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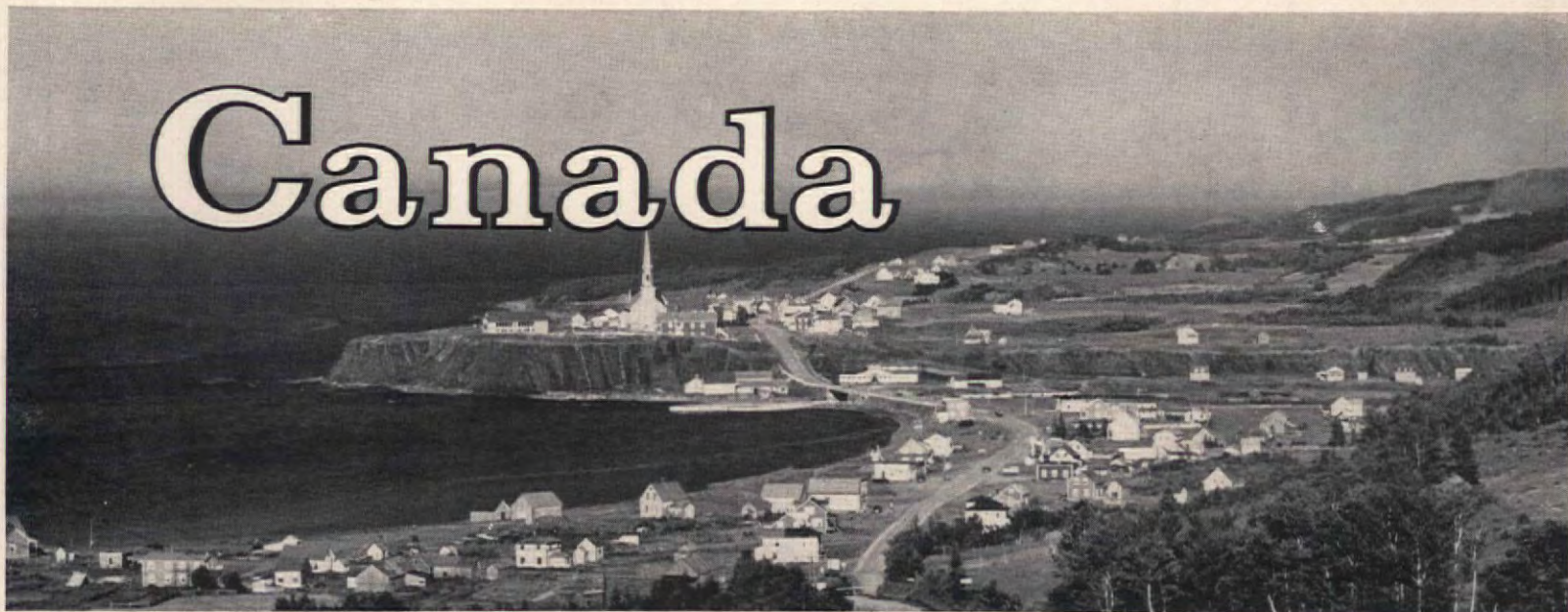
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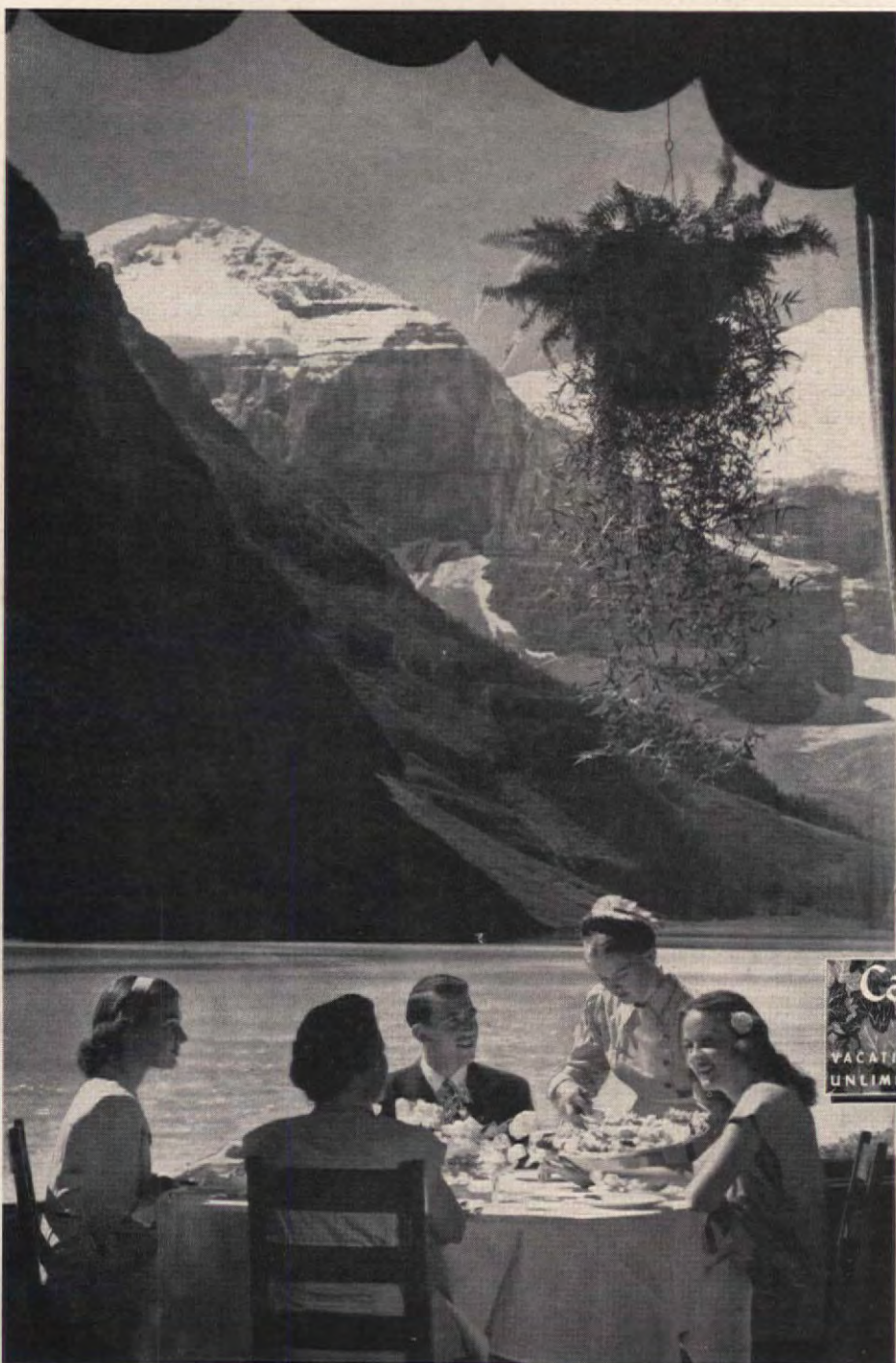
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We visit the Pete Martins. Vacation House earns its keep

OUR COVER. You'd think that the tempting delicacies we show on our cover would be outrageously expensive. To the contrary! Read in this issue how you can beguile your budget and still come up with a Gourmet Buffet for 12.

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THIS MONTH, A NEW SERIES. Meet Mrs. Pete Martin, the distaff member of a famous writing family. Mrs. Martin takes us on a visit to her own lovely Pennsylvania farm. In the months to come she'll "call on" a number of engaging and famous personalities. On page 29.

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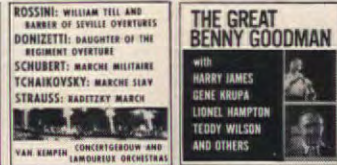
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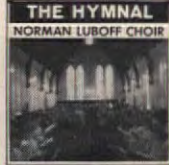
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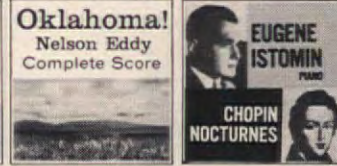
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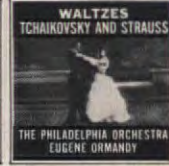
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Through all the wanderings, American HOME has been my constant friend and companion... long before I met any real Americans. My home has been greatly improved by knowing you—and do you know what? Thanks to you, I'm the best cook I know! Now a granny at the ripe old age of 43, I've retired back to England again. I will only quarrel with you if the dreadful day should ever dawn when your magazine will not be available to me in the country of my domicile.

Best wishes,

—MRS. NORA OSWALD
KENT, ENGLAND

We expect to be shipping our American HOME issue to England for a long time to come and shall certainly look forward to hearing from you again. So pleased that we've been the inspiration for good cooking and homemaking during your jaunts all over the world.

—THE EDITORS

THE QUIET TIME

Dear Editor:

For years, the American HOME has been my favorite magazine—especially in the issues that showed older homes decorated so charmingly.

As soon as it is delivered, I sneak it out of sight (my neighbors borrow it that fast) and then not until the quiet of late evening, with the TV off, kids in bed, and in my robe and slippers, do I curl up and enjoy it.

This is my favorite evening as I look with anticipation to some ideas that I may use in my own home. And what a thrill when something just hits the spot.

Please show us more older homes. —MRS. JOHN P. CAMPION
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We do plan stories on older homes for future issues along with the new homes that our readers have requested as well.

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I loved my husband dearly, but instead of being an understanding wife, I started arguments over nothing at all. I could see the strain telling on Phil. After all, no man likes a woman ruining his life!

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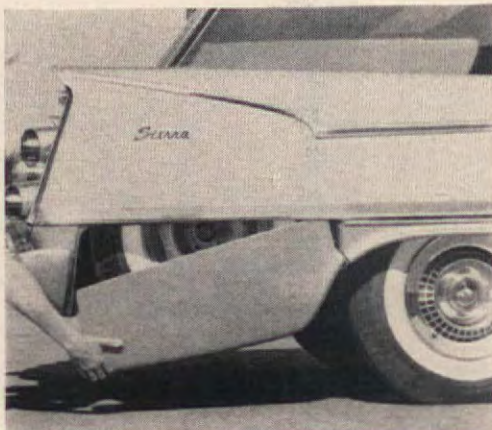
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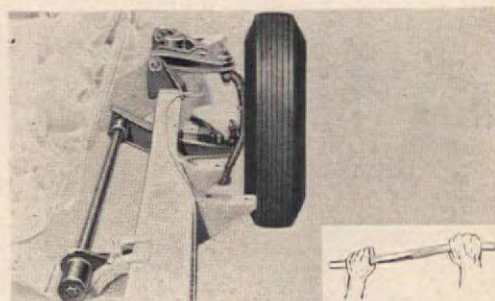
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THE LONGSTRETH LIBRARY, a source of much material for storytelling hours. Joe's philosophy with children: (a) never be condescending . . . they're people; (b) let them participate, answer questions carefully; (c) if a party is planned, let them (make them) help in preparing, serving and conducting it.



Remodeled to accommodate 32 children

VIRGINIA E. THABET



THE STUDIO upstairs, a new addition, is where Joe actually writes. If there is an overflow of people it is a good place for guests to gather.

The Joseph Longstreth story begins in London, England, and ends in Richmond, Indiana. An Army Air Corps pilot, Joe Longstreth met a most attractive girl in London just after the war. But unfortunately, the meeting did not wind up with a wife and two or three children, but rather with hundreds of children, no wife and a career. Yes! Because of this meeting, Joe became an author of children's books, a teller of stories and a literary agent, not to mention anything about his side lines of writing music and lyrics, decorating, building and gardening.

Naturally, Joe wanted to further the acquaintance of this young lady and arranged to pick her up at work . . . which turned out to be an orphanage. Spending a great deal of time there, he began reading to the children. But books were scarce, and the children naturally got tired of the same old stories, so Joe began making up new stories. And having "an incredibly poor memory," he had to write them down because there were always those who wanted a repeat of yesterday's story. Thus began the career of Joseph Longstreth.

Unfortunately, the young lady "got away," but his interest in children and children's books continued, leading to the publication of several books, "Tiger Tizzy," "Little Big-Feather," and others.

As his writing increased by leaps and bounds, so did his business, a literary agency called Critics Associated. Both Joe and his agency had to have a bigger home. Thus begins this remodeling. Joe lived, naturally, in the hub of the literary world, New York City, with its fast-paced jungle surrounding him. But the move to the farm in Richmond, Indiana, came after too many years in New York, too many birdless springs and sweltering summers on concrete. While visiting his parents in Richmond, Indiana (where he was born), he

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COLLECTION OF CURIOSITIES from all parts of the world intrigue children. Many pieces, though different in tone and character, blend well in the old-new remodeling, because of their sentimental value.



STORYTELLING HOUR in session. Children love to browse through his collection of pictures and books and ask many questions of his travels about the world. Sometimes they tell stories and Joe listens.



BEFORE: house looked like a box perched precariously on top of a hill. **AFTER:** below, terrace room and studio upstairs were added. Contour of land determined height and shape of "easy to hose off" concrete terrace, which was "planned to marry the house to the earth." The curve of the steps follows the curve of the pond, which follows the curve of the stream behind it.



TERRACE ROOM planned for children's parties has handsome vinyl floor and easy-to-clean wrought-iron furniture. Note view to outside.



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found this tiny old brick farmhouse tucked way back amongst hundred-year-old locust trees, and instantly saw it as a wonderful place to hold summer sessions of storytelling, and a glorious place to live. So he bought it, and began immediately to remodel. His first intention was to combine in an 1813 house the feeling of the very old charm and simplicity with the convenience of modern living . . . and to bring the "outside inside." For this reason he painted the entire house green on the inside, because for him, "nature is green." Inside, the house was completely opened up. As Joe puts it, "It had to be cozy and convenient for two people—and yet accommodate thirty-two just as easily." Doors were tossed out and arches connect one room with the other. Glass windows and doors were installed. Most of the remodeling took place in the rear

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ELEGANT MEDIEVAL MIRROR at right has been in storage for ten years waiting for just the right wall to hang on. Mirror is anchored to wall from outside with iron stars and bolts (see below).



KITCHEN at left, long and narrow, takes on new personality, with warm wood cabinets and yellow appliances. A far cry from the old one shown below.



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They don't ask. Nobody tells them. So they use homemade solutions which may not be completely effective, or kitchen-type antiseptics which may be harsh or inflammatory.

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SURFACE COOKING TOP with hood is accessible to dining and terrace rooms for quick serving. "Old-fashioned potbelly stove" in terrace room serves dual purpose... it's decorative, but used for heating and cooking. Kitchen walls and others throughout the house posed a painting problem. Joe solved it with textured paint and his philosophy: "Nature is not smooth; bark, leaves, grass have interesting surfaces. Textured paint adds natural dimension to walls."



CHILDREN find many interesting objects for discussion among Joe's collection of books. Here they find one almost as big as they are, so Joe helps to turn the pages as they ask questions.



AN AVID COMPOSER AND LYRICIST, Joe not only has story-telling hours but songfests as well. He can make a piano sing too. He tore out one wall of the living room, expanding it to accommodate baby grand piano.

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The story on the Roxbury Carpet is plain to see



And the point of our story is to make carpet buying easy for you.

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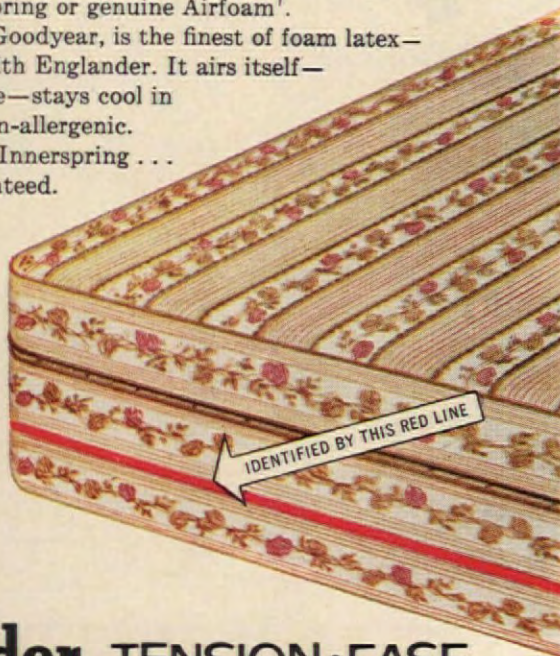
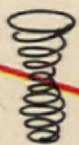
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Q. What's the best way to get quick results at low cost in my garden?

A. For immediate effects in spring or summer, buy plants in flower or just about to flower. The lowest priced are annuals (petunias, marigolds, zinnias, etc.) which can be bought in small pots or in "flats." Somewhat higher priced are the so-called bedding plants (geraniums, fuchsias, lantanas, etc.) available in 3" and 4" pots. If you raise your own plants, annuals can be started from seed sown indoors in early spring for flowering from early summer until fall. Some perennials can be started the same way, though many do not flower until the second year. Fast-growing shrubs include forsythias, privets, mock-oranges, viburnums, willows, honeysuckles, euonymus and Russian olives; also shrub roses and large-growing floribunda varieties, such as Betty Prior.

Q. How can I, a working wife, organize the routine but necessary tasks that seem to take up all my time?

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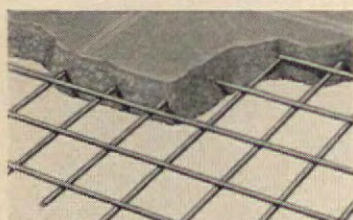
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We will start with the premise, nay, the FACT that every homemaker is in business. Her business is her home and family and she wants to do the best possible job. She's Vice President of the family and so are you in your home. How good a job are you doing in running the family business? Every homemaker, we hope, has a good idea of what she spends each week for groceries and related household goods. For many women, their knowledge of household finance ends right there. When it comes to insurance premiums, canceled checks and property taxes, most women tend to be rather vague and puzzled and look to their husbands for help. We're all for feminine women and don't advocate that each homemaker take over the job of handling all the money in the family, but a familiarity with household expenses is important. More important than a general knowledge of expenses is a record of expenditures, and that's where you come in. You are running a private business and whoever heard of a business organization without bookkeeping?

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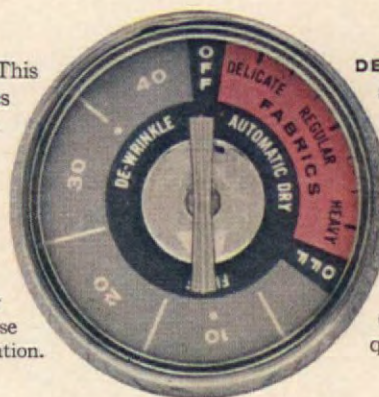
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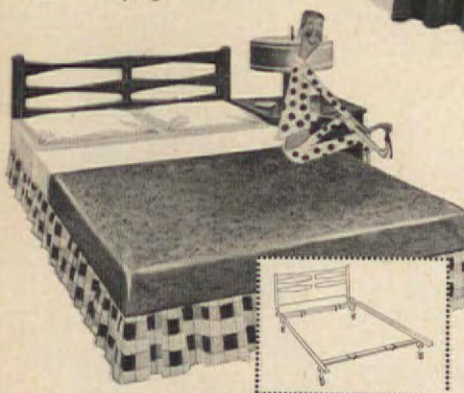
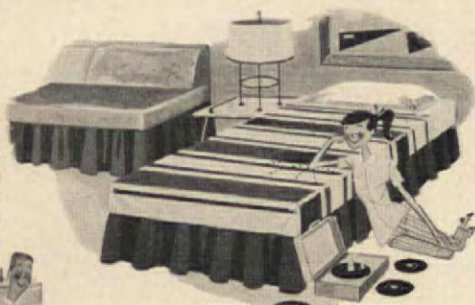


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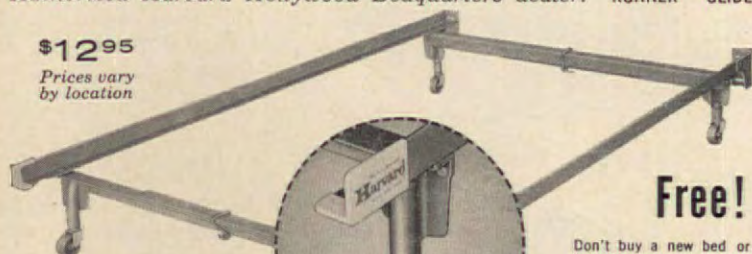
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out yearly income-tax forms or assess the value of household property for insurance coverage with inadequate records. All of this could be avoided if you kept your household records up to date in an orderly manner. And you'll save money for your husband if you can come up with proof of deductible doctor, dentist and business-entertainment bills. By "household records" we mean specific data such as doctor and dentist bills, receipts or canceled checks showing payment for furniture and appliances, as well as clothing-expense records for each member of the family.

In money management, many families are taken by surprise by bills that are paid each year on specific dates. These usually consist of payments on insurance, taxes, annuities, interest on loans, payments on your home, car, furniture or equipment. Many times, these payments cannot be met from the current pay check. For this type of expenditure, a reserve fund should be built up during the year so the bills won't come as a horrible surprise.

You may say, "Why bother with all this?" It could pay better dividends than you might imagine. First of all, making out your tax will be much easier. Also, we hope it won't, but let's suppose your house burned to the ground tonight. Do you have complete records in your safe-deposit box showing exactly what was in your house and receipts showing payment for the larger items? If you do, you'll have a much easier time of it with the insurance company and you'll collect from them much faster.

