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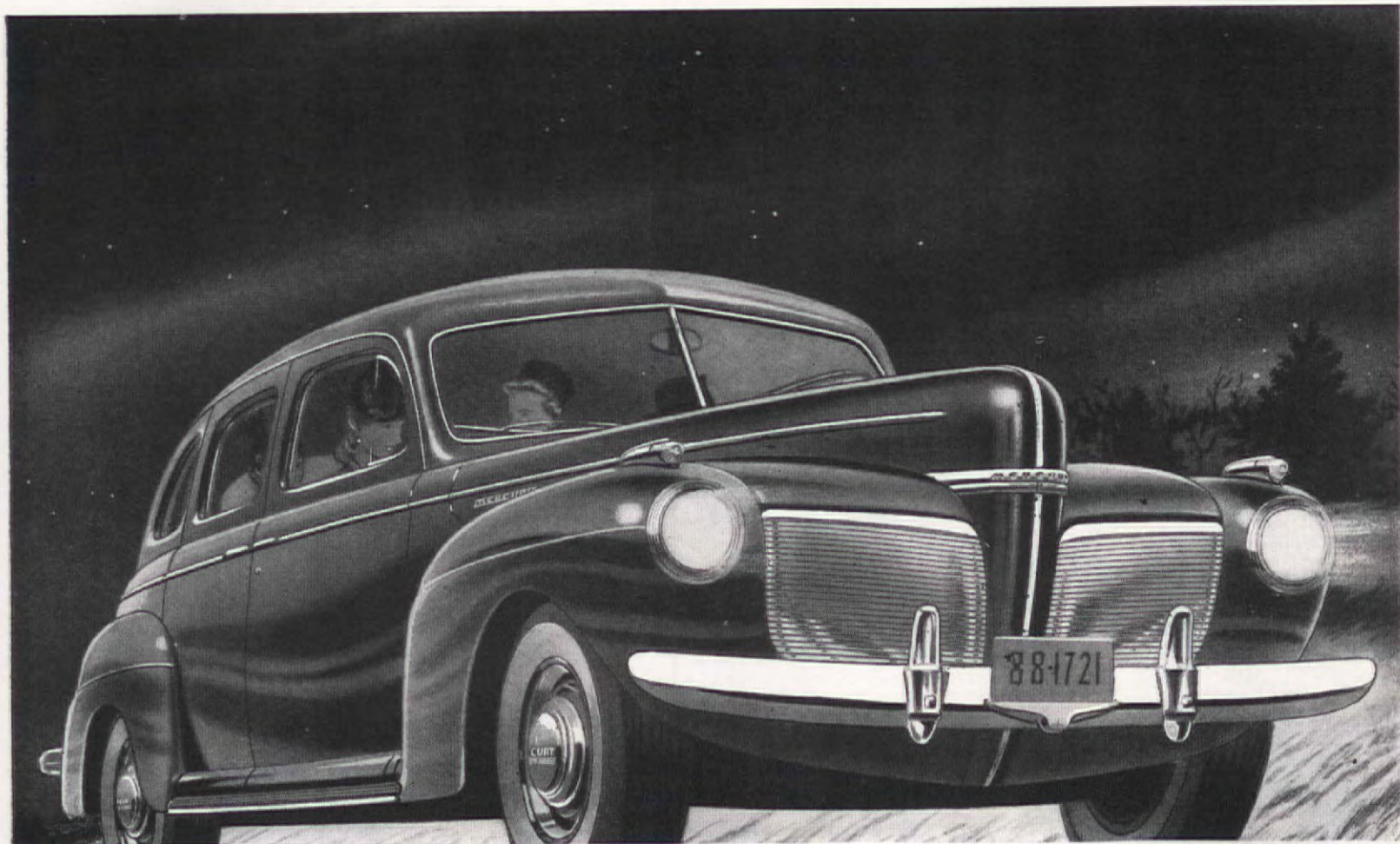
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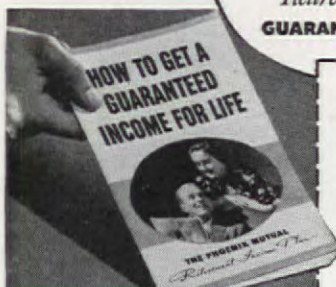
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When Pilgrims scurried home at dusk,
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They knew their wives were baking beans
To win their husbandly applause!



Those Yankee housewives had the knack
Of putting on a hearty feed.
Their 'lasses-sauced New England beans
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And in the eighteen-sixties, too,
When menfolk donned the Blue and Gray,
Both sides agreed you couldn't beat
Those baked beans fixed the old-time way!



Your husband—like his ancestors—
Still goes for beans...but now they're Heinz,
The same old treat without the work;
He's sure to like all four grand kinds!

...he still loves **Beans!**

Give Him Heinz Oven-Baked Beans That Taste Just Like The Home-Baked Kind. Thriftiest Of Meals And Easy To Digest

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but my stomach is!

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NUTRITIONALLY
BALANCED DOG FOOD

Christmas



IS COMING YOU KNOW!

THIS was the Editor's wonderful idea, and how the Loving Hands have fluttered all over this country ever since she mentioned it. We have been fairly run out of house and home, we have been snowed under and bowled over by a seemingly never-ending stream of parcels and packages and whole mail bags full of the good and faithful efforts of Loving Hands. Some of them were pretty frightening, which wasn't so surprising, but most of them, by far most of them, were so good that they left us all in a fairly unhappy state of indecision.

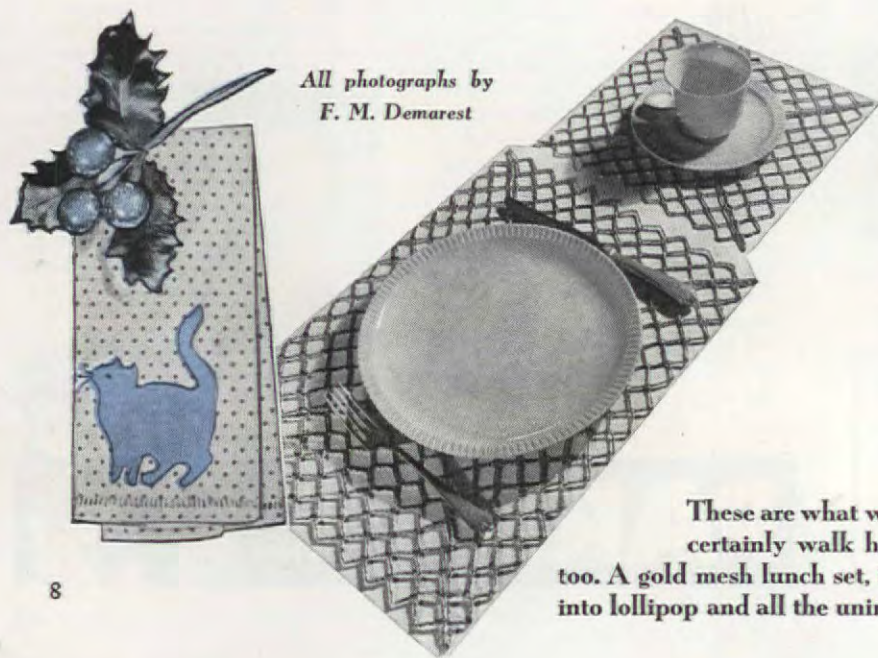
When the Editor first dreamed up this little delight that frequently made us all wonder how we were to get a magazine together, and out, and look at the contest entries and sort, taste, and classify them at the same time, we all thought it was a fine and brave idea, but it sort of flew up and hit us, because we, too, thought that interest in the hand-done arts and crafts and fancy works of cookery had

slipped and fallen by the same old wayside. And if we weren't the mistaken lot! And pretty darned tickled about it, too, I may add. It is a very gratifying thing to be in the kind of dither we were in for days on end. An embarrassment of that kind of riches is an embarrassment we blush mighty prettily under, and we are as pleased as the dickens to say we were wrong, very wrong indeed. Imagination is not dead in the land, nor are the skills that are cultivated and developed at home languishing on the doorsteps of manufacturers. Ingenuity, that fine old-fashioned word, has to be dusted off and used with precision; dexterity with a fine seam has a place of its very own in our esteem these days, I can tell you.

We murmur very low into our long beards that we thought that many too many people just went out and bought a "so and so for such and such" when it came around to Christmas time. And that thought was a doleful one, you will agree. And so to chide us, granted that you should, you sent us hundreds of things in each class that made it very hard indeed to award the prizes. It was elegant fun all the same, and after a minimum of shouting and stamping and hair pulling we reached amicable decisions with which we earnestly hope you all agree.

It really and truly was Christmas that we all had in the back of our minds. The same simple home job that we are always talking about, mainly because we happen to mean it, I suspect. The kind where the things you give may not have enormous monetary value, for what that is worth, but which have an awful lot of thought and several other of those extremely nice, simple things that are not the least bit fashionable, or smart, or sophisticated, but which still in our stubborn, funny way mean Christmas to us.

What if we do say, "Oh, GOSH, there is Christmas coming again—"? Thank goodness we don't really mean it, and anyway



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F. M. Demarest

These are what we call really and truly "little luxury" gifts and yet they certainly walk hand-in-hand with thrift and they're smart and gay, too. A gold mesh lunch set, if you please, and a guest towel of shirting. Bath mitt into lollipop and all the uninteresting household books made bright and beautiful





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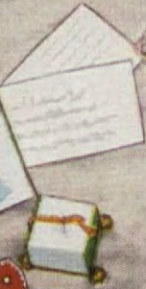
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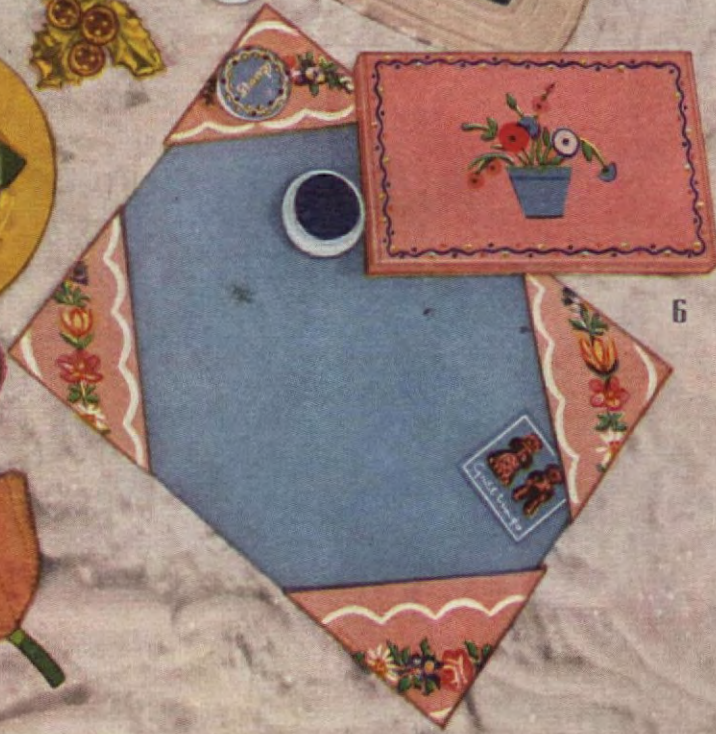
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if a few niggardly souls think we do and are bewildered beyond belief by the thought of presents, this year we can and do show you all something very concrete indeed that you can do yourselves, "money no object, market no object."

Look at the dolls just for a starter, every one made at home out of homely materials, oilcloth or wool or whatever, with silk stocking faces, or gourd heads. There's not a professional among them and yet I defy anyone to show me more "oomph" than our savage maiden has, with her wonderful bead teeth, or more charm than the little creature who completely won all our hearts with her wild black hair and uninhibited glance—dusky satin-skinned "Opal," as we called her. It was so difficult to say who had really won a prize and what group these engaging animals and dolls really belonged in, that a new class was created right on the spot to quell the riot amongst the judges, each of whom was valiantly holding out for his own pet. Not that all was sweetness and light in any class. In the main the "winnah" was hard to decide upon, because there was so much that was good. Isn't that a pleasant thing to say—when you mean it?

BUT would you have found it easy to choose when such a neat and jolly little job as the complete set of household books—diary, menus, telephone numbers, and such, together with a folder, all covered in matching papers—arrived, or when a simple thing like a bath mitt, with a long handle to reach the "corners," turned up, wrapped in red Cellophane like a huge Christmas lollipop?

How would you feel confronted with the things that we have shown you on page 10? And these are the final choices, remember, after we'd stood for hours over the problem, first on one foot, then on the other. Look at that wonderful little hatbox, please, with a pin cushion in the very latest mode. If you have had a grand time some week end and want to say thanks to your hostess and her guest room as well, what could be more fun than such things as this hatbox, or the gay little desk set made of chintz and wallpaper, a painted cigar box, and a pair of converted cold cream jars. Now there's ingenuity for

you and no mistake! Those decorated market baskets are the kind of thing that makes you really gleeful. Good for your garden's wealth, or for easing the burden when the youngest has to pick up his toys of an evening and cart them all upstairs again, in fact for a thousand things, and not the least for buoying up the spirits. In the same class are the pillow slips of the softest madras or broadcloth like a man's shirt, embroidered with a touching sentiment, and the cocktail napkin shirt, with a red necktie; and too, the pillow slips, scalloped and featherstitched, with bands of chintz to match the wallpaper. Pictures beautifully framed in deep paper plates, pictures framed on colored paper and covered with Cellophane can serve a double purpose. And please think of a lovely day when luncheon is served on an organdy luncheon set of palest green with a huge chintz flower quilted between two pieces of the sheer stuff, and, under the glass finger bowls, exquisitely made flowers and garden inhabitants of thinnest handkerchief linen, quilted, specially dyed, and sewn to match Curly Locks' finest seam.

For the sheerest elegance, the kind we like the very best because anyone who likes to sew can have it, we like our lovely "Luxury" Grand Prize, the tablecloth and napkins like an organdy wisp, with blue leaves delicately embroidered and appliquéed.

We had to create a new and very special class for some of the things you sent us, because they were of a quality of workmanship that is almost professional, and the Loving Hands behind them showed a skill that we admire tremendously. While we realize that perhaps only a few of our readers could actually reproduce these things, that, of course, could not stand in the way of their receiving just rewards; hence a special group, where ingenuity and workmanship and idea all ranked equal, and very high. Thread lace may not be your forte, or drawn-work either,

These doilies are so beautiful they look as though they were hand painted to suit



for that matter, and when it comes to pieced monogramming in hemstitch a lot of us remain quietly in our corners, but, my, my, how we would like to own a little of same! Whether or not trained people did the very handsome metal work is a matter of no moment; the thing that counts is that it is so beautifully done, with design and charm. The hand-blocked linens, so simply and exquisitely drawn, and the little enameled ash tray, the coquettish ducks, the miracle of a tray, like tole, made from the head of an oil drum, and the squirrel book ends, where the carver has made the wood serve him with its grain augmenting the design, are all pretty wonderful.

A far cry, indeed, but just as swell in its own way is one of the office pets, the exceedingly elegant fish funnel that restrains



The loveliness that everyone enjoys in her nicest table appointments is perfectly shown in our "little luxury" Grand Prize



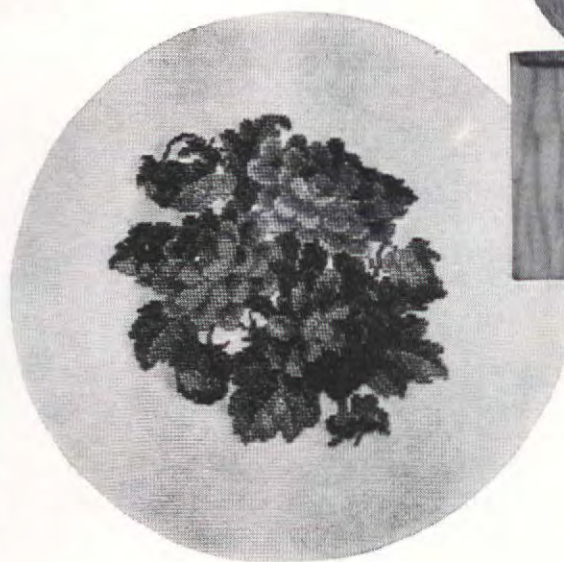
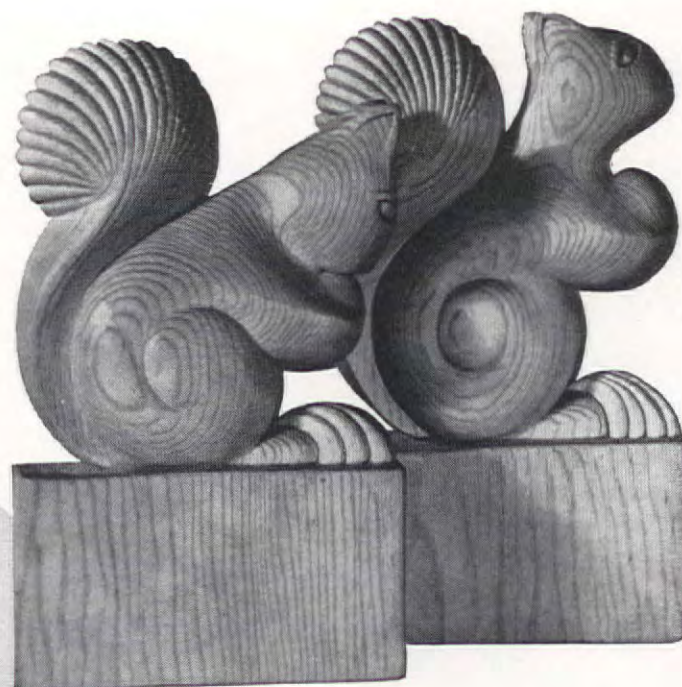
the kitchen twine and keeps it where you can get at it and in one place. He may look vicious to some but to us he is the soul of order.

For a little girls' luncheon, think of the chic and adult quality that little paper hats for candy have, and after the party they can be taken home to be clapped on the heads of favorite dolls. And what a very small piece of lovely figured organdy it took to make a pillow case that looks like thread lace, with a frilly ruffle to boot; irresistible, that's what. And again, those delightful bath mitts, the very thing for people you really love and still feel you can't afford to give much to, the kind of thing you love yourself, but never in your wildest moments would dream of indulging yourself in. They are crocheted in swirls of scallops with a little cake of soap tied to the middle of each by a big satin bow.

During the current rage of "Information Please's" and "Who Am I's" it is fun to get still another version of a guessing game. Calling the titles from well-known books, plays, and so forth from your own selection of photographs has endless possibilities and a set makes such a handsome gift, too.

It is all very well to win prizes. It is a very nice thing, indeed, to have it proved that we were erroneously fearful for the fate of originality and spontaneity and homely skill in this country. But among all the things learned in this contest, one in particular was brought home to us with force, an extremely simple truth, as honest as the contest itself. It is a conviction that these kinds of things, the skill of one's hands, the fineness of one's native tastes and talents, were never more important, really constructively important, than they are right now.

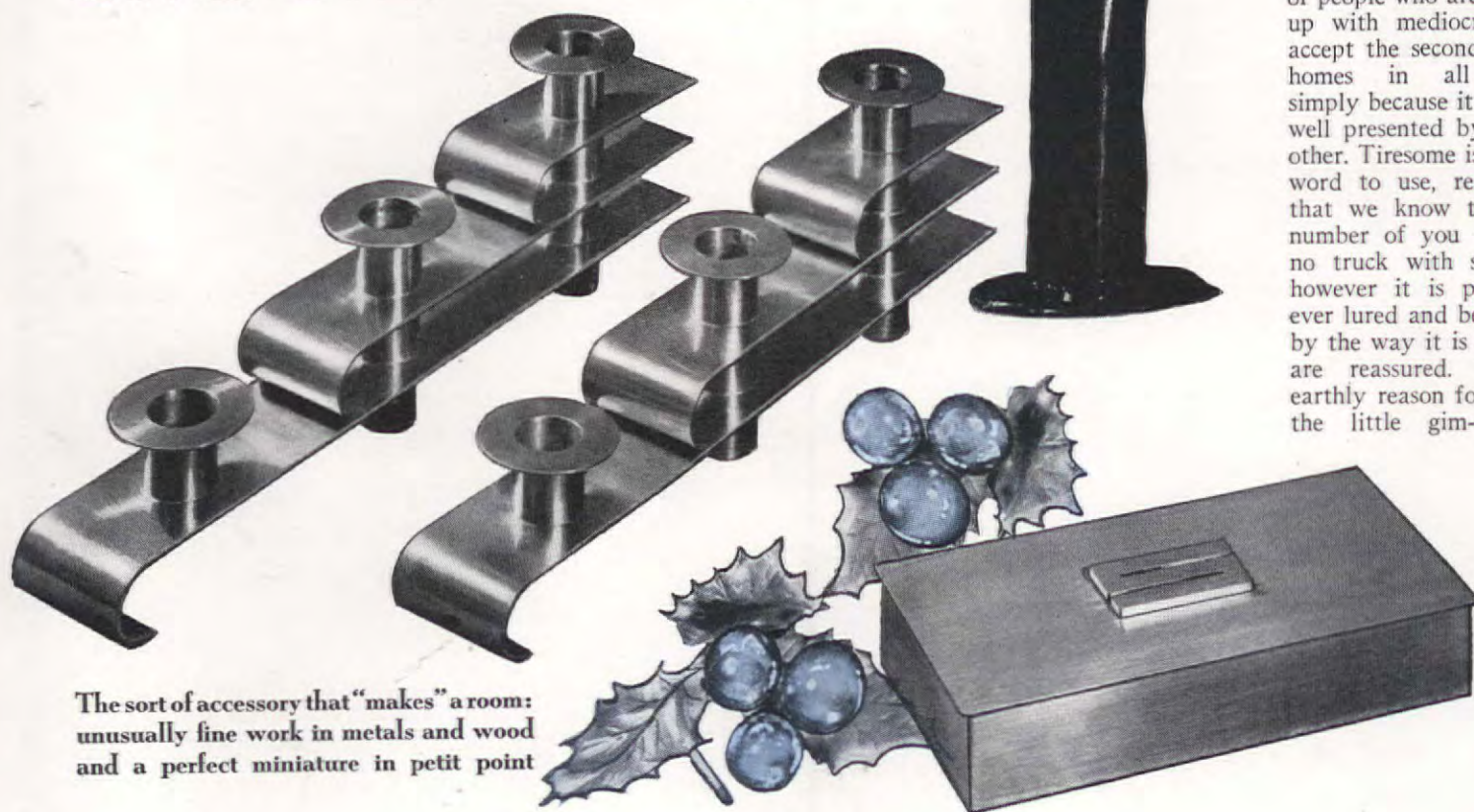
"These troubled times" is a phrase that is so overworked that it has lost all of its poignancy and significance, but here it comes once more. This time it is a background to the reason for our need to do these little things, our need for creating such simple luxuries and doing them well. We are, in all probability, going to hear on all sides that we have never needed Christmas in the true meaning and true traditions of the word so deeply as we do this year. We guess that is true enough. And we need also to stop long enough every once in a while, whatever relief, Red Cross or other charity work



we are knee-deep in, to restore ourselves and maintain our own spirit as real people. We have been pretty flippant-seeming about this whole contest. Perhaps we have joked a lot about the Loving Hands, but it is mainly, we suspect, to mask a fairly constant grin of pleasure that at the last so many of you did so well. But we really didn't feel flippant about it all the time.

The Editor was genuinely concerned and sincerely wanted to see if a little stimulus, honestly offered, would revive handicrafts. It did. It augurs well when people work at the handicrafts, when they have not fallen on the evil ways of stopping in at the nearest store and taking just any old substitute that appears. When there is the desire and the time made in busy people's lives to develop the lesser arts, it is a definitely constructive straw in the wind. Heartening.

