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PROMINENT Editor and Horticulturist, Mr. Seymour has maintained a close and constant contact with amateur, professional, and scientific horticultural trends. As writer, lecturer, and executive, he has been active in many organization movements for the advancement of horticulture and the promotion of a more general and thorough appreciation and understanding of its importance.

Since graduating from the College of Agriculture at Cornell University in 1909, Mr. Seymour has spent more than twenty-five years writing and editing magazines and books in the agricultural and horticultural fields. His record includes the editorship of two cyclopedic works—Farm Knowledge, and the Garden Encyclopedia.

Starting his editorial career on the staffs of the THE GARDEN MAGAZINE (as THE AMERICAN HOME was formerly called) and COUNTRY LIFE IN AMERICA, Mr. Seymour entered Government service during the World War as Director of the Agricultural Division of the Committee on Public Information. After the Armistice, he returned to the horticultural editorial field and, in 1934 and 1935, wrote and was featured in two series of successful radio programs called, "The Garden of Tomorrow."

Mr. Seymour renewed his earlier associations by becoming Horticultural Editor of THE AMERICAN HOME as of December 1, 1936, but March will be his first issue. As Editor of this important department he will devote his entire time to the magazine's gardening features in every issue. He brings a rich and varied background of contacts, observation, and practical experience which will afford to readers first-hand intimate advice on their garden and other closely related horticultural problems.

MISS BOURNE comes to us from the Crowell Publishing Company, where she was Assistant Women's Editor of the Country Home Magazine. She holds a degree of Home Economics from Iowa State College and also studied at the University of Rome, Italy.

For three years she was editor of the Junior Department of the Successful Farming Magazine. This work was divided between editorial duties and visiting state colleges, state fairs, and home economics schools throughout the Middle West.

Following her association with Meredith Publishing Company, Miss Bourne was Home Economics representative for the Chicago World's Fair Meat Exhibit sponsored by the Institute of American Meat Packers and the United States Department of Agriculture. Later Miss Bourne was associated with the Swift and Company experimental kitchen in Chicago, testing recipes.

The diversification of her work has brought her in contact with all important Dietitians and Home Economic Directors of both food and home equipment manufacturers, and the benefits of her wide acquaintanceship and experience cannot but be reflected in the pages of THE AMERICAN HOME.

She will be in close touch with new food products as they are introduced. New gadgets, utensils, and larger household equipment must prove their worth under her personal observation before she will recommend them to our readers. All recipes published in these pages will first be tried by her in the American Home kitchen . . . and out of all this will come truly practical and friendly advice to every reader who follows these homemaking and cookery pages from month to month.

And in March, our HODGEPODGE Department

For a long time ye editor has had a secret desire for a department all her own where she might pass on information that may not be of major importance but is interesting, unusual, or amusing; a place where she might use little intimate pictures, bits of letters, and informal chit-chat that is somehow always squeezed out for want of space. And so my Hodgepodge Department will begin with the March issue. Will you let me know whether you like it? . . . . . JEAN AUSTIN

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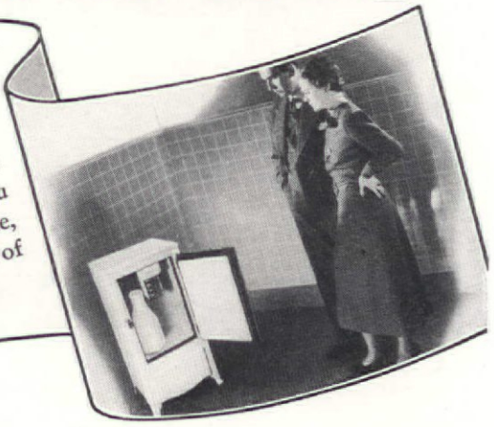

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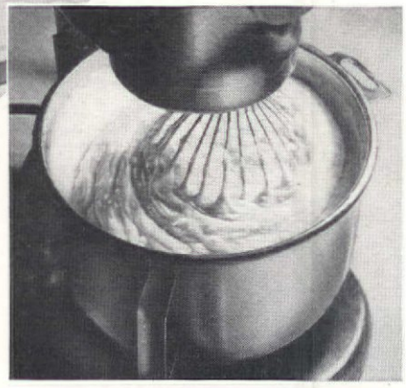

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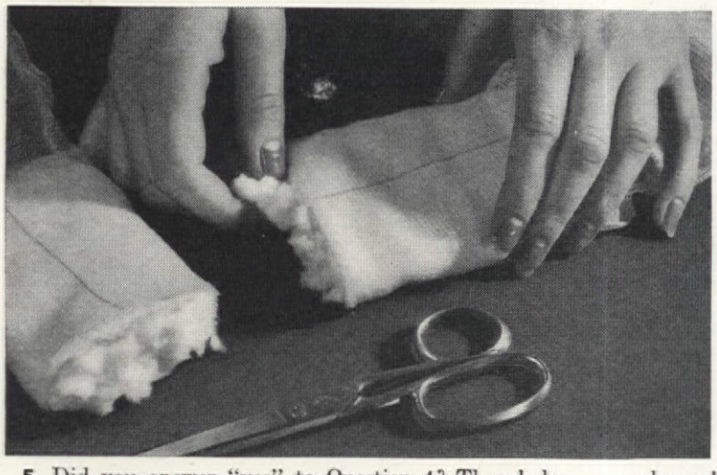

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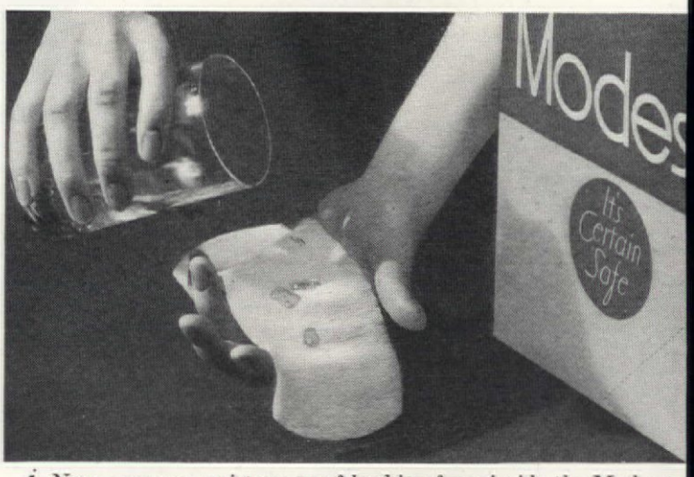

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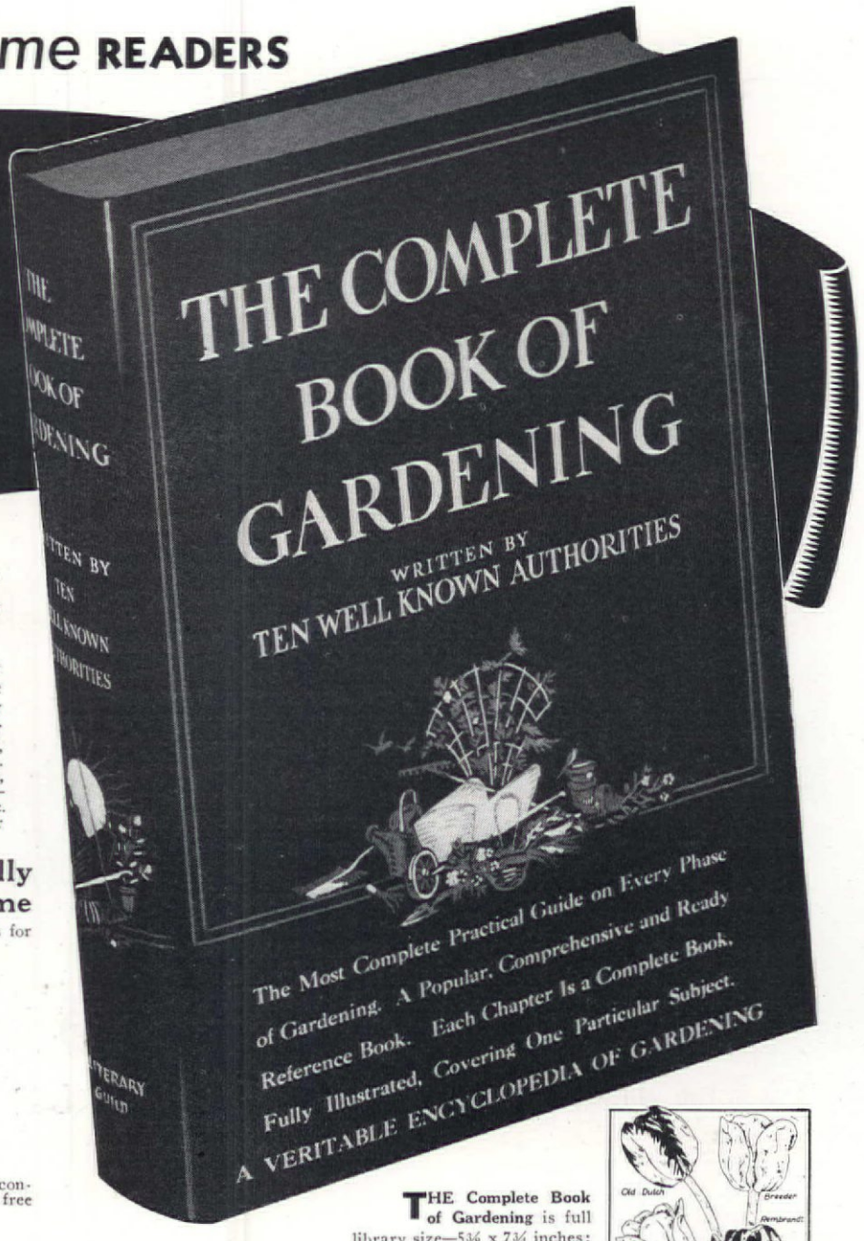

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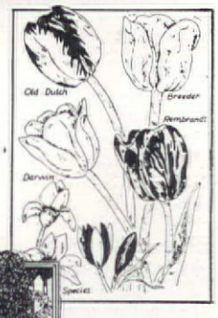

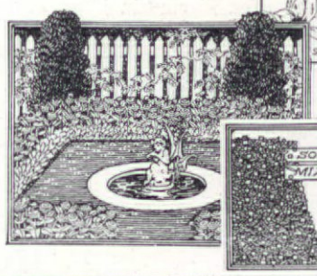

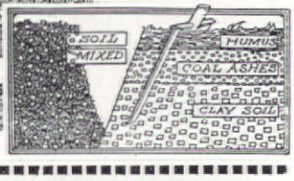

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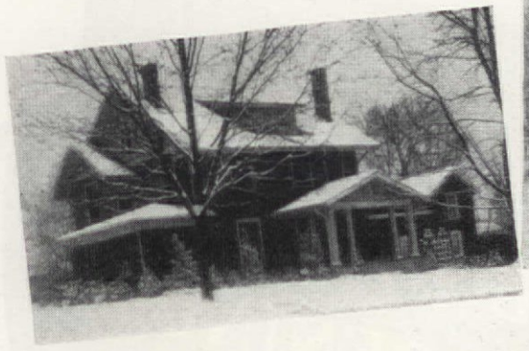

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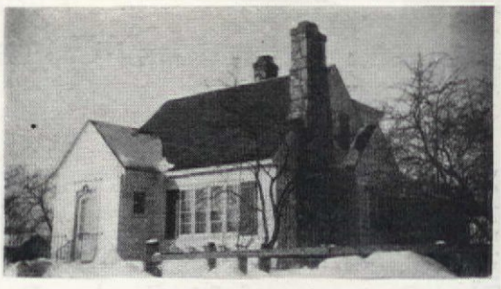

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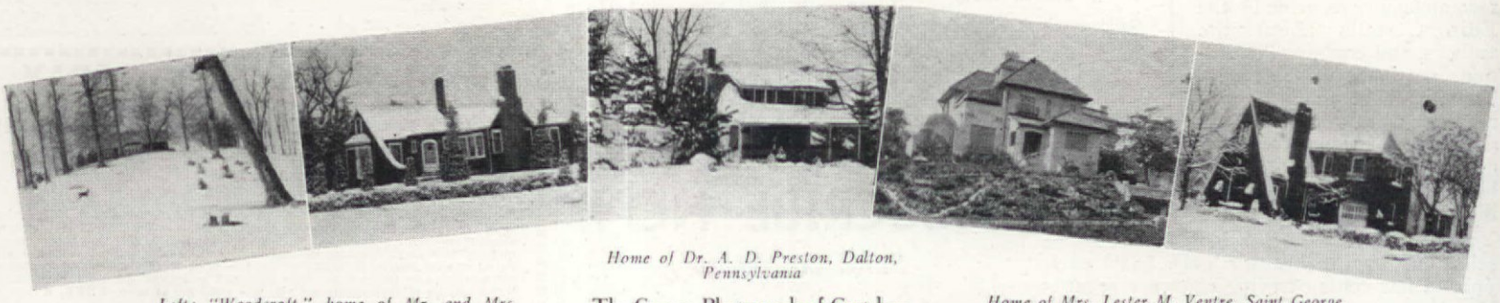

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Home of Mrs. Lester M. Ventre, Saint George, Staten Island. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Stoneman, El Reno, Oklahoma (right)

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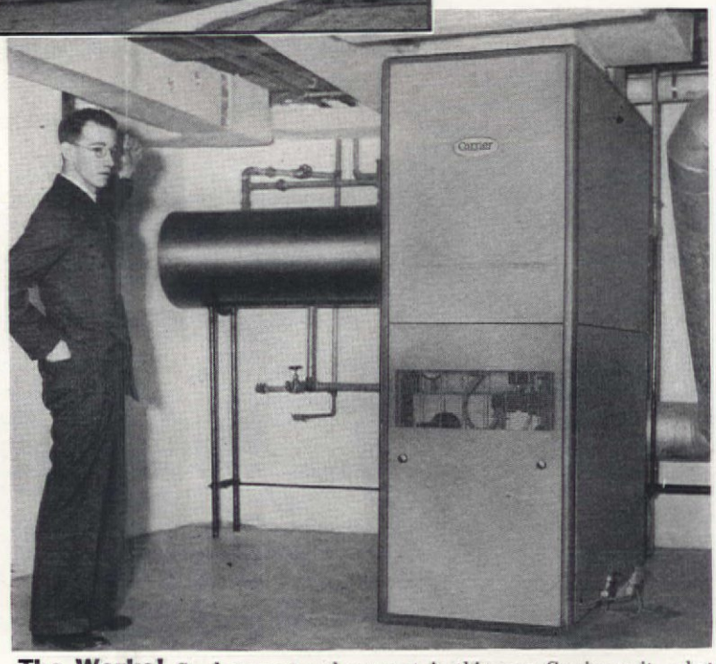

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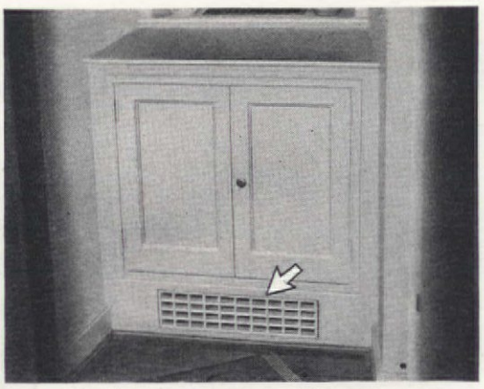

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ANY GARDEN can tuck in a little pool somewhere

Pool in garden of Miss Goan, New York City

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

WELL, says the Garden Iconoclast, what of it? Why all this excited talk about garden pools, anyway? What can a pool do in my garden that cannot be done as well or better by vigorous trees and shrubs, smooth lawns, and well-planned, well-cared for beds and borders of growing, blossoming plants? . . . Questions like that give us just the opening we need to start a little analysis or appraisal of what a pool or other water feature really does contribute to a garden—and why, and how.

First of all, water in any form in the garden has an ancient and honorable historical background. It may not be specifically mentioned in accounts of the Garden of Eden, but we know that the pool was "the most pronounced feature" of the early Egyptian garden, and was probably being enjoyed even earlier in the annals of civilization. And, as the curtains are drawn back to reveal the garden practices of races that later dominated their respective parts of the world, we find water—both flowing and still—constantly made use of, by Assyrian, Phoenician, Greek, Roman, and succeeding generations that unite us with the dim yesterdays of the Middle Ages.

What reason was there for that early appreciation of the fitness and value of water in the garden picture and environment, even when the difficult problem of providing and maintaining a supply taxed the skill of the artisan who had little beyond his bare hands for tools? For one thing, the fact that the water so provided was essential to successful plant growth in the warm, characteristically arid

Truly the pool "accommodates itself to every circumstance," whether a minor focal point in one small corner or the central jewel in the garden setting. In garden of Frank Jeckel, Mt. Vernon

The appeal of water in the garden is to all the senses—through the musical, provocative sound of a gently splashing fountain, and as it reflects the blue sky that hangs above it. Left: Pool in garden of Alfred Cohen of Chicago, Illinois. Ruth May was the Landscape Architect

regions of Asia, Asia Minor, and the Mediterranean countries. For another, its appeal to the human senses was—as it always has been and will be—obvious, convincing, extremely powerful.

The pools of the very earliest gardens were, probably, not so much esthetic features as reservoirs for the storage of the water needed for the irrigation of the plants grown around or near them. The water may have been laboriously dipped out with crude buckets; or it may have been led to the thirsty spots through small irrigation canals which, as time went on, became ornamental little streams and rivulets as the devising of additional watering systems did away with their strictly utilitarian character. But all the time the pools also provided a medium for the cultivation of the mystical lotus, the many-hued waterlilies, and the various other graceful, distinctive aquatics. And, meanwhile, their presence contributed to the comfort and physical benefit of all human and animal life around them as well as the plants; first, by supplying moisture to the atmosphere and keeping it more agreeably humid and, secondly, by helping to cool it somewhat—ac-

Much of the charm of the garden pool lies in its delightful flexibility. Above: Scene in the Hayes' garden. Right: Exhibit, 1936 Flower Show, of William C. Duckham Company, Madison, New Jersey

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For some reason a pool never looks lonesome or ill at ease. And, in its own contentment, it spreads an air of happy self-sufficiency throughout its environment. Where, but in a garden, can such diverse elements as water and rock be so perfectly, so harmoneously blended?

lly as well as by mere suggestion. Vater in a garden has its appeal the ear—in the musical and pro-ative sound of gently splashing ntain or trickling rill. To de-ht the eye, it reflects the blue , the verdant foliage, the color-flowers, and all else that sur-nds it or droops above it or ng its margins. And, finally, as ntroduces the element of motion d of life itself—both its own and t of the birds, fishes, and other atures that it harbors or attracts t creates a new, richer, more mulating atmosphere within the rden space; and this whether it merely a subordinate focal point one small corner, or the central vel in the garden setting.

Right there is suggested another the advantages and charms of a ol—its wide and variable range d delightful adaptability. "It ac-mmodates itself to every circum-nce," says one authority in the ld of garden design, "in size, ape, method of construction and aintenance; and it adjusts itself readily that even if it is not cated in the one best spot it still riches the whole picture."

Indeed, in size it may vary from lf-barrel dimensions — sufficient, vertheless, for at least one lusty

Left: pool in garden of Mr. Kiesewetter of Searingtown, Long Island. Zaron Schrieber was the Landscape Architect. Right: beautiful garden of George Jackson of Hohokus, New Jersey

Left: Attractive pool in Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Crafts Watson's garden at Ravinia, Illinois. Above is shown 1936 Flower Show exhibit of J. H. Schmidt & Son, Millburn, New Jersey

nymphaea—to as ambitious a project as the owner m desire and be able to finance. It may be of the most seve formal type or, at the other end of the scale, it may prese a picture which, if well done, can hardly be differentiat from the unaided and unadorned accomplishment of Natu herself. Furthermore, although under certain conditions, in a single small isolated pool or basin, water may sugge nothing but serenity, quiet, and peace, it can be given entirely different concept and transformed into a contin ing, active accessory of several different levels, perhaps wi little falls and musical rapids connecting the independe units. This produces a truly charming effect.

Materials for pool construction? We find here almo as much latitude as in the type and design. Wood for ter porary needs; concrete (preferably, though not necessaril waterproofed); stone of any available type; turf with whi to create a plain, modest edging, and a great number possible plant collections and associations that enable t pool to merge almost imperceptibly into an adjoining b or marshy spot and thus connect it with the higher ar drier aspects of the garden itself.

Going a step farther and considering the available pla materials for use in and around the pool, one almost throw up his hands in perplexity at the many possible forms, t differing textures, growth habits, degrees of hardiness ar tenderness, and the like. There are plants that nestle d murely along the water's edge or among the bordering rock

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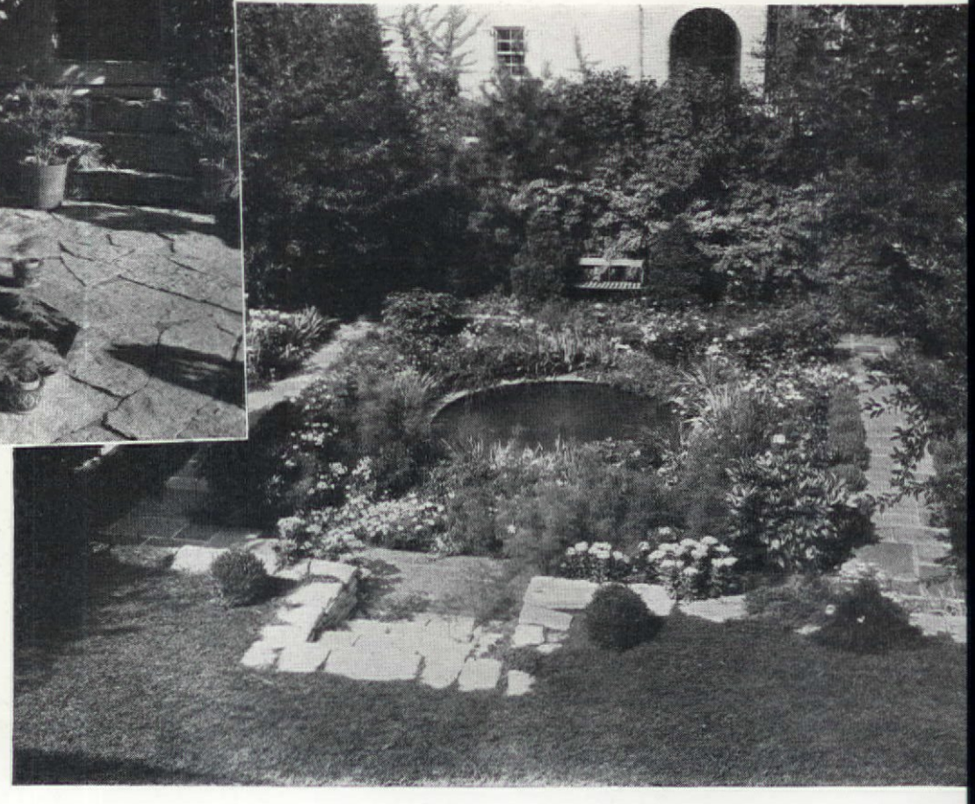

Above: Mrs. C. R. Gilman's garden pool in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. At right is pool garden of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Olin of Kenilworth, Illinois. Mr. Albin Gries was the Landscape Architect for latter garden

Photos by the author

Stalking Staffordshire Dogs

HENRY ALBERT PHILLIPS

GENUINE Staffordshire dogs belong to a rare breed that is rapidly becoming extinct. Due to the very fact that they were the commonest ornaments of their period, turned out in enormous quantities, and prized by no one in particular, their care and strain were shockingly neglected, roughly handled, and their uses vulgarized, as though there were a movement on foot to exterminate them. They were among the earliest martyrs of the widespread revulsion against things Victorian. By the time our own "General Grant period," that a later generation would call ugly, had come into full flower, the Staffordshire dog was as dead as the dodo, and as extinct as a living species of that day, the Pug dog, is in this day and age.

Almost overnight, collectors have developed a great love for all that was Victorian, be it Early, Middle, or Late. The once despised Staffordshire dogs are being stalked up and down the country by collectors and dealers, only to discover that they have gone the way of all abused pottery. Their prized "state," in pairs, is as rare as hen's teeth.

One great contemporaneous objection held against the Staffordshire dog, was his total lack of artistry. He was always too honest and too simple—peasantlike and almost crude, if you will. One glance into his too human eyes will discover that shortcoming. But, as in numberless other cases of a latter-day collecting, these very "failings" have revealed the prized marks of individual workmanship, so rare in our day of nothing but robot quantity production.

The Staffordshire dog was the product of an honest era, following one famed for its exceptional artistry—Whieldon, about 1740, followed by his apprentice, Josiah Wedgwood, who came to him at the age of twelve, and his other famous apprentice, Josiah Spode, who joined in a partnership that was dissolved in 1759. With their passing, a great art in pottery seemed to peter out and give place to the tasseled and tufted period with ornaments to match the Victoria Regina period, which extended from 1837 to 1901.

Staffordshire dogs are nearly one hundred

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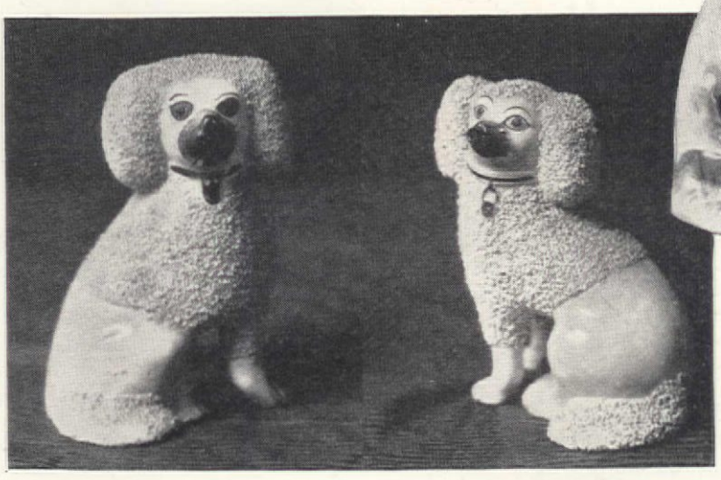

Dogs above marked with red spots; one at left has copper luster spots. Far left: French poodles. Top left: White flecked with gold, curled tail

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ROOM FOR A BOY

Bedroom of Samuel Parant Metzger, III
Asbury Park, N. J.

THE bedroom furniture is white with solid mahogany polished tops, including the railings. The steering wheel in the head of the bed is set in and has brass fittings. White rope is laced in the foot of the bed and is "inlaid" around the tops of the dresser, night stand, and desk, producing a striking contrast to the dark mahogany.

The carpet is deep blue and has a white coiled rope (sewn together) throw rug on it to appear as if the rope were coiled for use on a ship's deck.

The wallpaper is sky blue with white dots, as is the spread on the bed, with a white appliquéd anchor. The cornice boards are sky blue with white rope painted on them. The Venetian blinds are sky blue with white cords. The curtains are fish net, a very dark blue, with seine dobbers along the sides and bottoms, painted a vermilion red.

The kegs are natural color with brass bands except for two painted vermilion red sections around them between the upper two and lower two brass bands. They have white coiled rope seat pads.

The white life preserver is from the Yacht *Endeavour* (Royal Ulster Yacht Club) with a mirror placed in back of it; the lettering is all done in black.

The center light is a binnacle lamp, and the one over the dresser is an engineer's light. The brass clock on the dresser is a compass. The small brass lamps around the room consist of one propeller base (real propeller) on night stand, one port and starboard side lamp, and one anchor lamp.

The eight portholes around the room are brass with ship pictures, which light up at night, giving the appearance of looking out on the far away horizon.

The starboard and portside book ends on the desk are brass and also light at night.

The radiator covers are dark blue glazed chintz with a very nautical design.

A small ship's radio is located in the under section of the night bedside stand.

1937 Parade of Seed Novelties —led by 3 marigolds

EDWARD SALBACH

THREE marigolds star in the 1937 novelty cast—one outstanding because of its size, another because of its sweet scent, and the third because of its color and form. The parade of seed novelties again affords many startling new creations from which the garden lover may choose. Included are more new nasturtiums, striking new colors in rust-resistant snapdragons, fine new larkspurs, zinnias, and many other flowers that will prove invaluable both for garden and for cut-flower uses in the home.

Most important of all, perhaps, is the sensational new marigold mixture, Gigantea Hybrids. Blooms are occasionally seven inches in diameter by nearly five inches deep, with blooms six by four inches not uncommon. Nothing in marigolds is comparable in size to the biggest of these massive flowers, and with the colors ranging from deep orange through yellow to light cream, the Gigantea Hybrids comprise, in the author's opinion, the finest new seed introduction since the Gleam Hybrid nasturtiums. Unfortunately, while all of the flowers of this new marigold are very large, there is some variation in size, and approximately one quarter of the plants will produce singles instead of the desired doubles. For some, this will discount their value, but for others the sensational quality of the majority of the plants will overshadow the presence of those that are "off-form." The latter, which is my personal view, I correctly predicted would not be shared by the All-America Selections Committee, for any scoring system is bound to penalize the Gigantea marigold mixture severely for the presence of the singles. Gigantea comes in a semi-loose-petaled formation half way between the solid ball-type "all-double" and the carnation-flowered type, such as Guinea Gold.

The Odorless Crown of Gold

Notable for another feature than size is the new collarette marigold, Crown of Gold. This one owes its value to its lack of odor and is the gold medal winner of the All-America seed novelties for 1937, scoring eighty-six points or more than twice as many as the runner-up. The stems do give off a very faint touch of odor, but I do not believe anyone would notice it unless he were looking for it. The flowers themselves are actually sweet-scented. It is described in the official report of the All America Committee as "the first known marigold with odorless foliage, the oil sacs on the under side of the leaves being entirely lacking." This, indeed, shows great progress.

Someone (I can't remember who) told me that it was a newly discovered variety, rather than one developed by hybridization, and very likely this is the case, for the flowers are certainly of different form from any other marigold I have seen. The center petals are quilled and curled, forming a pompon head, resembling a small chrysanthemum. A ring of broad, flat, gracefully recurved guard petals surrounds them to give the collarette effect. The color is intense, deep orange, and the bushes large, full of bloom, and uniform to an exceptional degree. Being an unusual and attractive flower of itself, the added factor of the absence of objectionable odor definitely establishes marigold Crown of Gold as decidedly worth while.

Most beautifully colored, and most ideally formed of the "big three" in new marigolds is Golden Eagle. It is of the carnation flowered type, being formed like Guinea Gold, except that the blooms run a little larger. The color—soft golden orange—is much more attractive than the bright, hard color of Guinea Gold. In addition, although not entirely odorless, it is probably as much so as any variety except the new collarette which has just been described.

Still another most attractive marigold is Harmony, the dwarf bicolor, which was reported as exceptional in columns of THE AMERICAN HOME a year ago. A few firms had this fine thing last year, but it was not well enough known to create much fanfare. This season, however, most of the seed growers have the product of large patches of Harmony grown in anticipation of a strong demand. It is particularly valuable because of its even growth and its floriferousness, which make it ideal for borders or bedding. It is a deep rich brown with an orange crest.

As if the four marigolds already mentioned were not enough to make 1937 a "marigold year," there is the added fact that there are still more good ones. These include a new improved strain of the dwarf Royal Scot All-double (brown and gold, striped) which is given Special Mention in the 1937 All-America selections; and a set of chrysanthemum-flowered hybrids to which Dixie Sunshine, one of the novelties of last year, belongs.

Double Nasturtiums in Variety

Next to marigolds in interest come the double nasturtiums. A great many new kinds are on the market, but quite a few have proved too small, not double enough, or imperfect in some such manner. It is important, however, to note that the Dwarf Double (or Globe or Gem) Hybrids are now available in good mixture. These do not grow as tall as the Gleam type, a fact that is very advantageous where dry climates demand much watering, for the Gleams tend to grow too much to foliage when too generously watered.

Most outstanding of the new varieties is Scarlet Emperor, a finely developed scarlet of the dwarf type that gains a unique distinction thanks to the fact that it possesses dark foliage. Golden Globe, the dwarf yellow counterpart of Golden Gleam, and the Dwarf Hybrids are the only others of this type that seem completely "ready." Among the Gleams, the old Golden Gleam, Orange Gleam and Scarlet Gleam, plus, of course, the Hybrids complete the list of double nasturtiums that come fully up to the highest standards.

Snapdragon developments, too, take first rank. Unfortunately testing in 1936 has showed that none of the strains can be considered as close to one hundred per cent rust-proof. Unquestionably, however, the new snapdragons are many times more valuable than the non-resistant type, for,

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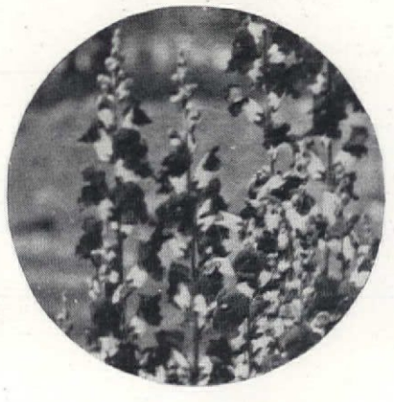
Top: Marigold Gigantea Hybrids. Above: Nasturtium Scarlet Emperor Dwarf Double with dark foliage

Marigold Golden Eagle. In form like Guinea Gold, softer in color



Snapdragon Christmas Candle. Rust-resistant type, very showy—flame-colored with cream tube

except in isolated cases, approximately four out of five plants seemed immune. The resistant seeds are now available in fine colors and come in almost all the various types of snapdragons.

