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In the children's room on the cover, Art Editor Ed Fortuna has captured that storybook moment of excitement and anticipation on Christmas Eve when two children have hung up their stockings and, too excited to sleep, await the coming of Santa. Further along in this issue are other familiar sights and symbols associated with Christmas . . . and loads of ideas for holiday food, entertaining, decorating and gift-giving. Don't miss a page this month!

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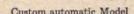
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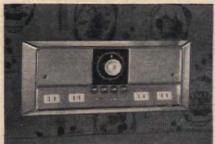
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. To Mrs. Okley Baker of Newark, Ohio, this small shelter house is the house of a thousand uses. It's been an outdoor kitchen for numerous steak and hamburger fries. It's a playhouse. And for birthdays, it becomes a party house with a raft of gaily decorated balloons. The only variation in the American HOME pattern from which it was copied is the boarding half-way up the sides. "We did this," says Mrs. Baker, "to keep out the rain and snow. And it gives us some added privacy, too. In wintertime, the house makes a wonderful storage place for all of our garden furniture."

Grandfather Clock a whole year in the making



• The ornamentation just above the face of this handmade grandfather clock bears the familiar Latin inscription "Tempus Fugit"—"time flies." Count the days and nights that went into the carving and inlay design, the hours of rubbing and polishing—and the words seem hardly appropriate. But to Mr. Robert E. Wilcox of Winfield, Kansas, they are. Says he, "If there's one PLEASE TURN THE PAGE



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EARNING A LIVING The years go by and always there is the responsibility of earning a living. Here again the telephone is a speedy, willing, ever-present helper. It is a part of the daily work and the progress of almost everyone.



RAISING A FAMILY Now the telephone becomes more useful than ever. For how could Mother ever run her household and raise a family without it! Friends, relatives, stores, doctors, conveniences—all are so near and easy to reach by telephone.



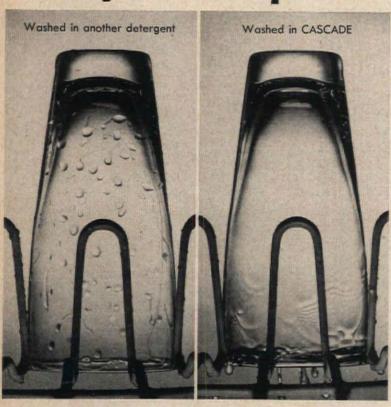
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The clock is Honduras mahogany. The sunburst design was copied from a picture of 200-year-old grandfather clock. Face, engraved spandrels and hardware are brass. The works, made in Germany, were bought in California. There are three sets of chimes built into the mechanism: Westminster, St. Michael and Whittington, which may be changed by slight adjustment. The clock chimes every 15 minutes-just to remind Mr. Wilcox that time does indeed fly.

Cabinet maker suggests a variation on a theme



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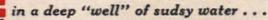
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Through the holiday festivities it stood in its corner, fresh and green, with the usual ornaments, lights and tinsel. A little water each day on the roots kept them moist and the needles from drying and dropping. At the end of two weeks it was dismantled and carefully placed outside a most-used door. Through the year the children became interested in its growth, in giving it water and caring for it.

Five Christmas seasons have now come and gone. The little tree has grown to be over seven feet high and is still in the same container. The tree has become such a cherished personality that we plan to keep it in its original container as long as it continues to grow and can be used indoors as our Christmas tree.

Until then its growth can be held in check by pinching back new "candles" at the end of the branches. This will keep the tree in better shape, full of new growth and green needles. If the leader at the top grows too tall it may be cut back to the desired height and a suitable branch taped to a vertical position to

become a new tip. By such pruning methods we hope to keep it movable many more years.

Eventually, when the roots become pot-bound we have a choice spot for it in the center of the yard. As we look out from our big living-room windows, the tree will always stand as a reminder of those years when it was small enough to be in the house—a symbol of many happy Christmases.

-MRS. GLADYS FORD, SIERRE MADRE, CAL.

Christmas Stories to Make You Smile





ust as surely as December 25th is Christmas Day at our house, December 26th is Letter-Writing Day to gift-givers.

Santa Claus suggested this occasion when he left stationery

and pencils (with names on them) beside each stocking. The new matching bathrobes from Aunt Joan keep us cozy while we write, and there's a basket of nuts and candies nearby to chew on when the words don't come easily. It makes writing festive.

The letters are short—each sheet of stationery has only a few lines ruled on it. Julie draws pictures. She'll be able to write her thanks next year.

Thank-you notes are hard to write later on. But they're fun when you do them together—right away!
—RACHEL VANDERWERF, LAWRENCE, KANSAS

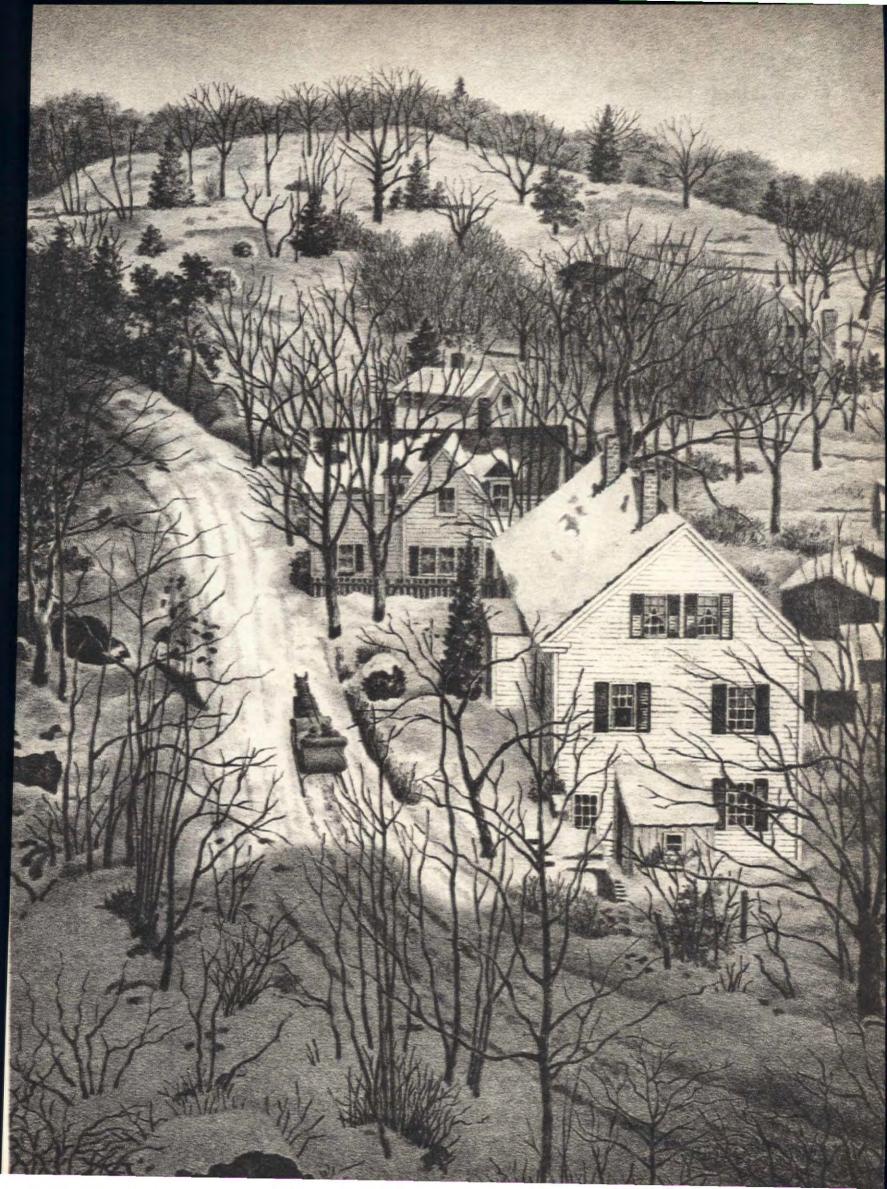
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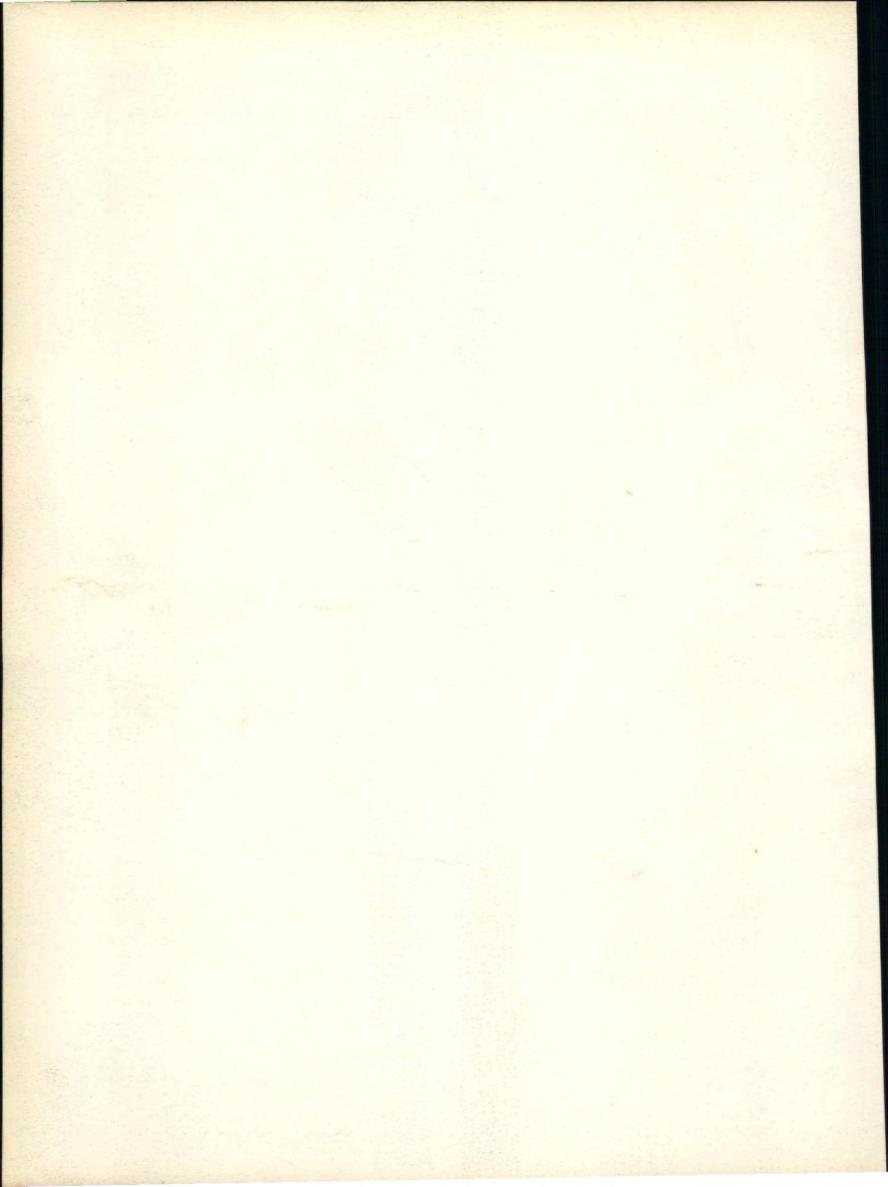


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ake mine an old-fashioned—Christmas I mean. I've had enough of Christmas moderne. Christmas used to be red and green, with big good-smelling trees weighted down with trimmings.

I was introduced to the new style in Christmas in the first year of my marriage. My wife put up a tree sprayed white and trimmed with blue lights, blue balls and silver glitter. To me it had all the warmth of an iceberg. In the succeeding years things scarcely improved.

But this year I put my foot down. We're having a big, bushy, good-smelling Christmas tree trimmed with popcorn and cranberries and ornaments. We're even having a holly wreath—pure, unadulterated holly! And red candles everywhere, Santa Claus on the coffee table, a nativity scene in the dining room. And I hope my wife and children will be so impressed that from now on all our Christmases will be red and green ones.

The irony of all this is that some day when our son is grown-up, he'll probably say wistfully to his wife, "Dear, why don't we ever have a real, old-fashioned Christmas? Let's get an old dead branch and paint it silver and hang Christmas balls on it. We'll paint our Christmas tree black and put gold decorations on it, and it'll be a real old-fashioned Christmas . . . like Mother used to have."

—K. N. HARDIN, MARION, ARKANSAS



George is not one of my children. I do have three youngsters, but George is not one of them. I've even told him to his face.

"Look, George," I said, "this is your home with us and we treat you like one of the family, but you can't expect to enjoy all the privileges that my own kids do."

Still he goes right on acting as if he were one of my own—as if Bill, Dick and Kenny were his very own brothers. Of course, there's one important difference he doesn't understand. You see, George is a black cocker spaniel.

Take church, for example. George used to break out of the backyard so often on Sunday mornings to follow the boys that one day we let him tag along. Once I discovered he behaved better in church than the boys did, George became a steady churchgoer with the rest of the family.

One Sunday it happened to be Christmas Eve. We had opened our gifts around seven and everyone was pretty calmed down by the time we were ready to leave for midnight Mass. I had given George a gorgeous, meaty soup bone tied with a big red ribbon, not only because I love him dearly, but also because I thought it would keep him busy while we were at Mass. I wouldn't have minded George going to church with us that night, but the organ would swell with a multitude of glorious Christmas songs and the choir would be full and beauteous; and George, too, might join the chorus—something to be avoided.