It gets extremely tiresome to see day after day the number of people who are willing to put up with mediocrity, who will accept the second-rate for their homes in all departments simply because it is at hand and well presented by somebody or other. Tiresome is a pretty mild word to use, really, and now that we know the tremendous number of you who will have no truck with second-rateness, however it is presented, however lured and beguiled you are by the way it is shown you, we are reassured. There is no earthly reason for tolerating all the little gim-cracky make-



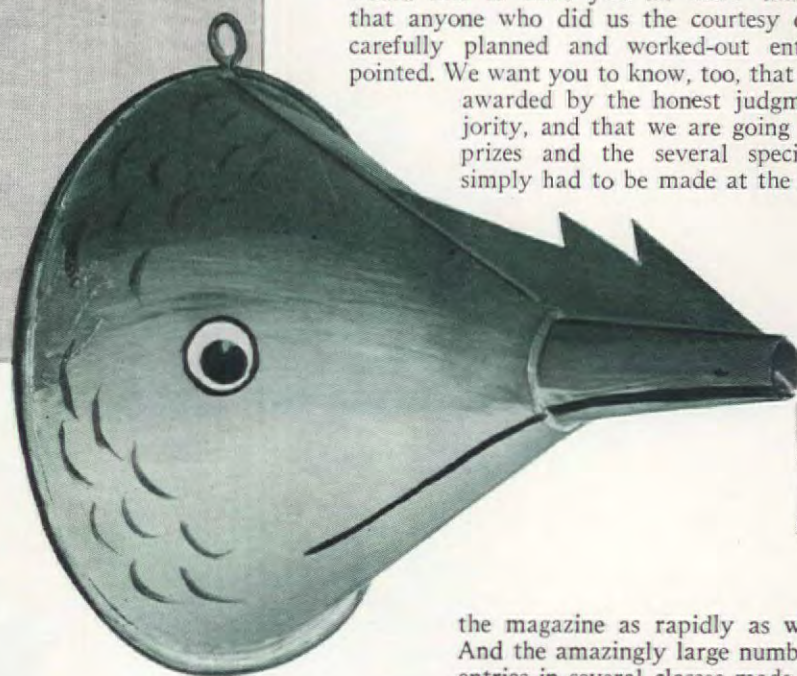
The sort of accessory that "makes" a room: unusually fine work in metals and wood and a perfect miniature in petit point



been made just for us, was excellent, sometimes almost professional, it was the fact that there were ideas and imagination back of them all that made us cheer. Mind you, we do not say that we drew nothing but golden apples out of this race, for heaven knows we did not, but we got enough very, very good entries in each class to make us pretty unhappy and disappointed about having to leave any one of them out. It was a revelation to see how seriously each judge considered his own choice and how unswayed he was, after he had just quietly made up his own mind. Of course, not having any idea from where or whom anything had come eliminated any chance of prejudice, which was a comfort. But we would like to have you all know that we are sorry that anyone who did us the courtesy of submitting a carefully planned and worked-out entry was disappointed. We want you to know, too, that every prize was awarded by the honest judgment of the majority, and that we are going to show all the prizes and the several special classes that simply had to be made at the last moment, in

shifts that constantly appear. Not even the old familiar budget cry will give you an alibi now, because the things that we have given prizes to, and many more that unfortunately we could not give prizes to, were home-made, indeed, and at very minor cost, and they mean that people still love all the little extras that make their homes really lovely and pleasant, that they really love them enough to patiently make them, themselves. That stands for a lot, we think. Not all of the classes in the contest called for efforts that would be permanent, such as the food entries where the gift-wrapping was the main element that came in for consideration. And the fact that a tremendous number of you were willing to go to a lot of trouble and take a great many minutes to make an amusing or unique or fantastic or even just extraordinarily beautiful package out of a box of candies or a basket of fruit cake, or so simple a choice as a bag of walnuts, shows us all over again, and we cannot be shown too often, that these pleasant little amenities are still very much alive and stirring, even in this highly mechanized age.

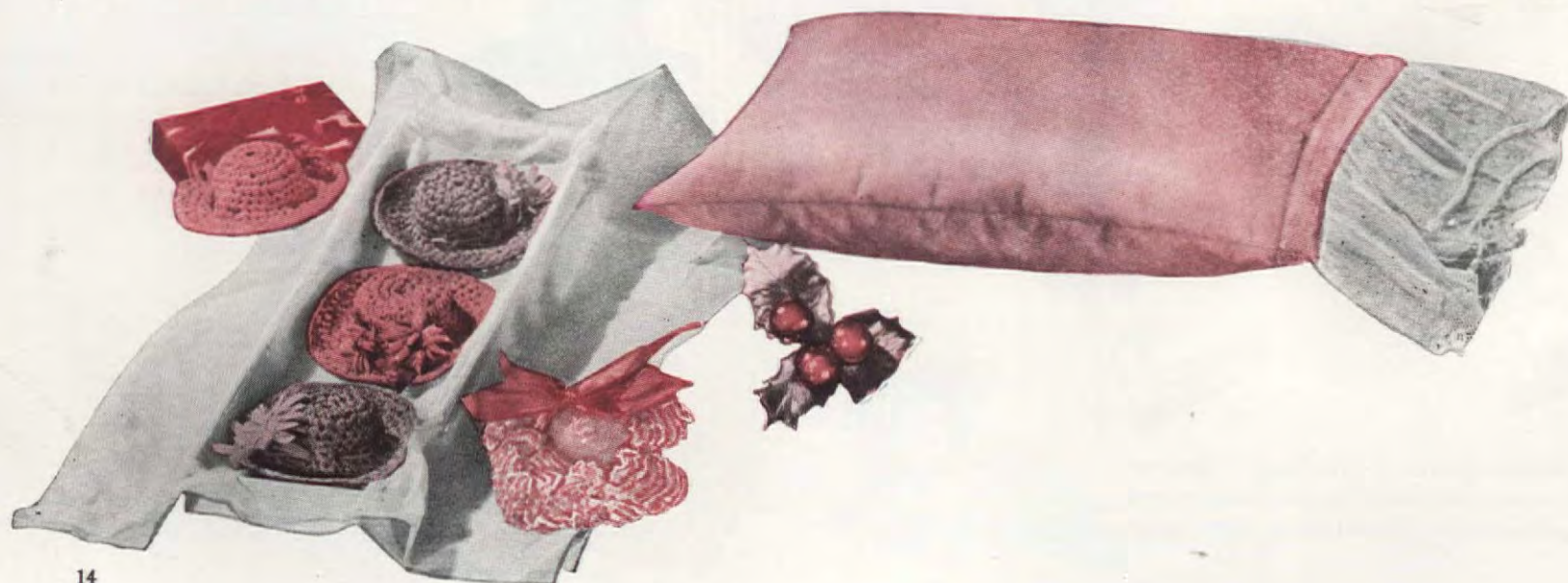
These same highly specialized times, and, too, the feeling many of us have right now of being pushed by a sustained emotional strain, may be the very factors that made the thought of so nice and quiet a thing as a Loving Hands at Home refreshing and at the same time stimulating. I don't think it was all stimulus, however, that produced all these entries. I think that hundreds of you are in the habit of making this sort of thing for yourselves, and while the workmanship, especially of the ones that came in at the last, the ones that had




the magazine as rapidly as we possibly can. And the amazingly large number of very good entries in several classes made us have to add special prizes in those groups as well.

We're very much concerned about not being able to show all of the things we liked best at one time, in the same issue. But we want to do right by all our Nells, and give them all plenty of space, so we are saving the food entries for next time and perfectly luscious, wonderfully wrapped food, all sorts, too, we have to show you. Then later there will be a lot of things for parties, and a lot of things for children—more things to make, and to do. All in all, we hope to show you how terribly pleased everybody was with the amazing response.

It was sort of staggering to put out one little suggestion, a little hint that we thought perhaps the old arts were getting a touch bogged down, and have such a melee of proofs that they were not at all. One thing comes out of this contest with astounding clarity from our point of view. That is that, more often than not, the people who were in no way, shall we say, "influenced," since we choke at "inspired," by the patterns or instructions available to most, showed much better taste and a much keener sense of the "little luxuries" and the things appropriate to a house than those who were dependent





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JEAN: No, I don't like it—I'm awfully fussy about hats.

ANN: I'm fussy about *everything*.

JEAN: Don't kid me, Ann. I've seen you buy groceries. I sometimes wonder how you know what you're getting when you take all those different brands. Now with me...



ANN: I know—you say "peas" and your grocer whips out Del Monte.

JEAN: Right! Why should I spend my good money experimenting? My grocer's too good a businessman to expect me to. He gives me what I want—and makes me a steady customer.



ANN: Well, Mrs. White certainly boosted your stock the other day. So I thought I'd try trading here. After all, she's pretty smart.

GROCER: Most Del Monte customers *are* smart! They speak up and get what they want. That saves my time—and theirs. And I sell a lot more canned goods, too!

IT PAYS TO LOOK FOR
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on said patterns and instructions. It may be smart to snort at the little woman stitching away, but when she is left to her own devices with a piece of good china, say, and the desire to match it up with something she plans to use in the same room, she seems to do a darned sight better job than if she takes somebody else's whimsy and follows that stitch by stitch. Maybe all the available patterns are necessarily beginner stuff and serve as the stern grandmother keeping you at her knee while you hemmed, felled, back-stitched and feathered, not to say rolled, appliquéd and blind stitched. If so, that is all well and very good, but we certainly appreciate the things that came to us that showed very clearly that the stitcher had graduated and was completely on her own.

Of course, since almost all of the prize material came in near the close of the contest we like to feel that those people did those particular things especially for us and because they got the idea which we were trying to put across. It makes us feel pretty good, makes the desire to pat ourselves on the back, at least to this extent, completely irresistible. Because something certainly jogged a whole lot of people out of their well-worn ruts of just tating up a new set of tidies against the greasy spots on the rust and blue living room suite. Could it have been we, we wonder in our modest way? Not that we did not get a modicum of the tidy sets and their ilk, too, because of course we certainly were favored with quite a few little daisies, but not nearly so many as we had feared, no en masse stuff, and so you can't blame us or say we are too conceited if we continue to think in our shy and self-effacing way that maybe we are good joggers.

So many of the entries made us realize all over again what a grand thing it is to have a little time and a real feeling for one's home and how much people can do themselves. If we were of the temperament to really rave we could wax exceedingly sentimental about how much better we feel we know you all now, and how we managed to whip up a terrific Christmas glow in anticipation, as it were, and that takes first-class whipping on a hot day in August. Anyway, Ladies and Gentlemen (with pardonable pride we note that there were lots of gents who must have

worked like the famous beavers), we will lay sentiment firmly aside and just say simply, "Thank you very much, one and all, Yours truly, THE AMERICAN HOME."

One of the results of this contest, as far as we are concerned, surprises us a lot. We set out to see how many ideas there were abroad in the land. Maybe we were feeling a little too smug for our own good, for we thought we were holding almost all of the ideas, and doling them out month by month. And now so many have come in to us, they were coming during the last days at the rate of eighty mail bags a day, that we are all excited about them, and in time you shall see them all of course. BUT in the meantime, there isn't the slightest excuse for anything mediocre in the way of a Christmas gift from any one of you to anyone on your list no matter how small the remembrance you want to give.

Some of the simplest things we had were some of the most charming, as, for example, the little Victorian Christmas tree ornaments. They were made of snippets of velvet gowns and bits of lace and ribbons and gilded stuffs that probably had been around in a piece-bag for years, but put together as they were into little blocks and hearts and fancy shapes all beautifully pieced and decorated,



More of our paper pets: the prize game, the wonderful puppy, and a "parchment" shade

nothing could be more delightful. A very small scrap of some fine-figured material, just enough for a little guest towel, with a little appliqué such as a blue calico cat, is a nice gift for a house where we'd visited.

WELL, we had two and a half months of wonderful fun. It got a little thick at times and frequently we wanted to give the whole idea up and go home. We simply didn't care whether there were any Loving Hands in the world so long as we didn't have to look at another single solitary thing they had done, but in the main it was fun. Seriously, the thing we liked the best, as we may have mentioned, is that very definitely the idea behind the whole thing appealed to you in hundreds. The gentler arts—needlework and its relatives, and crafts and nice little tricks made of paper—these things still flourish. There are still lots and lots of people who really and truly make all their Christmas presents, people who tie up their thoughts and activities with the grand old traditions so they carefully plan the things they are going to do for the holidays and arrange to make them in plenty of time. If that is not maintaining the spirit, what is it? While we suffered a good deal trying to award the prizes absolutely fairly we pride ourselves that we did just that. All of the winners are listed together on the next two pages. They come from all over the country, which pleases us immensely, and we would like every one of them to know that our most sincere and heartiest congratulations go out with each award.



1. Aunt Margaret's strength was her greatest pride: She did all the housework and took it in stride.



2. And yet there's one chore even *she* couldn't take: Massaging her windows was a pain and an ache.



3. Now her newlywed niece, with half of her vim, Hasn't one jot of bother keeping *her* windows trim.



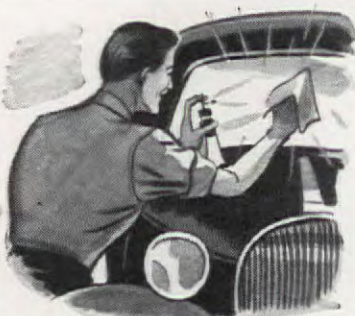
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The Prize Winners!

Prize-winning articles are illustrated on pages 8 to 17. Those not shown will appear in future issues

No. I—Food Christmas Gifts (10 prizes of \$5 each were added)

Grand Prize of \$50 to Mrs. Irene C. Hornbach, Grand Rapids, Mich., fancy cookies.

Runners-up: (\$25 each)

Mrs. Karl T. Nilsson, Skaneateles, N. Y., Swedish cookies.
Mrs. John A. Ruskey, Upper Darby, Pa., Yule log.
Mrs. John T. Wilkinson, Danville, Ky., Santa Claus box.
Lennice C. Eyraud, Bakersfield, Calif., Santa Claus pie plate box.

Mrs. Cornelius Van Brussel, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, chutney.
Mrs. W. J. Gannon, Seattle, Wash., candy-filled pig made from salt box.

Special Package Prizes, \$5 each
Geraldine deLancey, Corvallis, Ore., date cakes.

Mrs. F. K. Barton, North Little Rock, Ark., refrigerator cookies.
Mrs. Ralph Merry, Calistoga, Calif., holly wreath cake.
Elma Waltner, Hurley, S. D., popcorn cake.

Mrs. Sever Malnic, Covina, Calif., Santa Claus jar cover.

Mrs. Frances B. Rountree, Austin, Texas, cookies.

Mrs. Sheridan R. Jones, Iowa Falls, Iowa, cocktail sauce.

Mrs. Ivor A. Page, Norfolk, Va., Christmas bell.

Eileen Free, Billings, Montana, Yule logs.

Guy N. Smith, Rockford, Ill., candy jar.

No. II—"Little Luxury" Gifts (3 prizes of \$10 each were added)

Grand Prize of \$50 to Mrs. Wilfred A. Rausenberger, River Edge, N. J., white organdy luncheon set (page 11).

Runners-up: (\$25 each)

Mrs. S. C. Pearce, Springfield, Mo., baby quilt.

Mrs. L. L. Gourley, Washington, D. C., organdy luncheon set (No. 10, page 10).

Mrs. George Glockler, Iowa City, Iowa, pewter candelabra (page 13).

Mrs. John T. Wilkinson, Danville, Kentucky, desk set (No. 6, page 10).

Mr. John S. Selby, Cleveland, Ohio, cigarette box (page 13).

Sarah Lawton Blackburn, Sheffield, Mass., finger bowl doilies (No. 7, pages 10 and 11).

Lois H. Fry, Burbank, Calif., hat pincushion with plaid hat box (No. 1, page 10).

Sylvia Price, Brooklyn, N. Y., place mat with napkin (page 14).

Mrs. C. I. Trimble, Tulsa, Okla-

homa, gilded mesh luncheon set (page 8).

Ella Churchill Warren, Louisville, Ky., pink pillow with organdy case (page 14).

Additional prize-winners (\$10 each):

Sarah Neuer, Toledo, Ohio, crocheted bath mittens (page 14).

Mr. Purdom B. Connelly, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, soap bath lollipop (page 8).

Mrs. Stanley M. Winne, Kingston, N. Y., guest towel (page 8).

No. III—Paper Gifts

10 prizes of \$15 each:

Ruth B. Fuller, Spokane, Wash., paper plates used to frame pictures (No. 5, page 10).

Mrs. Pickering Dodge, Washington, D. C., Christmas tree with miniature decorations.

Mrs. Adella B. Tasker, Fort Edward, N. Y., paper-hat party favors (page 14).

Mrs. Clem H. Ferguson, Lexington, Mass., sandwich markers (No. 12, page 10).

Mrs. Fred Foy, Scarsdale, N. Y., household desk set (page 8).

Mrs. J. Edward Crocker, Seaford, Del., lamp shade (page 17).

Mrs. George Taylor, Albany, N. Y., pictures used as place mats (No. 2, page 10).

Mrs. Allan C. Little, Nashville, Tenn., baby carriage nut cup.

Mrs. Carl E. Hartman, White Pigeon, Mich., dog (page 17).

Persis O. Hutton, Denver, Colo., match box (No. 13, page 10).

No. IV—Needlework Gifts

Grand Prize of \$50 to Mrs. I. M. Parker, Chicago, Ill., tablecloth embroidered in crewelwork, pattern copied from Coalport china.

Runners-up: (\$25 each)

Mrs. Nelson Bigelow, Westwood, Mass., bridge cloth to match Quimper cigarette box.

Mrs. Bruce Zeiser, Providence, R. I., hooked chair seat to match wallpaper.

Mrs. T. L. Canniff, East Lansing, Mich., needlepoint chair seat to match Quimper plate.

Mrs. H. D. Caudry, Aurora, Ill., needlepoint cushion and rack to match china dog collection.

33 Special Idea Prizes of \$10 each

(20 prizes originally offered to which 13 were added)

Mrs. Leonard M. Thompson, Oswego, Ore., appliqué curtains.

James T. Soutter, Jr., New York City, bell pull.
 Mrs. Warren T. Fifer, Wilmette, Ill., Victorian Christmas tree ornaments (No. 11, page 10).
 Mary Jane Pressley, Ithaca, Mich., "Gladys Goldfish" linen book for children.
 Alice S. Campbell, Keokuk, Iowa, Christmas box.
 Barbara Gottwalt, Lake Placid, N. Y., cookies.
 Mrs. R. M. Pool, Birmingham, Ala., table cloth.
 Mrs. John T. Wilkinson, Danville, Ky., swordfish twine holder (page 14).
 Mrs. Frank Somers, Freeport, N. Y., 2 prizes—baskets and decorated wooden shoes (Nos. 3 and 8, page 10).
 Virginia Wright, Pawtucket, R. I., cocktail napkins (No. 4, page 10).
 Mrs. W. W. Anderson, Ninety Six, S. C., pecan mammy.



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Mrs. W. C. Ross, Winchester, Mass., popcorn man.
 Mrs. George F. McCleary, Springfield, Ohio, pillow slips (No. 9, page 10).
 Winifred B. Wilson, Gary, Ind., candy gauze dolls.
 Mrs. Bernard G. Winterick, Shaker Heights, Ohio, photograph game (page 17).
 Mrs. Donald Edward Hayn, Pittsfield, Mass., book ends.
 Mrs. E. V. Wilson, Danville, Ky., candy garden.
 Sara Mae Hughes, Bellaire, Texas, ironing board.
 Mrs. Fred Miller, Long Beach, Calif., pillow cases (No. 14, page 10).
 Gilda Snyder, New York, N. Y., jungle lady doll (page 9).
 Matilda Braun, Higbee, Mo., Puss-in-Boots, soldier, striped elephant, savage (page 9).
 Sara Frances Smith, Andalusia, Ala., gourd head doll (page 9).
 Mrs. Jeanette Ver Meulen, Holland, Mich., American pioneer dolls (page 9).
 Mrs. William F. Smith, Bath, N. Y., place cards and tallies.
 Mrs. V. I. Haycraft, Wichita, Kansas, nut cups, place cards, decorated candies.
 Ruth E. Carson, Los Angeles, Calif., turtle cake decoration.
 Mrs. Nelle C. Hurst, Hillsdale, Mich., shell place cards.
 Mrs. J. B. Belcher, Seattle, Wash., bridge tallies.
 Nan Wolfaston, Clearwater Beach, Fla., place cards.
 Mrs. Helene Wilms, Omaha, Neb., place cards.
 Hettie Reinhardt, St. Petersburg, Fla., tallies and match boxes.
 Mrs. John T. Wilkinson, Danville, Ky., button-face tallies.

14 Special Prizes for "Very Special" Ideas!

Mrs. Frank Somers, Freeport, N. Y., ducks and cask (page 12).
 O. H. Keisker, St. Louis, Mo., squirrel book ends (page 13).
 Mrs. James Parker Waite, N. Y. C., petit point (page 13).
 Elise Hooker, Fairhope, Ala., match box cover (page 12).
 Mrs. H. L. Scarth, Winnipeg, Canada, petit point (page 12).
 Mrs. C. R. Stribling, Mexico, Mo., tray cloth (page 12).
 Mrs. David Weinstein, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., luncheon set (pg. 12).
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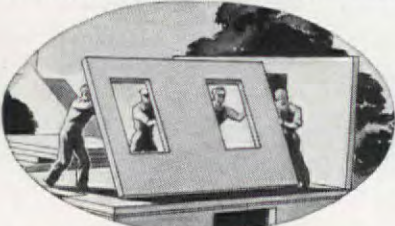
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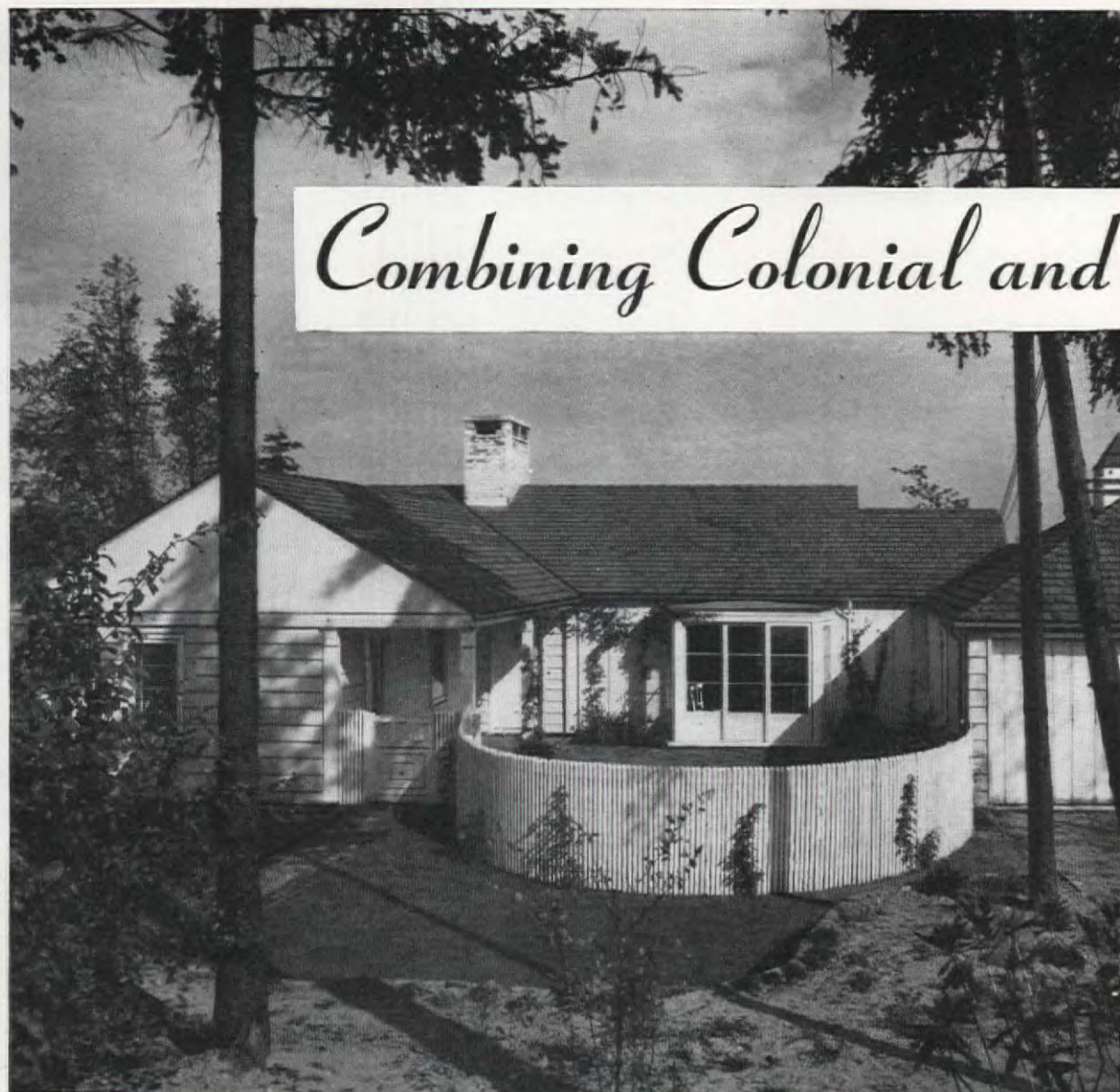
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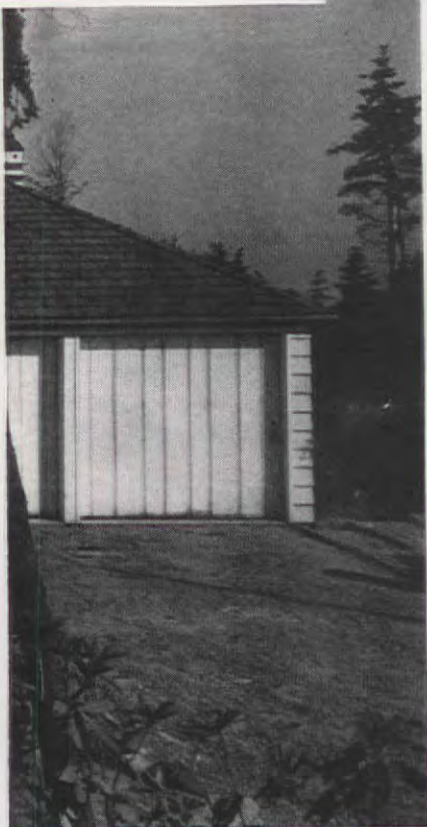
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The entrance hall and the general living-dining quarters are in the center and take up a good part of the house. Painted turquoise blue, they are really one general living space although a wall, separating the hall from the dining area, and a built-in cabinet with open shelving between hall and living area, mark off the rooms clearly and make them sufficiently independent of

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each other. A left wing extending out front includes the owner's bedroom and a guest room, both wall papered, and a son's room done in plywood and painted. This is a private wing, separate from the rest of the house except for a convenient doorway in the front hall. A right wing houses the two-car garage, with the U-shaped kitchen, cellar stairs and service entrance strategically located behind it. Between them these two wings enclose the two long sides of a sunny brick-paved courtyard; a neat half-circular rustic fence takes care of its front end in a pleasantly decorative way. Covered by the roof of the bedroom wing, an open porch flanks this front courtyard and makes a pleasant approach to the front door as well as a shelter for the yard. Painted white over all, the walls are laid up with shingles, siding, and flush boarding which gives them a nice variety; there's vertical siding on the dining room wall, flush boards cover the gable ends, shingles protect the remaining walls and roof. The tiny cupola on the garage roof is the sort of thoughtful detail which sets a house apart from the run of the mill kind and so is the dining room bay which

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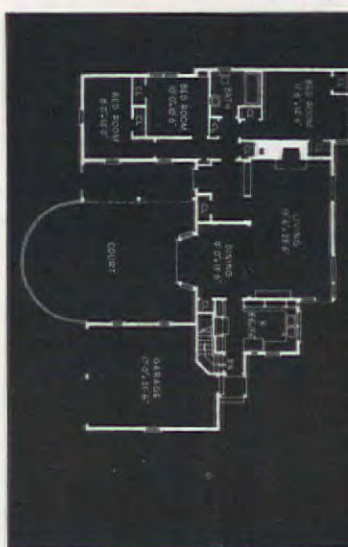
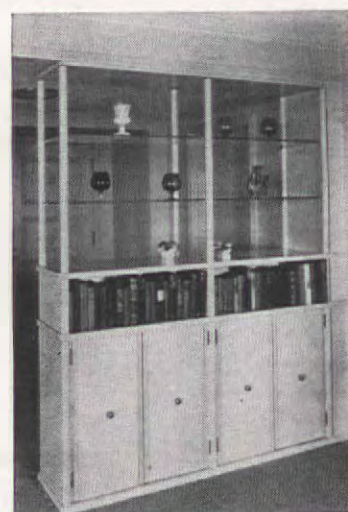
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Have you ever been ushered into a hospital room bristling with vases of gladioli spikes, chrysanthemums bulging from every window sill and extra tables against the wall to hold still more vases? It was just such a floral display that gave a normally brave young matron the jitters over her own imminent operation. "I expected to tiptoe over to the bed and see the body," she told us, shuddering.