A Showy New Snapdragon

The tallest (maximum) type now includes varieties with blooms and colors every bit as good as those available in the old type, with Christmas Candle perhaps the most striking of all. It is bright flame color, set off by a tube of waxy cream—as showy a snapdragon as one could imagine. Other colors covered in good all-round rust-resistant varieties of the maximum type are copper, yellow, scarlet, bronze, white, and various shades of pink. This type, in the author's opinion, covers the major portion of the uses of snapdragons, excepting the low growing bedding type varieties. Among the bedders, the intensely colored varieties make by far the best showing and, as a result, three new varieties, "Orange Shades," "Red Shades," and "Rose Pink Shades," are probably the most outstanding that have so far been produced.

Left, top: Antirrhinum R. R. Nanum Light Salmon pink. Next: Petunia Dwarf Rose Bedder. Third: Verbena Crimson Glow. At right: Larkspur Lilac King

Bodger Seeds, Ltd.

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Ferry Mo

New developments in zinnias have always been mo welcome, due largely to the fact that zinnias do so well even the hottest regions. The new Lilliput (pompon) Past Shades mixture will, therefore, be particularly worth-whil This type has previously been available in a general mi ture in many separate colors, but the new mixture includ new and delicate shades not available before. In the lar zinnias, the Crown o' Gold type, introduced several se sons ago, is probably the most outstanding. The flowe are most distinctive, due to the "crown." The petals of ea flower are bi-colored, the second color being in the san range as the first, but of a much yellower tone, as if pi ments of yellow had been added. The effect is most a tractive, and certainly "different."

Other common annuals in which improvements of no have been made are larkspur, phlox, eschscholtzia (Ca fornia poppy), verbena, and stock. White King is a fi new larkspur, showing improvement in form over oth whites. It is another special mention variety in the 19 All-America selections and belongs to the recently deve oped Giant Imperial, or base-branching type. Lilac Ki is not quite as well branched as White King, but neverth less merits a great deal of praise because it is finer in col than any other lilac toned larkspur.

In phlox, the new dwarf variety Sunrise is most attra tive. It is pink in color, and the blooms are large. La year's introduction, Phlox Gigantea Art Shades, also fine, having fully lived up to expectations. Its blooms ha been large, its colors most pleasing, and its growth vigoro

A California Poppy from England

Of the California poppies, the new variety Dazzler really striking. Produced, not in California but in Englan

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Left: Marigold Crown of Gold, the first known marigold with odorless foliage. Gold medal winner in the All-America seed list for 1937

PRIVATE PLAYGROUND for young children

Kenneth Dudley Smith

THOMAS ROBERT EDWARDS, JR.

MANY TIMES thoughtful parents have "pulled up their tent stakes" in the city and moved to the suburbs for the express purpose of providing their children with better surroundings in which to live—purer air to breathe, better companions to play with, and more room to romp in, without the fear of automobiles dashing by at neck breaking speed, their drivers apparently heedless of the children's safety.

Perhaps you are one of those parents who, burning your city bridges behind you, acquired a piece of ground about a quarter or a third of an acre in extent, and proceeded to erect a home on it, or, perhaps you bought a lot with a house already built. In either event, the question of back yard protection and seclusion immediately came up and the necessary provisions had to be made.

With children just a step or two above the infant stage, your line fences had to be made practically rabbit-proof, if you were to be sure that your young and venturesome explorers didn't get lost in the jungles of a neighbor's garden. But if, as is true in so many instances, the front and back yards on a spacious lot were really one continuous yard, your troubles began.

In the first place, the Ancient and Honorable but Careless Fraternity of Door-to-Door Canvassers seems to take a fiendish delight in leaving front gates open. So do some of the nicest guests. The Affiliated Order of Delivery Boys practices the same ritual at the back entrance; they never forget to leave it open. And if you don't happen to have gates at all—well, it's better to keep the children in the house most of the time, if you don't want them in the street!

In the second place, the highly important element of your family's

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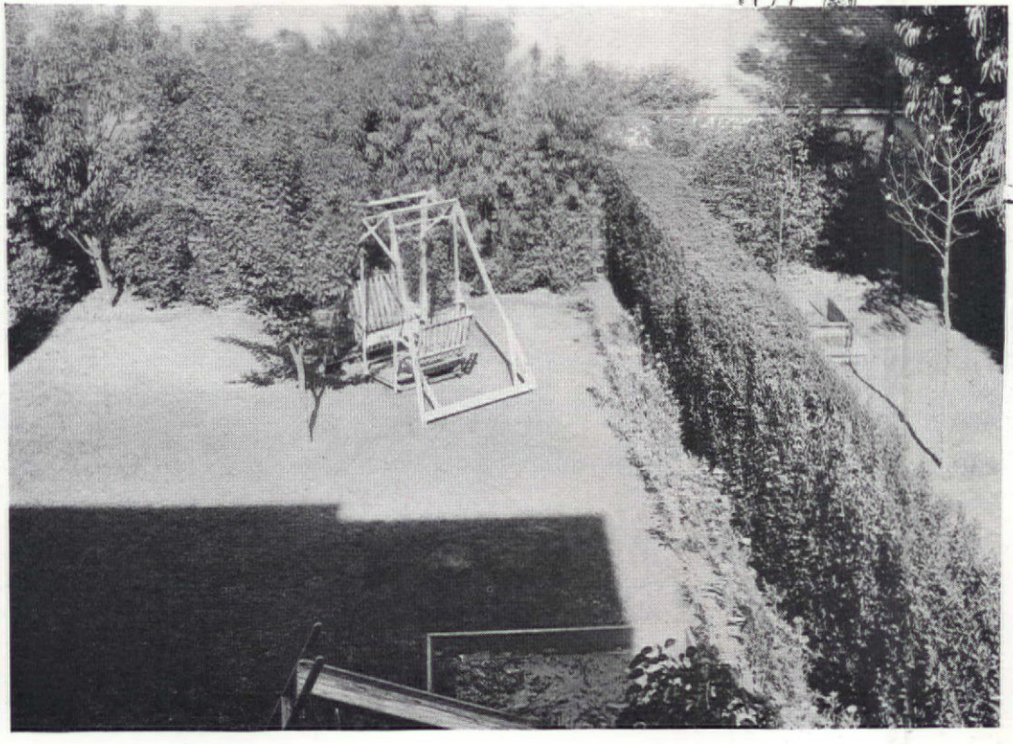

A children's play yard, closed in as it should be. Extreme left, gate from front yard. Right of hedge, service yard, available also for children's rough-and-tumble use, screened from view at ground level. At top: Ladder approach to treehouse

Key to diagram

1. Gate separating front and back yards
2. Garden swing
3. Wading pool
4. Tree house
5. Incinerator, for burning rubbish
6. Clothestree
7. Sandbox
8. Edge of stepping stones
9. Pathway through front yard
10. Screened porch, used as service entrance
11. Back gate

4 remedies for that old "I can't find paper"

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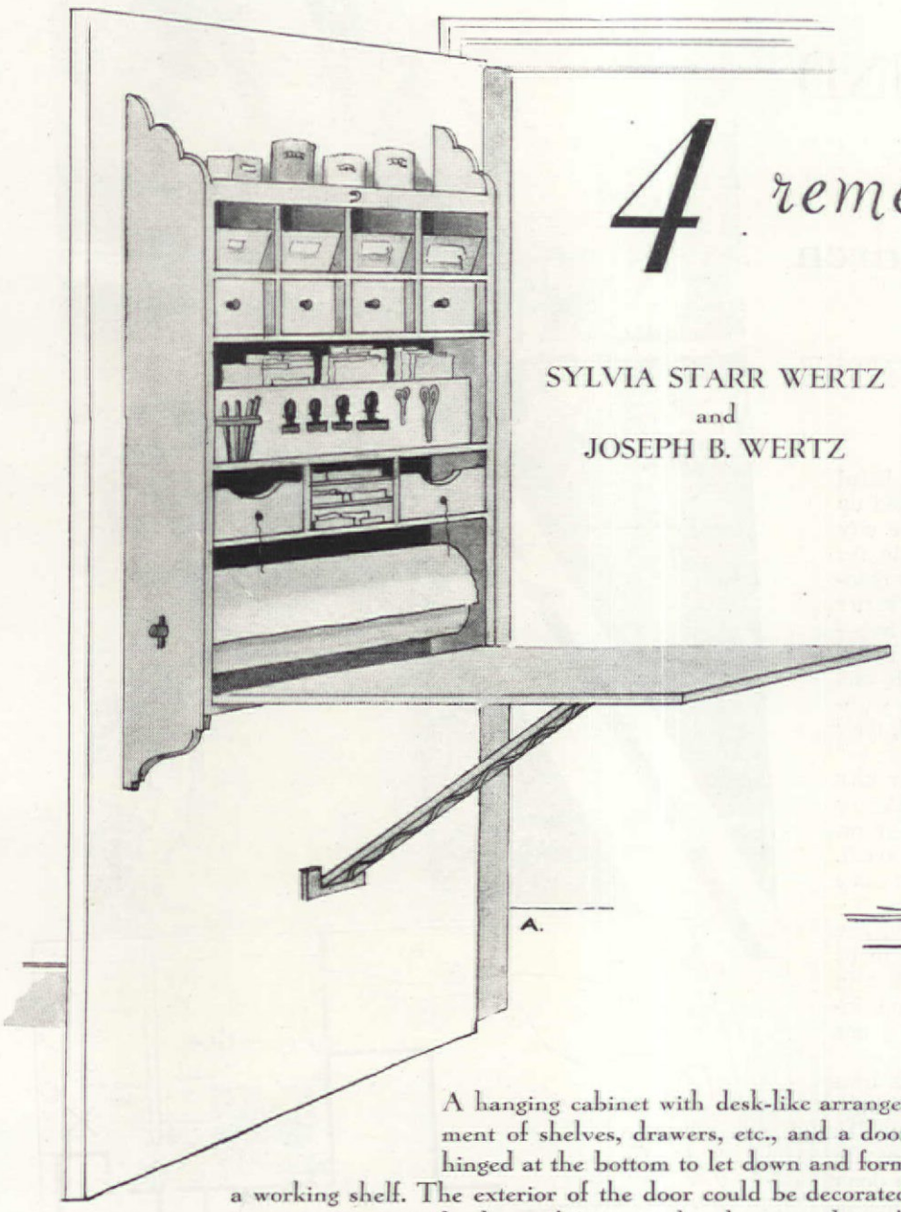
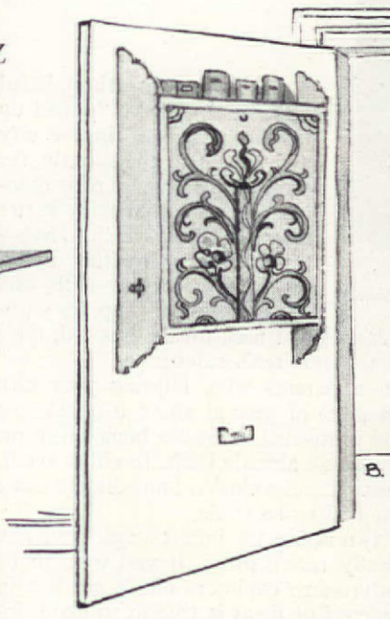
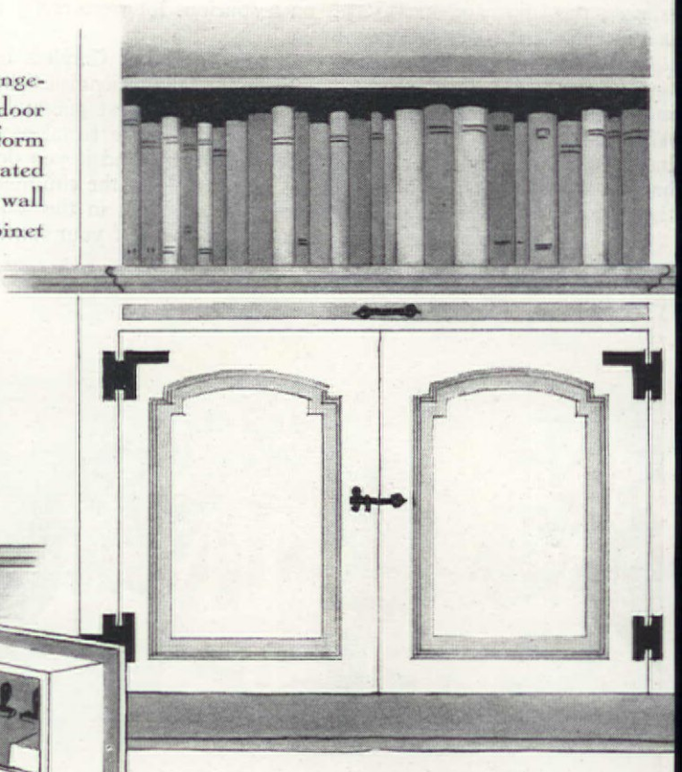


A hanging cabinet with desk-like arrangement of shelves, drawers, etc., and a door hinged at the bottom to let down and form a working shelf. The exterior of the door could be decorated to present a spot of color and interest when hung on the wall of the hall, if this proved a convenient location for cabinet



This sketch shows the cab net closed with a suggestio for the decoration of th door in simple peasant typ of design. If the woode prop is not permanent hinged to the door but made to be removed an slipped into slots to rest un der the bottom of the cab net, a smaller spot of desig not incorporating the pro in its center, even a fami coat of arms, might be use



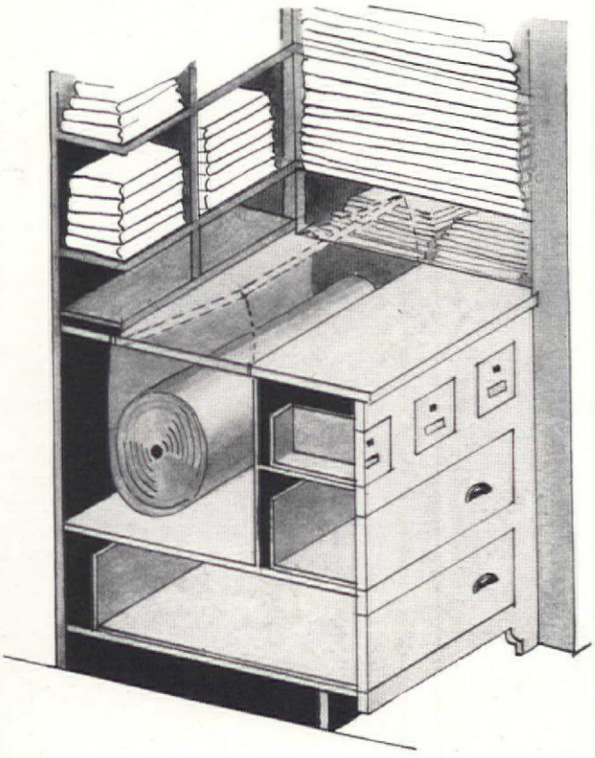
Above: Cupboard space behind closed door under a built-in bookcase. At left: The door open to disclose folded pieces of wrapping pape ranged behind slats with easily accessible hang ing shelves for string and other necessities o the backs of the doors. A roll of paper could b hung on a rod and substituted for slat holde

household complaint and string"

HAVE you ever congratulated yourself because you were forehanded enough to have someone's birthday or anniversary present long in advance of the date, only to get the package off late after all, accompanied by an apologetic note reading something like this:

"Dearest Mabel: This little gift for you has been waiting in my closet a month or more and I am desolate at having it arrive late. Really there is no excuse at all except that I've been *so* busy! . . . etc., etc."

That sort of thing was continually happening to us—to our great mortification—till we decided there must be some reason for this strange apathy in the matter of "getting around" to getting packages off. Actually there are plenty of understandable though not very good reasons why people fail to send things off on time and why so often we suffer the chagrin of having to apologize for the hasty, haphazard manner in which something we did intend as an exquisitely gracious gesture, is really presented.



Literally we do have to get around so much in order to send off the smallest parcel, for unless it has been boxed and wrapped as a gift by experts at the store where you got it, you are faced with the exigency of getting fresh tissue paper, of finding or buying sufficient ribbon and a proper box, and then unearthing some presentable wrapping paper and some cardboard (probably from the last laundry package)—(or the heterogeneous collection in the kitchen drawer); and last but not least—not least, you've got to round up enough of the right kind of cord to secure the outer wrapping adequately. Maybe you are lucky enough to have some leftovers from Christmas wrappings that are not too obviously red and green or gaudy for other seasons but, even so, the little matter of getting those gifts done up neatly and ready to mail remains as an ordeal which, like such inevitable unpleasantnesses as getting up in the morning or going to the dentist, we are prone to put off till we are forced into it. There is no convenient place to do the wrapping except perhaps the dining room table and it is such a nuisance to keep moving things on and off it between meals. The tissue is usually downstairs and the ribbon is up, and maybe there isn't *quite* enough paper to go around or we find we've just run out of twine and so the packaging process gets sidetracked till it's past time and too late for the little gift to make its decorous and punctual bow.

Getting packages off is something like writing letters. If you've a nice convenient desk in your room and a good ink-filled pen and some swank new stationery, it's easy to sit down and use it efficiently and promptly. So if there were some sort of wrapping kit, or desk or closet, easy of access and holding all the necessities for doing up parcels with neatness and dispatch, how elegant it would be—not only at holiday and rush seasons (and just after the children have gone back to school)—but all the year around when miscellaneous emergencies continually pop up.

Accordingly, we planned a portable wrapping rack, much like a magazine rack which could easily be carried from room to room or stored away in a closet. Also a hanging cupboard with a door that opens downward and can be propped to form a table top for working space. This could hang almost anywhere, in hall, or laundry, or on the inside of the coat or linen closet door. Perhaps you already have

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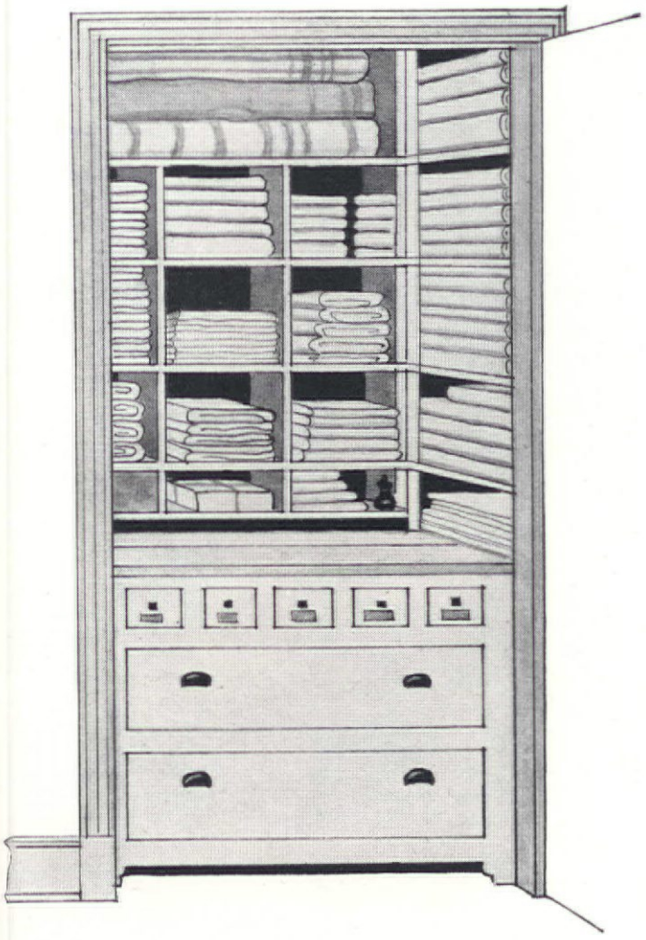

A combination linen and wrapping closet. The small drawers at top of bureau are to hold pencils, tags, string, etc., while the top of the bureau, placed at a convenient working level, opens up in the center to allow quick access to the roll of wrapping paper. Sketch at left gives a cross section of the hinged top bureau showing the depth of the drawers and the position of the roll of paper

Portable rack to hold tissue and odd pieces of folded paper in the center, with four small deep drawers for balls of twine, tags, etc., and a rod across the bottom to hold a roll of heavy wrapping paper

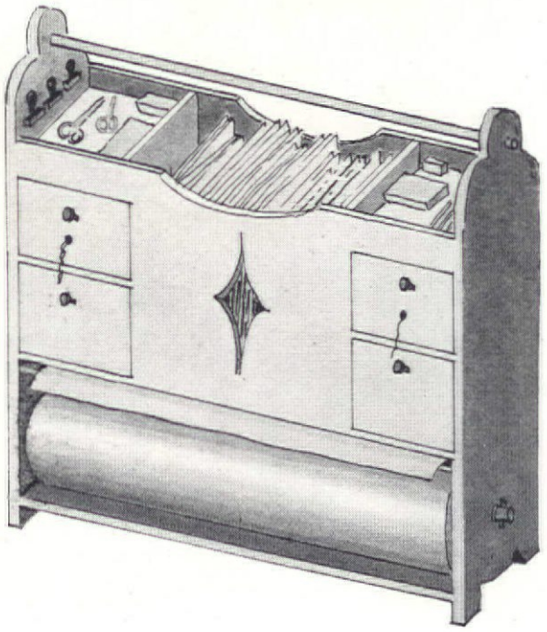

TABLE LINEN—that isn't linen

MARTHA WIRT DAVIS

NEXT time your dining room or breakfast room table needs a new costum don't go straight to the linen counter. Wander around first in the yard goo and drapery departments and imagine your table dressed up in some of t delightful and inexpensive materials you will see there. The result will surpri you. Table costumes have graduated—if you want to call it that—from t white damask linen class and are now doing post graduate work in all sor of materials, colors, and patterns.

Even though your budget isn't large, there's no reason why your table should look festive and gay. Of course, table costumes should be selected so that the harmonize with your dishes, your silver, your dining room as a whole.

For instance, the cloth in Fig. 7 was designed for a set of brown and oran Franciscan pottery. It is made of natural color monk's cloth, which can usual be obtained in a variety of widths to fit almost any size table. The edges both cloth and napkins were fringed and then overcast with brown yarn. A simp design in yarn forms the border and also the corner decorations of the napkin It isn't necessary to have a pattern for this sort of thing. You can block out design on paper, marking the paper off first in small squares, or you can expe ment on another piece of the material. After you have your design fairly well mind, start at the exact center of each side and work both ways to the end Monk's cloth in almost any color goes particularly well with wooden dishes, to

In a lighter mood is the brown dotted swiss set pictured in Fig. 2. Crisp a dainty with its simple white rickrack trimming, it can be used with a variety china or glass dishes. Immensely practical, too, as far as laundering goes.

Even more inexpensive is the red figured dimity set, Fig. 8. Red bias tape for the trimming. The corners are cut in scallops and one corner of each napkin scalloped to match—particularly nice for summer use.

Polka dots go over in a large way on tables. The lunch cloth in Fig. 3 has b tan, brown, and orange ones with a wide border of dark brown to set them and keep them from monopolizing all the attention. And notice, please, the lit buttons in each corner. Frivolous? Perhaps, but they're most novel and attracti There's a tiny button in the visible corner of each napkin, too. The material nothing more than a good quality percale.

Figured percale in three shades of blue makes the set in Fig. 1, designed for set of white china dishes—very crisp and sprightly.

For something a little unusual and thoroughly practical in the party line, recommend the rainbow set in Fig. 9. It's made of cotton crepe in various past shades. The cloth is peach and the napkins each a different color—blue, gree rose and yellow. The edges are fringed, with the corner threads whipped togeth to prevent raveling, and there's a very simple design run along with bla embroidery floss. Altogether an effective set. Since crepe requires no ironing, you have to do after washing this set is to shake the pieces out well and ha them to dry. Various combinations of colors can be used in this way.

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RUTH CORBIN EWING

"Say—it doesn't look bad!"

OUR new home was finished, and the builder, giving a last appraising look at the rooms he had constructed for us, said wistfully, "I've built a good house for you. What I wish is that it might be furnished in a really fine way to set it off." This wish was echoed in my own heart, but I knew that it could not be fulfilled, at least for many years. We had just set out an orchard of three thousand trees, and there was yet an evergreen nursery to be started; so our finances, in regard to new rugs and furniture, were taking a protracted bank holiday.

This we explained to the builder, who was disappointed but understanding, and we began to cast about in our minds for some magic way to solve this problem of furnishing our home without much expense. As ours is a country house with Colonial flavor, we resolved to use some of the good old pieces of furniture that were being offered at rural sales in our community, where the owners were moving to town, or estates were being settled. So it was decided that we would practice the economy of doing them over ourselves.

A guide and inspiration to us in this venture were the simpler interiors pictured in the current magazines, and then, too, we were fortunate in having clever friends who were generous with their talents. One friend showed us how to refinish woods; another, how to polychrome mirror frames; and still another taught me to make slip-covers and hooked rugs.

Our first acquisition was the chest of drawers in the dining room. Ketterlinus has said that 'people do not buy antiques, they pick them up.' So I will say that we picked up the chest

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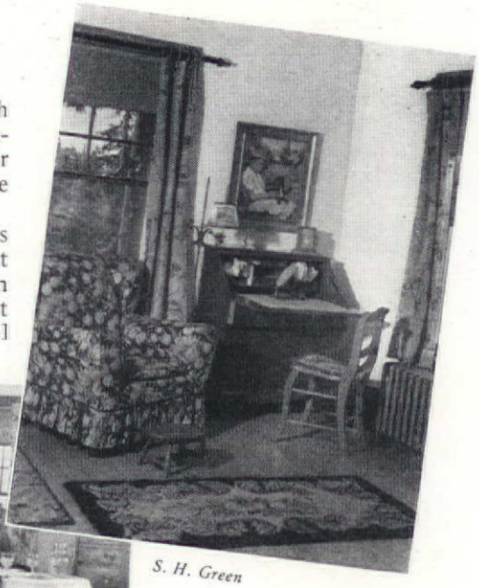

S. H. Green

Old furniture was brought back to its original beauty, hooked rugs were introduced (the one at the top made by the author), bits of old pottery and glass were collected—and the house became an attractive and livable home

PLAN AHEAD
for your flower show

FRANCES HANNAY

Early in the garden club season, thoughts begin to turn to the Annual Flower Show, and invariably the dominant desire seems to be to have something new and different. Variety being the spice of life, it is natural that club members should strive for new features, and perhaps the most interesting opportunities for change, aside from the general staging plan, are in the creation of new classes. It should be the aim of the classification committee to provide a schedule which contains novelties and new styles and methods of flower arrangement. If the classifications are decided upon months in advance, it is well to give the members an idea of the schedule, as most amateur exhibitors prefer to have a chance to accustom themselves to new ideas of arrangement and to experiment with their flowers and containers.

The best way to inform members of innovations is to include them in the programs from time to time. For instance, if a schedule reads "Arrangements in the Victorian Manner," a member might be selected to give a talk on Victorian Flower Arrangement, touching on the different practices and plant material which distinguished that period. Another carefully chosen member might be asked to arrange, for the same meeting, a certain number of authentic types of Victorian flower containers to illustrate the high points of the talk. Thus, prospective exhibitors would be informed, and enabled to interpret, by means of their exhibits, the correct method of Victorian flower arrangement. Other programs, if desired, might deal with "Modernistic," "French," or "Japanese" types of arrangements, and the same procedure be followed in bringing out and illustrating the leading features. There is no doubt that careful planning would improve our flower shows and that by it many mistakes made both in general arrangement and details could be avoided.

A classification that is seldom seen, but which never fails to attract a fascinated audience, is that of "Bubble Bouquets," a form of submerged flower arrangement in which the blossoms are outlined with infinitesimal bubbles which look like tiny pearls. Directions for preparing such arrangements are to be found in one of the bulletins of the Missouri Botanical Society at St. Louis. The reading of these directions might be included in a program, together with the actual arrangement of several bowls to illustrate the use and effect of different flowers.

Another interesting class might be called "Arrangements in Uniform Containers." The vases used—usually bought by the club—should be inexpensive but of desirable shape, preferably of an urn type. Twelve or more are obtained and loaned or sold to the members who wish to compete in the class. It is very enlightening to see how the different women transform the same vases with the use of various plant material. In the same manner, classes calling for arrangements in "Milk Glass Containers" or "Copper Luster Pitchers," furnish new ideas and attract considerable attention because of the exhibitor's originality. "All White Arrangements," using white flowers in white containers, make interesting exhibits, especially when placed in front of an effective background. "Cornucopia" classes have hitherto been included in but few schedules and deserve to be used more, for they provide a wide scope for variety and originality in the arrangement of flowers and, particularly, trailing vines. "Pairs of Vases," invite new ideas, especially when specified for mantel decoration or use on a definite piece of furniture. "Arrangements with Trays as a Background" makes an unusual and effective class and suggests an interesting use for a favorite tray or an old china platter. A distinctive, though not necessarily new, classification that never fails to elicit admiration and that frequently produces new combinations is "Arrangements in Shades of One Color." The prize winner in this class in one show was an exquisite combination of light blue hydrangeas and vividly deep blue Chinese delphiniums in a white Lennox container. The effect was really breathtaking in its loveliness. "Arrangements using Reflectors" provide the hostess with many new and unusual ways of using flowers with mirrors.

A most important preparation for flower shows, and one all too often overlooked, is the dissemination of information regarding the handling of cut flowers so as to keep them in good condition. A talk on this subject might well be included in some winter program of every garden club, as

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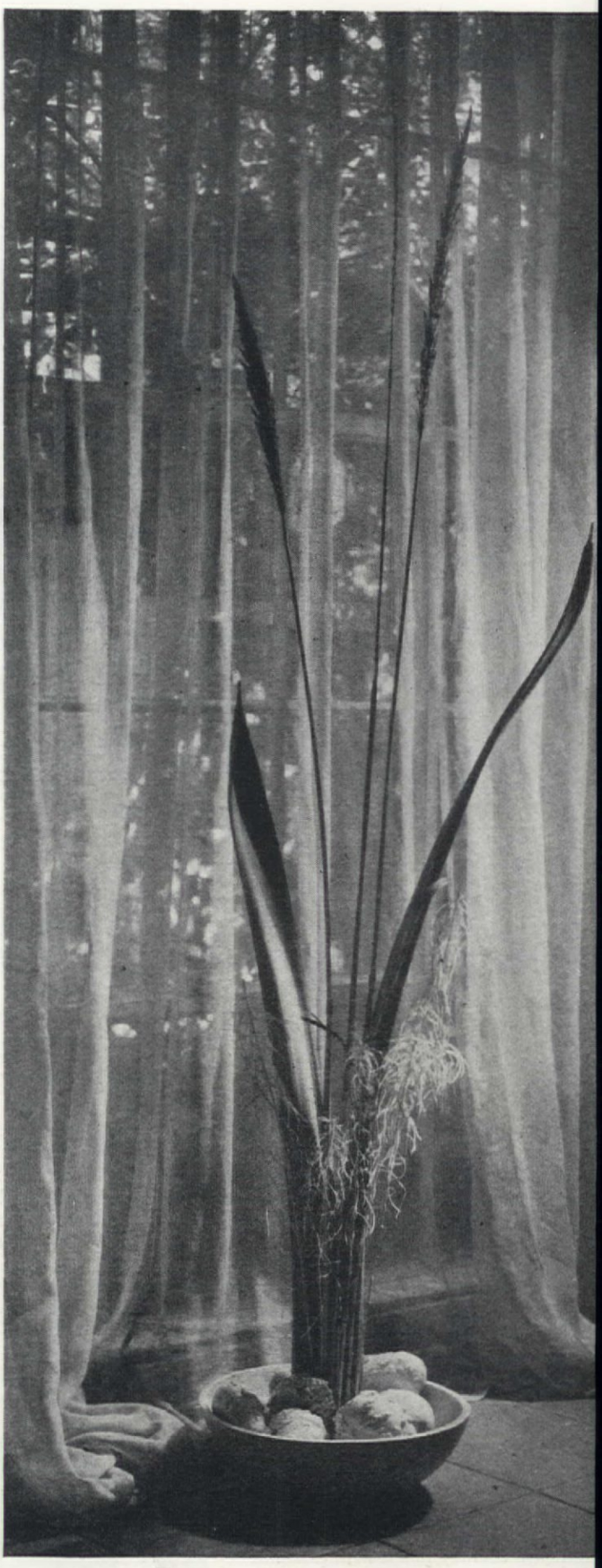

From the Stud
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GOURDS
as decoration

Clare Cronenwett suggests—

GOURDS IN FLOOR ARRANGEMENT

Tall wayside grasses held with the casings of the palm blossom and balanced by a group of white gourds are arranged as a floor composition (at left). The bowl is a wooden mixing bowl which has been carefully finished and waxed. The soft bleached fluffy foliage is a cluster of the wild California mustard. Gourds from the International Gourd Society.

