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The Custer home at Fort Lincoln. Mrs. Custer was a devotee of photography and kept a dark room for developing pictures. Children used to hide there when playing games.



CUSTER'S LAST HOME

THE last home of General George Armstrong Custer was at Fort Lincoln, N. Dakota, where he assumed command of United States troops in that territory. The Custer's quarters were a far cry from comforts and conveniences of the States (North Dakota being then a territory). The walls, wrote Mrs. Custer, were unpapered and not even tinted; it took a struggle to get the windows up and they were held open by props. Each room had an "old-fashioned box-stove, such as our grandfathers gathered 'round in country school-houses," and the sun pouring through the windows was unobstructed by even a primitive blind.

One of the General's tasks was to hang pictures and mend the broken neck of a military statuette labeled "Wounded to the Rear." When joshed by Mrs. Custer for the goiter-like appearance of the mended neck he apologetically explained that "a restoration" was not equal to the original. Custer's study, which he decorated himself, was replete with animal heads and other trophies of the hunt. Their pets were many, including at various times, a badger, porcupine, raccoon, prairie-dog and a

wild turkey. Mrs. Custer revolted when a wildcat was brought in, and never quite became reconciled to a field mouse which the general tamed. "Women are not responsible for their fear of mice," she said, "they are born so."

Custer was also an author. Doubting his own ability at first, he had to be induced to write by publishers and by his wife. He seldom read novels but returning once from an Eastern trip he

General and Mrs. Custer in his study at Fort Lincoln. Note pictures of Custer and Sheridan on wall.

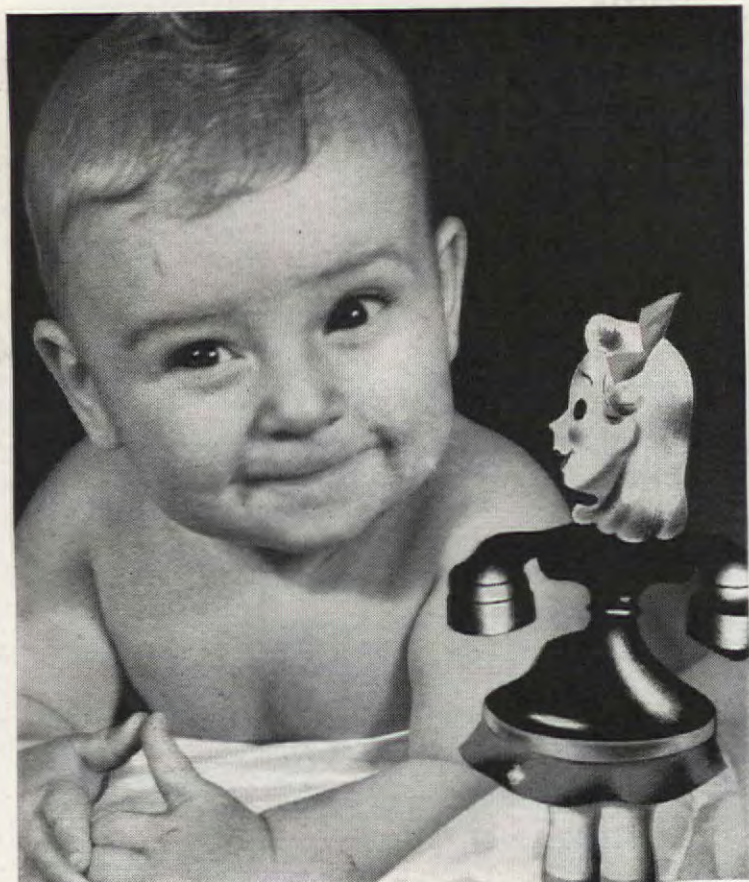


brought back a book profusely marked for his wife's benefit. She too, in his absence, had read and marked a book for him. Upon comparison they discovered it to be the same volume—a novel!

After Custer's death in the Battle of Little Big Horn, Mrs. Custer took up her abode in New York City and was for many years one of the most picturesque residents of the Murray Hill section. It was one of her graceful gestures to her husband's memory that she would answer with her own hand all the letters she received from old soldiers. She died in 1933 and was buried at the Military Academy, West Point. *The Home*, through its agents and brokers, is America's leading protector of American Homes and the Homes of American Industry.

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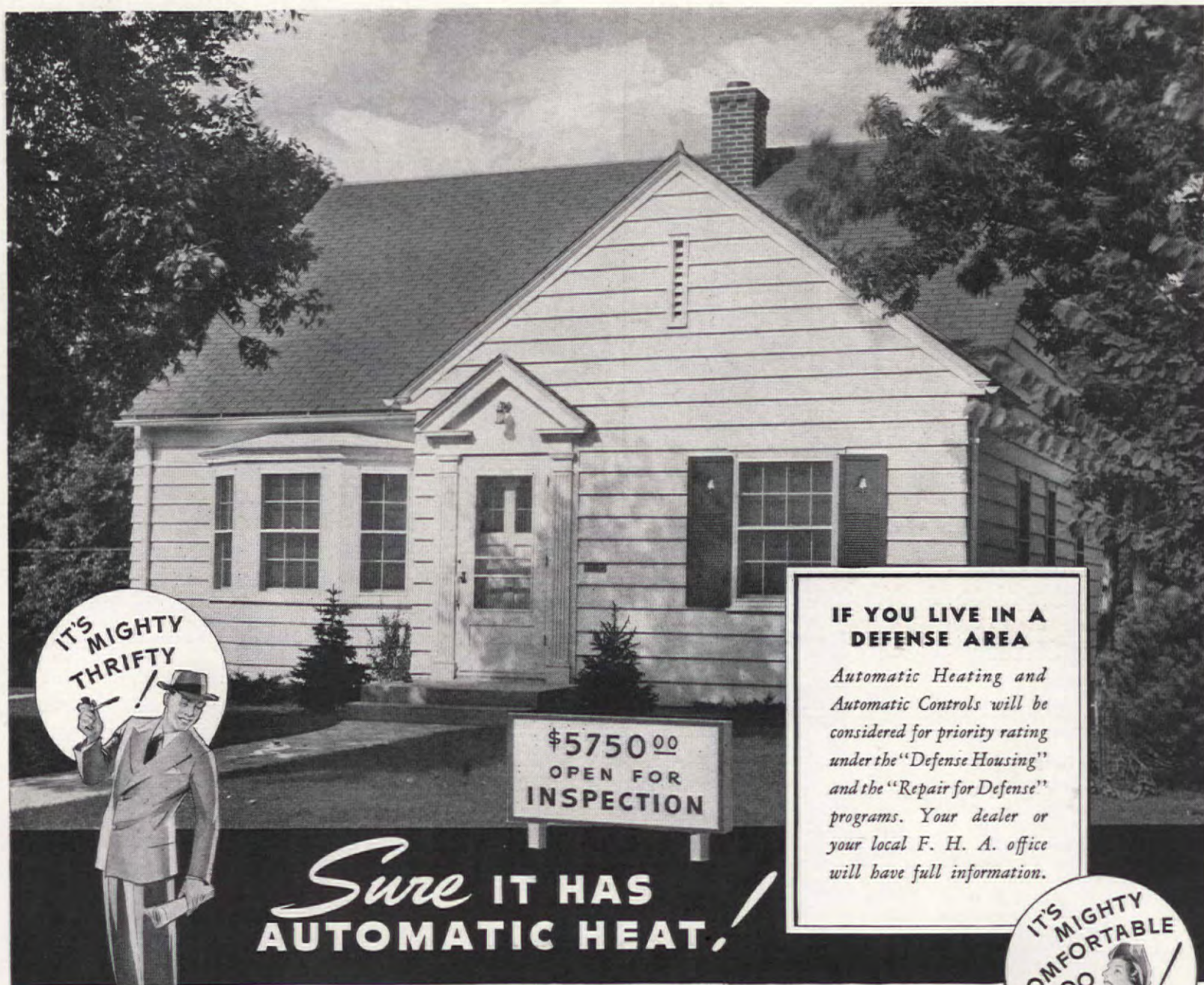
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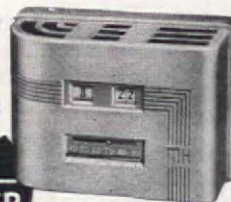
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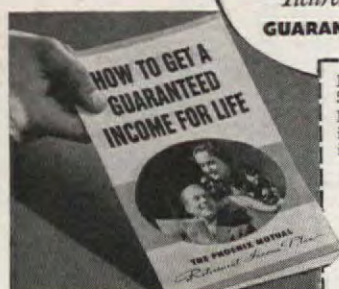
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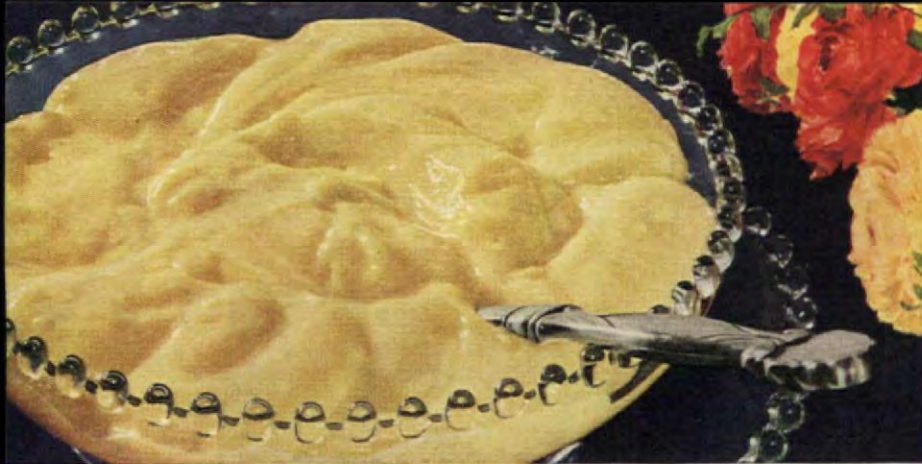
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Peach Cream Pie. Arrange 2½ cups sliced canned peaches, well drained, in baked pie shell. Cover with chilled Jell-O Vanilla Pudding. Garnish with whipped cream and peaches.

Strawberry Vanilla Parfait. Fill parfait glasses ½ full with chilled Jell-O Vanilla Pudding. Top with about 1 tablespoon strawberry preserves and remaining pudding. Garnish with preserves.

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"IT'S all so plain-American"—that impression of our magazine pleases us no end when we read it in the following letter from Ethel Osborn Hill, a Rural Home Supervisor in Texas. She writes:

DEAR AMERICAN HOME:

Having just finishing reading the October issue of THE AMERICAN HOME I can't resist a few words of appreciation for the many excellent features I find in this and every issue. It is all so plain-American.

A few of my hobbies are—gardening, pot plants, collecting Early American pattern glass, children-with-imagination, quaint old fireplaces, cabins, and so on . . . and on . . . and on! Life in America is so rich and full, if we but make it so. And we can!

A full-time "job" leaves me very few really free hours, so I make work the best and most fascinating hobby of all. I am Rural Home Supervisor (Home Economics teacher) with the Farm Security Administration with a territory of three counties (big Texas counties)! And as I visit rural homes, teaching and demonstrating better home practices, nutritious child-care, balanced meals, home and yard beautification, adequate gardens, food conservation, healthier and happier living, I find all my hobbies and interests merging into one big circle which seems to take in about everything that's worth-while in this life.

My families range from the large-landed rice and cattle farmers, with a background of culture and education, to the poor French tenant farmers and illiterate Negroes . . . all with human feelings and desires and ambitions, and each one, to me, a personal friend. I am mother, friend, teacher, adviser. As I teach, these people give me many splendid ideas born of adversity's school; many practical methods of farming and home-making learned from dire necessity. And many lessons of faith and courage, and endurance of trials almost beyond belief. We exchange flowers, herbs, and seeds. They offer me bits of lovely old pattern glass, perhaps, "give to me Ma by old Missus," or, "brought from France by my Great-Aunt Love when I was a child."

Do you think this has nothing to do with THE AMERICAN HOME magazine? But it has. I pass and re-pass every copy, even to those who cannot read a printed word, but can enjoy and profit by the lovely illustrations often copied (in spirit) but reduced to humblest dimensions.

I was the first woman appointed to this work, in 1933, and feel that I could almost write the "great American best seller," based on a good cross-section of agricultural life in this great land of ours during the recent (and present) years of terrific upheaval.—ETHEL OSBORN HILL

THE MEN TAKE THEIR PENS IN HAND, TOO:

DEAR AMERICAN HOME:

I want to tell you at this time how much we enjoyed the issue of your magazine, which was really 100 per cent masculine. We've read it and read it and now have it filed away, with all our other issues, for future reference. It was really this issue that prompted me to send you the enclosed excerpt from a letter written by one of the boys at camp and which we feel will do much to put a lot of our American women to shame.

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So M·I·L·D...this bacon with
the *Sweet Smoke Taste!*

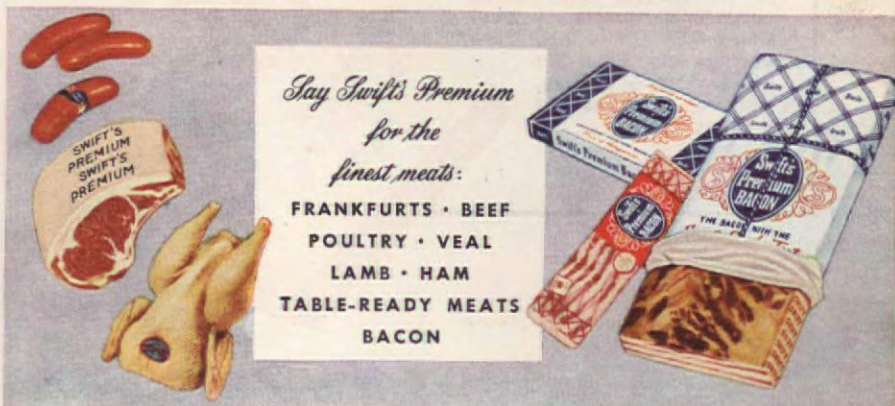


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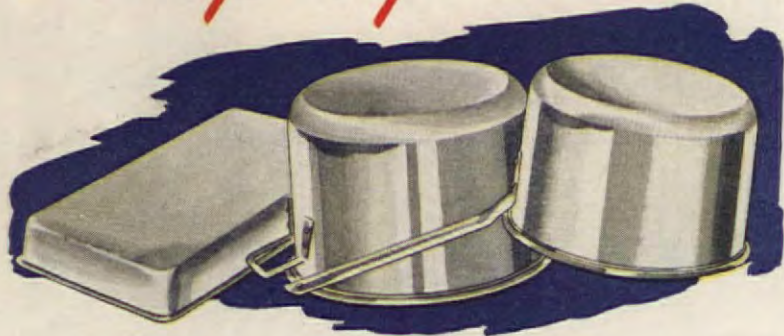
Beans 'n Bacon, South Seas

BUDGETEERS! Here's a thrift dish that will rate high with your family, especially the men. Two things make it out of the commonplace and make it *extra* good to eat. One is a never twist to the seasoning (that's the *South Seas* touch). The other is the *vor* of the *bacon*. Swift's Premium Bacon really does have a mild yet *vely* flavor you don't get in any other *nd*. Folks call it a "sweet smoke *ste*"; it comes from special methods of curing and smoking which are used

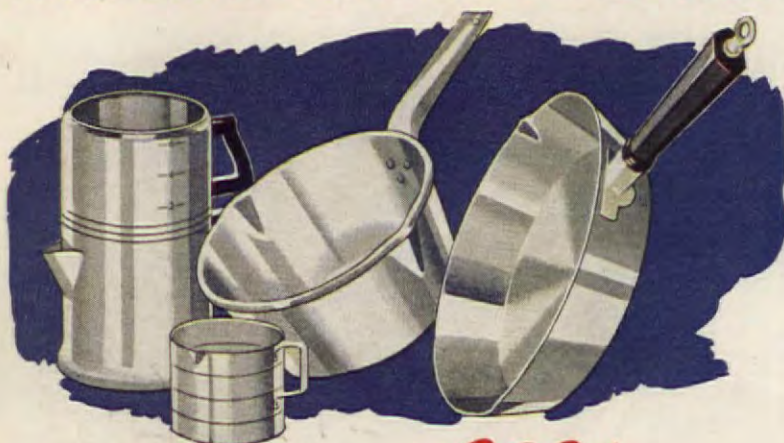
exclusively by Swift. • Put the fine, uniform slices of this bacon on a rack in a shallow pan and bake for about 15 minutes in a hot oven (425° F.). No turning is necessary. Cut large sweet onions, cooked or uncooked, in thin slices, place on platter, and heap with kidney beans which have been heated with *just a dash* of curry powder. Surround with bacon. As soon as you taste Swift's Premium you'll know why America votes it the best brand of all. It's *marvelously mild*, yet *zestful*.



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We appreciate all that your magazine has done toward focussing our eyes on the ideal home and all the suggestions you make in each issue, and want to thank you sincerely. Should you ever hear of a men's club composed of those who would like to own their own homes and have a lot of ideas in common, please publish the article so that we can become members!

And now for that letter from camp:

"Hi Sully:

"... It's been two days since I left this letter and since then Med. Div. has really been working. About five days ago we started work on building a wreck room and now have it almost finished. We partitioned off half of the floor downstairs in our barracks and have really built something! ... Even the tables for our lamps were built by us. Also built six love seats to put under the windows, and they also were made quite oddly. We got six old car seats and built frames to order for the base; the seats are covered with red material. They show up swell! After putting curtains on the windows, staining and waxing the floor, we are nearly finished. The rest of the furnishings are all to be purchased. As I look around the room I spy only three things not hand made; the shells, love seats, and the piano. As a closing thought, we were complimented on having the best in the regiment, and are all of us as proud as peacocks!" How is that for interior decorating *à la male*?—RAYMOND J. SULLIVAN

WHERE HOME REALLY MEANS HAPPINESS

THE painters finished the last coat of paint on our house and said to us, "You can move in now." We surveyed the reality of our ten-year-old dream and decided it was beautiful. It stood on a hill, just as we had planned. Every window framed a landscape which no artist's technique has ever been able to duplicate: a view of historic Mount Rubidoux every morning with our breakfast and the sun giving us her evening symphony of beauty with our dinner. There was just one thing our house lacked, which we desired most, a coat of happiness. We wanted our home to mean all the things the artists and song writers have been saying about home for centuries. It was a challenge to us.

Starting our campaign to clothe our home with happiness, we took the first two lines of Mr. Cleveland's poem, A Prayer for a New House, "Dear Lord, before we enter in, go Thou before us, opening the door." We wanted that for our house every day. So we revived the good old American custom of family prayer every morning. Our thousand-dollar oil furnace and baby grand piano pale to insignificance compared to the satisfaction and joy our family prayer has given the entire family. It seemed a rather difficult habit to form. At first we couldn't find time to pray. We would over-sleep. All other things that must be done in the morning seemed so much more important. It took two long months and a good deal of the do or die spirit before our family prayer habit was formed. It is impossible to measure the good it has done for our home life. It helps us all face the day with courage.

We have tried to give all the rooms in our house separate personalities. Our living room is our best room. We are clean, quiet, and well-mannered while we are there. This doesn't mean we don't live there and enjoy it. We do every day. The children can do as they wish in their rooms: paste, cut out and build things, as long as they clean up their mess. It's like the feeling of evening clothes and slacks. We like them both and enjoy them both. As a consequence there are no hammer marks on my best furniture, no crayon marks on my light walls. Our happiness is added to. Our children are learning all sorts of the most valuable lessons in good manners.

Sedgwick family in the front yard with Mt. Rubidoux in background



Field Studios

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When we landscaped our yard, we divided the trees and shrubs between the children. We don't have just a peach tree. We have Karen Sue's peach tree, Claudia's fig tree, Joel's nectarine tree, Mother's apple tree, Father's apricot tree and the baby's orange tree. We watch each new bit of growth, and the first blossom is cause for a major celebration. The children love the garden and know the names of every shrub and tree on the place.

The birds are adding measurably to our happiness. The children put out crumbs and bits of food for them every day. We are rewarded with a floor show with our meals, consisting of about ten different varieties of birds. We like the western blue birds best because they symbolize happiness.

This summer we are building retaining walls and our outdoor living room. My husband might resent the "we" because he is doing all the work. He went far into the Mojave desert to get beautiful flat reddish-purple stones which have captured the magic of a million desert moons. This rock will be our floor. The retaining wall and fireplace will be built of pink quartz, which reflects the gorgeous colors of the sun. We have borrowed one of Mr. Sid Grauman's ideas for the center square of our patio. In smooth cement, we will place the name, date, and hand-print of each member of our family.—LOLA HANSEN SEDGWICK

SEW and SAVE!



It's a stitch in these times that counts!

RIGHT now, a stitch in time may save nine lives. The very least it will do is to keep the needy children of war-torn countries and our own tense United States warmer than some of them might be.

A nation-wide sewing drive week, sponsored by the National Needlecraft Bureau in conjunction with the Red Cross, starts February 21. Why not start a sewing bee buzzing in your neighborhood, club, or just in your own home? This work is apart from regular Red Cross workroom activity. It can be done anywhere there's the will and the room to sew a fine seam. Nor does it need to be too fine at that. Even the least beginner can find something she can make in the list of needed garments made available by these organizations. The patterns are furnished, too, but if you have any ideas in the matter, you're free to improvise. Keep it simple, though! And when you sew on a button, do it for keeps! The material is chosen and furnished by you so keep in mind the hard usage clothes undergo in an emergency. Things like corduroy, husky denim, lightweight woolen are grand. Sleeves *must* be long, that's important for warmth. Maybe the most important of all, oddly enough, is to make whatever you do as gay as possible! Kiddies need all the cheering up they can get and adding a bit of trimming, a patch pocket and tucking a hanky in it will mean an awful lot to some little person whose world is pretty uncertain right now. The nearest Red Cross headquarters is the place to take all finished garments. So get out your needle and thread and start work. Remember that there are a hundred places for what every woman sews.



We have the recommended list of garments and patterns available for you if you'll send us a stamped, self-addressed legal-size envelope. Address Dept. RC, The American Home Magazine, 444 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.



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LOOKIT THAT PILE of dinner dishes! Okay, now! Run your water over improved Ivory—sw-w-wish, Swish, SWISH! You'll see "velvet suds" foam up so fast, even in hard water!



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HE'LL SURPRISE YOU soon after you change to New "Velvet-Suds" Ivory. Milder than 10 leading toilet soaps, it helps your hands stay smooth and soft! ... 99 44/100 % pure.

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How to get the best food for the money is what every woman should know if she is to be a good manager in her own home.



Studies "on location" are as important as those in classrooms.

Under the

At Stephens College girls are educated to meet actual life needs

THERE'S an old saying, "He couldn't see the forest for the trees." That's about the way it is with all of us today. So much is going on, so fast and so furiously, and much of it so close to us, that we do not see it. Words like priorities, substitute products, Defense Program, are on everyone's tongue. But other things are going on, and have been, quietly enough, over a period of time. Perhaps because our eyes get used to kaleidoscope effects, or because we are searching for the right answer, some of them suddenly come into focus. At any rate, we cannot help but be conscious of exciting changes going on all around in these United States, and they are going to leave their mark, long after the meaning of "the duration" is forgotten and when we know peace once more.

One change, not at all conspicuous, is that of our attitude toward youth, particularly from the standpoint of education. Schools and colleges and universities long went calmly on, ignoring the fact that the world today is a good deal



The decorating clinic starts with college room problems



Future homemakers learn about cuts of meat

different from the world of the days of the respective founders, that it requires a different sort of training for the young men and women who are to grow up to be its leaders in industry, education, business, religion, art, and literature. And even more important, to be intelligent and co-operative citizens. As far back as 1912, however, at least one institution of learning began to wake up. At that time Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, since its founding in 1833 as a girls' school like hundreds of others, yawned and stretched and awakened to a good many facts which have definitely left their mark on educational methods. It was the president, James M. Wood, who realized that the responsibilities and interests of women are in many respects different from those of men. Then why college curricula almost identical for boys and girls? Second, it was his fundamental



Stars we Advance

concept that the important thing in education was not the subject matter itself, but the student, his or her needs and interests as an individual. Third, it seemed clear that the purpose of education should be, not so much the accumulation of information for its own sake, as the guidance of behavior patterns and habits of living. At that time there had been no research, no survey to reveal how to conduct a woman's college on this almost revolutionary basis. In 1921 Stephens undertook a comprehensive analysis, conducted on a national scale, of the activities of women. Three hundred women, half of them married and half of them unmarried, became "guinea pigs," keeping exact diaries covering all the activities of home makers and all the activities of professional women carried on outside their regular vocations. Some 7,500 items were classified, analyzed, and ultimately formed the basis of the Stephens educational policy. The policy has been in force for twenty years now; the translation of the policy changes almost daily, as new conditions, new events, new developments arise. Under this amazing elasticity, students at Stephens are not shut up in an ivory tower, separate and apart from the world; they are a very real part of it. For instance, look at the three-day Forum which took place at Stephens early in November under the title "The American Woman and Her Responsibilities." To this Forum came leaders in fields directly concerned with women's activities, as well as spokesmen from war-torn Britain and Canada. Their objective was a concise pattern of education in home management, health, morale, child training, and community responsibilities. Outlining the aims of the Forum, President Wood said:

"Many of us consider that the adequate training of our women for the 'most important and most probable' role—that of housewives and mothers of the coming generation—is the very grass-roots of a morale-building program. All the resources of this country should be mobilized—our spiritual and mental resources as well as our physical ones—for the long-



Sports like these women can pursue in later life

AMERICAN YOUTH is not going to be passed by casually any more. In this fantastically changing world the importance of new educational methods to provide realistic training for realistic living in the broadest sense is recognized by far-seeing institutions

The individual student, as a person, is more important than the sum of all the classroom knowledge she acquires



range fight to vitalize our democracy. Then we shall have a nation where there will be no misgivings about morale or moral fiber. In my opinion, the formula for this long-range program should begin in the home.

