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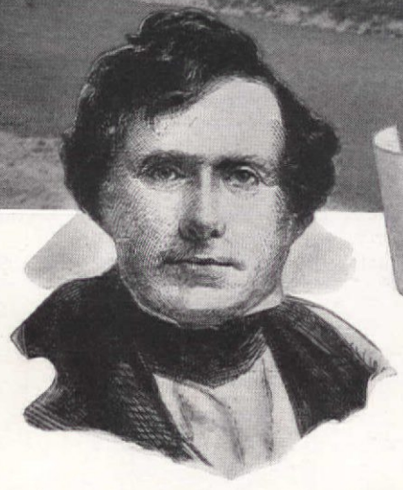

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Franklin Pierce

AT BOWDOIN COLLEGE, Franklin Pierce began his lifelong friendship with Nathaniel Hawthorne, "a shy and retiring youth with a far-away air." As a lawyer, Pierce hired a clerk named Albert Baker whose sister, Mary Baker Eddy, founded the Church of Christ, Scientist. Franklin's father had been governor of New Hampshire. He himself became speaker of the state legislature at 28. Next year he entered congress and ardently supported "Old Hickory" Andrew Jackson. In 1837, at 33, he was elected U. S. senator but, though a gifted speaker, was overshadowed by such oratorical giants as Clay, Calhoun and Webster.

In the War with Mexico, Pierce served under General Winfield Scott, with Lee and Beauregard. At the 1852 Democratic Convention, the race for presidential candidate was being fought out by Cass, Buchanan and Stephen A. Douglas, Lincoln's debater. Pierce emerged as a dark horse and, hailed as "Young Hickory" of the Granite Hills, beat out General Scott, Whig candidate, in the election. Jefferson Davis became Pierce's secretary of war. During his administration, the Kansas-Nebraska Bill passed and Commodore Perry went across the Pacific to open up trade with Japan. The last years of Pierce's life were spent in Concord, N. H., and when he died in 1869, at 64, General Grant declared national mourning. ¶*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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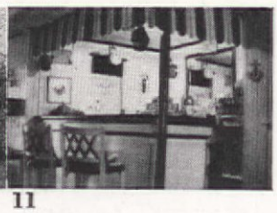

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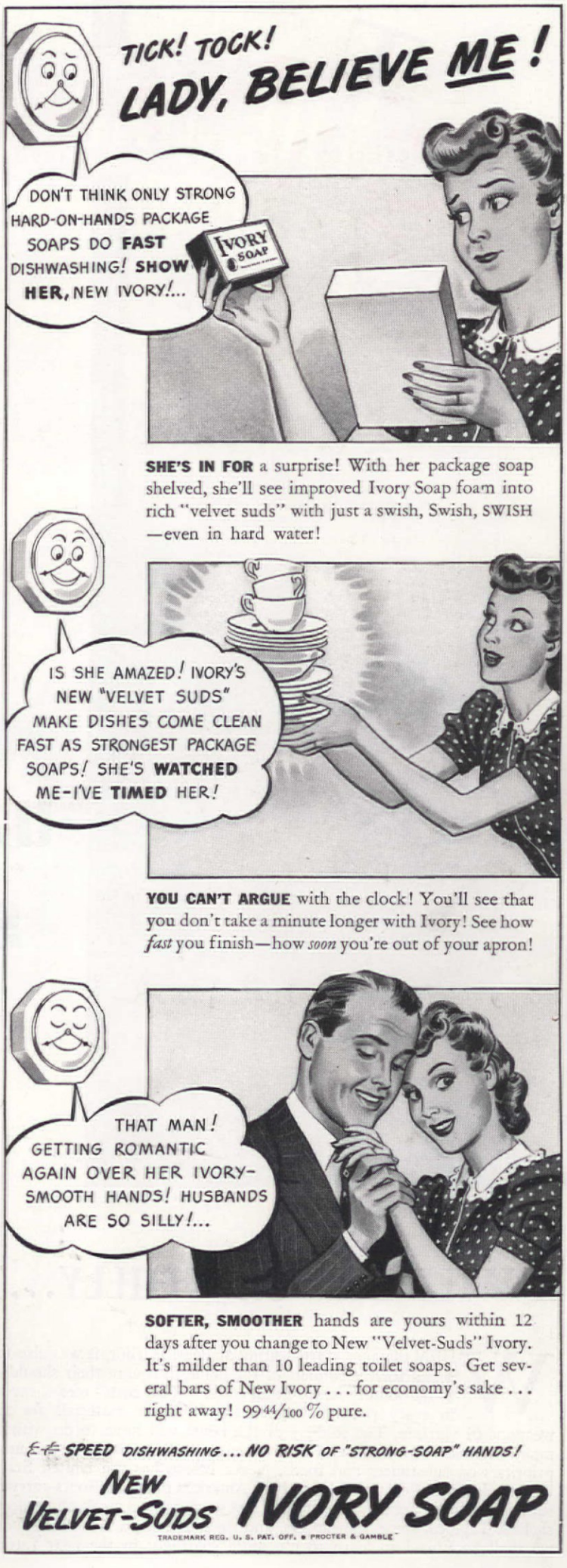

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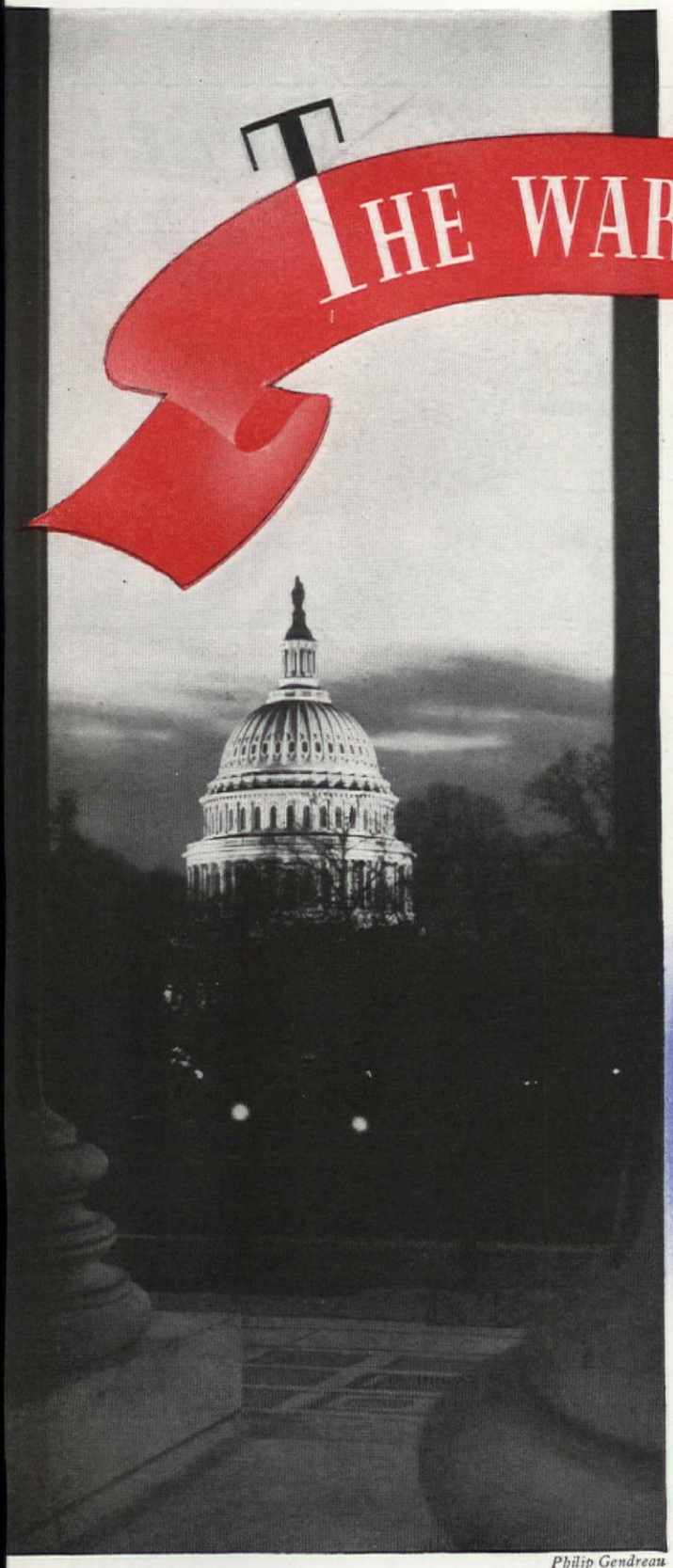


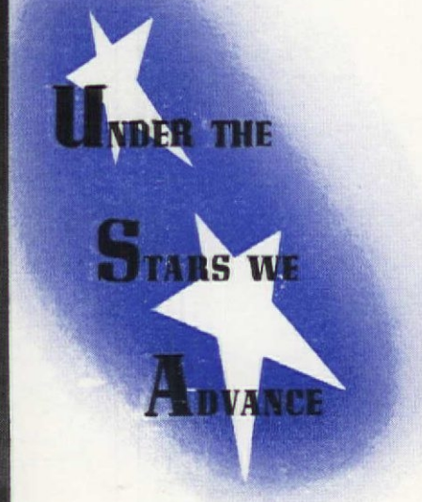
Philip Gendreau

"I WILL BUY CAREFULLY..."

WHEN the guns started firing at Pearl Harbor, it was also the signal for the soldiers of the home to square their shoulders to the job of victory at all costs. "At all costs" means saving in every possible way so there will be materials for the weapons of warfare. The soldiers of the home will have to do without many luxuries and month after month we will be learning of more priorities on substances and foods. Never before has the United States been so dependent on what she and the Americas produce. Boats carrying supplies of foods are no longer plying the seven seas to stock our grocers' shelves. Tapioca, spices, pineapples, and sugar are but a few of the foods we shall be forced to learn to use more sparingly in the near future. Enough of the nutritious foods will be available and these will make us strong, capable of carrying on. According to government reports, the farmers are already producing more hogs, more chickens to lay more eggs, more milk, more fruits and vegetables. In spite of the fact that the United States is supplying twenty-six other countries with food, we will have enough of all the vital products if we do not waste them.

Waste can easily become the fifth columnist in the home. Wasteful buying is something to avoid at any time, but particularly in these days. Ask yourself, before purchasing anything for the home, "Do I really need it"? Are you buying for a rainy day and depriving someone else of an item which would be used immediately? Because factories which formerly made household equipment are being converted into making machine guns, unless you absolutely need new equipment to replace an outmoded style, let the bride have the new refrigerator, the new stove, the latest thing in pots and pans. With proper care yours can still see useful days.

"I will buy carefully" means planning ahead. It means planning meals for the entire week instead of haphazardly, meal by meal. Make out your market list of all staple foods, canned fruits and vegetables, packaged foods. Shop for these once or twice a week, buying only what you need—hoarding will bring hardship to others. Two or three times a week shop for fresh meat, fresh fruits and vegetables. Less frequent trips to the butcher or grocer will save in many ways—on deliveries, on tires, on gasoline, on wear and tear of car. Neighborly buying isn't a bad idea, either. You can take turns doing the shopping for two or three families. How wasteful to go to the grocer to buy a single loaf of bread, one small head of lettuce!



Instead of preparing one dish on top of the stove and having the oven going for another, why not plan a complete oven meal and use the heat to cook everything? It can be done, you know. You can even plan a session of cooking for several meals which will save time and fuel. Of course you won't be saving if you do not use the food, but that is where your menu planning will guide you. Prepare and cook only the foods you will use. Do not throw any food away. Use every scrap. The outer leaves, the tops, and the cooking water of vegetables, the drippings of meat will all combine into an excellent soup stock.

Five cents, ten cents, or even more can be saved each day by careful planning. Multiply such a saving by the millions of homes and the amount will stagger you. Your saving by careful planning is absolutely essential at this time. It isn't for the next-door neighbor alone, it's for you, too.

Careful buying is planned buying. Buy what you need. Paul V. McNutt advises us all to buy enough food for four days at a time. If you buy more and do not use it immediately, you may have some food which somebody else needs. If everyone did this, the practice of hoarding would be universal and would cause untold hardships for all. If there isn't enough food for everyone, someone will have to do without and that someone may be a defense worker who is essential to industry.

Bargains can be wasteful buying. You go to the market and see a special price on a food which your family seldom eats. But the price is attractive and you buy a dozen cans. Is it a bargain if the tins stand unopened on your pantry shelf and eventually are thrown out?

Now is a good time to take stock of your supplies and use up the half-filled boxes in your larder before the food becomes spoiled. Having planned and bought wisely, take good care of the food. Just as soon as you come home from the market, put your supplies away in their proper place. Place the meat on clean plates, cover lightly with waxed paper, and store in the coldest part of your refrigerator. Store vegetables and fruit in cool places. Keep bread in a well-ventilated bread box or store it in the refrigerator. Be sure to refrigerate all dairy products immediately and when you are shopping, buy the grade of food you need. For instance,

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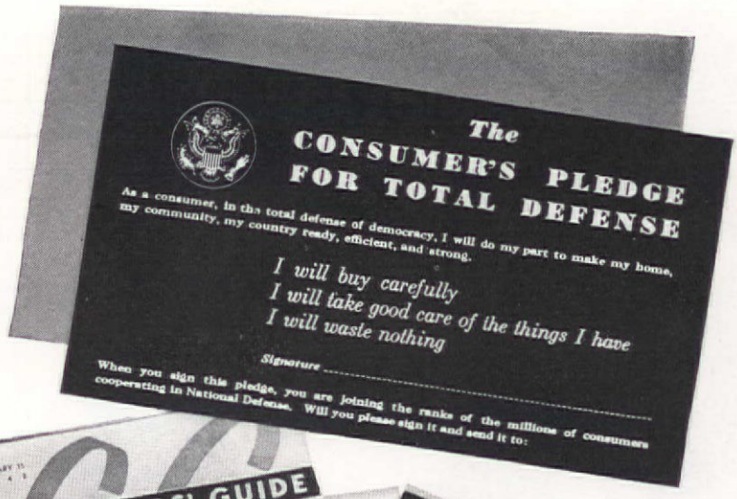

f you are planning to use canned tomatoes for a sauce or escalloping purposes, buy grade C canned tomatoes. t's extravagant to buy solid, whole-packed tomatoes o be mashed into a sauce. The labels on cans will tell he story of the contents. Check prices carefully, too. Although there is a gradual increase in food prices, tartling changes should not be evident. Learn to use ubstitutes. Less sugar shouldn't frighten you. Use molasses or honey or corn syrup for sweetening.

Another important place to avoid waste is right in he kitchen. Do you measure out the soap flakes you se when washing dishes? Do you let the bar of soap loat around in the pan of water? Do you let the broom tand on its own flexible bristles instead of hanging it p? Do you keep a cover on silver polish so it won't dry nto a hard cake? Do you use more scouring powder han necessary for the job? Do you save all kinds of paper, fold it neatly for future use?

In your serving of food, do you put too much food on he plate? Isn't it better to ask for second or third helpngs than to waste half of a too-large first helping? Smaller servings are more appetizing and appealing, anyway. Save the extra food for left-over dishes. Any kind f left-overs can be dressed up into glamorous affairs.

If you're a five o'clock mother because of a job or olunteer work, you'll find that a schedule will really elp. Planning meals in advance, shopping only a couple f times a week are all time savers. Time savers are noney savers. While breakfast is cooking, dinner can e started. Dessert can be made while the coffee is perkng away. If it's a one-dish meal you're planning for inner, everything can be mixed in the casserole ready o put into the oven when you come home after five.

Some women have also made neighborly sharing part f their "I will save" program. Baking cookies or cakes n one kitchen is not only fuel saving, it's sociable, too. Sharing kitchen quipment, laundry equipment, and vacuum cleaners is a contribution.

With all this readjustment in our ways of living, more neighborly and ommunity spirit, our standards of living will be affected, too. Elaborate ormal parties will give way to informal gatherings. We're all in this ogether. Everyone needs to save, to share, to make adjustments. All this hould be done cheerfully. To make sacrifices and still be cheerful, is one f the biggest contributions you can make. Every member of the family vill be stimulated by your attitude. Morale will be built.

Another vital part of this program is to keep yourself well and physically fit, to keep every member of your family well. Through the ood you serve, your family will reflect health. Plan nutritious meals ccordingly, including milk, eggs, butter, cheese, meat, liver, fresh fruits nd vegetables, the right kind of bread and cereals. Concentrated effort hould be made to see that every member of the family receives correct nd properly prepared food every day of the year.

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"I will buy carefully . . .
"I will take good care of the things I have . . .
"I will waste nothing."

GARDEN V FOR VICTORY

VICTORY GARDENS AND MORALE

OF COURSE, there cannot be consumers unless there are producers. But underlying the Food for Freedom campaign and the National Victory Garden Program is the hope that more consumers of the vitally important protective foods will become producers, too. Because nearly half of those foods are garden crops—vegetables and fruits—the Secretary of Agriculture is urging all who can grow them efficiently and economically to do so; and to consume them at home. The more that is done, the larger will be the supplies of commercially grown foodstuffs available for the armed forces of the Allied Nations, and the less will be the strain on our war-taxed transportation facilities, packaging requirements, labor demand for handling, etc.

But that's only half the picture. The fact that we have made progress since the first World War and have learned from England's harrowing experiences of recent years, is proved by, among other things, the widespread recognition of the importance of gardens other than food gardens as a part of the war effort. From the Department of Agriculture, the Federal Security Agency, the Public Health Service; from doctors, psychologists, authorities

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AND don't forget the stimulating effect of combining work and play. That was the idea which enabled a little New Jersey town to get six hundred feet of iron fence surrounding its Revolutionary cemetery painted in less than on day! An objective for the annual Memorial Day parade, the cemeter had been a bit neglected and the fence was weatherworn, rusty, and cause of concern to the citizens. So volunteers were called for in the loc paper and from the pulpit, the sponsors of the plan offering to supply th paint and lunch for all who earned it. Early one Saturday thirty me showed up and set to work. Teams were formed and assigned to sectio of the fence, and competition was keen. Interested onlookers borrowe brushes, shed their coats, and took hold. And by the time the sandwich and coffee were ready on the rough table set up under the trees, that fen was shiny black from end to end. There were those who, resting aft unaccustomed labor, claimed that they had never felt a softer back re than the weather-beaten gravestones against which they leaned! B they had done the job, and done it well.—CHARLOTTE MONTGOMER

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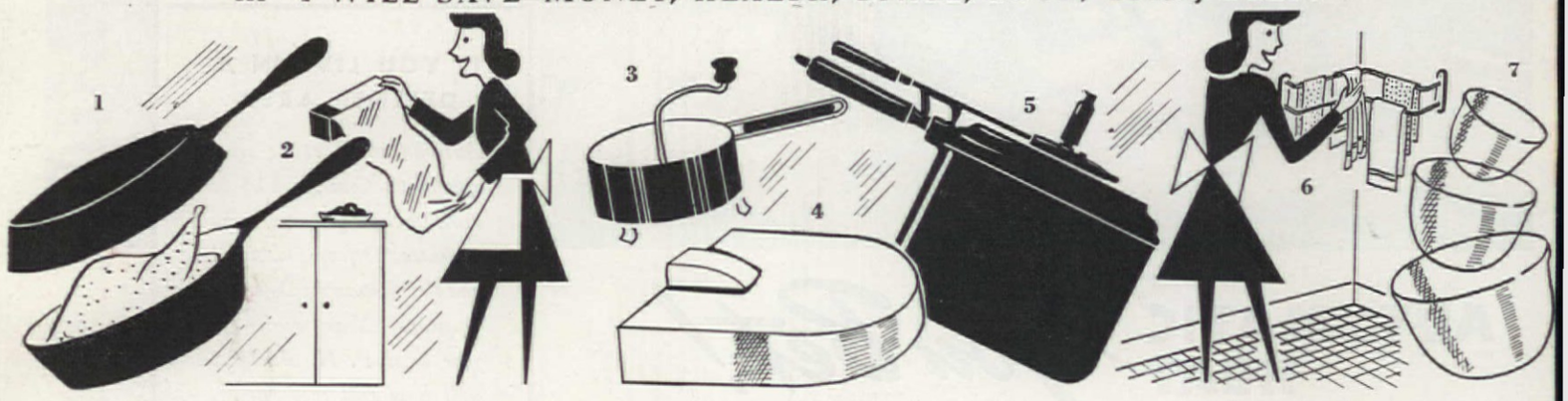

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First look at division I, at top of page, where you see evidence that we're all living by the consumer's pledge. For example, 1 makes it possible

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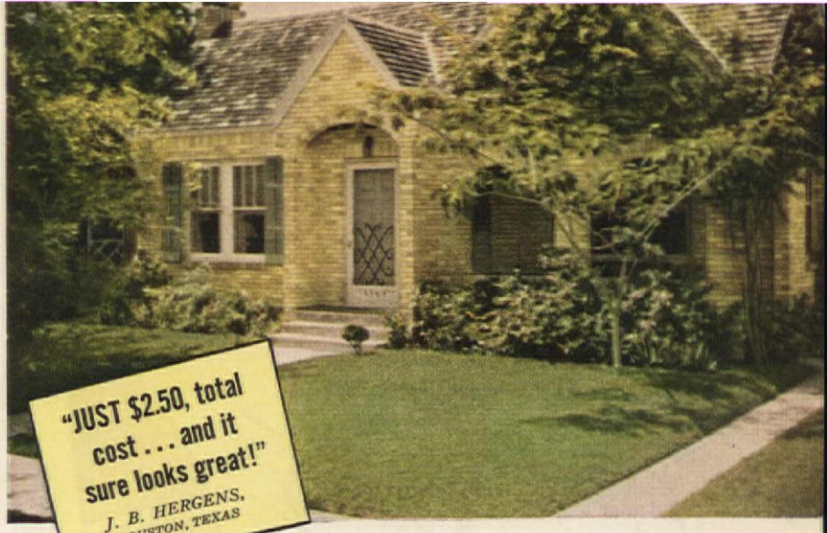

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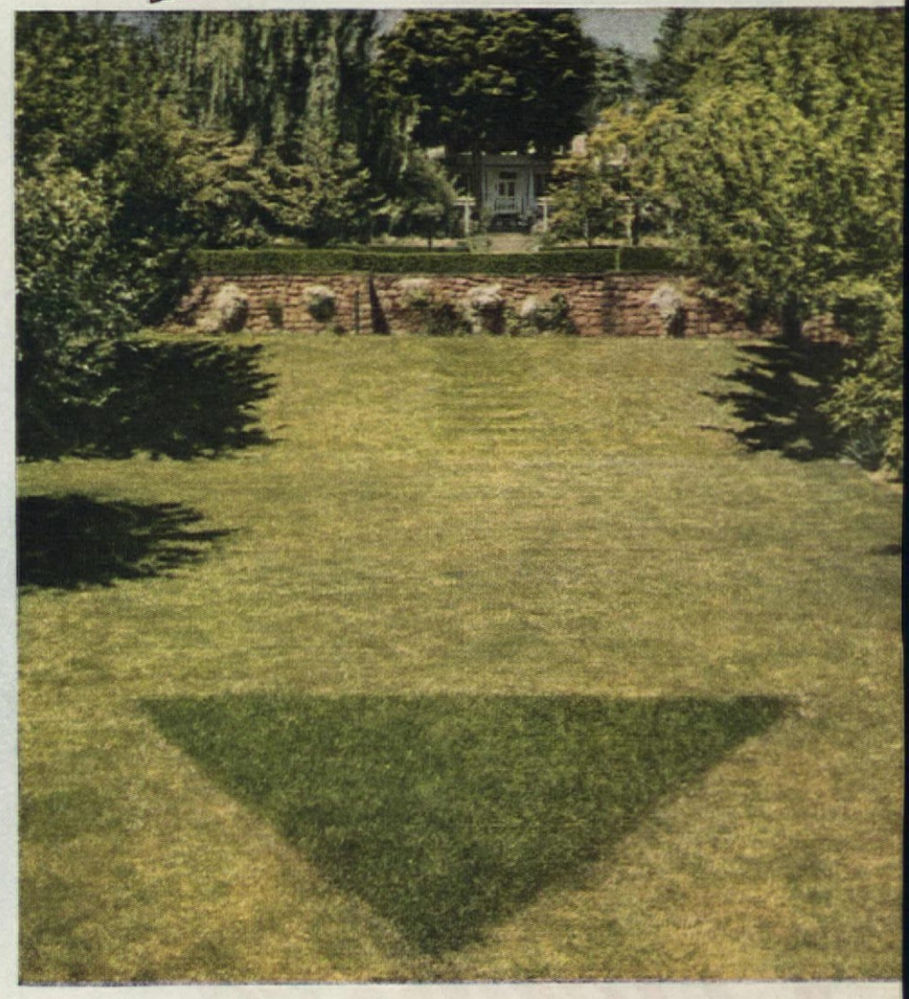

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for any husband to fix a hole in a screen. Patches come in several sizes with fasteners—cheap, quick, easy. To protect clothes, especially that good wool suit, is item **2**, whose vapors do a job on moths. And for year-round clothes' care is garment bag **3**. Incidentally, this company makes all kinds of covers and bags, and is co-operating in using drawstrings instead of zippers whenever practical. Among other thrift ideas afloat is **4**, kit of handles, knobs, and other parts your coffee maker might need. Brushes, as vaguely evidenced by **5**, take care of the upholstery, clothes, and kitchen equipment you have. You can't miss on investing in **6**, either, crystals that

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make more suds out of less soap, then turn around and make the rinse water really rinse! "Repair station" is the point in **7** announcing one company's service in strategic cities, where for a nominal sum they will fix your old toaster or whatever. Lastly, closet conveniences **8**—as we've said, we're taking care of every single thing we own. Now then, we are to buy only what we need. And as further explained in division II, it is not unpatriotic to buy what you need if it's available. Right away comes **1**—everything from frying pans to double boilers made of glass. You know their advantage: the joy of knowing what's going on inside, feeling like a chemist instead of a cook. And **2** is a coffee maker with vitreous china where metals used to be, thereby depriving the armaments system of nothing *and* serving you. Since we still must sweep our floors, we like **3**, a carpet sweeper of wood (mahogany, by golly). Number **4** represents the enamel pots and pans that still go on at this writing, and number **5**, the pottery bowls.

Of course you've heard about saving, practically the national password. Well, it applies to other things besides money—health, for example, and time. Look at **1**, favorite cooking utensil of the three-in-one variety, to save space, etc. Pre-seasoned cast iron, a chicken fryer bottom and frying pan top that fit together as a dutch oven, or frying pan bottom and griddle top that make a chicken fryer. Extra-heavy waxed paper, **2**, is to wrap your meats in, keep them moist, fresh, juicy. Number **3** is a food mill, for easier preparation of everything from vitamin-conscious soup to baby food. Comes the question of how much do you weigh, and that scale, **4**, magnifies the numbers we can tell to the last unwanted quarter of a pound. Knowledge essential to national health, not to mention personal vanity. Next, **5**, the wonder pressure cooker—so good at preserving vital food elements that the government buys them for boys in service. Enough to get around for about three months, then maybe they'll have "special permission" for obvious reasons. Towel rack, **6**, fits in a corner, making use of usually wasted space. Our blessings on **7**, too, a set of three beautiful glass mixing bowls, which fit together in a "nest," saving shelf space.

Last but not least, we wish you a little fun—morale is a fine thing, and goodness knows it won't do any harm to brighten yourself up whenever possible, available, etc. Example **2**, gay pottery mixing bowl, is blue outside, white with floral decoration inside, and cute as anything on our kitchen shelves. Number **1** is one of the neatest tricks of the week: wallpaper borders with stickum already on backs, so the little woman can easily apply to give inexpensive zing (our word for oomph or something) to any room. Beautiful as anything that ever went into an oven is the pottery ovenware labeled **3**. Waffle iron, **4**, now has cast iron grids, which turn 'em out just as golden brown. Bright idea **5** is a *big* wastebasket kitchen "catch-all." Chimes in **6** ring a merry tune, in spite of fact that they're now using short enamel instead of long brass tubes. If you sing happily over the range even when it's 90 in the shade, *large*-sized steam pressure cooker, **7**, is so you and the neighbors can get together and do it in one fell swoop, thereby saving in many ways. And to cheer you up over last night's stack of dishes is **8**. Kitchen towels with giddy designs, the one showing chef who juggles the dishes, lets pans fall where they may.

Drawings indicate merchandise from the following manufacturers:

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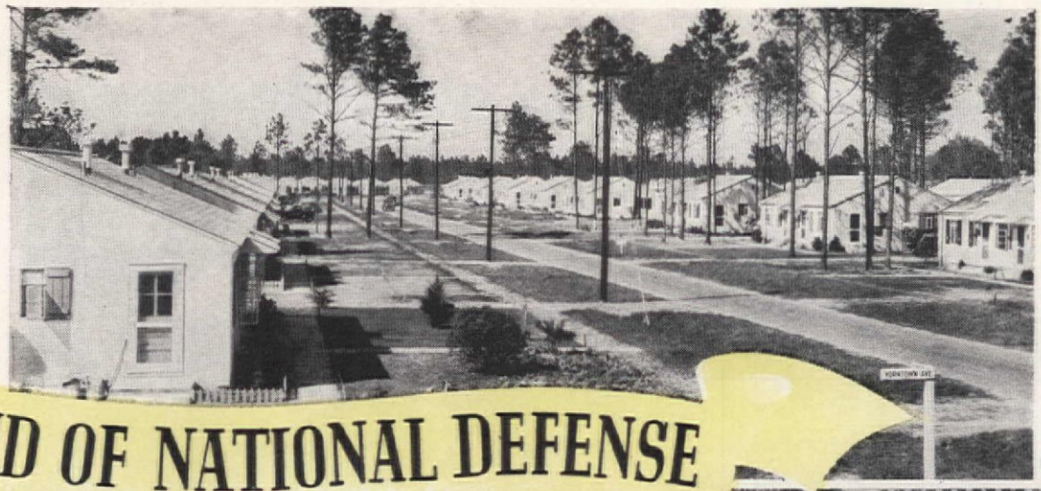

WARTIME EMERGENCY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND AN EXAMPLE OF HOME PLANTING DONE IN A HURRY TWENTY ODD YEARS AGO

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"I WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE THINGS I HAVE....."

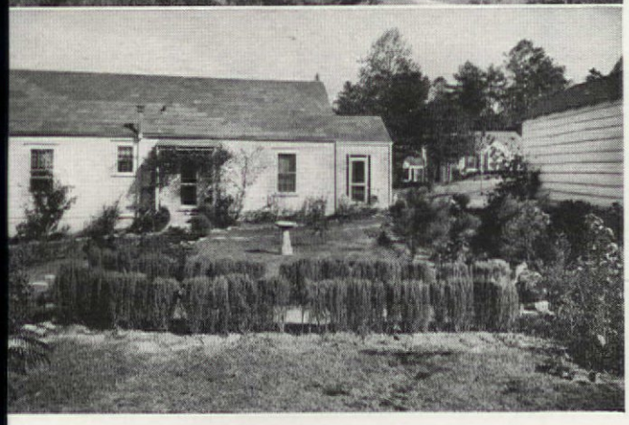
WE WILL take good care of the things we have." . . . Fine! But to complete the picture, we must make sure that what we have is as worthy as we can make it of the best care that we can give it. Apply that thought to that basic, ever-portant subject—our homes and their surroundings—what we of THE ERICAN HOME call their garden setting. "What do you first think of ng with a little piece of land when you become possessed of it"? asks rie Harbeck, a modern young landscape architect who looks facts in the e and sees the opportunities beyond them. "You build a fence or a wall plant a hedge around it and proceed to live and operate independently verything outside your property lines. It's every man, every homeowner, himself, with his main responsibility minding his own business."

hat, she says, is the usual, probably natural, course of events, and has n for years. When it is combined with high-speed building develop-nts and real estate "booms," we get typical results of "building in a ry," which, after a decade or two, are rarely anything to be proud of. t is one reason why land planners—who are steadily becoming a more portant factor in our social progress—are strongly "agin" that indi-ualistic, every-man-for-himself sort of community making. "They ntain," continues Miss Harbeck, "that land for residential use should of all be planned into workable, co-operative neighborhoods; and all who live in them should have a real part and responsibility in king them good places to live in. The idea can be applied right on down he community treatment of the grounds of a block of adjoining homes. se planners know all about the neighborhoods and the difference be-tween land that has been planned for comfortable, happy living and land that has simply been cut up and sold so as to bring the most quick cash to speculators. They can forecast with uncanny accuracy the future of each. They know that the way to prevent slums is to plan and plot against them 'way in advance.

"While planners are doing just that and talking about it, we, the people, are wondering what it's all about and whether it really has something to do with us and the homes we live in. Well, Dr. Edith Elmer Wood, a leader in the housing field, has clarified that point by saying: 'The most important function of any community is to build, maintain, and protect its homes and the families within them. Industry, business and government are means toward this end.' At that we sit up and take notice, because that means *us*. Of course, we say, it's the life inside our own millions of houses that makes the world go round! As a matter of fact, we who live in homes, in the aggregate, do a tremendous amount of planning—more than all the city, county, state, regional and national planners put together. *But we do not plan big enough.* We are hemmed in—bogged down, perhaps—inside our property lines, concerned with spaces too little to use effectively or, in some cases, too big to take care of. We are so busy manicuring our patches and strips of lawn, shrubbery and flower bed, that we can only hope that the fellow on the other

RESULT OF WISE PLANNING. HOW NEEDED IT IS HERE

Careful planning and a year of happy work gave the Owens family of Atlanta, Georgia, this real garden. The neighbors benefit, too, for they can look out upon it and enjoy it



side of the fence is doing the same—if, indeed, we think about him at all. It may be that such a provincial, inward-looking attitude is the result of the way our blocks and lots were laid out in the first place (and still are, in all too many cases) so that they neither suggest nor encourage anything better. Surely it is the reason why the work of the planners, as they lay out new neighborhoods with a view to real co-operative community living, is so important. And certainly, it is a powerful argument in favor of our thinking and working to make something much better out of the old pattern of independent lots and gridiron blocks that most of us seem to have come to accept as inevitable, a matter of course. With intelligent planning, a sincere willingness to co-operate and a smattering of good manners it has been known to work. Why don't we have more of it?

"The drawing at the right shows a possible development of an area within a block of ten houses occupied by ten families. They have pooled the back thirty feet of their lots to create a central community garden, but each has saved enough space adjacent to the house in which to grow flowers, put up a clothes line, build a dog run, make a play yard or have a terrace. A hedge or low fence separates each individual garden from the big garden, which consists of a lawn (ten times as large as any one family could have) with paths around it, a few trees, enough shrubbery to break up any monotonous stretch of garages, and a wading pool for the children which is (or could be) as decorative as any garden pool. Where this sort of thing has been done (and it has) the people, when pooling their back yard land, usually sign a ten- or fifteen-year agreement that can then be renewed or revised. They all pay a pleasantly small amount into a fund for the hiring of a man to care for the garden and to help as desired with the individual plots and front yards. Because this is a full-time job, better than the average help can be obtained; the upkeep work can be done thoroughly and economically, and the arrangement favors the purchase and use of efficient, time-saving power mowers

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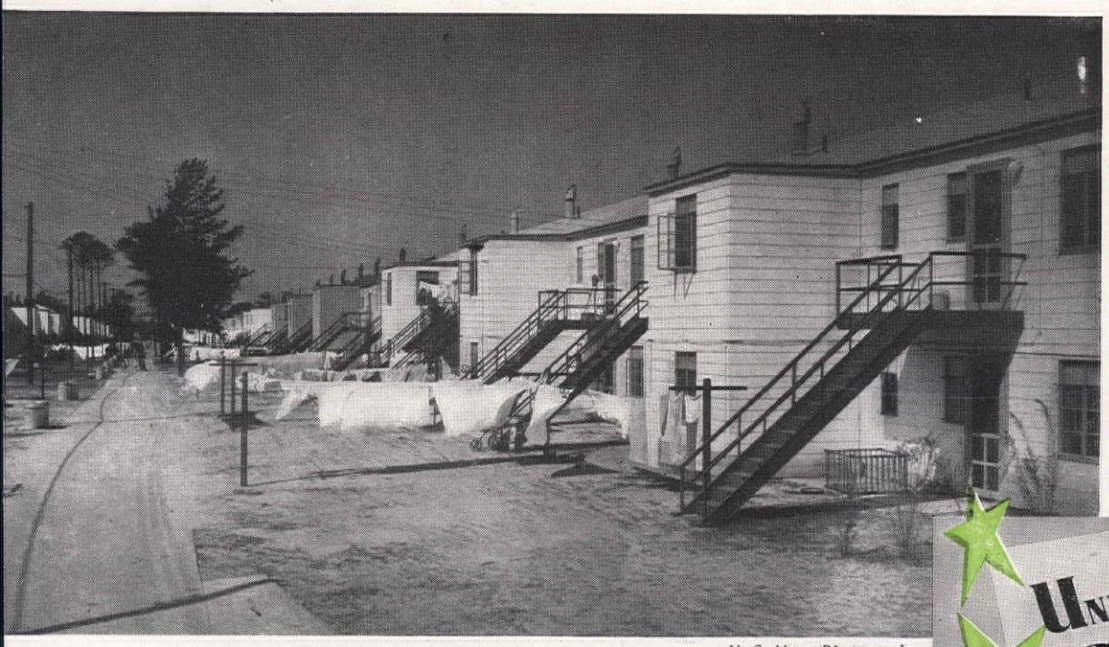

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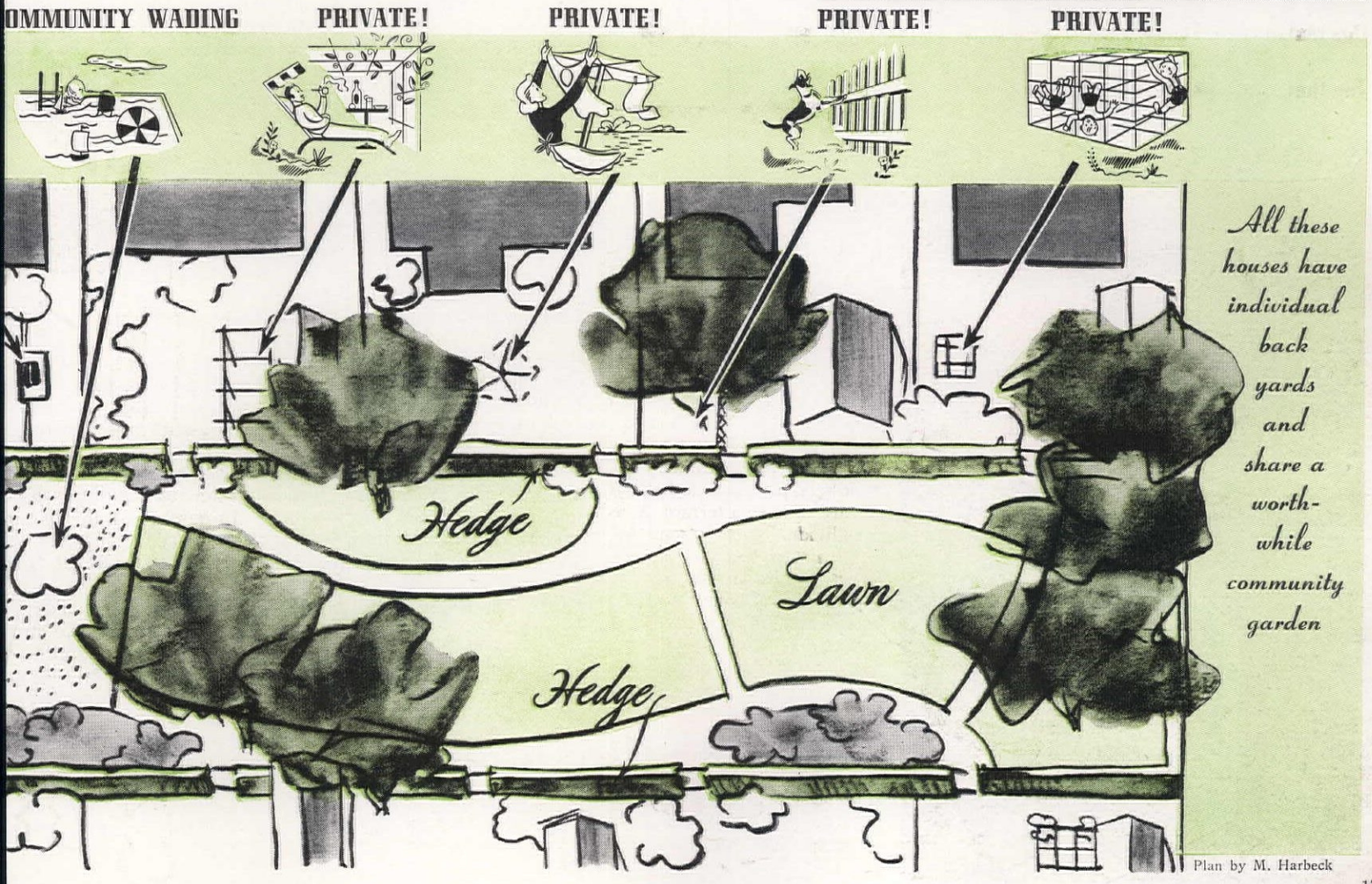
nd other implements that no single homeowner could afford. In short, these ten amilies are insured against shabbiness in the back yards of their neighbors; their wn gardens all seem larger and are more attractive, and their care is simplified."