CONTAINERS FOR THE LITTLE ARTIST

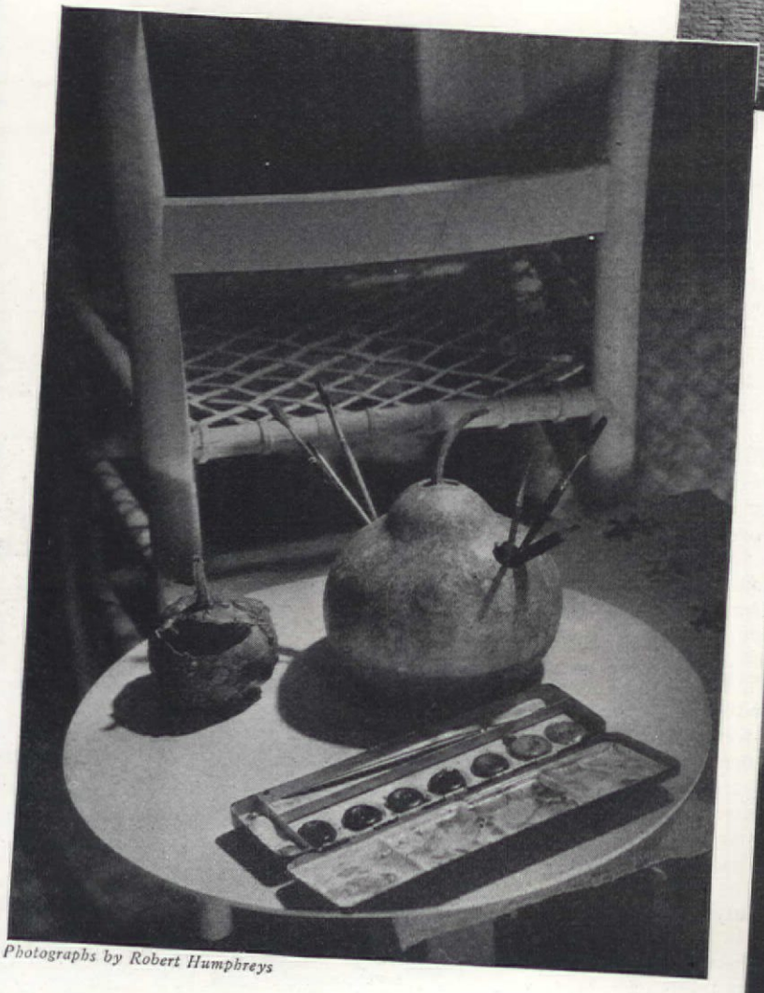
Dried well and then chiseled out are the two little gourd containers, below, for the child's paint table. One gourd holds the paint brushes, the other gourd holds water. Do they not make a quaint little group and wouldn't they inspire the small Miss who owned them to paint a picture?

HOSPITALITY AT THE STUDIO DOOR

On a hook by the studio entrance hangs a long slender gourd filled with near-by mountain wild buckwheat, jacaranda seed pods (brown and hard), and a few grasses of the wild oats that have weathered. In a smaller gourd which hangs on a hook above the other is a pad with pencil attached, ready for the visitor who comes when no one is at home.

GARDEN TEXTURES

As a background setting, one large Japanese rice paper leaf is used in the arrangement in the lower right corner. It is a soft yellow in color and is just turning at the edges into a brown pattern. Gorgeous yellow and orange squash and gourds fill the bowl. For variation of texture, clusters of ball-like seed heads of the common garden leek are used. The leek is related to the onion, and is dramatic in flower and seed stages. The bowl is hand-turned pottery, yellow-white in color.



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MILDRED NORTON ANDREWS

Jessie Tarbox Beals

Styling the strawberry jar

STRAWBERRY jars are diverting in both their striking shapes and their various textures. They have been designed to swing, to perch, to dominate, to accent. There are even ingenious adaptations of the utilitarian barrel, with pompous ears or retiring pockets rather than mere holes bored through commonplace staves.

Comments are apt to be caustic when inhabitants of pocket-jars, purchased because of fad, ooze unhealthily out of soil niches or rise in the air without reason and with no thought of rhyme. But garden persons who have acquired the knack of individual plant arrangements refuse to consider excoriations. Interior decorators, as well, can learn to know plants when the glory of the receptacle depends upon the contents. When the contents are styled to the best interests of the jar, and the receptacle to its surroundings, there is no cramming of contemptuous vegetation and rarely a descent to the lowly status of a mere ash receiver or catchall.

Plain garden strawberries will enjoy a change from frozen or frosted soil to the warmth of the house. The variety selected must be self-fertile if flowers and fruit are to follow. Senator Dunlap is a familiar example, but there are others as noted in catalogs. Blossoms and berries may be enticingly simultaneous on overbearing types, providing a novelty agreeable to see and to taste in mid-winter.

Almost as amiable as Fragaria, the strawberry, are other plants with similar stoloniferous habits. Saxifraga sarmentosa, the "strawberry geranium," sends forth new beings like rosettes or daring bows, and the downy leaves and tiny plants dangle picturesquely for a long time if the parents are well-rooted. It is easy to feed them with modern plant "pills" or other convenient soluble foods—but don't overdo it. Bright light seems to deepen the magenta coloring of the leaves. If conditions are changed by altering draperies, lowering or raising shades, or moving the jar, the magenta may become maroon, wine, or plum. Aquamarine or clear yellow backgrounds set off these tones to advantage.

Well-groomed containers attract dainty trailers such as Campanula isophylla, C. isophylla alba, or C. fragilis. The frail flowers are more effective in black or green pottery than in rough brown receptacles in

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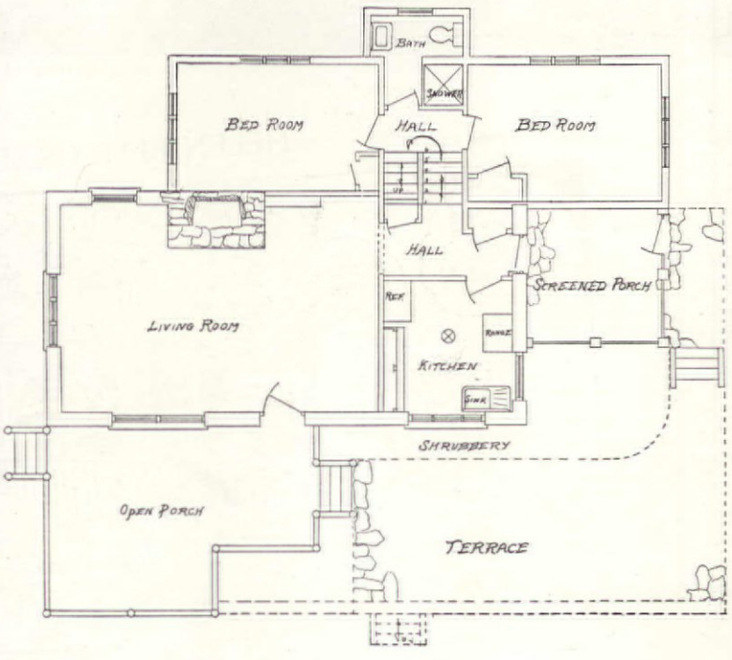
Cabin on Candlewood Isle, Conn.

The lodge of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Chafee



Harmoniously adapted to its hillside woodsy setting is this stone and rustic lodge in Connecticut. It is unusual in its detail, and is equipped for comfortable living. Paul Woytowick was the architect

ESCAPE COTTAGES

for Californians who want "to get away from it all"

Waters & Hainlin Stud

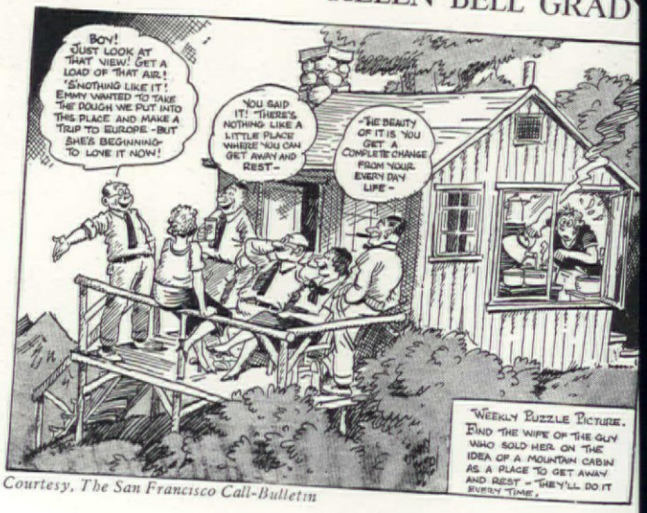
DOWN the Peninsula from San Francisco under the tall redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains, or beneath the wide spreading live oaks of the Palo Alto foothills, an increasingly large number of rustic cabins are being built by city dwellers who want "to get away from it all."

Across the Bay in Marin County, more and more houses of the week-end type are springing up on the thickly wooded slopes of Mount Tamalpais where world famous vistas and rural settings lure people out of town. Twenty minutes over the hills from Berkeley and Oakland is Orinda, once a famous rancho of the Spanish period—now locale for numerous cottages of urbanites who spend all week in apartments or in homes on congested city streets, and their week-ends in rustic blessedness.

"Escape" cottages is the term applied to all of these out-of-town houses which are so popular in this part of California. Whether they be shack or lean-to, log cabin or well-planned house, they are meeting the needs of many people who feel that life in the city is so strenuous during the week that on Saturdays and Sundays they must hie themselves to the hills as a means of escape from the daily routine.

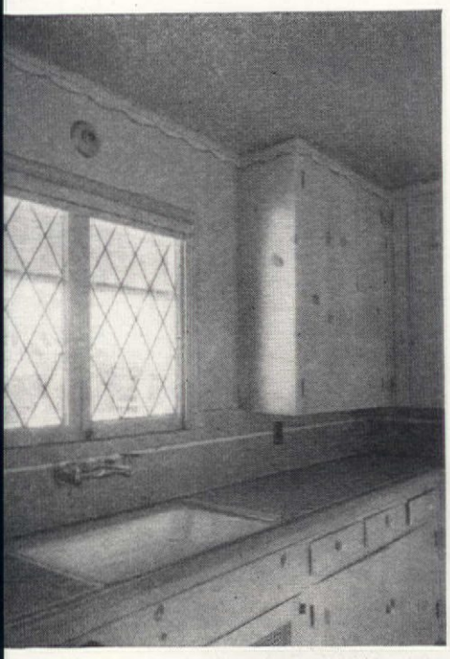
Of special interest to those who are considering building such a retreat is the development of a new type of "escape" cottage at Orinda. Here, small white houses are springing up, attractively designed from an architectural standpoint, efficiently planned so that housework is at a minimum

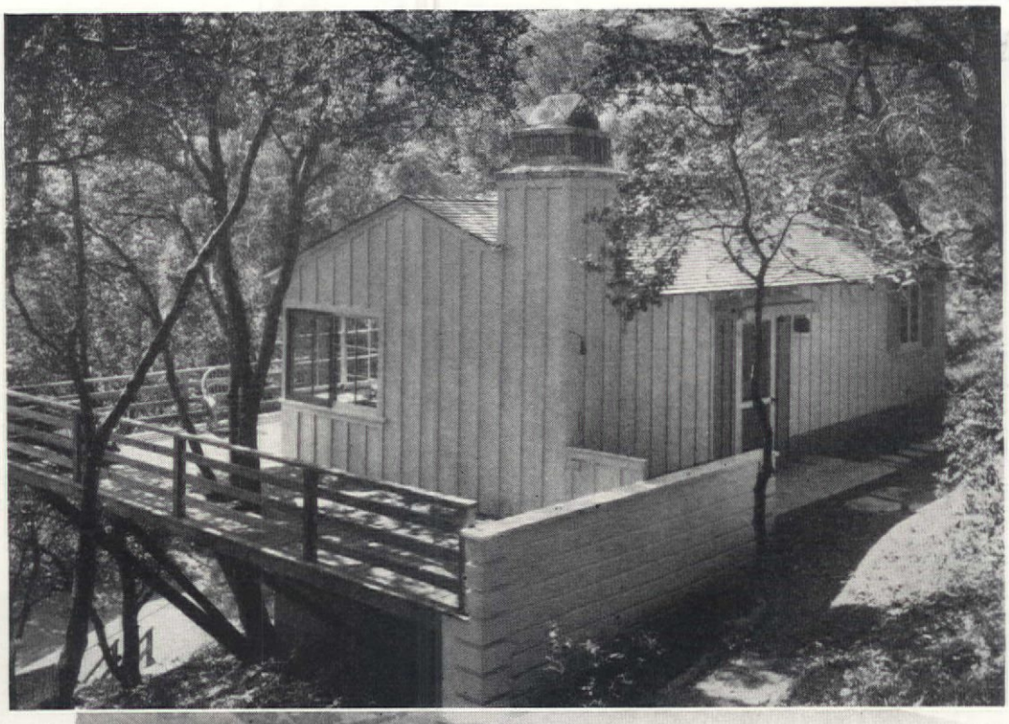
HELEN BELL GRAD



Courtesy, The San Francisco Call-Bulletin

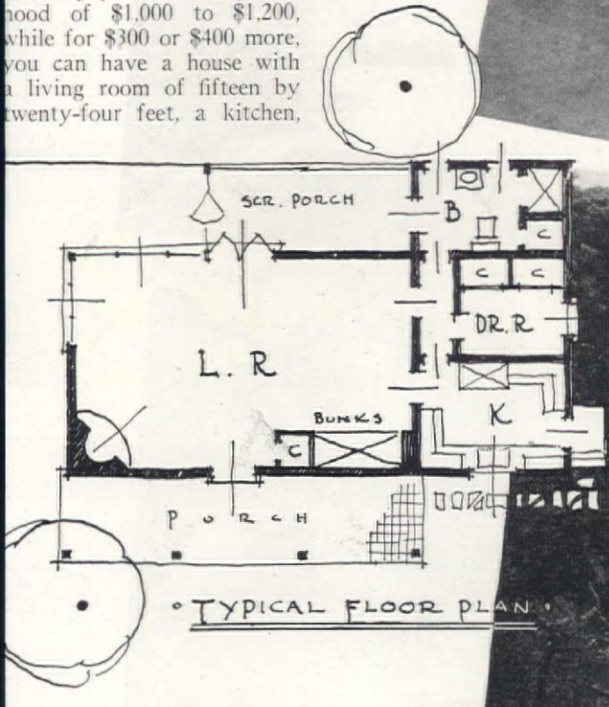
Mr. Confer planned this kitchen for one of his Orinda "escape" cottages. Waxed knotty pine is used for all the cupboards





and sturdily built so that they may be used not only for week-ends and summer vacations, but for all-year-round living. They are supplanting the old-fashioned mountain hide-away with its lack of plan and utter disregard of housekeeping conveniences.

The reason for their popularity is that they can be built at a cost slightly higher than an ordinary cabin. For a cabin, you would pay in the neighborhood of $1,000 to $1,200, while for $300 or $400 more, you can have a house with a living room of fifteen by twenty-four feet, a kitchen,



TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN

Perched high on a hillside overlooking a wooded canyon is the house where Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Small "escape" on week-ends and for summer vacations

Beneath the wide porch on the first floor of the Guerard house is a terrace much used and enjoyed as additional outdoor living space

bedroom or dressing room, bath, porches to serve for outdoor living rooms, and a garage. The houses are constructed so that you can add additional rooms when needed.

Frederick L. Confer, a young Berkeley architect, is the person responsible for the new trend in house planning and construction. His houses are so designed that they are adaptable for use in any part of the country and their simplicity will appeal to lovers of attractive homes everywhere.

Because pleasing surroundings provide as much of an escape in winter as in summer, these houses are built so that you are just as comfortable on cold, rainy days as in the warm weather. So many mountain cabins are decidedly gloomy and depressing on dark, damp days, but these houses with their cheerful interiors are used as much in one season as another.

There is something to be said about the country house that is small and compact and just meets the needs of the family as do these. They are entirely adequate for entertaining daytime guests who run out from town, but the fact that the living room is not crammed full of beds as are the living rooms of most

ountry houses, precludes the hazards f well meaning but long staying uests who come for over night but emain for the rest of their two weeks' acation period.

The floor plan shown has been used n the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Guerard, Miss Anna Fraser, and Mr. nd Mrs. A. V. Small. A description f the Guerard house will serve as an xample of what can be done.

The exterior resembles the early California ranch house type in its construction. This style is especially appropriate for this part of the country, s Orinda with its rich historical tradition makes a structure of this architectural pattern tie past and present effectively together. White vertical siding for the walls, rust red shingles and shutters and trim of royal blue are enough to convince you that this is not the ordinary type of "escape" cottage. A red brick porch provides an effective contrast to the blue door.

The living room, fifteen by twenty-four feet, gives the feeling of space because of the ridge ceiling with the rafters exposed. To cut down costs, Mr. Confer allows the under side of the wood roof to serve as the ceiling. It is covered with cold water paint in a soft blue. From the tie beams [*Please turn to page 881*

CABINS WAY DOWN SOUTH

I. Smoky Mountain architecture in Asheville, N. C. uses square chestnut logs

SINCE the announcement by the Federal Government that the Great Smoky Mountains were to be made into a National Park, quite an interest has been manifested in the use of local native building materials, native labor and native craftsmen, in the erection of homes in the vicinity of Asheville, North Carolina.

"Lonesome Pine," the home of Col. G. J. Nicholson, is erected of square chestnut logs. The logs were sawed out six inches thick by six, eight, and ten inches wide, and then adzed on the job. These logs are from sound trees which were killed by the chestnut blight and have shown much less cracking or splitting than the round poplar logs used

The Plateau Studios

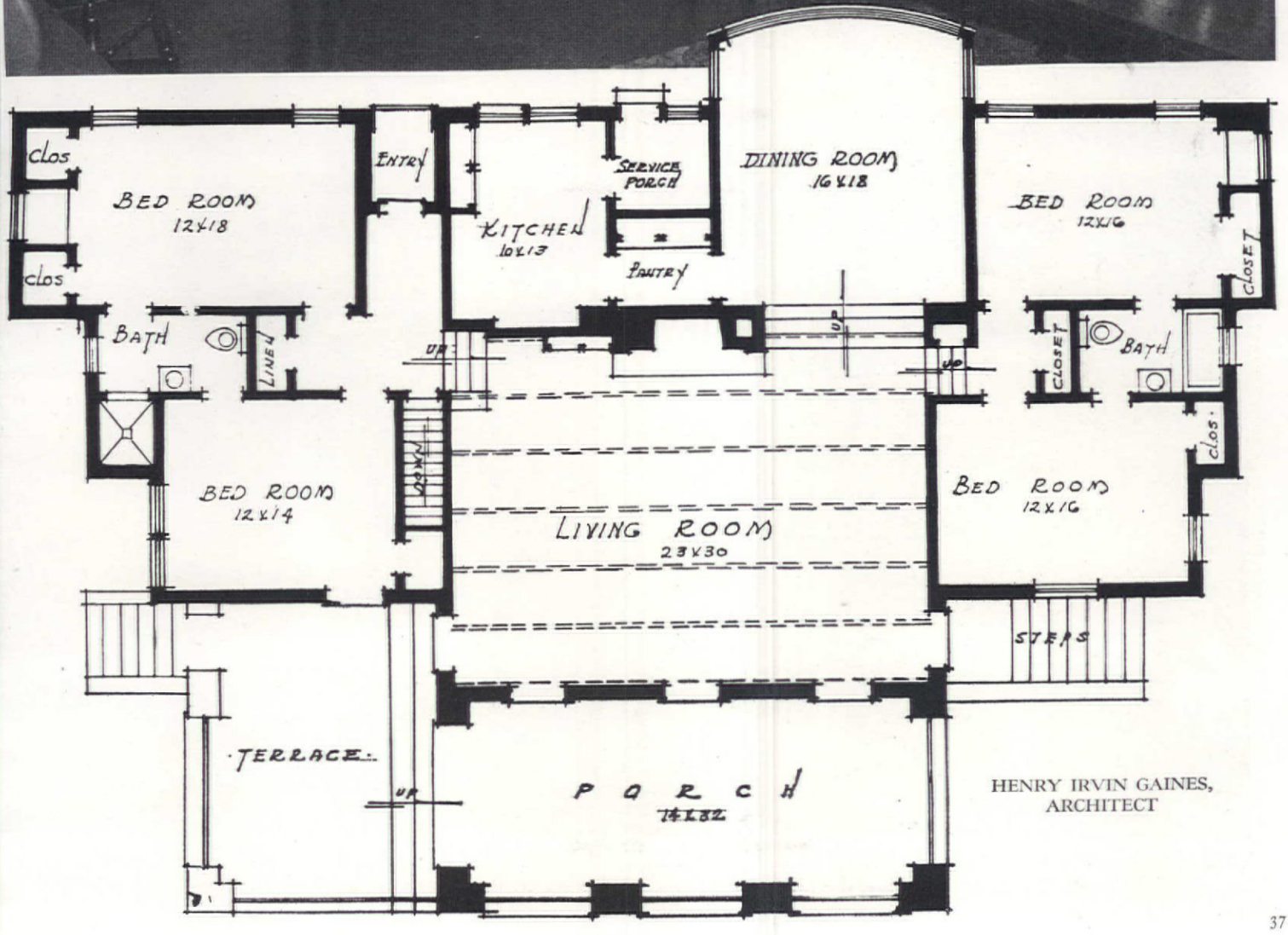
The living and dining rooms are paneled in native white pine. Note the interesting details such as fireplace treatment, built-in bookcase, and handling of windows in the dining bay shown in photos below and opposite

in other near-by houses built of inferior log

The interior of the house is plastered on woo studs turned flat against the log walls. The chinkin between the logs was done with metal lath an cement plaster. No finish of any kind was applie to the exterior of these logs, rather they were wisel left in all their natural rustic beauty.

All the furnishings in this home are lovely bu simple, in keeping with the informal atmosphere o the house itself, yet no detail of comfort or homines has been overlooked. Large easy chairs and an ope fireplace stand ever ready to welcome anyone wh wishes to do a bit of reading or a bit of "jest settin.

As shown in the photograph on the opposite page windows extend across one entire side of the dinin bay, making this a delightfully sunny and cheerfu room in which to gather around the festive board

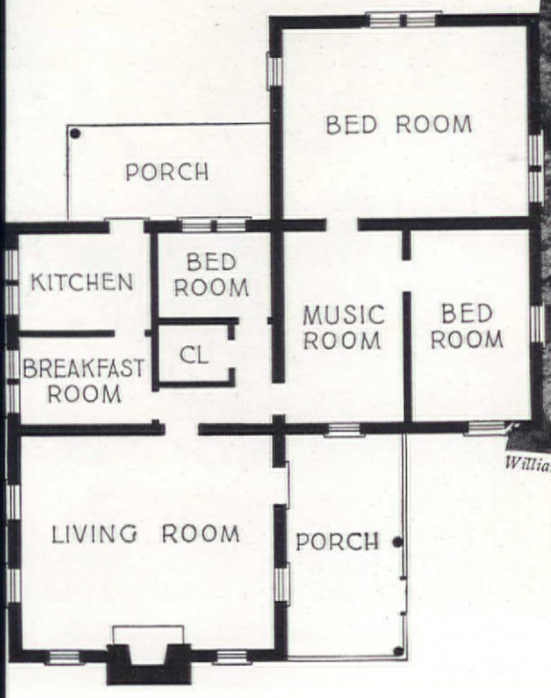


HENRY IRVIN GAINES,
ARCHITECT

View of the spacious living room in cabin of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Tyndale. Here, before the glowing fireplace where a couch and large easy chair offer hospitable welcome, the family and friends gather on cool summer evenings for a chat or a bit of reading

II. Cabin 10 miles from downtown Atlanta, Georgia

The cabin retreat of
Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Tyndale



William Dunn Studios

Constructed of Georgia pine logs and chinked with a combination of red clay, white sand, and cement, this cabin is built on the side of a hill with a lovely rock garden facing the front entrance. Living room, kitchen, breakfast room, music room, large bedroom, and a small bedroom constitute the comfortable interior

III. The Roanoke, Virginia, home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Fishburn

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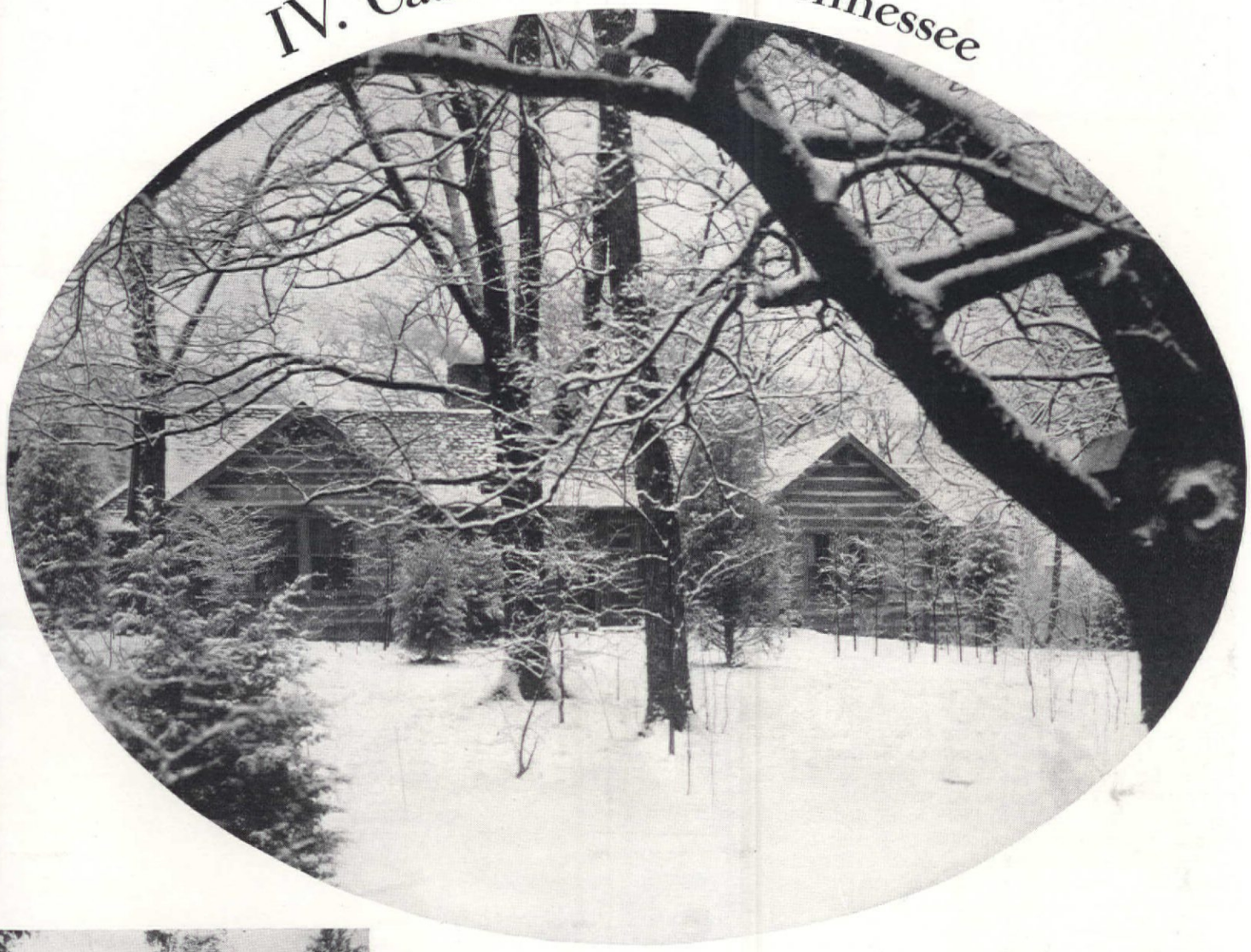
IV. Cabin down in Tennessee



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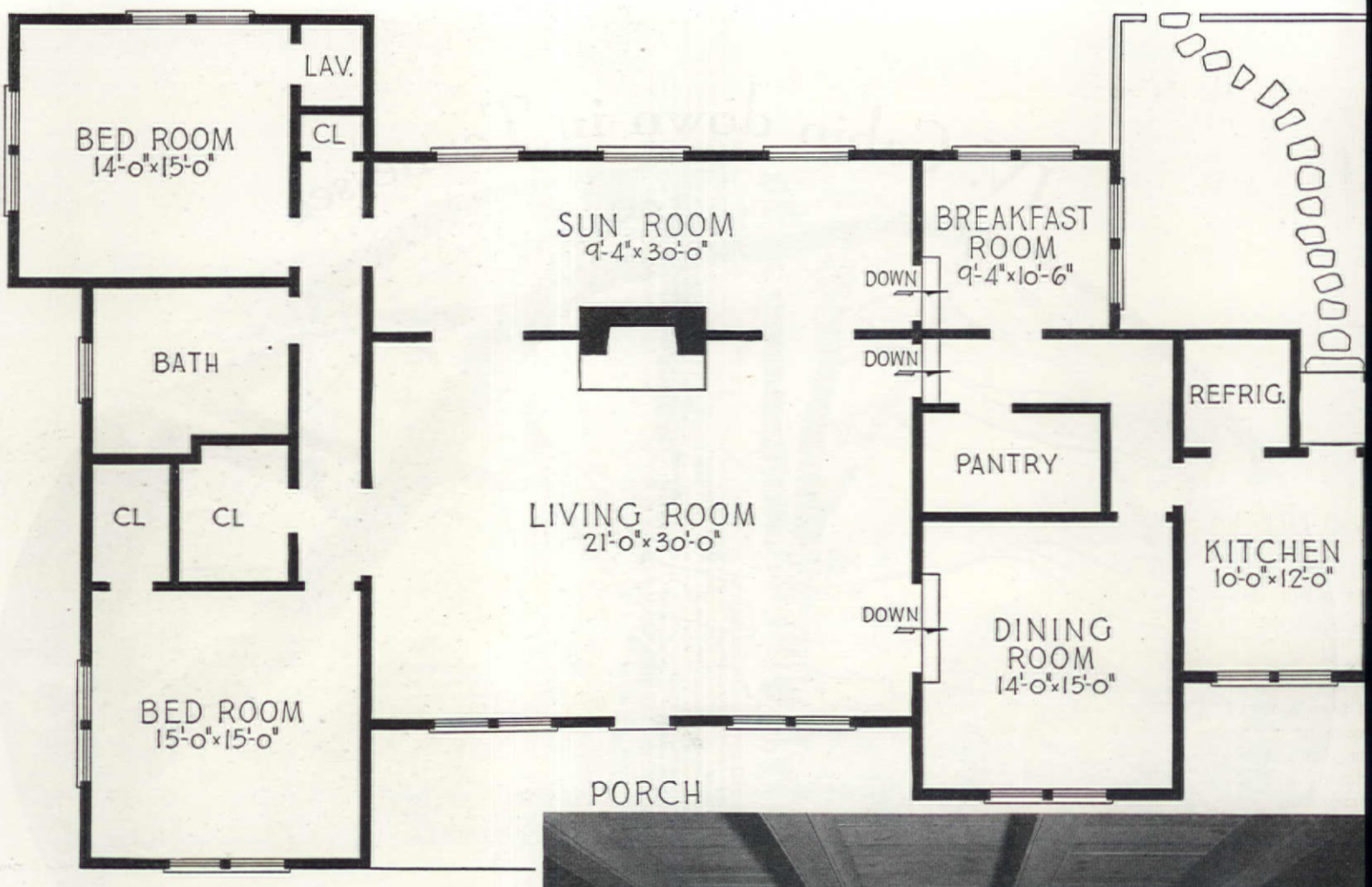
Year-round home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Kane

THIS delightful log cabin in Nashville, Tennessee, is the realization of a dream cherished by Mr. Kane from boyhood and the result of lots of planning and real work. It is entirely built of red cedar logs, all hand-hewn over a hundred years ago, logs which came from various parts of Tennessee, Alabama, and Kentucky and took nearly two years to collect, as practically all the red cedar in the country has been bought up by the pencil manufacturers.

It is ideally located in beautiful rolling woodland below which a tiny brook flows peacefully along, while all day long birds of many colorful hues break the stillness with their happy, trilling songs.

