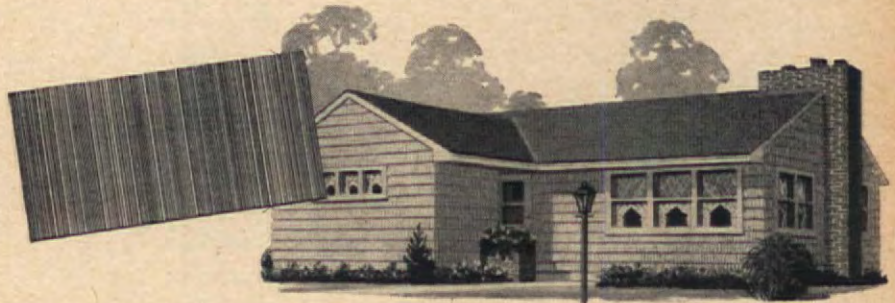
It's easy! It's fun! Nothing to buy!

Here's your golden opportunity to win a big cash prize. This contest is fun . . . it's easy to enter . . . and, best of all, there are 1,419 prizes!

Simply complete the sentence in the entry blank using 25 additional words or less. Here's a sample to show you just how easy it is: "I would like to improve my home with Gold Bond

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- **You'll never have to paint again!** Gold Bond Siding requires no preservative treatment . . . no upkeep.
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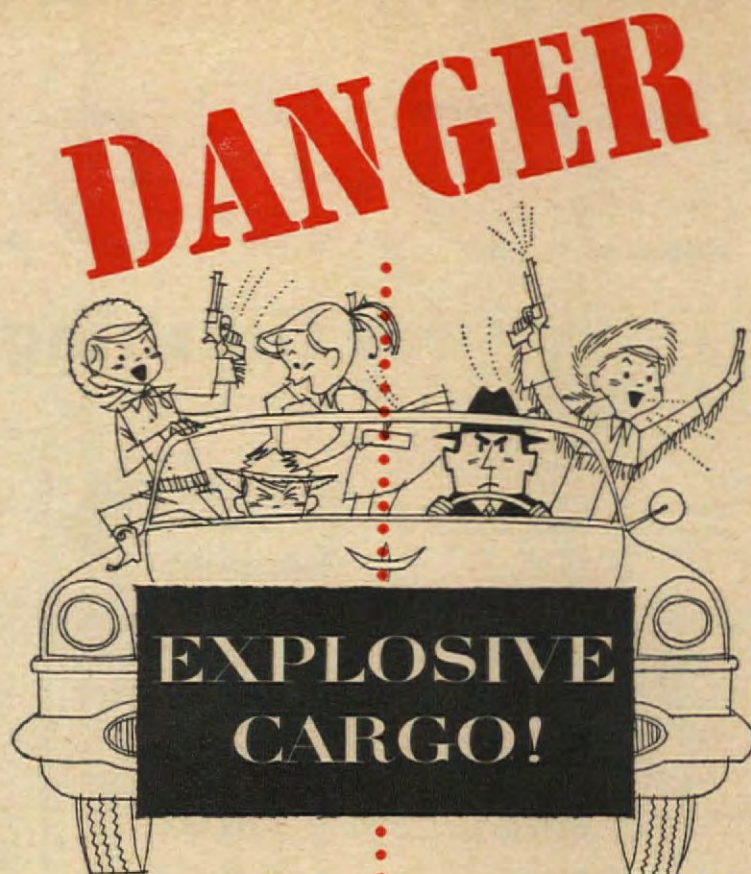
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It was clear and sunny that day in early spring. Driving conditions along Connecticut's Merritt Parkway were ideal. Traffic was light, and no one seemed to be in a hurry. Yet, on one of the straightest stretches of road, three persons were seriously injured when two cars collided and were crumpled almost beyond repair.

Mechanical failure? Freak? It was neither.

The accident was caused because one of the drivers neglected to adjust his car's speed to the number and kind of passengers. He had maintained the same speed as other cars on the parkway, even though he had five explosive, unattended kids with him.

Now five energetic and highly unpredictable youngsters jumbled precariously around a driver can be more distracting than heavy traffic, an "S"-curve road, and poor weather combined. There's no limit to the bizarre hazards kids can create, from pulling your hat down over your eyes to unintentionally clouting you on the back of the neck. Or they can slip suddenly onto the accelerator pedal or grab the wheel for support.

You won't see regulations in any driver's manual about decreasing speed when you have youngsters aboard. And you're not likely to see road signs saying "Slow down—children at play *inside* car." Only you can estimate how much extra caution you need to use when carting youthful passengers. But a good rule of thumb is to knock off about 10 miles an hour from the normal speed limit if you have a couple of kids with you, and to cut down still further if the car is jammed with potential door openers, noise makers, or blindfolds.

The octopus grip of young arms around your eyes, an unexpected prod on the elbow, a startling yell in your right ear—all these can have dire consequences. And even an 18-month-old baby, supposedly buckled out of harm's way in his safety seat beside you, can nudge the gearshift into neutral. Which may not be so funny if you're dodging out of reach of an oncoming truck.

The best preventive action, of course, is to train children in their own rules of the road. But even the best behaved can't always refrain from sudden bursts of enthusiasm or careless movements that may distract your attention at the wrong moment. Make a few simple rules and be strict about enforcing them. These could include: No standing up; no touching radio, instruments, or door handles; no rough-housing. Such rules might seem im-

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“Window Test” proves **blue Cheer** washes so white you can see the difference!

because only Cheer has the **Blue-Magic** whitener!

Cheer's Blue-Magic whitener is not just a bluing . . . it's more than a bluing . . . it's a new, better whitener for all your wash.

Seeing is believing . . . and you can see blue[®] Cheer bring new whiteness to your wash. This “window test” proves it.

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TRY CHEER in your automatic washer. Remember that blue Cheer has the active, hard-working kind of suds recommended by leading makers of automatics and preferred by 8 out of 10 women who own agitator automatics.



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pany that same evening! Washable, too—stays fresh and bright for years; washes out of brushes, rollers with soap 'n' water! Matching colors in DUCO Semi-Gloss Enamel for your woodwork.

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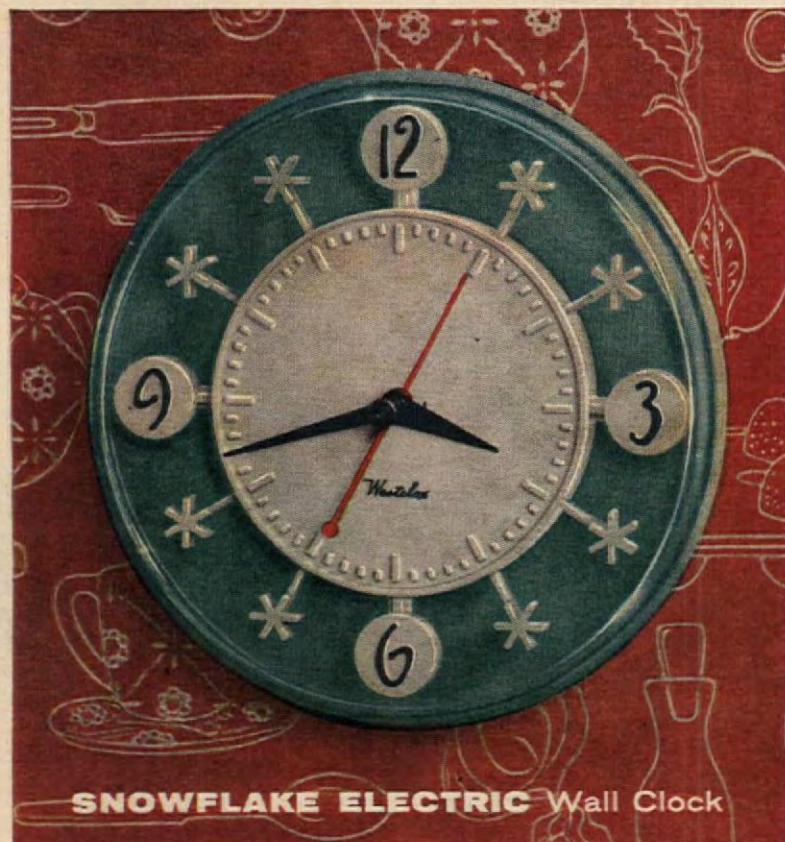
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possible to enforce, especially if your children are boisterous to begin with. But your task will be easier if you plan frequent stops during long trips. Give the kids a chance to work off their excess energy that would otherwise take the form of bouncing on the upholstery, making catcalls out the window, and climbing over each other.

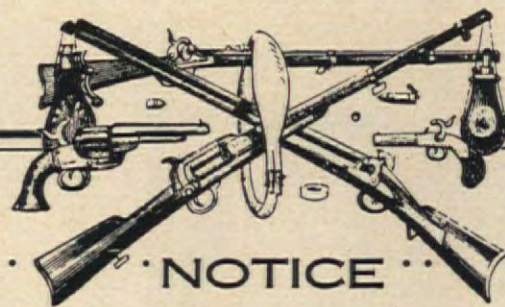
While en route, the parent (or any adult) not at the wheel should be responsible for activities. After all, a drive is a special form of family fun for children, even short hauls while doing errands. And you can't completely suppress their exuberance any more than you could at a birthday party. Observance games like these make absorbing en-route activities: Seeing who can count the most animals on either side of the road; trying to reach 50 first by using number sequence on passing license plates; making up rhymes using the names of towns that appear on signs.

As children reach the age where they assume minor responsibilities, use long drives as painless "classes" and point out natural formations, types of plants and animals, historical scenes, types of architecture.

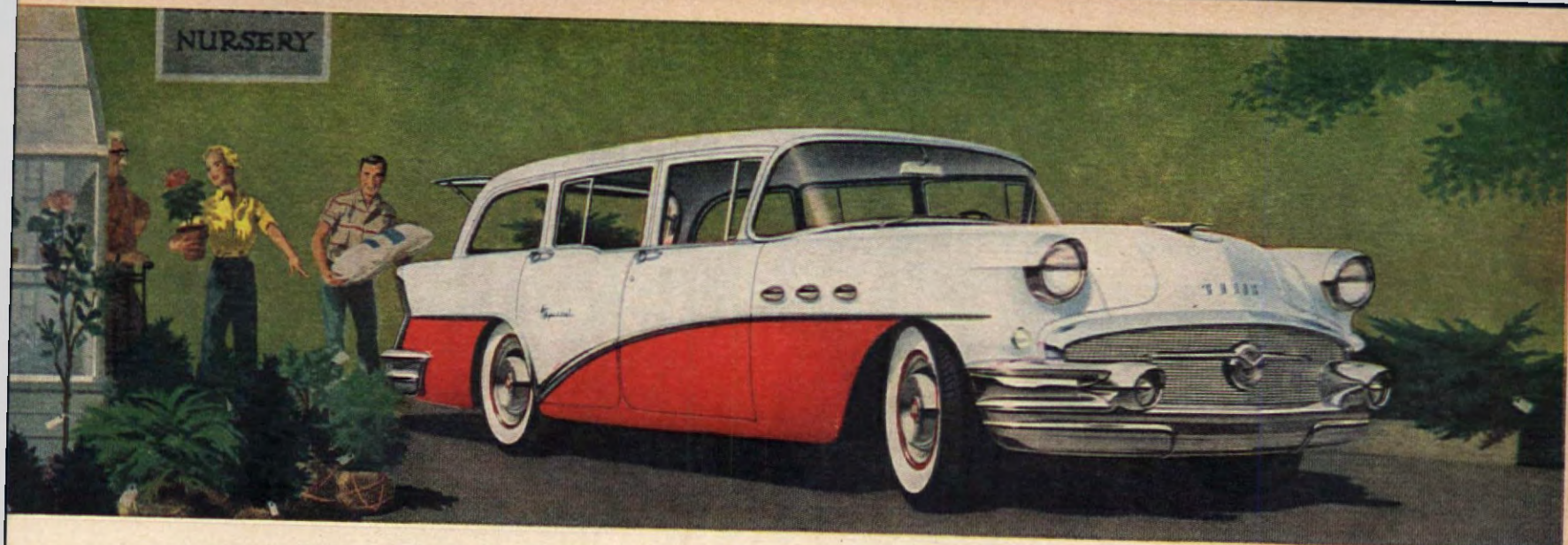
Better yet, use motor trips to point out examples of safety—both good and bad practices. You'll find plenty of examples: Children riding bicycles along the highway, jaywalking pedestrians, and the types of drivers children should be warned about, even when crossing on a green light or alighting from a school bus. Nowhere can you demonstrate more graphically than on the open road how difficult it is for cars to swerve, stop quickly, or for drivers to spot children at play behind shrubbery or near parked cars. Older children will be quick to recognize these examples, and will take pride in being the first to point them out. Turn it into a game.

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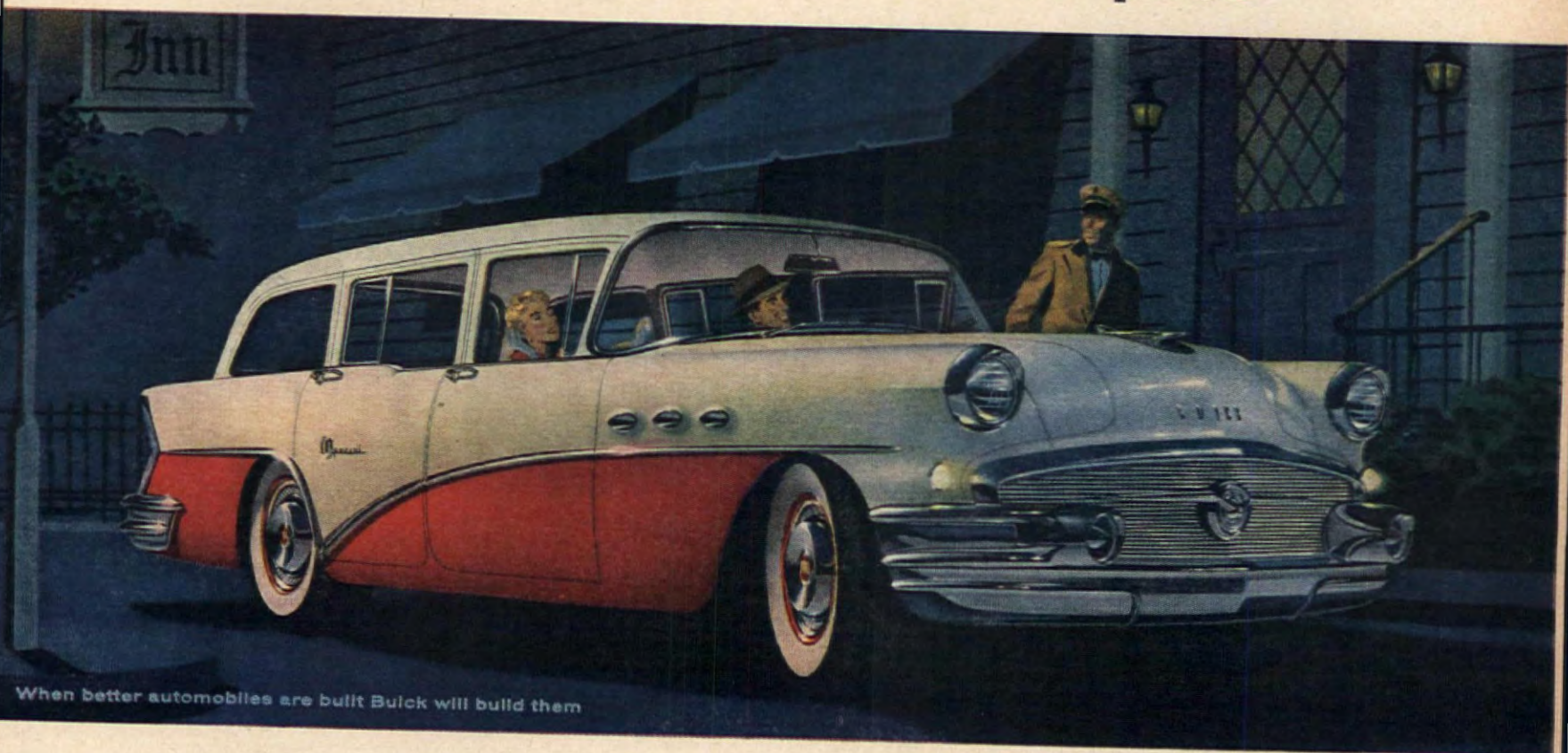
Driving with kids can be fun—or it can be a nightmare. It all depends on how you size up conditions *inside* the car. And how well you make allowances for one factor you can surely expect when driving with children—the *unexpected*. THE END



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DAVID BLAKE

"What on earth are you doing?" my wife demanded, far more excited than my peeling-and-dicing technique would seem to call for. It was my turn to prepare Saturday lunch, and liver and onions was on the menu.

"How can you expect me to do a good job while you're carrying on an endless chatter?" I retorted. "Does milk give puppies worms?" you want to know. Of course it doesn't! Milk is a good diet for some kinds of worms and they thrive on it in a puppy's stomach but, unless milk is contaminated, it doesn't put the worms there in the first place."

"If you'll just be quiet a minute and listen," persisted the good wife, "you'll realize that I'm not criticizing your skill with a skillet, it's just that you're cutting up my best gladiolus bulbs."

While I was separating what would have been next year's centerpieces from the liver, and pondering the ways of a woman that would cause her to put the glad bulbs where the onions are kept—but knowing better than to ask—it occurred to me that there are a lot of things about dogs that folks would like to be set straight about. Some are little-understood facts, and others are oft-repeated fallacies.

I don't think I have to plead much against the theory that "a barking dog never bites." Many a walking witness has found out the hard way that this isn't true.

"A howling dog is a sign of death"—this is utter superstition. Dogs may feel the primal urge to howl at almost any time. If there's no event to associate it with, the howling is forgotten. But if there should happen to be a death, the howling is remembered.

Lots of people wonder about the curiously alert attitudes that dogs sometimes assume for no apparent reason. Some even believe that dogs can see spirits invisible to human eyes. The truth is that most people can see *more* than most dogs. It's usually some sound, perhaps of higher frequency than the limit of human hearing, that has aroused the dog's curiosity. Sometimes it's as simple as a particle of dust rising in a ray of sunlight.

"Why do dogs eat grass?" That's one you hear often. To get vitamins? To add minerals to their diet? While a dog may get some small quantity of vitamins and minerals by grass eating, the reason for this purely instinctive behavior is quite different. Actually, in nature, dogs, wolves, foxes, and cats are usually infested with one or another kind of stomach worms. The animals that thrive do so in spite of the worms. When dogs eat grass the worms are caught up in a ball that is then regurgitated, thus getting rid of some excess worms.

Does this mean that a dog that eats grass has worms? Not at all! The complete pattern of eating and regurgitating is instinctive.

What to do about grass eating? You can best meet the situation by giving the dog its freedom to eat the grass and allowing enough time for it to regurgitate before taking the dog indoors. Puppies sometimes go a bit to extremes. Regurgitation is so easy and normal with them that they're likely to lose their dinner if they've been allowed to eat grass too soon after their regular meal. Denying dogs the opportunity entirely will often result in their eating straw, cedar bedding, or bits of fabric or horsehair.

All dogs, at one time or another, will circle 'round and 'round before lying down. Some will accompany the circling with scratching. This is a nest-making routine. It's purely instinctive,

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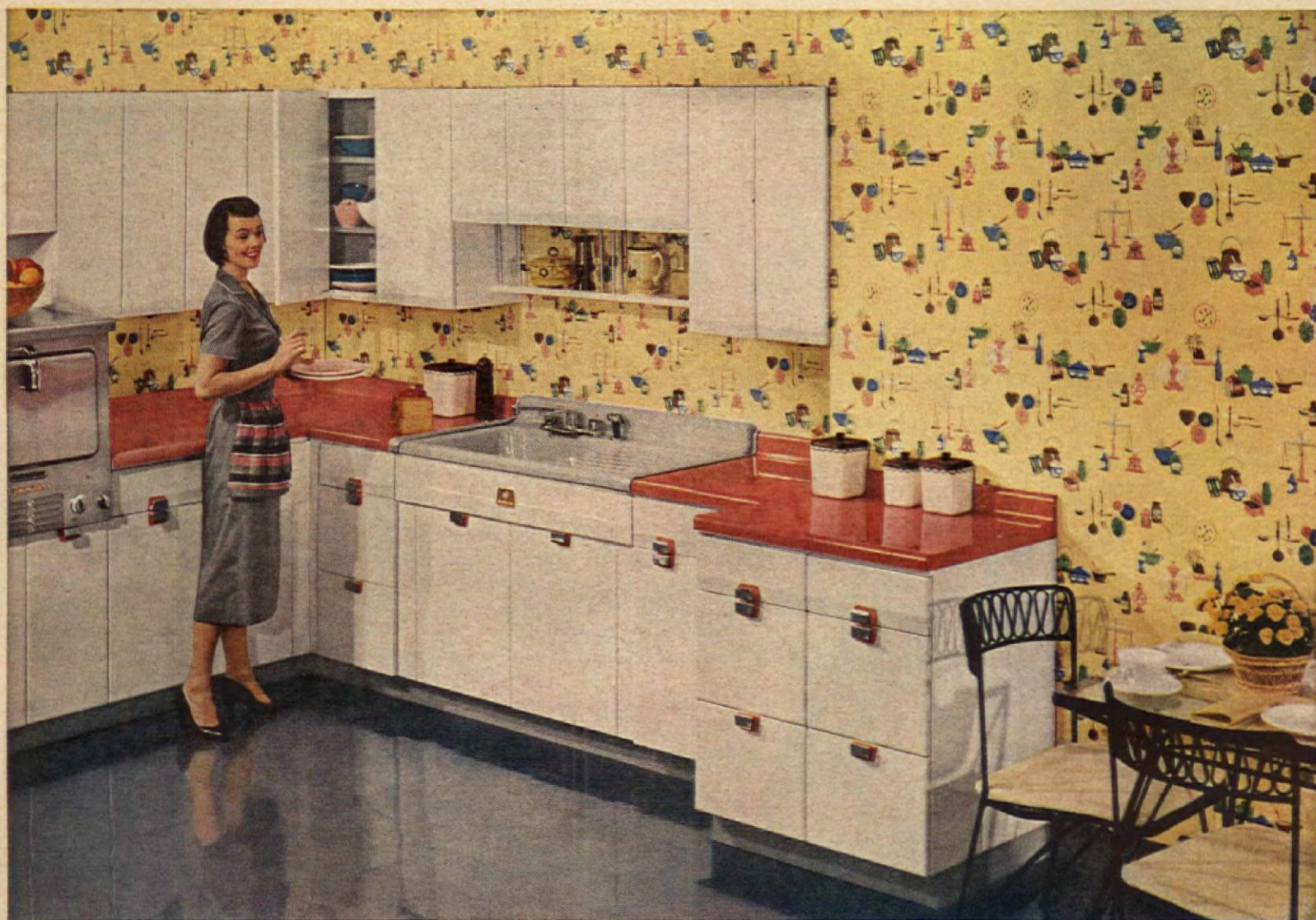
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and more likely to show up in females than males. And the female will do this more frequently if she has been bred, or when the time for whelping approaches if she *had* been bred. If, when the dog is circling on your living-room floor, you imagine grass, fallen leaves, pine needles, or whatever else might be found under a windfall or in a burrow—mixed, of course, with the shed hair of the dog itself—you can picture the way the nest is hollowed into a cozy resting place.

This urge to nest gets very strong at times and might result in a hole in your best chair, bedspread, or rug. Keep the calendar of whelping times in mind so that reasonable restraint can be used to protect furniture. This is when a nest box in a cozy, dark corner will satisfy a natural urge.

Another bit of dog lore that bothers some owners concerns dewclaws. Many people believe that dewclaws on the hind legs are a sign that a dog is not purebred. This is far from true. Not only do dewclaws appear now and then on purebred dogs of closely guarded ancestry, but a *double* dewclaw is a requirement without which some breeds can't qualify for the show ring. In breeds where they are not required, dewclaws on the hind legs—and often on the front as well—are snipped off the puppy while still in the rudimentary stage, thus preventing pain and nuisance from catching and tearing which is otherwise inevitable.

Telegony is another fallacy that should be clarified. There are still people who believe that if a purebred female is once bred to a mongrel or a dog of another breed, she can never produce another purebred puppy. Somehow, for the rest of her life, they think her progeny will be influenced by the original mismating. It is strange, but the same people would never question the parentage of the child of a widow by her second husband. Biologically, the influence of the father of the previous mating would be as impossible in one case as the other.

Getting back to the "Does milk gives worms?" question by which the better half inspired all this, it is best to give dogs pasteurized milk. Milk, meat, or other foods can be contaminated and thus become carriers. Meat exposed to flies may carry tape-worms. Pork, or the flesh of any meat-eating animal can contain encysted trichina and cause trichinosis. So such meat should be thoroughly cooked for canine just as for human use.

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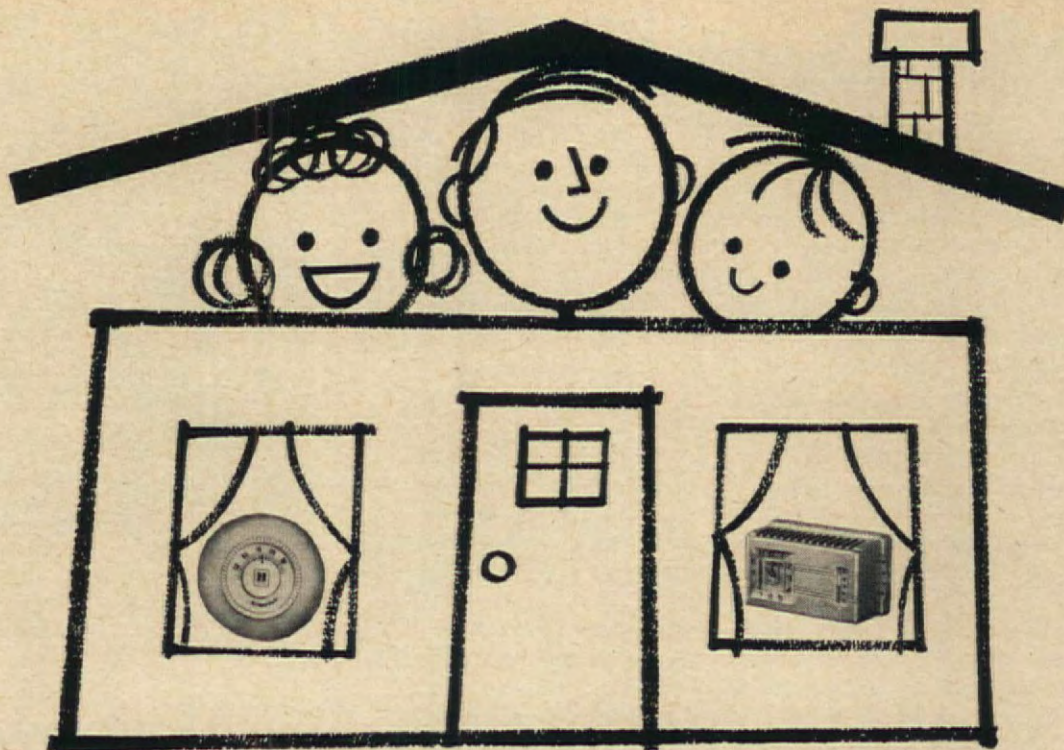
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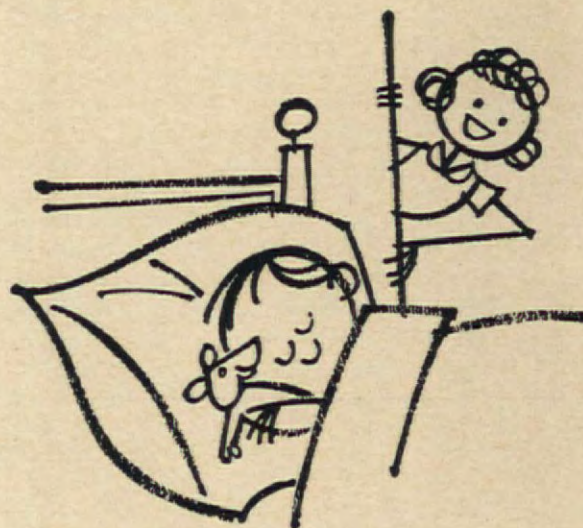
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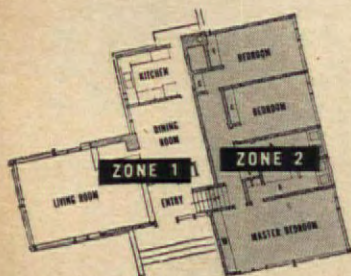
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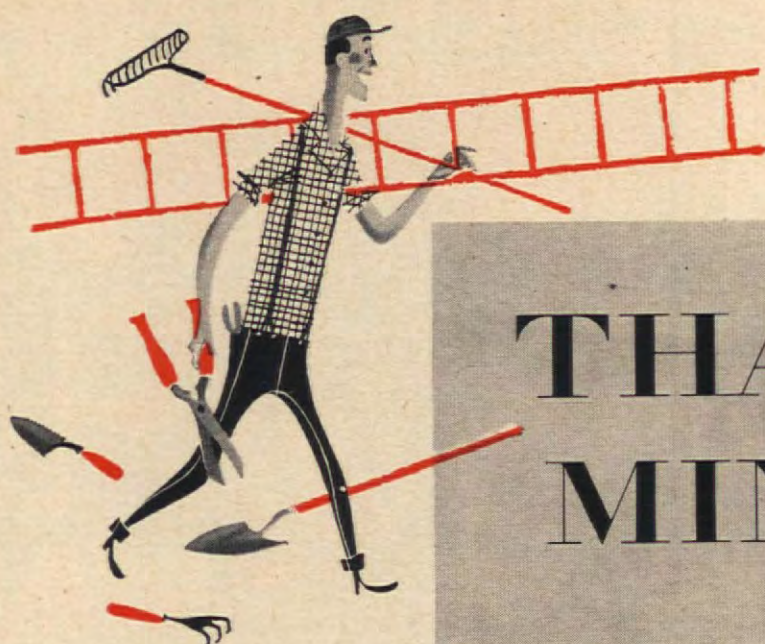
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"Fred? Holy smoke, I thought it was Tom Bennett. No wonder Tom looked sort of funny when I went over and asked if he was through with *my* rake."

"So, one plus one plus one makes three. Right?"

"Yeah, but this is crazy. Out on the job we've got a contractor and half a dozen subcontractors and there are hundreds of tools around and they never get mixed up or lost."

"How come?"

"Why we just slap a little paint on all our tools. Each contractor uses a different color. Simple as that."

"Well?"

So I'd opened my big mouth again and talked myself into another nonpaying job. And as it turned out I'd given all the other guys in the neighborhood a job too. That was two years ago, and now if you're out our way of a sunny Saturday afternoon you'll see a lot of color in the gardens, and it's not all on the flowers, either.

Soon after Edie's "Well?" I started rounding up our garden tools, lawn mower, snow shovel, and what not. I was just going to dab a little green paint on the handles, but when I saw the collection and realized how much a homeowner invests in tools and other equipment I decided I'd do a more thorough job of protecting mine. I bought a package of assorted sandpaper, a box of steel wool, and got set to completely paint all my tools.

First I scrubbed all the tools with soap and water and rinsed them till all the dirt and grease were removed. Then, starting with coarse sandpaper and finishing with steel wool, I did a real job of getting the rust off the metal. And I used fine sandpaper on the wooden handles. Believe me, I love Edie and I wouldn't want her to get a splinter in her hands when I put her to work with a pick and shovel.

Painting was simple, now. I had plenty of green paint and I painted every tool all over, except for the cutting edge which I figured I'd sharpen with a file.

Then when I came out in the spring with all my tools painted and sharp, Fred and Tom got the idea and some of the other guys did too. Tom painted his black, which his wife Judy said was to match his mood when he had to use them. Fred used fire-engine red, which may have had psychological implications too. He's a banker, drives a dark blue car and wears the most conservative clothes in town. But who cares?

Anyway, this past spring we really hit the jackpot. Everyone

for blocks around came out with newly-painted tools, each fellow's differently colored. A few even went in for two-tone effects. Pete Snow used orange with a three-inch black band around the middle of each handle. He showed me how to do it with masking tape—really quite simple if you want to be fancy. Old Mrs. Burns down the street painted hers lavender-pink, and that seems to be the last place anyone goes to borrow tools. So if you don't *want* tools borrowed, maybe you can learn to live with lavender-pink.

Most of us, though, still go on lending and borrowing each other's tools. But nowadays everything finds its way back to its owner—usually within a few days or by the next week end, *always* by the end of fall.

Now maybe you're thinking that, in a good-size neighborhood where everyone gardens, there aren't enough distinguishable colors for the numbers of gardeners. Well, if it ever gets to be that much of a problem you can always do as Pete Snow did and go in for two-tone effects. And you can combine the two colors any way you like—wide bands, narrow bands, or a combination of both. There's no limit to the ways you can use color and no neighborhood's too big for the variety of colors available.

Which leads me to imagine the extreme situation of this kind: every basement or tool shed has a chart that provides a key to the tool colors of the whole neighborhood—Jones, dark blue with wide orange band; Smith, white with narrow black band; Williams, red with two narrow yellow bands,

and so on to the end of the roll call! Frankly, I sort of like it.

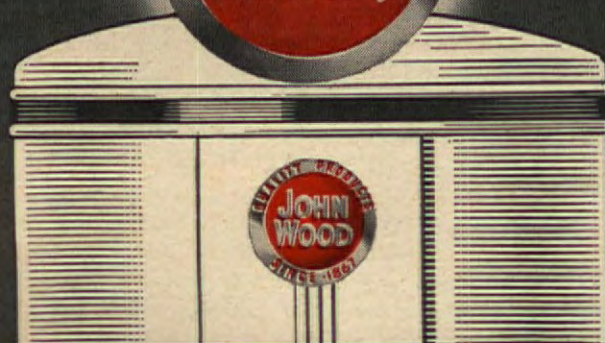
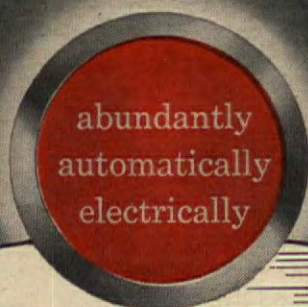
Of course if you're the *ultra* careful type you'll be glad to know you can buy special branding irons for burning your initials (or your ranch symbol!) into the wooden handles of your garden tools. But burnt-in initials aren't like paint that lets you spot your shovel or lawn rake a hundred feet away.

If you do take to painting your garden tools, you'll probably have to put up with a little kidding at the start, but you'll find it's worth it. And before long the idea will catch on throughout the neighborhood.

Only one warning: If you don't have an Irish name, don't start the ball rolling with bright green. I did, and I haven't heard the end of it from Dave Hogan. Imagine a guy with a name like Olsen using bright green!

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21 TABLES IN A PANHANDLE BASKETBALL COURT

WANDA JAY CAMPBELL

The state basketball champions of Texas scamper over the Pampa High School gymnasium most of the year, but the gym isn't theirs when Beta Sigma Phi sorority takes over for its annual all-day table-setting contest. This event attracts people from all over the Panhandle. The contest features tables entered, without a fee, by local women's clubs. They compete for prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10. Visitors, who vote for their favorite tables, pay \$1 admission. Proceeds have aided Girlstown, U.S.A., at White Face, Texas, and Pampa's Community Youth Center as well as the March of Dimes.

On the morning of the contest, trucks arrive at the gymnasium with boxes of dishes, silver, tablecloths, and decorations. Each club provides its own table and has until 1 p.m. to decorate it.