Everything went perfectly. George was tied to the clothesline, given his bone, and we left, unnoticed.

The church was beautiful the way it always is at Christmas and the crèche in front of the side altar was as love-inspiring and as new and yet as familiar as the Babe lying in His crib. We went up the aisle to the crèche and wished the Baby Jesus a "Happy Birthday" and then went back to our pew.

It was while the choir was softly singing "Silent Night" that one of the boys who was at the aisle end of the pew, gave me a nudge and in a shocked whisper said, "There's George!"

And there was George, indeed! But he wasn't trotting in the way he did on a usual Sunday morning. If a dog can tiptoe, George was doing just that. And in his mouth was his Christmas bone, not chewed at all but still with the red ribbon around it. George didn't stop when he reached our pew but went down the side aisle to where the Baby Jesus lay.

By now, the choir had finished the hymn and the church was perfectly still as George stopped in front of the crèche and with a thump dropped his Christmas bone on the floor in front of the manger. Then he turned and came back to our pew, slipped in and lay on the floor in front of us.

Like folks said after Mass was over, George probably tracked our footsteps first to the crib and then back to the pew. Anyway, it was beautiful to watch.

Like I've said before, George never realized that he was just a dog.—MRS. J. L. TREARY, STERLING, ILL.

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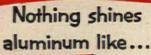
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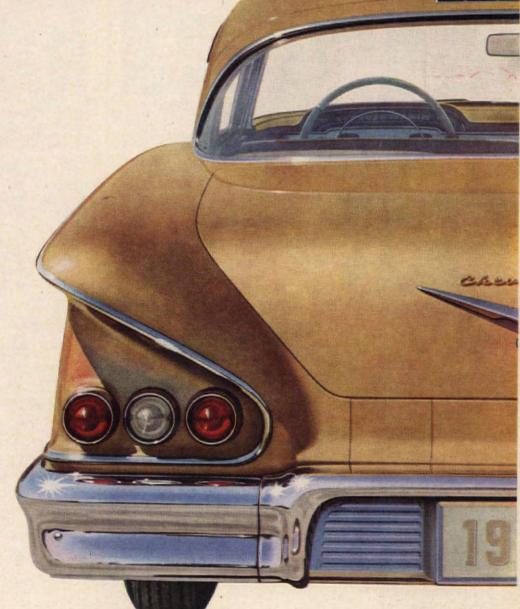
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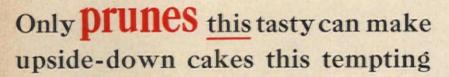
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5 maraschino cherries, halved ¼ cup shredded coconut ½ of the batter prepared from

one pkg. yellow cake mix

Divide butter into 10 6½-oz. custard cups (about 2 tsps. per cup). Sprinkle in sugar (about 2 tsps. each). Arrange 4 prunes and cherry half in bottom of each cup. Sprinkle coconut between prunes. Make cake batter from mix. Pour 2 or 3 tablespoons over fruit in each cup. (Bake rest of batter in 8-inch layer.) Bake 25 to 30 minutes in 350° oven. Cool 5 min. Invert on plate.



How to get tired Christmas shopping

BETTY A. DIETZ

alf the fun of Christmas shopping is in wearing yourself out. It's part of the tradition, like the glass finial that's Scotch-taped to the top of the tree and the pine needles that begin to drop before the gift packages are unwrapped.

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How to get tired Christmas shopping

have a feather that will force even your own grandmother to keep her distance. It will be a distinct help on elevators—bound to discourage pushing.

Wear the heaviest coat you own. The stores may be warm as burnt toast, but that heavy coat looks so expensive it helps to impress saleswomen. And find your smallest purse—so you can't carry anything in it.

Take the children along. There's no point in paying exorbitant baby-sitter fees and anyway, four or five small ones can run interference through the crowded aisles. What's more, they look forward to being crushed and mauled by the mob of shoppers and you know how much they enjoy watching while you try on new hats? But the day won't be completely ruined. One of the youngsters is bound to have the fun of getting lost and being toted off to the police station while you look frantically for earrings for that dreadful sister-in-law who says you have no taste.

Never, never do any advance planning. The experts say you can cut shopping time in half if you make out a shopping list. But if you knew exactly what size shirt that crew-cut nephew has grown into this winter, there'd be no reason for post-holiday gift exchanges. Babies in the family? Splurge a little on an electric train. Carry it home, of course. The efficient thing would be to have it delivered.

Grab a quick lunch. Don't waste time relaxing in a chair and having a bracing cup of soup brought to you. Elbow your way up to a counter. If necessary, you can slip cramped, tired toes out of your shoes for a little free wriggling. By eating on-the-run and ignoring a fractious gall bladder, you can keep your temper razor-edged and be ready to pick a fight when the next woman reaches for the heliotrope scarf you spotted for Great-Aunt Nellie.

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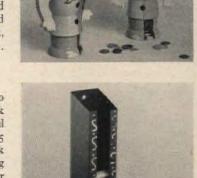
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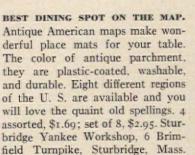


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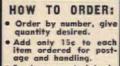


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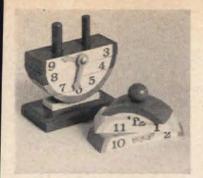


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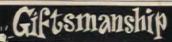
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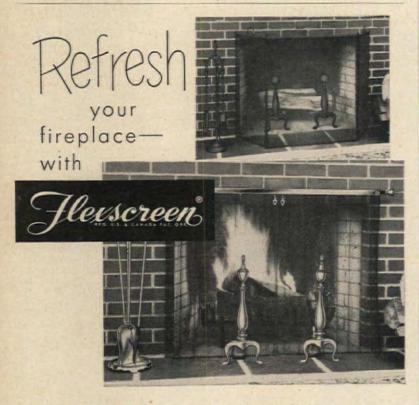
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34 ways to say Merry Christmas





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You'll find loads of Christmas ideas on the following pages.





You can duplicate these Christmas beauties. Here's how...

1 APPLE AND PEAR TREE. The container used for the arrangement on page 41 is a copy of an old mortar, but any type of vertical container will do. Here we use one with straight sides. Cut a square block of wood larger than the diameter of top of the container. Secure 6" vertical rod to center of the block by nail or screw from the bot-

tom. Nail six or eight tacks around edge of the board and one on top of center rod, but don't drive them all the way in. Attach block to the container with adhesive tape pulled tight, crisscross. Wind 1-in, wire mesh around the rod to form a cone. Secure spool wire to the top nail, then pull down and up, twisting around all the nails. (Fig. 1.) Begin at the tape line to insert sprays of yew, box chamaecyparis in circular "bed."

(Fig. 2.) Insert shellacked lady-apples and Christmas pears impaled on 6" florist picks. (Fig. 3.) Now continue with alternate layers of greens and fruit, building up to a pyramid. For special elegance spray lightly and quickly with gold paint. If the container is to be sprayed, do that first of all.

FIG. 3





DECORATED WREATH. Make or buy a very round 18" wreath of boxwood or huckleberry. If you prefer you can use juniper or cedar. Spray wreath with white spray-on enamel. Dry. Wind blue velvet ribbons, crisscross around wreath (see photograph), and add little clusters of artificial fruit. Spray with PLEASE TURN THE PAGE

spray-on snow. Spray two little dime-store trees white, trim with tiny turquoise Christmas balls, trinkets, bits of old jewelry. This makes a dignified, beautiful decoration for over the mantle. For a double door, make two wreaths. Hang a swag of heavy rayon drapery cord with *BIG* tassels and clusters of fruit over the doorway.

3 CHRISTMAS CARD TREE. Here's a most effective way to display cards. Make a tree-shaped pattern from a large piece of cardboard, such as a suit box or illustration board. Hardboard makes a perfect permanent one. Tape to wall with masking tape. Tape cards to tree with cellophane tape. Idea from the Newton Griffith home.

SANSEVIERIA CANDLE AND CONED SPRUCE. You'll need a wood base and two pin holders. The candle has the swirl and rich green and brown coloring of a sansevieria leaf. Attach wood base to pin holder and arrange spruce to convey rhythm or swirl of the candle.



ordinary chicken wire. Fasten at the back with florist's wire. Cut a disc of plywood to fit bottom of cone. Tack chicken wire "tree" to plywood base with "U" tacks. Spray entire tree with gold spray-on paint. Make tiny wire hooks from brass florist's wire to fit the tiny holes in tops of large round gold sequins (available in millinery supply and dime stores). Trim the tree by hanging a single sequin in each open space of the gilded chicken wire. Make a tub from small paper bucket which is used for mixing paint; these buckets are available at paint stores. Spray with gold paint; while still wet sprinkle on gold glitter and dry. Turn upside down and set tree on tub.

6 CHRISTMAS CAROUSEL. Here are the materials you'll need for the complete carousel, so get out your pencil and make a list: wood lazy Susan, 12-inch plastic foam wreath for the base, 10 plastic foam 15-inch canes wrapped with red satin ribbon, 1½-inch plastic foam pole for the center of the carousel, 5 ski boys or Santas, 5 plastic reindeer, 3 dozen red and white cellophane-wrapped kisses. Start with the top of the carousel and take red expandable foil, cut it into sections and pin into place. Tie bright red bows on the plastic foam cane handles and wire red beads onto real holly to trim the top. Whimsical centerpiece was designed by Ruth Godshalk.

MADONNA AND CHILD. Make a two-tiered base for the centerpiece out of plywood or wood with the top block at least 2 inches thick. Drill a hole over to one side in the top block large enough to hold candle securely. Place figurine off center near the candle and cup pin holder at back of the base. Materials: natural jumper, white flocked jumper, gold eucalyptus.

WILDLIFE CENTERPIECE.

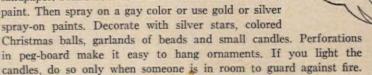
Cedar and boxwood, a herd of tiny animals, a shining candle, ensure a white Christmas—at least at your table. Using a very large pie tin as a base, place a candle in a low glass holder on the pie tin and build a snowy mound of plaster of Paris, covering the holder. Before plaster hardens, insert sprays of cedar and boxwood and brush some wet plaster on the evergreen tips to simulate snow. You can complete the scene with an appropriate group of animal figurines, including deer, rabbits, birds.



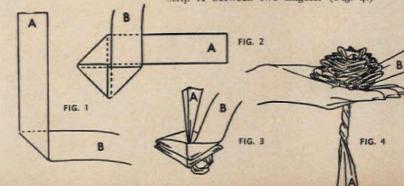
GOLDEN ANGELS can be put anywhere on the walls of a room or hung from a chandelier. They can be especially effective hung from a wall sconce candelabra, where their shimmer and sparkle constantly changes in the reflection of candlelight. To duplicate, cut out angel design from sturdy cardboard (preferably artist's illustration board). Then, using poster paint, paint the body a very pale pink. Angel's wings are part of original pattern and, like the leaves, are decorated with gold glitter paper. Angel's face has eyes of tiny stars with blue sequins and a mouth made of a red star. Hair is made of strings of beads carefully glued on. Beads can be any color you wish. Designed by Pearl Snyder.

10 RED PILLAR CANDLE and red plastic branches create a flaming beauty of a centerpiece. To simulate the design, start with an oval base and two pin-cup holders. Centering the twisted pillar candle, arrange the plastic branches to capture the rhythm of the twisted candle, placing the tallest branch in position first. Fill in and complete the design with natural spiral eucalyptus.

any left-over peg-board from that kitchen remodeling or home workshop job here's a good way to make use of it. Cut two oblong pieces each 8x10". Cut a tree-shaped pattern, paper-doll fashion out of newspaper and trace this onto pegboard. Cut out with a hand-coping saw and cut slots, egg-crate fashion up the center of one section as shown in the small sketch. Sand all edges smooth with fine sandpaper. Prime both sections of tree with aluminum paint. Then spray on a gay color or use gold or silver spray-on paints. Decorate with silver stars, colored



ROSE TREE. Starting 5" from end of 40" length of 11/4"
Satintone ribbon, fold back to form right angle. (Fig. 1.)
Fold strip B under at right angle parallel to strip A. (Fig. 2.)
Fold B under at right angle crossing top of A and continue until
2 squares have been formed. (Fig. 3.) Pull A up through center
hole; continue folding strip B at right angles around strip A to
end of ribbon. Turn rose over, holding
strip A between two fingers. (Fig. 4.)



Twist strip A counterclockwise tightening folds until rose is formed. Bring A and B together; tie securely with narrow strip of ribbon as close to base of rose as possible. To make leaves, cut ends of 4" strip (11/4") Satintone; tie at center. Gather and clip ends. Attach leaves at base of rose with ends from rose tie. Stem ends (A and B) may be clipped short or turned into stem by holding them together and winding tightly with narrow green Satintone. Finish by moistening end of green Satintone and pressing in place.

To complete the rose tree you will need a flower pot, wooden knitting needle, styrofoam block, styrofoam ball about 3" in diameter and 25 pipe cleaners.

Begin by binding knitting needle with green Satintone, securing end by moistening Satintone and sticking it to itself. Insert this stem into styrofoam block in flower pot. Make 50 roses, adding petals to about 10 of them to give some needed green color to the tree. Now cut the 25 pipe cleaners in half and tie a rose to the center of each one. Next, bend each pipe cleaner in half and insert ends (about 1½" long) into styrofoam ball. Finish by filling top of pot with colored sand, pebbles or Satintone petals. (Make petals by taking ten 8" lengths of 1¼" Satintone ribbon and cutting into shapes of pairs of petals.) Strip a narrow piece of Satintone and tie in center; then tie to stem of rose tree. Fluff out petals.