An ancient wind harp, attached to the inside of the door, plays a chord of welcome

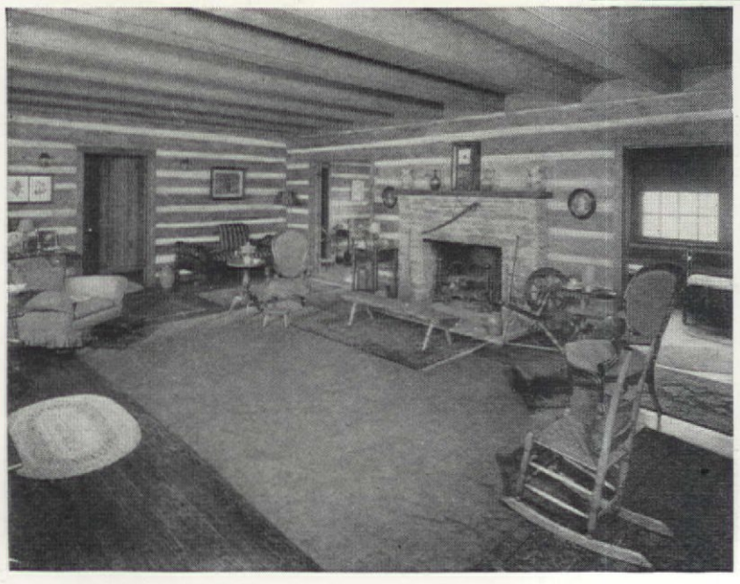


to the entering guest. The home is furnished almost entirely with Early American pieces in keeping with the spirit of the place, and the sunroom shelves are filled with lovely antique glass that catches the light in its glistening surface.

The beamed ceiling in the living room, the large fireplace with its spinning wheel on the hearth, the old-fashioned rockers and high-backed chairs all combine to create the air of charm and hospitality with which Mr. and Mrs. Kane have pervaded this house of theirs down in Tennessee.

Altogether this unique log cabin is a thoroughly delightful and completely livable home, combining all the appeal of simplicity with all the conveniences and equipment necessary to modern comfort.

The view at the right shows the front door to which is attached the old harp. The living room is comfortably furnished for all-year-round use



If you must take some discards to camp —OPERATE ON THEM FIRST!

An article on built-in camp furniture will be found on page 63

By JULIUS FANTA

IT IS not always convenient to keep pace with ever changing modes of home furnishings even in the year-round house, and for the summer camp still more things that suit the homemaker's fancy are foregone because of limited budgets. Yet much can be acquired in a roundabout way, if there's a will. This is particularly true of cast-offs, where worn or even greasy coverings and sagging "inards" must be brought up to comfortable standards and restored to cleanly attractiveness. Re-upholstering restores a discard's pride and makes it a useful member of camp society. Just sitting it down and "making it do" is really an offense to both camp and campers.

Of all the highly specialized crafts, there is perhaps none so easily and fascinatingly accomplished by the amateur as upholstering. This seemingly difficult art can be turned into a delightful pastime by either Mr. or Mrs. Householder, or both if just a little ingenuity is exercised.

Aside from the standpoint of enjoyment, there are several distinct advantages that result from reconditioning furniture of early periods. The adventure of salvaging an old "suite" or the suspense that precedes the climax of discovering a bargain kindles the urge to let nothing interfere until the final touch of gimp trimming. And nothing is cherished or treasured more than a product of one's own hands, especially that of spruced-up furniture.

One set which I had re-upholstered, I came across in an attic. It was of typical Victorian vintage, with heavy, solid cherrywood frames, hand-carved with gold panels, not less than seventy years old. Generations had worn the fabric to shreds, but the upholstery elements—cotton padding, horsehair stuffings, springs, etc., were intact. As long as the frame structure is sound and solid, any suite or single piece of furniture may be restored. This may be considered an infallible rule to observe.

When it comes to additional expenditures, it is heartening to know you can do over a set of five pieces, including a love-seat, for something like twenty-five dollars, many times less than the charge of a professional would be. That sum includes the cost of all material, including the necessary magnetized tack hammer, No. 4 tacks, No. 252 upholstering twine, three-inch curved needles, and cord.

Of course, the amount of material required depends largely on the number and size of chairs. From knowledge gained in upholstering a five-piece suite, I found that tapestry fifty-four inches wide provided a safe margin for covering all pieces, including the love-seat whose fifty-inch length determined the cloth width. Three yards are sufficient for a love-seat and one and one half yards for most chairs. Whatever design is chosen, the tapestry has what is known as "up and down," which must of necessity run vertically on chair backs, and from back to front (not side to side) on seats and arms. This correct arrangement of material is an important factor in deriving the best wear.

It is irrelevant how the old upholstery is removed from the framework. However, by lifting old tacks with a screwdriver first, the old fabric will remain intact so that it can be used as a pattern for new material. For a good start clear the frames of all old upholstery attachments, including tacks, before beginning on the new job of re-upholstering.

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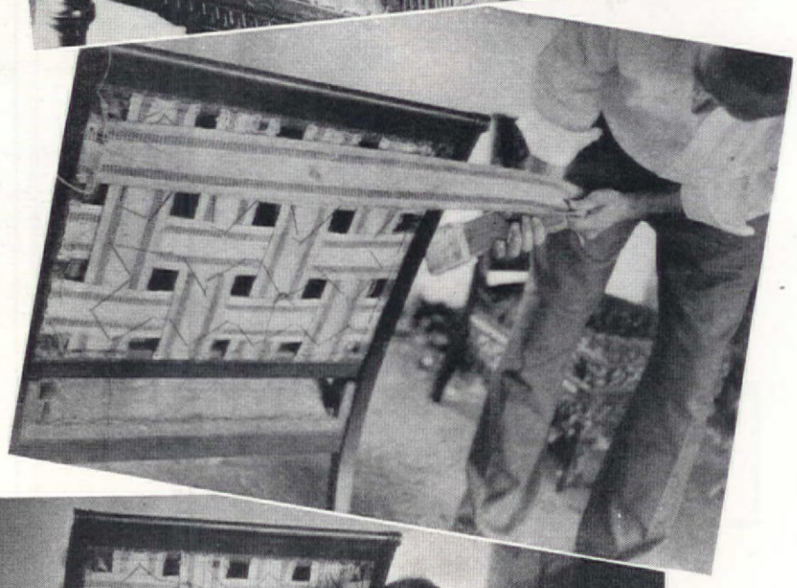

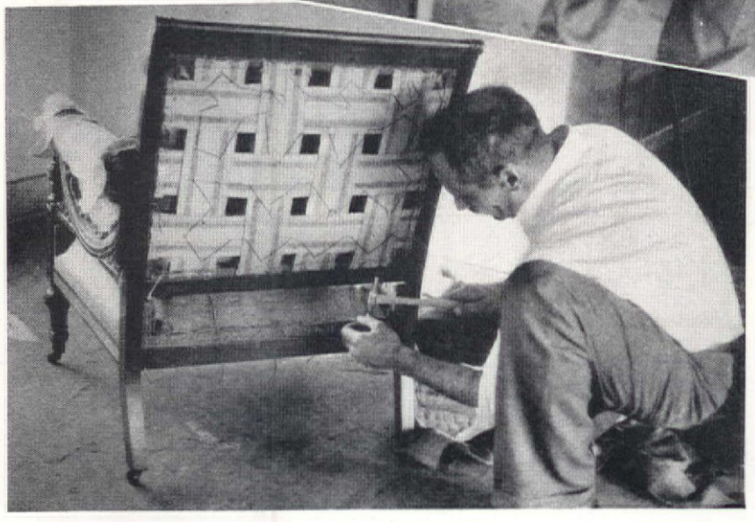

Lake Cottages and Water Rights

Usually when a person buys or leases a cottage on an inland lake he does so in anticipation of using the entire water surface for bathing, fishing, boating, or other water sports. But, unless his holding comprises the entire lake bed, he may or may not have such right depending upon the law of the state of location . . . LESLIE CHILDS

IN SOME states, the owner of inland lake frontage, irrespective of extent, has the right to use the entire lake surface. In other states, such owners are restricted in their use of the lake to that portion covered by their title to the lake bed. So, in the first case, any frontage may confer the right of user to the entire lake surface. But, in the second case, unless the frontage is extensive, the right to use the lake surface may be so restricted as practically to be valueless.

Obviously, here is a point that should never be overlooked by sportsmen, summer cottagers, or resorters, when property of this kind is being purchased or leased. The reasoning of the courts on this question may be illustrated by a brief review of a case of each class. And, as an example of the holdings in which lake frontage ownership is held to confer a right of user to the entire lake surface, the following cases which arose in two different states will serve:

Owners of lake frontage use entire lake

Here the plaintiff owned land that bordered an inland lake that comprised about one hundred acres. Other persons also owned tracts of varying widths that fronted the lake. These persons built summer cottages thereon, and proceeded to use the entire surface of the lake for boating, fishing, and bathing. The plaintiff objected to this use of that part of the lake that fell within his boundaries. In other words, he claimed the exclusive right to that part of the lake surface, for which he had the sole title to the land under the lake.

Plaintiff filed suit against the others to enforce this claim; taking the position that a lake front owner should be restricted in his use of the lake to that portion covered by his title in the lake bed. In denying this contention the trial court said:

"The court, . . . is of the opinion that where there are several riparian proprietors of an inland lake, that all such proprietors and their lessees may use the surface of the whole lake for boating, fishing, and fowling purposes, if access is gained to the lake from their own or leased land; and that no one riparian proprietor can exclude another riparian proprietor from the exercise of these rights. . . ."

Plaintiff appealed from this holding, and the higher court in affirming it, reasoned in part as follows:

"To hold with the plaintiff . . . in this case would cause the establishment of a rule very difficult in its application. All riparian owners and their licensees would have a clear right to enter upon certain portions of the surface of the lake, and it certainly would be very difficult to establish definite lines of demarcation along the property lines of the various owners. . . .

"We are of the opinion that the judge was right in holding that where there are several riparian owners to an inland lake, such proprietors . . . may use the surface of the whole lake for boating and fishing, so far as they do not interfere with the reasonable use of the waters by the other riparian owners." (Supreme Court of Michigan, 173 N.W. 48.) This situation is perhaps the more common one.

Charles E. Knell

The other side of the question

So much for that case and holding. And now let us examine a case to the contrary in which the owners of inland lake frontage are restricted in their use of the lake surface to that portion covered by their title deed to the land under the lake. For this purpose the following recently decided case will serve.

Here the plaintiff owned a but a small portion of the land which surrounded an inland lake, which comprised about twenty acres; and plaintiff's deed gave him title to all but a small part of the land under

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Cabin of Mr. C. F. Johnson, at Cranberry Lake, N. J. Description in detail on facing page

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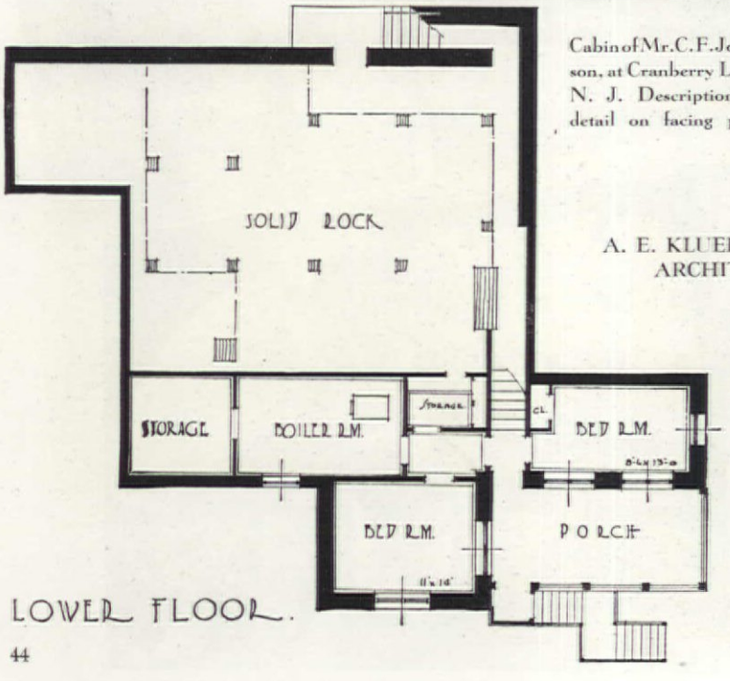

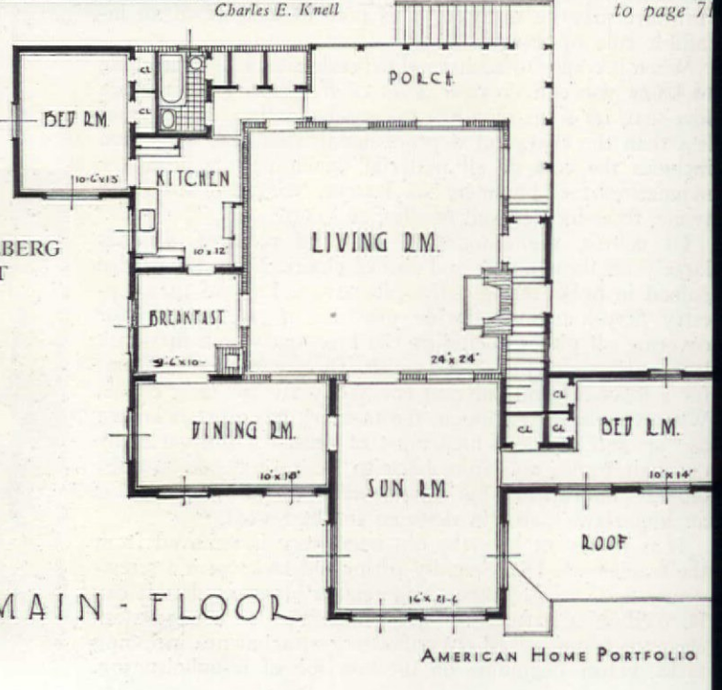

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Remodeled log cabin of Mr. C. F. Johnson

at Cranberry Lake, N. J.

THE log cabin, built several years ago as a summer retreat, was remodeled recently om plans by A. E. Klueppelberg, architect, an all-year-round dwelling. The original bin, 25′ x 25′, with porch and kitchen exten- on, was built of solid oak logs set on wood osts on top of a rocky ledge that falls away arply to the lake. In the remodeling process, it was necessary to enlarge the old building considerably as well as to install certain new equipment, including a heating system, and to reconstruct it so that it would be as comfortable in winter as it was in the summer.

The location of the cabin on an irregular plot and the contour of the land dictated the final solution of the problem. In order to

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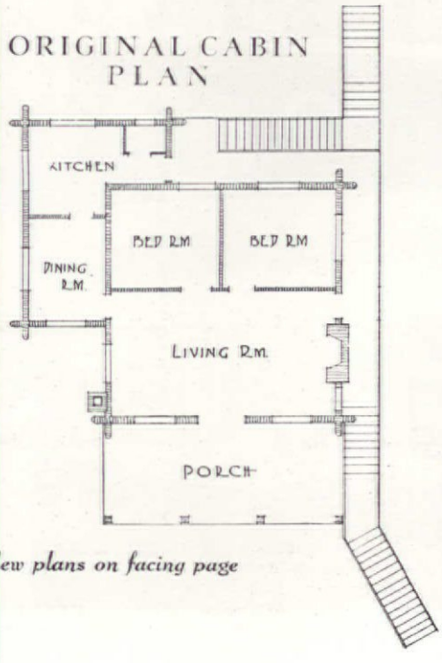
ORIGINAL CABIN PLAN



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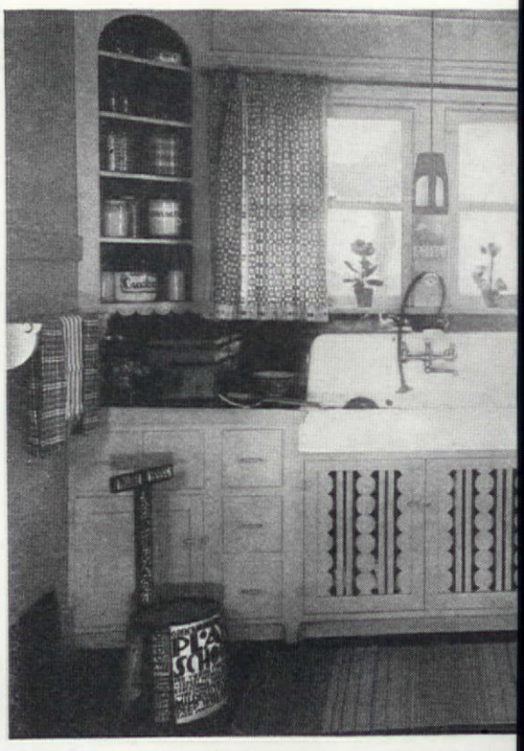
Side view before and after remodeling. The new stone foundation harmonizes with the landscaping; the enclosed porch, opens off two new bedrooms. Plans on facing page



ELLEN SHERIDEN

NEWLY built kitchens more and more are being made places of greater charm and beauty. But should you possess a twenty-year-old one such as mine, all is not yet lost; it, too, can be made into a beautiful and charming room in which to work.

Twenty years ago the housewife was proudly exhibiting to all her friends her stunning new breakfast nook. You know the kind; hard to wiggle into and once you wiggled in you stayed there unless, of course, you would and could push everyone over to extricate yourself.

Pictured above and to the right can be seen the metamorphosis from the original breakfast nook. Like a proud beauty in a niche, all to herself stands the gleaming white stove. Hand-made wrought-iron hooks hold those countless little necessities one must have at a moment's notice. The shelves for spices and their ilk are also within easy reach, as are the bowls and pitchers on the sturdy shelf below. The little shelves in the east window behind the stove hold bits of growing ivy to soften the domestic scene. The opposite side of the nook is also shown. More iron hooks hold those utensils for which we used to squat, stoop, and crawl in dark low cupboards built in impossible places.

True, since they are so boldly displayed, it

A twenty-year-old kitchen comes up smiling

Ernest Pratt

is necessary to keep these utensils well scoured. But they repay this extra effort in decorative effect and availability. Additional corner shelves, barely seen, hold telephone and more kitchen equipment.

There once were respectable doors on the dish cupboard. But the open shelves with gay dishes add a great deal of warmth and interest. The small linoleum-covered work table folds up and out of the way when not in use.

In the smaller photograph at the top is shown the west end of the kitchen with sink, drain boards, cupboards, and drawers. More cupboard doors were ripped off more respectable cupboards. The cake box at the left, the bread box at the right, and the cans above are covered with illustrations from children's story books to make them less prosaic and more colorful and interesting. The little wooden Polish picture over the sink has a pad on its back for jotting down the grocery list. The chair under the dish-towel rack is really a large, gaily papered candy bucket and is pressed into service early and late for reaching the top-most shelves. Beneath the indispensable shelf of cook books, on a shelf of its own, rests a wooden shrine from Mexico; just another of those unkitchenlike things that add fun and cheeriness to my kitchen.

The service porch is exasperatingly small. Resentful of the space the laundry tub and washing machine appropriated, I covered them both with a removable table. This table, with ornamental grill of light construction, wheels into the kitchen on wash days. The other six days it is a treasure dear to my heart. On it one can arrange salads or flowers or do countless other tasks. Since there is a sliding panel over the tub the latter is easily accessible whenever it is needed.

On the gas stove I cook all those odoriferous and messy things that come in the course of housekeeping. The back of the cabinet behind the burners is covered with monel metal. Below, the cabinet holds large and not often used utensils. Those little jugs hanging neatly from the under side of the top shelf are not just decorative. Coffee is served in them for outdoor suppers.

I just don't happen to care for white, sanitary looking kitchens. Consequently the kitchen and porch walls, ceiling, and shelves are painted a deep yellow. The inside of all the shelves is green. The floors are covered with terra cotta linoleum. The curtains are perfect, being of India print in brown, white, and yellow-green. The wooden light fixtures in kitchen and porch are carved of redwood from a peasant design.

This kitchen is always a sunny and cozy place, even on dreary days—a happy place to work in and surprisingly efficient "for a' that" and I can look these beauteous new kitchens in the eye and, coming home, can still admire mine for the cheery feeling it gives me.

TO HELP YOU HOUSEKEEP

LISSA NORCROSS AND EMILY HERZOG

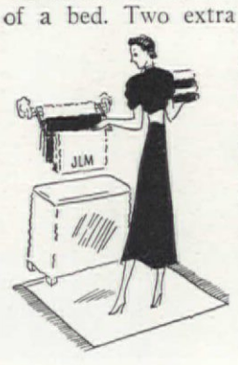
WOULDN'T you like to reach for your broom or mop, screw driver or icepick, without turning a broom closet or a drawer upside down to get it? Investigate, then, the new spring-grip steel adjustable holders for all these implements which help you organize them right against the wall. These holders make it possible to pluck any implement with a handle right off the surface of the wall. The holder, you see, is made up of steel fingers which are just far enough apart to admit the handle of your tool. You push the tool in and it stays. You pull it out, and the steel fingers spring back into place. The clips cost from 10¢ apiece up, and you can get them mounted, five at a time, on a hardwood base. They come in all sizes, too.

"Where, oh where, can I hang my clothes?" dolefully chant the women to whom every night is "wash day." For the stockings, handkerchiefs, gloves, undies, and so forths which most of us do ourselves every night of the year cannot be hung in the back yard or in the laundry without a lot of extra steps. For us there is a folding dryer for less than $3; 30 inches high and 17½ inches wide, which has twelve chromium bars of hanging space and folds flat, like a washboard, when it is not in use. It perches in the bathtub for clothes that drip; or stands in the window for sun.

If you are planning to do over the nursery this spring, consider painted walls which have the smoothness and the washability of porcelain. There is nothing better suited to a child's room than a tough paint which will survive inadvertent crayon marks and the hazards of Junior's tricycle. Grit soap or soft suds will easily wash these unwanted marks away. A tough interior finish of a semi-gloss paint we have found washes almost like the tile of your bathroom walls—no amount of childish spattering will ruin it, once dry. It comes in eight pastel colors and white, and is easily and rapidly applied.

A new form of decoration, close kin to the photo-mural, has been made possible by the development of a method of sensitizing walls to take photographic images directly. The photographs are developed right on the wall instead of being printed on large sheets of paper and then pasted. The wall is prepared by being sprayed with photo-sensitive emulsion, and the picture projected by means of an ordinary enlargement on the surface—then sprayed again to "fix" it. There is no limitation on the size of the picture, and it can be applied to any surface.

One of the problems of the large family is—where can we hang all our towels? No bathroom is large enough to offer space for four or five bath towels, the same number of face towels, and another set of wash-cloths. But space can be made, by tripling the available towel racks. There is a towel bar annex which hooks over the present bar like a lamp for the headboard of a bed. Two extra bars spring out from the wall, leaving ample room for the original bar to be used, too. If you haven't a large family, you may be interested in keeping it for those occasions when you have week-end guests. Prices range, according to size, from $2.50 to about $4.

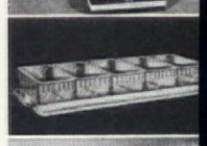


This handsome iron, with its graceful Bakelite handle, makes ironing practically fool-proof. No need to worry about how hot the iron should be when, with a turn of the knob, you can set the automatic heat control for ironing linen, cotton, wool, or silk. Manning, Bowmann & Co. make this one

Wipe-On is a new type varnish for surfaces that receive unusually hard wear, such as floors or stairs. It's a protective finish rather than just a regular polish for fine furniture

The Hoover Company has a new cleaning ensemble on the market that includes equipment for both rugs and furnishings. To attach the accessory tools, simply plug into the slot at the side of the rug cleaner, while the motor is still running. A handy tool kit keeps them in their assigned places when not in use

It's broken? You want to mend it? Then you'll want to know about General Electric Company's new Glyptal cement which comes in handy sized tubes. Both water and oil resistant, it will adhere well to all common materials except rubber



You can now serve frozen desserts, or other food, right in the dishes in which they are prepared. The new Freezerettes are individual crystal jars, which fit into the freezing unit of your refrigerator, each holding enough to serve one person. From the Scurlock Kontanerette Corp.

Turn the switch, and duct-fans in this Range-Ventor carry away large quantities of heat, fumes, and odors. Enameled in white, ivory, or green, with chrome trim, this model is 42 x 27 inches. Universal Blower Co.

Afternoon teas would never be demonstrations of acrobatic skill with dishes, if every household were equipped with a set of the new bentwood buffet service trays we have found. Made by a new process giving extra strength and imperviousness to staining, they exactly fit the laps of guests. The trays are lightweight, guaranteed against warping, and may be cleaned with soap and warm water even when alcohol spills on their surfaces. They come four to a set in walnut or mahogany for $6; $7.50 for antique white finish.

A simple mid-winter menu

Most of us have tucked away in our memory some suitable menus for a birthday, for Christmas, Fourth of July, or Thanksgiving. But what about all the other days of the year? There are so many of them! Perhaps, these assorted recipes will give you an inspiration or two when you're looking for winter menu ideas—the everyday, inevitable kind.— HELEN BRADLEY COOK

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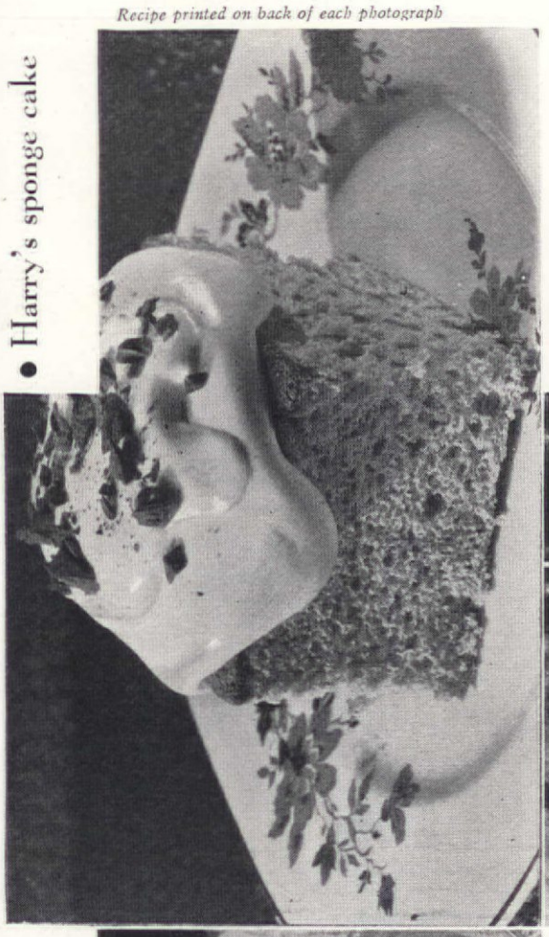

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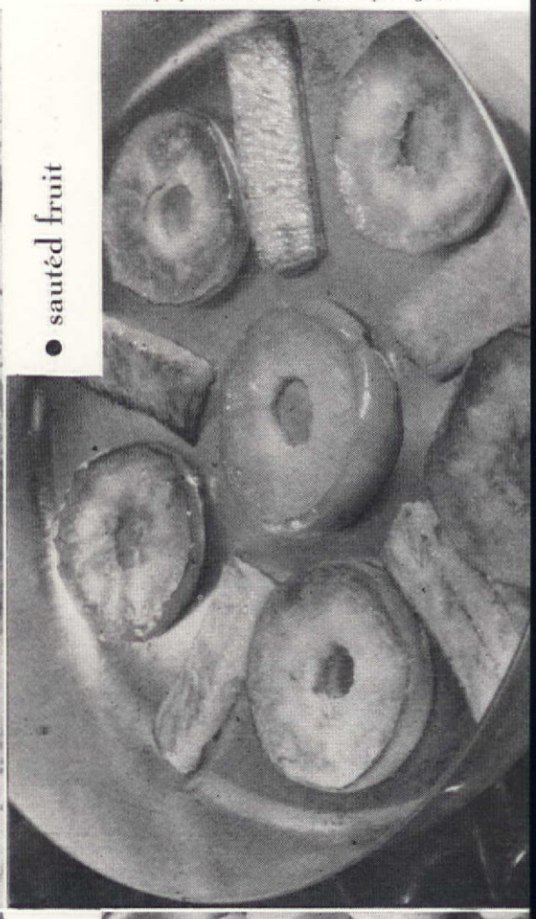

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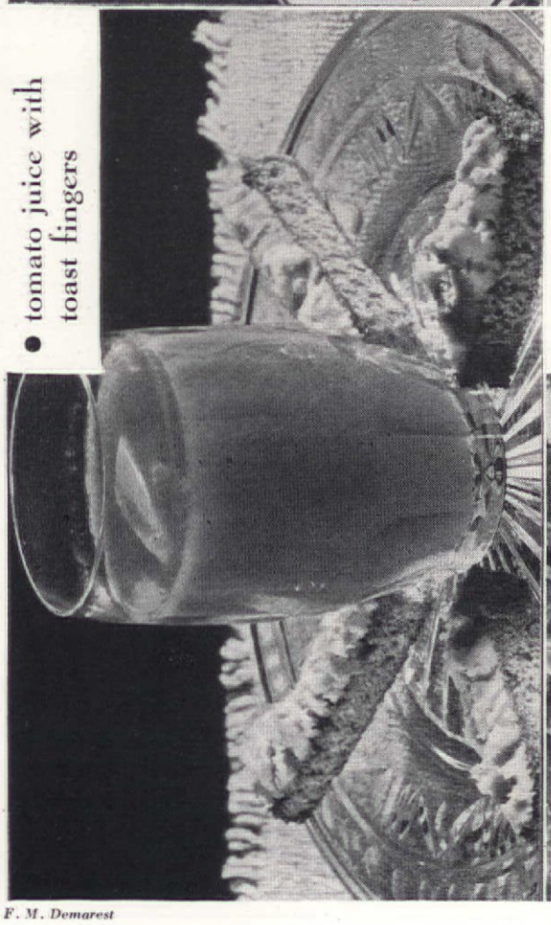

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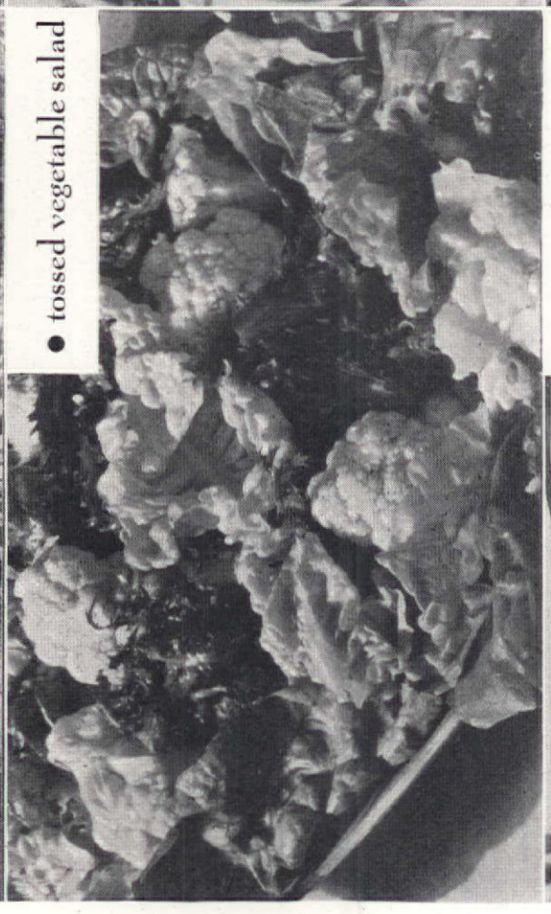

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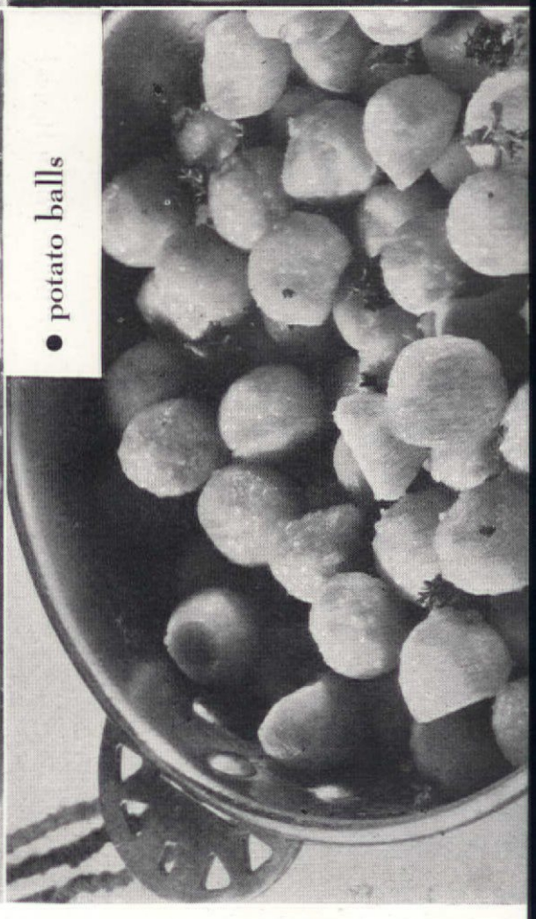

• potato balls

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A simple mid-winter menu

"When planning my meals I try to think of food that tastes delicious, makes a good showing, but really is no trouble at all to fix. A husband, three growing children, and a moderately large house, with no maid, have taught me to make the most use of what time I do have. These easy to prepare recipes I've found are very helpful."—HELEN BRADLEY COOK

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• potato balls

10 medium-sized potatoes
3 tablespoonfuls butter
Chopped parsley

WASH and pare potatoes and cut out small balls with a vegetable ball cutter, and boil for 5 minutes. Drain, put in a shallow baking dish. Add 3 tablespoonfuls butter; bake uncovered in a moderate oven (350° F.) about 15 minutes or until potatoes are soft. Stir occasionally during the baking. Sprinkle with chopped parsley before serving.