The basketball court is lined with 20 or more tables. Some are elaborate, some simple. And all

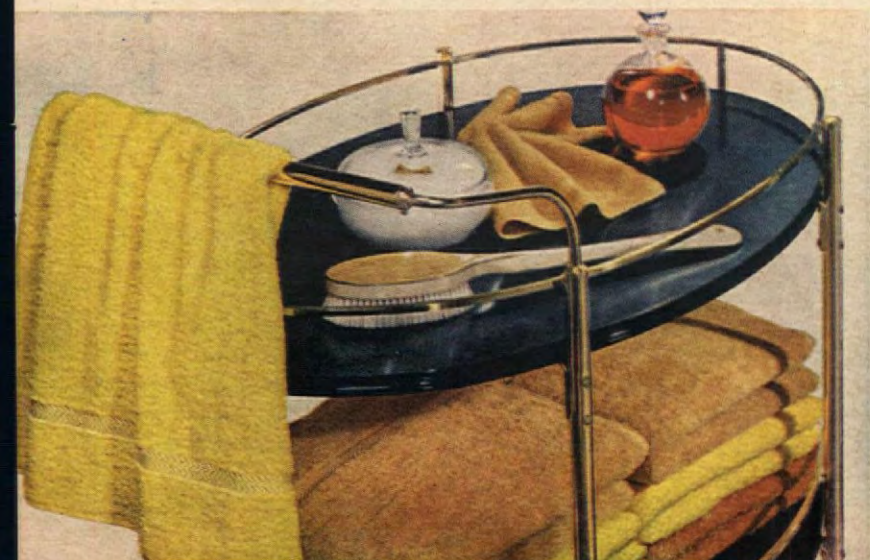
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21 Tables

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Cornmeal box forms body of jolly reindeer centerpiece. Antlers are small twigs, head is a small box. Whole thing's painted white.

reflect good taste, imagination, and ingenuity. The contestants bring their best and most treasured table accessories, so tables are kept behind ropes. While in the exhibit area, they're protected by a special insurance policy. In the history of the contest, only one water goblet has been broken.

Prominent in the shows are informal ranch-style tables, but there are also tables with fine antiques and elegant accessories. Last year one club spent only \$1.50 on its table, while another used over \$1,000 in brass for its scheme. There may be a table decorated for a wedding reception, patriotic holiday, birthday, bon voyage party, Mother's Day, or any other special occasion. Most of them can be duplicated with little time and expense. Ideas for accessories are endless. Visitors see harness rings used as napkin rings, water goblets cut from brown milk bottles, "second best" silver wrapped in raffia, and tin cans used as candle holders.

Visitors most enjoy voting for their favorite tables. Many guests and voters aren't affiliated with competing clubs, so large and small clubs all have a good chance to win. Last year a table entered by a club with 12 members won first prize.

This is a cultural, co-operative showing that could be adapted to any community, large or small—anywhere that homemakers delight in setting pretty tables. Main expenditures are prize money, tickets, and advertising. A school gymnasium is one good location for a contest that is as lovely as any flower show and, as interesting as any bazaar.

The contest is held in November. Competition is so keen and interest so high that as soon as one contest is over, clubwomen begin whispering about ideas for the next one.

"Just wait until next year!" they say.

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APRIL IN NEW YORK

There's always plenty "doing" in New York City. If you're planning a visit this month, look forward to seeing:

- Baseball. April 17 is the opening date. Dodgers, Giants, and Yankees all will be playing.
- The circus, the Greatest Show on Earth for sure, invades Madison Square Garden April 4 through May 4.
- The "last word" in kitchen planning—that's what you'll see if you visit the AMERICAN HOME's two beautiful new test kitchens and new equipment testing center. Write AMERICAN HOME Magazine, 300 Park Ave., for appointment.
- The United Nations is a "must." Already historic, and an architectural marvel. Paid guided tours of the UN headquarters operate seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Tour charge is \$1 for adult individuals, 75¢ for adults in groups, 50¢ for students. This covers operating costs. Free tickets to meetings may be obtained on a first-come-first-served basis.

If you will visit the UN with a group, make arrangements for your visit as far ahead of time as you can. Contact the Visitors' Service, Room CB-11, United Nations, N.Y., to make your plans.

- The New York City Coliseum is one of New York's newest—and largest—buildings. The National Photography Show and International Automobile Show open it on April 28.
- Like antiques? The New York City Antiques Fair, April 9 through April 14, will be at the 71st Armory, 34th St. and Park Ave.
- Don't expect Greenwich Village to be as Bohemian as it was back in the 20's and 30's. But do look for the area bound by Sixth and Seventh Avenues and 4th and Bleeker Streets. You'll find charming old basement shops there, and candlelit cafes.
- On the Radio City Music Hall stage, you can see the spectacular Easter Pageant.
- Don't miss the "Signs on Broadway" exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art, and "Japanese Costumes and Accessories" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- Broadway "hit" shows that should be running in April are, musicals: "Damn Yankees," "Fanny," "Pipe Dream," "Pajama Game;" dramatic shows: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "The Lark," "The Chalk Garden," "The Diary of Anne Frank," "Tiger at the Gates," "Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?" and "Fallen Angels." Order tickets in advance.

• Visitors are cordially invited to drop in at the new Official Visitor Information Center of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Pershing Square, 90 East 42nd St. You'll get free descriptive folders on New York City's sightseeing attractions, and helpful sightseeing tips. Center is open seven days a week. **THE END**



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We started our children growing and discovering things when one was two years old and the other was four. For them, these activities are enjoyable adventures. To us, their exclamations of "Come and see!" as when, in spring, the first flowers begin to bloom, have far-reaching character-training implications. We hope that, seeing how a seed sprouts out of the earth or how lovingly a mother animal cares for her young, they will feel that the universe is basically friendly, that good plans have been made for plant and animal life and growth. We think that an understanding of the cooperation needed in little experiences can be applied to larger things, such as man's responsibility in helping to make the world a happy place in which to live. Maybe you, too, have noted the excitement and joy of children who have had happy experiences in gardening.

As a parent and leader of children's groups, I believe that some of the most important attitudes we want our children to learn can be acquired by them more quickly and easily through nature and garden activities than through any other media. Not that such experiences are all that children need to develop personality, but they're a necessary part of the whole. This is widely recognized by groups formed to build character. And experience shows that good results follow if nature projects can be given religious significance.

A good place to start is at home or with a group of which your child is already a member. Our enthusiasm for something we are interested in radiates and is caught by children. And we don't have to know all the answers. Nurserymen have always given me more help than I asked for; a florist helped me carry a bulb-forcing project through to a successful conclusion; a neighbor taught me how to grow tuberous begonias and I in turn taught my children, my Scout troop, my church school class. Gardeners who don't like to work with children often help if asked to work through adult leaders of groups. There are many sources of ideas for projects: Garden club lectures and handbooks; state conservation department publications and films; the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

Children should be helped to complete projects with a sense of achievement and satisfaction; a plant brought home and left to die can lead to frustration and destroy the very attributes we are trying to develop. And there must be careful beforehand planting; it may well represent three-quarters of a project. The object is not to train gardeners, but to build up the confidence of children in themselves and their world. That way we start them toward becoming well-adjusted members of society. THE END

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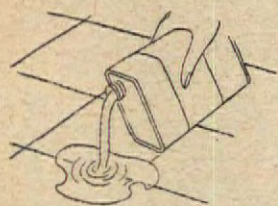
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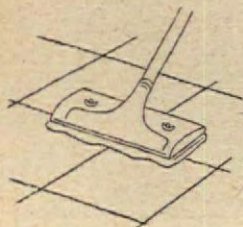
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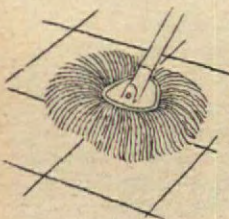
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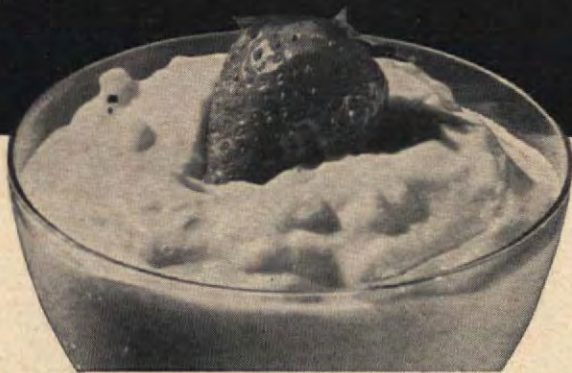
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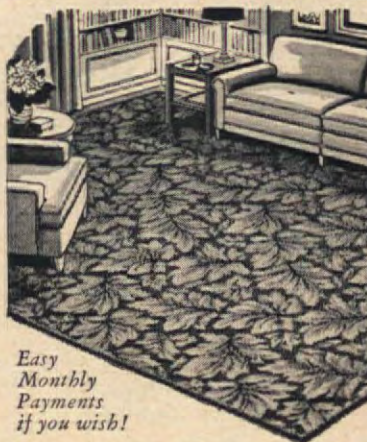
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That's What Women Are Coming



2. Push a button, out comes the freezer drawer. Push another button, chopping block, with built-in scale, moves along counter with you. More buttons for pop-up knife rack and paper dispenser, a vegetable sink near supply.



3. This, Frances, is your recipe. Like AMERICAN HOME recipes, picture and ingredients are on the card—but this is an IBM card, punched for action. From built-in file choose your dish, put card in slot, and presto, the picture's on the screen above you in full color. Calls for sugar, flour, salt? . . . push the buttons, "brain" does measuring, and down they come.



5. Water boiling, marble cold—I don't believe it! The proof is in the touching, and Frances does. No grates, just tiny target lights, flush with marble top, indicate cooking areas. Boiling water a matter of seconds, not minutes.

6. Irresistible attraction for Bob—watching that big, juicy rib roast turn a golden, even brown inside glass dome, which rotates from either side. Bake, broil, or barbecue, there's always a full view.





1. Come in and look into the future. That glass dome is not a space helmet, it's your future oven. But first, please, this revolving glass drum, the refrigerator. One part down as you came in, for counter use, now push-buttoned up for meal preparation. What's delivery boy doing outdoors? Has his own key, is storing your grocery order in proper compartments—an outside job!



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4. Touch a lever, water is measured, comes out at correct temperature. Built-in hand dryer, power-driven pot scrubber—but look at this little ultrasonic dishwasher. High-frequency sound waves wash the dishes. Baskets revolve like a Ferris wheel. Total time, three minutes per basket.

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8. And what have we here? A serving cart that runs on its own track by remote control from kitchen to dining room, manually to patio or porch. Has warming oven and tray, built-in waffle and sandwich grill, toaster, ice storage. Load in kitchen, use where wanted.



9. Bob makes a beeline for beverage dispenser. Press a button, get hot coffee, ice water, soft drinks, ice cubes or crushed ice. Beside it, storage cabinet for glass, china, and linen rises at touch of a hand, two of same for pots and pans rise up beside marble-topped cooking unit we inspected.



10. For Bob as well as Frances, the ultimate surprise as George pushes button. Counter where Frances set down her purse suddenly rises and reveals to their delighted astonishment crisp salads and chilled desserts in their own special refrigerator in the dining area.

11. Please buy it for me, pleads Frances as George concludes our tour in the laundry area and demonstrates compartmented clothes hamper that automatically moves to washing machine on reaching 8½-pound load. Bob looks wary, George smiles. It's all for real, but all for future, Bob. Not for sale right now.



• To catch the wonder of it all was the most we could hope to do in this little tour of a great engineering miracle by General Motors Styling. Of necessity, we had to omit many fascinating details. One could spend many hours in this Frigidaire Kitchen of Tomorrow and still not have enough time to assimilate all its excitement, grasp fully its research significance for a happier, freer life in the future. To all those, and to Mr. Pollard in particular, who gave so unselfishly of their time after an incredibly fatiguing opening day of the Motorama here in New York, our most sincere thanks.

—THE EDITORS

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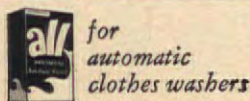
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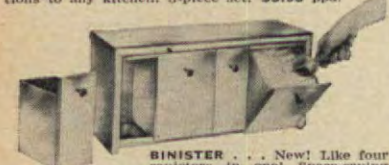
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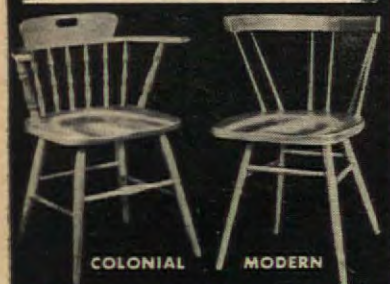
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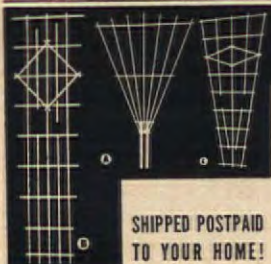
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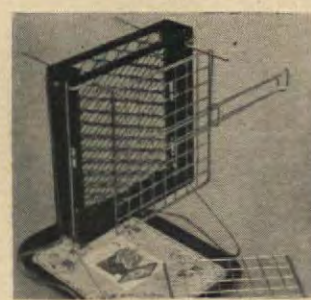
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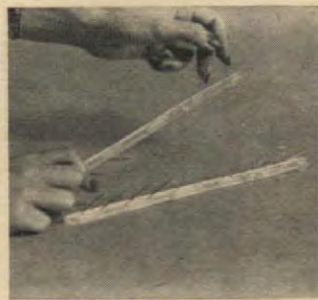
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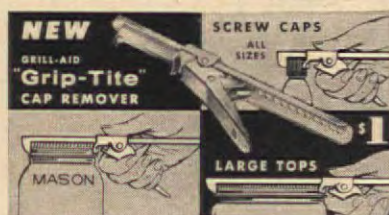
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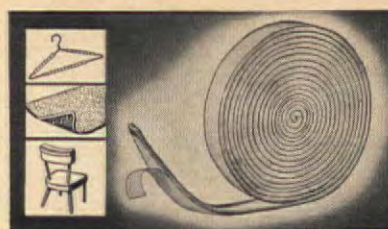


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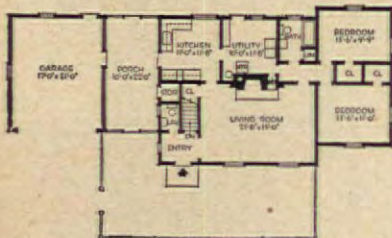
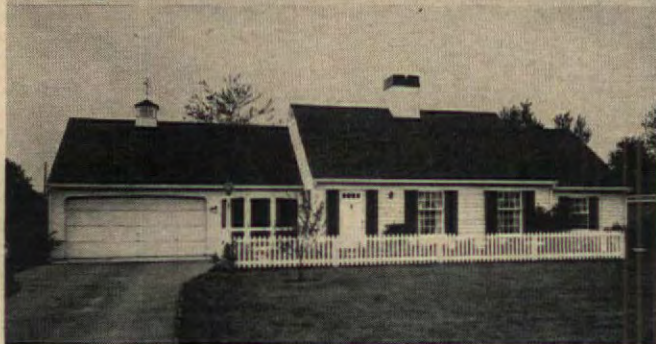
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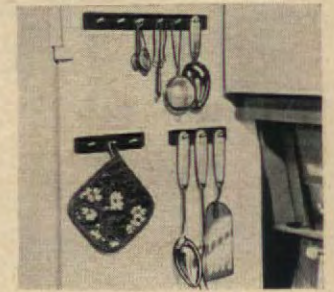
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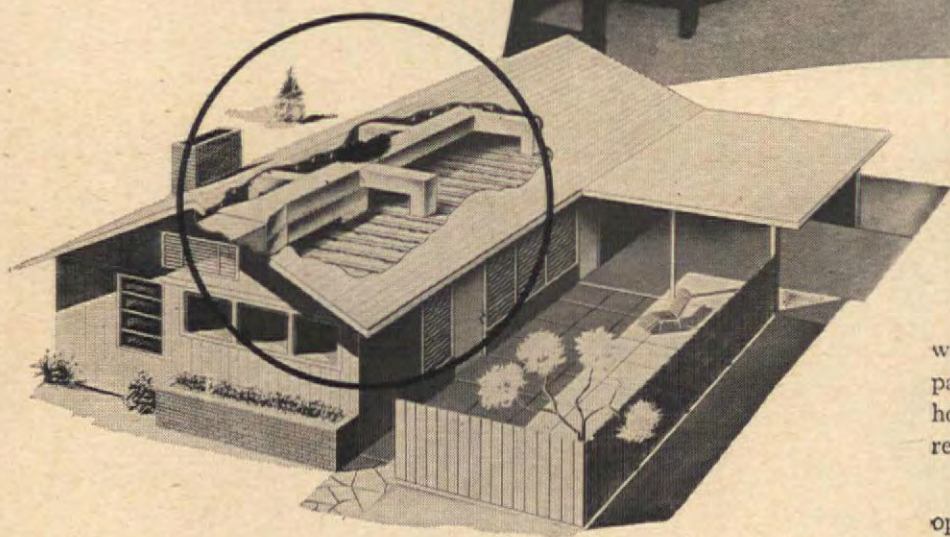
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I immediately called several long-distance movers. The lowest van rate would be \$230—too steep for us. So I began figuring how I could oust my husband's possessions from the car and substitute my own.

Finally, we compromised on a rental utility trailer that I tracked down through the classified section of the phone book. For \$42 we could rent a two-wheeled trailer and haul all our possessions to New Orleans. After arriving and moving into an apartment, we'd turn the trailer over to a trailer agent there. It sounded very simple.

Checking with a touring service to get the best route, we found we'd been classified with truck drivers. We could travel the New Jersey Turnpike (with our toll now based on *three* axles) but parkways, including the DuPont in Delaware, barred both trucks and trailers.

On moving day we drove up to the rental lot and had something that looked like a small hay wagon hitched to the bumper of our car. Then we rattled back to our apartment and loaded it. When we actually got under way that evening, we drove as far as the corner before discovering that we'd packed the trailer carefully but not wisely. It was tipped so far forward that the hitch was practically elbowing the pavement.

But we kept going—at a speed of 10 miles an hour—through the Lincoln Tunnel. (I had visions of breaking down and blocking it forever.) On the turnpike we got up to the dizzy speed of 12 miles an hour and my husband, after some gloomy calculations, announced that at this rate we'd reach New Orleans in about 28 days.

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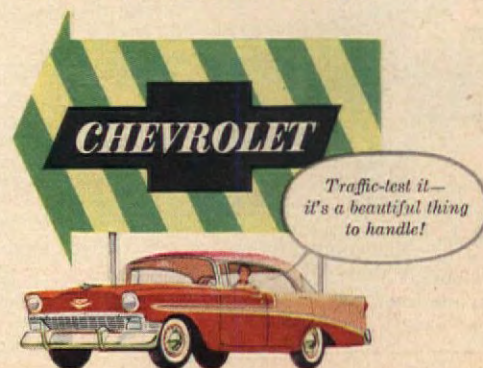
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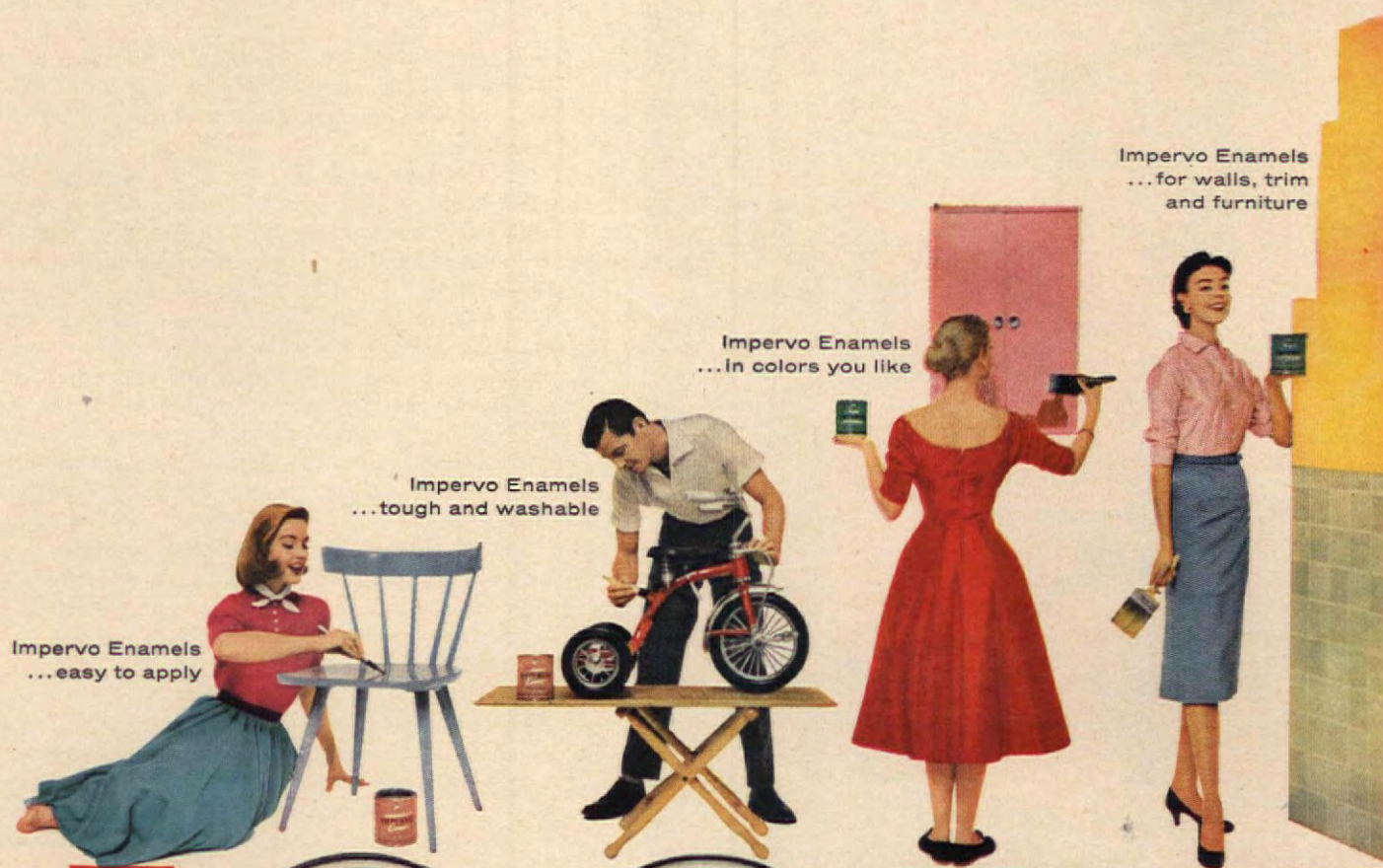
In the churches and concert halls, it's sacred and moving music in keeping with the religious side of Easter. But elsewhere there's lots of singing that takes its cue from the gay holiday part of the season. You hear it on radio and TV, in your town hall or school auditorium, at a neighbor's home, or in any of a thousand other places as glee clubs, singing societies, and many other vocal groups get together for Easter singing.

Just how many of us actually join in this delightful pastime defies a count. It's safe to say, though, that the total runs easily into the millions. From one ocean to the other hardly a hamlet exists that doesn't have at least one group of singers. It may be a well-trained choir. It might be a barber-shop quartet, or a group of men determined to develop a first-class male chorus. Or maybe it's simply the members of a family harmonizing in the living room. Whatever form this local group singing takes, it's part of a national hobby, perhaps as deeply-rooted in American life as the Sunday picnic and going to the ball game.

Yet many of us still haven't tasted the pleasures of organized singing. If you do your singing in the shower or bathtub, you're missing out on most of the fun you *can* get from singing. But this is not a hopeless situation; anyone can join or organize a singing group. Consider these two examples at opposite ends of the country. In Burbank, California, it was a handful of mothers, some of them grandmothers, in fact. They wanted to sing as a chorus. So these women sent out the word that they wanted volunteers, and then formed an organization of 85 members which they call the Mother Singers. They acquired a piano accompanist in their midst and a local music teacher to serve as their director. Their singing leans toward popular songs. The group meets regularly and performs for the community when thoroughly rehearsed.

Across the continent, there's the Handel and Haydn Society of Boston. This group clings to the great vocal works of the classic masters. Auditions are held regularly for new members. To qualify, if you live near enough, you have to be able to read music and hold a part. Of course, the competition for vacancies is stiff because the group occasionally sings with The Boston Symphony Orchestra. So you have to sing and read rather well, perhaps much better than average. But suppose

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you don't feel up to high standards like those of this widely-known singing group. You can easily find plenty of other groups with welcome signs out. Take these as typical of any American community.

Just as there are countless numbers of singing groups across the country, so are there different *kinds* of groups. Somewhere within easy reach of your home, you're fairly certain to find one that suits your need. Your church, your local clubs and service organizations will probably turn up some useful leads.

You can't find such a singing group? Then why not try organizing a singing group of your own? Consult the church organist or the music teacher of the local school for information on how to go about it. For voices, draw on the family. Almost everybody loves to sing. And those who protest vigorously that they "can't carry a tune in a bucket" are most likely underestimating themselves. Most of us can be taught to carry a part, at least well enough to join in the family fun.

One of the nicest things about group singing is that it costs so little. No instrument to purchase, no expensive training required. All it takes is equipment that most healthy people already own—a good set of vocal chords. And a little guidance in how to use them correctly.

What sort of numbers should you sing? Anything you please! Libraries contain large and varied collections of vocal music for loan. These range from early medieval madrigals to arrangements of the latest hit tunes. Some families that have tapped these rich sources have developed broad programs covering both the classics and the popular songs of the day. Others prefer the campfire type of songs, or folk songs, or the wonderful chorales of Bach.

If you'd like to try singing that requires more voices, add the neighbors to your pool of talent. And if you want to go in for works that take more voices than you can muster nearby, pass the word along to the next town, to your factory or office. Put up a sign or run a want ad. You're likely to discover a rich vein of willing voices.

So the Easter music you're hearing all around you should serve as an inspiration to sing yourself. You don't have to match the professional performance of the annual Bach Festival at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, or the massive turnouts for the folk-singing festivals in the Smokies of Tennessee. You needn't aspire to compete with the Harvard Glee Club or the A Capella Singers of St. Louis. Just gather 'round with those who like to sing, and have a happy go at it.

Whether you're harmonizing "Home On The Range," singing the "Amen" from Handel's "Messiah," or toying with one of the many lovely choruses from the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, the pleasure is equally great, and it's great because you're singing your own favorite music with your favorite fellow-singers in arrangements that give these compositions their full splendor and give all of you, as performers, that wonderful feeling of being the central instrument in all of it.

THE END

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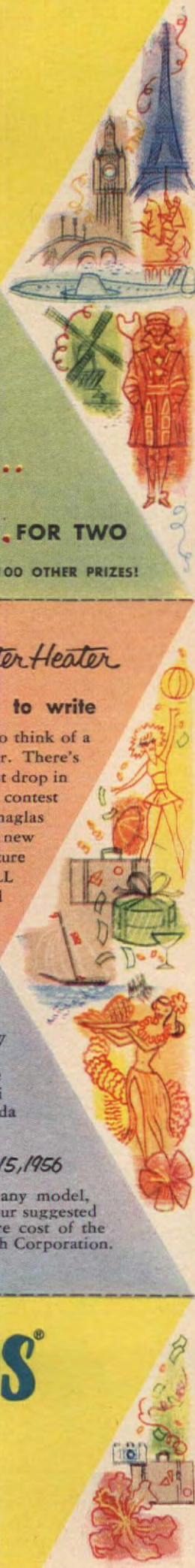


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"GROUCHO MARX"

Dahlia

5-Time Winner!

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

Star performer in the latest round of dahlia shows was the huge flower named for famous TV personality Groucho Marx. The "Groucho Marx," an A-size, pure white, semi-cactus dahlia, gained its stardom by capturing the much-coveted AMERICAN HOME Achievement Medal in five shows across the nation.

The medal, sponsored by the AMERICAN HOME, is awarded by flower societies to the outstanding new exhibited varieties that have been named but are not yet advertised and put on the market.

Winning five medals, as "Groucho Marx" did, was an especially noteworthy achievement on two counts. First, the 1955 growing season, with its alternating periods of drought and excess rainfall, and severe windstorms in many parts of the country, hampered the production of exhibition flowers. And secondly, "Groucho Marx" won its victories at widely separated points—Santa Ana and San Diego in California, Chicago, Milwaukee, and New York City. In the last three cases, the winning blooms were, for the first time, sent to the shows by air. Also, they were given added interest by the presence of charming Rose Marie Comstock, shown here with Groucho Marx the comedian and "Groucho Marx" the dahlia. Her firm, the Comstock Dahlia Gardens of San Diego, California, originated and exhibited the variety.

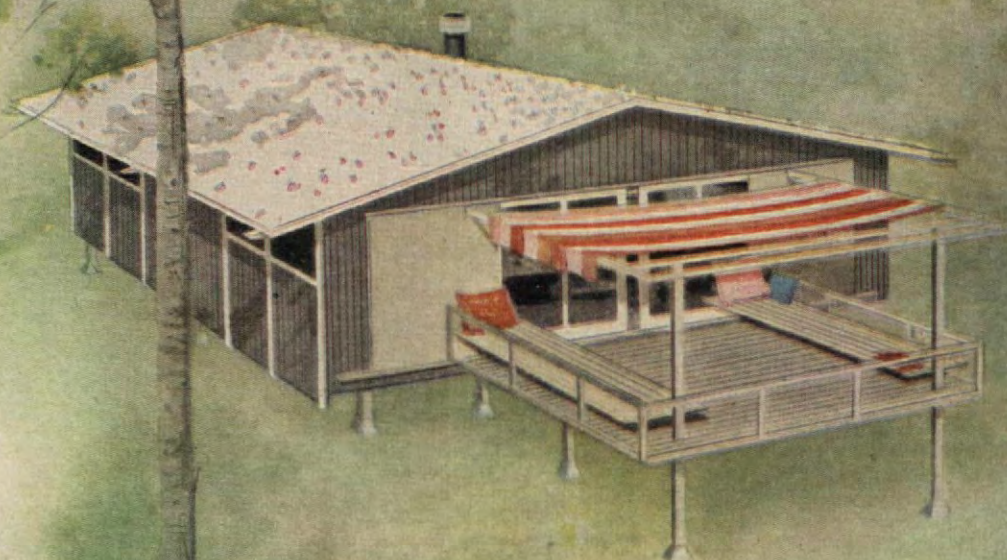
In all, 83 societies asked for this much desired trophy. Four societies later called off their shows; one unaccountably failed to report; and of the 78 reports that were received, 45 (24 of dahlia shows and 21 of gladiolus shows) said "No award made." Of the 33 Medals that were awarded, two went to daylilies, two to peonies, nine to gladiolus, and 21 to 11 new dahlias.

For the first time in its

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Vacation



AMERICAN HOME BLUEPRINT HOUSE NO. 51

To Get the Blueprints, See Order Form, Page 134



When you and your family get the urge for a summer vacation house, you want it right away—now—for *this* summer and for this year's vacation . . . not just for some vague time in the future.

With this idea in mind, we asked the firm of Campbell & Wong to design for AMERICAN HOME readers a vacation house that can be put up ready for "camping" in just six working week ends after the footings are in the ground. And here it is—AMERICAN HOME Blueprint House No. 51. In designing a vacation house that could be roughed in by two people in six working week ends, we believed that most families would prefer to "camp" for a few months, and *use* their house while they completed the job rather than go without their house all summer waiting until the last details were completed. So this, in short, is a house that you can live in while you build it.

The first job was to work out a floor plan, and this was no small undertaking. The big problems in design were that the house had to be easy to build, take only six week ends to rough in, and be capable of accommodating at least four people—the size of the average family—and have provisions for at least two extra beds for week-end guests. And the plan had to include all the essentials that a family would want in the completed vacation house, but also had to be practical for camping out even though the work was by no means completed.

The plan on page 132 shows how well John Campbell and Worely Wong



House YOU Can Put Up in 6 Week Ends

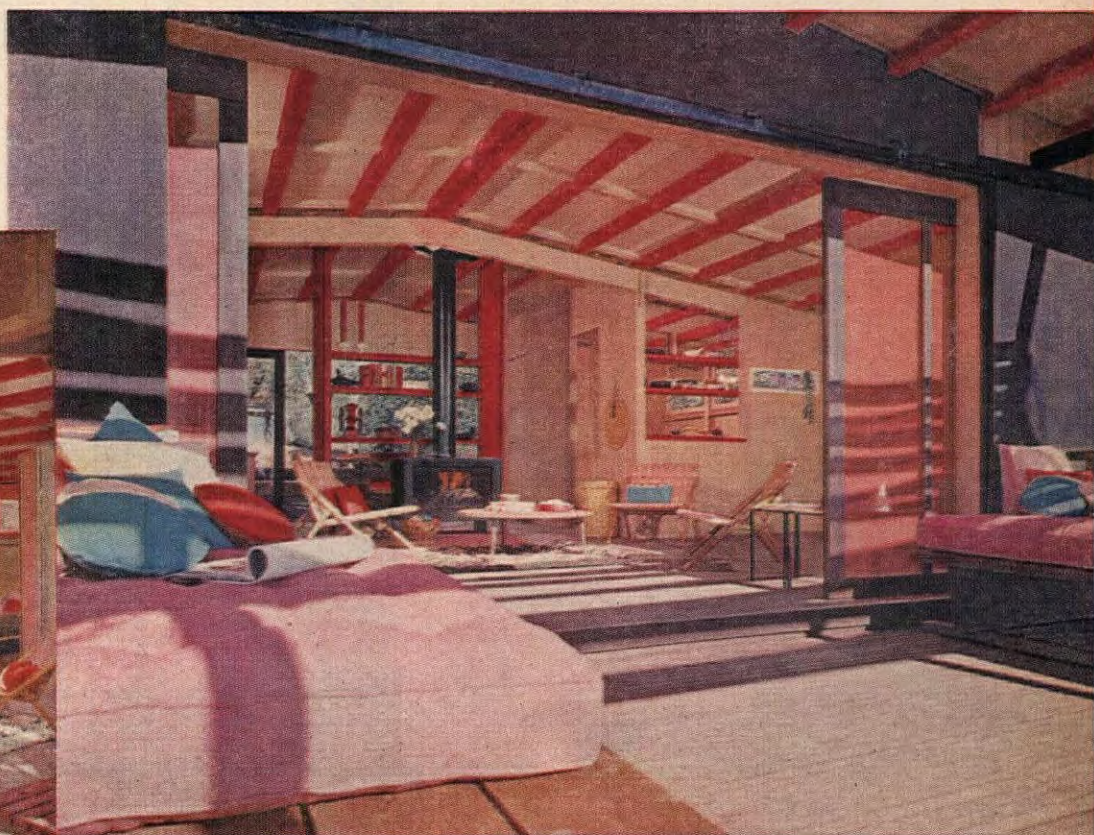


solved these design problems. The house was made almost square for ease and economy of construction. Living-dining room is large, running the entire length of the house. And to give an even greater feeling of spaciousness, wood decks are built at each end. On the front deck are two raised platforms wide enough to accommodate a single mattress for sun bathing, sitting, or even extra sleeping space, weather permitting. Three sliding-door units—one of wood for closing the house in winter, one of glass for cold and wet weather, and one of screening to keep out the insects—are used to close off the open ends of the living room from the two sun decks. Within living area there are two separate sleeping areas each containing two studio beds. These, along with the single bedroom, provide comfortable sleeping for six persons. The living room sleeping areas can be partitioned off from the rest of the space

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INTERIOR DECORATORS: FRANCES BAER AND PETER ROGCHIA, COLORBAC, INC.





Dr. Phillip A. Loomis of Colorado Springs is a physician who retired to become a specialist in homemade iris. He makes 'em by the thousands!

LORRAINE BURGESS

How would you like to make brand-new kinds of plants right in your own garden? You can, because plant breeding is as easy as it is fascinating.

In fact, thousands of gardeners become plant breeders every year. What's more, some of the finest flowers that are put on the market every season were originated in home gardens—the creations of specialists in homemade plants.