ANGEL HAIR WREATH. Here's a novel kind of decoration for a door—a snowy wreath of angel hair, holly and candy canes. First make a wreath frame out of heavy corrugated board; cover this with white shelf paper, cutting out 12 wedge-shaped tabs

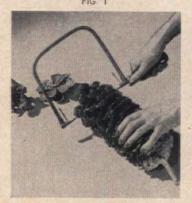
FIG. 1

(Fig. 1.). Fold back tabs to back of wreath and secure with cellophane tape. Fluff angel hair around wreath very generously (Fig. 2.). Take a long piece of strong white button thread, double it and tie a cluster of holly at top of wreath. Divide space so you can arrange five clusters of holly on it evenly. (Fig. 3.) Tie each cluster securely around angel hair to back of wreath. Complete by tying canes over holly. Idea: Janet Leck.





PINE CONE SWAG. For a rather unusual decoration try this S-shaped swag for above a door or on a wall. Begin by making an S-shaped curved frame formed by joining pieces of wood with wire brads. The frame can be any size—the width of a door frame, the width of a large picture or a wall space you want









to cover. Use a coping saw to slice large pine cones (Fig. 1) to form "flowers" and, with wire, attach florist pick to each. (Fig. 2.) Cover the frame with enough cones to give it a "full" look, Wire sprigs of boxwood and balsam to frame with spool wire. (Fig. 3.) Insert cone flowers in clusters, spraying lightly with gold paint. Attach florist picks to red satin bows and insert them on either side of the swag.

fireplace, front door, or at the foot of the stairs. Easy to make; begin by making a pattern, drawing a complete outline of the figure on a piece of brown wrapping paper. Lay cut-out brown paper over hardboard and draw around pattern. Cut design out with a power or hand-coping saw. Using the same pattern, cut out hat and trousers from gold-ripple foil, jacket from green foil; face and hand from white paper painted pink with water-base paint. Cut candy cane out of white paper and put diagonal stripes on it with red ribbon. Glue all the paper pieces into place, referring to the photograph as a

guide. Add green paper ribbons and balls. The ro" base has small rounded wedges cut on either side to hold guardsman in place. Finish base with gold paint. Design by Pearl Snyder.



16 POCKET CANDLE. Place candle in a glass holder. Wire sprig of holly, boxwood, eucalyptus together and insert in the little pocket or vial near base of the candle. Secure with adhesive tape to a pale green candle. Use a matching color in ribbon bow attached with wire. With tiny flowers, water in vial helps to keep them fresh.

SERPENTINE CENTERPIECE, especially dramatic on a long oval table or sideboard. Base is made up of three wood segments arranged in a double "S" curve. Wood bases should hold 8 flame-colored "honeycomb" candles. These honeycomb

candles are especially long-burning, hollow and dripless, and do not bend even in very high temperature. Candles can be cut with scissors or a knife and pinched to fit socket of holder. Select two large cup pin holders for the flowers and greens: 1 bunch of white spray chrysanthemums, laurel, holly. Mass flowers and greens around the central part of the base to give a full, luxuriant look. As a finishing touch, add a few sliced pine cones. just as we did in the PINE CONE SWAG (Fig. 14.). Spray cones with a pinkish flame-colored paint and then just give them a "touch" of gold spray. Keep cones low and unobtrusive in the arrangement.

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snow scene. At one end of a rectangular slab of plastic foam (Fig. 1.) arrange irregular chunks of salt lick (used for animals). Large slabs of plastic foam such as this can be purchased at your local florists. Salt lick is usually found at a feed or grain supply store. Place three white tree candles at graduated heights, using modeling clay under the candles to straighten them and prevent slipping. Attach florist picks to sprigs of boxwood and cedar and stick them in a pin holder, placing pin holder on the foam. Fill in crevices with packaged snow. Tip evergreens with gold or white spray and use a little glitter on candles and snow. Place little ski figure in a strategic position.

FIG. 1



FIG. 2



ANGELS AND SANTAS. Here's a good way to use up those perfectly good small purse mirrors that always seem to collect in a bureau drawer. Paint little angels or Santas on the glass (the simpler the better—you can copy the designs from Fig. 19.). Use the new enamels that come in very small jars. Finish by decorating the edges with gold-paper braid.

The little angel at the top of the tree is made from wooden spoons, cardboard, gold paper, colored enamel paints and masking tape. Make figure, including wings, of cardboard, covering completely with gold paper. Head is made of a wooden spoon, slipped through a cut in the cardboard at top. Hands and feet are ends of wooden spoons taped in place with masking tape on back of figure. Paint gown and wings, indicating feathers by allowing wavy lines of the gold background to show through the paint. Halo is the gold background paper. Add black eyes and hair, red mouth and crown. The delightful Santa is made of a small paper cup. Make a red felt cone for his hat, adding an extra band of red felt to join the cap to the cup. Felt is used for blue eyes, pink nose and white beard. All designs by Lietta.

Two TURTLE DOVES are part of the decorative Christmas theme used in the home of David Hanlin Becker of New Orleans. Taken from the traditional French carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," the two turtle doves mentioned in the words of the carol as the gift of the second day of Christmas are shown here. The

carol is carried out in its entirety throughout the house. The partridge in a pear tree, of course, plays the stellar role and occupies a focal position in the main hall.

21 WREATH WITH BOWL CANDLE. One form of

decoration that conveys the spirit and mood of Christmas is the abundant use of traditional symbols. Here's a novel design for a table you might add to the variations already designed around candles and wreaths. To make: place chunkytype candle on the bottom of an inverted bowl. Make a wire frame for a wreath and cover it with sprigs of boxwood and clusters of baby roses, using spool wire for securing. (Fig. 1.) Using cans of white and pink paint, spray colors on lightly, mostly toward the inside. Don't cover the entire wreath, Place wreath over the candle and bowl. Make 4 pink ribbon bows; wire florist's picks to them, insert between candle and decorated wreath.



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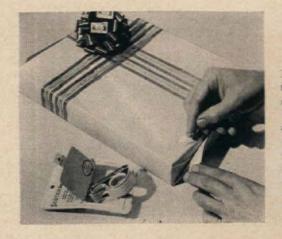


FIG. 3

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR A WALL. If you simply have no room for a large, real old-fashioned Christmas tree, here's one that won't interfere with traffic, take up needed space in a room (or shed its needles). What's more it's fun to make. First tape string to form a large tree-shaped triangle on the wall. Bottom of tree is to



be about 12" from the floor. Cut strips of gaily colored felt (or you could use ribbon) 1½ inches wide and as long as you need to reach from the ceiling to 12 inches from the floor. Tack or tape at ceiling line. Felt strips start at ceiling to outside bottom points of the tree. (See photograph No. 22.) Trim the tree with brightly colored Christmas-tree balls, using the string triangle which you have taped on the wall as your pattern or as a guide. The balls should line up diagonally on the tree. Pin them through the wire loops right to the felt strips with small gold safety pins. Tuck a small flower or sprig in the top of each ball and glue in place to hold securely. Tack a fat felt bow at the bottom of each felt strip. Glue gold notary seals in several sizes between the balls on the tree. The tub is made of plywood with sides 3 inches deep. We covered ours with gold theatrical cloth, but you could spray it with gold spray-on paint, and while it's still wet sprinkle on gold glitter.



Here's a new invisible tape that's a wonderful sealer for packages. It's Scotch tape with adhesive on both sides. Use it to restore stamps or envelopes without mucilage; to fasten recipes and snapshots in albums. About 39¢ for a 200-inch roll. ½-inch wide.

MODERN TREE. Cut one 8-inch, one 11-inch circle of cardboard and a 4-inch strip of mailing tube: cover these with gold-foil paper. Cover one side of the 8-inch circle with redfoil paper. Trace outline of gold-covered tube on the center of the 11-inch circle, tacking round gold braid loosely around the edge with gold thread. Wind gold tinsel around the braid as you tack in place (see photograph No. 23.). Cover top of this gold circle with gold tinsel, except the area marked off for the tube. Glue tube in place in center of circle. Slit a cross in the center of the 8-inch circle, red side up, just large enough for the neck of a 2-inch gold Christmas tree ball to slip through. Cut six 11/2-inch circles from red foil, arranging these petal-like around the opening for the gold ball. Slip the gold ball through the cross-slit, and glue into place. Red petals frame ball. Make two cones of two sheets of clear acetate plastic. each sheet being 15x20". Shape temporarily to make a cone size 15 inches high by 8 inches at base. Trim ends to make shape symmetrical. Open cones. Next cut strips of gold lace ribbon and lay them diagonally across one cone, securing with Sobo. (You will need 11/2 yards of 3-inch gold lace ribbon.) Place second cone over this. Make a string of tiny gold Christmas balls fastened to coarse gold thread, woven around a piece of gold tinsel. Fasten with a metal hook at top of two cones. Glue cones together at back, top of hook through top of cone, fastening gold ball on outside of cones through hook. To complete, glue assembled cones to 8-inch base and gold braid and tinsel around edge of circle as you did on the bottom one, spiraling round gold braid up the cone. Spray base with acrilac and while still wet sprinkle on gold, silver or colored sequins. Idea by Mrs. R. Gould.

PEARL BRANCHES. Using plastic foam as a base (Fig. 1.), insert pearl branches in it. Pearl branches consist of natural twigs and branches with plastic pearl-like berries attached, and can usually be obtained through your local florist if he doesn't have them on hand. The chartreuse materials are magnolia, teazel, cotton balls painted with a rubber-base paint. Sprinkle a little gold glitter on them. Wire florist picks to sprigs of the above for inserting in place (Fig. 2.). Unusual branch shapes are better and easier to work with.

FIG. 1 FIG. 2







has been specially modeled and decorated to resemble a Christmas-tree decoration. Using a glass pedestal cake plate, turn it upside down, wiring sprigs of boxwood, holly, gold eucalyptus to pedestal base. Attach florist pick to bows of green ribbon, insert on either side. Put minaret candle in place and secure with modeling clay.



GARLAND FOR A STAIRWAY. Get the children to help you with this—it's easy to

do. Begin by measuring the length of each swag for your garland (see photograph No. 26.). At the top of each of the swags fasten a manyfolded star, or a cluster of Christmas balls, pine cones or artificial fruit. You will also need gold and green foil papers and cellophane tape. Cut metal papers into strips

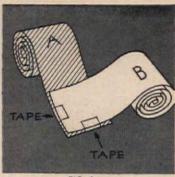


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3 inches wide and as long as your paper. Work in short lengths, never more than 36 inches long, to avoid tangles. Tape lengths together with cellophane tape, using two 3-inch wide strips together, one gold and one green, as shown in Fig. 1. (We will call green foil "A" and gold

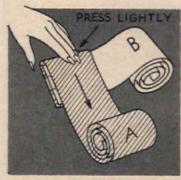




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FIG. 4

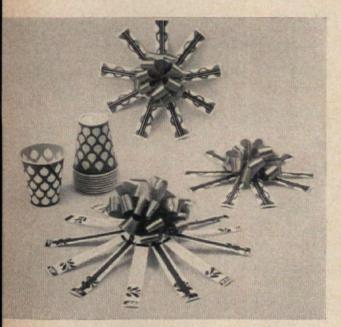
FIG. 5

foil "B".) Fold A over B (as shown in Fig. 2.), keeping papers straight. Press lightly against folded line. Now fold B over A (Fig. 3.), pressing fold lightly. When new lengths are required, tape new lengths on both A and B with cellophane tape. (Fig. 4. shows side view of the folded papers.) Pull gently to open garland (Fig. 5.). Secure each length of swag to the banister with tape and thumbtacks. You can substitute any two colors desired for the folds, or make each swag in two different colors. Use colored craft papers, colored cellophane, or the shiny papers used in nursery schools. You might also add a little toy, such as a drum, horn, rag doll or a little horse where the swags join on the banisters. A long stairway such as the one illustrated here will need many lengths to garland it from top to bottom. However, swags may be stored flat and used year after year.

Idea from Pearl Snyder.

And here are still more last-minute specials for your use at Yuletide....

Here are some more wonderful ideas. .





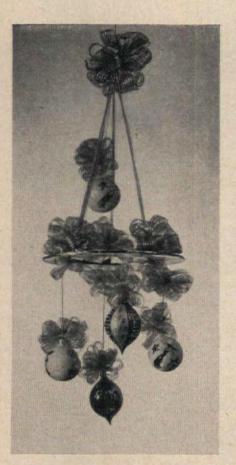
27 THREAD-A-BOW POMPON WREATH

To form perfect pompons, thread ribbo and pull gently but firmly. Second knot r tains perfect size and shape of loops. I make 12" wreath, cut an 11" diameter care board circle with a 11/8" border. Cut 1

28 PAPER-CUP SUNBURSTS. Who would think that the lowly paper cup could turn into something so decorative? A festive note for doors, mirrors—even walls,

they're easy to do and can be made from any size waxed-paper drinking cup. Here's how to make them: using a pair of shears, cut 6 to 8 equal strips down the sides of a cup, from rim to base. Bend and flatten strips (star points) on a table surface. Cover strips with either red or green gift-wrapping tape

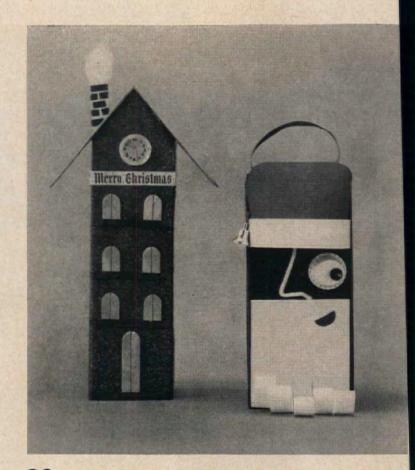
> for decoration. Finish by punching two holes on base of the cup star and tying on a red or green ribbon bow.