Lacking a vegetable cutter, simply pare medium sized potatoes, and prepare in a similar manner, baking in a moderate oven (350° F.) for about 1¼ hours.

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• sautéd fruit

Canned pineapple spears
Apples
2 tablespoonfuls fat

COOK canned pineapple spears, and ¼ inch slices of pared, cored apples in the heated fat. Turn, browning slightly on both sides. Use for garnishing for meat platters, or place on individual plates, when serving from kitchen. A plump, cooked, stoned prune placed in the center of each apple ring looks attractive. Or, a garnish of watercress, or a touch of parsley also adds interest.

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• tossed vegetable salad

Clove of garlic
Chicory
Raw cauliflower
Romaine
6 tablespoonfuls salad oil
3 tablespoonfuls vinegar
1 teaspoonful salt
½ teaspoonful pepper
¼ teaspoonful paprika

THERE are so many ways to vary the ever popular tossed vegetable salad! So much depends on what vegetables are on the market and what obliging left-overs are in the refrigerator. But here's one smart combination that's sure to please.

Rub salad bowl with cut end of a clove of garlic. Add to bowl crisp chicory (torn in pieces), broken sections of raw cauliflower, and separated leaves of romaine. (Or, substitute other attractive salad greens). Just before serving, add French dressing and toss together with fork and spoon.

French Dressing

Put 6 tablespoonfuls salad oil, 3 tablespoonfuls vinegar, 1 teaspoonful salt, ½ teaspoonful pepper, and ¼ teaspoonful paprika in a bottle or glass jar. Shake vigorously just before serving. An interesting variation to this recipe is to blend in 1 tablespoonful prepared mustard or 2 tablespoonfuls crumbled Roquefort cheese.

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• veal rolls with sausage stuffing

2 lbs. veal, cut in ¼-in. slices
Salt
Pepper
½ lb. sausage
2 teaspoonfuls onion, chopped fine
1 tablespoonful butter
1½ cupfuls bread crumbs
Milk
2 tablespoons fat
1 can mushroom soup

WIPE each piece of veal and cut in pieces 2 x 4 inches. Spread each piece with the sausage which has been mixed with onion (browned in the butter), bread crumbs, and moistened with milk. Roll and fasten with toothpicks. Dredge with flour, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and brown in a skillet with the fat. Add cream of mushroom soup; cover and cook in a moderate oven (350° F.) about 25 minutes or until tender.

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• tomato juice with toast fingers

Tomato juice, 1 can
1 lemon
Bread, any variety
3 hard cooked egg yolks
3 tablespoonfuls grated horseradish
Salt and pepper
Vinegar

SERVE tomato juice, garnished with a thin slice of lemon in a cocktail glass on a small plate. Surround with toast fingers, made by browning in a very hot oven (450° F.) pieces of bread cut into narrow oblong shapes, 3 inches long. Spread with hard cooked egg yolks which have been blended with cream and grated horseradish (1 tablespoonful for each yolk) and enough vinegar to moisten. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

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• Harry's sponge cake

1 sponge cake
½ cupful sugar
⅛ teaspoonful cream of tartar
¼ cupful water
6 marshmallows
1 egg white
2 or 3 drops, oil of peppermint
Bitter or semi-sweet chocolate

BAKE your favorite sponge cake, and cut into squares for individual servings. Serve with marshmallow-mint sauce, made by putting into sauce pan the sugar, cream of tartar, and water, and boiling to 230° F. (or until syrup spins a two-inch thread when dropped from fork or spoon). Remove from fire and add marshmallows, cut in pieces. Pour slowly over egg white, beaten stiff. Add oil of peppermint. When cool, pour over sponge cake servings and *sprinkle* with chipped bitter or semi-sweet chocolate.

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Dining abroad or dining at home

Perhaps circumstances prevented you from making that long coveted trip abroad last summer. But you can at least sample the epicurean delights of such a trip by proxy, for here are recipes for some of the choice dishes served at the well-known hostelries of Europe.—DORIS E. BROWNING

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• assorted tarts

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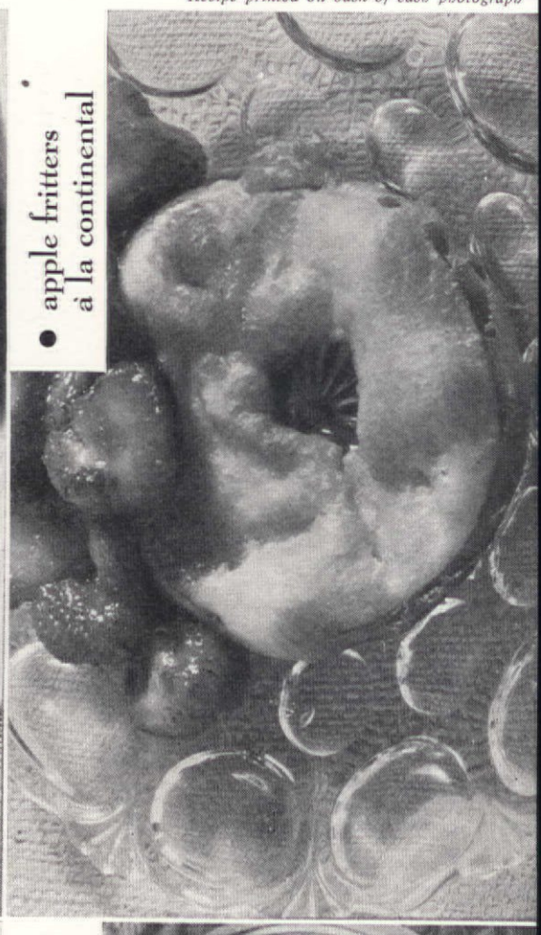

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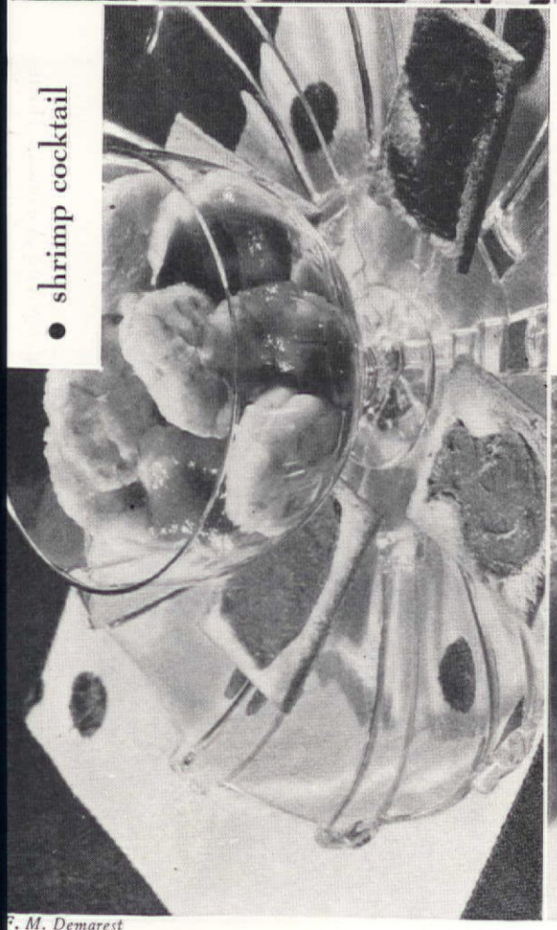

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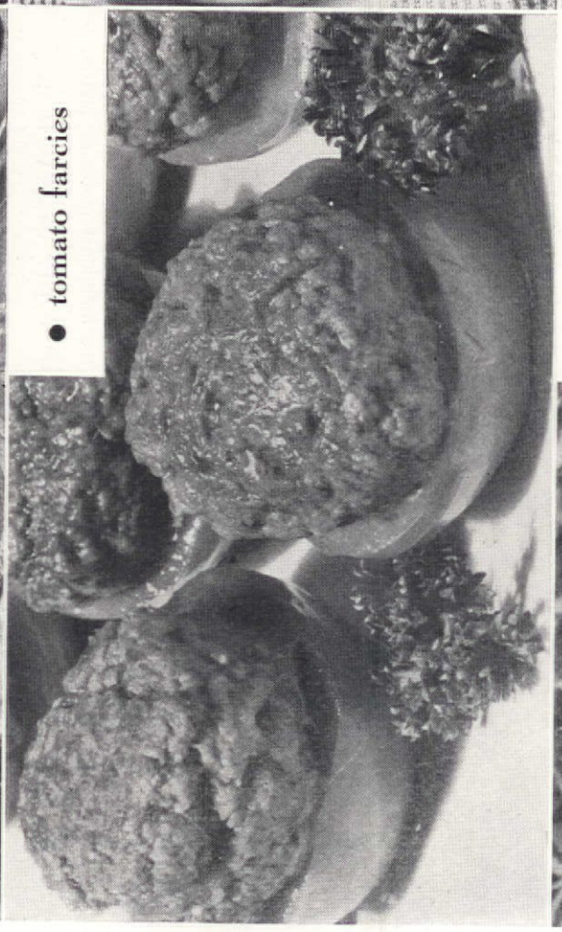

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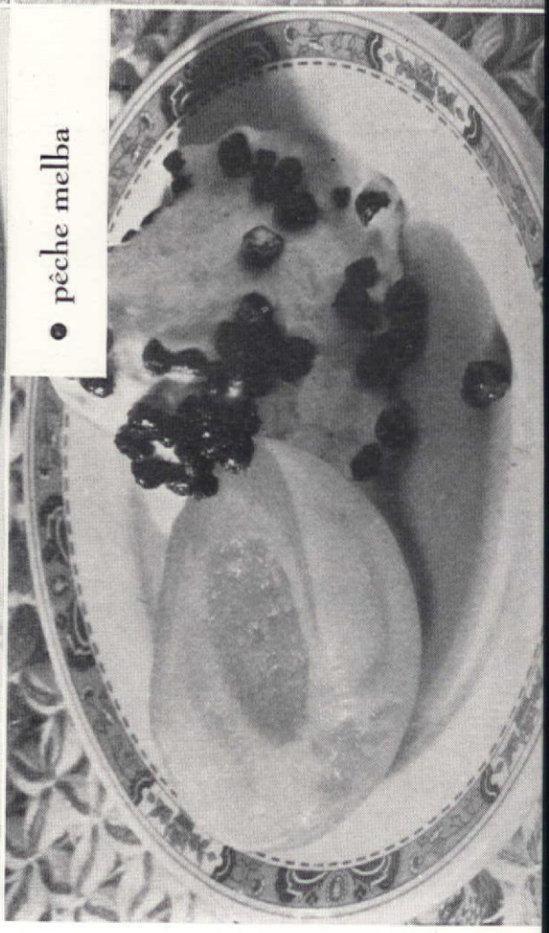

• pêche melba

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Dining abroad or dining at home

These suggestions are capable of sufficient variation to add many a new touch to a routine dessert course, and they have the added charm of coming to you from strange, alluring places.—DORIS E. BROWNING

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• pêche melba

Halved or whole cooked peaches
Vanilla ice cream
Currants

AMERICA has her sundaes, and France has her melbas. By all means try one of them sometime.

Serve a half or whole, cooked, pared peach and a dip of vanilla ice cream on a plate. Sprinkle with currants which have been cooked a few minutes in a little water to make them plump and tender. Serve with a fork and spoon.

This may be varied by using raspberry jam in place of currants.

Raspberry melba is similar, with fresh raspberries used instead of a peach.

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• apple fritters à la Continental

Apples
1 egg yolk
⅓ cupful milk
½ cupful flour
2 teaspoonfuls sugar
¼ teaspoonful salt
¾ teaspoonful baking powder
Fat or oil for deep fat frying

APPLE fritters on Main Street, U. S. A., are not like apple fritters à la Hotel Continental, Barcelona. But they can be just the same, and here's how.

Make apple fritters in your usual way, and serve them with a thin sauce of crushed, sweetened strawberries. Simple, isn't it? Yet it's the difference between a humdrum dessert and one with a flair for the unusual.

An easy way to make the apple fritters is to cut ½-inch slices of pared, cored apples, and dip in a batter made by beating the yolk and milk, and sifting in the flour mixed with sugar, salt, and baking powder. Beat until smooth, fry in deep fat or cooking oil at 375° F.

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• tomato farcies

Tomatoes
Salt
Pepper
Ground steak
Bread crumbs, moistened with milk
Onion
2 tablespoonfuls fat

PARIS! Café de la Paix! Romance! Glamour! The Opera across the way—the honk of omnibuses passing and food for the gods within the Café! What epicure could ever forget the tomato farcies served in this famous restaurant? Yet how easily they can be prepared in your very own kitchen.

Cut several medium sized tomatoes in half, crosswise. Sprinkle with salt. Mold hamburg or ground steak and moistened bread crumbs into patties the size of the tomatoes, seasoning with salt, pepper, and onion if desired.

Place the meat in a pan to fry in the hot fat; in the same pan, place the tomato halves cutside down. Turn the meat patties, browning on both sides. When both tomatoes and meat are cooked through, turn the tomatoes right side up, very carefully, and place a meat ball on the top of each. Press the meat down a trifle with a broad knife so that it stays securely. Let them continue to cook together a few minutes and then remove carefully with a knife and spoon to the individual plates or platter.

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• Spanish omelet

4 eggs
½ teaspoonful salt
Pepper
4 tablespoonfuls hot water
1 tablespoonful butter
½ green pepper
1 small onion, chopped
½ cupful fresh or canned tomatoes
2 cooked potatoes, diced
½ cupful cooked peas
Salt

THE true Spanish omelet is a culinary achievement. About twenty minutes before beginning to cook the eggs, mix together in a frying pan the green pepper, cut into small pieces, and a chopped onion. Add water to cover and cook till tender. Drain. Then add ½ the fresh or canned tomatoes, diced cooked potatoes, and cooked peas. (These vegetables may be varied.) Cook these ingredients together with salt and pepper for about ten minutes.

Prepare the omelet as follows: Separate yolks from whites. To yolks add salt, pepper, and hot water. Beat until thick. Fold in egg whites, beaten until stiff. Heat the butter in a skillet. Turn in mixture, spread evenly, and cook over slow heat, occasionally turning the pan so the omelet will brown evenly. When delicately browned underneath, place pan in a moderate oven (350° F.) to finish cooking the top. Fold it upon a platter, and stuff and surround with the vegetable sauce.

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• shrimp cocktail

Canned shrimp
Chili sauce
Cocktail crackers
Hors d'ouvres paste, or soft cheese

AN APPETIZER, adapted from the style used by the Hotel Washington Irving in Granada, Spain, is made by placing in the center of a plate a small cocktail cup containing a cocktail of shrimp, which can be whisked together in no time at all.

Buy a can of shrimp and a bottle of chili sauce. Wash and clean the shrimp, and cover with chili sauce. Surround with a circle of one of the many cocktail crackers now on the market. Spread the latter with anchovy paste (used in photograph on back of this recipe), soft cheese, or any of the hors d'oeuvres pastes which you can buy or make at home.

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• assorted tarts

Pie crust
Fresh or canned fruit
Sugar
Cornstarch
Ice cream, if desired

YOU are at a veranda table of the Casino at Nice, which stretches out over the blue waters of the Mediterranean and gives you hazy glimpses of the Italian Capes jutting into the far waters. Dessert at the Casino in Nice is not prosaic! The garçon arrives with a tempting display of tarts for your selection.

To serve these to your family at home, make individual patty shells, using your favorite pastry recipe. Bake and fill with fresh fruit (peaches, apricots, plums, apples, raspberries, strawberries or cherries) which has been cooked until thick with an equal weight of sugar, or more or less to please your fancy. Or, if you wish to use canned fruit, strain off the juice, and cook until thickened, using 3 tablespoonfuls cornstarch to each pint of liquid. Stir in the fruit and pour into the baked patty shells. If you wish, serve a dipper of ice cream on each tart.

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WHEN YOU GET STUCK IN A "MENU-RUT"...

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Cheese Dumplings in Tomato Sauce Heat 1 can tomato soup, 1 cup water, seasonings in a sauce pan. Lightly mix 2 cups prepared biscuit flour, 1 cup full-flavored Kraft American, grated, 1 tablespoon grated onion. Add about ¾ cup milk to make soft dough. When soup boils, drop in dumpling dough from a teaspoon. Cover closely; cook slowly, and do not uncover for 20 min. These fluffy, nutritious dumplings make a grand main dish which might be served with buttered string beans or broccoli. A mixed green salad and fruit compote for dessert complete a smart, easy menu.

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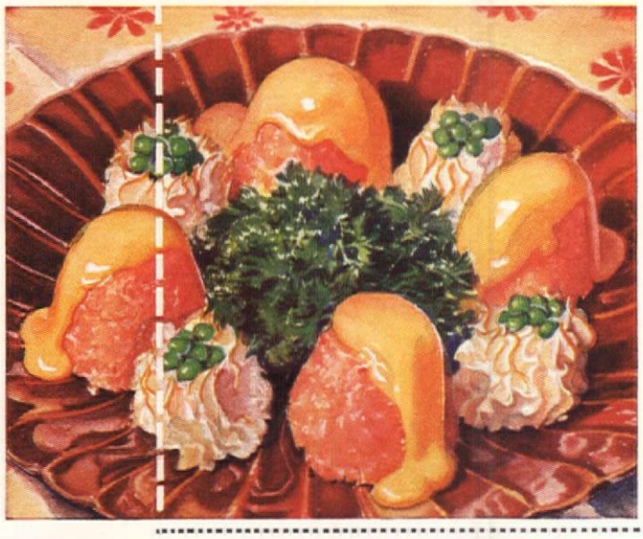

Salmon Timbales Bone and flake 1 can (1 lb.) of salmon. Mix with 1 cup soft bread crumbs, ¾ cup milk, 2 tablespoons melted butter, 1 tablespoon chopped onion, 2 beaten eggs, seasonings. Bake in buttered custard cups about 30 min. at 350°. Unmold and serve hot with this sauce: melt one pkg. of zesty Creamed Old English Cheese in top of double boiler; add ⅓ cup milk, stirring until sauce is smooth. Garnish platter with mashed potatoes made into rosettes with pastry tube, browned in oven and topped with peas.

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Eaters Digest

Stolen Sweets and Sours

Do you remember the white-washed shelves leading down along the cellar stairs where grandmother used to set her pickles—row on row? There were squat gray crocks with blue daisies on them covered over with old, white dinner plates and big, scrubbed stones to hold the pickles down under the brine. Those were the dills. And close—too close for peace of mind—stood those smug and snugly fastened jars of fresh cucumber pickle. Grandma's pride and joy. Well—if ever a finger tasted good, it was the finger you dipped down into the cool and spicy depths of the pickle jar. There was a taste you couldn't forget. Thank heaven, Heinz remembered! Brought back again—those mellow and piquant, crisp and crunchy pickle slices. Heinz old-fashioned fresh cucumber pickle. Do set a jar in your refrigerator. Grandma used to say, "There's flavor and zest galore in every jade-green slice."

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WENDELL SMITH

I am alone with new flames in a black mouthed fireplace. There I have kindled not for bodily comfort alone, but for that part of me that has known romance. Here I will spread my tray of treasured memories and listen to the crackling logs that stir dead thoughts into delicious activity. A strange power this of the open fire. It holds secrets for individuals, yet draws a group together in the alchemy of its glow. It knows your innermost ambitions, your failures, your achievements, your ecstasies. But you are generous with the flame that carries no tales farther then the chimney pots. It lives wholeheartedly for its little while—as does romance. Still—ashes are warm long after the last red ember has gone out. Yes, an open fire is companionable. It reflects in each person his life. He who has lived abundantly will enjoy it most . . . . . WENDELL SMITH

NOW and then I run across this amusing bit of old English advice to the cook, "You must first have your birds, then pick and dress them." In fireplace cookery the important thing is first to get your fireplace and then a man who is slightly mad about fireplaces. If the man runs true to type he will exclaim that there is nothing prettier than a deep bed of coals resulting from a hickory wood fire. On the least provocation he may burst into song over this soul satisfying picture as he turns the meat with a long handled fork on the grill. Of course, if your man is a bit shy he may not sing, but will usually wait for some lonesome mood to strike him. Then his exuberance may manifest itself in a little poem. From long observation I have learned that the fireplace and the man must be compatible.

How to get your fireplace is one story. How to get your man is a subject on which women are usually well versed. This article assumes you have both properties mentioned. A fireplace large enough to cook over, a crane, a steak grill, a long handled meat fork, a good bed of coals, something to broil, and, last but not least, a cook who is willing to blister his face in order that a steak may come off the fire at just the right time.

The male fireplace cook need not be a chef. His background, however, should include a knowledge of the different kinds of meat suitable for broiling over an open fire, how it should be cut to retain its juicy flavor, and so

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Table linen that isn't linen

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Runner sets are always good for either formal or informal occasions. They save a lot of bother in washing and ironing and, of course, are more inexpensive for large tables and large families. The one pictured in Fig. 6 is made of the ever popular checked gingham with fringed edges. Bias tape in black and white forms a sort of trellis at each end upon which climbs a spray of leaves. The tape can be appliquéd by machine or hand and it only takes a minute or two to make the sprays with embroidery thread.

Suggestive of gay peasant tables is the seersucker runner in Fig. 4 with its stripes of bias tape. The runner is blue with red, yellow, and green stripes. Wider stripes could be made of the same material if you so desired.

For very dress-up occasions something in the net or lace line is in order. The set in Fig. 5 is made of rather coarse curtain netting with a wide hem around which is a border of yarn in dark blue, green, and lavender, and very attractive it is on a polished table. The yarn is simply run in and out of the meshes with a heavy darning needle and, of course, any color or combination of colors may be used.

Net trimmed with lace is another good bet and so is cotton lace. The napkins should have linen or organdy centers large enough really to perform a napkin's mission. They can be white or colored, to correspond with the colored yarn in the runners.

The gay striped runner in Fig. 10 is made of drapery material which has a dark brown background with white, yellow, and tan stripes. It is fringed on the sides and hemmed across the top and bottom just to be different. A tablecloth of this same material would look very fetching with white ball fringe.

Poplin, broadcloth, organdy, matelasse crepe. Indian head, unbleached muslin, crash toweling, marquisette, and shantung either plain, figured, plaid, striped, or dotted can all be transformed into extremely attractive and informal table costumes.

Most of these materials come in thirty-six inch widths which is just about right for a bridge-table-size cloth. A yard and a fourth will make a cloth and four nine inch napkins. For twelve napkins, a yard and two thirds will be necessary. Larger cloths can be made of twenty-seven or

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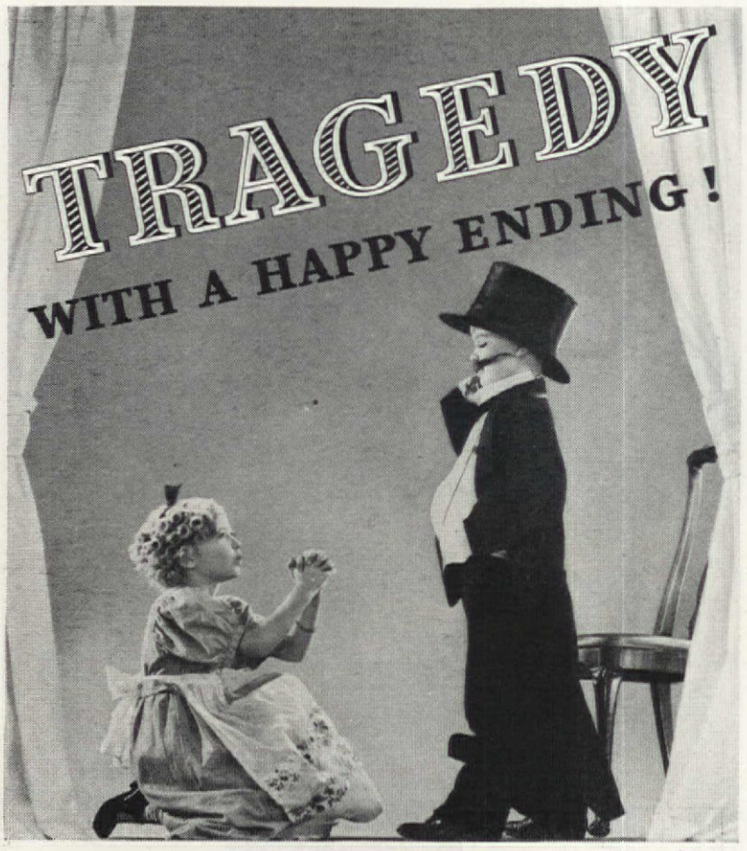

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Mr. W.—Clap hands, Margie—what's the matter with you?

Mrs. W.—Oh, look! The curtains—one of those sheets is mine.

Mr. W.—Gosh! Is the gray one yours? It looks sick beside that nice white one.

Mrs. W.—Oh, Russ! Did you really hear all the mothers who helped put up the curtains say those things about me?

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BANISH "TATTLE-TALE GRAY" WITH FELS-NAPTHA SOAP!

If you must take discards to camp

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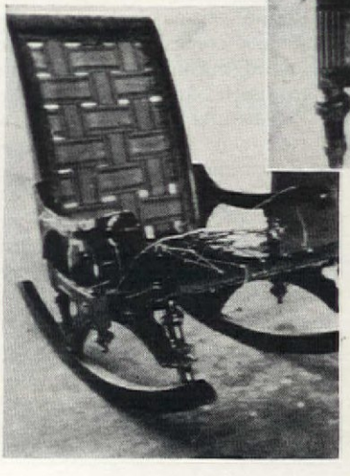
Regardless of how fresh and new the old webbing, canvas, and burlap may seem, it is advisable to replace these inexpensive materials. They form the foundation of the upholstery structure. Much depends on their strength and durability so that it is essential to renew them.

It takes about three yards of burlap webbing, four inches wide, to support the springs of an average chair. The new webbing is spaced as the old was found and woven in basket-weave fashion across the seat and back of each piece. To get the base for springs as firm as possible, use a board (see photo) as a lever to pull each band taut. The board should be eight or nine inches long and padded at one end to avoid scratching. Three nails protruding at the other end form a grip to clinch the webbing while drawi it tight. Turn back the ends webbing before tacking.

The next step is to sew t springs in place; the bottoms the coils being stitched with N 252 to the webbing. Arrange the as found. So that the tops springs will remain in place b neath cushions, secure them u formly with heavy cord. Af nailing the knotted ends of ea cord to the tack panel, lash t springs in position each time t cord crosses the coils. This for a network which braces t springs against each other a which is supported by the fra In other words, the lashings from side to side, and from ba to front of each row of sprin and are knotted to the coils each one of the intersections.

Now a sheet of burlap

Armchair shows method of padding arms with a "tray-form" to support pads. Below: Tops of springs are lashed to the frames with cord in a net-work to steady them from side play. Webbing base for spring is woven across back. Top: The 4-piece Victorian set, restored by re-upholstering



stitched over the springs and t edges are tacked to the tack pan In turn follows a horsehair ma tress, preferably the one preserv from the old upholstery, but co ered with new burlap, with ov hanging sides. In sewing the ma tress, a tufted ridge is mold along the sides to form a tra

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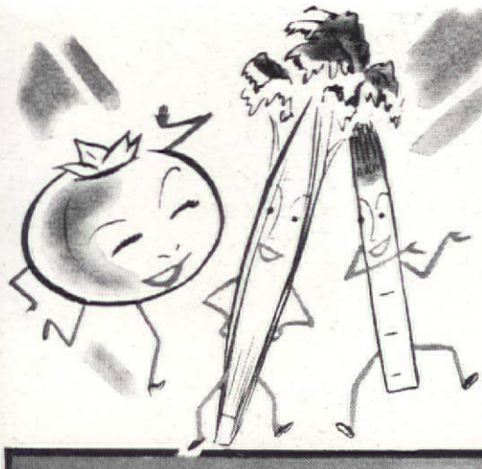

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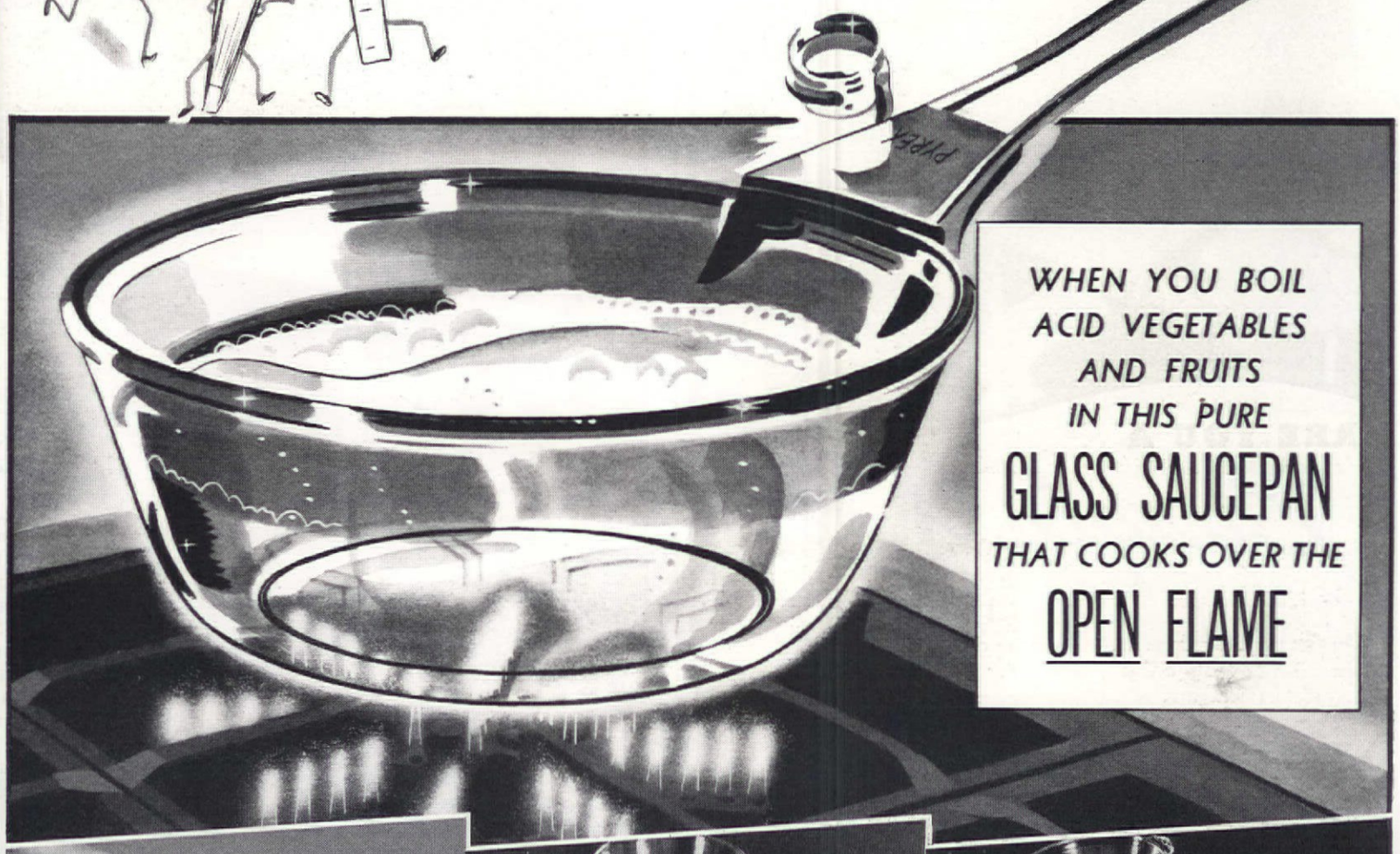

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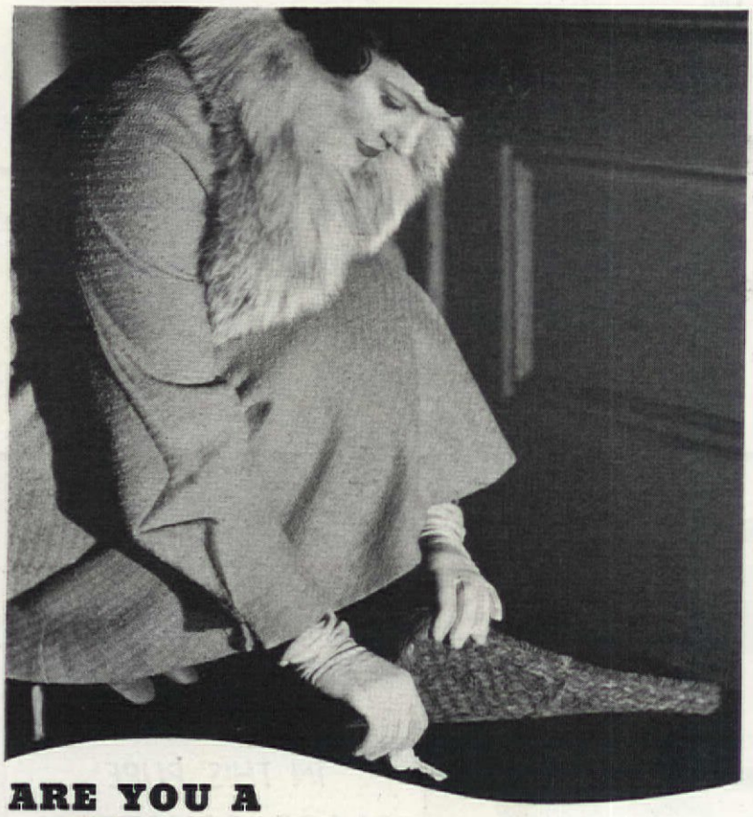