"This defense emergency offers an inspiring challenge to all women. . . It is the opening to future where women will take an equal part in the job of building a better America."

College students exposed to such a program and such discussions as took place are very far from ivory tower graduates! It would take a volume to describe the curriculum in the detail it deserves. There is basic grounding in conventional college subjects and the fine intellectual training one can and should expect of a junior college. But there are plusses of all sorts which could hardly be expected, because they are original with Stephens College.

For instance, have you thought of Communications as a course in which one studies the spoken word, as a means to formulating and communicating one's ideas, and also such sub-topics as announcing, acting, play-writing, devising sound effects, planning programs, taking part in radio broadcasts? Have you thought of Home Economics as a "Home-makers' Course," where laboratories are equipped with up-to-date equipment, unit kitchens, a complete cottage for nursery school teaching, where child care is taught by demonstration? Have you thought of Economics as a study of the principles of better consuming and better buying? And that it should involve familiarity with normal banking practice? That's why a "bank" is conducted on campus where girls can deposit their allowances, learn how to draw checks and balance the books. That's why the fundamentals of insurance are here stripped of their mysteries. Have you thought of Social Problems, as concerning not some remote town or village, but the very town you live in—or at least the one in which you spend the school term? After all, real problems of living arise in a community of 1,700 persons—and that is the size of the student body. Their own campus problems are very nearly typical of any

community. Have you thought of Fine Arts as Humanities—such a marvelous classification of this subject matter! Have you thought that, of the sports available in school days, most women would rather learn in college to be experts at golf, tennis and riding, which they can continue after college, than at hockey and basketball? The "social sports" at Stephens are strongly emphasized. Have you thought that Health and Physical Education are logically supplemented by Grooming and Clothing?

The problems of these two latter departments are handled in clinics, which are entirely "elective," so to speak. If a girl is not content with her hair-do, her complexion, her figure, here she can come for professional advice—and it is professional. If she has problems of posture, speech, room decoration, personal finance, vocational guidance, she has only to go to a specialized clinic.

Is it any wonder that when students from Stephens go out into the world, their background of sound information, personal poise, confidence and security in the knowledge of themselves, stand them in good stead to meet whatever life may bring them?



Good grooming, foundation for good morale and poise

Teen age

MARILLA R. WHITMORE

RECOGNITION of the need of young girls for definite training to help meet the serious problem of living is coming not only in colleges, drawing as they do from families able to afford the investment college education involves, but also in high schools operating under public school systems.

To hear about the Jane Addams High School in Portland, Oregon, is to wish one had had the opportunity for such training. It combines some of the elements of the traditional high school and the trade school, but does not conform entirely to either. It suits its program to students, rather than trying to force students into the mold of the curriculum. The result is one of the most practical schools for girls in the whole country. It is planned not for the girl who is to go on to college, but for the one who is to earn her own living and want to be really fitted to run her own home.

In addition to its realistic curriculum policies there are two other "departments" which make the Jane Addams High School unique. One is its Practice House, the other the Nursery School, both maintained by, and part of, the High School.



Potential mothers get a lesson first hand in practical child care

the Practice House is really a home, an immense old house, one of Portland's early places, near the school itself, in which live Miss Elizabeth Dixon, instructor and much of a friend, and her mother, Mrs. Lillian Dixon. The fact that Mrs. Dixon is known to all the girls as "Mother Dixon" speaks volumes for the sympathetic understanding and real home atmosphere that prevail here. All the work of the Practice House is done by the girls themselves, under Miss Dixon's supervision, and that means everything from refinishing floors, painting walls and woodwork, making curtains and bed-spreads, to daily chores such as planning, cooking, serving meals for a small family or a party, tending to a certain amount of washing and ironing, arranging flowers, and making attractive tables—everything the average woman may be called upon to do not only in her own home but also in the homes of others in the course of earning her living. At the Nursery School, girls learn all there is to know about babies and little children, their care and feeding, possible personality difficulties. Students meet actual life situations, theories of text books are demonstrated before their eyes and explained by Mrs. Nan Moreland, in charge of the Nursery School, and her extremely capable staff. At Jane Addams High School, as at Stephens College, the individual student is all important. If a Jane Addams girl seems to be having trouble at home, a counselor visits the parents and tries to bring about an understanding which will solve the situation. If a girl's parents are not able to keep her in school, a position is found for part-time work in a private home, caring for house and children. She has been so well and expertly trained to do in her classes at the school. Jane Addams High School has become a very real factor in the community. Many Portland women depend upon the school to put them in touch with girls who will care for their children when they are away, or make fancy sandwiches and cakes for a party, or freshen up the house. Miss Dixon reports scores of calls for girls for this kind of duty every time. In addition, women can entertain their club members or particular friends in the home atmosphere of the Practice House. The charge made for such parties goes toward the purchase of something new for the house. We have reason to be proud of this forward-looking education, which faces facts, and trains to meet the real problems of real living. This does not mean that academic subjects are neglected, for they are not. The regular High School curriculum is followed diligently. But English is simpler, learned as correct speech in the home, fractions are easier when learned in terms of recipes to be halved or doubled.

Girls are trained homemakers when they graduate from this high school



Correct table setting is a "must"

too, trains for the future

Photographs from the author



Nursery school training prepares girls for life in their own homes or for professional careers



Teacher and student iron out snags

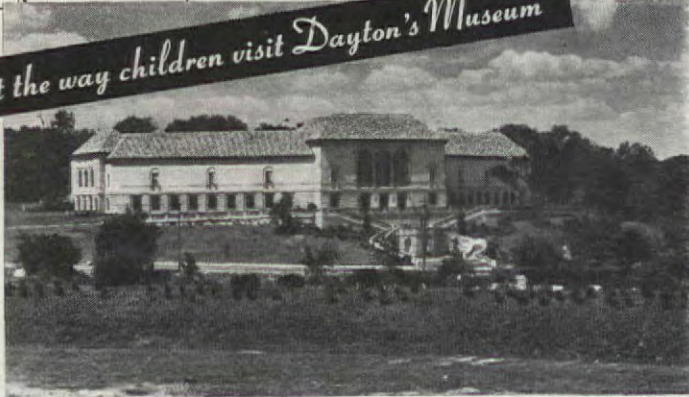
"Keep 'em

Art is made human, informal, homelike at Dayton Institute



Robert Metcalf

This is not the way children visit Dayton's Museum



Frank M. Betr

THAT museums, as well as schools and colleges, can help train youth for the serious business of living is finally beginning to be recognized. Director Siegfried R. Weng of the Dayton, Ohio, Art Institute, realizes that to make an art museum palatable to the average person (and that includes children) art must be humanized. He lures the general public by augmenting orthodox exhibitions with the finest of current photographic exhibitions, flower shows, worth-while hobby shows, and free musicals, by filling his galleries with rare and luxuriant plants, unusual birds, and even a terrarium housing small snakes and lizards, which are always a curiosity. The result is that the galleries have not only color and beauty, but such an informal home-like air that any hesitant, stand-offish attitude about their art institute is non-existent in the minds of Daytonians.

Having lured the visitors, Director Weng "keeps them coming" by presenting exhibitions in such attractive and understandable ways that the hard-boiled truck driver who came to see a photographic show, or the ordinary man who grows roses and came to the Rose Show, or the high school boy who came to see model planes, finds himself returning again and again to see paintings and art objects. So varied and general are the exhibitions and activities that, regardless of interests or age, Daytonians have come to feel that there is always something stimulating for them at their own art institute. This museum is put to an amazing variety of uses. The gallery exhibitions with

full explanatory material are carefully studied by all types of people. Photographers discuss what type of lens was used to secure a certain result in some outstanding print. Girl Scouts dart to and fro to solve the mysteries of the Treasure Hunt planned for them by the Educational Department. Students from various classes sketch and paint. Literary clubs hold meetings downstairs. In the summer, people sit in the sunny cloisters to read or listen to a Twilight Concert or attend a tea. In the outer garden, peacocks spread gorgeous tails, swans glide effortlessly over the pool, pheasants scamper through the shrubbery to the delighted squeals of the youngest museum goers, who receive their introduction to art via the bird garden.

In the beautiful auditorium, concerts are sponsored by the Music Department, many of the music and dance recitals of the city are held, and the Dayton Civic Theatre, a group of talented young professional actors and actresses, presents its clever group of plays.

Plants, birds, other wild life lure young visitors

coming" say Museums of today



Robert Metcalf

KATHRYN PINKNEY

This museum has a unique Circulating Gallery of original paintings by outstanding American painters of the present day, which operates much as a library. Members of the institute borrow one picture per month, take it into their homes, live with it, enjoy it, and then return it for another of their own selection. Another unique feature is the inclusion, in the Decorative Arts Department of the School of the Dayton Art Institute, of the designing and making of stained-glass windows, both traditional and modern. The School of the Dayton Art Institute is doing outstanding work in all fields of art, and is attended by students from seven states and eighteen cities. The Educational Department serves around 30,000 children and 8,000 adults through its art and music appreciation classes and lectures.

There is probably no more used or usable museum in America. Art has been made understandable, therefore desired, and has definitely enriched the lives of the people in the community. There are figures to prove it; between 58% and 60% of the citizens of Dayton visit their museum annually. What a record!

OF MUSEUMS, in the near past, have been places where nobody goes, they are not going to be like that much longer. The Metropolitan Museum of New York has recently opened a new department, known as the Junior Museum, entirely for children. Gay, fresh colors and growing plants in the rooms of this department give a friendly, familiar look to exhibition, class, or lunch room. Here exhibits concentrate on the work of children themselves, and on material related to children's interests. At the opening of the Junior Museum three typical exhibitions were staged. One, founded on the subject of Greek athletics, closely relating to the public school curriculum, attracted natural, keen interest, witness the photograph at the right of this page. Another took the form of a Colonial newspaper. Children themselves prepared examples of an imagined newspaper of the times of America's early settlers, complete with news items and advertisements reflecting the spirit of life in those days. The third exhibition, sponsored by the Department of Arts, consisted of displays of craft work in various media done by children in City playgrounds. In connection with the Junior Museum there is a junior library, containing those books interesting to children found suitable for an art museum. Special activities are planned as the full program gets underway. There are puppet

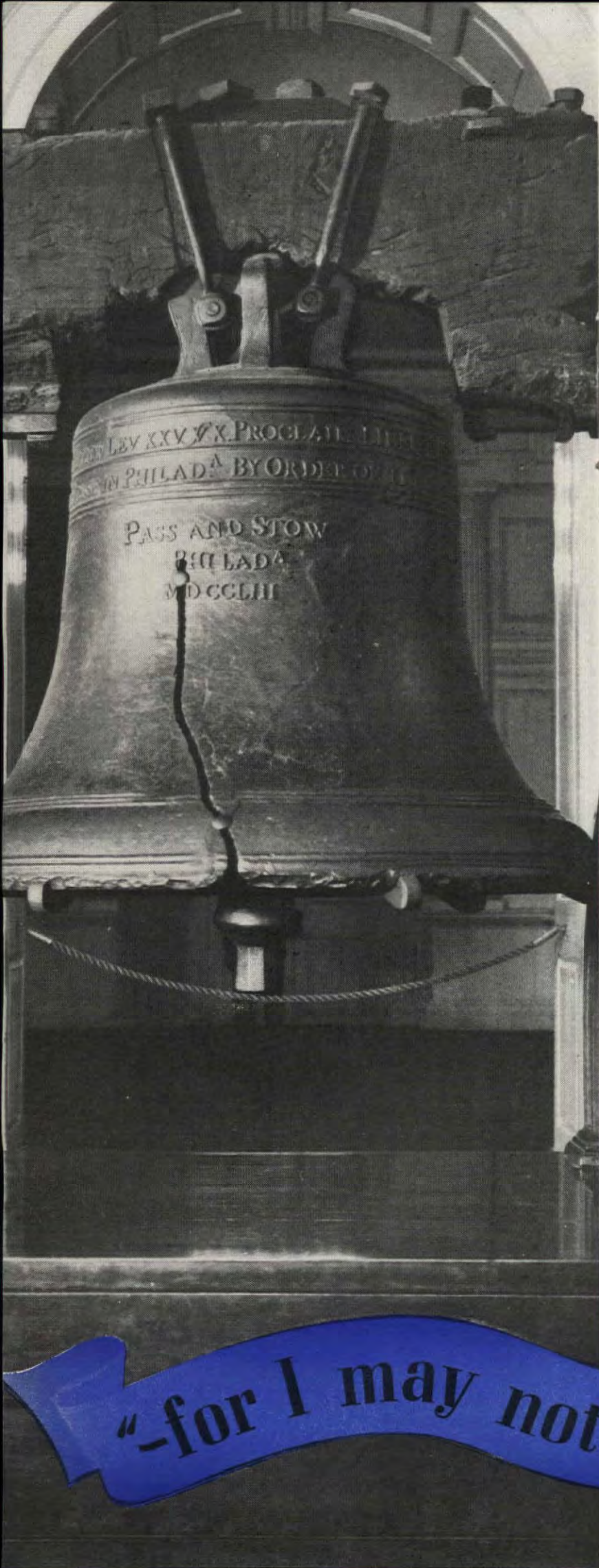


No hush-hush to keep these children from familiarity with art



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shows, story hours, demonstrations of painting, printing, carving, and similar arts, and free movie showings. The Museum staff stands ready, also, to give free guide service for classes from public or private schools, to give special attention to individual children, or to work with the hobby clubs. In short, the Junior Museum now takes its place as a live, vital agency within a teeming city where children will feel at home and absorb naturally something of their vast artistic heritage.



I BELIEVE that no one can be really happy in any community, large or small, if he allows himself to feel that he is to be there only a short while. It may be quite true that his residence is more or less temporary, but that sense of impermanence makes unnecessary problems for the community and for the individual as well. In these days, when National Defense is causing the uprooting and shifting of families from one section of the country to another, the question of making adjustments to life in new surroundings as quickly and as intelligently as possible becomes of paramount importance. For upon those adjustments depend our value to the community and the community's value to our happiness. To feel, "Oh! I'll only be here a little while, why should I bother about this town"? results in stagnation of your own personality and a great loss to the group with whom you live. It isn't a question of length of time at all.

My husband's business has necessitated a move for us almost every year, so I have learned first hand of the difficulties of changing a family's environment. May I pass on to you who face a new situation this year a few of the short cuts I have found to attaining that wonderful "feeling at home" that is so all important? It makes life much happier and fuller.

First of all, husband, wife, and children are eager for friends and though you read some or all of the many volumes printed on the subject, you will never find a better rule than the brief admonition: "If you would have friends, show yourself friendly." When you move into a new community, much of the initial effort to meet people must be yours. Don't wait for the minister to call before you go to church. He may have no way of knowing of your arrival. Attend the school affairs of your children, even if you have to go alone the first time. And don't get your feelings hurt if the neighbors don't rush in to call on you, or if someone you have met casually doesn't recognize you the next time you meet. Any slights to you are not intentional nor personal. Can't you remember when you might have forgotten to call on someone who was lonely in your own home town?

Once you have made some acquaintances, be careful about telling them how things were done "back in Timbaktu." Across a bridge table, I have heard a newly arrived mother tear a school system into shreds because "they don't do things that way back home," when she couldn't possibly have known the local conditions and problems. What might have been a good idea was lost in the antagonism of the people who had been struggling with those problems for years. Just put yourself in their place!

I have learned to play a game that has helped me a lot. No matter where we move now, or why, I pretend that the new place is to be my permanent home. I know it is pretense, because I know I will move sure as anything sooner or later. But *now* I'm living here, and I'd like to help make my home and my town the sort of place I'd want them to be if I were to be there forever. Try that thought. You'll honestly find things to do to make your corner of the world a better place in which to live, and you'll find you love doing it—once you get into that game of pretending.

For instance, I have lived in houses where I didn't plant a garden for, the chances were, I'd never see it grow. I wouldn't serve on the P.T.A. because I might move. It wasn't the P.T.A. nor the house that lost by my thin excuses. It was my family and myself. So I decided that next time I'd take a chance. Maybe I couldn't finish all I undertook, but someone would pick up where I had left off. In the meantime, I would have contributed something to the life about me. Sometimes, I wonder, for instance, if my successor here will appreciate the outdoor oven we built, but in the meantime we have had two priceless summers of backyard fun.

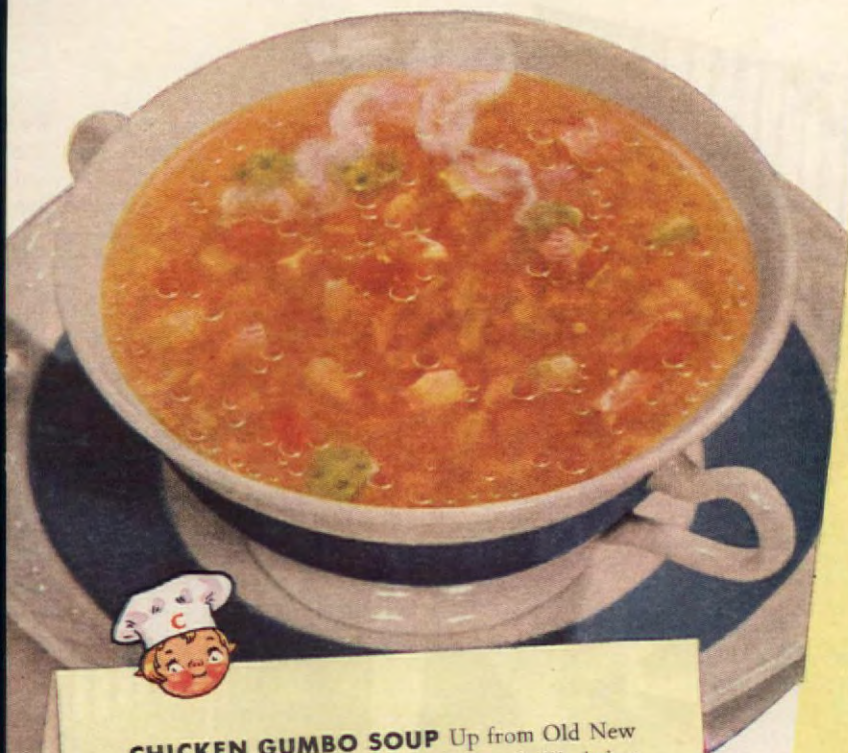
The game has made a difference in the lives of the children, too. They know this is *home*, not just another house, and childhood thrives on that sense of security. They adjust themselves quickly to a move, but I used to keep them in an attitude of uncertainty which they might have been spared.

We are all citizens now as never before. We take the trouble to vote where we used to say, "Oh! let the people who live here squabble about who's to be the dog-catcher. We'll probably move anyway." We no longer give the old-timers reason to look askance at us by refusing to take responsibility for improvements. The words, "for I may not live here long," are only a flimsy excuse to cover an unwillingness to work. Sweep them out of your mind and determine to live every moment to its fullest . . . to work now and in the place in which you find yourself. You'll be happier and more able to meet that unknown future, wherever you may have to live.

"-for I may not live here long"

ELIZABETH GILMORE

Ewing Galloway



CHICKEN GUMBO SOUP Up from Old New Orleans, comes the recipe, and Campbell's bring you an excitingly different kind of chicken soup... a soup that's making "news" all over the country. Its rich, deep-flavored chicken broth is full of good things... luscious tomatoes, rice, tender okra and tempting pieces of chicken... and all appetizingly seasoned with savory herbs.



TOMATO SOUP Its bright and cheery color, its zesty, lively flavor, have made this the best-liked soup in the world... the soup that is served more often than any other! It is made of extra-special tomatoes, enriched with finest table butter, enhanced with gentle seasoning... and carefully cooked to smooth and flavorful perfection.



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Many a woman has stepped into her kitchen with something like this on her mind: "Let me see—there's plenty in the refrigerator for supper tonight... now I just need something to give it a special touch!"

And she finds her "something special" in soup! Yes, in Campbell's Soups like these—that brighten the table and gladden the appetite! They are just the thing to make your pick-up supper one you're proud to serve... one your family will sit down to with a hearty will!



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Color photographs by Charles Keller

What "our boys" want
is a home away from
home. They have it in
Lake Forest, Illinois,
and how they use it!

There's probably a down-
at-the-heels house like
this one in your town, too,
waiting to serve some
community need. Don't let
it go to waste—USE IT!



What are YOU waiting for?





IF THERE is a need, meet it. Don't wait. It can be done, as proved at the Defense Recreation Cottage in Lake Forest, Illinois. Adjacent to both Fort Sheridan and the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Lake Forest offered nothing by way of diversion for soldiers and sailors on leave except noisome bars and pool rooms. The situation came pretty close to home for one woman in the community whose son volunteered to serve with a crack ski division in Iceland, and who

visited him at camp before he left. She knew what those boys were up against, decided to do something about it, and was off!

The whole community should have a chance at having a hand in creating "a home for boys away from home," that Mrs. Wirt Morton decided in the beginning. She organized a community drive, raised \$1,500, and promptly rented, for \$10 a month, a monstrosity of a frame house midway between fort and naval station, near an electric railroad station. Determined that this house was to be a real home, she and her committee went to work.

From one of the big paint companies they obtained a gift of paint for the tire house. She and other volunteers painted the outside white, with a bright red door and blue steps and porch. The local Garden Club planted a hedge, some evergreens, and promised to keep the inside supplied with growing plants and flowers. The art class at the public school painted a red, white, and blue sign to hang over the welcoming front door.

Then came the inside. All the old floors were scraped and painted navy blue. Wallpapers, purchased at a special price from the local dealer, were selected in old red and white stripes and in red, white, and blue plaid. Old fake-mahogany trim was scraped and painted navy blue. Mrs. Morton's husband contributed, for his company, salt sacking which a local dressmaker sat up nights making into curtains bound in red and white striped percale. One of the mail-order houses contributed 100 yards of blue denim to slip-cover conglomerate cast-off furniture rescued from attics and cellars in the neighborhood and sprayed a brilliant red by a local car dealer. The lumber company provided lumber, which volunteers made into bookshelves, painted navy blue. The gas company donated an excellent kitchen range, the electric company a refrigerator, a mail-order house contributed fifty sets of navy blue Fiesta ware and fifty sets of red-handled knives and forks, a local decorator offered reading lamps, the radio man keeps in tune an old upright piano now gaily painted and decorated. Games, Ping-pong table, a billiard table, cards, subscriptions to popular magazines, have now found their way into Recreation Cottage. Second-floor rooms are furnished for the comfort of mothers or other visitors as well as for the boys. There is a director in charge, whose chief duty, according to Mrs. Morton, is not to direct. This is a "home for boys away from home," she says, and she will not have them bothered with regimentation of any sort. They can do what they feel like, including stirring up a snack in the kitchen, making a pot of coffee, enjoying a "coke." Parties are staged from time to time, all kept very casual and informal. So far, an average of forty to fifty boys use the house every single night. On one recent week end 750 of them enjoyed its hospitality.

The soldiers and sailors have a terrific lot of fun in their Recreation Cottage. The entire community had fun contributing to it, working for it. Creating this house has welded together a real spirit of solidarity for the Defense Program, has put the principles of Democracy into practice. No need to wait for someone else to start, to wait while red tape unravels, to wait for outside assistance. If you live in a community where boys in the service are giving of their lives in our mammoth undertaking today, don't wait; make yourself a committee of one to see to it that they are provided with another "home away from home."



"No regimentation" is the committee's keynote at this Recreation Cottage! The boys do what they like when they like it, and aren't bothered by any fussy feminine supervision



Lake Forest didn't!

Mrs. Wirt Morton volunteers on the home front, snaps into action, wins her military objective

A cellar doesn't have to be all dolled up into a fancy rumpus room to be a good place for a rip-roaring game of pool. Keep it clean, clear and simple, and you won't be able to keep the boys away

Louise Clarke





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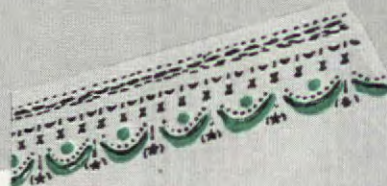
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*Geometric design in Peter Jayne house,
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CUT YOURSELF A BACKGROUND!

ARE you trembling on the verge of decorating a room—a room that will express your own ideas in color and design? If that's it, sister, gather 'round whilst I tell you an old American story of the Art of Stenciling. Our ancestors went about stenciling their cornices, their mantels, around their doors—wherever the winds of fancy listed, not only because they liked bold and forthright colors, but for economic reasons. Wallpaper was too expensive for general consumption. Never shaded were their black, green, yellow, red ochre, blue, or various shades of rose! They went in for classic and geometric designs, for leaves and vines from nature, favoring particularly the oak and maple. As for our feathered friends, the eagle was by far the favorite choice as stencil material. He stretched in American glory over many a door. The designs shown here are, for the most part, from old New



Sketches by W. J. Hennessey from photographs by A. J. Wennermark

*Rich in its variety of stencils is Bleak House in
Peterborough, N. H., from which these are taken*

England homes where they have been preserved and restored. Janet Waring has written a wonderful book about them, "Early American Stencils on Walls and Furniture," published by William R. Scott, New York, 1937. There's no reason why some of the many designs illustrated in this book couldn't be adapted by you. Anyway, you can get from them a good idea of what sort of pattern looks best on a wall. The early painters, all of them rather naive fellows, thought nothing of scrambling up their designs, the classic with the primitive, as the spirit moved them. If they could do it, you can, too. You get a nice archaic effect!