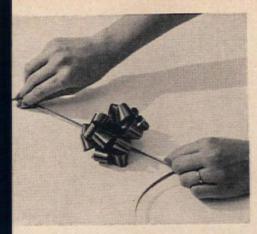


29 BOW MOBILE is made by cutting 10" circle of cardboard with 5" hole in center and covering with foil paper. Using 5%" ribbon, make 4 bows, pulling threads on ends of bows long enough to tie on ornaments. Thread needle and stitch through cardboard at 4 points, letting ornaments hang at various lengths. To form top of mobile, puncture 3 holes through cardboard, insert 3 12" strips of 5%" ribbon through holes, knotting on back. Hold strands with large 1" bow and 6 or 8 others.



30 HOLIDAY HOUSE is made of cardboard taped atop a tall box (left) to form roof, then covered with red paper. Roof line is finished with 2 tongue depressors. Chimney is small box with red tape "bricks." Depressors are cut for windows and doors, lettering from a card.

31 SANTA BOX is covered with red paper and decorated with a paper cup and button eye, a pipe cleaner nose, red paper mouth. White paper whiskers are cut to curl up. Ribbon at top allows box to be hung.



notches, opposite each other, evenly spaced I" apart on outside and inside of band. Tie finished pompons to cardboard ring at notches, massing closely on entire ring. Finish wreath with large Satintone bow at top.



32 HAVE YOU EVER USED CHRISTMAS SEALS TO DECORATE PACKAGES? Here we use Tuberculosis seals in a pattern of a cross. Affix rows of bows. Try using woven- and wire-edged ribbon to make bows easier and fuller.



33 A "DOGGY" GIFT, wrapped to look like a pooch! Especially good for children's presents, here's how to do it: wrap a gift box in paper and glue on ears, face, feet and tail cut from colorful construction paper. Add spots and a gold-ribbon collar trimmed with tree ornaments.



This year give thought to

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Well, it's Christmas time again and if you think this is going to be the same old Christmas like any other Christmas you've just given yourself away. That attitude, particularly evident among males, is commonly known as the Tie and Perfume Complex. What you need to do is to listen more to those casual comments or chance remarks your wife makes that may seem to be completely unrelated to Christmas. For example, you may have heard her say, "If only I had a phone in the kitchen," or "How I wish we had an air conditioner for the bed-



room." Therein, friend husband, lie ideas for future Christmas presents. Of course she'll still appreciate the perfume and gloves you give her, the children will love their bicycles, but why forget yourself? A few carefully dropped hints in front of the right party and a little extra thought and care about the matter of Christmas will make it a happy time for everyone.

To ascertain what most homemakers would love to have—or be given—we took a sampling of the current dreams and desires among our neighbors, co-workers, relatives and friends. Though, admittedly, this hardly comprises a national survey, it seems safe to assume that these needs and wishes are not too far afield from the general hankering of people all over the country who own or rent their own home, do their own housekeeping, bottle washing, child-rearing and entertaining.

So let's have a look at the list we've compiled of their Christmas preferences. We've left out



\$15,000 yachts, a world cruise or repainting the garage, figuring they were either dreamy or something you'll naturally do anyway. However, there may be some ideas here you haven't thought of—things that might make life just a little easier or happier for the recipient:

Gift certificates for:

Flowers x number of times a year.

Fabric for new draperies.

Materials to build a barbecue.

(With gift certificates or promissory notes, try thinking of some imaginative or unusual way to present them.)

A dolly for moving garbage cans, furniture, trunks or other heavy objects.

An extension telephone. (You can pick one in a color to match the room.)

A roll-up garage door.

A backrest for the car. (A godsend on long journeys.)

A pick-up stick to retrieve stray papers in the garden. (Like the kind they use in parks.)

An inflatable pool for the yard.



Beautifully engraved Christmas cards and an assortment of gift wrappings and ribbons—complete to the last sticker. These are time-savers but must be given ahead of time to be useful.

Start a collection for someone. (What more appropriate time to make it a madonna collection?)

A power lawn mower.

A fine carving knife. (Father will value this.)

A small tool chest for Mom, complete with pliers, hammer, string, screw driver, etc.

Small step stools for every closet in the house. (Why is it there's never anything near at hand that's safe to climb on when you want to reach the topmost shelf?)

A small sewing box that looks like a regular piece of furniture, complete with buttons, needle and thread, pins. (This would be particular handy for a guest room.)

A garage door controlled by an electric eye (Not even fingertip control necessary. This good one better than the roll-up type.)

A BIG trash basket. (Enough of frilly basket that are full with the mere addition of a ciga rette wrapper.)

A trouble light.

An indoor light with a photo-electric cell that' controlled by natural daylight. (At dusk th house lights automatically go on.)

A set of outdoor lamps for safety and decorative effect. (You might even have garden parties nex July once you have these.)

Snow-melting coils in the driveway and walks



(As long as you're going to replace that broken walk, why not do it right and fix it so you won't have to do any snow shoveling in the winter?)

A portable TV.

A gift certificate at a local nursery, for shrubs for spring planting. (A new home owner will love you for this!)

That air conditioner for the bedroom.

A set of plans and all the materials necessary to build a hi-fi unit.

Better yet—a custom-made hi-fi. Then there's one thing you'll never have too much of—record space. How about a cabinet-type end table that is in itself an attractive piece of furniture?

Juggage rack for bedroom or guest room.

Swimming lessons for the children. Grandmother might like to give this present.

Books on a favorite hobby.

A low, Lazy Susan table for the living room, porch, or patio.

A promissory note to clean out the garage or basement. (Or should we mention this?)

A prepaid and promised baby sitter for once a week for the next six months. (Let's see, what will be going on this coming Saturday night?)

A sun lamp. (Been asking for this for years.)



A puppy, bird or kitten for the children. (On their Scout's honor they'll take care of it.)

A ten-trip railroad ticket for Mother or Aunt Margaret for an occasional lunch or matinee in town.

A remote-control system for the radio-phonograph so that music can be piped into any room.



Lovely Gifts-so easy to grow Lily of the Valley

Everyone loves lilies-of-the-valley—and amaryllis, narcissus and hyacinths, too. What's more, anyone can grow them, so you couldn't choose lovelier, more fascinating gifts than bulbs for indoor flowering. Turn to pages 80 and 81 for pictures of these flowering bulbs in color as well as for more information on how you can grow them yourself

(Why shouldn't you have music while you dine?)

For the kitchen, a slicing and peeling knife.

A fold-up extension table in the kitchen to hold those extras at breakfast time like the toaster and morning newspaper.

Indoor clothes hanger for the bathroom. (So you won't find nylons hanging on your towel rack.)

A towel set packaged in a brass magazine rack. (A nice way to combine two very different gifts.) Portraits of the children.

The cost of professional service to redecorate at least one room in the house.

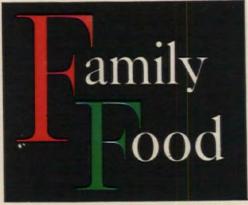
An attachment that would provide light in a closet. (Simple to install, and very helpful.)

A swimming pool to be installed by professional help, or a promissory note for all the necessary construction materials—and a how-to construction pattern for the do-it-yourselfer.



Presiding at the waffle iron, the doctor keeps up with heavy demands for the main course. Introducing the family from left to right: Tina,

age 2 (is out of sight behind the doctor) Kathy, age 3, Lisa, age 1, Nancy, age 5 and Betty, age 4. (John, 3 months, is not in picture.)



for this one.

The doctor loves to cook breakfast, particularly on holidays. On Christmas he serves what he calls his "automatic breakfast." Created with the help of automatic appliances

Somehow it's doubly heartening to know some families of American HOME readers around the Christmas season. So many of them have developed such wonderful Christmas customs (which their children will come to call "family traditions") that they

do much to refute the opinion so common today that Christmas has become a time of rampant commercialism. There are still plenty of people around the country today who in a modern way are just as traditional about Christmas as grandmother was. It is just such families as these among our readers we'd like you to meet. This month we introduce you to two of our favorites: one is a family of eight—a prominent doctor, his wife, their five little daughters and a new baby brother. One of their family traditions centers on breakfast on Christmas day—a very special time for most families and particularly



Christmas Eve is the big opening event in the tradition of this family. Ann (in the blue sweater) and blond brother Doug, (seen below in the



With the children still in their night clothes, Christmas breakfast begins in the doctor's family with a first course of hot baked apples.

and timers, both mother and dad are free to watch the children empty their stockings. The menu starts with Festive baked apples put in the automatically timed oven. Though the doctor admits that bacon and eggs are always acceptable (and that he could do these automatically too) on Christmas, he says, "I like to have a little more heartwarming main course to celebrate the day. The children seem to yearn for waffles or hot cakes, but unfortunately they consider three or four cakes a single serving. It would take an electric griddle equipped with a conveyor belt to produce them in that profusion. So I fudge a bit, and use a recipe called ORANGE WAFFLE TOAST. It looks like waffles, but is a bread base, dipped in batter, and browned in the waffle iron. Rather like French toast." The good doctor runs these out on a production basis and keeps them warm

lineup for cider) assemble a group of their teenage friends from around the neighborhood to trim the tree and finish the decorating,

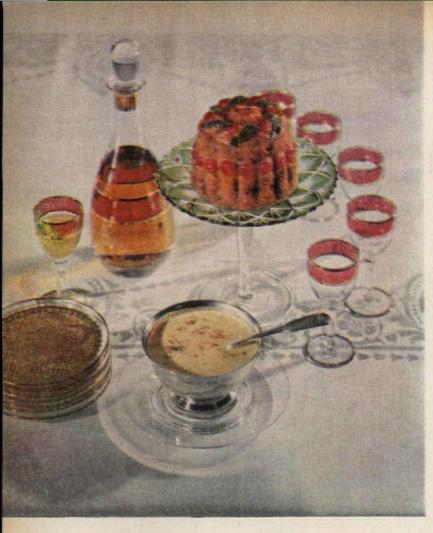


Satisfying teenage appetites is accomplished with a main course and popular extras like doughnuts, popcorn, and hot mulled cider.

in the automatic oven. Hot mocha, mixed the night before, is kept in an automatic saucepan. Another custom is the tiny Christmas tree at the breakfast table decorated with real CHRISTMAS STOLLEN WREATHS.

Our other family has a tradition that takes place during Christmas Eve tree-trimming time and the opening of presents. Though everyone is a little tired, certainly they're hungry. Mother has a one-dish meal, a super concoction that can be made ahead of time and kept hot throughout the evening with the aid of an electric frying pan. This year's dish: CREAMED CHIPPED BEEF and artichokes. And there's HOT MULLED CIDER, kept at drinking temperature in an automatically controlled saucepan or a deep fat fryer.

For details about table appointments see "Where Credit Is Due," page 96



Here we come a-wassailing Among the leaves so green; Here we come a-wandering So fair to be seen:

Call up the butler of this house, Put on his golden ring: Let him bring us a glass of beer, And better we shall sing:

Bring us out a table, And spread it with a cloth: Bring us out a moldy cheese And some of your Christmas loaf:

God bless the master of this house, Likewise the mistress, too! And all the little children That round the table go.

From a Yorkshire Carol

Good Victuals' round the



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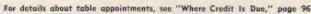
JEAN AUSTIN

ew words are needed, so evident the cheer, the conviviality, the warmth of each and all its forms of hospitality you see here . . . come early in the morning come late into the evening, there's welcome always ready on a little table set with buttery bites called sandtarts, bites one doesn't really need at all but munches so contentedly and are so absolutely perfect whilst savoring the dark, smooth mystery of murky stout and bubbly champagne poured simultaneously into a hand-

some goblet-so very, very rightly called Black Velvets, this favorite of mine. Or, for the lustier of guests, a table set with homemade loaf of Christmas fragrances . . . of stout and yeast to make it hearty, richly brown from brown molasses, redolent of fennel, anise and the rind of bright, tart oranges baked in it . . . spread heavily with fresh sweet butter and each slice downed with tingling cold of beer "that goth down at ones."

The stores are closed, the feet so weary, yet soon doorbell CONTINUED ON PAGE 62









& APPETIZERS



crabmeat, 2 tsp. capers and enough mayonnaise to make a firm CRAB EMERALDS: I package lime gelatin. 2 tbs. lemon juice. 1/2 cups water. Pour 1 ths. in oiled muffin pan. Let set. Mix 1 cup in each pan, fill up with cold white bread. of round buttered amount on Unmold small Place Chill. mixture. gelatin.

gredients. Oil muffin pans, pour 1 tbs. of gelatin mixture in each section. Let set. Make a paste of liverwurst, form into balls size of a large walnut and place on the set gelatin. Fill up pans with 1/2 cup sugar. 3 tbs. lemon juice. Dissolve gelatin in cold water. Add boiling water and rest of ingelatin, let set. Unmold on buttered rounds of white bread cup cold water. 33 PORT WINE PATE: * 11/2 pkgs. gelatin. 1/4 hot water. 34 cup port wine.