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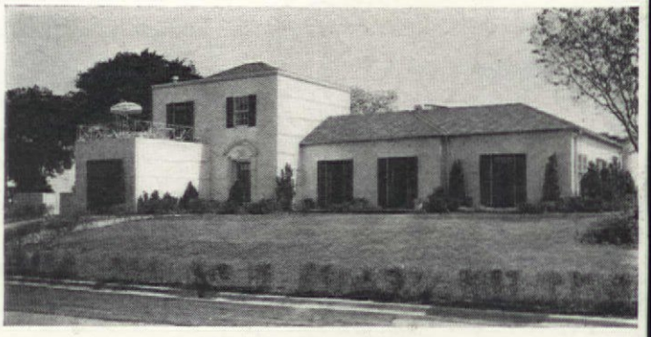

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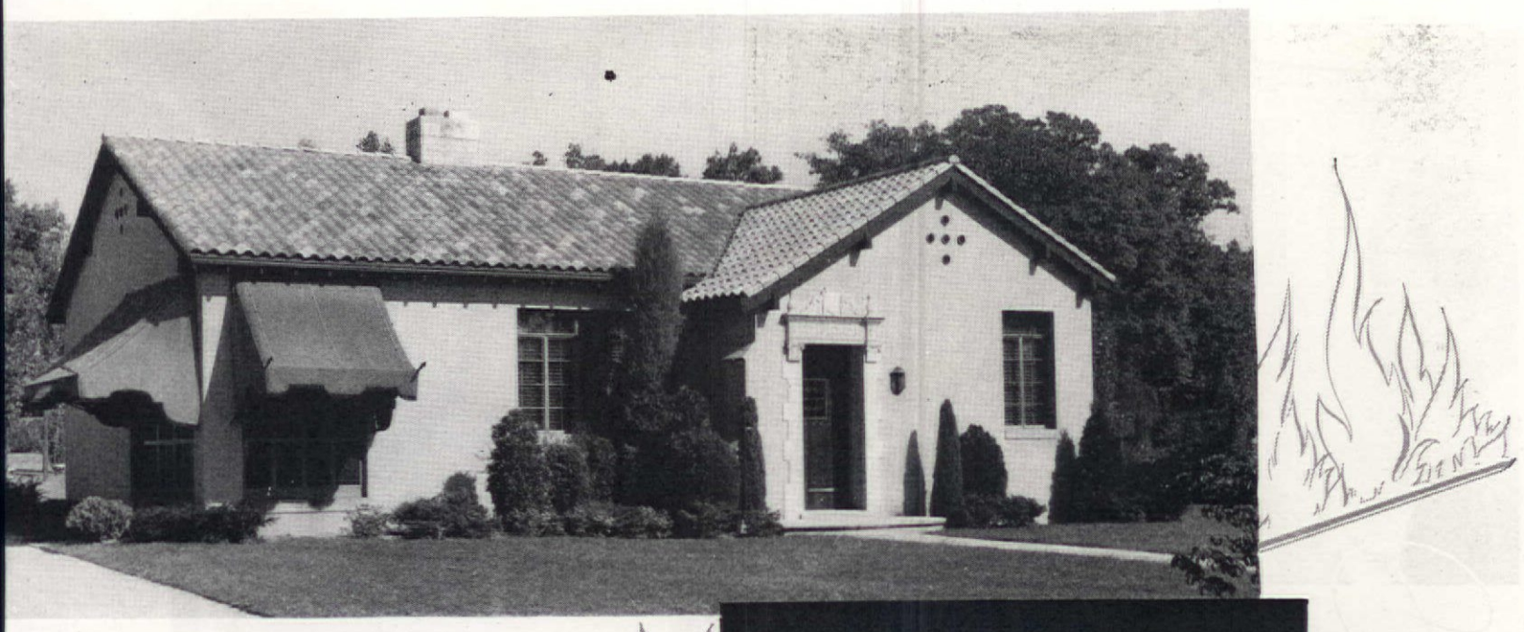

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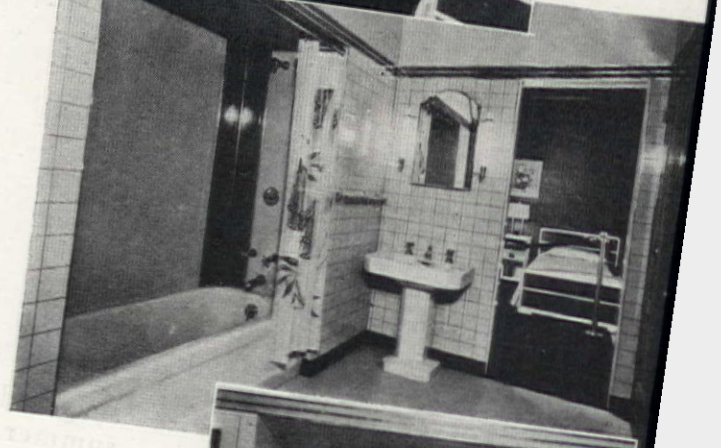

Bathroom with dressing table alcove. Walls: Marsh Wall Tile on Tempered Presdwood. Ceiling: DeLuxe Quartrboard, painted. Plumbing fixtures: The Kohler Co. Medicine cabinets: F. H. Lawson Co. Cosmetics, etc.: McKesson-Crowdus Co. Decorative accessories: A. A. Evarts Co.

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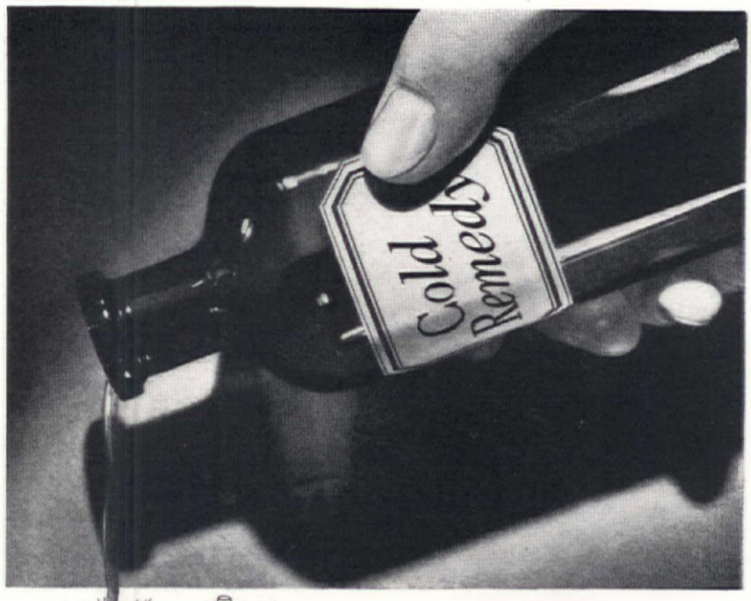
Our kitchen is about eight feet square; a bedroom for Margaret and Marilyn, aged seven and three respectively, is eight feet by six feet; shower, toilet, and lavatory occupy a space about eight feet by three feet, with an inside door to the living room, and an outside door through the shower bath. All these rooms are at the back of the house. Across the front we have a combination living room and bedroom about seventeen by sixteen feet. This story is devoted principally to this room and tells how we made it serve the purpose of living room by day, bedroom for ourselves and guests at night, and also provided much needed storage space for our belongings.

Bunks and more bunks

To think of a log cabin is to think of bunks. But bunks occupy quite a lot of floor space, and seem a little out of place in a living room during the day. We wanted to have a rather large divan, and we were in desperate need of drawer space. Perhaps like many another inventor, we have only followed the urge of necessity, or perhaps we have only done what has been done many times before, but in a somewhat different manner. At any rate, the accompanying illustrations show the results of about three days' work with a hammer, saw, and plane—not to mention the time required to make the homespun covers for the kapok-filled pads.

The picture at the top of page 64 shows a night view of



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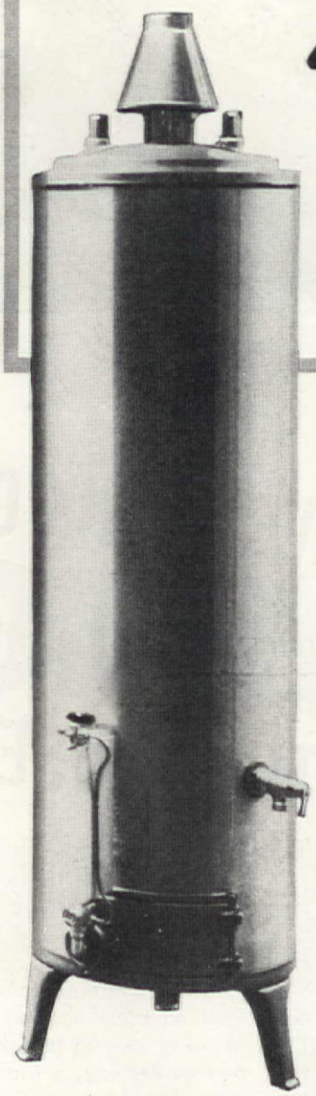

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The other view shows the daytime position. The top bunk has been taken down and rests on the bottom bunk, with guard board folded on hi under the mattress. The two f uprights are placed behind back of the seat. Two stu brackets may be seen on the w which together with the two- by three-inch uprights provi firm support for the upper be At the right side is a maga rack and wide arm rest, another wide arm rest at the both of which provide ar space for a cup of tea. Two l drawers complete the arra

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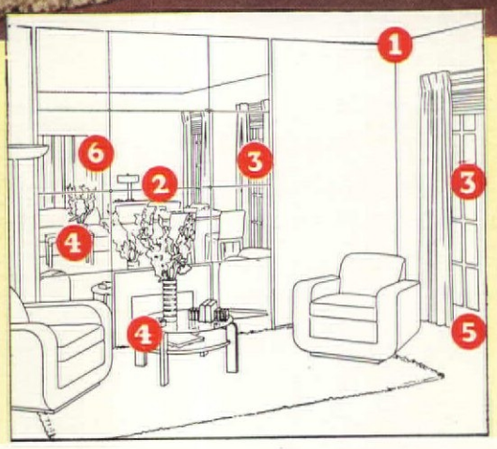

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ment. The finish is reddish brown, which shows off the knotty pine wood to advantage. Total cost including lumber, mattress pads and covers, stain, and hardware was approximately $16.

No living room is complete without a fireplace with a cozy chair in front of it. The chair shown in the picture at the bottom of page 64 serves this purpose admirably. And when it is time to "turn in" the chair becomes a full size double bed by folding down the back in two sections, each being supported by hinged legs that fold out of the way when the bed is returned to its daytime position. The seat portion and two back sections are made of spruce strips similar to those used for the bunks and the mattress pad is filled with kapok and covered with green homespun. Cost of this practical dual-use piece of furniture was approximately $12.

A portion of our homemade fireplace may be seen in the same picture with the love seat. It is one of our greatest pleasures, because the smoke goes up the chimney and not in our eyes. All materials, including cement, tile, damper, and clean-out door cost about $20 and a lot of hard labor in breaking stone and fitting it into place. A diagram provided by the manufacturer of the damper provided all dimensions for fireplace opening and flue size and was of great assistance. This was a long, tedious job, but when we have one of those cold rainy evenings that are bound to come in the early spring and late fall, a crackling fire is an untold pleasure for the whole family.

Next we tackled a combination window seat, bunk, and drawers for storage of clothing and linen. These drawers are six inches deep and twenty-six inches wide by three feet long. A pad and cushions make for comfort and add to the appearance of the room. (Shown at bottom of this page.)

The writing desk, which also serves as powder table is also made of knotty pine. The lower section houses sewing equipment, magazines, and books. At the left of the desk is shown a simple but useful floor lamp, the result of about two hours' work.

Other homemade furniture and equipment consist of double-decker bunks for the children; dinette table and benches; outdoor table and benches seating fourteen people; an outdoor fireplace for cooking; a work bench in the basement; a swing, horizontal bar, and sand box for the children, and other things too numerous to mention.

Instead of cluttering up our camp with a lot of cast-off furniture, as is too often the case, we have designed each piece as a part of what we believe to be an attractive and comfortable whole. Each bit of work that is done and each new piece of equipment that is made suggests other projects, so that after two years we still have a long list of things to be done. Our tool kit is gradually growing and, thanks to a very helpful book published by a leading American tool maker, we are becoming more proficient in the use of tools and have found a most delightful hobby.

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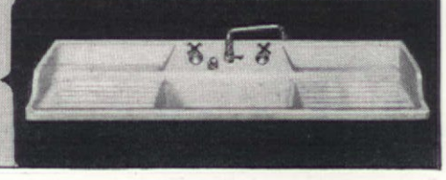

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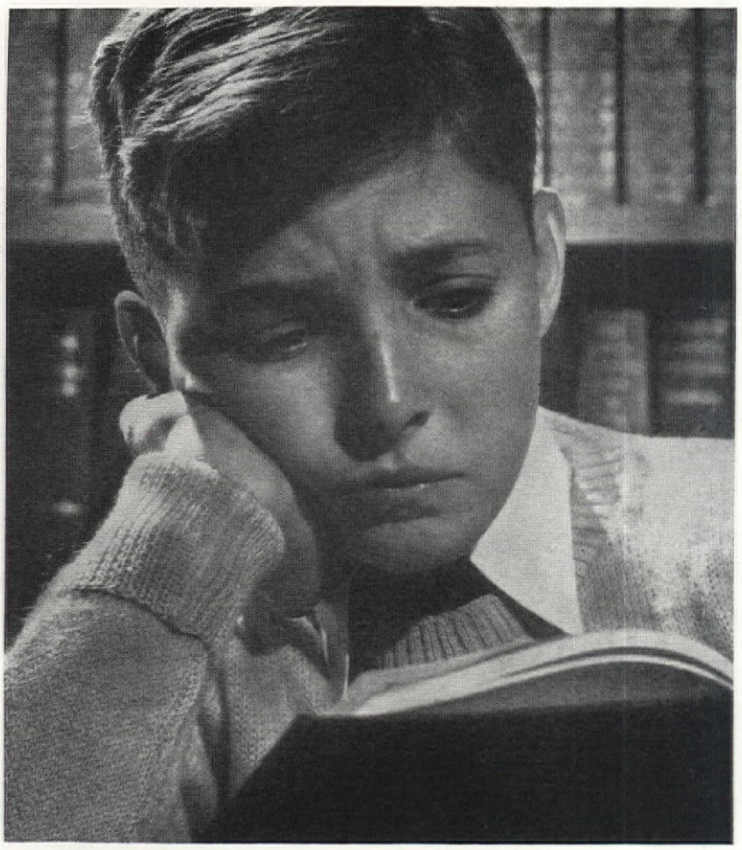

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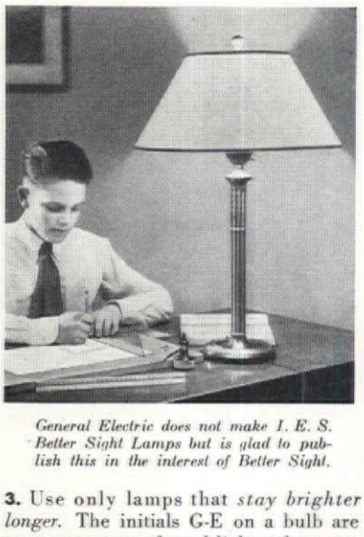

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"Say—it doesn't look bad!"

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at our first country auction. When the bidding had reached the sum of $5.75, the only man bidding against me withdrew from the contest, whether for chivalrous or financial reasons I do not know. My husband, looking over my shoulder as I write, says there is no chivalry at an antique sale, so it must have been the latter. Anyway, we were happy in possessing a chest with the original brasses still intact, and with straight sides scalloped at the bottom. It looked wretched, though, with many coats of disfiguring varnish, and with keyholes punched out to make way for pulls of heavy, knotted rope. This, in spite of the fact that the handles were in good pulling order themselves! After scraping the chest down thoroughly, we had the keyholes restored by a local carpenter, in such a natural fashion that even a Peeping Tom would feel quite at home looking through them.

The corner cupboard was rescued, not from the auction block, but from the chopping block, as the owner said he was going to cut it into kindling wood. It stood in an old shed, surrounded by a bewildering miscellany of boxes and crates, but, being a narrow type and of solid walnut, it seemed to have possibilities. We paid the man his price of two dollars, and took it home in the truck. We had a glass door made at the planing mill, which we substituted for the original upper wood door, for we wanted to be able to see our blue dishes and hen-on-nest. This latter amusing and practical member of the pressed glass family seems to have a close affinity for corner cupboards; they are seen so frequently together. My chicken has a blue head and dispassionate eye, but the frill around her nest gives it a frivolous air.

It has been our pleasant experience that pieces of matchi china, like troubles, can general be found if one is looking f them. The old blue dishes on t table, with tureen, were found one small town; a large platt of same design in another; and with the goblets, until finally t sets were complete.

The jar on top of the c ner cupboard was acquired in unexpected way. Piping down t valley one day, we came to farmhouse where there was array of earthen jars inverte on a picket fence. The woma said we might look at them, s choosing one, I asked the pric She said, "But lady, you ca put pickles down in that. I cracked, and has no lid." "B its shape is so pretty," I said. S looked startled. "You see, I wa to paint it," I added. At this, s was *sure* that the pickle jar was the only cracked thing in her do yard that afternoon, but she me buy it. She should now see t painted jug gracing the top my cupboard, its good si adorned with gay posies.

The venerable gentleman in t portrait above the chest of dra ers was painted by the writ when she was a young art studen (That's one thing—we did have to buy pictures for t house.) The circumstance of h coming to pose for the life cla was rather amusing. It was som times the privilege of the seni students to choose the model f the week, from applicants comi to the school for hire. My chu and I exercised this privilege o day, but not in the orthod fashion. We were in the Publ Library on this occasion and sa across from us at the readi table, a benign old gentlema with the most beautiful sea-foa of a beard you ever saw.

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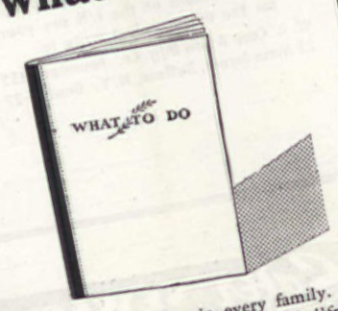

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The low commode in the hall has a hinged top that opens up like Pandora's box. Instead of the ills of the world, we keep inside it those things which prevent many of them—overshoes and galoshes; only our best ones are kept here, though.

The walnut candlesticks on top were a Christmas gift from young son, whose portrait hangs above the desk. After much secret lathe-turning in the basement, and frequent admonishing, "Don't come down, Mom," he produced these from a piece of one of our walnut trees. They are doubly appreciated for that reason.

The cretonne above the commode features blue jays in its design. This we bordered with sateen to make a hanging. The blue-green color of the birds is repeated in the little glass bowl and in the foliage of the large hooked rug.

The making of my first hooked rug was quite an experience. What fun it was to draw the design on burlap, and collect our old woolen clothing, blankets, and socks! I felt like the poet who could see the whole world in a grain of sand, for I must confess I visualized a gorgeous rug with scrolls, flowers and everything, in those old stockings and pieces of underwear. I was very optimistic, you see.

Friends warned that it took an unbelievable amount of wool-ens, but I left the perplexing problem of whether or not I'd have enough material entirely in the lap of the Gods, and gloriously waded in. But, alas, I learned that it wouldn't be a hooked rug if one didn't run out of material. Somehow, by hook or crook—this is not intended for a pun—I finally got it finished, even to putting in my initials and the year, as if it were a masterpiece and needed signing! It is pictured near the slip-covered chair, and my daughter likes it, as do the rest of the family.

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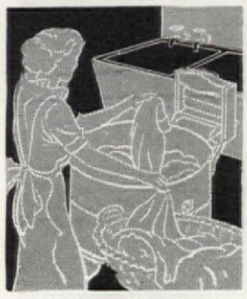

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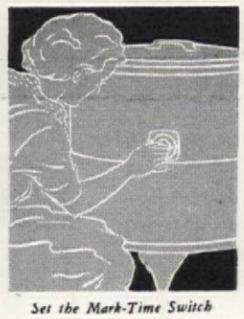

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were in their original form, as I knew them in the dentist's chair, so the hooking of the other rugs in the photographs followed in enjoyable succession.

The screen in the living room, an old one for which I traded two Greek junipers, had been discarded by a woman who was in need of evergreens. As I wanted a screen, and had plenty of evergreens (the nursery having materialized by this time) we made a most amicable trade. The Greeks have a word for it, but we called it plain "swap." On the pressed wood panels with which we replaced the worn cloth, we pasted three strips of an old Zuber wall paper, which an obliging dealer let us have quite reasonably. It was left over from his doing a room for a client, and is named, "Scenic America." Dufour, a French artist, designed it in the eighteenth century, so we thought it sufficiently ancient to go with our other things.

The Colonial settle and black rocker fortunately showed traces of their original decorations when we found them, so, after repainting the body of these pieces, it was not difficult to restore the quaint old designs. The old glassware on the window shelf accents the colors found elsewhere in the living room.

There are yet many things to be done and changed; draperies, for instance. Instead of Fortuny prints at my windows I have what a decorator would call "Misfortuny" curtains, too narrow and short. But, ho, hum! Sometime in the future, when our bank holiday has lifted, I may go to the other extreme, and get draperies resembling in volume the trousers that Irvin Cobb ordered when in France during the war, and which proved, he said, to be "Toulon, Toulouse, and too baggy."

We've done some hard work, and had lots of fun making our house into a home. While it is a far cry from the Chippendale and Sheraton dreams that our builder had for the furnishing of this house, the simple country atmosphere that we have created through necessity, seems to meet with his approval, for the most sincere compliment we can imagine was given us when he visited here not long ago. He looked at the rooms, his face lighting up with surprise. "Say," he said, "it doesn't look bad!"

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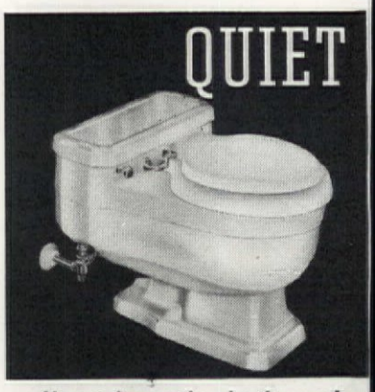

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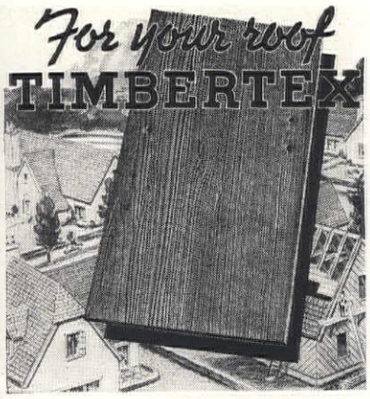

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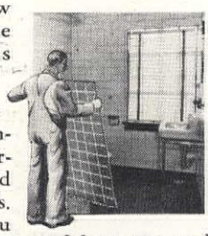

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the lake bed. Defendant however owned a small portion of lake frontage with title to a corresponding area of the lake bed. Plaintiff used his land and the lake in the operation of a summer resort. Defendant established a like enterprise on his lake frontage and proceeded to use the entire lake surface in its operation. Plaintiff sued to enjoin defendant from so using any part of the lake, other than that portion covered by his boundary lines. In upholding plaintiff's claim, the court, in part, said:

"The complaint alleges ownership and possession of a tract of land corresponding to congressional surveys— . . . thus fixing the boundary lines of [plaintiff] pertaining to Center Lake as certainly as the boundary lines of his upland. . . .

"Since the common law in relationship to the ownership of land covered by the water of an inland nonnavigable lake obtains in this state, it follows that where, as here, the portion of the several owners of the bed of such lake may be determined by congressional survey, each owner has the right to the free and unmolested use and control of his portion of the lake bed and water thereon for boating and fishing." (Supreme Court of Indiana, 191 N.E. 331.)

The foregoing cases are fairly representative of the two lines of holdings on the question here involved. And the authorities in other states, where the question has been litigated, are, it appears, about equally divided between the two lines of reasoning. The point has not been litigated in many states, and, of course, there is no way of foretelling how it will be decided when, and if, it arises therein.

In the light of this situation, it seems clear that the question of the extent of water rights, or riparian rights as lawyers term them, should carefully be investigated before frontage is purchased or leased upon an inland nonnavigable lake. This is assuming that the right of using entire lake surface is the prime motive for the purchase, and is contemplated by the purchaser. Otherwise, an investment of this kind may quite easily prove a source of keen disappointment and perhaps substantial loss. It's a nice point indeed, on the subject of lake cottages and water rights; and one that may well be had in mind by sportsmen, summer resorters, and others, in situations of this kind before deciding definitely to sign upon the dotted line.

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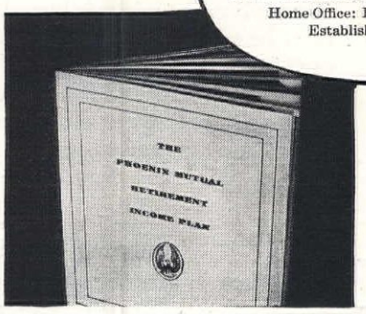

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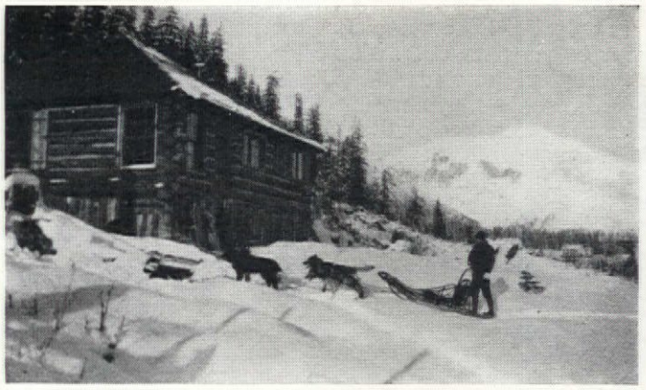


My Alaskan Home

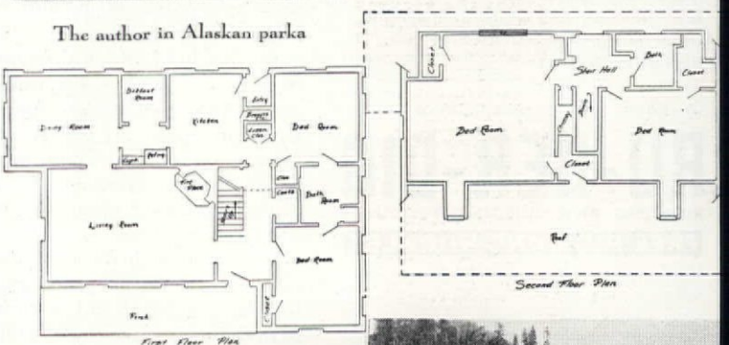
NISKA ELWELL

HEWING a home out of the wilderness was always our pet pipe dream during the hectic years of our life amidst the cities. When we found the end of the trail, it was in Seward, Alaska, overlooking beautiful Resurrection Bay, at the foot of a mighty mountain, and with a view that encompasses a whole circle of snow-clad peaks whose glinting glaciers and lower spruce clad slopes, reflect marvelously in the still waters of the sparkling bay

During the gypsy years of our life when my husband followed surveying and we moved hither and yon, following the work and living in many different places and camps, we were forever planning the log house that we would build some day when we found a place we liked well enough to settle down. While staying with an old Alaskan Sourdough, just previous to starting our house, we sat around so many evenings drawing plans that our host finally snorted in derision, "Well, I'm waitin' to see that wonderful house you're going to build!" He had been through this hewing a home out of the wilderness himself and knew that it is not all that it is cracked up to be!

So determined were we to do it all with our own hands that the two of us bravely tackled all those big stumps. When I look back at the ambition with which we grubbed them out, excavated them, blasted some of them burned some of them and wound up by having to rent a stump puller to use for finishing off the toughest ones, I know now that we must have been very

The author in Alaskan parka



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young and foolish or else the atavistic blood of our pioneer ancestors was cropping out.

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We excavated the basement all by hand. By that time we had gone into the gold mining business, which is seasonal. We were out in the hills every summer mining, and so worked at building our home in Seward only in fall and winter. In the mining camps I had learned to swing a pick and shovel and shake a rocker. While my husband was busy hydraulicing, I had my own little corner of virgin ground to "snipe out." The dust and nuggets I washed out were my own pin money. At the end of the season I looked ruefully at the big hole in the ground where I had dug the overburden off to get at bed rock, and remarked that if I could only take that hole home with me and use it for our basement, we would not have to do any further excavating. Having become proficient with a pick and shovel, I insisted on doing my share of digging the basement. We found that we were building on an ancient rock slide. Enough rocks came out of the basement to build a mammoth fireplace, three rock retaining walls for terraces in the yard and rock gardens all over the landscape! Still there was soil enough for an abundance of trees and plants—a little mountain stream had cut down the gulch beside our cabin and deposited detritus for centuries past.

Building in the fall and winter on the coast of Alaska has its disadvantages. Fall is the rainy season, winter brings bitter cold, snow, and high winds. However we thought we were tough young pioneers and up those logs went, winter or not. Bob Carlson, a Sourdough, helped us with the logs. We pulled them up the skids with a rope and while the two men held them in place I took a half hitch with the rope around a sill on the opposite side until we could get another heave on it. The ladylike job of chinking between the logs with burlap fell to me. And *was* it a cold job? That was a cold winter and a fur parka and felt shoes, with wool gloves inside of canvas ones, kept up my morale while the burlap was pounded in the cracks. Then came endless rows of nails destined to

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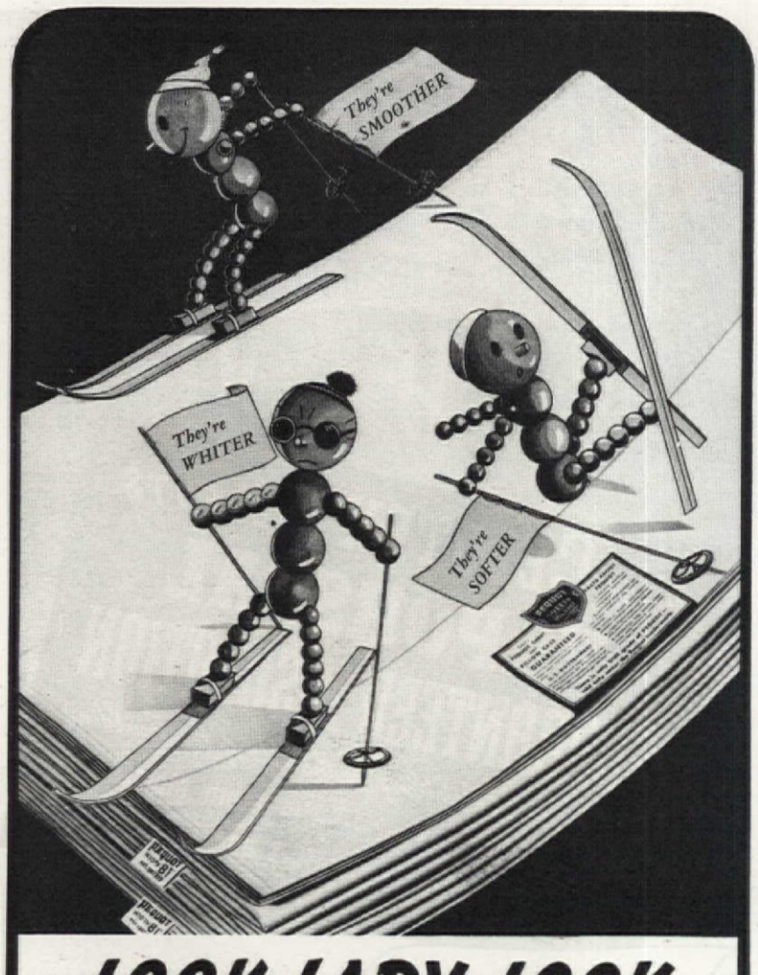

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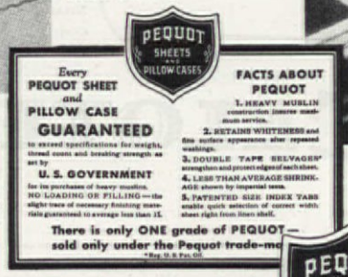

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reinforce and hold the cement chinking in the cracks whenever it got warm enough to mix concrete. Gloves were too awkward when pounding nails but bare fingers were more numb and awkward. I sawed into my cold fingers a couple times by accident, and often pounded them with the hammer. The bitter cold did the rest. I went the remainder of the winter with some of the fingers very badly swollen.