Naturally, the kind of room you're doing determines the character of the stencil. Maybe you can adapt your pattern from some choice piece of textile or pottery. When you've settled on the design, you're ready to work, *uninterruptedly!* After you have drawn and corrected your design on paper the weight of a tag, rub the paper with linseed oil, preferably. The design is there to stay, and makes a cleaner cut possible. Cut on a piece of glass, using a very sharp knife for geometric designs. If it's fussy, use manicure scissors. If you shellac the finished stencil, it will last longer, and it's smart to cut two alike, just in case something happens. Mix enough oil paint so you won't run shy in the middle of an eagle. Hold the stencil firmly against the wall with one hand and paint over it. When the first unit is filled in, remove it carefully to avoid smearing and go on to the next. Remember, the success of your efforts depends on the accurate spacing of your design. For any but a continuous pattern, block off your room in units first, with charcoal.

In case you want to vary the technique and effect, and crave some shading, try "pouncing." This calls for the same method and tools, except that the design is pricked through with a large needle. You transfer the design to the wall by "pouncing" on the stencil with charcoal powder, wrapped in a cheesecloth bag. There's your design to work on, and you paint freehand inside the dotted outline. Shade away!

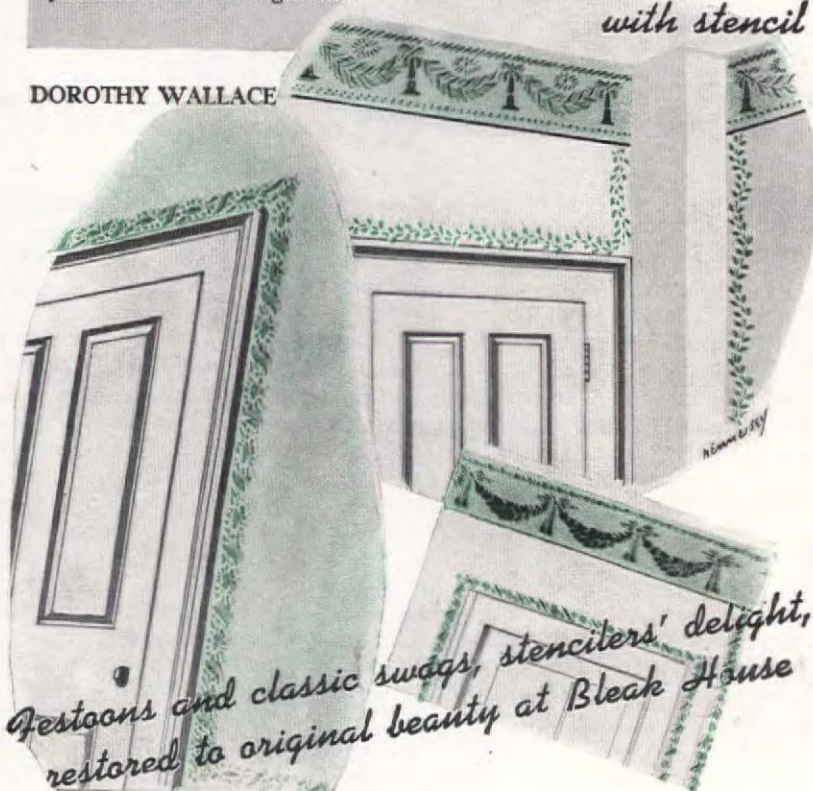
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John Sprague

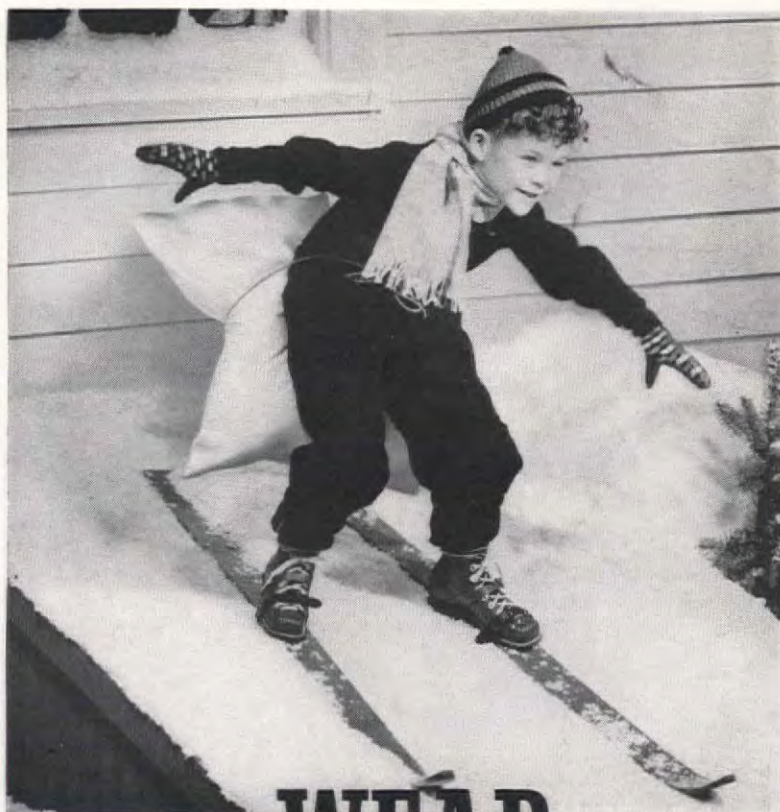


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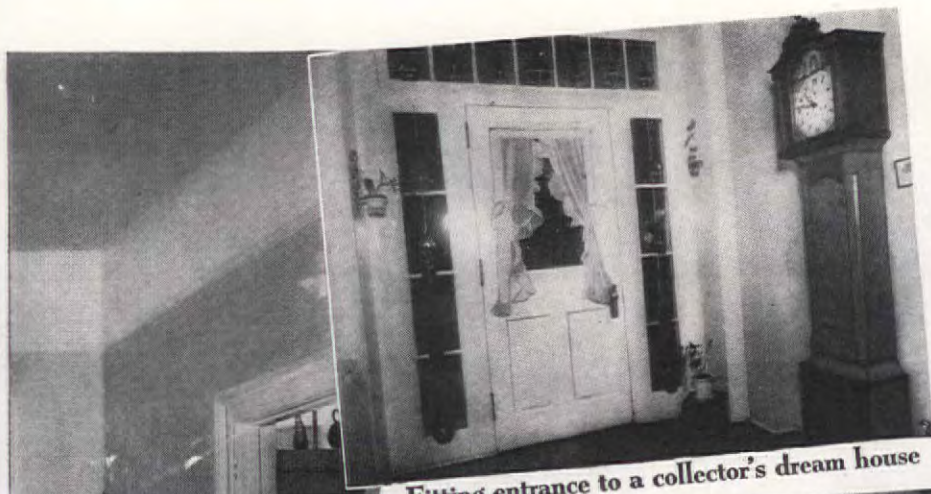
As told by
MARIAN M. DONOVAN

The ANTIQUE Army



IN THESE days of modern warfare, it may seem a bit startling to find antiques in the heart of an Army post, but there they are, some of the loveliest pieces of furniture you can imagine. Fittingly, after a trek across country, they came happily to rest in the oldest house in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the house assigned to Lt. Colonel Leo Donovan and his family. After years of collecting her treasures, to wind up in a house built in 1834 was almost too good to be true to Mrs. Donovan.

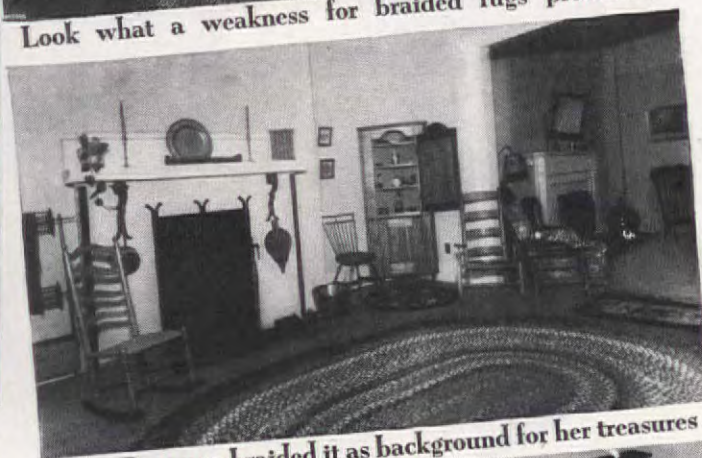
The grandfather's clock she carried from Virginia to Fort Leavenworth in her lap stands in venerable elegance in the lovely hall. We suspect, when the Donovans leave this house, they'll add that front doorway to their collection! Very much at home in the large living room are the Windsor rocker in its original state, and the cherry banjo clock. There's a mellow old pine corner cupboard with rat-tail hinges that holds a collection of Majolica and pewter. This journeyed from Maryland, as did the wing chair and the cherry drop-leaf that hobnobs with a pine secretary from Virginia and a hickory and maple ladder-back rocker from New York State. A timely touch is the commandeering of the ancient pine wool-winder for winding Bundles for Britain and Red Cross yarn. In the dining room, the fascinating old Dutch cupboard, purchased in Virginia but with definite Pennsylvania beginnings, came out from under a coat of barn red in all its pine glory. On one of her antique "benders," it seems, Mrs. Donovan is



Fitting entrance to a collector's dream house



Look what a weakness for braided rugs produced!



Mrs. Donovan braided it as background for her treasures



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Grandmother's Lady's chair in a gay new slip cover is very much "at home" in this charming room

Game

accused of buying a "barn full of beds," which purchase has furnished the lovely bedrooms of this oldest house in fine and proper style. In daughter Nancy's room, among other things, two neighbors from Maryland, the bed and cherry chest, are quite happy with a cherry blanket chest from Kansas. In Mrs. Donovan's room, there's another blanket chest, this one, her great grandmother's. This, too, emerged from under several coats of that red paint our ancestors loved with such a passion. Lovely old quilts add a note of authenticity to these rooms.

Nothing is impossible. You can see that being a nomadic Army wife needn't stop one from collecting. After all, furniture is a necessity, and there's no closed season on antique hunting wherever you may be.

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IT'S probably cold, bleak, and stormy outdoors, which means it's a fine time to have the crowd in for a waffle supper. What's more, no good party could be easier than this one, done buffet style. You can borrow what you don't have in the way of electrical equipment—for instance that bride across the way who was snowed under with grills and whatnot—and then set up a snappy, strictly informal table. Our waffle recipes won't do you any harm, either, for they tell you a few tricks that are out of the maple syrup class, if you want a change.

We wish we could have shown you our table in color, but since that was technically impossible we'll just describe. The cloth is a handsome gray linen with two white stripes smartly embroidered in the same gray. Informal pottery, the kind you probably have anyway, is a deep bright blue, nice with polished silver and positively gleaming chromium. Tall red candles at the end of the table, and ivy on the wall take care of the decoration without using valuable food and drink space. The arrangement is simple, orderly and planned to make it easy for guests to help themselves. And we put the dessert, along with extra coffee, on a separate little table to avoid confusion.

If you are of the old school when it comes to waffles, have the sou cream ones (or those with orange rind for a slight variation in flavor) and serve with them the traditional sausages as you see in our grill back there where the hungry man is helping himself. But if you'd like



M. Demarest

PLEASE

Something different and a little more hearty, use the ham waffle recipe for which you put creamed eggs. A nice idea after a hard day on the job or toboggan slopes. Lots of steaming coffee goes with this main course, as well as with the dessert if you like. You see part of our office staff about to "dive in," and their happy, smiling faces (between nine and five, too) prove that the food's good and all is well. After such a supper, especially if it follows any outdoor sporting activity, your guests may want just to sit and talk and have another cup of coffee. However, should they turn the tables on you and be lively instead of lulled into relaxation, let them play some parlor games. You can take your choice of brain teasers and such—if they're feeling bright, witty, and ready for mental acrobatics—or games that call for more action than thought. Or you might let them work up extra-special appetites by action games before supper, then see how smart they are later on in the evening. But whatever happens, *you* can have a good time, too, at this easy self-serve affair. There's a little preparation, to be sure, but if you get everything well organized beforehand, you can let the waffles fall where they will and the guests look after themselves.

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• sour cream waffles



• orange waffles

General Electric



• ham waffles with creamed eggs

Universal



Toastmaster

• seasoning waffle bakers

1. Plug cord to appliance outlet. If baker is automatic, set control button to "medium" or "bake."
2. When waffle baker is heated (approximately 8-10 min.; signal light tells time on automatic ones), apply a thin coating of warm, unsalted vegetable oil over the entire surface of each grid with a pastry brush.
3. Close and leave connected for 10 min. (non-automatic ones should be turned on and off at intervals during this time).
4. Disconnect—allow to cool. Grids are now conditioned for use.

● sour cream waffles ("quickie")

Preparation time: 15 min.

1 cup sifted flour
1 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. soda
¾ tsp. salt

1 egg, separated
1 cup thick sour cream
¼ cup milk
3 tbsp. melted fat

SIFT together flour, baking powder, soda, and salt. Mix beaten egg yolk, sour cream, milk, and fat, and combine with dry ingredients. Fold in stiffly-beaten egg white. Bake in preheated waffle iron until brown and steam no longer comes from the iron (approx. 3 to 3½ min.). Makes 2 average-sized waffles. Crisp and crunchy! The family will want more of these.

Use this as a basic recipe and add grated cheese, nuts, fresh or canned corn, bananas, or diced crisp bacon to give interesting variations.

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● orange waffles

Preparation time: 15 min.

2 cups sifted flour
3 tsp. baking powder
2 tbsp. sugar
½ tsp. salt
⅓ tsp. nutmeg

3 eggs, separated
1½ cups milk
¼ cup melted shortening
1 tsp. grated orange peel

SIFT flour, baking powder, sugar, salt, and nutmeg together. Beat egg yolks thoroughly, add milk and shortening; then pour into flour mixture and beat until smooth. Add orange rind and fold in stiffly-beaten egg whites. Bake in preheated waffle iron until brown (approx. 3 to 3½ min.). Serve with orange marmalade. These waffles are very light and fluffy. Makes 3-4 average-sized waffles.

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● ham waffles (left-over)

Preparation time: 30 min.

2 cups sifted flour
3 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
1 tbsp. sugar

2 eggs, separated
1½ cups milk
½ cup melted shortening
1½ cups ground baked ham

SIFT flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar together. Beat egg yolks, add milk and shortening; combine with dry ingredients. Blend in ground left-over ham and fold in stiffly-beaten egg whites. Bake in preheated waffle maker until brown (approx. 3 to 3½ min.). Serve with creamed eggs spooned over the waffle.

creamed eggs:

6 hard-cooked eggs
2 tbsp. shortening
½ onion, chopped
4 tbsp. flour

2 cups milk
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. white pepper

Remove shells from eggs and cut each egg into six pieces. Heat shortening in frying pan. Cook onion but do not brown. Remove onion; make a sauce of shortening, flour, milk, and seasonings. When thickened, add the eggs, heat thoroughly, and serve over the waffles. This is a delicious luncheon dish. Makes 3-4 average-sized waffles.

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● care of waffle baker

AFTER baking waffles, disconnect the waffle baker and leave the cover open until it cools. This prevents discoloration of the grids.

It is not necessary to clean the grids except after long use. If they become discolored or heavily coated, clean with a stiff wire brush when the grids are hot. After cleaning, apply vegetable oil to the grids lightly as you do in seasoning them.

Wipe outside surface with a damp cloth; polish with a soft dry cloth.

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FOREST HILLS, N. Y.: Do you clip recipes and household hints, or jot down things you wish to remember, and hide them so well that you can't find them? To keep such useful items handy, so that they might really be used, I bought an inexpensive picture frame at the dime store, and two cork place mats which I inserted in the frame. I have it near the door of my room, and many is the errand I have finally done because the note has been right before my eyes. Such a bulletin board would be most apropos, too, in a young girl's bedroom, for her invitations, favorite snapshots, and party favors.—**JUNE C. ORTGIES**

KALAMA, WASH.: If you live in an area where tree or log moss grows abundantly, use it as the foundation for unusual and natural-looking bouquets. Arrange it on a flat dish; an old glass sandwich or cake plate can be utilized, or one of the shallow, oblong dishes. Delicate, short-stemmed flowers can be stuck directly into the moss, or it can be used to cover the frogs holding heavier blossoms. If kept damp, both the moss and the flowers will last for several days without withering.—**MARIAN RAINS**

LOGANSPOUT, IND.: A handsome piece of living-room furniture, thoroughly modern, has replaced a piece that was definitely "dated" and, at little expense. We removed the motor from our old-style phonograph console and fastened the lid down. The panel doors at each end were of burl walnut, too lovely to be cut, so we left them intact and into one end built three deep drawers, and, in the other end, a shelf and a filing cabinet. A shallow drawer was installed at the center, using a piece of burl walnut from the front of the loudspeaker panel. The legs had to be cut down about four inches to make it desk height, and the cross-piece removed. For an "outmoded" piece of furniture, this one has been brought back to useful new life.—**EDITH KOONS**

LAGUNA BEACH, CALIF.: An officer of our garden club instituted an appropriate series of parties when she invited us to luncheon, with instructions to bring flowers and vases. She used as a theme for that meeting, "Color," and after we had completed our individual bouquets, each arrangement was analyzed and discussed. Later meetings emphasized the use of succulents, arrangements based on reflections, and wild flowers.—**LILIAN YENDES NEFF**

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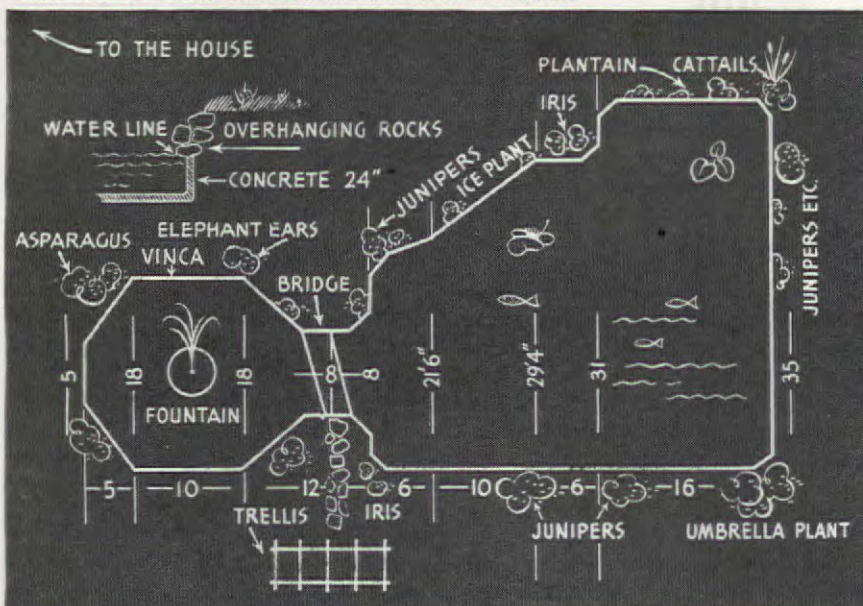


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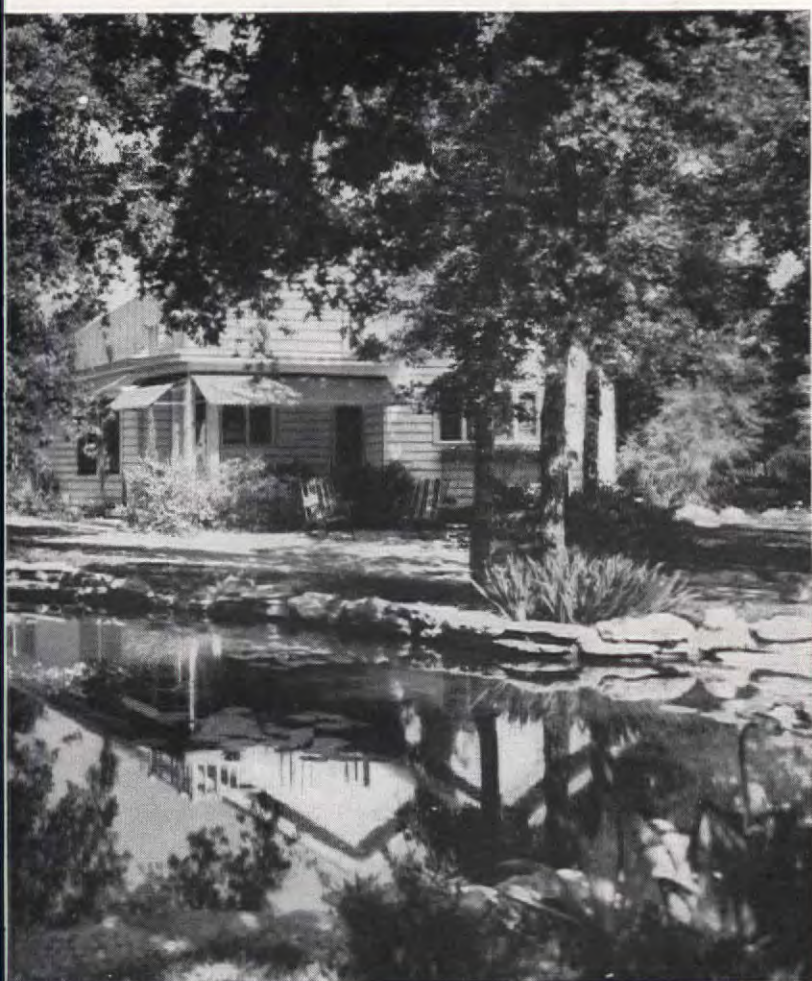
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Most of the photographs show small fry in a seventh heaven of dough and frosting. Rolled cookies are considered great fun, and with a little adult help they do very well. I don't know whether it's the aprons they wear, the vast number of cookies they eat, or the ones they take home to show mother, but all the children like to come over to our kitchen on Saturday morning. And it's already a tradition that my own children

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Graphs, Bill Fitzgerald

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Sketch by Herbert Marsden



Philip Gendreau

—COLDS!

JULIETTA K. ARTHUR

nish. Because games and magazines are germ-laden after being handled by a cold sufferer, they are burned along with the paper utensils after use. Another precaution we take at our house is to give the person with a cold a newspaper all to himself—a real treat, with a competition for the page of all-important funnies!

Along with rest in bed at the first signs of a cold, have plenty of water, fruit juices, and other liquids and eat lightly of only simple foods on the vitamin side rather than sugar and starch side. If you think you need a laxative, take one. A hot footbath and a hot drink such as lemonade, are good, provided you get right to bed and cover up. Take your doctor's advice about medicines: probably he will tell you that certain gargles and steam inhalations will relieve discomfort. And never forget the unpleasant fact that every sneeze means thousands of droplets traveling at about two miles a minute, some of which stay alive in a room for as long as two days—so sneeze into a disposable tissue or handkerchief that will be boiled before being touched by others.

SOME 200,000,000 colds happen every year, causing more stay-at-homes from work and school, at the rate of about 25 to 1, than any other disease. There is no definite, "guaranteed" method of prevention—this in spite of millions spent on research—but there are a lot of things you can do to make them fewer, shorter, and a great deal less severe.