Now most of us are mad about flowers. Some of us believe that no room is furnished without proper blossoms, but we don't fancy being flat on our backs among sheaves of them, unable to

defend ourselves from their mingled odors, and any stray beetle that happens to hitch-hike in.

A poll among nurses shows that at the outside three bouquets, properly arranged, are appropriate and cheerful in a hospital room. If you are sending flowers, wait at least until the patient is out of the vapors of anesthesia. Nothing registers for the first day or two anyway. Then find out if there are many flowers on hand. Fresh flowers to replace fading ones are greeted with real enthusiasm. If the patient is a member of numerous clubs and organizations the chances are that rafts of flowers have arrived practically with the first visit

from the doctor. If you are absolutely determined to send flowers, hold your fire and send them to the house after the patient goes home to recuperate.

Let's return to the hospital for a moment and the capacity of the average hospital room in relation to the single-track mind of the average flower buyer. A harassed nurse said recently that she could tell the time of year by the floral offerings, without looking at the calendar. This is stupid and simply because you are in the habit of phoning, "Send so and so flowers." If that's the way you order you'll have the comfort of being certain that you are sending what everybody else does.

The problem of the patient with an allergy might be brought

about

up here as well as anywhere else. There was such a gentleman so afflicted, who was hospitalized in October. His friends simply ordered flowers and the poor man's allergy was CHRYSANTHEMUMS!!! The mums were distributed to the wards, while his family worried for fear the bedside visitors might think it strange that a small bowl of garden flowers was the only adornment in his room. Why not, for pity's sake, a straight explanation?

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this is a good rule—if you want your flowers to pack a thrill, let them be different, not part of a heterogeneous mass.

Must you send flowers? Please some of you do. Yet there are a number of little things that carry pleasure to the invalid's world. How about those collections of inexpensive gifts, packed in a festive box, each marked for a day of the week. This is a grand idea for children or for adults. It calls for a strong resolve or a stern nurse but such virtue brings its own reward in the fun of each day's opening. Then there are the patients with hobbies. Stamps, miniature animals, dolls, maps or even bottle tops—who cares what? If they are collectors, they will thrill to a new item. The chances are that much happiness will result from a little advance knowledge and a little care in your choice. There is always the practical side, not to be sniffed at. There are trick bed-jackets, little pillows with a change of cases, all the long line of fine toiletries, soaps, shaving aids, powders, and light colognes. One favorite aunt sends a check. (It's a nice example.) There are books, current fiction or the type that ties in with a hobby. A welcome varia-

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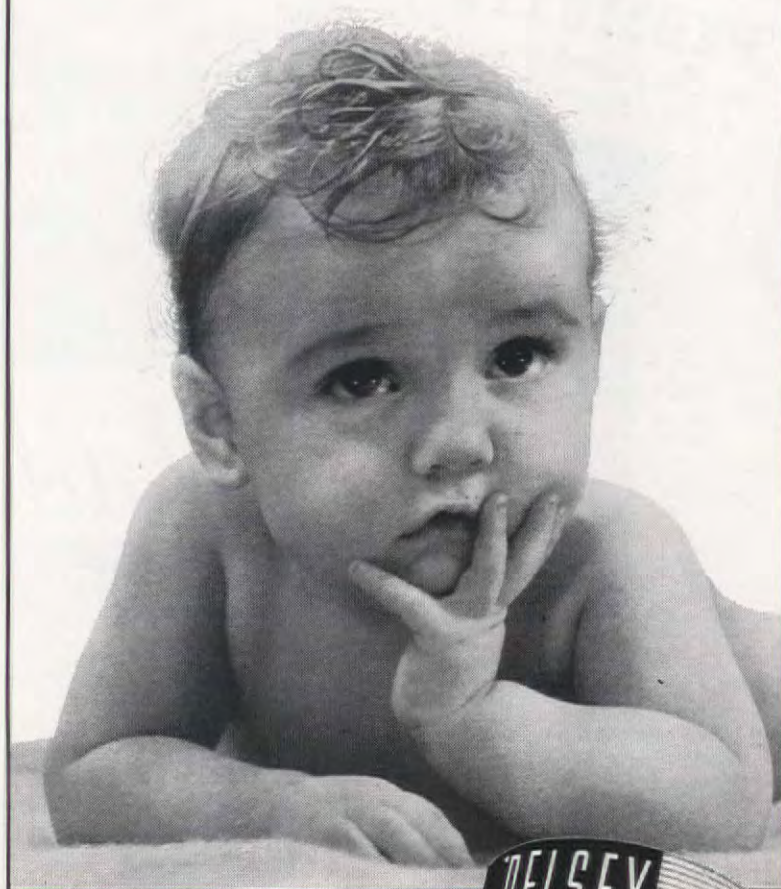
oli four feet tall in the soft shades are extremely handsome, but may lack attend you, so that no one else's vases are cluttering up the place when your glads arrive. A flat basket brimming with small chrysanthemums, shaded from the bronze of autumn leaves to gold, made one patient feel like a Hollywood glamour girl every time she looked at it. The secret of its success was that it was in its own container. Hospital vases as a whole are an uninspired lot, so

tion to this sort of reading matter is a new magazine or a collection of the really well printed ones, and a good reading rack.

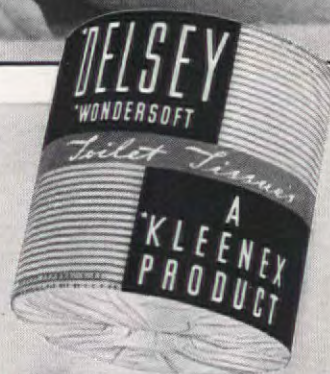
Not to be overlooked is the postman, for mail, and plenty of it, creates a pleasant diversion. Send a personal note to an acquaintance and a newsy letter to an old friend. Even the busiest person can take a little time for a line or two. At the outside all it costs is a little thought and three cents. Telephone calls and telegrams are equally thoughtful.

Last, but not least, is food. Even if extra dainties are unnecessary who could object to a squab, a pheasant, or a woodcock browned to a turn. (There was a man who liked pheasant eggs and got them, too.) If you are a whizz with a skillet or a broth kettle and the patient is at home, it's grand to pop in with an item of the diet all freshly brewed and attractively arrayed ready to serve. Let's use our heads so we won't cripple or kill our sick friends with our kindness.

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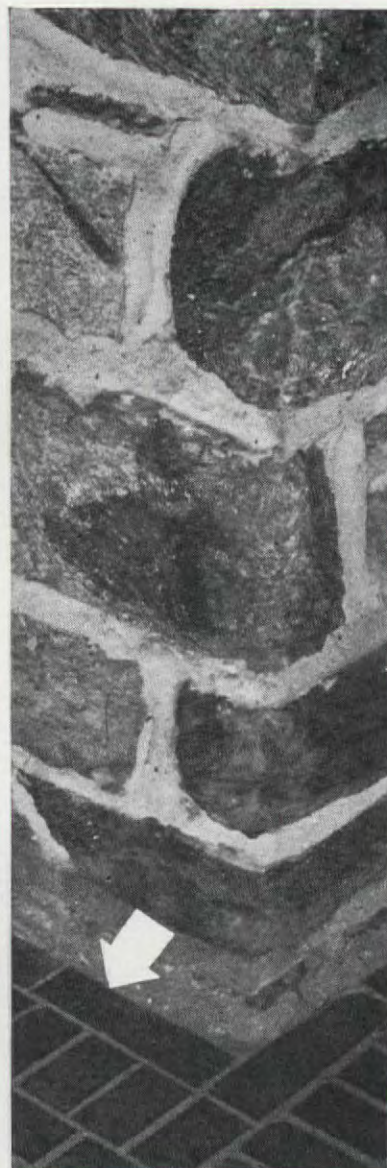
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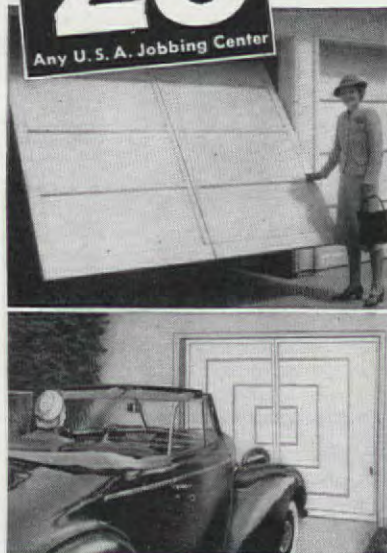
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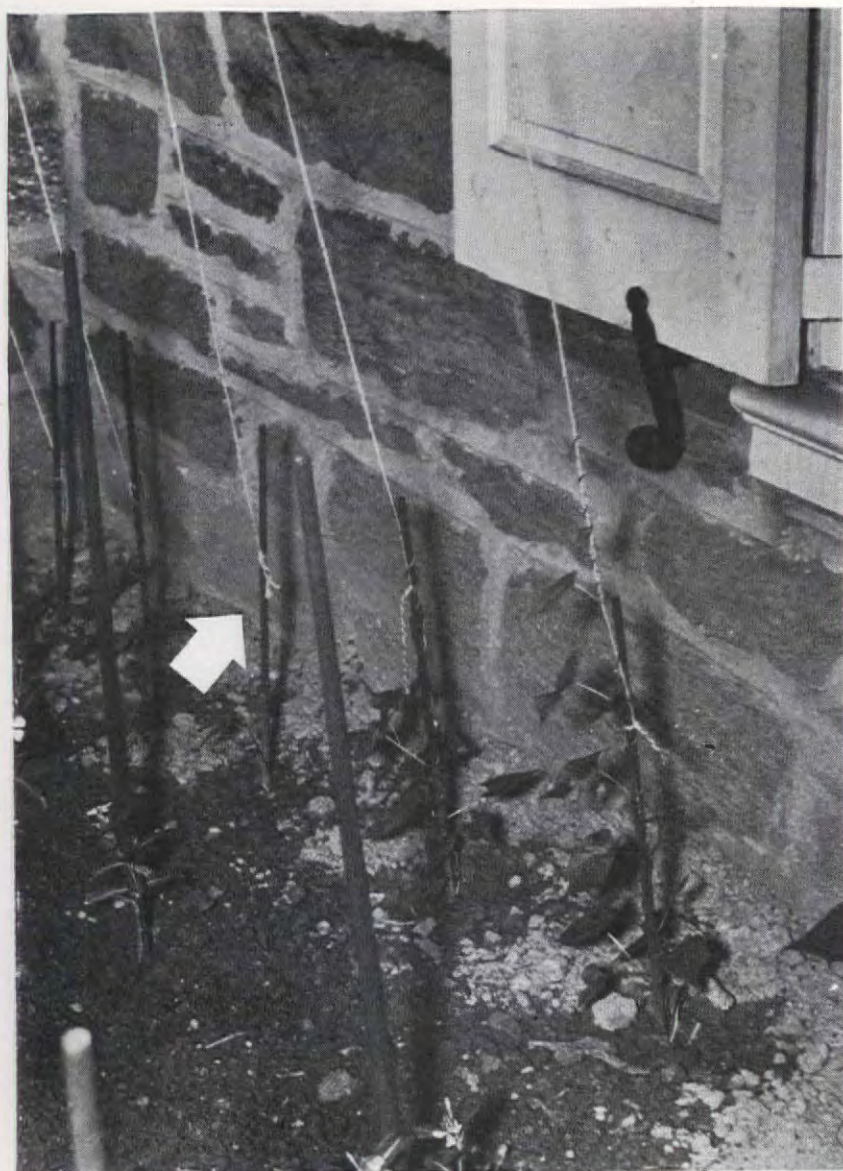


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YOU wouldn't expect a car to run indefinitely without regular check-ups and repairs and you shouldn't expect your house to do so either. So how about getting out of that comfortable chair next Sunday morning and looking the place over before winter starts getting in its dirty work? This is the time to prevent little troubles from developing into big troubles. Here are some danger points to check on: loose mortar, cracks in walls, damaged shingles.

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2. If you have flower beds against the house it's wise to leave



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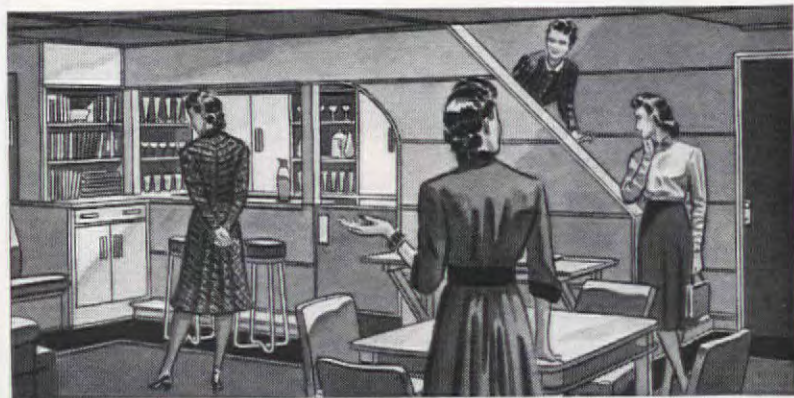
a margin of solid, sloping turf next to the house wall. Rain water and snow can seep down over the foundation stonework to the footings, leaching out mortar, creating damp basement walls, and eventually loosening plaster.

3. Have you any woodwork which has parted company with surrounding stucco? Rain, snow, and ice will work into any such cracks and eventually bulge and twist the lath underneath the stucco until it falls off. Timberwork and wood window and door frames are bound to shrink away from their surrounding materials somewhat but the resulting cracks should be filled in with plastic caulking. Paint which is flaking and peeling on woodwork should be scraped and repainted, too, even if you plan to wait until winter's over for a new paint job.

4. One split roof shingle does not seem important but a hard winter will work havoc, driving water under it 'til there is a major leak. Replace 'em or nail 'em down.—KNICKERBACKER DAVIS



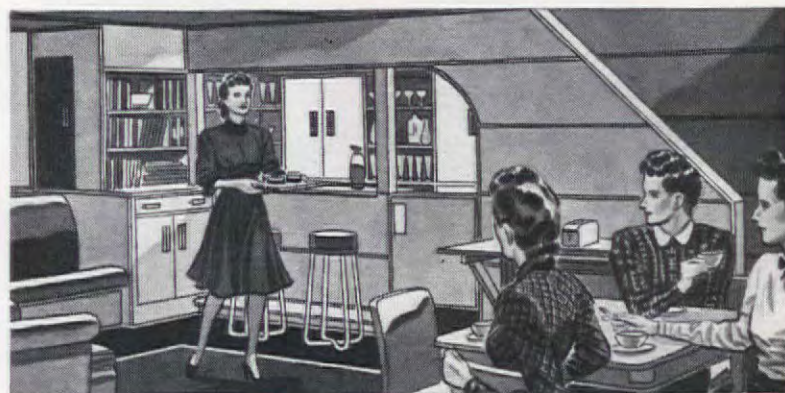
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During the Revolution, when Jacob Van Tassel lived at "Wolfert's Roost," it stood between the British and American lines. The stalwart Jacob pierced its walls with loop-



holes and it became the rendezvous of a company of husky farmer lads known as "Land Scouts."

As the "Roost" had been marked by the British for special punishment, it later fell into the enemy's hands and was burned to the ground. After the war, Jacob returned and rebuilt the "Roost."

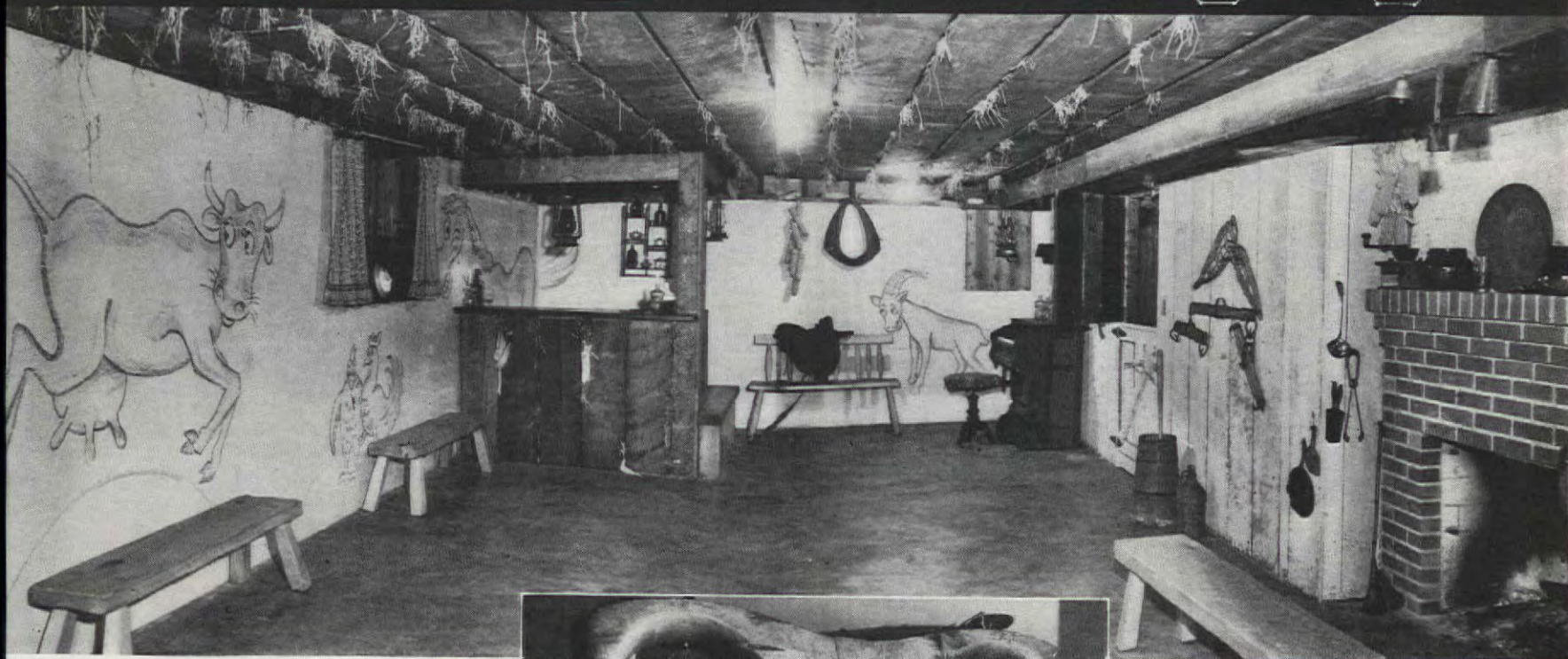
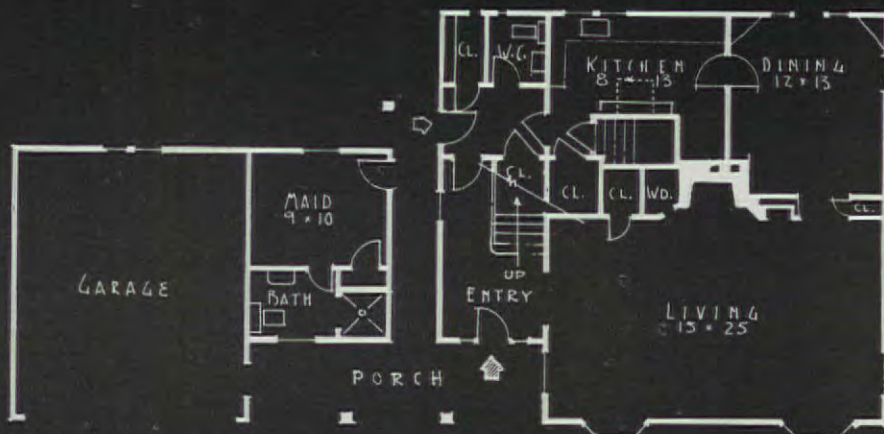
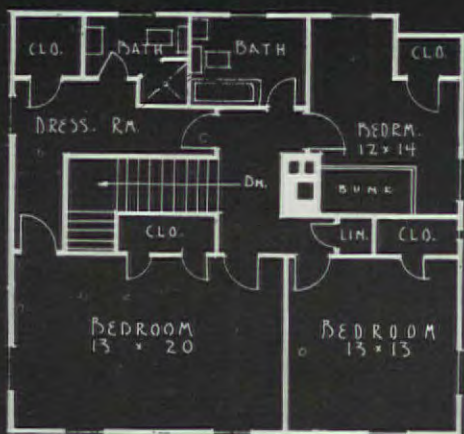
In 1835 Washington Irving, the author who loved the neighborhood which he had made the background of many of his delightful stories, purchased the "Roost" and remodeled it from the simple Dutch cottage into the elaborate American country seat where Louis Napoleon, later Emperor of France, called to pay his respects. Thus came into being "Sunnyside," the home of Washington Irving, its walls heavy with ivy that grew from slips culled from the rugged stones of Melrose Abbey by Sir Walter Scott. "Sunnyside" has been aptly called the Stratford-on-Avon of America.

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cedar boards twelve inches wide on the first story outside walls, six-inch clapboards on the upper story. The wider boards have an ancient weathered gray tone achieved by giving them a bath of acid stain, then applying gray paint and rubbing it down; the upper clapboards are painted a gleaming white to set off the old blue-green shutters at bedroom windows. A two-car garage wing, done in vertical boards and battens of weathered gray stain,

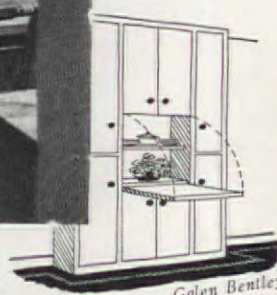


The "barn" is in the cellar, electric lanterns light the dining room, a drop leaf shelf in the kitchen is a handy snack table (see sketch)

living room and clumps of pink hollyhocks give additional old-time rustic flavor and charm.

The front door, opening on the flagstone porch, and the garage doors are made up of three-inch cedar planks—wire brushed to darken and age when oiled. The inside hall and the outside passageway are flagged with stones, antiqued by acid. The hall itself has a low, beamed ceiling and rough plastered walls, which catch the spirit of the whole house immediately. The early American theme is carried out in all details. Like all our other lighting fixtures, the ceiling fixture is an old kerosene one, a bracket lamp converted to electricity.

Small shelves in all hall windows display colorful old barbers' bottles. Black iron hardware was hand wrought by a local blacksmith-artisan especially for the house, including door pulls, door latches, and H and L hinges (in Colonial days they signi-



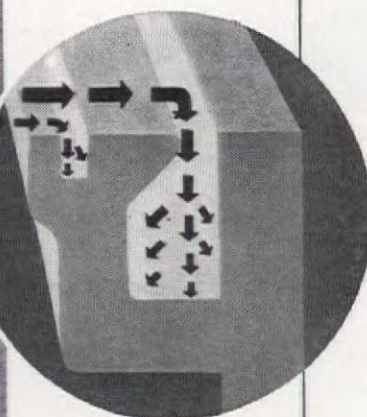
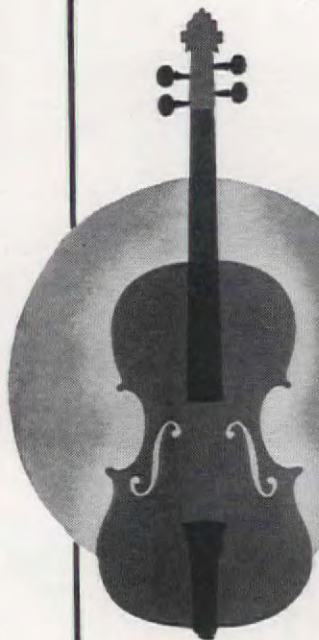
Galen Bentley

fied Holy Lords with the power to keep out evil witches).