The house logs were a foot thick at the base. When we wanted smaller logs for inside partitions and a small walled up porch on the windy side of the house, we had to go about four miles distant, after small timber. Our team of sled dogs came in handy to haul these. In spite of the cold, the spring-fed creeks in the woods stay open in the winter so we had a busy time building brush bridges across all the little streams and shoveling snow with our snowshoes onto the bridges to make a good trail for our loads.

The following fall when we arrived home from the mining camps I tackled the chinking while the man of the house was busy hewing out the logs and fitting the windows in the openings. We got the sand for the cement on the beach and pushed it uphill in a wheelbarrow. It was the rainy season so I had to do all that chinking with the eaves dripping down my neck. However, one of those navy "diving" suits, middy and breeches did help to keep me fairly dry, outside of my neck. By the time I was ready to do the partitions inside, snow had come, which enabled us to haul the rest of the sand with the dog team. We could thoroughly sympathize with the pups after having yanked so much of that sand up the hill and helped give the sled load a big boost on the steep places ourselves! At that time we had not yet taken the time to build a driveway up to our cabin, so man power or dog power were the only ways to get anything up there. The main road is about two hundred feet below us, but until we could be home in the summer it was not possible to build the drive. Most of the lumber for floor, roof and window sills, we had packed up the hill on our backs. It was spruce and hemlock, green and unplaned, which had been towed across the bay by a small gas boat. It was wet and heavy. After it dried, we had one sweet time planing it by hand. Did I hear you say that hewing your home out of the wilderness was a romantic and fascinating occupation? Well at least, we were not foolish enough to try to whipsaw it. We had had a little taste of that, in the mining camps, which were about a hundred miles from the nearest saw-mill.

The fall that we built the fireplace, my husband had taken out a license to guide big game hunters. The masonry had just emerged from the hole in the roof when hunting season opened. In a burst of enthusiasm, the hunter he was taking out helped put the flashing on the roof, then those two were gone in a cloud of dust, and I had to finish the chimney, if we expected to use that fireplace that winter because cold weather would be at hand by the time hunting season was over. We had moved into the partly finished cabin by that time. The hunter's wife was staying with me while the men went hunting. That night a southeaster blew in off the ocean. We listened to the storm of rain and sleet. About that time streams of water began to gush down the front of the fireplace, washing the fresh cement out of the cracks and making a fine mess on the floor. I dove into the cellar for the tar pot and the ladder. When I climbed up on the roof in that storm to tar the leaks and put a slab over the top of the chimney, the hunter's wife followed me and held the lantern so I could see in spite of the darkness.

To add a few practical details—the foundation of the fireplace is eight feet of solid masonry extending down through the basement. We did not put an ash pit in it because wood makes so few ashes that it is hardly necessary to remove ashes more than once a year. The fireplace is built around the first Heatilator installed in Alaska. The virtues of the Heatilator in this day and age are so well known that I need say but little regarding it. It is foolproof and will not smoke. The dimensions are all figured out by competent engineers to fit the cubic measurements of your room. The damper and smoke shelf and throat of chimney are all included and all one has to do, is to build the masonry around the outside of it. A five-inch hollow air space behind it connects with a fresh air draft from outside, bringing fresh oxygen into the room so that the fireplace does not need to pull the oxygen in through the cracks around the doors and windows, thus creating drafts. This fresh air behind the fireplace is heated, thus raising and emerging from grilled openings which are left in the front of the masonry. This gives you additional heat and circulates it through the room just as would a pipeless furnace.

The design of the masonry is original. Never having built a fireplace before, we had to feel our way along. We would add a few rocks then stand back and view the effect. Just above the fireplace opening we set samples of all the mineral ore of Alaska—gold quartz, silver ore, copper

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Yes, I finished that rock chimney above the roof, and did in the depth of my ignorance, somehow take cognizance of the fact that it had to be higher than the peak of the roof, to draw correctly. We installed a furnace also because one can bank the furnace fire and go away all day, yet come home at night and find the house still warm, whereas a fireplace fire goes out before the day is over. The following fall I built the furnace chimney while Mr. Guide was out with the hunters again. But that was easy—it was made of bricks. It takes infinite patience to fit rocks together for a chimney, but bricks can be slapped up in layers in a hurry. It was fun, after a couple of false starts. The bricks drew all the moisture out of the cement until someone came along and told me to get the bricks in a bucket of water before I laid them. I was mightily afraid my brick chimney would not draw well enough for a furnace, but by the time I had it through the first floor, the draft blew my hat right off my head. By the time I cut the hole through the roof for it, there was such a suction that I was afraid it would draw all the firewood and jars of fruit in the cellar right up the chimney.

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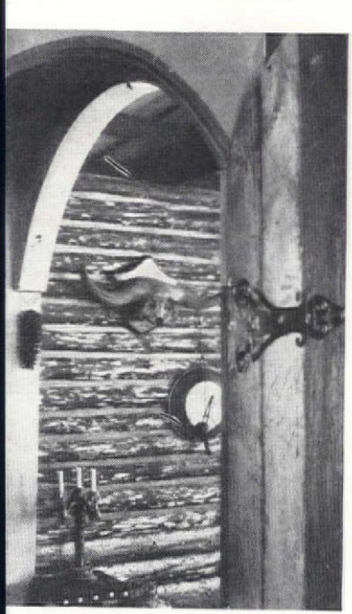

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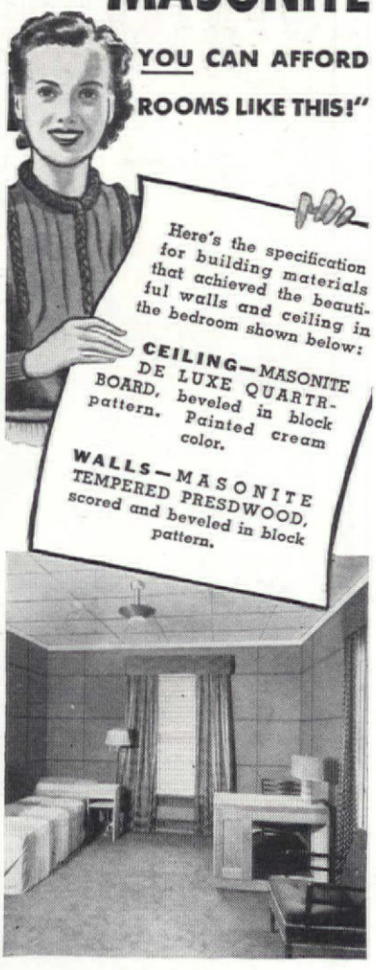

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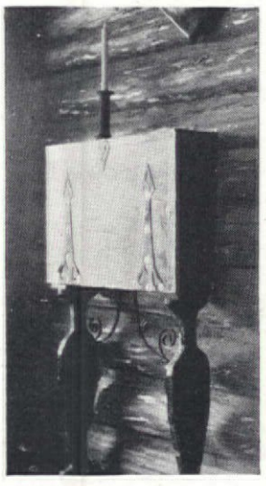

A handcraft desk

wood for the fireplace as well as a rumpus room and bar, of the Rathskeller period.

I put the kitchen on the front of the house with plenty of horizontal windows so as to enjoy that wonderful panorama of ocean and mountain peaks while doing my kitchen work. What gorgeous dawns have furnished the stage setting as I cook breakfast. My mind wanders from eggs and toast to Kipling's rhapsodies—"An' the dawn comes up like thunder outer China crost the Bay." What sunsets have painted the snowy peaks with "wine glow" then as it faded, duplicated the same color in the sky *behind* the peaks, gradually deepening to old rose, mauve then midnight blue. It is a pleasure to cook the evening dinner gazing upon such naked grandeur. Or in the short days of winter when dinner comes after dark—a moon as big as a wash tub, hoves over the mountain tops and spills a shimmering path of gold across the wet tide flats. When Nature frowns instead of smiling, I watch from my kitchen windows while the storms sweep in off the ocean, the whitecaps and spindrift scudding ahead of the angry wind. The surf pounds on the beach and breaks in showers of spray while the clouds close down almost to the water level and blot out the distant mountains!

The view from my kitchen windows is as much a part of the furnishings of the room as the cupboards, chairs, etc., hence my description of the exterior first. Coming to the interior the color scheme is yellow, orange, and jade green. Walls and ceiling yellow like sunshine, built-in cupboards are jade green trimmed with orange. Breakfast nook which has a view of that fascinating landscape, is also jade green with in-

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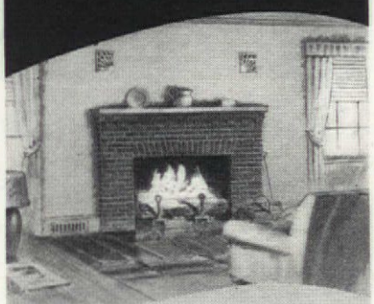

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sides of seats lined with solid orange. Sometimes as we sit there eating, we see a jet of water far out on the bay and what is it but a whale spouting!

Coming down to earth, or rather to floor, the kitchen floor is of wide planking, painted green and black in big fifteen-inch squares. All the doors are arched. Hot and cold water runs in the sink which is under that row of windows. The flour barrel is a mining camp trick. It is under the built-in kitchen cabinet, and is screwed to a wooden upright pivot so that it swings out in the clear when you need flour. Top and bottom of wooden pivot are in round sockets in the floor and table top. During the prohibition era a Sourdough friend of ours who came to visit, swung the barrel out to look at it and asked: "Is dot your home-brew barrel?" In two arched alcoves, the attic steps lead upwards and the cellar steps lead downwards. We hinged the tops of several of the steps so as to lift them up like a lid. They afford storage space for work gloves, wrapping paper, and other such things.

The living room has all log walls. The fireplace is at one end of room; horizontal windows line the side of the room towards the ocean and mountain peaks; on the other side, a wide arch leads to a door in the middle, and the two bedroom doors, one on either side at right angles. Two small recessed alcoves in this wall hold a piece of Mexican pottery and a Hopi Rain God of clay. The arched doors are handmade of wide weathered planks. Not being able to procure wrought iron hinges, I took the old rubber boots that we had worn out, in mining, and cut them out, in wrought iron designs, and nailed them on the doors with big studs. Many a globe-trotter and tourist that has looked over our house, has gone up close to feel those hinges, then a loud chuckle breaks out! Not wanting regulation hardware, I borrowed another mining camp trick—the handles on the doors are of wood, natural crooks that grew to the right angle, out in the forest. The latch strings each have a whale tooth hanging on the end for a weight. The outside doors are heavy double planking sawed in diagonal shape, painted jade green, with rubber boot wrought iron hinges and big studs. The floors are all wide planking with Navajo rugs and bear hide and hair-seal hide coverings.

Being the home of a big game guide, the walls are lined with trophies: mountain sheep, goats, moose, caribou, walrus tusks, and the petrified horns of an extinct bison that roamed Alaska when the country was tropical! A collection of Attu basketry, and various curios from all over th world adorn the nooks and co ners. A gun rack against the wa holds our rifles and shot guns.

Two candelabras are rustic t match the cabin. They are spruce and alder wood limb which grew into natural crook One of them is about eightee inches high and the other o is a floor lamp as tall as I a I use miner's wax candles in ther When we wish only a soft ligh the fire light and candle ligh suffice. However, the house wired for electricity and besid using all the electrical conven ences, I have electric floor a reading lamps. The parchme shades are painted in bright co ors with Alaskan scenes. The flo lamp has moose and mounta sheep against a gorgeous suns The reading lamp has a dog tea shade. The table lamp dates ba to the Prohibition period and a pottery jug wired for electricit The shade has a bootlegger wor ing his still out in the woods, wi the coils silhouetted against a b orange moon. A wrought ir candlestick is wired for electri ity, (no, it is not rubber boo but genuine metal)—and an o Paul Revere lantern that I trieved from my grandmothe wood shed years ago, hangs the beam overhead with a pla wax candle in it.

The furniture has no peri manners—it is a gay hodgepod The dining set, even including t buffet is of wicker which gether with the easy chairs a lounge, came from the Orient. T rest of the pieces are eith "Early Alaskan" or mong Spanish. They are handcraft a I made them myself out of dri wood and beachcombed bo that I carried up from the sho The desk was made of a groce box from the beach. I sawed some fancy legs for it, gave i coat of orange lacquer, a pair rubber boot hinges. The str iron that reinforces the boxes w curled around underneath to g it that near-Spanish look. other box had a pair of r handles put on either end a was painted to look like an pirate chest. This furnishes a st or seat for both the desk and radio which is just opposite it the corner. The bookcase is other series of boxes. It has tot pole faces painted on the en and is backed up against the of fireplace. Another box was out with a keyhole saw to l like a Turkish tabourette. It is smoking stand for pipes, cig ettes, etc. The near-Spanish ch was made from driftwood. stray piece of upholstery ve covered it and a few tin wash such as are used under roo nails, added that gay Caball touch. A couple of magazine ra were fashioned from boxes

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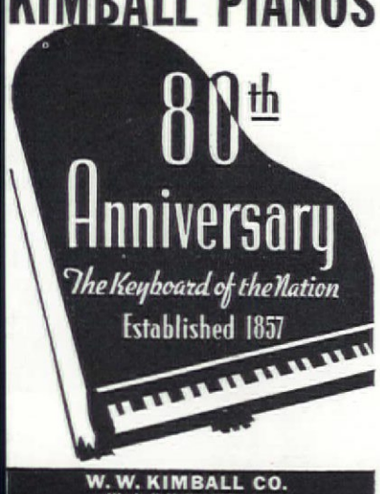

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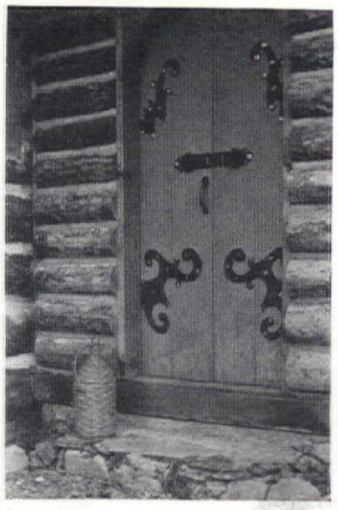
painted orange and black. A comfortable couch is covered with a wolf robe of ample size that was fashioned to wrap up the passenger on a dog sled that had a long trail ahead of him. A reading lamp close by and the book case that can be reached without getting up make that warm furry couch a popular corner.

To match the reed furniture, two wicker covered demijohns of varying size sit on the floor beside the buffet. We are blessed with dinner gongs. A clear toned ship's bell off an old wreck on the beach is the first one. A miner's gold pan, hung up on the wall like a tom tom, is the other. I pound them both; then if the guests still linger, I call in the approved camp style—"Come an' get it, 'fore I feed it to the dogs!"

The bedrooms have log walls and built-in furniture. The beds are both four-posters that we built ourselves. Once in a mining camp three miles above timber line where everything had to be hauled up there over the snow by dog team, I swiped four riffle poles that were destined to go in the bottoms of the sluice boxes, and built myself a four-poster bunk. Can I ever forget the heinous crime that I seemed to have unwittingly committed when the boys in our camp saw where their riffle poles had gone! They treasured every inch of wood as highly as the gold nuggets! As a reminiscence of this incident one of our beds in our present home is built of four riffle poles. The old counterpane on this bed is my heirloom. It is of wool, hand woven in bright colors in intricate design. My grandmother spun the yarn for it on her spinning wheel. Her neighbor who had a hand loom, wove it. It is a real museum piece and my most prized possession. The bedside stand is three cornered and rustic. An old Saratoga trunk, another of my heirlooms, stands in one corner. Some more heads and



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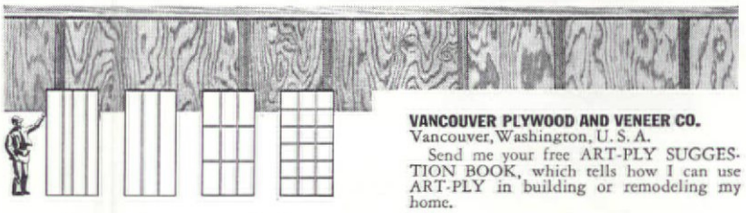

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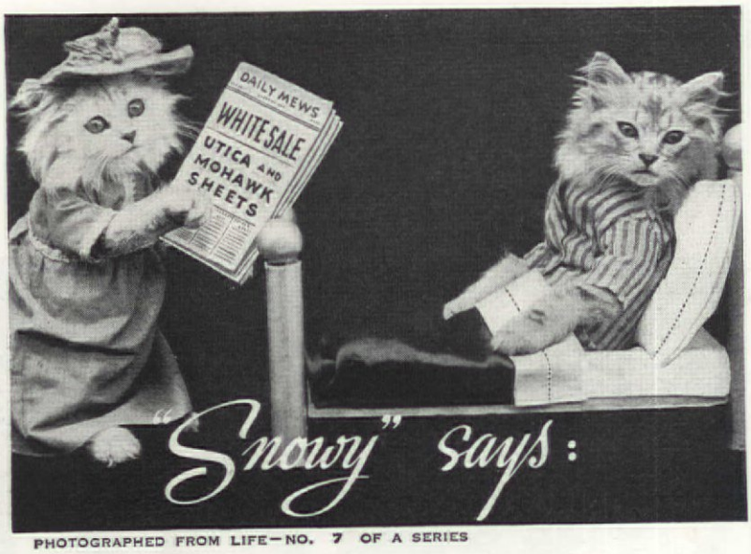

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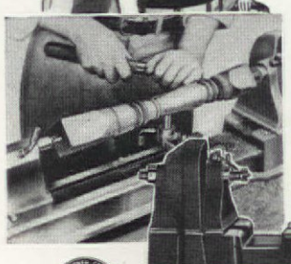

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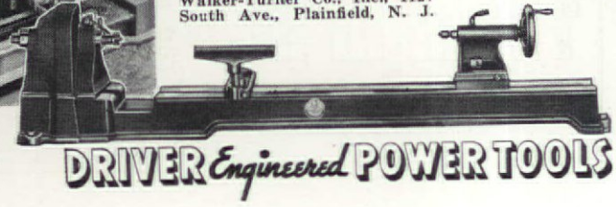

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horns and a wall hanging of Swedish embroidery adorn the walls. A bear rug on the floor and a rustic easy chair complete the guest room.

In the other room, the four-poster is made of totem poles. The built-in shelves and dresser are bright orange. A brilliant Mexican zerape serves as bedspread. A shallow medicine case for first-aid supplies extends from floor to ceiling. It is orange and black with big studs in the Spanish manner. Our photographic paraphernalia accumulated till I had to build a special cupboard to accommodate it. This cupboard, at one end of the built-in dresser, holds movie camera, projector, reels, still cameras, and outfit for developing and printing. It is a joy to have things segregated all in one place and know just where to find them.

The rumpus room in the basement reflects one of the dreams of its owner. Not satisfied with Alaskan big game as a profession, he has longings to hunt some day in Africa, so I turned the rumpus room into a jungle for him. As one opens the door at the top of the stairs, he finds himself among the treetops where monkeys and apes cavort. Down below in the depth of the jungle, water buffalo prowl the swamps; hippos and crocodiles thrust up their ugly heads; boa-constrictors loop from the branches to the terror of chattering monkeys. On the brilliant plains, lions crouch watching distant herds of bucks; elephants and rhino come charging; giraffes stretch their long necks; a terrifying gorilla gives you the shivers. The visiting hunters having extolled the virtues of their private bars in their basements during the Rathskeller period, my husband needs must also have a private bar to entertain his sportsmen. A wide arch connects the bar with the rumpus room. It has a rail to plunk your foot, and some secret compartments behind, to hide out a "wee drappie" for next time. The front windows look out across a flower covered terrace, to that magnificent ocean view. I have painted black grille work on the glass to simulate wrought iron. The floor is flagstone, and an arched door opening directly out onto the driveway is heavy planking with some more big hinges.

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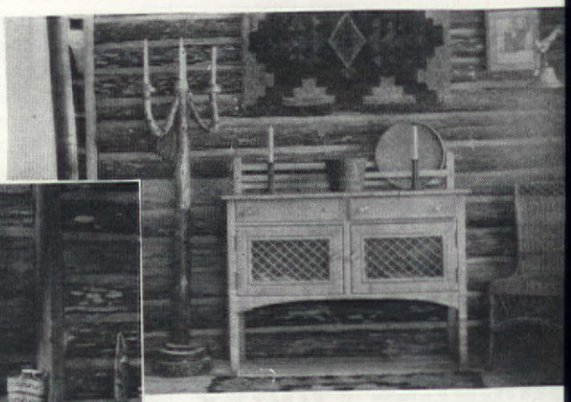
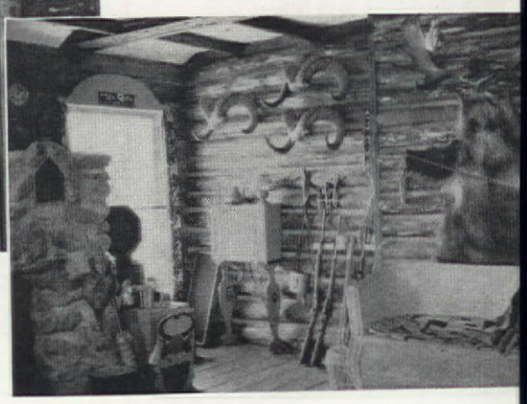


The buffet is of wicker. The floor lamp was made of natural crooks of spruce and alder

The gun rack and knife rack are well designed; walls are decorated with hunting trophies of all kinds



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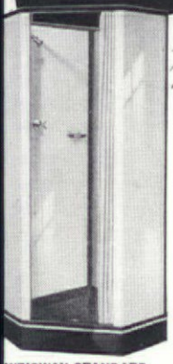

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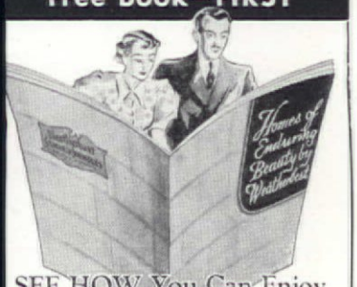

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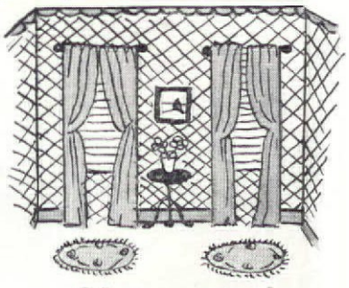

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the man around the house has a real excuse to satisfy that primitive urge to be the master of things in general, and to prepare the food himself in his own way. It is the novelty of it in part that makes him want to bake potatoes in the ashes while he broils the meat in the most elementary fashion known to man. I dare say if he were called upon to do so day in and day out, as the housewife must do, he would soon tire of his work. Once or twice during a cold winter month is enough to keep his finger in the cooking pot, and to retain his dexterity in turning out tasty bits of deliciously wood-smoke flavored meat for his guests. So let the man of the house have his little fling in the culinary arts, and everyone will be happy, even his wife, who gets a night out from the kitchen.

If he is to do much broiling over the fire he will need a grill. There are several on the market that are satisfactory. The grills that are used out-of-doors on ordinary campfires will work indoors. The type that has folding legs that stick down into the earth do not always work out well in the fireplace, as there is nothing to hold the grill steady. The rigid leg type is better.

A good bed of ashes as well as coals will come in handy if you bake potatoes. George always used to throw in his potatoes after he had a good fire going, and by the time the coals were ready for broiling meat, his potatoes would be about ready to come out. I never had the courage to do it that way, as I feared the potatoes would be burned to a crisp, but his always turned out just as well as any I have ever baked by making a nest for them with a bed of coals above and below, and then covering them with ashes. The time for cooking potatoes varies according to the amount of coals used and whether the fireplace hearth is already heated but the usual time is forty-five to sixty minutes. Often I rush right home from work and get my cooking fire started. Then I sort out the larger potatoes to be used and fix the meat.

On steak there is little to do except to salt and pepper it to suit. It is best to keep your thick slices of meat in pieces as large as possible, as they handle better in turning, and the meat is not so likely to lose its juice in the cooking. A sirloin three quarters of an inch to an inch thick is what we usually get. The butcher should be told how the meat is to be cooked and that he must cut it thick enough. You find yourself wondering if that three

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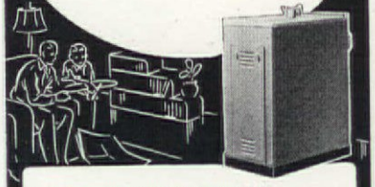

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pounds will be enough for s people? I have bought a lot steak, and I never have gott over that feeling of whether have enough meat to go arour When the steak is put on a platt and cut up into servings your a prehensions will disappear, a you will find that you have ample supply. We figure on th pounds serving six or seven pe ple. If it is to be a major ste and potato supper supplement by a salad and light dessert a h pound of steak per person enough to satisfy everyone.

Be your steak sirloin or T-bo you must see to it that the pie is well marbled with fat, and th your butcher will swear on oa that it is tender. A small pie of suet should be used for gre ing the grill. Turn the steak eve fifteen seconds for the first m ute to insure the juices bei seared in. A shallow pan con in handy to place under the fr end of the grill. The pan shou not be in the fire, but as near the edge of the coals as possi to catch the meat juice. This ju is saved to pour over the bak potatoes after they have be shucked of their somewh charred outer skins.

When broiling lamb chops pork chops use a garlic sa dressing, and pour it over th before cooking. To one half c ful of French dressing add tablespoonful prepared musta and one clove of garlic cut fine. Let this sauce stand on meat for an hour before broili Chops broiled without a sauce mighty good, but when a to of garlic is added you really h a flavor obtainable in no ot way. Your guests will never get a treat of this kind.

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steak, but it is a great deal nicer from every angle to roast the chicken whole. There are several ways of doing this. You may turn it on an improvised spit, or you may hang it on strings from the outer face of the fireplace, and let it turn round and round in front of the fire. Run a wooden skewer through the body just back of the wings, and tie a string to each protruding stick. The strings are brought together and tied to a nail or hook in the face of the fireplace. The strings, weighted down by the fowl, should hang in front of the fire in a position which is flush with the opening. By revolving the chicken with a fork you wind up the strings. Release the fowl and it will slowly unwind, browning the chicken on all sides equally. A drip pan should be placed under the fowl.

If you can dig up an old cast iron Dutch oven any place, do so by all means. In one of these you can cook everything from pot roasts to biscuits and corn bread. The broad, flat lid with the inverted brim around the edge will hold a good layer of coals on its top, and the cook may lift the lid to see how the food is coming along without destroying the bed of coals. In summer we often take this iron pot to the country, half bury it in a big campfire, and there cook a whole meal at once. A pot roast with vegetables is a favorite combination. We use two pounds of beef, browned, and six medium potatoes, six carrots, six onions, six fresh tomatoes or one can of tomatoes, one clove of garlic, salt and pepper, and water to cover. Cook the meat an hour before adding the vegetables.

Several years ago I acquired an odd accoutrement for my fireplace from a whimsical friend, who usually keeps one eye peeled for things he thinks I would like. I visited him one day in his basement cabinet-making shop, and he told me he had something for me. After digging around under his work bench among old chair legs and odd bits of lumber he found it. It was an old hewing ax of unusual design, and he offered it to me at a fair price. That is, it was reasonable to me, but I doubt if anyone else in the world would pay half what I did. I knew that ax was meant for me, and at noon I shouldered it and paraded through town and to my office, proud as a pup with his first big bone. What did I care for the side glances I got from the passers-by. If they wanted to think it was a beheading ax, and I the lord high executioner, it was all right with me. I had my ax and I knew what I was going to do with it. It would work into the decorative scheme of my newly constructed fireplace. New guests always investigate its sharpened blade and make remarks about

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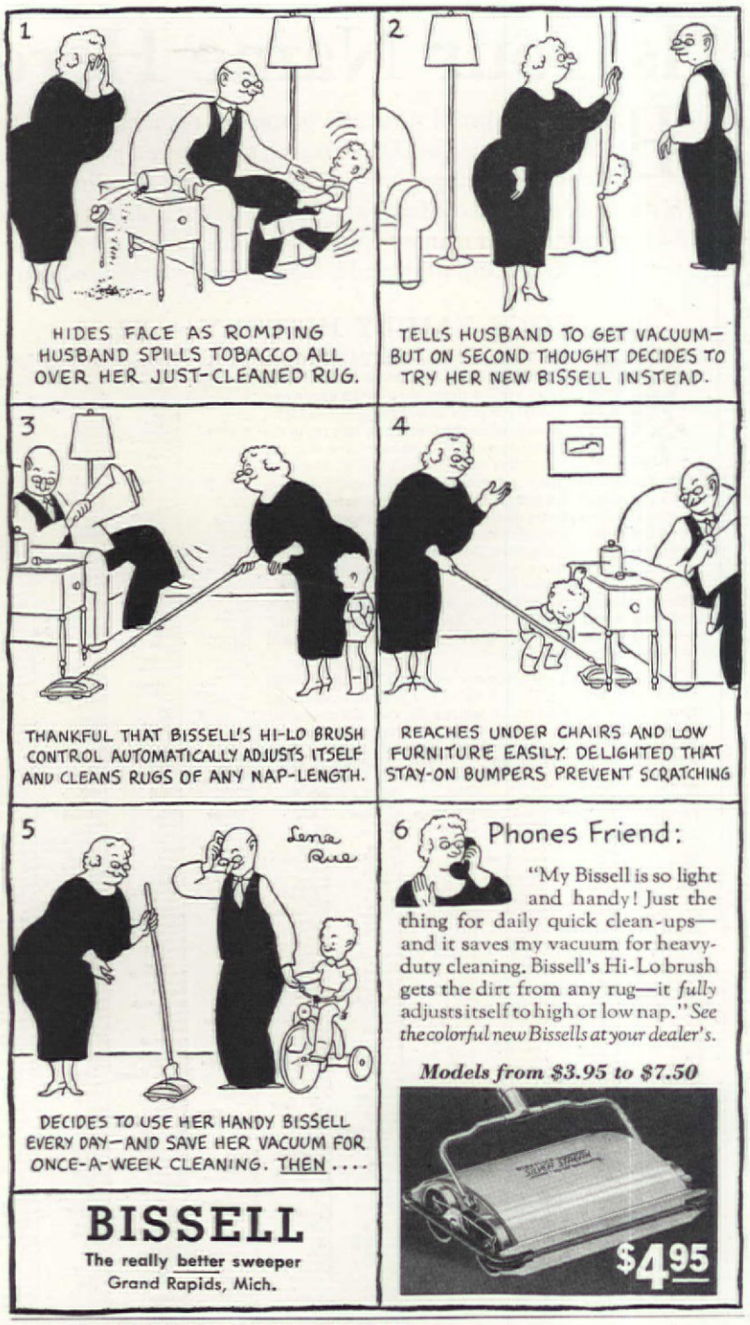

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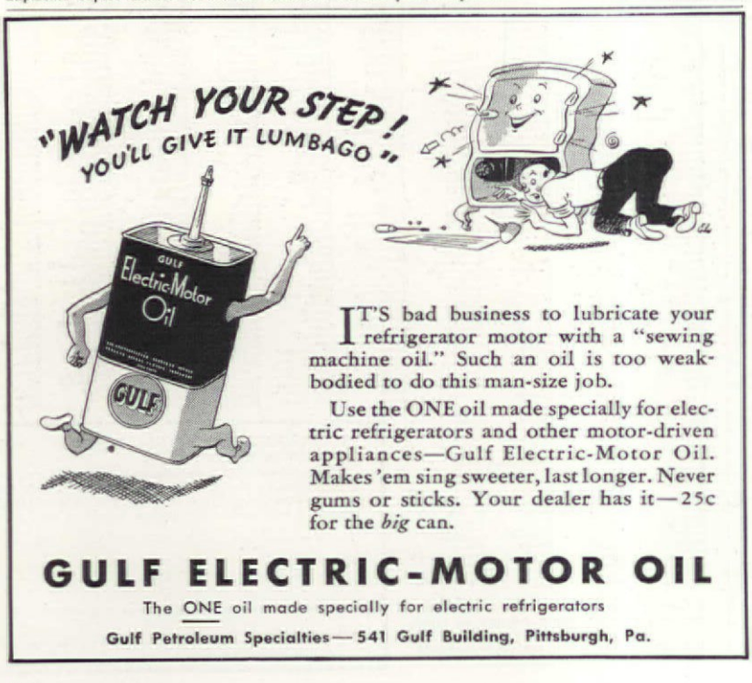

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Stalking Staffordshire dogs

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years old. They came in with a bang shortly after 1840. Their enormous sale was due to two popular and modern causes: first, England was enjoying the fruits of her first "good roads" campaign, that enabled a swarm of pottery peddlers to get around safely with quantities of wares, especially to all the great county fairs; secondly, the middle class was demanding moderate priced ornaments. It is safe to say, that every modest home in Great Britain and Ireland supplied itself with at least one pair of dogs. Our travels reveal that the little animals were likewise shipped to all parts of the Empire and traded into the coastal foreign ports of Europe; and our older generations have concrete recollections of their popularity in America, where in rare cases they have never ceased to play a parlor part, along with the wax flowers under a globe of glass, the framed cross-stitch sampler, the girandoles, and an assortment of strange bric-a-brac to be found on the corner whatnot.