Please note we said "safe-deposit box." We hope you have one. The rental fee for a safe-deposit box is nominal compared to the protection you're getting for your important family papers such as birth and marriage certificates, savings bonds and wills. Of course, your insurance policies should go into the box also.

You can help your husband tremendously if you will do your part in keeping accurate records on the portion of the family income you spend or help spend. Not only will you help him, you'll have a better understanding of where the family income goes. A knowledge of insurance, taxes and of course the money you spend on household items can make the road to good household management a much smoother one for you and your family. Following, we have a few suggestions for keeping accurate records of family finances:

1. Keep an up-to-date inventory of your major household goods in your safe-deposit box—along with your insurance policies.
2. Have a general knowledge of the insurance you own and the premiums you pay and when you pay them.
3. Keep a household file on doctor and dentist bills, canceled checks and any large purchases your family has made recently.
4. Keep a file on service guaranties on all your appliances plus name and address of dealer from whom you purchased the appliances.
5. Keep a record of property, school, state and Federal income taxes you pay.
6. Note when time payments are due on your house, car, furniture or appliances and keep a record of what payments have been made.

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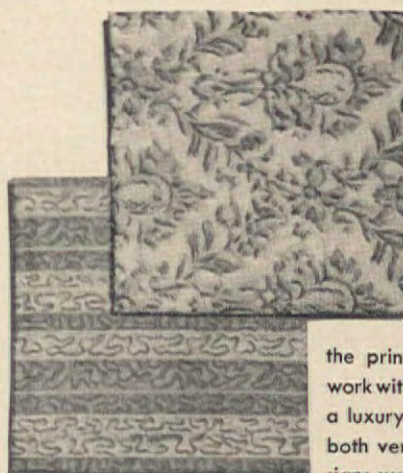
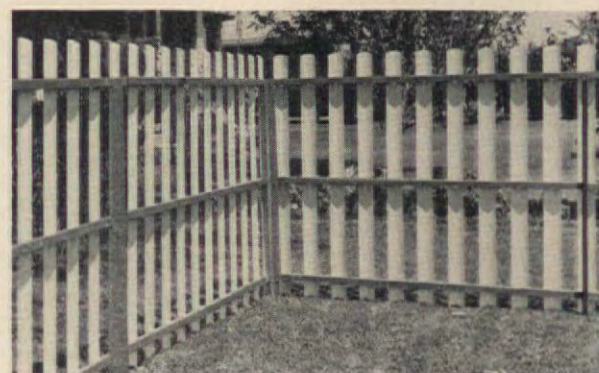


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VIP
Very
People
Interesting



MR. AND MRS. PETE MARTIN stand in the entrance hall of their Pennsylvania farmhouse. Hardware on door is old and so are the waxed bricks. Chafing-dish planter is a gift from Perc Westmore, the Hollywood make-up expert, about whom Pete wrote a story.

This is what you might call the grand switcheroo. For lo these many months you have been avidly following the series of "I call on—" articles written by Pete Martin in The Saturday Evening Post. You just aren't anybody in Hollywood unless you've been called on by Pete Martin. From Brynner to Kaye to Monroe, Pete's roster is a veritable Who's Who. Now we think it's time for someone to call on the Pete Martins. And this is exactly what we do here. But we have a further surprise in store. The person behind the typewriter on the next pages is not Pete Martin. The author is *Mrs.* Pete Martin, and a more charming and ingratiating hostess we've yet to meet.

But come now, as we pay a call on the Pete Martins in their lovely Pennsylvania farmhouse. (continued)

We drop in
on the
Pete Martins

Timothy Farm, Birchrunville, Pa.



THE MARTINS decorated this room themselves, "for a warm, livable, informal feeling."

MRS. PETE MARTIN

When our children married and had feathered their nests with much of our furniture, my husband Pete and I decided that finding the house we had always wanted was a now-or-never affair. I'm *not* going to use the tired term "Dream House," although that's really what we were searching for.

We put our old house on the market and I made dates with real-estate agents. I was very definite about what I wanted. When they asked me, I told them, "I want a perfectly restored Pennsylvania farmhouse with a swimming pool. That's all." A girl can ask, can't she?

If Pete was around I did the swimming-pool bit from the side of my mouth because I was afraid if he heard me he might think it sounded too rich for our blood and call the whole deal off.

The absolutely first agent I told this to neither winced nor blanched. We got into his car and he drove me right to it. To me it was so darling and beautiful that just looking at it gave me a big choking lump in my throat. There it was. Exactly what I had asked for.



THE ORIGINAL HOUSE of Timothy Farm was built around 1770. The fieldstone part is circa 1780. House nestles in a hillside, has a spring-fed swimming pool. Farmhouse was the first one Mrs. Martin looked at in her search for a "dream house."

"But where are we?" I asked. We had been in his car almost an hour and although I had been bewitched by the scenery, subconsciously I was also aware of the distance the man at the wheel was putting between me and my friends in Wynnewood. Everything in Wynnewood (except our beloved neighbors) had changed since we'd moved there. Bulldozers had uprooted my favorite violet and daisy patches and had planted Super Duper markets and department stores to replace the flowers.

Answering my question, he told me, "We're now in Birchrunville, Chester County, Pennsylvania."

"Birchrunville," I repeated. "One word or two?"

"One," he said.

There was the Pennsylvania farmhouse. Fieldstone and white stucco with black shutters. There were the red barns. And *there* was the swimming pool . . . unpretentious and spring fed, but swimmable.

"Original house built about 1770," Mr. Real Estate told me, anticipating my delight and appreciation.

"Are you sure we can afford it?" I protested. I didn't want to torture myself with dreams of this place if it wouldn't even give a nod at Pete's bank account when they met.

"It's *almost* in the price range Mr. Martin mentioned," he said rapidly. He was especially rapid about the word "almost." The price he quoted was above our price range—but isn't it always, under such circumstances?

The little house was nestled in a hillside. We walked its one-room-wide length to reach the front door. A man-of-all-work (alas, he didn't go with the house) was waxing the old red bricks which paved the hallway but he put aside his mop and welcomed us.

"The owners are not home," he said, "but you're free to walk through." The bricks he had been polishing were



THE WOODPILE is ready in case of a blizzard; but those logs are heavy.

typical upstate Pennsylvania bricks made for paving fireplace hearths and summer-kitchen floors in Colonial days. The hallway was small but bright with sunshine from a huge window that looked out on a terrace. In the large living room I stepped on random-width oak floors with walnut pegs. A tremendous window at the far end



THE STUDIO in the barn is Virginia's work retreat.

of the room framed a picture of a hillside with a post-and-rail fence complete with dogwood, maple and oak trees! Bookcases flowed like cascades from ceiling to floor but left plenty of space for a gracious gouge-work fireplace. On another wall there were more bookcases, but in this wall the regularity of the books was broken by an exquisite collection of white ironstone china.

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THIS FIREPLACE was once used for doing the family cooking, Mr. Scheib, the Martins' neighbor, who was born in this house some seventy years ago, tells them. It still does nicely for a steak barbecue or just a heart-warming fire.



THE BOWL is one of the most prized pieces of the Martins' Canton collection. The high caned chair was originally used to get a good view of a game of billiards. Now, because it is so tall, it is ideal for the exceptionally high Winthrop desk.



"TAKES YEARS to get a workroom like this," Pete says, "but it's worth it."

All those bookcases were appealing to me rather than appalling, for Pete had books overflowing from the living room up to his knees in his bedroom in Wynne-wood—or so it seemed to me. "This room can't be old," I exclaimed. "It's too perfect."

"No," Mr. Agent agreed. "This wing was added about three years ago. It was designed by the well-known Philadelphia architect Walter Durham."

"Oh," I said, recognizing the name and acknowledging the fame of our friend Walter. "No wonder it's so good."

Two steps led up from the living room to the original late-eighteenth-century part of the house. We walked into a smaller room. Its ceiling was low and beamed. The beams are six feet four inches from the floor. I discovered that later. Pete is only six two. We *do* have some lofty friends who tower six four and over, but I wasn't considering them at that moment. I saw the fireplace—this one large enough for a boy and his dog. I was entranced by a Dutch door which led out to another little terrace. Excitement left me short of breath. It was all so unbelievably right.

"Of course the kitchen is small," the agent warned me as he ducked his head to go through the doorway which led to the service end of the house, "but you can do a lot with it." These were moneyed rather than honeyed words and I was in no mood to heed them, but they did make me step down from the cloud I'd been walking on. The kitchen *was* small. It was charming with its beams and stone-silled windows but, *Now is the time to be practical*, I told myself. *Come on, old girl, put up some sales resistance. Think straight!* This personal fight talk made my voice firm as I told him, "I definitely don't like the kitchen." I even

more definitely didn't care for the little lean-to extending beyond the kitchen to cover an outside cellar door.

Perhaps if the owners had been there they would have thought to close the trap door exposing steep stone steps which led down into a tiny basement. Mr. Agent hastily drew me away from this hazard for our grandchildren and set me back on my cloud again as he steered me through the rest of the house.

Upstairs there was a perfect bedroom and bath over the living room. There was an even more perfect bedroom, bath and study as part of the old structure and there was a Dutch door for this bedroom with steps outside leading up a sunny and softly green hillside.

"Is this all?"

No. Tucked away on the third floor was still another room, this one a charming eaved bedroom. No bath—but by this time I didn't care whether I was practical or not. I said to myself, *Let me see now. My son Peter and his wife Julie can have this room—we can put a crib in it for the baby . . . Pete and I can share his room, which is almost a small apartment in itself . . . Mother will love my room when she comes . . . and that will take care of Christmas.*

It wasn't to be that easy.

Pete fell in love with it, too, but it *was* expensive and it *was* too far from Pete's office on Independence Square in the city. In trying to be sensible about it he reminded

me, "You're going to have to do the driving, you know, and it's a cool sixteen miles from the station." He doesn't drive. He can do a lot of other things genius-wise, but handling a car is his blind spot. He admits readily, "I'm a mechanical moron," and with that, he is driven. Which isn't so moronic in my book. "And," he added, "our friends are going to think it's halfway to Canada." Those were truthful, sobering words.

So we looked at places closer to the city and less expensive. We looked and looked and looked. Mentally I am sure we compared

each more conveniently located, more "sensibly priced" home with the house in Chester County. Every so often I inveigled a friend into driving out with me to see it and inevitably she'd say, "It is lovely . . . but what will you do with yourself out there? Suppose you get snowed in?" I didn't have the answer to those questions then. I do now, because there came an evening when Pete and I looked at each other and said

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OLD SILVER SOAP BOXES—Virginia uses them for cigarettes—are getting hard to find.



RED is the Martins' warning to trigger-happy hunters.



THESE OLD DRUG AND SPICE CONTAINERS can be baffling if you don't know what they are.

21 ways to get more storage

DESIGNER: GIDEON KRAMER FOR DOUGLAS FIR PLYWOOD ASSN.



TWO-FACED ROOM DIVIDER WILL solve many storage problems. Living "face" has a handy drop-leaf desk with several small sliding files; space for TV and Hi-Fi equipment and records; drawers may be reached from both sides.

DINING "FACE" has cupboards for china and glassware. Decorative accessories show on both sides. Hi-Fi serves both. Sliding doors slide one behind the other. Each has been painted a gay color to match drawers.

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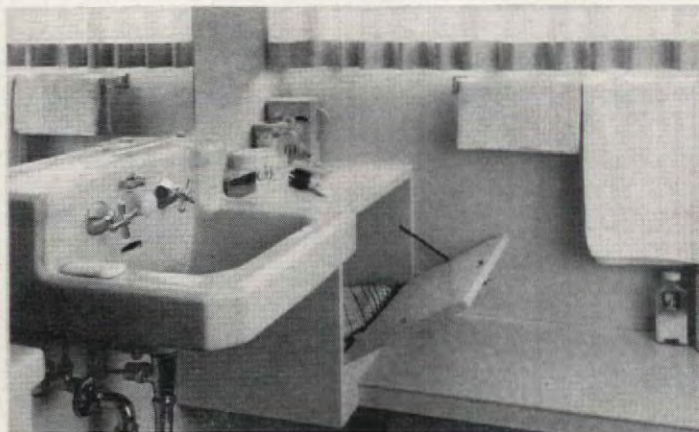
(Shopping Information, page 103)





SHUT AWAY HOMEWORK behind closed doors like this smart homeowner! Taking over a closet for a home work center is an excellent idea if you can spare the closet. Small desk with drawers, walls lined with pegboard and good light to work by are the important ingredients. Chair can be pushed into knee space of desk. Double doors close to put entire unit out of sight and mind.

REAL SPORTSMEN love their weapons right out where they can see them and dream of the sport they give. Narrow space is all that's needed to build-in this display case for guns and fishing gear. Sliding doors below reveal more space for storing accessory equipment.



WHY USE THE FULL HEIGHT in a lady's closet for clothes that do not need the space? Instead, try using two rods, one over the other, for hanging the shorter lengths of clothing. Designed by Sylvia Reed.

WHERE THE TUB LEAVES OFF there is quite often a very usable amount of space for building in storage for bathroom accessories. This cabinet has a counter-top space and storage behind a hinged door.



TO GET THE MOST STORAGE out of a bathroom wall, here is an excellent use of space. Accessible shelves inside the cabinet at the right of the built-in lavatory hold all the jars and bottles that go to equip any bathroom.

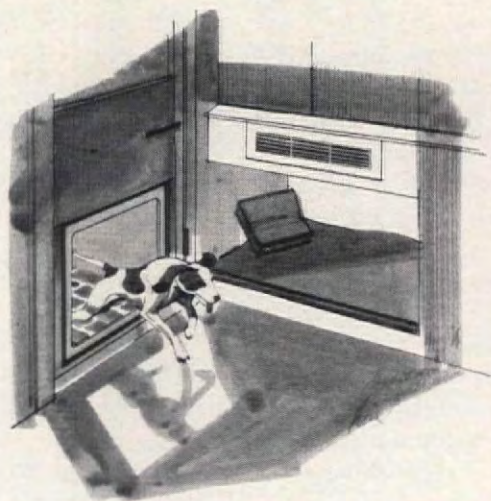


FOR THE "SOMETIME" when you eat in the kitchen, this drop-down table is an excellent idea. It occupies floor space only when it is needed. Comfortably upholstered seat has more storage space under it behind doors. The high cabinets over seat are good for seldom-used kitchen items.

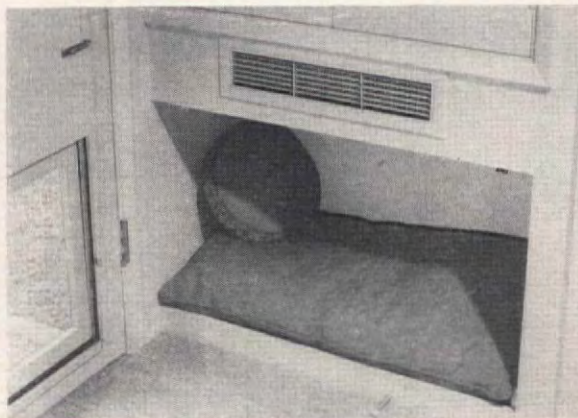
INFORMATION: BARBARA LENOX, LOUISE PRICE BELL



PRACTICAL DRESSING TABLE unit in an oversized bathroom in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin has many features a lady likes. Laundry hamper on the left is camouflaged by doors that match storage on the right. Hamper pulls down for soiled linens. Laminated plastic top covers entire unit between windows to make a durable counter surface. Small drawers over knee space have dividers for keeping smaller beauty aids in order and handy.



WHERE DO YOU STORE YOUR DOG?



TO KEEP ROVER in his place and off the furniture, what better inducement than a soft mattress, his own pillow, and even his own private entrance? This one was designed for the pet of the Randolph Christies. There is no positive guaranty that he will not roam, but it would take a mighty silly doggy to ignore these obvious canine comforts!



ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO, please! Perfect storage for two poodles when you don't want them dominating the conversation. Built neatly into a storage arrangement, this doggy spot can be closed off with the louvered shutters when not occupied. Designed by Gwen Carde.

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Helter Shelter

*Some tongue-in-cheek
revelations about
the sometimes careless
method Americans
exercise in buying a
house—by one who knows!*

BARBARA BATES GUNDERSON

This article is intended as a lesson. A lesson to point out a truth most Americans secretly know—if they will permit themselves to think about it.

This exposition intends, further, to substantiate the claim that, having purchased in haste, few homeowners repent in leisure. The fact is that slap-happy home buying doesn't allow its exponents leisure!

This piece does not apply to all homeowners. Only to the vast majority of them.

Fortunately for America, every state is brightened by a heartening handful of those rare individuals who plan carefully, save wisely, and studiously supervise every nail pounded into the house which they *intended* should be just exactly as it actually is on the day they move in.

These far-visioned, selective house owners are as rare as young people who go to marriage counselors to find out whom to fall in love with.

Mostly, a house just catches people in a weak moment and exerts a benign victimization. The victims know they are being hoodwinked a little but, as in the case of falling in love, they consider it part of the sport and yield and pay and overlook and forgive and spend too much money, considering themselves foolish and fortunate at the same time.

At least it was that way with us.

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LEW MERRIM



*In two years and a month—
April '56 to May '58—
we changed the face of our home.
And so completely, we felt that*

PLANTS WORKED A MIRACLE

Everyone knows plants add to the looks of a house. But until you take a brand-new home and landscape it entirely yourself, you just don't realize how miracle-working plants can be—or, rather, how much of a miracle worker you can be with the help of plants!

In late summer, 1955, we bought a split-level on Long Island. It was just the house we wanted, interior decorating was no problem, and getting ourselves resettled was fun. But the exterior had us stumped. We wanted to plant it attractively—distinctively—but had no idea of how to start.

Then I happened to visit a friend in Cleveland who is a landscape architect specializing in industrial and institutional planning, and casually asked him if he

had any ideas for landscaping small-home grounds. He made a rough sketch from the dimensions I gave him and said he'd do what he could at his first opportunity. Sometime later he visited us in New York and presented us with a completed, professional landscape plan—as a housewarming gift!

So in the early spring of 1956 we took the plan to a nearby nursery and worked out a scheme of operations. We'd do the planting ourselves and they'd supply the plants as we wanted them. First the front of the house, then sometime later the back yard. We'd make a good start that spring, do some more work in the fall, and finish up the front-yard project the next year (1957).

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**A
SUCCESS
STORY**

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This, then, is a picture story of the work we did in 1956 and 1957—of what we got for our efforts in 1958—and will continue to get for many years to come. We think it's quite a story!

More important, perhaps, we think it's the kind of story that'll help any young couple who are starting out, as we were, with a new, unplanted yard and lots of enthusiasm but not much knowledge.

Our own experience convinced us that we worked the right way—from a professionally executed plan. So our advice to new homeowners—unless they want to spend considerable time studying garden design and the shapes and sizes of plants suitable for their area—is to go to a landscape architect or landscape nurseryman at the outset. By doing so, they'll avoid a lot of mistakes, which probably would mean lost time, wasted effort and quite likely a waste of some hard-earned money.

If you work from a plan, you can spread the project over several years, doing the work as time and funds permit—and you're certain of doing a good job.

We Started With Hedges



THE PLAN CALLED FOR LOW HEDGES of Japanese holly (*Ilex crenata convexa*) as main features of the front planting. When they were delivered, balled and burlapped, I wondered if I'd ever get them planted!



IN APRIL, 1956, before we took to the spade and the trowel, we had a good house—no less but no more. And neither my wife Louise nor I felt completely satisfied. Our place simply looked too much like thousands of others all across the country. In the picture below, you see for yourself.

IN MAY, 1958, after we hung up our tools and the plants had come into their own, we had more than we'd even hoped for—as you see at the right.

Something we hadn't counted on but found happening was that no one walked past our house without stopping to look at the plantings—and half those who drove past did the same. If we hadn't worked a bonafide miracle, we sure came pretty close!



THE JAPANESE HOLLIES were to go close together. So I thought it would be easier to dig a trench rather than individual holes. *Maybe* it was. Anyway, I was sure glad when I'd finished the ditchdigging!



THE RIGHT DEPTH, the nurseryman said, is all-important when you plant broad-leaf evergreen shrubs. Set them the same depth as they grew in the nursery. So we used a stick, as here, to check the depth of each plant.



WITH THE LAST OF THEM PLANTED, I felt proud of my *Ilex crenata convexa*—and doubted if I'd ever forget their name! And they grew faster than I expected. In two years these plants were a fully developed hedge.



THE GROUND COVER PLANTS were myrtle (*Vinca minor*), to be used near the sidewalk, and pachysandra, for the side area. Here you see me planting the myrtle. They came in pots and were planted 8" apart. In back of me is the front hedge.



LAWN-MAKING on poor soil meant using plenty of plant food.



PACHYSANDRA, in flats, was taken apart and planted individually.



THE FRONT YARD, as indicated in the plan, would be different from most—it would include a small lawn and considerable groundcover area. (continued)

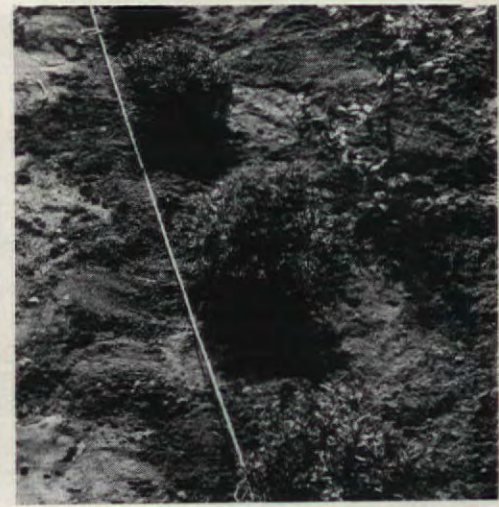
Lawn and Groundcover

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Foundation Planting



WE FOLLOWED THE PLAN EXACTLY and measured all distances accurately. Here Louise and I are using a line, as you'd use a draftsman's compass, to plot the correct shape of the curved lawn and groundcover areas. This was after we had staked out the planting area in front of the foundation. The original foundation plants, which the builder planted, seen against the wall, were moved to the back yard, as the landscapist recommended.