In our living room the rough troweled plaster walls were antiqued to a warm yellow cast. With a mellow brown cedar paneled fireplace wall, which includes built-in bookshelves with scalloped frames, and wide, plank and peg, oak floors, we have a fitting and inviting background for our Early American antique furniture of maple, pine, and fruit

stretches out on one side of the house like an old-time carriage shed and is connected to the house by a "breezeway" passage and a covered front porch. This wing also includes a maid's room, finished in pine boards, and her bath, both rooms completely separate from the house but handy to the kitchen entrance. Quaint bow windows in the

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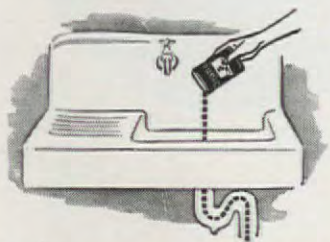
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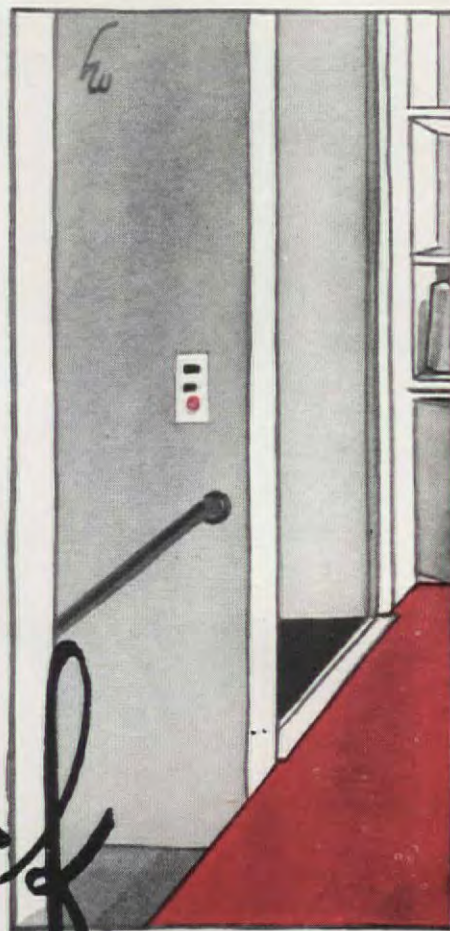
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woods. One side of the red brick fireplace has a built-in wood-box with an iron door.

The dining room keeps up the farmhouse spirit. The end wall with built-in cupboards in each corner is paneled in knotty pine, finished in a light, mellow tone, while remaining walls are papered in an old toile pattern. Our old pine plank stretcher table is our dining table and over it hangs an oxen yoke we found in a barn and equipped with lanterns to serve as a novel and picturesque lighting fixture.

Our "barn" is a recreation room fitted up in the basement. We got circular sawed planks in weather-beaten gray from an old stable and installed them as a ceiling, setting the boards one inch apart with handfuls of hay hanging down between them as if from a loft. A "box stall" and a "manger" serve as a bar and all kinds of barnyard animals were painted on the walls.

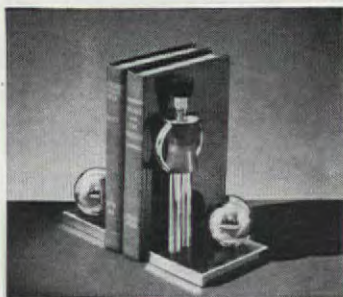
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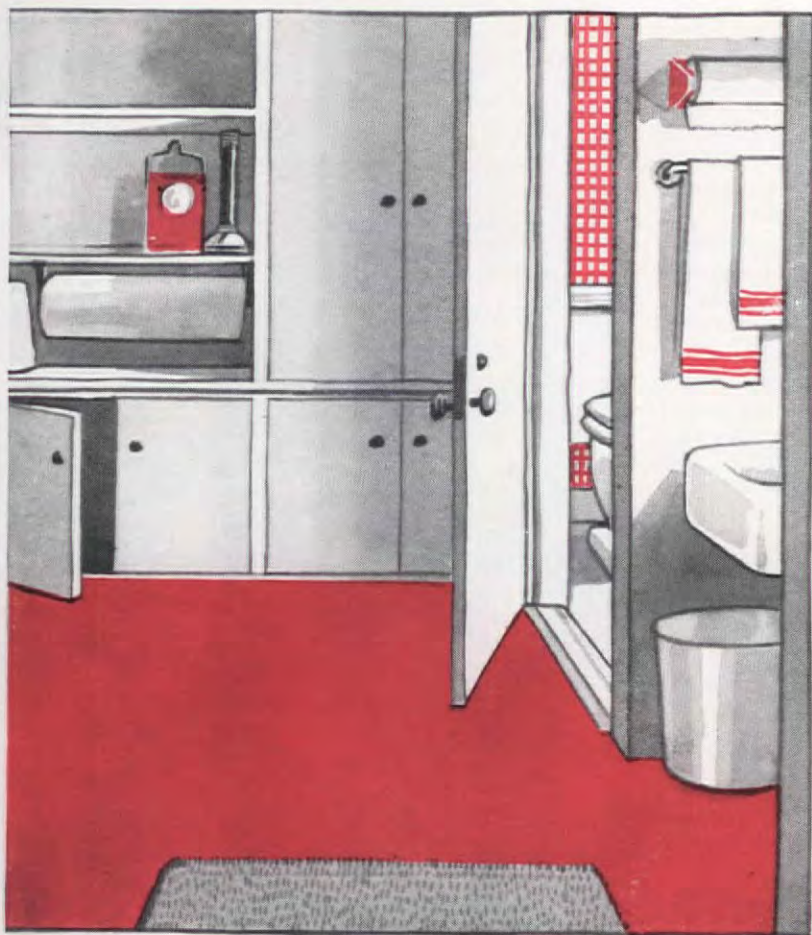
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IF I ever have a house of my own it probably will be small, unpretentious, and completely minus expensive luxuries, but it will have the very finest variety back hall. I may be old-fashioned, but it seems to me that this is a very important and too often neglected "room."

The first requisite of my ideal back hall would be space—space enough to turn around without danger of landing head first on the basement floor and for at least two children to put on coats and rubbers without getting their hands and feet all tangled up. One whole wall would be built-in cupboards with plenty of drawers and shelves: mostly shelves because almost any man handy with hammer and nails can build them easily, quickly, and cheaply. If my efficiency held out, I'd have these shelves partitioned off in sections for rubbers, mittens, sweaters, footballs, and such. And if possible I'd like to have my broom closet tucked off here in a corner instead of in the kitchen.

I'd like to have a modern wash basin and a small alcove for a toilet. If funds were very limited, I'd at least have a shelf or table (an orange or apple crate painted or covered with oilcloth or linoleum would do) on which to keep a wash bowl and pitcher of water. Near by would hang a



Harrie Wood

had a back hall!

It would be a small miracle of efficiency—none of those dark cubbyhole catchalls for me!

BERNINA STONE

supply of my oldest towels and some of the new paper ones. That would solve the problem of little children who always decide to come in and wash their hands right after they've been playing in a sand pile and you've been washing the kitchen floor or vacuuming the rugs.

If only I can have a big enough back hall, it will also be my best storage closet. There will be an extra compartment with hangers for off-season clothes, and perhaps summer or winter blankets. Well—my imagination given the opportunity, you can see that perhaps what I really want is a combination back hall, super closet, grand scale cupboard and utility room! No point in doing things half way, I always say.

There are lots of convenience features to be had today, and I'd take advantage of every one of them. Shoe racks and those clothes hanger rods that push up against the wall and hold about six times as many garments in the same amount of space, for

instance. Anything in the way of paper and string holders and cutters would be welcome, too, for wrapping packages. (As it is now, it's all I can do to find the string way in the back of that kitchen table drawer!)

And don't think I'd stop with mere practical necessities and built-ins. I'd have a fine budget decorating spree, with color doing most of the job. I'd be lavish with bright reds or yellows and I think I'd come out with such a cheerful little room that I'd enjoy keeping it neat and orderly and even the boys might co-operate with my efforts. Linoleum would be perfect for the floor, and a can of paint would fix up the cupboards and closet. If I happened to be in an ornamental frame of mind, up would go a bit of amusing wallpaper and perhaps a few decals. It wouldn't matter if I wanted to indulge a few silly personal whims because they wouldn't be on display for casual callers to see, anyway.

When I do finally have my house, its real, honest-to-goodness useful back hall will be its main story. A cheery breakfast room, bedrooms with cross ventilation, a pine-paneled hobby room, and elegant fireplaces are fine, too—but first I'll have my back hall. Without it I wouldn't enjoy the rest of the luxury half as much!

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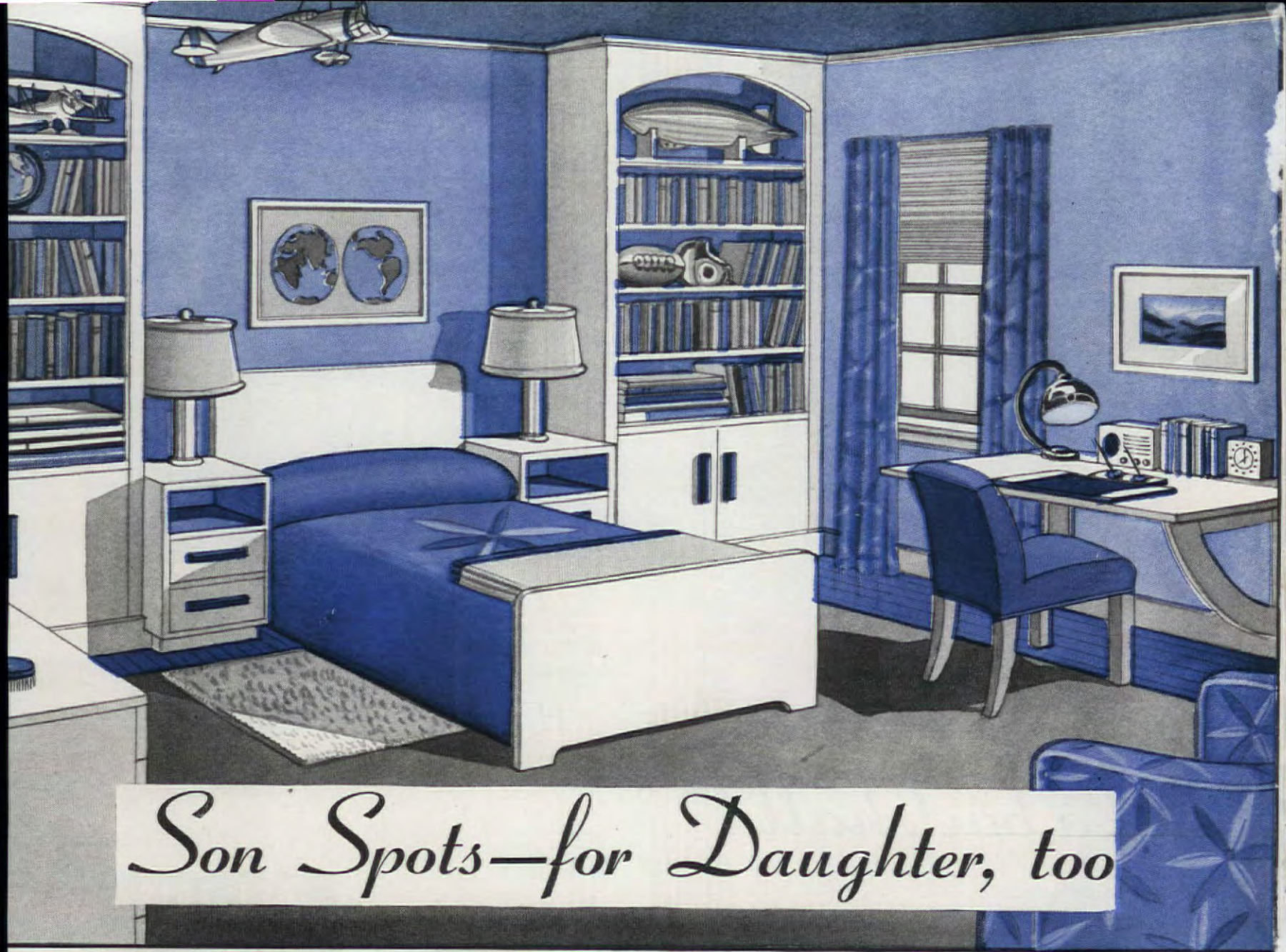
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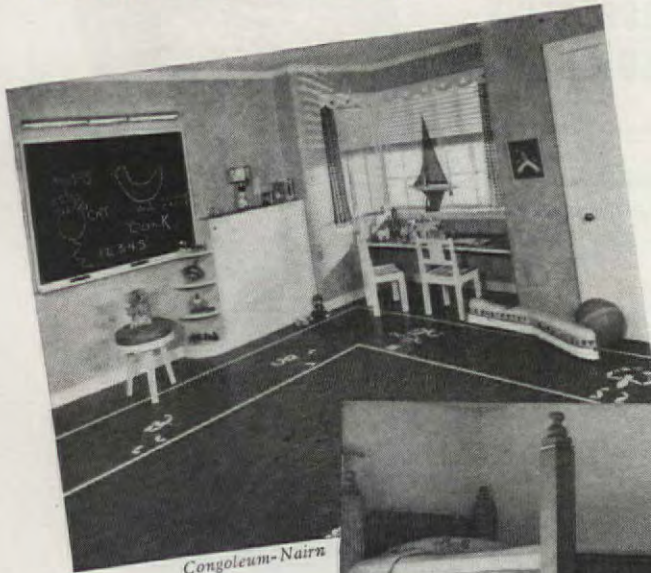
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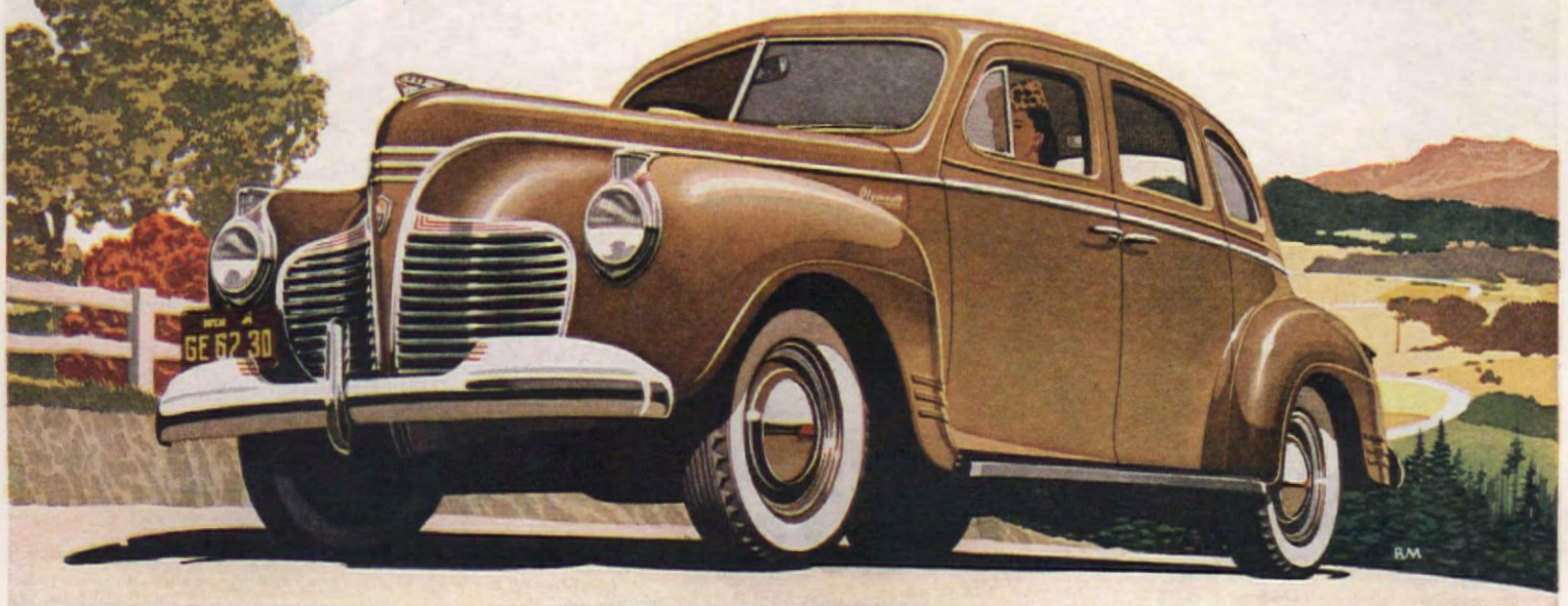
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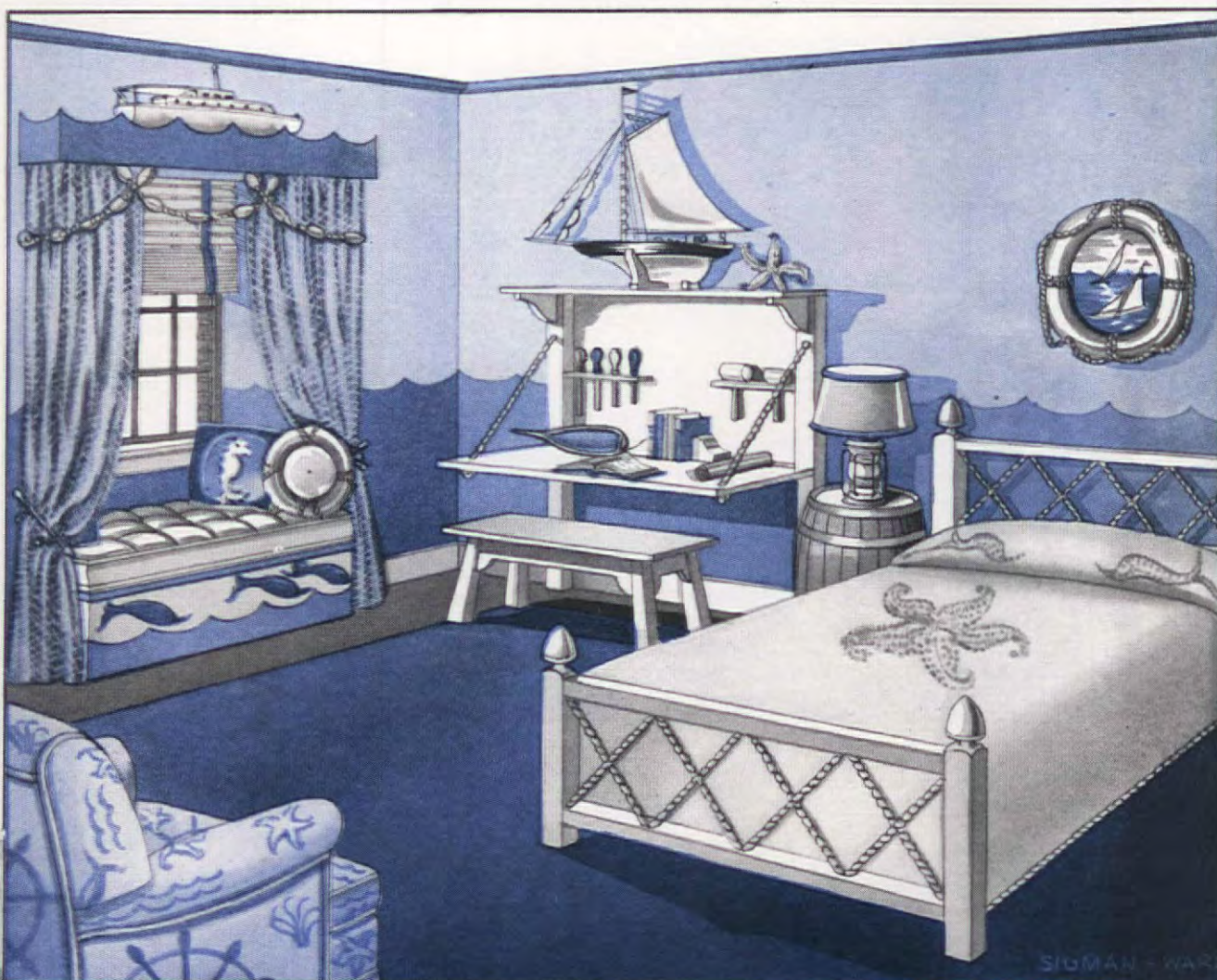
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Children like bright colors and lots of shelves even if they don't always put away their belongings!

you haven't a single excuse for ignoring the children's rooms, which are much more important to their occupants than the nurseries that usually do get their generous share of attention.

A little imagination and thoughtful consideration help do the job, too. A bed with a sturdy tailored spread that won't wrinkle easily is welcome as a place to sit and read on rainy days. A small radio-Victrola will solve the problem of conflicting tastes in music. Shelves in a corner or marching down the wall by the bed are ready for displays of things the children have made themselves. A strip of blackboard all across one wall will encourage young artists; a cork or rubber bulletin board will soon be covered with everything from reminders that there's an arithmetic test next week to tickets to the circus. Maps are decorative for walls and useful for learning geography. Two little boys I know can find more remote villages and rivers than you can—just because their thoughtful parents put a huge and quite beautiful map on one wall.

The room which you'll find illustrated at the top of page



Proof that nursery furniture need not be extravagant, can be used on through school and college. It doesn't take much of a handy man to transform old pieces as shown in "before and after" stages

32 is made to order for boys who like airplanes, adventure stories, and streamlined furniture. Built-in shelves and cupboards on either side of the bed hold books, models, and trophies, and are easily built of inexpensive pine. Over the bed is a map of the two hemispheres, framed with a chromium molding. A drop-shelf against one wall makes a perfect desk that takes up little space.

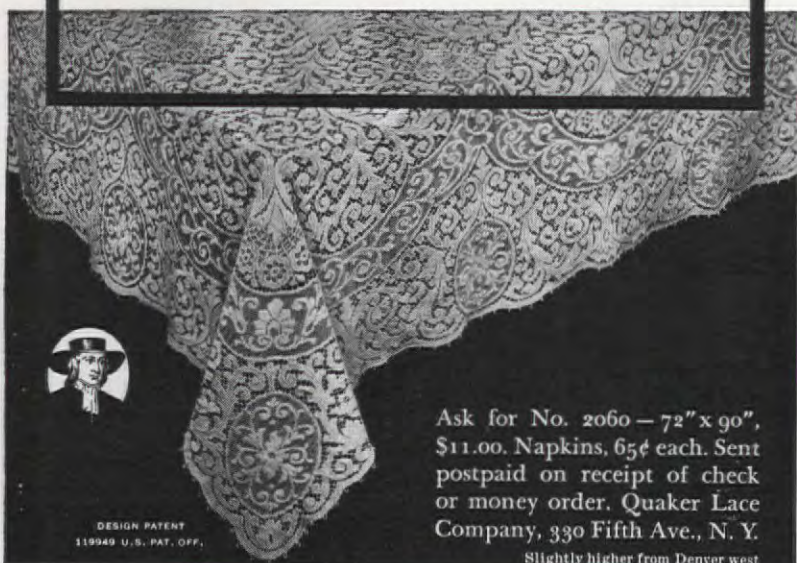
Three other rooms on that page are full of ideas, too. One is an ideal playroom with a big blackboard, built-in shelf and storage cabinet, and smart linoleum floor that can take anything from toy trains to muddy shoes. A wide, linoleum-topped shelf in the corner window is fine for cutting out paper dolls and playing games now, and later can be used for studying. A simple, double-decker bed with drawers below and a rope ladder to climb to the upper bunk saves space in the second room. Notice, too, the globe and typewriter, practically necessities

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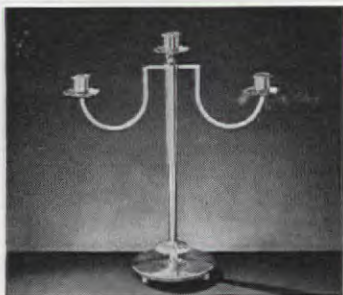


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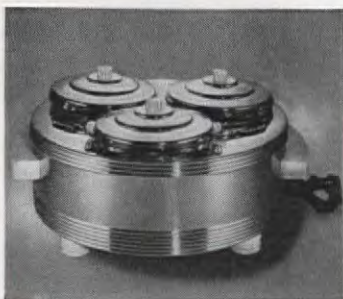
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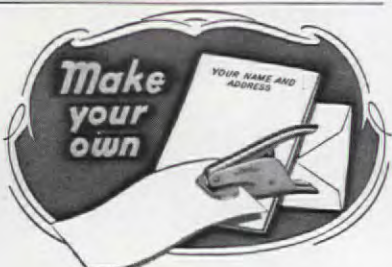
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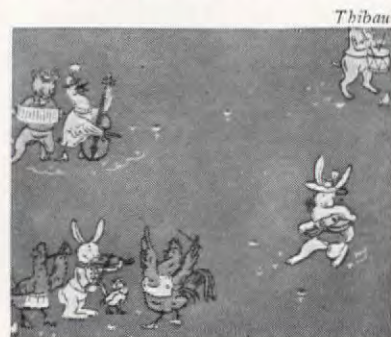
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for high school girls and boys. The third room, now a nursery, can grow up into a study-bed-room because the shelves and cupboards that now hold dolls and toy animals will later take care of books, games, and sports equipment of all kinds.