Like all examples of popular art and ornamentation, Staffordshire dogs were in their way a reflection of the prevailing tastes and customs of the country. England was enthusiastic about dogs and the pampered pets of the period were the spaniel, the poodle, and the whippet. These three breeds, at least, were favored by the potters. The commonest variety of the three, the spaniel, or "Comforter" dog, came into immediate popularity, hence it is this species that is most commonly found by the dog collector in this present day.

The popularity of the "Comforter" dog is endearing as well as enduring. Despite his rather grotesque personality, he has a multitude of ways of fitting into any parlor picture, be it Colonial, Victorian, Edwardian, latter-day Georgian, or in a collector's combination of them all. His dignity, serenity, self-confidence with a touch of human vanity, lend an air of gravity that is so desirable, as though he were a watch dog over one's treasures. Yet, this unbeautiful and obviously dumb beast, in spite of his haughty appearance, is capable of performing no end of ordinary services—quite out of the sphere of valued bric-a-brac—without sacrificing any of his haughtiness. His common habitat was the mantelpiece, and he is always to be considered seated opposite his dual image while he stared into space with a supercilious complacency. Modern usage has set him to a wide variety of tasks to which he seems to have taken as if by second nature; fitting in with his new surroundings without in the least lowering his dignity. As a door-stop, for example, nothing could be more natural than one of the larger Staffordshire dogs, sitting as though to welcome the stranger with his back braced against the open portal. His dual presence as book ends and stately guardians to a row of rare old books seems to add something to their choiceness. As a firedog—himself and his twin sitting one on either side of the fireplace on the hearth, he seems to have come into his own in selecting the very spot that his living counterpart would have chosen, thus adding a warm and cheerful coziness to the interior of any home.

Thus far, we have concerned ourselves altogether with the "Comforter" dog type, which the Staffordshire modelers happily designed in a score of sizes, ranging from six to eighteen inches in height. The position of the canines is always the same: firmly seated on their haunches, the two front legs stiffly planted, the tail wrapped in a curve. They sit sidewise, the face turned full around. In some cases the more prominent foreleg is solidly joined to the body in porcelain; in others, it is partially free. Only one back paw is visible. Another conventional mark to be found in all cases, is a more or less faint trace of a gold collar, padlock in the center of it like a brooch and chain in a curve that fades into nothingness towards the back where nature and the hand of the decorator evidently paused, leaving only a white porcelain back. Obviously the little creature were designed to face the parlor scenery on all occasions. For the most part, the animals are splotched with color in a conventional manner—usually a blood

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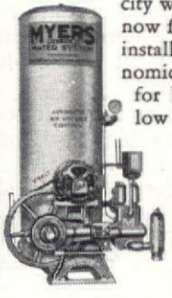

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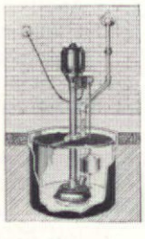

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red, less frequently black—the long ears and tail in solid color, with coquettish dashes on either jowl and a smear denoting the paws, with just a touch on the noble brows. The conventional ceases when it comes to the features of the dogs wherein they more nearly resemble human beings than beasts. The human eyes are surmounted by perfectly plucked eyebrows which, together with the painstaking whiskers, suggest the art of the beauty specialist. Individuality, personality, and character are to be found in the facial expressions of every Staffordshire dog, for no two are exactly alike. Therein, perhaps, lie their chief appeal and charm. They are obviously devoid of all the lower strata of human emotions of affection, amiability, or fraternalism; rather, they seem to be preoccupied with grave reflections and a vain sense that they are a jump ahead and above the common lot of their fellows, be they porcelain, canine, or human. One of the rarer, and larger of the species is speckled with gilt, instead of splotched with paint, and sits pridefully with his curled tail extended behind him; others even rarer are marked with copper luster, giving a wide scope to the collector, who will in a short time come to prize his possessions as though they were real persons of his acquaintance.

Now, we come to the Staffordshire poodles, which are dogs of quite another breed and caste. As though reflecting and sponsoring the upper classes who owned and bred their living counterparts exclusively, their bearing and expressions are altogether supercilious, snooty, and snippy. The human eyes of the seated ones are always elevated, as though contemplating persons and things far above the common herd. Whereas the "Comforters" are solemnly brainy in mien, the poodles are sprightly and convey the idea that they are shallow-pates. The commoner variety are seated and wear the conventional collar and padlock, usually outlined in copper luster, but without the ignominy of a chain. The two front legs are not solidly porcelained to the body and only the tips of their four paws are touched with color, with the exception of their black and pink muzzles, red mouths, black eyebrows and lids, and yellow eyes with black pupils. Properly, they are clipped à la mode, their woolly coat being ingenuously represented by a thick coating of finely broken up porcelain.

The Staffordshire poodle will prove to be both the delight and dilemma of the collector, due to the fact that his species is legion in size, posture, and combination. The seven-inch high seated beast is perhaps the most common, together with the nine-inch variety. From those they diminish all the way to thimble size, these species standing on all fours in dog show form. They are also to be found occasionally affixed to Staffordshire bouquet holders, usually in pairs. They are no more utilitarian dogs in porcelain than in life, but merely ornaments from their black muzzles to the tip of their pompon tails, the smaller ones usually to be found occupying a point of vantage or placed in a cabinet among the treasures.

It is as difficult to name prices that Stafford dog fanciers should pay, as it is in any other branch of the collecting field. The seated dogs were intended to go in pairs, which therefore is their natural and perfect state. Single seated dogs should not bring a third of what is asked for a pair. One is safe in paying $12 for the commonest "Comforter" pair, while rarer types run anywhere up to $60 and $75 the pair, especially the copper luster ones. Poodles run higher, beginning somewhere around $20 a pair to $100 for one of the rarest tiny standing dogs. These prices do not hold, of course, in auctions where, as a rule, the commoner varieties sell for more and the rarer ones for less, due to the fact that seldom more than three or four are offered with many bidders in competition. It is recommended that the astute buyer make a round of the antique shops, making a study of the creatures as well as looking for bargains. He will soon learn values.

If it is true that "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," then the Staffordshire dog should feel flattered. Just how popular this type of porcelain figure is today in its recrudescence, may be measured by the lamentable fact that the commoner forms, especially that of the "Comforter" are being liberally supplied by Czechoslovakian and Japanese potters. A pair of imitations may be purchased for something less than $3. Their quantity-production success is greater in the imitation of really artistic antiques than it has been in simulating the delightful individual crudities of 18th century potters who created the humanized Staffordshire dogs. A brief comparison and study by the collector will detect the marked difference between the two. However, the buyer must be on his guard, because unscrupulous dealers carry spurious dogs mixed amongst their thoroughbreds and not easily detected.

In conclusion, the Staffordshire dog is enjoying great popularity at the moment that will grow with increasing prosperity. It is a good time to buy, since nearly every available dog that is not tied down as an heirloom or leashed to a collection, is prob-

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New houses feature more and cleverer gadgets to help make every day living an enjoyable game instead of an harassing struggle. Practically every aspect of housekeeping and the allied arts have come to have their specialized tools carefully allotted their own particular place in the scheme of things, so if you are addicted to that special brand of social inferiority complex, brought on by the miscarriage of good intentions in getting things sent to people properly, try assembling a wrapping rack, or cabinet, or cupboard, or closet, as suits you best and see if it won't work wonders in promoting peace of mind, leading you to remark to friends with the faintest tinge of pleasant permissible superiority: "Really my dear, I don't know how we ever got along without one."

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Escape cottages

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which support the structure, two rustic pewter lanterns are suspended as the main lighting fixtures of the room.

The walls of this room are covered with knotty pine horizontal boards fitted together with joints to add decoration. To obtain just the desired effect of warmth, the pine boards were covered first with white paint rubbed down, then shellacked and afterwards waxed.

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The small kitchen is just the right size for the needs of country living. There is not too much space to keep clean but just enough to do things efficiently. It is to the right of the living room and faces the front of the house. The ceiling of pine tongue and grooving is painted red and furnishes just the color contrast needed with the soft brown shades of the redwood walls and the knotty pine of the cupboards that surround the sink. While tiling is used on the drain boards in this house, in several other of the "escape" cottages, linoleum has proved a very much less expensive substitute.

At the left of the kitchen is space which may be used in a number of different ways, depending on the owner's needs. It may serve as a dining room, a bedroom, or dressing room. The Guerards use it for a bar since they have built additional bedrooms. Mr. and Mrs. Small have reversed the original floor plan, so that this space serves as their kitchen, while that next to it on the front of the house is the dining room. Miss Fraser uses it as a bedroom. The flexibility of the floor plan is apparent.

In the Guerard house, the bathroom may be reached from the porch or from the bar. Like the kitchen and bar it is paneled in redwood which gives a rustic effect and is easy to keep looking attractive. A built-in shower takes the place of a tub. Its interior walls are painted a blue-green to carry out the color note set by the blue ceiling in the bathroom.

Another variation of this floor plan is seen in the living room arrangement in the Small house. Here the fireplace is set directly in the middle of the long front wall. Two bunks suitable for beds are on either side of the fireplace. The lower part of each one is a wide drawer for bedding and at the end of each is a small closet to fill out the wall space, thus making it a complete unit. With their covering of plaid crash, the bunks resemble day beds and fit nicely into the decoration scheme.

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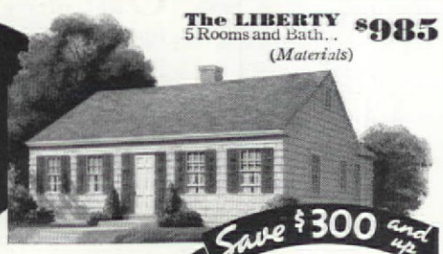

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Opening off the living room are doors leading to a small dining room and a compact kitchen. The kitchen door opens on a porch which joins the entrance patio so that serving outdoors is simplified.

Two bedrooms and a bath on the first floor, and a laundry and maid's room below complete the house. A two-car garage is attached to the house to make it an L-shaped structure and to form a wall for the attractive entrance court.

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Opening on the hall which adjoins the living room are two bedrooms and a bath. A small dinette and kitchen are off the living room at the right. A washroom and garage are in the basement and are reached by a flight of steps leading from the small porch off the kitchen.

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In cutting the final fabric, it is better to cut it somewhat larger than specific size with the view of trimming excess after tacking. Before cutting it, it is well to ascertain that the up and down of the cloth is to be laid as aforementioned. This covering may be tacked temporarily in place, while the corners are being tucked with box-like folds. Much of the finished appearance depends on how neatly and uniformly the corners are folded before tacking. (Do not cut out corners.) Draw the cloth firmly and smoothly as tacks are placed every half inch along all edges.

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A suggestion to knitters

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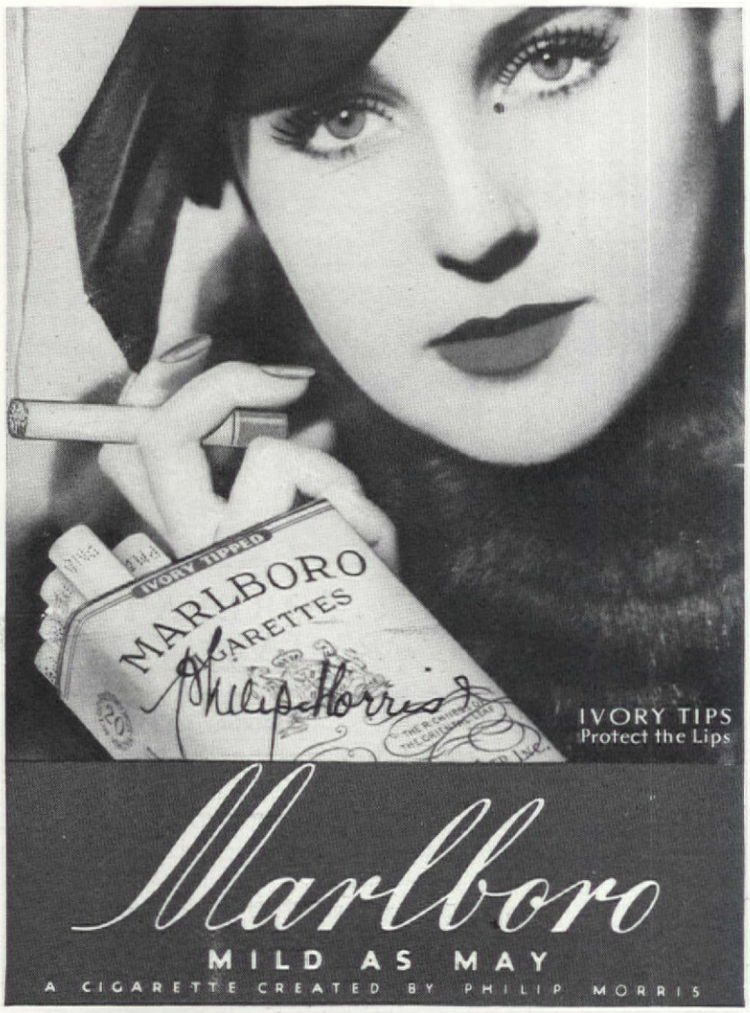

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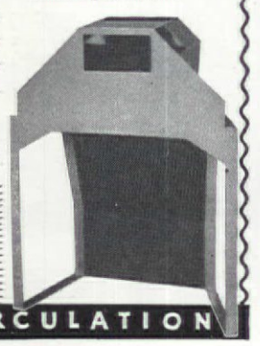

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Private playground for young children

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seclusion within the confines of your own property forces itself upon your attention, demanding a solution. Few people, even children, enjoy living in a goldfish bowl, clearly visible to the dozens of prying eyes of curious strangers.

In the third place, children ought to have a place that they can call their own, where it doesn't matter *what* they do in it or whether it is always orderly or not; a place which, like the proverbial Englishman's house, is their castle, wherein they reign, supreme over all the world.

The practical solution of this problem, while simple in its fundamentals, must be arrived at by a careful study of the space available, in relation to the position of the house. In general, two things should be kept in mind: a fence with a gate in it should separate the front and back yards, and the only other access to the back yard should be from the house.

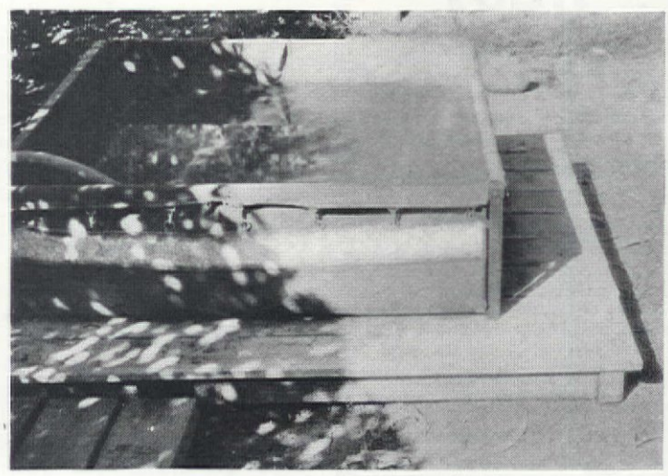
In the case of our own place, we have what we believe to be a unique arrangement in the way of a yard for the youngsters. Situated as we are on a corner, the L-shaped house is so built as to enclose a large rectangle, protected from the street. The garage is at the end of the longer wing (see diagram), three feet from the property line, with which it is connected by a short fence. Next to the garage, and connecting it with the kitchen, is a screened porch, used as a service entrance. This eliminates the problem of open gates from that quarter. (Diagram on page 23.)

Extending from the end of the shorter wing of the building to the boundary line opposite, is a lattice-work fence about twenty-five feet long, with a gate in it at the end of a path in the front garden. Vines and large shrubs climbing over it furnish ample concealment, and the gate has a lock on it (in addition to the usual latch) which is out of sight and reach of the children.

When we have company on Sunday afternoons, the children amuse themselves in the privacy of their own yard while we grown-ups hold sway in the front garden, without the noise of a band of Comanche Indians to bother us, at a time when we would prefer to indulge in quiet and uninterrupted conversation.

Whereas our front yard has been designed in the interest of beauty, the back yard has been dedicated to utility, tempered, so to speak, by as much beauty as is possible in a space prepared for juvenile enjoyment. That part given over to lawn is planted with a hardy grass seed mixture that can stand up under the punishment of juvenile traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian. It also does not turn brown in the winter season. The shrubs are mostly escalonia, pittosporum, fuchsia, and golden privet. The highest of these will grow to a height of ten feet or more, if allowed to; and, as we have them laid out, they afford an evergreen separation and concealment from the neighbors. An area about sixteen by twenty feet is paved with stepping stones, separated from each other by moss. A garden swing, a slide, and a sandbox complete that portion of the rectangle.

Between the lawn-and-stepping-stone section of the back yard, just described, and the so-called "service yard," is planted a privet hedge, growing to a height of seven feet or thereabouts, and having an opening in it for the passage of tools, the wheelbarrow, and ordinary coming and going. This service yard is not planted with a thing except the trees and shrubs along the line fences, and is a first-rate rough-and-tumble



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layground and catchall for the hole "estate." It contains a revolving clothesline stand, mounted n a heavy piece of pipe, buried ertically in the ground; a secional concrete trash burner, hich, next to the house itself, the handiest fixture on the lace; a level platform, holding collapsible canvas wading pool or the children (of which, more ater); and a tree-house!

It so happened that, in order o make room for the main house, was necessary to cut down ome thirty-six trees. One of hese, a fair-sized eucalyptus, we ad cut at a point about twelve eet above the ground. The lower mbs were left when the main runk above them was cut, which rovided an ideal level support or a platform, and just the right oncealment that boys enjoy hen "spying" on innocent neighors below their lookout station. he platform, which is roughly our feet square, has rail-andlywood sides about three feet igh, a sliding door with a latch n it, and a ladder staircase leadng up to it from the ground. hen the children gain a year or wo of age, and their father gains bit more ambition, the "house" ill be completed by putting on roof, siding, and some windows.

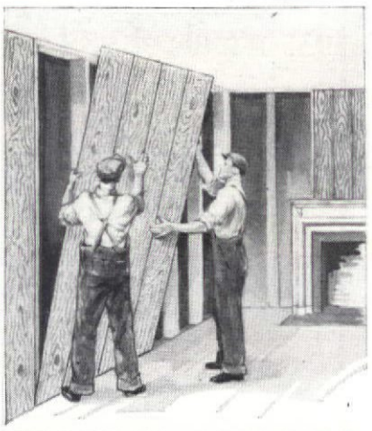
As to the wading pool, it is ifficult to imagine for youngsters ny greater source of pleasure nan this. A description of it is nnecessary, because every deartment store in the land has ne on display. However, a word f caution as to its use is peraps not out of place here. A easonable supervision is wise, if child of, let us say, a year or year and a half is playing in . Children several years older nay or may not appreciate the ounger one's danger in the vent of a ducking; but a watchul mother will do much to preent any chance of accident.

A second danger, not nearly so bvious, is from the unsuspected resence of broken glass beneath ne canvas, if the wading pool is laced on the ground. This is nore likely to happen in the ase of a lot long vacant and reently built upon. Long the target or all the broken bottles, tin ans, and other jetsam of which noughtless neighbors wanted to e rid, it takes literally years to et *all* of it out; and if a bare oot steps on it, the canvas is unctured, and a nasty gash is ut deeply into the foot, with ll the usual risks of infecion in the bargain. Even sharp pointed rocks can be painful.

The way to prevent this is to build a platform of boards nailed to a frame, laid on bricks or rocks at its corners, and leveled. It should be large enough to allow at least a foot of space on each side of the wading pool. This makes it unnecessary for the youngsters to step from the pool to the ground and back again, bringing tons of real estate back into the pool with every passage. Of course (as is usually the case), if they prefer to do it voluntarily, they will do it anyway! But the real purpose served is that of providing a clean, even, smooth support for the pool, off the ground, so that nobody is injured by hidden sharp objects.

The rest of the back yard is available for anything that young boys and girls want to do in it. If they want to dig a cave, prospect for buried treasure, cultivate a vegetable plot, have a tea party, or make roads for toy automobiles, they can do it, and there is nobody to bother them. In a year or two, we may build a set of bars, rings, a trapeze, ladder, etc., large and strong enough to hold two or three at one time. Between now, when the lawnswing and tree-house are still of interest to them, and later, when a real athletic field may prove necessary, we shall cultivate such sports and interests as they and their little friends may enjoy, in their own back yard. Some of these days, we are going to find time to construct a raised barbecue pit, where the adult and juvenile "children" may share outdoor enjoyments at meal times in the summer season.

So far, the arrangement which has been described has proven very satisfactory. Our children, aged five and one and a half years respectively, have complete privacy; they are thus induced to amuse themselves, and still have plenty of facilities and plenty of space for the entertainment of their friends in the back yard. They can't get out to the street; we always know where they are, and what they are doing. We adults have our own privacy, and still we can reach them quickly and conveniently whenever it's necessary. Thus we have brought to realization the ideals of all parents who move from the city to the suburbs.



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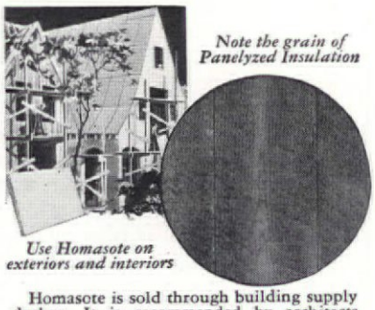

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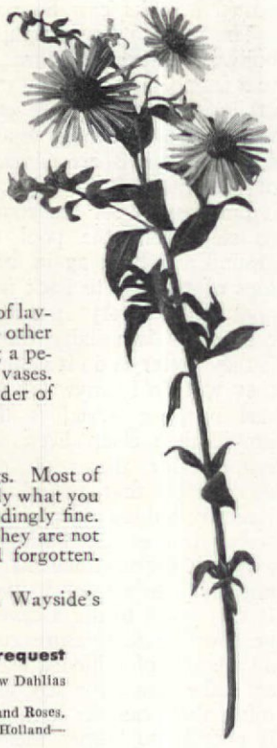

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1937 parade of seed novelties

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Dazzler is probably the most outstanding eschescholtzia grown. It is a bright, yet a rich, mahogany red. Speaking of poppies, there are two fine new Iceland poppies. One is Yellow Wonder, a fine new yellow which was given Special Mention in the All-America awards last season, largely because of its unusually long stems, but which is being released only this season because of insufficient seed stocks. The second is "Apricot," a fine variety in the most delicate shade imaginable.

In verbenas, Crimson Glow adds a new color. A huge field of this verbena at the Bodger seed farm in El Monte, California, made a perfect carpet of crimson, so even and uniform does this variety grow. Another fine verbena is Floradale Beauty, taller than Crimson Glow, not as even in growth, but with blooms as large as phlox, ranging from apple-blossom pink through rose-pink to terra-cotta. This, too, was given Special Mention in the 1937 All-America Selections.

New among stocks is "Dark Blue" of the new Super Giant Imperial type. Although actually far from "blue," it is as "blue" as any stock; probably it is best described as "lilac-blue." The new "Super" type was so named because of its improved branching over the Giant Imperial type, as it gives more and longer spikes. "Dark Blue" will make a fine companion for Roselight (lavender pink) and Rose Charm (American Beauty rose). These were the first two "Super's," introduced last year.

Very attractive, particularly for rock gardens, is the tiny little lobelia Kermesina. Smaller than most, and colored lilac with a tiny white eye, it is most unusual. Unfortunately, however, it does not seem to be too sturdy a grower. The new dwarf calliopsis Garnet is also very unusual.

Petunias! What sad thoughts that word brings to mind, for it recalls Flaming Velvet, the bedding petunia which was given first award in last year's All-America selections. True, there is plenty of velvet, but none too much flame, for the variety, as distributed in America, was not true. Only a small percentage of the plants proved to be of the Flaming Velvet color "as advertised." It is known that the major portion of the Flaming Velvet stock was destroyed by floods in the fields of the originator in Holland, and this may or may not have had something to do with the breakup of Flaming Velvet.

Most firms are withdrawing Flaming Velvet this season, listing Black Prince instead. The latter is a shade less brilliant than the true Flaming Velvet, but true

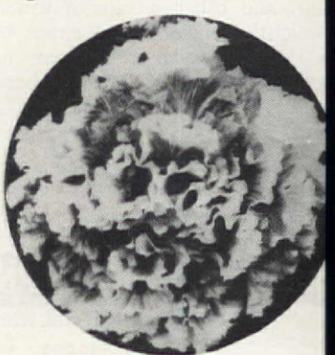
Not new, but my own personal choice, and certainly one of the most attractive of the double petunias, is Rose Pink and White a variegated variety that is sometimes predominantly white, sometimes mostly pink.

Another unusual development comes in the new dwarf blue cornflower (bachelor's button) Jubilee Gem. This was introduced last year, and although not given much American publicity at that time, was available, and was noted in THE AMERICAN HOME. It will be widely publicized this year, and the compact bushes will be available for many uses. Unfortunately, the height is rather uneven, too much so to permit the use of Jubilee Gem as a border plant.

Still another English creation that is now generally available in the United States is the attractive columbine Crimson Star. This is a clear crimson with white corolla—very distinct among columbines. In general however, the American strain of the Waller-Franklin Seed Co. (wholesale only) is strictly comparable with those of the English. In addition to the mixed colors, the blue shades, and pink shades are most unusual.

Delphiniums of the Vetterle and Reinelt "Pacific" strain, described last season in THE AMERICAN HOME, have now been given general recognition by seedsmen as the real "blue ribbon" strain, but this year the improvement of the whites of this strain have been pronounced. Delphinium experts who have seen them have pronounced the "Pacific" whites as the very finest available, considering them as surpassing the Hoosacres and Pudor strains, which were previously recognized as the best in white delphinium. Size and vigor have been bred into the whites by inter-crossing with blues and other colors, until now they are comparable in growth with the colored delphiniums.

While speaking of perennials, might be well to mention the



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In violas, the new deep, rich ruby colored variety, Arkwright Ruby, and the improved apricot, Chantreyland, are perhaps the most striking. There are fine yellows, whites, and other colors, and some sensational ones that can be raised from cuttings, but that do not come true from seed. Some of these rival pansies in color and size. In fact, it is so hard to recognize some as violas that I recently set out on a campaign to discover the difference between pansies and violas.

After questioning some half a dozen seedsmen, I came to the conclusion that violas were generally smaller, more definitely perennial, usually freer of bloom, and often had elongated or "cornuta" faces. But, alas, I found that some violas have none of these characteristics, so I am still asking. Anyway, Arkwright Ruby, and Chantreyland are definitely violas, and good ones.

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sometimes carefully holding themselves aloof but at other times leaning casually over to dip their fingers beneath the surface. Others are more consistently erect, but still of definitely dwarf character. Then there are the tall, upright, background subjects, and still others that are essentially trailing or climbing. And finally, of course, the plant compositions may be either exclusively or preponderantly of flowering subjects, or made up in like degree of the less brilliant, but usually more permanent, foliage plant group.

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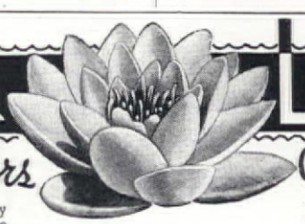

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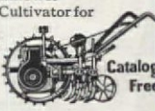

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comparatively few exhibitors take the trouble to inform themselves on the subject. Definite instructions would do much to improve the general appearance of flower shows, for we are all familiar with the common and depressing sight presented by wilted blossoms.

It is commonly conceded that the attendance at flower shows is divided into three groups: one is made up of those who attend from curiosity; another of those who come to get new ideas, and the third of those actuated by various horticultural reasons and genuine interest in plant life. If this is true, then it behooves those of us who plan and carry through exhibitions to see that all three groups are satisfied; yet very often we fail to give the third group any real recognition and horticultural information. They are usually on the lookout for new and rare plants and flowers, for new varieties of old favorites, for different styles and methods of combining plant materials.

An interesting and stimulating class for this group calls for "Arrangements Composed of Flowers of the Same Family." Some research may be necessary in compiling a list of flower families grown or available in a particular locality, to be given to those who wish to compete in such a class. (As an illustration, the list that accompanies this article was given to the members of a garden club in Texas for just such a purpose.) The results of a classification of this nature are surprising and the class may prove to be one of the most educational in the whole show from a botanical viewpoint. Even old-timers and so-called authorities are likely to be surprised at the relationship of some of our most common garden flowers. A requirement in such a class should be that each entry is marked with a card giving the plant family name and the name—both common and botanical—of each flower used in the arrangement.

The Composite Family is the largest of the plant families and includes over one tenth of all species of flowering plants. Probably its chief distinction lies in its ability to ripen more seeds to a stem than any other plant family. The majority of the composites are sun-loving plants and of easy culture. The main characteristic of the flowers is the way the top of the flower stem is flattened and forms a platform or "receptacle," upon which the individual flowers are set. The following list includes composites found in Houston, Texas, gardens: Ageratum, Corn-

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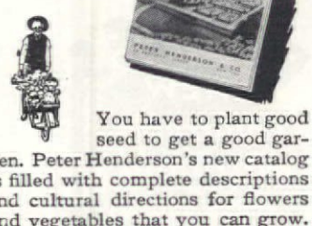

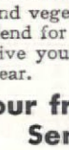

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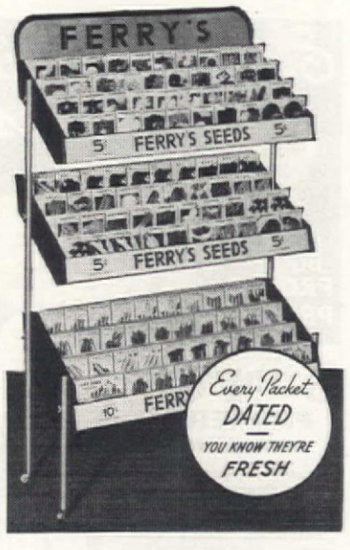

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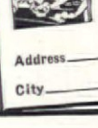

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Philodendrons, recently in increased demand, are supple and twist with beguiling decorum in many a cloistered spot. The Malayan plant known as Pothos, but correctly Scindapsus aureus, has clinging stem, rootlets, calla-form flowers, and yellow flecked leaves that have won a firm place in the affections of housewives.

Variegated foliage such as occurs in some of the English ivies, the vincas and the creeping fig (Ficus pumila) are often happily improved if grown in deep green, black, dull-blue, yellow, or plum colored containers. But rough surfaces in buff and brown or multi-colored glazed receptacles may make the variegations appear cheap. Capable stylists can work wonders; but it is generally well to use coarse containers only for coarse subjects.

Of succulents and cactus suitable for strawberry jar culture there are thousands of kinds, many of them easily and cheaply obtainable almost anywhere. It is a sign of garden progress that we householders are gradually learning that all thick-leaved plants are not sedums, nor of the cactus group and that cactus and succulent are not synonymous. The rosettes and tufts of sempervivums and cotyledons sometimes give rise to cheery blossoms if neither over-watered nor under-lighted; but their real attraction lies in the chunky little leaves, like tiny knots and bows. Many sedums trail a little or a lot if enshrouded in gloom. S. dasyphyllum. S. ewersi, and S. fosterianum are among those that are exquisitely blue-gray in leafage color. They appear almost exotic in a turquoise or yellow jar, are excellent in black, and become definitely conceited in rose.

Ceropegia woodi is a little tropical twiner, distantly related to our milkweeds, with dainty heart-like leaves thick enough to withstand some abuse. In abundant light the shading is almost iridescent and the slight, tubular flowers are ethereal though not especially fleeting. Of all plants, large and small, this tuberous rosary-vine seems to me the most-to-be-cherished. Of consummate refinement and uncommon yet of easiest culture, it seems to exist just for a small strawberry jar. Coleus pumilus droops prettily in dull rose, wine, cream, or green. Sometimes dull blue is successful but the background plays a major part in one's decision as to whether or not to attempt to use violently splashed leaves or modest variegations with other colors.

Annual vines produce cheery blossoms when there is sufficient light and a sufficiently long growing season, and vegetable gadabouts will perform astonishingly. The antics of sweet-potato and watermelon vines are more for the roof-dweller than for the strawberry jar specialist, but gourds and mammoth patio jars belong together; funny little sanvitalias are just the thing for impish pockets; and chives, parsley, and mint yield useful, flavorsome crops as well as a cheery green note in the kitchen window-jar.

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