NOW, we may not all be able to enjoy community gardens, but we can always plan our own spaces for greater enjoyment—and we should. An example of what an happen is the garden of the William E. Owens who moved into a new home in tlanta, Georgia, about a year before the three pictures on page 16 were taken. They azed dismally out on their steeply sloping back yard of rain-gullied red clay and greed when four-year-old Billy called it "a great big hole." But "wonders" is what ne neighbors say they did with that unpromising site. A charming formal garden with rick-lined beds surrounding a smooth rectangle of Bermuda sod stretches along the eep lot on the lower terrace, shrubbery screening a dog pen at the back. The higher errace provides a lighted Badminton court, made by Mr. Owens and a friend after ffice hours in less than a week; a play yard for Billy, and a small cutting garden with flagstone paths, close to the house and in full view of the screened-in porch and flagged terrace. Because of the steep slope, both terracing and filling had to be done, and lots of planning. But it didn't cost much. They estimate that during their first year they paid about $25 for tools, $6 a month for hired labor and perhaps $3 for seeds, many plants being given them by friends. They spent $9 for a sand pile, about $12 to get the Bermuda lawn started, $35 for grading and $10 for extra soil. And now good times and friends abound at the Owens home whose garden spot is fast becoming the festive center of their very grateful neighborhood.—**RUTH RAINE**

UNDER THE STARS WE ADVANCE

Run-down, neglected, weed-grown homes and communities breed run-down, half-hearted inefficient citizens — not the kind we want



Plan by M. Harbeck

A Flock of Ways

FOR WOMEN

Sane saving is the watchword of today in every well-regulated household. Carelessness and waste are out, so here are twenty antidotes for them

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ONE of our big national jobs for the duration is to conserve that our homes and all they contain shall continue giving of t best in service and satisfaction through these puzzling ti Time, money, effort, materials—all are of more vital value ever, and it's up to us to cherish them. For instance:

1. The future of silk stockings is anybody's guess, so the sensible thi to make your present supply last as long as possible. One helpfu is to seal them in glass jars kept in a dark place. This will protect t from possible deterioration by light and air.—**MARJORIE GRIFF**

2. To make a pound of butter go twice as far, pour half a pin almost-boiling milk over it and beat to a cream. This will ma easier to spread, too, which is something to consider when you ha batch of sandwiches to make.—**MAUD MACDONALD HUTCHESO**

3. For those seldom-used linens, table or otherwise: Wash but iron before putting them away. Roll—don't fold. Wrapped cloth, they'll be ready for sprinkling and ironing whenever you want th meanwhile there'll be no sharp creases to weaken them.—**ELIZABETH BL**

4. Speaking of blackout candles (if you were!), did you ever thin remelting the stubs of your old regular candles? Discarded c board containers for cream, butter, cottage cheese, etc., make good m and lengths of string will serve for wicks.—**MRS. SYDNEY HOGER**

5. Do you have a rag rug that's in good condition except for ha faded almost to white? I had, so I sketched on it a design of my cats, outlining them in color and then filling in with a square-tipped br One's black, the other gray and white, and both have red collars yellow bells.—**VIRGINIA E. SMITH**

6. Cotton duck manufacturers have gone into war work 100 per so you'd better make your present awnings last! Setfast Aw Paint, a brand new product, will brighten and preserve them at the time. In seven colors, and made by the Aridye Corporation.

7. Believe it or not, there's still a useful career for that old silk sto with the runs in it! Put your hairbrush inside it, push the br through the silk, and brush like mad. The stocking keeps your hair sticking down at the base of the bristles, so you can "brush out the d

8. Those wooden baskets in which you buy grapes or mushroom much too nice to be thrown away, but how to make them look something more than just empty baskets? In our household the chi and I paint and decorate them in gay colors, putting the small ow name on each. Splendid for picnics and carrying toys.—**RUTH MA**

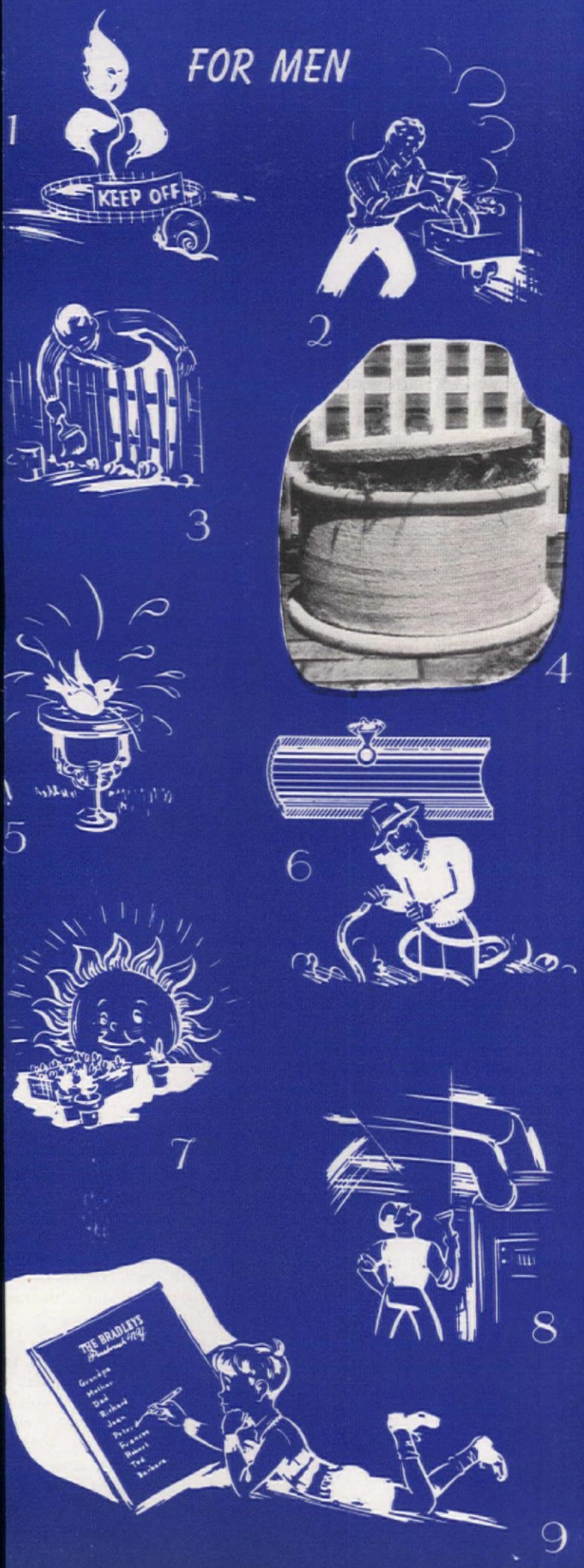
9. Even old curling irons have uses of which their makers dreamed. For example, if you don't have a regular glove stret you can use the iron to help suedes or other washables get back to s after their baths. Before they're thoroughly dry poke the curling into each finger and work it gently to reshape the glove properly.

10. Our canvas glider had lost gaiety and color, but the springs, fr and riggings were all in perfect condition, so we tried flat paint on all the canvas, then two coats of cream for back and and one coat of blue for arms, side pieces, flaps, etc. And now waterproof as well as bright and cheery!—**EMILY SEABER PARC**

Sketches, Helen M. Chelland

to Save!

FOR MEN



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1. Soon after my tuberous begonias and other tender plants began to sprout last year I awoke one morning to find their luscious leaves all gone, eaten during the night by snails and slugs. So this year I cut strips of window screening about eight inches long and one inch wide, pulled two strands from the long sides so as to leave the ends of the cross-wires standing up, and made rings around the plants, sharp side up. The pests just wouldn't go over that prickly top!—**ELIZABETH M. McDONALD**

2. Sink drains must be kept clean of grease and other clogging things, or some day you'll have a young flood on your hands. But don't pour lye down the drain, as that might take the finish off the fixture and clog the pipe by hardening the grease. A pail of scalding water poured down the drain once every day will help a lot in keeping everything in order.—**PLUMBING AND HEATING INDUSTRIES BUREAU**

3. There's nothing like the right paint at the right time for helping fences and trellises to live a long life and a merry one. They must be dry when the work is started, and free of all dirt and loose old paint. For wooden ones, use a regular outside house paint, but if they're metal you must get a special kind made just for this material.

4. Some garden fertilizers may be scarce this year, so the making of "compost" from dead leaves, grass clippings, and other soft vegetation takes on special importance. A neat portable container for those otherwise waste materials can be made of concrete rings 10 inches high, 20 inches wide and 5/8 inch thick, set one on another, with a reinforced concrete cover in which an old wash-boiler handle is set.—**J. H. MURA**

5. We had a perfectly good bird bath in the front yard, but there were birds out behind the house, too, and they were just as keen about splattering around as their friends. So for them we made one that they liked just as well, using the base of a discarded hot water tank and the inverted cover of an ashcan, spick and span with two coats of cream paint. And do they use it on hot days!—**JOHN F. GAIN**

6. Taping a punctured garden hose is a futile sort of operation, but here's a different method that I've tested and found satisfactory. You place a rubber disk about an inch in diameter over the perforation and force a ball-bearing ball, placed over the disk, through the hole. This leaves a narrow rim of the disk protruding from the hose, but your leak is stopped, which is the main thing.—**ROBERT BLICKENDERFER**

7. Good gardeners hate to see little seedling plants growing skinny and anaemic from lack of light, and maybe toppling over dead even before they're out of the infant class and ready to go into the garden. Plenty of good spring sunshine and fresh air will go a long way toward preventing such trouble, with any plantlets you have.

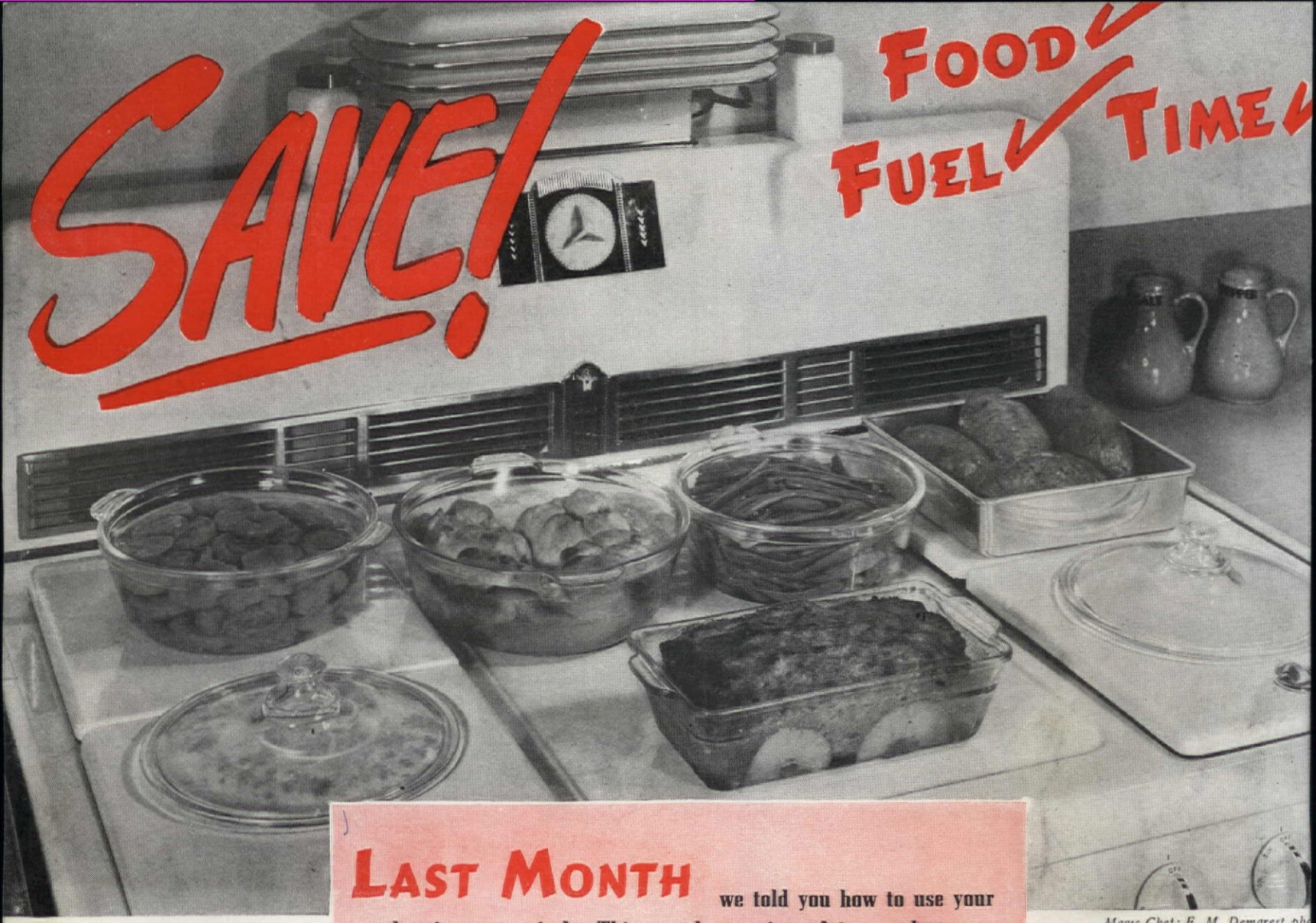
8. A thorough inspection of the furnace and heating equipment right now, when the winter season is ending, is good common sense—and so is prompt remedying of any weaknesses or troubles that may be discovered. Later in the year it may be impossible to get labor and parts for replacement.—**PLUMBING AND HEATING INDUSTRIES BUREAU**

9. The mother of a family of letter-writing addicts, each clamoring for personalized stationery, killed all her birds with one stone. She had the stationery printed with the family name and address across the top of the sheet, and the names of the members down the left side. Now when Peter starts his correspondence he merely puts a check beside his name. The children like it—and it costs much less than ten separate orders of individual letterheads.—**ELIZABETH BLOCK**

10. A sturdy outdoor table for $1.50—think that one over! We made ours from an old wagon-wheel rim, 100 pounds each of sand and cement for concrete, and a few reinforcing rods from a junk man. The iron rim was laid on newspapers on level ground and the concrete poured in; the rods were placed across the middle before the final pouring. We leveled off the top with a smooth board and trowel, and when it had hardened we set it on a two-foot log 24-inches high.—**ASHTON CHAPMAN**

Sketches, Arthur Schaffert

SAVE! FOOD FUEL TIME

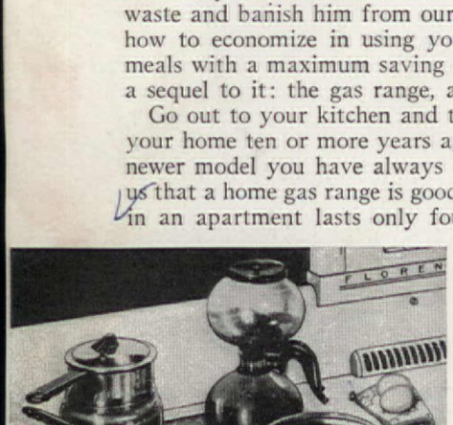


Magic Chef; F. M. Demarest ph

LAST MONTH we told you how to use your electric range wisely. This month we give advice on how you may prolong the life of your gas range for, although there is a substantial stock on hand, many new homes are being built, and they demand new ranges. Isn't it selfish to buy something which may deprive someone else of a necessity?

TO SAVE food, fuel, and time is certainly our kitchen slogan these days. Waste is the fifth columnist who can creep into our kitchen routine if we don't watch out. Wasted food, wasted fuel, and wasted time can count up into an utterly unbelievable sum in short order. Let's take hold of the demon waste and banish him from our kitchen forever. Last month we told you how to economize in using your electric range—how to prepare entire meals with a maximum saving of food, fuel, time—and now we give you a sequel to it: the gas range, and how to make the best use of it.

Go out to your kitchen and take stock of your gas range. If it entered your home ten or more years ago, now would be a good time to buy the newer model you have always been promising yourself. Statisticians tell us that a home gas range is good for ten or twelve years, while a gas range in an apartment lasts only four. The difference in lifetime can be attributed to the difference in care. In a home, equipment receives more loving care, while in an apartment house the transient tenants often treat equipment a good deal less carefully.



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Since 1850, when the first gas range was built, improvements have constantly been made to make these stoves more modern and efficient. Check your model of gas range for the type of burner. Is it the star or prong type, or is it the modern round burner? New gas ranges have automatic lighting devices. They have ovens insulated and constructed to assure evenly controlled baking temperature. The new models have separate broiler compartments to permit broiling without heating the entire oven, as was formerly necessary.

Are you wasting gas in your preparation? Do you keep the f on intense heat after veget have started boiling? Veget will not boil any faster on a tense heat once they have st bubbling. Turn down the ga allow an energetic boil and nothing more. There is also a smaller flam simmering, which certainly saves on gas. If a stew should simme sure to place it over the small flame; it will be better for the stew, as as noticeably better for the gas bill.

A clear blue flame at the right height is correct. If your gas burners out a yellow, spouting flame, call the gas company to have the bu adjusted, and save on your gas bills!

Do you turn the gas off after you have removed a saucepan from surface burner or after you have removed the food from the broil oven? You should turn the gas off first, you know. Why? It saves Why have a burner lighted if it is not being used. Why have an ov a broiler heated if the food isn't ready?

Do you heat a whole teakettle of water when you plan to use only or two cups of boiling water? Isn't it waste to heat more water than plan to use? You know the answer to that one!

Do you heat water for cooking vegetables in the saucepan you pl use? You should, you know. Always cover the saucepan when yo heating water for quicker heating and consequent saving.

Do you cook vegetables in just enough water to tenderize them? I do, you save vitamins and minerals in the vegetables and save on besides, and who doesn't want more nutrition for less money?

Do you use flat bottom saucepans that fit over the burners? Too saucepans are not good, and a too small saucepan wastes heat. Lik story of the Three Bears, there is a saucepan that is just right.

Do you heat the oven and use it for only one dish of food? Think the wasted heat. You could have cooked an entire meal for same am of fuel used, if you had planned your menu beforehand.

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*Upside-down Ham Loaf
Baked Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
*Minnie's Apple Dumplings
Coffee

*Pork Shoulder with Fruit Stuffing
Browned Potatoes Steamed Buttered Carrots
*Best-ever Apple Pie
Coffee
Baked Apples (luncheon dessert)
Cinnamon Rolls (breakfast)
Steamed Apricots (breakfast)

*Tomato Soup Meat Loaf
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Buttered Carrots
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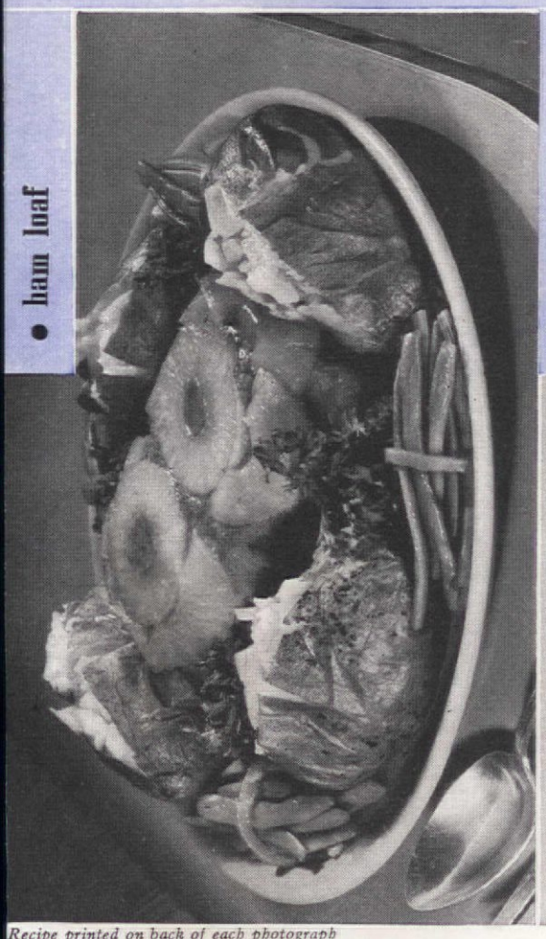
• ham loaf



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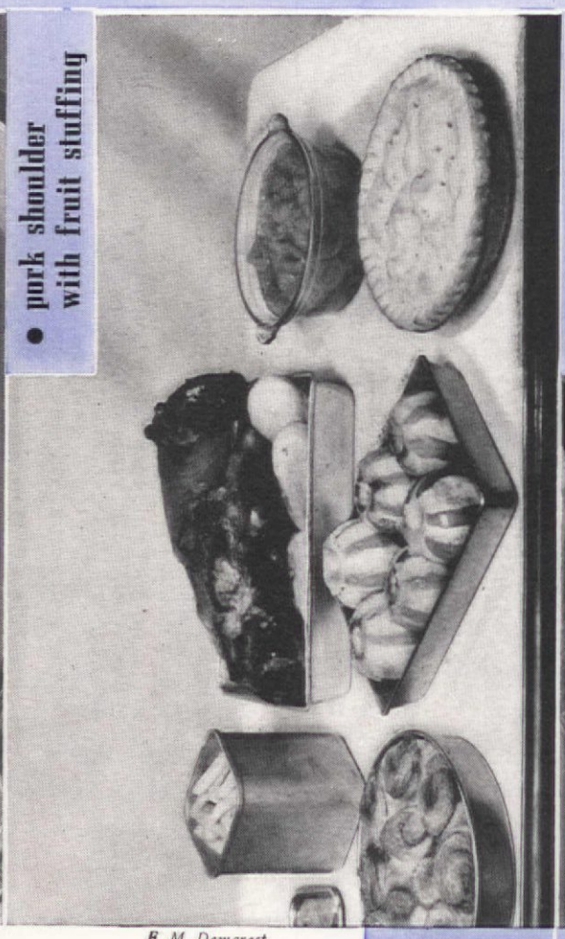

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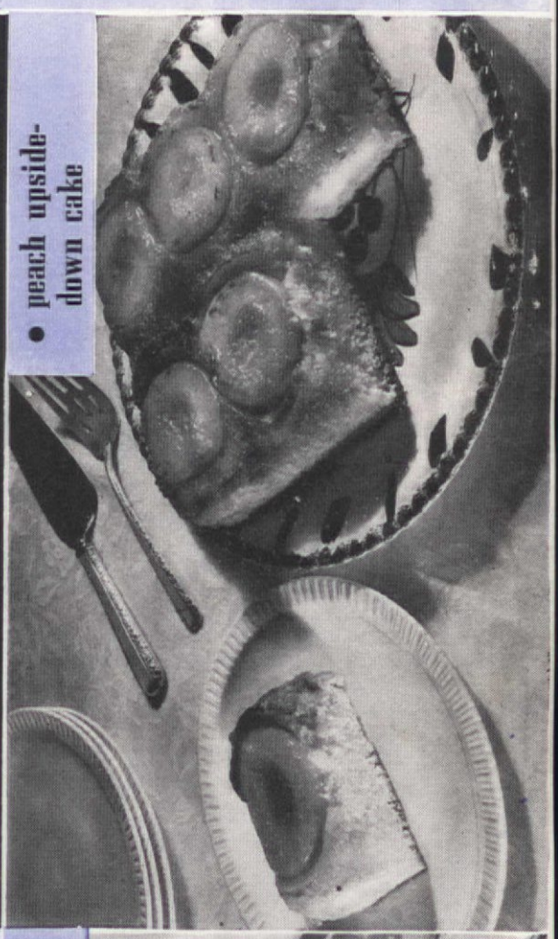

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F. M. Demarest

and have confidence in your oven. Your gas range is no different than machinery in factories. Machinery has to be kept clean to function economically. Do you keep your gas range spotless for perfect performance?

Do not put off until tomorrow what should be done today on your gas range. Each day it is advisable to wipe off the enamel of the range with a soft dry cloth while the range is warm but not hot. If any food has spilled, wipe it up immediately with a dry cloth or paper towel. After the range is cool, the spot can be washed with soap and water. You'll burn your fingers with the steam if you try to wipe up the spot with a wet dish cloth while the range is hot. The pebbly effect on enamel is evidence that you have been using a cold wet cloth on hot enamel. Maybe you think strong soaps and abrasives will do a blitzkrieg on your range cleaning job, but such materials

*Lamb Stew with Dumplings
Green Salad
*Deep Dish Rhubarb Pie
Coffee

• lamb stew with dumplings

*Lamb Patties Candied Sweet Potatoes
*Hot Stuffed Tomatoes Pineapple Rings
*Orange Tapioca Pudding
Coffee

• lamb patties with stuffed tomatoes

**From the American Home Basic file*

• lamb stew with dumplings

Preparation time: 2½ hrs.

2 lbs. lamb shoulder
1 tbsp. shortening
3 cups water
1 bay leaf
⅛ tsp. thyme
1½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
4 small onions
4 medium-sized potatoes
2 tsp. chopped parsley
8 small carrots

Cut meat into small cubes. Brown in shortening. Add water, herbs, and seasonings and simmer 1½ hrs. Prepare vegetables. Leave carrots and onions whole but cut potatoes in halves or quarters. When vegetables have cooked 25 min. add dumplings.

dumplings

1 cup sifted flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
1 tbsp. shortening
½ cup milk
Paprika

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together; cut in shortening and add milk slowly. Drop by spoonfuls on top of stew, cover tightly and cook 12-15 min. Do not lift lid while dumplings are cooking or they will fall. When serving, sprinkle with paprika. Serves 4. ***524 cal. per serving. Good source of vitamin A and B complex.***

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• lamb patties

Preparation time: 30-40 min.

1½ lbs. ground lamb
½ cup bread crumbs
⅔ cup milk
1½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 tsp. onion juice
2 tbsp. butter or margarine
1 onion, chopped
1 can (12 oz.) whole kernel corn
4-6 tomatoes
2-3 cooked sweet potatoes
½ cup brown sugar
¼ cup butter or margarine
4-6 pineapple slices
1 can (2 oz.) button mushrooms **or** 6 fresh mushrooms

Preheat broiler for 6 min. Mix ground lamb, bread crumbs, milk, and seasonings. Shape mixture into form of lamb chops and place on broiler. Broil for 6 min., or until patties are brown. Cook onion in butter or margarine until tender; add corn and heat. Fill hollowed-out tomatoes with corn. Cut potatoes into thick slices, sprinkle with brown sugar, dot with butter. Turn lamb chops and place potatoes, stuffed tomatoes, and pineapple rings (may be cut in half) on broiler. Put mushrooms on patties and broil 5 min. or until done. This makes a colorful attractive meal and is easily prepared. Serves 4-6. ***255-580 cal. per serving in lamb patties. Good source of vitamin B complex.***

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equipment in topnotch running order and prolong its

• peach upside-down cake

Preparation time: 1 hr., 10 min.

4 tbsp. butter or margarine
¾ cup brown sugar
6 canned peach halves
¼ cup shortening
¾ cup sugar
1 egg
1 tsp. lemon juice
2 tsp. grated lemon rind
1½ cups sifted cake flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
½ cup milk

Mix melted butter or margarine and brown sugar together and pat into bottom of 8" square cake pan. Arrange peaches over this, cut side down. Cream shortening and sugar together, add egg, lemon juice and rind, and beat until fluffy. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together and add alternately with milk. Pour batter over peaches. Bake in a moderate oven (375°F.) 45 min. or bake with an oven meal (350°F.) 1 hr. 10 min. Serve plain or with whipped cream. Makes 6 generous portions. ***256 cal. per serving without cream. Source of vitamin A.***

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ROPER

• pork shoulder with fruit stuffing

Preparation time: 55 min. (Cooking time not included)

1 fresh pork shoulder (5½-8 lbs.)
1½-2 tbsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
Stuffing

Have butcher remove all bone from shoulder and sew together, leaving one end open for stuffing. Mix salt and pepper together and rub inside and over surface of roast. Fill with stuffing.

fruit stuffing

1 cup tart apples, chopped
1 cup cooked apricots, chopped
1 cup cooked prunes, chopped
½ cup chopped celery
2 cups bread crumbs
¼ cup melted shortening
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
¼ tsp. powdered cloves
1 tsp. chopped parsley
2-3 tbsp. apricot water

Mix chopped fruits, celery, and bread crumbs together. Stir in melted shortening. Add seasonings and moisten with apricot water. Pack loosely into roast and bake in moderate oven (350°F.). Cook 30 min. per lb. or to internal temperature of 185°F. by meat thermometer. Serves 8. Use left-over meat for pork cottage pie or pork chop suey. ***205 cal. per serving of stuffing. Good source of vitamin B complex and vitamin A.***

The week-end cooking can be carried out at the same time to conserve fuel.

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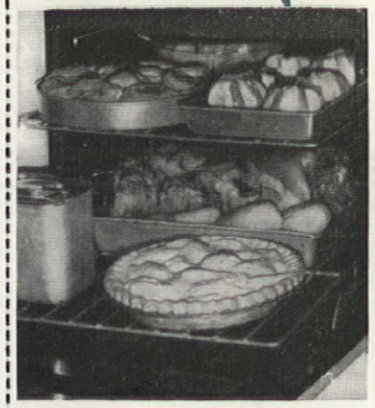

• ham loaf

Preparation time: 1 hr., 40 min.

3 tbsp. butter or margarine
½ cup brown sugar
4-6 slices pineapple
1½ lbs. ground ham
½ lb. lean pork
⅓ cup chopped green pepper
3 tbsp. chopped onion
1 cup stale bread crumbs
¼ tsp. celery salt
¼ tsp. black pepper
2 eggs beaten
2 tsp. baking powder
1 cup milk

Mix butter or margarine and brown sugar together and pat in bottom of baking dish or bread pan. Place slices of pineapple over this. Halves may be put around sides. Mix ground meats, green pepper, onion, bread crumbs, seasonings, eggs, baking powder, and milk together. Pat meat mixture over pineapple slices and bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 1 hr. 20 min.

Place potatoes for baking, green beans, apricots (for breakfast), and Minnie's apple dumplings in oven at the same time and enjoy a period of relaxation with the family. Serves 6-8. ***368-490 cal. per serving of meat. Good source of vitamin B complex.***

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Don't hold Old Mortgage!

IN ORDINARY times, few of us would suspect any relation between the kind of mortgage we may have on our homes and the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Yet one of the effects of a war economy on America is that it will offer to many thousands of families the opportunity to exchange a burdensome home mortgage of the old style for the safer, more economical, monthly-reducing loan that leads directly to a debt-free home.

It all goes back to the shortage of some essential war production metals and their consequent curtailment in most building operations. Houses built for occupancy by war workers are given a high priority rating. But the building of houses outside the defense cities, and the construction of higher-cost homes in defense areas, are being practically discontinued. The result is that savings and loan associations, banks, and other financial institutions are compelled to seek wider outlets for their funds, to employ a much larger proportion in loans for the reconditioning and purchase of existing houses or for refinancing old style mortgages.

To many people, the term "refinancing" or "refunding" vaguely suggests the transactions of great corporations. But to the head of a family, harassed by needed home repairs or a dangerous short-term or "straight" mortgage—a debt that never seems to grow smaller—refinancing offers a real relief. By refinancing his old mortgage into the modern "direct reduction" loan, he can adapt it to his household budget and eventually bring the day when he will own his home free and clear—on terms which are fundamentally sound and safe

The old type "straight" or short-term loan can be recast to great advantage in safety, economy, and convenience. Straight loans, providing for no periodic reduction, are due in full on a definite date, usually in three to five years. They are often renewed at maturity or allowed to run as demand notes, leaving the debtor at the mercy of the lender. No home loan can be regarded as safe unless it provides for its complete repayment on terms that the borrower can meet while meeting other necessary expenses.

Another antiquated type of mortgage—known as the share-account sinking-fund loan—is still in use in some parts of our country. It provides for the retirement of the debt out of the monthly income of the borrower, but its terms are hard to understand and it is subject to serious risk.

For comparison, let us take the case of a home buyer with a $3,000 "direct reduction" loan, running for 15 years and bearing an interest rate of 5%. At the end of 180 months, or 15 years, he will have paid his debt in full, plus $1,270 in interest. If he has the sinking-fund type of loan, requiring a similar monthly payment, and receives a 3% dividend on his share investment, it will take him 26 months additional to pay off his loan and his interest will total $1,891, or $621 more than under the direct-reduction plan. His "effective" interest rate is 6.23% instead of 5%.

The "direct reduction" loan was originated by savings and loan associations many years ago. It received great impetus from the lending operations of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation in the 1933-1936 period. Under that plan, the borrower pays an agreed amount each month, which is credited first upon interest and then upon principal. Consequently, each month a smaller share of his payment is required for interest and a larger share is applied in reduction of his principal. The rate of debt reduction and consequently his equity in the home, grows constantly as time goes on, thus reducing the danger of loss even if values should drop or income be reduced by sickness, unemployment, or some other cause.

A 15-year loan at 5% interest would be payable at the rate of $7.91 per month for each $1,000 borrowed. On the first payment, $4.17, or 53% of

that Style

FRED W. CATLETT
—member of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and leading expert on money matters that are of vital interest to our homeowners

Where should the homeowner with an antiquated loan go for refinancing? It is neither wise nor necessary to resort to individual lenders. Their loans are chiefly straight short-term mortgages, since they are rarely equipped for the bookkeeping necessary for handling monthly payment contracts. Today, the lending institutions are much better organized than any individual can be to meet the practical needs of homeowners for the long-term economical financing of their properties

$7.91, would be required for interest and $3.74, or 47%, would apply upon the principal. After 60 months, however, only $3.14, or 40%, would be taken for interest, while $4.77, or 60%, would be applied to principal. This reduction of interest continues until on the last payment only 3¢ must go for interest. With such a loan, all future commissions and renewal expenses are eliminated. It is thus safer, much more economical and the borrower can make his plans in advance for his small, definite monthly payment, knowing exactly how much it will have to be.

The borrower encumbered with an old mortgage can often get it refinanced in the new way by the same institution which now holds his contract. There is scarcely a town in the United States where this better type of loan cannot be obtained. Most of the savings and loan and building and loan associations (called co-operative banks or homestead associations in some areas) specialize exclusively in the direct-reduction plan. It is also offered widely by commercial and savings banks and trust and life insurance companies. All loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration are of this type. Perhaps a word of warning should be sounded. A borrower who already has a low-cost modern loan should leave it unchanged, with the institution with which he is now doing business, where he is known and can expect friendly service and understanding and co-operation during the lifetime of his contract.

At least two other advantages may be secured through refinancing. First, a borrower may adjust the length of the loan term to his monthly earnings. For the average family, it is generally agreed that a 12 to 15-year loan is most practical. Secondly, if the home is in need of repair or remodeling, and the debt is fairly well paid down, now is a good time for refinancing to obtain an additional amount for reconditioning. Another protection for the borrower recently developed—without the need of refinancing—is an arrangement by which he may provide for his real estate taxes conveniently on the installment plan by paying one-twelfth of the total every month to his lending institution, the amount to be included in his monthly loan payment. The lender pays the taxes when due.

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The Gay Little Garden that Grew Like Magic!

Photographs by the author

FRANKLY, I never was much of a garden man myself. My talents always ran more toward spending all night in a stuffy darkroom, or wasting an untold amount of perfectly good lumber in "building things I didn't really need."

But then a new house came into my life, complete with lot. And I had a funny idea that flowers and trees and all the necessary assortment of grass, bushes, shrubs, etc., just sort of arranged themselves around and, given time, made the place look awfully pretty. Hah! . . . that's not the way it works out! Now, at last, I believe I've found the real answer in the story of what one young couple did to make their new home a bit of Garden of Eden . . . the story of a way of clear thinking and practical planning which, in only one year's time, transformed a barren, quite unpromising, corner lot into an attractively gay, colorful setting for the house of their dreams. There is a heroine in the story, of course—Mrs. Eric Cudd, a young woman, not too-long married, who applies a remarkable talent for color and composition to gardening much as an artist applies these same talents to painting. The hero, naturally, is Eric—just a man like the rest of us, who does the heavy work and suffers (not in silence) the painful uncertainty of us poor guys who can't quite visualize what the Missus has in mind when she orders us to "dig here"! The setting is a corner lot, 65′ x 112′, in one of the low-cost suburban Philadelphia residential communities.

In November, 1939, the Cudds moved into their new home. Having always lived in city apartments, neither of them, as Mrs. Cudd puts it, "knew a sweet pea from a cactus." Naturally, then, many hours of this first winter were spent in reading garden books and seed catalogues. Up to this point the Cudds were following the usual procedure of new homeowners. But from here on Mrs. Cudd added her own good sense and originality. And that's where the story of her accomplishments begins.

After becoming hopelessly confused, as we all are, by the tremendous amount of information gleaned from books and visits to flower shows and nurseries, not to mention advice from self-appointed experts among their friends, she finally came to the conclusion that gardening was largely a matter of common sense. She decided there was a flower or tree or shrub—or something—available to fill any requirement of color, height, and shape. The only problem was to find it.

So, instead of buying haphazard miscellaneous assortments of seeds and bulbs and trying to fit them together like a jigsaw puzzle, she designed her own "puzzle"—and assembled proper sizes, shapes, and colors piece by piece to fit her design. *And there is the secret of her success*—plus a real feeling and love for plants.

She decided she wanted gay color—right away. So she used annuals lavishly. She wanted color from spring until winter, so she searched the catalogues carefully for plants to bloom each month throughout the season and planted them among one another so there would be a continuous succession of gorgeous bloom all over the garden. And she was very particular about getting just the right color and the right height at just the right place, so a first impression of the garden is one of balance and unity. She has courage enough to pull out an offending plant if she finds she has made an error of judgment, and stick in another one which fits the scheme much better and grows just as well.

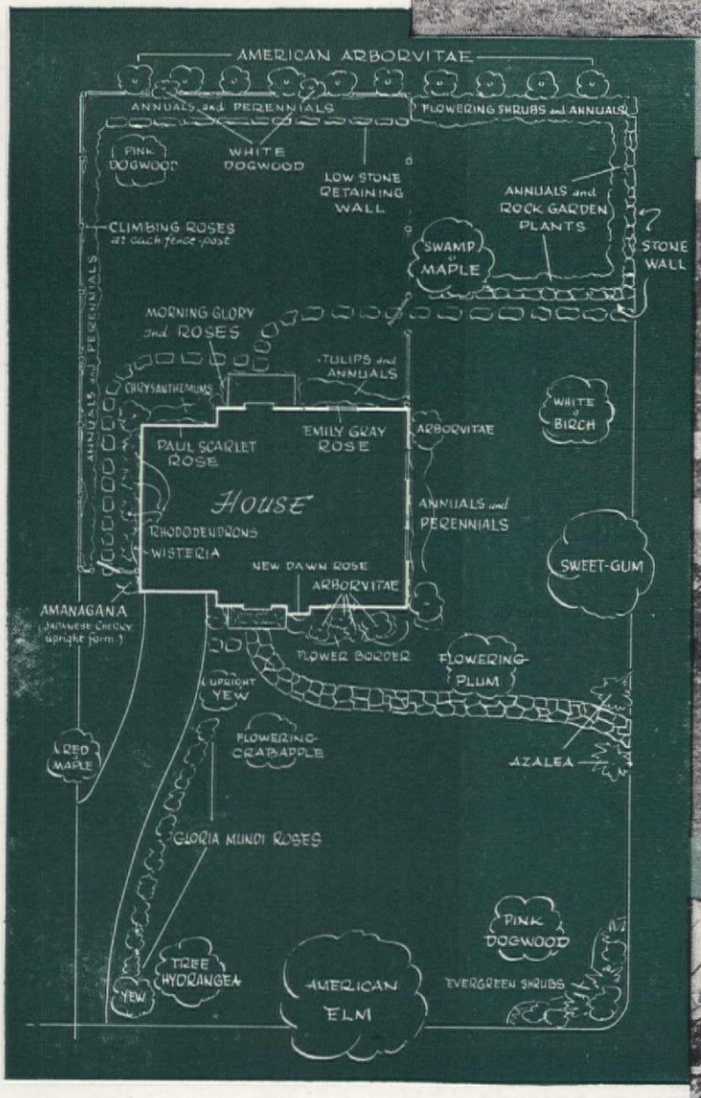
The spring of 1940 found Mrs. Cudd turning over the soil for their lawn while Eric built the fence that forms the yard at the rear of the house and provides a background for flower beds along the back and northern side of the property. The foundation planting, which includes well-placed vines, evergreens, and young trees, was done this first spring and supplied by the builder, who also put in the street trees. Later, the Cudds decided the lawn area surrounding the house was too flat, so Eric built the low stone wall with rocks he hauled from a near-by woods and filled in the square area thus formed with good topsoil from those same woods. This provided a clever break in the contour of the landscaping and made an ideal setting for an assortment of rock garden plants. He built, too, the cozy arbored porch, with a tiny built-in table, where breakfast or lunch is a cool delight.