Home plant breeding is gaining popularity all the time. And since it's such a fascinating hobby, it satisfies both the artistically and the scientifically

Want to be a plant breeder? Then start with iris. They're easy to work with and the results are likely to give you quite a lift. Some day they may even equal the fine creations of Colorado's Dr. Loomis!

minded. With many people, indeed, it seems to be an inevitable development of their growing interest in gardening.

Best of all, plant breeding is a simple procedure. What it boils down to is just a matter of placing the pollen of one variety of iris (or gladiolus or dahlia or what have you) on the stigma of another variety of iris (or gladiolus or dahlia or what have you), and then raising plants from the seeds that develop from this "cross." And the only equipment you need for making such a cross is a pair of tweezers. What could be simpler than that?



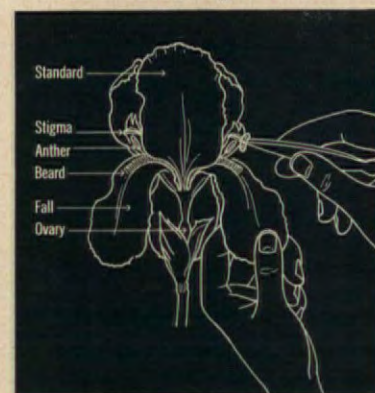
Most famous of the Loomis creations is Elmoir, here bearing the tag of a "cross" with another variety.



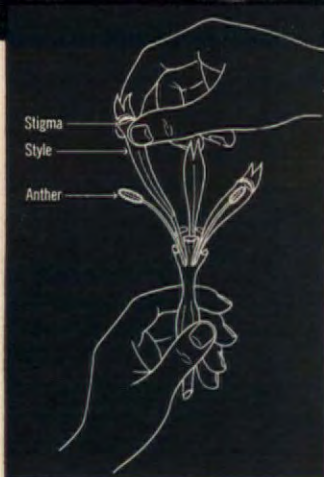
This new variety is notable for its good color, well-shaped and well-spaced blooms, many-branched stems.



To make a cross, rub the anther of one bloom on the stigma of another.



...Homemade IRIS



Dissect a flower—and read the story to know just what's what.

Subtle refinements of color, like the yellow-brown tones of Melodist, are one of the aims of skilled iris breeders. And who knows which swelling seedpod will produce the finest iris ever?

Of course, if you want to become a really successful plant breeder you've got to use choice parent plants when you make a cross, you've got to have the courage to discard all but the finest of the offspring, and you've got to have the patience to stay in the game long enough to know what you're doing and to know when you've got something that's really worth "introducing."

But even if you don't aspire to the fame of Luther Burbank you'll get a lot of enjoyment out of cross-pollinating the best plant varieties in your garden. And the odds are that if you stay with it a few seasons you'll come up with some new

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1 Use religious symbols, geometrics, florals. They are best for egg dyeing. Apply designs with a wax applicator: soft shim stock is rolled around small needle to form tiny tube. Attach tube at right angles to small stick of wood (handle). Dip tube in melted beeswax. Press open end of tube against egg to outline design (appears white).

2 Plan color scheme for designs you have drawn on eggs with wax, and decide background color (see step 4). Fill small containers (tiny glasses are used here) with regular dissolved Easter egg dye. Put dyes on design areas with wood applicators.

MAKE YOURS MORAVIAN

4 Fill tin can with dye you will use as background color for areas not covered with beeswax. Dark colors make best contrast. To make dark purple, dissolve an indelible pencil lead in water. Put egg carefully in cooled dye. Leave at least two hours. Place egg on wax-covered side, let dry.

5 From a wire coat hanger, make a holder to fit snugly around egg. Allow for a handle long enough to protect your fingers from heat. Put egg in holder and warm carefully over a spirit lamp, candle flame, or hot plate to soften wax for easy removal.

You'll need—

Fresh uncooked eggs—do not wash or rub, or you'll remove surface coating that holds colors evenly. Easter egg dyes. Containers for dissolved dyes. Wooden stick applicators, such as toothpicks. Beeswax. Spirit lamp, candle flame, or hot plate to melt beeswax. Wire coat hanger. Soft brass shim stock you can get at auto supply stores.

3 Let designs dry thoroughly, then cover colored areas carefully with melted beeswax. Use the foil tube applicator for this. The beeswax will protect the colored areas from receiving background color you'll apply next.



says **ANASTAZIE DEJNOZKA**



Mrs. Anastazie Dejnozka, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., shows prize Easter eggs. She learned the art in her native Moravia. Six of the eggs brought \$18,000 at a war bond rally.

6 Make a small opening at each end of egg with a sharp needle or hat pin. A quick jab will do the trick. Blow out contents so egg won't spoil. You may lacquer Easter eggs, or spray them with clear plastic, and they'll retain colors several years.



USE YOUR Antiques

MARY E. MONZE

Lovely antiques are treasures that deserve to be focal points in your decorating scheme. Arrange your antiques with thought and discrimination, and they will add definite charm to almost any room.

Below, the small entrance hallway in the home of Mrs. Marie Lewis of Stamford, Connecticut, impresses you immediately and pleasantly with its unique furnishings. And takes so little space to do it! Marbleized paper is a rich background for the handsome old carriage lamp and gilt-framed mirrors. The old apothecary chest and rush-bottomed chair are the major showpieces. Scales fitted with little dishes that hold low bouquets of colorful flowers complete this picture in a most artistic fashion.

Entrance (right) in the Chicago home of the Howard A. Levys also gives antiques deserved display. Mellow colors of small-patterned document print wallpaper are perfect with the antique furniture. Antique pine chairs flank a small pine chest. Hooked cotton rug is just right for this furniture. The impressive brass wall fount brimming with pretty flowers adds a very happy note.

Here's a dramatic way to display many treasured small pieces and assorted pictures. In his own home, Karl Humphrey, architect, has hung them above a rare and lovely antique cabinet. They complement the piece gracefully. And notice how beautifully the simple, sculptured Madonna fits into the decorative scheme, while the attractive hurricane lamps give contrast and bring much more importance to the entire grouping.





EFFECTIVELY

Looks like a bit of old New England, doesn't it? Well, the flavor is there, but this attractive corner is way out West in the home of the Lee Westons of San Francisco. (You may remember that their home was shown in our April 1954 issue.) White-painted board walls and pristine white cafe curtains are a perfectly natural background for the authentic old furniture. The brass candelabra and flower-filled glass dome make the small drop leaf table the star of the scene, and tie in well with the grouping on the wall.

THE END





Architecturally, the Curtises think of their home as "subtle Victorian."



The House



From black and white checkered tablecloth to the pecky cypress walls and shuttered cabinets, interior of the Curtis home reflects the good taste of its young owners.





For living room, the Curtises made clever hurricane lamps of bell jars.

This awkwardly-placed window looks attractive now. Curtises hid the radiator beneath it with dressing table. Window overlooks nearby bay.



JOHN LIPPERT



they had **FUN** with



*It was an old house,
pretty run-down, but the
Curtises liked the challenge*

When the Harry Curtises went house hunting two years ago, they were looking for a house they could have fun with. Bea and Harry Curtis are both professional decorators, and they felt that owning and furnishing a home would be the most challenging decorating job they had ever taken on.

Suburban developments were tempting. They offered large open-plan homes, play space for children, and convenience to New York City. But somehow, to the Curtises, the houses seemed too new, too perfectly complete. There was scarcely anything they could add to one of these homes, they felt, that would express their own personalities.

Then one day Bea and Harry were driving through Sea Cliff, New York. There they spotted a house they could have fun with. Sure, it was an old house and incredibly run-down. But the Curtises nodded in agreement over its potentialities. Large rooms, a garden, and the substantial construction of the 50-year-old house provided just the right background for their unusual decorating ideas.

The exterior needed little more than a fresh, vibrant coat of paint and a few minor repairs to the porch and roof. But inside the house an almost nightmarish do-it-yourself job confronted the Curtises. Rewiring, additional plumbing, and replastering left them shy of money, but certainly not shy of their original enthusiasm for the project. They salvaged a few pieces of furniture from their tiny New York City apartment and relied mostly on antique-shop "finds" to comfortably furnish their seven rooms. Now the Curtises are happy indeed. From the purple-gray exterior to the extensively remodeled interior, their house is "individualized." THE END

The quick way to dispose of a social problem without solving it is to blame it on the Industrial Revolution. Responsibility is then so watered-down that *personal* responsibility fades to the point of invisibility, and we can contentedly suffer without blaming ourselves. Naturally, we want material and spiritual security; unnaturally, we want it nicely wrapped and delivered direct from a factory, and guaranteed forever.

We're all involved; sculptors and architects, shoemakers and bakers; but don't go away mad—we're not choosing sides in preparation for a fight; we're trying to understand a common problem which will not solve itself.

The sculptor—the case of the architect is

basically the same—has tried to escape his responsibilities by juggling forms, in one way or another. On one hand there is the "self-expressionist" who cannot see that self-consciousness and self-expression are not the same—that, actually, one stifles the other.

On the other hand we have the worshiper of the familiar, and each hand is so preoccupied with its own brand of sterility that we "drop the baby," the deep human need for constructive exchange that is the vitalizing spark of every work of art whether it is a building, a statue, or a loaf of bread.

A few years ago one of the classes at the University was given a grade-school as a design problem. In criti-

JOSEPH BROWN

*Associate Professor of Sculpture
Princeton University, School of Architecture*



UNPREDICTABILITY—

The Jiggle-Ring, made of rope with a steel core, can be used simultaneously by adults and children without condescension on the part of either. Height, weight, and age are not advantages when "the joint starts jumping."



cizing the playgrounds that were submitted, I pointed out that they erred in two directions. One group took the traditional playground and painted candy-stripes on every pipe above ground, as if perfume could be used as a substitute for soap and water. The other extreme offered "free forms" imitating Swedish and other European developments that had recently been publicized, developments that had contributed, but in an extremely limited way, thanks to the self-conscious approach that perceives each little step as the entire journey.

I asked if anyone had given any thought to the meaning of the word "play." No one had. Generally, it was felt to be a good way of getting rid of the children for a while—safely.

The implications of dilettantism are as deadly serious in architecture and sculpture, or teaching generally, as they are in medicine, and in this case they aroused me to an active personal interest in tackling a problem that was being tickled by almost anybody with an idle finger.

Play is nature's way of preparing the child—or any



The Jiggle-Rail is made of spring-steel. Pressure on any part is transmitted in such a way as to demand adjustments that are simultaneously mental and physical. The leader in a game of Follow-the-Leader can feel responsibilities of leadership even if he can't see them.

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Margin for Inspiration

young animal—for the responsibilities of maturity, allowing him to discover his natural rights and his natural limitations, giving him the chance to find that these rights and limitations vary with the frame of reference, and inducing him to recognize that he is the same as other children as well as different from them, that individual interests and group interests are not necessarily antagonistic but that they are basically interdependent. If a supervisor is used as a substitute for good

design he becomes to the child what the lawyer and the policeman become, too often, to his father—a substitute for judgment and conscience. A good play design gives the child the chance to recognize the vitality of his surroundings, through experience learning to respect the complexity of each situation even though his personal aims may be simple; and this respect is neither unreasonable fear nor a thoughtless sense of security, but an acceptance of the fact that personal designs and social designs constantly shape and reshape each other. The margin for error is the margin for inspiration; there can be no real guarantee of success. It is a dynamic process that is directed by the individual, but collaborating with his environment. And that's not grim.

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The Swing-Ring is made of rubber, rope, and steel. It can rotate and swing, depending on the efforts of the individuals involved. With the proper respect for gravity, inertia, and his fellow man, a child can learn to keep the ring swinging and going around without aid of a pusher.



All-Purpose HOBBY TABLE

WILLIAM C. EYMANN

Start with hollow-core birch door that's 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ " by 28" by 80". Saw it lengthwise into two sections, one 12" wide, the other 16" wide. To repair cut edges on both panels, pry top plywood facing off both sections, and cut 2" off coring-strip ends. Fill this space on edge of each panel (view, far right) with wood strip. Reglue plywood facing.

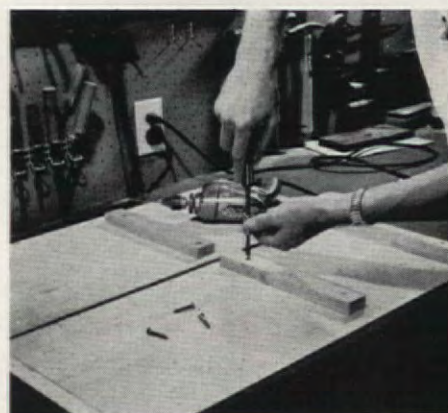


Loads of Concealed Storage...



...For a Sewing Center

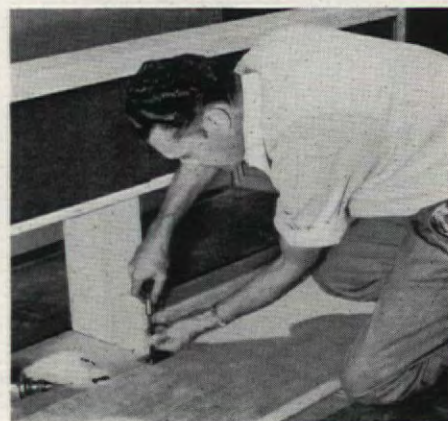
Next, cut two end panels of the unit out of $\frac{3}{4}$ " birch plywood. Make all cleats from $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick pine and glue and screw them into place. To fit flush against wall, notch backs of end panels to accommodate the baseboard.



Note plan for sizes of shelves, divider supports, kickboard, the hardboard doors, and so on. Assembly: screw the bottom shelf in place, matching shelf dadoes to dadoed upright strips on end panels. Fasten top on next.



After shelves, doors, and shelf divider-supports go in place, hinge the 16" drop leaf to 12" section of table top. Work with table inverted on a flat surface, and protect the top from marring with several layers of paper.



Provides Storage, Too

Build this king-sized table ... 80 inches long, 28 inches wide in action ... folds to 12 inches wide at rest ... and provides
OVER 16 CUBIC FEET OF STORAGE SPACE!

Ordinary tables for family room or rumpus room have two drawbacks: they take up too much floor space when they're not in use, and they provide no storage space for the things used on the table. The answer? This king-sized table that's a mere 12 inches wide at rest, and then zooms out to 28 inches wide for action. Lots of storage space, too ... more than 16 cubic feet of it.

When table's closed, it looks like a sleek, modern cabinet. But open it up and you've got work surface aplenty. Here's room for the kids to really spread out, whether they're playing games, coloring, or building models. Or for the family's seamstress, there's space enough to lay out a pattern, plus storage space for even the sewing machine. As a camera fan's headquarters, table allows lots of room to work on prints and negatives, and has ample safe storage space for equipment.

Best of all, the table's a simple do-it-yourself project.

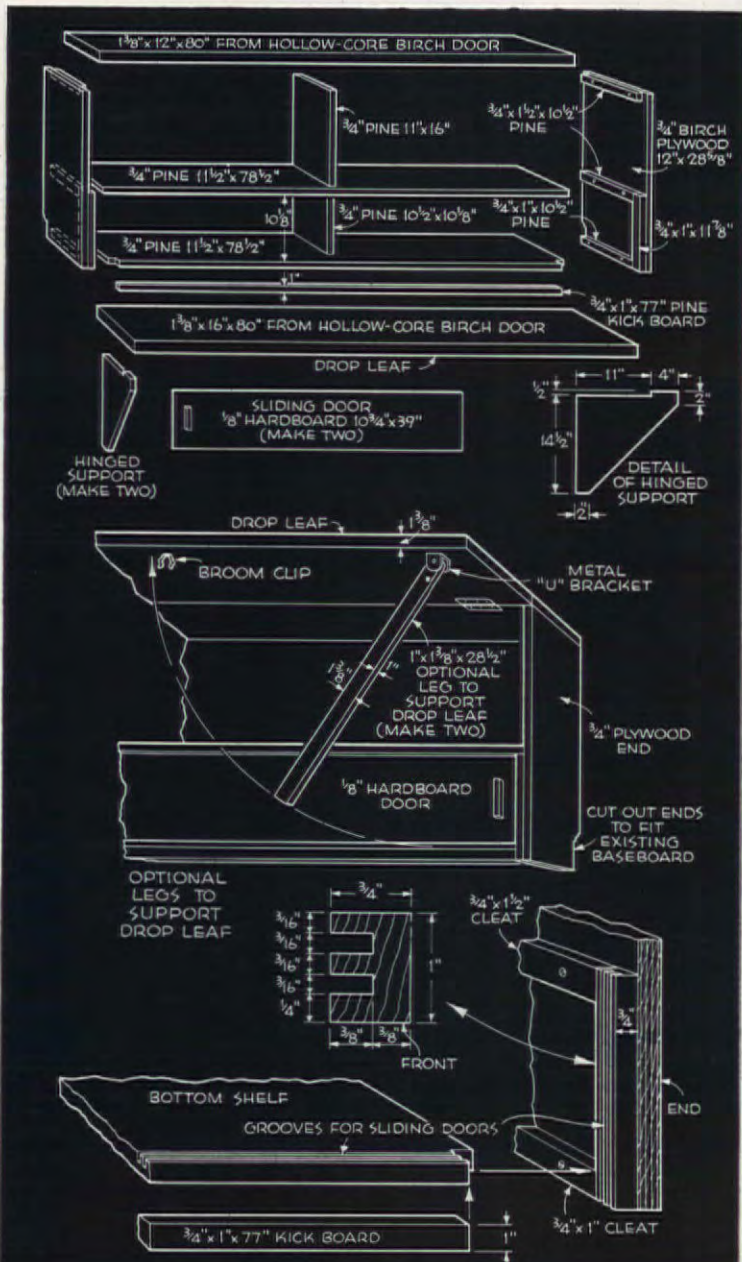
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... For a Work and Play Table



... For the Camera Enthusiast



The idea that a family prefers to do everything together should be exploded...

What's Wrong with Walls?

EVELYN BOWEN

Now that architects and home planners have been fostering the idea that comfortable and well-adjusted lives can be enjoyed most in the homes where there's a minimum number of walls—"open planning" they call it—I would like to make a rebuttal.

The idea that a family prefers to do everything together should be exploded. Interests, hobbies, and social life of parents and children are often quite different, as is natural with a generation of difference in ages. And it's practically impossible to maintain family harmony when most of the varying activities of each member must take place in the same open area. Whether the area is large or small makes little difference.

Last year we (my husband, two sons, and I) moved into an architect's dream. We have two bedrooms, a bath, and "living area."

The living area is one large room, divided into smaller areas by a sliding panel, a match-stick curtain,



Any untidiness, of course, is visible from afar.



Household noises reverberate to a crushing proportion.

and a fireplace-bookshelf arrangement that semi-partitions the living-room area from the kitchen-utility area.

The first indication that it wasn't as livable as I thought came when I started unpacking the pictures, paintings, and wall decorations. There were only two walls to hang all the pictures that normally hung in the living room, dining room, den, and kitchen. Sadly I packed away my plate collection, several paintings, and wall pieces.

Placing the furniture seemed simple at first. I naïvely had the movers place the pieces in the logical area. Since then I have constantly moved the furniture in an effort to make our living flow more freely from one area to another. Because of insufficient walls, many of the largest pieces of furniture stick out into the room.

Decorating was practically impossible. I have tried to ease the decor gradually from living room to kitchen, hoping that the dining area isn't completely lost in the transition.



We can't conceal hasty breakfast from early morning week-end caller.

On those rare occasions when my husband and the boys go out at the same time long enough for me to clean and restore order, the living area takes on an illusion of well-organized, planned living. But this is only temporary if we are going to *live* here. In between thorough cleanings, I have to content myself with hurried spot cleanings and a constant pick-up procedure in order to maintain passable tidiness. And, of course, the first little untidiness shows from afar.

On a recent and typical week end, unexpected callers found us in complete disorder. While dinner was simmering on the stove and the day's accumulation of laundry whirring in the automatic washer, I was knitting and watching television with my younger son. My older son was working on a model airplane on the dining table. My husband had books and papers

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Most family activities must take place in the same open area.

scattered about from a research problem he was working on. Even though we were happy to see our friends, it was practically impossible to convince them that they hadn't picked an inopportune time for their visit.

Now I *enjoy* friends and neighbors who drop in for a chat and cup of coffee, and I prefer to politely fib about their not interfering with my housework. But with the iron plugged in and the basket heaped high with laundry beside the ironing board, my attempts at polite hospitality are lost.

Small household noises reverberate to a crushing pro-



Friends think they've picked inopportune time to call.

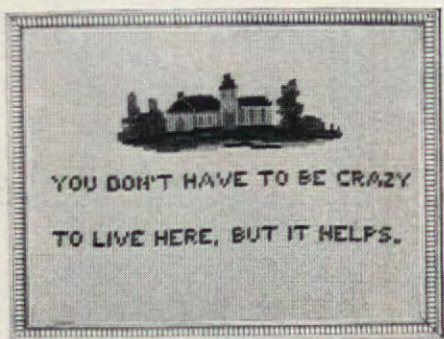
portion. More and more frequently I send the boys to play in their room. I limit their television viewing, for most of their favorite programs come just before the evening meal when my husband and I would like to chat together.

When dinner guests arrive, they get a full view of how things are progressing in the kitchen. Cooking odors drift through the entire living area and that spicy little treat is never a secret—neither is the burnt roast.

Women guests always feel compelled to help with the dishes. Otherwise the evening is spent in sight of the cluttered dining area.

And since our entry opens into the dining area, we can't conceal a hasty late breakfast from week-end callers.

I hesitate to make an appeal for the return of the old-fashioned parlor, but to my mind it certainly would be pleasant to have a retreat with full walls and a door to close for privacy once again. THE END



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Is this another of the type Evelyn Bowen considers impractical?

MARY E. MONZE

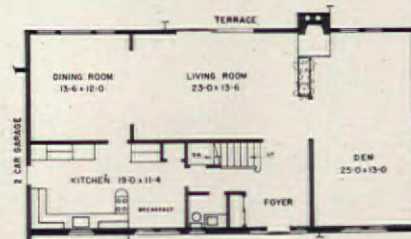
Yes, this is another example of open-area planning. Evelyn Bowen has just told you what she considers its disadvantages. Now let's take a look at its *advantages*. See how open planning allows a continuous sweep and restful spaciousness not possible with walled-in rooms. This is the first floor of a Country Estate house in Roslyn, N. Y. Included in the open span of more than 60 feet are den-recreation area, center living area, dining space.

The den (above), separated from the central area by a raised fireplace and brick planter, extends around and behind the foyer wall. The kitchen and breakfast room leave the living and entertaining areas free from all kitchen activities. View from den to central area is at top right, and view through central area to dining space is at right.

The house was decorated by Ellen Lehman McCluskey, A.I.D., and furnished by Gimbel Bros. of New York. Mrs. McCluskey has added to the feeling of spaciousness by painting all the walls a blue white—except for the walnut plywood paneled walls in the den area. Inexpensive cotton carpeting, dyed to order, gives luxurious flavor to the decorating scheme. Costly flowered print was used sparingly, but where it would show up best—on one chair, ottoman, and sofa pillows. At windows, where yardage was a large item, inexpensive fishnet hangs gracefully inside white draperies.

Comfortable seats face large window overlooking terrace and garden. Window slides open—another modern feature. Sturdy fabrics in various blues cover sofas and chairs. In the den, terra cotta adds an interesting third color and ties in with copper color of fireplace hood. Well-proportioned and useful tables complement chairs and sofas.

The dining table, with its glazed ceramic top, and wrought iron obelisks with shelves for art objects are unusual, pleasing additions to this livable area. THE END







What are you looking for in your ideal home: space, privacy, good design, and your money's worth? If so, why not step inside this house for a closer look. . . .

This medium-sized (1,675 square feet) one-story home offers privacy for each member of a family with three kids, and "feels" much bigger than it actually is. The architects at Techbuilt, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, have achieved all this in a house that's as good looking as it is practical. The secret ingredient? Open planning!

The house was thought of first as two distinct areas—the living area and the sleeping area, with the entry hall linking the two. Then rooms were sized and arranged to fit the family's needs as closely as possible.

But instead of splitting up the activity areas with fixed walls and doors that would give a closed-in, cubicle feeling, space was divided (and most thriftily used) by making storage units, book shelves, fireplace, planting area, and sliding doors work as room dividers. This arrangement maintains a great degree of privacy, and still creates the feeling that you're in a larger house because your eye isn't blocked by solid walls and small door openings.

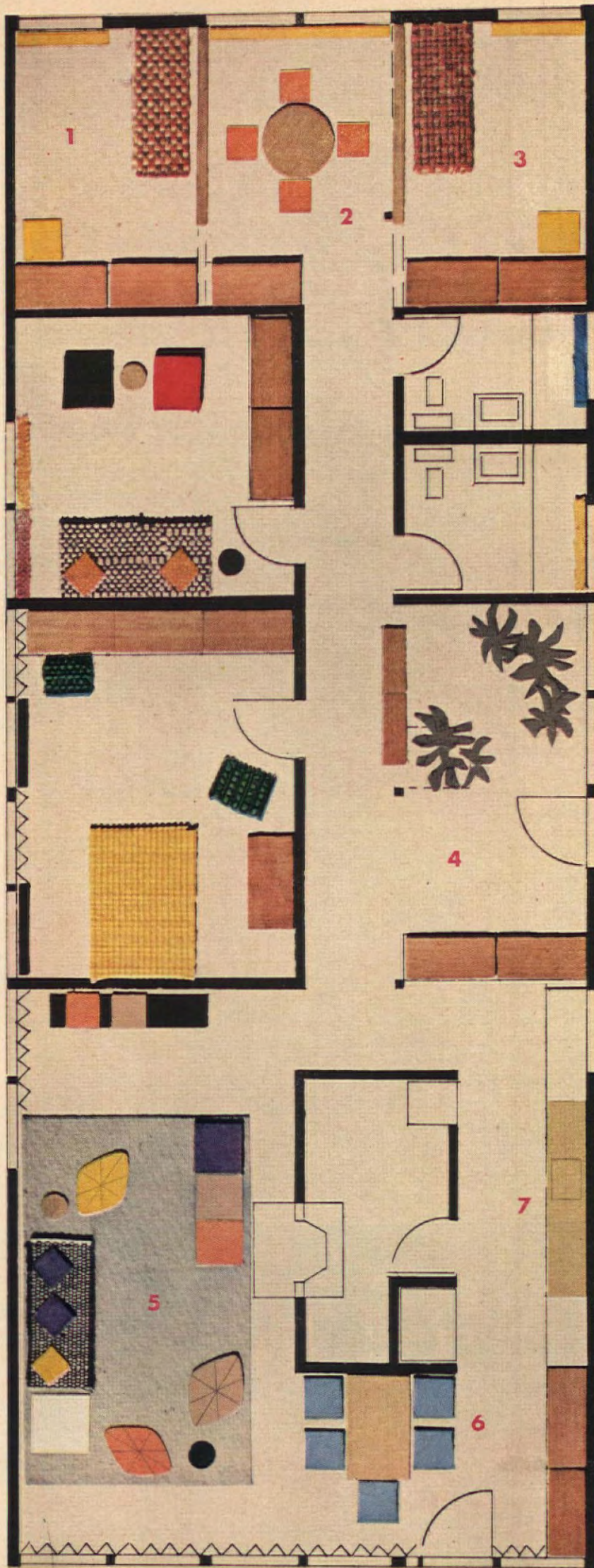
This open planning, in addition to making the house feel big, also makes it *act* big. In the children's bed and play area, for instance, doors slide open during the day to make one large playroom for the kids. By sliding these doors shut at night, each child gets his own private bedroom.

Even the construction method of this house contributes to the open-planning idea. Heavy posts in the exterior walls and strong roof beams support the roof, making it unnecessary for interior partitions to bear the weight of the roof. So the floor space can be as open or partitioned as you like. And movable partitions enable you to rearrange and change room sizes as your family grows larger or smaller.

*We present this outstanding home
as an example of open planning
that gives you . . .*

Good Privacy with Minimum Walls

JAMES W. BRETT



1-2-3 At night, sliding doors hung from ceiling divide kids' end of house, separating bedrooms (1 and 3 on floor plan) from playroom (2). In daytime, doors slide back to provide wide-open area for play. Each bedroom has clothes storage and desk. Playroom has storage cabinet for toys and games. Cabinetry, designed and made by Techbuilt, can be included in house mortgage loan. Shelf units, desks, wardrobes, and clothes chests are delivered ready-to-assemble. Because you can move them and add to them, they provide flexible storage where needed.

4 Entry hall is midway between living and sleeping areas. From this point, traffic can be diverted to all sections of the house so that no room is a thoroughfare for people entering and leaving the house. Interior planting garden at right of front door adds beauty and interest to entrance hall. Skylight lets sun in on plants, and lights entry.

5 The living area has no confining partitions or narrow door openings, but still is neatly divided into three sections by a wood-paneled central utility core that contains the furnace and water heater. The living-room fireplace is recessed in the wall of the utility room. Because living room is in corner of house, it isn't used as a traffic lane for people on their way to other rooms. Good planning features like this give you privacy in small space without the use of conventional walls.

6 Dining area, conveniently placed between living room and kitchen, means there's just a couple of steps from a meal prepared to a meal served. Utility core shields diners from unexpected guests at entrance door. Wall of glass between dining area and terrace provides sunlight and feeling of space in area that's really only 8' by 10'.

7 Kitchen on opposite side of utility core from living room is concentrated for efficiency, yet has plenty of counter space. Laundry is at end of counter toward entry. Refrigerator fits in recess in utility area. Note that door to heater room is on kitchen side. Door at end of kitchen opens onto terrace so that serving meals outdoors is quick and convenient. Living room (5), dining area (6), and kitchen (7) all give an impression of openness and freedom, yet each area is separate and distinct from each of the other areas. THE END

For best orientation on your particular lot, rooms can be arranged to face as photographs indicate, or reversed as the floor plan shows.



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For Brides...

MONOGRAM SHOWER OR WEDDING GIFTS

DOROTHY BRIGHTBILL

Time was when a bride-to-be embroidered all her trousseau linens with snowy, pristine white monograms. Or a member of her family or one of her best friends did it lovingly for her. But no one considered embroidering bridal gifts in delicate colors. Today's engaged girl, however, prefers a more colorful household trousseau. We poked our noses into all the places we could think of to find out what this year's prospective and new brides desire. And we noted color and pattern everywhere.

We've never been ones to tag along at the end of a trend. We want to get right up front with new patterns for shower and wedding gifts to enchant our brides-to-be. So we had Constance De Yoanna, a well-known designer in the decorating field, dream up these floral dell monograms for you.

Violets and daisies, bluebells and pinks, ferns, forget-me-nots, and morning-glories and many more delightful flower fantasies entwine these exquisite initials. They're offered in two sizes in Transfer Pattern 1632, which costs 50¢.

This pattern includes directions for the needlewoman who likes to do dainty embroidery.

You can't sew a stitch? Then try *painting* these initials. You'll find textile painting easy, effective, and very satisfactory if you follow the simple directions faithfully. The coloring and texture of special paint for fabrics is delicate and smooth, so none of frou-frou quality of blossoms is lost. THE END

1632



6 menu miracles — with Cream of Mushroom Soup!



1 PRIZE-WINNING SOUFFLÉ!

Melt 1 cup shredded process cheese in 1 can Mushroom Soup; add 6 beaten egg yolks. Fold in stiffly beaten whites. Bake in ungreased 2-qt. casserole, 300°F. for 1 hour. Serve quickly.



2 LUSCIOUS CREAMED EGGS!

Combine 1 can Mushroom Soup with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk and heat. Add 4 sliced, hard-cooked eggs and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped pimiento, if desired. Stir gently. Serve hot and creamy on toast.



3 MUSHROOM GRAVY MADE IN A MINUTE!

Try this with ham! Remove ham from pan; pour off extra drippings. Add 1 can Mushroom Soup to roasting pan... and a little milk or water. Heat, stirring frequently. Makes $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups.



4 HERE IS SPINACH YOU'LL LOVE!

Heat 1 can Mushroom Soup. Add 1 package frozen spinach. Cover; simmer about 15 minutes. Stir occasionally during cooking. It's a brand-new vegetable! 4 servings.



5 AMERICA'S FAVORITE TUNA CASSEROLE!

In a 1-qt. casserole stir together 1 can Mushroom Soup, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk, a 7-oz. can drained flaked tuna, 1 cup drained cooked peas, 1 cup crushed potato chips. Bake at 375°F. for 25 minutes.



6 SCOTCH CHOWDER—A HEARTY SOUP MATE!

Blend 1 can Mushroom Soup with $1\frac{1}{2}$ cans milk or water. Stir in 1 can Scotch Broth. Heat and ladle 4 generous servings. It's supper in a bowl... hot, nourishing, and, oh, so good!

Good cooks cook with *Campbell's Soup*



M'm! M'm! Good!

Try 'em **G**eorgia or **M**aine style...



Crusty-thin, golden-rich Southern biscuits are as traditional as "Dixie" itself. This recipe from Georgia calls for buttermilk for added flavor.

New England biscuits are the tall and handsome kind with fluffy-light insides. They love to drink up butter and maple syrup.



(BECAUSE
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ITSELF IS THE
FLOWER OF
THE WHEAT.)

● Let's exchange recipes! It's fun when they're as easy and tempting as these all-American biscuit ideas! And, for a flower of a biscuit with any recipe, depend on *all-purpose* Gold Medal Flour, for Gold Medal itself is the flower of the wheat. (That's where the word "flour" first came from.) Yes, the very finest part of the finest wheats only go into Gold Medal "Kitchen-tested" Flour to help you bake everything better. Why not choose a biscuit that's new to you and bake a flower of a treat for supper?

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"Flower of a Biscuit"

Biscuits

BASIC RECIPE

2 cups sifted GOLD MEDAL FLOUR

*3 tsp. baking powder

*1 tsp. salt

1/4 cup shortening

3/4 cup milk

• Heat oven to 450°. Sift dry ingredients together. Cut in shortening finely. Stir in milk. Round up on lightly floured board. Knead lightly. Roll or pat out about 1/2" thick. Cut. Place on ungreased baking sheet and bake 10 to 12 min., until golden. Makes 20.

*If you use GOLD MEDAL Self-rising Flour, omit baking powder and salt.

Southern Biscuits: Substitute buttermilk for regular milk in basic recipe. Use only 2 tsp. baking powder; add 1/4 tsp. soda, 2 tbsp. more shortening. Roll thin (1/4"), cut with small cutter.


New England Biscuits: Roll out 1/2" thick. Place biscuits close together on baking sheet for tender sides.

Corn Meal Biscuits: Substitute 1/2 cup corn meal for 1/2 cup flour in basic recipe. Roll out 1/2" thick. Cut diamonds with sharp knife.

"Pocketbook" Biscuits: Roll out 1/4" thick. Cut rounds, spread with butter, fold in half, press edges together.



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Take a Can of CORN


JUNE TOWNE

What's so special about a plain can of corn, you ask? Plenty! Canned corn is the basis for more delicious dishes than you can shake a stick at. There's CORN AND ASPARAGUS BAKE—a pretty special recipe. And you'll rate oh's and ah's when you serve CORN CHOWDER MODERNE or DEVILED CORN SKILLET MEAL. But the list of Take A Can of Corn recipes doesn't stop even there. Don't miss QUICK AND EASY CORN RELISH, OVEN-BUTTERED CORN FINGERS and EVER-PUFFED CORN SOUFFLÉ. They're all delectable and easy to make!

All of these recipes make the most out of that queer stuff that the Indians grew. They called it maize, surrounded it with legends, religious



QUICK AND EASY
CORN RELISH



OVEN-BUTTERED CORN FINGERS



CORN CHOWDER MODERNE

DEVILED CORN
SKILLET MEAL



ceremonies, and revered it as the grain of the gods. Those Indians knew a good thing when they tasted it.