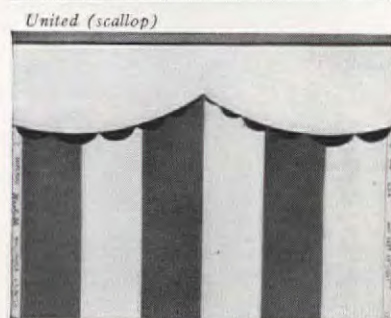
Nothing could be more nautical than the sea-going room for a boy on page 35. All shipshape and no frills! The curtains are real fish net with cork-weighted hemp ropes for tie-backs and trim. The cornice is plywood painted bright blue, with a white steamer riding atop the waves. The window seat is upholstered in sailcloth, and three frisky dolphins leap over the waves painted on its front base. A wavy dado furthers the sea motif. Instead of a regulation desk, there is a large shelf held up by stout hemp ropes, and above it is a shelf which holds a racing yacht gala with pennants and destined for glory on the nearest pond. The bed has head and footboards of natural hemp laced in a diamond effect, and a sailcloth spread with rope edging. A squat barrel makes a good bedside table, the lamp has an old brass lantern base, and a real life preserver, enameled white, frames the print over the bed.

For all of you who can't bear to add the cost of special nursery furniture to all the other bills that come with a baby, we show

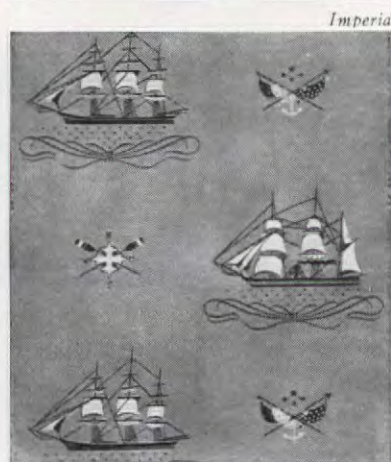
how you can later make such pieces fit into "a real boy's room." Everything but the crib, which was handed down to a baby sister, is still in use, and only a chair, night table, two lamps, and a box spring and mattress mounted on feet were added. The chest of drawers stands in the same corner but is turned against the adjoining wall. Next to it is the chifferobe of nursery days. The top two drawers have been removed and shelves for school books have



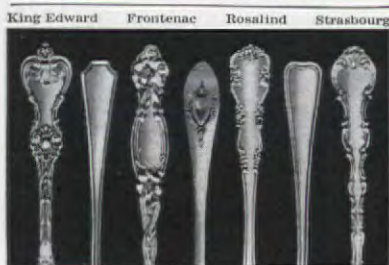
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taken their places, and the long door has been cut in two to form a drop-leaf desk. Number three in line is the bureau shown at right of window in the photograph. The original knobs on all three pieces have been replaced by long modern drawer pulls. The side chair, now slipcovered to match the draperies and lounge chair, stands in front of the desk.

Across the top of page 35 are three more rooms for the children. The nursery's shelves and cupboards, flanking a comfortably wide window seat, will be just as useful later for a boy or girl in high school, and when the play pen is no longer needed there will



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be plenty of room for a bed. A double-decker bed (just as popular with "only children" who like to have an occasional overnight guest), pine-paneled walls, and desk and recessed bookshelves make a nice room for a boy. Two little girls would love the next room, with its dainty canopied beds, pastel murals, knotty pine dado, and small table for games and tea parties consisting of hot chocolate and dainty assorted cookies.

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Did you ever realize that the angular prickly pear or the stiff, mottled gasteria could be turned into graceful, interesting designs? If not, study these and try your hand

Here's an

ROBERT L. CLARK



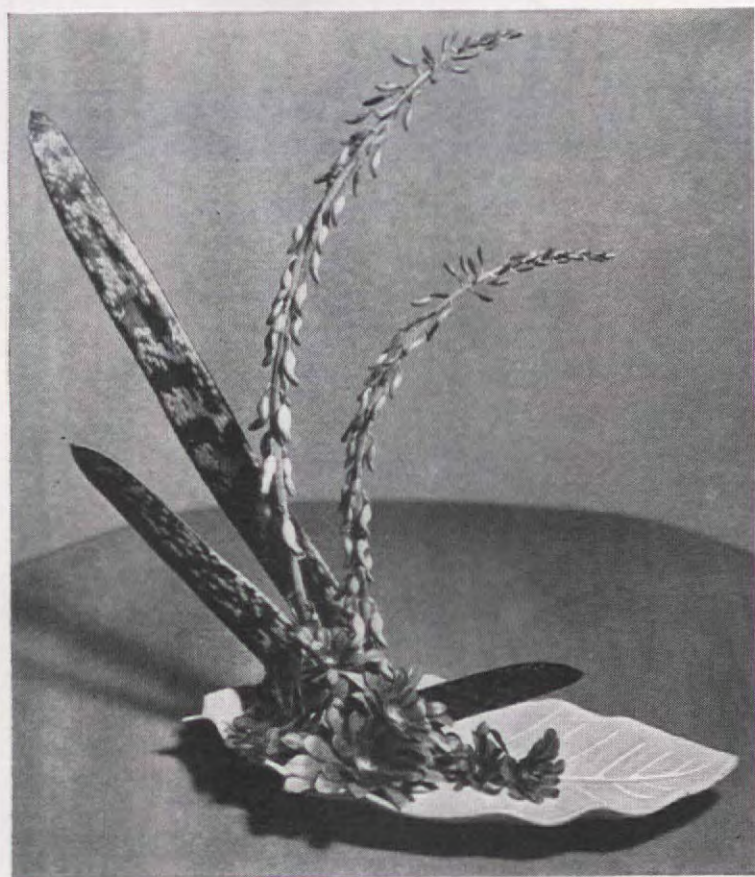
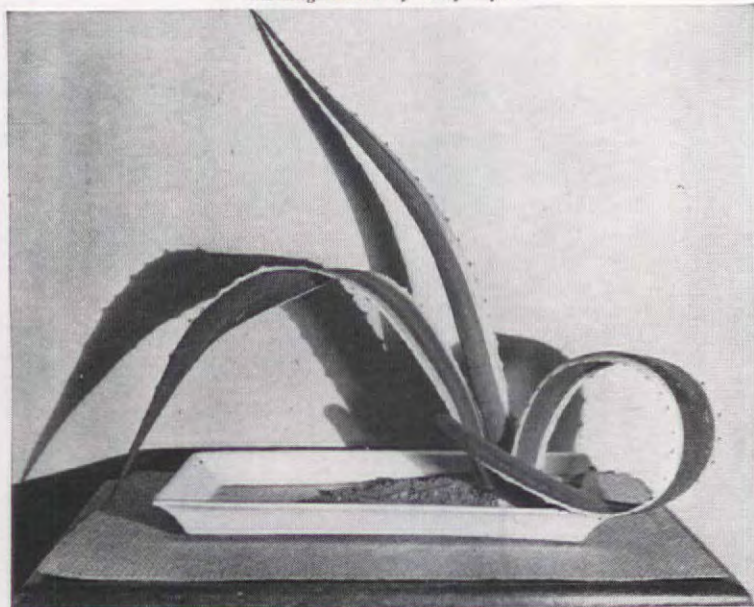
*I*T HAPPENED just after we had realized a dream and moved into a lodge of our own, with a fireplace, bear skin rug, good hunting dog and all—a regular man's house, thought I. But the Little Lady surveyed the outdoors with a doubtful eye and finally explained that, although Joshua-trees, sagebrush, and the like looked all right out there, they would be no help in providing flower arrangements to brighten the indoor corners. As I glumly visualized myself making flower beds in the sun-baked earth among the boulders, rescue came in the form of a friend who, adept and experienced in the field of flower arrangement, restored the threatened peace and happiness to our household. "Why not succulents and cacti for your flower arrangements?" she said, and proceeded, with the aid of some hastily gathered materials, to create some really charming surprises.

First, donning a stout pair of gloves, she brought in from the scrub branches of two kinds of thorny cactus. Using a tall, rectangular pottery vase, an ordinary chopping bowl, and some stones, she produced a couple of arrangements that were both good and different. The second she finished off with a small Tyrolean figurine to give a bit of needed color. Next she used sprays of a climbing aloe to complement two large, dark-hued wood book ends. Then gasteria leaves, held at a rakish angle by a metal frog, and rosettes of a richly bronze-colored succulent placed so as to hide the frog, made another striking design. But the century plant furnished the real surprise. Inside the

entertaining story

about a man who thought he could get away with making no provision for a cutting garden for his wife—and did, too

Arrangements by Amy Aplin



tough, scarred leaves are delicate tapers of pastel green with a frieze-like design of a darker shade. A few of them with marigolds soon graced the coffee table, and even the rough outer leaves became dramatic in an oblong flat dish with a handful of dirt to tie them in with their humble beginnings. The last spontaneous work of art was of iris leaves and succulents with a china figure of a little girl interpolated to contribute a pleasing, if rather sentimental, note.

Studying the results, I realized that succulents can produce effects in any desired mood. Also they last for weeks with very little water and almost no care and cleaning up of fallen leaves and petals. Often arrangements last until your fingers begin to itch to try something new. "Why not succulents and cacti, indeed?" just as my rescuer asked.



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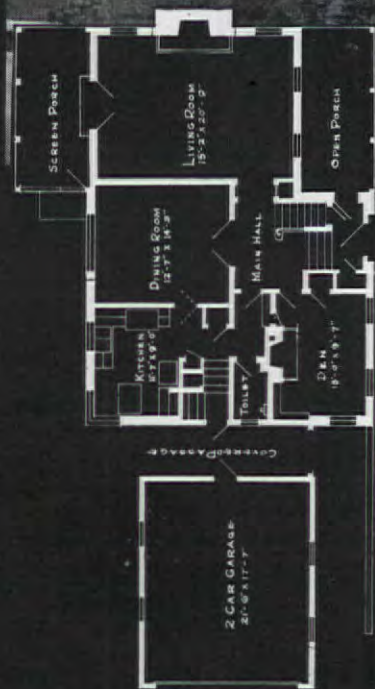
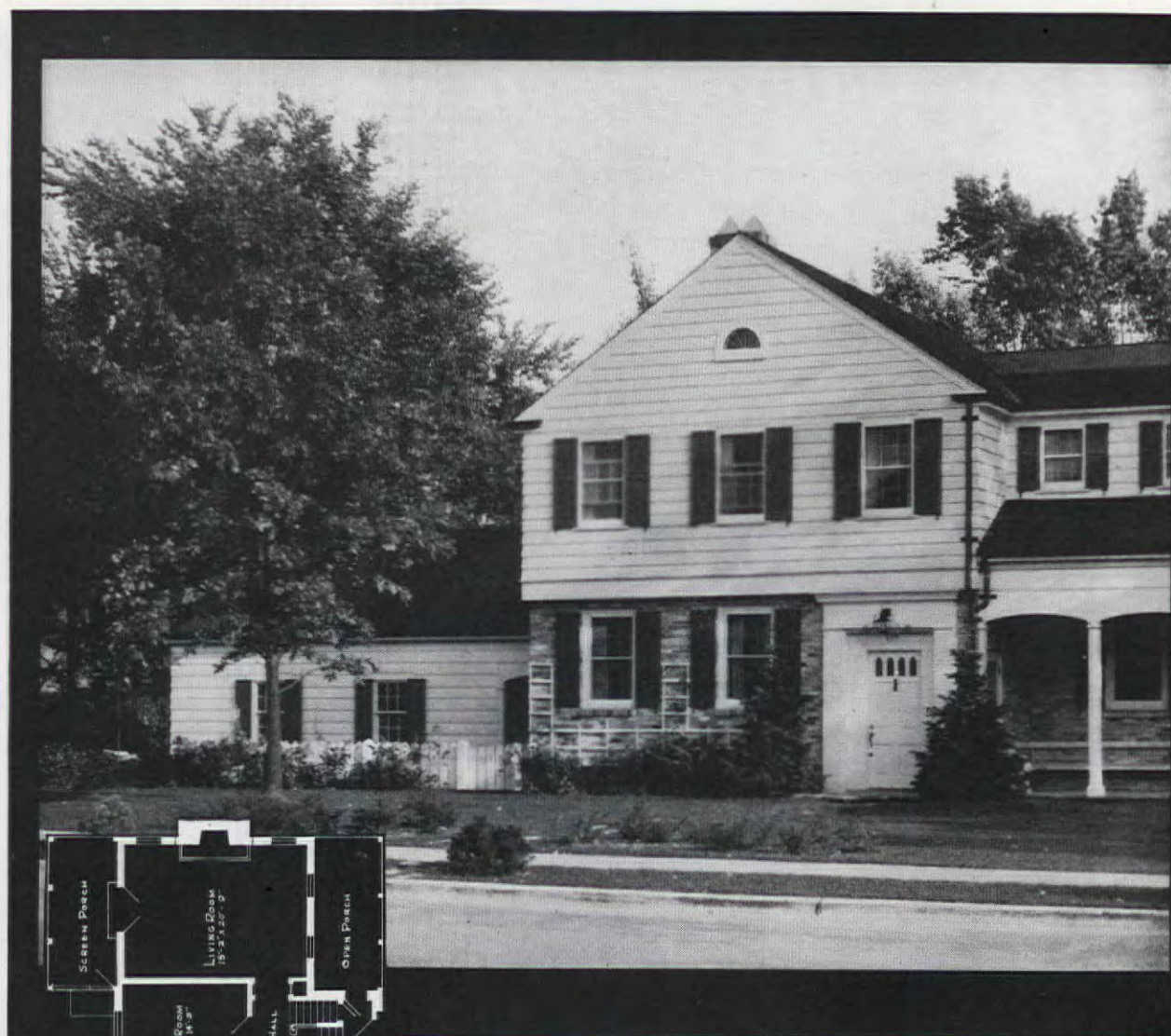
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One of their special requirements was the "den" for study or consultation with a patient; it's right at the front door, reached without disturbing the rest of the house. With its knotty cedar walls, bookshelves, slate fireplace, India print draperies, and red leather chairs,

it's a bright beginning to a nice interior. The living room is equally bright with striped wallpaper, a wide paneled fireplace, blue carpet, and faille figured draperies. A Duncan Phyfe drop-leaf card table and a Washington chair are among its Colonial furnishings. The adjoining dining room uses a decorating scheme of gold draperies and blue and white figured wallpaper which appeared on an AMERICAN HOME cover. It has a wood block floor like the study, along with a white wood dado and corner cupboards flanking a wide plant window with a marble ledge. There are ladder back, rush bottom chairs and brass wall candelabra. Down in the basement the recreation room has an inviting open fireplace of beach stone; this room may be reached by

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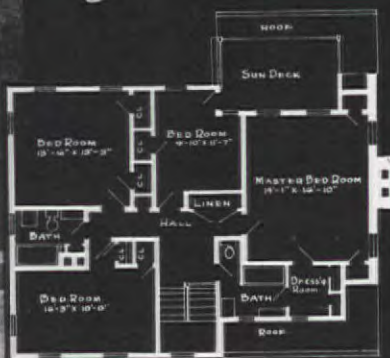


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stairs leading from the front entrance hall or from stairs just inside the kitchen door, a particularly handy entrance for the children when they come in from playing in the back yard.

The four bedrooms and two baths were neatly cajoled out of the rectangular second floor plan. The tiled front bathroom belongs to the master bedroom and is connected to it by a dressing room with built-in drawers, dressing table, and two closets for ample clothing storage. The other bath, for the children's rooms, has linoleum-covered walls just as the first floor lavatory and kitchen have, too, and for the same reason—easy cleaning. In the boy's room two kinds of wallpaper were used, a map pattern on two walls and a plain paper on remaining walls. Wooden valances around the windows are also covered with the map paper and the curtains and spread of homespun cloth, trimmed with bright-colored cords, pick up the map colors and give the whole room a gay, cheery appearance. In the master bedroom a floral wallpaper of Queen Anne's lace covers the walls while the dressing room has a dogwood pattern above the tile with rose beige draperies trimmed in brown to harmonize with the bronze metal trim in this room. A brown shower curtain has a rose beige monogram.

There's a modern kitchen, very much up to snuff in its efficient arrangements and in its blues-chasing color scheme of red and gray, black and white. Equipment such as the range, refrigerator, cupboards, and cabinets are dead white and oyster white. But the inside of the cabinets is painted red and there are red leather chairs for the black and chrome breakfast table set up in the sunny corner window. Red stars on the crisp white curtains and a smart red strip laid in the gray marbled linoleum floor strike the same color note. A cove molding omits those cracks between floor and walls so hard to clean.

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You may be thinking that all this is very fine but what about finances, and if you can't economize on the furnishing of that little two by four how *can* you balance the budget. We have the answer to that one. The space to be decorated is small and therefore it's probably the one room in the house you can afford to do up in style. A fine carpet or wallpaper won't cost a great deal because you don't need very much of it. There isn't room for much furniture, so what you have can be the best. It's your golden opportunity for splurging on a shoestring, for having an orchid or two even though your decorating budget may be the slimmest.



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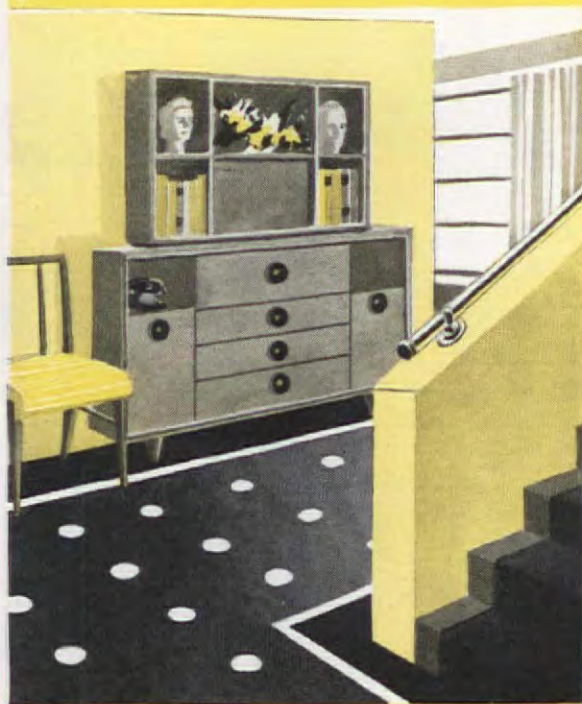
White stars in black linoleum, Regency drama



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If you want to give the imagination a fling, the hall's the place for that, too. For example, take the hall in the center of this page. Linoleum with circular insets to give a wonderful polka dot effect would be too much of a good thing for all over the living room floor but is very smart over a small area. Five prim little pots of flowers might look too perky or a little self-conscious in the dining room, but they're made to order for a large mirror console like the one in the hall at the bottom of this page, even with more flowers on both chair and walls.

Color—well, you've heard us mention *that* before, but we're even more rabid on the subject when it has to do with halls. You can have a color scheme as merry as Christmas and twice as bright and still get away with it. (The friend of ours who had a red ceiling in her small apartment foyer knew what she was doing.) And remember that no matter how giddy the stripes or how profuse the flowers on the wall-paper, you won't be looking at them for hours at a time anyway—so go ahead and have your fun.



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If there's anything we're not, it's sticklers for convention—pretty dull stuff we say—but we do think your front hall furnishings should have some relation to the architectural style of your house. It is something of a jolt to beam with admiration as you approach a delightful little French Provincial house, only to step inside and run smack into the stark 1930 conception of a modern chest of drawers. A fine, generous Colonial doorway should open into something with the same degree of elegance. Trim modern houses should not have their front halls cluttered up with very ornately carved tables. Just a simple little matter of suitability, but every bit as important as not wearing black velvet dinner hats with tweed suits.

Take a good look at your own front hall and see if it is as pleasant and welcoming as you can make it. If you've been guilty of neglecting it, now's the time to see if a little more color or a new carpet or a smart grilled-front cabinet won't do the decorating trick. If it's been perfection all these years anyway, you're a smart woman and you don't have to be told how to make the most of things.

Page 42. Top: Whitney server, Imperial paper. Center: Drexel furniture, Thibaut paper, Nurte mirror, Armstrong linoleum. Bottom: John Widdicomb furniture, United wallpaper

This page. Top: Baker furniture, Imperial wallpaper. Center: Herman Miller furniture, Congoleum linoleum. Bottom: Imperial mirror console, Tomlinson chair, Thibaut wallpaper



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But one can hardly hope to find the work of these great

Pricket candlestick, 17th century; Aiguille spouted wine flagon, 18th century

masters outside of museums or collections formed many years ago. The pewter lover of today must be content with the pieces of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries to form the bulk of his collection and must consider himself indeed lucky when Dame Fortune places an exquisite piece of seventeenth century pewter in his way.

The rapidly growing interest in the collection of pewter during the last quarter century has stimulated its reproduction and faking. The European continent has been scoured for damaged old pewter, metal of poor quality, and pewter in forms that are not readily salable. Tin is frequently added during the melting process

F. M. Demarest

of France and Switzerland?

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YOUR the world, stop wherever antique collectors are to be found, and you soon learn that most of them prefer the ancient arts and crafts of their own country. But even the collector of American pewter may find pleasure in embellishing his treasure shelves now and then with a good piece from the Old World. To collectors may be added a myriad of "pewter appreciators," those who are not collectors in the true sense of the word but who acquire pewter from time to time because of its pleasing form or its decorative value. And to all these the pewter of France and Switzerland has much to offer.

The making of pewter must have been an early craft in France, for

to improve the mixture, and the metal reappears in the form of platters, flagons, or soup dishes. In some of the shops these pieces are honestly labeled as reproductions, but in others they are cleverly "antiqued" and sold to the inexperienced buyer, at high prices, as genuinely old.

The polishing of old pewter is, and probably always will be, a much discussed question among its owners. A true patina, the result of disuse through many decades, is one of the best possible evidences that the piece is an old one. But the dull leaden color of the patina is not a thing of beauty and, having given its testimony of authenticity, is better removed. Only by cleaning and polishing may that soft brilliancy

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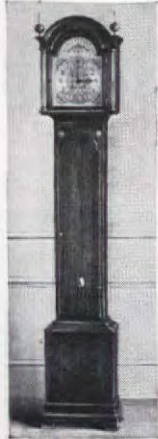
which pewter alone can attain be made to reappear. Furthermore, polishing definitely prevents that insidious destroyer of old pewter, corrosion, and keeps it in excellent condition.

A knowledge of French pewter marks is not only important in establishing the products of that country but may aid in determining the region in which a piece was made. According to law the pewterer was required to "strike" his wares with his own personal or individual mark. These marks were recorded at guild headquarters on leaden touchplates. The marks of the earlier pewterers are generally in the form of an oval or circle containing an emblem or device and the maker's initials. There may be a date, which generally indicates the year in which the maker of the "touch" became a master. Later, in the eighteenth century, the full name of the maker began to appear and frequently the name of the town in which his shop was located.

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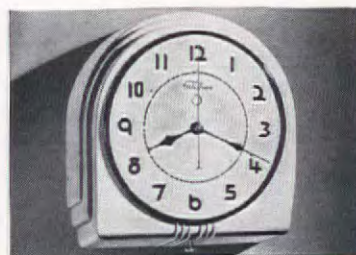
speaking, there were three grades of pewter permitted in France: fine, medium, and a comparatively poor grade—the common. The finer grade was frequently indicated by the letter F, and the poorer mixture by the letter C. A very fine grade of pewter would be shown by two F's placed back to back with a crown above them. An emblem, the arms of a town or its name may appear in the mark and frequently a date. This date rarely indicates the year in which the piece was made; it is more likely to refer to some



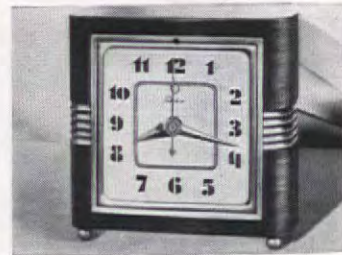
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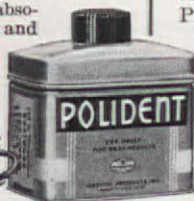


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may be recognized with very little difficulty. Yet, if one traces the development of the various types, he will find their origin in one of the several countries by which Switzerland is surrounded. Of paramount interest are the flagons, whose marked variations of form and detail depend largely on their cantonal origin. Spouted flagons are eagerly sought by collectors and pewter lovers and thus are frequently reproduced. The fact that many of the ancient pewter moulds have survived and have fallen into the hands of the unscrupulous should lead to very careful selection in the purchase of the rarer types of Swiss pewter if one is to be sure of getting the genuine article.

Of particular interest among the spouted flagons are the council



From 17th century France come this soupier, broad-rim plate, candlestick

Teaspoon holder, sacramental cruet, cake dish and candlestick are all Swiss and 18th century



flagons. Some were in use as early as the fourteenth century, and practically all of the authentic examples known today may be seen only in museums or in well-known collections. The long-spouted Bernese flagons, with a supporting bar between the body and the spout, are the most common type to be found at the present time. Many of the Swiss wine-cans are spouted, and the end of the spout is frequently protected by a small hinged lid. The Zurich bell cans are the type most frequently encountered at the present time, odd shaped affairs with engraved decorations and small applied shields on one side in which may be found the owner's initials and a date.