It was decided to postpone the completion of the front-area landscaping, because the cost of this work would be considerably greater. Wisely, the Cudds plan to purchase several very large trees, rather than young ones, feeling that the air of permanence and completeness which they will add to the front lawn will be well worth the extra cost. They're to be obtained from a first-class nursery, of course.

In the meantime, permanent features, such as roses planted at each fence post on the north side, which will eventually form a colorful screen; the rose hedge bordering the driveway; various perennials; the wisteria to line the garage wall, and several young trees—all were placed in position.

During the winter of 1940, Mrs. Cudd turned an entire room into a miniature nursery for the seedlings which were to provide the gorgeous results shown on these pages. Except for the time when Eric forgot to step oh-so-carefully into this room and made a shambles of a whole congregation of precious seed boxes, everything for the garden worked out exactly according to schedule.

And the dollars and cents of it? Well, here's the reckoning: lawn making, $38; trees, $48; roses, $32.85; flowers (plants and seeds), $18; shrubs and vines, $29.50; rail fence, $18; porch (built by Eric with second-hand lumber), $8; fertilizer, $10; stone wall (man to haul soil), $8. Altogether, a total of just $210.35! The energetic Cudds have lots of things planned for the future of course, and, if I'm any judge, they'll put through all of them.—HENRY GREGG



The Cudds and the author talk it over—and then Mrs. Cudd shows why her garden grows. On the other page, glimpses of the garden side

It isn't just a rear porch that Eric built—it's really heaven for summer breakfast or afternoon tea, or just a bit of rest during the midday heat

1. My aunt was a tyrant,
a regular Turk,
Who made her poor husband
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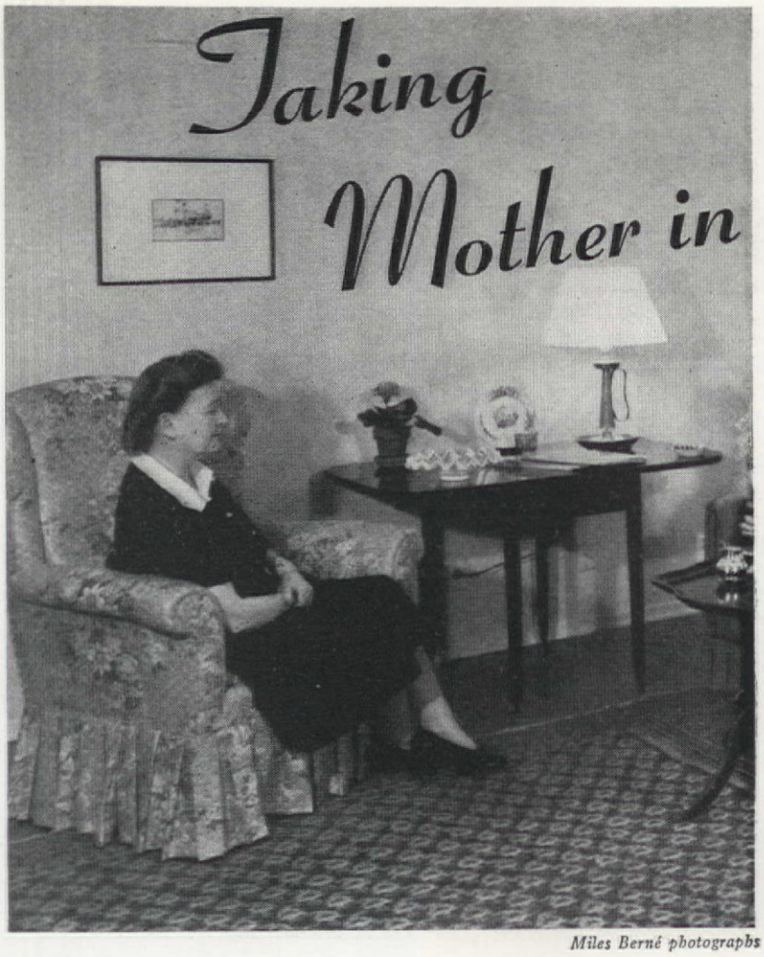

Taking Mother in

Miles Berné photographs

THERE'S something reminiscent of the "glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome" about a big old house with its old family furniture. But there's something depressing, too, about a meal for two, set at a mahogany table that once took on a big family with still enough elbow room for more. Those were the days when a leg of lamb vanished into thin air at one meal, but when those who made it vanish have gone their various ways, "living with the old family furniture" isn't a very reciprocal manner of life. Somehow, it's hard to warm up to a seven-foot mahogany sideboard, and all that goes with it to scale.

That's the point at which Burton Schutt and H. Denman Scott decided that their mother should be transported and transplanted, all at the same time. They didn't say anything about their plot, but went ahead and found the most attractive apartment they could—one that had a private garden, and windows and views. One that had the atmosphere and the feel of a livable home. Then they did it over—they're both young architects—to suit their mother's tastes and complexion! They made their own selections of paper and paint with an eye to a suitable background for their mother's light brown hair that has yet to turn gray. So they chose a soft chalky pink for the living-room and dining-room walls, and the rest of the papers were selected with equal care.

Then, because they are very busy young men, they turned the decorating over to George Wiseman, a family friend. He entered into the spirit of conniving completely. "Mother" was to be allowed certain concessions. Just as she must have a garden in which to dig and plant, so must she have certain old possessions, such as the living-room Oriental and some family heirlooms. To get the rug away from the house, it was sent to

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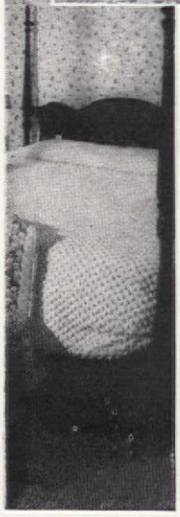

be cleaned. En route, it was sidetracked long enough for the decorator friend to work out the color scheme for curtains, furniture, and such. Chairs and tables suddenly developed a need for being refinished.

Then came the day when Mother herself was invited out on some pretext or other and, the next thing she knew, she was being ushered into her most delightful apartment, which had all the earmarks of home. The Oriental from the big house looked settled and happy on its new floor, and not at all homesick. The chairs and other furniture that had been spirited away were there to greet her. And out through the many windows there was the garden!

She did admit that she had her suspicions as to something being afoot. After all, you can't have a large amount of furniture being removed from your house all of a sudden without thinking things! But even her woman's intuition hadn't anticipated the charm of the new home, nor the ease of her new life.

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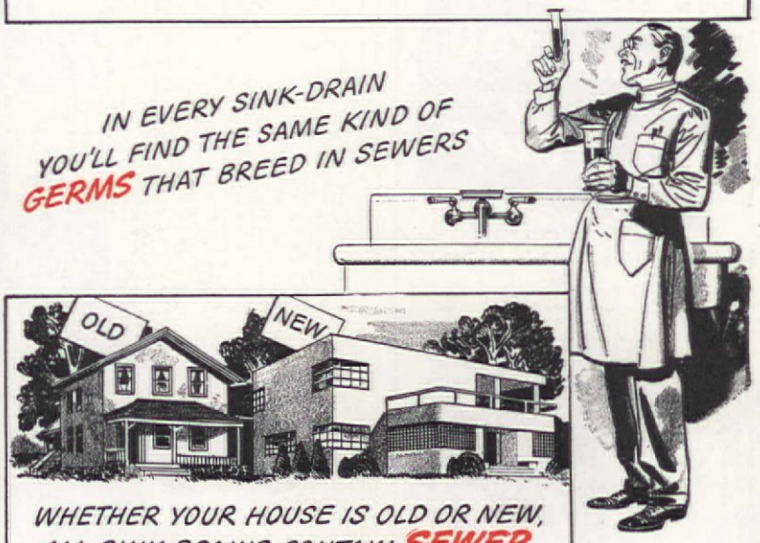

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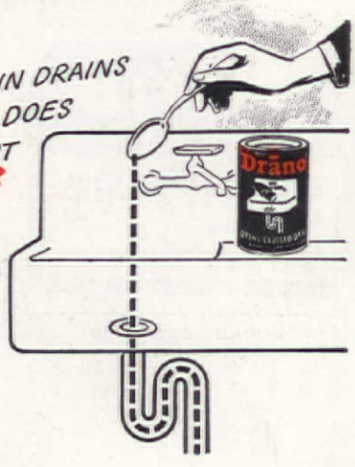

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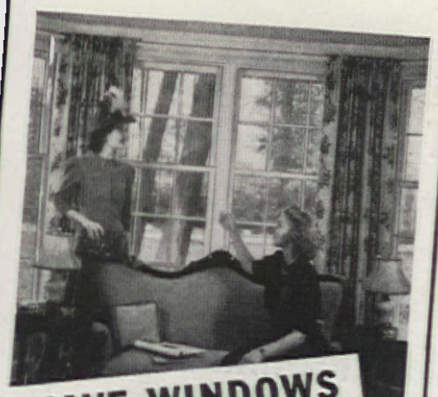

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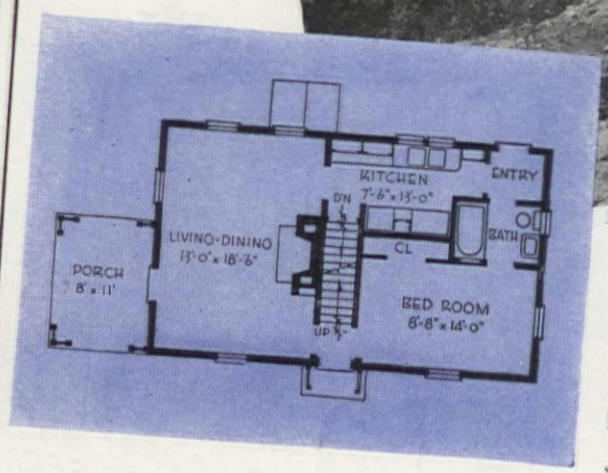

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THEY'RE grand but they look so 'shack-y'," is what some prospective homeowners say after seeing the new, small, low-cost houses. But here's the substantial-looking home Smith and Walker, a Boston architectural firm, were able to produce when a client told them "not over $3,500," and here's how they did it. It's the home of young Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Fenninger, Jr., in Hingham, Mass., and its first trump card is its appearance. It avoids a shoe-box effect by tucking a cheerful, mighty useful porch on one end. Then, too, the whole house is well proportioned, with a central chimney and good balance in the placing of doors and windows. It's in scale, with proper sized shingles for roof and walls, it has good architectural detail, and a generously wide-angled roof line and projecting eaves. The foundation is concrete.

Roof shingles are wood, cornice and window trim are structurally strong enough to skip any flimsy look, there are blinds instead of shutters, and the arched trellis over the front entrance, the thoughtful provision of a side porch take the house out of the packing-boxes-all-in-a-row type of place. The color scheme—a naturally weathered roof, brown stained walls, white trim and dark green blinds—avoids any over-ripe "cute" effect and gives modest dignity to the home, small though it is.

The second trump card is the floor plan, a particularly worth-while achievement since a three-room layout isn't as easy to do as it may appear. This one scores with an entrance vestibule, large living room with three-wall ventilation and an out-of-sight dining alcove that increases its apparent size, an amply large bedroom, and a two-door approach to the bathroom. There is storage room in the cellar that runs under half the house, and the attic can be

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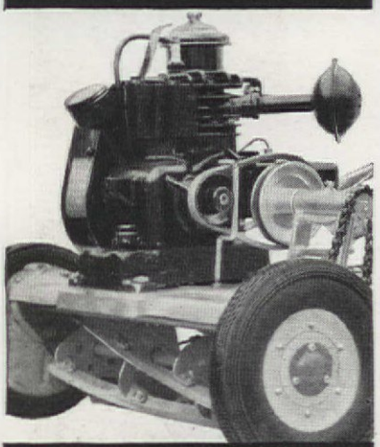

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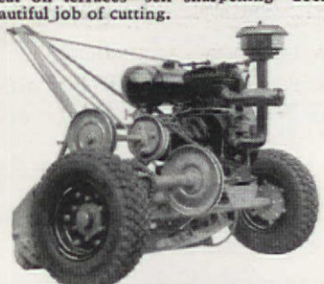

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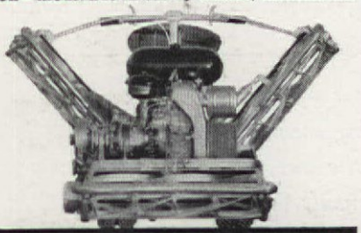

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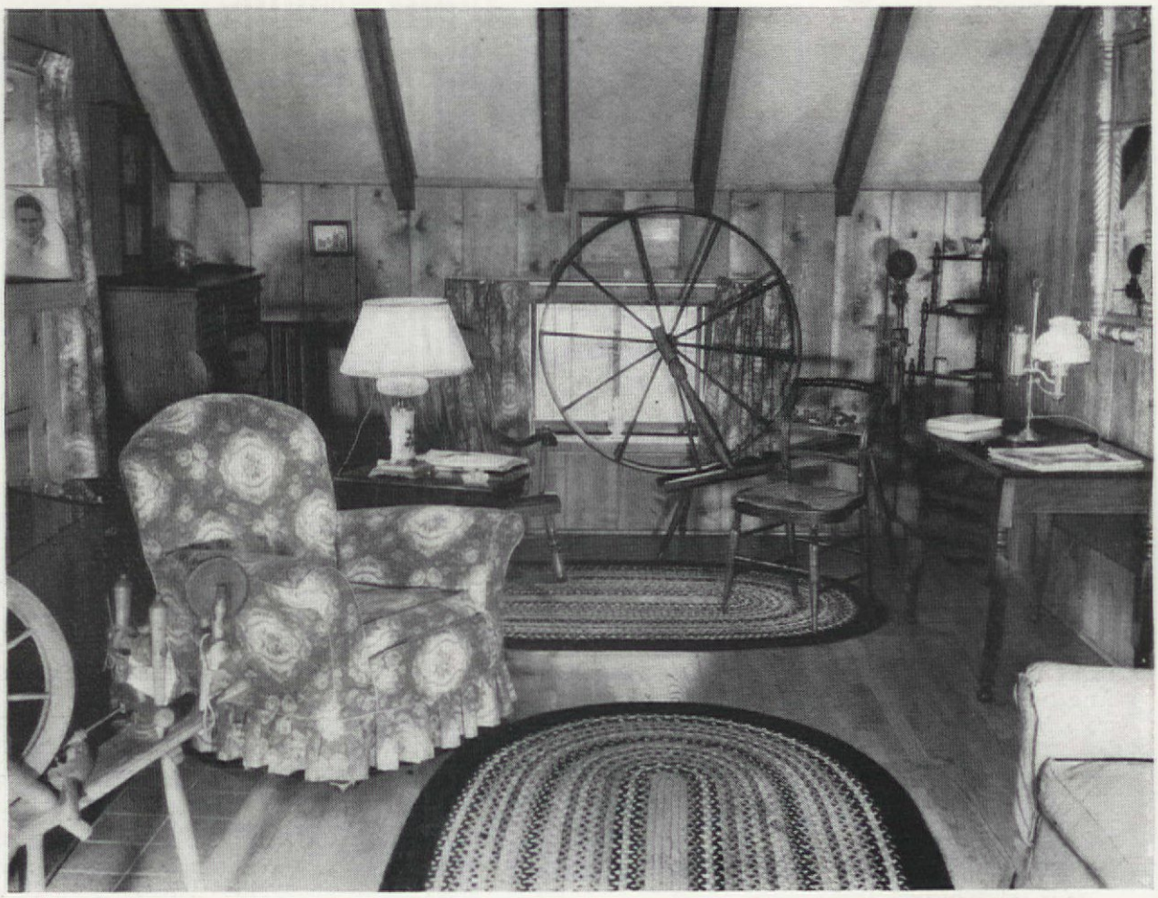
used for storage space or sleeping. One of the best features of the open circulation of the plan is that it makes the house cool in summer, because it is swept by every breeze.

The house would be ideal for a person living alone and is equally suited to a two-person family. "We find it works beautifully," Mrs. Fenninger says. "We've even had guests overnight; not very formal ones, of course. They use the living room or the attic and the two doors into the bathroom make it accessible to them as well as being private for the bedroom. It is small, but adequate."

The kitchen is unusually large for a small house and further saves space with two hinged shelves which can be lowered from a cupboard front and a wall to make work-surfaces. Heating is by coal furnace, using a one-pipe warm-air system with one huge register in the living room; only five tons of coal are used each winter. The fireplace is of practical value for heating, since it is in the center of the house and extends into the living room. The money which we spent on the house went almost entirely into sound construction. Durable walls and roof, oak floors and weather-tight joints are the main items of expense. The fireplace, which most inexpensive houses omit, is the one splurge; cost, about $200. The cellar was not an extravagance, for without it the house would have needed a special heater room and a more elaborate heating system of forcing the air into circulation.



BRAINSTORMING vs. BARNSTORMING

STRANGE and wonderful dwellings are emerging these days, what with all the world a-move and no place much to go. We've had wonderful stories of chicken-coop dwellers, garage inhabitants—all sorts of "done-overs" are being called "home" by lots of people. Now comes the story of a Colonial apartment in a barn, the home of Mrs. Leonard Hardenbergh, of Newburgh, N. Y.

It takes a heap o' doing to a barn to make it home, if we may paraphrase, but this remodeling certainly should satisfy even Mr. Guest. Mrs. Hardenbergh had an interesting problem and she certainly reached a swell solution. She was a house-dweller, once upon a time, and then the house was sold. What could she do with her lovely old Colonial furniture? Most apartments were anything but cordial to antiques; they seemed to lack the warmth and charm that such furniture needs in these modern days to look happy and at home. Yet that was what she wanted. Lucky she, when one day a done-over barn came into her life, a barn complete with knotty-pine side walls and a large beamed ceiling that rose to a peak. The windows were wide as to sills, and low and long. Of course there was a simple fireplace, to which one could draw up an old ladder-back rocker and, with no effort at all, be back in Colonial days. Warm rose figured-mohair curtains can be drawn to shut out the night and old braided rugs are on the well-waxed floors. The same rose material has been used on the fireside chair; plain blue mohair covers the comfortable couch. The antique lamps hide their lights under white shades.

In all this charming room, there are only three modern pieces of furniture, certainly much in the minority among all these family pieces. It is the arrangement and the little details such as the oval picture frames and old candle sticks that complete the illusion. Nor does the place lack the spinning equipment without which no early American atmosphere is complete.

One thing this smart lady has done, aside from finding a fitting home for her antiques, is to prove our oft-repeated point that an apartment can be made as livable and lovable as any house. An apartment is much more of a challenge to one's ingenuity than any house that any Jack built, and orchids to those who can meet it and produce something like this bit of early Americana. Of course, this particular spot had a great deal of intrinsic charm and atmosphere, something which most apartments as such don't possess. But it took a knowing and appreciative eye to turn it into a barn that wasn't a barn, and to know what "belonged."

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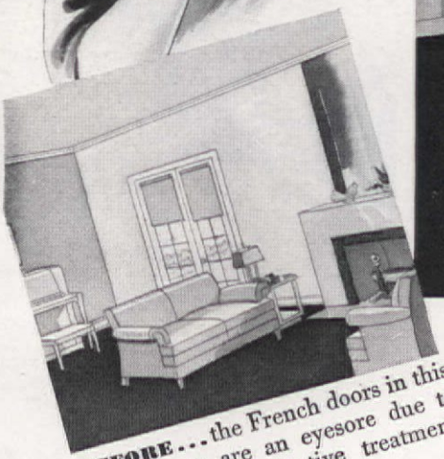

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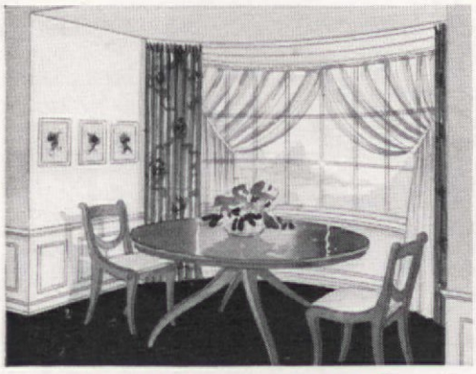

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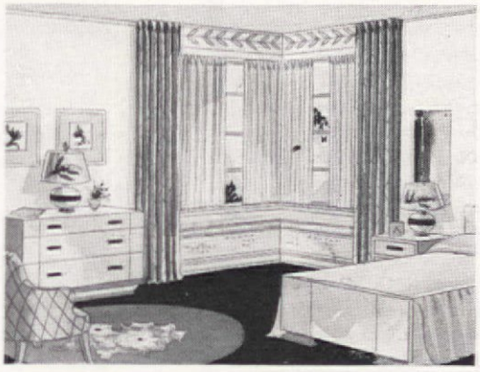

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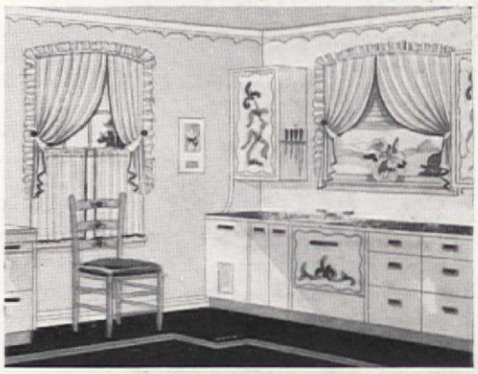

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BRIDES are going right on being as beautiful as ever. There are the same stars in their eyes, too. And weddings are the same seriously lovely ceremonies. The only differences are as they should be now—the bride with more sensible, practical thoughts than she used to have, her wedding a simple affair, sans all the hoopla of other days. It is without the slightest crack in the voice that we say goodbye, temporarily anyway, to the pomp and display of seven bridesmaids and orchids for everyone remotely connected with the wedding. And while we love the gay and young in heart, we have more real admiration for today's bride, with her many useful activities, than for her older sister, who might have been more on the butterfly side than later fitted into the intelligent management of a home. This year's weddings are perhaps more deeply human, perhaps more beautiful in their simplicity. This year's brides and grooms are more concerned with fundamental ways of living, less concerned about the details and trimmings.

And so we've planned the kind of wedding breakfast that's most liable to follow a small church or home wedding. It's gay and colorful with the family's best china and silver and linen, all set up party-style. There are red roses, white narcissi, and laurel, of course. Prettiest idea of all, we think, is the small bunch of purple violets at each corner of the table, in little cranberry-red bowls set on laurel that trails over the corners. (Our bride's corsage of white violets is on the table, too.) China in purple and red on a white background repeats the color harmony, one of traditional dignity. It's a festive table, as it should be for the very nicest party of a girl's whole life.

You've read the menu and looked at some of the food photographed in color, but even that's not enough to prove how good it is for a wedding or any other special little party. The bride's salad, for

The Etiquette of it—

AT EVEN the smallest, simplest home wedding, clergyman enters first, followed by bridegroom; then bride enters with her father just before the wedding service is read. Afterwards, clergyman withdraws and bride and groom turn where they stand and greet guests. A bench or long cushion is provided for bride and groom to kneel on, but guests are not seated at home wedding. Decorations are greenery, such as ferns or boughs of leaves; flowers if desired. Bride's mother and immediate family stand up front at left of altar, groom's family at right of altar.

Bride usually wears a street-length dress, dainty hat with veil, and corsage. Her attendants also wear street-length dresses and corsages instead of bouquets. Groom and best man wear dark gray or blue business suits, or light summer suits, and boutonnieres.

Wedding invitation list is made out by bride and groom and both families, and since wedding is very small the bride's mother may write individual notes rather than using engraved invitations. At this home wedding, obviously all guests are invited to the reception.

Bride's financial obligations include: invitations, wedding photographs, home decorations and music, reception, gifts to bridesmaids and to the maid of honor.

Groom's are: license, ring, clergyman's fee, gift and corsage to bride, boutonnieres and gifts to ushers and best man.

Best man's duties include: being toastmaster at reception, presenting ring at proper time, paying clergyman after the ceremony

Menu

Clear Clam Broth
with Pink-tinted Whipped Cream

**Bride's Salad*

**Sweet Potato Patties with Walnuts*

**Angel Rolls* **Strawberry Jam*

**Lemon Cream Sherbet*
with Fresh Raspberries

White Bride's Cake
Garnished with Candied Violets

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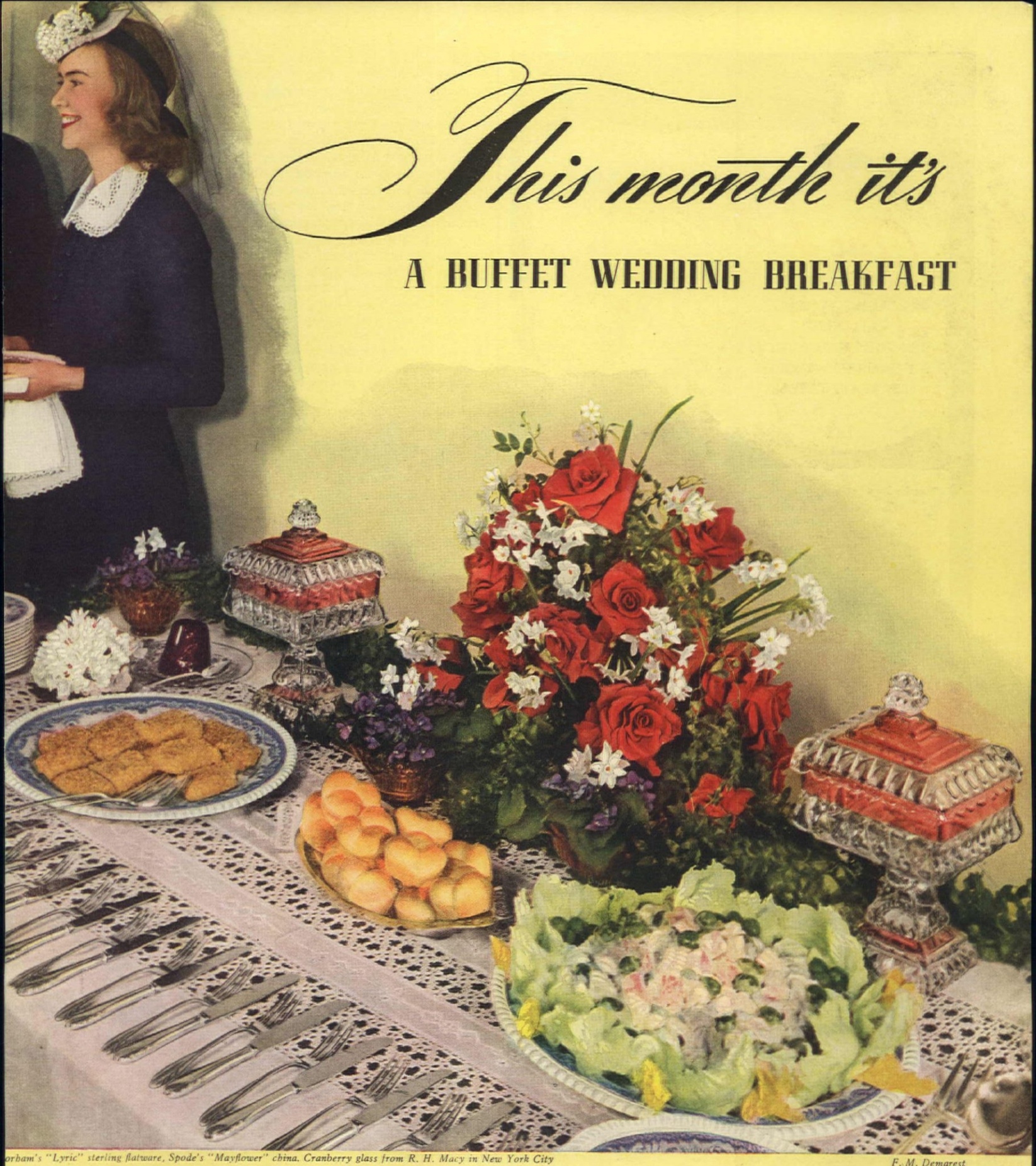

orham's "Lyric" sterling flatware, Spode's "Mayflower" china. Cranberry glass from R. H. Macy in New York City

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example, hides some wonderful bits of ham, sweetbreads, grapes, celery hearts, and such done up in mayonnaise flavored with white wine, and prettily garnished with hearts of lettuce. The patties are mashed sweet potatoes and chopped walnuts, one of our kitchen's happiest combinations, we might add, rolled in corn flakes and then baked to a crispy golden brown. Before this there was clear clam broth topped with pink-tinted whipped cream, a pretty starter. For dessert there is lemon cream sherbet with fresh raspberries, and a beautiful white bride's cake garnished with candied violets. All of which is calculated to put the young man substantially at ease and others in a lovely party mood.

The bride and her family have had more than the trousseau and pink whipped cream on their minds, however, before the wedding—for while the reception part is meant to be a gay little party with no particular rules mixed in, the wedding itself involves much traditional procedure and etiquette that probably will go on forever and ever. Thus, on the facing page there is a summing up of the technique that should be followed in even the simplest wedding. It's condensed and completely minus details, of course, but if you follow it at least you won't be making any too dreadful mistakes.

Just in case your plans are slightly different, we have a few extra words of wisdom you may find helpful. For example, if it's a sit-down instead of a buffet bridal table, the bride sits at the right of the groom, the best man at her right, and the maid of honor at the left of the bridegroom. If it has been a church wedding and there is a regular

"receiving line" at the reception, this is its order: bride's mother, groom's mother, groom, bride, maid of honor, bridesmaids. Or, if fathers are to be included, bride's mother, groom's father, groom's mother, bride's father, bride, groom, maid of honor, bridesmaids. Bridesmaids' only duties are to be charming and attractive. Ushers, however, are responsible for the proper seating of the guests at the church (front pew at left for bride's family—at right for groom's family), and act as co-hosts at the reception, seeing that no one is neglected. The bride's mother is the last one to enter the church, and she walks down the aisle on the arm of the head usher. No person is seated after her entrance, which notifies everyone that the wedding is about to start. Immediately afterwards, the wedding party leaves for the reception, in time to be all ready to greet the guests on their arrival.

Before the wedding, however, there may have been time for a party to announce the engagement—which will appear in the paper on the morning after the event, since obviously the close friends invited to that party should be told the happy news before the world at large is informed. If the young man and his family can be present, you merely give a nice party and see that everyone meets them, wear your engagement ring, a corsage, and a smile. Nothing tricky, and please no attempt to be coy and make it a surprise if you've gone with the boy for five years and everyone would be surprised only if you *didn't* get married. On the other hand, perhaps the young man is the one you met at college, who was from Alabama and now works in New York —while you live in California. Chances are he has had little if any opportunity to meet your friends, and he and his family can't whip across the country to be at the engagement party. Therefore, it's pretty much automatically in the surprise class, and you can have a luncheon for just the girls and be as original as you like. One very nice way to announce the news at a party—since in this case it *is* news—is to have one of the boy's and one of your calling cards, tied together with ribbon, in each of your guest's napkins. The first one to discover it will tell the others with a loud "Oh"! Or, as one camera-fiend friend of ours did: have duplicate snapshots of yourselves, one for each guest. Your friends will adore having the pictures to keep, especially if you're going to be living far away, in goodness-knows-what town.

The best man pays the clergyman— Personal thank-you notes promptly from the bride—

Which reminds us of your "wedding book," a practically indispensable part of the proceedings. It may be just a small notebook in which you write down gifts received and from whom, then check them when you've written a thank-you note. Or it may be a big, beautiful book record of the whole business, cherished and useful for the rest of your life. In it will be the gift list (also useful in case you forget that Cousin Mary gave you the bird vase, and here she is coming to visit for the first time three years later), plus everything else you want to remember. If, for example, your best friend writes you a letter wishing you happiness and luck, you will want to keep that in the book. There will also be brief diary-type accounts of the parties given for you and the specially thoughtful things friends and relatives have done to help. There may also be the whole story of the wedding in photographs—and a $1.29 old box-type camera may record just as much happiness as the fanciest photographer in town. A shot of you and the groom getting in the car to take off, another of your bride's table, several of the wedding party, and so forth. Actually, though many a very charming little wedding has been completely planned and executed within a week (boy had to rush back to duties, no more time available and that was that), we have yet to see a complete success turned out minus the help of *the book*. It's a wedding "must."

Wedding invitations are sent out three weeks in advance of the wedding, while an-

A corsage is the usual thing for a bride who does it the simplest way—in daytime dress and a hat

Bride's bouquet goes with formal wedding dress, may be carried at simple wedding

Gertrude Boepple

nouncements are mailed immediately after the wedding. An invitation to the wedding only requires no acknowledgment; an invitation to the reception does require acknowledgment, worded in the form of the invitation. Wedding gifts are sent as soon as possible after receiving the invitation and are always sent to the bride—though it is not necessary to send a gift unless you have been invited to both the wedding and the reception. The bride must write a thank-you note for each and every one of her wedding presents, though today she need have no qualms about exchanging any of her gifts. When a married couple sends a gift, the bride writes to the wife but thanks them both. And let us say right here that while of course *all* the letters you ever write in your whole life are supposed to be as good and interesting as possible, these letters should be especially so. Even if Cousin Mary did send you a little horror of a vase, give her the benefit of the doubt and assume that she thought it would be just what you wanted to cheer the breakfast table, and tell her so. Instead of merely saying a regulation "thank you . . . I love the color and shape and so forth," add a personal touch to the effect that you are going to use it in such and such a way and hope she can come over to see how nice it looks on the table. It takes no longer to write this kind of note, and certainly will make Cousin Mary feel like a million dollars, and very happy that she took the time to look until she found just exactly the vase you wanted. All this having been properly accomplished, you are off with a fine flourish to live happily ever after!

• bride's salad (gourmet)

• company fixin's (daisy chain)

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• Easter egg cakes

Preparation time: 30 min.

6 pieces (2¼"x2¼"x3") sponge or basic cake
1½ cups confectioner's sugar frosting
Shredded coconut
Salted peanuts

Use scalloped-edged knife and cut pieces of cake into egg shapes. Frost cakes (frosting may be tinted any desired color) and roll in shredded coconut or ground salted peanuts. Serves 6. ***340 cal. per serving.***

Older members of the family like this as well as the children and it's a good way to make use of left-over cake. Delicious tea cakes may be made like this, too, by cutting a loaf cake into squares and following the above directions.

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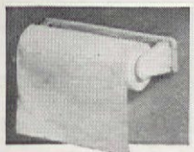

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• bride's salad (gourmet)

Preparation time: 2 hrs.

3 sweetbreads
1½ cups boiled ham, cubed
1½ cups celery hearts, diced
1½ cups cucumber, diced
1½ cups small seedless grapes
1½ cups stiff mayonnaise
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tbsp. lemon juice
4 tbsp. dry white wine
Hearts of lettuce

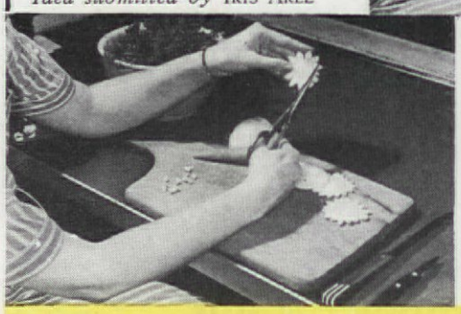
SOAK sweetbreads in cold water 1 hr. Cover with boiling water to which 1 tsp. salt and 1 tbsp. vinegar per quart of water have been added. Simmer for 20 min. Drain, plunge into cold water to keep firm. Remove skin and membranes and press in napkin between two plates until cold. Cut into cubes. Have all ingredients thoroughly chilled and mix sweetbreads, ham, celery, cucumbers (which have been well drained) and grapes. Mix together well seasoned mayonnaise, lemon juice, and wine. Stir into other ingredients. To serve, pile the salad on a chop plate and garnish with the small white leaves of hearts of lettuce and celery leaves. Serves 10-12. ***535-425 cal. per serving. Good source of vitamin B complex.***

Submitted by HERMAN SMITH *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

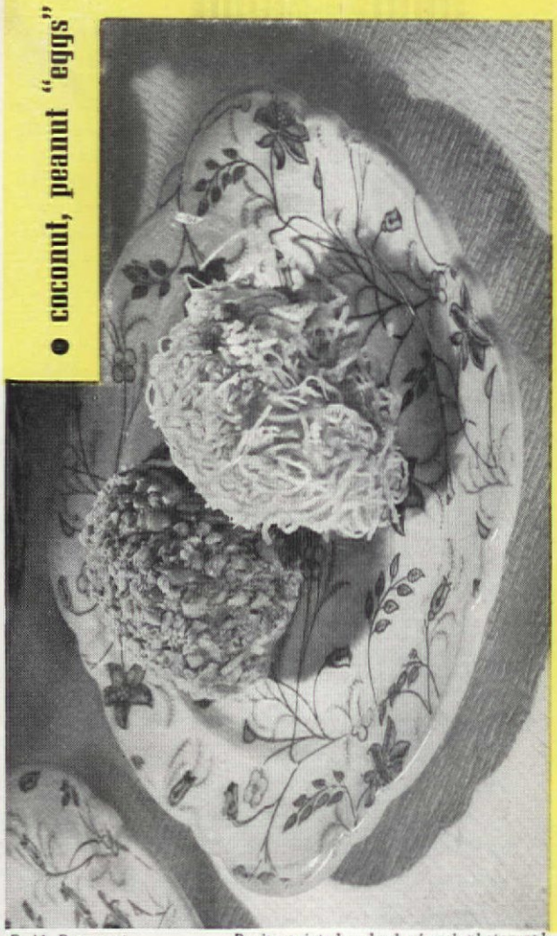
• daisy chain

Time: 30 min.

TO make daisies, cut thin crosswise slices of white turnips. Gash each toward center and cut edges to form petals. Fasten slice of carrot to center with needle and thread and secure sprig of parsley to each. *Idea submitted by* IRIS ARLE



• coconut, peanut "eggs"



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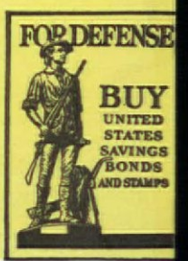

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Frank Willming

THEY'VE been given the go-by for years, those broad-beamed, capacious, older-residential-area houses from the days of McKinley or General Grant. Many glib developers, throwing up hundreds of new homes overnight in sections which are way out of town, have wisecrackingly called them "relics of horse and buggy days." But today, amazingly enough, the horse and buggy may have to come back into their own again and the same thing holds true for these old-timer houses. They can't be given the brush-off so easily because they will have to provide living quarters for a lot of us while new building is in abeyance. Besides, there's a lot to be said in their favor. They are frequently sounder and solider than newer buildings; they provide more room for family living, they are usually in older sections, with shady, tree-lined streets, and they're usually provided with complete utility service of water, light, gas, electricity, telephone. Not to be lightly overlooked either are the opportunities they offer for clever, individual kinds of remodeling—the quick eye can perceive exciting possibilities in lots of these shabby, dowdy-looking houses, ways by which they can be transformed from outmoded inconvenience to real up-to-snuff serviceability.

These pages show older homes in the Middle West which were remodeled practicably; the changes brought the houses up to date in the living facilities they provided and introduced a charm they hadn't had. The first house entailed little more change outside than enclosing the front, the second house reduced the house from two stories to one story but the important structural alterations involved were necessary anyway because the house had been partially destroyed by fire. Both homes serve as suggestions for the kind of remodeling which can change a house profitably.

The government is encouraging such conversions today if they can provide extra living quarters for defense workers. Home Registration Offices under the Defense Housing Co-ordinator are listing all properties with vacant space which can be made over into rooms and apartments for war workers crowded into defense areas. The Home Owners Loan Corporation will furnish technicians to advise those who are willing to repair and modernize their homes for that purpose, giving cost estimates without charge. The HOLC has been granted an appropriation of $100,000 from the President's Emergency funds to employ fee architects and technicians when its salaried staff cannot handle the applications from local offices.

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THERE'S the age-old fable having to do with the Phoenix bird that had the quaint habit of getting burned to ashes and then rising from same, "youthful and refreshed." It makes a good story, whether you believe it or not. When a two-story brick house of the big, comfortable Victorian vintage emulates this bird and emerges as a white painted structure, smacking strongly of a Colonial cottage, that's a better story yet, and one with pictures to prove it.

In fact, this particular house went through two sieges of remodeling. The first transition was from its settled Victorianism to the then modish style of wide eaves, supported by cumbersome brackets. There were "stoops," banks of windows, and sun porches—all the protuberances and gimcracks that architects and contractors loved to use to disguise the true lines of a house for some unknown and un-understandable reason. In all its "Morris Chair" glory, it was one of the show places of Oskaloosa, Iowa, "dim religious light" and everything. In fact, if fate and the times hadn't taken a hand, there it might still be, sitting morosely under the beautiful trees that surround it.