Some people swear by creamed corn. Others insist on the kernel variety. I try to stay out of the fight, but find myself sliding off the fence every once in awhile to remark that *all* packs find favor in my kitchen. All the recipes given here also have franchise in my recipe file. I consider them all-year-'round privileges for the most finicky of appetites. Corn does deserve its good reputation. THE END



EVER-PUFFED
CORN SOUFFLÉ

APRIL FOOL

When they learn you've fooled 'em, they'll be

surprised . . . but pleasantly!

IT'S NOT WHAT THEY THINK because these are *not* hamburgers. But it is at least even money that after your family takes one look at these cakes in the frying pan on the range they'll ease themselves into their chairs and say "Mmmm! Hamburgers tonight." This recipe's a good April Fooler to remember as a year-round main course, too. When you don't have ground beef and want burgers, you start with a cup of cooked lentils and a cup of grapenuts, and end up with a HAMBURGER PARAPHRASE. And we can guarantee that nobody-but-nobody will be able to pass this dinner up.



IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK

but it is one of those wonderful tricks that farmwives—who didn't have fancy grocery stores around the corner to supply out-of-season foods—discovered years ago. When the sweet potatoes were "all," as they say in Pennsylvania Dutch country, the farmwife substituted. She reached down for the canned carrots, or she broke out another pumpkin from down in the cellar to replace the sweet potatoes. Nor was this switch unknown to the wife who had specific directions to supply the old man with pie for breakfast, dinner, and supper 365 days a year. Squash, pumpkin, or carrots could well save the day and become her SWEET POTATO TRAVESTY. Now I have a confession to make. If I were blindfolded and asked to make a decision on which was which, I would only be guessing. But I am not guessing when I say this is a mighty good casserole—one that I'd welcome being fooled by any time of year. I rate it tops.

JEANNIE WILLIS



IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK

That is, it's not what you think if you are expecting apple pie. But it is a **MOCKERY PIE** that will fool you even if you're one of those who swear their nostrils can detect any substitute for apple pie the minute it is brought to the table. We offer you a piece of pie—the Great American dessert—juicy, flakey, cut about 60° on the circle, and just drippy enough to look most hospitable. This pie is a “believe-it-or-not” in the recipe file, because the filling is made from a staple—salted crackers.

IT'S NOT WHAT THEY THINK

and I am surprised to find no end of good cooks who have never heard of substituting nuts for meat. This strikes me as a mighty good reason for mounting the house tops and shouting the recipe for **PSEUDO MEAT LOAF**. This nut and rice combination doesn't deserve April-Fool mockery.

And as long as it is April-Fool time, let me tell you about another fooler that our Edie Ramsay stumbled onto during a recent trip to Texas. It's a **BLACK BEAN PATE** that tastes for all the world like goose liver (but at black-bean prices). We don't show a picture of this one, but take it from me, this is a very special recipe for you if you hanker after fancy foods.

THE END



Family Food

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For details about table appointments, see “Where Credit Is Due,” page 163

THIS MONTH'S
CONVERSATION PIECE,
TORTE SENEGALESE

RECIPE ON PAGE 94

This delicious cake is basically a génoise, the filling crème pâtissière

Good Victuals

JEAN AUSTIN

When not only the makings but even the pan to bake it in comes off the grocer's shelf in one neat package, my asking you to make a cake "from scratch" might well be construed as asking superfluous effort. Unless, of course, the result be something very special indeed! Madam, I submit that my Torte Senegalese is something special. It can't be bought in a package and you won't find it in a bake shop. I give you my word, Madam, that here is a cake well worth the doing. Not only will you have something that is very special eating, but you will have served forth a definitely elegant conversation piece as well. Now there's a gratifying way to end a meal, *mais oui*? I should like to suggest that you build this basic recipe into a *spécialité de la maison*. Vary it to suit your whim, to suit the season. Use a chocolate crème for the filling, spread the top thick with apricot jam; substitute curaçao for the rum and arrange fresh orange slices before you spread on the egg whites; add ground almonds; use freshly grated coconut—there are infinite combinations to titillate the palate and keep this basic recipe a constant, ever-changing delight and surprise. And, as you become more and more adept at improvisation, the greater will be the fame of your *spécialité de la maison*.

Entire torte is covered with meringue and sprinkled heavily with coconut. Externally resembling a baked Alaska after its quick trip in and out of the oven, Torte Senegalese is an infinitely more subtle and delicious surprise dessert!

THE END

NEW! NEW! NEW!

For deep, dark and delicious desserts



BLACK CHERRY



BLACK RASPBERRY



GRAPE

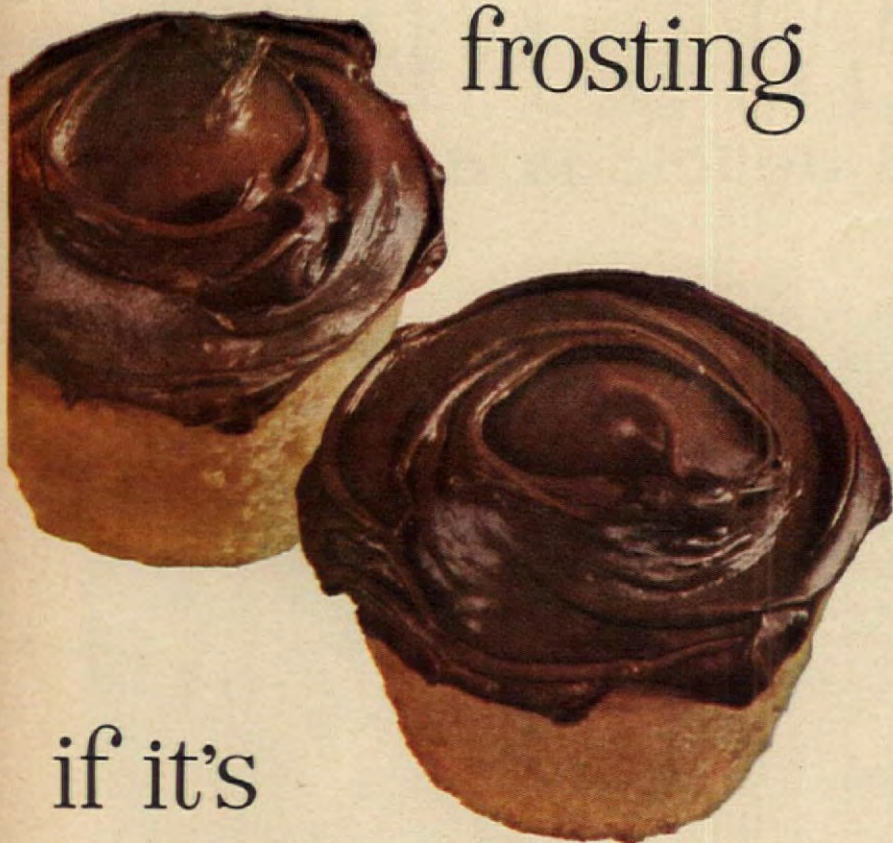
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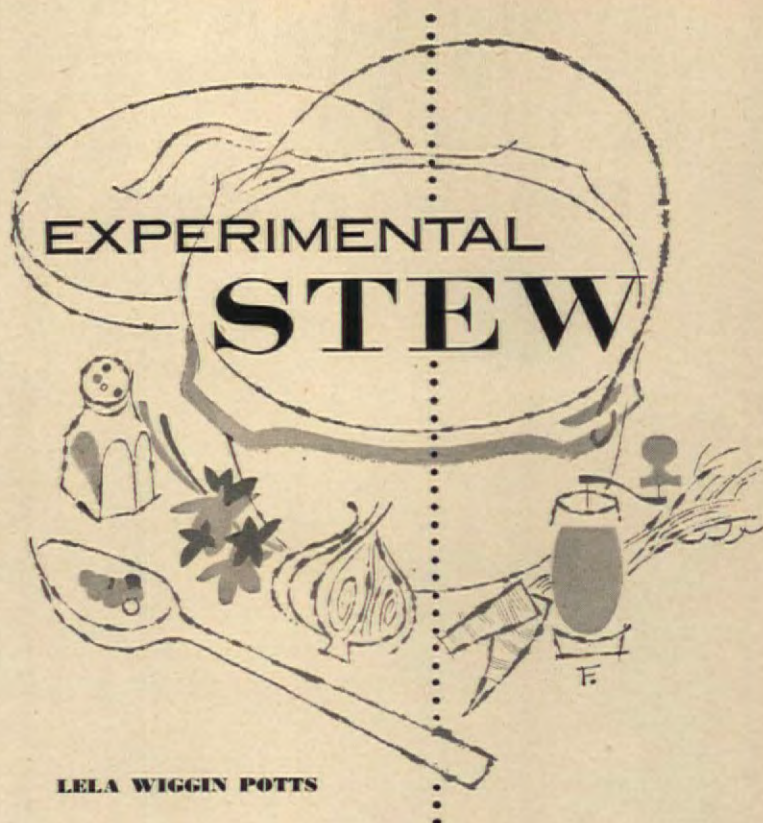


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LELA WIGGIN POTTS

A beggar, according to the old story, asked a housewife for food. When told she had none, he asked if she could make a "stone stew." Her curiosity aroused, she asked for the recipe, whereupon the beggar produced a smooth stone, washed it, and put it in a pot of water to boil. From time to time, he lifted the lid to peek in. Then he told the housewife that, if available, he always added a few carrots. She obliged. "I usually put in a hunk of meat," he furthered. "But of course, you don't *have* to." She brought the meat. The addition of potatoes was then suggested—and supplied. "Cabbage gives 'stone stew' a delicious flavor, but, of course, you don't have to add it," said the beggar. On and on went the requests, until the aromatic concoction was bubbling. When the beggar and the housewife sat down to partake of the food, she thanked him for teaching her how to make it. "All you need is a stone," she marveled, "and you can add vegetables and meat if you wish—but you don't have to!"

You need go to no such extremes as the beggar with his stone stew, but you can, with a bit of *experimentation*, come up with a stew that will win over the most difficult appetite. Every country has its own national stew, and the secret of success with them all is the blending of many flavors—and improvisation. And the reward they all bring is the economical use of tough cuts of meat and ordinary vegetables in a delicious dish.

The first secret of a good stew is to brown the meat before stewing. Following the proportions given in a good cook book or reliable recipe, sauté your stew meat in fat, turning each piece often. Browning fast, remember, prevents shrinkage and toughening of the meat. When the meat is golden brown, add a large onion, finely diced, and brown slightly. Then toss in a few tablespoons of sifted flour, and mix well. Next come the liquids—water, meat or vegetable stock, broth, tomato juice or tomato paste, or what have you! Then your seasonings and flavorings—salt, pepper, garlic, and whatever herbs you like best—at our house, chili powder sometimes makes a nice addition.

Experiment, too, with the vegetables you add to your stews. Diced carrots and potatoes, the standbys, can be varied or augmented by diced turnips, celery, or even a small can of peas.

But the experimentation doesn't stop with the cooking—no, ma'am! Serve the stew with biscuits, or fresh bread (the crusty kind), and sometimes even with crackers. An excellent variation is stew topped with dumplings: toward the end of the stewing period, mix the dough according to your favorite recipe, and drop it by the spoonful into stew, to boil (always keep the kettle tightly covered so dumplings don't fall).

THE END



Simple Salmon Supper with **STARLAC®**—the heart of milk

STARLAC SALMON LOAF

(Makes 4 to 6 servings)

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| 1-1 lb. can salmon (2 cups) or | 1/2 cup salmon liquid |
| 2 cups cooked flaked salmon | 3 tbs. Starlac powder |
| 2 cups soft bread crumbs | 2 tbs. minced parsley |
| 1 egg, well beaten | 2 tbs. minced onion |
| | 2 tbs. melted butter |
| | 2 tbs. lemon juice |
| | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| | Few grains cayenne pepper |

Drain salmon, reserving liquid. Remove skin from salmon, flake, add crumbs and egg. Measure salmon liquid; add water to make 1/2 cup. Add Starlac to liquid and mix; add to salmon mixture with remaining ingredients. Shape into loaf; place on buttered shallow baking pan. Bake in moderate oven 40 min. Let stand 5 minutes. If desired, serve with Mustard White Sauce.

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American Home Recipes

(Take a Can of Corn, pictured in color on page 78)

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• corn and asparagus bake



• quick and easy corn relish

Preparation time: 10 min.

- 1 12-oz. can kernel corn, drained
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup celery, chopped
- 2 tbs. onion, chopped
- 2 tbs. green pepper, chopped
- 1 tbs. pimiento, chopped

• Combine all ingredients and toss lightly.

Serves 6

90 cal. per serving

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• oven-buttered corn fingers



• ever-puffed corn soufflé

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 50 min.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup quick cooking tapioca
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
- $2\frac{2}{3}$ cups scalded milk
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 6 egg yolks, well beaten

- 1 #2 can cream-style corn
- $\frac{2}{3}$ tbs. grated onion
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup green pepper, chopped
- 1 cup ham, diced
- 6 egg whites, beaten stiff

• Add tapioca and salt to milk in a double boiler. Cook over boiling water for 5 min., stirring constantly. Add cheese and egg yolks, stirring until smooth and thickened. Add vegetables and ham. Remove from heat, fold in egg whites. Pour into greased baking dish. Bake in pan of hot water in a 350°F. oven for 45 minutes.

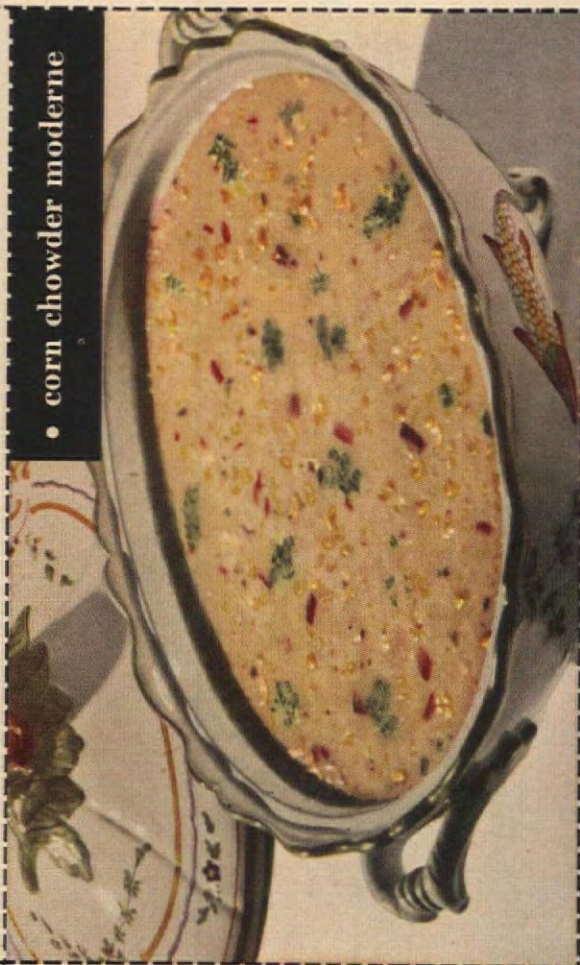
Serves 6

395 cal. per serving

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• corn chowder moderne



• deviled corn skillet meal

Preparation time: 5 min.
Cooking time: 30 min.

- 1 lb. chopped beef
- 2 tbs. prepared mustard
- 1 tsp. salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper

- 1 cup sliced onions
- 1 cup green pepper rings
- 3 tbs. butter or margarine
- 2 12-oz. cans whole kernel corn

• Combine beef, mustard, salt and pepper. Mix well; shape into balls. Sauté onions and green pepper rings in butter or margarine in large skillet. Add meat balls and brown, turning to brown evenly. Add corn. Cover; simmer for 15 minutes.

Serves 4

615 cal. per serving

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• oven-battered corn fingers

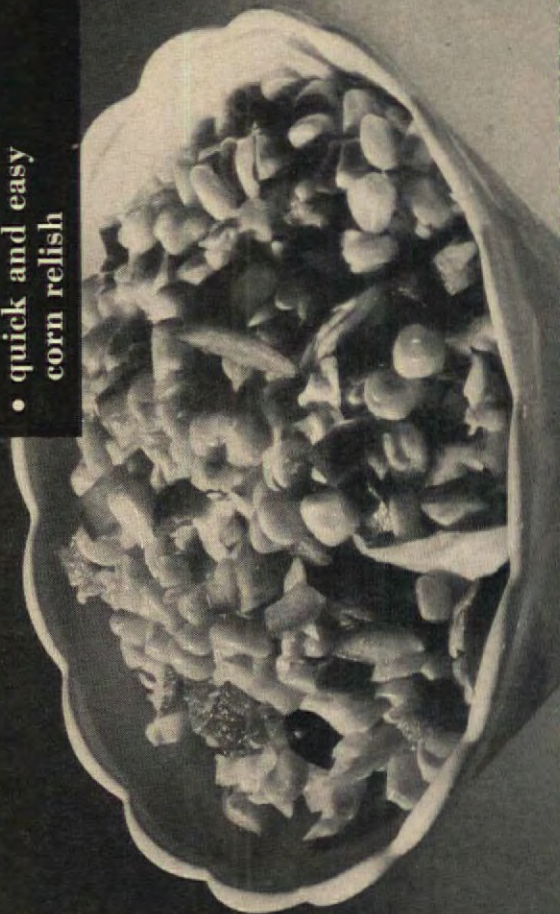
1/3 cup butter or margarine
2 1/4 cups flour, sifted
2 tbs. sugar
4 tsp. baking powder

• Melt butter or margarine in a 13" by 9" by 2" pan. Sift flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt into a bowl. Add milk and corn, stir until soft dough is formed. Turn out on a well-floured board; knead about 15 times. Roll out in a rectangle, 1/2" thick. Cut into 1" strips, roll in the melted butter or margarine, and arrange in the pan. Bake in 450°F. oven, 20-30 minutes.

Yields 24 fingers **80 cal. per finger** **Source of Vitamins A, B, C**
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Preparation time: 10 min.
Baking time: 30 min.

• quick and easy corn relish



• corn and asparagus bake

2 12-oz. cans kernel corn
2 tbs. butter or margarine
2 tbs. flour
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup vegetable liquid from corn
1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese

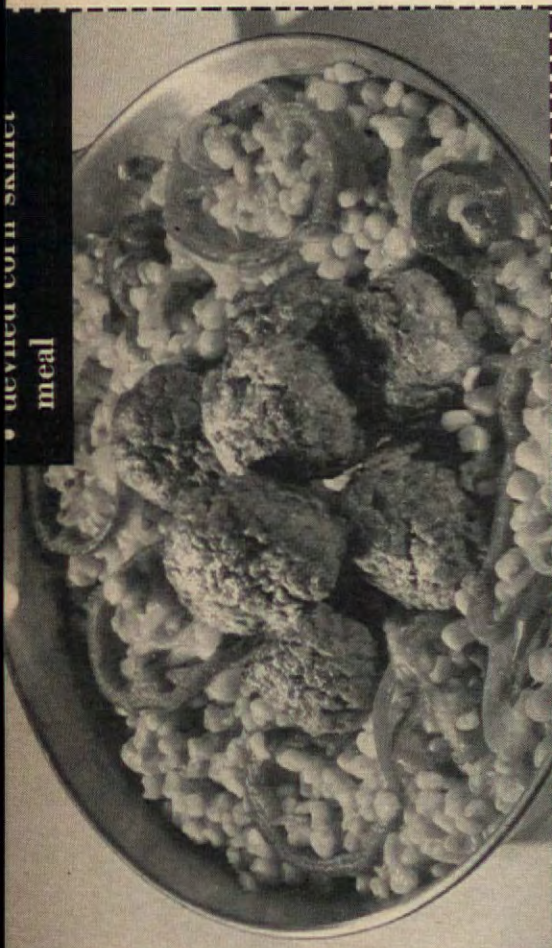
• Drain corn, reserving liquid. Melt butter or margarine; quickly stir in flour. When blended, gradually stir in milk and 1/2 cup of corn liquid. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Add cheese, egg, parsley and celery salt; stir until well blended and mixture thickens. Add almonds. Remove from heat. Layer corn, asparagus, and sauce in a baking dish. Bake in 350°F. oven for 20 minutes.

Serves 6 **215 cal. per serving** **Source of Vitamins A, B, C**
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Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 30 min.

1 egg, well beaten
1 tbs. minced parsley
1/4 tsp. celery salt
1/2 cup blanched almonds, slivered and toasted
1 pkg. frozen asparagus, parboiled

• meal



• corn chowder moderne

1/2 sm. onion, sliced
1/4 cup butter or margarine
2 cups milk
1 1/2 #2 cans cream-style corn
1 12-oz. can Mexican-style corn

Preparation time: 5 min.
Cooking time: 30 min.

3 7/2-oz. cans minced clams
2 tbs. lemon juice
1/4 tsp. thyme
1/4 tsp. oregano

• Brown onion in butter or margarine. Combine remaining ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes.

Serves 6-8 **275 cal. per serving** **Source of Vitamins A, B, C**
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• ever-puffed corn soufflé



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I TRIED YOUR RECIPE BUT IT DIDN'T WORK



• Come on, let's be honest! How many times have you said "I tried your recipe, but it didn't work"? Believe us, it isn't Lady Luck playing tricks. The culprits may be the small equipment in your kitchen. Teacups and dented measuring cups can cause errors bad enough to make a failure of almost any recipe. Table silver and bent measuring spoons are all right when you are measuring salt for the stew, but they aren't calibrated to give you a perfect cake or a perfect muffin time after time.



Rather than gamble with every recipe, supply yourself with good equipment. But be sure that the cups and spoons you buy are sturdy and accurate. Not all of them are! Look for the American Standards Association Seal to help you choose. Then try that recipe. See your "luck" change. **THE END**

Wonderful new flavor's here Celebration Salad



Fruit Cocktail's five ready-fixed fruits—in tangy, apple-flavored Jell-O*

It's so gay! And yes, it has that brilliant, refreshing flavor you want in salads! Fruit cocktail's delicious fruits are in it—cling peaches, pears, apples, cherries, pineapple. Sparkling and tasty shimmering apple Jell-O. Use them together in—Jell-O and fruit cocktail!

Easy Recipe. Simply follow package directions for making Jell-O, add a dash of salt, a tablespoon of lemon juice or vinegar. Chill until slightly thickened. Fold in well-drained fruit cocktail. Chill until firm. To serve, unmold and garnish with colorful fruit cocktail.

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FISH ALMONDINE

Sprinkle salt and pepper on 4 fresh or frozen fish or filets. Coat lightly with flour. Pan fry in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup hot Wesson Oil about 6 minutes, until browned on both sides. Remove fish to warm platter. Add

3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice to oil in pan. Heat and pour over fish. Brown $\frac{1}{4}$ cup slivered almonds lightly in pan. Sprinkle over fish; garnish with parsley and lemon wedges.

FRENCH FRIED SHRIMP WITH DEEP SEA DIP

2 lbs. cleaned fresh shrimp, raw or cooked, or 3 cans (5-ounce size) large Blue Plate or Gulf Kist Shrimp
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt

Rinse canned shrimp; dry. Sift flour and salt. Add egg white, milk, and fresh lemon juice; beat until smooth. Beat in Wesson Oil. Dip shrimp into batter, drain. Fry 2 to 3 minutes in Wesson Oil heated to 375°. Drain on

1 egg white
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons Wesson Oil
Wesson Oil for frying

absorbent paper. 6 servings.
DEEP SEA DIP: Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup ketchup, 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, 2 tablespoons Wesson Oil, 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon horseradish, dash Tabasco. Stir well before serving.



Economy News: When you buy delicate Wesson Oil in the thrifty gallon size it's almost like getting quart free.

American Home Recipes

(Family Food, pictured in color on page 80)
(Good Victuals, pictured in color on page 82)

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• hamburger paraphrase

Preparation time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 15 min.

- 1 cup lentils
- 1 cup grapeanuts
- 1 medium onion, grated
- 1 tsp. salt

- 1 tsp. ground sage
- 1 tbs. melted butter or margarine
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley

• Cook lentils as directed on the package. Drain and purée. Add rest of ingredients and blend well. Heat 3 tbs. shortening in frying pan. Place "hamburger" mixture by tablespoonsful into pan, flatten into patties, fry until brown.

Serves: 4-6 240 cal. per serving Source of Vitamins A, B, C
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• torte senegalese



• mockery pie

Preparation time: 25-30 min.
Baking time: 30 min.

- 1 9-inch double pie crust or prepared pie crust mix
- 2 1/2 dozen saltines
- 1 3/4 cups water
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 3/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 tbs. lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp. grated lemon rind
- Butter

• Line a 9" pie pan with crust, break saltines into bottom of crust. Mix the other ingredients and pour over crackers. Dot with butter. Cover with top crust. Cut several 1" slits in top crust. Bake in moderate oven (425°F.) for 30 min.
Remarks: Freezes well. MUST be served hot.

Serves 6 550 cal. per serving Source of Vitamins A, B
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

SUBMITTED BY MRS. AGNES BARTRUFF

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• sweet potato travesty



• pseudo meat loaf

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: 30 min.

- 1 medium onion
- 3 tbs. drippings or fat
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 3/4 tsp. monosodium glutamate
- 3/4 tsp. poultry seasoning
- 1/8 tsp. thyme
- 1 1/2 cups bouillon
- 4 1/2 cups cooked rice
- 2 cups chopped walnuts
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 10 3/4-oz. can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 6-oz. can sliced mushrooms
- 1 4-oz. can pimiento, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped

• Sauté onions in fat until tender. Gradually stir in flour, seasonings, and bouillon. Simmer until thickened, stirring occasionally. Combine remaining ingredients and add sauce. Pour into loaf pan lined with waxed paper. Bake for 30 min. at 375°F.

Serves: 6-8 540 cal. per serving Source of Vitamins A, B, C
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• black bean pâté



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• black bean pâté

1 lb. cream cheese
1 10½ oz. can black bean soup
¼ tsp. ground thyme
⅞ tsp. chili powder

Preparation time: 5 min.

¼ tsp. onion powder
1 tsp. salt
2 tbs. Worcestershire sauce

• Combine all ingredients and blend. For best results use electric mixer. Spread can be frozen. If spread should curdle when thawed, beat in mixer and it will return to its original consistency.

Yield: about 2½ cups **2177 cal. per yield** **Source of Vitamins A, B**

RECIPE BY EDITH RAMSAY

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• pseudo meat loaf



• sweet potato travesty

½ lb. marshmallows
1 1-lb. can dried lima beans, puréed
1 #2½ can (3½ cups) mashed pumpkin, squash, or carrots
½ cup brown sugar
¼ tsp. salt

Preparation time: 10 min.
Baking time: 15 min.

⅛ tsp. pumpkin pie spice
½ tsp. orange rind
½ tsp. lemon rind
1 tbs. orange juice
1 tbs. lemon juice

• Cut three fourths of the marshmallows in quarters. Combine with other ingredients (except rest of marshmallows) in a casserole. Top with remaining marshmallows. Bake at 375°F for 15 min.

Serves 6-8 **245 cal. per serving** **Source of Vitamins A, B, C**
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• mockery pie



• torte senegalese

• In a warm mixing bowl beat at high speed 6 eggs (room temperature) and 1 cup superfine granulated sugar for 35 min. (or until mixture holds its shape). Gently fold in 1 cup sifted cake flour and ¼ cup melted butter that has been cooled to lukewarm, alternating flour and butter in small amounts. Add 1 tsp. almond extract and ⅓ cup grated coconut. Divide batter in 2 greased and lined 9" cake pans. Bake at 350°F. for 35-40 min. Turn out on cooling rack and remove paper.

FILLING

• Heat to boiling point 1½ cups milk. In top of double boiler, combine and beat thoroughly 4 egg yolks, ⅓ cup flour, ½ cup sugar, 1 tbs. cornstarch, and ½ cup cold milk. Gradually stir in hot milk and cook, stirring rapidly until it is thickened. While still hot, but off flame, add ½ cup grated coconut, 2 tbs. butter, and 2 tbs. dark rum. When cool, spread first layer and top or, if desired, top with jam or fruit.

Meringue: Beat 4 egg whites with a pinch of salt until stiff. Gradually beat in ½ cup sugar and ½ tsp. almond extract. Cover entire torte with meringue and sprinkle with coconut. Bake for 3-4 min. in 400° oven.

RECIPE BY JEAN AUSTIN

• hamburger paraphrase



NEW CAKE MIX FROM Pillsbury!

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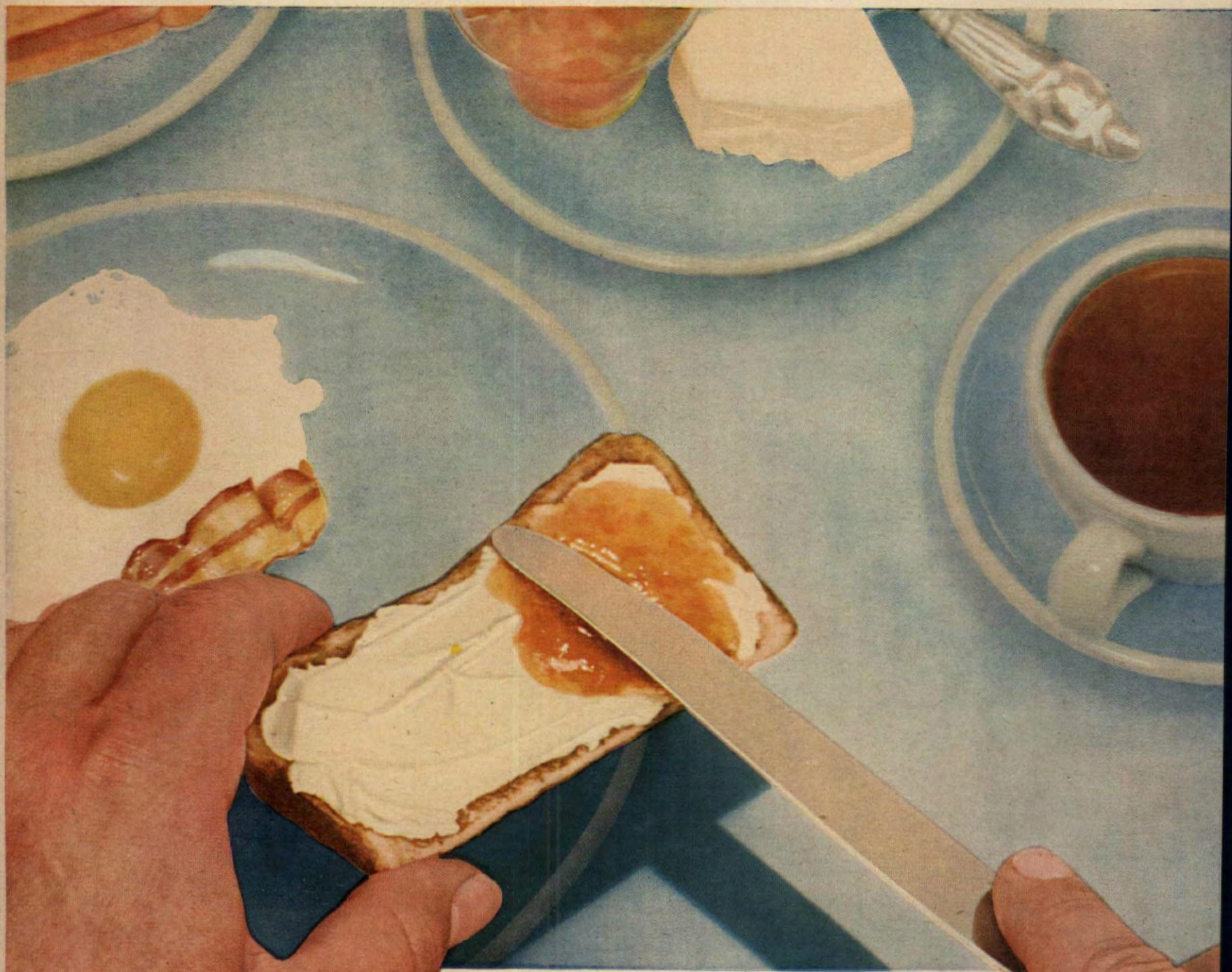
merely add milk to the new Pillsbury Caramel Cake Mix. Even the country-fresh eggs are blended right into this mix. If you want to create something really special for the folks, try it this weekend. From Pillsbury, of course.



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*In contrast to the all-too-familiar
parades of protestation on the first of May,
Rhode Island greets this joyous day
with its traditional, state-wide . . .*



MAY-DAY BREAKFAST

Rev. Charles R. Andrews, Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church pastor, talks with a four-generation family at the breakfast.



Who ever called it "poor little" Rhode Island? No one who ever attended one of their May-Day breakfasts! Number 89 is coming up, with a feast of ham 'n eggs, johnnycakes, sausages, jams, rolls, fruit juices, milk, coffee, and their traditional breakfast favorite—homemade pie. Our Edie Ramsay attended last year and reports the breakfasts are tops for food and fun.

The May-Day breakfast started at Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church in Cranston in 1867 and was so popular it's been repeated every year. Now it has become a state-wide tradition, helping charities, too.

You too can take a leaf from this successful festival. Start a big May-Day fund-raiser breakfast in your town, or try making May-Day breakfast in your *home* really special—complete with pie, and May baskets. THE END



Sandra Nickerson, serving food since 5:30 a.m., stops to enjoy homemade pie.



Pitching in to wash Oak Lawn May-Day breakfast dishes are (left to right) Wesley H. Bates, Arthur F. Bowen, Russell Henry, and Roger Leathers.



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"Better hurry to get yours—
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VIRGINIA SCHROEDER

LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT!

It still runs true in cooking as well as romance that the little things mean a lot. Even a simple cake or crumb-crust pie can be something extra special with just such a little addition as Brazil nuts. We decorated a plain cake with nuts, for example, and now it's picture-pretty proof that the little things *do* mean a lot.



Crumb and Brazil nut pie
crust, with custard filling,
is too luscious to miss.
Use finely chopped nuts.



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shells easily. Slice
immediately before
kernels become crisp.



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white potatoes, tender carrots, it adds up to a magnificent 1½ lbs.!

*For best results, bake biscuits on *pre-heated* stew . . . 15 min., at 450°.

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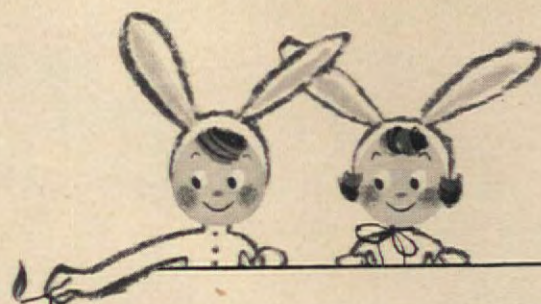
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EVER MAKE A CANDLE BLOOM?

PHYLLIS BRAUNLICH

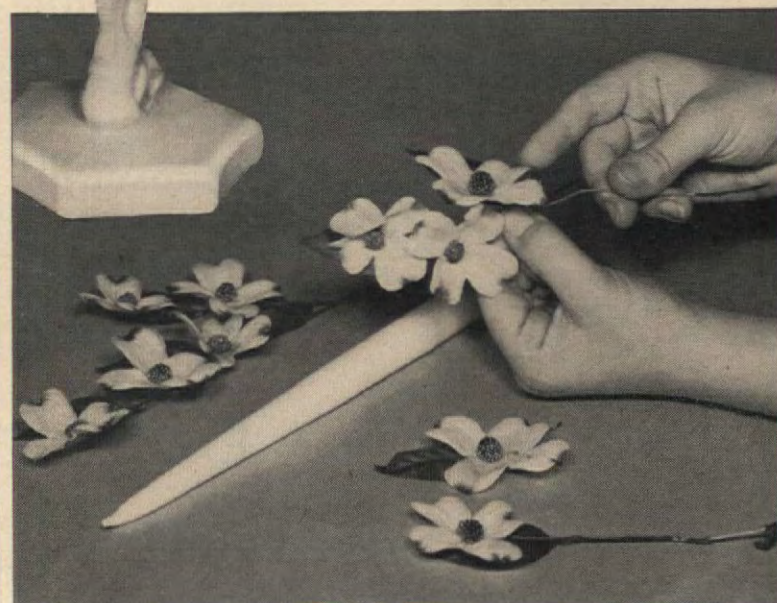
Blooming candles—what a pretty way
to say Happy Easter! And these
candles are one of the most delight-
ful accessories you could find for a
wedding table or a bridal shower. As
a matter of fact, a set of them would
be a lovely gift for the bride's home.