FOLD

or black caviar. Cream cheese. Cut eggs in halves crosswise. Remove yolks, force through a fine sieve. Add salt, dry mustard, worcestershire sauce and mayonnaise STUFFED EGGS: 6 hard-cooked eggs. 1/2 tsp. salt. 1/2 tsp. mustard. 1 tsp. worcestershire sauce. Red

around top with cream cheese.

to make a firm paste. Fill whites with mixture. Make a dent in center, fill with red or black caviar. Decorate

of white Spread oblong pieces SARDINE AND EGG SALAD: On oval pieces of whole wheat bread, spread egg salad, generously. Then top with a sardine and

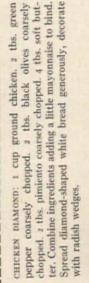
of pimiento.

some strips



chovies in center lengthwise; one strip pimiento on one eggbutter pressed through pastry tube on other bread with softened cream cheese. Place a fillet of an-Top with small onion rings. ANCHOVY ONION RINGS: side,

FOLD





TONGUE IN PORT WINE GLAZE: Spread round of white bread with butter. With same cutter, cut sliced tongue to fit bread and cut one round Port-wine jelly.* Decorate with green peppers. *Recipe elsewhere on this card

RADISH FLOWER: On round of whole wheat bread heap cream cheese. Press thin slices of radish all around into the cream cheese. Top with 1 tsp. pea purée (cooked peas pressed through fine sieve).

Recipes from Vera Biorck



grated rind from 2 oranges

4 cups rye flour

ths. anise seed tsp. fennel

cups white flour



PICKLED RED CABBAGE. Select firm head, wash, and remove outer leaves. Hold firmly on board and shred with sharp knife. Place layer of shredded cabbage sieve; sprinkle freely with salt. Repeat until all is salted; then pack in crock for two days, turning it several times. Drain off liquid. Boil 2 cups cider vinegar or malt vinegar with 1 tsp. peppercorns, 6 cloves, blade of mace. While it's hot, pour mixture over cabbage. When cool, cover. Stand in a cold place two weeks. Store in glass jars in cold place. Especially good with cold meat or fish.

· CHRISTMAS LIMPA

- 2 cups stout 2 pkgs. yeast 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 tbs. butter 2/3 cup molasses
- Heat 2 cups stout until lukewarm, add soft butter and molasses. Place in large bowl and add half of the flour and yeast dissolved in water, salt, grated orange rind, spices (previously pounded in mortar) and flour, saving 1 cup of the white flour. Beat well until dough is smooth. Cover with towel and let rise in warm place until doubled in bulk. Turn out on floured baking board and knead with remaining flour until dough feels firm and satiny, using additional flour if needed. Divide dough into two equal parts. Shape into loaves and place closely together on buttered baking sheet or in buttered loaf pans (10x5x3). Let rise again. Prick loaves with toothpick. Bake in 350 35-40 min. After 30 min. baking, brush surface with water mixed with Repeat when taken from oven. This not only imparts a beautiful brown sheen, but will also keep the crust soft.

A Traditional Swedish Recipe, from Vera Bjorck

11/4 cups buttermilk ham lbs. ground, uncooked smoked eggs, slightly beaten

cups fine soft bread crumbs

- tbs. ground horse-radish 2 tbs. brown sugar
- Blend together above ingredients. Set aside. Prepare the turkey layer, Combine 21/2
 - I cup soft white bread crumbs cups ground cooked turkey (packed)
 - I cup rich cream sauce*
- well-greased loaf pan (10x5x3). Then layer of the turkey mixture and last the rest of the ham mixture. Bake in 350° oven for 1½ hours. Serve hot or cold. Serve on a bed of hot red cabbage cooked with apples and red wine or, as here, watercress and pickled red cabbage. Garnish design of stuffed olives, pickled onions and corn, tiny gherkins • Mix well. Mixture should be firm. Pack half of ham mixture in the bottom of and maraschino cherries. (Serves 10-12.)
- In saucepan melt 2 tbs. butter and 2 tbs. flour, 1/2 cup chicken stock 1/2 cup cream. Let come to a boil, stirring constantly. *CREAM SAUCE.

GOOD VICTUALS RECIPE

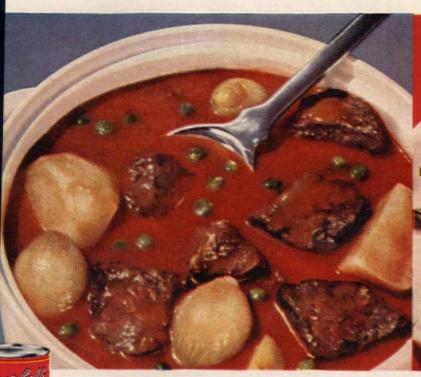
SOUPER BEEF DISHES

de delicious with Campbells Soups



EGETABLE

Here they are! Best of Beef recipes made easy and inexpensive with Campbell's Soups. And souper delicious! Make one of these main dishes for your family tonight. P. S. They'll ask for it again!



Souper Tomato Beef Stew. Roll 1 lb. cubed beef in flour seasoned in salt and pepper. Brown meat in 2 thsp. shortening. Add 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup, 1 soup can water. Cover. Simmer 1½ hours; stir occasionally. Add 6 small onions, 1 cup peas, 3 quartered potatoes, ¼ tsp. thyme. Cover; cook about 45 min. or until done. 6 servings.

OUP



Meat Loaf with Vegetables. So Juicy! So Tender! So Good! Mix 2 lb, ground beef with 1 can Campbell's Vegetable Soup, 1 beaten egg, ½ cup bread crumbs, 1 chopped onion, 1 thsp. Worcestershire sauce, 1 thsp. prepared mustard, 1 tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. black pepper. Shape mixture into loaf. Bake 1 hour at 350° F. 10 servings.



Baked Steak with Mushrooms. Creamy mushroom sauce, that's what goes great with steak! Pound ½ cup flour, ¼ tsp. salt, dash black pepper into ½ lb. round steak. Brown in 2 thsp. shortening in oven-proof skillet; add 1 can Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup and ¼ cup water. Cover. Bake in 350° F. oven for about 45 min. 6 servings.



5-lb. pot roast; add 1 can Campbell's Onion Soup. Cover; cook over low heat 2 hours. Add 10 carrots, 5 large halved potatoes, ½ tsp. salt, dash black pepper. Cover; cook 1 hour. Remove meat, vegetables. Thicken gravy with mixture of ¼ cup each flour and water. 10 to 12 servings.

Good cooks cook with Campbell's Soup

ONION



TAKE A PACKAGE OF CAKE MIX

The traditional practice of giving gifts from your own kitchen during the holiday season is a most wonderful inheritance from your forefathers. Succeeding years haven't dimmed its popularity, but they have given us products that are far easier and faster to prepare—a point to be remembered at holiday time. Most specifically, I refer to the many wonderful varieties of cake mixes.

PEPPERMINT ANGEL LOAF is an example of a perfect gift when you drop in to wish a person Merry Christmas. *To package* for a gift, frost on a piece of cardboard that has been cut a bit larger than the cake itself. Thumbtack or tape the extended edges to the bottom

of a shoe box so it won't jiggle or spoil the soft frosting. Then wrap the box in your prettiest Christmas paper.

QUICK FRUIT CAKE can be made as much as a year ahead of time—yes, from a mix! For any fruit cake freezes well. To package, after baking, it may be sealed in a moisture-proof wrapping. (A saran covering would show off its beauty.) The cake should be served when it is thawed, so when you deliver it, be sure to give instructions accordingly.

FRUIT POUND CAKE is another recipe you may want to use for Christmas giving. This cake, like the others you will find on these



r details about table appointments, see "Where Credit Is Due," page 96

JUNE TOWNE

pages, costs comparatively little made from a mix. Yet it wears a festive air and finds a receptive welcome. To package, put on a decorative plate (have you seen the handsome new Melamine plastic dinnerware?) and garnish the cake with sprigs of holly, wrap with foil and seal securely.

FRUITED CHRISTMAS COOKIES can be made days in advance and refrigerated until ready to be delivered. Variations are endless with the fruit mixtures as well as the mixes themselves. You know all of the popular varieties such as white, chocolate, spice, orange, etc. Those concocted on the spur of the moment often turn out to be top favorites. That is really great fun, so follow your impulse—it's Christmas!

A WRAPPING REMINDER. Dig out your personal hoard of candy boxes, cake boxes, or plastic refrigerator containers that you have

collected and spray paint them in Christmas colors or tape on bows and holiday greens.

POPPY SEED LAYER CAKE personifies Christmas giving too, again at a remarkably low cost in ingredients and labor. It would look awfully pretty perched on a decorative milk-glass platter. This cake is trimmed with pretty little sequined trees that when removed (as the cake is cut) turn out to be lapel pins from the dime store. To package: do in a clear wrapping, it's too pretty to cover up. FANCY ROLLED COOKIES from a cake mix? Certainly. Another plus from a prepared mix. And if you're missing a few of the fancy cutters, it takes little artistic talent to cut out a cardboard template and use that as a tracing pattern. To package for a gift: they look fascinating in any old box, done up with a bit of ribbon, and a leaf of greens. Merry Christmas!

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Char the bacon... Scorch the potatoes... Cook the meat dry!



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Good Victuals (Begins on page 56)

will ring? The table's set, bring in the food, the pretty, pretty loaf that is the meal tonight . . . a shapely loaf of ground smoked ham . . . and in it too, the surprising bite of horse-radish, the sweet and the sour of brown sugar and buttermilk . . . wrapped round a creamy layer of (left-over!) turkey . . . looking like a pretty Christmas package setting there upon the table.

Christmas is for everyone, and a poor thing 'twould be were there no Good Victuals in the town as well as suburb. And so, for all my city dwellers of great, good Christmas spirit but small the space to share it in, a Christmas special. For you, dear friends, a beautiful tray of hospitality . . . very special, very Vera (and that IS special indeed in the hors d'oeuvres department), these hors d'oeuvres and appetizers to serve the Christmas caller. Special too, the special-long recipe card that needs an extra fold to get it in its cellophane envelope, so detailed the directions for exact reproduction of this hospitality tray!

And now, and now, throughout this land so blessed, the halls are hung with holly, the presents tied, the tree is trimmed. Church bells rejoice, it's Christmas Eve. Unless one's very young indeed, one cannot bear to part with Christmas Eve. And so, it seems, to make it last, all this while the steam has hissed, the pudding's bounced with Christmas joy. A pudding made of figs and dates, fruits native to the Holy Land . . . a pudding made of sugar and spice and marmalade too . . . a hot rich pudding . . . a pudding so rich the merest wedge suffices . . . its sauce as cold as the t'other's hot.

And now, and now, because it's Christmas Eve, let's toast in sherry or in port-

"God bless the master of this house; Likewise the mistress too."

HOLIDAY TID-BITS



Different dips with dippers will help keep the guests busy. Make these dips thin enough to be scooped up on a cracker or potato chip: East Indian Dip, cream cheese, chopped chutney, and a little curry powder thinned with milk. Guacamole Dip, mashed ripe avocado with lemon juice, onions, and seasoning or Cucumber Dip, sour cream, coarsely chopped cucumber mixed with minced onion.



For piping hot party mixtures, choose those you can serve effortlessly. Try'some that can be kept warm in a chafing dish or electric. skillet: Swedish Meat Balls, made small, in a spicy tomato sauce. Welsh Rarebit, cheddar cheese as a thick dip with toast strips, celery sticks, or cauliflower flowerettes. Turkey Hash, with sage or poultry seasoning, served with crackers.

ew Mix:

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shrimp and cocktail sauce Cheddar cheese with mashed avocado and mayonnaise chopped egg peanut butter and bacon anchovy and cream cheese

Mills

cream cheese and chives minced ham and relish chopped olives soft blue cheese, parsley lobster salad

EASY FILLINGS

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fashioned flavor are yours in DEL MONTE Freestones. (We'll have to leave the ice cream to you!) And even if you'd climbed the tree for these peaches yourself, they couldn't be more delightfully soft and ragged-centeredyou know so well. Surely everything you like about DEL MONTE Cling Peaches should tell you - you'll love Freestones by DEL MONTE, too.

PEACH HALVES

Take a Package of Cake Mix

(Pictured in color on page 60)

Use soup can with one end removed to chill refrigerator cookies. After chilling, remove other end, and use that end to push the dough through can as you cut off slices. Moisten knife in warm water for best results.

red and green food coloring

Baking time: 35 min. Chilling time: 3 hrs.

14-1/2 c. finely crushed

peppermint candy

I tsp. mint extract

1 qt. heavy cream 14 c. sugar

pkg. angel food cake mix

c. cold water

I tbs. gelatin

ANGEL LOAF

CHRIST MAS COOKIES

FANCY KULLED

• Prepare cake mix by directions, baking in a 10x4x4-incu paur, when your half for this recipe; use remaining cake for another dessert. Cut off one corner of

cake at 45° angle; continue slicing diagonally in 1/2-inch parallel slices.