But fate, in the guise of a very bad fire, *did* take a hand, and in the current idiom, "*Now* look at the darn thing"! If that isn't a refreshed and youthful resurrection, which would make any God-fearing Phoenix bird put another log on the fire, we never saw one. After the smoke had cleared away that fateful day, there were the brick walls still standing in the midst of planting and landscaping that had taken twenty years of loving labor to bring to maturity. That certainly couldn't be replaced in a few months' time. Then the contractor took soundings and pronounced the walls safe and reasonable for a one-story house. Furthermore, the Williams no longer had need of more than the amount of room this type of house would provide.

They were ready then to start the third stage in their house, so they consulted with the right person as to possible schemes for accomplishing the feat, for feat it had to be, to create a Colonial cottage from what

Remodeled home of Dr. and Mrs. B. G. Williams, Oskaloosa, Iowa

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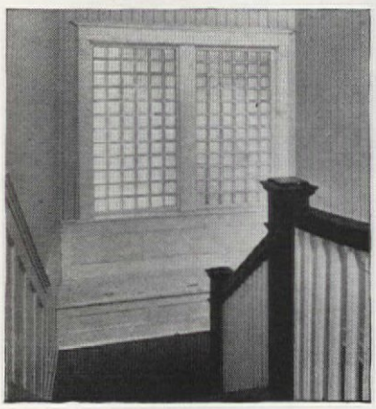

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once had been a Victorian solemnity. It was finally decided to leave the living-room area the same, except for removing the burnt stair-case. The old dining room became the master bedroom, the sun porch blossomed forth as the guest room, when needed as such, the kitchen pantry metamorphosed into a bathroom, and the kitchen itself was replanned in a slightly smaller area. For some lucky reason, the fire hadn't touched the garage and it was left, "as is." Under the new pitched roof, there was room for an extra room and bath that will give the Williams space in which to spread out if the need arises later on.

As for the Colonial lines that were wanted, they were finally achieved by lowering the roof and including the garage in one long, sweeping roof line. Then the sun-

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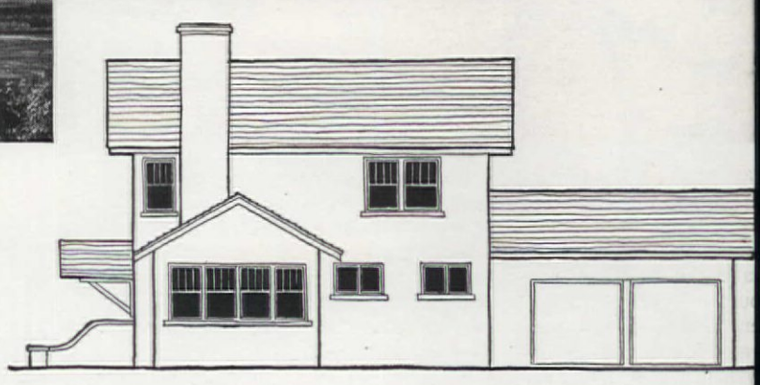


porch roof was lowered to fit in with the other. Around the corner and to the left went the front entrance. This made ample room for two big French doors that welcomed the sun in the winter and the breezes in the summer. Basically, they simplified the design of the facade. Then two windows on the front wall of the sun porch were eliminated. In place of one went a Murphy bed; the other was removed to take away the last vestiges of the former "sun-porch" look of the old house. Now you'd never suspect in the least.

In the end of the sun-porch wall, a much-needed door to the living terrace was substituted for a window, with a half-circle window above it, and one window on either side. Those in the rear wall were left as they were originally, a dash of the old to accent the new.

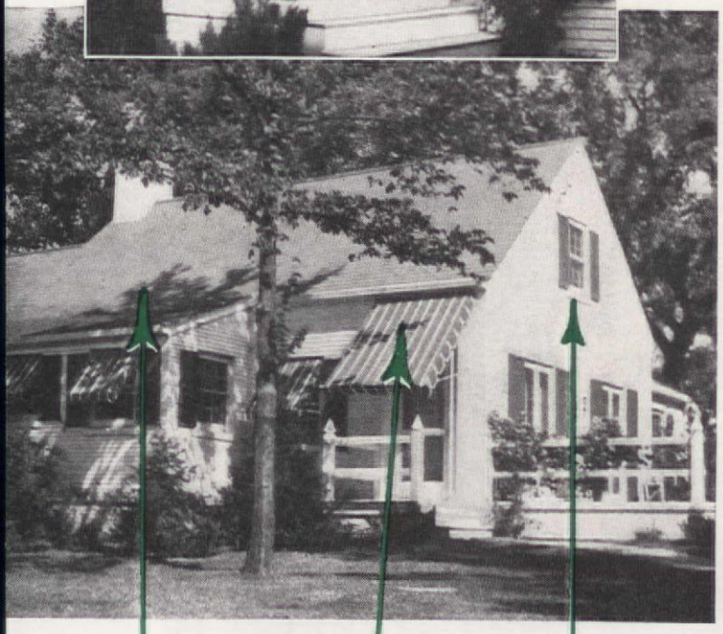
The immediate surroundings of the transformed house were not neglected either. There's a terrace across the living-room side of the house which not only adds to the aesthetic beauty of the house itself, but has the effect of decreasing the height of the house. Just one of the many tricks to remember in doing over. There ar steps to the new front door and the sun porch. There' a new chimney that vents the bath and kitchen Shutters have been added to the new and old windows which have a great deal to do with changing th character of the house. The old yellow bricks have bee painted a fresh, sparkling white. Here, under the dee shade of the old trees now stands a house of light where once it was somber and sober.

Now this doesn't mean that you have to have a fir in your house to smoke out its latent possibilities. No everyone is so lucky as the Williams family in bein able to salvage so much from disaster. But most al old houses have potentialities of rebirth under well planned remodeling. If you happen to be saddled wit a house of General Grant vintage, for instance, tha has undergone strange changes over a period of years if you live in a defense area where there are home needed badly for defense workers you can repair and modernize it Don't be fooled into thinking it i beyond help, for it isn't. Maybe it simple, foursquare lines have bee cluttered up during the years wit modish additions, as was the Wil liams house. It may have broke out in a rash of gingerbread frill and furbelows or stained-glass win dows. Chances are it has sprouted

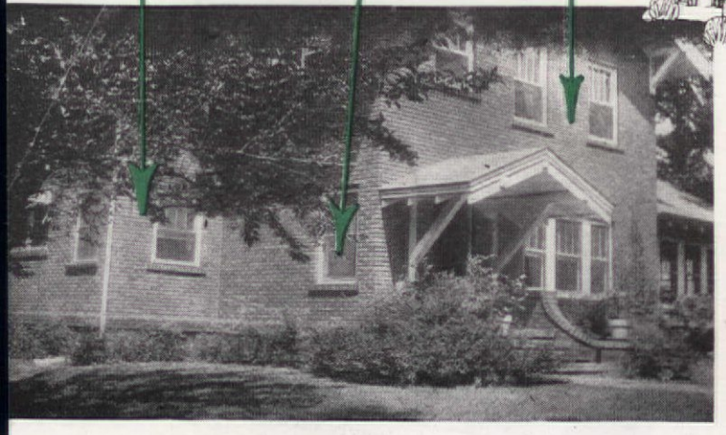
Here's what they had to work on by way of sun porc

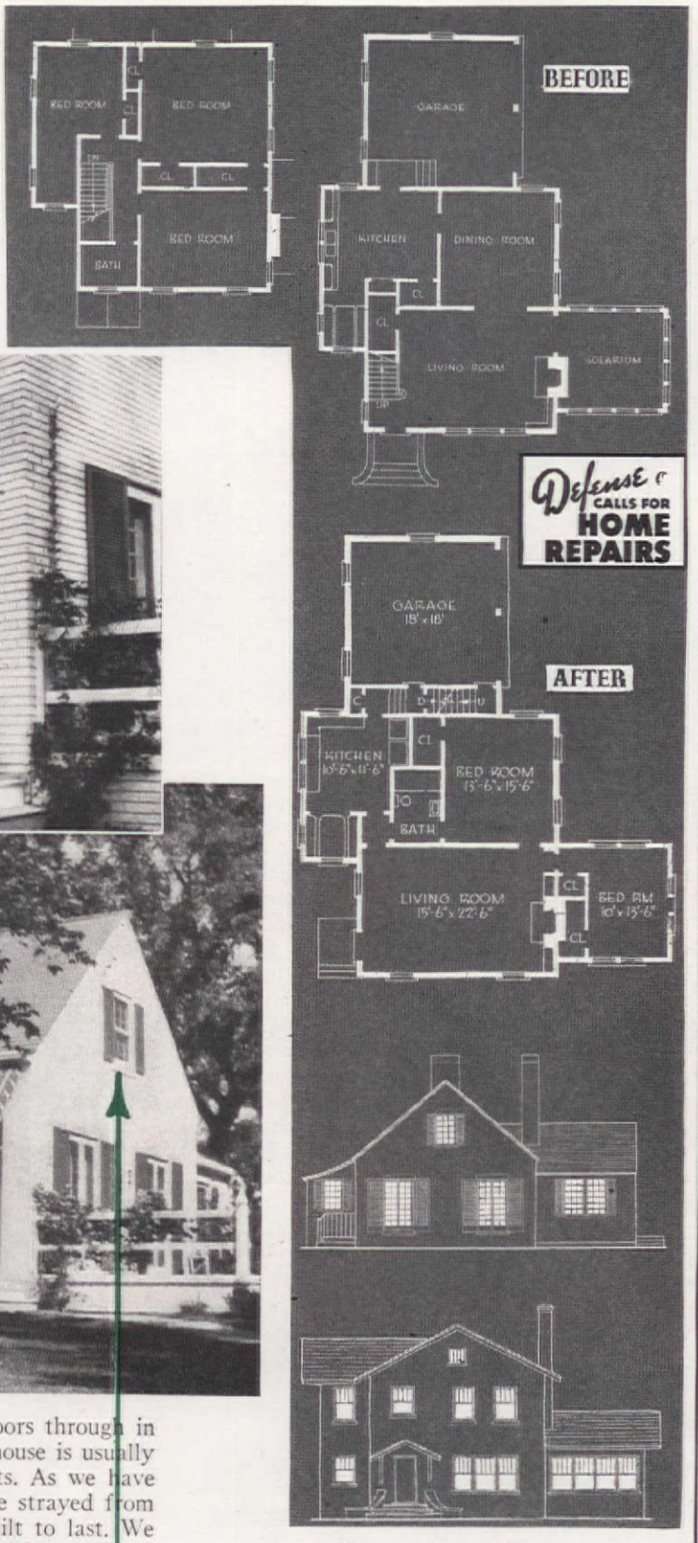
orches in odd places or developed mis-laced dormers. These are all sad maladies ideed, but not incurable ones. If the porch ffend thee, cut it off! And there's no moral w against roof-raising, or lowering. The ain point is that underneath these acquisi-ons, the original, well-built, well-propor-oned house still stands, capable of leading useful life for many more years.

On the inside of these big old houses, here's lots of room for improvement. In-onveniences of years' standing can be done



ay with by removing partitions, poking doors through in right places. The Victorian or Gay '90's house is usually st adaptable to the creation of apartments. As we have eady said, although these houses may have strayed from at we call the modern path, they were built to last. We uld respect them for their age and stability. If they hadn't n built so well to begin with, the task of remodeling would a much costlier one, involving terrific problems of major ysical proportions over which one might very well hesitate.





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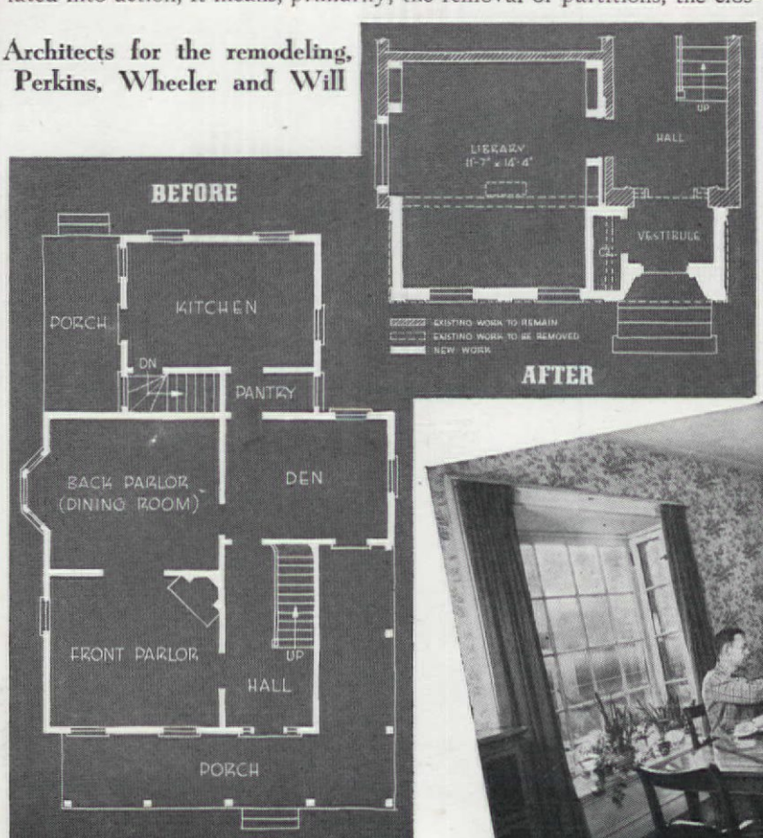
Mellow antiques, gay chintz with brown background are stunning against the dusty blue of the old patterned paper. Dusty rose carpet is repeated in dining room

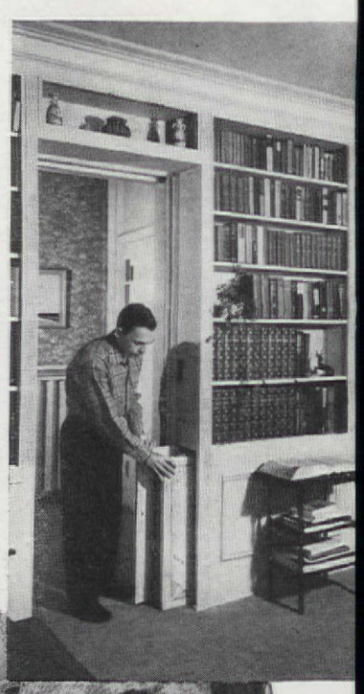
SPEAKING of the General Grant type of house, here's one for the books. It's the home of Professor and Mrs. L. D. Herrold out in Evanston, Illinois, and, from all the grand attention to detail, it would seem that here was one professor that was not of the absent-minded variety. There the house stood, in all its Grantish squareness, under the spreading oak trees, with its fine, vertical lines defaced by an orphaned porch. Alteration plans which maintained these lines were drawn up and work was begun to make the house modern inside and out.

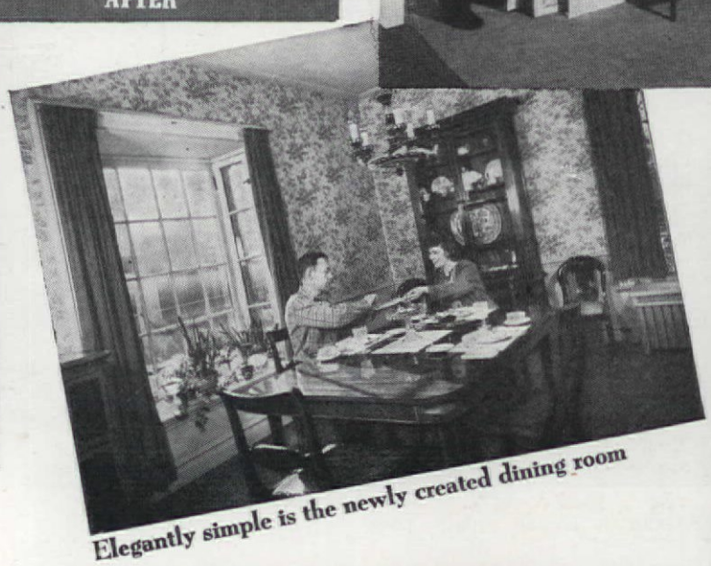
The major outside change, as you can see, was the removal of the side part of the porch and the enclosing of a section of the front part to form a study. A Georgian doorway and entrance hall replace the old porch approach and prepare one for the grand job of remodeling and decorating.

Now there's one type of operation that most all old houses need, and to which they respond amazingly. Technically, it is called the "redistribution of cubic footage into contemporary scheme for modern living." Translated into action, it means, primarily, the removal of partitions, the clos-

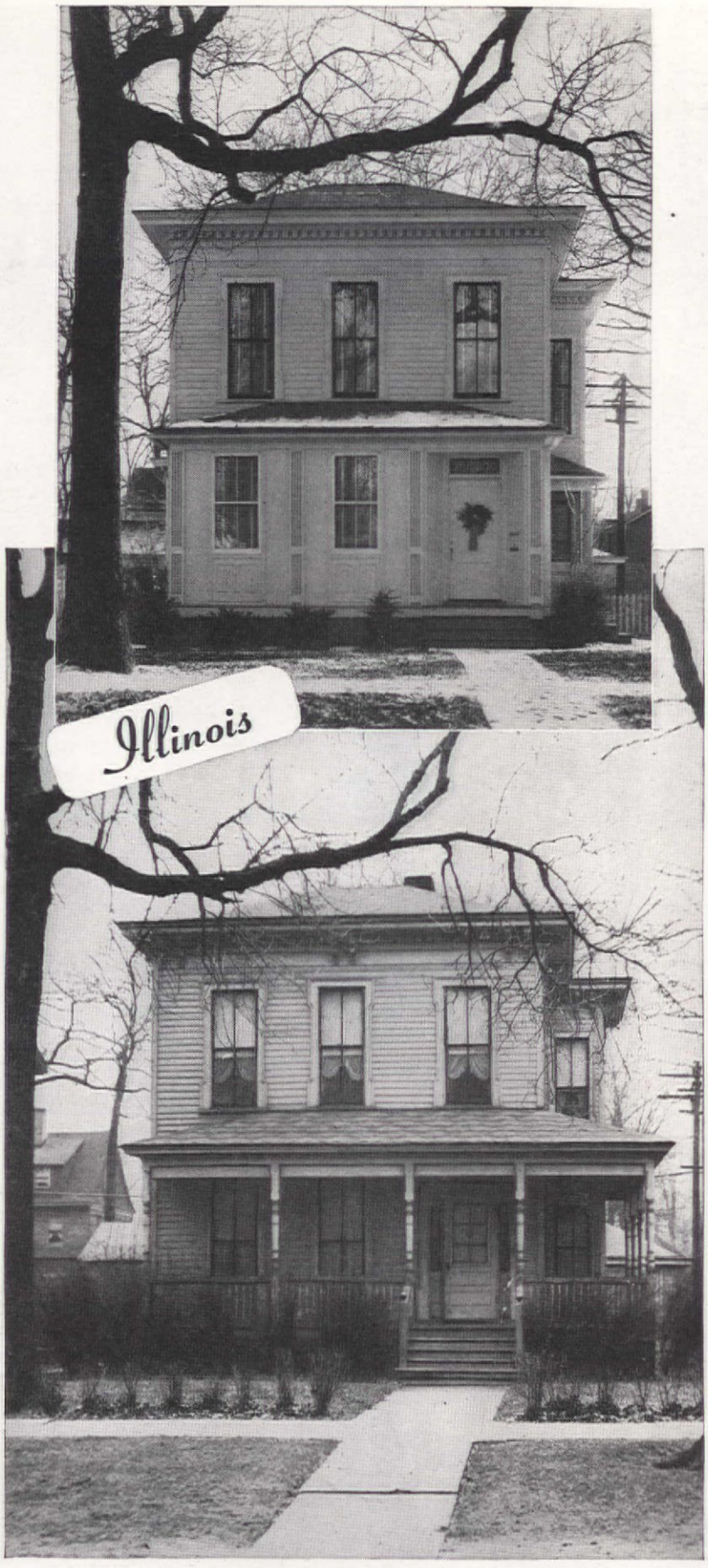
Architects for the remodeling, Perkins, Wheeler and Will







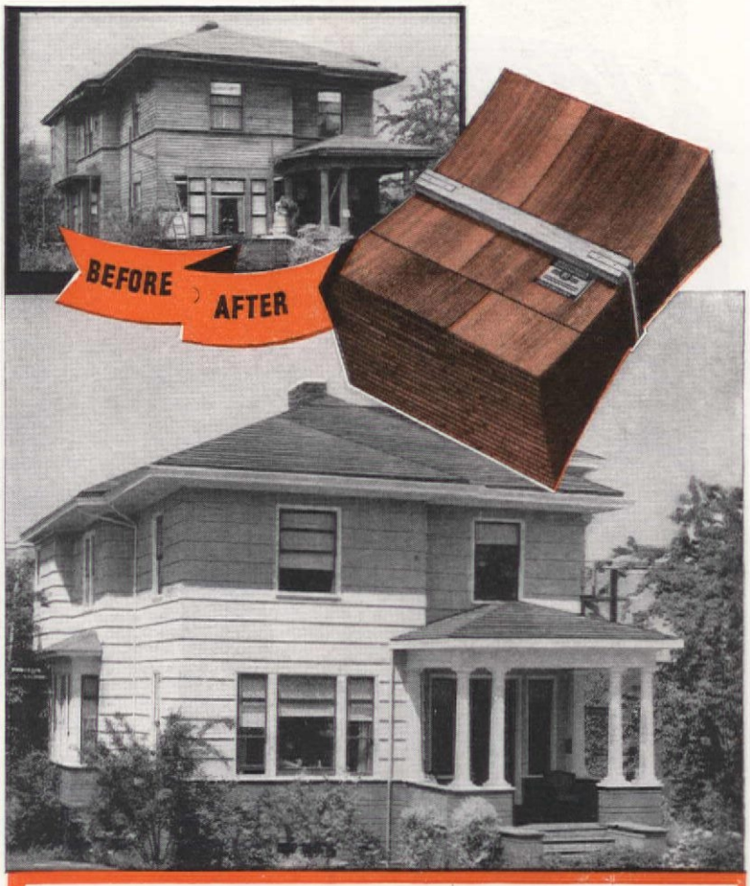
Elegantly simple is the newly created dining room



Home of Professor and Mrs. L. D. Herrold, remodeled for $5,000

ing up of doors and windows, the opening up of others, making big ones out of little ones, or vice versa. The Herrolds' house underwent this "partitionectomy" and came out rejuvenated, and with a full-fledged study and a big, long living room to boot. The latter was brought about by incorporating what was left over of the front parlor, after the study was accounted for, and combining it with back parlor and dining room.

The decorating is as dramatic as the remodeling and more so because they did it themselves. The feeling of the old house has been kept amazingly well by a careful combination of modern color scheme and reproductions of old wallpaper. The whole house has a very distinct individuality all its own that comes only with careful intelligent planning, imagination, and $5000 in this case. The result is a home that Washington would have been proud to have slept in, let alone General Grant!



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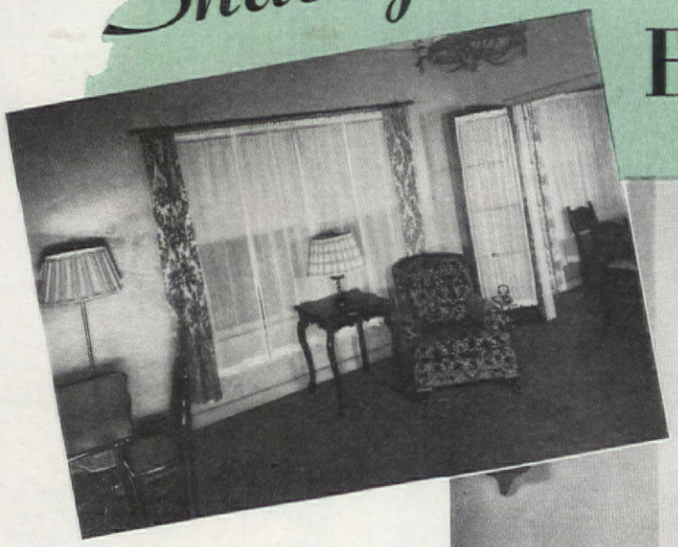
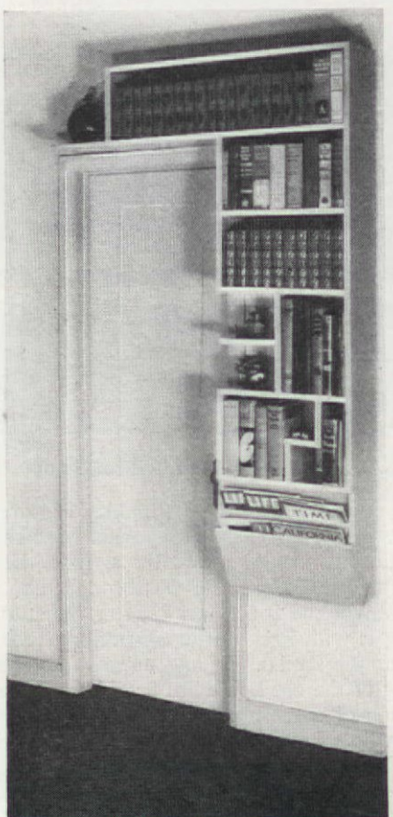


YOU don't need anything so grand as a blueprint to bring pulchritude out of pathos when it comes to furnished apartments. It's a process of elimination as to bulbous overstuffeds, spineless split-width draperies, early-Bronx lighting fixtures, and the like. It's a question of wisely choosing a furnished apartment that rents for a little *less* than you can afford to pay. Then, with the money you save on rent, you gradually replace the things you have spirited away by haunting antique shops and auction rooms. You make stunning draperies, colorful slip covers. If you buy only furnishings which suit your mode of living, personal taste, and budget, you won't regret the purchases later. Small tables, a chest, perhaps a desk, a few good pictures, lamps, and accessories will always fit in if they're thoughtfully chosen.

People sometimes ask why I didn't rent an unfurnished apartment to begin with, since I replace so many things. First, there is little difference in the rent one pays for a furnished and unfurnished single. Secondly, it isn't any fun to buy a houseful of furniture in a few days and pay for it all at once (with inevitable period of eating off a rickety card table). In a furnished single, you don't have to replace carpets, sofa, chairs, range, and refrigerator. The fundamenals are there to be worked on.

Before apartment-hunting, I listed the basic necessities—smooth walls, one-color carpet (and not taupe!), light walls and woodwork, not too obvious radiators, enough outlets for lamps, and a bed in a separate closet. When I found one to specifications and before I moved in, the owner painted the walls and woodwork. Then I removed the living-room chandelier and placed a simple white iron plate over the opening. A central fixture not only dates a room, it makes it smaller. To have light, air, and privacy from the apartment opposite, I installed a Venetian blind to replace roller shades at the two windows, which were now treated as one. Result, seemingly larger room and much more interesting wall.



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As for draperies, I'd rather see really full cheesecloth hung on a goose-neck rod than what one usually finds. So I purchased off-white cotton material for cornice and draperies, lined them to make them hang properly, and trimmed them with brush fringe the color of the carpet. The cornice, made from three-quarter inch board with four-inch returns and covered with material and fringe, extended above and beyond sides of the window to give height, width, and importance to what once was a nondescript, uninteresting wall area.

Because sofa and chairs get lots more wear, it's better to slip-

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cover drab or worn pieces than to replace them. I made slip covers for two worn lounge chairs with sturdy, inexpensive cotton which picks up the room's colors, and planned to do the same for the sofa. Then I happened to see, and buy for a song, a beautiful settee, at an auction of English antiques. With masculine assistance, and a book of directions, I rehabilitated the whole thing from the bottom up and reupholstered it in a sturdy stripe that matched its lines and the room.

One thing I have discovered is that a drop-leaf table is almost a must for an apartment. With the leaves down, it takes up little space, but it also can be stretched to seat a large dinner party.

In the dinette, which was typically separated from the kitchen by china cupboards, I made a more definite distinction by using a screen, shellacked to make it washable. With five yards of printed sateen and five yards of plain for a flounce, I made slip covers for the four chairs, the tops made to pull on like pillowslips over the backs, and the flounce, sewed to a piece cut to fit the chair bottom, left open in the back so it could be pulled over the chair and snapped to the back cover at the sides. With the left-over scraps, I covered cornice boards which repeat the curves of the chair tops.

When one acquires enough furniture to make an apartment charming and comfortable, she should be satisfied, but instead, I dream of renting or building a *house!* "Imagine," I think, "the luxury of a fireplace . . . of never having to move another table, to pull down another bed. It wouldn't mean buying much furniture, just a box spring and a mattress. . . . I've acquired almost everything else by now. . . ." So beware, for fixing up a furnished apartment may lead to irrational behavior, but it's worth it.

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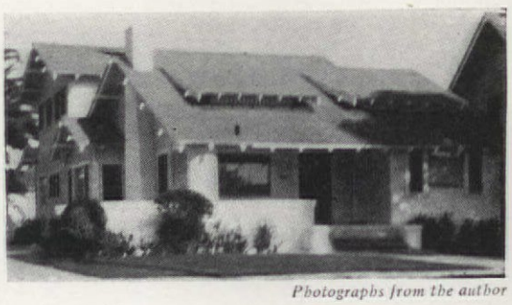

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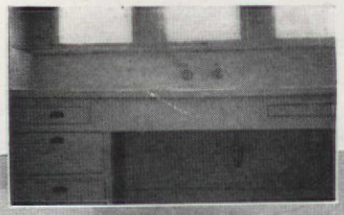
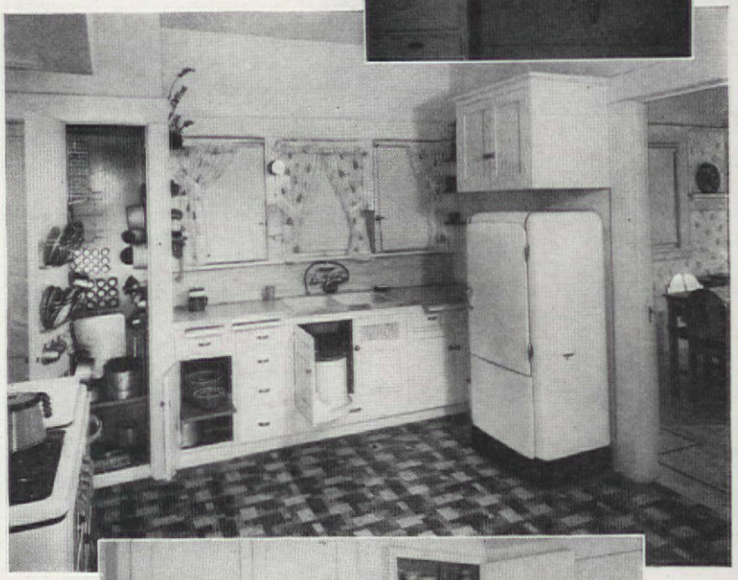
SOMETHING wonderful for nearly nothing is the fruit of our repair project. It was chiefly in defense of our own happiness that we decided to rehabilitate our twelve-room home, live in it and stop paying rent elsewhere, and make up the outlay by remodeling the whole second floor into a separate apartment. All of the rooms were great, gaping things; the woodwork was gloomy dark oak; there was a built-in sideboard in the huge dining room, and a large breakfast room besides. The bathroom and kitchen had floor space to burn—but cupboards and closets were scarce. So we set out to make it livable, attractive, and, above all, really suited to our needs.

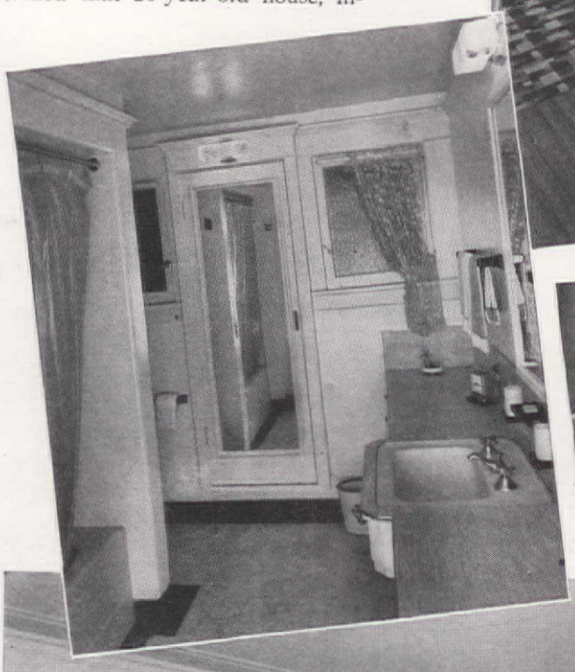
The cumbersome sliding doors between living and dining rooms were replaced with attractive cupboards and shelves to hold magazines, records, books, and knickknacks; the fireplace face





was "lifted"; the woodwork was painted light, and some of it removed entirely; the dining room became one bedroom with a simply elegant wardrobe in place of the old sideboard, and the center hall became another bedroom; the kitchen emerged the most utilitarian spot in the world by careful grouping and the installation of plenty of cupboards, and on the back screened porch we even built in all shelves and ledges for Mother's flowers and accompanying paraphernalia.

For years Mother and I had pored over magazines, noting all the glorious features we'd include in that home we were always going to build. Meantime, though, the family had dwindled until there were just the two of us; and besides, the possibilities of building a brand new home grew slimmer. But we still owned that 28-year-old house, in-



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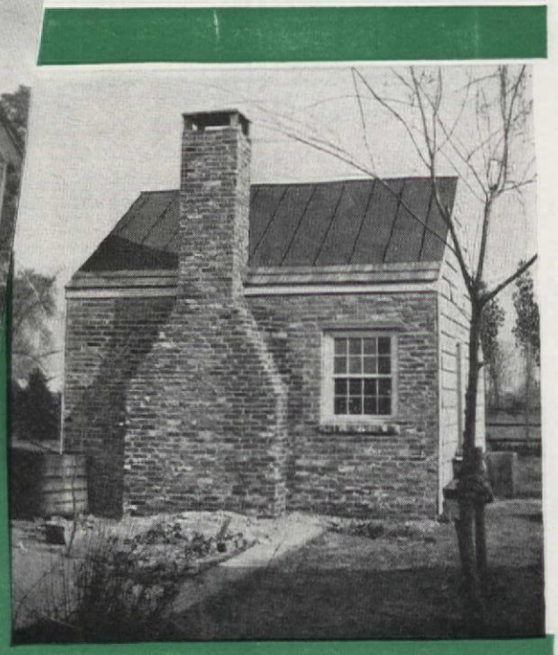
cluding all of its dismal features. And now that we've redone it from top to bottom, we really feel just as well satisfied as we would have with an entirely new dwelling; we have incorporated many of the features which we'd always wanted; and the income from the upstairs apartment is making the whole job practically painless for everybody concerned.

With the help of Fred R. Johnson, a Los Angeles designer who specializes in remodeling, we found that an abundance of windows and good hardwood flooring throughout gave us an excellent foundation on which to plan new room schemes. Just by eliminating all the heavy, overdone dark walnut the house took on a very modern air. The former stairwell was closed off and a new outer entrance leading to the second floor was added (we had been apartment dwellers ourselves long enough to know how much this privacy is appreciated). We installed cupboards and shelves wherever they would be both decorative and useful; there's even a drawboard between the doors of our linen closet and the drawers below—a perfect place for sorting the laundry, wrapping gifts, or what not.

Upstairs, the outmoded billiard room was divided to form a living room and bedroom, other bedrooms were redesigned as dining room and kitchen, the bath renovated and closets fitted into every possible cranny, and lo! we're assured of enough income to pay for the transformation.

Remodeling the home of Reginald S. Bacon, in South Jersey



LOOK what happened to what the neighbors called "that rotten shed." Remodeled in two months' time, working week ends only, then finished up brown in sixteen days, this little house turned out to be as choice a bit of true Americana as you'd hope to find. The walls inside were paneled with old attic floor boards, *thirty-four inches wide*, from Maine. Mr. Bacon got them for ten dollars and today they would be conservatively estimated at $500! There's an iron fireplace frame that 's a hundred years old, exposed corner beams, H and L hinges, a wooden lock, all touches found in early American homes. There's pale eggshell plaster on ceiling and stairs leading to the loft that will one day be a bedroom. The only concession to the modern is a rock-wool insulation that makes the fireplace adequate as a heating unit. Jersey cedar shingles, seconds at the mill, give it the final old touch. Cost? $290, including moving when still a woodshed!

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Not so many years ago, people thought that if their eyes teared too frequently, they just had a cold in their eyes. Or maybe they laid it to a natural sensitiveness of eyes because Aunt Harriet always had trouble with hers. Not so today. What with people working more under artificial light and aviators flying at night, scientists have answered the call to see if there is anything to this so-called night blindness and what could be done to help defense workers, pilots, truck drivers, and night watchers.

Various tests for the eyes have been tried out by scientists. Upon looking through a biomicroscope and slit lamp, doctors noted that some people had an uneven white surface while others had a clear, bluish-whiteness to their eyes. Working backwards, the extreme eye disease, xerophthalmia, has been known to be caused by not enough vitamin A in the daily intake of food. In laboratories, it is very easy to develop this eye disease in experimental animals by removing all vitamin A from the diet. As soon as vitamin A was added to the diet, after a period of time, the xerophthalmia would clear up.

Scientists tried to put two and two together and wondered if the night blindness in human beings were not caused by a lack of vitamin A. Patients submitted to eye tests with the biomicroscope and slit lamp. Doctors charted what they saw. They prescribed large doses of vitamin A, plus a regular amount of food. The doctors looked at the eyes again and noticed that the bumpy, uneven surfaces cleared to a bluish whiteness, with an even surface.

Maybe there is something to the relationship of vitamin A to night blindness! Because all scientists are conservative in their statements—they want to be very sure before they make a claim—no definite statement is available as to the exact amount of vitamin A that is needed. But this much is known. Everyone needs vitamin A. The best and easiest way to get it is by the food you eat. The best food sources of vitamin A are leafy greens, such as kale, spinach, dandelion greens, turnip greens, beet greens, mustard greens. Watercress and parsley are good sources but should not be rated highly unless fifteen or twenty-five sprigs are eaten. Sweet potatoes, carrots, dried or fresh yellow apricots, and dried yellow peaches are also good sources of vitamin A. So are calves' liver, egg yolks, butter, cream, and milk. You will notice that vitamin A is found in foods which have a yellowish color.

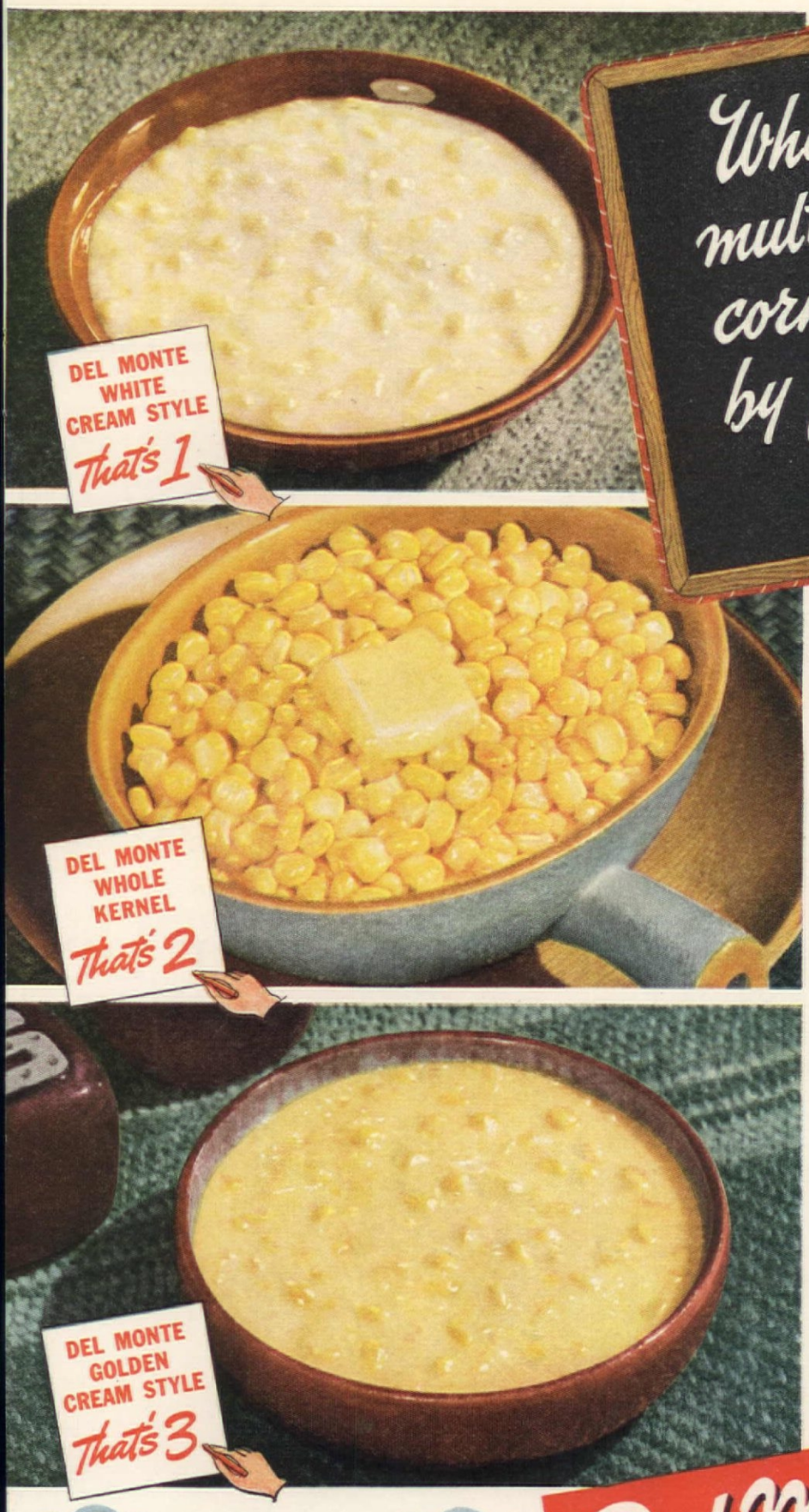
To have a variety of foods is important. Every day to have an egg or two, milk, green leafy vegetables, and yellow fruit is following the rules of good nutrition. Besides the foods rich in vitamin A, you should also have a serving of meat and some citrus fruit. Liver at least once a week is invaluable, because it is such an excellent source of so many different vitamins and the mineral, iron, besides vitamin A.