Candles like these are fabulously ex-
pensive to buy, but you can copy them
for pennies! Best of all, they are easy to
do and require very little time, consid-
ering the results you get.

For an added bit of fun, you can
decorate candles to match your best
china, a floral centerpiece, or your fa-
vorite tablecloth. There are endless ways
to use this wonderful do-it-yourself
idea.

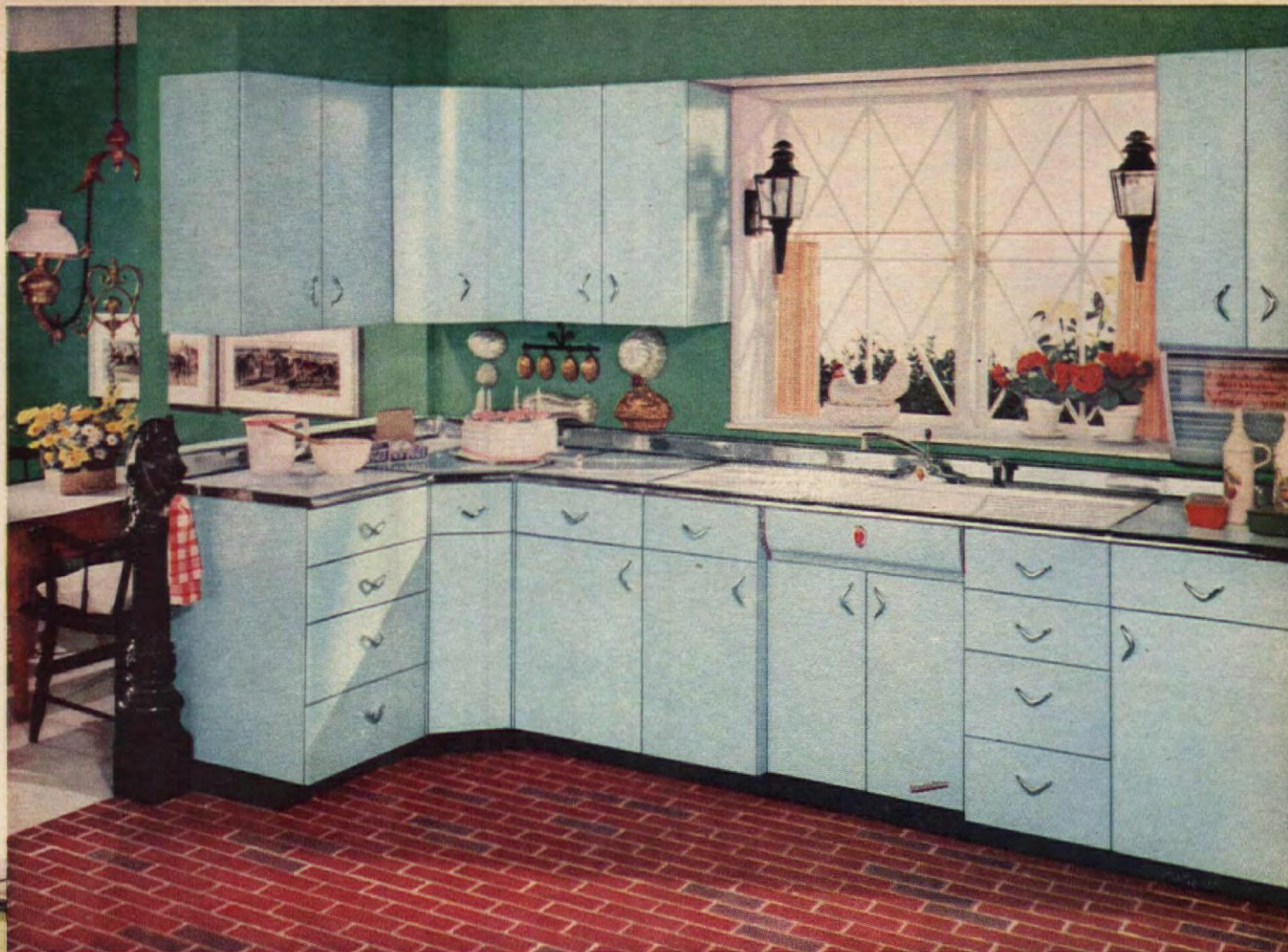
What supplies do you need to make
candles bloom? Just ordinary dime-store
candles, pretty artificial flowers, some
wax, straight pins, and thin florists' wire.
And see what fun you'll have!

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1. Separate flowers and leaves from wire stems; wire a leaf
to each flower. Chain closely together, starting at top. Wind
stems together as you work down. "Try 'em on" candles. Mean-
time melt white candles or paraffin in deep tin can on low heat.

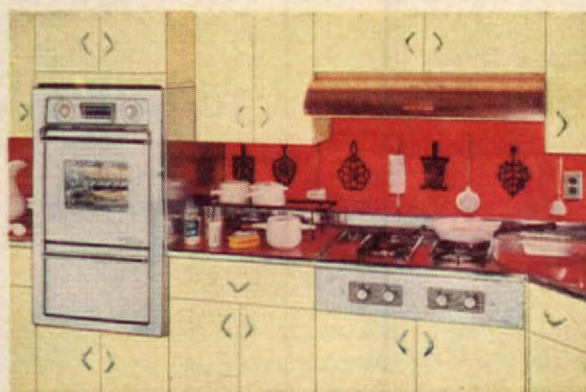
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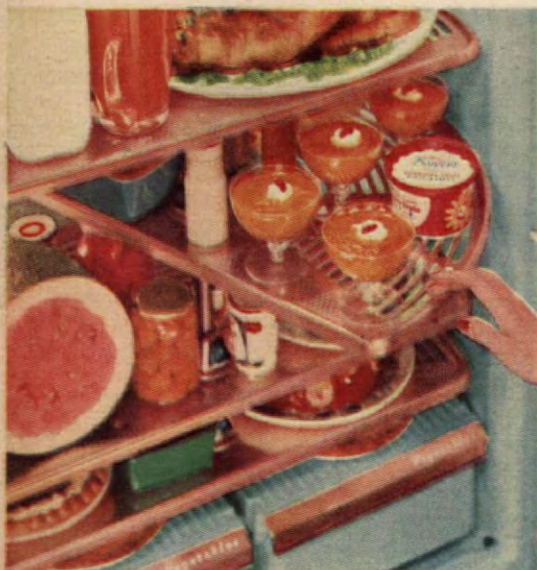
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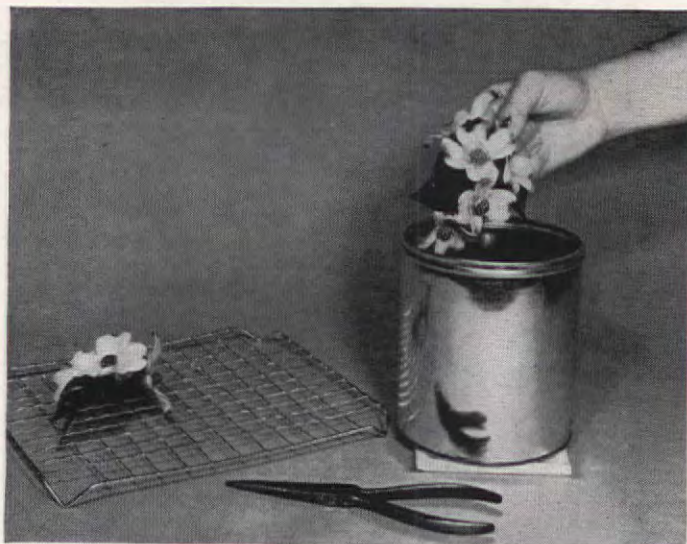
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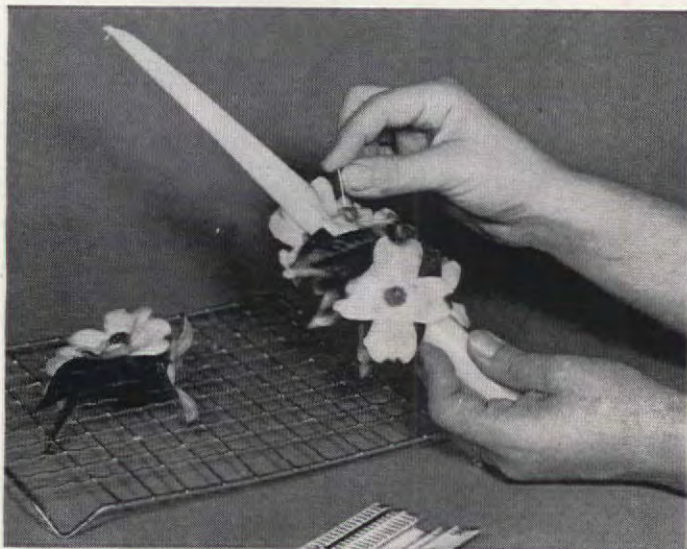
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Candle Bloom?

(Begins on page 100)



2. Place coffee tin on newspaper; have cake rack at hand. Hold flowers by stem and dip quickly in and out of wax for thin, even coating. Hold flowers over paper until they stop dripping. Set on rack to cool. Repeat the process two times.



3. After third dipping, while flowers are still warm and soft, fasten them to the candle with straight pins. Put the flowers high enough on the candle to allow room at bottom. Remember, you will have to insert the candle in a candle holder.



4. Reheat the wax so you can use it to cover the head of each pin you used to secure flowers in place. Pins will be hidden—will, in fact, be invisible—if they are waxed like the flowers were. Use a piece of wire to drip wax onto pin heads. THE END

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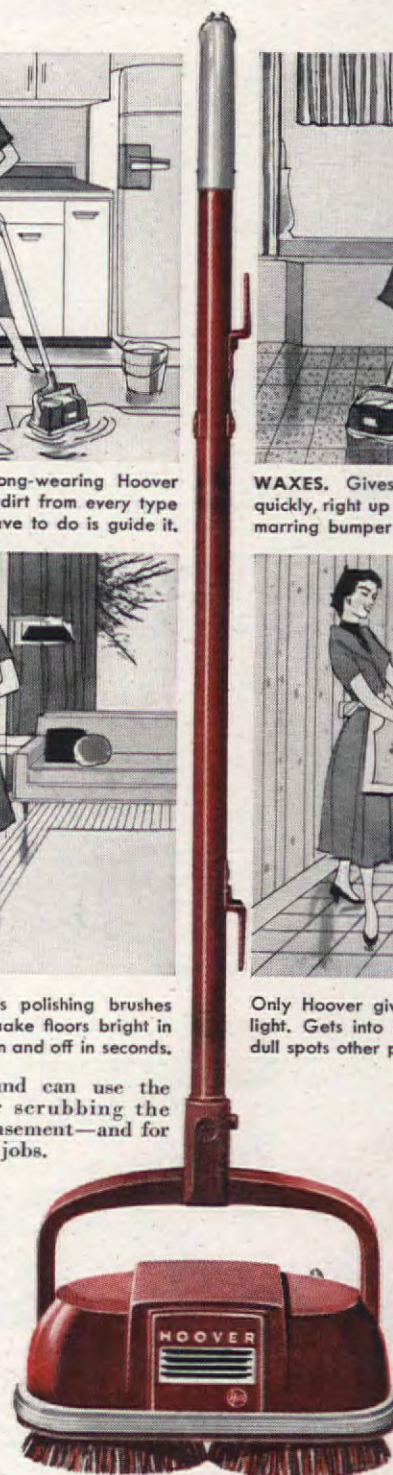


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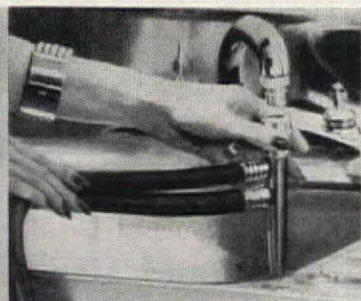


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At the half-century mark, many a house shows its age badly . . . but not this one. It was snapped up by new owners because it's . . .

50 YEARS OLD AND STILL MODERN

ETHEL McCALL HEAD

Back at the turn of the century, this startling house was built in Eagle Rock, California. And through the years, its features remained just as they'd been built originally. Yet when Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Schmitz ran across it recently while house hunting, they discovered that it's a first cousin of many homes being built today that are considered modern. Why? Because this house was decades ahead of its time, proving that certain builders and architects of 50 years ago already had many ideas for comfortable living that some "Moderns" smugly claim as their own.

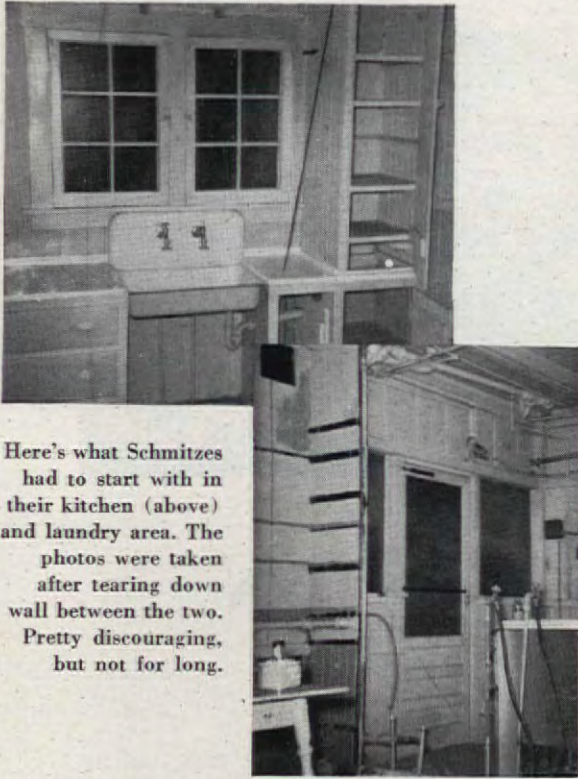
Exactly what's so modern about this old house? Well, it has a simple roof with wide overhangs that shade windows in summer, but let in low-angle winter sun. Long glass areas give house a horizontal look and bring outdoors in. Second floor guest-sewing room has a 14-foot bank of windows . . . the master bedroom has a 10-foot bank. A continuous strip 12 feet long graces the dining room, and there's a 9-foot strip behind the living room couch. Built-ins? Nearly every room in the house has spacious ones.

And the rooms themselves are so large that the Schmitzes in their new-old house have more floor space than they could possibly have gotten for anywhere near the same price in a new house. Downstairs are the living room, dining room, bedroom, and bath—plus the handsome new kitchen that replaces the original kitchen setup which was the only major

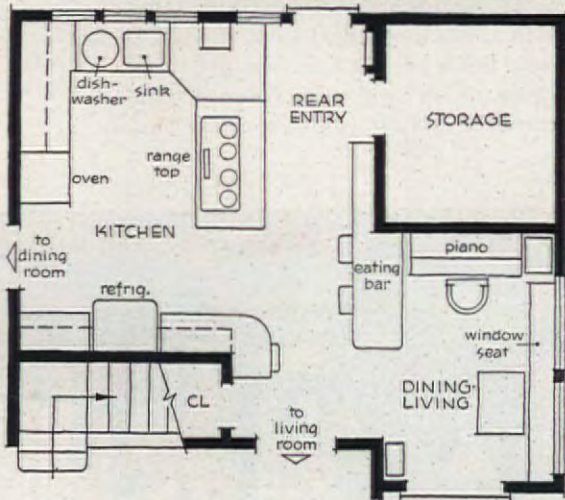
flaw the house had. Upstairs: three bedrooms, bath, and the guest-sewing room. The entire house was built of redwood.

View directly below shows living-room bank of windows, and glass wall in entry way. Below left, the large dining-room windows give sun, air, and view. Below right, wide redwood boards and battens of living room and hall are in contemporary mode.





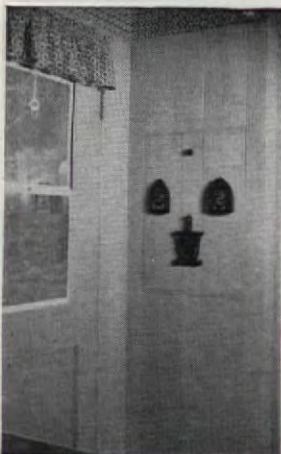
Here's what Schmitzes had to start with in their kitchen (above) and laundry area. The photos were taken after tearing down wall between the two. Pretty discouraging, but not for long.



A Kitchen Gets In Tune

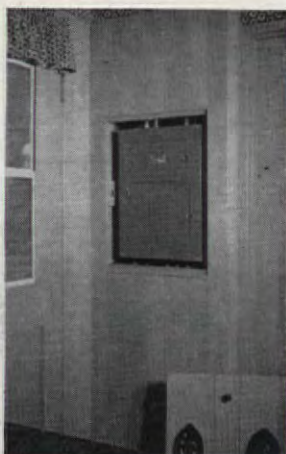
(For rest of Schmitz house, see preceding page)

EDITH RAMSAY



Clever panel of ash hides fuse box, forms background for displaying trivets.

A must in every home, the fuse box is often eyesore. But this one isn't.



When the E. J. Schmitzes bought their 50-year-old house, it looked quite modern—all but the kitchen area. Three cramped, tired rooms (pantry, laundry, and kitchen) were flunking the job that one good kitchen could do. The solution? Throw these three rooms into one, making a charming modern kitchen with breakfast-playroom adjoining. Could have been budget-bustingly expensive, of course, except that Mr. and Mrs. Schmitz decided they'd do most of the work themselves.

Making a big room out of little ones was mostly a question of removing old partitions and lining the remaining walls with handsome ash. Mr. Schmitz, with a little help now and then from a carpenter, handled this phase of the remodeling. And who do you suppose carried off the painting and wood-finishing honors? Mrs. Schmitz!

Center of activities is the sink in U-shaped work area. Just a step or two to oven and surface-cooking units, and plenty of work surface between. Close by are mixing and clean-up centers. Groceries carried through back room are dropped off at refrigerator. Breakfast-playroom, set apart only by dining bar, blends into over-all scheme. And what a spot for a piano, and all the playing and singing that goes with it!

Custom-built cabinets of wide ash boards with black hinges add not only to efficiency but *fun* of living here. Neat and functional pull-out cutting board helps provide lower work surface for sit-down work. The wine-red of linoleum counter top is repeated in paper on walls and ceiling. All in all, a melody in remodeling. THE END



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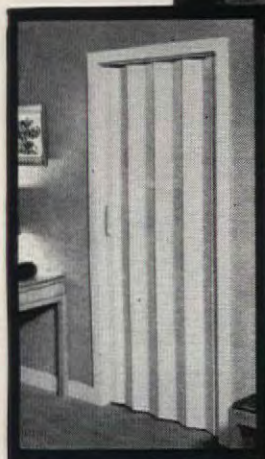
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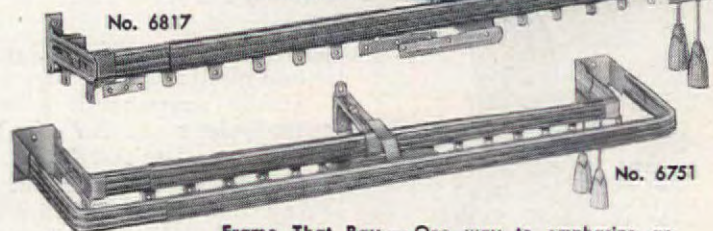
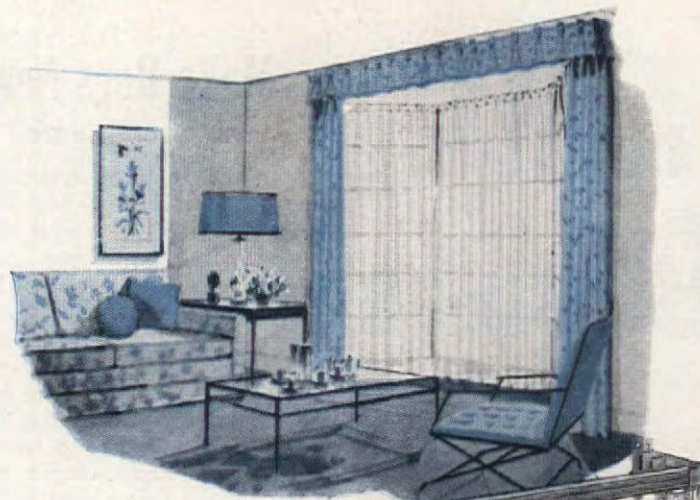
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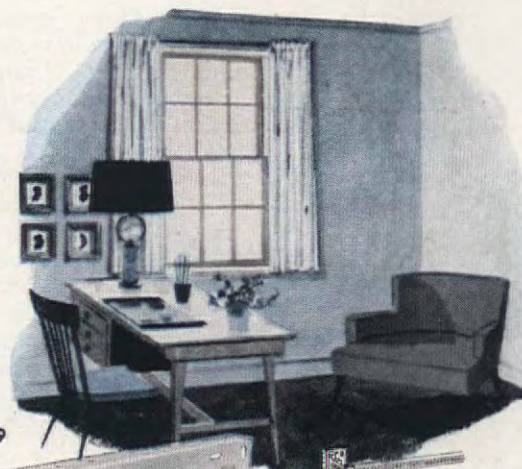
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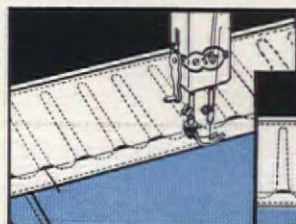
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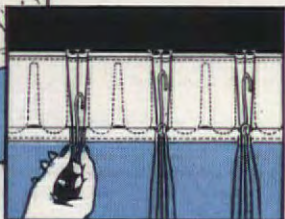


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Make Rugs New

(Begins on page 108)

to a plant to have experts clean them thoroughly, or have experts bring their supplies to your home to clean your rugs. Or you can buy dry or foam rug cleaners and do a satisfactory job yourself. (There are liquid carpet cleaners that remove soil from all kinds of carpets and at same time give a silicone coating to keep dirt from adhering to the surface.) Just be sure to investigate what you buy. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

Here are some "do's and don'ts" to help you: (1) Run vacuum cleaner diagonally across small throw rug and off edge so suction doesn't lift or roll rug. Don't shake or snap rug—it breaks yarns in backing. (2) Face rugs in different directions once or twice a year to distribute wear more evenly. (3) Clip protruding tufts from rugs with shears. Don't pull them out. (4) Clean shoe soles before you go indoors... don't track salt, ashes, soil onto rugs. (5) Don't ever beat your rugs. (6) Lift, don't drag, furniture to move it, or you may damage rug fibers. (7) Have worn rug edges rebound—attempts to trim them mean more unraveling. (8) Always use a carpet cushion to smooth out floor irregularities and absorb shock and wear. (9) Move heavy furniture occasionally to prevent permanent indentations in rugs. (10) Don't hang rugs over a line. It strains fibers and may break them. (11) Air conditioners and humidifying devices help overcome dry air that is hard on rugs! (12) Use non-skid paint or pads under scatter rugs so they won't slide and make people fall. (13) If you vacuum part of a rug and find that area darker or lighter than rest of rug, it is shadowed because you have pushed natural shade of rug pile in opposite direction. Shadow's less apparent on plain rug if slant is pointed away from light. Colors and patterns look stronger and darker if slant points toward light.

FIRST AID FOR RUGS AND CARPETS

The following emergency methods use common household products to make periodic big rug-cleaning jobs easier.

Always protect your hands with rubber gloves. Then use clean, white, unstarched cloth, white absorbent tissue, or white paper towels to absorb as much of the spill as you can. If possible, put an old towel or white cloth under the stained area.

Next, always start at outer edge of stain and gradually work toward center with a rotary motion. Don't brush. Stain will respond, if at all, to gentle rubbing. When you can, apply recommended spot remover to stain with a medicine dropper.

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FORMULA ONE

Put 1 tsp of neutral, non-alkaline mild synthetic detergent (one safe for fine fabrics) in a jar. Add ½ pint of lukewarm water; stir. Use as directed above, then blot up remaining moisture with damp cloths, sponging in direction of pile slant. Dampen a clean cloth in clean, lukewarm water and sponge area again several times. Blot again with damp cloths.

FORMULA TWO

Mix 1 tsp. of white vinegar and 3 tsp. of lukewarm water in a glass. Apply as directed above, but let solution remain on stain for about 15 minutes. Blot up, sponge, and blot again as in Formula One.

CAUTION: Several of treatments below call for sponging or spraying application of non-flammable, home dry-cleaning solvents. Many tufted rugs have rubber backing, so apply solvent lightly or rubber may be damaged. Be sure to open windows. **Animal urine.** Sponge stained area several times with clean, lukewarm water. Use clean, damp, unstarched cloth to absorb moisture. Apply Formula Two as directed. Let dry, then apply Formula One. Let dry and apply Formula Two again. If color of rug changes in spite of your efforts, you may have to have it dyed.

Alcohol, coffee, tea, soft drinks. Sponge area with lukewarm water. Absorb and repeat several times. Apply Formula One, then, if necessary, Formula Two.

Blood. Sponge with cool water, apply Formula One. If yellowish stain appears apply a few drops of peroxide. Leave two or three minutes, then sponge with cool water.

Butter and fats. Apply non-flammable household dry-cleaning fluid to stain with medicine dropper. Sponge. Observe CAUTION above.

Chewing gum. Apply non-flammable household dry-cleaning fluid liberally on and around outside of gum. Leave three or four minutes. Lift off gum with spatula. Repeat, if necessary. Observe CAUTION above.

Egg, gelatin, mucilage. Apply Formula One as directed, then Formula Two, if necessary.

Fruits and fruit juices. Sponge with clean, white cloth dampened with lukewarm water. Apply Formula One.

Ice cream, milk, desserts. Sponge with lukewarm water. Apply Formula One.

Oil. Apply non-flammable household dry-cleaning fluid with medicine dropper. Sponge with clean, white, unstarched cloth. Observe CAUTION above.

If stain covers large area, send rug to professional cleaner.

Candy, chocolate, sugar. Scrape off crusty area with spatula. Sponge with lukewarm water. Apply Formula One.

Wax. Scrape off as much as possible with spatula. Apply non-flammable dry-cleaning fluid. Sponge with clean cloth. See CAUTION above. THE END



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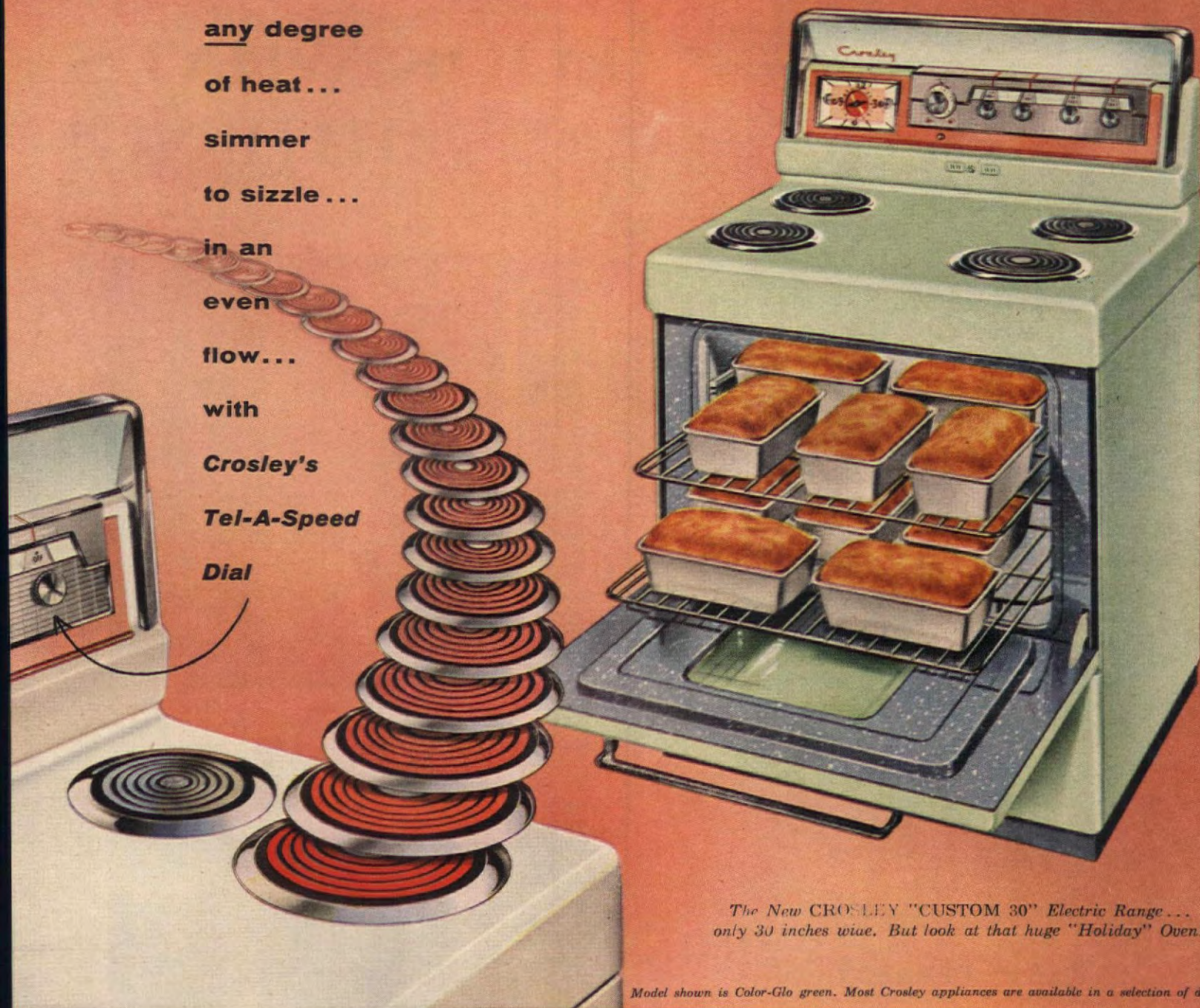
DRUM BASKET—Spray papier-mâché mold with blue paint. Let this dry thoroughly, then paint white stretcher design on the "drum." Shellac entire surface.



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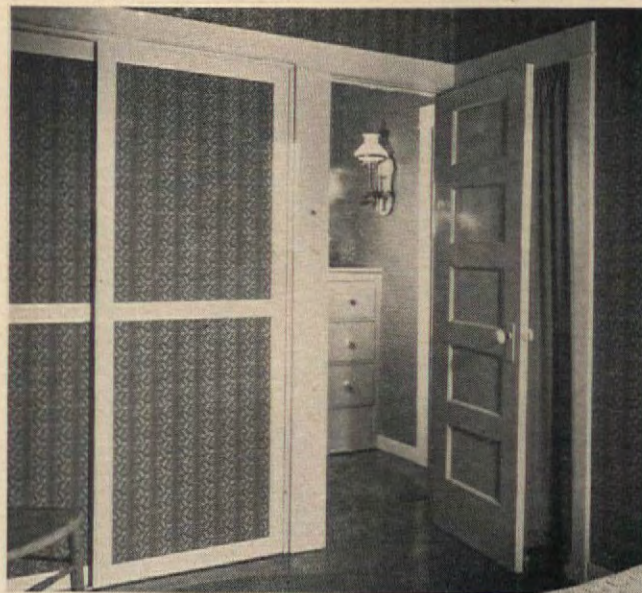
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
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Two pools decorate the garden of the Harold Worthington home in Northport, N.Y. This, the lower one, is plastic. Water flows into it from the higher pool through a shallow little "run" of rocks, wire netting, and concrete. Work was done by owner.



GARDEN POOL

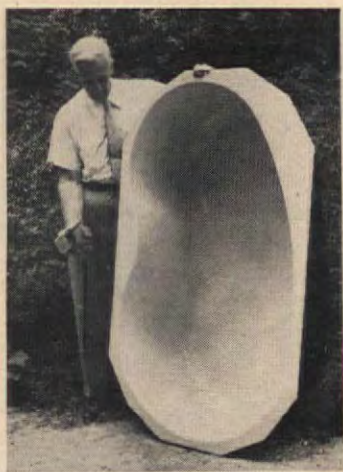
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Clay Bailey of Centerport, N.Y., made a plastic pool part of terrace, supported by a stone-topped concrete wall edging a path. Mrs. Bailey helped with the planting after her husband did the masonry work. Water gushes out fountain-like from between some rocks to give this pool a very special appeal hard to resist.



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Is Due," page 163

I saw it first at a spring flower and garden show of Long Island Nurserymen's Association. It looked like an oddly-shaped bathtub, but it's a plastic pool roughly kidney form, 5' by 3' and 18" deep, with a flange around the top ranging from 2" to 6" wide. It's light (under 30 pounds) and easy to handle, yet sturdy and strong . . . molded of brown or green plastic. What's more, it costs only about \$39.50.

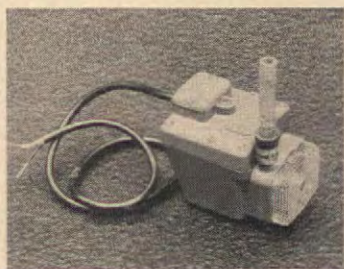


I was so intrigued that I tracked down the distributor of the pool and visited homes where the pools had been installed in real gardens. The homeowners had installed the pools without hired help. They simply painted the flanges, dug holes to fit the plastic "tubs," then, when these had been settled in place, filled in around them and graded and planted as they liked.

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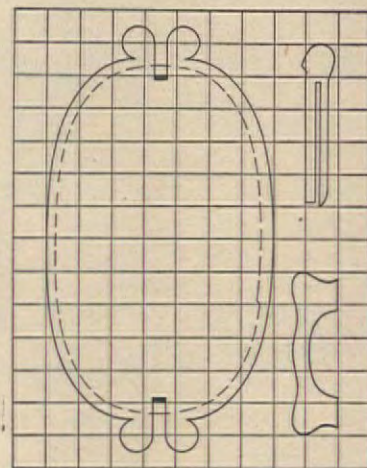
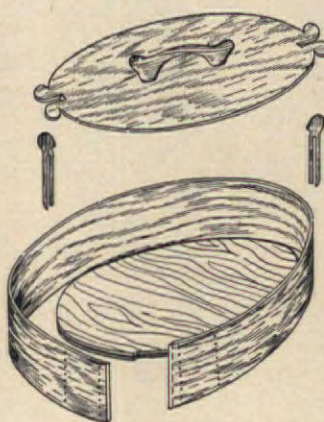


WANT A SWEDISH KNITTING BOX?

JOHN BURROUGHS

Reminiscent of an old Shaker sewing box, this knitting box is attractive and practical. A Shaker box would cost about \$20, an old Swedish one even more . . . but you can make this one for about \$1. One of the most interesting features is the latched lid. You can carry the box just like a handbag. Wooden latches on the sides fasten lid securely. Pull latches back and lift the ears of the lid, and off it comes.

Only tools required are coping saw, drill, and pocket knife. First saw bottom to shape—**each square on the pattern equals 1"**. Soak veneer for sides in boiling water until it's soft and pliable for bending around bottom. Tack bent wood around edge of bottom piece and wrap with strong twine to hold in shape until dry. When it is dry, fasten permanently by gluing to bottom. Glue lapped ends, too. When glue sets, drill holes for lacing lapped ends with raffia. Cut lid, latches, and handle. Glue and screw to box. Bend ends of slots in top to match bevel of latches. Trim bevel until latches hold lid, yet release smoothly when pulled back. Sand, then brush on penetrating resin. **THE END**



Materials: Hardwood, $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 7" by 14" (bottom); $\frac{1}{4}$ " by 7" by 14" (top); $\frac{3}{8}$ " by 4" by 5" (latches and handle). Hardwood veneer, $\frac{1}{8}$ " by 4" by 32" (sides). Screws, brads, glue, lacing, resin sealer.