Filling and

cream, sugar and extract in bowl. Measure out 2 cups for frosting: set aside. Beat remaining 2 c. until mixture stands in soft peaks. Gradually beat in melted gelatin,

continue beating until smooth and thick. Tint half of this whipped mixture pale green; tint remaining whipped cream pale pink. To fill cake, line the 16x4x4-inch pan with waxed paper. Stand pan on narrow end. Starting with corner cut, spread alternate slices with green, then pink cream and stack in pan. Chill until set, 2-3 * If long loaf pan is not available, use two 9x5x3-inch pans for baking and molding

Yield: 12-15 servings

hours, or overnight. Tint reserved cream pink, whip and use to frost entire loaf

Sprinkle with crushed candy. To serve, cut in slices and top with fudge sauce.

Frosting: Dissolve gelatin in water; melt over hot water. Combine



FRUIT POUND CAKE

Preparation time: 15 min. Baking time: 1 hr.

1 pkg, pound cake mix 1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 c. chopped maraschino cherries, 1/2 c. chopped walnuts well drained

in cherries and nuts. Bake in greased and floured 1-quart star mold, or 8x4x3-inch loaf pan in slow oven (325°F.) 1 hour or until done. Cool in pan about 15 minutes; turn out on rack. Pour hot glaze over hot cake, allow to cool. Glase: Combine 1/2 c. sugar and 3/4 c. peach or pear nectar in saucepan; bring to a Add salt to pound cake mix and prepare according to package directions. Fold boil and boil gently 10 minutes. Add 1 tbs. rum, pour over cake. Note: Glaze may be made in advance and reheated.

Yield: 6-8 servings

serving Source of Vitamins A, B, C
Tested in The American HOME Kitchens 250 cal. per serving



Preparation time: 15 min. Baking time: 2 hrs.

QUICK FRUIT CAKE

LAYER CAKE . POPPY SEED

pkg. spice cake mix*

1/2 c. applesauce 4 eggs, unbeaten

tsp. salt

1/2 lb. (2 c.) seedless raisins

(lemon and orange peel, citron, pineapple 1 lb. (2 c.) whole candied cherries 1 lb.. (2 c.) chopped mixed candied fruit 1/2 c. flour

Bake in slow oven (275°F.) about 2 hours, or until done. Cool in pans about 15 minutes; turn out on racks. Wrap cakes in a cloth soaked in brandy, if desired. until smooth and creamy, about 3 minutes. Mix together nuts, fruits and flour; fold into batter. Pour into two well-greased, waxed-paper lined 8x4x3-inch loaf pans. Then wrap tightly in aluminum foil, or heavy waxed paper and store at least 2 weeks · Combine cake mix, applesauce, eggs, salt and flavoring in mixing bowl; beat t tsp. rum or brandy flavoring 1/2 lb. (2 c.) split blanched almonds #Or use white or yellow cake mix

Christmas Fruit Cake: Boil together 2 ths. each light corn syrup and butter for 2 minutes; brush tops of cakes with this glaze; decorate with almonds, angelica in a cool, dry place to ripen. Christmas Fruit Cake: Boil

Yield: 2 loaf cakes and cherries.

250 cal. per slice Source of Vitamins A, B
Tested in The American HOME Kitchens

Take a Package of Cake Mix

(Pictured in color on page 60)



To avoid spill-overs when baking fruit pies:

1) Seal the crusts by cutting them 1 inch larger than the pan, fold under and crimp.

2) Cut several slits 1 inch long in top crust to give pie filling breathing space.

• QUICK FRUIT CAKE

FRUITED CHRISTMAS COOKIES •

• FRUIT POUND CAKE

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

and ½ c. light corn syrup. Add 1 pkg. cake mix*, 1/2 c. cut dates, 2 c. chopped well. Bake in greased 13x9x2-inch pan at 375°F. 25-30 minutes or until done. Cut immediately into squares, cool a few minutes and thick; gradually beat in 1/2 and roll into balls. Roll in confectioners' sugar. Store in tightly covered tin. Beat 4 eggs until light nuts and 1 tsp. orange extract; blend Date-nut Chews:

Mincemeat Squares: Mix 1 c. brown sugar, firmly packed and 1 pkg. cake mix* together in a large bowl. Cut in 34 c. butter or margarine with pastry blender to greased 13x9x2-inch pan. Spread 2 c. mincemeat in thin layer on top; then sprinkle form coarse crumbs. Stir in 2 c. rolled oats. Press half this mixture evenly in unwith remaining crumbs. Press together lightly. Bake at 400°F. 25-30 minutes. Cool

grated lemon rind, 4 tbs. soft butter or margarine, and 1/4 c. granulated or brown sugar in mixing bowl. Beat until well blended. Fold in 1 c. dried currants or chopped dried figs, and ½ c. chopped walnuts. Turn into greased 13x9x2-inch pan. Bake in Frosted Fruit Bars: Combine 1 pkg. cake mix*, 1/4 c. milk, 2 unbeaten eggs, 2 tsp. hot oven (375°F.) 30-35 minutes. Cool in pan and cut in bars or squares. Frost with confectioners' sugar icing and decorate as desired. Wrap tightly to store. in pan; cut in squares or bars. Store loosely covered to keep crisp,

* Use white, yellow, spice, butterscotch or lemon flake cake mix in above recipes

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• PEPPERMINT ANGEL LOAF

CHRISTMAS COOKIES • FANCY ROLLED

1/2 tsp. orange extract

Preparation time: 30 min. Chilling time: overnight Baking time: 5-8 min. I ths. water

2 tbs. soft butter or margarine pkg. white or yellow cake mix

Combine all ingredients in mixing bowl and beat until well blended. Cover with waxed paper and chill overnight. Roll chilled dough (about 1/8-inch thick) on lightly floured board; cut in desired Christmas shapes. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet in hot oven (375°F.) 5-8 minutes or until very lightly browned. Cool on racks. Frost with confectioners' sugar frosting (tinted if desired) and decorate with silver dragees, egg, unbeaten

Chocolate Variation: Use chocolate cake mix in above recipe; substitute almond cinnamon candies, tinted sugar, shredded coconut, etc. extract for the orange extract.

Chocolate-Dipped Strips: Cut 1x3-inch pieces of the white cooky dough; mark in ridges with a fork; bake as above. Melt I square semi-sweet chocolate and I ths. butter over hot water. Spread one end of baked cookie with chocolate mixture, and sprinkle with chopped almonds or pistachio nuts.

roll each into a rectangle about 1/8-inch thick. Place one on top of the other and Pinwheel Cookies: Using equal amounts of the chilled white and chocolate dough roll as for jelly roll, Slice and bake as directed. Yield: 3-4 dozen 50 cal. per cooky

50 cal. per cooky Source of Vitamins A. B Tested in The American HOME Kitchens

r egg white r tsp. vanilla Lime Butter Cream Frosting: 4¼ c. (I lb. box) sifted

11/2 tsp. grated lime rind 11/2-2 tbs. lime

juice green food coloring

poppy seeds in total amount of liquid required by directions on cake mix package for 1 hour. Then prepare cake mix according to package directions, using poppy-seed mixture in place of milk or water. Bake in two 8-inch layers as directed. Cool and frost with lime butter cream frosting. Sprinkle with silver dragees for confectioners' sugar 1/4 tsp. salt

Frosting: Cream butter or margarine. Add sugar and salt alternately with egg white, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla, lime rind and enough lime juice to make of spreading consistency. (Lemon juice and rind may be substituted for the lime juice and rind). Add green coloring for a pale green tint, if desired festive touch.

*Or use yellow, lemon flake or orange cake mix.

450 cal. per serving 21/2 c. Frosting Yields: 8-10 servings

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Preparation time: 1 hr. Baking time: 30 min.

LAYER CAKE

POPPY SEED

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1/3 c. poppy seeds 1 pkg. white cake mix*

Poppy Seed Cake;

• FESTIVE BAKED APPLES

• HOT MOCHA

(pictured in color on page 54)

Good Victuals (pictured in color on page 56)

1/4 tsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp. rum

You can cut cheese in uniform slices simply by using a piece of wire. It's easier on the thumbs if you hold the wire with a couple

Cover and bake in hot oven (375° F.) 30-35 minutes or until tender. Remove from Wash and core apples; peel off r-inch of stem end. Place in shallow baking dish with small amount of warm water. Fill centers with preserves and nuts; dot with butter. oven, sprinkle with the red sugar. Place in hot broiler about 5 minutes. Top with milk Filling Variations: Omit kumquat preserves and use either currants, dates or raisins; or cream, if desired; or serve as a dessert, topped with custard sauce. ornamettes 1/2 c. chopped kumquat preserves, 14 c. chopped walnuts or pecans with syrup

3 tbs. butter or margarine 1/4 c. red-colored sugar

8 medium red apples

200 cal. per serving Source of Vitamins A, B, C Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS add 1 tsp. grated lemon or orange rind and 6 tbs. brown sugar. Yield: 8 servings

CHRISTMAS STOLLEN

Preparation time: 10 min.

ORANGE WAFFLED

TOAST

1/2 c. finely chopped pecans

8-10 slices white bread

2 tsp. grated orange rind

2 tbs. sugar c. milk

eggs

1/2 tsp. cinnamon 2 tbs. sugar

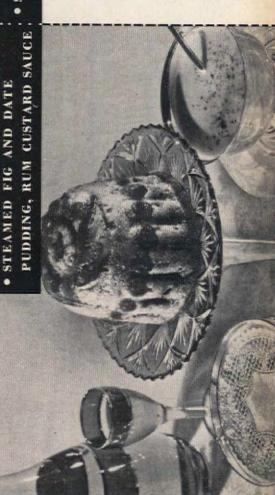
WREATHS

· Beat eggs slightly, add 2 tbs. sugar, milk and orange rind. Combine pecans, remaining sigar and cinnamon in separate bowl. Dip bread slices in egg mixture. Place on preheated waffle iron, quickly sprinkle with about 1 tbs. nut-sugar mixture. Bake minutes or until browned. Serve with butter and maple syrup.

Yield: 8 servings

175 cal. per serving Source of Vitamins 4, B, C Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• SANDTARTS I cup butter 1/2 cup sugar 2 cups flour \bullet Melt and brown butter slightly. Stir until cold. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix thoroughly. Chill. Roll out on floured baking board to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut with very small cooky cutter (about 1 inch in diameter). Bake in 400° oven for 10 min. Makes about 8 doz. cookies.)



A Good Victuals Recipe

PUDDING, RUM CUSTARD SAUCE STEAMED FIG AND DATE

• SANDTARTS

2 cups light brown sugar Add three eggs, lightly beaten Add 3 cups-bread crumbs 2 cups figs cut fine Cream 1 cup butter

r tbs. orange marmalade cup dates cut fine ½ cup milk
½ tsp. nutmeg
½ tsp. cinnamon

• Mix well, fill buttered and decorated 21/2-quart mold. Cover and steam 3 hrs. Serve with ice cold-

RUM CUSTARD SAUCE

Food (pictured in color on page 54)

Good Victuals (pictured in color on page 56)

• Scald 2 cups milk with ½ cup sugar and a pinch of salt. Add milk gradually to 6 beaten egg yolks stirring constantly. Cook and stir in double boiler over hot water until mixture coats the spoon. Chill and stir in ¼ cup dark rum just before serving.

Recipe by Jean Austin



Pour homemade soup into muffin tins and freeze. When frozen solid, run a little hot water over bottom of tin for easy removal and store in plastic bags for later use. Two soup muffins make one serving,

• CHRISTMAS STOLLEN WREATHS

• ORANGE WAFFLED

TOAST

Preparation time: 20 min. Rising time: 2-3 hrs. Baking time: 15 min.

1 c. butter or margarine

2 eggs, slightly beaten I c. chopped mixed candied fruit 2 pkgs. dry yeast 11/2 tsp. grated lemon rind 1 c. milk

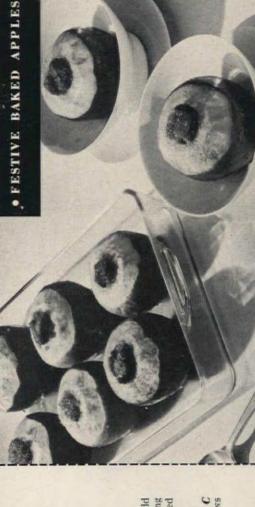
I tsp. salt

melted butter and cover with a damp cloth. Allow to rise in warm place (80°) until double in bulk (about 2 hours). Turn out on floured board, knead and roll out 1/2-inch Stir into flour mixture. (If dough seems too moist, stir in an additional V_2 c. flour.) Knead dough on lightly floured board until smooth. Place in greased bowl, brush with thick, Cut 1/2-inch strips, 4-5 inches long; roll between palms until smooth. Form into circles on greased baking sheet, moistening ends to seal; cover and let rise until double in bulk (about $\frac{1}{12}$ hour). Brush with melted butter and bake at 400° F. 10-15 minutes Combine flour, salt and lemon rind in large bowl; cut in shortening. Mix in candied or until browned. Frost with ornamental icing; decorate with angelica and cherries. NOTE: If desired, wreaths may be made of half the dough, and I large stollen with the fruit. Heat milk to lukewarm; add sugar and yeast and stir until dissolved; add eggs.

50 cal. each other half. Bake stollen at 375° F. 30 minutes. Or 4 dozen wreaths and I stollen Yield: 7-8 dozen wreaths

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• HOT MOCHA

Preparation time: 15 min.