FIRETHORNS (*pyracantha*) were planted against the foundation after the original plants had been removed. They were set 2' apart, 1' from the foundation wall (above, left). There were only six of these, so this was a much easier job than planting the Japanese holly hedges!

PERENNIAL CANDYTUFT (*iberis*) went in front of the firethorns, with a 2' strip of *pachysandra* between them. The candytuft plants were set 1' apart and would soon grow into a continuous row, about 1' high and 2' wide—neat and attractive all year round and sparkling white in the spring.

PYRACANTHAS ARE GROWN IN CANS (metal containers) because their roots are easily injured in transplanting. And so, as instructed, we removed them from the cans and planted them with utmost care. Like the rest of our plants, all six of them grew beautifully, so we decided we were successful gardeners!



THIS IS HOW THE FRONT LOOKED, photographed from the left, just two years and one month after Louise and I were photographed plotting the lawn area. In the foreground you see how quickly the Japanese holly hedges grew; against the foundation you see the candytuft and firethorns. The daffodils, which you see in the center foreground, are planted in the myrtle.



FIRETHORNS DEVELOP BEST if trained against a wall or trellis. We used special mortar nails and garden twine, obtained at a garden supply shop. In autumn the plants were loaded with bright orange berries.



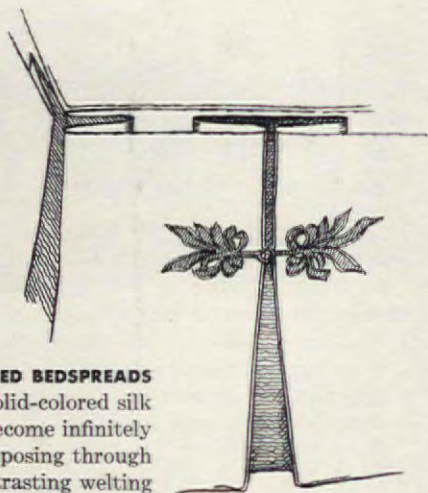
IT WASN'T A CONVENTIONAL FOUNDATION PLANTING, but an integral part of a front garden, as shown in the plan on page 39. Immediately after planting it looked rather unimpressive, but see how it developed in the picture at the top of the page!

BULBS WERE TO PROVIDE MOST OF THE COLOR in the spring, followed by some low-growing perennials, then annuals during summer. Here Louise is planting tulips, using a bulb planter and following the plan. We planted some in 1956, and more in 1957.

THE END



INEXPENSIVE TICKING in black-and-white stripe is shown here used broadly on chair and ottoman, in draperies and as panels of the screen. Imaginative touch of decorator Ellen Lehman McClusky is charmingly expressed in combining simple fabric with oversize ball fringe in bright red. Room is in Washington Square Village, New York.



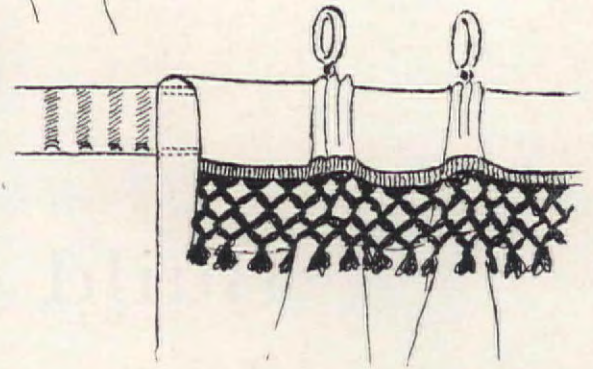
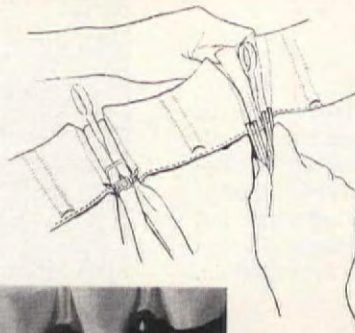
TAILORED BEDSPREADS in solid-colored silk Shantung become infinitely more imposing through the use of contrasting welting trim and inverted pleats lined with the same color as the welting. Stylized "frogs" appliquéd on skirt of spread hold pleats in decorative manner. Room by Pete Ross at Macy's.



Sew...Sew...Sew... it's almost Spring

Just about this time of year, after a winter of really using the house, or at least living in it more than during the summer months, there's a chance that your critical eye will observe signs of wear and tear about the home that once appeared so fresh and delightful. To bring your home back to its former pleasing state, and restore loveliness and order in haste, try our remedies. There is nothing, for example, like a few yards of fabric, some ribbons, some trimmin's and above all—a few clever tricks! Here are some tricks with taste dictated by the experts, knowing professional decorators who generously part with a few of their tricks you can try yourself.

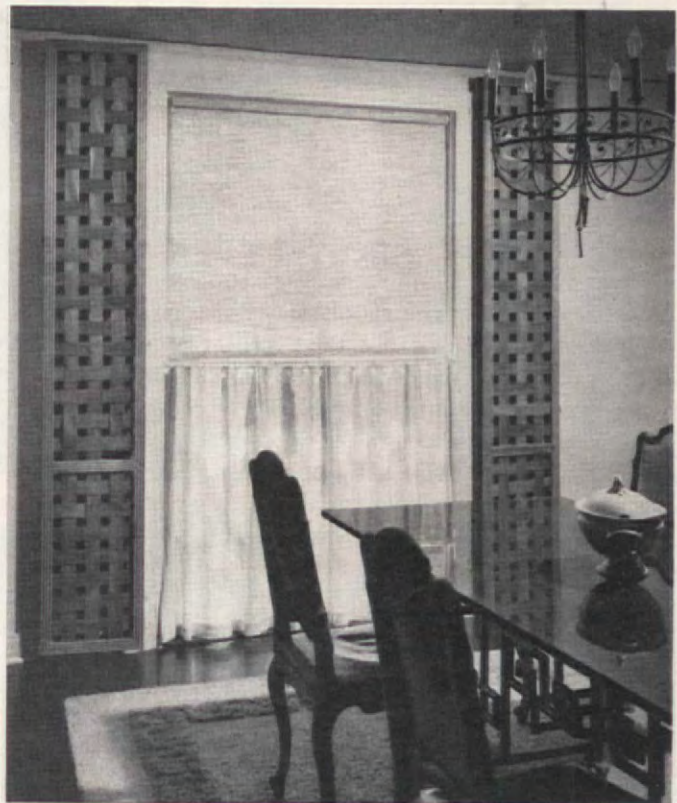
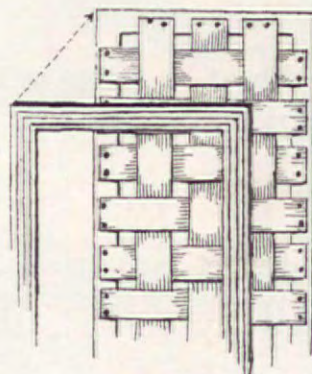




DRAPERIES WITH FRINGE ON TOP were quite dramatic in this room decorated by Ellen Lehman McClusky for an apartment in Washington Square Village. The fringe is unusual because of its weight and royal! color. If your windows are smaller you can still use fringe trim of any type in an equally effective manner.



SIMPLE BUT COLORFUL is the ribbon trim sewn just above the hem of these sheer curtains. In colors of rust, gold and brown, these ribbons are in varying widths, and the sewing is easy. From a room by Barbara D'Arcy of Bloomingdale's, New York.



HALF CURTAINS with window shade above in the same beige color are dramatized by the use of long shutters at either side of window. Shutters are made from strips of mahogany veneer, nailed to frame, and covered with a second and more decorative frame of molding. Room was decorated by Mrs. C. E. Dicken in Dallas, Texas.

VERTICAL GROOVED PLYWOOD SIDING, stained light gray, large design of the window areas at each end, and the open eaves give the house its light, contemporary appearance. Translucent panels of Filon in 2x4" framing circle decks with airy but substantial screening for privacy and a firm footing that ties house to the terrain.

Build a vacation house that can earn its keep

ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN

Sometimes, in the life of every homeowner, the urge to have a summer or vacation house invariably makes a pitch for your affections, and once the idea bursts over you, like a bubble, you are showered with a mist of reasons why you should start some rectangular doodlings. Inevitably, the doodlings end up as a series of little rooms, which in turn end up looking very much like a vacation house! The weekend house on these pages got through the doodling stage, and wound up as a two-faced house with many possibilities, depending on how you'd like to use it.

As it was built, the house is divided into two sections—the owner's section, consisting of living room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom, plus a large deck; the guest section is designed after the successful plan of modern motels, with one large room for living and sleeping, a small kitchen, and complete bath. The guest section also has its own outside deck and separate entrance.

When there are no guests in the house, the owner occupies the entire house simply by opening the door connecting the two sections. The guest section then becomes another sleeping room with bath.

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WINDOW SHADES IN BRIGHT COLORS are decorative as well as practical feature of the window end of house. Gable portion has shades cut on diagonal to fit window spaces.

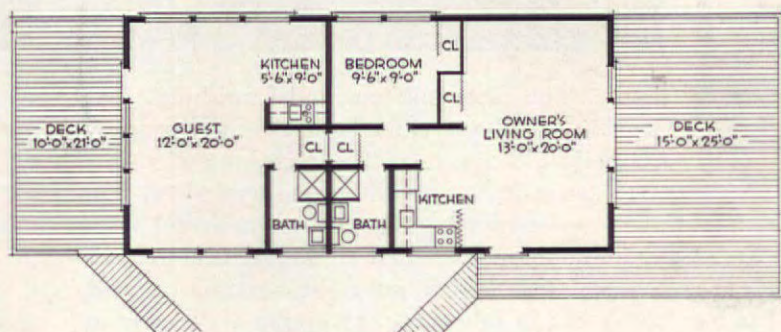




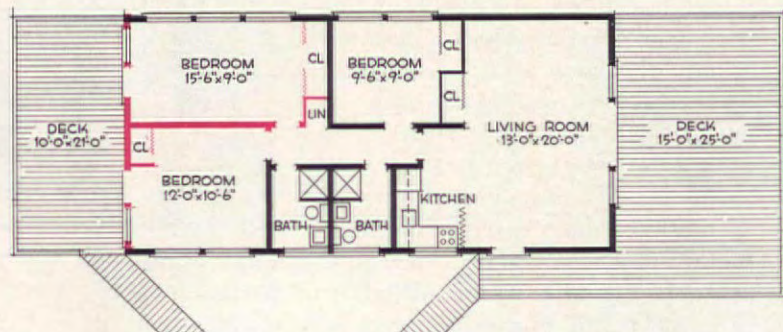
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EXISTING PLAN shows doorway between guest and owner's section, flanked by closet space when units are used separately. Fold-away closet door permits traffic through hallway from one area to the other when entire house is used by the owner.



ALTERNATE FLOOR PLAN shows simple change required where more bedrooms are needed. Plan in red indicates changes. The two bedrooms added each have access to deck; high windows allow for flexibility in arrangement of furniture against wall areas.



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This arrangement of privacy on both sides when you want it, and the run of the house on other occasions, will suit many family situations. For example, the owner's section can serve the family, sleeping four, while grandparents, or other members of the family occupy the guest section in comfort and privacy. Grown-up son or daughter might occupy the guest section, just slightly out from under the family rule. In areas where two family units are permissible, the plan can be varied slightly to accommodate two families; owner occupying one unit, the other unit used for rental purposes.

Simplicity in furnishings and easy maintenance all through the house were the main objectives in this one, and are much to be desired in any summer or weekend



SIMPLE FURNISHINGS in guest section have no "bedroom look" to inhibit daytime use of this area. Beds covered in durable fabric convert easily to sleeping quarters at night. Flooring is inlaid vinyl by-the-yard in a soil-hiding design throughout.

COMPLETE KITCHEN takes only small space in guest section, hides from view of living area. Refrigerator, surface burners and sink are all in one unit; white steel cabinets fill out kitchen with storage space.

DINING AREA in guest section can be moved around the room, or out on deck. Contemporary sofa divides the living from the dining area.



house. The more surfaces and furnishings that need little or no care, the better. On the exterior, the oil-stain finish will survive the elements through many seasons with occasional touch-ups, the interior treatment is designed to keep house-keeping at a minimum. Interior walls are vertical tongue-and-groove pine boards, left natural in some rooms, and painted off-white in others. An exception was made in the living room, which has one wall paneled in natural walnut. The ribbon windows placed high on the side



LIVING ROOM IN OWNER'S SECTION has flexible furniture arrangement that takes advantage of fireplace on chilly days, outside deck in good weather. Sliding glass doors permit inside furniture to be moved outside for use on deck.



BEDROOM FOR OWNER'S USE has compact furniture arrangement of modern trundle bed, which rolls out for sleeping. Large closet in this room is adjacent to closet which faces living room, makes noise barrier between two rooms.

walls are hung with a decorative linen and cotton case-ment held taut by brass rods at top and bottom. The single pair of draperies in the house cover the sliding doors leading to the deck; other windows at the gable ends of the house have pull-up shades which were custom-made to fit the diagonal pitch of the windows, and work independently to control light.

A space-saver in the small bedroom is the modern version of the "trundle bed." It rolls out in the daytime, pulling out to sleep two at night.

The living room becomes a sleeping room at night, too, with the sofa-bed turning into two twin-sized beds. With the exception of storage pieces, all furniture is light-weight tubular metal, that is easy to move around indoors or out.

Plastics help out considerably in the furnishing of this house, and make themselves useful everywhere. The floors throughout are practical inlaid vinyl by-the-yard, in a high-gloss finish that requires little care. (The design of brown, black and white spatter is ideal camouflage for footprints.) Plastic covers the window shades in a soil-resistant film, and gives the chairs and table tops a durable covering that is wipe-down washable.

Accessories are generally useful ones, like the fireplace located near the window wall exploiting the outside view while it heats the inside on chilly days; the carriage lamps that work if the electricity goes off or even if it doesn't; the fascinating driftwood collages by Bill Harris. The one in the living room—a beautiful abstraction of beachcombers' booty mounted on a ten-foot weathered plank!

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*The mood is set . . .
candlelight sheds its pale, soft light
on richly glowing browns and blacks
with which our board
is set to serve
your guests*

JEAN AUSTIN

Good Victuals

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munchy bits, like celery hearts and scalions, crisp rings of cucumber and radishes and things like that . . . and after proper homage has been paid, a fitting climax to our feast . . . for each and all a tiny sliver of a rich and wondrous pie, a thing of cinnamon and spice, of dates and vinegar and sour cream wrapped round by rich and flaky Dough Jeanette—made good with butter much and cream cheese too . . . and then sip some coffee black and strong . . . the guests well-fed, the hostess pleased . . . her feast the proof that skill and not mere spending makes food memorable.

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. . . a fragrant lamb ragout still bubbling in a velvety brown sauce . . . intriguing flecks of green and apricot and gold of plumped-up raisins showing through our bowl of rice . . . the tawny sheen of little Onions Clementine . . . a basket full of brown and white triangles, bread spread thin with an authoritative horse-radish butter . . . another bowl heaped high with



GOURMET BUFFET FOR 12

(Approximate cost*, \$1.00 per person!)

Ragout of Lamb	\$5.97
Near Eastern Rice Bowl	2.07
Onions Clementine	1.87
Sour Cream Pie Jeanette	1.44
<i>*New York City prices</i>	\$11.35



• RAGOUT OF LAMB

● Bone large leg of lamb. Cut meat in 1" cubes, roll in flour mixed with pepper and salt. Brown meat in butter and transfer to casserole. Add 2 medium onions sliced, ½ tsp. oregano and 1½ cups water. Cover and cook in a 350° oven for 1 hour or until tender. Skim off excess fat. Then add 2 cups heavy cream. Stir together. Cover and heat for another 15 minutes to blend flavors. If sauce is too light in color, add small amount of Kitchen Bouquet. Garnish with chopped chives.

Serves 12

A Good Victuals recipe

• NEAR EASTERN RICE BOWL

2 cups dried apricots
1 cup white raisins
1 cup chopped onions
½ cup chopped green pepper
½ cup butter
6 cups cooked rice (2 cups uncooked)

● Soak apricots and raisins in water to cover for 30 minutes; drain and chop coarsely. Sauté onions and pepper in butter, add cooked rice, apricots and raisins. Season with salt and pepper. Turn into greased casserole and bake in 375° oven for about 40 minutes. Serve in casserole.

Serves 12

A Good Victuals recipe

• SOUR CREAM PIE JEANETTE

Mix thoroughly: 1 cup sugar
3 eggs

Add: ¼ cup vinegar 1 cup sour cream
¼ cup water ⅓ tsp. each cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg

Stir all until well blended.

Add: 1 cup finely diced dates

● Pour into pastry-lined 11" pie plate. Bake in 400° oven for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 325° and bake for 30 minutes. Chill. Before serving, garnish with whipped cream.

Serves 12

DOUGH JEANETTE*

¼ lb. butter ¾ cup flour
¼ lb. cream cheese 1 tbs. sugar

● Use wire whisk and form into ball. Refrigerate. Knead lightly and roll out to a thin shell.

*Recipe from Marguerite Buckner

A Good Victuals recipe

NO RECIPES NEEDED! Arrange a bowl of crisp, fresh raw vegetables. . . . For the sandwiches, alternate slices of pumpnickel (or any preferred dark bread) and white. Fill with sweet butter whipped with freshly grated horseradish. Wrap in wet towel and refrigerate.

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Good Victuals

(pictured in color on pages 48, 49)



EGGS

—souper special!

Souper special *flavor* — because soups give eggs lots of bright and lively tastes. Soups also give you *perfect* cooking sauces *everytime*. They're quick and easy, too! When you next cook eggs, make them new, make them different, make them with Campbell's. Here are 3 ways!



For brunch! Souper special eggs with Cream of Celery Soup. Cook 2 tbsp. chopped onion in 2 tbsp. shortening; add 1 can Campbell's Cream of Celery Soup, $\frac{1}{3}$ cup milk, dash Tabasco; heat. Meanwhile, poach 6 eggs. Toast 3 split English muffins. Place slice of process cheese on each; broil to melt cheese. Top with eggs; pour on sauce. Garnish with parsley. 6 servings.



For lunch! Souper special eggs with Cream of Mushroom Soup. Mix 1 can Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk, 2 tbsp. chopped pimento, 4 sliced hard-cooked eggs. Heat; stir. Cook 1 lb. asparagus (or 1 pkg. frozen). Cut 2 slices white bread into 4 triangles each; fry in 2 tbsp. shortening (dash of thyme if you like). Top with asparagus; pour on sauce. 4 servings.



For supper! Souper special omelet with Tomato Soup. In 2 tbsp. butter, cook till tender $\frac{2}{3}$ cup each sliced green pepper and onion. Stir in 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water, 1 tsp. vinegar. Simmer about 5 min.; stir. Meanwhile cook an 8-egg omelet; pour sauce in omelet's center; fold over; top with more sauce. 4 generous, delicious servings.

Good cooks cook with *Campbell's Soups*



TAKE A CAN OF BAKED BEANS

JUNE M. TOWNE

What fun, and good eating, too, when you take a can of baked beans. You can mix-match and supplement these standbys for countless delicious combinations that will bear your own personal touch! Start with a can of beans and go on from there. . . . For example, the BAKED-BEAN SANDWICHES (above). If you've never had one when "raiding the icebox" for a midnight snack you've passed up a great treat! Or try beans on a slice of bread spread with cream cheese. Ideal for the children's lunches! BAKED-BEAN SKILLET SUPPER (right) is a recipe that our staunch New England friends tell us could not be better had it been put together right around the corner from the Boston Common. A welcome variation from the traditional Saturday night cod-fish-cake-and-baked-bean supper. BAKED BEANS AND HAM EN CASSEROLE (right) is the perfect answer for using up left-over bits of ham. This all-American combination makes a wonderful "quickie" meal. Although we have used tomato paste in our recipe, tomato soup and some seasoning could very well be used as a substitute.



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TAKE A CAN OF TOMATO SOUP



Open a can of tomato soup and you have a flavorful, economical cooking ingredient at your service as well as a soup. Use it in most any type dish you wish; with meats, vegetables, in various casseroles, and even in the famous tomato-soup *cake*, a recipe that is a constant source of surprise and delight to cooks everywhere. SWISS STEAK (above) is a popular entree and a natural for tomato soup "fixin's". This versatile soup scores as a superb sauce for this tasty, hearty fare. TOMATO LOBSTER BISQUE (left) provides a lovely, coral-colored introduction to mealtime. Straight from the mix-match school of cooking comes a happy blending of two very popular soups—tomato and celery. TOMATO FRENCH DRESSING (lower) joins the salad-dressing parade, adding a zestful new flavor. Tomato soup provides a full-bodied foundation for this delectable dressing which steers us away from the vinegar-and-oil dressing routine. Know your soups and discover other delightful mix-match combinations such as this good-to-eat, good-to-look-at surprise!