BATHROOM FIXTURE COLORS FROM NATURE'S STUDIO

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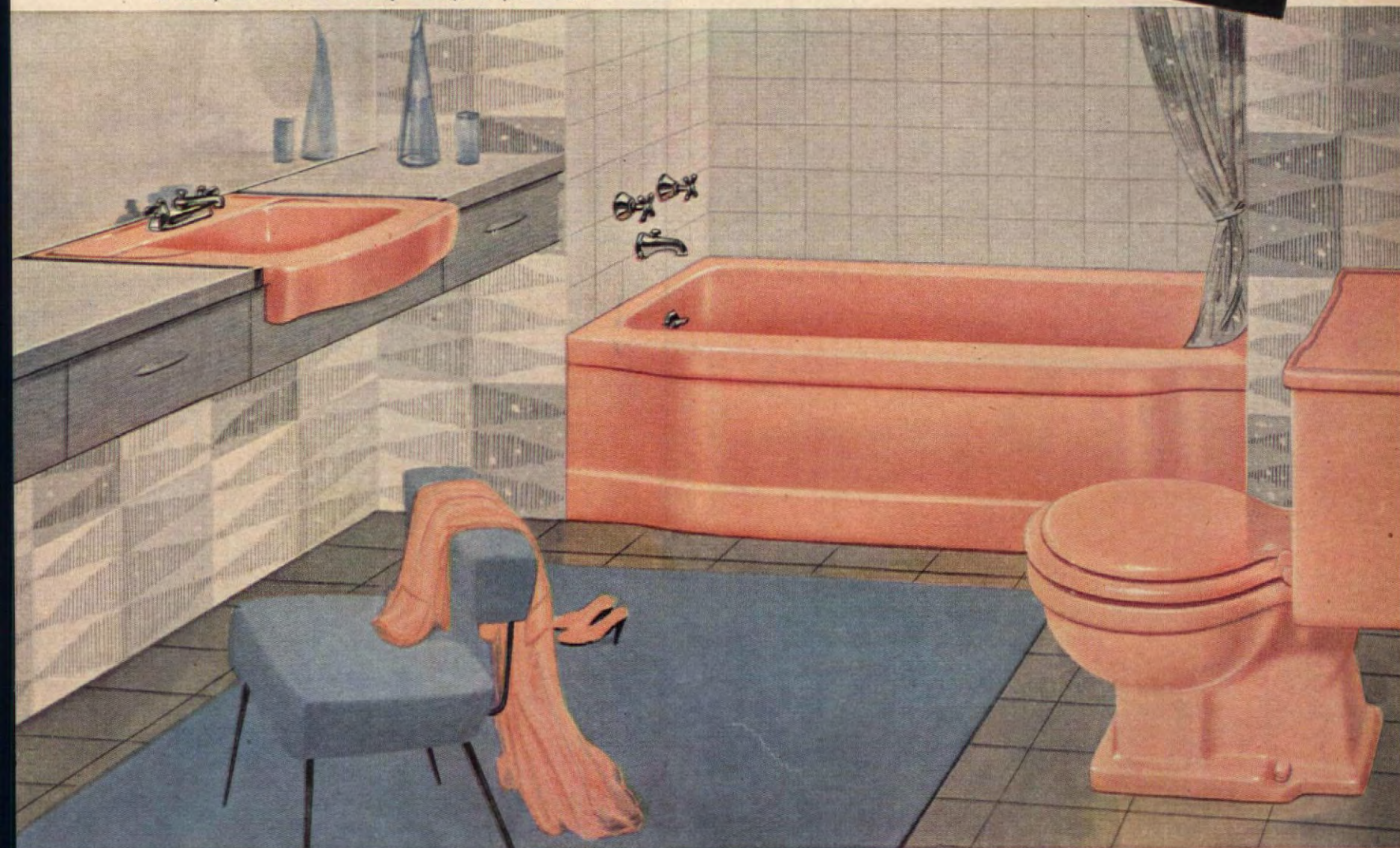
Here is a color scheme for your bathroom — right from nature's studio. The theme is Briggs Beautyware Coral — a glowing color with the warmth and charm of the South Seas . . . surrounded by soft gray of evening and the darkness of a silhouette. Accents are blue . . . a cool refreshing hue and a touch of sparkle. You'll love these nature colors, and you'll find your own accessories will blend nicely again and again.

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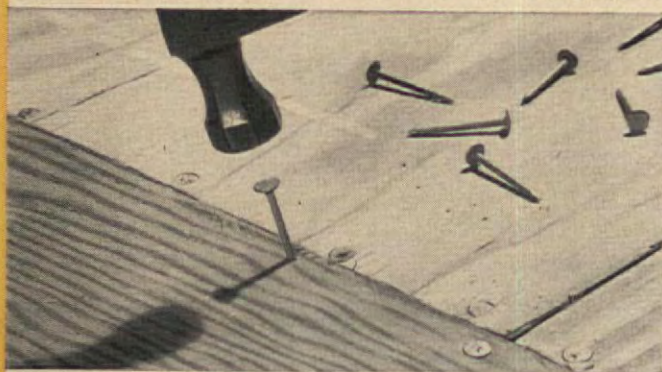


JONATHAN ALEY

Handsome parquet flooring is no longer a parlor luxury that must be installed by a professional. Unfinished and pre-finished blocks come in various styles, are competitive in price with high-grade resilient floorings, and you can install them yourself using the adhesive method shown here.

First, give your dealer an accurate floor plan and he will supply you with the necessary blocks, adhesive, and notched spreader. You will also need a chalk line, rule, hammer, broom, and saw. Since concrete floors require special damp-proofing or priming before the floor can be laid, discuss this process with your dealer to see if you feel capable of tackling the job. If your old floor or exposed subfloor has tightly fitted boards less than 6 inches wide, omit plywood layer in method described here. In any case, nail down all loose boards and level unevenness with heavy floor sander.

Remove baseshoe and baseboards from walls. Cover subfloors in poor condition with $\frac{1}{4}$ " plywood sheets spaced $\frac{1}{8}$ " apart for expansion. Drive large headed screw-type nails 4" apart along sheet edges, through subfloor into all joists; drive nails 8" to 10" apart in both directions over the entire surface.



Snap chalk line across center of floor parallel to most visible wall. Set row of blocks along line and another row through the center of the room at right angles to line. Allowing an inch for expansion at walls, shift the rows to leave between a half and a full block at end. Mark new guide lines along relocated rows.



Sweep floor clean and then spread adhesive on half the floor just up to guide line. Lay blocks in pyramid fashion starting in center of room. Seat tongues into grooves, lower block to position. Tap exposed edges to fit blocks tightly together. Don't slide blocks, or adhesive will pile up, impeding fit.



Lay all possible whole blocks on adhesive-covered half of floor. Then shift materials onto completed section, apply adhesive to other half of floor, and proceed as you did on first half. Where blocks fit around pipes, cut hole one inch oversize toward center of room for expansion. Use same clearance at fireplace hearth.

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Parquet Flooring

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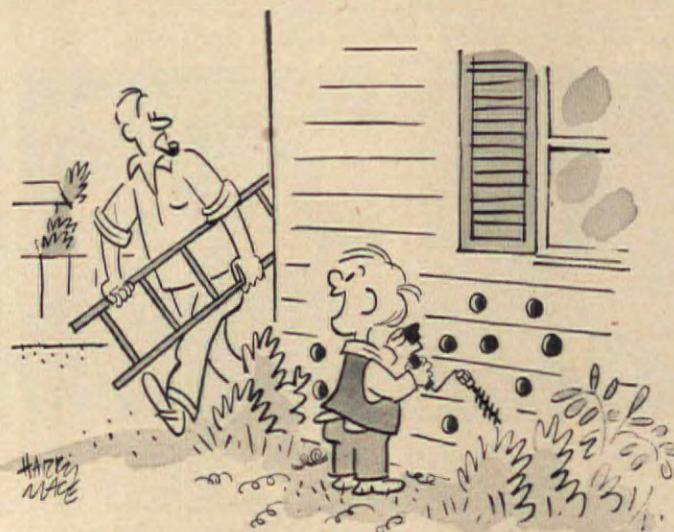
To fit border, break splined block as shown. Add a strip of required width, rip-sawed from a piece of block. Then crosscut alternate blocks to fit. Since metal spline is off center, even half blocks can be cut without removing spline. Fit all border blocks tightly into place and fill the extra inch of expansion space half full of adhesive.

Raise the baseboard to new position so its bottom edge will be about $\frac{1}{4}$ " above the surface of blocks. Or, if this cannot be done because of location of electrical outlets, trim an equivalent amount off bottom of baseboard. Nail in place. Nail on baseshoe, using a match-cover as temporary shim to provide clearance.



And if you have spilled any adhesive on floor's surface, wipe it off with a turpentine rag. Repaint baseboard and the job is done if you used prefinished blocks. If you used unfinished blocks, finish them with good floor sealer in the color of your choice. Follow the simple directions on the container to get best results. THE END

See "Where Credit Is Due," page 163



"THIS THING REALLY WORKS!"



"Who says I need a Johnson's Wax Polisher-Scrubber?"

CAST: Mrs. John Parker, smart young housewife; Nancy, her 7-year-old daughter, and Mr. Kemp, appliance dealer.

PLACE: Mr. Kemp's appliance store.

TIME: The present.

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MRS. PARKER: (Squinting both eyes and advancing a firm step toward Mr. Kemp.) I've been doing just *fine* without it. Anyway, we're just looking around.

MR. KEMP: (With tremendous patience.) Ah, but you *do* use a vacuum cleaner . . .

MRS. PARKER: (Interrupting.) Don't change the subject.

MR. KEMP: Please, Madam. I'm merely trying to make a point . . .

MRS. PARKER: Come, Nancy, we really *must* go.

MR. KEMP: But, Madam, you have a vacuum cleaner, dishwasher, washing machine . . .

MRS. PARKER: Yes, I know . . .

MR. KEMP: But, Madam, what you *don't* know is that the average housewife spends over 100 hours a year mopping, polishing, scrubbing and waxing floors *by hand*, something the Johnson can do in one-tenth the time!

MRS. PARKER: (Suspicious.) Well . . .

MR. KEMP: (Encouraged.) It's *true*. This machine is a *necessity* . . .

MRS. PARKER: Please restrain yourself, Mr. Kemp.

MR. KEMP: But think of the drudgery you will be spared. No more down-on-knees scrubbing . . .

MRS. PARKER: (Baiting him a little.) *You* think of it!

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MRS. PARKER: Aren't you exaggerating?

MR. KEMP: (Encouraged.) Not a bit! And remember this—the Johnson helps you *protect* your floors—makes them last much longer. And your floors look lovelier all the time.

MRS. PARKER: (Weakening.) I never realized the Johnson could do so much for me. By golly, I think I'll get one.

LITTLE NANCY: (Silent, up to now.) *Don't buy it, Mommy!*

MRS. PARKER: (Astounded.) What did you say?

LITTLE NANCY: I said, *don't buy it!* Daddy's giving you a Johnson for your birthday. I saw it in his closet.

MRS. PARKER: (Much embarrassed.) You did? Well, I'm sorry, Mr. Kemp, but . . . I guess I won't need *two* Johnsons.

MR. KEMP: (Resigned.) Quite all right, Madam. All in a day's work. But you'll *love* the Johnson you're getting.

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Homemade Iris

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plants that you'll have every right to be proud of.

Perhaps the best plants for the beginning plant breeder, or hybridist, to start working on are the colorful garden iris. They used to be called German iris, but nowadays they're known in the trade as tall bearded iris. They come in almost every color of the rainbow, they produce a wide variety of differently colored offspring, they're easy to cross-pollinate, the bees aren't likely to interfere with your work by their own pollinating activities, iris are easy to grow in almost any part of the country, and they generally flower the second spring after the autumn in which the seed is sown.

Before actually cross-pollinating any iris, it's a good idea to sacrifice one flower by taking it completely apart to familiarize yourself with its different parts. The petals at the top of the flower are the standards. Those at the bottom, which hang downward or stand outward, are the falls. The beard, by reason of which this class of iris is called bearded, is on the inner surface of each fall. None of these flower parts, however, has anything to do with cross-pollination.

The parts that matter are the pistil (the female element) and the stamen (the male element). The pistil consists of the ovary (which on fertilization becomes the seed pod), the style and (at the tip of the style) the stigma. The stamen consists of the filament, which is stemlike in most flowers, and the anther, which is at the tip of the filament and which bears the pollen.

Fertilization occurs when pollen is placed on the stigma and sends its pollen-tube down through the style and into the ovary.

In the iris the style is three-branched and there are three stamens; hence there are three stigmas and three anthers. The style branches are blade-like and are located between the standards or upper petals of the flower. The stigma is a narrow flat surface near the tip of the blade. The stamens are underneath the style-branches, the anther just below the stigma. The pollen (on the anther) is mature as soon as it becomes powdery. The stigma is ready for fertilization when it becomes sticky.

To make a cross, use a pair of tweezers to remove a mature anther from a flower and to rub it against the mature stigmas of a flower on another plant as shown on page 56. That's all there is to it.

After making the cross—and assuming you've kept your iris varieties labeled—tie a small tag to the base of the flower to indicate the names of the varieties which have been cross-pol-

linated, and the date of the cross.

Iris breeding has long occupied the attention of Dr. Phillip A. Loomis, retired Colorado Springs physician in whose garden all the photographs on pages 56 and 57 were taken. Some of the iris pictured are his own homemade creations; others are the products of hybridists all over the country. The doctor is best known among iris fanciers, incidentally, for creation of famous Dykes Medal winning variety Elmohr.

Every spring Dr. Loomis makes many crosses between his own best originations and those of his hybridist friends. By the fall the seed pods are ripened and dry and each contains from 10 to 50 seeds. The seeds are then sown in well-cultivated soil an inch or so apart in rows $\frac{3}{4}$ inch deep and 3 inches apart. In the spring at least 50 per cent of the seeds send up sprouts. As the seedlings become crowded they are transplanted, spaced farther apart, and grown on until they bloom, which is usually in the second growing season.

All the plants whose flowers are muddy-colored, or are otherwise inferior to those of existing varieties, are immediately discarded. This invariably means most of the new plants. The relatively few that show superior qualities are kept for further testing and, if they survive the tests, Dr. Loomis propagates them for introduction or uses them for subsequent breeding.

Dr. Loomis, being a highly advanced iris breeder, knows all about the varieties he is working with and usually has a definite goal in mind when he makes a cross. At the present time he works mostly for deeper pink colors, squarish flower shapes, or ruffled petal edges.

A beginner, of course, would not have Dr. Loomis's advantages and could not expect to produce an Elmohr iris from his first crosses. But if you use only the best varieties in your breeding work—whether you decide to start with iris or with any other flowers—you can expect to eventually develop some new things that will give your ego a pretty substantial lift.

And how do you know what are the best varieties of, say, tall bearded iris? The best answer is: Ask all the experts and then combine all of their replies!

As a matter of fact, that's exactly what the American Iris Society does every year. It asks its entire membership to vote for their favorite varieties in all the different color classes, and then from all their answers it compiles its Annual Symposium of the 100 Favorite Varieties.

The latest Symposium, compiled

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Homemade Iris

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last fall, is presented below. If you'd like to start working with the varieties that the A.I.S. members consider the best, choose those at the beginning of the list under each color classification. With these varieties you can't go far wrong!

THE 100 FAVORITE IRIS

Number in parentheses, from 1 to 100, indicate variety rank in the Symposium. Appearance of a number more than once indicates a tie.

WHITE—New Snow (5), Snow Flurry (17), Spanish Peaks (28), Lady Boscowen (46), Cliffs of Dover (96).

CREAM AND PALE YELLOW—Truly Yours (1), Pinnacle (10), Desert Song (19), Amandine (20), Limelight (26), Char-Maize (33), Star Shine (34), Tranquility (67), Leading Lady (84).

DEEP YELLOW—Ola Kala (2), Solid Gold (38), Rocket (41), Zantha (43), Top Flight (51), Cloth of Gold (61), Temple Bells (62), Gold Sovereign (69).

LIGHT BLUE—Great Lakes (21), Helen McGregor (25), Cahokia (35), Jane Phillips (39), Blue Sapphire (71), Lady Ilse (86), Cloud Castle (90), Distance (90), Lydia Murray (96).

MEDIUM BLUE AND VIOLET—Blue Rhythm (6), Chivalry (8), Blue Valley (41), First Violet (49), Violet Harmony (54), Blumohr (83), Sierra Skies (94).

DARK BLUE AND PURPLE—Elmohr (7), Pierre Menard (9), Sable Night (16), Sable (18), Black Hills (28), Master Charles (70), Vatican Purple (74), Indiana Night (79), Black Forest (86), Danube Wave (86).

BICOLOR—Wabash, cream and purple (22), Extravaganza, violet and purple (52), Mystic Melody, cream and yellow (63), Amigo, lavender and purple (68), Staten Island, bronze and red (79), Pretender, yellow and purple (94).

RED AND BROWN-RED—Solid Mahogany (30), Sunset Blaze (40), Ranger (43), Port Wine (59), The Red Douglas (92), Ebony Echo (96).

PINK—Mary Randall (3), Happy Birthday (10), Palomino (14), Chantilly (23), Cherie (24), Pink Formal (32), Pink Cameo (36), Dreamcastle (37), Pink Sensation (58), Ballerina (65), Paradise Pink (72), Cloud Cap (74), Party Dress (74), Lynn Langford (78), Frances Kent (81), Maytime (96).

PLICATA (light ground, edged deeper)—Blue Shimmer (13), Minnie Colquitt, purple (15), Firecracker, red (55), Raspberry Ribbon, purple (60), Caroline Jane, white and violet (93).

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Roll Your Own

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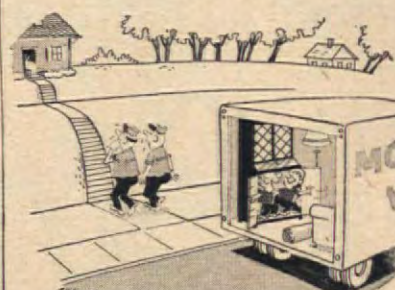
Then we went out, took everything off the trailer, and repacked it to put the heaviest weight over the axle. As we spread out our furniture the owner of the diner watched apprehensively. He thought we planned to set up housekeeping in his driveway!

We didn't, though. With the load properly balanced the trailer rode smoothly, and we zipped along at 45 miles an hour. And with hardly any excitement. One night (after reading the trailer manual that warned against tossing lighted cigarettes out the car window) I glanced back and shouted "Fire!" We stopped with a terrific lurch and my husband leaped out of the car. He returned a moment later and reported (bitterly) that the "fire" I'd seen was the reflection from the trailer's taillights.

Whenever we started looking for a motel or restaurant, we paid particular attention to the extent of the parking area, because trying to back the trailer was almost impossible. And when we went through cities, practically everyone under 12 years old waved to us.

But finally we *did* make it! The 1,400-mile trip took four days. And along about the third day, when we'd finally got used to it, we were touring along as though the trailer wasn't even there.

Cost of moving was \$42 for trailer rental, \$10 for insurance, and \$3 in extra bridge and turnpike tolls. No extra charge for the pleasure—and convenience—of hauling all our possessions along with us. **THE END**



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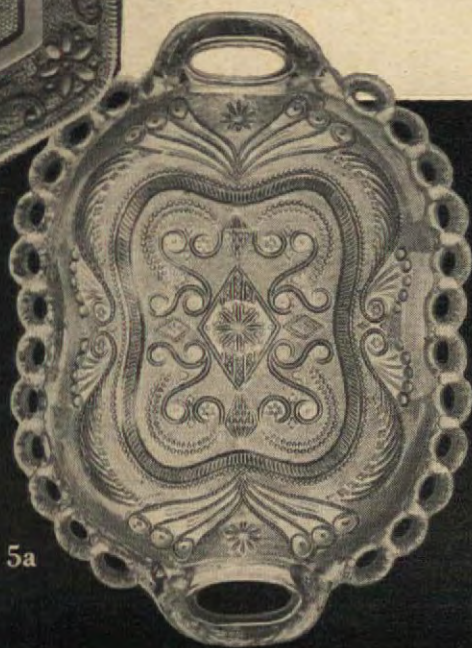
Can you tell which of the glass pieces shown here are lacy antiques and which are today's reproductions that may be tomorrow's antiques? Answers on page 130

• Back in Grandma's day, she put lacy glassware to ordinary everyday use, just as you use popular-priced reproductions of lacy glass today. The pieces of Grandma's glassware that survived are prized antiques today. Some of them are shown here, along with popular-priced, readily available reproductions. Can you tell which are which? Just try!

See "Where Credit Is Due," page 163



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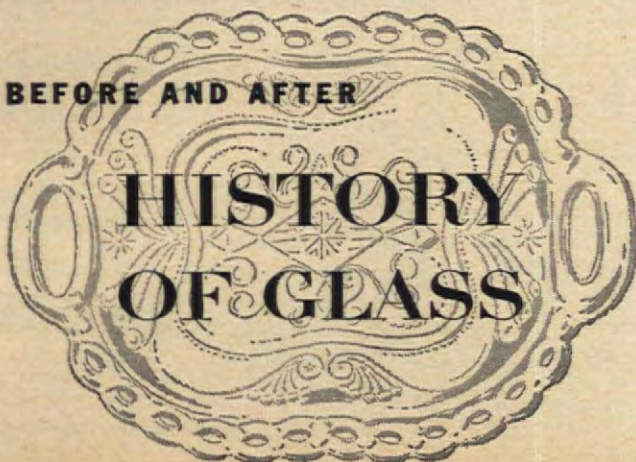
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THE BEFORE AND AFTER



Somewhere in the Near East, a little before the time of Christ, the glass-blowing iron was invented. And even today much glass is still made by the same hand techniques in blowing rooms throughout the world. A great deal of today's glass, however, is the result of mechanical production. It was around 1825 that American glassmakers (who probably had seen pieces from a European glass press) began to press glass. The European press was a primitive device unsuitable for pressing large pieces, but Americans invented a press without these limitations. Even so, glassmakers had their problems. There were defects inherent in pressed glass, and nobody was highly trained in the new process. Wood, the common fuel, allowed at most a temperature of 2100° to 2200° F. This was uncomfortably close to temperatures at which glass would set and become unworkable.



OLD?

Now glass *blowing* is a many-step operation. So the "gather" (melted glass collected on end of tube for blowing) can be reheated often. But glass *pressing* is a one-step process. In a single operation, pattern and shape must be applied to an article. Reheating the gather would cause loss of pattern or shape, or both. You may have seen antique pieces that were worked at too-low temperatures. Their scalloped rims are imperfectly outlined because the glass was too cold and stiff to flow to the edges. Or you may have seen an old glass piece with a series of rotary waves called "chilled wrinkles." When glass was too cold, it gave way to plunger pressure (similar to action of garlic press) in a series of surges that caused these wrinkles.

And the problems didn't end there. Low temperature plus the need for speed caused trouble when the pressman sheared off the gather

so it would drop into the mold. The glass often hardened quickly at the place where the shears cut it, and left an unsightly line. Glass was made thick, but a constant thickness was impossible. This didn't matter in single pieces, but in sets of dishes the variety of thicknesses was considered regrettable. (Today we treasure such antiques!)

Even more fault was found with the pressed glass because it was dull or foggy where hot metal contacted the mold. (In blowing, any lost luster was restored by successive reheating.) The glassmaker would cut an all-over pattern into the mold to mask dullness and partially conceal other blemishes. This gave pressed glass a textured look.

When the pressman gained skill, he started to produce thinner pieces. These still had defects, but there was an unlimited choice of decoration—and pressed glass was cheaper than

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History of Glass

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blown glass. Pieces formerly considered luxuries appeared in almost every home. Many were broken, so the glass is rare today.

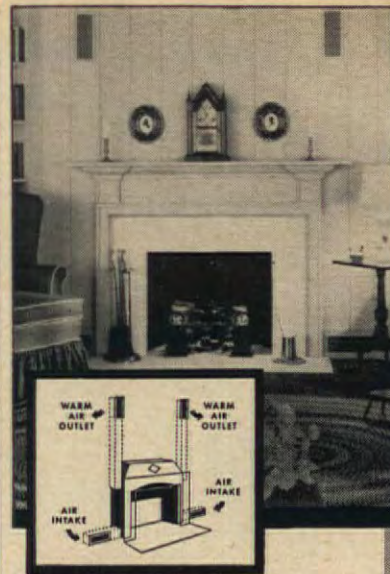
After American glassworkers worked out processes and designs, these were picked up by the French, Belgians, and English. By 1840, the copying came full circle. New England designers were influenced by patterns of earlier French and Belgian pressings.

The European factories pressed table glass—goblets, tumblers, and wines. But American lacy wasn't made as table glass. It's what we called "sideboard glass"—salts, sugar bowls, creamers, vases, lamps, and such. The only glass pieces made for individual use were cup or "toddy" plates, and honey and sauce dishes. Why? Either because people didn't like thick drinking glasses or because glass-makers found the cast iron forms or molds too difficult to make. Brass molds wouldn't hold up under commercial pressing, so they were only used for special order work and pieces of limited commercial appeal. If you hunt for lacy glass antiques, you'll find that colored glass pieces are very rare.

Toward the middle of the 19th century, pattern glass began to take the place of lacy glass. Glass tableware without the stippled background of lacy glass was produced in hundreds of different patterns.

Today, glass is pressed with a machine that is a refinement of one invented in about 1828 by Deming Jarvis of the Sandwich, Massachusetts factory. A power machine that makes glassware automatically, it allows large-volume production and drastically reduced prices. In the 1880's, only rich families could afford Sandwich glass. Today, all you need is an average income to set a sparkling table with excellent reproductions of glassware from this Early American period, or clear, contemporary-styled pieces.

How is glassware designed today? Artists go through old glass books. They select designs from various sources, choosing those they feel will be most pleasing to people today. Before a new "old" design is chosen, many ideas may be submitted. Perhaps a composite of several designs will be made. Or a classic pattern may be copied. Many patterns are passed from one company to the next. Others are found in old warehouses. Early machine-made patterns sell best. Who creates the demand for antique glassware and its reproductions? Collectors. And antique dealers. And you. Popular-priced glassware is easy to find. It's available in variety stores, hardware stores, gift shops, and



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SCORE: 1 to 5 right, you'd better "bone up"; 6 to 10 right, you're not bad; 11 to 14 right, consider yourself an authority!

1—NEW—Glass berry bowl with fluted edge, and petal-shaped plate, copied from an original hand-cut design. 1a—OLD—Bowl with band of plaid pattern over S-scrolls.

2—NEW—Glass goblet with pattern from "lacy" period, now mass-produced. 2a—OLD—Handled basket with leaf design and rosette; inkwell with reeded and beaded design top, base ribbed inside.

3—OLD—Small plate pressed with geometric cavetto design with hairpin pattern on shoulder; plate with cavetto in sunburst design, shields and anchors on shoulder; rectangular dish with cut corners. 3a—NEW—Plate design a composite of several old patterns.

4—OLD—Candlestick with peacock eye socket, square pressed base with lotus sprays; candlestick with pillar-molded shaft on pressed toddy plate foot. 4a—NEW—Tall candlestick, copy Early American.

5—NEW—Sugar and creamer set tray resembles century-old one. 5a—OLD—Extremely rare open-handled tray with chain border.

6—NEW—Copy of original Sandwich glass piece, pattern modified for machine process, lacy feather salad plate is part of complete set of popular-priced glass tableware. 6a—OLD—Clear, colorless tray; colorless center dish, rim with amber flashing.

7—NEW—Machine-made plate copies original hand-pressed Daisy and Button pattern, made from same mold. 7a—OLD—Covered sweetmeat version of hairpin design; oval dish with thistles and fleur-de-lis in spandrels between pressed arches.

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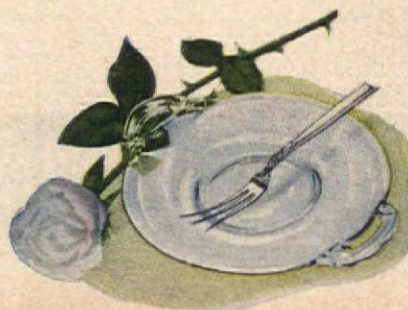
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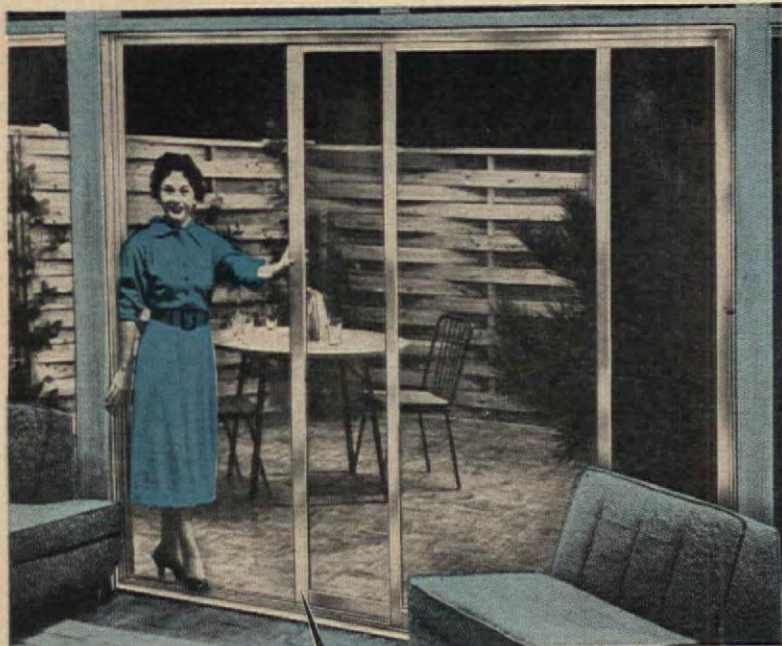
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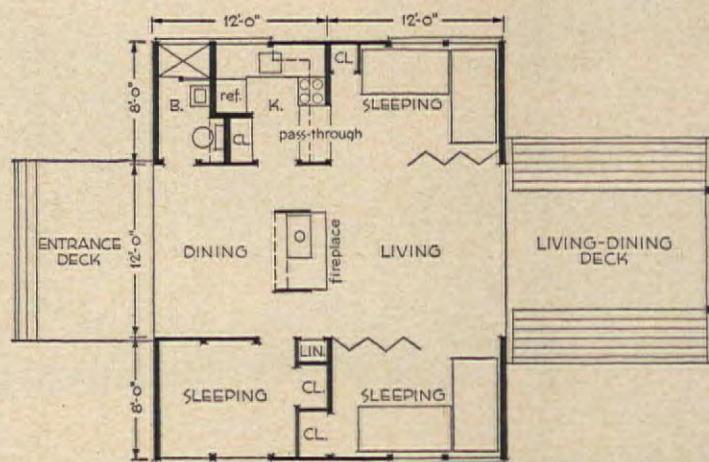
In the center of the living room is the fireplace which, like the chimney, is prefabricated of metal and can be installed in a matter of hours with considerably less effort than a similar unit of masonry. The fireplace, besides providing heat on chilly days and evenings, also serves as a divider for the living room.

Even on vacation, families must eat, so the kitchen was made large enough to provide storage, counter space, and space for the usual appliances. It is close to the dining area at the rear of the living room and has a pass-through for serving meals on the front deck. This rather complete kitchen, along with the bathroom, were incorporated into the plans for families whose vacation site has, or may have in the future, electricity and running water.

Storage space is important in a vacation house, so some precious floor space was taken over for three good-sized closets, plus a small linen closet and one for general storage.

After an acceptable floor plan had been worked out, Campbell

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In spite of having to utilize, for the sake of time, some rather advanced construction techniques such as the bents for the roof, the plans, details, and instructions were developed so they'd be easy for an amateur to follow.

After the plans were completed, they were turned over to Darrell Huff and Paul Corey who have done many how-to-do-it articles for this magazine. They went to work and the pictures of the vacation house in this issue show the results. Besides providing us with a finished house to photograph, building the house helped to work out final plans and instructions for amateur builders and proved it's feasible to put up the shell in six working week ends.

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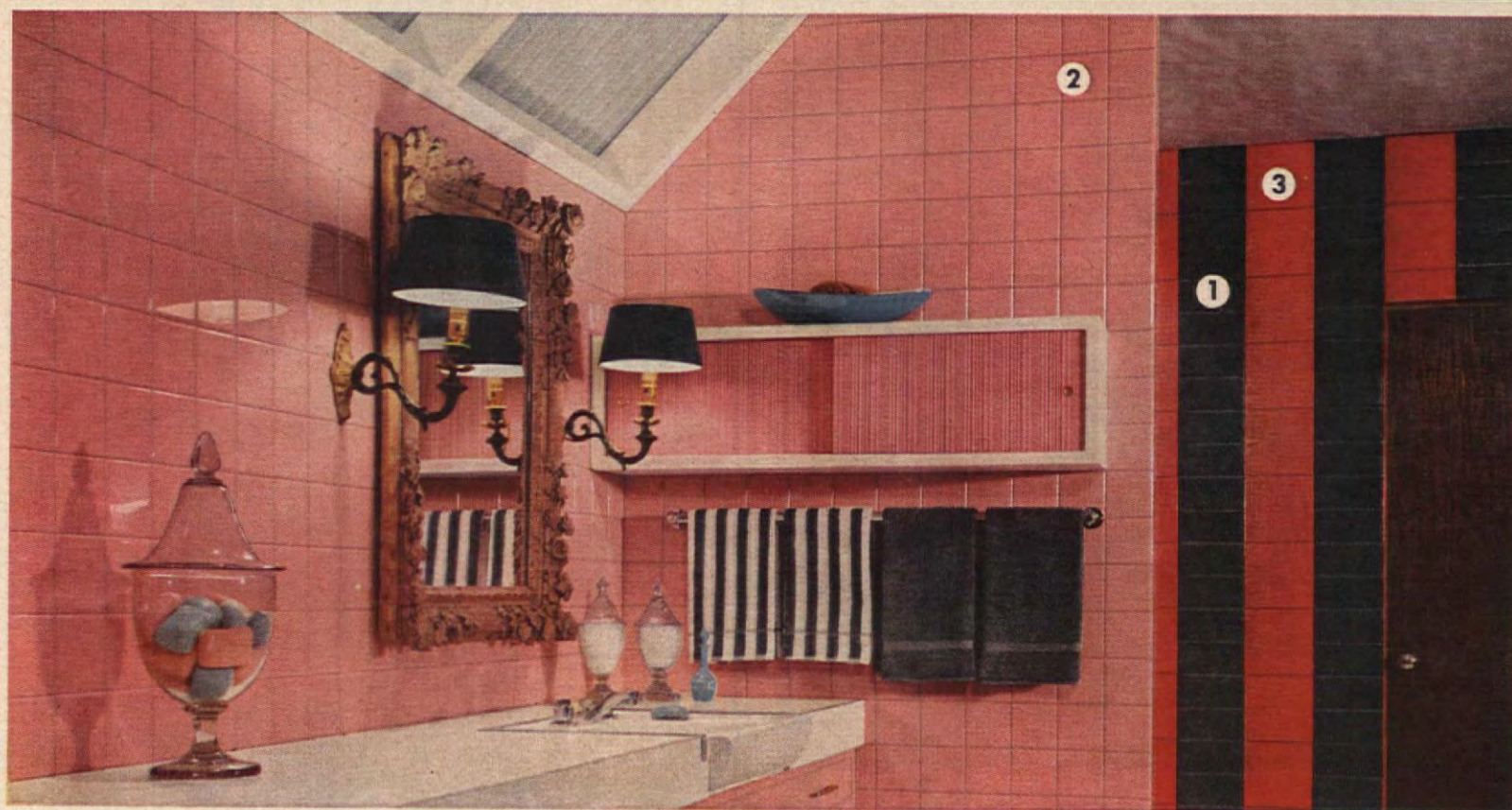
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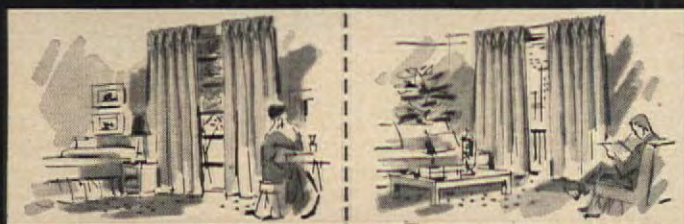
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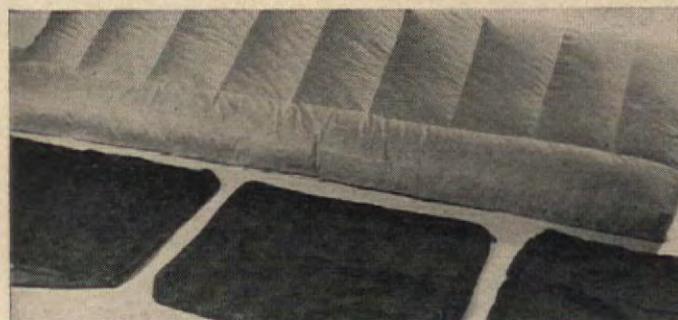


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One cushion replaces three. Make paper pattern of cushion area, allowing 1" for seam and 1" for rounded top of cushion. Sew 6" pocket clear across front, vertical pockets every 10". Make cushion of heavy muslin, and then stuff it with the old batting plus what new batting is needed.