If a member of your family has a cold, one of the best things you can give is the "picnic treatment," my niece's colorful way of describing the isolation and rest in bed that should go with every cold. I have a kitchen shelf set aside for what we call "cold picnics," stocked with paper cups, plates, spoons, napkins, and such, bright and varied in design as the dime store can fur-

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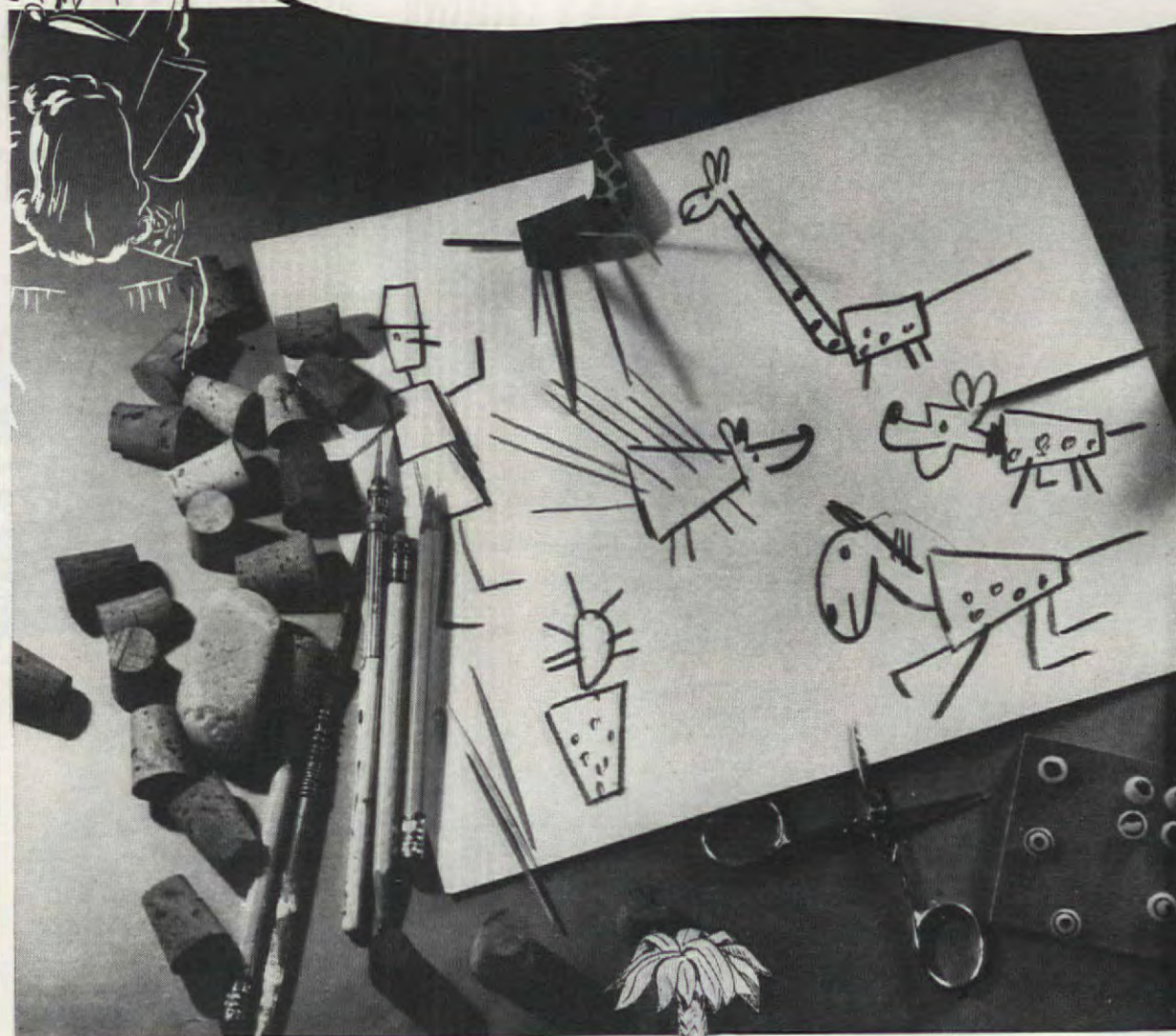
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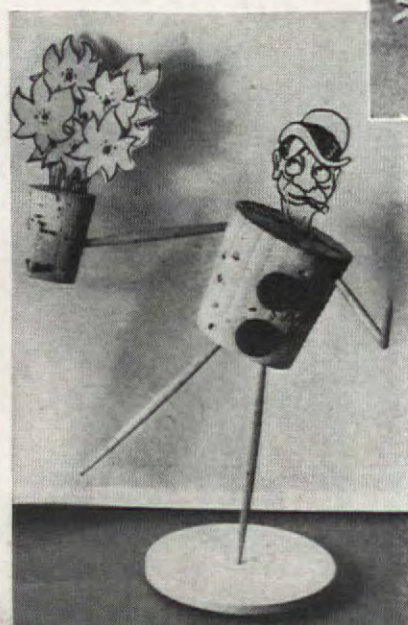
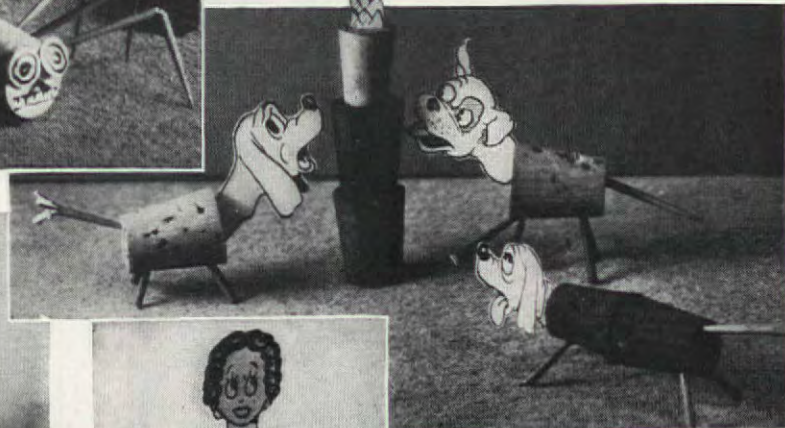
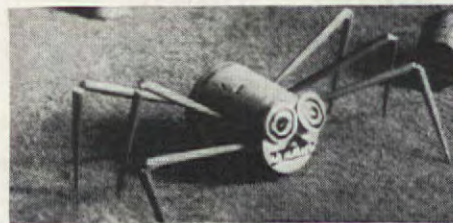
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hand and your creative sense in
the other and see what happens!



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COURAGE, lady, courage! You can do as good a job and find as much fun arranging flowers as anyone! There's been a Neo-Japanese school rampant in this country, but pay no attention to that. There is nothing scary or unattainable about art in any medium, but there are a few fundamental rules that apply in every phase of it. The Japanese happen to be famous for applying them to the arrangement of flowers. There is a very important contribution but nothing to be enslaved by or mimicked. No school of art is, when you come right down to it.

Merely applying the rules brings about nothing remarkable. It's the originality, the spontaneity, that matter. You may want to do something restrained and tranquil, a moment of rest in a mad world; well, go ahead! Other times you may want your arrangement to be whimsical, or robust, or daring, or sweet, or funny. Go ahead with that, too. Don't be awed by the rules of flower arranging as laid down by this or that authority, but here are some that seem to apply to any medium of art.

1. *Balance of line.* There should be three distinct points in any arrangement. The Japanese idea we've heard, is that these three points are man, earth and heaven. That may be—it sounds reasonable enough to imaginative people. You'll probably find more satisfaction in the arrangements you do that conform to this rule, anyway; it keeps the thing within bounds and prevents it from becoming monotonous, without getting jumpy. There is a good example of its application in Picture



Drawings by the author

For slender space,
Mary Stechman's
candlestick twined
with bittersweet and
tiny chrysanthemums



Above, heavy colors are
carried high to balance
windows. Right, good pro-
portions between contents
and container. And below,
the fun of experimenting

2. *Massing of color.*
This makes sense, like a
well-organized speech. If
you scatter your colors
they detract from one an-
other and make a busy im-
pression, because no one pre-
dominates anywhere and the
eye is drawn hither and yon in-
discriminately. Massed, they
make a well-defined picture.

3. *Balance of weight.* Weight
in flowers is measured by color;
the darker ones are the heavier.

USE 'EM!

These, therefore, find their logical place at
the base of the arrangement. It may seem
rank heresy, but sometimes it's more effec-
tive not to be logical about this. There
may be a light wall to cope with, or a win-
dow. Light colors lose power in such cases.

4. *Size of arrangement.* There are rules
of exact measurements of the container in
relation to the size of the arrangement. But
they should not be hard and fast; it de-
pends on the point you are emphasizing.

5. *Uneven numbers.* It is customary to
use flowers in groups of threes, fives, sevens,
and so forth. I cannot explain this rule,
but by following it one avoids monotony.

Try working out some of these principles
as a starter. As you progress you'll realize
more and more how much you can learn by
studying other people's good arrangements
in the light of these five basic rules—ar-
rangements like the ones in the accompa-
nying illustrations. You may not win a prize
with the first attempt, but your arrange-
ments will be much more fun and do you
more credit than stuffing a bunch of flowers
into the largest vase in the house. And
speaking of credits: 1 and 2 are by Freder-
ick C. Frey, Jr., while 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are
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This month it's

Rae C. Taylor

THE best time to give a party is when you're in the mood for one, and Valentine's Day always does a job of inspiring us. The ready-made color scheme and traditional heart motifs are easy to work with, and since Valentines practically have to be paper there's no great decorating expense involved in even the fanciest effect. And then we can't resist such a golden opportunity for "little girl, little boy" romance, exchanging Valentines just as you did when you were back in the third grade.

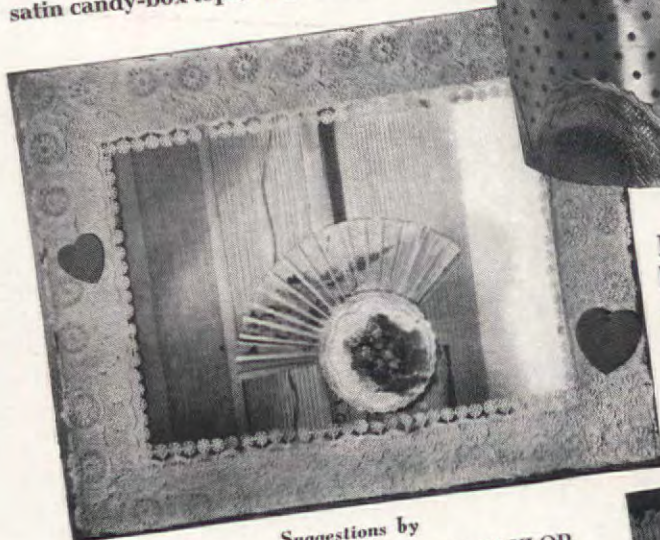
ELINOR SCOVILLE sent us the first one, a regulation "Be My Valentine" party. The activity centers around the hat-box Post Office, much trimmed up with lace paper doilies, red satin ribbon and hearts. By doing a little propaganda work before the party, hinting that Jack has made the funniest and Alice the flossiest one, you'll have the rest of the crowd trying to better both of them. Be sure you have a quick-thinking postmaster, and just in case there might be a couple of little plain girls left without Valentines, make a few extras and drop them



Hearts flutter on walls over picture hooks, and dangle from a few of the window shades. They're just crimson satin candy-box tops, large and small



to the box before any of your guests arrive. In the living room there is a large Valentine shadow-box picture, Helen Quirk's idea for over the mantel. Make a cardboard frame 6 inches wide by simply cutting the middle out of a piece 2½ by 4 feet. Cut frilly white lace paper and glue into halves or oblongs and paste them to the frame. Now take a roll of white corrugated paper and attach it to the wall about 12 inches back of the frame. Bend ends to meet frame, and moor them together with pins and clips. For the actual "picture" use a old-fashioned fan and a vase of tiny flowers, a beautifully dressed doll and small flowering plants, cupids, and birds, or tiny figurines with flowers. Place them between frame and backing. For the dining table the same red and white theme prevails. Use white candles in saucers, securing them with melted wax, and bank red flowers around the base of each. Make a centerpiece in a glass pie pan: small red flowers,



Post Office for Valentines is hat box covered with gay red and white paper. Paper doilies, red ribbons, and hearts decorate it. For over the mantel, lacy Valentine shadow box

Photographs, Maynard L. Parker

Suggestions by
ELINOR SCOVILLE and RAE C. TAYLOR

2-Valentine parties

MY VALENTINE" AND A "SUGARIN' OFF" PARTY

For instance, cut off short, in the form of a heart, with lace paper for a frame. Valentine refreshments are pretty and easy to make, too: heart-shaped cookies or cup cakes, raspberry ice with shredded coconut sprinkled on top, white spread sandwiches decorated with candied cherries, sliced ham spread decorated with tiny hearts cut out of the whites of hard-cooked eggs. Watch the crowd go for them, calory conscious or not. Our other Valentine party, a Vermont "Sugarin' Off," is from RAE C. TAYLOR, who says that old Dan Cupid himself could think of nothing sweeter. That's more, you don't have to live in Vermont to give this version of it.

Invitations are printed on red paper hearts, are sent to the men only, and say that "You and your 'sugar' are invited to a skiing party and Vermont 'Sugarin' Off' . . . P. S. Don't forget your jackknife." They're good send-offs for a party that begins with skiing (or skating or tobogganing) and ends back at your house, where you've set up tables with red cloths, white paper plates with a red paper heart in the center of each, and white coffee cups. And plenty of plain doughnuts and pickles, as foils for the taffy, and your menu is complete. It's quantity rather than variety that counts here.

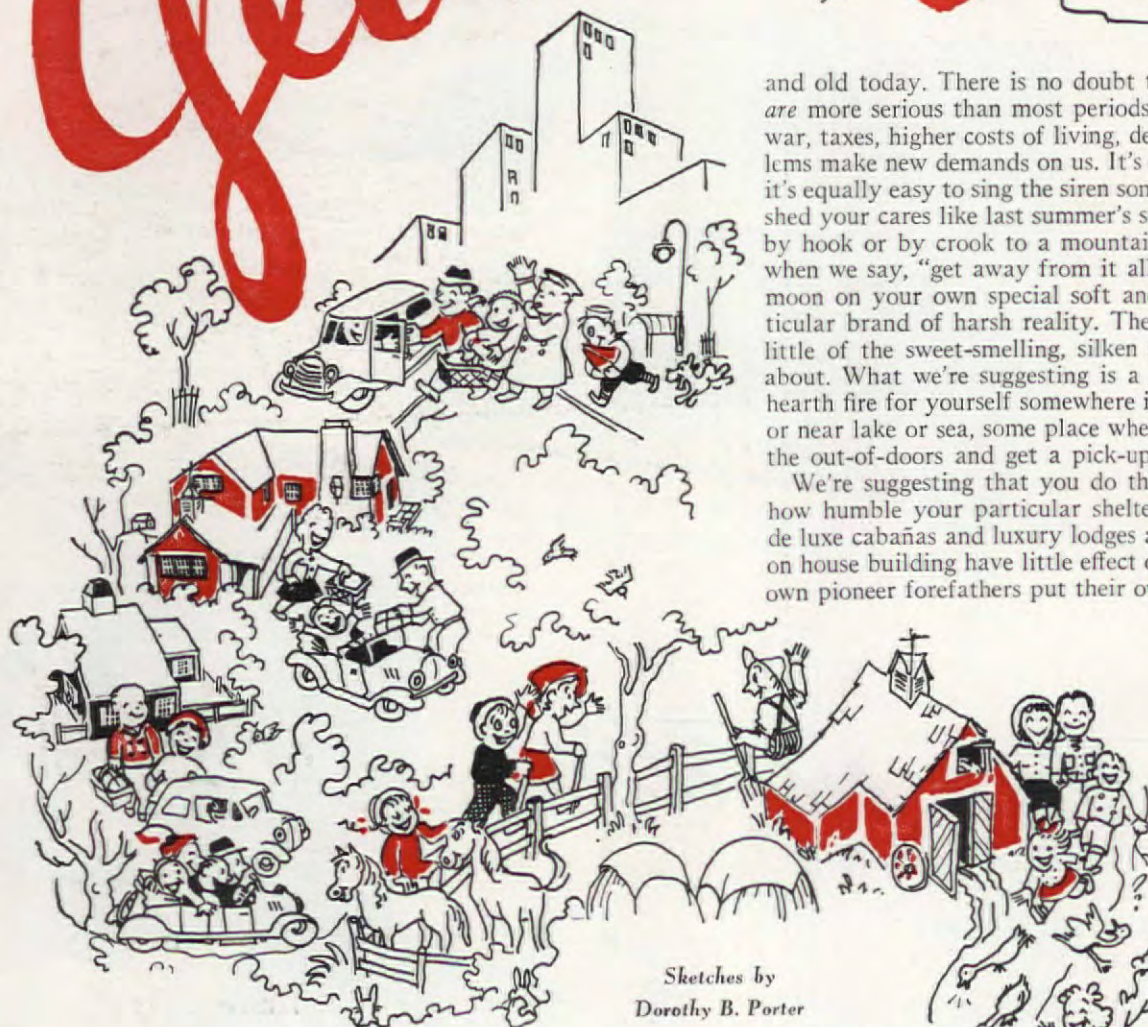
While the men whittle paddles, the feminine contingent goes out into the kitchen to prepare the coffee, and taffy syrup. After the syrup boils a few minutes, test it, and when a spoonful stays on top of well-packed snow, it's ready. The grand finale comes when you put a pan of snow in the middle of the table, and pour the taffy from pitchers, a little at a time as it hardens thickly. Each guest uses his paddle to wind the maple taffy up into a tidy ball. You'll hear lots of noisy proof that they like it. Um-m-m-m!



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Get away from



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and old today. There is no doubt that we're in the thick of it now, these times are more serious than most periods which have gone before. More work, more war, taxes, higher costs of living, defense activities, priorities—myriad new problems make new demands on us. It's easy to present the outlook as a grim one and it's equally easy to sing the siren song of "get away from it all" and entreat you to shed your cares like last summer's sun tan and be whisked away by boat, by bus, by hook or by crook to a mountain-top Shangri La. That's *not* what we mean when we say, "get away from it all," however. We don't offer you a trip to the moon on your own special soft and downy cloud, an escape from today's particular brand of harsh reality. There's little of the soft lights and sweet music of the sweet-smelling, silken school of "glam-oo-r" in what we're talking about. What we're suggesting is a job of work for you—creating a hearth and hearth fire for yourself somewhere in the woods or the mountains, in the country or near lake or sea, some place where you can find the strength and the solace of the out-of-doors and get a pick-up from the day-in, day-out rut.

We're suggesting that you do this yourself and it doesn't matter in the least how humble your particular shelter and hearth may turn out to be. After all, the de luxe cabanas and luxury lodges are "out" today, but priorities and restrictions on house building have little effect on log cabins or simple frame structures. Your own pioneer forefathers put their own roofs over their heads and built their own

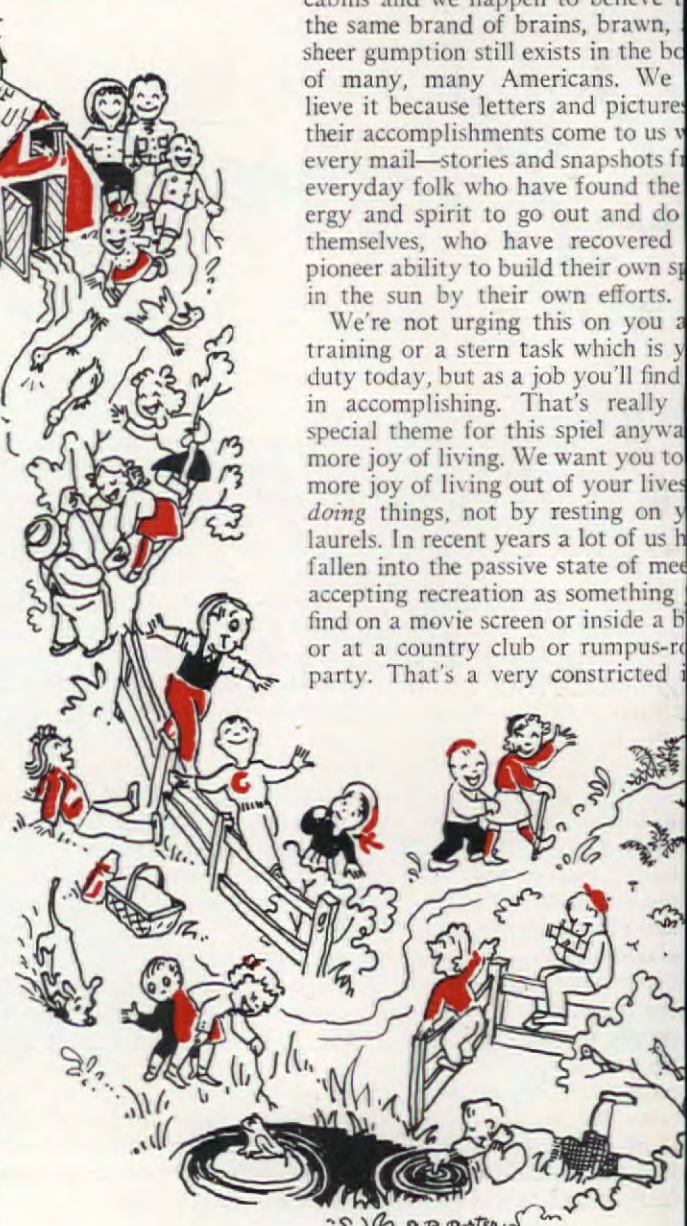
cabins and we happen to believe that the same brand of brains, brawn, and sheer gumption still exists in the bones of many, many Americans. We believe it because letters and pictures of their accomplishments come to us every mail—stories and snapshots from everyday folk who have found the energy and spirit to go out and do themselves, who have recovered the pioneer ability to build their own space in the sun by their own efforts.

We're not urging this on you as a training or a stern task which is your duty today, but as a job you'll find in accomplishing. That's really a special theme for this spiel anyway—more joy of living. We want you to have more joy of living out of your lives doing things, not by resting on your laurels. In recent years a lot of us have fallen into the passive state of merely accepting recreation as something to find on a movie screen or inside a bar or at a country club or rumpus-party. That's a very constricted idea

FOR a number of years we've turned our February issue over to fun and frolic and have shown you America at play in vacation homes and vacation activities. Log cabins in the Midwest, seashore cottages along East and West coasts and on the Great Lakes, shacks and sheds and shenanigans for week-end and holiday recreation have been the apple of our eye and the object of our affectionate interest. This year, this page serves to introduce more homes—a more novel and varied collection which strikes a wholly new note because they represent more than mere holiday houses—they represent families who have found new ways of living.

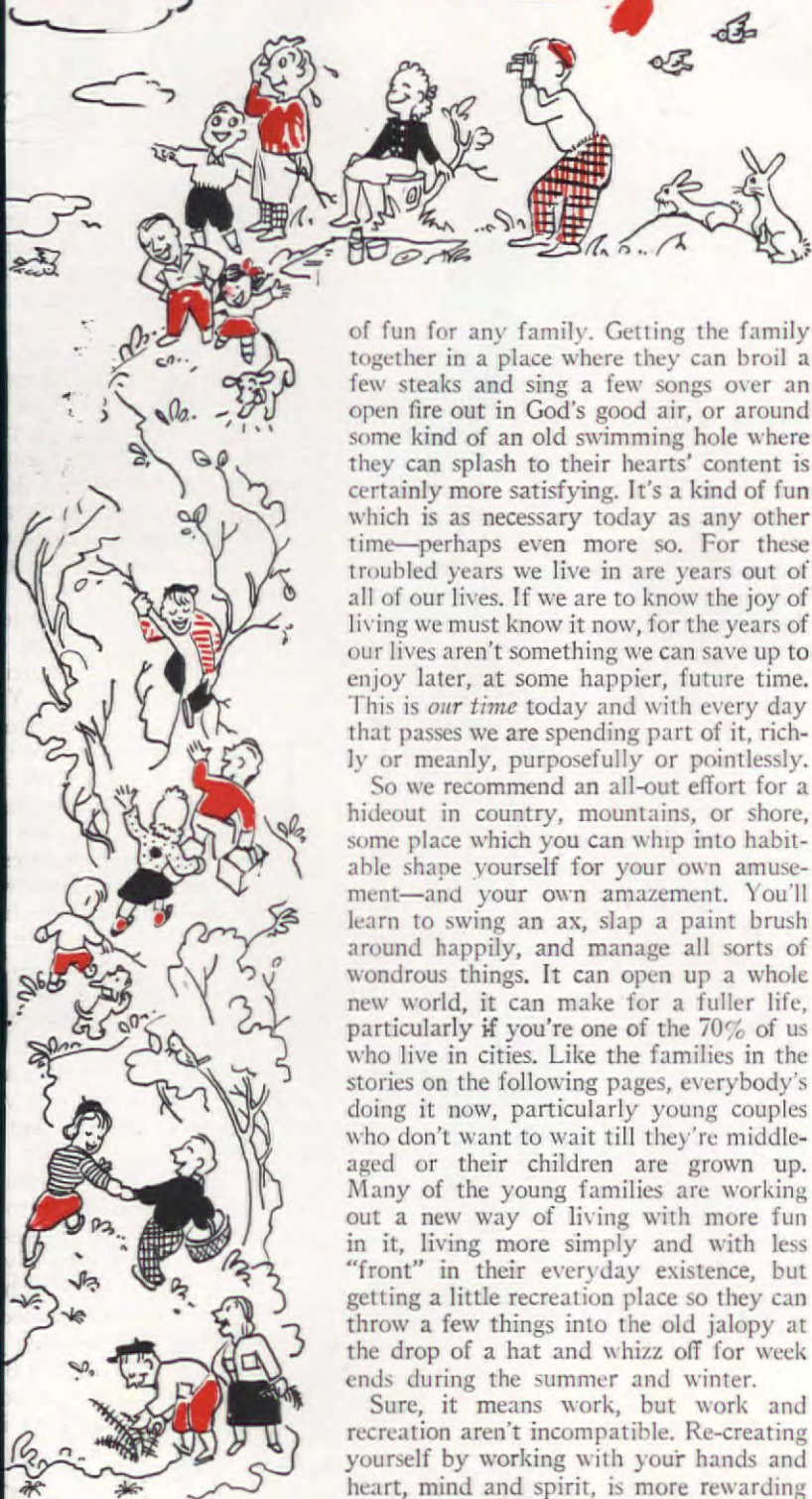
There's the Chinese junk which is the year round home of the Alfred Nilsons; seaworthy enough to have sailed the seven seas and then some, she's a real Junk, the McCoy, if that term can be applied to a Chinese bark. Moored in Long Island Sound off New Rochelle, New York, in winter, the ship is free to wander with its passenger list of three busy boys and their parents come summer. And there is the old Connecticut farmhouse which lured Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Condon to the country and stole their hearts away through the work and nurturing care it inspired. There's Sara Goodrich's Vermont cabin which had the droops for fair and which was presto changed into something pretty keen. There's the eye-opening story of Constance Wash's wonderfully attractive, wonderfully inexpensive California home, which she fixed up so cleverly with ex-junk, and there's also the gay little red farmhouse retreat of the E. L. Pattons near Pittsburgh, Pa., which serves as a new interest in their lives.