Fortunately, many of the foods rich in vitamin A are also good sources of other vitamins. Otherwise, while taking care of your eyes with vitamin A, you might develop something equally serious by neglecting the other vitamins. Actually, you need every kind of food—meat, vegetables, fruit, milk, eggs, butter, whole grain cereal or bread.

Because vitamins are easily destroyed in foods by careless handling, follow the rules of cooking vegetables quickly in small quantities of water and use the vegetable water in some way. Eat some of the fruit and vegetables raw. But don't expect miracles to happen overnight! To eat a variety of foods with all the vitamins will bring you back to buoyant health, but you must give them a chance. Eating correctly for a day or two and then lapsing back into old, improper, diets is futile.

As Dr. Norman Jolliffe, a New York physician noted for his nutritional studies, says: "An optimal diet, from conception to the grave . . . through illness and health, poverty and wealth . . . will not only prevent malnutrition in most persons but will lead to a stronger, healthier, happier and a more productive people. For the great many of us in whom evident malnutrition has already developed, an optimal diet alone may halt the progression, but it is doubtful that it will cure our evident malnutrition within a reasonable period of time, except in occasional instances."

Don't be too impatient with results. If extra vitamin therapy is needed go to your physician and let him prescribe. Watch the sparkle come back into your eyes when you eat the right foods. Notice how much better you feel, how colds become a thing of the past. Yes, there really is something to this nutrition. Too bad we didn't start doing something about it many years ago, but, let's not lose any more time; let's do something right now



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Grandmother's Petticoat

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takes to her bed

MARY BROOKS PICKEN

SOMEONE asked if southern belles got that name because their numerous white cotton, embroidered ruffled petticoats made them bell-shaped. Of course, you know and I know that they didn't, but they did live up to the name by looking lovely in their bell-shaped skirts. Some of them, wanting their skirts to look fetchingly full, wore as many as nine petticoats—and grandmother didn't have an electric iron.

Many canopied beds have been brought down from attics and many have been purchased to provide authentic furnishings for the early American type of rooms. Once you have a canopied bed, you will realize that you cannot treat it as you would any other bed. It must be dressed as beautifully as a southern belle, and must be comparatively as decorative.

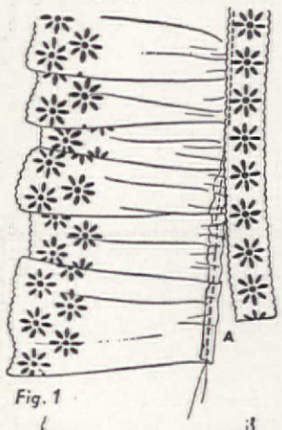
Practically any material that gathers and plaits nicely can be used, but it should not be so heavy that the canopy looks cumbersome. The canopy and the flounce should be in harmony. A favorite bed dress is made of petticoat embroidery, which can trim both the flounce and the canopy. It is crisp, airy, gay, and practical. A canopied bed, dressed up in a fresh set of ruffles, is as proud a sight to behold as a ship in full, fresh sail, and as gratifying to the housewife who ruffled it as are the wind-filled sails to a captain.

Many ask why the flounce on canopy beds. The original ones were made to conceal trundle beds where children slept at night until they were old enough to have rooms of their own. The flounces were so decorative that they continue to be a part of the formal dress of all canopied beds. The original flounces were made in three sections so that the trundle bed could be pulled out and pushed under easily. This is a point in favor of a flounce such as the one illustrated, because surely it is easier to iron three flounces than one very, very long one. Our feminine forebears had an eye for such time and strength savers that might well be considered these present days, even with all our gadgets for making life simpler.

In spite of the fact that some of the fine embroidered material that you may have seen on canopied beds looks as though it must have come from abroad in less troubled times, don't let that discourage or fool you. Lovely embroidered flouncing is made right here in this country and can be bought at a reasonable price per yard. But you must be prepared for it to

take many yards to decorate a bed and dress a table such as we illustrate. Remember, you're dressing up a bed to compare in beauty and grace with a southern belle, and there should be no skimping on the ruffles!

MATERIALS AND HOW MUCH TO BUY: Buy the 50-inch width of sheer muslin, voile, or dotted swiss fabric for the canopy top and flouncing in the drapery department. The embroidery and the insertion may be obtained in the dress trimmings or laces. Buy a 6-yard roll of ⅝-inch twilled tape in the notions department. Also, buy 2 spools of size #70 white and one size #36 thread—the fine thread for the fine work, the coarse for the gathers. Buy a box of small-headed sturdy tacks—the kind you can drive in only two-thirds of the way so that they hold and yet are easy to remove. Buy 5 yards of smallest white cording —white string, if strong, may be used.



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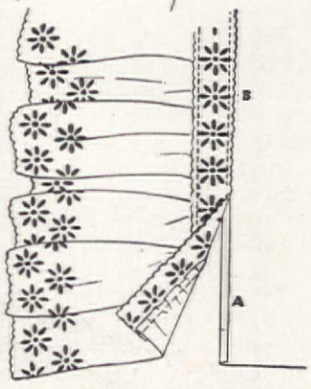


Fig. 2

THE FLOUNCE: An average full-sized bed requires for a flounce three 50-inch strips for each side and two for the end. To determine the depth of the flounce: Measure from the top of the bed frame to the floor. (This is usually about 20 inches.) Subtract the width of the embroidery and insertion from this, allowing for seams. If embroidery is 8 inches wide, insertion 1¼ inches, you count this as 9 inches, because you need the ¼-inch to join the ruffle to the insertion. Nine inches from 20 leaves 11 inches; add 1 inch to this for seams and you have a 12-inch flounce. It will take 2⅔ yards of 50-inch fabric to make the eight necessary widths for the flounce. Eight widths of 50-inch wide fabric measure 400 inches or 11⅓ yards. This is the amount of insertion needed for the flounce and 1½ times 11⅓ or 16⅔ yards of embroidery for the ruffle.

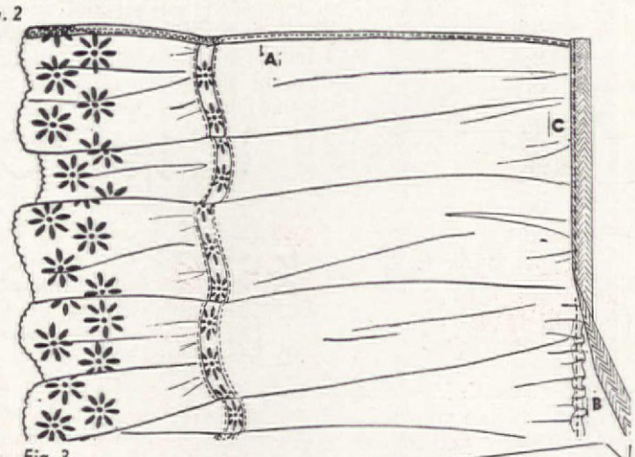
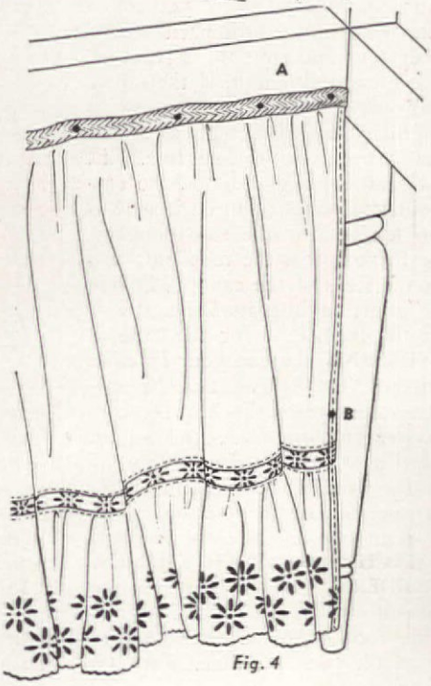


Fig. 3

THE CANOPY: For the average canopy, cut three 50-inch strips, each as long as the canopy frame is wide, plus 8 inches. If the frame is 5 feet, you need 3 strips each 68 inches long (5 feet or 60 inches plus 8 inches), or 5 and ⅔ yards or a grand total for both canopy and flounce of 8 and ⅓ yards. To determine how much embroidery and insertion are needed for the canopy: Measure the length of the frame. (Curved frames usually measure 7 feet.) In insertion, you need twice this plus twice the width; in this case, 14 feet for the sides, 10 feet for the ends, a total of



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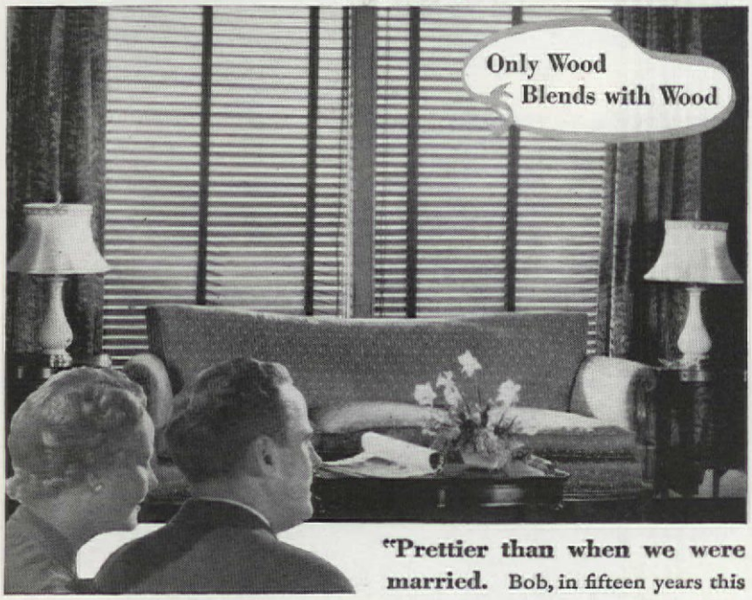

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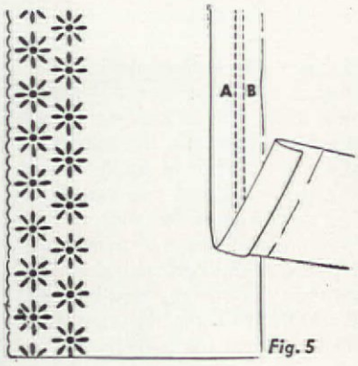
24 feet or 8 yards—a grand total of 19⅓ yards of insertion. In embroidery, twice 7 is 14; 1½ times this is 21 feet or 7 yards; add the 7 to 16⅔—a grand total of 23⅔ yards.



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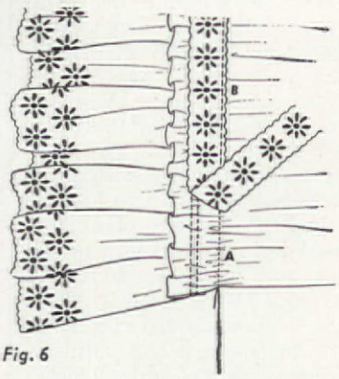

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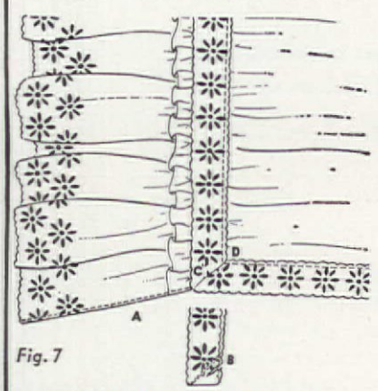


Fig. 7

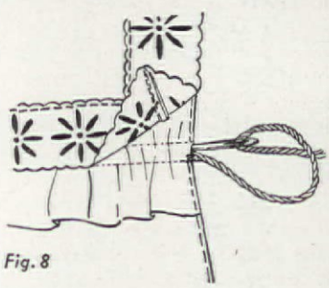
CUTTING THE FABRIC: Measure your bed carefully before you buy your materials. When you have your fabric, measure each length accurately and snip the selvage at each measured length. If the fabric tears easily, tear all crosswise lengths; otherwise, pull a thread and cut on the thread line. Cut away all selvages. Divide the embroidery into its required lengths—two lengths for the side flounces; one to go across the foot end; two for the sides of the canopy. Divide the insertion into its 7 lengths—3 for the flounce; 4 for the canopy.

SEAMING: Thread your machine with the fine thread and French-seam the three strips for the canopy top, making the seams on the lengthwise edges. French-seam all pieces of the flounce, making all the seams on the length. Join three strips for each side and two for the foot.

MACHINE-GATHER THE EMBROIDERY: Thread your machine with the #36 thread. Put the gathering foot on or use a very long stitch on your machine. Turn the top raw edge of the embroidery to the right side as in Fig. 1, and gather each of the 3 pieces for the flounce. Place each piece along its piece of insertion. Pin, then baste it in place, making sure that your gathered section is as long as the insertion piece that it is to join; also, that the gathers are evenly distributed. You can easily adjust your machine gathers by drawing up the bobbin thread or sliding the fabric along on the thread to make the gathers less full.

Thread your machine with the fine thread and stitch the insertion in place on the embroidery. Then turn the raw edge of the flounce to the right side as in A, Fig. 2, and stitch the insertion in place as in B. Trim off all thread ends on each end, and make a very narrow hem, extending it through flounce, insertion, and embroidery, stitching twice across the embroidery and insertion to prevent fraying, as in A, Fig. 3.

JOIN THE FLOUNCE TO THE TWILLED TAPE: Thread the machine with the coarse thread (#36). Turn the raw edge of the top of the flounce over ¼ inch to the wrong side, as in B, Fig. 3. Gather the top edge of each flounce section. Then stitch the twilled tape over the gathered line, as in C. The tape is tacked inside the bed frame as in Fig. 4. (To do this, it is of course necessary to remove mattress and box springs.) Place the tacks about 4 inches apart, as at A, and drive them in about two-thirds of their depth. This is to make it easy to



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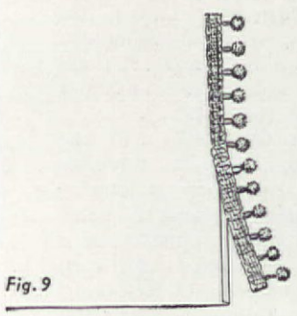
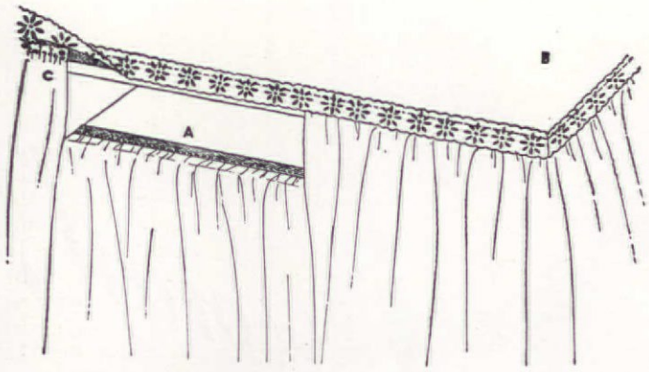


Fig. 9

remove the flounce for laundering. Tack the flounce to the leg, as at B, to prevent its coming outside the leg, especially at the foot.

MAKING THE CANOPY TOP: When you have the 3 strips seamed together, make a ¼-inch turn, then a 2-inch turn for a hem along the sides. This is for the heading that comes between the embroidery and the insertion on the top of the



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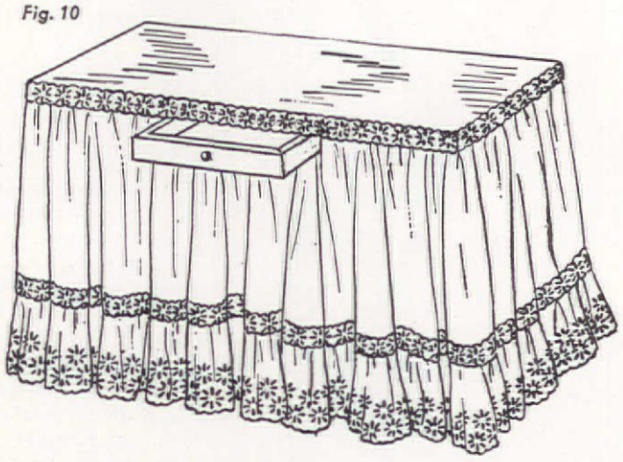

nopy. Place the hem over the embroidery, as in Fig. 5, and stitch the top d the embroidery together as at A. One-half inch inside this first stitch- g make a second stitching line, as at B. This, to form a casing through nich to run the shirring cord—all to make the ironing easier. One inch side the second stitching line, A in Fig. 5, crease a line. This you can do th the iron, using a 1-inch cardboard marker in front of the iron to keep e line true. Run a gathering along this creased line, A, Fig. 6, to give a e to which you stitch the insertion, as in B.

Turn a narrow hem in the end of the embroidery pieces and a narrow m in the top across each end; stitch these as in A, Fig. 7. Miter the sertion at each corner as in B, stitching twice diagonally across the inser- n. When finished it will appear on the right side as in C. To be sure of e corners, it is advisable to baste the insertion in position on all four les before stitching it. Pivot your fabric around your machine needle each corner, D, to insure a true turn. Cut cording in 2 lengths. Thread ge-eyed, slim bodkin and run cord through casings, catching far end cording to beginning end with secure stitches, as in Fig. 8.

ATTACHING THE TOP: Have someone help you place the top on. nchor each corner with a small nail. Get the top straight and in position. raw the cord up after you have the corners tacked into place. Wrap the rplus cord around a pin in a "figure 8," concealing this under the inser- n. Then tack under the insertion and along the line of cord. The cord ll aid in keeping a true line; the insertion will conceal your tacks.

BALL FRINGE: If you are using rayon taffeta for the flounce and ninon r the top, you may easily use lace or a ball fringe. The method for the plication of ball fringe is shown in Fig. 9. The ball fringe costs less an the embroidery and may be used to trim both flounce and canopy. A quilt or counterpane covered the bed itself in grandmother's day— her is ideal for a canopy bed. Many moderns use candlewick spreads nen lacking a lovely old-time quilt or counterpane.

PETTICOAT SKIRT FOR A DRESSING-TABLE: Calculate yardage re- irements as for a bed—1½ times the measurements for the flounce and ½ times for the ruffles. Use any small dressing or kitchen table. If you sh to use the drawer, it should be painted white or a suitable color. In ch a case the flounce part under the drawer is separate and is shorter and de enough to tack underneath the drawer to the frame, as A, Fig. 10. Pad the top of the table with cotton batting or an old sheet, folded oothly. Flowered chintz or wall paper may be smoothed over this, then ofilm, which you buy by the yard. This, stretched over the top, makes excellent surface. Plate or mirror glass are good for table tops.

Complete the top. Make the flounce following the construction prin- les used in making the bed. Stitch twilled tape to the top edge of the rt. A strip of tape should extend across the top above the drawer. Stitch e top of the insertion to the top of the tape, as in B. Place the skirt in sition, tacking it at each corner. Then tack through the tape, using ite-headed tacks as in C, thus making the skirt secure on the table. The sertion, when dropped, will conceal the tacks, and give a smart trim.

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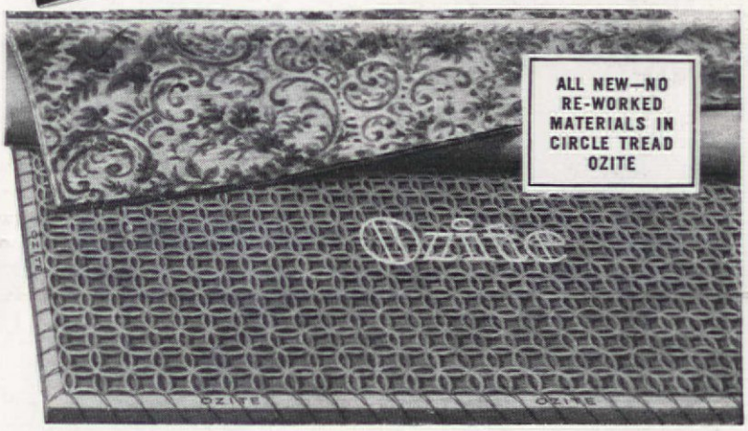

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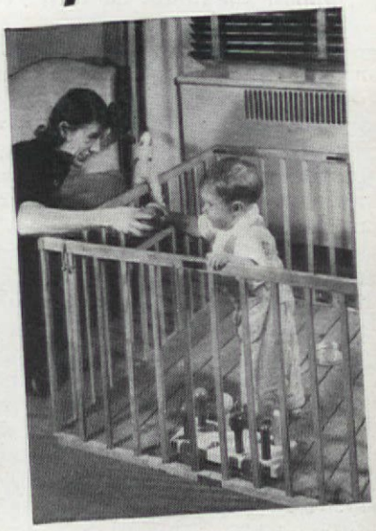

F. M. Demarest

Outside of banging on table, and often missing mouth, he eats quite nicely. When he's bored I give him a new toy or show him some new way to play with what he has

WHAT I wanted was a little girl, preferably a blond with a sweet disposition. What I got was a boy with flaming red hair. I am told I wept when my husband informed me. Personally, I don't remember a thing about it.

The day I went home from the hospital, already having been warned by friends that "Redheads are *born* with firm minds of their own . . . temper, too . . . you have a problem on *your* hands," I solemnly vowed to knock this superstition into a cocked hat. And so far, with a knock on wood, I've done so. My baby's energetic, curious, and noisy at the vast age of one year and one month, but he's not irritable or cantankerous, and he doesn't cry just for the pleasure of hearing himself or seeing how much attention he can get. Furthermore, he'll play alone in his pen for two hours twice a day and never a scream unless he's hurt. Babies are very husky individuals. Mine has lived on a strict routine, but if I happened to oversleep his 6 o'clock bottle to the extent of even an hour, I just moved his meals along accordingly, and the next day tried to start out on schedule. For the first six months I was extremely careful about sterilization, but when he was allowed to drink ordinary tap water I relaxed. He was allowed toys directly off the floor, and when he got a bite of someone's shoe by mistake (or direct intent, probably) I didn't think he was going to die.

His happy disposition may be partly because I didn't have time to pamper him, partly because we considered him a regulation human being and tried to treat him as such. When he was very small and cried, and believe me he yowled loud and long, one of us investi-

ated to be sure there was no good reason. If not, we closed his door and ur ears as well. As he grew older, we played with him when he was in a appy mood, left him when he cried. Soon he learned that if he was good-atured people liked to be with him; if he was cross they did not. So he's elighted by all visitors.

If he was crying from sheer boredom, we changed his toys around or ried to show him some new way of playing with the one he had. We used he good old method of substitution when he got hold of something he houldn't have. We tried to be good-natured with him and respond to his nthusiasms. Since curiosity is a fine thing, we tried to let his have sway s long as it didn't infringe on the rights and possessions of the rest of the ousehold. He explored the apartment for about three-quarters of an hour very afternoon, but didn't leave it a shambles. Usually he doesn't pull *any* things from their shelves after they have firmly been put back here they belong, but not out of his growing reach, several times.

For various reasons, including the fact that we were sure he'd fall out, e never did get around to buying him a high chair. Instead we waited, hen bought a training table and chair—blond wood, a modern design hat looks as smart as a custom-made decorator job. I'm sure he wouldn't how blond modern from painted orange crate, but he lives up to the ecor by eating quite nicely, considering his age and energy.

I've done my own work, except for a part-time maid the first four onths, so I have tried to make taking care of the baby as easy as pos-ble, saving time and energy to enjoy him. He manages to look very ell-dressed, but his clothes are easily washable ones that need no ironing -cotton seersucker for summer, and corduroy, cotton knits, and soft oolens for winter, all of which look neat and snappy. My work is not terrupted constantly as is some mothers', for unless a cry signifies pain, don't rush to him immediately but wait until I finish whatever I'm do-

ny small redhead!

Adjustable seersucker overalls, Snuggle Products

He has to learn some time, so all but dangerous or valuable things stay in their places

This table is favorite spot —main reason being that it is fine support for standing

g. He's in either his crib or pen, and safe. And instead of spending an ndless amount of time picking up dropped toys, my redhead knows that he drops a toy from his crib or pen, it is gone for the time being.

Since we live in a city apartment, the only way the baby can get his esh air is out in his carriage, so I take him out twice a day, which means hat most of my time indoors must go into housework or the nap I take hen the baby sleeps. Part of his fresh air comes when I do my marketing. e is parked outside the neighborhood store, has not been kidnapped to ate. In his early months I usually came out to find him being energetical-jiggled by a soft-hearted passer-by who looked at me scathingly when thanked her but added that it really wouldn't hurt him to cry!

Now, when we get nothing but compliments (and we are *pretty* sure ey are genuine) on our baby's behavior, and the baby himself is so appy and enjoys life so thoroughly, we are glad we were hard-boiled. I m glad, too, that I simply didn't have time to do any pampering. I look t my redhead and wonder how I ever could have wanted anything else!

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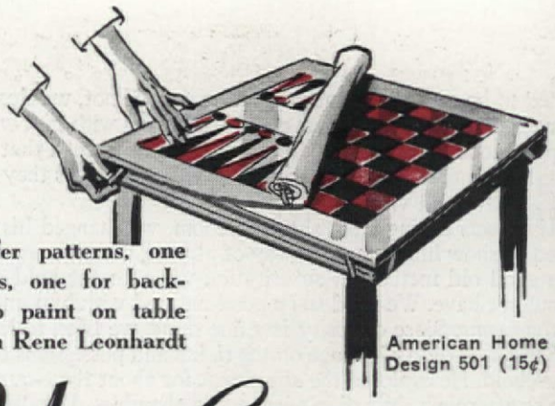

Two transfer patterns, one for checkers, one for backgammon, to paint on table covers; from Rene Leonhardt

American Home Design 501 (15¢)

Cyrus Clark Everglaze chintzes

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An eye-opener for your bedroom! Cobbett Williams suggested the plaid decorations, and Mrs. Lucille Johnson the iron bedstead cover (she described one made of sugar sacks at a cost of $1.42!). Our design includes patterns for the valance, swag, dressing-table stool top and the quilted bedspread and even bolsters; Design 500

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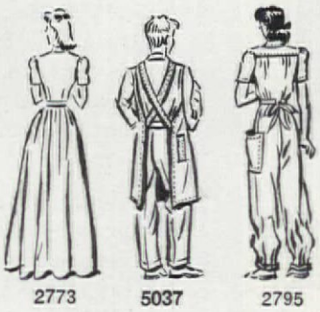

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A slip cover a novice can make; our pattern shows how to cut it out of 50″ material with no waste. Mrs. Anne Schmitt sent in this excellent "recipe." Make the coveralls of seersucker; the trousers can be buttoned tight at ankle; simple, one-piece fashion

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John G. Shea designed this, one of the safest air-raid shelters possible, which serves also as a garden or tool workbench; complete blueprints. Menfolk take to this neat, really sensible apron

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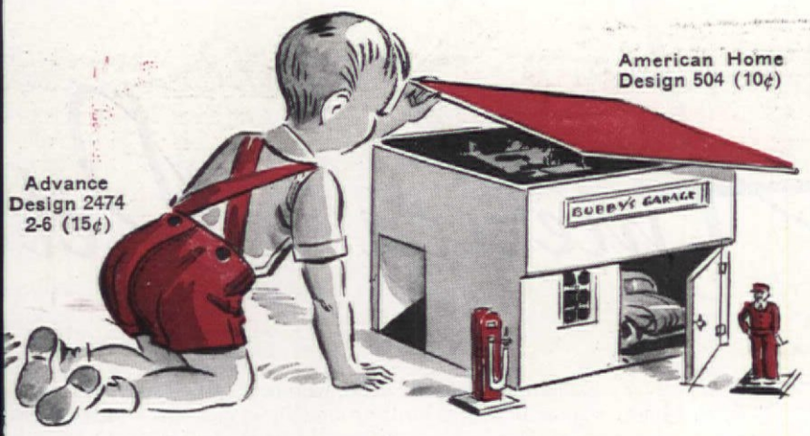

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Advance Design 2474 2-6 (15¢)

Junior will approve of this suspender suit with its mannish air. And he'll keep his toy autos out of your path if you build him this garage from orange crates; suggestion from Milt and Eleanor Groth; design includes detailed plans

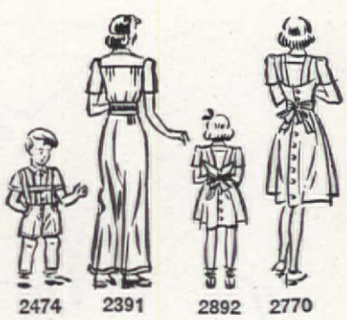
with Our NEW PATTERNS

THAT proverbial stitch in time is back in the limelight today with even more possibilities than of yore. Now, when everything counts, there will be less inclination to buy pretty fripperies for your home, toggery for yourself and your family. But we must have new things, bright things, serviceable things, to wear and to live with. So, knowing that nimble hands can do much to help us all adjust ourselves to a changed system of daily habits, THE AMERICAN HOME is introducing a new kind of pattern service for its readers.

This will be a family affair. Patterns for the items of apparel which you'll find most necessary in the days to come, of course, but also, on the home front, patterns for things to keep your lives running on an even keel—toys, small pieces of furniture, party favors, gifts, bits of gay decoration to add to your rooms. By taking advantage of this new service, you can have far more than would be possible if you depended only on ready-mades; you can make them adaptable to your own needs, and you can produce practical items from leftovers.

Each month we will introduce several new designs, ideas which will keep every member of the family busy on profitable pursuits, destined to make life much pleasanter. The patterns for all of these articles will be drawn in detail, just as dress patterns are, with complete specifications as to the materials needed and the steps to be followed in making. Many brides are setting up housekeeping this year in tiny apartments or even furnished rooms which seem bleak compared to love's young dream. That's why we chose the bedroom ensemble on the opposite page as a "starter" for this new service. Use unbleached muslin for the iron cot cover (or Birdseye fabric which comes already quilted!). Do your "dressing up" with bright plaid swag valances at the window and around the dressing table. Cover the lampshades, wastebasket and the dressing-table cushion with the fabric and use one of the colors for binding. For a finishing touch, make a housecoat of a harmonizing striped washable chintz. There's the one-piece outfit designed by the Bureau of Home Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture (shown on figure lower right, opposite page) for women who want comfortable working clothes. Things for the children, too.

Sketches by Cobbett Williams



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You won't mind being caught in the garden in these trim slacks; make them of denim or cotton and you'll find plenty of chances to wear them. The design includes a shorter suspender model

American Home Design 505 (10¢)

A mother-and-daughter outfit to intrigue both of you! Make the pinafores of striped chambray and wear them for all your chores. Your little one can shellac favors crocheted from ordinary string. Patterns for nutcups and wall flower holder included; from Amelia Rogers

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America's Pet

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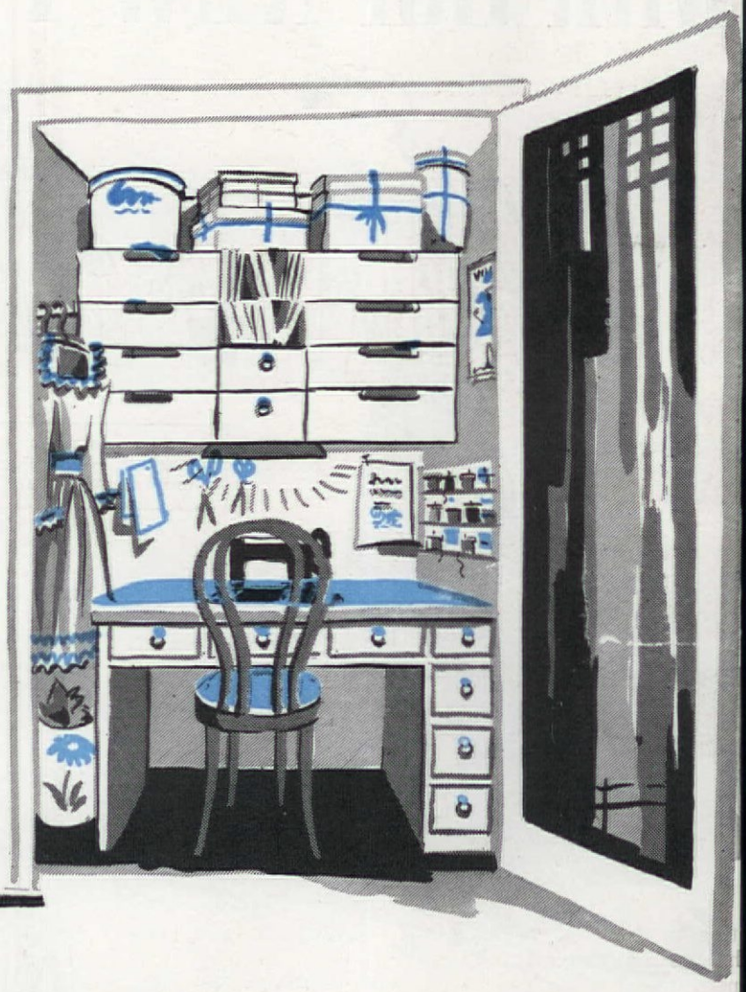
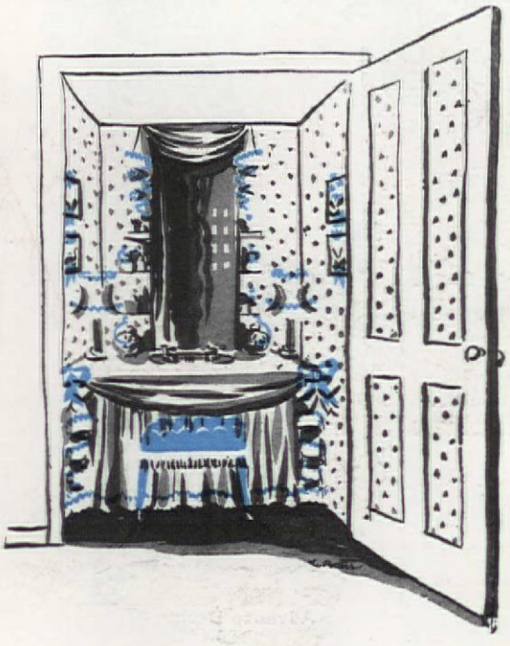
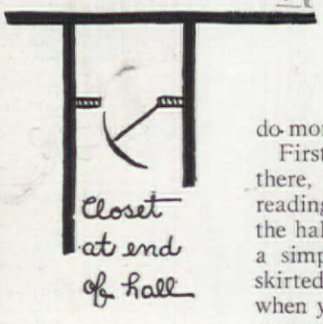
Solutions by
DOROTHY & CHARLES PORTER

Are you a magazine hoarder? A stocking saver? And if so, do you rue the day your house was built, with nary a thought for the "place-for-everything" principal? Take heart; where there's a will, there's a way. One of these will do the trick

LIVED there ever a woman with soul so dead, who never to herself hath said, "When *I* build a house it will be built around closets, closets which are of some earthly good"! Harried housewives do have their troubles. Some of them have spacious shelves which go up eight, nine, and ten feet; but who among them has such a reach? So, up there on the top shelves are stored all those wonderful utensils, but they just go on using the frying pan day after day because it's handy. And then, a sewing room is generally considered a thing of the past. True, it is, but some provision other than the bureau drawer should be made for such prickly things as needles. And everybody saves great stacks of magazines; they have a fatal attraction, but where do you put them when they start to usurp all the living-room window sills and obscure the view? Chances are that you can't just up and rent a tailor-made job; you'll have to make the same house do. So let's take a quick look-see at the possibilities for making it







do more conveniently and sensibly, in exactly the way you'd like it to.

First, what do you do with the end of that hall? Just let it stand there, unused and unappreciated? Well, don't. Our first suggestion, reading from left to right, is to make a closet by putting a door across the hall, and have yourself a powder room. This one was built around a simple wash basin, surrounded with a linoleum-covered counter, skirted with a washable fabric. Fine for friends, and a real life-saver when you're rushing to answer the bell but nonetheless anxious to put up a good face to the world. Or, build yourself a sewing nook (above). Put a mirror on the back of the door, set your machine on a sturdy table, add drawers for patterns and remnants. The nicest part of this is that you can just close the door if you're called away in the middle of your work, without having tell-tale threads and ravelings trailing in your wake. Be sure to include a big drawer or box for your mending, too. To banish the need of getting onto your knees under the front porch,

Peeve Is Our Pet Peeve!

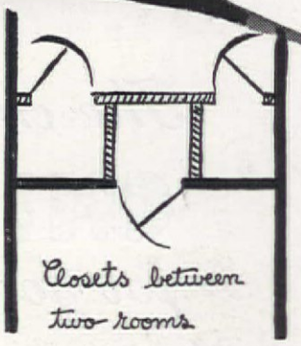
The Porters

Closet space next to chimney

ting for those old flower pots, have a garden closet (sketched above) he garage or hinter quarters of the house. Hang there your aprons and nets, trowels and rubbers, and all the gardening miscellany. Keep your es in the same closet, so that you can arrange your flowers there with- dripping verdure and dew all through the kitchen. Now, to another mon complaint, the problem of Junior and his homework. Do you find history-class outline in your Red Cross notebook? You can end all this making him his own study closet (right above) with a desk, plenty of f space, and a good light. He can tack up all the football pictures and pings his boyish heart desires, for you can just close the door when want your house to look less like a bulletin board heaven.

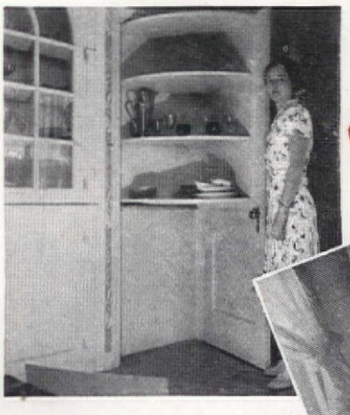
nd while you're surveying your premises for likely locations, don't get that careful planning may give you two or three closets in a wide , or perhaps you have a room large enough to have a nook taken out a closet. Perhaps you can even wangle two where only one was before. he ingenious little device, right, is a serving door, destined to make the ness of setting and clearing the table practically a lark. When closed, helves are between the business ends of the kitchen—the stove and the . Dishes, table service, glasses, even food, can be placed in it, the door

pushed around to the dining room, and there unloaded quick as a wink. The Hipples report that even their twin sons don't mind helping with the housework since they added this little wonder to their home.



Closets between two rooms

Over the page we find another clever "front" for double duty. The Appletons feel that a room without books is like a dog without a tail, but there just wasn't any free wall space in which to build a bookcase. On the other hand, there was that blank closet door occupying a very prominent spot in the living room, and sticking out like a sore thumb. Then inspiration bloomed, and this is the result. A bookcase frame, swinging on pivots at the center in order to distribute the weight of the books, was installed in place of the door. This solution still allows use of the much-needed coat closet behind, and yet is now an attractive feature rather than an eye-sore in the room.