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Give That Sofa a New Life

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Get down to the frame and webbing under sofa arm, too. Before you repad, remove old finish, bleach wood, and re-finish to satisfy your taste.



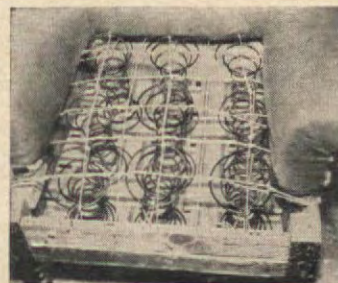
To give sofa "brand new" look, cover ornate wooden arms with cotton batting. Tack muslin covering over this portion of sofa, too.



Now sofa is padded and covered in muslin, and you can see how finished piece will look. There's nothing left to do but cover it in a lovely new fabric. THE END

THESE PATTERNS CAN HELP YOU

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Pattern 1381—25¢. This pattern includes 16 clear photographs that solve the mystery of how to reweb and retie springs, and apply webbing to the bottom of any sofa or chair. This project saves money and adds years of life to any chair or sofa.



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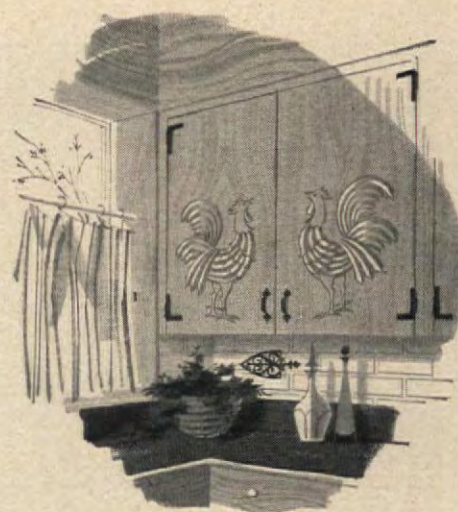
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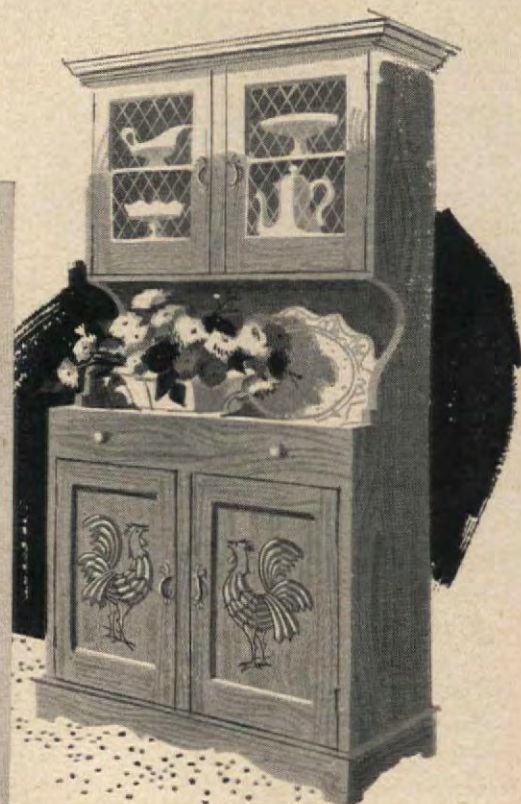
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Here's a dry sink par excellence. Beautifully proportioned, it was specially designed for us by Bob Houseman. We built it out of warm cherry. The gracefully curved door panels are French in feeling, but they're also a little reminiscent of Queen Anne. The dry sink is perfect for flowers and plants. Or it will hold ice when you want to chill beverages. The top of the cupboard will display china and glassware. The base has one shelf, but you can adapt it to hold a small TV set or a Hi-Fi unit and records. Like all our patterns, of course, this one includes complete building instructions. AMERICAN HOME Construction Pattern 2094—\$1.00, shows you how.



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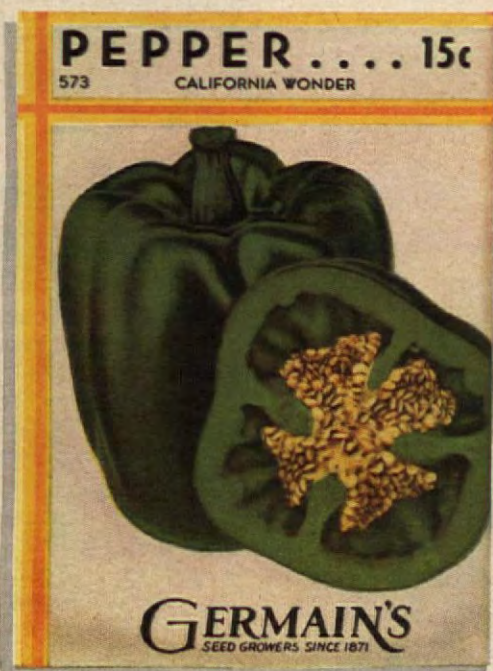
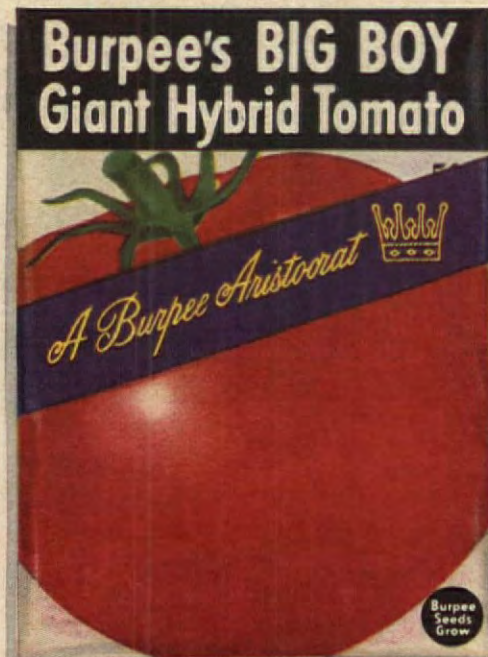
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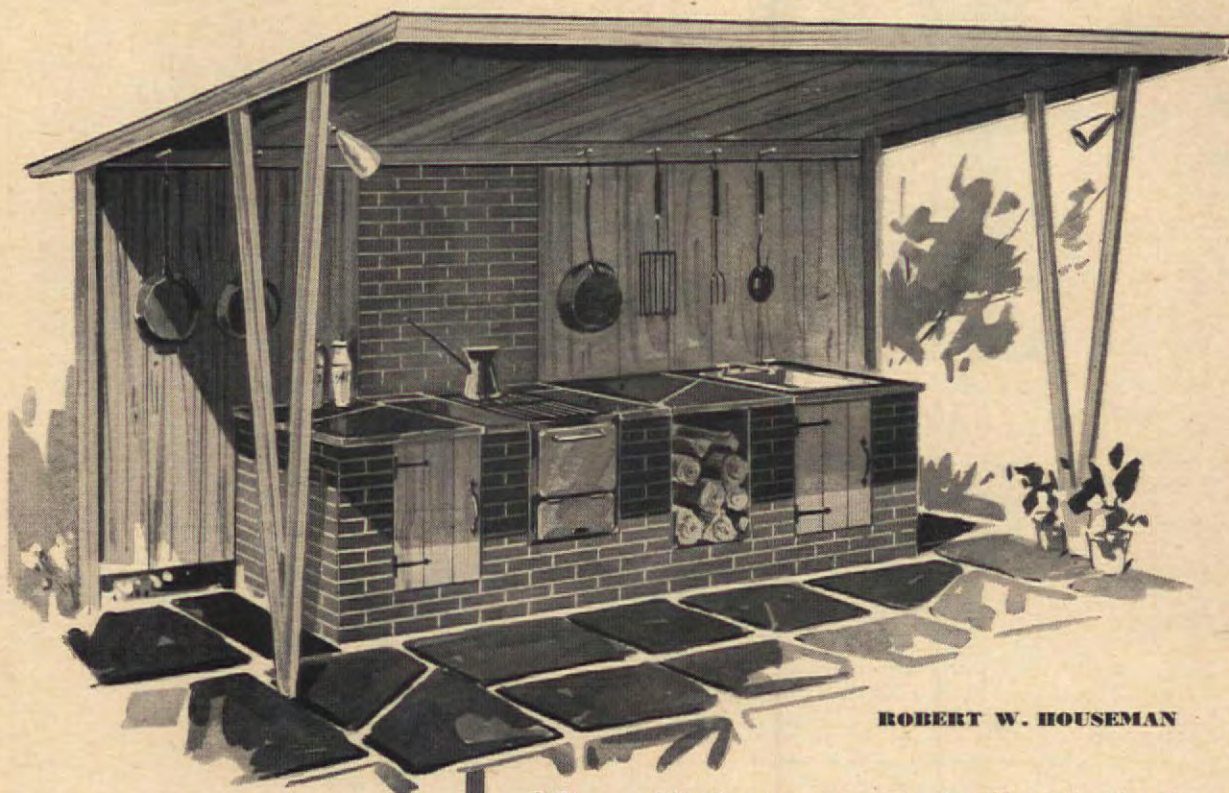


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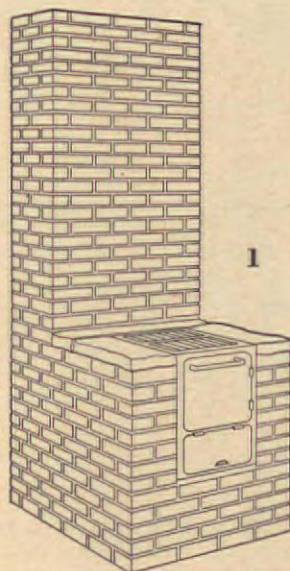
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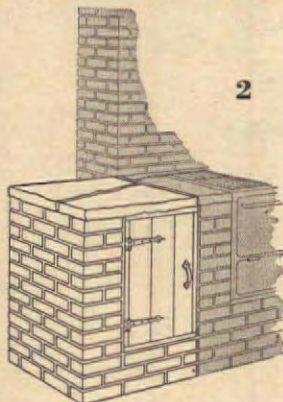


ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN

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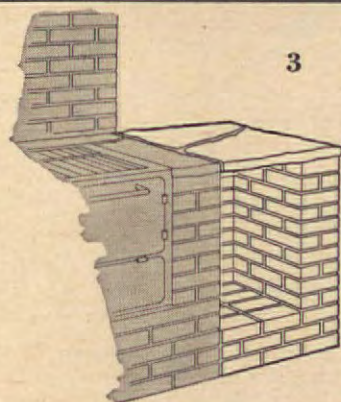
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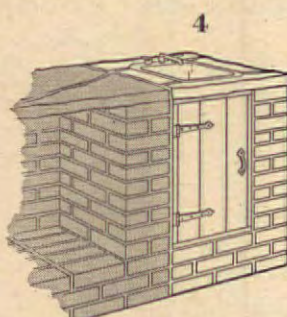
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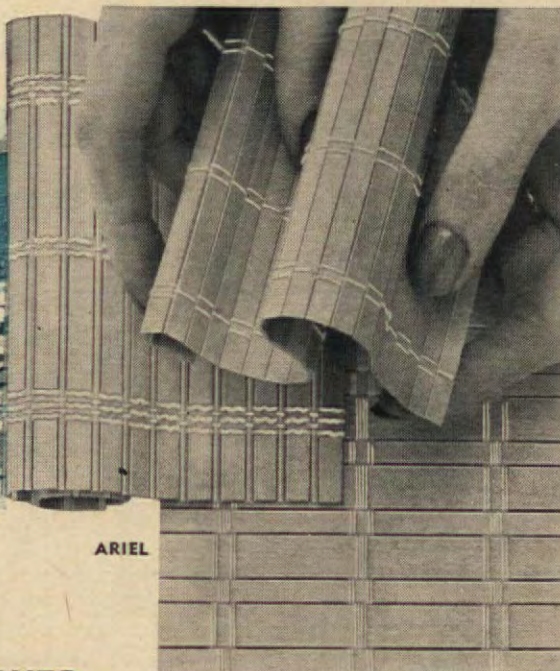
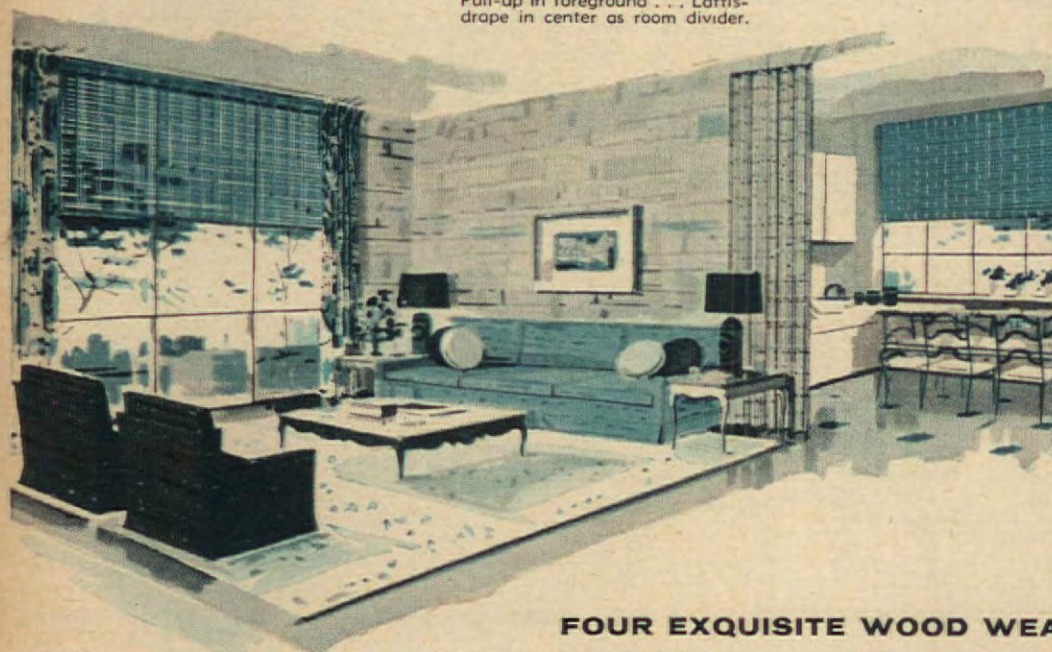
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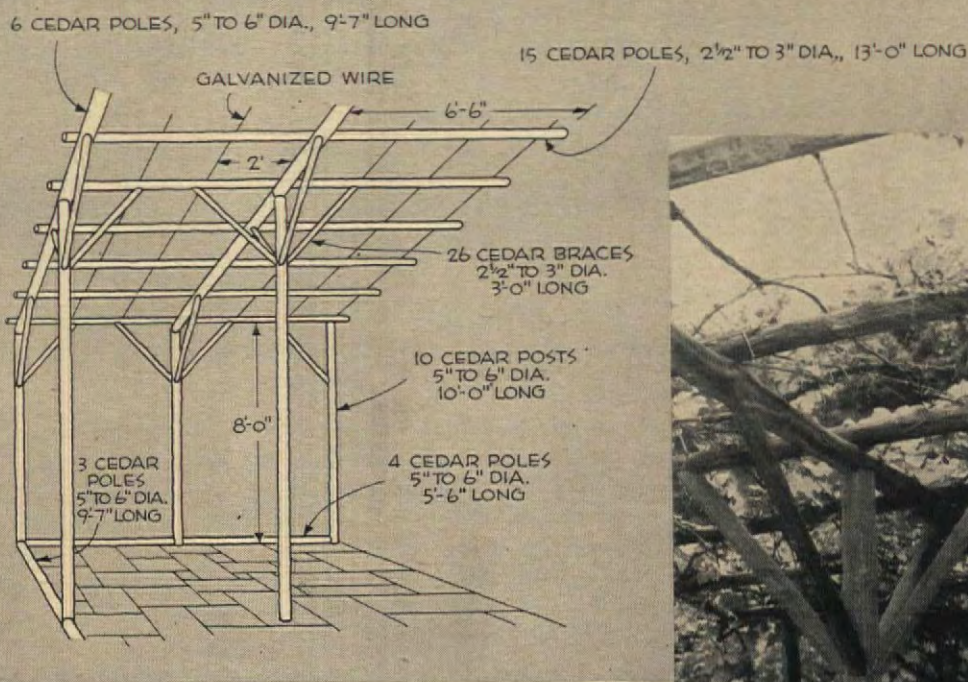
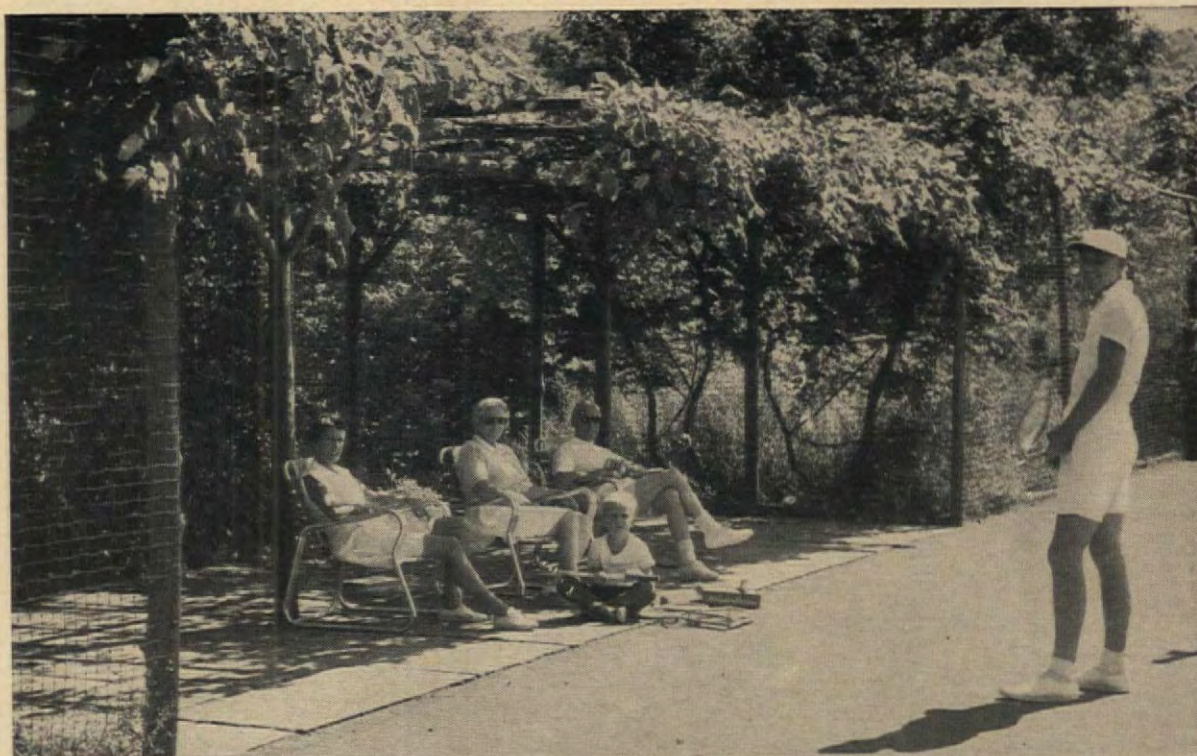
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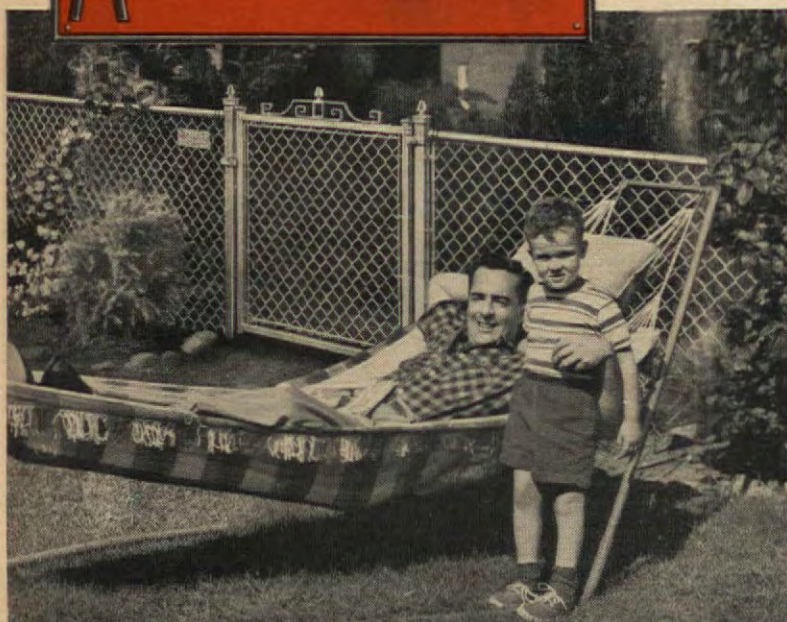
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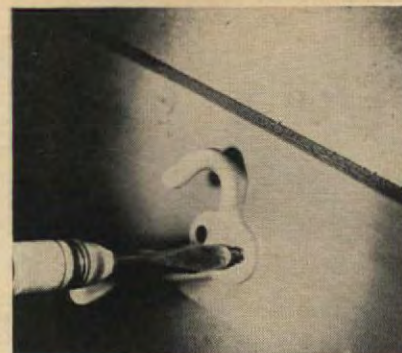
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The coloring of the "sausages" changes magically from day to day. At first they're palest green and gradually they turn pink to softest mauve. When they become dry they seem to whisper to one another as they are rubbed together by every tiny breeze, and they dance to their own castanet clicking whenever the wind stiffens.

The botanical name of our pet tree is *Colutea arborescens* and to some folks it's known as bladder senna. But we prefer the name we've given it and we'd like more people to get to know it. Even if it had no flowers or fruit, it would still be a valuable addition to any garden. Its foliage is similar to that of the acacia or the locust, but much more delicately colored. It ranges from pale yellow-green when first unfolding to deep blue-green when mature, so that the branches are covered with a continuous medley of tints and shades as the new growth blends with the earlier leafage. In the fall the leaves take on the golden glint of the flowers.

In a sunny location, the sausage tree grows fast, a small plant reaching its full height, 10 feet or a little more, in three years, usually flowering during its second season. New plants can be raised from seed that's sown as soon as ripe, or from cuttings inserted in sand as soon as the leaves have fallen.

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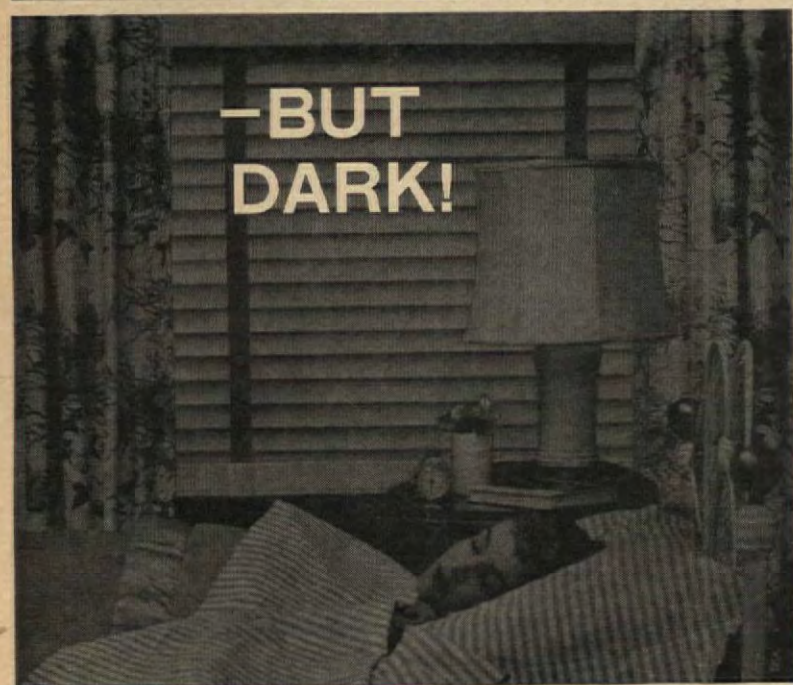
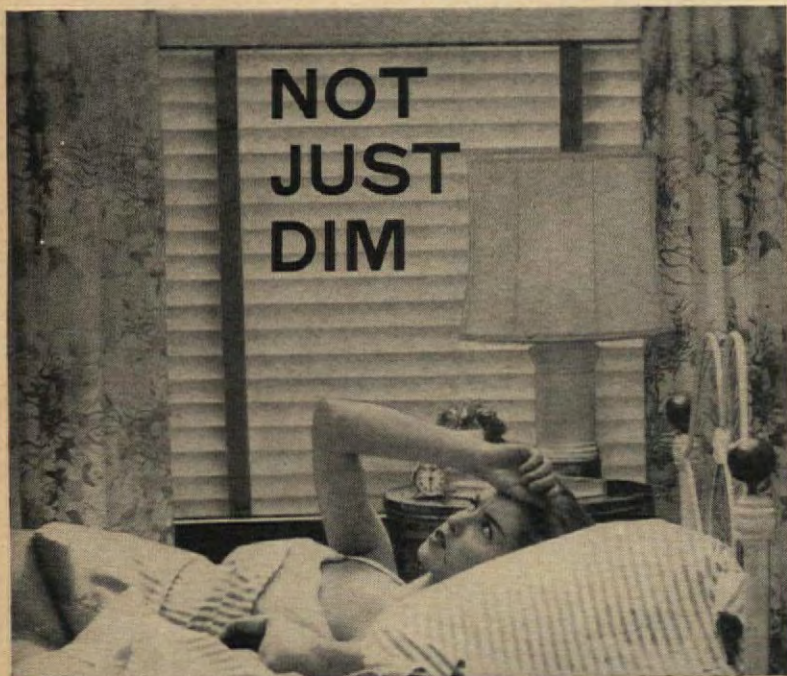
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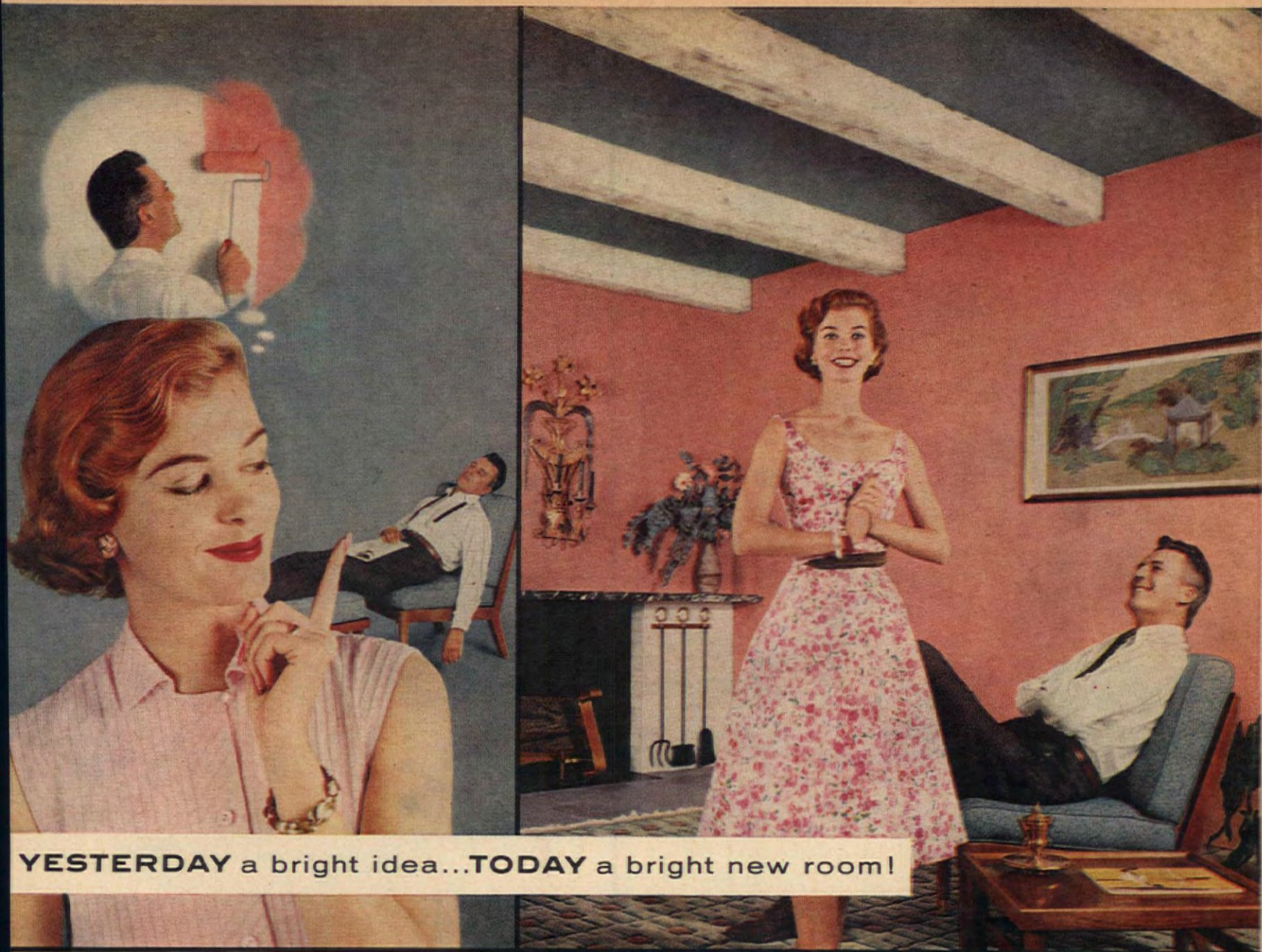


BATHROOM BUILT-INS

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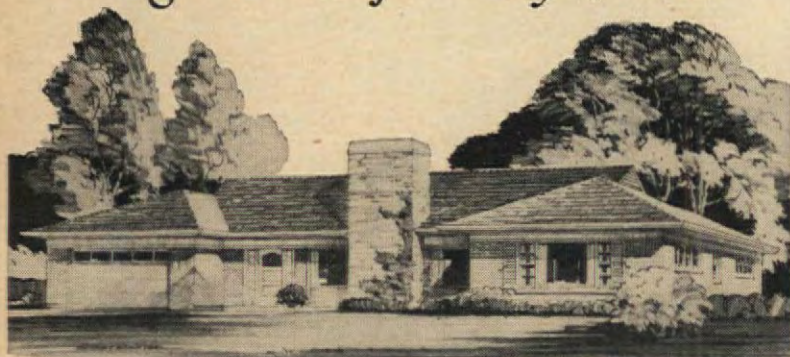


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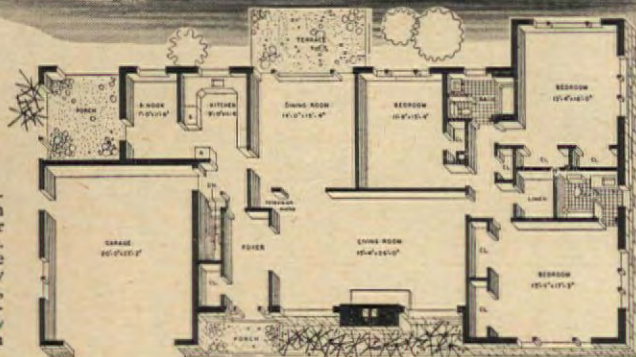
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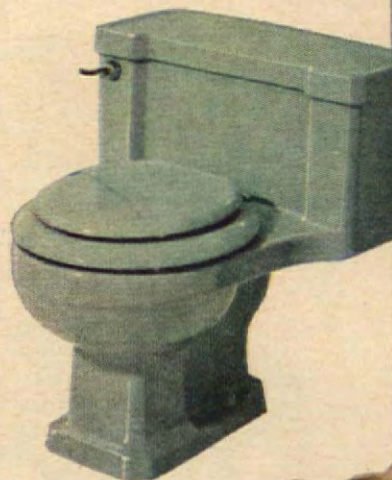


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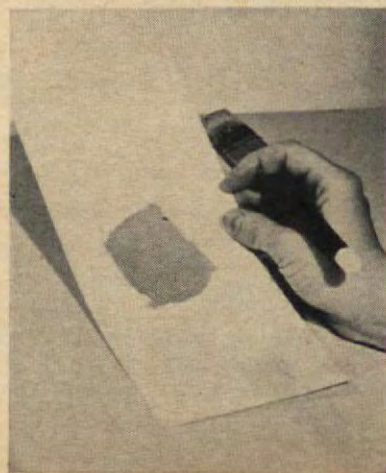
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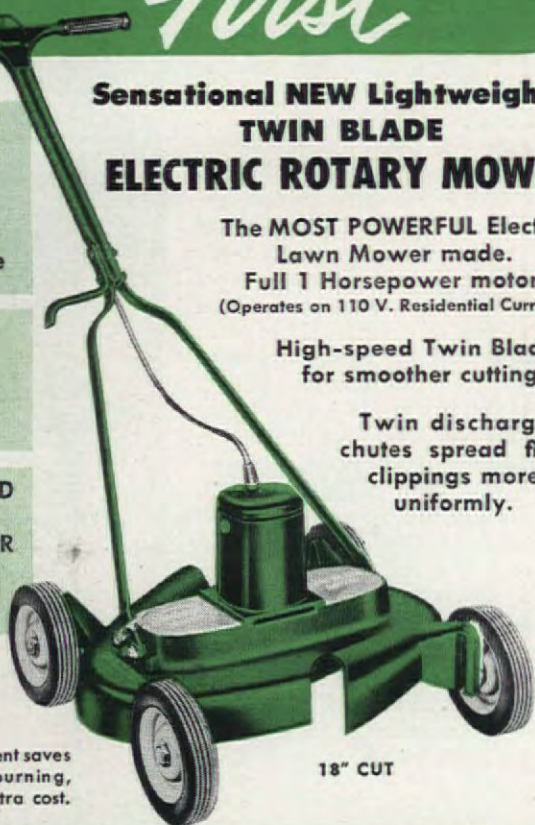
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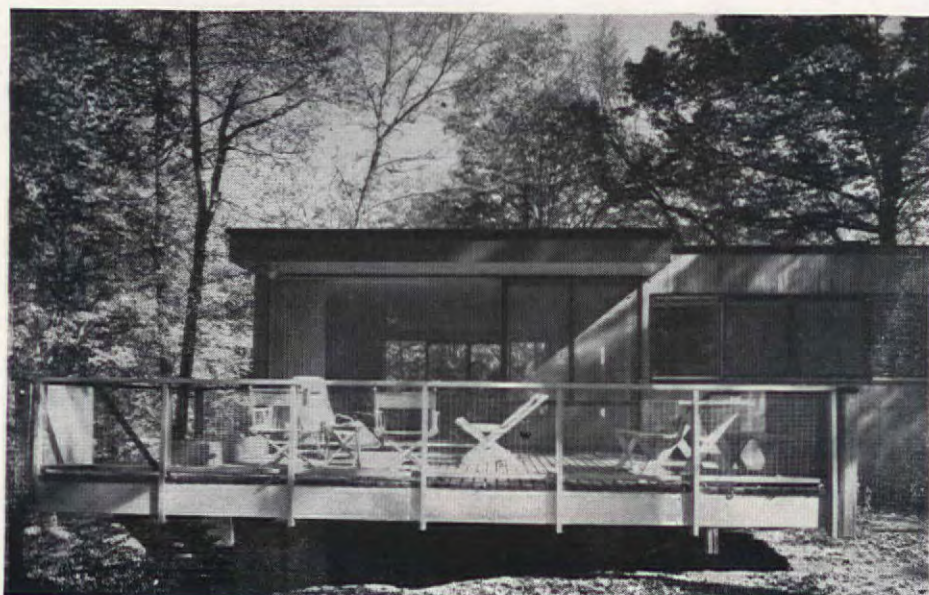
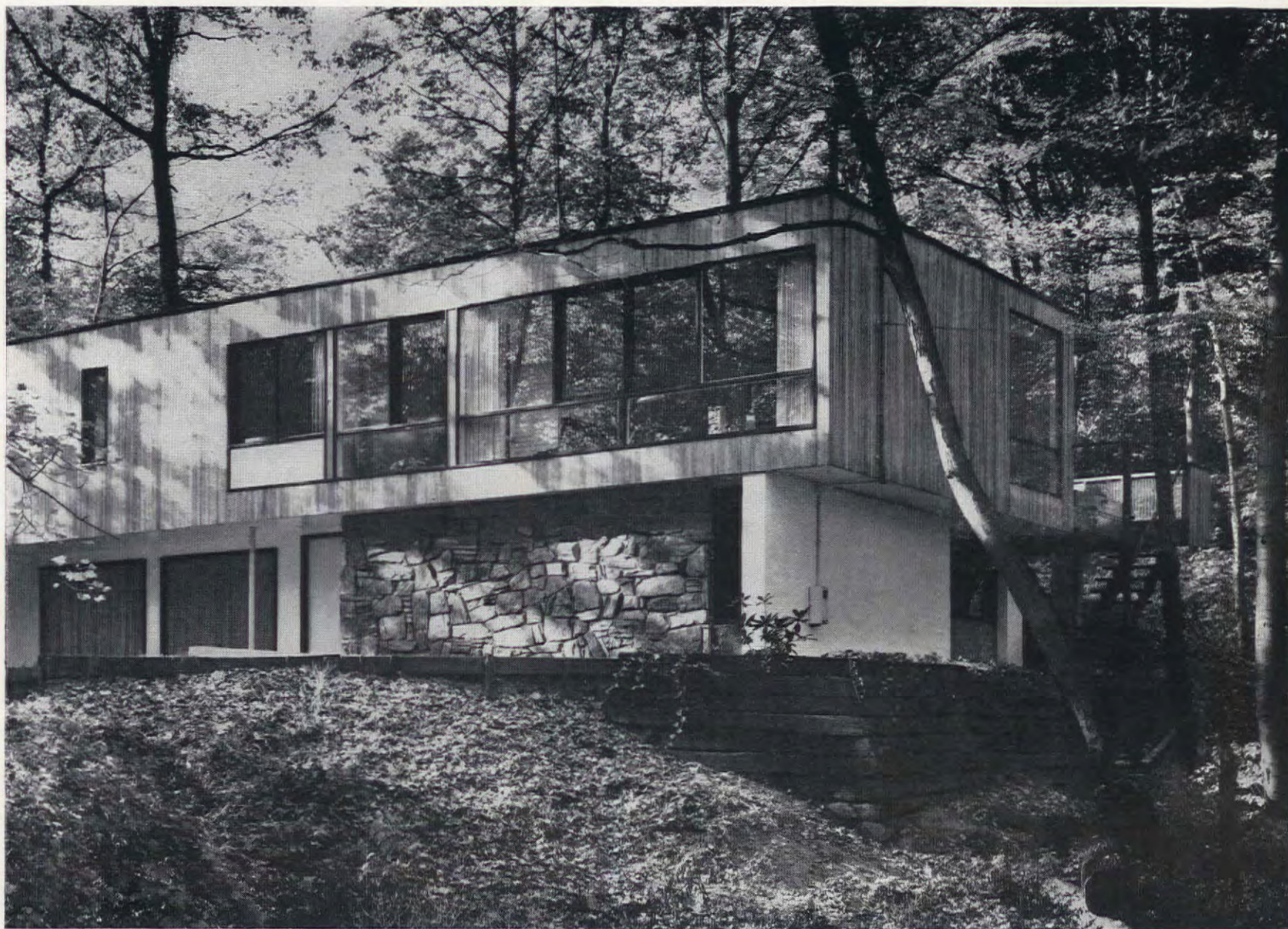


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space. The upper or main floor is cantilevered out beyond the basement. This feature adds to the living space of the main floor and gives it a look of even more space. The overhang formed by the cantilevering helps in another way—it protects basement openings from the weather.