That's the new note we'd like to underscore in showing you these full-time and part-time homes. They're for rest and relaxation, of course, but they represent much more than the old whoopee week-end places. They represent new vital interests for the families who've created them, they've offered opportunities for that most satisfactory of all experiences—self-expression and the sheer joy of "doing." In the plotting and planning, in the conniving and carrying out of actual sweat-of-the-brow work, and in the new activities they offer, these homes have opened up whole new horizons, fresh opportunities for the further development of self-resourcefulness and new capability. We think self-development and new growth are mighty important things for young



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it all!



of fun for any family. Getting the family together in a place where they can broil a few steaks and sing a few songs over an open fire out in God's good air, or around some kind of an old swimming hole where they can splash to their hearts' content is certainly more satisfying. It's a kind of fun which is as necessary today as any other time—perhaps even more so. For these troubled years we live in are years out of all of our lives. If we are to know the joy of living we must know it now, for the years of our lives aren't something we can save up to enjoy later, at some happier, future time. This is *our time* today and with every day that passes we are spending part of it, richly or meanly, purposefully or pointlessly.

So we recommend an all-out effort for a hideout in country, mountains, or shore, some place which you can whip into habitable shape yourself for your own amusement—and your own amazement. You'll learn to swing an ax, slap a paint brush around happily, and manage all sorts of wondrous things. It can open up a whole new world, it can make for a fuller life, particularly if you're one of the 70% of us who live in cities. Like the families in the stories on the following pages, everybody's doing it now, particularly young couples who don't want to wait till they're middle-aged or their children are grown up. Many of the young families are working out a new way of living with more fun in it, living more simply and with less "front" in their everyday existence, but getting a little recreation place so they can throw a few things into the old jalopy at the drop of a hat and whizz off for week ends during the summer and winter.

Sure, it means work, but work and recreation aren't incompatible. Re-creating yourself by working with your hands and heart, mind and spirit, is more rewarding than trying to escape into some dream world where life is just a path of roses or

a bowl of cherries. Today, all of us are developing new self-reliance. The gloomy Guses say we've become soft and flabby and would rather press a button and have our food cooked, turn a dial to get our music, experience our emotions and achievements second hand, through celluloid adventures and romances. They say our minds are movie-soaked and all we seek is the glamor of personal bedizenment and self-indulgence. But the gloomy Guses have always been with us crying Doom and seeing no farther than the ends of their noses. A magnificent new spirit has risen again in our people, the same ability to "take it" that made our country great. Perhaps we are going to have a less well-upholstered life than we've known in the recent past but it's tough times such as these which can help us to find ourselves as individuals and develop our capabilities as well as bring our families together and help us to know each other truly. Perhaps it's the lush times which are really most dangerous. So we say get away from defeatism and rediscover the old pioneer gumption and the great outdoors.

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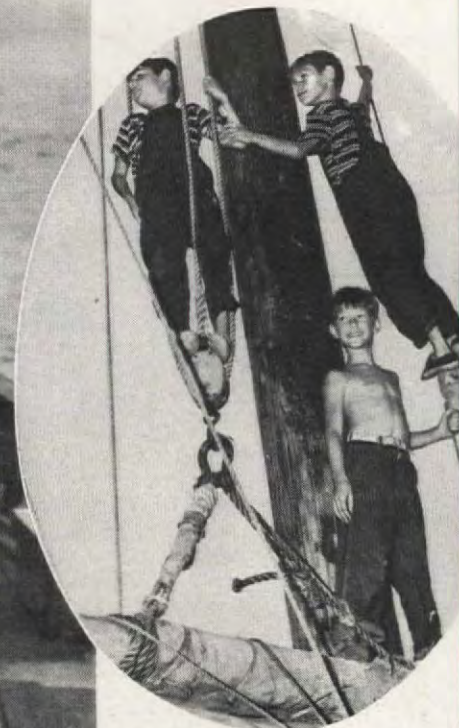


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Mr. Nilson first signed up with AMOY twenty years ago when he put in at San Francisco. It had been sailed across the broad Pacific by a sea-captain builder and his Chi-

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Their Ship Came In



A Chinese shipboard deity, the fisherman's joss watches over the AMOY. Right: A sailor's wife is a happy one



wife. To Mr. Nilson, this was the start of a boy's dream come true. For two years he sailed with them, through the Canal, to South America and the West Indies, then up the East coast. They showed the boat as they went from port to port. When they anchored at Bridgeport, Connecticut, Alfred Nilson became Captain Nilson. The AMOY was his own boat, for keeps.

It was one day while they were showing the boat in Sheepscot Bay that a young lady paid her quarter admission and came aboard. She came again, at the Captain's request, to make some sketches of the junk. Naturally, after his courtesy to her, she had to invite him ashore to her home for dinner. One thing led to another and, well, Rita Nilson says she bought the good junk AMOY and her husband for twenty-five cents! It was a gilt-edged investment.



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For three years, they and a crew of one sailed their junk up and down the coasts, stopping here and there to show the then only Chinese junk in this hemisphere. People flocked aboard to get a look at the fascinating craft. During the eighteen years that they have had the boat, they figure some hundred thousand people have come aboard.

The junk, itself—and junk, by the way, means "matting" because the sails of such craft used to be made from that since canvas was expensive—is seventy feet over all, with a twenty-foot beam. Because she draws very little water, she can sail along like anything where other ships can't go. Once the Nilsons sailed their junk proudly up the Savannah river, two hundred miles beyond sea-going navigation. The city of Augusta, Georgia, welcomed them with open, if surprised, arms! But that's the good AMOY.

And such meals as come out of the tiny galley where Rita Nilson presides when she isn't toiling at the tiller or otherwise being a sailor! Until she came aboard the AMOY that eventful day, her sailing had been limited to canoeing on Sheepshead Bay. It took her about two weeks to come down with a case of sea-fever that she hasn't shaken yet. In her



Young dreams are deeper and sweeter, young appetites are bigger and better on board the very good junk, AMOY!



Interior decoration in Chinese way

odd moments, she organizes taffy pulls for the kids, and around Christmas time they make popcorn balls, and such. And those kids Charles twelve, Bobby nine, and David eight, are the envy of their friends. Imagine, living on a boat. For the last several winters, the AMOY has been anchored off New Rochelle and the boys have attended school, just like any other lads of their age. But come spring, the boat gets a fresh coat of green and white paint and red trim, the anchor is weighed the ox-blood red sails set, and off they go . . . maybe to Gloucester, maybe only to Bridgeport. Right now, it has to be within fair commuting distance of New York, since Captain Nilson is an engineer with WOR. He's been known to commute a hundred and fifty miles. As soon as the sons and heir are able to hold their own, that will be just another phase in a full life, and the whole family will up-anchor and sail the world over if they want to. As to education for the Nilson youngsters, once, very casually on a radi-

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So, maybe the Nilsons are a little "teched" as the world goes. Certainly, if making a business of pursuing the happy life and a prosperous one is any indication, they are—delightfully, simply, and courageously mad. And we don't mean prosperous in terms of dollars and cents, necessarily, understand. What these folk have in their minds and hearts can't be indicated by a dollar sign. And we warn you, if you're allergic to life in the modern manner, you'll never be quite the same either, once you've crossed the gangplank and set foot on the camphor-wood deck of the AMOY. When rent day comes around, when you have to pay the electric light bill or burn



candles—then you'll begin to wonder just who is the maddest. When you get shoved around in the city, when you have to drink acidophilus milk to drown the butterflies in your alimentary canal, you'll remember the peace of mind you ran into on this strange and wonderful craft. And we think you'll begin to understand, faintly, why the Nilsons live and have their being on that curious Chinese junk, of all places!

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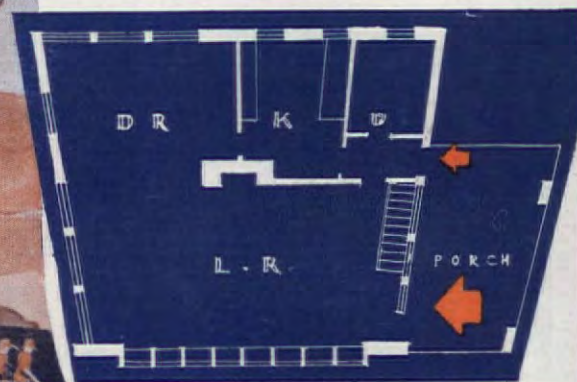
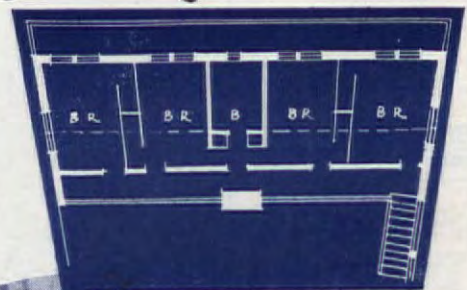
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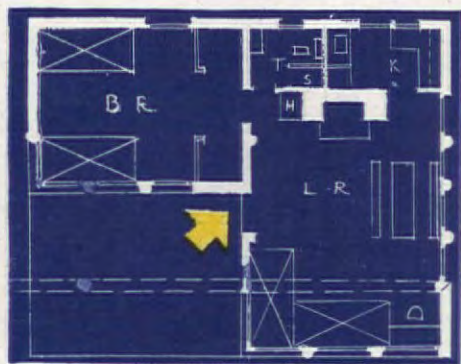
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ou'll say you're roughing it—not fancy orussy comfort, really, but just enough toallow you to enjoy the fun, food, and out-door frolicking you came to enjoy.

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and door frames are heavy plank construction with the debarked, naturally-weathered logs fitted to them. Bath and kitchen are behind the fireplace (there's a space heater, too) and generous-sized bedroom and living room have built-in equipment which makes both rooms comfortable living and sleeping quarters for two to four persons year round.

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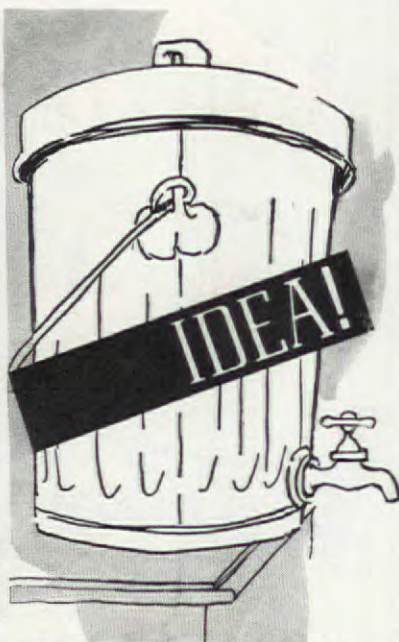
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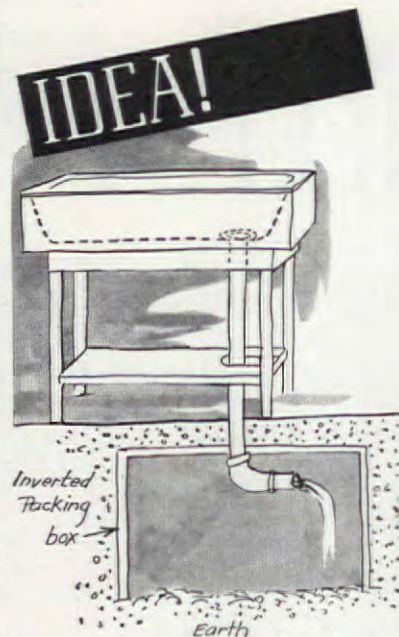
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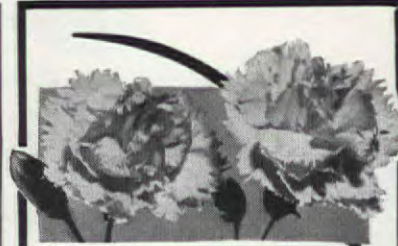


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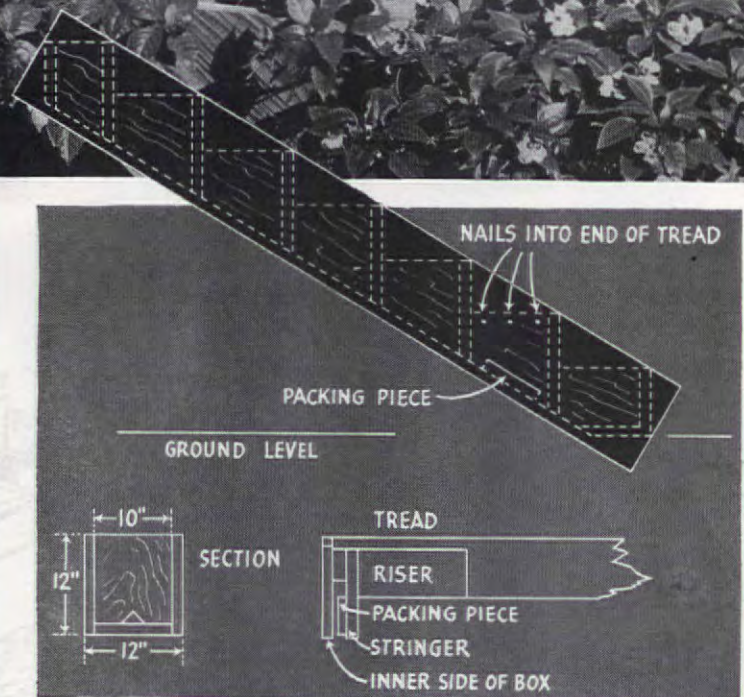
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SHANE RYAN

A STOUT but homely outdoor stairway may not seem like much of an institution, yet the unique flower boxes designed by Charles Shall Sayres owe their existence just such a situation. In this they actually conceal a stair but they could just as well be the regular porch steps. A little oddity garden, fun to make and a grand vacation project. Mr. Sayres was his own builder of this stair treatment, which leads a charming guest apartment, the garage of his California home. The built-on flower boxes provide a happy solution for the problem of softening the stairway lines, for brightly colored blossoms for

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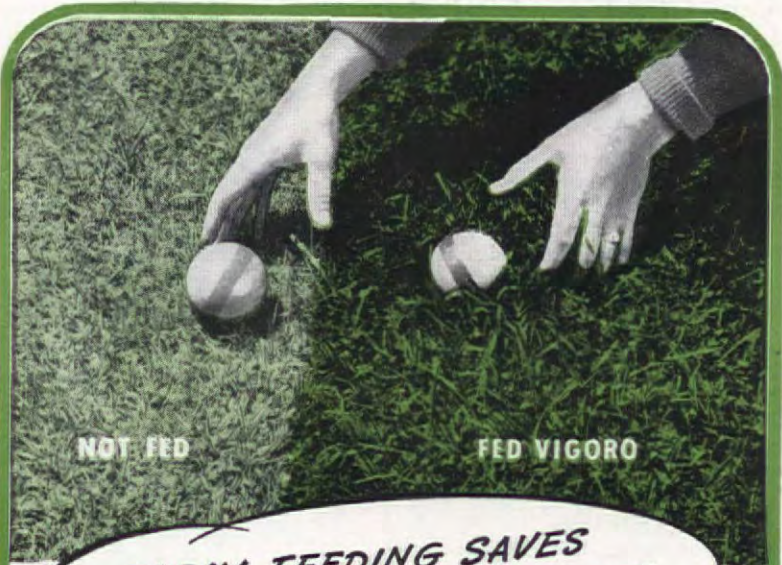
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continuation of the garden, and in no time at all the vines will conceal much of the wood and the open space under the stairway. As a final beautifying touch the stair risers were covered with pieces of unmatched decorative tiling whose colors harmonize with the flowers.

The requirements for these boxes are two 1" x 12" boards for the sides, as long as you wish the row to be; one 1" x 10" of similar length; one piece of 10" x 10" board 1" thick for each riser; and galvanized eightpenny boxing nails. Place one of the 1" x 12" boards along the side of the stairs where the boxes are to be, and mark the outlines of the treads and risers. Then lay it on the other board of similar size, nail lightly to hold them together while sawing, and cut both at the same time (see sketch).

Cut a V in the bottom of each 10" x 10" piece for drainage from one box to another, and nail a 10" x 10" on one long board at each riser, flush at the top. Then nail the second side board to the other ends of the 10" x 10"s. The long 1" x 10" is then nailed up from below to the 10" x 10" divisions, and further secured by nails driven through the sides into the edges of the bottom board. Finally, secure the block of boxes in place by nailing to the ends of the stair treads after placing pieces of wood between it and the stair stringers to admit air and avoid decay. The soil with which the boxes are filled should be rich, contain a good supply of rotted vegetation (humus), and be sandy enough to drain freely. Standing water is anathema to plants, so put gravel in the bottom to keep the hole from being clogged.

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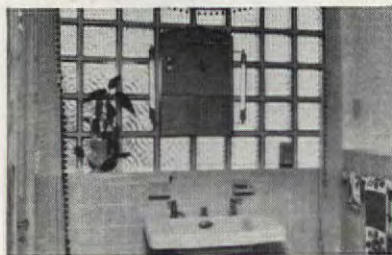
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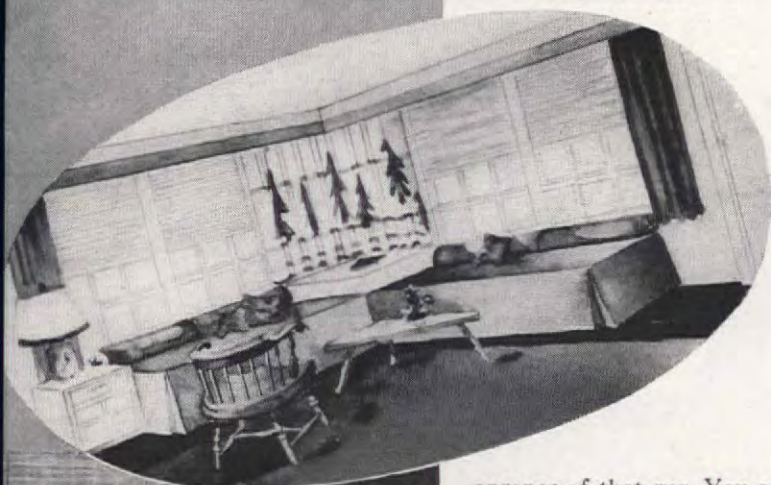
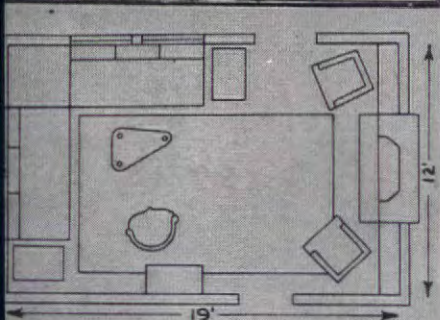
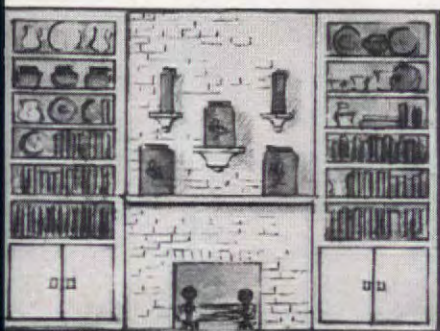
SARA E. GOODRICH

There's nothing like a little penny pinching and brow wiping in a house to make it home, especially when you start with and from nothing very much and wind up with something that's pretty wonderful and very ego-flattering



ALL happened in the merry, merry month of May, this great doing-over of ours. To tell you we refurbished a dowdy room into one that is a delight, on twenty yards of potato sacking, tremendous bundles of cotton rags, a few packages of dye and the contents of a penny bank, may sound like a ragman's holiday. But it's our proud tale of our pinch-penny parlor in Vermont and we'll stick to it, nay shout it from the thimble-sized roof of our cabin. There it sat, that May morning, among great pines, overlooking a lake. But the "furnished" interior! Here certainly was a "before" that pined for an "after." So we went to work.

First of all, we salvaged the "possibles"—two ladder-back chairs which we placed by the fireplace, an old Governor Winthrop desk, crude but beautiful, a sturdy bar-room chair and two cot-size springs on legs. The "impossibles" made swell kindling! Now take a look at the floor plan and



you'll see what we did by way of arrangement. Barn red, April green, and neutral bur-lap beige were our colors, with black and slate-blue thrown in for accent here and there.

Then the real work started. The masculine duties consisted of painting the walls and brick fireplace in neutral beige; the floors, barn red, along with the bar-room chair. As for the desk, that got bleached. The end-table cabinets, coffee table, and fireplace bookcases were all home-made. We pickle-pined them and gave them a shellac and wax finish. Red lined the bookcases, the finishing touch.

As for the labors of the distaff side, draperies of pine-tree appliquéd bur-lap had to be made, the April-green slip covers and a large hooked rug, and did we pity the postman,

apropos of that rug. You see, we sent twenty-five post card requests for scraps to as many friends. For the next several weeks, Uncle Sam's messenger lugged bundles of old stockings, petticoats, pajamas, and even long-legged underwear to our door. We dyed them a soft green and after they had been cut and rolled into balls, we had a "hooking" party.

There is a gay modern note in this little room in Vermont, in spite of the traditional furniture; however it hasn't offended any of the natives who outlaw modern on general principles. Maybe because our homespun parlor is a product of two New England virtues—penny pinching and brow wiping. And we do mean pinching and wiping!

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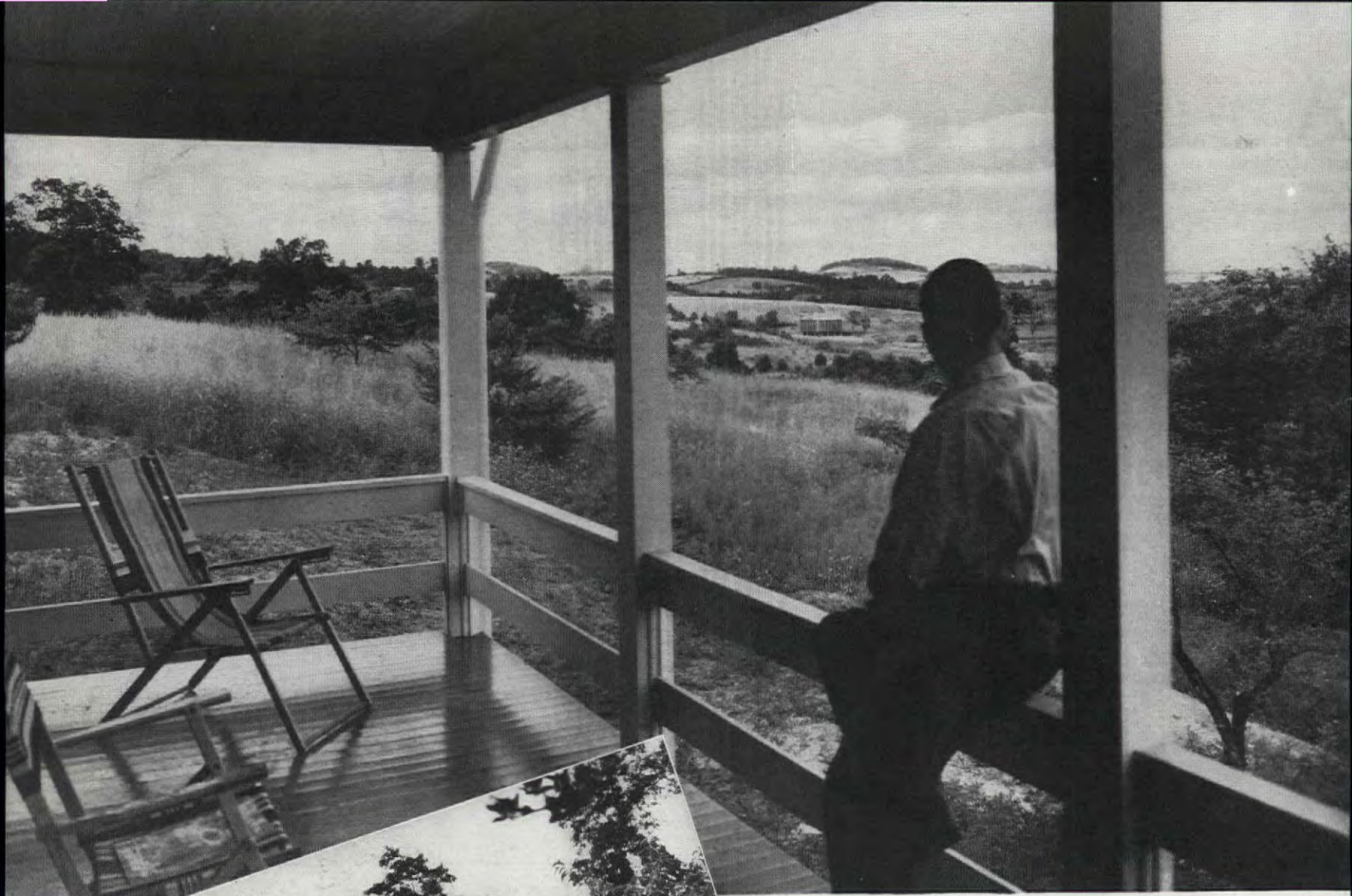
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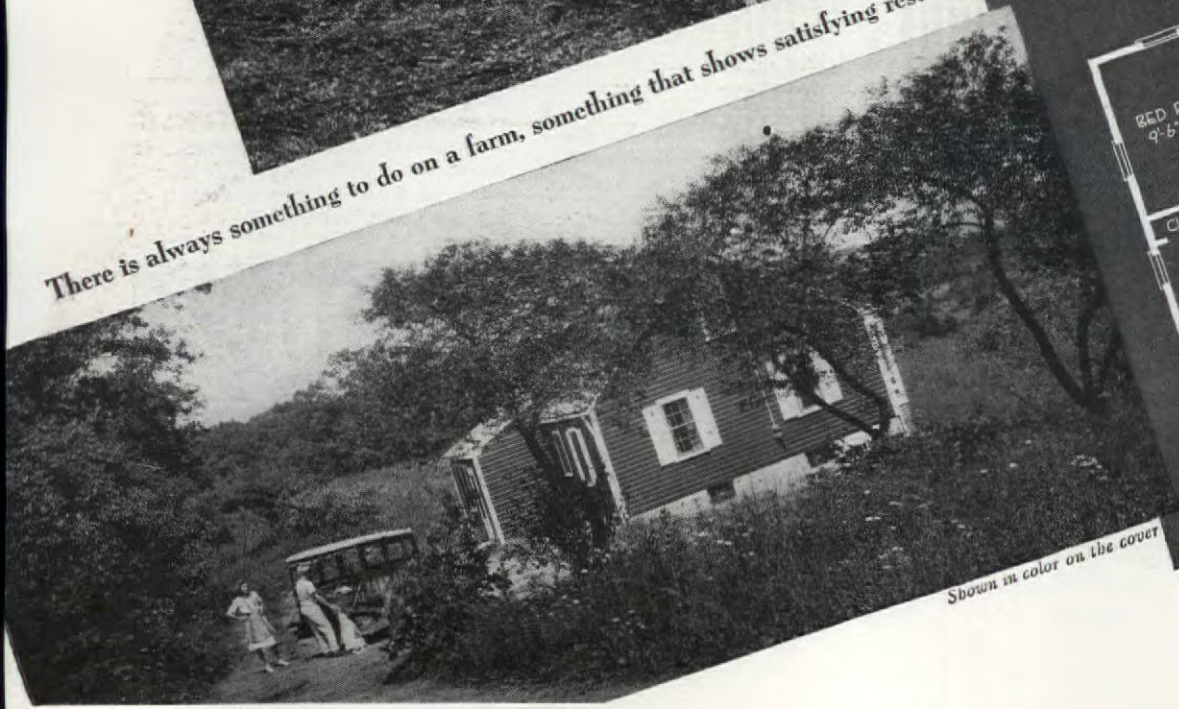
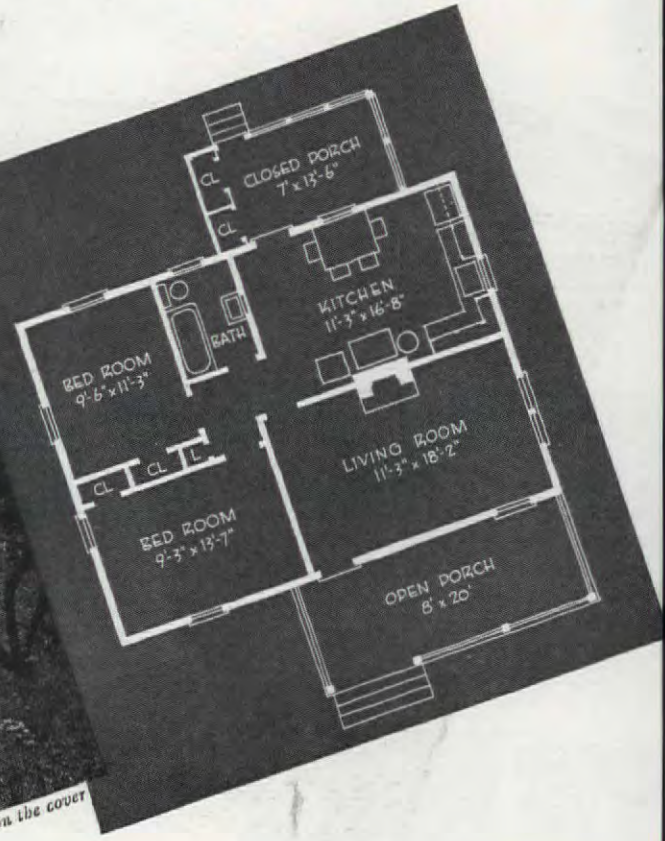
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There is always something to do on a farm, something that shows satisfying results