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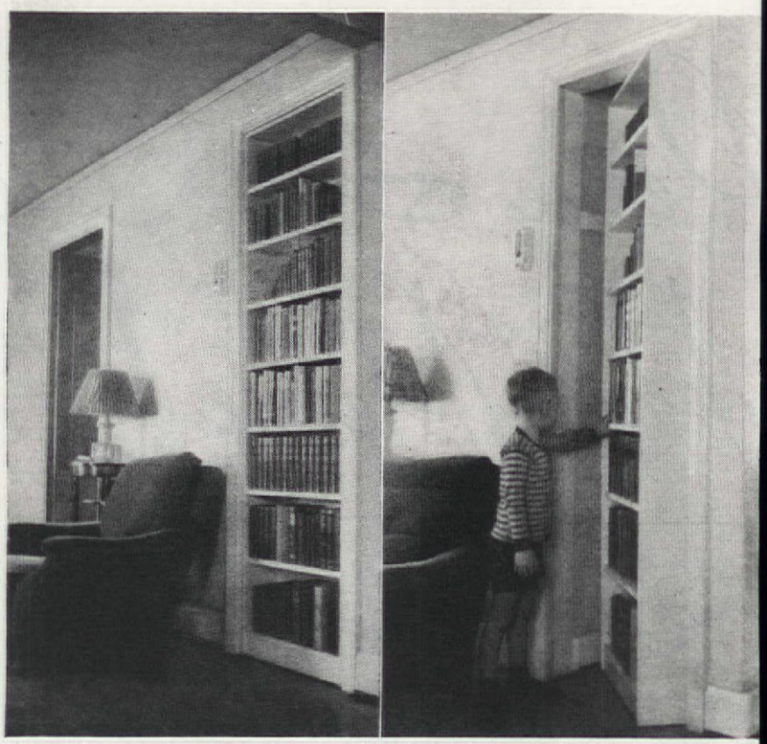
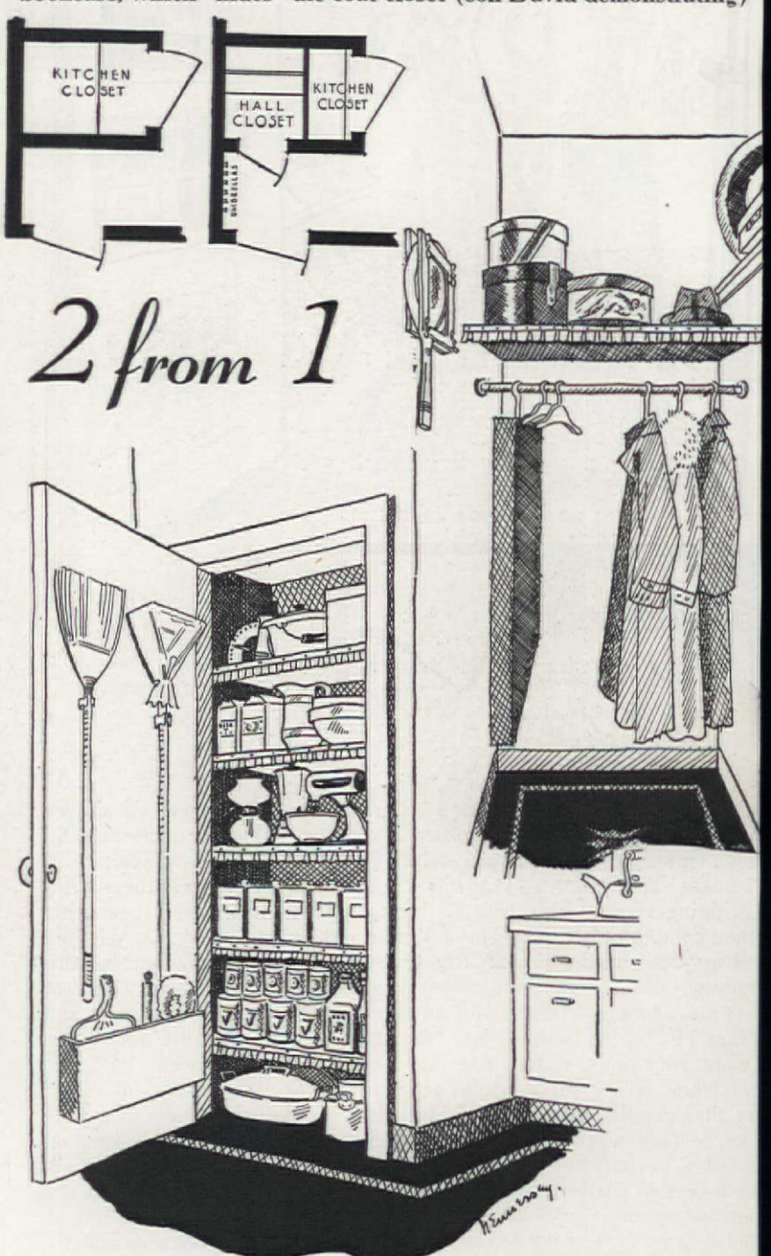


Dorothea S. Appleton has good right to be proud of her swinging bookcase, which "hides" the coat closet (son David demonstrating)



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Maybe you have a great, gaping kitchen closet, too high and too deep for really sensible service. Solve this one by dividing it into two compact storage units. For the kitchen paraphernalia, you need only shallow shelves, door height, so that your cleaning implements and canned goods will be close at hand and not so far away that they entail getting out a ladder. If the closet is situated adjacent to a hall or living room, close off the far end of it and open a door through to that from the other room (see sketch on opposite page), so that you have a new coat closet. Put a ceiling, just door height, in the kitchen closet, and add the portion above this to the coat closet for the storage of infrequently needed hat boxes or pieces of luggage.

And this (below) is what a very practical-minded architect built into a dining room, to make the use of a buffet unnecessary, and to give a most individual touch to this particular house, but one that could be followed nicely by others. The oak used for the flooring is carried up the wall, giving unity and continuity to the room. The wide shelf at the top has far more possibilities than the usual sideboard, for it extends across the entire end of the room. With deep drawers at the top, for knives and carving utensils, slanting inward to the floor where there are shallow little drawers for the very small pieces of service, it is planned for maximum accessibility and convenience. Cupboards below the ledge hold tall vases, and the open shelves for glasses above it make their

Carl Koch, architect; Ezra Stoller, photographer

shining colors part of the decorative motif. Gayer than a buffet, isn't it?

These shining examples of what a little ingenuity, a few pieces of wood, and some color in the right spots can do for your nerves and your knick-knacks should set you to thinking on how you can rearrange your cupboard space so that it will accomplish its end more capably. There's hardly a house or an apartment in the land that won't offer up a little space if you go after it in the right frame of mind, and these suggestions should put several workable ideas into your head. Life can be far more joyous if there's a place for everything. And we find there generally is.

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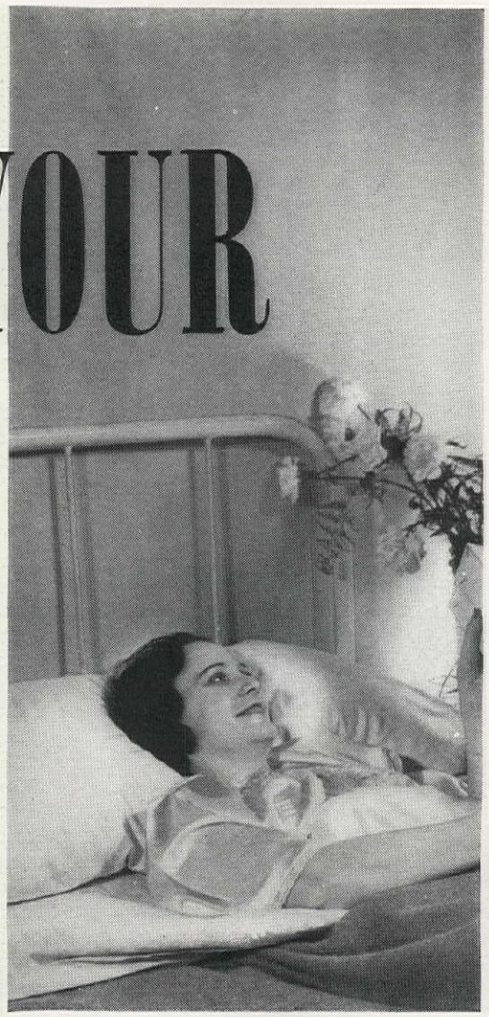
V. R. means "visitor rating," or how well you behave when you call on a sick friend. Here's how to get A +



MARIE E. CRAIG, R.N.

AS FAR as I can observe, there are just two classes of hospital visitors: those who are welcome and those who are *not*. A welcome visitor follows a strict set of rules insofar as time and behavior are concerned. An unwelcome visitor is one who will do and say just about anything quite thoughtlessly that happens to come into her head.

The visitor our patient really wants to see enters the room with a gay greeting and a few light remarks about the satisfying appearance of the patient. As soon as she possibly can she eases the conversation away from illness and turns it toward happenings in the lives of mutual friends and acquaintances, or relates a humorous anecdote. She

HERE'S YOUR TEST!

1. **Do you eagerly inquire about all the gruesome details, or are you ready with a humorous story and some bit of news?**
2. **Are you a "dozen of roses" person?**
3. **Have you ever thought of taking her children out while they're left alone?**
4. **Do you heckle the nurses for extra facts about what's "*actually*" wrong?**
5. **How long did you stay at last visit?**
6. **Would you like that basket of fruit?**

Emma Maloof pillows
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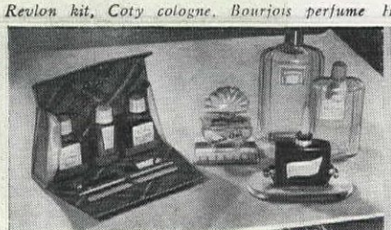
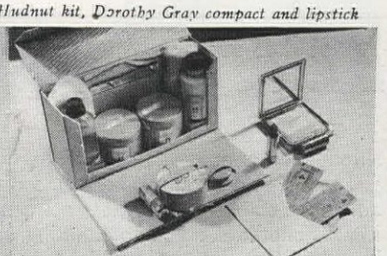
Comfort: tiny pillows, lotion for soothing rubs, a tonic for hair brushing, and gay slippers



For now *and* later: a snappy little manicure kit, a light cologne, her favorite perfume



For fun: beauty kit, compact and bright lipstick, theater tickets

H. M. Lambert, from Frederic Lewis

voids all mention of topics which might cause the patient to become ex-ited, anxious, or distressed. At the end of her visit, which lasts no more han thirty minutes, she leaves without fuss and feathers—really *goes* hen she decides to—and promises to come back when she can.

The tiresome visitor breezes into the room and gushes over the patient, elling her how wonderful she looks (or how terrible, if she is bold nough). Then she sits down with a fixed grin of anticipation. Every so ften she makes it her business to impress upon the patient how well she ooks "after all she has been through." This type of conversation is pro-oking to a patient although some people cannot see why it is. If the atient does look well, she is conscious of that fact and will want to hear bout something new, something about the world outside her sickroom.

Another unwelcome visitor is the woman who will come to the desk eeking information, with a remark something like, "What is *actually* rong with her, nurse? Certainly a little *appendix* couldn't make her look nd feel so ghastly." There is also the curious but harmless visitor who not nly wants to know all about the patient whom she is visiting, but also a ase history of every patient on the floor. She's not really hard to deal ith because she soon gets tired of asking questions, hoping for intimate etails, and getting unsatisfactory, noncommittal answers.

The "dozen of your nicest flowers" person is not doing the patient a reat deal of good, either. Flowers *are* beautiful, and everyone very much

Daniel Green mules, Emma Maloof bed jacket

Dainty: bed jacket, bow-knot lapel ornament, flossy mules

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appreciates the thought—but they quickly lose their freshness, are anything but imaginative. Rather, a hardy potted plant that will cheer her hospital room *and* give her joy after her illness is forgotten; or, a dainty wrist corsage or a flower for her hair is fun and makes her feel pampered and pretty. Whole baskets of fruit, no matter how luscious at first, can't be eaten, by even a normally healthy person, before getting to the over-ripe stage. When there are so many things a patient would adore to have, even a book is not too exciting—unless it's one she specially wants.

For example, if the patient is quite burdened financially by doctor's bills, wouldn't it be nice to arrange with the local manicurist or hairdresser to visit the hospital (or home) and do a beautifying job when her condition permits? Just before she leaves the hospital, permitting her to go home beglamored rather than bedraggled, is a very appropriate time to make her happy.

Personal gifts in the small luxury class are elegant to find in the morning mail, too. A tiny bottle of her favorite perfume, a lightly fragrant cologne to go on after the alcohol rub, or a creamy hand lotion that is equally soothing to elbows that have rubbed on too many hospital sheets—each a thoughtful remembrance, each inexpensive. If she is an intimate friend or relative, you might even give her a hair tonic which, with vigorous brushing, helps take the place of the shampoo she can't have. Small soft pillows, pretty mules, a dainty bedjacket, or a neat make-up kit will be appreciated and used, too. A dainty lapel ornament, or a compact and *bright* lipstick will surprise her while she's sick *and* be part of her going-home costume. Another present that's very close to my heart: tickets to a concert or show she'll want to see, and will happily anticipate. And nothing could be nicer than several cheery little notes telling about local news, "gossip" and amusing incidents about your or her family.

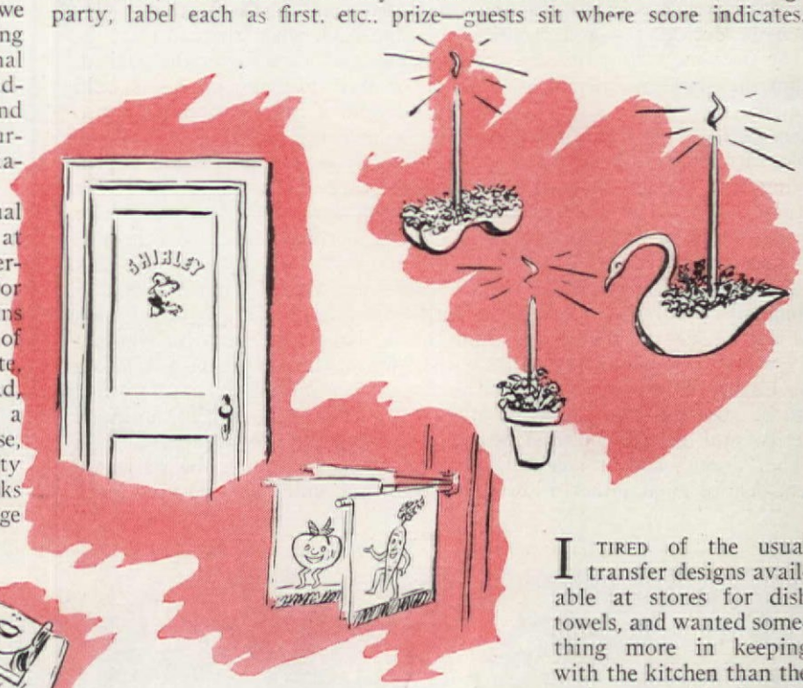
When the patient is ill at home, it is a real service to invite her husband and children to your home for dinner. She will have the satisfaction of knowing they are having an enjoyable time while she enjoys a peaceful rest. Or take her children downtown to lunch, theater, or museum some afternoon. It will be one less thing for her to worry about if she knows her family is well taken care of.

So get over the habit of thinking that a gift for one who is ill must be dull and strictly related to the sickroom. How often have I seen patients look back regretfully at the faded flowers, empty fruit baskets and dog-eared magazines as they stepped out of their rooms to leave the hospital? If only some of those gifts had been useful and lasting enough to keep, how much happier all these patients would have been.

ONE dainty bridal shower centerpiece is the miniature wishing well at left, suggested by LILIAN YENDES NEFF. It's made of mesh chicken wire covered with button flowers, and as each guest makes a wish for the bride's future happiness she tosses in a coin. From DALE SPEARMAN comes a really practical shower that's fun, too. The idea is that "rags are riches," so each guest brings a dust cloth, silver polishing cloth, shoe cleaning rags, or whatever, done up in a colorful bandana. And MRS. CHARLES BOGART uses odd pieces of pottery (ash trays, miniature pitchers) for favors, each filled with tiny flowers and one candle. For a bridge party, label each as first, etc., prize—guests sit where score indicates.

MY CHILDREN are delighted with the nameplates which we have put on their doors, using wooden letters from an educational spelling set and transparent mending glue, Bob's painted brown and Shirley's rose. The doors were further embellished with decalcomanias.—JESSIE ANN BOYD

For a diversion from the usual tallies and selection of partners at a bridge party, clip and use advertisements found in magazines. For instance, a picture of curtains would be matched up with one of windows; a picture of toothpaste, with a picture showing a broad, attractive smile; a picture of a lawn with a picture of garden hose, etc. Such an introduction to a party induces a spirit of fun and breaks the tedium of the routine bridge party.—PHILIP R. JENKINS



I TIRED of the usual transfer designs available at stores for dish towels, and wanted something more in keeping with the kitchen than the sunbonnet girl. In the October, 1941, AMERICAN HOME, I found some sketches by W. J. Hennessey, decorating the menus on Pages 111 and 112. I enlarged them myself, and used them as transfers for dish towels that are far more novel than any I copied from ready-made patterns. The fat tomato man, the handsome carrot, and the ear of corn are perfect complements to kitchen equipment. They can be done in their natural color with outline stitch, embroidery, or appliqué.—HAZEL R. ETHERIDGE

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MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

WELL, maybe there *is* something to this theory that men can get along without women, much as I hate to admit it. But when a bachelor, without benefit of the woman's touch, intuition, or seventh bargain sense, buys one of the smartest little houses yet to come out of the present scheme of things, he's proved something. To add fuel to this masculine bonfire, this same little house was decorated for $850, "as you see by the pictures." There are just four rooms in this bachelor's bargain—living room with dining alcove, master and guest bedrooms, and kitchen—and yet it has been so completely and smartly done and decorated that you're sure you must have counted wrong. Of course, the basic layout of the house itself has much to do with this illusion, but if it hadn't been capitalized on, it would be just a little four-room house, so easily cluttered by furniture.

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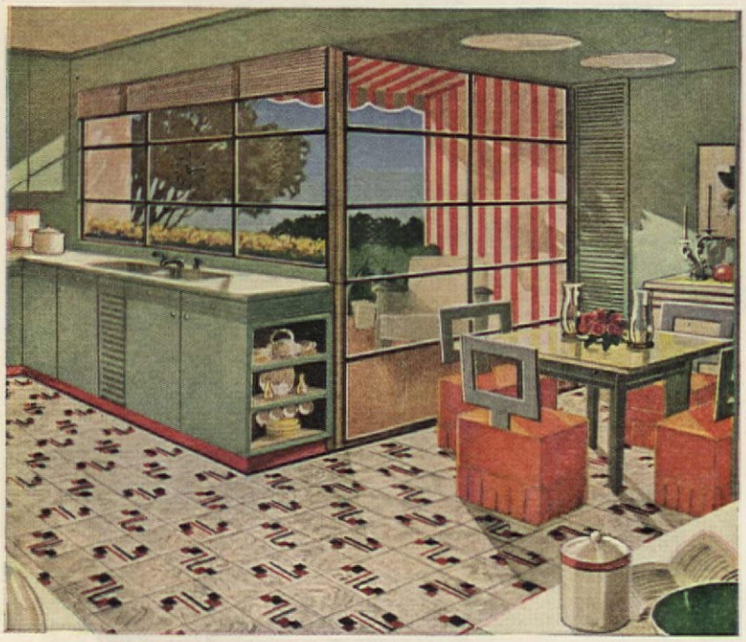

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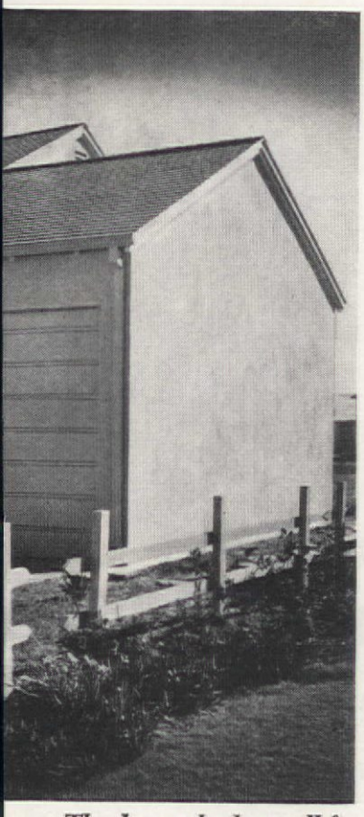
spacious unity that belies the four rooms. As you look out through the living room door, into the hall, you're sure it leads into another wing rather than just to the 9′ x 11′ guest room and the 10′ x 13′-6″ master bedroom. But you're not disappointed or let down, because they both have been done so simply yet cleverly that you're willing to have been fooled. They are an interesting story all themselves, in smart minimum expenditure, resulting in smart maximum effect. But more of them later.

I think the casual observer, if asked the size of the living room, after looking at the well chosen and grouped furniture, would guess it was half

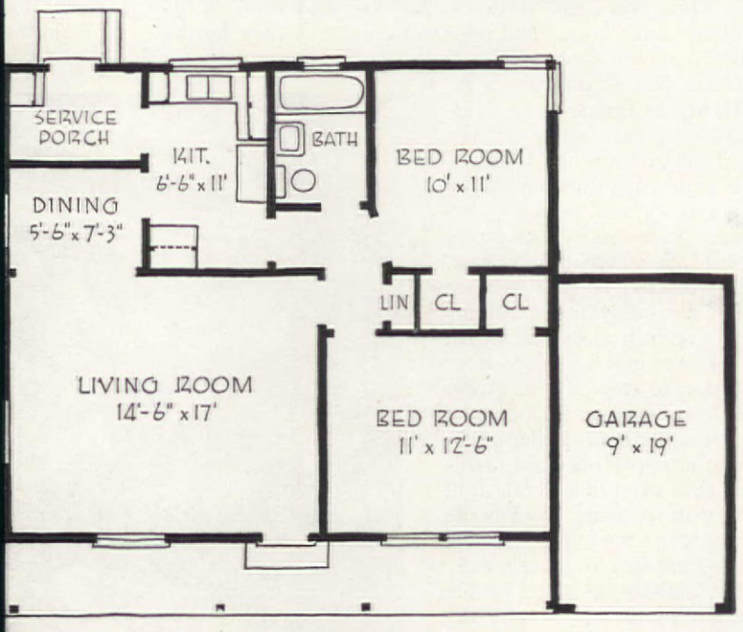


This house, built to sell for $3,595 under F.H.A. plan, has a one-car garage, driveway, planting and lot-line fence. Inside and out, it's a buy!

Homes are little these days, but truly "Oh! my!"

again as big as its real 14'-6" x 17' measurement. That's a note for the cuff of small-house dwellers. Adequate furniture *can* be used in a small room without its being crowded. It's the manner in which it's handled that does the trick. For instance, the davenport, in a room of this size, might stick out like a sore thumb and maybe sink the whole thing. But this one is covered in simple cotton clipper cloth that has been dyed to match the rug. It takes its rightful, comfortable place without a struggle. The gay floral cretonne cover on the wing chair is the same as that used in the ruffled window valances over the simple marquisette tie-back curtains, which is another smart feature in the room. There's a blessed absence of fuss and feathers to it all.

The clean-cut and simple lines of the sturdy maple furniture keep the three overstuffed pieces well in their place, and give open spaces right where they're needed. And take a good look at what can be done with



chair, a table, four good reproductions of Currier and Ives and a hang- g shelf before you go scattering them about the room, trying to fill up ace. Concentration does it and adds a tremendous amount of importance d character to four objects that could so easily have been lost if each d gone its separate way on all four walls.

Speaking of pictures, that little trick of hanging two flower prints as a me-on in the hall is useful to know and they are a quaint invitation to eet and untroubled rest in the double-decker guest room bunk. Here ain, the law of little space has been foiled and turned to create a novel om, with a place for chair, table, and desk besides. Marquisette at the ndows again keeps the simple feeling, as does the braided rug on the iny floor. There's a certain sense of provincial fitness in the master bed- om, with its creamy-pink walls and delft blue and white rug. The seem- g elegance on the maple bed is simply an unbleached muslin spread at's been machine embroidered in blue and beige, nothing more or less. e Golden Mean is the yardstick for little homes, moderation in all things. So you dwellers in little houses, defense or otherwise, rejoice. Be you chelor, maid, or married, it is possible to furnish them, in keeping with e size of the house and your income, have them not only look like a illion, but guarantee 100% interest from all who view your investment.

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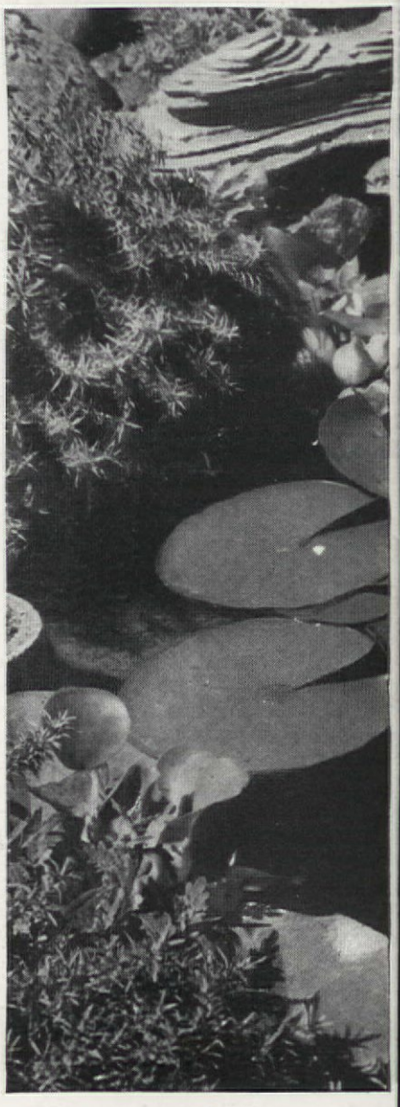
DOES the beauty of a stalk of hyacinths thrill you? Then how would you like the idea of a handsome, hardy shrub covered with them? That's not a bad description of a useful but rather little-known plant immigrant from North China that has been appropriately termed hyacinth-shrub, partly, perhaps, to get away from its official name of *Xanthoceras sorbifolia*. Yet that scientific handle isn't so bad when you break it down. *Xanthos* and *ceras* are Greek words for "yellow" and "horn," and refer to the color of little hornlike jiggers in the flowers; *sorbifolia* means "with leaves like the mountain ash"—and there you are. Not so difficult, is it?

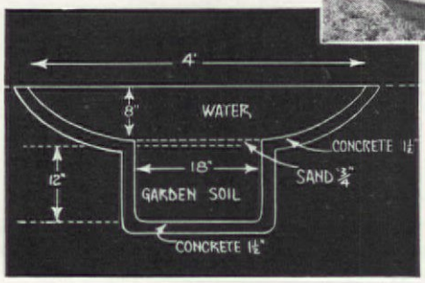


Hardy as far north as Massachusetts, satisfied with any good soil and a sunny location, and apparently untroubled by insect pests and diseases, this shrub holds its dark green, glossy foliage late in the season. The attractive flower heads are made up of white blossoms nearly an inch across, each with a yellow blotch, that later changes to red, at its base. The lower ones on each raceme are staminate or pollen-bearing; the upper ones are pistillate and, after the petals fall, give way to round green fruits which turn brown and resemble horse-chestnuts or buckeyes.

Presumably because people don't know it and haven't demanded it, *Xanthoceras* is not often listed in nursery catalogues; but a few firms do carry it, and anyway, if you know where one is growing and can manage to get some fruits from it, you can grow your own plants from seed if you first put them in a shallow box of sand and bury the whole thing outdoors for the winter so as to subject them to frost action. This is what gardeners mean by "stratifying" seed.

Our first hyacinth-shrub delighted us for some thirty years before succumbing to the great drought that hit us here in Iowa a few years ago. It was then fifteen feet tall and six or eight inches in diameter at the base. Mighty like a tree, in fact.

Make it Shallow!



REALLY, you don't have to build a deep pool to grow first-class waterlilies; a shallow one will do it, besides being safe if small Jane should happen to tumble in. It's just a matter of planning. A waterlily needs only six or seven inches of water, provided roots have a 12-inch depth of soil. So it's a case of shaping the pool e the above drawing. For a bigger display, four of these circular con-iners, each with a single plant, can be grouped together very effectively. ne photographs show the results you can get with even less effort than u ordinarily put into a regular flower garden.

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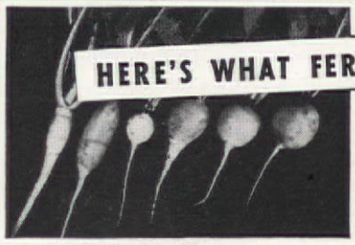

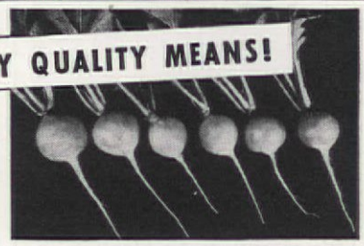

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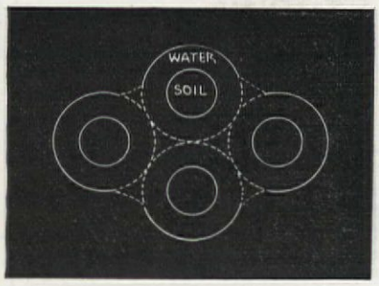

area, place reinforcing strips, and finish with another one-inch layer. Finally, cover and keep damp for three days, fill with water for two days, drain, refill, drain again, and then it's ready for the permanent planting and water.

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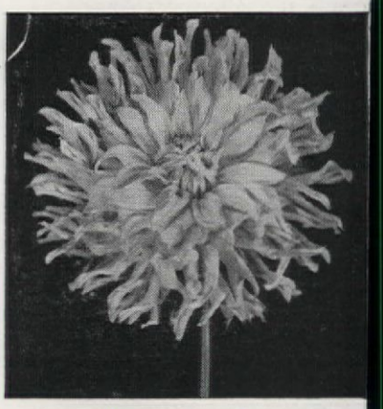

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Dahlias

American Dahlia Society, New York Show—Silver medal to L. R. Briggs, Tidioute, Pa., for MOLLIE B., informal decorative, rose to orchid pink. Exhibited by Ruschmohr Gardens, Rockville Centre, N. Y.

Western Pennsylvania Branch, Pittsburgh Show—To Frank's Dahlia Gardens, Bedford, Ohio, for SCHENLEY PARK: semi-cactus, light amaranth pink shading to white around center. Also Wellsville.

Baltimore Dahlia Society—To William H. Nuneviller (Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, N. J.) for MRS. MACMILLAN HOOPES: informal type, pure white, 11-inch blossoms.

Burholme Horticultural Society—To William H. Nuneviller (Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, N. J.) for STEPHEN FOSTER: informal cactus, buff-orange, tinged Tyrian rose. 12-inch blooms. Exhibited by James J. Desmond, Elkins Park, Pa. Also Michigan, Peekskill, Wisconsin.

California, Dahlia Society of—To M. G. Thompson, Sebastopol, Cal., for TREASURE ISLAND SUNSET: formal decorative, salmon pink with gold shadings on the petals.

Central States Dahlia Society—To Dr. H. L. Dozier, Cambridge, Md., for TOPS: semi-cactus to informal decorative, yellow, large. Grown and exhibited by George Currie, Sheboygan, Wis.

Delaware, Dahlia Society of—To Dr. H. L. Dozier, Cambridge, Md., for TOP-FLIGHT: informal decorative, bright blood red, 10-inch blooms. Also won at New England and Virginia.

East Liverpool (Ohio) Dahlia Society—To D. T. Morgan, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, for COLUMBIA: very large apricot, 12-inch blooms.

Indianapolis Dahlia Society—To J. A. Schutte, Springfield, Ohio, for SEASON'S BEST: semi-cactus, pink. Exhibited by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio.

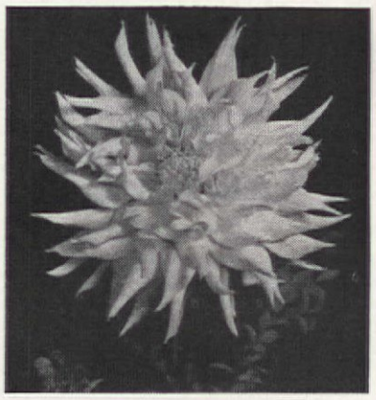
Irvington (N. J.) Garden Club—To Harry Hunt, Bernardsville, N. J., for HELEN PRESTON: informal decorative, buff with orange-red tinge, 11-inch blooms.

Kentucky, Dahlia Society of—To William A. Stolz, West Hazelton, Pa., for ENCHANTRESS: semi-cactus, bright orange-buff with rose edging.

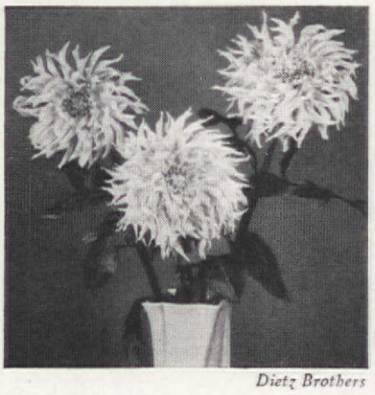
Kitsap County (Wash.) Dahlia Society—To Richard Vanderheid, Hawthorne, N. J., for VAN'S YELLOW: semi-cactus, clear yellow. Grown and exhibited by Franklin Gardens, Tacoma, Wash.

Michigan, Dahlia Society of—To William H. Nuneviller (Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, N. J.) for STEPHEN FOSTER: informal cactus, buff-orange, tinged Tyrian rose. Exhibited by Clarence Asman, Port Huron, Mich. Also won at the Burholme, Peekskill, Wisconsin shows.

Missouri Valley Dahlia Ass'n—To Geneva Dahlia Gardens, Geneva, Ohio, for DOROTHY GEER: formal decorative, pink. Exhibited by

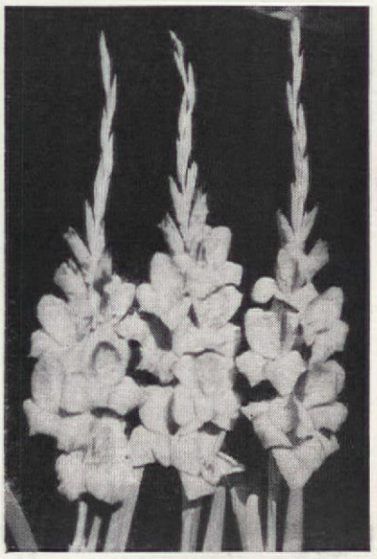


Harry J. Crosley, Tacoma winner



Dietz Brothers

Stephen Foster won four medals



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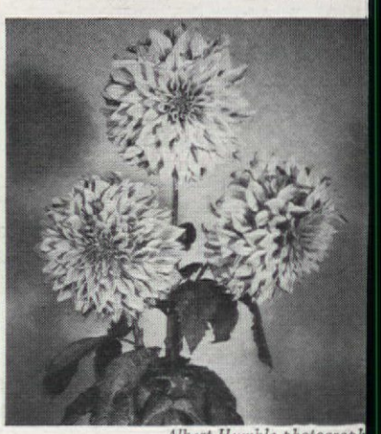
Gladiolus

East Bay (Cal.) Gladiolus Society—To Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Wheeler, Alameda, Cal., for FAIR ELAINE: light Venetian pink on creamy white ground, maize yellow and old rose throat.

Eastern New York Gladiolus Society—To John Hinsken, Farming-

Bill Owens photograph



Albert Humble photograph

From top to bottom: Betty J. Schul, the rose and pink winner at the Indiana show. Top-flight took three medals for Dr. Dozier. The silver medalist dahlia was Mollie B., originated by L. R. Briggs and exhibited at the American Dahlia Society show

dale, N. Y., for TWILIGHT DREAM: smoky salmon and lavender gray.

Indiana Gladiolus Society—To C. E. Troyer, La Fontaine, Ind., for BETTY J. SCHUL: decorative, deep rose pink; vigorous grower.

Maryland Gladiolus Society—To E. B. Snyder, Hagerstown, Md., for SNOWSHEEN: exhibition, white.

Michigan Gladiolus Society—To Herbert O. Evans, Bedford, Ohio, for SPITFIRE: exhibition type, rosy salmon with white throat. From the same seed pod that produced Hurricane, 1940 winner at the same show! Also West Virginia.

Midwest Gladiolus Show—To Colonial Gardens (Rushford, Minn.) and Noweta Gardens (St. Charles, Minn.) for CENTENNIAL: light pink, ruffled blossoms.

Minnesota Gladiolus Society—To E. H. Lins, Cologne, Minn., for MELLOWGLOW: delicate, creamy, pastel pink; fairly large flowers.

Ohio State Gladiolus Society—To George W. Wilson, Lisbon, Ohio, for SILVER BANQUET: commercial type, frosted orange.

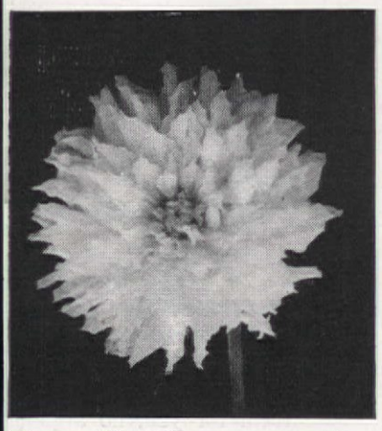
Southeastern Michigan Gladiolus Society—To George W. Wilson, Lisbon, Ohio, for AMERICAN HOME: red, exhibition type.

Utah Gladiolus Society—To Clifford Elliott, Farmington, Utah, for MISS UTAH: pink overlaid with canary yellow; large, decorative.

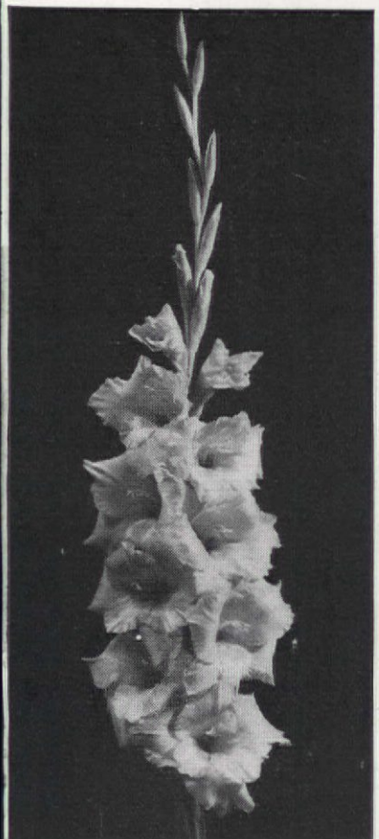
Wellsville Glad-Dahlia Club—To L. S. Dustman, Youngstown, Ohio, for MADONNA: decorative, pure white; keeps well.

West Virginia Gladiolus Society—To Herbert O. Evans, Bedford, Ohio, for SPITFIRE: exhibition type, rosy salmon with white throat marked with cherry lines. Also Michigan.

Wisconsin Gladiolus Society—To Walter C. Krueger, Oconowomoc, Wis., for CRITERION: large decorative, light pink with deeper colored throat mark wide open flowers.



Kearny New Jersey winner, Bess Smith, has white, notched petals



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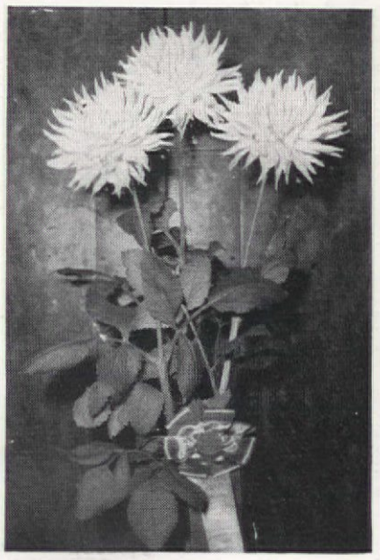
H. O. Evans' Spitfire won medals at Michigan and West Virginia

At Seattle it was Dr. Fridell



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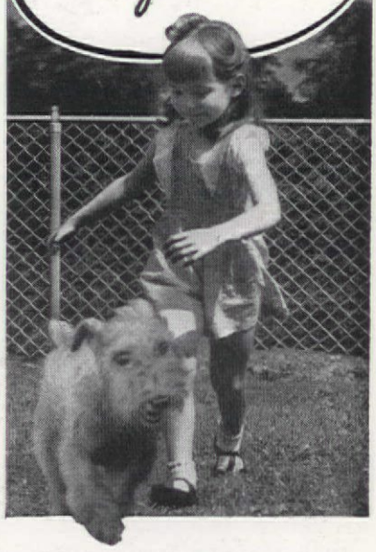

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"DEAR MOM, I'm coming home on leave next week for ten days. Get out the pie dish, polish up the apples and dust off the popover pans. I'll promise to grease them for you, no arguing either. Army food is good, but they sure could use a few mothers in the kitchen to put on the trimmings! Wonder why that wouldn't be a good place for the mothers to do their bit? Why don't you talk it up among the girls, and volunteer as a special Morale Division, guaranteed to pull the lowest buck private out of his darkest gastronomic misery by waving an apple pie under his nose? I suppose you might get in the hair of the kitchen chief, though, but gosh! it would be swell. They say an army travels on its stomach, and just think of the time it could make after one of your roast-beef-with-Yorkshire-pudding meals, topped off with apple pie that I dream about in my off moments! There's no telling where they'd wind up or what they'd be equal to. For instance, take your own special secret way of cooking steak that would make any steer lay his head on the block, voluntarily, just to be served up like that! There isn't a man in the army that wouldn't fight to that last ditch they're always talking about, to be allowed to get his teeth into a piece of it.