The main-floor plan is open, adding to the feeling of maximum space in a limited area. But by intelligent planning, the bedrooms and baths are isolated from the living-dining area. An additional feeling of great expanse on this floor is accomplished by using large glass areas, and by adding a terrace that is adjacent to the living room.

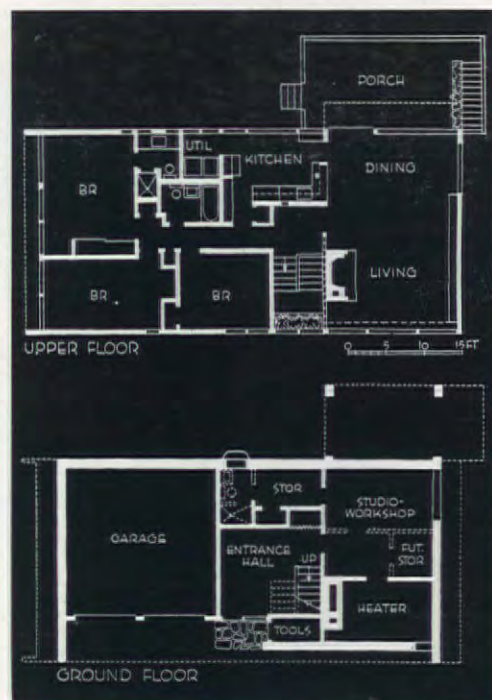
Construction costs were held down by using exposed studs that serve as a screen partition, by dividing the big glass areas into easily framed units, and by using a single plumbing core to serve the two baths and kitchen. Ceiling of main level, and basement floor have radiant-heating coils.

THE END



Open partitions at sides of fireplace make living room seem spacious. View here toward driveway one level below. Since living room is raised, it gains some privacy this way.

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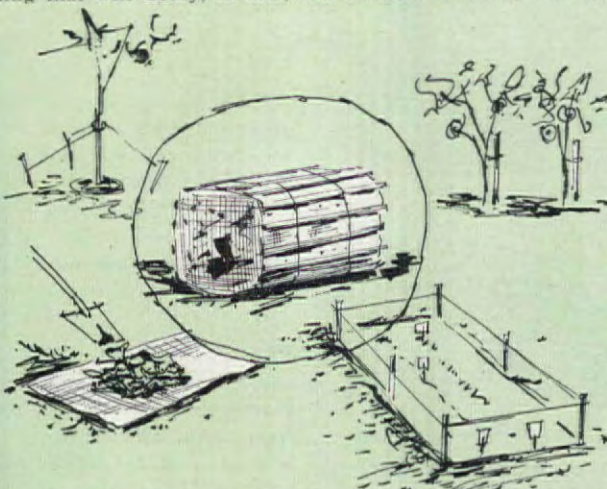
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A couple of western Wisconsin gardeners couldn't even convince themselves, and so decided to do something.

They fashioned what they call concrete gardens and, having planted them, gave them no more attention until the crops matured. Herst Kane, general manager of the Dairyland Press, New Richmond, Wisconsin, spent his summer with the family at a lake. William J. Ryan, executive vice president of the New Richmond Bank, was very busy with banking affairs. Yet both their gardens were the talk of the town.

Concrete gardening, as practiced by Ryan and Kane, goes like this: You make concrete slabs, 18" square, 1½" thick, with a 3" hole in the center, half a 3" hole in the center of each side, and a quarter of a 3" hole at each corner. Then you fit the slabs together, alongside each other, on the surface of the ground. Two half-holes become a hole (all right, a whole hole!) and four quarter-holes become a hole, so that with all the slabs in place you have a continuous concrete surface with holes spaced 9" apart, sort of like a terrace with holes in it. Finally, you sow your seeds or plant your plants in the holes. And that's just about all there is to it. No weeding, no hoeing, and no watering unless you run into an unusually long drought. Easiest gardening ever!

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neighbor's were only 6" high. Flowers
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sorb and retain heat also worked to
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the season. The first frost finished
his neighbor's garden, but his own
plants went on growing for some time
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"The only trouble," Kane says,
"was that we planted too heavily and
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Concrete Garden

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mid-August, although planted late, and it was the same with everything else. We just didn't expect them to do that well!" Then he adds, "But of course we decided we didn't have to use every hole!"

Feeding plants in a concrete garden is no more difficult than in any other sort of garden. You simply sprinkle the fertilizer around and let the rain wash it into the holes and cracks, or you pour liquid fertilizer right into the planting holes.

The concrete slabs were made at a local cement works from forms built by Kane. They cost 30¢ apiece. They would naturally have cost less, Kane points out, if he and Ryan had had time to make them themselves.

Kane's concrete garden was 22' by 28' and had 1,073 holes. In it he grew corn, popcorn, wax and green beans, peas, cucumbers, lettuce, peppers, eggplant, cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, and some 30 different kinds of flowers. "The only kind of plants you wouldn't grow in a concrete garden," Kane says, "are the root crops like carrots, onions, radishes, beets, and bulbous flowers like dahlias and gladiolus."

The concrete garden idea, Kane feels, should work successfully just about anywhere in the country. In the north it gives you an edge on the seasons. In dry areas it conserves moisture. Where rainfall is abundant it should reduce disease troubles from contact of plants or fruit with wet ground. And you don't get your shoes muddy. Or dusty, if it's dry.

If the slabs last indefinitely, which they should, a concrete garden is a pretty sound investment—in Kane and Ryan's joint opinion, anyway. Even if you have the slabs made to order, it's inexpensive, they say, and if you make the slabs yourself it's downright cheap. When you think of "all the weeding and hoeing and everything" it does away with, you can't help feeling inclined to agree. Can you?

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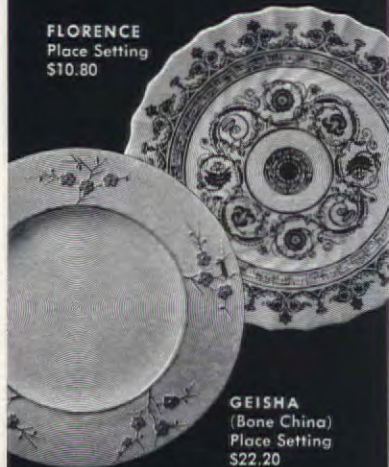
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Unpredictability

(Begins on page 64)

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My first design, a "play community," combined both stable and mobile elements, and spatial and material form were considered equally important. The materials utilized included steel-cored rope, spring-steel, and fiber glass. The feature of the design was the fact that one child's actions affected everyone on the plot, demanding a balancing adjustment. The designs shown in this article are mobile, and were simpler follow-ups that demonstrate the same principle in different ways. The child is given practice in choosing and executing a course of action, but he is constantly reminded that change is the essence of living, that to adhere to a principle it is necessary to be able to change your mind—with balance.

Mobility alone does not insure security, but stability doesn't either. The person who always stands firmly like a tree by the water is bound sooner or later to be hit by a truck. There is a time to move and a time to stand still or sit down, and judgment is the big factor; but judgment must be nurtured by experience above and below—as well as on—the verbal level. These designs, are, in effect, non-verbal—even self-inflicted sermons.

As sculptors or architects, we tend to think of Art in terms of studios and drafting rooms, exhibitions and museums—we even try to define this word—but basically we know that we can never define or adequately explain the ever-changing and inescapable means by which we shape, and are shaped by, the world in which we live—for better or for worse. The important question is not who does what, to whom and how, but how well are we doing it.

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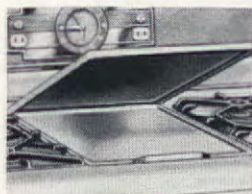
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Tall-



Norman MacGregor, who's over 6' himself, had his own comfort in mind when he designed this rounded-back version for Valley Upholstery. It has set-in head rest of foam rubber, is \$144 in muslin.



If your he-man has studying to do, he will probably prefer this leather-covered high-back barrel lounge chair for serious reading time. Chair suits traditional as well as contemporary furnishings. It's \$264 as shown, \$138 in muslin; and also is available in other fabrics. Drexel.



Mother can't wait until Father is off to work in the morning so she can snare this tall-backer to do her sewing in. It is very comfortable with an open feeling. Made by Consider H. Willett, chair adapts to 'most any mood. It has maple finished legs and stretchers, and is \$125 in muslin.

MARGARET H. HABER

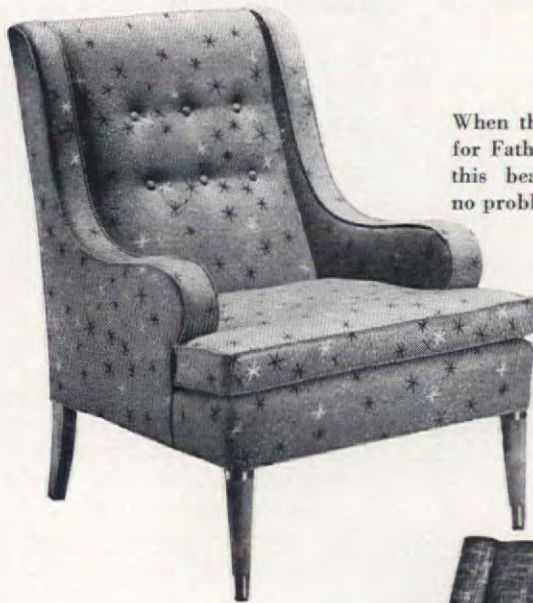
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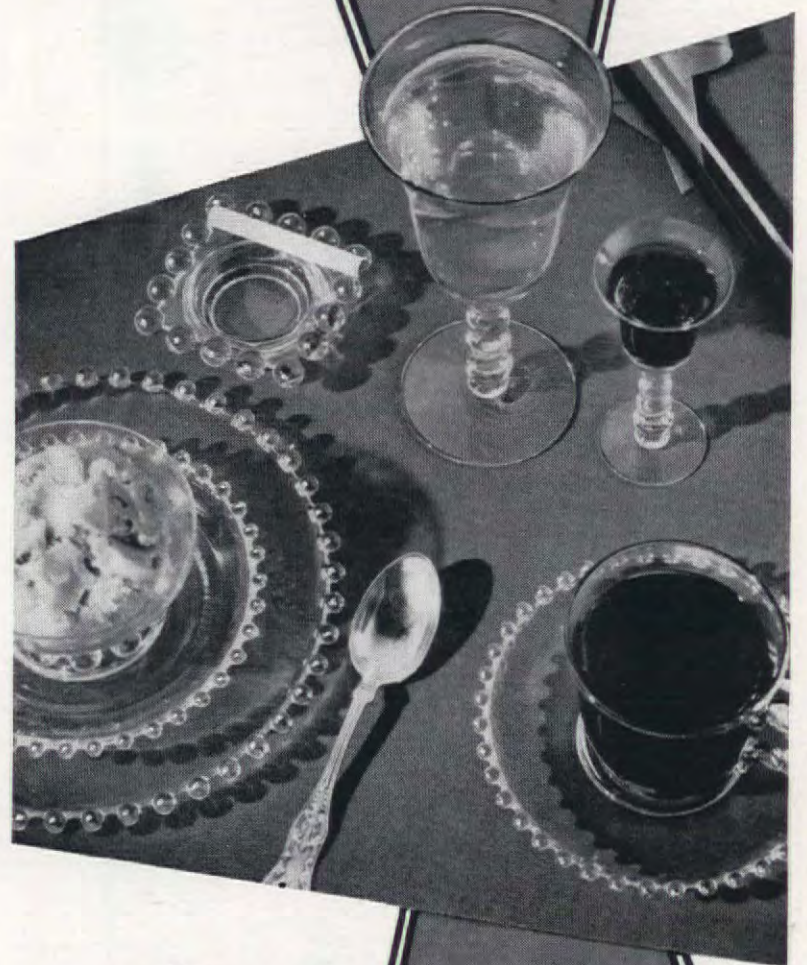


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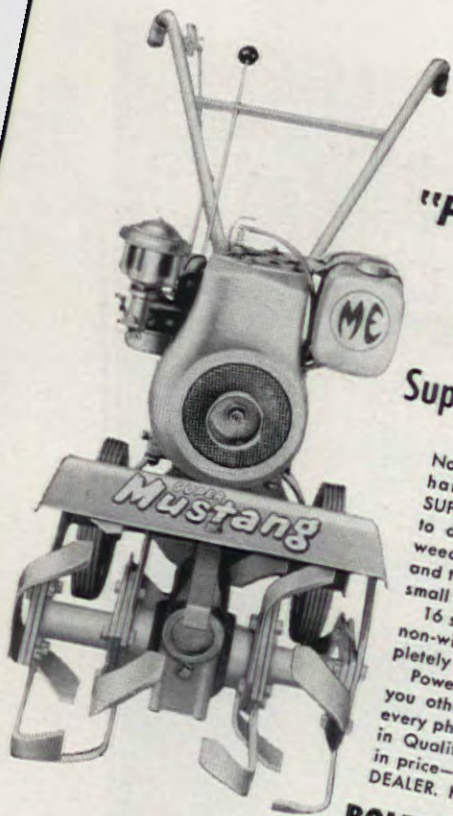
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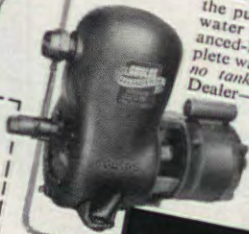
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I bought the best grade, cut it into 12"-wide strips, and bent these lengthwise to straddle a row, with a 2" overlap at the ends. To hold them in place, I cut an old smooth wire clothesline into 18" pieces which I bent into arches like croquet wickets. (Wire used in bracing farm fences would do).

In putting a "greenhouse" in place over a newly-planted row, I bend a strip of the screening lengthwise into a semicircle, hold it between my feet, and thrust a wicket over it and into the ground on either side. Backing along the row, I place additional sections with a wire loop about every two feet, with an extra one over the covered, and soon the hut was full of blown leaves. So I cut a square of the wire for each end and pegged it in place; if the weather is really cold, I use thick cardboard.

The only care needed is to loosen the soil along the edges of the huts when cultivating the rest of the garden. When the weather becomes settled, I remove the screening, clean and dry it, roll it up, and store it, and mulch the row.

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Take that dry wall supporting the terrace. If it's in the sun, herbs that will do well and be especially flavorful include hyssop, with bluish flowers and bitter leaves that perk up salads; the common thyme (*Thymus vulgaris*) and mother-of-thyme (*T. serpyllum*); chamomile (*Anthemis nobilis*), winter savory (*Satureia montana*), and old-fashioned clove pinks.

Informal stone steps chinked with earth are perfect for those herbs or, if in shade, for sweet violets, for fragrance and candying; woodruff (*Asperula odorata*), and wintergreen, if the soil is acid and somewhat moist.

What could be prettier between stepping stones in a path than the green froth of thyme? You'll be especially glad of it when you walk up the path on a dewy morning. And that corner by the kitchen door where flowers never grow well, or that you neglected as too small to plant, might be perfect for mint grown in bottomless tubs sunk rim deep to prevent the roots spreading too far and becoming unruly. With it might go tarragon (*Artemisia dracunculoides*), chives, basil (*Ocimum basilicum*), parsley, and summer savory (*Satureia hortensis*).

If you have a perennial border, include the ornamental balm (*Melissa officinalis*) with variegated leaves; clary (*Salvia sclaria*) with woolly leaves and showy flowers; purple-flowered chives, and gray-green rue (*Ruta graveolens*). And for a bank of dry, poor soil use shrubby herbs like sage, lavender, and rosemary.

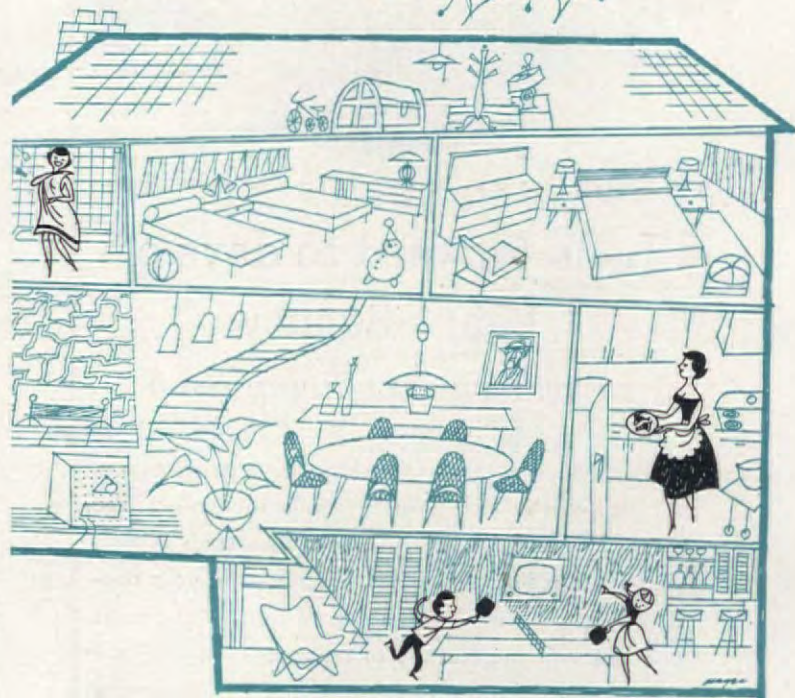
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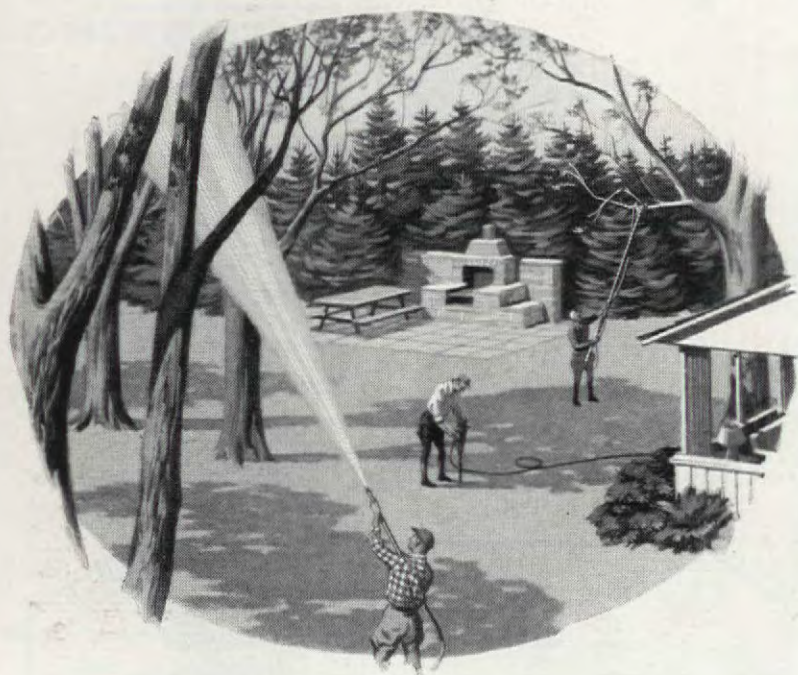
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Probably the most popular mums are the decorative spray types, represented by *Desert Quail*, right. It's soft lavender pink, with blooms up to 4½" or 5" across, and grows 20" to 24" high.

THE END

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1. Propagation by division is the easiest way to increase your favorite varieties of mums. In the spring, when the new growth of an established plant is 4" to 6" high, lift the entire clump with a shovel, spade, or digging fork. Mums are tough plants and not very deeply rooted, so you can't injure them if you're just sure to dig the whole root ball.

2. With the clump lifted, divide it by simply pulling it apart with the hands. Each new, growing stem with roots on it will make a new plant, but you can leave several stems together if you'd like large clumps. Keep the divisions covered with wet cloth and out of the sun until you plant them. Discard all the old, woody parts of the clump.





MORE MUMS



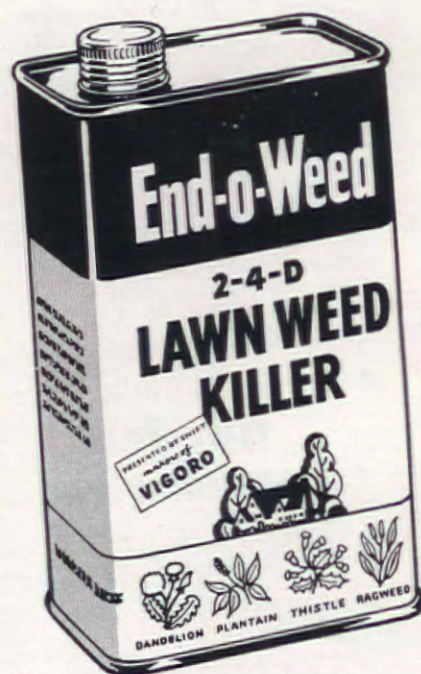
4. When you divide mums, it's a good idea to pot up a few to bring indoors at flowering time. Four-inch pots will do, but it's easier to keep plants watered indoors in 5" or 6" pots. Sink the pots to their rims in a sunny spot in the garden and bring inside when buds start opening. Pinch out tip growth until July if you'd prefer bushier plants.



3. Plant the divisions without delay, a foot apart and with the roots just below the soil surface, and water thoroughly. To get best color effects, plant mums in groups of six or more. Their main cultural needs are a sunny location, good soil enriched occasionally with complete plant food, enough water to keep them growing in summer.

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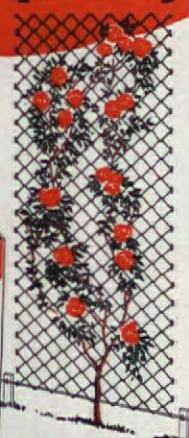
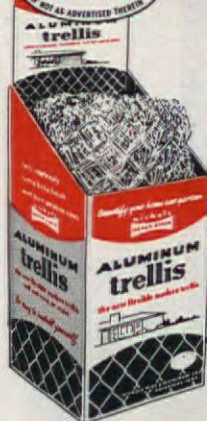
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"Groucho Marx"

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history, a majority of shows requesting the Achievement Medal failed to award it. The reason: last year's poor growing conditions over such a wide area.

The runner-up originator was the genial "hardy perennial" exhibitor Stanley Johnson of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, who won three Medals with his large Formal Decorative, tyrian-rose dahlia, "High Brow," and one with his large Informal Decorative variety, "Lavender Joe."

Third place winner was the A-size Formal Decorative dahlia of tyrian-rose and cameo-pink color, named "Otto's Thrill" in honor of its originator, Otto Aumuller, widely-known Long Island grower, who died before he



C. G. Phillips, show chairman; Em. Delbrugge; "Ned" Seymour and medal-winning Carletta Rosa.

could witness its triumph. The exhibitor was George Brunjes of Elmira, N. Y., to whom Mr. Aumuller had left his stock for propagation, and who selected the name. By general agreement, the Medals—which are given only to originators—were presented to Mr. Aumuller's widow.

Recapitulating, ten dahlia breeders won 20 Medals with 11 varieties, while nine growers of gladiolus, two of daylilies, and two of peonies won one Medal each. All of them deserve, and are hereby tendered, hearty congratulations by the AMERICAN HOME and by the writer, who now writes finis to his stewardship of the Achievement Medals which, for the past 20 years, has been so interesting, enjoyable, and gratifying—especially in the many warm friendships, cordial relations, and happy experiences it has engendered.

The administration of the Medal will now be in the hands of Garden Editor Theodore A. Weston, to whom you should send any questions about it or applications for authority to offer it.

And now for a brief listing of all the 1955 Achievement Medal winners, the data being given in this order: Variety name; description, originator (recipient of Medal); exhibitor, if someone else (in parentheses); show or shows at which

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11 WINNING DAHLIAS

Ardrich—Incurved cactus, 8" and very deep; clear canary yellow. Wesley Ulsh, Gig Harbor, Washington. Washington State Dahlia Society.

Carletta Rosa—Cactus, 6" by 3½"; light blend lavender, white center. Rosemary Dahlia Gardens (Em. Delbrugge), Martins Ferry, Ohio. National Capital Dahlia Society.

Eula MacRoberts—B-size Semi-cactus; orange-red. Edward Ritter, Verona, Pennsylvania. Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society.

Folderol—A-size Cactus; dark purple. Alonzo J. Frazier, Huntington Beach, California. Inglewood (Calif.) Dahlia Society.

Groucho Marx—A-size (11") Semi-cactus; white. Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego, California. American Dahlia, Central States Dahlia, Orange County (Calif.), San Diego Dahlia Societies, and Midwest Dahlia Conference Show.

High Brow—A-size (10") Formal Decorative; tyrian-rose. Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. Burholme Horticultural and Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Societies and Dahlia Society of New Jersey.



Otto's Thrill

Lavender Joe—A-size Informal Decorative; lavender. Stanley Johnson, Camden Dahlia and Horticultural Society.

Pat—A-size Semi-cactus; pink or "Persian rose." W. C. Anderson, Cincinnati. Indianapolis Dahlia Society.

Peach Blend—Rosy peach blending into yellow. William Haugh, Wellsville, Ohio. (Exhibitor, E. J. Wind, Rocky River, O.) East Liverpool (O.) Dahlia & Floral Society.

Otto's Thrill—A-size (12" by 6") Formal Decorative; tyrian-rose and cameo-pink. The late Otto Aumuller, Merrick, New York. (Exhibitor, George Brunjes). Irvington (N. J.) Garden Club, Rochester and Southern Tier (N. Y.) Dahlia Societies.

Perry Como—A-size (11") Informal Decorative; yellow, petal ends overlaid with pink. Ben Lizza, Glen Head, New York. Long Island Dahlia Society.

9 GLADIOLUS WINNERS

Alida G.—Size 500; light lavender-blue; ruffled; 20 buds, 10 open. H. G. Herr, Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania. National Gladiolus Society.

Blue Smoke—Mulberry blue, smoky salmon blotch; heavy ruffling.

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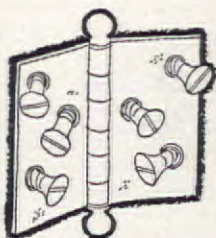


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Marion C. Rich, Marion, New York. Empire State Gladiolus Society.

Gondolier—Bright medium yellow; ruffled; 28" head, 5½" florets, 8 open, 18 total. Edward A. Howell, Hanover, New Jersey. Keystone State Gladiolus Society.

Grand Slam—Large, formal; white with rose picotee edging, cream flash on lower two petals. Henry Fritcher, Sebastopol, California. Oregon State Gladiolus Society.

Larchmont—Needle-pointed, fluted; pure white, light green calyx. Ted Woods, Madison, Wisconsin. Indiana Gladiolus Society.

Lavender King—Clear lavender, light throat; 28" head, 6 to 8 florets open. Dr. Louis O. Hansen, Lynwood, California. (Exhibitor, Fred C. King, Gardenia, Calif.). Southern California Gladiolus Society.

Little Butch—Miniature; scarlet; 16 buds, 8 open. Andrew C. Maier, Pontiac, Michigan. Southeastern Michigan Gladiolus Society.

Palomino—Lightly ruffled; apricot-buff, orange throat spot; 28" head, 23 buds, 8 open. Alexander Summer-ville, Caldwell, New Jersey. New Jersey Gladiolus Society.

Polar Bear—Pure white; needle-point, smooth recurved; 30" head, 26 buds, 8 to 11 open, 6" diameter. H. O. Evans, Solon, Ohio. Ohio State Gladiolus Society.

2 HEMEROCALLIS (DAYLILIES)

Summer Orchid—Light yellow ruf-



Frances Mains

fled spider, green in center; scape to 40"; well branched; 2 to 5 blooms open wide per day. Mrs. Aldina Scaife Gates, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Hemerocallis Society.

Playboy—Deep golden yellow; medium flower; unusual branching. Ralph W. Wheeler, Winter Park, Florida. Valdosta (Ga.) Garden Center (with The Hemerocallis Society).

2 PEONIES

Frances Mains—Large rose type double; midseason; mild fragrance; wide petals, even light pink, darker at center. Walter Mains, Belle Center, Ohio. American Peony Society.

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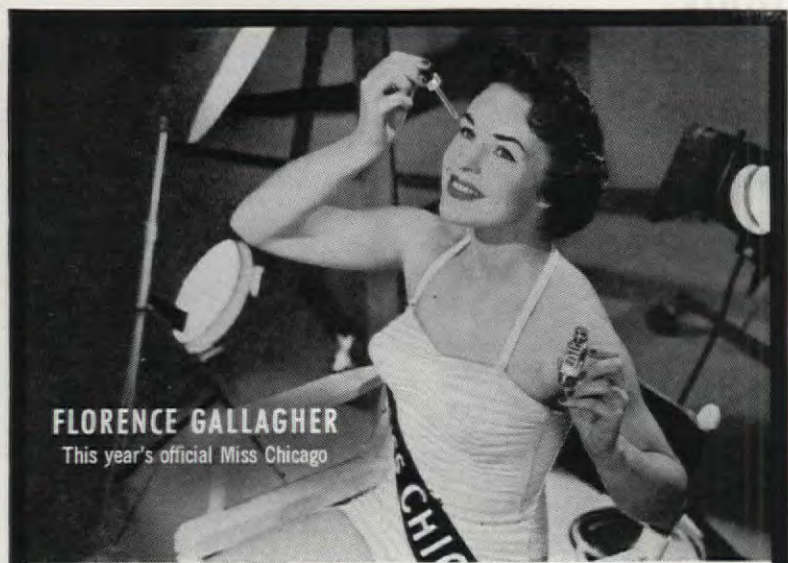
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The one I have in mind is *acidantha murielae*. It's closely related to the gladiolus, looks quite a bit like a glad, and, as a matter of fact, is classified as *Gladiolus murielae* by some botanists.

It grows two to three feet high, each stem with six to eight blooms which open one at a time. The flowers are creamy white with rich purple centers, a little smaller than most glads. The flowering season is the same, mid- to late summer. Their culture, too, is about the same as that of glads.

Plant them after the soil has warmed up in the spring—three to four inches deep and about four inches apart. They're most effective in groups of six or more, and I'd certainly advise against planting them in rows! Unless, of course, you're thinking of them only for cutting. And they are worth growing for that purpose alone. They combine with almost anything and their continuously opening buds make them long lasting.

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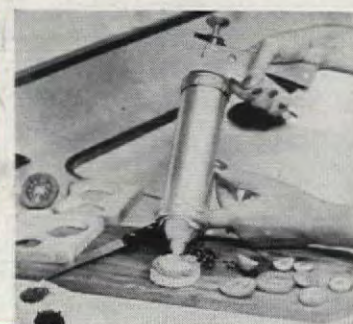
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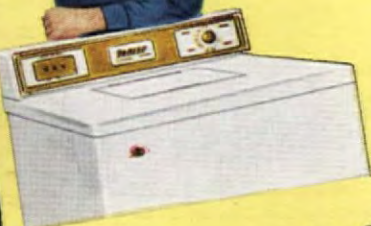
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