FOR THESE RECIPES, SEE PAGES 55 AND 56

— MAKE IT A DINNER TO REMEMBER... —

Make FRENCH'S Crown o' gold Meat Loaf



Crown o' gold Meat Loaf

1½ cups fine soft bread crumbs	2 tbsps. French's Mustard
1½ lbs. ground lean chuck beef	1½ tbsps. prepared horseradish
4 egg yolks	3 tbsps. finely diced green pepper
1½ tsps. salt	2 tbsps. French's Minced Onion
	¼ cup ketchup

Crown o' gold Topping

4 egg whites
¼ tsp. French's Cream Tartar
4 tbsps. French's Mustard



High . . . Gold . . . and Handsome . . . Here's a brand-new meat loaf idea with a savory, golden topping. Mix bread crumbs with the meat. Combine remaining ingredients. Blend into meat-bread mixture. Pack lightly into a 9-inch casserole and bake in a moderate oven (325°) 30 minutes. To make topping: beat egg whites until foamy; add cream tartar; continue beating until very stiff. Fold in mustard gently. Swirl on hot meat; return to oven; bake 20 to 25 minutes longer or until crown is tipped with brown. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Friendly warning: Because French's Mustard is made with rare spices, specially grown mustard seeds and finest vinegar, it has a special flavor, texture and color all its own. Don't expect the best results from this recipe with any other mustard.

On food . . . In food

no other mustard has the light and lively flavor
FRENCH'S MUSTARD

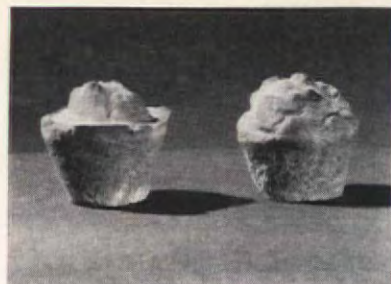
Take a Can of Tomato Soup

(pictured in color on page 53)

Take a Can of Beans

(pictured in color on page 52)

Which shape muffin do you prefer? The one on the right has extra-crisp edge because side of muffin pan was greased; other muffin was baked in pan where only bottom was greased. Both are easy to remove from pans.



• BAKED BEANS AND HAM EN CASSEROLE

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

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- $\frac{1}{4}$ c. chopped green pepper
- 1 c. cooked ham cut in julienne strips
- 2 tbs. butter, margarine or other shortening
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. tomato paste
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. water
- 1 tbs. wine vinegar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
- 1 can (1 lb.) baked beans
- 4 slices bacon

• Sauté onion, green pepper and ham in butter. Add tomato paste, water, vinegar and salt and simmer about 5 minutes. Add beans; turn into 1-quart casserole; arrange bacon on top and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 minutes or until bubbly and browned.

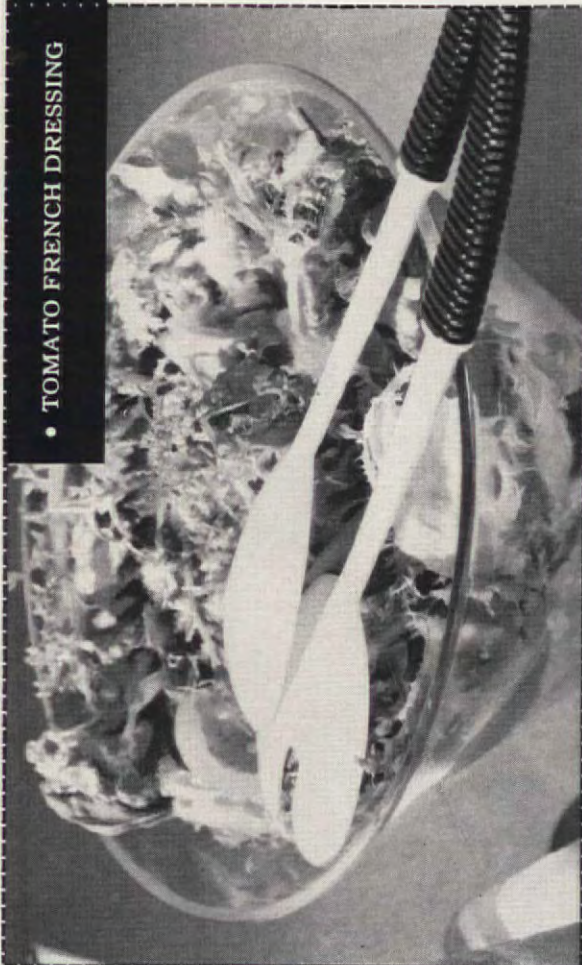
Serves 4-6

225 cal. per serving

Source of Vitamins A, B, C

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• TOMATO FRENCH DRESSING



• BAKED BEAN SKILLET SUPPER

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

- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. link sausages
- 1 can (1 lb.) baked beans
- 1 c. kernel corn
- 1 can (1 lb.) tomatoes

• Brown sausages in skillet; pour off fat. Add remaining ingredients and simmer together 15 minutes.

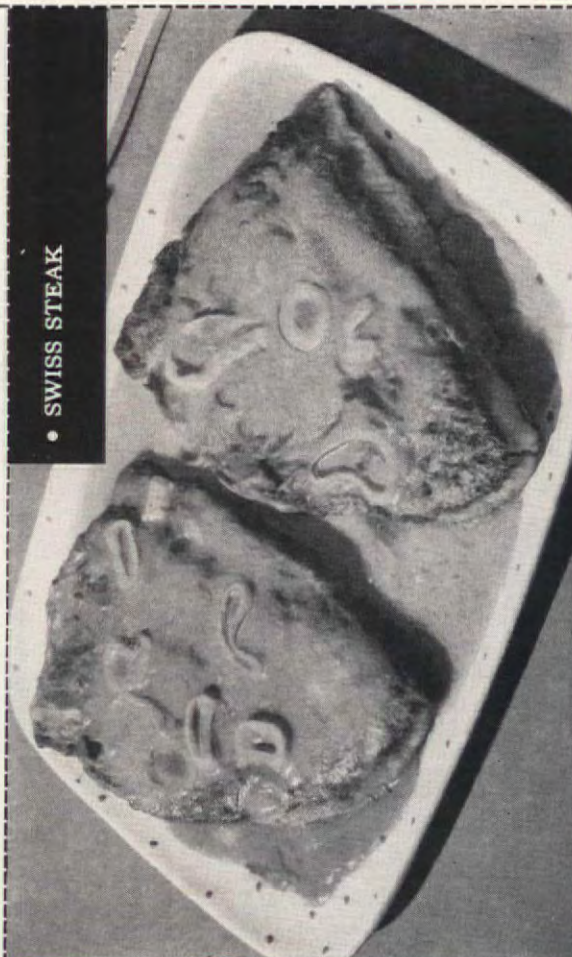
Serves 4-6

350 cal. per serving

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• SWISS STEAK



• TOMATO LOBSTER BISQUE

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 5 min.

- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. milk
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can (5 oz.) lobster, drained and flaked
- 2 tbs. sherry (optional)
- 2 tbs. chopped parsley
- 1 tbs. lemon juice

• Gradually add milk to soups in saucepan; blend well and heat. Just before serving, stir in lobster, sherry, parsley and lemon juice.

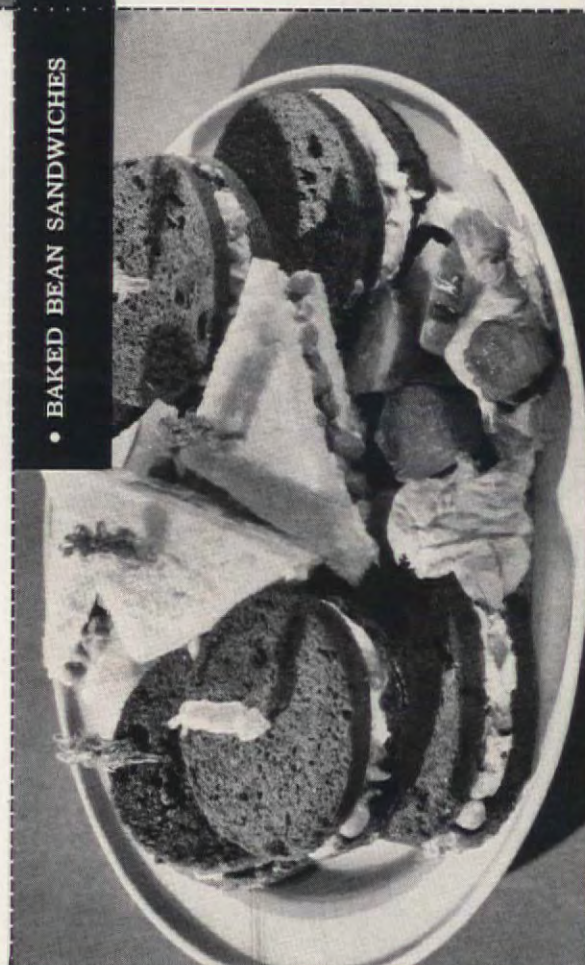
Serves 4-6

175 cal. per serving

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• BAKED BEAN SANDWICHES



Take a Can of Tomato Soup

(pictured in color on page 53)

Take a Can of Beans

(pictured in color on page 52)



You can easily cut shortening into flour by pulling pastry blender up through mixture in a circular motion. As blender pulls over flour, shortening falls through blades, falling into small pieces.

• TOMATO LOBSTER BISQUE



Preparation time: 20 min.
Cooking time: 40-50 min.

• SWISS STEAK

2 tbs. flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 lb. round or chuck steak
2 medium onions, sliced

• Combine flour, salt and pepper. Pound seasoned flour into steak, using wooden mallet or edge of heavy saucer. Brown steak and onion slices in butter. Then add tomato soup, water and vinegar; cover and simmer 40-50 minutes or until tender.

Serves 4-6

525 cal. per serving

Source of Vitamins A, B, C

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• BAKED BEANS AND HAM EN CASSEROLE



Preparation time: 10 min.

16 slices white, whole-wheat or brown bread
2 pkgs. (3 oz.) cream cheese
1 can (1 lb.) baked beans

• Trim off bread crusts if desired. Spread each slice with cream cheese; spoon baked beans on half of the slices and top with remaining bread to make 8 sandwiches.

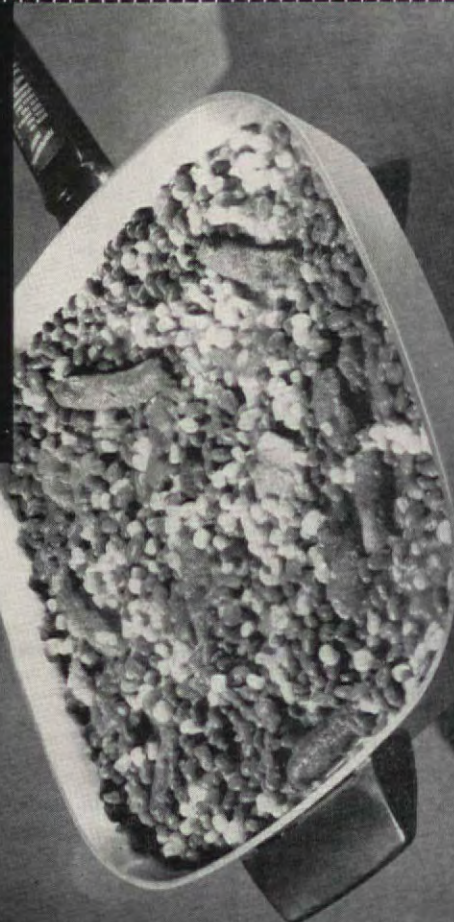
Serves 8

270 cal. per serving

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• BAKED BEAN SKILLET SUPPER



• TOMATO FRENCH DRESSING

2 tbs. sugar
1 tbs. lemon juice
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. dry mustard
1 tsp. paprika
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. grated onion

• Combine sugar, lemon juice and seasonings in a bottle or jar; add soup, salad oil and vinegar. Cover tightly and shake well. Chill several hours. Serve on mixed green salad.

Makes 2 cups

77 cal. per tbs.

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Preparation time: 5 min.
Chilling time: 1-2 hrs.

$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. celery salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper
1 can tomato soup
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. salad oil
 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. vinegar

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THURSDAY - TABASCO FLAVORED BUTTER

Cream ½ cup butter with ½ teasp. salt, juice of ½ lemon and ¼ teasp. TABASCO. Serve on asparagus, green peas, other vegetables. So good for basting chicken or meat in broiling. Best of all with broiled lobster.



FRIDAY - TUNA-OLIVE PUFF CASSEROLE

Tuna, celery, black olives and bread crumbs fluffed up in a base of egg-and-mayonnaise seasoned with TABASCO, lemon juice and onion, baked golden brown. Recipe in the new TABASCO recipe booklet†.



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Delectable Dishes for Dieters



How to feed a hungry family while you take off that extra weight was the title of a most popular article that we ran in May, 1956. The copy started off something like this: "It's a nice old alibi. How can I diet when I have to feed my family three square meals a day?" We proved at that time that the alibi was passé by publishing a whole group of recipes and menu suggestions—with a dual purpose. The theory being that from the *same recipe*, food can be prepared to provide calories for the weight put-er-on-ers and at the same time, take care of the weight watchers. This tremendous calorie switch comes by a little manipulation of the basic recipe. In 1956 we called this the two-way stretch. In 1959 they're "split-level meals." Split-level because we have developed very special recipes, low in calories for the dieters, but which with a slight addition become high-calorie fare. Those who need to gain weight and those who need to lose can now eat from the same recipes. This may be the slower way of reducing but it will get you farther in the long run. There are many menus similar to these that will help to trim calorie-meals. Pay heed to the pointers

DIETING IS MORE PLEASANT if it's not too obvious to others. Our Sunday chicken dinner (above left) is good for the whole family whether they are cutting calories or building up the number. The garnishes supply the difference.

HERE'S A WELL-BALANCED MEAL (below left) moderately low in calories and attractively served, to keep the family waistlines trim and dispositions happy. It doesn't look like a diet, so it'll be more fun to eat.

FOR THESE RECIPES, SEE PAGES 65, 66

for the delicious Sunday dinner at the top of the page.

Chicken, in itself low-calorie, when cooked on a rotisserie is at its lowest. Cook two; fill one with **CHICKEN ONION STUFFING** and omit basting sauce, stuff and baste second as usual. *260 calories for the dieter.*

The wrong choice of salads can do as much damage to the diet as a rich dessert. Gelatin salads add variety to diet meals and can be made with a low-calorie, flavored gelatin. Try an **APRICOT SALAD MOLD**, use unsweetened apricots, or dietetic, then make it high-calorie by the addition of a rich dressing. *48 calories for the dieter.*

Our evening meal at the bottom of the page is a hearty one, too, but dieters need not deprive themselves of delicious stuffed mushrooms providing the mushrooms are stuffed with chopped-up stems, then broiled. *36 calories for the dieter.* Butter and rich stuffing add more calories.

And dieters can enjoy the goodness of ice cream and cookies without a twinge of conscience by eating these **CHOCOLATE BANANA COOKIES** (above) made with an artificial sweetener and a low-calorie ice cream. *32 calories per cookie for the dieter.* Or the ice cream can be made from any number of recipes published by the manufacturers of either nonfat dry milk or sodium cyclamate. Icing on top of the cookies and sauce on the ice cream for the high-calorie diet. It's worth repeating—it's simple to make meals that count calories for you. If you're worried about getting into that pretty bathing suit this summer, don't worry any longer. Instead, try these easy recipes.

**Family
Food**

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YOURS IN 4 MINUTES... delicious fudge frosting...
no beating, soft-ball tests or candy thermometer needed!

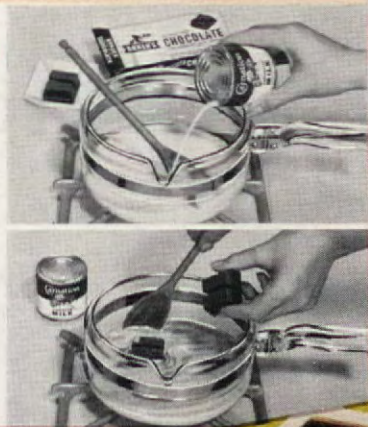
RECIPE:

NEW 4-MINUTE FUDGE FROSTING

(Makes frosting for two 8-inch layers)

½ cup undiluted CARNATION EVAPORATED MILK
3 squares BAKER'S UNSWEETENED CHOCOLATE
3½ to 4½ cups sifted confectioners sugar
¼ cup softened butter or margarine

Heat Carnation with Baker's Chocolate in medium saucepan until the chocolate melts (about 3 minutes). Remove from heat. Add sifted confectioners sugar, 1 cup at a time, to spreading consistency. Stir in butter. Blend. Spread frosting between, on sides and top of cake layers.



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Calorie Chart for Calorie Counters

VEGETABLES, COOKED			VEGETABLES, RAW		
Asparagus . . .	1 cup	35	Cabbage . . .	1 cup	25
Beans, green . . .	1 cup	30	Carrots . . .	1 med.	20
Beets . . .	1 cup	70	Celery . . .	1 stalk	10
Broccoli . . .	1 cup	45	Coleslaw . . .	1 cup	100
Cabbage . . .	1 cup	40	Cress, water . . .	1 lb.	85
Carrots . . .	1 cup	45	Cucumber . . .	1	25
Corn . . .	1 cup	140	Endive . . .	1 lb.	90
Lima beans . . .	1 cup	150	Green pepper . . .	1	20
Peas . . .	1 cup	110	Lettuce . . .	1 head	30
Potato, baked or boiled . . .	1	100	Onion, green . . .	1	4
Spinach, mashed . . .	1	150	Radish . . .	1	1
Squash, summer . . .	1 cup	45	Tomato . . .	1	30
Squash, baked . . .	1 cup	100	MEATS		
Sweet potatoes . . .	1	200	Bacon . . .	2 slices	100
Tomatoes . . .	1 cup	45	Beef, hamburger . . .	3 oz.	315
			steak or roast . . .	3 oz.	260
			Chicken, ½ broiler . . .		330

leg	160				
breast	210				
Corned beef . . .	175	2 oz.			
Ham . . .	340	3 oz.			
Lamb, chop . . .	355	3 oz.			
roast . . .	230	3 oz.			
Liver . . .	120	2 oz.			
Pork chop . . .	285	3 oz.			
Tongue . . .	235	4 oz.			
Turkey . . .	300	4 oz.			
Veal . . .	185	2 oz.			
FISH					
Bluefish . . .	200	4 oz.			
Clams . . .	90	4 oz.			
Cod . . .	85	4 oz.			
Crab . . .	90	4 oz.			
Flounder . . .	80	4 oz.			
Haddock . . .	160	4 oz.			
Halibut . . .	230	4 oz.			
Lobster . . .	80	3 oz.			
Mackerel . . .	150	3 oz.			

Oysters . . .	200	1 cup			
Salmon (canned) . . .	150	3 oz.			
Scallops . . .	90	4 oz.			
Shad . . .	190	4 oz.			
Shrimp . . .	110	3 oz.			
Tuna (canned) . . .	170	3 oz.			
FRUITS					
Apple . . .	75	1			
Apricot . . .	20	1			
Banana . . .	90	1			
Berries . . .	70	1 cup			
Cantaloupe . . .	40	½			
Grapefruit . . .	75	½			
Grapes . . .	90	1 cup			
Orange juice . . .	110	1 cup			
Peach, raw . . .	45	1			
Pear, raw . . .	95	1			
Pineapple, raw . . .	75	1 cup			
Plum . . .	30	1			
Prune, cooked . . .	30	1			
Rhubarb, raw . . .	20	1 cup			
Tangerine . . .	35	1			
Tomato juice . . .	50	1 cup			



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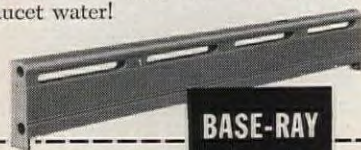
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Tea	1 cup	0
MISCELLANEOUS		
Bouillon cube	1	2
Coconut	1 cup	345
Egg	1 tbs.	80
Honey	1 tbs.	60
Jam	1 tbs.	55
Jelly	1 tbs.	55
Maple syrup	1 tbs.	55
Marshmallows	1 oz.	90
Molasses	1 tbs.	50
Olive, green	1	7
ripe	1	10
Peanuts	1 cup	805
Pecans	1 cup	750
Pickle	1 large	15
Pretzel	1	20
Sugar	1 tbs.	50

Blue	1 oz.	105
Cheddar	1 oz.	110
Cottage	1 cup	215
Cream	1 oz.	105
Parmesan	1 oz.	112
Swiss	1 oz.	105
BEVERAGES		
Beer	1 cup	115
Buttermilk	1 cup	85
Chocolate milk	1 cup	185
Cocoa	1 cup	235
Coffee	1 cup	0
Condensed milk	1 cup	980
Cream, heavy	1 tbs.	50
light	1 tbs.	30
Evaporated milk	1 cup*	345
Ginger ale	1 cup	80
Kola drinks	1 cup	105
Malted milk	1 cup	280

Pound cake	1 slice	120
Sponge cake	1 slice	120
Caramel candy	1 oz.	145
Chocolate candy	1 oz.	115
Fudge candy	1 oz.	110
Hard candy	1	100
Cooky	1	140
Custard	1/2 cup	75
Gelatin dessert	1/2 cup	295
Ice cream	1 cup	350
Pie, fruit	1 slice	275
cream	1 slice	275
Pudding	1 cup	100
FATS		
Butter	1 tbs.	60
French dressing	1 tbs.	125
Lard	1 tbs.	100
Margarine	1 tbs.	90
Mayonnaise	1 tbs.	125
Oil	1 tbs.	90
Peanut butter	1 tbs.	90

• CALORIE CHART

BREADS AND CEREALS

Biscuit	1	130
Roll	1	120
Rye bread	1 slice	60
Rye wafer	1	20
Saltine	1	15
Sweet roll	1	180
White bread	1 slice	60
Whole-wheat bread	1 slice	55
Corn flakes	1 cup	95
Farina	1 cup	100
Oatmeal	1 cup	150
Rice	1 cup	200
Spaghetti	1 cup	220

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Cake, frosted	1 slice	400
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MARDI GRAS DINNER

3 tablespoons flour • Dash of pepper • $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt • $\frac{1}{4}$ cup melted butter

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups (1 tall can) evaporated milk • $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded Cheddar cheese

2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese • $1\frac{1}{3}$ cups (4 $\frac{5}{8}$ -ounce box) Minute Rice

1 tablespoon chopped parsley • Dash of cayenne • Paprika • $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon oregano • $1\frac{1}{3}$ cups of water

1 can (1 pound) solid-pack tomatoes, drained and sliced, or 2 medium tomatoes, peeled and thinly sliced

$\frac{1}{2}$ medium onion, thinly sliced or chopped • 1 cup (7-ounce can) tuna fish, drained and flaked

Stir flour, pepper, and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt into melted butter in saucepan; mix until smooth. Gradually add evaporated milk, stirring constantly over medium heat. Cook and stir until sauce is thickened. Then add the cheese. Continue to cook and stir until cheeses melt.