3 tbs. instant coffee 1/2 c. cocoa 1/8 tsp. salt 1/2 c. sugar

5 c. milk or reconstituted instant non fat dried milk marshmallow. bits 1/2 c. cold water

Combine cocoa, salt, sugar and instant coffee in saucepan or electric saucepan; add water and blend well. Cook and stir over medium heat until sugar is dissolved; bring to a boil and boil 3 minutes. Gradually add milk and heat thoroughly. Serve topped with marshmallow bits.

Yield: 11/2 qts. (6-8 servings) 200 cal. per serving Source of Vitamins A, B, C Tested in The American HOME Kitchens

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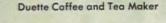
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LEFT: A small, false ceili and cornice realigned t cabinets with the top of t window. Partially cover with café curtains and a v ance, the sink area becar a pleasant and cheerful pla at which to work.

RIGHT: The couple cooperating on the home-workshop project are Dr. and Mrs. Ray Ross of Columbus, Ohio, a college professor and his wife who have revitalized a slightly worn Dutch colonial with some interesting and pleasing decorating ideas.



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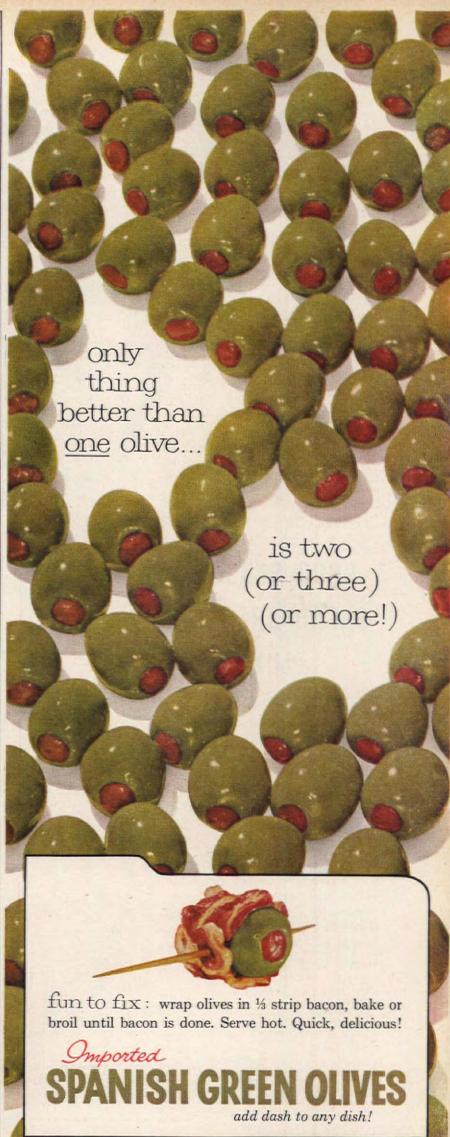
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Since the Rosses owned an exquisite set of real Meissen Onion, they were determined to give it a simple, central setting. A wasted corner in the dining room proved to be just big enough to have a small built-in corner cabinet.

A handy lift-top secretary provides a simple but effective means here of camouflaging an extra doorway in the living room. Colors are two tones of Wedgwood green, with the darker tone on the wainscoting and fireplace bricks.







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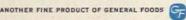




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Very few things can capture the spirit of Yuletide better than a visit with a young American family . . . the happy people above, for example: Bill and Prudy Lanyon, with five-year-old Billy and Cindy (just turned three), whom we "snapped" during

a high point of a most important occasion

for them—their very first

CHRISTMAS

in their new home at Armonk, New York.

We thought you'd like to join them for this joyful family celebration, as gifts are unwrapped to shouts of glee and the Lanyons share the many pleasures of this special day in their new home—a home you'll

see more of on the following pages.



When we featured an apartment of the Lanyons, we predicted that one day we would be writing a story about a home of their own. We knew they were the kind of forward-looking young couple that never rests until their dreams come true. Now that they have something more than dreams and promises to share, we think you'll enjoy reading about their first home and how they have made it a reflection of their personalities.

How did they achieve their goal so quickly and completely? For one thing, Bill Lanyon, our Managing Editor, and his wife Prudy are great do-it-yourselfers, with lots of enthusiasm for an idea and plenty of ability to carry it through to completion. Both are mightily endowed with ingenuity and a flair for putting things together, two very good reasons why their first home turned into such an attractive, comfortable place.

What prompted them to set their sights for a home of their own? Perhaps it began as a dream most people have, but as their family grew, it became a necessity. When we featured their apartment, son Billy was just a baby. Now he's five and sister Cindy is three years old. So one of their "musts" was a house with plenty of ground for the children.

After looking for months they finally found a development house—one of 36—built on an acre of land surrounded by trees. A front-to-rear split-level house, it had six rooms, a bath and two unfinished rooms on the lower level. The price was \$19,950. (Bill is now making a recreation room out of an unfinished room. We'll tell you about it in January.)

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Table model TV didn't fit into new home plan, so Bill built a cabinet for

it that fits mood of room.





Here Bill applies protective coat of linseed oil to table to give it antique look. This is done with his "homemades." It's wise to do this monthly.

See "Where Credit Is Due," page 96

Pleasant arrangement of interesting objects in picture group above sofa was collected and framed by Bill. Carpet, chair, slipcovers and curtains were only new items. All other furnishings were brought from their former home. Prudy made the slipcovers.

Here Prudy hangs felt café curtains in dining area. Felt needed no stitching, was cut to fit window and hung with café-curtain clips. Cardboard half circle, 4" in diameter, served as pattern for scallops on curtains. Opaque felt keeps out light, provides privacy. Curtains throughout are café style, unlined.

The children have a dining corner all their own,

for even though their table manners are much improved now that they are a little older, they aren't quite ready for "formal" dining. Plans for enlarging the kitchen are brewing and work will begin soon.



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Billy's room is full of small masculine comforts and-we should add-encouragements, like the Soldier Boy costumer made by his father. As Bill, Sr., says, "Billy doesn't always hang up his clothes, so we introduced the Soldier Boy costumer to encourage neatness and make it fun instead of a chore." Another addition-also Bill's handiwork-is the lamp base with its original design of a French policeman.



In the master bedroom, a lovely old spool bed gets dramatic attention with a quilt made by Bill's grandmother. The chest was an old pine piece the Lanyons wanted to redo in a natural finish until they discovered the wood was in such bad shape they had to give it a paint job after all. Decorated in a stenciled pattern with white porcelain knobs, the chest is now a presentable adjunct to the room. King and Queen playing-card prints, a white antique lamp and print curtains add to the charm. At left, Prudy dresses Cindy for playing in the yard, where she, as well as the children, spends a great deal of time.



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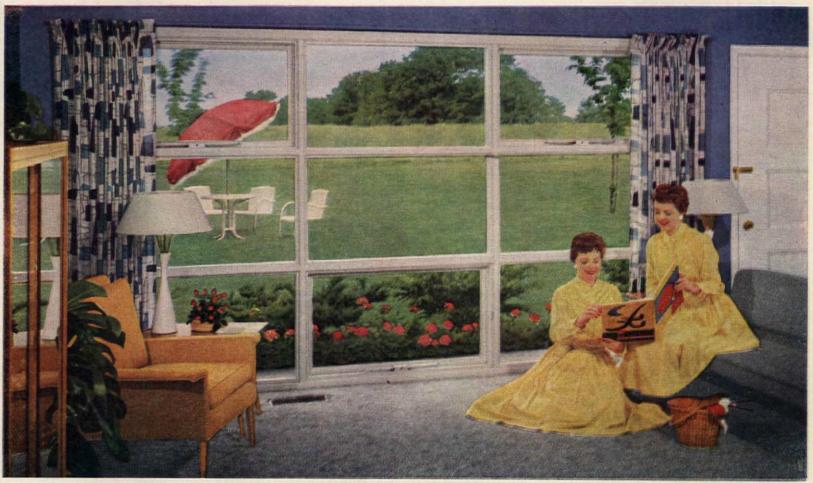
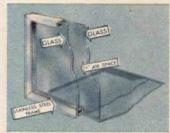
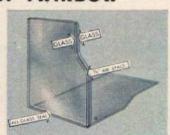


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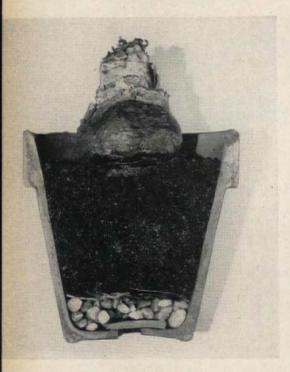
Amazyllis — most spectacular indoor bulbs, have huge trumpet flowers — red, orange, salmon, striped, pure white. Plant bulbs in 5" pots, as below, with drainage pebbles at bottom. Keep moist, not soaking wet, using soluble plant food every two weeks. Plant outdoors, in pots, in late spring; bring indoors before frost and water lightly till new growth starts.



have a delicious narcissus fragrance and, if you grow enough, you can make delightful little corsages from their clusters of pure white blooms. (They're reasonably priced, so all you need is the room!) Plant the bulbs in pebbles and water, keep them cool (50° to 60°) till well rooted, then put them in a bright, warm window. Discard after flowering.



Hyaciuths— are brilliant, intensely fragrant blooms—and altogether fascinating when grown in special hyacinth glasses. Fill glass to neck with water, so it just touches base of bulb, and keep in cool spot (50°) in basement until roots fill glass. Then bring into living room and cover with black paper cone till growth is 4" high, Plant out in garden after flowering.







Nothing's as cheery in the middle of winter as the bright flowers of indoor bulbs—doubly so when you've brought them into flower yourself! And so what could make lovelier, more cheer-producing gifts? It's smart, though, to choose easy-to-grow bulbs for your gift list—amaryllis, hyacinths, paperwhite narcissus, lily-of-the-valley—so there's no chance of failure with ordinary care. If a few of several kinds are started each week, they'll create a constant display—and rooms full of fragrance—from mid-January until springtime.

Here are the
steps that produced
the lovely flowers
pictured in color
on page 53



ily-of-the-valley is one of the daintiest and most sweetly scented flowers that can be grown indoors. And from purchased "pips" (they're not true bulbs) they're one of the fastest flowering-just three weeks from planting to flowering! For your gift list you'll need to buy them, but, if you have a vigorously growing bed of them in your garden, you can "force" some for your own enjoyment. Pictures 1 and 2, at right, show how to grow purchased pips; pictures 3 and 4 show how to dig and prepare your own.



1. Anyone can grow lily-of-the-valley from purchased "pips." For indoor flowering, they don't need their long roots, and so the first step is to trim them to 2" or 3" or to fit the container you'd like to use.

3. To grow garden lily-of-the-valley indoors, first dig

a cool spot (60°) in the basement until around Feb-

ruary 1. Water them just enough to prevent drying out.

up some clumps in early winter and keep them in .



2. Plant them in pebbles and water, as here; keep them cool (60° to 65°) till flower buds begin to show; then bring into living room. It's best to discard them after flowering.

4. When growth starts, pull the clump apart and select the largest pips. Trim and plant them the same way as purchased pips. Keep small pips in soil, return to garden later.





DEFT TRANSFORMATION



A comfortable, conversational grouping of linen-covered sofas and convenient tables is arranged around a make-believe fireplace opening painted on one living-room wall.



Wall opposite fireplace displays Regency table holding candelabra, obelisk, urns of flowers.



Discarded piece of filigreed wrought iron from a balcony is used here to create the feeling of an entrance hall.

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on a piggy bank budget

It's hard to believe that these smart, sophisticated-looking interiors were once part of a drab, rundown little house. In fact, before the exciting rejuvenation took place, it was so bad that the owner was about to tear it down. Dirty, old and unkempt on the inside, the exterior discouraged visitors with its principal eyesore—a long narrow porch clumsily enclosed with oddly-shaped windows. No one wanted to live there until Bill Kipka came along.

To Bill, a professional decorator, it was a challenge. First he gave the whole house a good soap and water bath. Then he painted it from stem to stern and put linoleum on every floor. The narrow 8x20' porch with the ugly windows was incorporated and transformed into a bedroom.

The original living room was practically square in shape and as interesting as the inside of a matchbox. By the simple process of painting a fireplace opening on one wall to

create a delightful center of interest, a pleasant grouping of furniture was made possible.

With more of the same imaginative planning throughout the rest of the home, with generous use of color and fabric, but without further structural changes, Bill turned an old, unlivable house into a smart background for modern living—all on a piggy-bank budget.

Bathroom was transformed by painting a bright red crest on tub, adding red towels, grouping pictures solidly on one wall.