QUIET IN A



Shown in color on the cover

AS THE world becomes more hectic and uncertain, it becomes increasingly necessary and desirable for human beings to find surcease from the worries and confusion of the workaday week. More and more people in these United States are finding such surcease in the country, in some out-of-the-way corner where, for the week end at any rate, they can find serenity and assurance for the days to come, in peaceful fields and quiet skies and a fundamental simplicity of living that is refreshing in itself.

Just such an impulse prompted Mr. and Mrs. Edward Patton to purchase beautiful rolling acres of farmland some little way out of Pittsburgh, where Mr. Patton's business is located, and to build the little red farmhouse which is a joy and comfort to themselves and their two children every week end, as well as on longer term holidays.

The house is simple and compact, and everything has been done to make it easy for Mrs. Patton to care for it herself. There is electricity, and therefore automatic refrigeration, an electric range, easy to clean itself, and easy on pots and pans besides, modern plumbing, automatic water supply. In the bathroom, Carrara glass has been installed around two sides of the tub, again to make cleaning an easy chore.

On the first floor are a living room, small dining room, kitchen of a good old-fashioned large size, as it should be in the country, two bedrooms, and a bath. The now unfinished space on the second floor some day can be made into more bedrooms if and when they are wanted.

Except for the dining porch, which has walls of plywood, all other walls are of plaster, unpainted, and floors are painted. Good, sturdy maple furniture is used everywhere, curtains are washable cotton piques, printed percales, or texture materials, and scatter rugs, too, are washable, chiefly oval braided rugs in pleasant colors. There are no superfluous decorations, to add to cleaning and dusting burdens. A few plants, a very few ornaments, and a large unframed mirror over the mantelpiece tell the story. After all, the country itself is decoration enough, and the mirror reflects all the beauty without.

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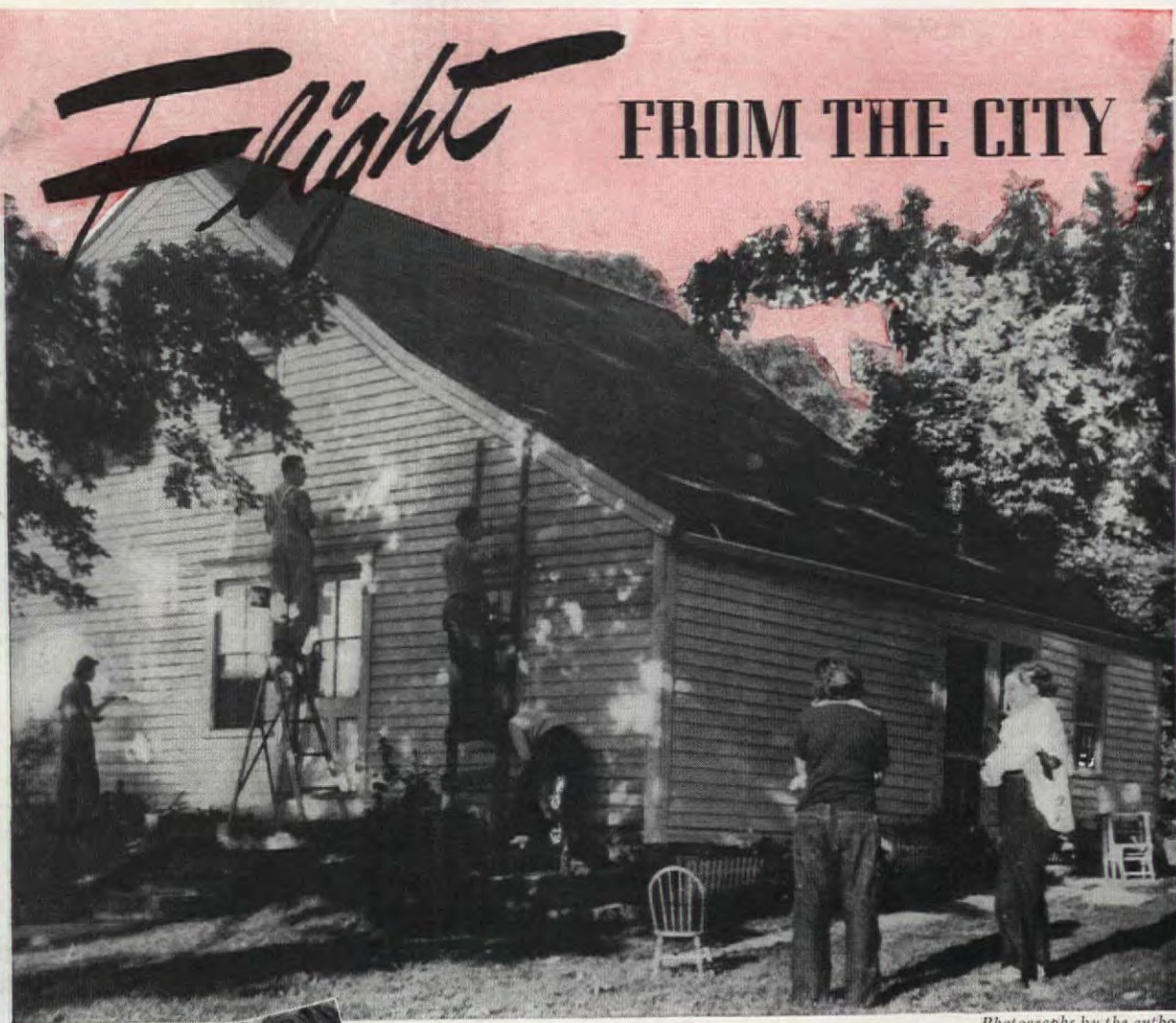
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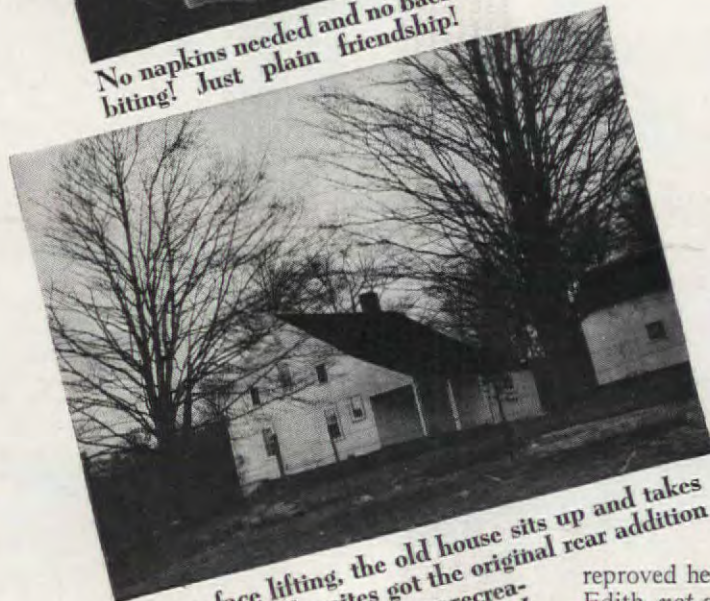
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After a face lifting, the old house sits up and takes
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FRANKLIN CONDON

FROM THE CITY

IT WAS about six years ago that I said to Edith, "I'm tired of
the city—let's buy a place in the country!" With \$1,500 in our
pockets (to us, it seemed ample to buy half the state of Con-
necticut) we pipe-dreamed a scheme to spend \$500 for five acres
and build a small house with the remaining \$1,000. Well, that was six
years ago. If we had it all to do over again—we'd do it all over again!

First steps were the usual Sunday drives to the country compan-
ioned by lunch, our two-year-old, and the "Farms for Sale" section
of the newspaper. At first, any land with trees on it looked good to
us, but after a while we decided on land *with* an existing house on it.
Edith wanted it to be a little white house which was exactly what I

didn't want. (It's getting ahead of my story
but what we got eventually *was* a little white
house.) Our search for suitable land or house
bogged down after a while, though I de-
cided it would be fun to fix up an old barn
while Edith stuck doggedly to that little
white house notion. After we ran an ad de-
scribing precisely what we wanted and got
thirty replies, none of which we wanted, we
took up the search again on our own, a
wiser, more skeptical, but more-determined-
than-ever couple.

Then we found a farm that suited me fine.
The house was hopeless, but the barn was
a splendid thing of enormous hand-hewn
beams. I said, "We'll tear down the house
and use the material to turn the barn into a
house." Edith disposed of that with cryptic
realism, "Don't you think it's a bit ex-
travagant to buy a house just to tear down?"
The revamped barn might suit us fine BUT
what resale value would it have? I sternly

reproved her with, "We are searching for a way of living,
Edith, *not* an investment." The owner asked \$4,000 for the
place and I offered \$3,500. He still asked \$4,000. I tried
again later with \$3,500 and found the price was now \$4,500.
In a rage I let several weeks go by then offered \$3,500 again
and was told the new price was \$5,000. That ended that!
Now Edith, taking over my wavering enthusiasm for the



whole project, tracked down a new prospect. It was nearly dark when we arrived, but at a glance I saw a little white house, a really old salt box. Of course, Edith adored it and all I wanted by then was



For the following two years we lived there during the summer and became very fond of the house, the countryside, our neighbors and the little town, even while going through numerous legal complications over title to the property. I plunged into vegetable raising and though limited by my status as a week-end gardener and by over-ambitious planting, I proudly produced a healthy and prolific crop of broccoli. Our livestock was limited to chickens raised for eating, a cat, a dog, and a drake for fun.



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(The last three played, slept, and ate together.) Finally, we decided to try year-round living in the country, though at first Edith exploded with, "We will live here? You mean I will live here and probably be snowed in all winter!" The original layout of the house was deter-

Things the House Should Have Had But Didn't

| | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Electricity | Fireplace | Cellar ventilation |
| Plumbing | Concrete cellar floor | Exterior paint |
| Bathroom | Insulation | Storm doors and windows |
| Heating plant | Cellar drainage | Screens |
| Septic tank | Kitchen foundation | |

Things the House Did Have But Shouldn't

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Termites | Leaky roof |
| Single flue chimney | Rusted iron flashings |
| Rotted sills | Steep, shaky staircase |
| Loose, cracked plaster | Drafty windows and doors |
| Sloping floors | Damp cellar |

mined by the problem of keeping warm in winter but a central heating system allowed us to open up living space by breaking down partitions, eliminating doors. This led us from one improvement to another. Tons of plaster were taken out, exposing hewn beams; new wide flooring went down, twelve-pane windows were substituted for four-pane ones. After discovering the floor sill and joist of the rear wing rested on the ground and were termite infested, the whole addition was torn down and rebuilt, the house walls and attic ceiling insulated. Installing the new furnace required an excavated pit and eventually a whole new lower, concrete cellar floor. A circulating fireplace unit was bought by sacrificing my collection of old coins. Seemingly endless painting went on all the time and my wife found some wonderful old 19th century wallpapers. With new built-in features the job was finally completed. Now it's a home we really love; we've found a new way of life.



THE END

THE AMERICAN HOME, FEBRUARY, 1942

Dear



F. M. Demarest

Personal Department

← Dear Mrs. Discouraged-at-27:

Providence, R. I.
October 29, 1941

Dear Personal Dept.:

It is impossible for me to go to a beauty shop, but I really do need some advice.

Please tell me how to start losing forty pounds that I've gained since an operation about two years ago. Also, my hair is in the pretty dry, snarly, and lifeless state. And though I am only twenty-seven, I have a discouraging number of fine lines or wrinkles around my eyes, probably due to so much illness.

Can you help me? I'll appreciate any advice you can give me.

Sincerely,
M.B.O'H.

YOUR case is rather a special one, and we do very much want to help you. I should like to see and talk with you, but since that's impossible we'll have to get acquainted via mail. From your letter I can't help but feel that you need a "lift" inside—maybe some new interests if you can manage the time—as well as outside.

Since your weight increase seems to have been caused by the operation, I think you should consult your doctor before doing much in the way of strenuous exercise or diet. However, the attached exercises shouldn't hurt you if done with moderation and common sense. Then, of course, you'll have to look to your diet. Cut the calory intake by eating fresh fruits, vegetables, lean meat, fish not of the oily type, eggs, and milk, and omit potatoes, bread, cream sauces, cake, pie, and so forth. That will give you a healthy basic diet with all the nourishment you need.

Most of us do have fine lines about the eyes, if only from laughter, but perhaps your skin is dry rather than elastic, and therefore the lines are more noticeable. We suggest that you use a mild soap, alternating with a mild cleansing cream. After you have removed the cream, pat on a skin freshener kept in the refrigerator. A night cream may be used occasionally—or any soothing creamy lotion meant for dry skin.

You should brush your hair vigorously every day and keep it very clean, using a shampoo for dry hair. And a good cream brilliantine will make your hair easier to set and will counteract dryness and help make it shiny and lively. Apply it, and then brush your hair, right after washing.

In general, see that you get plenty of sleep—at least eight hours every night—and rest in the afternoon, if only for fifteen minutes. After exercising, especially, it's good to take a short nap, or relax anyway.

One more suggestion: Do you have a hobby? I hope so, because it will make you more interesting and give you more poise and confidence. Anything from making maps to collecting lapel ornaments or knitting. It

This is one of four exercises we suggested for M. B. O'H.: Lie down on floor, "prop yourself up" on shoulders, and do the good old bicycle ride with legs in mid-air. Another is to scissors-kick lying on side on floor, legs straight



doesn't matter at all *what* your hobby is; the point is to do anything that interests you, and do it well.

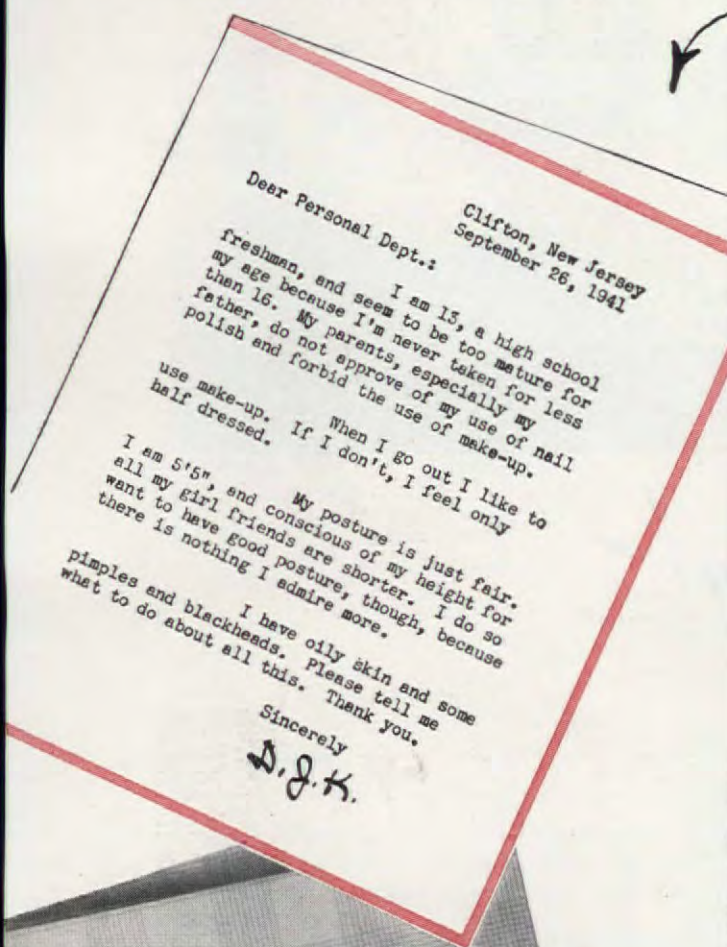
AND here are parts of our "thank you" note from M. B. O'H.: "Your friendly letter meant a lot to me, for I was a little in the dumps. . . . Thank you for your nice little leaflet, 'Party Tips.' I don't go to many parties, but it's wonderful to have that perfect hostess feeling when I'm having company. . . . You said I should have a hobby, too. Well, I've tried short stories, but I guess something requiring less training would be better! . . . Forgive me for taking so much time, but I have no one to talk to like this, and you seem like a very real person. A correspondence friend is a fine thing!"

Dear Too-Grown-Up-at-13:

OF COURSE you have a problem—as do most of us not born to be movie stars! But yours is "in reverse": most girls want to be more sophisticated; you're more mature than average.

We don't want to sound like Grandma, but can't help but say that, being so young, you really don't need much make-up. You probably look just as nice without it, and anyway you have more than enough time ahead of you to bother with it. This does *not* mean that you should neglect your appearance. As for nail polish, I suggest you look into the nice little manicure kits made especially for young girls. They include a clear polish which really is in better taste than a bright color for a high school freshman. You can use powder and a light lipstick for special occasions, but don't use too much or too often. And keep on with your good posture, for it's much more important than how tall you are!

For your skin, first consult your doctor. Be sure to keep it scrupulously clean, using a mild soap with a complexion brush and rinsing thoroughly. Remember to stick to a sensible diet, with lots of fresh fruits and vegetables, and don't be too easily lured by hot fudge sundaes, gravy, and such

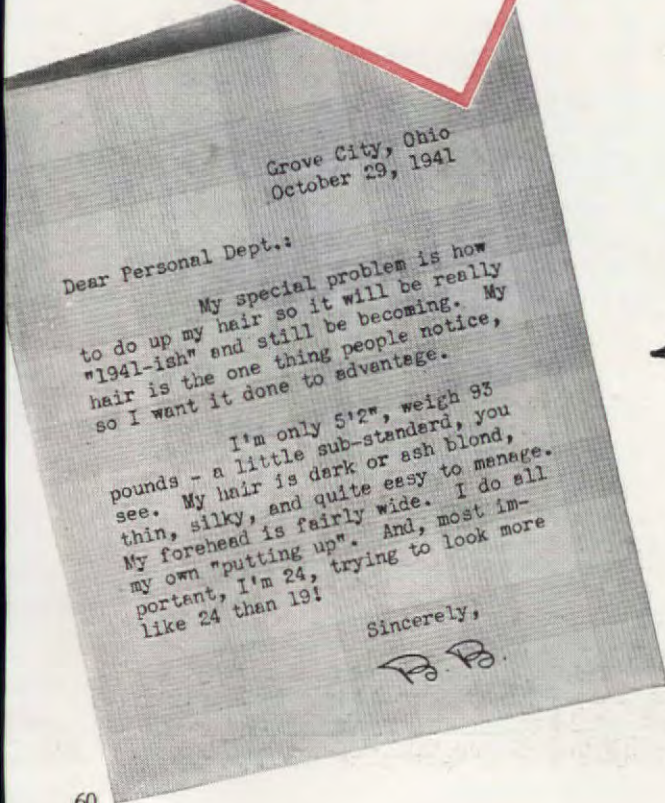


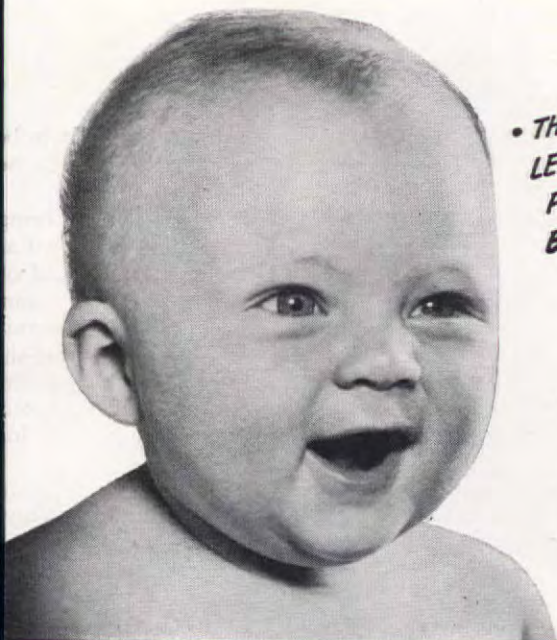
← Dear 24-Trying-Not-to-Look-19:

I'M ESPECIALLY interested because you're "small size" and young, and of course you want to look smart and important instead of *too* young. (My problem is the same type, but my hair is dark and heavy, and looks best pretty straight.) Anyway I'd concentrate on looking snappy, well-groomed and in keeping with your personality instead of worrying too much about the 1941 business.

Try a reverse pompadour on your forehead, top and sides straight to ears, then a loose wave and curls. There's nothing startlingly new about this, but I don't think a tiny person should have too fancy hair or she may look "top heavy." If your hair doesn't have enough body to look well straight on the sides, you might try a short cut. Three inches all around, with soft curls that are dainty and pretty and also supply body that's not there naturally. This style is easy to care for, and becoming to nearly all faces.

P.S. Maybe you could "build yourself up" with cream soups, milk, eggs, butter, lots of fresh fruits and vegetables and so forth—and be sure to exercise to help increase your appetite, to stay firm and fit. And the enclosed leaflet has some more ideas for you





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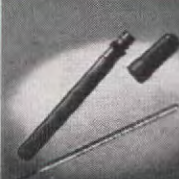
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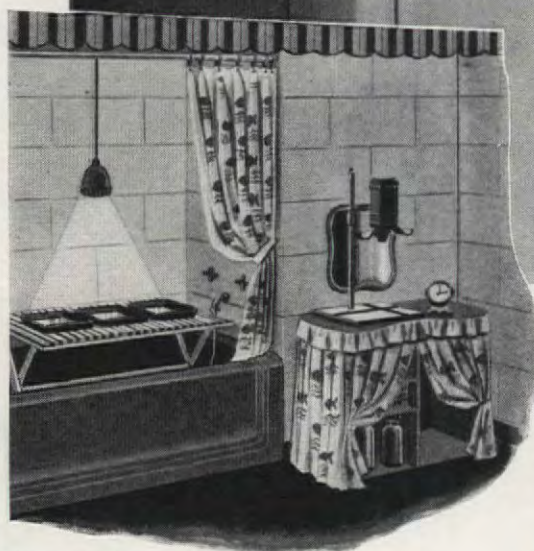
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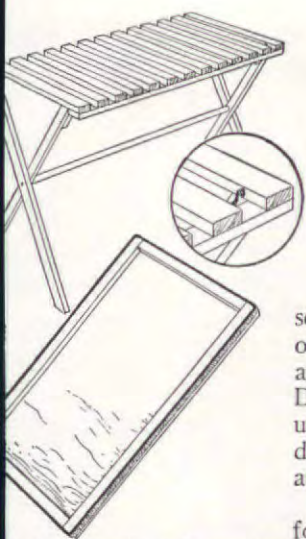
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A DARK CLOSET

EVER hear about the tail wagging the dog? Ever hear about the camera hound who decided he simply *had* to have a bigger house? You know how it is. A man—or a woman either, for that matter—gets a good camera, goes around madly shooting pictures everywhere, and then suddenly decides it would be fun to do his own developing and printing. Numerous tours all over the house follow. How about a dark room here? Or wouldn't this be a better spot? Usually accompanied by violent NO's from the other half of the family. The upshot of it all is that they absolutely *have* to have a bigger house. One preferably with a guest room or a study that could be turned over completely to said camera hound. Or one with at least a porch that could be enclosed, or a basement that could be pressed into service. By that time, all parties concerned begin to realize that photography is a pretty expensive hobby if it's going to involve a whole new standard of living, and decide it might be better to throw the whole thing out the window while there is still time.