"I think we've got something here, Mom, but until it gets going, I'll settle for ham 'n eggs for breakfast with a bucket of honest-to-gosh coffee. And if you were baking cookies by any chance while I'm eating my breakfast, why, I might consider a dozen or so of them, right hot off the griddle! Maybe an army *does* travel on its stomach, but the way to this man's heart is via the same route with no detours. So roll up your sleeves, Mom, poke up the fire, and put on your apron. I'm coming home!

"Love,

BILL"

WHEN your boy comes home on leave give him his favorite dishes—yes, all of his favorite dishes. He has been comparing notes with his buddies for days about the apple pie you make—or maybe lemon meringue is his favorite. When he returns from leave, he wants to go back to his pals and boast again about the fried chicken "mom" made.

When boys get together for a gab session, eventually the talk will turn to foods. Boys from the South will compare notes with boys from the North and all will brag about their mothers' cooking ability. Note to all mothers, wives, and sweethearts: when your man comes home on leave, don't let him down on his expectations. Plan every meal around his best-liked dishes, even if this entails combinations that horrify you.

Sure, he gets apple pie in the Army and Navy, but it isn't like the warm, succulent wedges with spicy apples and flaky crust you make. And remember the big piece of sharp cheese! The Army, Navy, and Marine meals are supervised and carefully cooked and balanced nutritiously, but nat-

Leave!

Ewing Galloway

urally the service can't cater to individual whims in the way of crunchy end pieces of roast beef, or the half-rare middle cuts. That's where you can do your individual bit.

Do you recall how your boy may have liked lobster salad, ice cream, and pickles all at the same lunch or dinner? Of course, nutritiously such a combination should make the staunchest of stomachs turn somer-

• best-ever apple pi

• popovers

• fried chicken on corn

• Mexican beans ("quickie")

• hominy nests (left-over)

Preparation time: 1 hr., 10 min.

1 can (no. 2½) hominy
1 tbsp. chopped onion
2 tbsp. butter or margarine
2 tbsp. flour
1 cup milk
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. black pepper
3 eggs, separated
1 cup peas
1 cup green beans
1 cup carrots

Drain hominy, add onion. Make white sauce in top of double boiler with butter or margarine, flour, and milk. Add seasonings. When thickened add beaten yolks. Pour hominy and cook 5 min. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into hominy mixture into well-oiled ring mold and bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 40 min. or until mixture is set. Unmold on chop plate and fill center of mold with hot buttered vegetables. Serve with the following sauce:

tomato sauce

2 tbsp. butter or margarine
2 tbsp. flour
1 cup milk
1 cup tomato soup
¼ cup grated American cheese
¼ tsp. salt

Make a white sauce from butter, flour, and milk in top of double boiler. Add soup, cheese, and salt. Stir until well blended and pour over hominy nests. Serves 8. Source of vitamin A, B complex, C. ***400 cal. per serving.***

Tested in The American Home Kitchen

Submitted by Jeanette Hindman

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• best-ever apple pie

Preparation time: 1 hr.

5 juicy, tart apples
¾ cup sugar, depending on tartness of the apples
1 teaspoon ground allspice
½ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter
Uncooked pastry dough for 2-crust pie

SLICE peeled and cored apples. Add sugar, allspice and salt and mix well. Place in an uncooked pastry shell which lines a 9-inch pie pan. Dot with butter. Cover with remaining half of pastry dough. Prick well with a fork to allow air bubbles to escape. Serves 6. ***288 cal. per serving.***

Bake in very hot oven (450°F.) for 10 minutes and then reduce the temperature to 400°F. and bake 30 minutes longer, or until apples are soft.

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• popovers

Preparation time: 40 min.

3 eggs
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1 cup flour
1 cup milk
2 teaspoons salad oil or melted shortening

DIRECTIONS are given here for making popovers in the electric mixer although this same recipe can also be used for making them "by hand." (Before starting to make popovers put greased muffin tins or custard cups into a very hot oven—450°F.—and heat until they are sizzling hot.) Beat eggs at medium speed a few minutes until frothy. Now add salt, sugar, flour and half the milk and mix again, medium speed, until smooth. Then add remaining milk and salad oil, or melted shortening, and beat at low speed just until blended. Pour batter into hot muffin tins or custard cups, filling each about half full. Bake in a very hot oven (450°F.) for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 400°F. and continue baking for 15 minutes longer. Do not open oven while baking. Makes 12 popovers. ***85 calories per popover.***

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• fried chicken on corn

Preparation time: 1½ hrs.

2 3-lb. chickens
½ cup flour
2 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2 or 3 eggs
1½ cups bread crumbs
¾ cup shortening or salad oil
¼ cup butter
3 large minced onions
2 12 oz. cans (3 cups) whole kernel corn
1¼ cups thin cream or evaporated milk

DISJOINT chickens for frying. Shake pieces in bag with flour, salt, and pepper. Dip into beaten eggs, then bread crumbs, pressing firmly so chicken is well coated. Fry in butter and shortening or salad oil till crisp and brown. Turn heat low, cover. Let cook until tender. Remove to warming oven. Pour most of fat from skillet and cook onions until yellow and tender, not brown. Add corn. Cook 5 minutes. Stir in milk, cook until slightly thickened. Pour corn on hot platter, pile chicken on top. Serves 8. Serve with this delicious strawberry relish! ***475 cal. per serving.***

hot strawberry rhubarb relish

1 cup rhubarb 2 cups sugar 1 cup whole strawberries

Mix rhubarb, strawberries, sugar. Let stand 1 hour. Bring to boil. Cook 4 minutes. Serve hot with chicken.

Recipe submitted by HERMAN SMITH *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• Mexican beans ("quickie")

Preparation time: 35 min.

5 slices bacon
1 minced onion
¼ cup chopped green pepper
2 cans (1 lb. 1½ oz.) red kidney beans
2 cups *drained* canned tomatoes
1 can (4 oz.) deviled ham
¾ tsp. dry mustard
1 tsp. curry powder dissolved in tbsp. hot water
3 tbsp. molasses
Salt to taste

DICE 1 slice of bacon and fry with onion and green pepper. Mix kidney beans, tomatoes, deviled ham, mustard, curry powder, molasses and salt. Add onion mixture and pour into 6 individual casseroles or one large baking dish. Top with bacon strips and heat in hot oven (400°F.) 25 min. or until bacon is crisp.

Makes 6 generous servings, but if any is left over you will find it equally good the second day. Source of calcium, iron, vitamin C and some B complex. ***310 cal. per serving.***

Recipe submitted by FLORA HARRIS *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

saults. But not your boy's, so, let him have what will make him happy. Let him carry away a happy memory of the same savory kitchen he has always known. For months, probably, he has anticipated coming home to a cookie jar filled with his favorite brownies, so don't disappoint him! If your boy liked doughnuts hot out of the frying kettle, have them ready to fry the minute he arrives and let him snitch again a doughnut from the cooling rack.

Another bit of warning: don't treat your boy home on leave as a guest. Make him feel at home. Maybe you do want to visit with him, but the kitchen is a grand place to visit. Let him lean over the table and get in your way. Let him lick the bowl with the cake batter. These are all memories he has been cherishing and he wants to relive them.

We asked boys home on leave what food they particularly dreamed about and wished to have. One chap from Maine, on leave for a very short time, was going home to a piece of mom's apple pie. He hoped she would have some mince pie, too, but he knew it was late in the season. Fried chicken, the way only mother could fry it, was another request. Whether it is fried in an open frying pan, or in the oven, or in deep fat, fry the chicken the way your boy likes it. Don't try something new on him. Save the new dishes for the rest of the family.

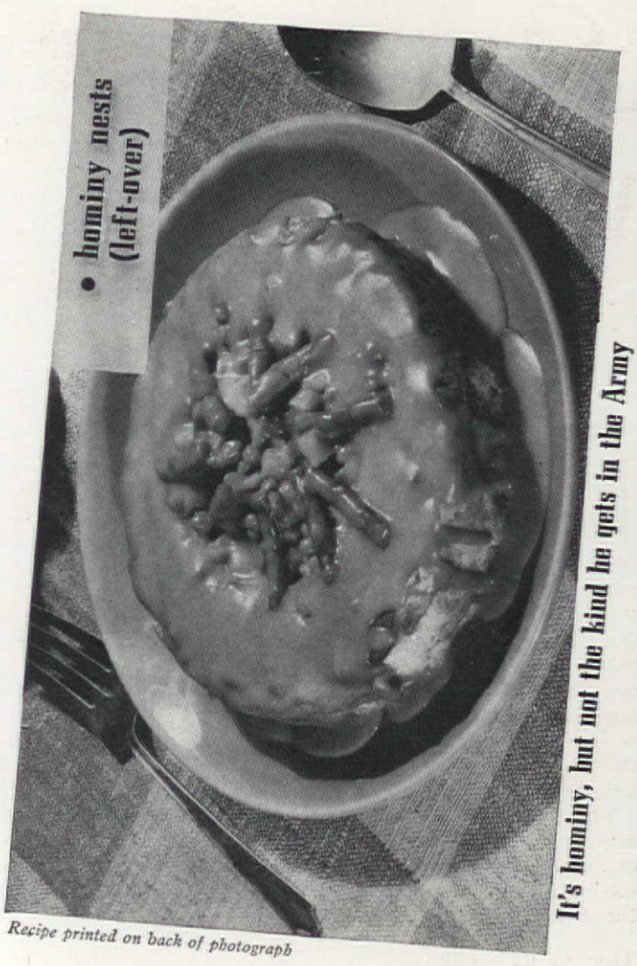
You don't get piping hot popovers for breakfast in the Army or the Navy or in the Marine Corps, so get up half an hour early to whip up a batter of popovers and serve them hot, with the ham and eggs.

Maybe in your eyes, corned beef and cabbage, lamb stew, spareribs, and sauerkraut will seem like ordinary fare. Well, your boy wants ordinary fare, too. Remember when he came home from school and ate three breaded pork chops, creamed potatoes, and escalloped corn? Try the same dishes and see his eyes sparkle. "Mom remembered," and you couldn't have a higher tribute.

Beans and more beans are certainly an Army dish, but we tried out a different dish and we'll wager your visiting boy will like it, too. If you don't want a dinner of all favorites, feature the specialty and have second-best choices for the rest of the meal.

All men like chocolate cake, so be sure to have a chocolate cake dripping with chocolate icing. For another man's favorite, we suggest graham cracker cake with custard or jam filling and plenty of whipped cream on the top and sides. But don't expect any cake to be left over.

A note to brides: if your new soldier or sailor husband is coming home on leave and you haven't learned all his favorite dishes, give him food that every man likes. Fried chicken, steak, roast beef, apple pie, lemon meringue pie, chocolate cake, hot breads—all are men's favorites. If you're a little scarey about trying some, practice on a few (you'll find recipes on this page) before he comes home and feature them.



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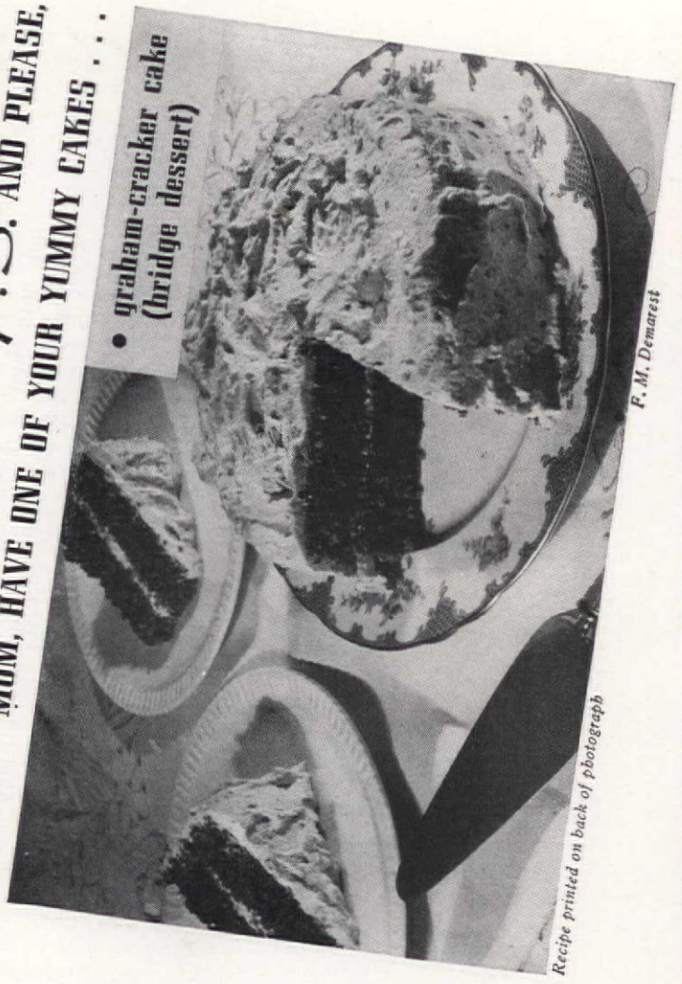

• graham-cracker cake (bridge dessert)

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Sweetening WITHOUT Sugar—

Herbert M. Marsden sketch

MAYBE that sounds like one of the bigger paradoxes of life . . . sweetening without sugar, but it isn't when you come right down to it. After all, bees, for instance, weren't created for naught. They have the corner on honey making. Then man has done a little work on the sweet side, too, like making molasses, maple sugar, and lots of syrups that would satisfy any sweet tooth. It's all a state of mind and habit. Say "sweet" to a person, and he automatically thinks, "sugar" or vice versa. He might just as well think, molasses, honey, maple sugar, and so on, and that's what he's going to have to do with the predicted scarcity of sugar in the near-offing. If you and your family have a great hankering for sweets, don't worry. Your great need can be filled with all manner of things. Any cooks who made cakes and cookies during the first World War learned a thing or two about cooking without sugar and no one suffered from any deficiency.

All the above mentioned sweetenings can be used successfully if you adjust your recipes to them. If something calls for 1 cup of sugar, use ¾ cup of molasses, deduct ¼ cup of liquid, and add a pinch of soda. If you use honey, ¾ cup equals 1 cup of sugar, and deduct ¼ cup of liquid from the recipe. The juices of canned fruits are also usable as sweetening.

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Preparation time: 1 hr. 25 min.

graham-cracker cake

2¼ cups fine graham cracker crumbs
2½ tsp. baking powder
⅔ cup milk
½ cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla

CREAM shortening. Add sugar gradually and eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition until fluffy. Stir in vanilla. Mix graham cracker crumbs and baking powder and add to creamed mixture alternately with milk. Pour batter into two well-oiled 8" cake pans and bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 30 min. or until done.

2-3 tbsp. raspberry jam

raspberry cream icing
1 cup cream, whipped

Whip cream and fold in raspberry jam. When cake is cool, spread icing between layers and over top and sides. Serves 12.

For variation use a custard filling and frost with whipped cream.

308 cal. per serving.

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Recipe submitted by SUE MAHN

No substitutes for Bill when he comes home on leave.
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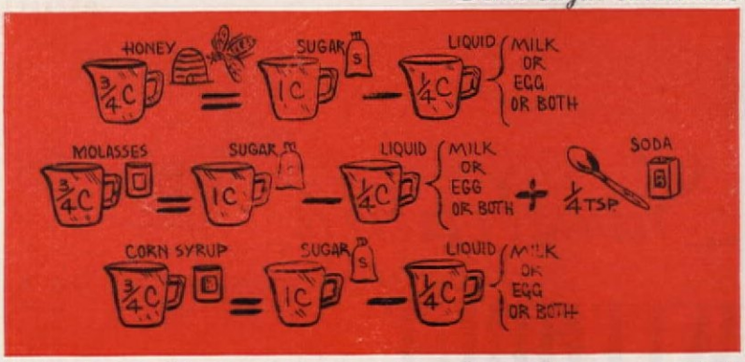
Some sugar substitutes



We've given a recipe for molasses cookies which doesn't use even a pinch of sugar. Eat them plain or ice with whipped cream which has been sweetened with any fruit jam or apple butter. We put a stack of cookies together with whipped cream which had been sweetened with apple butter, chilled the entire dessert in the refrigerator, and then sliced it diagonally. The result, according to everyone who tasted it, was really something!

The recipe for a cake which we think fills the bill in many ways is also printed. We suggest a honeyed, whipped-cream filling and icing. Or you could put the layers together with a filling of crushed fresh fruit (unsweetened) or any fruit jam. We also tried a filling made from one of the ready-prepared puddings, and found it equally successful. You can use either chocolate, vanilla, or butterscotch, but better make the pudding a little stiffer than usual by not using as much milk as called for on the package. When using molasses for sweetening, use spices freely for flavoring. Ginger, especially, and molasses seem to go hand in hand.

Instead of cinnamon toast with its complement of sugar, have toasted bread, buttered and sprinkled with crumbled maple sugar. If you have any left-over muffins or biscuits and do not know what to do with them, try splitting them in half and dipping them in a batter of egg and milk. Fry in drippings or butter until brown on both sides and serve warm with maple syrup. These make a grand dessert, too.

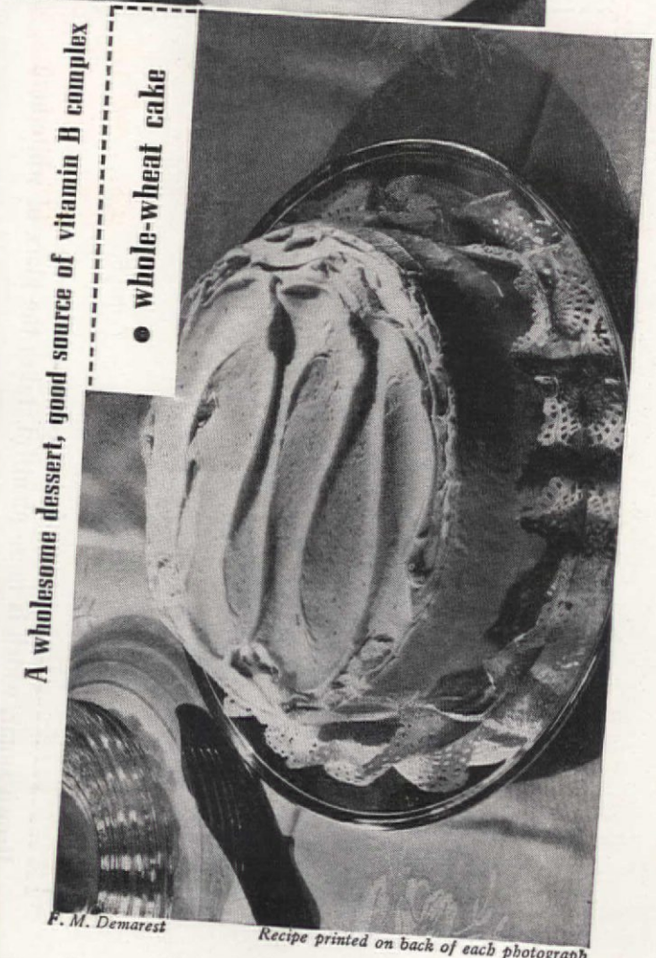
Because the full sugar bowl has always been handy, perhaps you have been missing the fruit sugar flavor in fresh fruit. Berries, bananas, oranges, grapefruit, apricots, peaches, cherries, and melons, when ripe, have a high percentage of fruit sugar. So, why gild the lily? That's right . . . no more sugar on fruit. Of course, in canning fruit, sugar is used as a preservative. It's legitimate to use sugar when canning, otherwise the fruit would spoil. Dried fruits—prunes, apricots, apples, raisins, dates, figs—have a high

percentage of sugar. Out of war-experienced England comes the suggestion to cook dates with rhubarb and no sugar. The dates will sweeten the rhubarb. Why not try a date and rhubarb pie? Use fewer dates than rhubarb—just enough to sweeten the latter.

Next time you stew apricots or prunes, don't add any sugar; you'll be surprised at how sweet they'll be. When using canned fruit, save the juices for sweetening something else. They make a fine sauce, for instance, for

• molasses cookies

Two old flavors combine for a new and timely result



• whole-wheat cake

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¾ cup sugar
2 eggs
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1¼ cups cake flour
1½ teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
¼ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon soda
¼ cup sour heavy cream
¼ cup milk
½ cup chopped stewed prunes
¼ cup chopped pistachio nuts (or pecans or walnuts)

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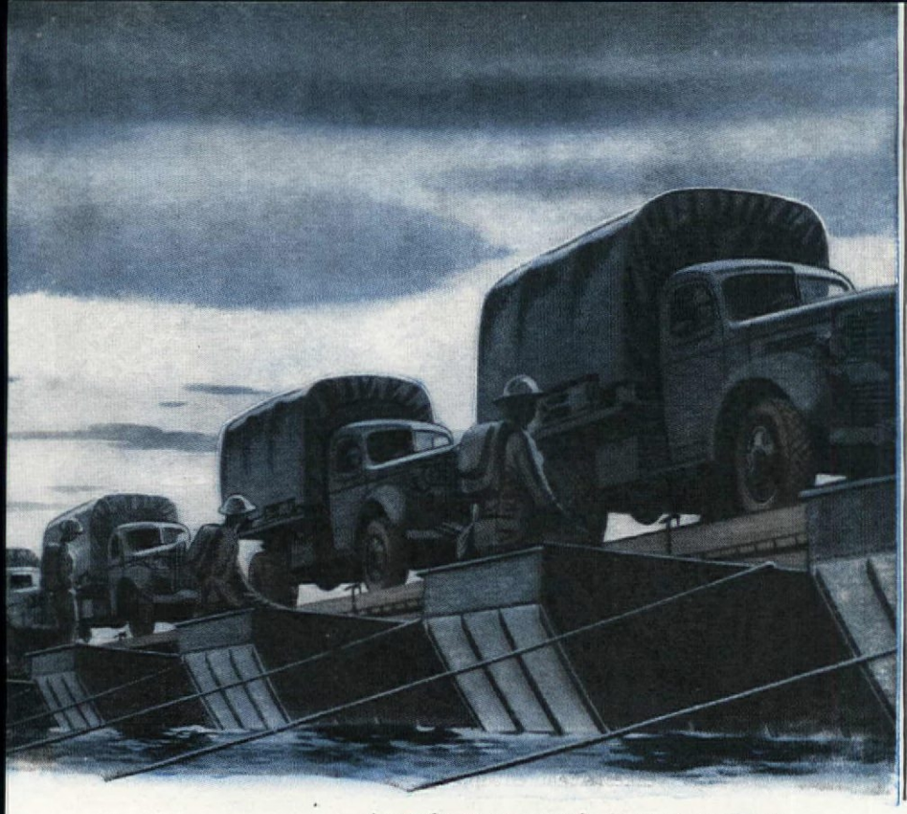

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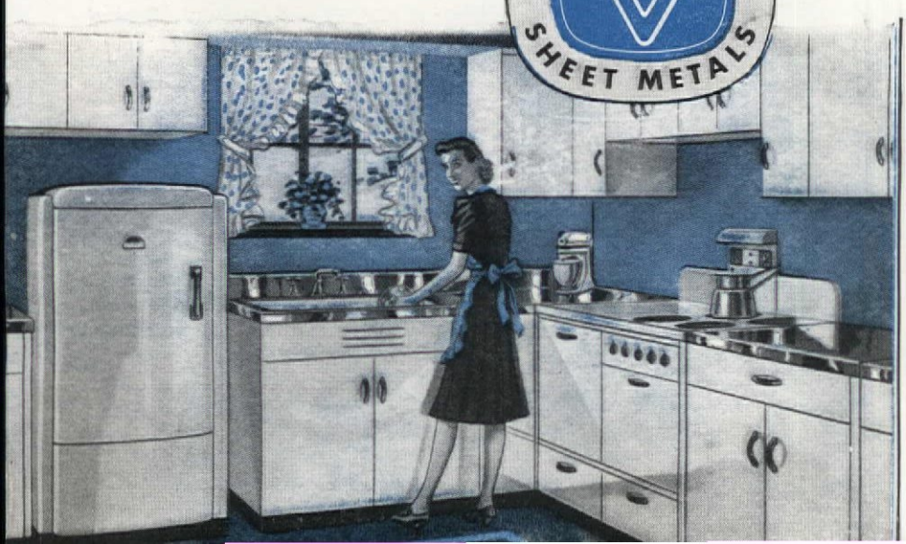

bread or rice pudding. Or make a gelatine dessert out of them, using level tablespoon of gelatine to 1½ cups of fruit juice. In England, whe everyone is eating carrots, a favorite dessert is to slice cooked or ra carrots into a molded gelatine dessert. Good for a salad, too.

If you really think about it, there are many, many ways to have yo usual sweetening without sugar. It may take a little planning and imagin tion, but, after all, that is what makes the challenge fun and interesti

Molasses cookies can hold their own or go glamorous with applesauce

• molasses cookies

Mixing time: 20 min.

½ cup melted butter or margarine
½ cup melted shortening
1 cup molasses
1 egg, beaten
2 tsp. lemon juice
½ tsp. grated lemon rind
4½ cups sifted flour
1 tsp. ginger
⅛ tsp. cloves
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. salt

COMBINE shortening and molasses; add egg, lemon juice, and lemon rind. Stir until mixture is blended. Sift flour, ginger, cloves, soda, and salt together and mix with other ingredients. Chill dough until firm. Roll (more flour may be added if necessary), cut with cookie cutter and bake on an oiled cookie sheet in a moderate oven (375°F.) 12-15 min. Makes 6 doz. medium-sized cookies. *60 cal. per cookie*

Preparation time: 10 min.

applesauce cream roll

15 molasses cookies
1 cup whipping cream
3 tbsp. spicy apple butter

Whip cream until stiff, fold in apple butter. Spread cookies with cream mixture and put together to form a roll. Frost outside and chill several hours or overnight. When serving, slice diagonally. Serves 6. *503 cal. per serving. Source of iron.*

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Preparation time: 1 hr., 50 min.

• whole-wheat cake

½ cup butter or margarine
1 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
2 cups sifted whole-wheat flour
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
1 cup buttermilk
1 tsp. vanilla

CREAM butter or margarine. Add sugar gradually and eggs, one at a time, beating after each until fluffy. Sift flour, soda, baking powder, and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk and vanilla. Pour batter into two well-oiled 8" layer pans and bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 25-30 min. Cool.

While cake is baking made a commercial vanilla pudding, following directions on package. Use half for filling and serve remainder as a luncheon dessert with fresh fruit or berries. Frost cake with whipped cream flavored with honey, or maple sugar and vanilla. Serves 12. *284 cal. per serving. Source of vitamin B complex.*

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

Recipe submitted by VIRGINIA WEGMAN

Brown sugar, which is more plentiful, takes the place of white here

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Does Breakfast BAFFLE You?

IF, LIKE most American housewives, you are devoting more time than ever to the proper feeding of your family as a part of your contribution to our war effort, you're studying food values and nutrition as never before. You're seeing to it that your children have well-balanced and nutritious lunches, that dinners are well-rounded, satisfying affairs practically guaranteed to keep your little brood in the pink.

But what about breakfast? Ten to one you're still serving the same old menu—starting off with fruit or fruit juice, making a pot of coffee, pouring out milk for the children, putting the toaster on the table within easy reach, and calling it a day—or at any rate a meal.

Actually, it's not a very good one. Not that this food isn't fine, as far as it goes, but it just doesn't provide enough nourishment to keep active people going for four or five hours. And it presents another problem, too. If you don't get several of the daily food essentials into the morning meal, it's going to be difficult to crowd them all into the two remaining ones.

For example, an egg a day is a nutrition "must" but chances are if your family doesn't get an egg apiece for breakfast, they won't get it at all. After all, you *can* serve eggs as a dinner dish now and then, but you can't do it every day without sacrificing somewhere else along the line. Meat, for which eggs usually pinch hit at lunch or dinner, is essential, too. Not that we're urging you to get up an hour early to whip up a four-course meal, with all the trimmings, for your entire household. But, in the interests of your family's well-being, you *might* hop out half an hour sooner than usual and do your bit in the way of cereal and eggs or even pancakes or waffles.

If your man has a defense job, and perhaps drives several miles to work, he needs a real breakfast—with both cereal and eggs in addition to his fruit, toast, and coffee. With this under his belt he'll be able to operate at maximum efficiency all morning, without that mid-morning hunger which is bound to cause a slump. And you don't need to be told, of course, that Uncle Sam needs and expects day-long alertness on the job these days. If your husband is an office worker, he doesn't need as much food and you can toss together a nourishing breakfast in practically nothing flat. While the coffee is perking or dripping and the bread toasting, drop the eggs into the pan for their three-minute cook-

Save left-over breakfast coffee and use it as a flavoring in icings, puddings, gelatine desserts

If you haven't a regular egg poacher, set the required number of custard cups in the boiling water and break eggs into these

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• breakfast eggnog orange flip

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For those who would serve cereal in the morning, there's a suggestion in the fruited oatmeal which takes only eight minutes to cook. Or there are the cereals which can be made the night before, kept in a warm place, and served next morning, with the addition of prunes, dates, figs, apricots, or raisins. Served with hot milk, these will disappear like magic when the younger generation gets at 'em and will send them off to school full of vigor and vitamins. Any of the dry cereals, served with fresh fruit or berries, will do as much, too.

If you are one of those housewives who don't attempt to eat until their families are out of the house, remember that a good breakfast is just as important for you as for your husband and children. Don't neglect your fruit juice and egg in favor of nothing but a cup of coffee and a piece of cold toast and then expect to do your best at the Red Cross all morning. Remember, you need nourishment, too.

Come Sunday morning and you can really go to town on breakfast, with plenty of time to prepare it and lots of leisure to enjoy it. How about baked apples to start off with, followed up with fluffy scrambled eggs, beaten up with cream and cooked—very slowly—in a double boiler? With the eggs, serve piping hot popovers and loads of your best coffee, and pretty soon the neighbors will be lining up for invitations. Difficult? Not at all. Mix the popover batter while the oven is heating, fill the hot tins, and start the eggs and coffee. While you are enjoying your fruit, the eggs will be thickening, the coffee perking, and the popovers popping. By the time you've finished, you can bring them all in to the table and sit down to a luscious breakfast, garnished with nothing but praise from all.

If you buy bacon with rind on, remove rind with the kitchen scissors and save it for flavoring vegetables

Keep absorbent paper handy and drain bacon on it to keep it dry and crispy

• breakfast eggnog ("quickie")

Preparation time:* 5 *min.

1 egg
1 tbsp. honey
1 cup milk

BEAT egg and honey together for 1 min. Add milk and serve in iced tea or 12 oz. glass. For a tempting afternoon refreshment for the children, serve the above with nutmeg sprinkled over the top. Serves 1. ***315 cal. per serving. Good source of vitamins A and B complex.***

orange flip

Preparation time:* 3 *min.

1 egg
juice of 2 oranges (½-¾ cup)

Beat egg for 1 min.; add orange juice. Serve in 8 oz. glass. Serves 1. ***170 cal. per serving. Good source of vitamins A, B complex, and C.***

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• fruited oatmeal

Preparation time:* 8 *min.

⅔ cup boiling water
⅓ tsp. salt
⅓ cup rolled oats
¼ cup chopped prunes

KEEP water and salt boiling in small sauce pan and stir in rolled oats and prunes slowly. Cook 2½-5 min. Serve with brown sugar (date oatmeal usually needs no sugar) and top milk. Makes 1 serving. ***320 cal. per serving with ½ cup milk. Good source of vitamins A and B complex.***

Variations: in place of prunes, one of the following may be substituted:
¼ cup chopped cooked apricots
2 tbsp. raisins
3 tbsp. chopped dates

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To tease the appetites of children, toast may be cut in various shapes with cookie cutters, and faces may be made on cooked cereals with raisins and pieces of dates

To keep brown sugar soft, store in bread box or keep in an open container in the refrigerator

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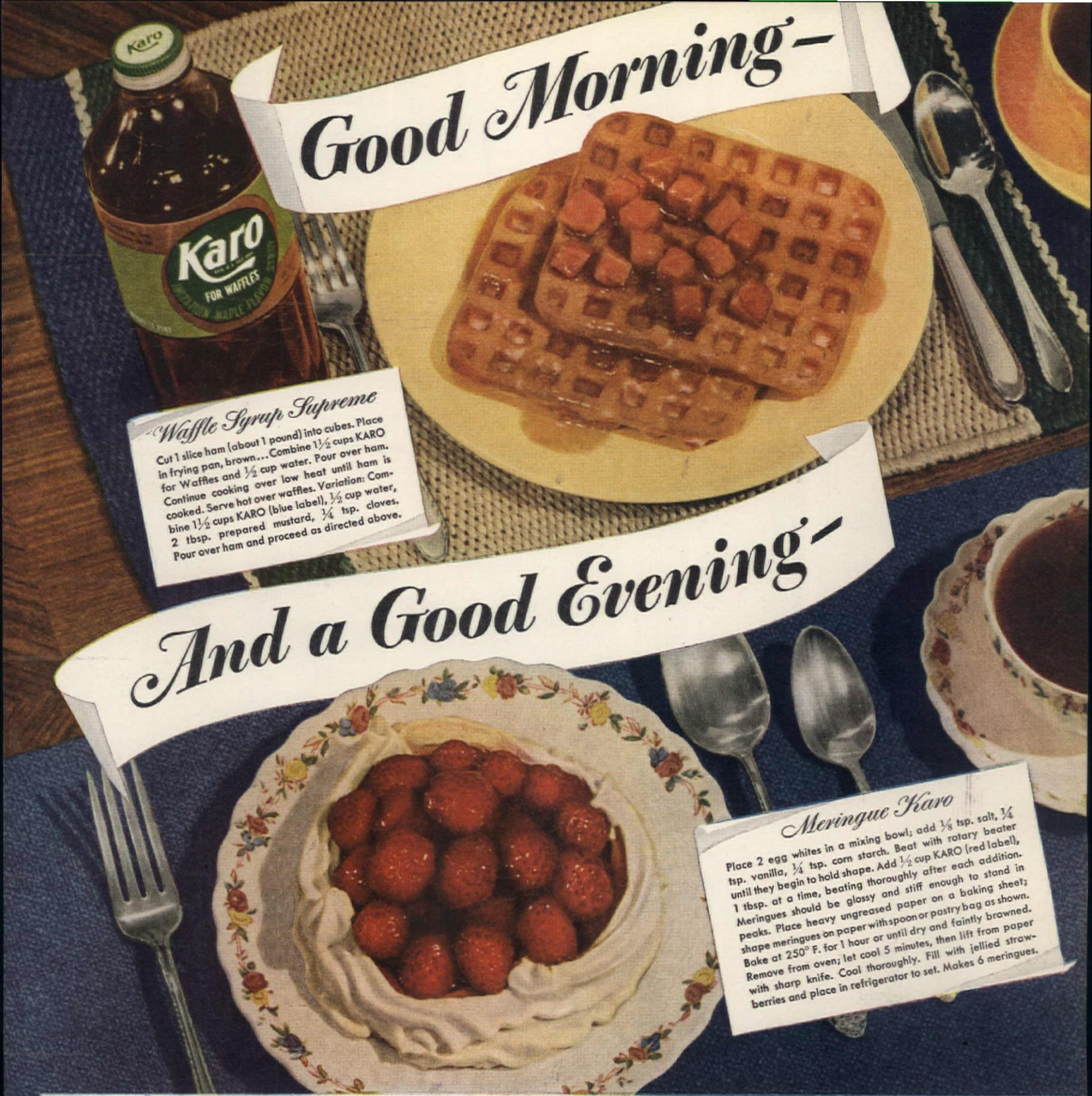
Good Morning—



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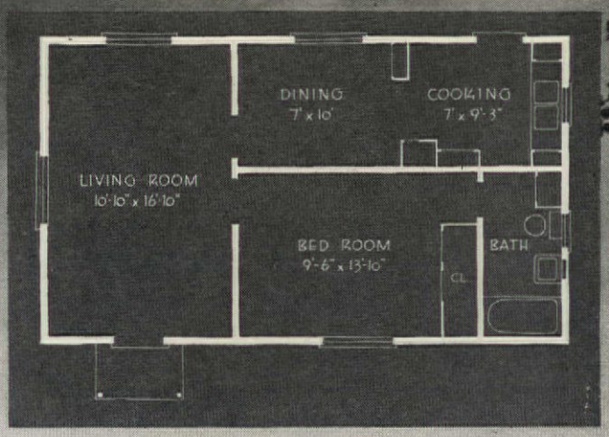

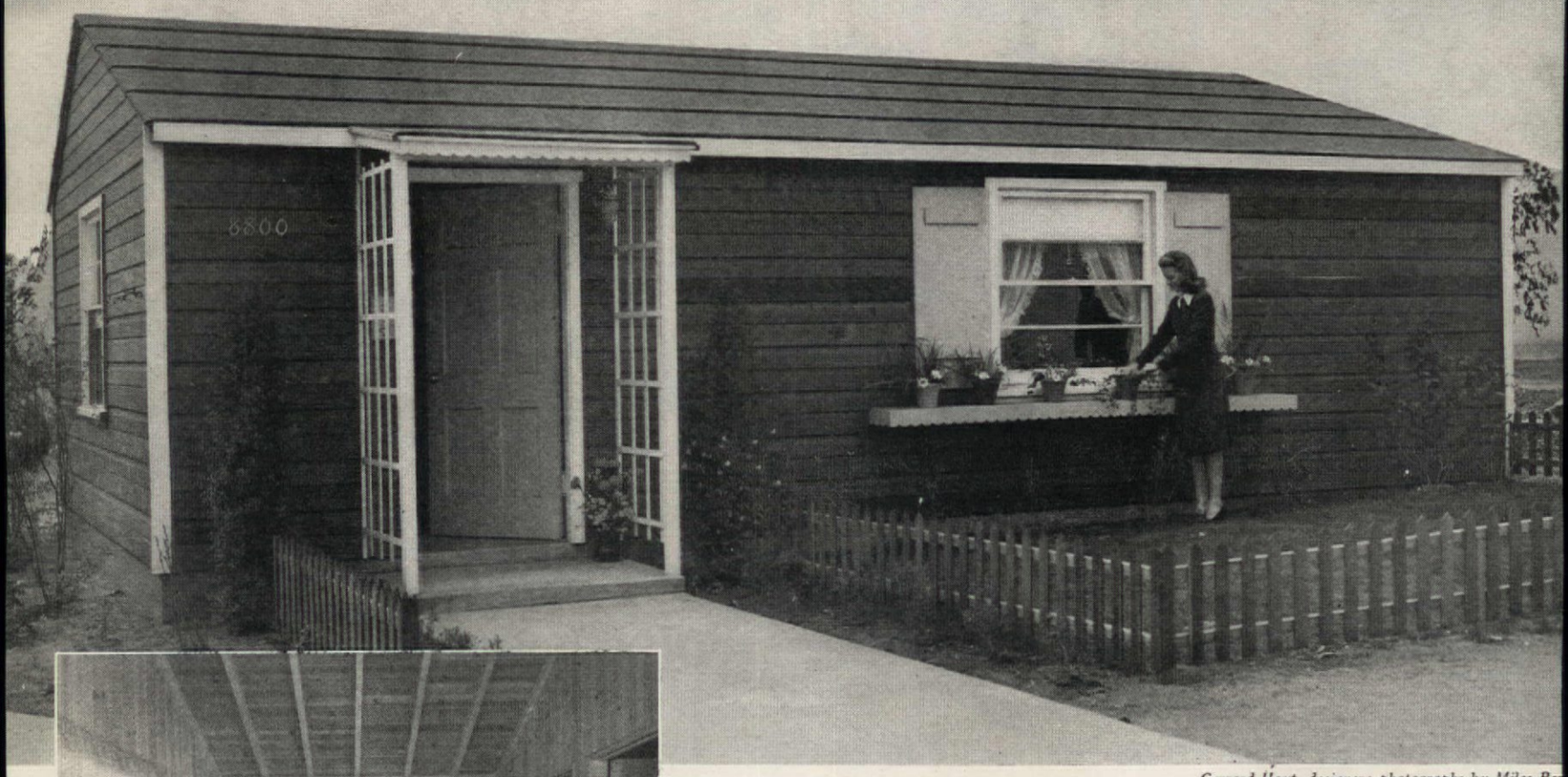

Gerrard Hoyt, designer; photographs by Miles Ber

KITCHEN AND ANOTHER VIEW OF EXTERIOR SHOWN IN COLOR ON THE COVER

REALLY front-page caliber—this month's "cover house." For this brain child of ingenuity is the by-product of our national emergency, and a proud achievement to add to the roll of inventions mothered by necessity. Last year, such a house for $1845 would have been considered an impossibility; today, under stress of priorities and with wiring, sheet metal, and all vital materials used most sparingly, it's reality. And neither quality, durability, nor appearance has been sacrificed. The American Construction Co. of Los Angeles, Calif., which fathered it, had in mind two types of clients: first, young married couples who can own this with monthly payments of only $18; second, the prospective investor, who can build a unit of three or four for the same money one dwelling would have cost not so long ago.