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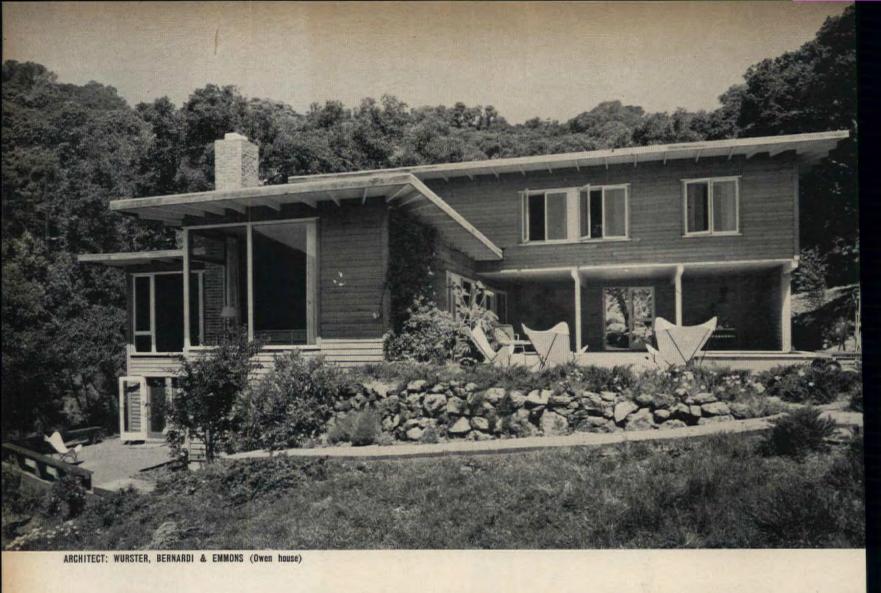
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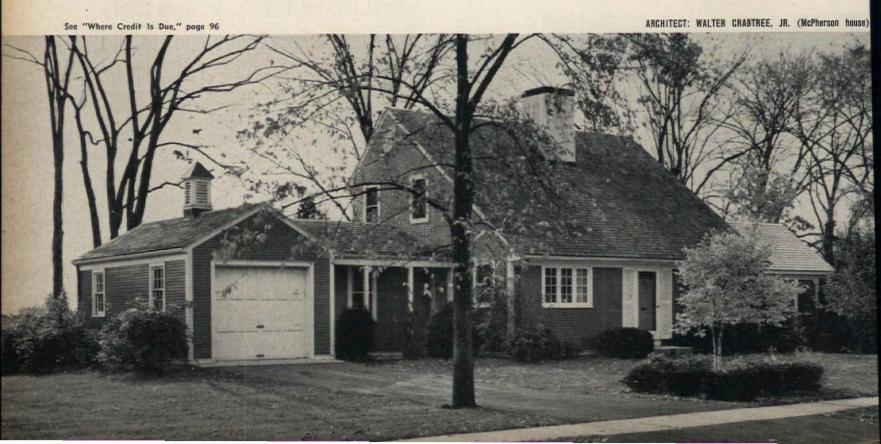
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Traveling from California to Connecticut, we find the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McPherson in West Hartford. The charming, low-ceilinged colonial living room is 24x12'. Beyond wood-paneled fireplace is the dining room entrance. Door at the rear of room leads onto private terrace behind house.



The basement of McPherson home is a busy, useful area, well-lighted with ceiling fixtures and reflective white walls. Floor is covered with patterned asphalt tile. Permanent table for electric trains is a hobby shared by the entire family.

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Though not large (the main house occupies a space of only 32x24' plus an additional 12x14' for the first-floor bedroom wing) the McPherson house offers an unusual amount of living space for a family of six. Like the rest of the house, the dining room is decorated in an early English-American Colonial style. Dining-room chairs are slat-back with rush seats, table is 18th century English. Compact floor plan provides master bedroom and bath as well as kitchen, dining room, living room and entry hall on the first floor, three bedrooms and bath on the second floor A basement area is efficiently arranged and so frequently used it's an important part of family living.





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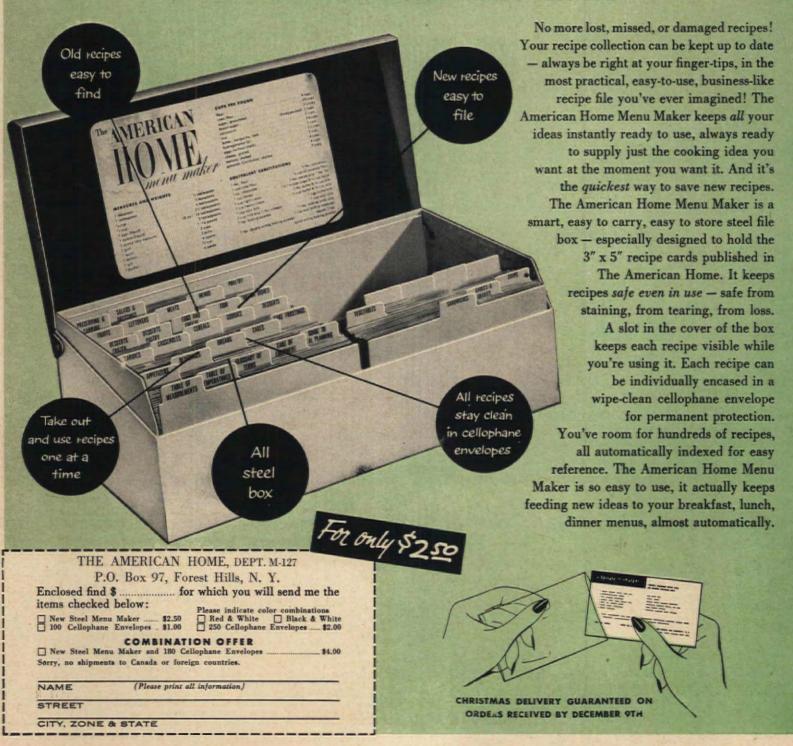


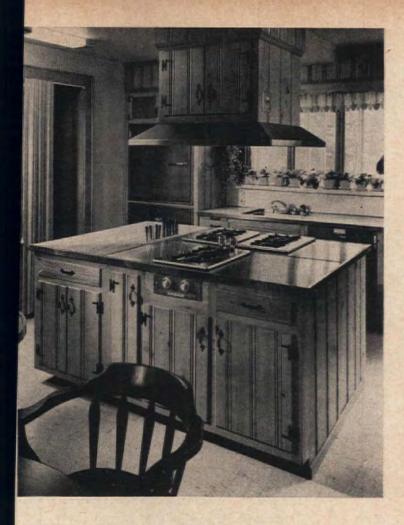


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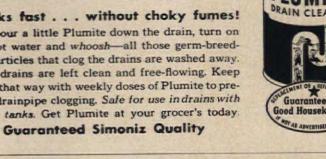


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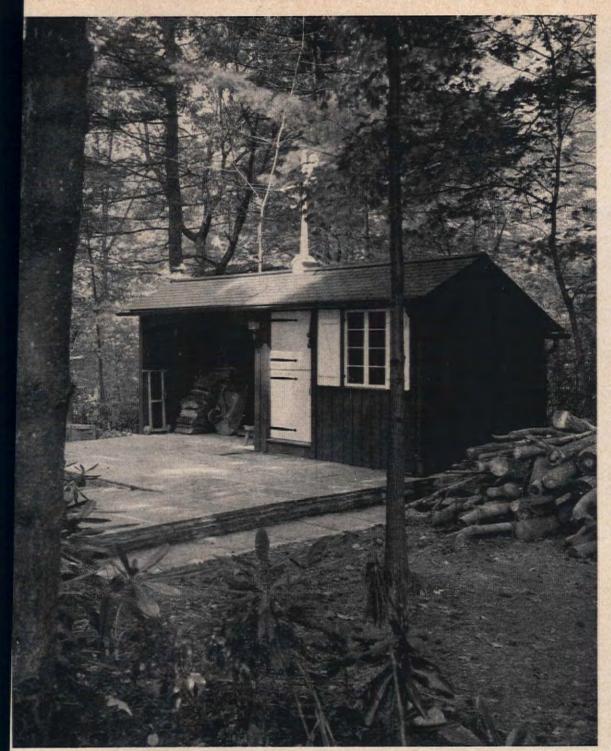


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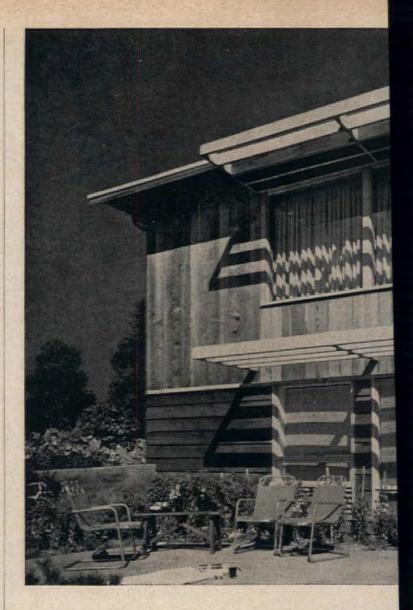


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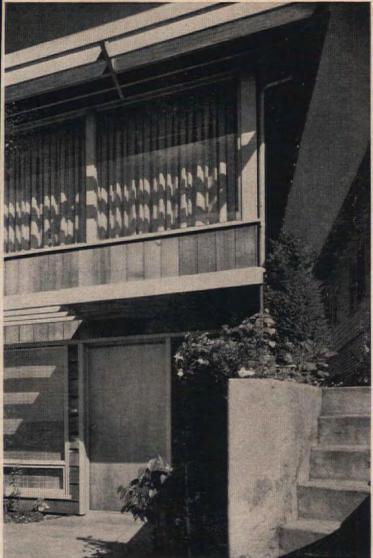




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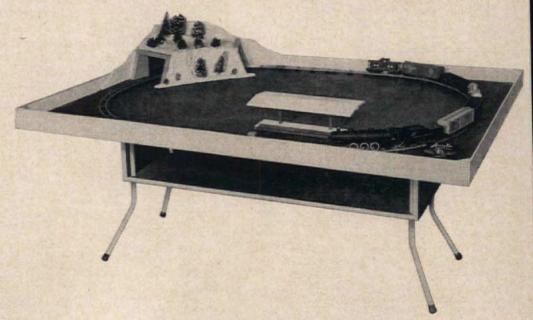




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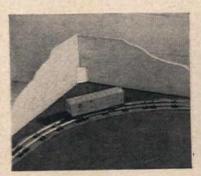


for the legs (see sketch), 1/4-inch plywood for the back of the bookcase and layout fence. Hammer and saw ready? Let's go.

Cut a piece of the 3/4-inch plywood, 48x66 inches for the layout board. This is made strong and rigid by a 3-inch high fence with reinforced corners (see sketch). The fence also keeps the railroad on the board, and not on the floor. Cut two pieces of the 3/4-inch plywood 15x48 inches for the top and the bottom of the bookcase. This is made in the form of a box with a back for maximum strength. Holes are bored in the corners to accommodate tubular legs of rigid electrical conduit. These holes go completely through the bottom shelf and halfway into the top. Bore holes before assembling box and keep them close to the ends. A screw through each leg into the end of the box will insure stability. The legs

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EVERYTHING STAYS SHIP-SHAPE in young Steven Baum's room-he sees to that with no urging from mother. Though the actual work was done by his dad, who put down the floor, and a cousin, who installed the fishnet ceiling, Steven was so closely involved in planning and choosing all of the decorations that the room seems to be his personal achievement. The fisherman's net is made of strips of cotton drapery net dyed a pale blue and sewn together. Heavy rope and cork floats add to the authentic nautical look.



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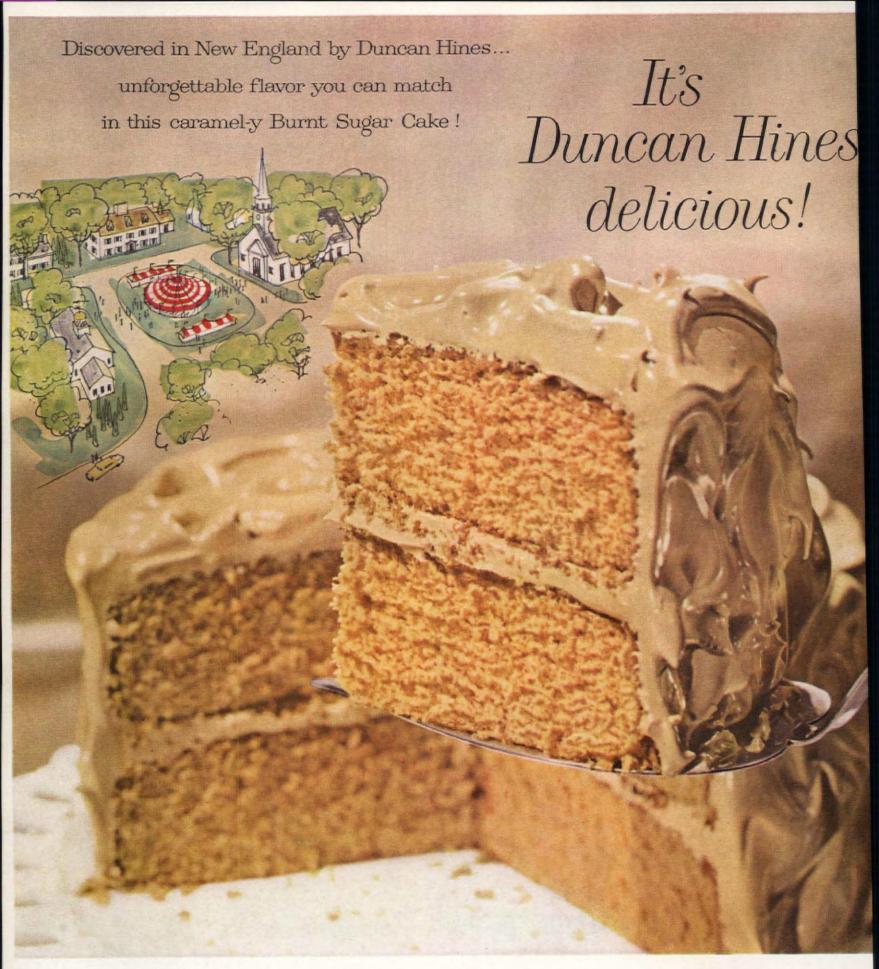
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