Place Minute Rice (right from the box), parsley, cayenne,

oregano, water, and the remaining salt in a $7\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 x $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch baking dish. Stir to moisten all rice.

Place two-thirds of the tomatoes on the rice. Top with onion and tuna fish. Spread on cheese sauce. Garnish with remaining tomato. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake in a moderate oven (375°F.) 15 minutes. Serves 6.



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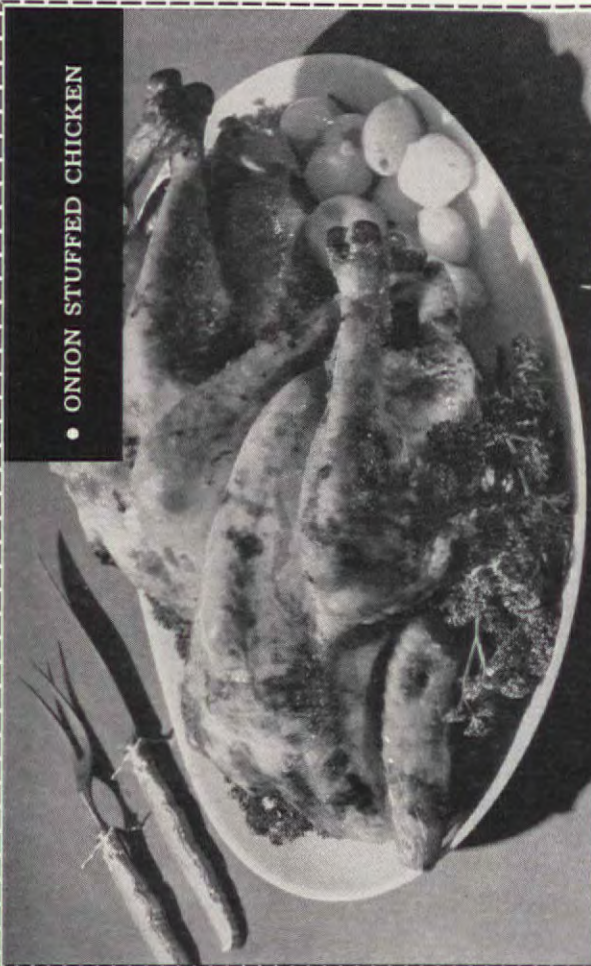
Good Victuals

(pictured in color on pages 48, 49)

Family Food

(pictured in color on pages 58, 59)

• ONION STUFFED CHICKEN



• ONIONS CLEMENTINE

• Clean and peel four pounds small white onions and dry well. In heavy saucepan (select one with cover) boil 1 lb. butter with 2 tbs. granulated sugar and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cornstarch. Let get brown; then add 2 tbs. tarragon vinegar, more butter if necessary. Put onions in this and cover. Cook $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ hr., stirring occasionally.

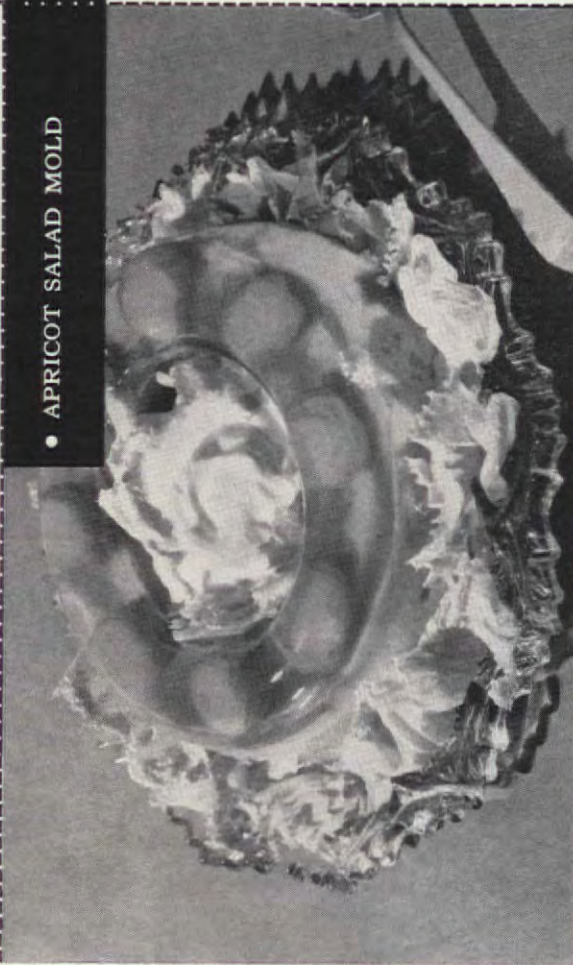
Recipe from Marguerite Buckner

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

• CHOCOLATE BANANA COOKIES

- 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. sifted flour
 - 2 tsp. baking powder
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. salt
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. baking soda
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ c. butter or margarine
 - 2 eggs
 - 2 tbs. water
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 1 tbs. sodium cyclamate solution (artificial sweetener)
 - 2 medium bananas, mashed
 - 1 sq. unsweetened chocolate, melted
- Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and soda. Cream butter or margarine; beat in eggs, water, vanilla and sodium cyclamate. Add flour mixture alternately with mashed bananas; add melted chocolate; blend well. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets or sheets treated with commercial pan coating. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 12 to 15 minutes.
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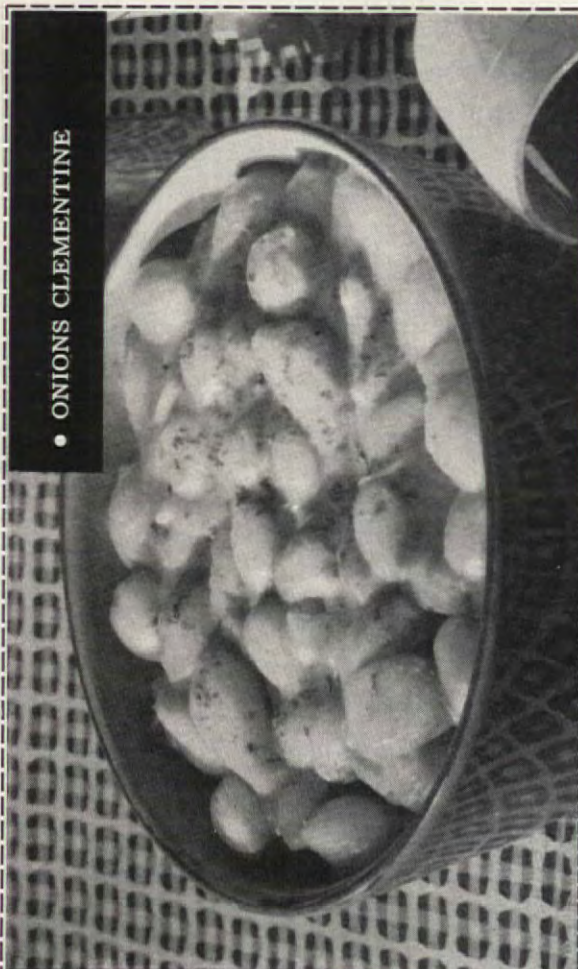
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Good Victuals Family Food

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• ONIONS CLEMENTINE



Preparation time: 30 min.
Roasting time: 1½–1½ hrs.

2 lbs. small whole white onions
2 roasting chickens (about 4½–5 lbs. each)
Salt

● Cook onions in boiling salted water 15–20 minutes or just until barely tender. Drain. Sprinkle insides of chickens with salt; fill with the parboiled onions. Truss and tie birds securely, and roast on spit rod of rotisserie oven following manufacturer's directions; or chickens may be roasted in moderate oven (350° F.) 25 minutes per pound.

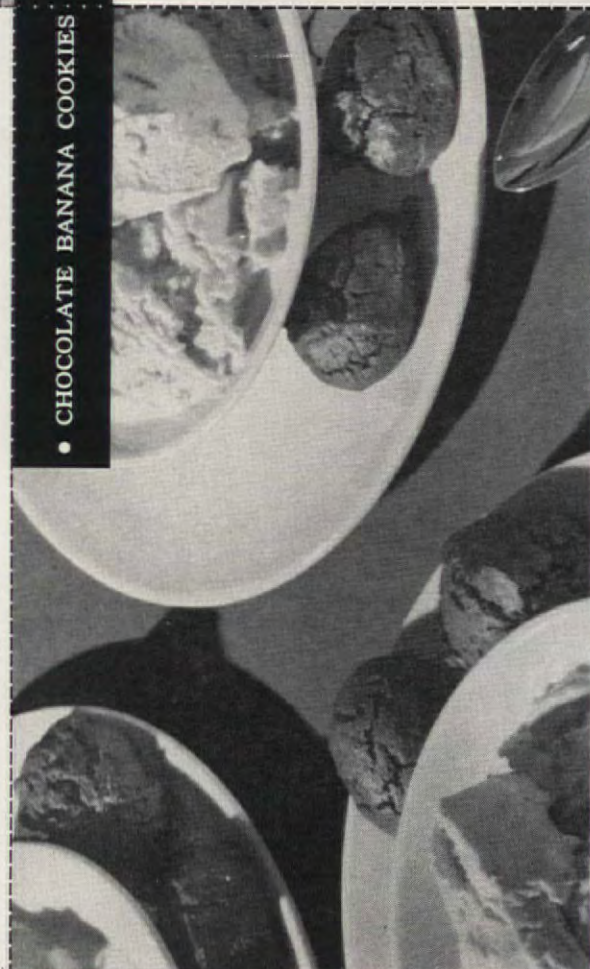
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Serves 8 263 cal. per serving

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• ONION STUFFED CHICKEN

• CHOCOLATE BANANA COOKIES



Preparation time: 30 min.
Chilling time: 3 hrs.

Dash of cinnamon
1 c. hot water
1 c. cold water

1½ c. unsweetened cooked apricots*
2 envelopes strawberry-flavored sugar-free gelatin dessert
Dash of salt

● Place 6 apricot halves in bottom of a 1-quart ring mold; chop remaining apricots. Dissolve gelatin dessert, salt and cinnamon in hot water; add cold water. Chill ¼ cup of the gelatin over bowl of ice water until slightly thickened. Pour over apricot halves; chill until almost firm. Chill remaining gelatin until slightly thickened; then beat with rotary beater until fluffy and thick like whipped cream. Fold in chopped apricots and pour on top of clear layer in mold. Chill until firm. Unmold onto serving dish; garnish with crisp lettuce. For strict diets, serve plain, otherwise garnish with salad dressing.

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PEACH RAISIN TARTS

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| 6 baked 4½-inch tart shells | ¾ teaspoon cinnamon |
| 1 can (1 lb. 13 oz.) DEL MONTE Brand Peach Halves, drained | ½ teaspoon nutmeg |
| 1 cup syrup from peaches | ¼ teaspoon salt |
| ¾ cup hot water | 2 tablespoons butter or margarine |
| 2 cups DEL MONTE Seedless Raisins | ¼ cup orange juice |
| ½ cup sugar | 1 teaspoon grated orange rind |
| 2 tablespoons cornstarch | 2 eggs, slightly beaten |

To syrup add water, raisins. Heat to boiling; cover; simmer 15 min. Mix next 5 ingredients, stir into hot mixture; cook, stirring till thick and clear. Add butter, juice, rind; stir till butter melts. Stir hot mixture into eggs, return to pan and cook, stirring, 2 min. Cool. Fill tart shells ¾ full, top with peach halves. Serve warm or cold (with cream, if desired). Serves 6.

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Amande With almonds

Anglaise, à la Boiled

Aspic In gelatin

Baba au rhum Small cakes soaked in rum

Bavarois Bavarian cream dessert

Béarnaise Steak sauce made with eggs, butter, shallots.

Béchamel White sauce made with milk and meat stock

Beurre Butter

Bisque Thick seafood soup

Blinis Thin unsweetened pancakes, generally filled

Boeuf Beef

Bombe Molded dessert of ice cream and ices

Bordelaise, à la With a dark wine sauce

Bouillabaisse Fish soup

Bourgogne Burgundy

Broche, à la Roasted on a skewer

Cerises Cherries

Châteaubriand Thick slices of filet of beef

Compôte Cooked fruit

Coq au vin Chicken in wine

Crêpes Pancakes

Dinde Turkey

Duchesse, à la Containing mashed potatoes

Entrecôte Rib steak

Escalopes Thin slices of meat

Escargots Snails

Flambé Flaming

Foie Liver

Fromage Cheese

Gâteau Cake

Glace Ice, ice cream

Jambon Ham

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Lyonnaise With onion

Mousse Molded rich fluffy dessert or entree

Mouton Mutton

Oeufs Eggs

Oie Goose

Pâté Finely ground or paste

Paupiette A slice of meat filled with a mixture and rolled

Poisson Fish

Pomme Apple

Pomme de terre Potato

Porc Pork

Potage Soup

Poulet Chicken

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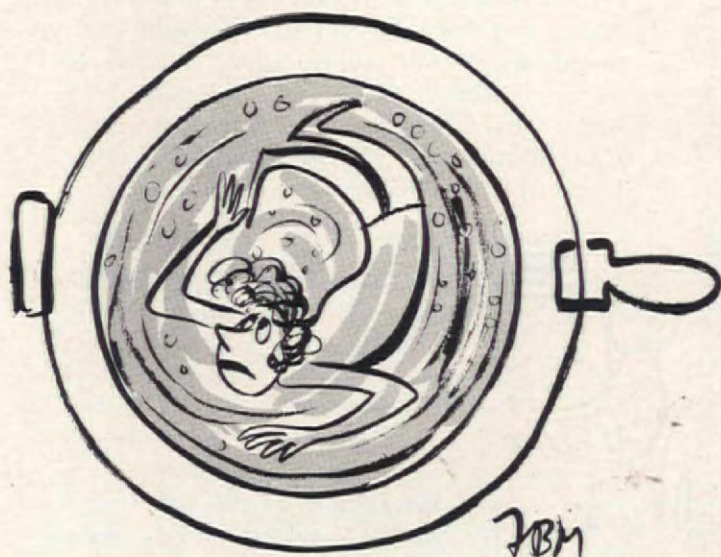


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exalted position in washday affairs, new washers take them into special account! For instance, most Wash and Wear articles take well to warm-water washing, but need a slower spin to keep them from wrinkling like an old prune. They also react very favorably to an invigorating cold-water rinse. Some manufacturers recommend washing certain Wash and Wear clothing in cold water in addition to rinsing in cold water. In spite of any misgivings you might have, lightly soiled clothes do come clean! Be sure to use a liquid detergent or one of the compounds specially designed for cold-water laundering. Heavily soiled areas should be pretreated before a cold-water wash.



WHEN TO ADD WHAT?

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drous ingredients at just the right moment? Not at all! Again, more and more of the new washers are taking these laundry "cosmetics" into account—knowing they do add to the beauty of your wash. Special dispensers which you can fill at the same time you add the clothes hold the various products until the right moment when they are automatically added to the wash or rinse cycle in which they belong.

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"WHAT ABOUT ME?" YOU KNOW, THE ONE WHO HAS A WRINGER-TYPE WASHER?

Good news! You, too, can enjoy the benefits of Wash and Wear clothing and home furnishings. When laundering these items in your wringer washer use cold water—as it comes from the tap—for both washing and rinsing. Use a liquid detergent or one of the cold-water detergents for best cleaning results. Pretreat heavily soiled areas by rubbing liquid detergent, full strength, into the garment with a soft brush. No special care is needed when putting the clothes through the wringer. If you have a dryer, toss them in and they will come out practically wrinkle-free. Or hang the clothes on the line after this cold-water washing, rinsing and wringing and you'll still be pleased with the results even though some touch-up pressing may be necessary. **THE END**



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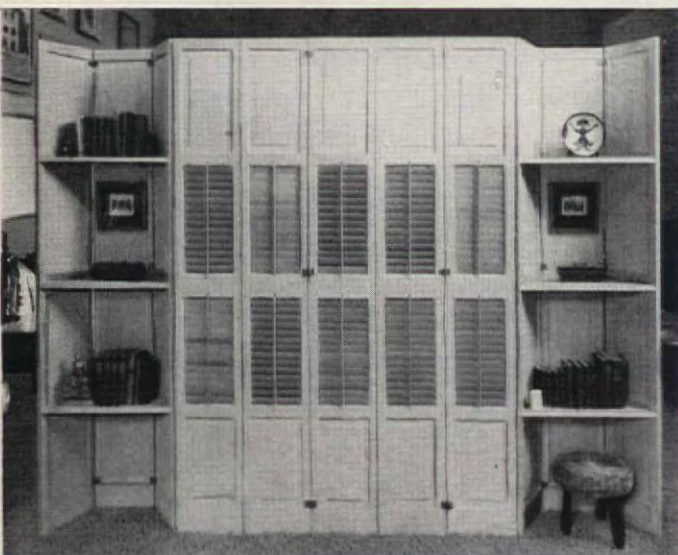
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ROOM-DIVIDING SCREEN in the home of the David Loews does more than one job. The end panels of the screen are fitted with shelves. The reverse side has shelves for display in the center section.



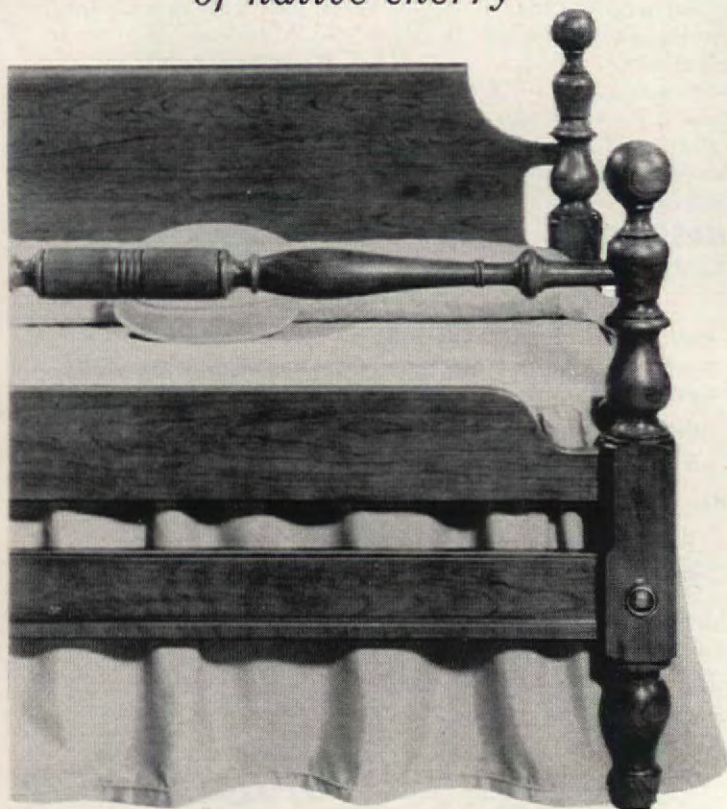
COMPACT ARRANGEMENT of the important elements of home entertainment is neatly built into one wall in the home of opera star Dorothy Kirsten. Television, tape-recording equipment and hi-fi disappear behind sliding doors when not in use.