Tut! Tut! Don't do that! Plenty of people who in tiny houses or even in apartments manage to have loads of fun with their developing and printing do a good job of it, too. Thanks to modern daylight film tanks, a dark closet is all you need to develop your negatives. Then it is easy enough to black out a corner of your apartment or house and set up an ancient semi-permanent darkroom for printing. "dark closet" may be part of the kitchen, the bathroom, or even the hall closet off the foyer.

Think the kitchen has the best possibilities? Right. Attach the enlarger to the wall in an out-of-the-way corner and when not in use keep it protected from dust and grease with a plicofilm cover. Incidentally, this will give you an extra table when the kitchen is not a darkroom but a very real kitchen. Wire up a good-looking safelight over the table for use for trays. Make a frame to fit snugly into the window and cover it with 1/2" plywood (like a sketch), then line the edges with felt to make it completely light-tight. Use any kitchen clock with a switch.

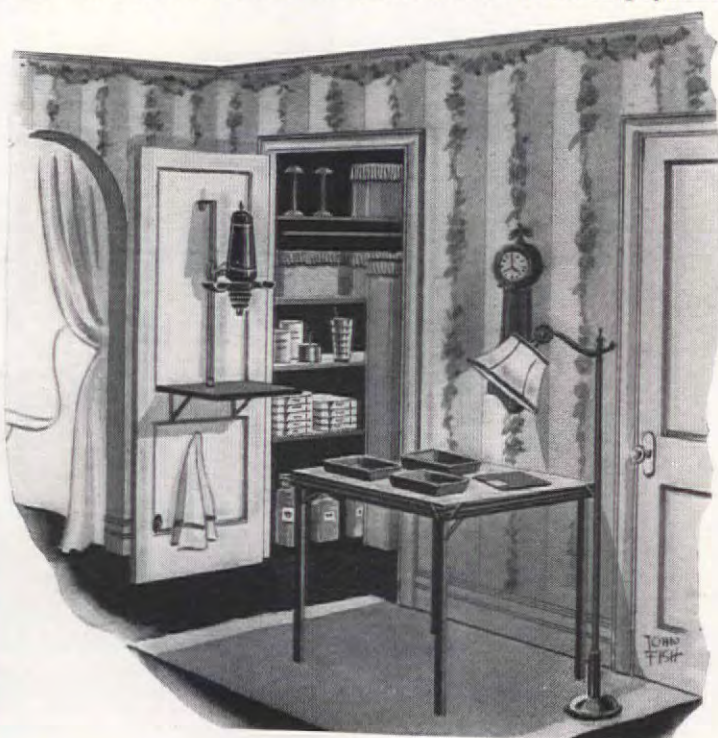


JOHN FISH

second hand for timing exposures. Now take over a cabinet for storing paper, trays, etc., and put solution bottles under the sink. Don't forget to use plenty of newspapers under the trays and on the floor to catch dripping hypo, and be sure to throw them away as soon as you have finished.

If you'd rather use part of a closet in the foyer for a darkroom, it can be done just as

1. Fasten the enlarger onto the back of the door and build in some shelves for your accessories. Pull out a bridge table and set it up in the center to hold trays, and screw a red darkroom light in a bridge lamp. Cover the table and floor with oilcloth, to avoid trouble-making spots and



all YOU NEED!

ns. The chances are there won't be any running water in the foyer, but easy enough to carry the prints to kitchen or bathroom for washing. If place them on a blotter or newspaper you won't drip hypo all over. even the bathroom can do a dual personality job and function as a dark- room. Build a simple folding slat table to stand in the bathtub to hold trays. A good way to build this table is to attach the back leg only (see sketch) and keep the front leg in place by means of a hook inside the first door. Then it can be folded up and put away when not in use. Over the table hang an outlet into which a safelight can be plugged. For storage of paper, trays, etc., build some shelves wherever most convenient, with one section high enough for the enlarger. It's a good idea to put them under a dressing-table, and make the dressing-table skirt of the same material as the window curtain—then it's easy to keep it free of hypo and developer spots. Now don't think that the equipment you buy or build in is going to spoil the appearance and usefulness of kitchen, foyer, or bathroom, or wherever you decide to make your darkroom. On the contrary. The extra lights installed for photographic work will do such a good illuminating job that you'll wonder how you got along without them before. Extra shelves will be useful, always. If you shop for your darkroom accessories with an eye for beauty as well as efficiency, you will find, in all probability, that you have added a lot of decorative value in the process of acquiring a darkroom.

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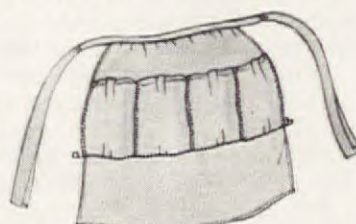


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Sketches by Edna Fowler Mathieson

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As there happened to be another "George" among the guests, a door-knob bore the delicate compliment: "There was a famous man named George—Brown." Not subtle, of course, that one, but then party humor doesn't need to be, for which we hostesses are grateful.

To children in the Hi-Ho-Silver stage of development, there seems to be a rib-tickling funniness about a touch of slapstick:

Georgy-Porgy, Puddin' and Pie,
Chopped a cherry tree, didn't lie!
When he told it to his Paw,
There was no lickin'—Haw, Haw, Haw!

For table decorating ideas, try favors that look like hatchets—of cardboard, with cherry lollipops tucked inside. Have a large "cherry pie" centerpiece from which red, white, and blue paper hats may be pulled out by ribbons running to each plate. And for dessert have an ice-cream "log," with a cookie hatchet set in at a chopping angle.



Illustration by VIVIAN LUNDBERG

Tuck lollipops in hatchet favors

Cherry-pie centerpiece hides hats

Cookie hatchet chops
to an ice-cream log

YOU can start your party fun even before the first guest arrives. We do it by printing amusing rhymes on cards and hanging them from picture frames and such about the living room. No better way to keep the first comers from that becalmed suggestiveness of the Petrified Forest or Barnum and Bailey's Ossified Man, as far as we're concerned. For a Washington's Birthday fair our placards were large rectangles of red and blue bristol board, with the writing in white ink. Verses like the one above and that

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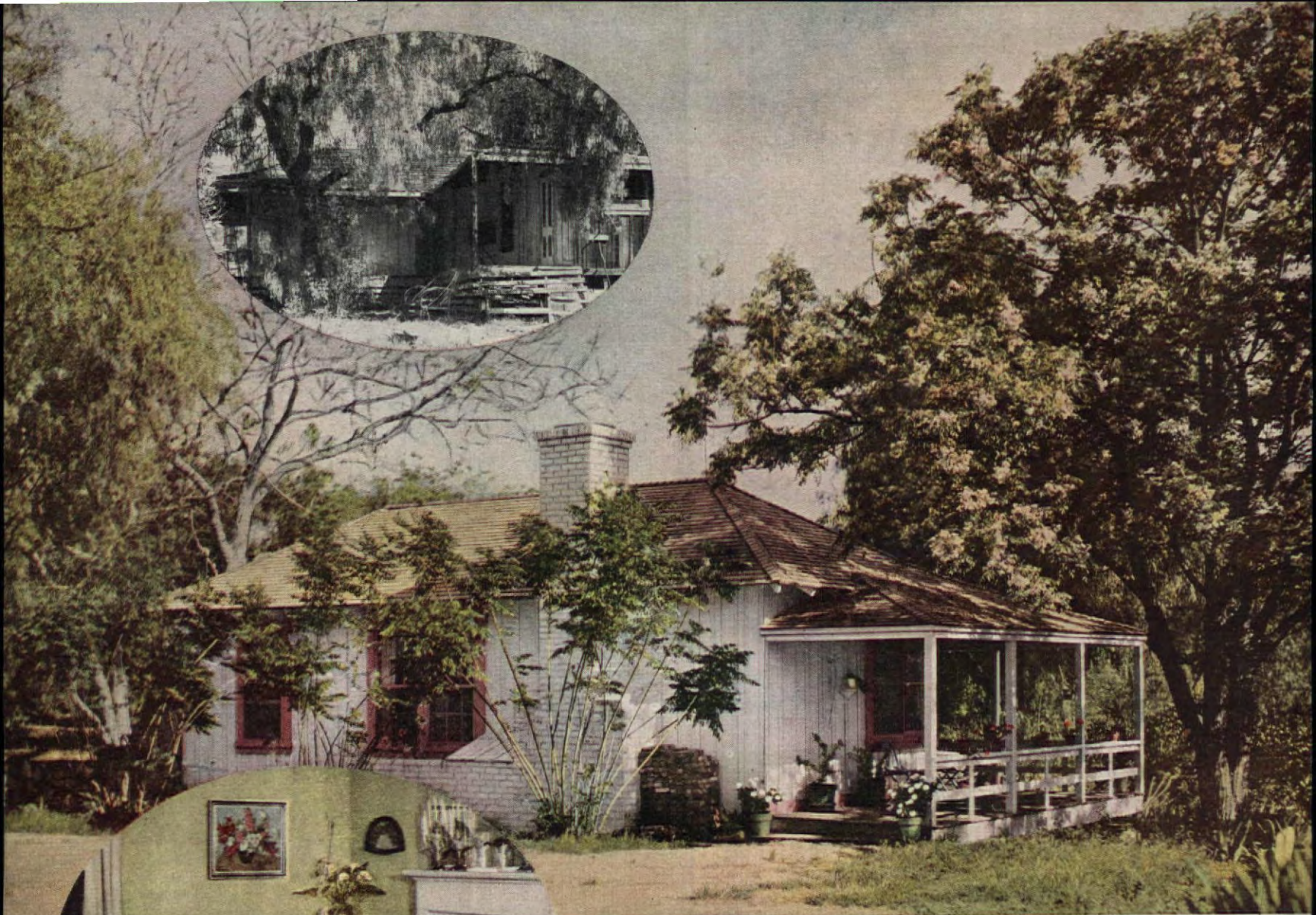
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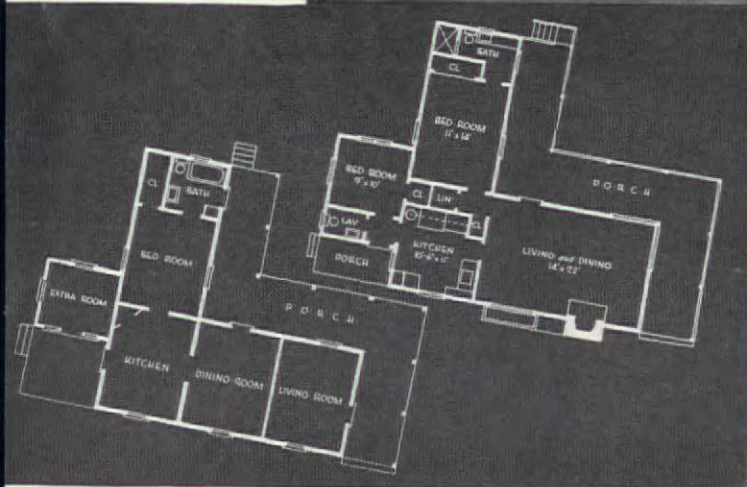


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Look what happened to the three-piece parlor set after it had been rubbed down to raw wood and then brushed and rubbed with white lead. The same gay green and white sateen as the valance pops up again

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in two pieces, one of them lost, until Mrs. Wash did a Sherlock Holmes and found it under the house. Nobody knows what the iron affair was originally, but there is a growing suspicion that it started life on a Ford.

Aside from the kitchen, which is now as modern as tomorrow with its whitewashed walls, blue linoleum floor, and red and white striped curtains, and the small but so amusing guest room, there is Mrs. Wash's bedroom, too. I say that as casually as possible. Because of its physical attributes, there was no chance of making the room elegant, so Mrs. Wash decided to be colorful and amusing. One look at the pictures and you'll know she succeeded.

The dressing table is a plain board with four legs, the seat a nail keg and the mirror a cut-down from a defective one. The magic of the floral-print satin draperies, chartreuse fringe, shocking-pink theatrical velvet, and the mirror, embellished by painted scrolls and delightful little cherubs, is all due to the sleight of hand of Mrs. Wash. The little armchairs, donated by a friend, needed re-upholstering but there wasn't enough material to do a whole job. So the quaint shocking-pink "patches," with chartreuse fringe, were the result. The bed, too, was junk, but with padded pink velvet, it became another story. And the bathroom, well, take a look at it after its emergence from one of ancient vintage plus a deep closet!

The moral of our little tale is this: You don't have to go on a spending spree to make a delightful home. The basic ingredient is imagination. When you are skilled with your hands you're twice blest.



Shown in color on the cover

IVES there a woman with soul so dead who never to herself hath said, "Wouldn't it be fun to fix up *that* old house"? And Mrs. Constance Wash, standing in an orange grove before a dilapidated ranch house that had stood with its back against the mountains under the shelter of a pepper tree for some forty years, was no exception. The roof was in shreds, the kitchen was a nightmare, the bathroom hardly deserved its name, there wasn't any fireplace and the living room was in perpetual blackout. Furthermore, she didn't own the place and any improvements would be at her expense. . . . So, she did it over! With the help of an understanding architect, a miracle was wrought. But it's what Mrs. Wash did *inside* the old house that's really news. She furnished the whole house with junk, except for the necessary refrigerator, stove, fireplace, mirror, and drapery and upholstery material. It was her mental agility and a way with needle, tools, and upholstery tacks to use the possibilities in broken marble, rusty iron, and a three-piece parlor suite of the Gay 90's era that has moulded to the color of cold gravy! A two-piece couch and footstool, left by the last tenant, and featuring raw wood and pink velvet, set the color scheme for the living room. The sofa was painted a dusty coral; the plywood walls, pale green; the floors, a darker shade. Coral carpet was used. Cream-colored cotton for curtains, with dark green moss fringe, and a valance box, covered with green and white theatrical sateen, transformed the old and new windows. That attractive marble-topped coffee table, with its white iron underpinnings, was

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NOT all the tricks that can be described as theatrical have to do with grease paint and revolving stages. "Theatrical" is a perfectly good word far from the footlights, and one that should be added to your culinary collection—and it doesn't imply added cost, says Herman Smith, the genius behind the Gourmet recipes we've been giving you each month. In his own epicurean world, food is always a "hit"

No sir-e-e!

and mediocre performances unheard of, so we're stealing a few lines from his repertoire. They can't help but make your routine more interesting and you'll find you can change the most ordinary dish into party food.

Stop thinking that food as a general rule suffices if it is "good," or all you need do to earn the adjective "appetizing" is to add another lettuce leaf. True, food is the staff of life and most men will eat whether or not you garnish their plates. But they will look forward to eating at your house if you add a dash of "theatre" to your nightly menus. Shake your habitual boredom with the business of putting together a dinner

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● melon balls on grape leaves

ICED melon balls, pink, pale - green, warm gold, and some marinated in grape juice to a rich violet. Arrange on fresh grape leaves in triangular bunches with a cruet of coin-treau or crème de menthe on the side to be poured over all. Who could resist it?



● melon slices on ham

CANTALOUPE peeled and sliced and served with thin shavings of baked ham cut in similar wedges. Garnish with sprigs of parsley and little black olives for sheer swank



● fish balls with tartar sauce

SHAPe little balls from canned fish cakes and fry in deep fat. Serve in tiny baskets accompanied by scallop shells of tartar or chili sauce. A pickle for decorative as well as gustatorial effect!



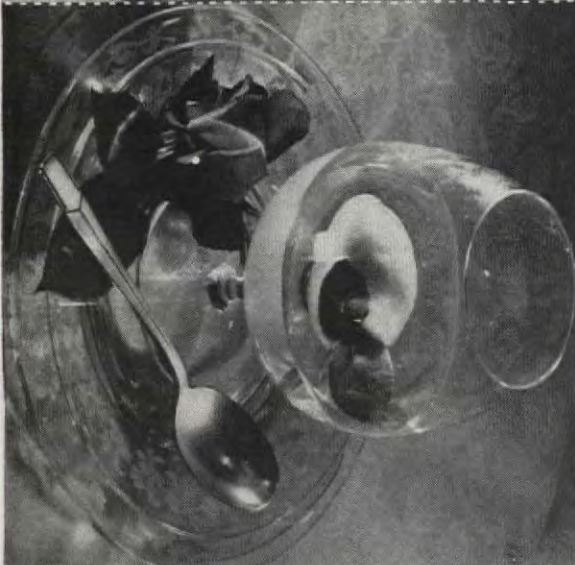
● orange carrots (gourmet)

● **pearl onions in avocado**



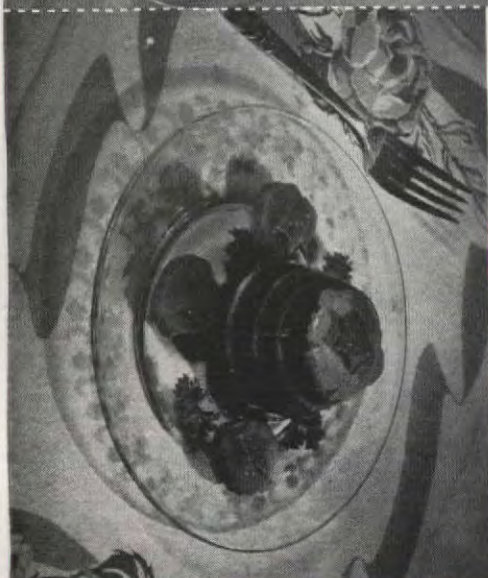
HALF an avocado filled with the tiniest of pearl onions in a tart French dressing—a zestful spur to the appetite. Serve with tiny pretzels to stop the show!

● **ripe peach in wine**



A WHOLE, lusciously-ripe, peeled peach, garnished with mint or rose leaves, in a crystal goblet. Half cover with dry white or Tokay wine and serve well chilled. A dramatic opening for any meal, and yet it can grace your table for a mere pittance—probably no more than you'd spend for your usual fruit cup or seafood cocktail.

● **port wine aspic and liver paste**



1 tbsp. unflavored gelatine
 ¼ cup cold water
 ¾ cup boiling water
 ¾ cup port wine
 ½ cup sugar
 2 tbsp. lemon juice

DISSOLVE gelatine in cold water; add boiling water and other ingredients. Pour a thin layer in oiled molds and let set. Make a paste of liver sausage and place a layer on top of aspic. Repeat until molds are filled. Place in refrigerator until set. Serves 4-6. Garnish with pickle slices and pimiento. It's lovely to look at, and every bit as delightful to eat.

● **orange carrots (gourmet)**

Preparation time: 55 min.

2 bunches carrots
 2 tbsp. butter or margarine
 ½ tsp. salt
 ¼ tsp. powdered cloves
 Grated orange rind

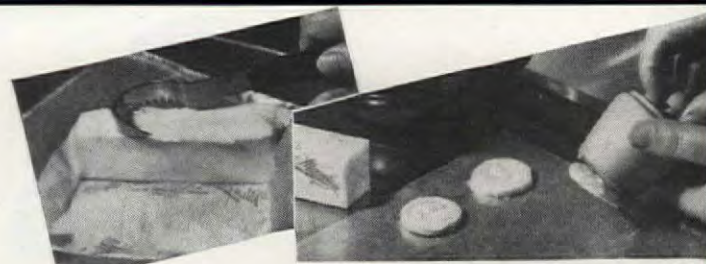
4 oranges
 1 tbsp. butter or margarine
 Pulp of 2 oranges
 ½ cup sugar
 ¼ cup water

COOK carrots until tender; drain and mash. Add butter, salt, cloves and grated rind from tops of oranges. While carrots are cooking, cut tops from oranges one quarter way down. Scrape pulp from them (reserve pulp from 2 for orange juice or other breakfast purposes). Fill shells with carrot mixture and dot with butter. Heat pulp of 2 oranges with sugar and water. Place filled oranges in baking dish, pour hot orange syrup over them. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 15 min., basting often with syrup from pan. Broiled ham and cornbread make delicious accompaniments for this vegetable. Serves 4. 275 cal. per serving.

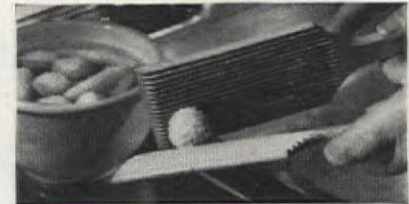
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DO Use a butter curler, molds, and a paddle; first scald, then chill well so butter will not stick



you do no more to a melon than cut it in half and set it before your guest, you can hardly hope to have him eat it with any more enthusiasm than he would if he were in an average restaurant. But you scoop out the meat of the melon in juicy little balls and place them in a mound on a grape leaf, you can convince any man that there's no place like home—for dinner, at least.

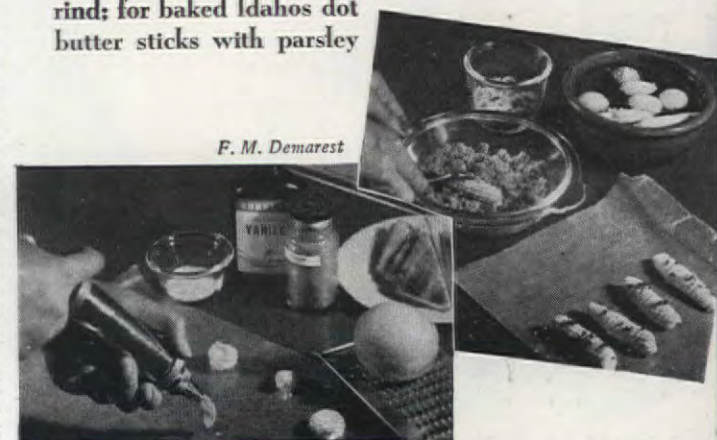
One peach, served as your guests have never had it served before will make them far more eager to accept another invitation to your table than would a whole sauce dish full of peaches just as they come from the can. Try new ideas—for instance, butter doesn't have to be cut in neat little patties. Make dainty scrolls or roses of it, with a butter curler. With molds, stamp quaint designs in it. Season it to add an unexpected taste of goodness to various dishes. Roll it in chopped parsley. Sprinkle into it black pepper and onion. Dress it with something as "everyday" as mashed potatoes by using the doily border on your serving dish and dotting the edge of the mound with butter balls. Combine carrots and oranges for both eye appeal and very special new taste.



DO Make a backdrop for fluffy mashed potatoes, using the border of a doily over the edge of the dish

Houseware sections are full of the most amazing and amusing gadgets these days for enhancing foods of all ilk. You can make vegetables and fruits play many roles simply by some very minor changes in appearance. So don't excuse yourself with the thought that you don't have all day to get dinner. You don't need a minute longer than you now spend, and your concoctions will look like the work of an old master if you learn a few new tricks. The most that they require is native ingenuity and a knowledge of the affinities of various foods for other flavorings. As a starter, follow these suggestions to give zest to your meals and we wager you'll be asked for many repeat performances. Remember, variety is the spice of life.

DO Flavor butter to fit the dish it will accompany—for toast, add cinnamon, sugar, vanilla, and orange rind; for baked Idahos dot butter sticks with parsley



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*Reports and
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**1. Marion W. Barrows,
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SEED catalogues all over one end of the davenport and I on the other trying to make a list of perennials for the border. The paper Dad is reading rustles. Then, "Dear, it says here everyone should plant a Defense Garden this year." "Okay, let's start one; you and I, right now."

That's how it started—and what a Defense Garden it was! And how much it meant to two people, neither farmers nor city folk, living on the Minnesota bottoms! Not the least line of defense it developed was protection against loneliness and boredom. Mornings, when we did the really tedious work, what with the freshness and bird songs, even pushing the cultivator didn't seem hard. Sometimes, when the war news was especially discouraging, my husband would start for the garden with his hoe and as I watched him from the kitchen window, I knew the garden was giving him the hope and reassurance that constitute the blessed miracle of each new year.

One day, while planting onion sets, I thought how wonderful it would be if they could grow strong enough to waft themselves over to a kitchen in England where a friend is managing so capably with her food rationing. Thereupon I decided to charge myself for all the onions I used and add their value to our Bundles for Britain kitty. It was only a short step to charging my budget with everything I got from the garden and using the money—\$80.00 all told—to buy Defense Stamps. Maybe I did cheat just a little and charge myself fancy prices—but they were mighty fancy products! At the canning season swung into its stride, I kept more than busy. But later, when a blizzard snowed us in for ten days, those jars and cans were certainly a defense against monotony in our diet. Outside of the plowing, our garden—about city-lot size and just right for a middle-aged couple to care for in their spare time—cost us less than five dollars.