A more unusual form of spouted flagon is the biberon, which at various times has been wrongly classified as nursing or invalid's bottle,

law or ordinance under whose regulations the pewterer was working at the time the piece was wrought. Other common marks on French pewter are the crown and rose, the pewterer's hammer, and the fleur-de-lis. Quality was sometimes indicated by words as *fin*, *etain fin*, or *etain d'Angleterre*. It is rarely that one mistakes the identification marks of private or institutional ownership or the punch mark of government inspection for the individual marks of the pewterer.

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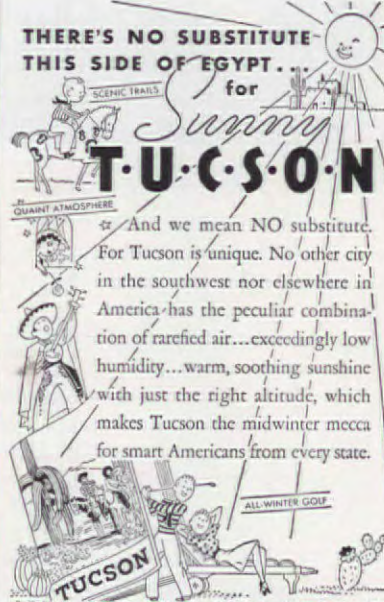
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lamp, and teapot. In reality the biberon held the family drinking water and hung from an iron support at what might be termed "mouth's reach" from the floor. The smaller sizes were for the children and were probably placed at a lower level.

Among the many types of flagons without spouts, those from the canton of Wallis, or Valais, are perhaps the most distinctive. Though there may be considerable variation in the form and size, the presence of the characteristic ram's head thumbpiece on the lid stamps a piece as from



Chocolatière on the left is a Louis XVI piece. Cafétière is 18th century, also French work

this canton. Generally this decoration represents the heads of two rams facing in opposite directions; sometimes a third head may be present, placed between the others. An interesting variation of the Wallis flagon carries a chain handle, also of pewter.

Swiss pewterers of the past have produced many fine examples of the wall fountain, or



Teapot and matching salt are Swiss rococo, 18th century

lavabo, consisting usually of a basin for washing and a storage tank to hold the water supply. Some of these are quite plain and came from the homes of the country folk. Others give evidence of superior workmanship with elaborate decoration and reservoirs of fanciful form. Spe-

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cial supports were fashioned for some of the fountains, carved backboards with shelves for the basins in many instances, in others veritable pieces of furniture in which the fountains were incorporated.

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Platter and oil flagons are French pieces, 18th century

nary tableware of Switzerland differs but little from that of its neighbors. Styles developed and passed on, as they did in all countries where pewter was extensively used. Types comparable to those known in France as Louis

An 18th century candlestick, Louis XV vegetable dish, and very rare Louis XV soupière. Below, 18th and 19th century lamps and (right) lamp filler



XIV and Louis XV were well developed by the Swiss pewterers. Fine examples of Swiss rococo may still be found with pleasing frequency. The chocolate pots and creamers are particularly pleasing and the spoonholders unusual. All the pieces are worthwhile additions to any collection.



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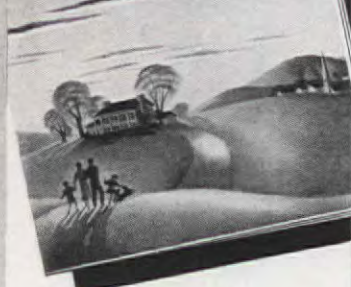
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As a first step I measured the stair wall and then bought a stock \$1.25 sheet of three-ply paneling, 4'-0" x 8'-0", from a lumber yard. I determined that thirty-six inches would be wide enough for our equipment and cut the board to this width, fitting it to the slanting stair base-board. I cut the height of the board to ninety inches at the edge next the attic door. So there was the plywood board shaped to fasten on the right stair wall.

Next came the work of placing the handles, supports, shelves for equipment. These were made so that none extends more than four inches from the wall. For the dust mop, carpet sweeper, yard stick, and whisk broom I used finishing nails without heads; I gave these nails a strong base by applying squares of plywood to the original 1/4" thick board. Wooden pegs, turned on a lathe, were fastened in for the rug cleaning vacuum apparatus and three pegs were installed along the top of the board for the sweeper hose. I turned larger pegs, 1 1/4 inches across, to fit inside measurements of three sweeper attachments and hung a

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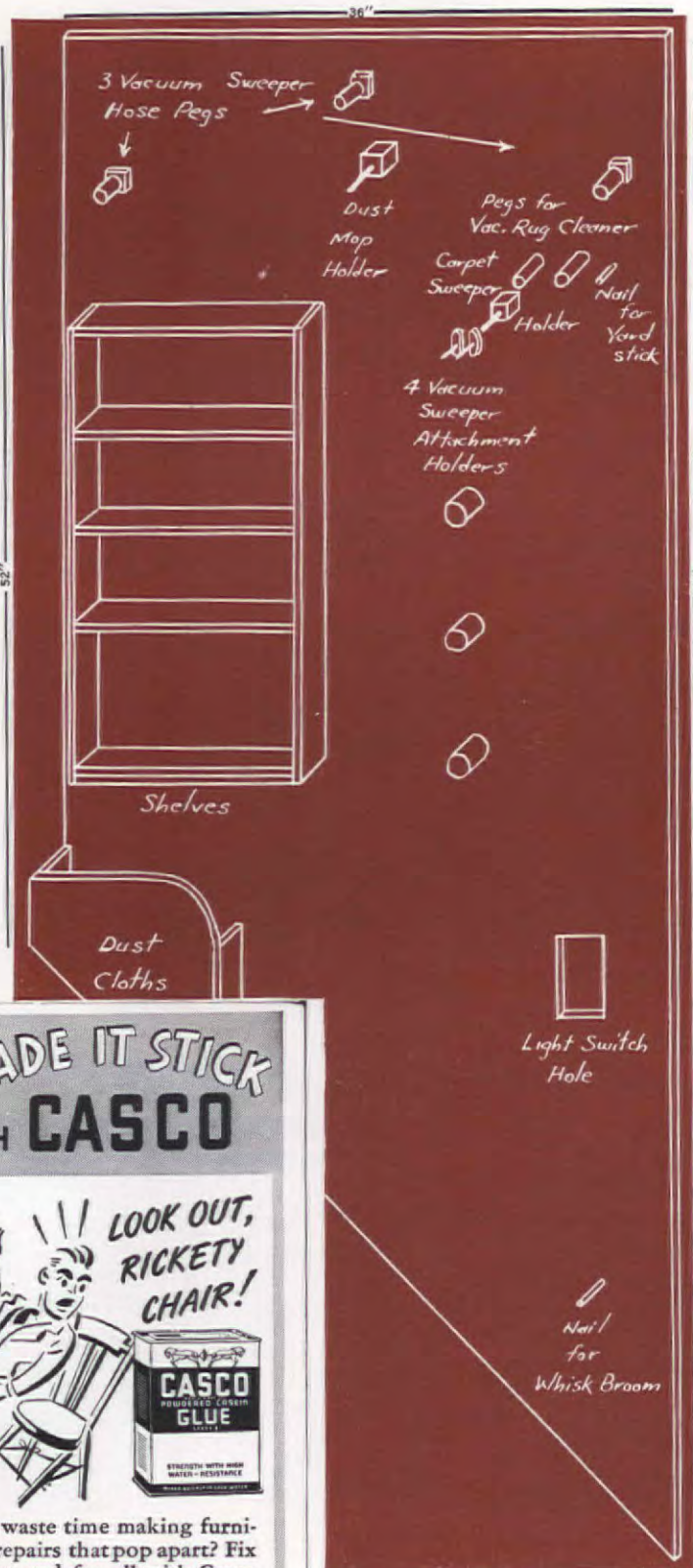
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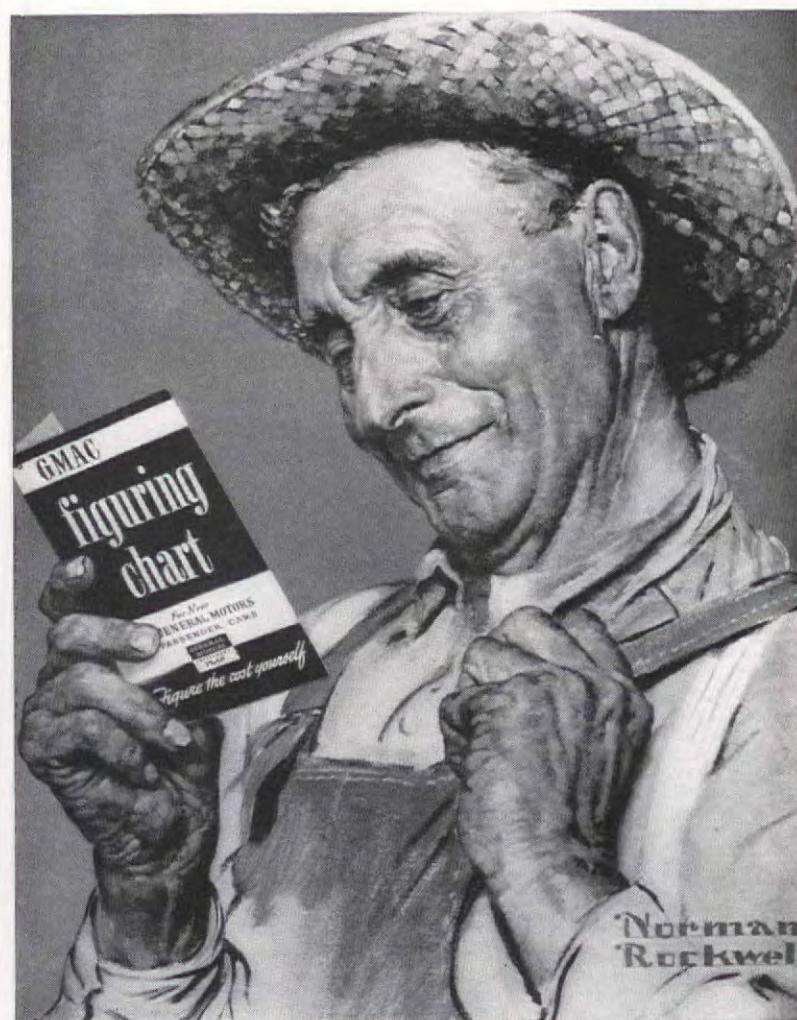
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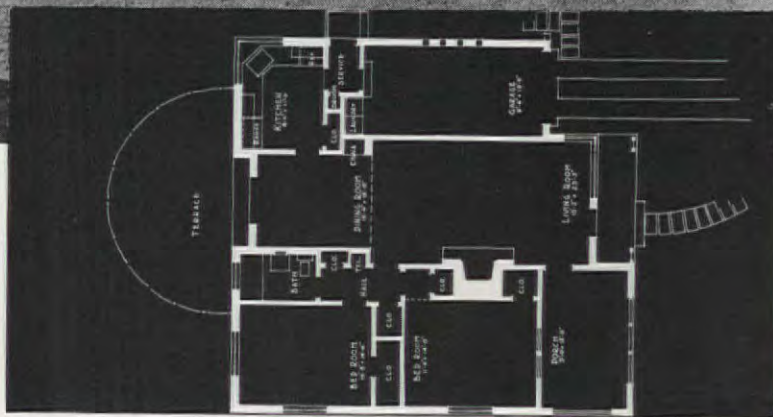
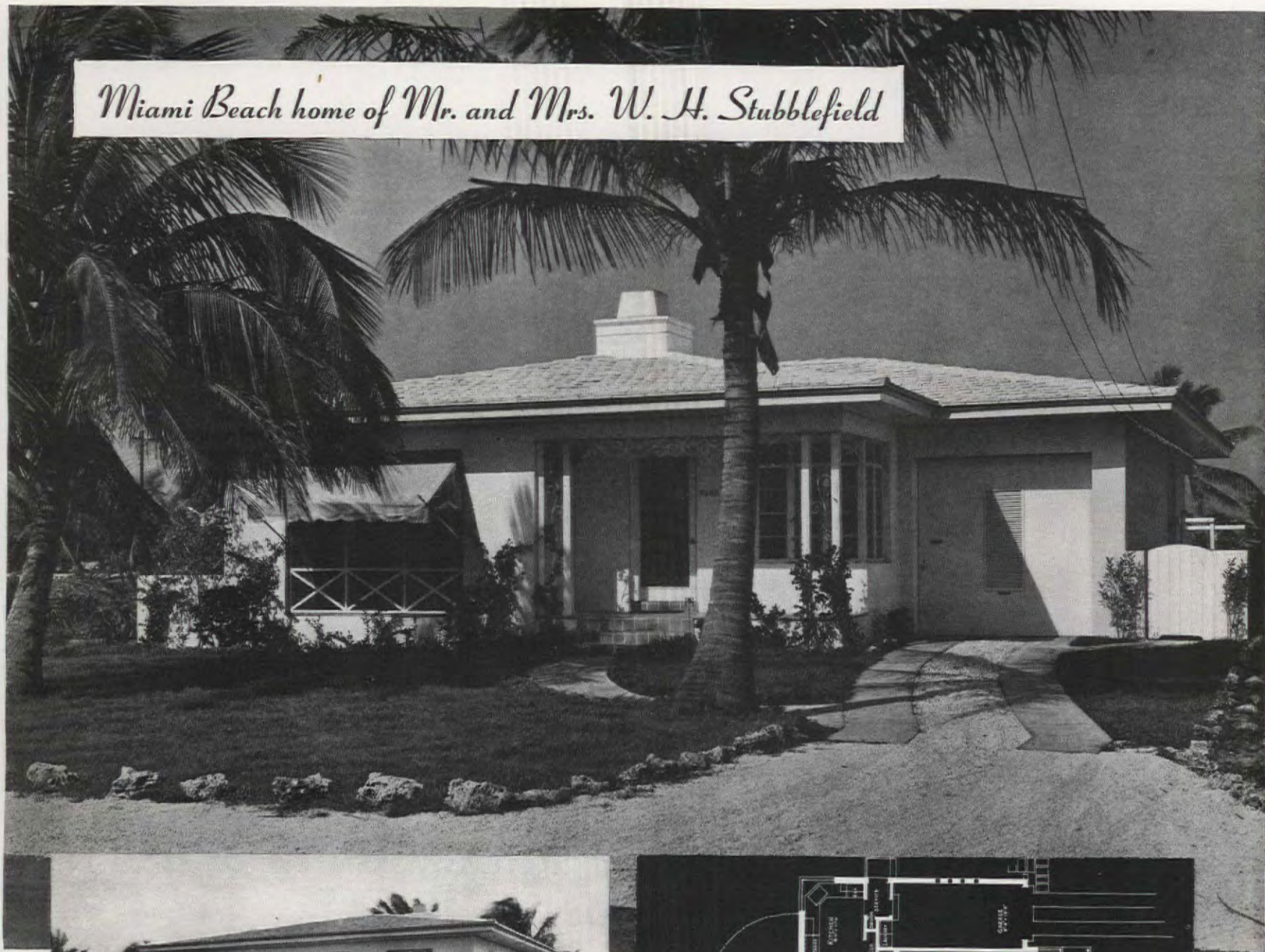
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All rooms are cross-ventilated and compactly planned but we aren't squeezed for space. There is generous living room extending from front door to a rear garden terrace; the dining area is included in it but clearly marked off by a lowered ceiling and less room width. Walls here are pinkish off-white, carpeting is oatmeal tone, sofa is chartreuse, furniture is blonde Swedish modern, linen hangings are in white, chartreuse, dubonnet, and violet—the color scheme of the room. A screened living porch done in rattan furniture with yellow and green sailcloth, right off the entrance porch, is additional "loafing" space. A red and white kitchen with a wall-space-saving corner window is behind the front garage. Guest bedroom: California style, off-white furniture, peach, turquoise. Our bedroom: Swedish modern, apple green, yellow.—Mrs. WILLIAM H. STUBBLEFIELD



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That is the main idea of our tables this month, a share of the fun for everybody. All of the stuffy family parties of your own childhood may come dragging to mind and make you wince at the thought,

and that, you will agree, is too bad. One of the gayest and easiest tricks to solve that little problem, and still give you the silly sentimental feeling of a family party, is to give the kids their heads, a little, and make them feel their own importance. It is a grand time, incidentally, to instill a little sense of an "occasion" quietly into even the youngest, a practically painless way of introducing manners to even the most sluggish consciousness.

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	Salt
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• stuffed chicken
in aspic



• roast fresh ham
mushroom stuffing



Recipe printed on back of each photograph

got this one arranged, with every last candle in place, grapes and carrots and lemons and eggplant shining with equally polished luster, then was the time to put the two card tables together. There was no hitch there; they are of the same height anyway and don't have to be propped to anything. The little cloth to cover them is exactly like the big shining white one, except that it is a jolly yellow, and where the papas have pretty grand plates with gold and blue because holidays and families together make about the dressiest parties you can think of, the babies have blue too, but not fancy.

The baby table can be put in the living room, if you wish, or completely away from parental eye, provided of course you have the kinds of angels who can be trusted not to wreck the place. But wherever it is, it must have the same look of splendor, the same feel of

elegance and general whoop-la that the big table has. Have great masses of fruits and vegetables from one end of the table to the other, as a centerpiece, with huge fat white plumbers' candles set right down on the cloth all amongst the fruit—and do have lots of them. Where the papa table has beautiful silver appointments, ashtrays and cigarette holders included, the baby table has shiny new cookie cutters stuck into the fruit, just for glitter and sparkle. Where the papa table has goblets and gold decorated plates, the baby has straight water glasses and simple plates of a lighter color.

We had a simply grand time setting these tables and taking their pictures at Gimbel's in Philadelphia. We wanted to have very grand food for our holiday feast and we wanted the baby table to have fine fare, too, but of course simpler than for adults. So we decided to do a huge stuffed fresh ham, you know, with mushrooms all brown and crackly, and serve it with all the trimmings, icy cold apple sauce, for instance, or grilled pineapple. And for the baby table, when something simpler might be better, we did a chicken that is a glory to behold. Turned out in aspic with a rose on its breast, a whole red rose that shows through the aspic, there is the chicken, stuffed with noodles—good as he looks, too.

If it strikes you that we went to much more trouble for the children, it is because they love it so when you do; they will eat like young horses if the food looks as pretty and grown up as this does.

When we did these tables at Gimbel's it was almost as good as a real party, and we had a marvelous time being let behind the scenes in their huge kitchen. They took our very own recipes and made them up down there for the pictures and then had their chef pose, too, admiring his handiwork, as well he might.

We have steered completely away from a set "theme," either Christmas or Thanksgiving, on this table, because the sort of thing that general holidays ought to mean has very little to do with any set orange and bronze or blue and silver theme. If you have always thought of gold and white and general magnificence as the only sort

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• roast fresh ham with mushroom stuffing

1 fresh ham, boned, 10 to 12 lb.
Salt and pepper

Mushroom stuffing (recipe below)
Wipe meat with damp cloth; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Fill with stuffing, roll and tie securely. Place fat side up in uncovered roasting pan on a rack, inserting meat thermometer into center of leg. Roast according to—
Method I—Sear in very hot oven (450° F.) for 30 minutes then reduce temperature to 325° F. and roast, allowing 40 minutes per pound (for boned rolled roasts) or until thermometer registers 185° F. for inside of meat.
Method II—Roast in moderate oven (325° F.) allow 40 minutes per pound or 'til thermometer registers 185° F. for inside of meat. rind, score, sprinkle with brown sugar, return to hot oven (400° F.) for 30 minutes.

mushroom stuffing

4 cups soft breadcrumbs
1 teaspoon salt
Pepper
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cups sautéed mushrooms (3/4 lb. fresh)
Sauté onions in melted butter; combine with other ingredients and mix well. This makes 4 cups stuffing, enough for 10 to 12 lb. ham.

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• stuffed chicken in aspic

1 stewing chicken (4 lbs. dressed)
Salt to taste
Parsley
Red rose

Old neck and wings under chicken and tie feet together. Cover with water, season, and cook very slowly (2 1/2-3 hours) until tender. Cool in broth, remove and cut string from feet, being careful not to break the skin.
Cook noodles in boiling salted water, combine with other ingredients, and stuff chicken. Cut small slit in neck of chicken and insert bouquet made of parsley and rose and 6 or 7 inches deep. Oil bowl slightly before using.
Note: For mould use large mixing bowl with rounded bottom 13 inches in diameter and 4 qts. chicken stock (made with 8 bouillon cubes) and 6 1/2-oz. packages of gelatin. Pour 1/2 inch aspic into mould, let harden. Place chicken in bowl, breast down, pour in aspic to depth of 3 inches, let harden. Then fill bowl with remaining aspic—the chicken should be covered. Chill until very firm, unmould on a large chop plate and garnish with parsley.

Gimbel's, Philadelphia, kitchen



Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

of thing that could be used on a very grand table, look again at these; they have a feeling of abundance, and yet there is not an orchid to be seen. They have a sense of light and lavishness, too, without either crystal or silver candelabra. They are sort of blue and golden in feeling without breaking anyone's neck to emphasize the color scheme. And, most important to us, they are definitely thrifty and harvest-y tables without being in any way cheap or just "put together" looking. This is the kind of thing we think you can do with the things at hand and a little thought about their assembling. Maybe it is just a rush of holiday feeling to the head that is needed; maybe it is nothing more than wanting a family affair to be a party.



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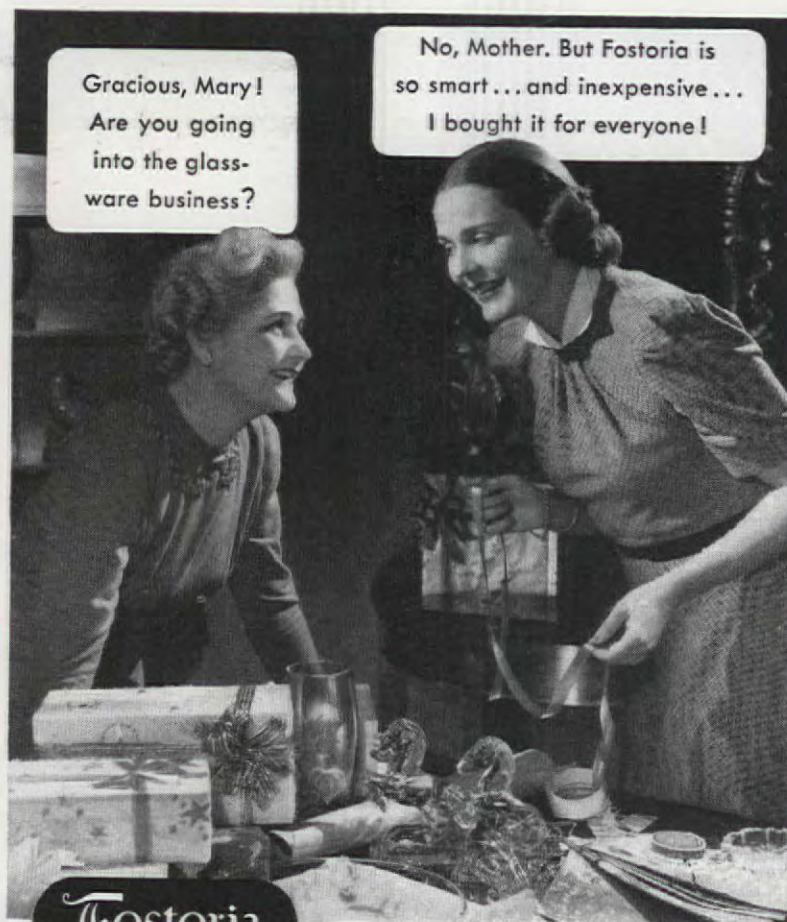


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ARE you a pushover for itinerant peddlers who knock at your door? Then this is right up your alley. I am a "yes" woman. Three hundred and sixty-five days of the year this eternal struggle—to buy or not to buy—is with me, regardless of weather, holidays, or the children's measles. It always ends in exactly the same way: me, reaching for the salesman's little book, and signing on the dotted line. I can never say "no." I am virtually the magazine solicitor's joy.

Once, I set out to curb my acquisitive instinct. I would outsmart the agent. I saw him coming and hid in the bedroom closet—I nearly suffocated. This was no salesman, but a demonstrator, from whom I had so cunningly withheld my gracious presence. And he gave away a large size package of soap chips! Easy on your hands—grand for lingerie. It would even pinch-hit for your favorite shampoo. This taught me a lesson. I no longer hide. I



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"yes"

go forth bravely to meet the enemy, whoever he may be.

There was one other occasion on which I hid—this time from a lady selling hosiery. I hid in the shrubbery. She found me—to my horror, and her surprise. Since she was a home-town woman I mumbled some inane excuse, and—I bought three pairs of hose which I didn't need!