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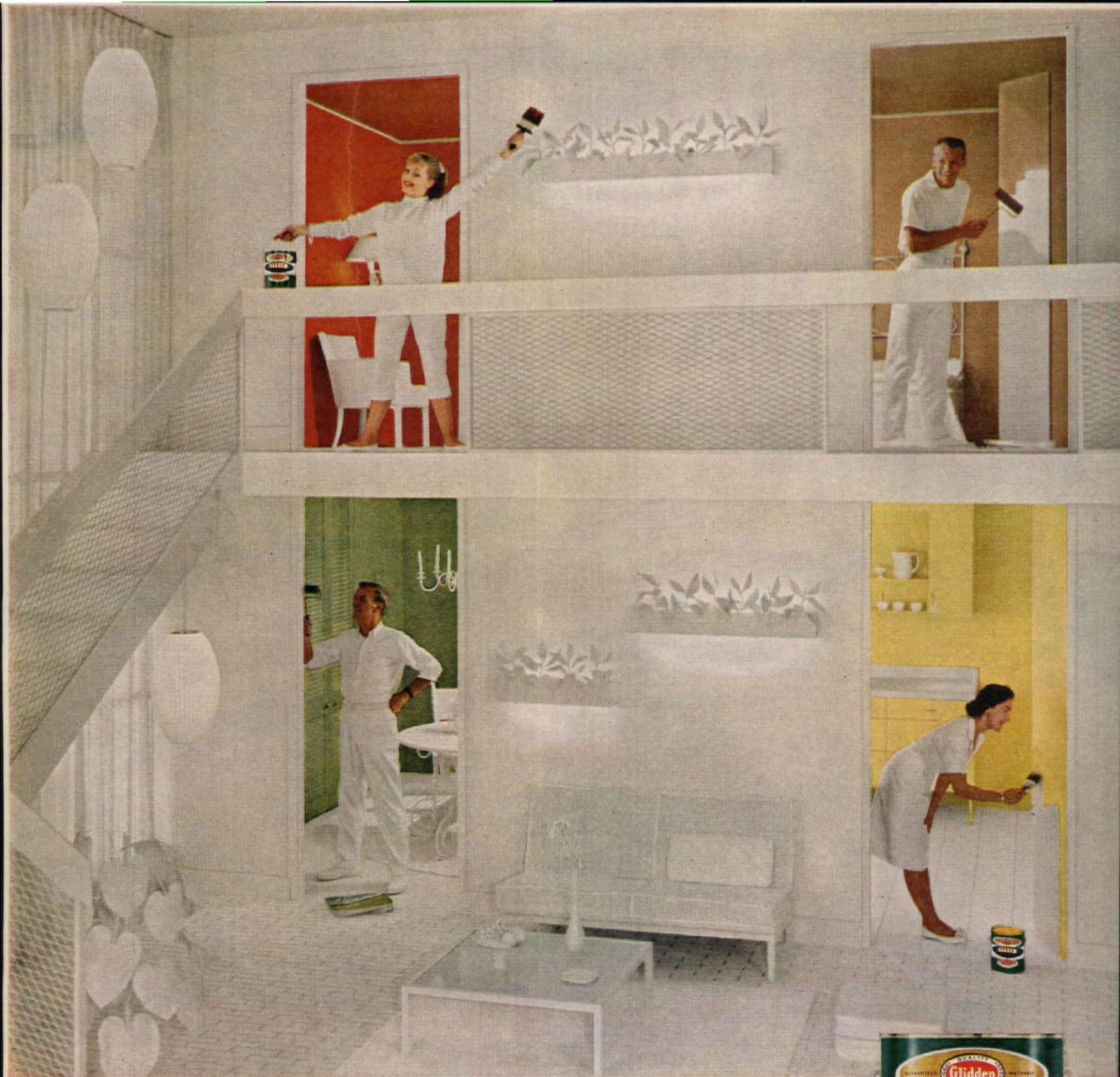
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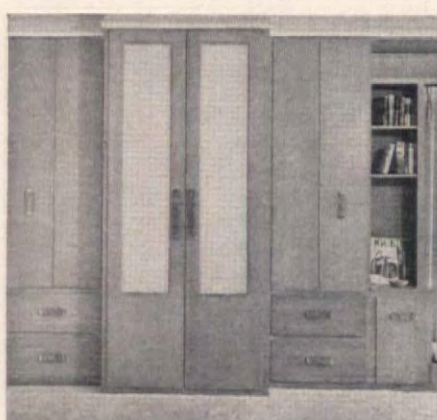
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Storage (continued)

SHELVES ON THE BACK of the kitchen pantry door swing out to put often-used groceries and staples right at hand. Design of the shelves makes them a convenient depth for easier reaching. Storage unit is built over a counter-high refrigerator.

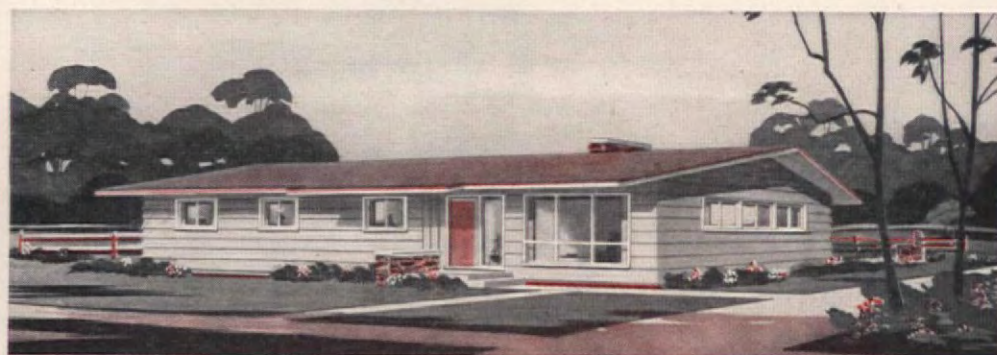


SHELVES AND DOORS built in behind handsome doors supply a maximum of storage space. Storage area was an important part of the design of this room when it was built on in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Candiotty.



METICULOUS DESIGN of this storage unit, built across one wall in a master bedroom, makes space for everything in a man's wardrobe. Pull-out drawers for fold-up clothing are on the left, bulkier clothing in drawers on the right. Center space has built-in dressing section with lighted mirror, drawer for accessories and space for hanging sport shirts below. When closed, the unit makes a handsome and architectural feature of the room.

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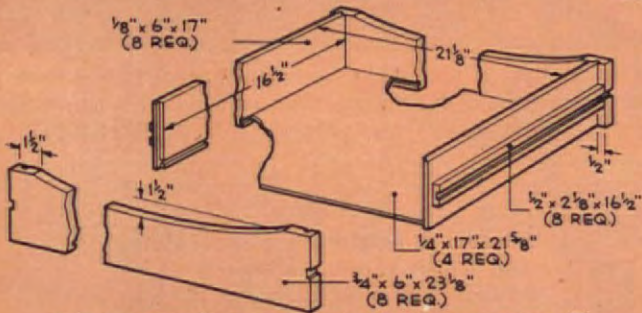
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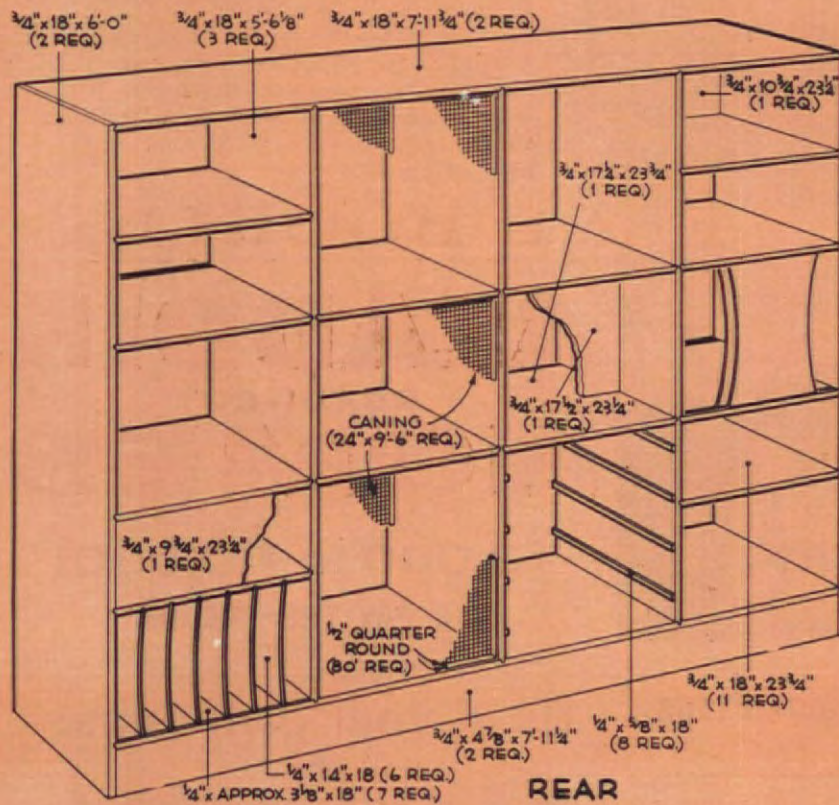
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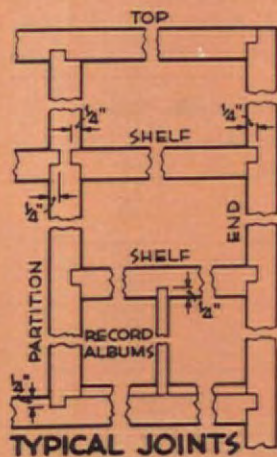
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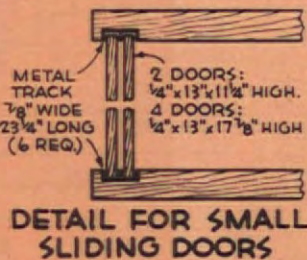
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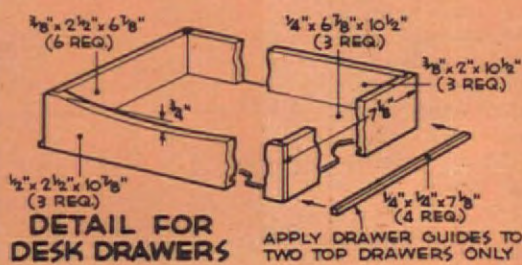
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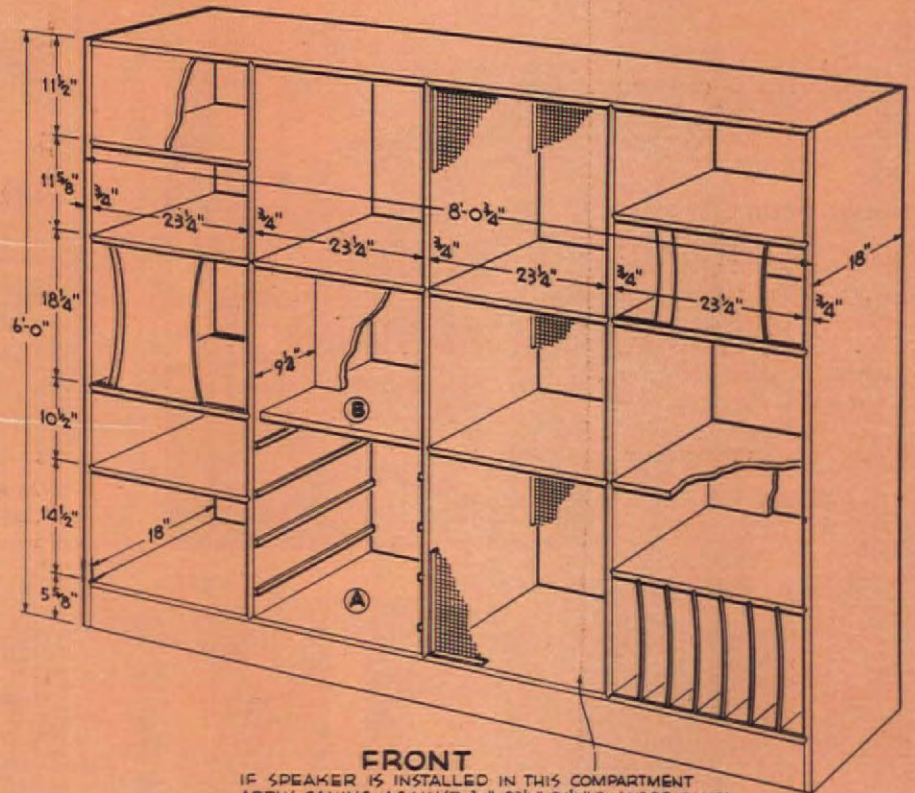


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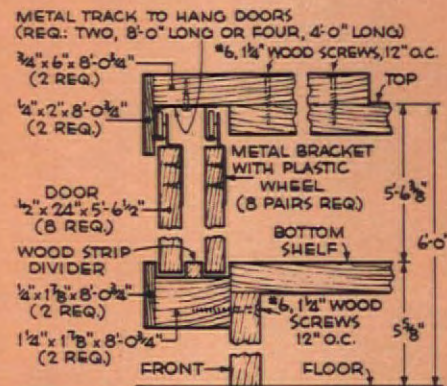
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APPLY DRAWER GUIDES TO TWO TOP DRAWERS ONLY



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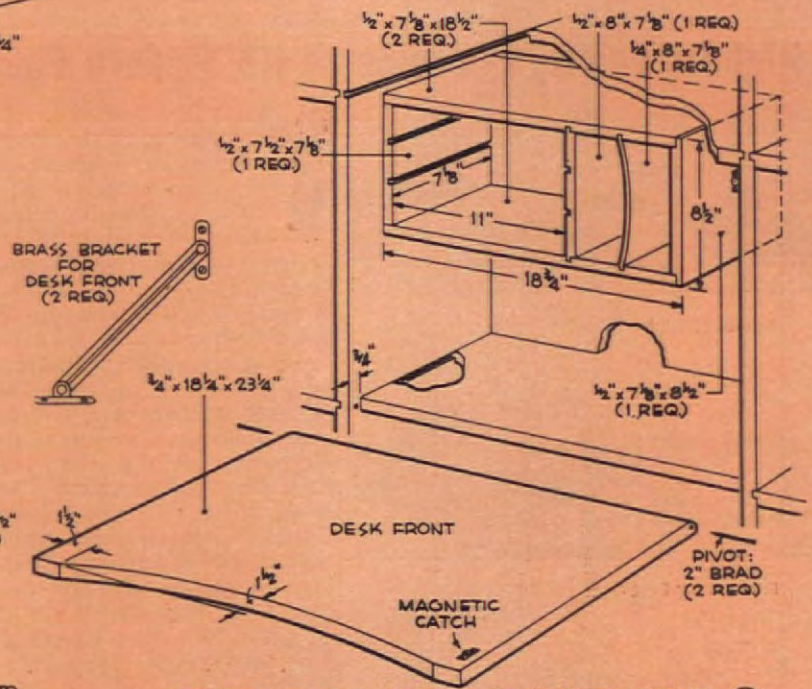


DETAIL FOR SLIDING DOORS
(SAME FOR FRONT AND REAR)

NOTE - DOOR HEIGHT MAY VARY WITH TYPE OF HANGER HARDWARE USED

NOTE: THERE ARE FOUR SLIDING DOORS EACH 1/2" x 24" x 5'-6 1/2" ON THE FRONT AND ON THE REAR. THESE ARE NOT SHOWN ON THE FRONT AND REAR PERSPECTIVES BUT ARE DETAILED AT LEFT

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DOOR TO UTILITY ROOM is an ideal place to store housekeeping tools. This one is lined with pegboard and uses pegboard hooks to hold the various cleaning implements.

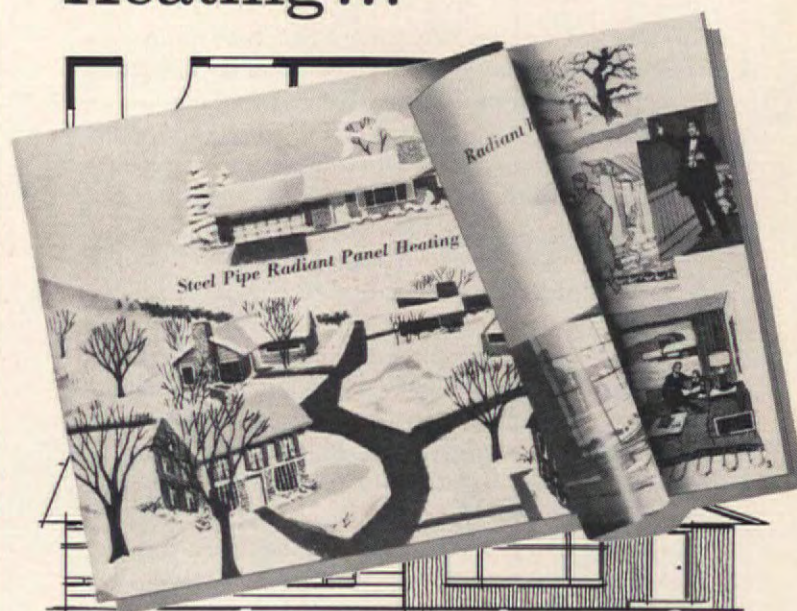


IN A BATHROOM where you use them, towels are handy in this built-in cabinet with glass door that lets the bright colors show through. Pull-out shelves keep towels accessible. Designed by Ralph and Jane Bonnell.

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Helter Shelter (continued from page 36)

3625 Hall Street in Rapid City, South Dakota, is a very ordinary house except to its owners. It's not the sort of place that would tempt anyone to give it a name of its own, like "The Oaks" or "Wisteria Place." It's extraordinarily ordinary, but we Gundersons think of it as a very special dwelling.

In this baseless, human folly we are like about sixty-five per cent of the country's homeowners. The unwritten theme song of our legion is "Don't ask us to see our houses as they appear to the cold eye of the scientific appraiser. After all—when your heart's on fire—smoke impedes vision." And, my husband would hasten to add, there are evidences of brain damage too.

Now that you know we love 3625, I may as well confess that it is not the house we were always going to have. Light years from it!

That house was going to be so different. Its qualities were the theme of a hundred wartime letters. Its mellow countenance shone from every fine magazine which we studied in the postwar one-room apartment in Omaha. There was something about That House which, even now, makes my head spin a little.

That House had everything: guest quarters, a wasteful spacious dining room with four stout walls around it, a huge kitchen, bathrooms like those that towel manufacturers cause stage-set geniuses to erect for American Home's presentation of the new crop of thirsty terry cloth. Only, of course, That House wasn't going to be big or pretentious or expensive. It wasn't to be old and it wasn't to be new. It was to have been built by someone who wanted all the things we wanted in a house and, having achieved them to perfection, was suddenly moved to sell for a song to us and go off to join the children in Tibet.

Let's not talk about That House any more. There are younger people all over America talking about it in their trailers and Efficiency Apartments. And very good talk it is too. Hello, young lovers, watch yourselves!

3625 is the house I want to talk about. The house I know best. Let me tell how it entered our life.

We were happily renting a neat, small cottage with a huge green lawn and doing very nicely, thank you, when on a hot August Sunday morning both of us heard far-off music. We didn't dream it was happening to us. You never do.

"Notice a lot of houses for sale in the Sunday Journal," Bob remarked casually.

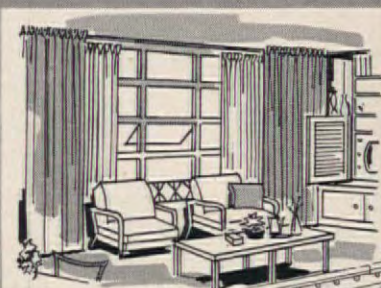
"I wonder if they're any good?" I asked. Rapid City was one of the postwar boom towns of the U.S.A. and there was wholesale building with such frenzied speed that a great many wise voices were raised in caution if not in protest. The fact that we were renting such an acceptable place was a major miracle in a community that had doubled its size in less than ten years.

We poured more coffee and came to the conclusion that since we would be ready to buy That House one day, it would be an extremely shrewd, forchanded thing to do to launch a private research project on what houses were being sold, what they cost and how they looked. In the same carefree way Typhoid Mary may have decided to spend her half-day dropping by the Lab Clinic.

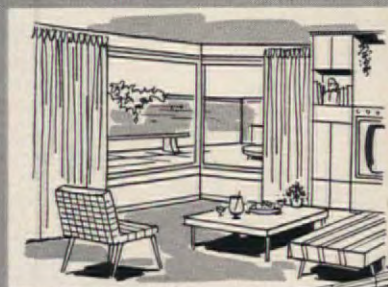
The realtor we called was a charming, helpful, honest man. He listened to the story of That House and did his

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best. He showed us, of course, nothing remotely like it, but we saw a number of large, old, costly houses.

Somewhat daunted, we explained that these certainly weren't That House and my goodness such prices! The realtor had known all of this since before we were born but he was too polite to show it. He took us, instead, to new houses that didn't cost nearly so much. All of them suggested in nontherapeutic fashion the box that holds the aspirin tablets—twelve tablets.

Finally, full of remorse for the busy realtor on his best day, we came to a house that certainly wasn't big and handsome but at least it wasn't so obviously cramped and boxy, either. What it was, was our undoing.

We entered with a purposeful skepticism. The August glare in our eyes blinded us to the musty living room. The House seemed neither shabby nor shiny.

"Come along here," the realtor suggested kindly. We followed down a hall and saw a tiny bedroom, a small bathroom, a minuscule bedroom and finally a bedroom that seemed almost large.

Back to the living room for a moment—but only a moment, our realtor wanted us to see the kitchen. Rather good. So compact. This was also markedly true of the dining area. "No waste space," he said. We nodded sagely.

Another split second in the living room and the helpful man pulled us toward a whopping big Utility Room. Utilization had been a fetish with the planner of this place. We examined the attached garage and heard of its infinite possibilities. Bob was absorbed in mental pictures of himself uncharacteristically knee-deep in honey-hued shaving curls, nails expertly held between his teeth. I was

rather unresponsive to the things we could do with an attached garage. Years ago I learned to turn down the item which the saleswoman urged as a dress of infinite possibilities: "My dear, you can switch this collar, add a choker, use scarves . . . the changes are simply infinite." Life had taught me that this sort of dress would not stand by itself and that I was the last woman to go over half way with any of its hidden potential.