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Choose a spot away from trees whose roots rob the soil of elements the vegetables need. In planning the garden, put long-season crops together; ditto with short-season crops which, when consumed, can be followed by others. Run rows north and south if possible. Grow bush beans and peas instead of the tall kinds unless you can press an obliging wire fence into service as a trellis. Include a few perennial crops like asparagus and rhubarb, and an herb bed with sage, horseradish, garlic, dill, parsley, etc. Select first the vegetables you know all the family will enjoy; leave those that you'd like to try until you have had more experience.

Use fertilizers as the experienced cook uses red pepper—enough, but not too much. Apply plant foods lightly along the rows and mix well with the soil before sowing seed or planting. Many plants come up too thickly for satisfactory development; start thinning early, but don't waste the surplus. If you cannot consume all the thinning as salads or greens, try to find space in which to transplant



Make the fence double as a trellis

them. Cultivate often to keep the soil from caking and evaporating moisture; also to keep down weeds. Better remove weeds entirely from the garden area or they may take root again and seem to come back over night. When the season ends, clean up and burn all stubble and rubbish to kill insects and their eggs. If you can get it, spread barnyard manure several inches deep over the cleared ground, plow or spade it under and leave the soil rough to weather and mellow until spring. As to approximate yields in terms of fresh and canned crops, here are some:

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(Suggestion: To prevent untimely rotting of the bottom and sides of the barrow as a result of contact with moist soil, give the inner surfaces of that noble vehicle a preparatory waterproofing coat of asphaltum paint.—**HORTICULTURAL EDITOR**)

HEREFORD, TEXAS: Part of our bathroom closet unit is our movable clothes hamper, which answers every requirement for a container that goes every place you need it and yet fits into the bathroom perfectly. The closet includes shelves, drawers, and compartments, all closed with neat doors, and the clothes hamper, in reality a box on wheels with a front panel designed to match the other doors, is at the bottom. It looks like a big tilt bin. My husband and I built the unit, and for the hamper we used $\frac{3}{8}$ " plywood for the sides, back, and bottom, boring ten $\frac{3}{4}$ " holes in the bottom for ventilation. The front is of ordinary pine. Forming the frame are 2 x 2 uprights in each corner, with 1 x 2 strips along the bottom. The plywood bottom rests on two 1 x 4 parallel strips placed 16" apart. To these are screwed four swivel wheel casters. The hamper measures 20" wide, 22" deep and 27½" high. It was sanded inside to prevent catching silk clothes, and enameled white to match the rest of the closets. I can push the hamper to the bedroom while I change the linen, around the house as I pick up the other things to be washed, and then right into the laundry.—**FRANCES O'BANNION**

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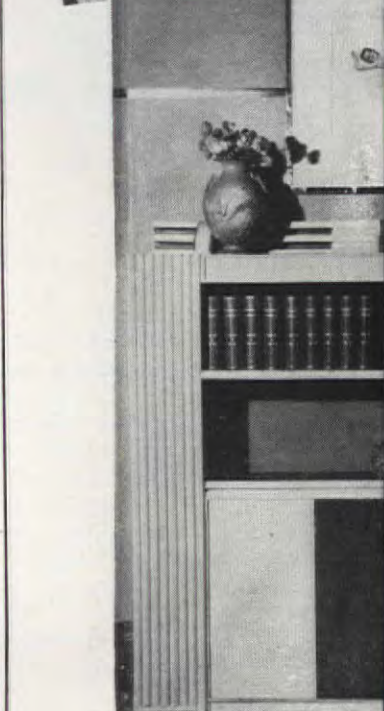
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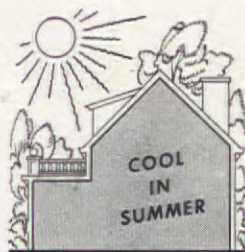
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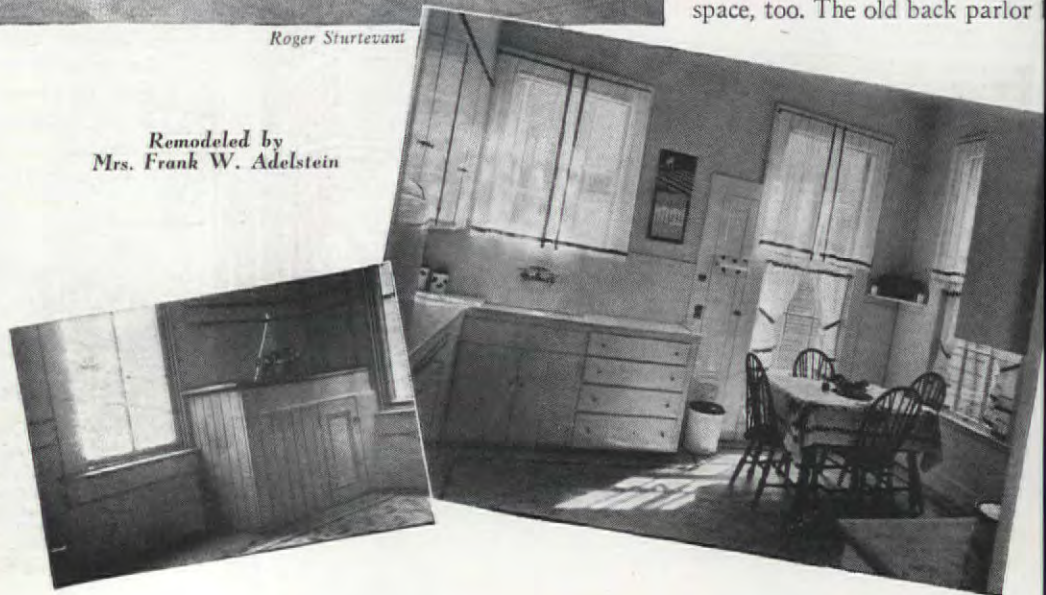
ALL right, all right, you brayed readers with frayed suburban homes may get the horse laugh to see crotchety old city houses as they are on the left. But wise folk are looking them over with a cagy and calculating eye today, realizing the new possibilities they offer since new home building is restricted. Every city and town in the country has its share of old city houses of this vintage, fussy and funny looking and in need of repair, but with high ceilings and generously-spaced rooms—rooms large enough for swinging a cat or a bridge party for your friends. They *can* be fixed into habitable shape as comfortable modern homes and you need look no farther than the “before and afters” on the right for proof of the pudding. Remodeling old city homes as income producers, as attractive rentable apartments for those who don't like the rigors of commuting is another possibility not to be sneezed at either if remodeling can be kept in proportion to the original cost of the investment.

The proof of the pudding on the next page is the home of the Day Schindlers on a lot 25'-0" wide in hilly San Francisco. In its rejuvenation it exchanged its giddy, gaudy nineties facade for a simple Colonial front of white wood siding. Overhanging cornices were lopped off in favor of trim gables, bulging bay windows disappeared in favor of wide windows with putty-covered shutters. By enlarging the front porch and taking in an old side areaway space which provided no light anyway, a larger living room and larger master bedroom above it were gained with new closet and dressing room space, too. The old back parlor

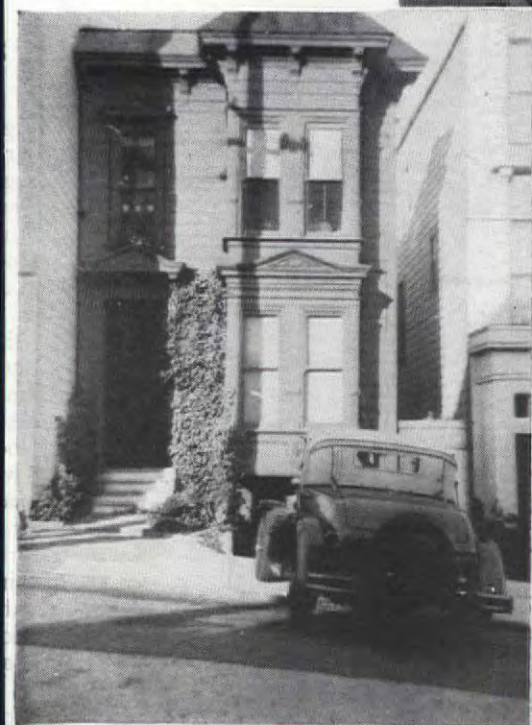
Roger Sturtevant

“SAVE our cities” is going to be a new battle cry to rescue our city residential areas from the doldrums. Plenty of the comfortable-sized homes of good structure and value are going for a song in older residential districts, homes which today are outdated in style but not outworn by a long shot. Here's one dramatic instance of what can be done to make such old-timers as chipper and convenient as new ones. In our March issue will be other practically planned remodelings of typical older homes

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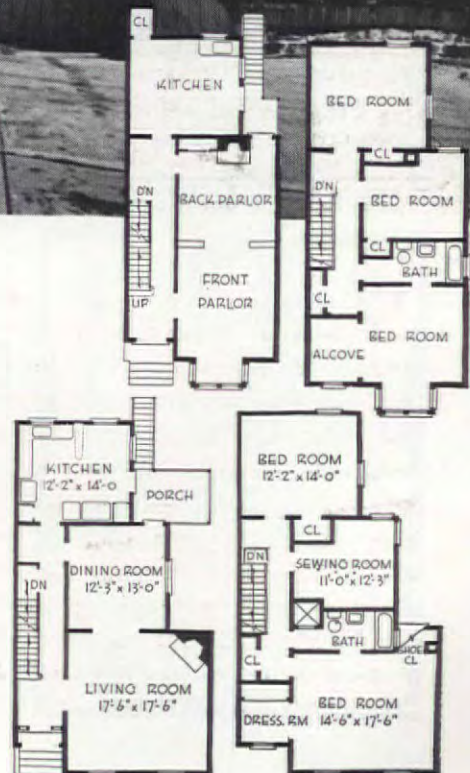
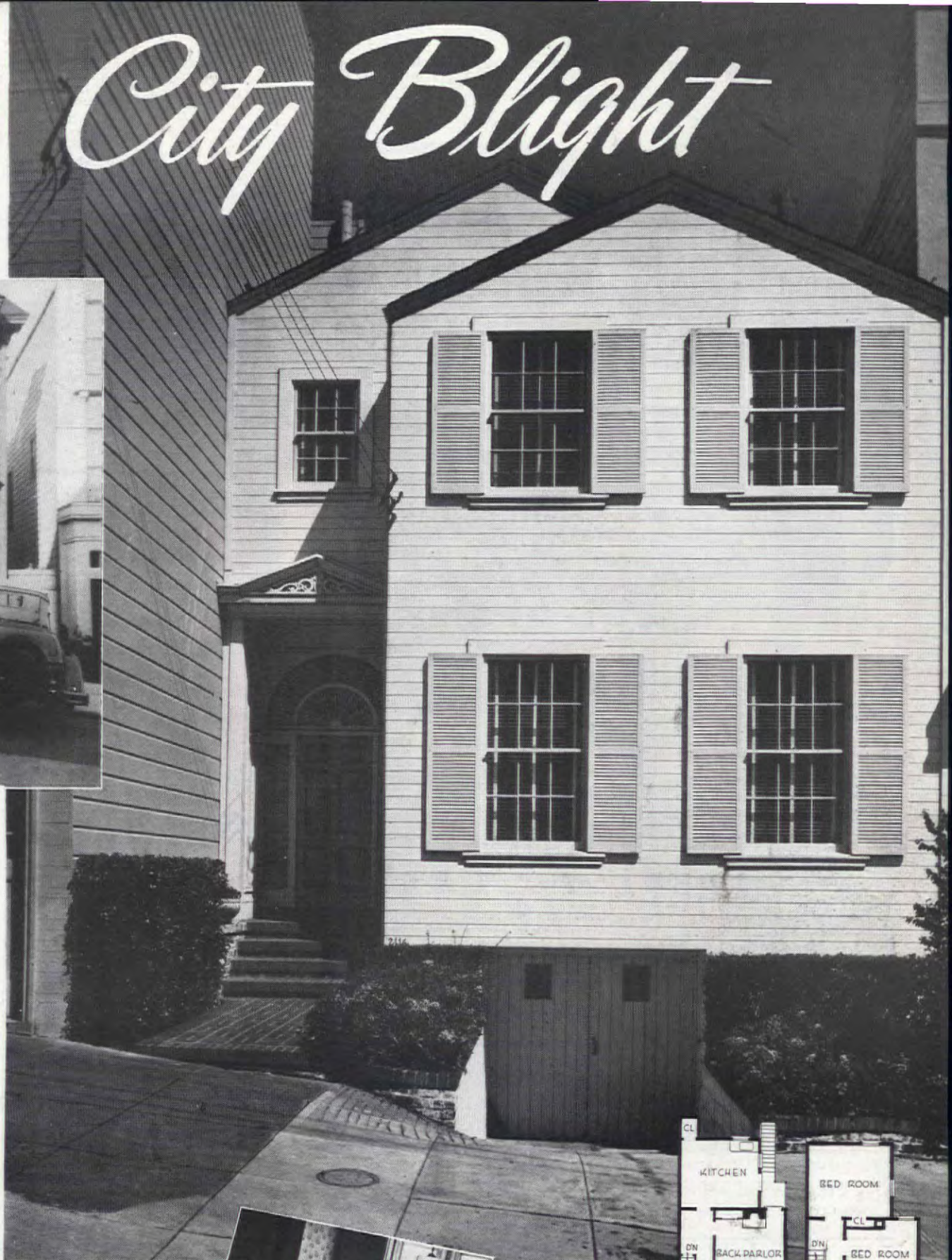


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came the new dining room and its marble mantel was moved to a new corner fireplace in the living room. A new red brick path and steps lead up to the front door, which has been painted a soft blue-green and is sheltered from bad weather.

New color schemes and papers do wonders to enliven and revitalize all the rooms. A gray and white checked over-all pattern paper was used on the living room walls and on the dining room which opens off it; for contrast the high ceiling in the living room was done in soft yellow like the hall walls and the dining room ceiling is soft green (an effective foil for green and white toile draperies, Federal period furniture). The kitchen was done over completely with perky red and white wallpaper.



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Each girl brings along a dozen cookies she's made at home, the recipe and ingredients for another batch of cookies, a big box, string, brown wrapping paper, a pen, and writing paper. The hostess has buttered baking sheets, pots, pans, and maybe some pretty aprons ready for action.

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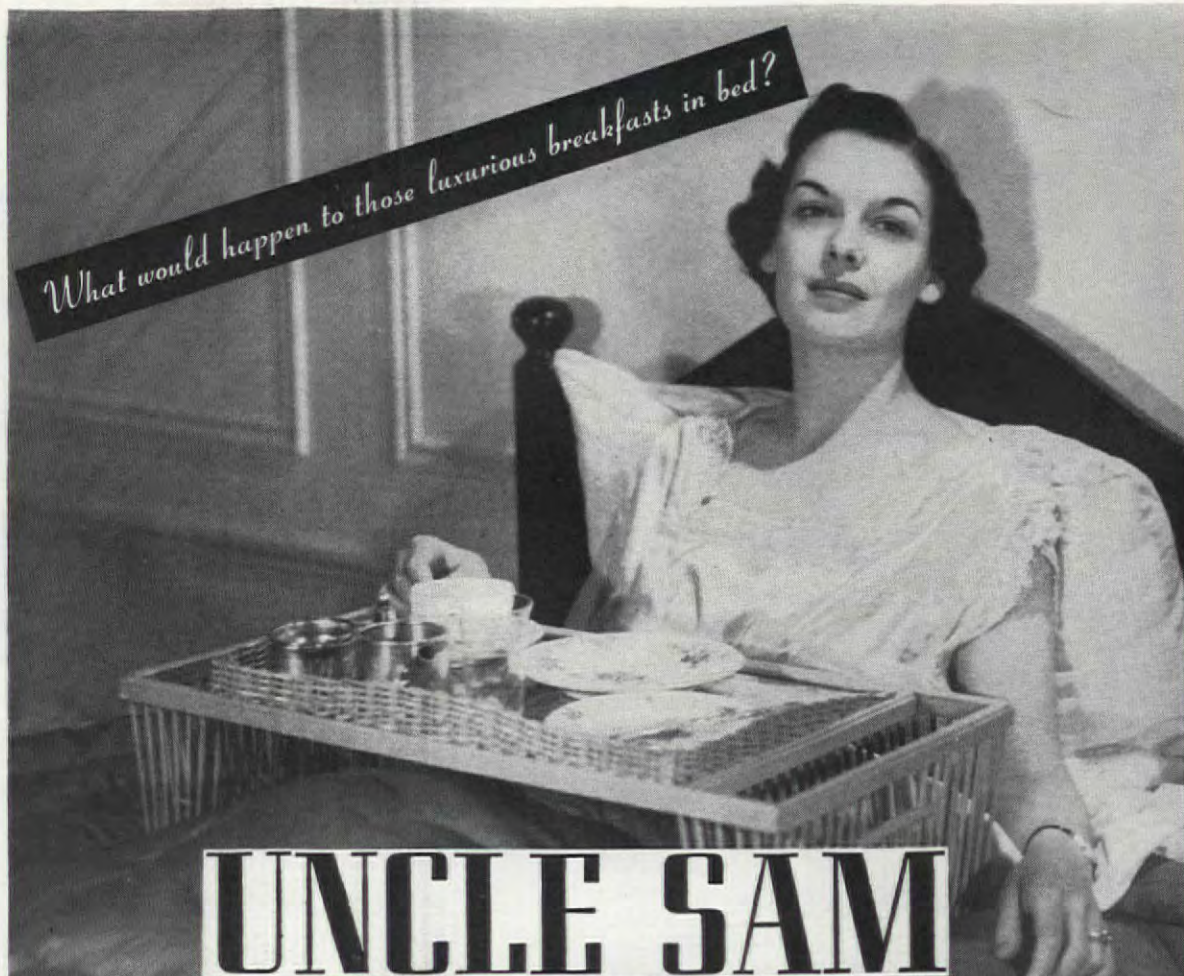
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Most of the girls with whom I played bridge didn't bother with maids and sometimes I felt a little guilty, but the thing that impressed me most was their ever-recurring phrase, "If I only had time," to read or nap or whatever. I *did* have the time, that is, until the day I returned from one of those parties to hear Lilly's portentous announcement. In the two weeks' grace, we could *surely* find another maid! But not with defense

work making its ever increasing demands for worker. In despair, I realized the hopelessness of the situation. Gradually, too, my new, maidless personality appeared before me. There I stood, old before my time, always in a hurry, always tired. What would happen to those delicious breakfasts in bed, those hours of reading and luxuriating? I became rebellious and obstinate. Which was more important, my health and intellectual development? Unhesitatingly I chose the latter.

Starting with the premise that ample time should be allowed for all the things I *wanted* to do, I set about allocating my hours. Nothing would make me surrender the freedom I valued so dearly, and which my maid had given me. So with pen in hand, I firmly wrote on my work schedule, "End of routine day, 1:30 P.M." The more I considered the luxuries of facial cream, leisurely tubs, and so on, the more important they became. So, in all fairness to myself, I set aside two hours in the name of Beauty. I was determined that not even lunch would upset my schedule, even if I reduced it to a whole-wheat sandwich, made the night before, and a tall glass of milk.

The first day of following my Magna Charta, everything seemed wonderful, especially since I could look forward to quitting at 11:15. Our first breakfast was soft—well, frankly, *hard*—boiled eggs, toast, and coffee had gone quite well. It occurred to me that until now I had missed seeing my husband at his best. His glances at me, unaccustomed to early morning activities, were a little amused and very tender. He had to get up for his bus, finally, and I was alone with my would-be master, a topsy-turvy house with *very* dusty windows. Cheerfully I set to work making them glisten, and



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I felt a little guilty as they talked of their busy days

of a sudden, it was 11:30! Fifteen minutes overtime and the job just begun! The dishes sat greasily in the sink, the bed was unmade. Frustrated, I slumped into a chair. To give in to my house the very first day was unthinkable, so I didn't. After all, I had my schedule to respect. At three o'clock, freshly tubbed, napped, and manicured, I was devouring a new book, along with a few chocolates, when two distant relatives came calling. Of course they had to see *all* of the new house, disorderly kitchen and untidy bedroom included, nor did the sparkling windows keep their eyes away from my lounging pajamas, the book, and candy. I wasn't very proud when I shut the door after them . . . but I had learned two lessons. First, each task must have its place in a *definite* scheme; second, orderliness saves work *and* one job should be finished and the tools put away before another is started. System really pays dividends!

Now, as I remember those days of complete freedom from my home, I feel I was missing something worthwhile. In this new world of doing my own work, I have maintained not only the freedom I had, but acquired a new freedom of spirit and joy of accomplishment, thanks to Uncle Sam!

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All of which is wasted on husbands of mature judgment. For any husband of experience knows that a housewife is not simple and quiet. The grooves and scratches in a million floors testify to the truth of the belief that a housewife is a lady who goes around with a Chippendale on her shoulder, daring you to knock it off. Take away a woman's right to play pussy-wants-a-corner with the furniture and you won't have any peace.

For years, at considerable expenditure of time, I have indulged in what scientists would call pure research along this line. I have studied the domestic furniture-shover-around with an open mind, and no goal except to scrutinize, analyze, criticize and, if possible, paralyze, this peculiarly feminine trait.

Much of this study has been conducted in my home, where this chronic interior redecorating, or, to use the professional term, furniture fooling, has attained probably its highest development. The movement of assorted heavy pieces in our tottering house is on such a majestic scale that the neighbors keep a record, just as economists do of freight-car loadings.

Because scholars throughout the ages have always gladly shared their learning, it is only fair that I should pass on to potential young husbands any information I have gleaned.

To begin with, no matter how dainty your little woman may be, shoving pianos and davenports around is as natural to her as it is for a pretzel to be crooked. And don't make the mistake of offering to help. They hate to be hampered. If you must do something, wait until she's finished her weekly orgy and then surprise her with some little aid to her next sally. A mechanically-minded friend of mine equipped his davenport with a handsome set of gears so that it could be pushed around in three speeds.

Bachelors will wonder why anybody, having their furniture once laid out, would consider moving it for anything less than a disastrous fire. That merely proves that they are still bachelors. A woman doesn't need a reason for dealing out a new hand of furniture. She

looks upon it as a sport, and "changing the bedrooms around" is one of woman's time-honored pursuits. The better to fool a man who tries to retire in the dark of night.

An unfortunate in Puyallup, Wash., complained that the casters on his grand piano got hotboxes because the piano was on too fast a schedule. He has resorted to the trick of tapping the wheels on his heavy furniture with a little hammer, to see if they ring right, just like the men you see around depots tapping on train wheels to be sure they'll hold up.

As a rule, housewives will go to any lengths to help each other make good showings, but they are quick to detect unfair play. A man in Tallahassee, Fla., went around boasting that his wife had set a new world's record, moving a whole living roomful of furniture in seven minutes flat. An investigating committee found that her floor was banked like a speedway, immediately disqualifying her. The family soon left Tallahassee in disgrace, and no trace of them has ever been found.

An architect in Walla Walla who has suffered for years from this plague reports that he is working on a plan to line the walls with mirrors, angled so that by looking into them a certain way the furniture will seem to be where it isn't. Wagers are being taken at surprising odds, though, that the first thing his resourceful mate will do will be to shove the mirrors around.

An army officer, fresh from desert duty, is planning a mirage effect for his living room, figuring that if his wife leans against an imaginary divan two or three times, falling flat on her bangs, she'll learn. Realist that I am, I'm afraid he'll be the one to learn.

A railroad engineer in Punxsutawney says he's taken much of the danger out of moving day by equipping all large pieces with second-hand whistles, so the children won't be left lying in the wake of the bureaus. On dark days, his wife also uses a foghorn. Incidentally, he's quite proud of the fact that his sons can hop a flying piano with nearly as much agility as he hopped fast freights in his youthful days.

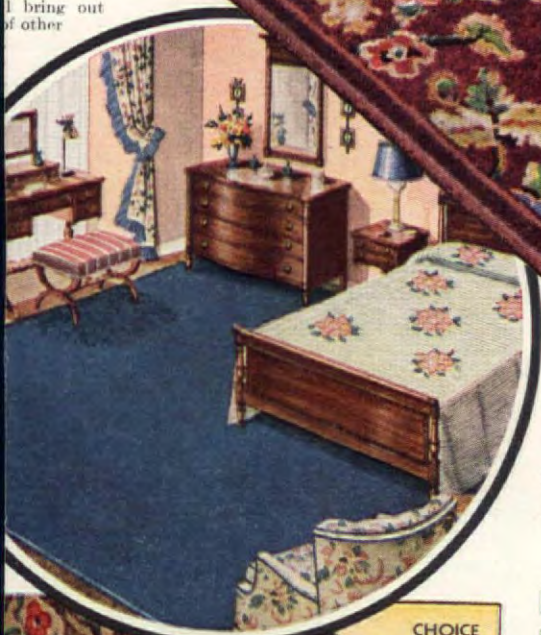
Pressure is now being brought to bear on me to start life all over again in Japan, where the framework is just bamboo and the whole house can be moved on a moment's whim. This, my frau shrewdly figures, will make her international champion without dispute.

The only group of men who look upon this female fad with something more than tolerance are those in the radio repair business. They report an extra \$300,000 take last year, resulting from the calls to string up new connections for radios rudely torn from the moorings that Hubby had chosen for them, and transplanted to other spots. Well, this may be so, but—hold everything! There goes my desk whizzing across the room to another corner, and here comes the piano. This is where I came in. . . . And where I get out!

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