For fifteen years this has been going on. Each New Year I swear a firm resolve: To all salesmen and solicitors who get past the bull dog I will say "No!" I shall be bulwarked with my own sales talk. I have a good one. My husband has spent many moons building up my resistance. Our living depends on home merchants. Why contribute to outsiders who never contribute to the local merchants? It is good, sound reasoning. When salesmen come to the door I shall explain all this gently, but firmly. I patronize only home merchants. It is the loyal thing to do. Be-

this dollar might be placed to best advantage. Garden seed! That was it! I would invest in good vegetable seed; later my crop would be harvested and placed on the shelves in my cellar.

Then I remembered. This was the day the lady was coming with the super-bargain in extracts. I owed her 99 cents. Well, should I pay it or should I remain in the privacy of the bedroom? Perhaps I should say that in this terrible emergency I wouldn't be using extracts. When she left, I had a penny, shiny copper. I looked at it a long, long, time. The question of "How green was my garden" dried up right there. This experience, I vowed, would surely teach me a lesson—but it didn't. With the opening of the banks came the opening of my gates, and the advent of college boys. Surely I wouldn't want to keep a poor boy from getting his proper education? Of course not. My loss was always the college boys' gain.

Then take super-special crockery. Or never-wear-out cooking utensils. Not a vitamin lost in all their thousands of pots and pans. Assure you of never-scorch apple sauce and so on. All these blessings come through the invitation supper—or breakfast. The agent will cook either.

The times I've glowed at the thoughts of going out to dinner. You know, "We'd love to come." We go. There are several other couples and the salesman puts on the supper. Suavely, he turns toward me. Would I like to have him come out next morning and cook our oatmeal, bacon and eggs, or fry pancakes—I need not turn my own lily hands?

I open my lips to

take the bait, hook, line, and a dozen Super-Vitamin-Saving pans.

I glance at my husband. Something tells me I will continue preparing breakfast as usual. I glance at my hostess. Her icy stare tells me what a heel I am.

I gulp. I struggle. In desperation I burst out: "No—no, don't come. We, we never eat breakfast!" I back toward the door. My husband's strong right arm jerks me through it. Safely ensconced in the family car, he explains: "Whyn'll don't you ever learn to watch what you're getting into?"

I promise. I mean to keep my promise. The next day a salesman calls. Heaven help me! There are two ways out of this state of affairs, a large smallpox sign for my door, or a police dog for protection for my will power. We seem to be out of smallpox signs, we already own a bull dog, and so there is very little left me but my own good intentions and a stouter backbone.

woman!

sides, they are always nice about extending credit. The itinerant salesmen always demand a deposit before delivery!

Heaven knows I am earnest in my desire to keep this noble resolve. And then, somebody slips past the bull dog; I never know how. Certainly I do not rush forth to meet him with outstretched arms. He shows me his line. Time passes—as do the pennies in my purse.

Once, I was almost cured. It happened back in the days of the bank holiday. My husband set off for work. Soon he called back to say: "The bank is closed." He worked in the bank! And that was the morning I always paid bills. I had on hand the full sum of one dollar; altogether, in a bill. Nobody, that blue Monday morning, knew when we'd see another dollar. You remember how many times you spent your spot cash that week before actually letting it slip through your fingers. So I pondered the ways that



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FROM morning till night in a thousand different ways mothers are called upon to "give" in a big way. The limitless vitality of the young is in itself enough to wear the average adult to a frazzle, particularly the woman who is nursemaid, cook, chauffeur, et cetera, on one pair of high heels. To every mother comes at times the disheartening realization that she has not done a very good job because fatigue has made her snappish for no apparent reason. Lots of women, however, suffer from a chronic state of weariness that is wholly unnecessary; others go stale on their jobs because they have not realized that they have to take time out once in a while, sit down and powder their noses, if nothing more restoring is at hand.

If you feel that you hate your next job—have no interest in doing it efficiently—ask yourself this question: "Is it my feet, or maladjustment of some sort?" If you decide on maladjustment, you must really start asking questions. What is actually causing the strain?



get far enough away from it to see its amusing aspect, even if the best you can manage is simply to recognize the absurdity of becoming wrought up over a minor issue. Mothers especially need to cushion their progress with laughter.

It may seem odd to advise a woman who feels tired to take up some sport. The fact is that nervous fatigue is often speedily dispelled by strenuous exercise. Tennis, badminton, golf, swimming, bicycling, will fix many a case of incipient nerves and build up resistance to disease. Housekeepers spend too much time inside. They need some of the great outdoors. Don't apologize, then, for borrowing your daughter's bicycle for an hour's run.

Relaxation comes, too, from working hard at hobbies. Develop your talents. Find an interest that is fun; if you're lucky, a creative one like painting, weaving, interpreting fine music, either vocal or instrumental, writing, sewing, embroidering, or knitting. You may have to slight some item in your household routine in order to make time. It is worth it. If a neighbor observes the dust on the living room table when she calls, you can always say as a mother of four who was a gifted painter said in a similar situation, "I'm proud of that dust. I was doing something more important this morning."

Another means of relaxation not nearly enough practiced is the quiet hour. While the babies are taking their naps or before the youngsters come home from school, shut yourself away from telephone and doorbell, all by yourself. If you don't do anything but think—or polish your nails—it has to be alone. It will help you to see straighter and think more clearly and may even get you a finer set of values.

Finally, find something so fascinating you can't resist it, outside of your home. Offer your services to the local Red Cross, for instance; join a club not alone for the sake of sociability but to help; or lend a hand to church philanthropies. You need no excuses for stealing time from your family because you will have more to give your family on your return home.



Anton Kamp

Write down the things you hate most in your life and then consider carefully what can be done about them. Perhaps you need more fun—most of us do—but more likely you need to rearrange your schedule to make time for yourself and you certainly need to approach your difficulties less emotionally, more objectively. Cultivate a sense of humor that will make life less baneful. You will handle every annoying situation better if you can



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Frosting:
1 cup sugar
2 egg yolks
½ cup orange juice
few grains salt

36 sponge cake cubes, ½ in. to ¾ in. wide
2 cups chopped Diamond Walnuts

Put all ingredients except sponge cake and walnuts in top of double boiler over boiling water. Beat with rotary beater 4 minutes. Remove from heat. Dip cake cubes in frosting, then roll in chopped walnuts. Makes 36 cake balls.



California Fruit Salad

Arrange grapefruit sections, orange rings, banana slices, and Diamond Walnut halves on crisp lettuce. Serve with—

Current Walnut Dressing

To ½ cup tart French dressing, add ¼ cup currant jelly and ¼ cup finely chopped Diamond Walnuts. Be sure to beat thoroughly before serving.



Spiced Prune-Walnut Muffins

2 cups sifted all purpose flour
3 tps. bkg. pwr.
¼ cup sugar
½ tsp. salt
¾ tsp. cinnamon
½ cup chopped uncooked prunes

½ cup chopped Diamond Walnuts
12 walnut halves
1 egg, well beaten
1 cup milk
4 tbsps. melted shortening
12 cooked prunes

Sift dry ingredients twice. Add chopped prunes and walnuts. Combine egg, milk and shortening. Add to flour mixture, stirring only enough to mix. Fill well greased muffin tins ¾ full, top each with a cooked prune stuffed with walnut halves. Bake 25 to 30 minutes in a hot oven (425° F.). Makes 12 muffins.



Baked-on-Icing Cake

1½ cups sifted all purpose flour
2½ tps. bkg. pwr.
½ tsp. each cloves, cinnamon, allspice
¼ tsp. salt
½ cup shortening
1 cup brown sugar
2 egg yolks

½ cup milk
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
For the Icing:
2 egg whites
½ tsp. salt
¾ cup brown sugar, sift when measured
¼ cup chopped Diamond Walnuts

Sift together twice flour, baking powder, spices, salt. Cream shortening, sugar, beat in egg yolks. Into dry ingredients stir alternately the milk and vanilla. Spread batter in two 9-in. layer cake pans lined with wax paper. **For Icing:** Beat egg whites until stiff; beat in ½ of salt. Spread on batter; sprinkle with nuts. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 25 to 30 min. Serve warm topped with whipped cream or ice cream. Serves 10.



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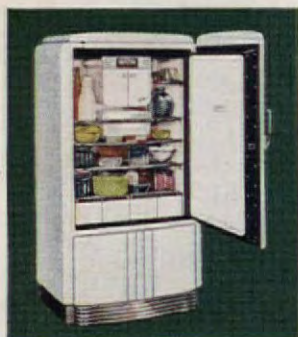
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Around the world IN A COOKIE TIN!

Cookies and cakes stuffed with fruits, sweet breads full of surprises come to the holiday tea table from traditional recipes

F. M. Demarest

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ELINOR SCOVILLE

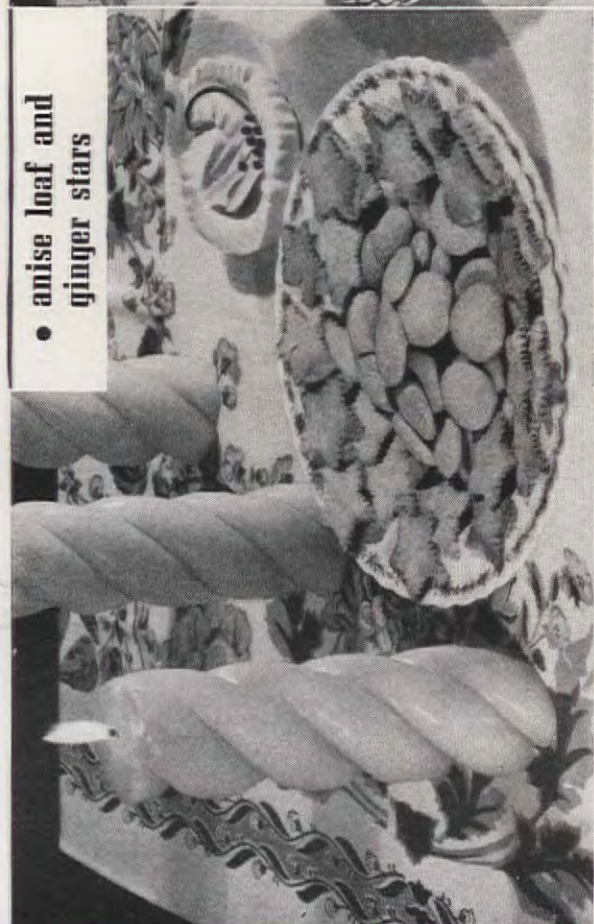
• Christmas honey fruit cake



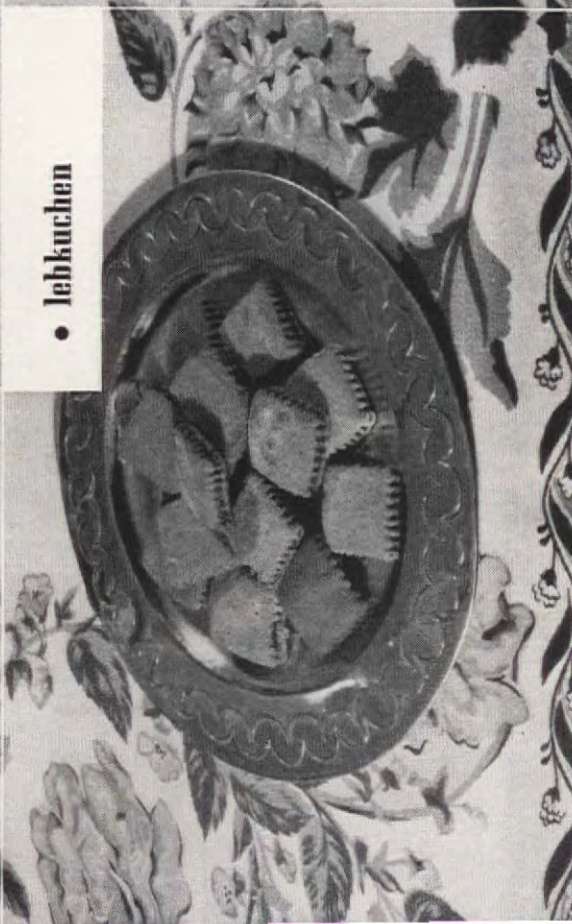
• spice cookies



• anise loaf and ginger stars



• lebkuchen



CHRISTMAS is coming! You can't begin too early to prepare for it—planning your menus, your entertaining, your decorations, and, most important of all, your time and money budgets. Perhaps you are one of those people who wrap each gift so it looks like a work of art, and spend dollars and dollars on blue lights and balls, so the tree can be modern and elegant. If you are, skip this; we are going to talk here about the vast majority who have to utilize the things at hand, the things packed away from other years, and the things our men folk can understand and enjoy!

In the first place, we are not going to spend money on presents no one wants—ash trays that are too small to be practical, chromium coffee pots for people who already have several of them, or more wheel toys for the children when they prefer a board laid across two skates. We are going to start by giving some of the preserves and fruit we have canned during the summer and fruit cakes and fancy breads and cookies we make now. We are going to make luncheon sets for the family, and we *may* work up nerve enough to brush off that old art training and make our own Christmas cards out of inexpensive butcher paper. We are going to go back to a red and green Christmas tree, the kind we used to think was so pretty before we learned how passé these colors were.

We will even invite a group of the children's friends in one night to make and string popcorn for the tree. We're hoping, of course, that they'll be able to string faster than they can eat.

The afternoon or evening we entertain that crowd, we are going to serve cider and a special kind of gingerbread which can be made up and kept a whole week (providing the family lets it alone that long). It can be mixed beforehand, put in a covered crock, and then put in muffin tins in a hot oven to bake ten minutes before serving. You can imagine everyone's surprise when it appears so quickly and painlessly. We expect to have many

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"dropper-inners" during the holidays so we hope to have our wrappings and gifts all together in a box, in case we are caught in the act of wrapping. If the guest room is unoccupied at this time, or if we can pry Father out of the den for two weeks, we can keep all of the litter and tinsel together in one place.

We have a drawerful of beautiful yarns—left-overs from sweaters and ski socks, quilt tacking

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and afghans—and we have promised ourselves to use those in glowing color combinations for twine. We are going to have the packages which are to be mailed wrapped, weighed, and stamped long before the rush, so that all we have to do is push them into a mail box, while other people are impatiently standing in line silently hating us.

Most certainly we are going to have some of the cookies we

• **spice cookies**

BEAT well together until thick and foamy... 6 eggs
 2 cups sugar
 1 lemon
 2 oranges
 Sift and measure... 4 cups flour
 Measure and sift with flour... 1/2 teaspoon cloves
 1/4 teaspoon cardamom

Add dry ingredients to egg mixture and blend well. Drop from teaspoon on greased cookie tin and bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 20 minutes. These cookies are hard and should be kept in a tight container. Makes 40 cookies.
 Note: Beating time of eggs and sugar by hand takes about 25 minutes. Electric mixer takes about 12 minutes.

Recipe submitted by
 LA VERNE RAASCH MOWRY
Tested in
 THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• **Christmas honey fruit cake**

STEAM (but not too soft), drain and cut in coarse pieces... 1/2 cup dried pears
 1/2 cup dried prunes
 1/2 cup dried apples
 1/2 cup dried apricots
 Add... 1/2 cup dried white raisins
 Sift and measure... 3 1/2 cups flour
 1/2 teaspoon cloves
 1/2 teaspoon allspice
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
 1 tablespoon cinnamon
 Measure and sift with flour... 1/4 cup butter
 2/3 cup sugar
 Cream together well...
 Add alternately with 1/2 flour mixture to creamed sugar and butter... 1/2 cup milk
 Add the fruit alternately with the remaining flour. Bake 1 1/2 hrs. in a moderate oven (350°F.) in a loaf pan 9 1/2 x 5 1/2 x 3 1/2.

Recipe submitted by
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• **lebkuchen**

SIFT and measure... 2 1/2 cups flour
 Add and sift into mixing bowl... 1 teaspoon soda
 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
 1/2 teaspoon allspice
 1 tablespoon cinnamon
 1 cup sugar
 1 lemon
 3 tablespoons cocoa
 3 tablespoons water
 Beat... 2 eggs
 Mix eggs, cocoa and... 2 tablespoons honey
 Mix, knead into dough. Divide in half and roll 1/2 into rectangular shape 1/4" thick. Place on greased cookie sheet, spread with filling, cover with second half rolled dough. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 20 minutes. Cut in squares with cookie cutter while still hot. Store in tight containers a week or so before using. Makes 60-70 cookies.
 Filling: 1 cup each cooked chopped figs, chopped nuts, coarsely chopped raisins, 1/4 cup chopped citron, enough hot water to make it spread.

Recipe submitted by L. R. MOWRY
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• **anise loaf**

BEAT together well... 3/4 cup sugar
 Sift and measure and stir in... 1 1/2 cups flour
 1/4 teaspoon anise
 Drop cookies from teaspoon 1 inch apart on a greased cookie tin. Let stand overnight to dry. Bake in a slow oven (300°F.) 20 to 30 minutes. Store in a tight container several days before using. Makes about 40 cookies.
ginger stars
 Sift and measure... 2 cups flour
 Add... 1/4 cups powdered sugar
 1 tablespoon ground ginger
 3/4 cup chopped candied orange peel
 2 eggs (well beaten)
 Mix all ingredients to a dough. Roll out 1/4 inch thick on a well-floured board. Cut with star cookie cutter and place on a greased cookie tin. Let stand several hours and bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 10 to 15 minutes. These cookies are very hard.

Recipes submitted by L. R. MOWRY
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• peppernuts



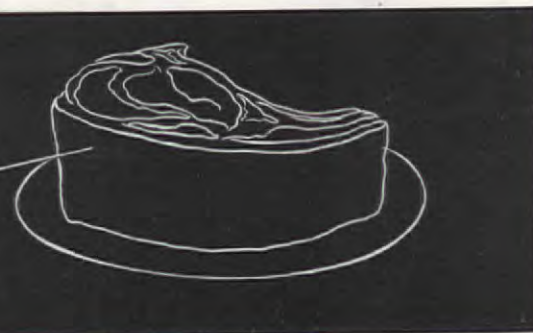
• Christmas stollen



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How Smart Are You About MEAT?

A modern health quiz about a modern food



1. What big health news about meat was recently discovered by scientists?
2. If you were picking the most digestible meat to serve a family with growing children, which of the following would you choose? Beef ☐ Pork ☐ Lamb ☐ Veal ☐
3. Has any civilized person ever lived exclusively on meat? Why?
4. Why is it now less of a hardship to go on a reducing diet?
5. When is a protein complete?
6. In which of the following conditions do you think meat could be included as an important part of the diet? Bright's disease ☐ High blood pressure ☐ Tuberculosis ☐ Arthritis ☐ Anemia ☐
7. This is easy for mothers. How old are babies ordinarily before they get meat in the diet?
8. A porterhouse steak contains more health elements than stewing beef. Is this statement True ☐ False ☐

Now look at the answers

1. The big health news is the discovery that meat is especially rich in certain vitamins—particularly the Vitamin B group, including Vitamin B-1 (thiamine).
2. You could choose any one of them and not go wrong—because, as tests prove, all meats are easily and equally well digested.
3. Yes—the explorer-scientist, Stefansson and his colleague, Anderson, lived exclusively and healthfully on meat for one year under strict scientific observation. Their purpose was to disprove once and for all the old wives' tale of the harmful effect of "too much meat".
4. Because the modern reducing diets prescribed by physicians allow a liberal amount of lean meat, you can lose weight without developing that haggard look and "always-hungry" feeling. Lean meat helps keep up your strength and satisfies you.
5. Scientists call a protein "complete"

when it contains the ten essential amino acids. Meat is one of the foods that contains in liberal amounts all of these body building essentials which truly make proteins the "building blocks of the body."

6. If you guessed for only anemia, you are only one-fifth right. Diets liberal in meat are now recommended by modern physicians for patients with, not one, but any of these ailments.

7. Oftentimes meat soup is prescribed by child specialists as early as the fifth month and the baby gets bacon and other meats before the end of the first year.

8. The statement is false. It is a fallacy among many housewives that the expensive cuts are more nourishing. The fact is that the less known cuts, not only of beef, but of lamb, pork and veal are just as nutritious as the fancier ones, often even richer in flavor.

AMERICAN MEAT INSTITUTE, Chicago

Good News About Stews

Nothing stretches the flavor of meat so much as stew, whether it's beef, lamb or veal. Here are some of the secrets:

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3. Cook gently and keep closed while cooking.
4. Give it new color and flavor interest by using vegetables other than carrots, potatoes and onions—for example, green beans, limas and celery. For added interest, slice the vegetables in strips.
5. Season it properly. For example, add a few whole cloves or a bay leaf. Your meat man will help you select the proper "stew meat."





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• Ingredients

Beat together well.....
2 egg yolks.....
2 egg whites.....
1 cup sugar.....
1 cup whites.....
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1 teaspoon cloves.....
1 teaspoon cardamom.....
1/2 teaspoon white pepper.....
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon.....
1/4 cup chopped citron.....
1/3 cup grated lemon peel.....
1 cup flour.....
2 cups balls the size of a marble.....
Form into a tight mound.....
Bake in a moderate oven.....
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The ninety-eighth day.....
The ninety-ninth day.....
The hundredth day.....

stand two cookies.

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Add
Mix well and let dry
of a walnut using
(375° F.) 15 minutes.
soften before by
Submitted by
LA VERNE RANSCH MOWRY

1 cup raisins, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup in
1 cup raisins, overnight
1 cup raisins, overnight

3 tablespoons milk
3 cups yeast,
2 cakes yeast,
2 cups flour
5 cups well beaten
eggs, sugar
2 cup sugar salt
1 cup chopped citron
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup onion
3/4 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon almonds
1/2 teaspoon bitter
1/2 teaspoon grated
1/2 cup chopped, grated
1/4 lemon rind, softened
1 teaspoon cardamom
1 cup butter, softened
1 cup about 250° F.)

Christmas stollen

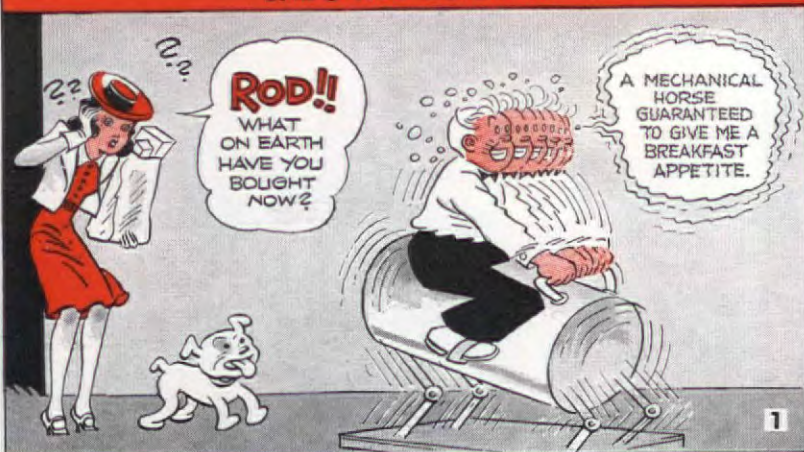
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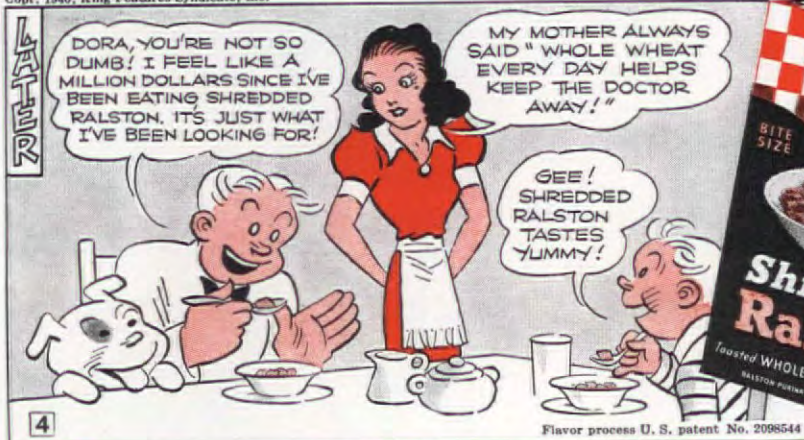
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DUMB DORA KNOWS WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE A MILLION

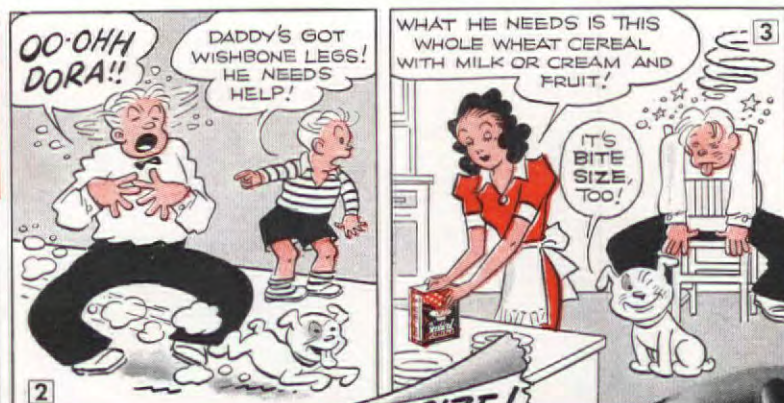
SHE'S NOT SO DUMB



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have never had time for in other years—the recipes that come from other lands as well as our own. Every time you come across another good Christmas tradition—one you want to incorporate into your own family customs—head for the kitchen, because that's where most good Christmas things start. Maybe everyone has her own favorite cookies, but here are some "specials."