While Bob continued to muse in the garage, I wandered out the back door into the heat of a sprawling back yard that could have been rented for the alligator shots in Tarzan pictures.

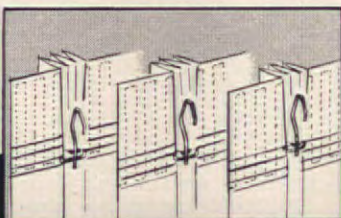
The back yard was long and wide and a-tremble with savage vegetation gone berserk. Lush and noxious foliage covered everything, bounding up like Jack's own beanstalk. Bob joined me and we gazed together, marveling at Mother Nature's zip. Did we stumble even for a moment on the fact that this wilderness of untrammelled *élan* meant that the house had been a very long time vacant? Did we then draw the logical conclusion that many another house-looker, wiser and more practical than we, had come, looked and passed on?

We certainly did not.

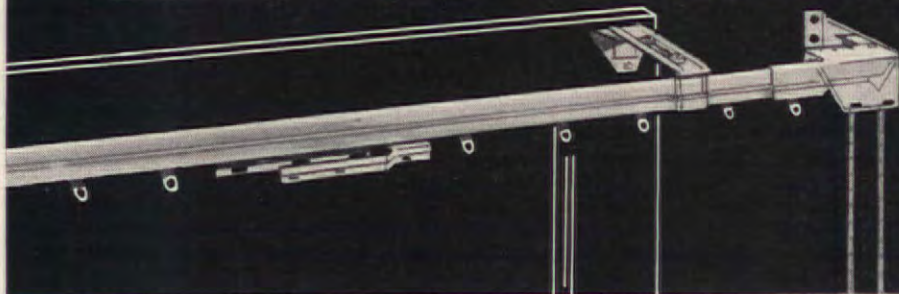
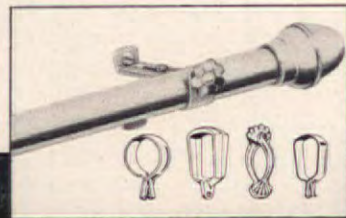
On that special, hot, summer Sunday the back yard fascinated us. Nothing had been planted. The lawn had not been attempted as in front. What we saw worked a kind of spell on us both. We could visualize the green-sward that would quickly spring up to replace the uneven, uncultivated, uninhibited slice of Eden Gone Sour.

Standing amid the cockleburs, hands shading our eyes, we could see the patio and the thick hedge (continued)

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The magic was complete. We looked at the wilderness of wild rose thorns, chickweed, dandelion, crab grass, ragweed, sweet clover and purple alfalfa, laced everywhere with exquisite sinews of Creeping Jenny and rye grass, and we could see guests at a long checkered table cloth at a backyard supper.

The lawn, the hedge, the flowers, the tool house, the patio and the guests have all come in due course but the enchantment of making them come was never again quite so golden as on that Sunday we went dreaming in the tall weeds.

We didn't enter the house again on that visit. We walked around it with the realtor and one of us inquired the price in a tight voice. It was high, by our necessarily unreasonable standards. High but not impossible. Wise man that he was, the realtor could see that we were in the mood.

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Oddly, the spell was gone by the time we'd left the realtor and driven back to the cottage. The house-looking seizure, savage as it had been in the heat of the day, seemed to leave as quickly as it had come. We went to a dinner party that evening and stayed until nearly midnight.

As we were getting into bed, the telephone rang. Bob came back from answering with a stricken expression. "She's accepted my offer. We've got a house. I'm going to meet the realtor at the bank at nine tomorrow morning."

Panicky, we tried to take stock. What had we liked so much about the house? We could not even meet each other's eyes.

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The living room was the tiniest room of all.

Then we recalled that in all of our quarter-hour visit Sunday, we had really never considered that room. We hadn't even looked at it.

House-buying madness had come over us on Sunday and now it was early in the cold light of Monday and the witchcraft piper must be paid. We were back in the workaday world with a house—the first house of our own.

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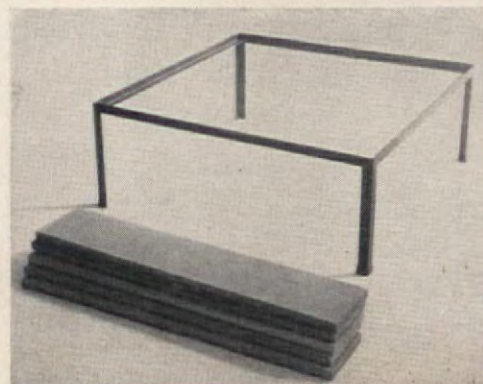
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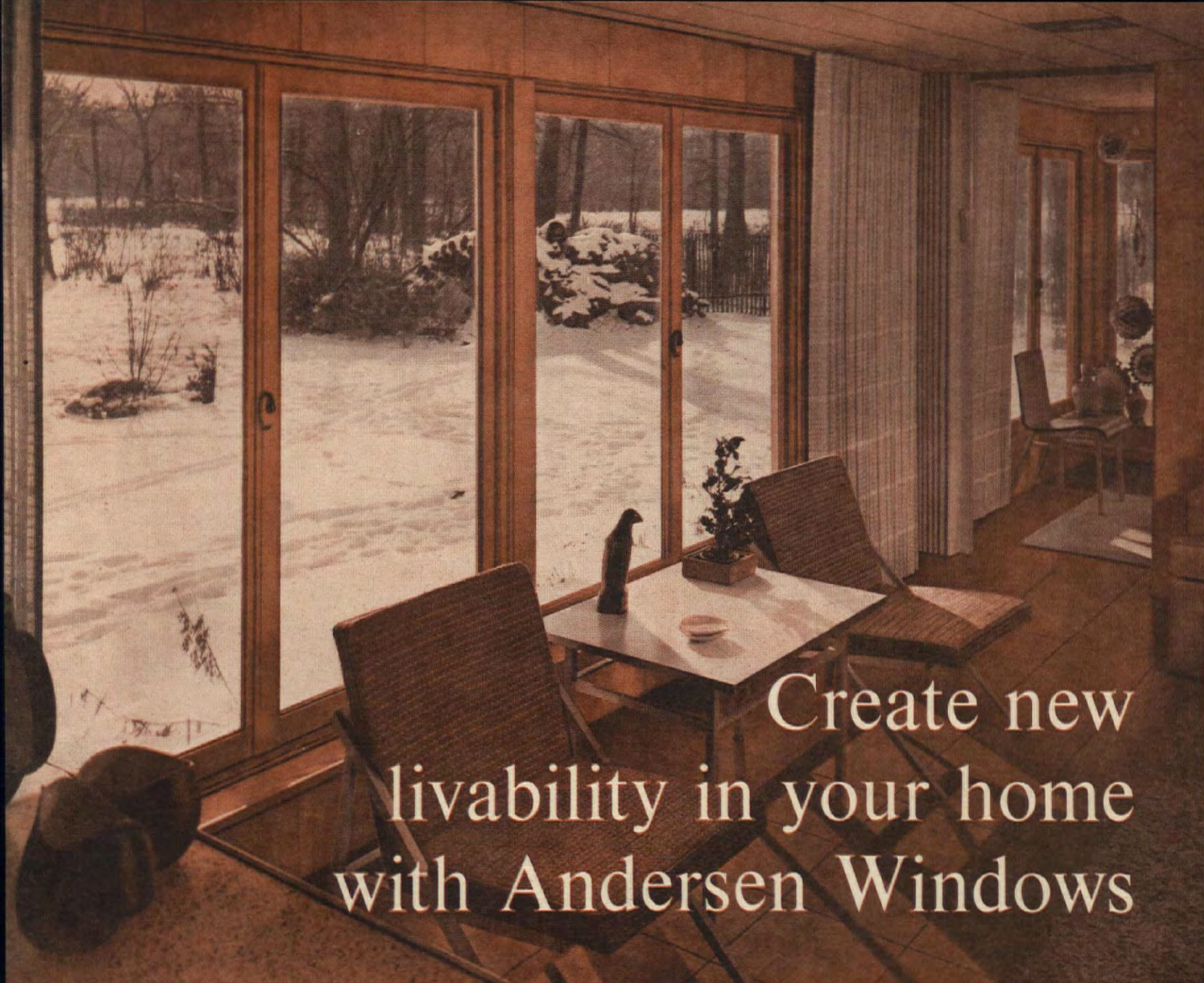
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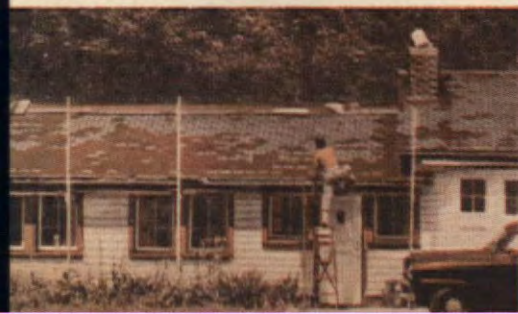
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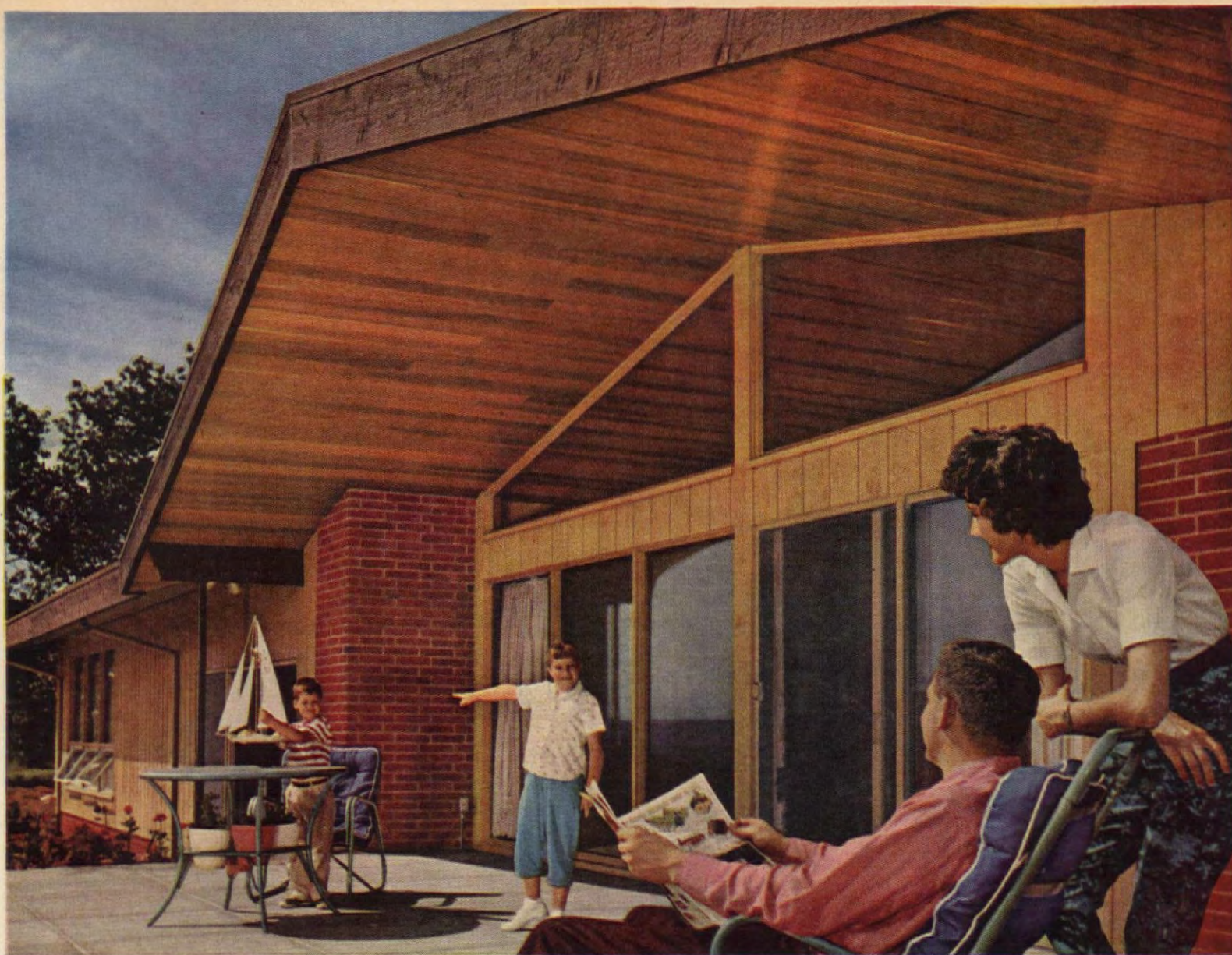
Before attempting structural changes, the Gags listed all the things they wanted in their "new" home. Then they called in architect John C. Close, who translated their basic needs into a new and expanded floor plan framed in an attractive Colonial exterior. Just a few of the things they gained were a 12x20' living room with a new master bedroom above it. They added 6 feet to the front of the house, providing an entrance porch. The kitchen and dining room were expanded and a new fireplace was built. The pride and joy of the Gags is the entirely new family room (12x18') replete with pine paneling and a Dutch-door access to the secluded rear terrace. With "just" the decorating of the house left to do, Mrs. Gag feels the big jobs are behind her. Her enthusiasm and love for her new home are so great that any work she does on it is surely a labor of love.



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Both the rectangular shape and the simplicity of the design lend themselves to many uses. Use this rug at your bedside to welcome your first step every morning, use it as a runner in a hall or stairway. For stairway use, just add as many more sections as are required to fit the length of the stairs. If needed, you can also add a few extra inches of plain background at top, bottom and sides. The rambling design makes a delightfully fitting pattern as it twines over the stairs. We used lightweight wool flannel cut into strips $\frac{1}{8}$ inch wide for a low, close

TO REPRODUCE GRAPH DESIGN: Press burlap or monk's cloth. With pencil and a yardstick outline size, 2 ft. by 6 ft.—

But do not cut to size at this time as this will be done in a later step.

Mark off 2 ft. by 6 ft. area into 2-inch squares. Keep them perfectly straight and even. Each square shown in the graph drawing at right represents 2 inches.

To reproduce, draw the lines of the design with a soft pencil exactly as

shown in the drawing, line by line and square by square. As you draw, enlarge each line to fit the 2-inch square. If you have never enlarged a graph drawing before, practice on a scrap of paper. You will be surprised at how adept you can become. The roses are red (shown black in the graph) and pink (shown white in the graph).

Leaves and stems are light and dark green (shown black and white in graph). To continue the design just reverse or "flop" the pattern and repeat for the length you require.



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MATERIALS NEEDED

1. 2 1/4 yds. best-quality burlap or small-weave monk's cloth
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3. 1 rug hook
4. 1 rug stripper
5. Rug dye if needed
6. Heavy-duty carpet and button thread
7. Rug frame if desired

INSTRUCTIONS

Preparation: Wool remnants are ideal for hooking, and old woolen clothing may be used if the fabric is still strong. Cut away all worn areas. Wash in lukewarm water and suds, then rinse thoroughly. If you wish to dye fabrics, use any good commercial dye; follow manufacturer's instructions carefully. It won't matter if the fabric does not take the dye (continued)



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"Rambler Rose" (continued)

evenly, as it will work up into nicely shaded areas. You can achieve almost any color desired by leaving fabric in dye longer for strong shades, by dyeing fabric of one color with another shade and experimenting to achieve shades and tones so desirable in hooked rugs.

Press all fabric while still damp, then cut into $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch strips and we do recommend a rug stripper for this to save time and to cut uniform strips.

Cut to size, 27x75", the burlap or monk's cloth, on which you have already reproduced the design. See page 91. This allows $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches on all four sides for hems. Baste hems down to back of rug. Press with a damp cloth.

HOOKING RUG:

Do one section of the rug at a time, starting from the top or the bottom. To make it easy to handle, do about 12 inches at a time. First work on the outline of the design and then fill in the design. Next, fill in the background as follows: Hold your strip of wool under the burlap pattern in your left hand, go through mesh of burlap from top with hook; pull strip through mesh, just high enough to form a low loop. Make sure that first and last ends of each strip are on top or front of rug. Clip ends even with loops. When the rug is completed, the ends will not show—they are locked in and will not pull out. Go into almost every mesh of burlap depending on weave.

Make certain loops are close enough together to be securely held in place—yet not so close or tight that a hard puckered effect results. The rug should be supple and lie flat.

Hook right through the hem, so no hem will show when the rug is finished. Repeat for each section until entire rug is hooked. If you use a rug frame, allow several extra inches on all sides of the rug size to permit fastening the burlap or monk's cloth background to the frame. Roll according to the manufacturer's directions. Again the design is hooked first, then background filled in around design. When rug is entirely hooked, remove from frame. Cut away surplus background AFTER allowing $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches on all sides for hems. You can turn the hems to back of rug, making 1-inch finished hem, or you can bind the hems with rug binding and turn to back of rug. Use strong carpet and button thread for hemming.

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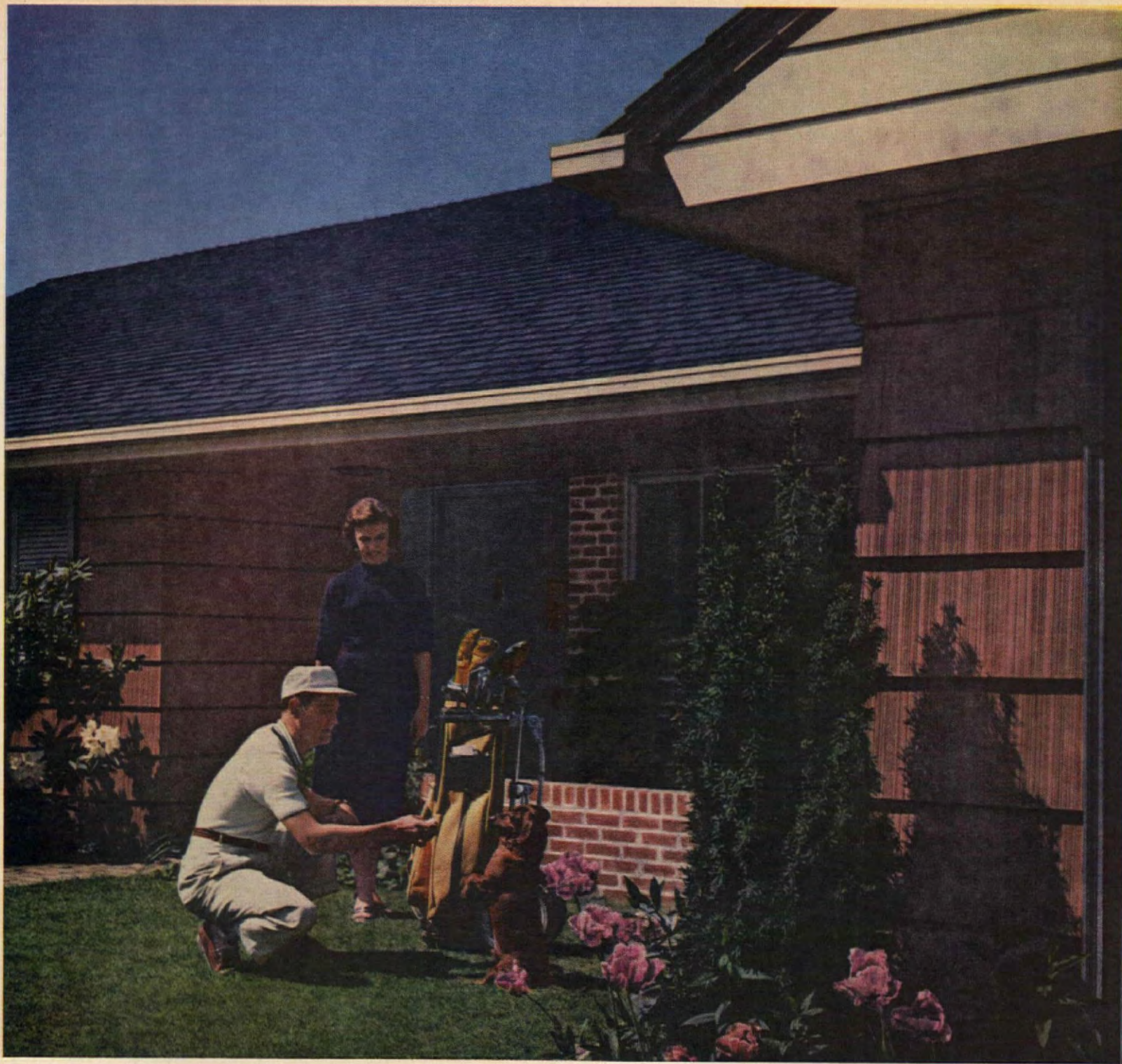
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simultaneously, "Why not? What are we waiting for?"

It already had a name; Timothy Farm, although we don't farm its only ten acres, and I wouldn't know timothy if somebody tickled me with a blade of it. But we decided to keep on calling it that anyhow.

We knew we were going to have to make changes in the kitchen and toyed with the idea of "doing something" about the lean-to and the dangerous steps. As it turned out, our grandchildren weren't the problem. It was Pete himself who missed his footing and disappeared from sight with horrible thumping noises. He didn't break any bones, but it was no time at all before we had our architect friend, George Sprague, over from Chadd's Ford on the other side of the county to help us. Following out our suggestions, he converted the lean-to into a "laundry and flower room." At least that was his name for it. Because he paneled the walls with grooved pine and used antique hardware for the cabinets, it is almost the most charming room in the house. It is used for a laundry room on Mondays, but it is also the setting for our breakfasts and dinners for two. It is Pete's office when he stays home to work. It's the refreshment room when we have a party.