The house definitely has an "air," with the nice lattice detail at the entrance and a redwood picket fence. The use of wood in various finishes is one of its most attractive and economical features, since it saves use of plaster wire. The exterior construction, resting on sub-floors of special waterproof concrete, is of redwood siding. Inside, a dado of natural oiled redwood runs all around the living room, and above it is waxed knotty pine paneling with an exposed beamed ceiling. Paneling and ceiling boards were treated with a coat of paint which was then rubbed off, and the rafters were painted white to match the woodwork. In the bedroom, the molding, too, has been painted white.

The bathroom and kitchen walls are covered with Sanitas. In the bathroom all fixtures are within seven feet of each other. Excellent planning is evidenced in the kitchen—there's a double sink, inlaid linoleum counters and three wall cupboards besides the full-length cabinet which separates the kitchen from the dining alcove at one side. At the other side are built-in shelves, just stove height (see cover photograph). The knotty pine walls in the dining alcove are glazed.

A far cry from the "low-cost" bungalow of three or four years ago, the cost itself is much lower, the details fully as good, and the potentialities and wearing qualities of this house are far better, a boon to Americans faced with the need for new housing!

—MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

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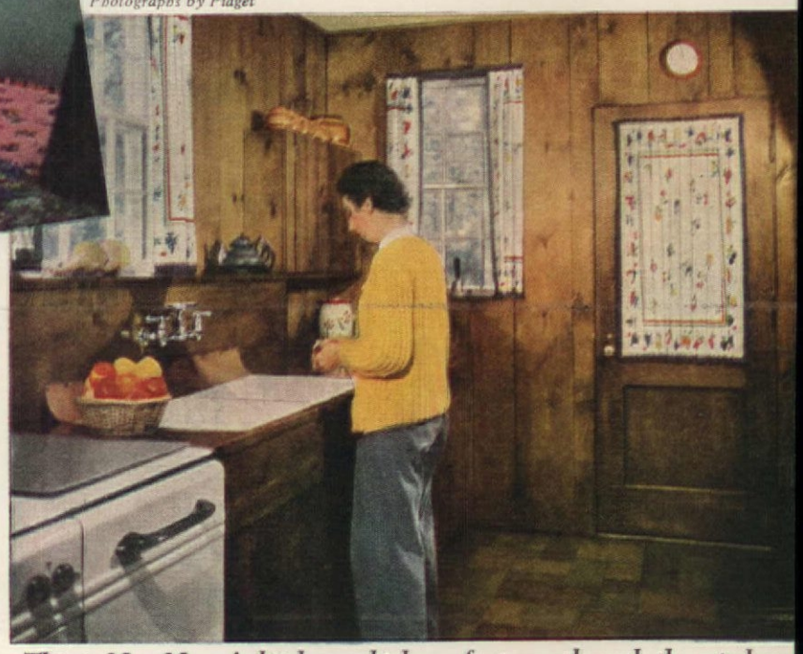


This is Mrs. Moore's kitchen, which we first saw through the window

Mrs. Gordon E. Moore's charming living room

OR, The "Editorial We" on Wheels

ONCE upon a time, but not so very long ago at that, eight editors of THE AMERICAN HOME gathered in the Grand Central Station in New York. They hadn't come to hold a meeting, as is usually the case when so many editors congregate. They had no rubber cement on their hands, no blue pencils, no scissors or galley sheets. They had bags and baggage. They were going, in fact, on an editorial trip, a practice of eight years' standing, to seek adventure and information, first hand from their readers. This time, it was parts of the Middle West that beckoned. So they boarded the train and the next day they found themselves in St. Louis.

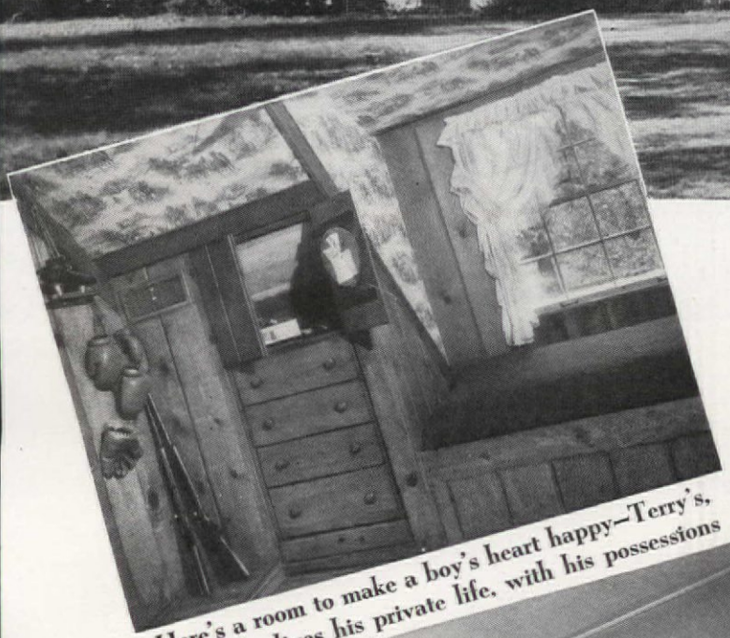
Now *they* had to live some place while they were learning how others did it, so they went to a very nice hotel and settled down to study their city maps, check the readers' lists they had brought with them, and line up their visitations to the suburbs for there, where new building and life were stirring, lay their main interest. It might be said that the way to a reader's door was on the stomach, for many hours before the calls began were spent by the editors, some of them lying on their editorial stomachs, around the huge maps spread on the floor, busily outlining their plans.

When all was in readiness, they divided into teams, rented cars to transport them and went their separate ways to seek their fortunes. Each night they returned, with their own tales of the day's adventure. These are some of their stories, and very good ones they are:

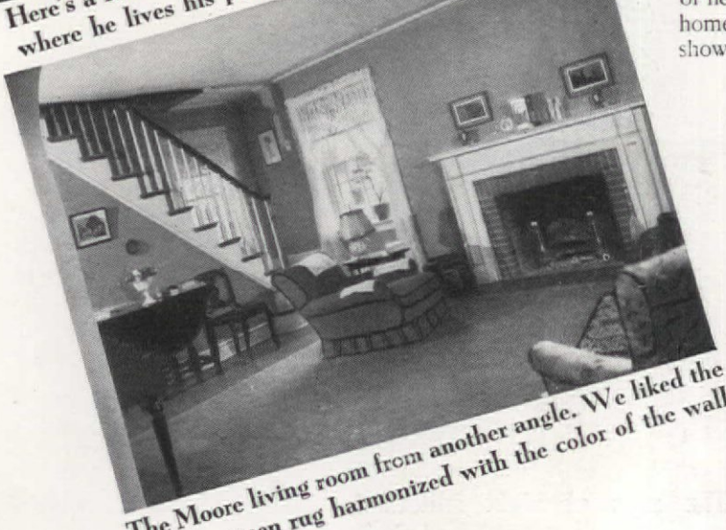
Robert Baldwin

The saga of eight editors in search of their readers' problems. A collection of tales from the Middle West, where men are men and women are pretty smart, too, they found

Do you see why the editors stopped at the Moores' house?

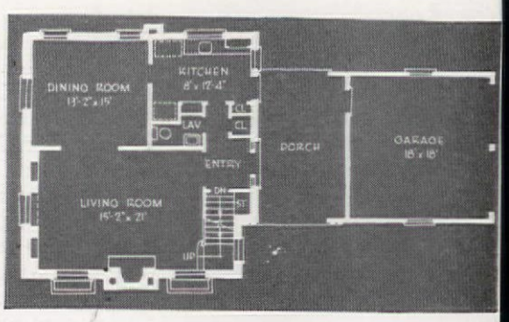


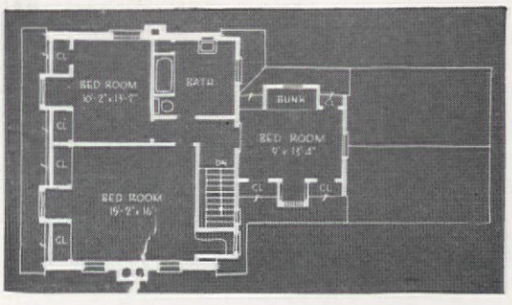
Here's a room to make a boy's heart happy—Terry's, where he lives his private life, with his possessions



The Moore living room from another angle. We liked the way the green rug harmonized with the color of the wall

FIRST the Editor-in-Chief spoke: "This is the story of the House with the Charming Entrance where live the Gordon E. Moores and their son Terry. When we first saw the house with its gabled roof, we knew here was one of our readers we had come all this way to see. So we got out of the car and rang the doorbell. But no one answered. Our dismay was equaled only by our curiosity, which the house itself had aroused, so we took to peeking in through the windows with their white ruffled curtains and gay chintz shades. We looked into a charming living room with light green walls. There were Victorian arched bookcases with the insides painted yellow. We plastered our noses to the kitchen window and saw a wood-paneled room, with linen and curtains gay with fruit designs. What we saw made us more determined than ever to come back. And so we did. This time, Mrs. Moore was at home. Though many of her hours were taken up with civic things, she found time to make a delightful home for her family, a fact shown in all the thoughtful detail. And so we left the Moores, where we had been so well received, through the door this time, and they didn't care at all that we had peeked through their windows."





Mrs. Adderley at work in her living room

THE Feature Editor's story was that of The Lady Who Does Everything and her younger daughter still at home. It seems Mrs. Adderley and this daughter live in a lovely old house and are constantly doing this or that to fix it up. In spite of doing most of her own work, this lady finds time to carry on any number of hobbies. But the most important of all is the refinishing of furniture. She says when it comes to that, she is just a "musser," but as we looked around at the many pieces she had picked up hither and yon and redone, we knew better. Here was a woman with an eye to making her home a place with great personal charm, where the fruits of one hobby held those of another. Maybe that sounds like double talk. She collects glass, and, this is where the double business comes in, keeps it in or on the old pieces of furniture she has rescued from dark and deep oblivion. Always, she keeps her well-equipped refinishing kit ready for any rescuing business.

The daughter, who is of college age, has inherited her mother's love for an attractive place to live and the will to make it so. Once, what was an old bedroom suite of doubtful parentage has become a thing of beauty under her hands. She cut it here and sawed it there to fit in with her idea of what was right. She painted it gray and made a bedspread and slip covers for it from colorful chintz. What once was an old vanity is now two chests of drawers and the center part, a modern dressing table, hung with chintz. When we went away from this house, we knew that here were two women, the older and the younger, who would always be happy, because they knew in their hearts the peace that comes through creating with their own hands.

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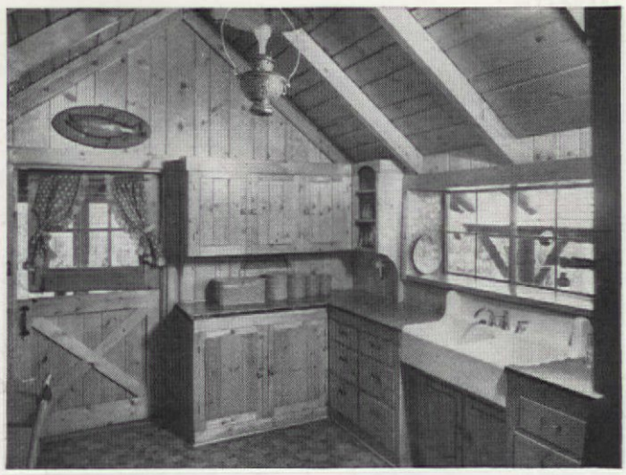

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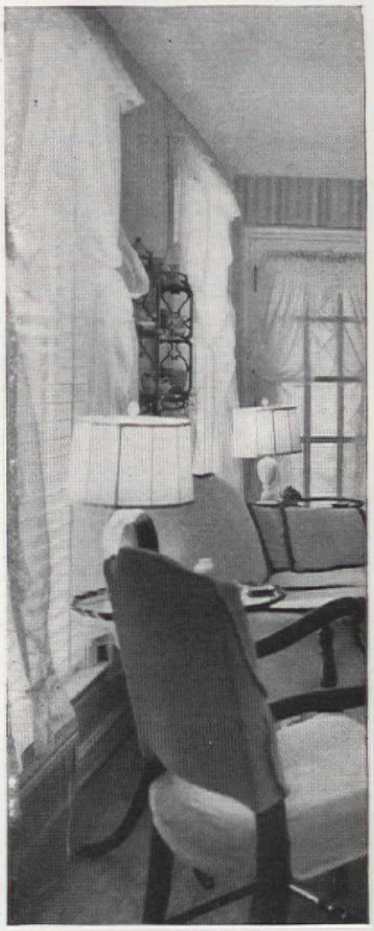
THE Party Editor had an experience to relate that was better than any party: "Mine is the story of The Little House With Beautiful Detail and of Mr. and Mrs. Kunz, the owners. Once upon a time, they lived with their three children in a big house. One by one the children were married and moved away, so the mother and father moved into a new little white brick house. When Mr. Kunz comes home at night from the banking house, he comes to a charming home and a wife who has made it so. There is peace and quiet color in the living room with its scheme of gray, yellow, silver, and dusty pink. There is even a yellow blotter on the desk, and fresh yellow flowers in the vases. There are slip covers of white with brown fringe welting, and simple white curtains at the windows. The meals these two share are served in the mellow little dining room with its mahogany furniture, its Williamsburg blue and pleasant scenic paper and the dusty pink of the living room rug, which is repeated here. Everywhere one looks, there's evidence of well-thought-out living.

"And this is not all. In the guest room a clever miracle has been wrought. What once was an iron bedstead has been transfigured. What we looked upon was not just



This is the comfortable living

an iron bed, but a thing of exquisite simplicity. Where a stark and ugly foot board had been, now there was nothing but a smooth expanse of quilted pink chintz. Nor was there any indication that under the smart quilted head board there was an old blanket, tied with clothesline, covering the iron bars. But that is the truth.

"We made mental editorial notes and comments, too, on the window in this room, fresh and frothy in pale pink marquisette curtains, caught high and tied back. We noted the mates of the curtains, used again on the vanity as a petticoat. Nor did we suspect that the smart little boudoir chair, in its floral cover, started life as a porch rocker. But then, who would when it was done so cleverly? Nor were we any better prepared for the innocent and delightful little chair in Mrs. Kunz' room. After the other chair surprise, we should have suspected that it was an ordinary old chair, made extremely beautiful by simply painting it white, but we weren't. Perhaps it was the pink corduroy slip cover that Mrs. Kunz had made herself that misled us completely. We did some tall thinking on resourcefulness and remembered some fine old chairs *we* had tucked away.

"We left this little house-on-one-floor and went on with our seeking, gladder and wiser, for we had seen at first hand how two people who had led a goodly part of a full life could go on gathering still more happiness, and not waste their breath sighing over the inevitable changes that come to every family."

* * *

Not a night came but the Editors gathered together in their hotel, tired but much impressed with their findings. There was good-natured rivalry among the teams as to which had met the nicest readers, which had had the wildest experience, and which had got the most information. They ate their hotel food, which was good, but secretly they thought of the kitchens they had seen and of the food that even now was cooking in them. Far into the night, the sound of clicking typewriters could be heard as editorial notes and knowledge were stored up. The time would come when all this would be of great value to these editors and they wanted to be ready. There was much that had been learned, and much to be learned from these friendly people who made up their reading public. One by one the lights were turned out in their various rooms and the Editors slept with not even an editorial snore to break the stillness. Tomorrow was another day and there were other suburbs to be visited, other families to be seen.

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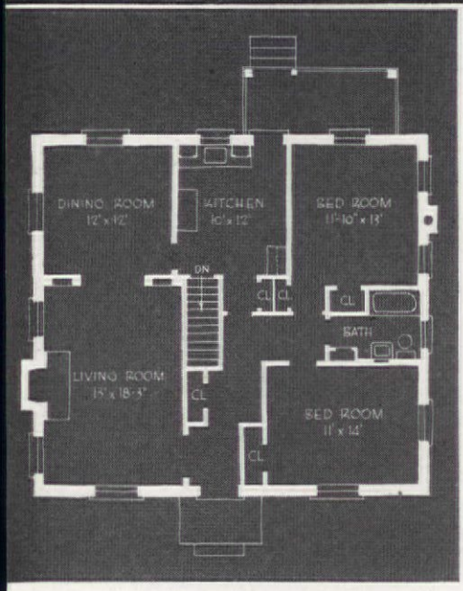
Mrs. William G. Hunter and her glass

Goblets galore, and where they can be used with ease

THEN the Garden Editor, who had been led, for the day at least, from the straight and narrow garden path, told his story of his adventures in a field new to him. It must have been his horticultural mind that made him call it the story of the People Who Lived In the Glass House, for it certainly wasn't a greenhouse, as you might expect: Mr. and Mrs. Hunter lived in a very sweet little Cape Cod house which they built in University City. Their family, like the Kunz's, had married and moved away, so they picked up their life where they left it before the children arrived. Where does the glass house come in? Well, when the Garden Editor came to this little salt box, he was completely surrounded by glass, old glass wherever you looked. There were beautiful goblets, some of them with flowers in them, some of them in old cupboards. There were pitchers of glass in the corner cupboard in the dining room, shelves of them in the basement room. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Hunter could pass an old glass goblet or pitcher without acquiring it for their collection, if possible, and the beauty of it is that their collection is used and not packed away against some danger of breakage. And it was especially pleasing to the Garden Editor to note that this idea had come from the reading of an article in our magazine, called "After You Collect It—Where Do You Put It"? In the living room there were colored pieces which matched the yellow and blue color scheme. Some have been converted into lamps. Even in the kitchen, hung on hooks over the work-shelf were pieces of their collection. In the four walls of this little house, the Garden Editor met again the happiness and quiet peace that can come to people. And as he took his leave of the Hunters, he made a note, in capital letters, that happiness and hobbies go hand in hand more often than not, and he



The house of Hunter as it first caught editorial eyes

also noted that the hobby didn't necessarily have to be gardening. It could be anything, from collecting turtles to hooking rugs. Just so long as it was doing something for the sheer fun of it. That is what counts in the hobby business. And if the hobby is shared as was the Hunters', it's just twice as valuable as a source of relaxation and enjoyment. So the Garden Editor went his way, a better and a wiser man, if that could be, for he was pretty good and wise to begin with.

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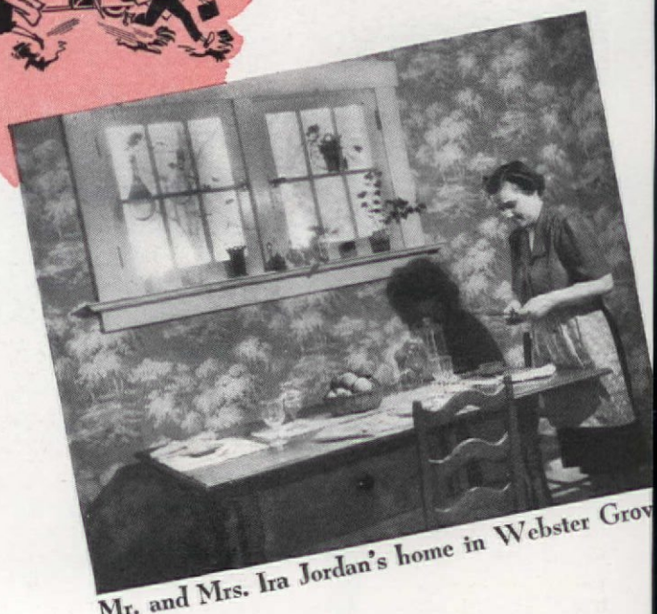
AND the Architectural Editor's turn came next: "I will tell you the story of the House That Will Never Be Finished. It is the house of the Ira Jordans in Webster Groves and why it will never be finished is not from lack of money or material, as you might think from the title I have chosen. But that is not so. It is not a material reason that makes me say this. Rather it is a thing of the mind and heart which I felt as I talked with these delightful people and listened to their tales of what they had already done to their house and what they intended doing. And don't think that the Jordans live in undecorated rooms, for that is not the case either. Nor are there windows yet to be put in and doors to be hung. It is just that these people take the term "homemaking" literally and have made it their life job. It is a process of growth and change which they are continually bringing about with their own hands and to suit their own ideas of how their lives should be lived. And they are still young. They will have acquired much when they're older.

"The house itself, seen from the street, is such as you would find in any American community. There isn't much to distinguish it from that of thousands of others all over this country. It is what is going on inside that makes it a house apart while still being typical, if that can be said. Most dwellers in such houses, for instance, would call in the local paperhanger, the painter, the carpenter when there was something that needed doing in their lines. But not the Jordans. Mr. Jordan does all the paperhanging there is to be done and loves it which makes me believe he has never been wrapped in the coils of wet paper, such as dogged my footsteps when I first attempted to paper a ceiling, and caught me at the end of the plank with nothing



Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jordan's home in Webster Grov

Mrs. Jordan's majolica, reward of knowing for what to look

to do but jump. If he did have any such experiences, they left no mark either on the man or the paper job. I must confess the same is not true of myself or my ceiling. Neither will ever be quite the same.

"As for the painting, much of it is done by Mrs. Jordan and she keeps things fresh and sparkling where some other woman might either let them go until her husband could do it some night after work, or call in a professional. Here is a woman who knows that the satisfaction of putting on a new coat of paint is much more soul-satisfying than all the new hats in the world. I can't help feeling there would be fewer bitten nails and neurotic ladies if more of them embraced Mrs. Jordan's theory. Certain it is that there would be fewer strange-looking hats!

"Nor does Mrs. Jordan limit herself to the paint pail for inspiration. All over this charming little house are glistening parts of her glass collection, interspersed with mellow, old magolica ware, nor are her guests just privileged to look at them with awe and reverence. When she entertains, and this she loves to do, the priceless things come down from their shelves or hooks and are used. It pleased me to learn that many of her ideas for tables and favors came from THE AMERICAN HOME.

"If the rest of the house hadn't already told me the story of the people who lived in it, the colorful kitchen certainly would, for though the fireplace is accredited as being the heart of the house, the kitchen should have equal claim to this honor. Most especially when it is a room which has the cheer within its gaily papered walls that this one has. The light comes in through filmy rose curtains, cleverly hung.

"I was shown the garage, which was originally a little square stock building but now sported a lean-to addition, with a wide window for showing off glass bottles. Its once simple top now has a quaint little cupola. Ira Jordan did it, just by way of 'fixing up.'

"It was things like this that started me on my 'unfinished' theory. And even as we talked, the Jordans were planning how they would slowly collect lovely antiques and replace their maple furniture. The fact that it would take a long time to do this and to refinish each treasure was just part of the game these two play together, and always will so long as they live. There will always be something new coming up around the corner."

Mr. Jordan's garnished garage; the horseshoe seems to work for luck!

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Where the daughter of the Roland Krebs plays with her dolls

THEN the Associate Editor put on her glasses and opened her notebook: "Mine is the story of the House With the Darkroom, and it isn't another Bluebeard tale. It's the story of the Roland Krebs in Webster Groves. As I walked up the path, to and through a beautifully planted dry wall with its spreading junipers, I had a feeling that this was a house with a surprise and a purpose. I was right. It wasn't in the sweet room of the eight-year-old daughter, with its collection of dolls and their house. It wasn't in the swell room of the six-year-old son and heir, with Noah and all his animals parading on the walls. It was in the basement that I found the surprise. For the basement was a Darkroom. I mean that in the photographic sense. Not any little stuffy two-by-four arrangement, this, where you perspired in murky darkness while you developed the day's catch. Roland Krebs really had room in which to spread out his hobby when his day's work at the D'Arcy Advertising Company was done. In fact, it almost ceases to be a room and becomes a department! And if you think it was a costly affair to create, lend an ear. Of course at night, photographic life in the basement room was made simple by virtue of the fact that the windows are below ground level and there just isn't any light to come in. Being an ardent photographer, though, puts a strain on one, especially if you've shot some very exciting pictures and want to have a look at them in the daytime. So, not to be outdone by daylight, Mr. Krebs got thin plywood, a little larger than each window, and fastened it tight with wing bolts. The one door had been well weather-stripped so there was no light problem there. All he had to do, when the urge was too much to resist in the daylight, was to put up the blinders and work in perfect blackout and utter bliss.

"His equipment was intriguing and ingenious. In one corner of the room he built shelves—one a long one for a table—out of scrap lumber. Here he set up his enlarger. Then he took a second-hand laundry tub for his sink, tapped a waterline, and hitched a dime-store spray onto the faucet. He made a shelf halfway up in the tub for washing purposes, with another

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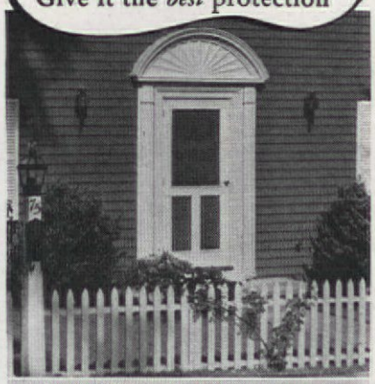

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shelf on top of the tub. He plumbed it by using an old piece of garden hose, screwed to the tub drain plug. This draws off the water and empties it into a near-by trap. For his complicated looking but effective electrical attachments, he made his own from the dime-store's amazing supply. His bowls and pans for fixing and developer solutions came from the same retail source. He made a practical printing frame by fastening a piece of glass from an old picture frame to a piece of stiff cardboard, with a hinge made of adhesive tape which masked off a strip of glass at one edge.

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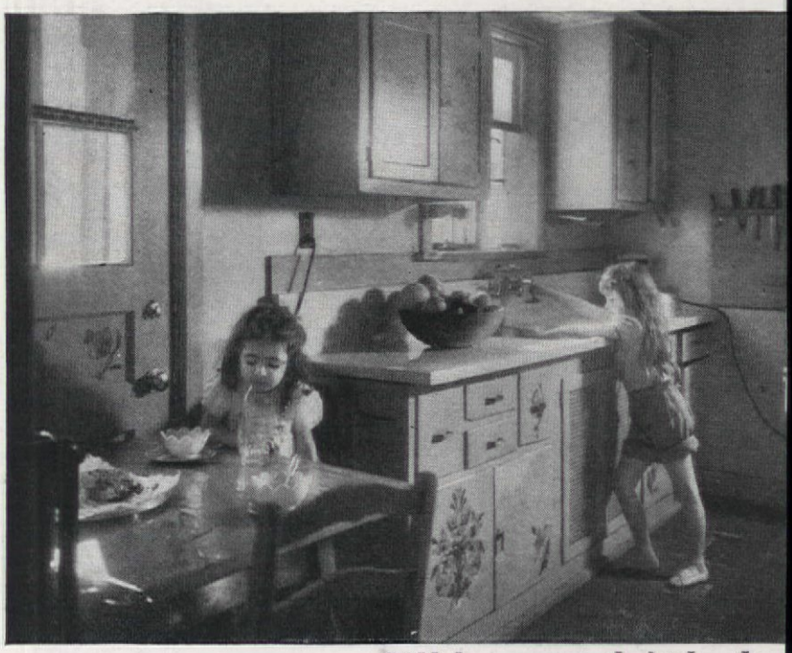
IT WAS the Decorating Consultant and the Home Economics Editor who had the last word, being women: "When we saw a charming little white brick house, standing serenely back from the road under great trees, we knew there was a house we wanted to know more about, and the people who lived there. It's funny how you can tell just from the outside of a house that there's something interesting inside. We checked our list. . . . Yes, they were in our family of readers. To begin with, the Mikkelsons live there, they and their two daughters, Kay and Linda. What is more, he built it himself, except for certain mechanical work that was sublet, and for $3,500, with no one to help except his father and father-in-law. All this was done during the depression, with the saving of a life time. Who said that an ill wind doesn't blow somebody good?

"Mr. Mikkelson couldn't lay floors and he couldn't plaster. Did he let that upset him? Not a bit. They have beautifully waxed cement floors (which make a wonderful place to skate for the kids, incidentally) and composition board ceilings. There's more than one way to build a house!

"Mrs. Mikkelson wasn't sitting around tatting, either, while this was going on. She does children's portraits but put aside her crayons to do the color job on their home. She is responsible for the gay blue shutters that had first attracted us to the house and designs in the kitchen. We suspect she had a great deal to do with the using of wagon wheels at their front step, too, instead of the conventional iron rail. In fact, there is very little that is conventional about the house and its charming inhabitants. We had the feeling that these people were getting a lot more out of life than a great many. And the fact that THE AMERICAN HOME was indispensable in the building of the house and the making of slip covers and whatnot was worth hearing, too. A little pat on the back is a good thing occasionally.

"The double-decker bed in the little girls' room is their pride and joy, as must be the whole house, for that matter. It is theirs to live in and play in to their hearts' content, with very few 'don'ts' or 'mustn'ts.' The elder Mikkelsons have a philosophy about things like that. In fact, they have a very definite philosophy of living in general, and it works. So whether they have little or much, they will always have much real happiness."



Mikkelson magic in the kitchen déco

It would take many more pages and much more time to relate the complete account of the trip of the eight editors. There were many tales that must go untold for want of both, like the story of the man who, with apron around his waist, greeted the Party Editor at the door with humble and sincere apologies for not inviting her in. His wife had gone shopping and he was in the middle of bathing the baby. Then there was the time when the Associate Editor fell into a ditch that was in an unsuspected place and had to retire to change stockings and bandage bruises before she could ring any more bells. All these little side lights on things and people were part and parcel of the trip. Aside from a talking acquaintance with readers and their problems, the editors themselves gained valuable inter-departmental knowledge. The Garden Editor learned how to judge a house from the Architectural Editor, and he in turn listened to discussions of a bad crab-grass situation in and about St. Louis. The Home Economics Editor came out of her kitchens to hear about paint jobs, the Decorating Editor learned about roofing. All of the travelers were exposed to problems not necessarily in their departments. So when they finally boarded the train which would take them back to their desks, they were not only better acquainted with their readers, and the way in which they lived, they were much better equipped to write for them.

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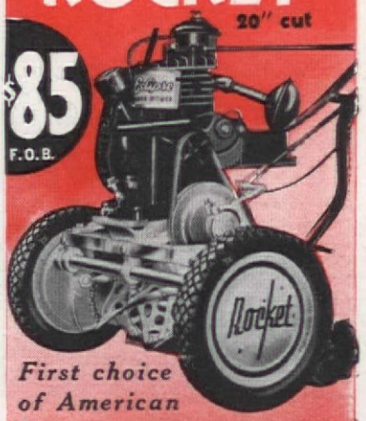

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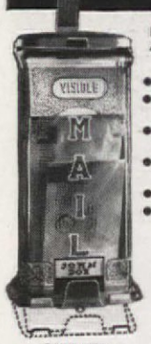

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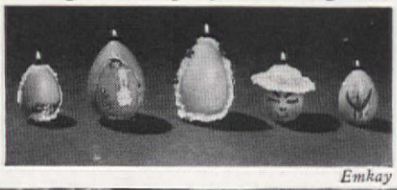
THE high-school crowd must be full of extra vim, vigor, and vitamins, judging by the hilarious way they romped through this Easter Parade breakfast party. They thrive on two helpings instead of one (especially date muffins), active games, loud laughter interspersed with giggles among the feminine contingent. You won't have a bit of trouble entertaining them, and you will enjoy the party, too, even if only from behind the kitchen door or some other respectable distance that will keep you out of the all-too-present mother class.

They've been to church, where the boys have taken time out to ridicule Mrs. Smith's strangely beflowered hat, so the party starter suggested by ELINOR SCOVILLE and MARCELLA RYSER is in the proper spirit. Heaped on a living-room table are a pile of paper plates, a couple of pairs of scissors, artificial flowers, Scotch tape or some kind of paste, pins, and strips of bright-colored crepe paper. The plates are to be made into hats for the girls, so there must be one for each feminine guest. On the bottom of each plate is the name of one of the girls, but don't tell the boys until each has taken a plate. Each boy must escort to breakfast the girl whose name is on his plate, as well as make her a becoming Easter bonnet from these materials. (Don't think there won't be a great deal of plate exchanging among the boys—but still each girl will have a hat and a table partner.) The hat making is a wonderful affair, each boy trying to out-John-Frederics, the master, himself, for there are prizes coming up. And it gives them all something to do while waiting for breakfast to fill up that big empty spot, and also does away with any of those first awful silences. All of which leaves not a single problem—not even one "wallflower," bashful boy, or conversational gap. When the girls saw our centerpiece they thought it

Easter Parade Breakfast

This one's for a high school crowd — so there's an extra helping of absolutely everything from jelly to laughter



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F. M. Demarest

The young man on the right draws Pat for a partner, and looks pretty pleased. He must make her a giddy pie-plate hat and escort her to breakfast

was — quote — darling, and adorable, too. Even the boys reacted favorably, as a matter of fact. More than enough thanks for the small amount of time and money involved. We used florists' wire (string or heavy thread would do) to entwine bright yellow daffodils around the handle of an oval-shaped straw basket. This was filled with hard-cooked eggs, most of them left white but some dyed in pastel colors, hand painted with simplified flowers and leaves. Prettiest job we've done in some time, if we do say so, and further enhanced by real daisies stuck in between the eggs, and scattered along the table, too. Daintily flowered china and a white cloth fitted into the picture nicely.

Instead of first teasing them with orange juice, they sat down to a substantial "main course." On each plate, in cute little covered white glass chickens, were generous helpings of scrambled eggs, alongside of which were crisp bacon and strips of raw carrots. With this went hot chocolate, date muffins, and lots of jam, and Easter Bonnet salad—peach half for crown, with tinted whipped cream streamers. Dessert was plain sponge cake "carved" into egg shapes, pink frosted, then dipped in either coconut or chopped peanuts. And if you think there was so much as a crumb left, you've made the mistake of your life. They loved it.

You'll work out the "trimmings" with the greatest of fun and ease, too. Those sponge cake eggs, for example, are just like the ones your mother used to make, and you can feel pretty smart about using up the cake in such an attractive way. Painting flowers on the eggs is practically kindergarten stuff as regards the work, but effective. You've never seen flowers look so pretty.

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"DON'T get married! You're too young to be TIED DOWN with a home!"—"I don't want a dog because pets keep you so TIED DOWN!"—"If you have a baby you'll be TIED DOWN for just ages!"—"Don't buy or build! A home TIES you DOWN"! Pretty grim advice. You see yourself eternally tangled up, bound by ropes and chains. Yet that's the kind of warning that is sounded on every side. But is it true that getting married, or owning a dog, or having a baby, ties you down so hopelessly? True, these ventures mean responsibilities and concern, but so does any job at all, any job worth doing.

They'll tell you that marriage means an end to the carefree gaiety of your single blessedness, but actually newly married couples don't seem to pass promptly into the fourth dimension and vanish without a ripple. Some of the most hilarious fun I've ever had has been with crowds of young marrieds. They don't have to hurry home because Mother is waiting up. The girls don't have to worry about whether they'll be invited to the club dance next Saturday. And as for the housework—well, any normally intelligent and healthy female who lets her small ménage deplete her energy and time should make some fast readjustments. What if Fido is waiting to be walked? After all, did you ever have a member of the household who provided more enjoyment and asks less in return than Fido does?

Babies are another matter. They do require a lot of care and time and work for their first few years. But few people will honestly argue that they're not worth the trouble. Of course, if flitting from club meetings to luncheons to bridge-teas, from day to day, is your idea of the fuller life, and you're sure that you'll still like this existence twenty years hence, you'd better skip the babies. There seem to be plenty of other people who disagree with this line of thought, though, for they go right on having babies, without necessarily losing all contact with the outside world.

But, getting back to the question—what if these things do tie one down? I know an attractive, healthy widow, with complete freedom and sufficient money to satisfy her whims. And yet she is as tied down as anyone I know. By what? First, by a house she dislikes (she *could* give it up). By the lack of sociability (all her acquaintances play bridge but she has never roused herself to learn). She is tied down by sheer laziness. But since she spends hours on hours polishing an already spotless house, you could never convince her of that. She doesn't read, she doesn't travel. She wails bitterly that children take the best years of your life and then leave you. She is completely alone, completely unloved, and yet she is the type who is loudest in warning you against the pitfalls of taking on anything new, of making any changes, because you'd be so tied down.

Being tied down may have its disadvantages, but are they as black as they're painted? Do you know anyone who has no responsibilities, no ties? And if you do, is that person a happy individual, living a rich, full life? I wager he's not. They're the ones who grow old before their time, who find nothing worth the effort. The happiest people, the best liked people, the people whose enthusiasm for living lasts far past middle age, are the people who are the busiest and who are wholeheartedly wrapped up and tied down with the very things that contribute most to their mental well-being and outward success. They're energetic, alive, awake.

The truth of the matter is that every one of us is tied down by something, for we are earth plants, not orchids. And better to be tied down by strong, healthy roots than by the weeds. If you follow the advice of those who would have you avoid the restrictions of a home, children, or your chosen work, you miss the biggest and finest things in life. And what is worse, it will be because weakness and cowardice, selfishness, laziness, and habit, have you really TIED DOWN to a routine that is really confining.

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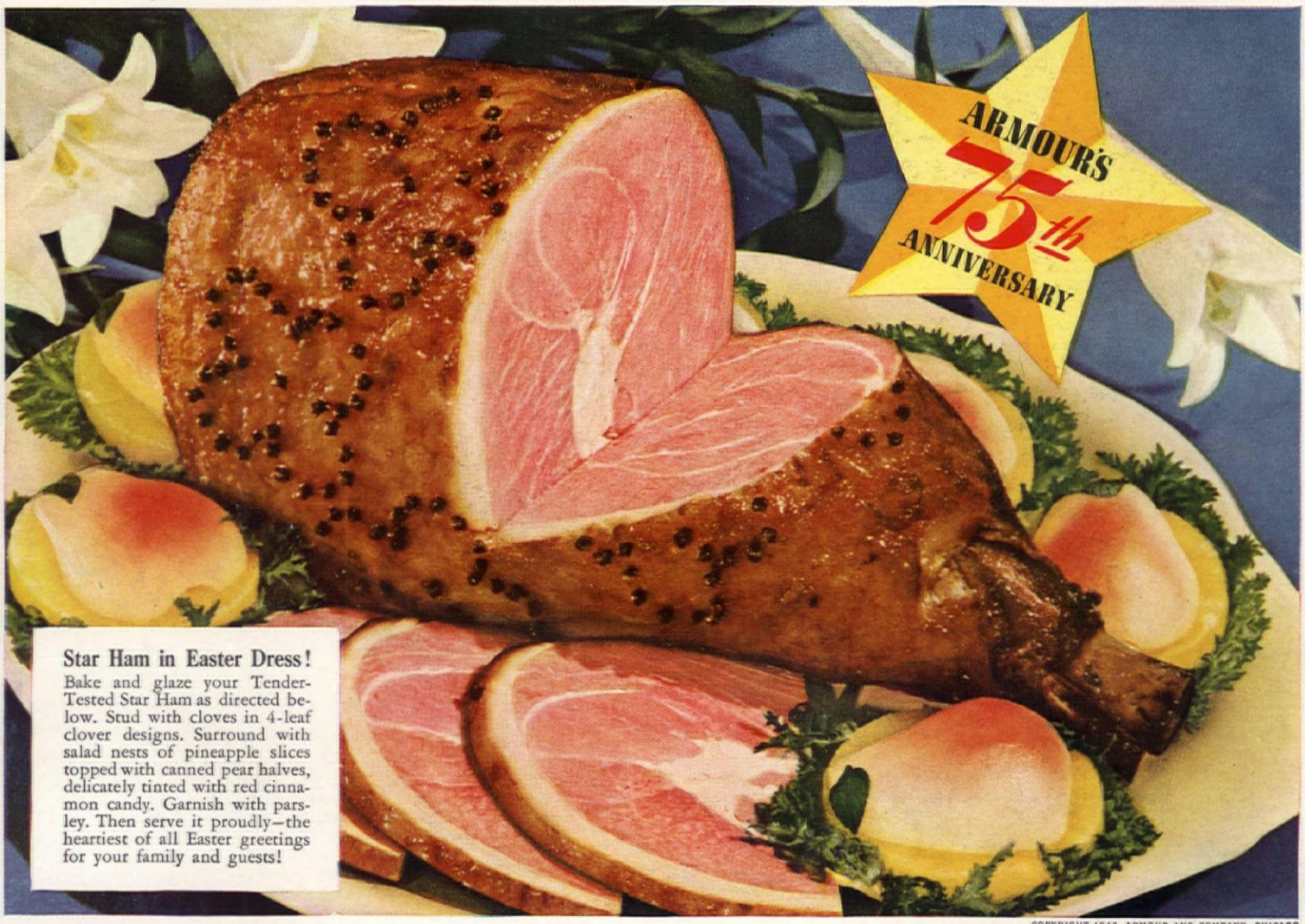

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