We have the date picked for our young daughter's first formal tea—and it is going to be so simple to give that we won't even know it is going on, unless Junior finds the orange bread first. We have the decorations all ready: On the dining table, covered with a gay cloth, there will be a fancy glass basket with wonderful cookies (peppernuts). Huge candles all alone will light the table. There is to be a tea service at each end of the table, and the youngsters will feel very adult.

At our tea we shall serve nut and orange bread sandwiches, the bread to be made and out of the way several days before the party. Two or three kinds of sandwiches are quite enough, providing there are plenty of them, and much easier to make than the fancy ones. Instead of nuts and mints, we are having lots of cookies, as fancy as Billy-O, and a smacking big stollen.

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Harry and David

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Royal Riviera Pears

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• orange nut bread

SIFT and measure 3 cups flour
Measure and sift with flour 3 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
Add ¼ cup sugar
½ cup chopped walnut meats
1 tablespoon grated orange rind
½ cup orange marmalade
1 cup milk
1 egg (well beaten)

Mix well and turn into 2 well-greased pans, let stand 10 minutes and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 45 minutes to 1 hour. Recipe will make two loaves, size 6 x 2½ x 3½". Delicious spread with cream cheese.

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• jule kake (Norwegian bread)



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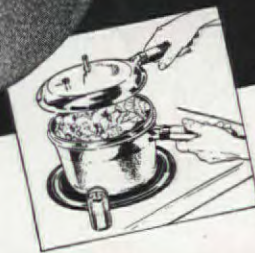
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• orange nut bread



• jule kake (Norwegian bread)

SCALD milk and add melted butter, salt, sugar. When lukewarm stir in yeast which has been dissolved in lukewarm water. Stir in 4 cups flour. Put in a warm place to rise about 2 hours or until doubled in bulk. Punch down and stir in the cardamom, almonds, cherries, raisins, and citron. Work in rest of flour until dough is as soft as can be conveniently handled. Let rise in a warm place about 2 or 3 hours or until doubled in bulk. Knead slightly and place in two greased loaf pans and let rise 1 or 2 hrs. until doubled in bulk. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) 45 to 55 minutes. When cool glaze with a thin confectioners' sugar icing.

- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup melted butter (or shortening)
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cakes compressed yeast, dissolved in ½ cup lukewarm water
- 8 to 9 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon cardamom
- ½ cup chopped almonds
- ½ cup sliced candied cherries
- 1 cup chopped raisins
- ½ cup chopped citron

Recipe submitted by
MARGUERITE L. ASHBROOK

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Major and Minor

KNIVES: There aren't very many things that we consider indispensable and we don't believe in rules, regulations and "musts." But we do think a good sharp knife or two are a necessity if you want to keep your husband smiling while he carves the company roast. This carving set is as sharp as they come, if not more so, being of hollow ground steel and very complete with



case and all. The little steel dachshund knife rest is a perfect addition. It's American made, from Lewis and Conger, and a fine idea for one of those Christmas presents you'll enjoy as much as your husband will. Not that we're encouraging you to work yourself into everything, but just that we know he'll like this, and anyway if the whole family can benefit from a single present, why not?



"HE WON'T LET ME HELP HIM WITH THE POTS AND PANS SINCE HE LEARNED ABOUT SUNBRITE!"

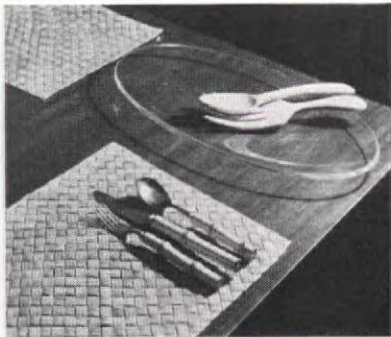


IF THERE'S anything we like, it's new gadgets, and this month they're better than ever. We've had our fun trying them out, wish we could buy at least half of the really amazing things that come in every day. Just consider yourself lucky that you're not faced with such temptation! You can't resist it.



WHEN the kids want to have a corn popping party and you want to play bridge, turn them loose with this U. S. Electric popper. It works almost like magic. Later you can come on the scene, put on the finishing touches by making chocolate, caramel, or regulation balls. You'll certainly have fine popcorn to work with.

Major and Minor



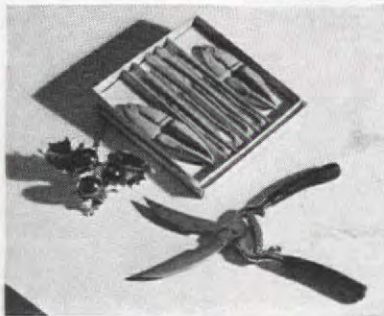
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NEXT time you want something smart and new and a change from the usual place mats and table cloths, remember these bamboo mats—easily wiped clean with a damp cloth, too. Along with them use the bamboo handled flatware, and for a touch of elegance the oval shaped salad bowl. Mary Ryan.

To add amusement to the practical, prosaic necessity of "picking things up," have a silent butler that looks like a turtle. It's made of duraluminum, is lots of fun to use, and it comes from Lewis & Conger.



Major and Minor



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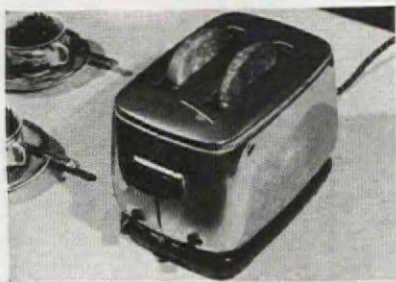
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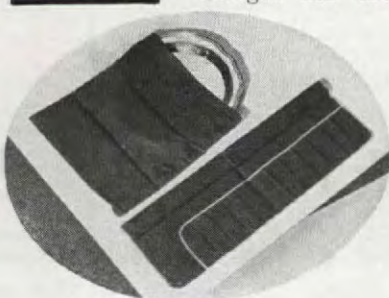
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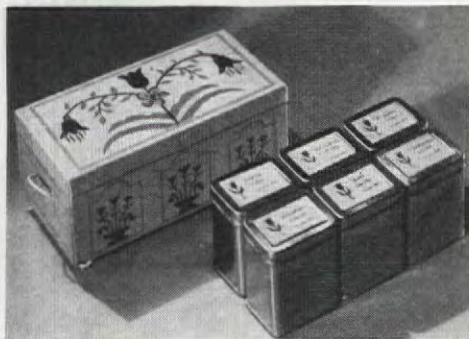
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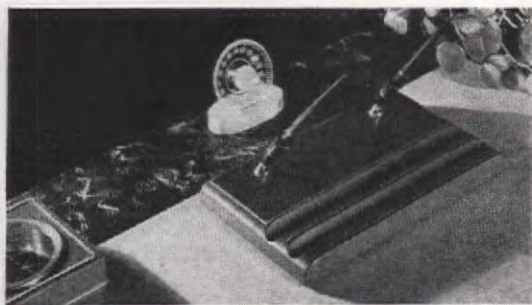


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Demarest

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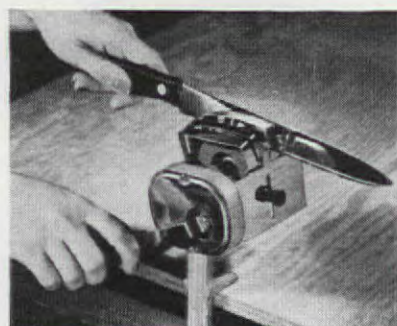
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You may have to stumble over lots of rubbers and baseballs in the front hall closet, but the card table need not threaten you every time you open the door. Simply hang it on a hook! The lower corners of the table fit into the pockets of these blue denim saddle bags, and the straps go over any hook. This smart



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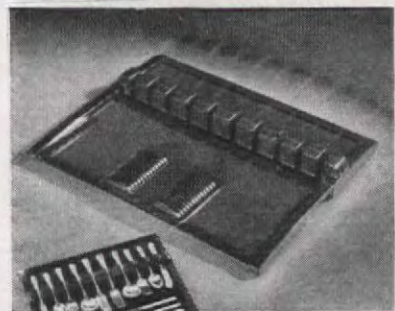
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of arrangement, come neatly packed in a box from Norton Centerpieces. You'll have fun with them.

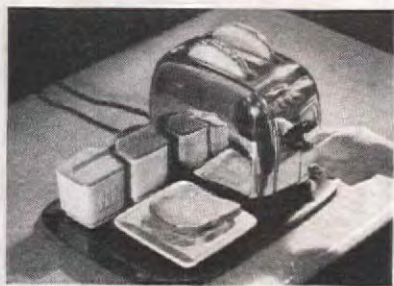


FINE flatware deserves to be frequently used, washed and polished, and always kept in a special holder. This holder, from Towle, is made of a mahogany colored plastic lined with a soft, velvety fabric to protect your silver. It has sections for all pieces and will fit nicely in your buffet drawer, conveniently at hand.



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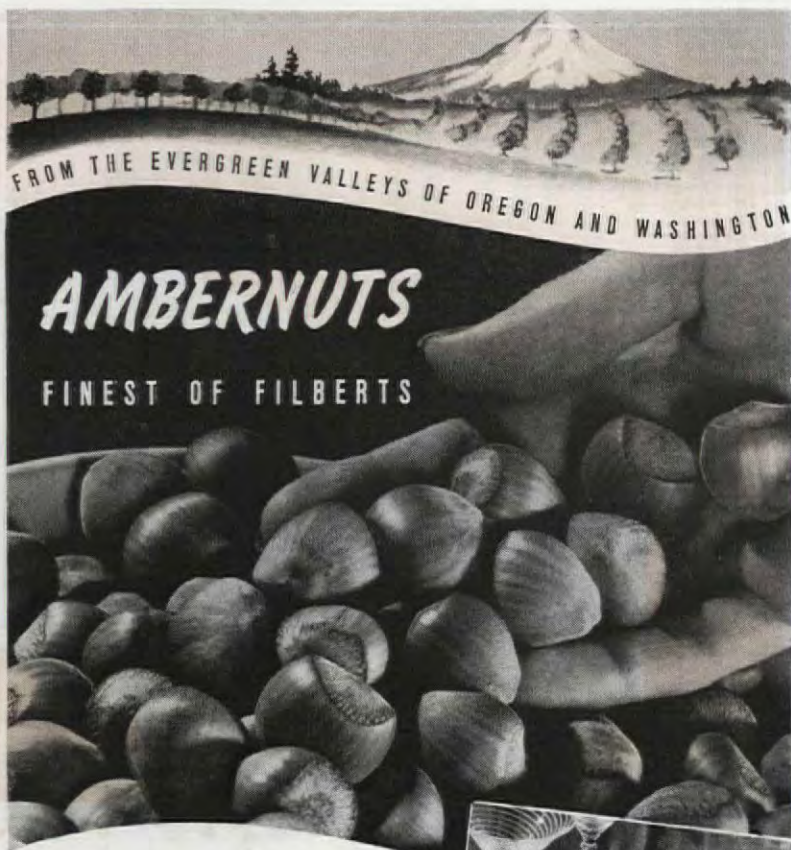
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SINCE sickness is one childhood enemy with which we can achieve only an armed truce, it's well to be ready for it when it strikes. After it's here there's no time to prepare for it—you simply do the best you can.

I still believe I accomplished the chief strategic advance when we moved from a house where all bedrooms were upstairs to one where a small study downstairs could be converted into a bedroom. But it took a bout with the measles to show me the absolute need of such a room.

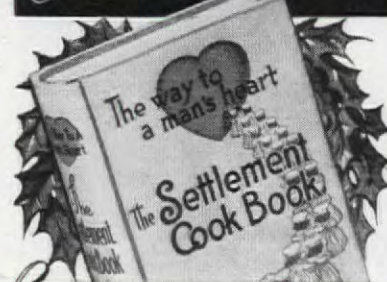
A totally unexpected operation brought home the fact that a little advance preparation would smooth the course of sickness for both the patient and the one in charge of convalescent care.

Take the matter of gowns or pajamas. The hospital shirt has practically everything to recommend it except that it is made of heavy, rough fabric. This may be overcome by splitting three or four inexpensive batiste gowns down the back and cutting them off at the bottom. Long sleeves save rough elbows and a sort of pajama top of inexpensive lightweight print is easy to run up. Gay patterns with animals cavorting all over amuse a sick child.

A few stock items that should be kept in a very special place are: a fever thermometer, a bedpan, a small basin, hot water bottles (a baby size which can be used for earache, headache, etc., as well as the usual size), an ice bag and ice crusher, a rubber sheet, and a bent glass tube. The last is much more satisfactory than soda straws for giving all kinds of liquids.

Other things which add to the comfort of a small patient and the ease with which he can be cared for are a backrest and a bed table when he can sit up in bed for meals, an electric pad, and an air cushion. A screen to shut off direct draft and too bright light is valuable. A thirty-

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Often the doctor orders liquid in large quantities. Salty crackers and potato chips, if possible, help develop a thirst. The hospital habit of bringing around a tray of colored drinks (grape juice, orangeade, chocolate malted milk, eggnog, etc.) mid-morning and mid-afternoon has the double value of breaking the monotony and of increasing the intake of liquids. A child loves the choice, and minutes vanish while he tries to decide which he wants most. The alternates can be stored in the ice-box against the next bout.

An uninteresting diet can be relieved by small dishes that fit the tray, an individual pitcher, a china animal, or a little cartoon propped against the sugar bowl. Naps can often be induced by covering the young patient's eyes with a bandage of dark silk or folding a dark handkerchief across them in masked rider style.

Bedjackets or sweaters of at least two weights are desirable, for sometimes only a thin covering is needed and at other times a youngster wants to be really snuggled in something almost as warm as a down quilt.

Convalescence is usually the most trying part of an illness, particularly if recovery is slow. The child feels just a little better and time begins to drag, but he is not well enough to do much, and small irritations bulk large. By the same token, however, small amusements are increased in value. At first, anything that relieves the sameness of inactive days is a boon, for reading soon palls and radio has to be taken in small doses. Simple amusements, such as watercolor books, a bead board, even modeling clay, are life-savers. Magazine advertisements and scrap books are sources of entertainment and information and do not require concentrated effort on the patient's part.

Anything that gives a child a constructive outlook and gets him to plan for the future is an aid to recovery. If he already has some hobby, he will enjoy the specialized magazines in that field.



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| $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold water | $\frac{3}{4}$ square chocolate (or 3 |
| 1 cup milk | tablespoonfuls cocoa.) |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ cup seeded raisins | $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoonful salt |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ cup currants | $\frac{1}{4}$ cup nuts, chopped |
| $\frac{3}{8}$ cup dates | $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoonful vanilla |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar | 2 egg whites |

Put milk with chopped fruit in double boiler. When cooked slightly, add chocolate or cocoa, which has been melted and mixed with part of the sugar and a little milk to make a smooth paste. Soften gelatine in cold water. Add to hot chocolate mixture and stir until dissolved. Add sugar and salt and stir thoroughly. Remove from fire, cool, and when mixture begins to thicken, add nuts and vanilla, and lastly fold in whites of eggs beaten very stiff. Turn into mold that has been rinsed in cold water and decorated with whole nut meats and raisins. Chill. When firm, remove to serving dish. May be served with a thin fruit or jelly sauce. Serve with whipped cream to those who aren't counting calories.

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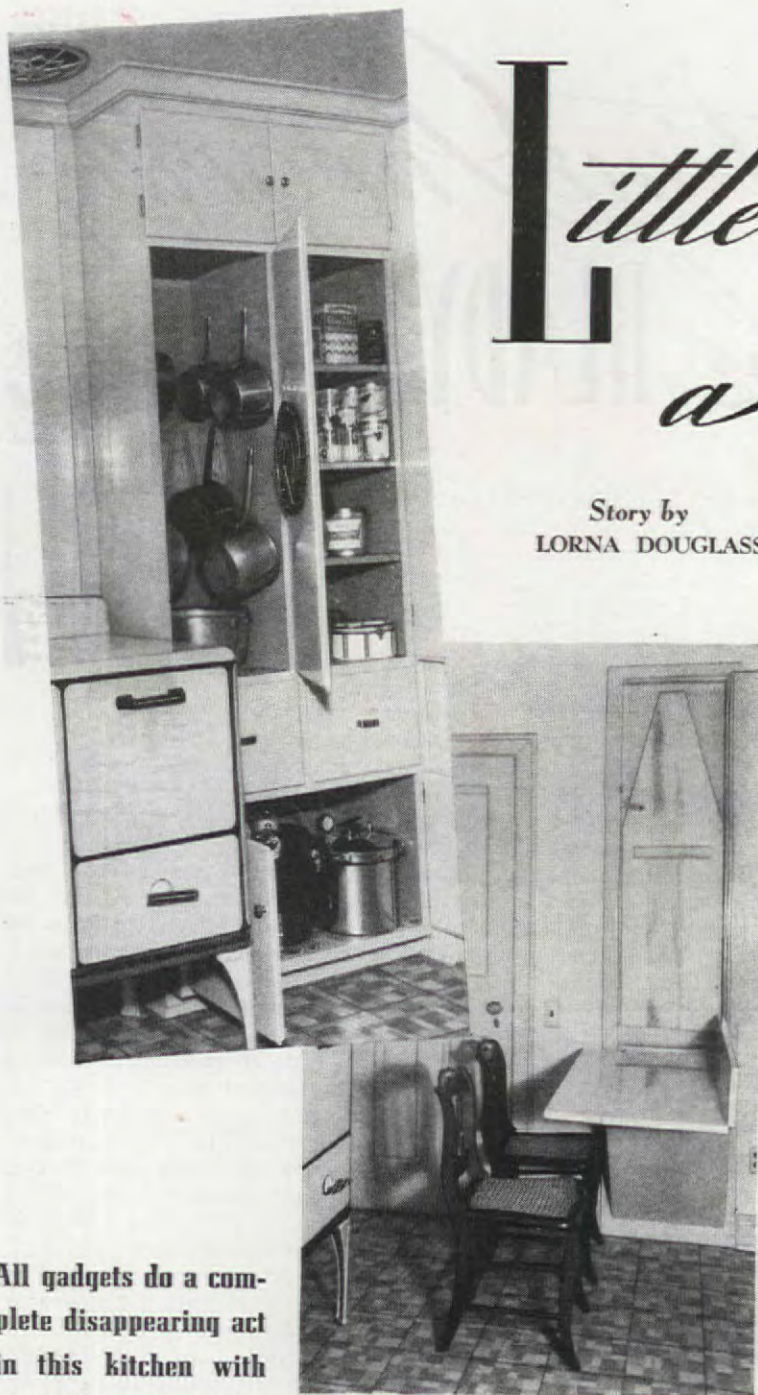
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Story by
LORNA DOUGLASS



All gadgets do a complete disappearing act in this kitchen with everything built-in and folding away and just very generally leading a double life



Tricks improve woman's KITCHEN!

OUR kitchen is large. Now I haven't anything against large kitchens as such. The trouble with our kitchen is that the sink is on one side of the room, the cupboards on another, and the stove on a third. You have to be a marathon runner to prepare a sim-

ple meal and clean up afterwards.

So when we saw the Mortenson kitchen, our enthusiasm and our envy knew no bounds. The Mortenson kitchen is small, about half the size of ours. And the various units are so arranged that a person can stand in one spot and prepare a six-course dinner without taking more than six steps. Stove, work tables, refrigerator, and all cooking equipment are within an arm's reach.

But it wasn't the size or the convenience of arrangement that made us enthusiastic. It was the pan cupboard, the built-in breakfast table, the knife rack, and the spice shelf. And the thing about them that made us happy was that we could remodel our kitchen and have these time- and step-saving improvements without much work or expense.

Take the pan cupboard, for example. The Mortenson pan cupboard, 18" x 18" x 46", contains all the pots and pans for an average household. Various-size pans hang from eight pegs on three walls of the cupboard, and the larger kettles are placed on the cupboard floor. Racks on the door hold the covers. The bottom of the cupboard is on a level with the burner part of the near-by stove so that stooping or reaching isn't necessary. We took some shelves out of one of our cupboards and made a pan cupboard.

Particularly valuable in small kitchens, where floor space is at a premium, is the built-in table, which is hidden when not in use behind the same door that conceals the built-in ironing board. It measures 27 by 46 inches.

The spice cupboard and the knife rack were the two simplest improvements to make. The spice cupboard consists merely of six boards tacked, shelf-fashion, on the inside of a cupboard door. The knife rack is even easier to make. Just a block of wood, cut to hold knives, and tacked in a convenient spot near your kitchen center. Like the Mortensons, we hung our knife rack over the sink, where it would be handiest.

When we saw how easy it was to make these improvements, we wondered why on earth we had never thought of them before.

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MARY LINDSAY HOFFMAN

Of course food plays a most important part in any Christmas plans! But even food takes on an almost mystical significance when there are certain goodies that appear at no other time, certain dishes, certain arrangements of red apples and red candles that are just right for Christmas. We make a good many kinds of things because we use them as token-gifts to our neighbors, or to feed to the always-hungry students who drop in during the holidays. Two things we always have are paper-thin, brittle ginger snaps, flavored with orange peel, and tiny, heavily frosted, cup cakes—red, white, and green. Then, of course, there must be gingerbread boys and girls for the tree—cut out not with a store cutter, but fearfully and wonderfully wrought with a paring knife and a nutpick. Arranging, wrapping and delivering these small remembrances make some of our happiest tasks.

Being a little greedy about Christmas, we have both stockings and a tree. In the stockings certain things always appear—one big red apple (different from any to be found in the pantry, because Santa brought it), ditto with an orange and a tangerine. Always a new penny in the toe. Always a candy cane and a horn in the top. And always a cunning ornament on the mantel just above each—a Santa or a little frosty tree. The gifts for the stockings have cost poor old Santa many a weary hour. "Cute" they must be, and small, of course.

And there must *always* be a few jokes. Someone must have a mechanical toy or a crazy game. Last year the best joke was a positively vulgarly large box of chocolates, bought via the New York Times by Mother herself as a gentle reminder that she really is very fond of candy. It was marked, "To dear old Mother from Mr. Macy."

IF THERE are pets and dolls, they must be dressed up and invited to the tree. Our white collie, "Pooh Bear," always has a bath, a red ribbon, a stick of candy on the tree (this he dismisses with a few licks), a bone, which must be hastily snatched from the refrigerator at the last minute, and doughnuts! And then the dolls! For some fifteen years they were all, every one, completely outfitted in time for Christmas. They still come—those once most adored, and those that look the cutest under the tree. We would not for anything miss the touch of childhood's ancient magic that they add.

We always march down in order of age in the morning—no longer, alas, at five A.M.—singing "The Holly and the Ivy." Pooh Bear is counted the youngest, as he won't go anywhere but first. But I believe all of us would agree that the really loveliest time of all comes on Christmas Eve. Everything is ready—tree trimmed, family presents under it, neighbors' packages labeled. Santa's cookies on the floor by the fire, breakfast grapefruit cut, Christ Child candle lit, Christmas cocktail downed. We stand quietly together before the log fire and sing all the old, old carols, each one's favorite, and end with "Silent Night." We cherish the remark of our boy when he was about ten. It had been announced that the Sunday School Christmas entertainment would be on Christmas Eve. "Why, Mother," he said, "I think it's sacrilegious to have it on Christmas Eve." We did not go to that entertainment. And we felt a warm glow in our hearts that our family celebration should seem to him a sacred thing, as it always had to us.

ALTHOUGH we moderns are not much given to deploring the departure of "the good old days," we all admit that they had some precious value which we should strive to recapture. Nowadays we need all our ingenuity and faith to prevent our children from being cheated of those significant and beautiful home festivities which both express and create the profound meaning of home.

The one festival to which we universally cling and which we are most determined to preserve from the tarnish of commercialism is Christmas. Even this we only half-heartedly defend and, in buying hurriedly the cut-and-dried store "suggestions" for an increasingly long list, lose the fun of thinking up, making, or finding "just the thing" for people we really love.

Let's make Christmas a rallying point for the discomfited and outwitted Hosts of the Home against the too smart and too well-advertised Philistines! In the festival of Christmas we can emphasize again many of the values of the traditional old-fashioned American home. I am not thinking of religious values alone—not in any conventional sense, at least—although we certainly do need reminding every year that Christmas really *IS* a religious festival.

While one cannot pass along family tradition recipes as one would the recipe for a favorite cake, it may be that some little thing one family does another can adopt and build around it memories so warm that they will forever remain sources of comfort and joy.

Time, of course, is the essence in building traditions. For instance, in our first year of housekeeping we bought at a five and ten a silly little Santa which faithfully reappears on our tree every holiday season. Although the youngest of us (and there are only four) is now sixteen, we still do substantially the same old things in the same old way year after year—but they never lose their charm.

The importance of being silly is perhaps best illustrated by the institution of the Christmas cocktail. Its origin is lost in mist, but its importance was confirmed last Christmas when we had a telegram from Johnnie, for many years a Christmas guest, now a graduate student at Columbia: "Christmas cocktail not so good this year." It was doubly funny—first because he really did drink one for old time's sake, and second because he always hated it! The Christmas cocktail is half a lemon in half a glass of water, with half a teaspoon of soda stirred in—to be administered the last thing on Christmas Eve, and to be taken as we all stand in a row—unpalatable, but very wise.

A candle in the window for the Christ Child, who on Christmas Eve walks abroad looking for a welcome, is a beautiful custom. Years ago a cousin sent us a little holly candlestick which since that time has always had the honor each year of holding the Christ Child's candle.



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