Wanting our children and Pete's sister to share our new home with us, we bedded them down, at separate times, in the eaved bedroom on the third floor. But their joy and ours was dimmed when they had to crash and grope their way in the middle of the night or

early morn to reach our bathroom facilities on the second floor. So once more we had the boys with the hammers in and now there's a new dormer window looking out to the barn and a convenient little washroom for our visitors under the roof.

We don't talk about the new water pipes we had to put in nor do we find that many people are interested in the groundhog (or skunk or possum) which mastered every new-fangled garbage pail we tried to outwit him with. "They were here first," I keep telling myself as I clear up what they have rejected.

But in answer to the question, "What do you do with yourself?" I've never been busier or happier in my life. My married daughter and her growing brood are only seven miles away and we are always glad to see each other. On one of his visits with us my son converted two stalls in the barn into an office-studio for me. He knocked out the stall partition and put in a neat, sturdy wooden floor. Pete wanted to have the room that resulted properly insulated so that I could paint my portraits of flowers or pound the typewriter in comfort in all kinds of weather, including frigid, but I was too anxious to move in. I'm ashamed to say it almost made me bawl when Pete wanted to do something *else* to better it. So in spite of the electric radiators, the temperature is sometimes a brisk 50—but I dress for it and it's all mine.

Last winter we had a blizzard which dumped 43 inches of snow on us. That was the official measurement on level ground but nobody tried to figure the drifts—and I'm not going to tell the story of our enforced four-day seclusion (except upon request). However, I now have the answer

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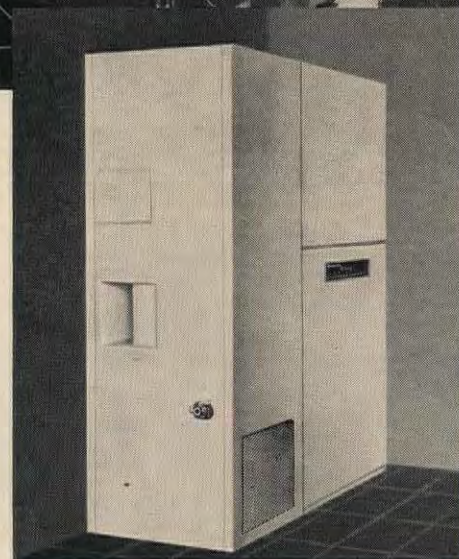
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of the house. A new addition, which he calls the *terrace room*, is completely surrounded by insulated glass panels. It connects to the outside terrace with sliding doors.

With so much glass surrounding the rear of the house, the outside planning required much thought. Bird feeders, bird baths and rock gardens have been planned so they can be enjoyed from the terrace room, as well as from an outdoor vantage point.

Near the outside terrace, Joe dug a pond, which in time will be a source of good material for curious children: in it will be "frogs, lilies, goldfish, etc." Confidentially, we think Joe Longstreth built the terrace room so he could enjoy the rain! "It's a pleasant sight to watch nature give her world a drink of water." This was his way of expressing the pleasure.

Sliding glass doors, which also connect the outside terrace to the dining room, provide a delightful view for guests to enjoy the family antiques in the dining room, while seated on the terrace.

Says Joe, "It's just being natural, for beauty in man-created objects generally exists because man has merely adapted something natural to serve a specific function. And when you see natural polished wood, and your eye moves up to see a flourishing, old majestic tree . . . there's nothing out of harmony." So you see, he has combined

the old with the new, not only in effect, but also in his mind, and here you have a factor which plays a vital part in decorating, a quality that contributes importantly to the over-all picture.

Joe's kitchen was planned with his hobby of cooking and entertaining very much in mind. The kitchen, located between the terrace room and the dining room, serves both areas conveniently, as well as the terrace, often used for outdoor dining. Wood cabinets were chosen because "warmth of real wood was essential for blending rooms together, as well as for harmony with charming antique pieces. Good simple lines and the naturalness of wood make them an integral part of the house, and not a separate room where you cook."

Joe chose yellow appliances, and a rarer philosophy concerning them you've never heard. . . . "Again, the yellow harmonized with nature. In the spring, the pale yellow is daffodilish; in summer, it's a welcome and soothing relief from the brighter things outside; in the fall, the yellow couples with the autumn tones of the draperies in the kitchen and terrace to perfection; in the winter, and all the time for that matter, the yellow is cheerful and again, the simplicity in design does not seem to scream 'KITCHEN'."

Our comment—continue writing, Joseph Longstreth, and please don't ever stop!

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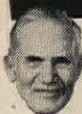
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1. If you want to start from scratch, so to speak, on a wood finish and perform such basic operations as changing from a dark to a lighter color, the most effective remover on plane surfaces, free of turnings, carvings, or moldings, is a sharp cabinet scraper, kept sharp with a file. This tool will remove most finishes cleanly, down to the raw wood at a single stroke. The operation is more rapid and thorough than the use of solvent-type removers but requires considerable experience with the tool.

2. There are many chemical removers on the market which are noninflammable, odorless and soluble with water.

In addition to the remover, the essential equipment for the job are a brush, a wide, rimless can, a 3-inch-width scraper, a package of No. 3 steel-wool pads, and a stiff

scrubbing brush. A brass wire brush of the type used for dressing suede shoes will be found useful for small corners and crevices, as will a "pick" made of a six-inch piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch dowel, sharpened at one end in a pencil sharpener.

First, don rubber gloves, and apply a heavy wet coat of remover to an area of not over two to four square feet of flat surface or perhaps a couple of legs of a chair.

Don't try to brush it out like enamel, but daub it on from a full brush to get the surface all covered with a minimum of brushing.

After about twenty minutes, take the putty knife or broad knife scraper and slide it from you at an angle of about forty-five degrees. If it slides along the surface of the wood easily and takes all the old finish off without effort on your part, the remover has done its work and it's your turn. But, if the old finish doesn't slide off in a consistency like custard-pie filling, the remover hasn't finished the job and wants more time. If it's sort of sticky and dry-looking apply another coat. If it is still quite wet, give it more time.

If the finish is not softened to the bottom but still forms quite an accumulation of soft material on the knife (slide gently over the surface—never dig or scrape hard), go over the entire treated area with the knife and scrape the removed material off into the can provided. Re-apply remover, wait, and repeat. Two such treatments will suffice to remove even the toughest finish, ordinarily, or you don't have the right remover.

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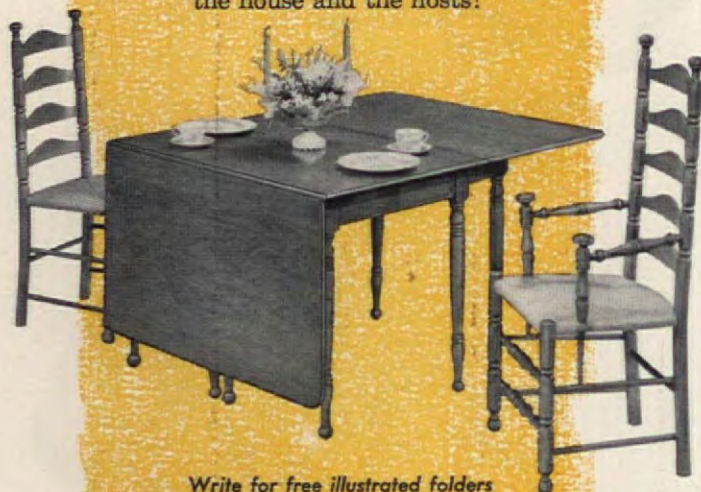
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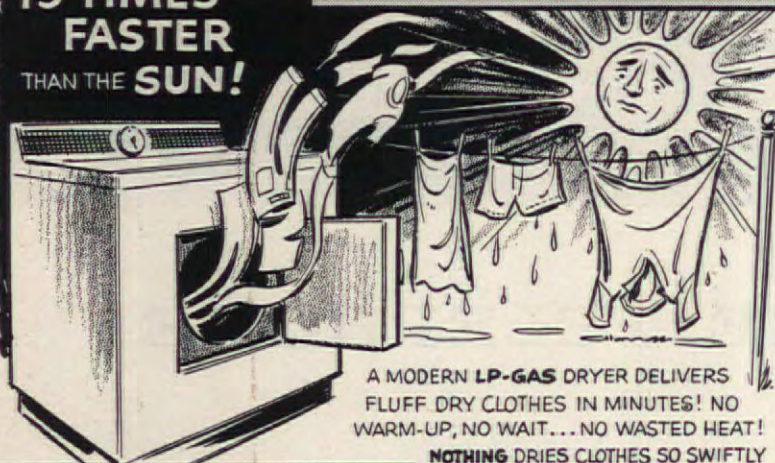
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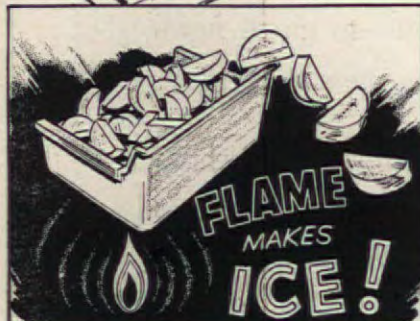
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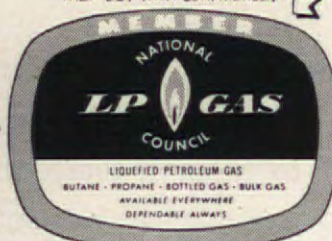
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the sharpened end of the wood pick and clean out all corners.

It is at this point that the water-soluble removers show their value. If you are using such a material, dip the brush and steel wool in water to soak off all softened finishing material. The residue in the wool or brush is washed out easily in a pan of water. Scrub the surface using plenty of water to clean it of the finishing material, wipe with a cloth and the job is done.

On the other hand, if the more common type of solvent-base, wax-carrying remover is being used, the surface must be steel-wooled and scrubbed down with a solvent such as mineral spirits or gasoline to remove all vestiges of the finish as well as the residual wax from the remover. Be sure to work in a firesafe area.

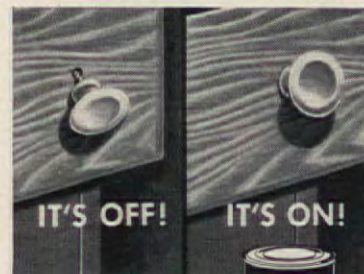
A further aid to a complete cleaning job after using a solvent and wax remover, is a scrubbing brush and a boiling-hot-water solution of the alkali floor cleaner obtainable in all hardware stores. This floor cleaner is a remover in itself—though not of the fastest or strongest type—and will remove the last vestiges of material from the crevices of the wood as well as raising the grain slightly, which boosts out the last—hard-to-get—element of old finish.

The thoroughness with which the piece must be cleaned will depend on your further plans for it. If the piece is merely to be refinished in the same or darker tone, the piece should be allowed to dry thoroughly—16 to 24 hours—and sanded lightly with an abrasive paper of about 320-mesh grit.

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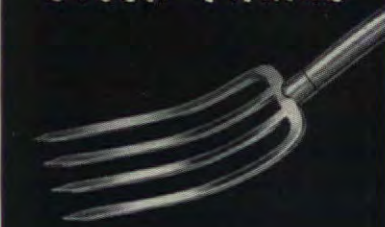
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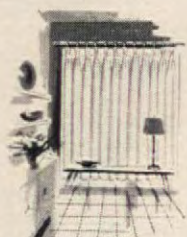


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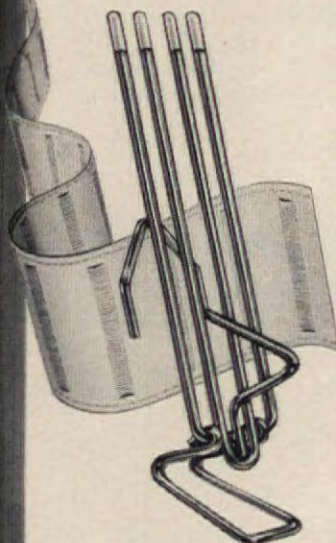


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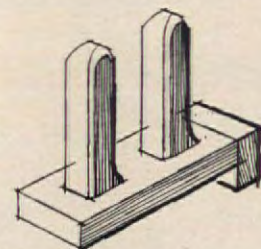
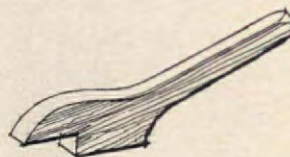
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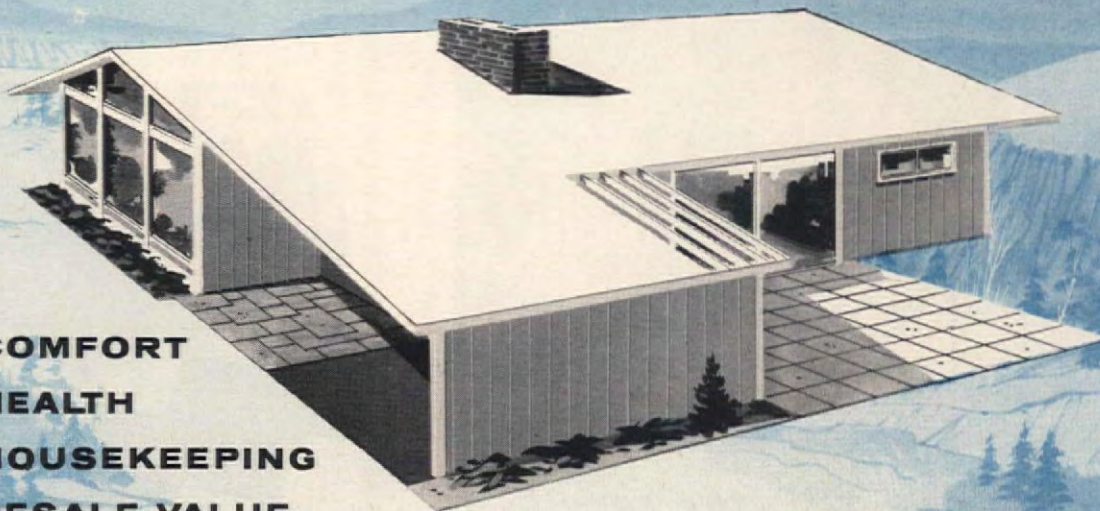
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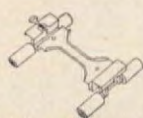
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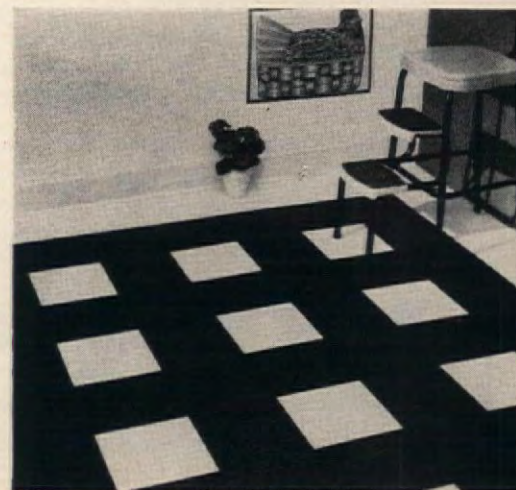


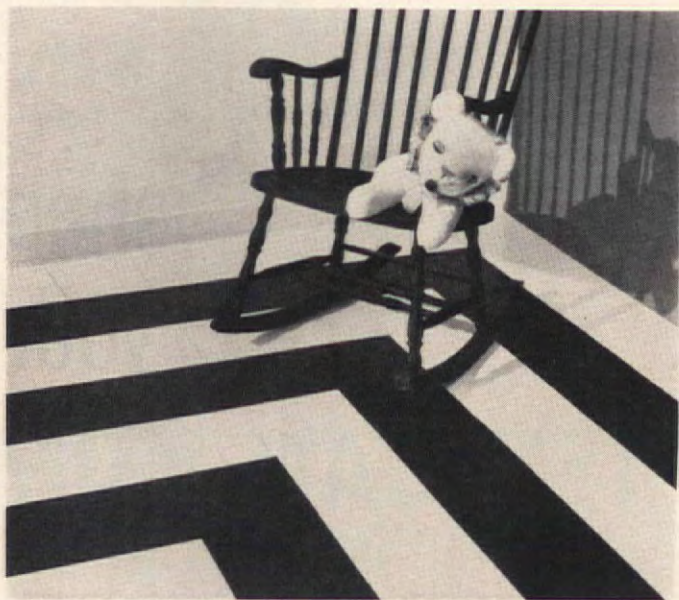
HERRINGBONE STRIPES (above) spark the simply furnished room.

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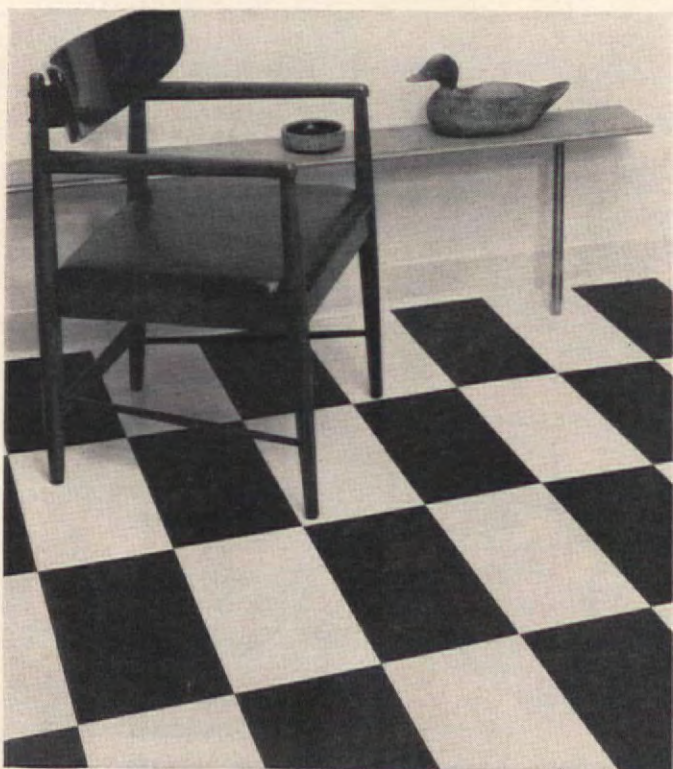
Alternate herringbone stripes add dash to a simply furnished room and chevron stripes present an interesting pattern for a playroom or child's room. If you find the old-fashioned checkerboard pattern pleasing, elongate it to make a room look more spacious. Two colors, wisely used, are all you need to bring a decorator touch to floors.

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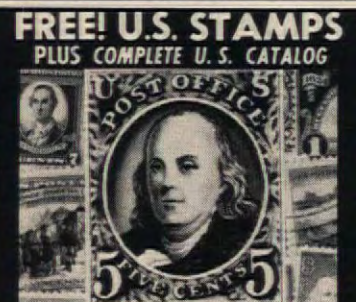
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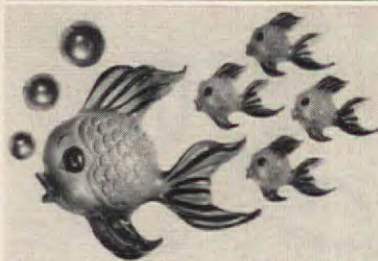
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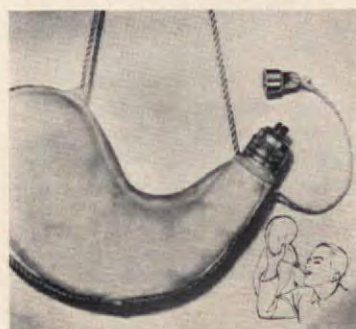
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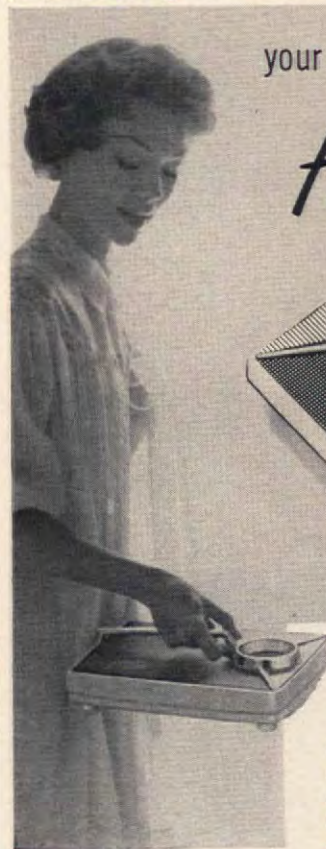
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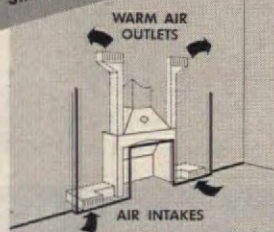
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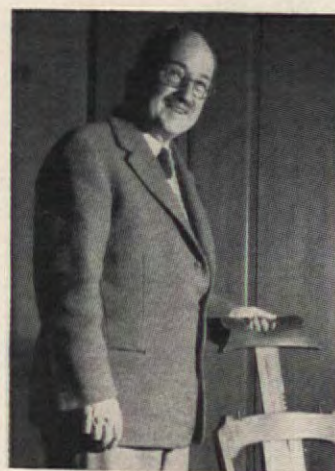
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